

arr Sep 8 (early) one SP; max 160 Oct 16 and 85 Nov 10, both HIGMA. Scarlet Tanager: max ten Sep 8 SP-SSSP; widely reported thru Sep to Oct 10; last Oct 19 (record dep date), an adult male in winter plumage, Syr (MSR).

Cardinal: reported in many new areas—SP, Pulaski, Woodman's Pond, Syr Airport, Holland Patent (J & EVD), New Haven, Rome, and Camden—now apparently invading the Tug Hill Plateau and sub-Adirondack sectors. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: excellent late Aug-Sep flight with 14–25/day at Pompey, SSSP, Fish Gulf, to Sep 24; last Nov 2 (record dep date) Syr (MSR). Indigo Bunting: very scarce—one-two/day to last date Oct 2 Big Moose (Mrs. B. Fisk). DICKCISSEL: a winter-plumaged male Aug 17–18 New Haven (IS, RT), first record for Region since 1964.

Winter finches have been uniformly scarce (Evening Grosbeak—six reports, Pine Siskin—one report, Red Crossbill—one report) or absent (Pine Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, White-winged Crossbill). Rufous-sided Towhee: scarce thru fall, max 18 Oct 13 TRGMA-Beaver L; dep Oct 22 (early) one N Syr, although some feeder-frequenting birds were noted on BBFS. Meadow sparrows had a protracted flight with max for Vesper 75 Oct 12–14 Holland Patent (J & EVD) and Savannah 50 Oct 13 FR and TRGMA; dep dates, Savannah Nov 13 one SSSP, Vesper Oct 23 (early) 79 Woodman's Pond (GLC), and Grasshopper Oct 9 two Syr Airport.

Slate-colored Junco: arr Sep 16 SP; 20–100/day thru late Sep and early Oct, max 800 plus Oct 13 Syr-TRGMA; scarce thru Nov, all counts below 100/day. Tree Sparrow: arr Oct 20 one Pompey; counts still low (20–60 day) but better than last year; max 140 Nov 9 Fish Gulf. CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: an adult Sep 19 SP dunes (FGS)—first Regional fall record. Chipping and Field Sparrows: max 95 and 42 respectively, both Oct 13 TRGMA-Beaver L; Field Sparrows seemed scarce this fall, more so in relation to the high tallies of other sparrows. Hordes of White-crowned and White-throated Sparrows moved thru the Region Sep 27-Oct 26; White-throated arr Aug 27 and White-crowned Sep 19, both SP; max 550 White-throats and 160 White-crowned, both Oct 13 TRGMA-Beaver L; sharp reduction in numbers with frosts of Oct 26–28. Fox Sparrow: first Oct 13 Syr (MSR, JWP); max six (low) Nov 9 Fish Gulf (JWP). Lincoln's Sparrow: a superb fall flight—first Aug 10 (record arr), one singing, HIGMA (JWP); total of 71 birds reported; last, one Oct 27 N Syr (FGS) a record dep date. Swamp and Song Sparrows: heavy Oct flight of both, max 60 Swamp and 300 Song Oct 13 TRGMA-HIGMA; 15–25 Swamp and 50–60 Song per day to freezing weather Oct 26–28. Lapland Longspur: first Sep 26 (early) Syr Airport; max six Oct 13 FR and Oct 26 Syr Airport. Snow Bunting: arr Oct 20 five FR (GLM); counts only 10–70/day thru Oct and Nov—? will these tundra finches be as scarce this winter as the virtually absent finches of the boreal forest?

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Erratum: in *Kingbird* Oct 1966, p. 227, Least Bittern, delete "and two Aug 15, Lyons Pond, Madison Co."

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Rainfall was above average in late August with warm temperatures in daytime and cool nights. More rain, wind and cooler weather followed in September. Pleasant weather in October ended with the first frost on the 18th. Cooler weather prevailed thru the month. The first snowfall covered the ground on November 4 with wet snow

that was gone by the 7th and a high of 70 was reached on the 10th. The ground was bare thru to the end of November with seasonable cold and more rain. Overall it was a very wet period.

To the observer, fall migration was generally satisfying especially for the rarer shorebirds such as Golden Plover, Purple Sandpiper and Red Phalarope and an abundance of Northern Phalaropes. By the end of the period, however, the outlook for winter finches and other specialties of the winter season was not promising. Unusually mild temperatures were probably responsible for late arrival of many winter visitors.

Localities: BCW—Brookside Cemetery, Watertown; CD—Camp Drum; ED—EL Dorado; HH—Henderson Harbor; L Ont—Lake Ontario; PRGMA—Perch River Game Management Area; Pt Pen—Point Peninsula; SB—Sherwin's Bay; THP—Tug Hill Plateau; Wat—Watertown; WC—Watertown Center.

Observers: AA—Arthur Allen; JB—John Belknap; FC—Frank Clinch; PG—Peter Gaskin; DG—David Gordon; SH—Stu Hosler; JM—John Miller; RW—Robert Walker.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: Nov 11 to Nov 28 (AA, JB, DG). Horned Grebe: Oct 29 to Nov 28 max est 75–100. Pied-billed Grebe: last Nov 7 (JB). Great Blue Heron: visit to CD heronry Oct 1 after nesting season est. 50 nests, pictures taken (AA, PG, DG); last Nov 11–13. Black-crowned Night Heron: three adults, four imm Aug 26 and one imm Sep 10 PRGMA; one adult, three imm Sep 17 SB (DG). Am. Bittern: last Oct 12.

Canada Goose: seen thru Nov 30, est. 300 on Black R and vicinity Lowville early Nov (JM). Brant: three Crystal L. Lewis Co Nov 2 (JM). All common species dabbling ducks usual numbers for season. Canvas-back: one female Pillar Pt Nov 11 (DG). Greater Scaup: first Sep 10 (DG); est 2500–5000 Black River Bay early Nov (mob). Common Golden-eye: numerous Nov. Bufflehead: Nov 11 thru period. Oldsquaw: Nov 11 thru period. White-winged Scoter: Nov 11 thru period. Common Scoter: Three females Pt Pen Nov 27 (RW). Hooded Merganser: last Nov 5 (JB). Female mergansers, probably Red-throated, Nov HH.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: last Sep 7 near Antwerp (AA). Sharp-shinned Hawk: Oct 7 (RW). Red-tailed Hawk: last Nov 29. Broad-winged Hawk: Aug 30 THP (DG). Rough-legged Hawk: first Oct 21 becoming very common by mid-Nov. Bald Eagle: imm five miles s. of ED (Lerch, Guthrie). Marsh Hawk: thru period. Osprey: last Oct 18 (JB). Sparrow Hawk: thru period. Ruffed Grouse: numbers low. Gray Partridge: coveys of seven, six and twelve Nov 11 Pillar Pt and Pt Pen; seven Nov 19 (DG). Virginia Rail: last, imm Sep 1 (DG). Am. Coot: last Nov 22 (JB).

Semipalmated Plover: last Sep 25. Killdeer: last Nov 22. Am. Golden Plover: one Sep 2 ED, four Sep 17 Pt Pen, one Sep 25 ED, two Oct 8 ED, one Nov 11 ED, one Nov 11 Pt Pen, one Nov 19 Pt Salubrious—with feet and lower legs encased in ice. Black-bellied Plover: last Nov 29. Ruddy Turnstone: last Nov 12. Common Snipe: last Nov 15. Whimbrel: one Aug 24 ED (DG). Spotted Sandpiper: last Sep 11 BCW (DG). Solitary Sandpiper: last Sep 11 BCW. Greater Yellowlegs: last Nov 11. Lesser Yellowlegs: last Oct 23. Knot: last Sep 10. PURPLE SANDPIPER: Nov 11 into Dec (mob)—see Field Note. Pectoral Sandpiper: last Nov 13. Baird's Sandpiper: Aug 25 ED (AA), Oct 1 ED (RW). Least Sandpiper: last Sep 25. Dunlin: Aug 19 to Nov 24, first fall arr late and slow to build to large numbers. Short-billed Dowitcher: to Sep 10; one Sep 24–25 ED may have been Long-billed Dowitcher—not positively identified (DG). Stilt Sandpiper: one Aug 24–25. ED. Semipalmated Sandpiper: last Nov 11. BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: one Sep ED banded (Lerch, Sturtevant). Sanderling: last Nov 13. RED PHALAROPE: one juvenal

Sep 24–25 ED (DG); one adult, one imm Oct 7 ED (RW); one Nov 7–11 Tibbets Pt (AA, JB). Wilson's Phalarope: Aug 25 ED (AA). Northern Phalarope: Aug 19 to Sep 25, max 15 Aug 27; six Nov 11 Ed late (DG).

Great Black-backed Gull: first Sep 5, thru period with large numbers early Nov, one found dead Calf Is, L Ont May 28 had been banded as imm Lower Razade Is, Quebec Jun 28, 1963 (JB). Bonaparte's Gull: first Sep 2 thru Nov 13, max 25 HH (AA, JB). Common Tern: last Sep 10. Caspian Tern: 20 ED Aug 19 (DG); last imm ED Oct 12 (DG)—very late. Mourning Dove: last Nov 11 WC (DG). Screech Owl: near Wat Nov 18 and Three Mile Bay Nov 27, both gray phase, dead on road (RW). Great Horned Owl: Nov 11 Pt Pen (DG). Snowy Owl: first Nov 26 Pt Pen (FC). Short-eared Owl: one Nov 11 Pt Pen (DG); one Nov 22 (JB).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Chimney Swift: last Aug 27. Belted Kingfisher: last Oct 29. Flicker: hybrid Sep 18 (FC)—see field note; last Nov 11 HH. Red-headed Woodpecker: last imm Sep 18 CD (DG). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: last Oct 15. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: near Pt Pen Nov 27 (RW). Eastern Kingbird: last Sep 17 Pt Pen (DG). WESTERN KINGBIRD: first record for Region, observed for five minutes on wire Sep 10 HH (AA, DG). Eastern Phoebe: last Oct 15. Empidonax Flycatchers: last Oct 2. Eastern Wood Pewee: last Sep 18. Horned Lark: both Prairie and Northern Oct 29 Pt Pen, latter uncommon; Northern Nov 6 Pt Pen; Prairie is regular winter resident. Tree Swallow: last Oct 4. House Wren: last Oct 2. Winter Wren: last Oct 2. Mockingbird: Aug 19 near ED (SH). Catbird: last Oct 2. Brown Thrasher: last Oct 13. Robin: thru Nov 19. Wood Thrush: last Oct 2. Hermit Thrush: last Nov 3. Eastern Bluebird: several scattered sightings Sep–Oct; last Oct 23. Golden-crowned Kinglet: scarce in early fall; last Nov 20. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: last Oct 22. Water Pipit: Sep 8 to Nov 22. Cedar Waxwing: thru period. Northern Shrike: first Nov 11, max four Nov 24 ED to HH. Loggerhead Shrike: two Aug reports.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: Sep 21 to Oct 3. Red-eyed Vireo: last Oct 2. Philadelphia Vireo: Oct 1 to 15. Warbling Vireo: last Sep 12.

Warblers: Black-and-White: last Oct 3. Nashville: last Oct 16. Yellow: last Aug 26. Magnolia: last Sep 10. Myrtle: last Nov 6. Black-throated Green: last Sep 24. Chestnut-sided: last Sep 30. Bay-breasted: last Sep 24. Blackpoll: last Oct 2. Palm: Sep 11 to Oct 17. Ovenbird: last Sep 11. Northern Waterthrush: last Sep 11. Yellowthroat: last Oct 16. Wilson's: Aug 19 to Sep 22. Canada: last Sep 5. Am. Redstart: last Sep 5.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: flock near W Martinsburg, Lewis Co Aug 30. Eastern Meadowlark: last Oct 29. Redwinged Blackbird: most migrants in large flocks Sep–Oct; last Nov 17. Baltimore Oriole: Sep 2; one at feeders Nov 22–30 Wat (AA). Rusty Blackbird: Oct 1–26. Common Grackle: last Nov 19. Brown-headed Cowbird: thru period. Scarlet Tanager: last Oct 2. Cardinal: several reports thru period Wat; one Nov 19 Canton (Warner and Green). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Sep 18. Evening Grosbeak: first Nov 6, thru period; very few. Am. Goldfinch: pair feeding four young Sep 18 (AA). Rufous-sided Towhee: last Nov 6. Vesper Sparrow: last Oct 21. Slate-colored Junco: peak Sep 28 thru mid-Oct, last Nov 19. Tree Sparrow: first Oct 22. Chipping Sparrow: last Oct 18. Field Sparrow: last Oct 18. White-crowned Sparrow: last Oct 29, excellent migration thru Oct. White-throated Sparrow: last Oct 29. Fox Sparrow: Oct 23–Nov 11 WC. Swamp Sparrow: last Oct 8. Song Sparrow: peak mid-Oct. Snow Bunting: first Oct 31; very few seen thru Nov.

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