

young out of the nest (fide Patch, McIlroy, FR)—see Benton, Nest sharing by robin and catbird, *Kingbird* XI: 81 and 137, 1961 for report of Robin and Catbird using same nest in which both laid eggs. Brown Thrasher continues to increase as breeding bird. Robins abundant, Veeries better except at SWS, Wood and Hermit Thrushes in usual numbers. Bluebirds in better numbers in some scattered localities.

Imm Starlings in flocks were a nuisance to cherry-growers in Burdett area in July (J. Bardeen).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Vireos are still reported as scarce, but Red-eyed and Yellow-throated seemed in better numbers than a year ago. Warbling Vireos reported as absent at Odessa (BS) and rare at north end of Cay L. Two reports of breeding Solitary Vireos.

Among the warblers: Yellow, Magnolia, Chestnut-sided, Northern Waterthrush and Yellowthroat were reported in normal numbers; Black-throated Green, Cerulean, La. Water-thrush and Redstart were scarcer. Black-and-white Warblers nested at Texas Hollow this year. Ovenbirds had increased (4 prs in '64 to 10 prs in '65) at SWS. Several previously unreported stations for Prairie Warbler at Elmira. Two Prothonotary Warblers were seen on two occasions at Texas Hollow (E. Bishop).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolinks were only locally common. Meadowlark: abundant. Redwings and Grackles were abundant, Baltimore Orioles in good numbers, with successful nestings. Scarlet Tanagers, Cardinals and Indigo Buntings appear to be increasing. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were somewhat scarcer this year, except around Keuka, where they were reported commonly; around Ithaca, they seemed scarce during June, but by mid-Aug much more common. Goldfinches, Savannah, Vesper and Song Sparrows seemed abundant, Field and Chipping Sparrows in slightly sub-normal or normal numbers, Henslow's, Grasshopper and Swamp Sparrows, not too common.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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Along with the rest of the northeastern part of the country the Susquehanna Region experienced its fifth dry summer in a row. Rain fell fairly frequently, but rarely in any substantial quantities. Temperatures averaged on the cool side and in early June there was scattered frost one night.

The late summer influx of southern herons was light, but did produce our first Snowy Egret. There was also an interesting assortment of ducks that normally go further north remaining in the Region during the breeding season, some of them, no doubt, as a result of stocking efforts. The fall shorebird migration that normally starts in early July was hardly noticed. A Yellow-headed Blackbird report is of particular interest.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: one, Aug 1 thru 8, Owego (MW, CG). Common Egret: one, Jul 30 and two, Aug 3, Endwell (LB); last seen Aug 9 (P, PK); the only other one, Jul 31, Owego (MH). *Snowy Egret*: one, Aug 9, Endwell (P, PK), half the size of Common Egrets seen at the same time—dark legs and yellow feet seen clearly; first record for Region. Black-crowned Night Heron: Jul 31, Campville (MW, CG); 3 imm, Aug 9, Endwell (P, PK); no others. Canada Goose: the scattered reports in the Owego and Triple Cities area were possibly strays from the flock released on the lake behind the Whitney Point Flood Control Dam. Pintail: 3 imm, Aug 7, Candor (DW). Blue-winged Teal: 6, Jul 27, Campville (MW, CG); only report. Wood Duck: Jun 7, 10 ducklings walked into AC's store in Homer. Redhead: a male in eclipse, Jul 11, Owego (RW, MW). Hooded Merganser: Jul 27, Lounsberry in Tioga County (MW, CG). Common Merganser: 3, Jun 6 and an ad with 5 young, Jun 17, Deposit (SW); one, Jul 6 and off and on to the end of the period, Campville (RW). Red-breasted Merganser: a female remained at Candor until Jul 4 (DW); excellent close-up color photos were obtained.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: reported regularly from Hancock and occasionally from Deposit, but from nowhere else in the Region. Goshawk: there was activity around the nest at Hancock until at least Jul 20 (RD). Broad-winged Hawk: at a nest at Hancock the first egg of 3 hatched Jun 5 and the last young flew Jul 8 (RD); also reported at Owego and Binghamton fairly frequently. Bald Eagle: an ad and an imm, Jun 5, Candor (DW). Marsh Hawk: scarce all summer. Bob-white: one Jun 28, Oxford (AS); Jul 10, Owego (EW); also reported at South Owego (MW, CG), a new locality. Wild Turkey: two ad with 6 young, Jul 20, Dry Brook (MM); 3 broods of 6, 10 and 7 observed at Candor (DW). Common Gallinule: 4, Jul 25, Sherburne (R & SW), no other reports. Common Snipe: one, Jun 20, Norwich; one, Jul 30 and 3, Aug 15, Sherburne (R & SW); nowhere else. Upland Plover: one, Jul 5, Freetown Corners (JD). Solitary Sandpiper: Jul 21, Five Mile Point near Binghamton (HM, FL). Lesser Yellowlegs: 6, Jul 6, Campville (RW). Black Tern: Jul 1, Greene (C, JD), rarely seen in this Region during the summer. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: scarce. Black-billed Cuckoo: reasonably numerous around the Triple Cities and Greene, but otherwise reported scarce. Screech Owl: not many. Barred Owl: heard fairly frequently at Hancock (RD).

GOATSUCKERS—SHRIKES: Whip-poor-will: Jun 4, Hinman's Corners (R, JS); heard off and on all summer at Candor (DW). Red-headed Woodpecker: one, Jul 25 and an ad feeding a full size imm Aug 15, Sherburne (R & SW). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: reported during the period at Hancock, Deposit, Norwich, Greene and Binghamton; imm seen at Deposit (SW) and Binghamton (CH). Great Crested Flycatcher: few reported from Jun 1 on. Tree Swallow: low numbers and poor nesting results reported in the Owego area (RW), but they seemed normal elsewhere. Purple Martin: 49 nests in a 78 compartment house at Owego produced 147 young (RW). Red-breasted Nuthatch: one, Jul 18, Norwich (R & SW); Aug 14, the first of the year in the Binghamton area (MS). Brown Creeper: a few seen in Tioga Co during the period (RW). Winter Wren: Jul 12 and 16, Hancock (RD). Short-billed Marsh Wren: one, Jul 24, Sherburne (R & SW). Robin: 15 nests on 2½ acres at Oxford, counting second and third nestings, most of which were successful (AS); one ad learned to get suet from a feeder much like a woodpecker to feed to its young during the dry weather. Hermit Thrush: 5 nesting locations reported around Tioga Co (RW); heard frequently at Hinman's Corners, particularly in late

Jul (R, JS). Swainson's Thrush: two, heard Jun 12, Pharsalia (R & SW); one, Jul 12, stunned flying into a window at Hancock (RD). Eastern Bluebird: good numbers and nesting success reported from Cortland, Owego and some localities around Binghamton but human intervention was required in some cases to control blow fly larva. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 4, Jul 27, Owego (MW); several nesting pairs along Candor Creek (DW).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Golden-winged Warbler: common locally in the Triple Cities area as usual, but not reported elsewhere. Blue-winged Warbler: Jun 6, Endwell (GC). Magnolia Warbler: 12, Jun 12, Pharsalia (R & SW). Black-throated Blue Warbler: fairly frequent reports from Hancock during Jun and early Jul (RD). Myrtle Warbler: two, Jun 12, seen at Pharsalia (R & SW). Black-throated Green Warbler: reported from most parts of the Region during the summer. Blackburnian Warbler: one, Jun 12, Pharsalia (R & SW); also at two localities around Owego. Northern Waterthrush: a nest with 3 eggs, Jun 19, Hancock (RD). Louisiana Waterthrush: "several along Candor Creek" (DW); another pair near Owego (MW, RW). Mourning Warbler: two, Jun 12, Pharsalia (R & SW). Yellow-breasted Chat: Jun 16, Owego (MM).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: *Yellow-headed Blackbird*: one, Jun 23, Owego (BH), with a flock of Redwinged Blackbirds; observed from a window at about 30 feet in late morning light for about 10 minutes; yellow head, dark body and white wing patch seen clearly. Redwinged Blackbird: had a good year. Cardinal: a male banded 2/8/62 and recaptured 2/6/65 at Deposit was found dead at Cochection, N.Y. Jun 2 (SW). Purple Finch: "much less evidence of nesting success this year than last" at Deposit (SW); at Oxford, of four nests of three pairs three were broken up by predators leaving two young known to have fledged successfully (AS). Slate-colored Junco: summer residents at Hancock, Norwich, Owego and Greene; appeared at Deposit Aug 13 (SW). White-throated Sparrow: 14, Jun 12, Pharsalia (R & SW); 2 or 3, Jul 14 to Aug 8, Norwich (R & SW); one ad with 3 imm, Aug 12, Chenango Forks (M, AD) and regular thereafter.

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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By June 7, the last tardy traces of spring migration had disappeared. June was cool (cold at times), very dry, and interrupted by windy rainstorms at critical times, i.e., in the midst of landbird nesting peaks and the June 13, 1965 FNYSCB convention field trip. July continued the long, dry summer; local marshes and farm ponds dried out quickly, and what meager mud was exposed soon grew over to annual weeds, hopefully richly productive of seeds for fall and winter birds. Similarly, Otisco Lake, which supplies much of the para-Syracuse suburban water, developed acres of mudflats with advancing weed growth. The marshes