

(EMP). Pine Grosbeak: one, Nov 7 Lewiston (WHK)—first; max 12, Nov 30 Lyndonville (WAS, GMS). Common Redpoll: two, Oct 28 Lancaster (JK)—first; max 200, Nov 19 Cheektowaga (JG). Pine Siskin: one, Sep 26 Beaver ISP (JG)—first; present throughout Region in moderate numbers thru end of period; max 50 (several localities). Red Crossbill: one, Sep 24, Bowmansville (JG)—very early; much less common than White-winged Crossbill but our only two definite reports indicate an earlier movement than usual—six, Nov 1, Wilson Cemetery, Nia Co (JG) and eight, Nov 6, Como Pk, Lancaster (JK et al). White-winged Crossbill: a good flight beginning earlier than usual; two, Nov 1 Springville, Erie Co (RT) and 11, Nov 1, Wilson Cemetery (JG)—first; max 15, Nov 6 Beaver Meadow Wildlife Refuge, Wyo Co (PB). Snow Bunting: moderate flight beginning in mid-Oct; max 100, Nov 29 Angelica, Alleg Co (EO).

Addendum: A junco collected on Jan 22, 1965 in Williamsville, Erie Co was critically determined by Dr. Lester Short of the U.S. Nat'l. Museum to be *Junco oreganus montanus*. This, the first specimen of Oregon Junco for the Region, is located in the Bflo Museum of Science.

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for the period averaged below normal except for the last month. The cool weather of September terminated the main southward flight of landbirds somewhat earlier than average. Precipitation, except for September, was above normal, especially for November when it was almost an inch above average.

The fall flight of Canada Geese seemed light, but there was a good Brant and scoter flight. The shorebird migration locally was poor. On the other hand, all the northern finches except the Hoary Redpoll were reported, with Common Redpoll and Pine Siskin probably the most common. This flight of northern finches is in direct contrast with last fall when almost none were reported. The period was outstanding for the number of rare birds: Glossy Ibis, Gannet, Avocet, Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers, Franklin's and Little Gulls, Kittiwake, Dovekie, Black-backed and Northern Three-toed Woodpeckers, Boreal Chickadee and Bohemian Waxwing.

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Abbreviations: BB—Braddock's Bay; DEP—Durand Eastman Park; EL—East Lakeshore; HBP—Hamlin Beach Park; SA—Shore Acres; SB—Sodus Bay; SBB—Sodus Bay Bluff; WP—Webster Park; WL—West Lakeshore.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: max 175, SBB Oct 24 (JB, AEK, WCL, MS) and 200, SB Oct 25 (WCL). Red-necked Grebe: uncommon; seen at WP Oct 17 (AEK); two, HBP Oct 23 (GOS hike). An immature CANNETT (scarce locally) was seen at HBP Oct 27 (WCL). It was carefully studied by an observer who has had experience with the species both locally and on the coast. Double-crested Cormorant:

five, SB Oct 17 (AEK, WCL). Great Blue Herons seemed slightly up in numbers. Black-crowned Night Herons continued very scarce. Two GLOSSY IBIS were carefully observed at HBP Sep 19 (TET). The observer has seen the species previously.

Brant passed thru in the usual west-to-east direction along the lake, mostly on Oct 25 when an estimated 6,500 birds went by. Comparatively few were seen before or after that date. Canvasback: max only eight, SB Oct 24 (MS et al). Lesser Scaup: 25 off Charlotte Pier Sep 25 (WCL). Bufflehead: 150 along WL Oct 30 (RTO)—a good count for this increasingly common duck. Oldsquaw: max an estimated 2,000 with scoters at HBP Oct 23 (GOS hike). White-winged Scoter: 20 along WL Sep 11 (WCL); an estimated 2,000 passed HBP Oct 23 (GOS hike). An estimated 800 Surf and 1,700 Common Scoters passed HBP Oct 23 (GOS hike). Care was taken with these estimates. Hooded Merganser: 46 at Port Bay Nov 18 (MM, ES); 60 along EL Nov 20 (AEK, WCL). This species is common along the lake in winter.

HAWKS—OWLS: Coshawk: an adult at SB Oct 24 (JB, AEK, WCL, MS) and one at HBP Nov 6 (AEK, WCL)—this species was not reported during the spring flight. Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks continued very low in numbers. An early Rough-legged Hawk was seen in Newark Oct 1 (ES). Peregrine Falcon: one at SB Oct 2–16 (AEK, WCL)—an escaped falconers bird as part of the jesses still were present.

Peak counts were only 12 Am. Golden Plover and six Black-bellied Plover, near Kendall Sep 6 (AEK, BK). AVOCET: one at SA Sep 25 (WCL) to Oct 3, seen by many observers and photographed—first record for Region. There was an incursion of jaegers into our area and also to the east. Most of them were immatures. Immature Pomarine Jaegers were recorded at Manitou Sep 8 (WCL), at HBP Oct 23 (GOS hike) and at SBB Oct 24 (AEK et al). Parasitic Jaegers were seen at BB Oct 5 (WCL) and Oct 6—adult (WCL); at SBB, Oct 10 and two Oct 16 (all AEK, WCL). All were studied carefully by one or more experienced observers who realized the difficulty of making a positive identification of these immature birds. We submit these records and will let other observers form their own opinions. Great Black-backed Gull: 30 at SB Oct 16 (ES). Franklin's Gull: Manitou Oct 23 (AEK). Bonaparte's Gull: 750 east of Sea Breeze Nov 14 (WCL et al). Little Gull: one at Charlotte Sep 25 (WCL); two at SBB Nov 14 (TET). BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE: three at Manitou Nov 9 (WCL); two at SBB Nov 14 (AEK). Both observers have had repeated experiences with this species which is probably a rare late fall migrant here. DOVEKIE: two at SBB Nov 14 (AEK)—first record for Region. (Ed. Note: details not received) A Saw-whet Owl was netted and banded at Irondequoit Oct 10 (GL) and one was banded in Penfield Oct 16 (RGM).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: 50 over Rochester Sep 3 (JF); two south of Summerville Oct 16 (WCL)—very late. Six late Chimney Swifts, were seen over DEP Oct 6 (HSM). Pileated Woodpecker: one, Penfield Oct 16 (RGM). There was a light incursion of both species of northern woodpeckers, with the first Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker being seen in Rochester Oct 17 (JF); one seen in DEP Nov 11 (RTO). Two NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKERS were seen in WP Nov 28 (WL). Olive-sided Flycatcher: one, Penfield Sep 6 (RGM). There was some migratory movement of Black-capped Chickadees but the only large number was an estimated 1,000 in DEP Nov 8 (JD). The next day few could be found. A single Boreal Chickadee was found in DEP Nov 14 and was heard giving its typical calls (GOS hike). An immature Mockingbird was in DEP Oct 30–Nov 7 (JD, HSM, FP). Robin: 50, DEP Nov 7–21. An injured Gray-cheeked Thrush was found in DEP Nov 14 (GOS hike). Six Eastern Bluebirds were at SB Oct 16 (ES). A very early Ruby-crowned Kinglet was seen in Rochester Sep 1 (ST). Water Pipit: max 24, Parma Sep 6 (WL, RM). Two BOHEMIAN WAXWINGS were found in the fruit orchard at DEP Nov 21 (JD et al) and one was still there Nov 28 (JF, WCL).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: one in Rochester Sep 30 (JF). Red-eyed

Vireo: 30 along the lakeshore Sep 2 (ST). Philadelphia Vireo: one in Rochester Sep 19 (ST). Orange-crowned Warbler: one at SB Oct 2 (AEK, WCL). Yellowthroat: one at Manitou Nov 5 (JD).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: A huge flock of Common Grackles, estimated at 30,000 birds, was at SB Oct 24 (MS et al). Evening Grosbeak: max 50, HBP Nov 11 (DG, AEK). Pine Grosbeak: first, five in DEP Nov 7 (JM, TM et al); max 32 in DEP Nov 21 (WL, MS); two in WP Oct 31 (WL, RM). Common Redpoll: first, five in Irondequoit Oct 30 (LM, NM); max 200 at HBP Nov 6 (AEK, WCL). Pine Siskin: max 200 at DEP Nov 8 (JD) and 750 at SB Nov 20 (JD). White-winged Crossbill: max 20 in DEP Oct 31 (NR) and 11 in Irondequoit, same day (LM, NM). Fox Sparrow: one to two, Webster Oct 8–31 (AEK, BK). This species seemed scarce this fall. Lincoln's Sparrow: two in Island Cottage Woods Sep 25 (WCL). Lapland Longspur: eight in Ogden Nov 8 (WCL). Snow Buntings seemed rather uncommon.

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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Throughout most of the Region the drought was less severe than last fall, with light rains at intervals soaking into the ground with no run-off. Streams and ponds barely rose, and precipitation for the year is still many inches below normal. Temperatures have been near normal or below, but with few extremes. A killing frost occurred however, on August 28 in most areas which finished off some of the food supply for some species, and migration was accordingly advanced a little. Wild food is fairly abundant, especially thornapples, birch catkins, acorns and hemlock cones.

The season very early gave promise of being as good as last year was poor. It appears that every winter finch is going to be represented by at least small flocks, for Evening and Pine Grosbeaks, Red and White-winged Crossbills, Pine Siskins, Redpolls and Snow Buntings have all been around, plus Purple Finches and Goldfinches. In addition, Black-backed Woodpeckers have been spotted in several locations, Boreal Chickadees in two, Red-breasted Nuthatches are numerous, and a few Rough-legged Hawks have appeared in the northern areas.

At Montezuma, the personnel report a Goose peak of 4,620, the third week in November, and the astonishing peak of over 45,000 for ducks. This is a 60% increase over last year, and probably reflects the extreme drought in outer areas, which concentrated waterfowl in refuges. The Widgeon count of 27,000 compares with 17,000 in '64. Mallards and Blacks had increased, also.

From figures supplied me for the Elmira TV tower kill, it appears to have been spread out over a longer period, with fewer birds picked up at any one time. For example, with a big migration heard going over the night of Sep 23, and low clouds, only six warblers were picked up on the 24th and 21 on the 25th. Likewise, the flight was heavy the night of the 29th but only 18 were found dead the next day. The last tower pick-up was on October 6, with one each of Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Magnolia. Wilson's. Bay-breasted, Chestnut-sided and Black-throated Green Warblers, Slate-colored Junco, White-throated and Song Sparrows.

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