

Some External Parasites Collected from Birds in Southeastern New York:
The following is a list of external parasites that the writer has collected, since 1960, from birds that he has banded, or found dead or injured.

MALLOPHAGA			
Host Species	Date Coll.	Location Coll.	Parasite Species
American Coot (<i>Fulica americana</i>)	9 Sept. 1961	Jamaica Bay, Queens Co.	<i>Fulicoffula longipila</i> (Kellog) <i>Laemobothrion atrum</i> (Nitzsch) <i>Pseudomenopon pacificum</i> (Kell)
Semipalmated Plover (<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>)	20 Aug 1960	Moriches Bay, Suffolk Co.	<i>Quadriceps birostratus</i> (Giebel) <i>Q. opacus</i> (Kell & Chapman)
Semipalmated Sandpiper (<i>Ereunetes pusillus</i>)	2 Sept. 1961	Moriches Bay, Suffolk Co.	<i>Rallicola advenus</i> (Kell) <i>Carduiceps complexius</i> (Kell & Chapman)
Sooty Tern (<i>Sterna fuscata</i>)	13 Sept. 1960	Tobay Beach, Nassau Co.	<i>Saemundssonina petersi</i> (Ward)
Saw-whet Owl (<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>)	30 Oct. 1960	Long Beach, Nassau Co.	<i>Strigiphilus cursor</i> (Nitzsch)
MITES			
Rough-winged Swallow (<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>)	19 July 1963	Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx Co.	<i>Ornithonyssus sylviarum</i> (C. & F.) Family Dermanyssidae

The Mallophaga were kindly identified by Richard O. Malcomson of Central Michigan University. The Mites were identified by Edward W. Baker of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Peter W. Post, 575 West 183 Street, New York 10033

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Winters in West Ghent: During a snow storm about the fifteenth of December, 1963, Mrs. Herbert Engle of West Ghent had an unusual winter visitor at her feeder. She noticed the bird's chunky beak and its striped markings and knew at once that it was not the Evening Grosbeak (*Hesperiphona vespertina*). After consulting her bird book, she thought it must be a Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*). However, not being too familiar with the bird's habits she came to me for help.

When I first saw it at her feeder during a severe snow storm, it was eating suet. It was either a female or an immature Rose-breasted Grosbeak. When it flew there was a touch of pinkish orange beneath the wings. The bird established regular feeding habits at the sunflower feeder and on April 17th Eleanor Radke came with me to confirm the identification — a wintering Rose-breasted Grosbeak in excellent condition. Georgia Erlenbach, Ghent, R.D.

Ed. note: There are only a few previous recorded instances of the species *Pheucticus ludovicianus* in New York State in winter.