

discovery of three nests on Long Island. In view of the discontinuous range of this species (it breeds in Nova Scotia and from New Jersey south and has bred in Mass. and Conn.) the discovery on Long Island is not completely unexpected. There were other interesting breeding records from that area, including further documentation of the increase of the Great Black-backed Gull and the Glossy Ibis.

Three visits to Gardiner's Island showed the nesting failure of the Osprey; only two nests out of twenty-four contained young on June 18, when young would be expected in all nests that would raise young. The expansion of the Goshawk into lower altitudes has not been sustained this summer. No nests were found in Regions 5 & 6 compared to 2-3 nests in each of the last three years. A single nesting of the Cooper's Hawk was noted in the state (Region 3) and an unsuccessful attempt by Bald Eagle (Region 2). Otherwise the general hawk situation was similar to the usual dismal picture with only the Redtail and possibly the Broadwing holding their own.

Two other breeding records of note are the finding of the nest of the Olive-sided Flycatcher in the Tug Hill and the trapping of a juvenile Saw-whet Owl on Long Island. Henslow's Sparrows were noted as absent from many usual breeding areas in Regions 5 & 8 but this species had a good season in Region 3.

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Abbreviations used in regional reports: arr-arrival, arrived; Co-County; imm-immature; L-Lake; max-maximum one day count; mob-many observers; Pk-Park; Pt-Point; R-River; Rd-Road.

REGION 1 — NIAGARA FRONTIER

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A deficiency of rainfall and a rise in temperature that brought an excess of 2.6 degrees above the average made June a warm and dry month. Continued increased warmth in July and August eliminated a minus degree temperature and at the end of August, there was an excess of 50 degrees for the ending of the period. Rainfall, exceptionally heavy in July, and slightly so in August raised the yearly total for the year nearly to normal. These weather records are from the U.S. Weather Station at the greater Buffalo International Airport. Other parts of the area missed the rainfall and suffered from almost drought conditions.

There are reports of good duck nestings from the ponds and marshes of Western New York. Frances Rew records 180-200 Wood Duck, mostly immatures, at the Riverside Marsh near Jamestown. There are reports of good concentrations of mixed flocks of Mallards and Wood Ducks from

the East Eden Pond and marshy areas to the north and east of Buffalo. In one section within the limits of Williamsville semi-wild Mallards have responded to the attractive environment of water and food and have successfully raised broods of young, in one case in the landscaped shrubbery of a residence.

Worthy of especial mention is the observation of four Piping Plover at Hamburg Town Park on eastern shore of Lake Erie by Thomas L. Bourne. The forty-nine Upland Plovers from scattered sections seem to indicate an increase in the numbers of that shorebird in Western New York.

Abbreviations used in this report: Alleg—Allegany; Angel—Angelica; Belm—Belmont; Bflo—Buffalo; Br—Brook; Catt—Cattaraugus; Cheek—Cheektowaga; Chau—Chautauqua; CPk—Como Park, Lancaster; CRPk—Chestnut Ridge Park; E—East; HTPk—Hamburg Town Pk; Is—Island; Lanc—Lancaster; M—Marsh; OOGMA—Oak Orchard Game Management Area; P—Pond; Prend—Prendergast Point; S—South; SPk—South Park, Buffalo; Tift—Tift St Marsh, Buffalo.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: one imm summered at Foster's L, Alfred (CWK). Great Blue Heron: 40 Jun 18, 50 Aug 9 OOGMA (JG); several July records of one to seven, Alleg Co (LDB). Green Heron: one Jul 10 Batavia (GB); common, max six, July 1–31 thru Alleg Co; one imm Aug 1–15 Belm (LDB); max four Aug 1–15 Spring Br (DD); 50 Aug 9 OOGMA (JG). Common Egret: one Aug 8 OOGMA (PB). Black-crowned Night Heron: four Jun reports of singles; three Jun 15 Tift (JK). Least Bittern: one Jun 30, four Jul 17, two Jul 29, all Tift (JK). American Bittern: two Jul 25, 30 Cuba M (LDB). Ducks: Mallard: several reports, max 12, Jul 1–31 Belm-Cuba M area. Black: max 24 Jul 31 Belm (LDB). Blue-winged Teal: max 50 Jul 30 Cuba M (LDB). American Widgeon: one Jul 18 OOGMA (JG). Wood: six Jul 21 S. Pk (JK); 180–200, mostly imm, Jul 24 Riverside, Chau Co (FMR); adult and eight young Aug 7 Cuba M (LDB). Ruddy: one Jun 18 OOGMA (JG). Hooded Merganser: two Jun 10 Alfred (CWK); two Jul 9 Beaver Meadow (HDM).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: four Jul 22 Batavia (GB), eating woodchuck. Hawks: Sharp-shinned: one Jun 20 Hamburg (TLB); two Jul 4 E Concord (RFA); one Aug 3 Sturgeon Pt and one Aug 12 Belm (LDB). Cooper's: one Jul 20 Belm (LDB). Red-tailed: several reports of one-two Aug 1–15 Alleg Co (LDB). Red-shouldered: one Jul 22 Scio, three Jul 30 Friendship (LDB). Broad-winged: Aug 11, two Belm and one Alma (LDB). Bald Eagle: one imm Aug 11 Hamburg (TLB). Marsh: one Jul Alfred (CWK); one Aug 6 Belm (LDB); one Aug 11 Elma (DD). Osprey: one Jun 2 Belm, one Jun 13 Scio (LDB). Sparrow: one Aug 11 Wellsville (LDB).

Bobwhite: one Jun 18 OOGMA (JG). Turkey: one Aug 3 Eden (TLB). Virginia Rail: two (adult and imm) Riverside Jul 24 (FMR). Sora: one Jul 22 Belm (LDB); one adult and two downy young Jul 24 Riverside (FMR). Common Gallinule: three Jul 30 Friendship (LDB); max ten Aug 1–15 Belm (LDB).

PIPING PLOVER: four Jun 30 HTPk (TLB, LR). Ruddy Turnstone: 12 Jun 3 Athol Springs (TLB). American Woodcock: one Jul 23, 24 Lewiston (WHK); one Jul Alfred (CWK). Sandpipers: Upland Plover: 16 Jun 21 Lanc (JG); three Jul 3 Elma (JR); adult and one young Jul 5 Alfred (CWK); nine Jul 3 and two Jul 12 Grand Is (WHK); 17 Jul 9 Catt Rd (MMW). Spotted: one Jul 24 Riverside (FMR); two Jul 19-31 Alfred (CWK); two-five Aug 1-15 Spring Br (DD). Solitary: one Jul 23 Belm (LDB); four Jul 24 Riverside (FMR). Greater Yellowlegs: max 12 Jul 30 Cuba M (LDB); three-five Aug 1-15 Spring Br (DD). Lesser Yellowlegs: one Jun 4 Spring Br (DD); max 20 Jul 7 Depew (JG). Pectoral: five reports—first, one Jul 16 HTPk (TLB), max ten Jul 30 Cuba M (LDB). White-rumped: one Aug 9 HTPk (TLB). Baird's: one Aug 12 HTPk (TLB). Least: one, Jul 7 Depew (JG) and Jul 16 HTPk (TLB); two, Jul 7, 8 Prend (RS) and Jul 24 Riverside (FMR). Short-billed Dowitcher: one each, Jul 7, Athol Springs (TLB), Depew (JG), Prend (RS); one Jul 24 Riverside (FMR); three Aug 11 HTPk (DD). Stilt: one Aug 3, 4, 8 Prend (RS). Semiplumated: four Jul 16 HTPk (TLB); seven Jul 24 Riverside (FMR); two Aug 11 E Aurora (DD). Western: one, two, one Jul 19, 27, Aug 4 HTPk, Prend (TLB, RS). Sanderling: two Jul 16 and five Aug 11 HTPk (TLB, DD). Bonaparte's Gull: one Jul 1 Barcelona (RS). Little Gull: one Aug 15 Front Pk Bflo (JG). Caspian Tern: one Jul 23 Barcelona (RS); one Aug 3 Sturgeon Pt (TLB). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one Jul 22 Belm (LDB). Black-billed Cuckoo: adult feeding young Jul 10 Angel (LDB); one Jul 23, 24 Angel, Belm (LDB). Barn Owl: one Jul 1, 2 Barcelona (RS); six (a family) Jul 2, 5 and three Jul 10 Alden (JG, JR). Screech Owl: one Jul 1, 2 Lewiston (WHK). Long-eared Owl: adult and imm Aug 8 Wellsville (LDB).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: one Jun 5 Alfred (CWK); one Jul 2 Hamburg (TLB). Chimney Swift: one-50 Jul 1-31 and eight-15 Aug 1-15, Belm; two-seven Aug 1-15 Spring Br. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: one-two Jul 1-31 and four-six Aug 1-15, Belm, four Jul 31 Batavia (GB). Belted Kingfisher: four max Jul 1-31 Belm (LDB); four max Aug 1-15 Belm, Alma (LDB).

Woodpeckers: Yellow-shafted Flicker: 10 max Jul 1-31 and 12 max Aug 1-15 Belm; six Jul 25, 30 Cuba M (LDB). Red-headed: one Jul 10 Belm (LDB); imm and two adults Jul 27, 28 Belm (EEO); one Jul 30 Hamburg (JK). Hairy: two max Jul 1-31 and two-four Aug 1-15 Belm; two Jul 31 CRPk. Downy: four max Jul 1-31 and six max Aug 1-15 Belm.

Eastern Kingbird: 40 (two nests), max 16/day well distributed thru Alleg Co (LDB); many records of one-four thru period over most of Region. Eastern Phoebe: many records, max four, Alleg Co. Least Flycatcher: max eight Jul 10, 25, 30 W Almond, Cuba M (LDB); one Aug 6 Belm (LDB). Eastern Wood Pewee: one-two Jul 1-31 Belm (EEO); two Jul 14, 31 CRPk (AF).

Swallows: Tree: six-eight Jul 1-31 Belm (EEO); eight Jul 10 W Almond, ten Jul 31 Belm (LDB). Bank: 25 Jul 1-31 Belm (LDB). Rough-winged: six Jul 31 CRPk (AF). Barn: 50 Jul 1-31 (EEO), two nests with four young in each Jul 30 (LDB), 24 max Aug 1-15, all Belm; 100 Jul 31 Batavia (GB). Cliff: 11 nests, adult feeding young in nest Jul 10 Angel, young in four nests Jul 10 W Almond (LDB, EEO); 30 max Aug 1-15 Belm (LDB). Purple Martin: 30 max (four houses) Jul 1-31 and 12 max Aug 1-15 Belm (LDB, EEO).

Blue Jay: max five Jul 1-31 Belm (EEO); six Jul 31 CRPk (AF). Common Crow: max 20 Jul 1-31 Belm. Black-capped Chickadee: max, three Jul 1-31 and six Aug 1-15 Belm; 12 Aug 14 CRPk (JG). Tufted Titmouse: one-four Jul 17-31 at peanut butter feeder several times a day Lewiston (WHK). White-breasted Nuthatch: max 10 Jul 1-31 Belm. Red-breasted Nuthatch: two carrying food Jun 28 McCarty Hill (JG); one Jul 9 Beaver Meadow (JK); one Jul 31 E. Concord (RFA). Brown Creeper: two and nest Jun 11 Beaver Meadow (PB); one Aug 14 CRPk (JG).

Short-billed Marsh Wren: one Jul 22 E Eden P (TLB). Mockingbird: one Jul 8, 23 Hamburg (TLB); one Jul 23 Brocton (FMR, LB). Catbird: two adults feeding three young on honeysuckle Jul 7 Belm (LDB, EEO); max 10 Jul 25 Cuba M (LDB). Brown Thrasher: many Alleg Co records thru period, max six; one Aug 7, 10 Spring Br (DD). Robin: max 25 Aug 1-15 Belm. Wood Thrush: several Jul reports of one-three. Hermit Thrush: two-three Jul 1-31 Belm (LDB). Veery: two Jul 17 CRPk (AF). Eastern Bluebird: records from Lanc, Belm, Angel, Boston, max six Belm; nesting Jul Belm (EEO). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: one Jun 28 Taylor Hollow (JG); one Jul 9, 29 Beaver Meadow, Kiantone (HDM, RS); one Aug 13 CPk (JG). Golden-crowned Kinglet: one Jun 28 McCarty Hill (JG); one Jul 4 and two Jul 31 E Concord (RFA). Cedar Waxwing: many well distributed Alleg Co records, Jul max 25, Aug max 10; imm feeding on honeysuckle Jul 22, four very young being fed and one partly grown Jul 26 Belm (EEO, LDB). Loggerhead Shrike: one Aug 3 Derby (TLB).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Red-eyed Vireo: six Jul 31 CRPk (AF). Warblers: Blue-winged: one Jul 9 Beaver Meadow (JR); one Aug 14 CPk (JG). Nashville: one Aug 13, 14 CPk (JG). Yellow: max six Jul 1-31 Belm, Cuba M (LDB, EEO). Myrtle: one Jun 8, 15 Alfred, one Jun 28 McCarty Hill Belm (CWK, JG); one Jul 14 Belm (EEO). Black-throated Green: three Jul 14 CRPk (AF); one Aug 7 CPk (JG). Found quite commonly in evergreen plantations in Alfred, with some Magnolia Warblers and juncos, when trees reach 10-12 feet; in more mature stands with tree height 50 feet or more, Black-throated Green, Magnolia and Blackburnian Warblers, Junco, Wood and Hermit Thrushes and Veeries occur (CWK). Cerulean: one Jul 1-8 Barcelona (RS). Blackburnian: one Aug 7F, 14 CPk (JG). Chestnut-sided: two Jul 10 Angel (LDB). Bay-breasted: one Aug 14F CPk (JG). Blackpoll: one Jun 2 S Pk (JK); one Jun 6 OOGMA (PB). Ovenbird: one Jul 4 E Concord (RFA); one Jul 17 CRPk (AF). Northern Waterthrush: one Aug 1 Barcelona (RS). Mourning: one Jul 9 Beaver Meadow (HDM). Yellowthroat: max six Jul 1-31 Belm (EEO, LDB). Yellow-breasted Chat: one Jul 22 E Eden P (TLB). Hooded: two Jul 14, one Jul 17 CRPk (AF). Canada: one Aug 13 CPk (JG). American Redstart: two Jul 24 and one adult and one young Aug 7, Alma (LDB); two Aug 7-11 Spring Br (DD).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: one Jul 31 Batavia (GB); four records, max three, Jul 31-Aug 8 Belm (LDB). Eastern Meadowlark: Belm, max 12 Jul, max four Aug (LDB). Red-winged Blackbird: 25-5000 Jul 1-31 (flocking by end of Jul) and 246 Aug 6 Belm (LDB); 200 Jul 10, 150 Jul 25, 50 Jul 30 Angel; 3000 Jul 27 and 5000 Aug 1 Belvidere Roost (EEO). Baltimore Oriole: max 10 Jul Alleg Co records; one Jul 31 CRPk (AF). Common Grackle: many average (25) Jul records Belm-Cuba area; 500 Aug 1 Belvidere Roost (EEO); 2000 Aug 4 over Hamburg (TLB). Scarlet Tanager: several singles Jul Alleg Co; one Jul 31 CRPk (AF). Cardinal: max ten Jul 1-31, two Aug 1-15 Belm (LDB); two Jul 31 CRPk (AF). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 12 Jul 1-31 Alleg Co. Indigo Bunting: many Jul records, max three Alleg Co.. American Goldfinch: good Jul records; max 20 Jul 1-31 Alleg Co and max 50 Aug 1-15 Belm. Rufous-sided Towhee: max 10 Belm.

Sparrows: Savannah: one-six max Jul 1-31 and four max Aug 1-15, Belm (LDB). Vesper: five max July 1-31 Belm (EEO). Slate-colored Junco: two adults, nest, two young out of nest Jul 8 Ellicottville (PB); five Jul 17 CRPk (AF); max two Jul 1-31 Scio (EEO); nest with four eggs Jul 16, three young and one egg Jul 25, empty Aug 1, Alfred (CWK). Chipping: good Jul records, max 10 Belm-Cuba M area. Field: max two Jul 1-31 Belm: two Jul 31 CRPk (AF). Swamp: 12 Jul 3 Cuba M. (LDB). Song: 12 max Jul 1-31 Belm, Cuba M; four-ten Aug 1-15 Belm (LDB).

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