

PHOTOGRAPHS OF NEW YORK STATE RARITIES

11. *Harris' Sparrow*



Photograph by Dennis Puleston
Brookhaven, Suffolk Co., 28 October 1966

The Harris' Sparrow, *Zonotrichia querula*, breeds in the open boreal forest zone of north-central Canada from northwestern Mackenzie to northwestern Saskatchewan and northern Manitoba; casually to northwestern Ontario. The species migrates through the Great Plains, wintering from southern British Columbia, northern Idaho, northern Colorado and central Iowa to southern California, central Arizona, and southern Texas, casually further east (Various Sources).

Of the twenty-one published reports of the Harris' Sparrow from New York, listed in the accompanying table, none is prior to 1951. Fifteen of these appeared at feeders, often after snow storms. Individuals may remain only for a few days, or well into spring, allowing dozens of observers to add it to their life list. At least three of the birds which were immatures when they arrived had molted into adult plumage by the end of April.

A photograph of the Brookhaven bird, which was captured in a mist net, appears above. The species has also been photographed at Lake View and Hamburg by Mitchell and at Quoque by Puleston. The photo-

TABLE 1
Published records of the Harris' Sparrow from New York State

Date(s)	Location	County	Feeder	Other Observer(s)	Plumage	Reference(s)
9-11 Nov 1951	Hamburg	Erie	Mrs. Charles W. Avery, Jr.	Bernard Nathan Harold Mitchell mob	immature	Avery, <i>Prothonotary</i> , 17(2): 68-69, Dec 1951 Brockner, <i>Kingbird</i> , 4(2): 38, July 1954 Beardslee and Mitchell, p. 443*
early Nov 1951	W. of Lake View, about a half-mile from Lake Erie	Erie	Mrs. Gordon Gannon	none	immature	Beardslee and Mitchell, p. 443
28 Sept 1954	Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo	Erie	No	Bernard Nathan mob	immature	<i>Kingbird</i> , 4(4): 103, Jan 1955 Beardslee and Mitchell, p. 443
29 Sept - 4 Oct 1954	Kenmore	Erie	Mrs. Carl A. Houck	Frances Rathbun M. L. Emerson Harold D. Mitchell	immature	Houck, <i>Prothonotary</i> , 20(10): 86-87, Oct, 1954 <i>Kingbird</i> , 4(4): 103, Jan 1955 Beardslee and Mitchell, p. 443
23 May 1956	City Hall Park, New York City	New York	No	Lester Walsh	adult	Bull, p. 460**
30 Sept 1956	near Fire Island Lighthouse	Suffolk	No	John Bull	adult	Bull, p. 460 <i>Kingbird</i> , 6(4): 140, Jan 1957
through Nov 1957	Jamestown	Chautauqua	Mrs. Carl Brolin	Claude Parker Clarence M. Beal William Mealy mob	immature	<i>Kingbird</i> , 7(4): 119, Jan 1958 Beardslee and Mitchell, p. 443
28-29 Jan 1958	Trumansburg	Tompkins	Mrs. C. R. Harrington	none	adult	<i>Kingbird</i> , 8(1): 17, May 1958 <i>Kingbird</i> , 8(3): 74, Oct 1958
11 May 1958	Island Cottage Woods	Monroe	No	Mr. and Mrs. James H. Barlow	adult	<i>Kingbird</i> , 8(2): 48, July 1958
15-16 Oct 1961	Dubois Road, about five miles North of Ithaca	Tompkins	No	Douglas J. Futuyma mob	adult	Futuyma, <i>Kingbird</i> , 11(4): 198-199, Dec 1961
early winter to 5 May 1964	Webster	Monroe	Jerome Hartke	Howard S. Miller Alfred A. Starling Allen E. Kemnitzer	immature - adult	<i>Kingbird</i> , 14(3): 162, July 1964

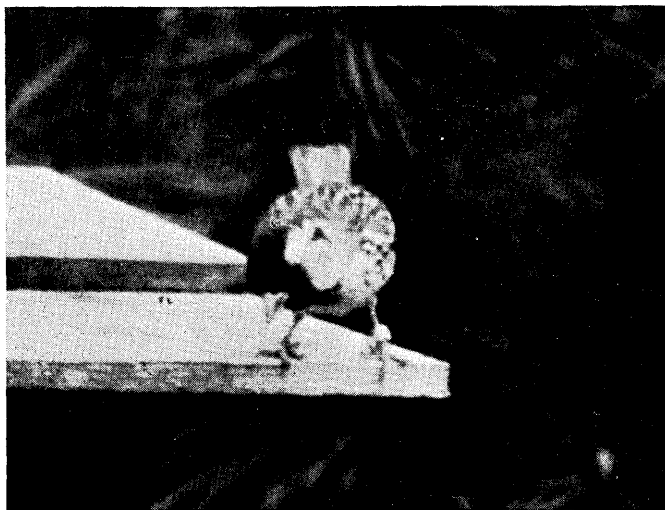
TABLE 1. *Continued*

Date(s)	Location	County	Feeder	Other Observer(s)	Plumage	Reference(s)
late fall 1964 to 24 Feb 1965	Voorheesville	Albany	Yes	Walton Sabin Hazel Eddy Donald Tucker mob	adult	<i>Kingbird</i> , 15(2): 124, May 1965
27 Jan - 3 May 1965	near Athens	Greene	Yes	Geoffrey Carleton Peter P. Wickham James Bush mob	immature	<i>Kingbird</i> , 15(2): 124, May 1965 <i>Kingbird</i> , 15(3): 189, July 1965
mid-Dec 1964 to 6 May 1965	Lake View	Erie	Mr. and Mrs. William Kranz	Robert F. Andrie Harold D. Mitchell mob	immature - adult	<i>Kingbird</i> , 15(2): 104, May 1965 <i>Kingbird</i> , 15(3): 164, July 1965
31 Oct - 3 Nov 1965	Quoque Wildlife Sanctuary	Suffolk	Mrs. Carl Helms	Dennis Puleston Gilbert Raynor Leroy Wilcox	adult	<i>Kingbird</i> , 16(1): 64, Jan 1966
15-16 May 1966	West Hill Road, Elmira	Chemung	Irving Runey	Albert Fudge Wilifred Howard <i>et al.</i>	adult	<i>Kingbird</i> , 16(3): 162, July 1966
29 Oct 1966	Brookhaven	Suffolk	No	Dennis Puleston Walter Terry Gilbert Raynor	immature	<i>Kingbird</i> , 17(1): 62, Jan 1967
7 Feb - 18 May, 1967	Kripplebush	Ulster	Fred Hough	Dan and Virginia Smiley	immature - adult	<i>Kingbird</i> , 17(2): 117, May 1967 <i>Kingbird</i> , 17(3): 186, July 1967
5 & 10-12 May 1967	Elmira	Chemung	Mrs. Robert Ruggles	Wilifred Howard Mrs. Joseph Smith mob	2 adults	<i>Kingbird</i> , 17(3): 162, July 1967
15-16 May 1967	Virgil	Cortland	Mr. and Mrs. M. Trapp	None	adult	<i>Kingbird</i> , 17(3): 166, July 1967
20-21 May 1967	Newfane	Niagara	John and Mabel Lehrer	None	adult	<i>Prothonotary</i> 33(6): 86, 91, 95 <i>Kingbird</i> , 17(3): 156, July 1967

* *Birds of the Niagara Frontier Region*, Bull. Buffalo Soc. Nat. Sciences, 22: 1965.

** *Birds of the New York Area*, Harper and Row, 1964.

Additional information on records from Regions 1, 3, 4 and 9 not found in the references, was supplied by Harold D. Mitchell, Robert Sundell, Sally Hoyt Spoford, John Gustafson, and Fred Hough.



*Photograph by Harold D. Mitchell
Lake View, Erie Co., 6 May 1965*

graph of the Lake View bird clearly shows a band on its left leg. None of the published accounts mention this, nor have I been able to obtain any information as to whether it was captured and banded in New York.

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1968 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE BIRD CLUBS, INC.

The 21st Annual Meeting of the Federation will be held in Rochester on May 3-5, 1968. General Co-chairmen are Dr. Gerhard W. Leubner of the Genesee Ornithological Society and Mr. Frank A. Myers of the Burroughs-Audubon Society. These are the two host clubs.

Members who wish to present a paper during the Saturday afternoon paper session should write Dr. Neil S. Moon, 25 Edgewater Lane, Rochester, N.Y. 14617, chairman of the paper session.

Save these dates and plan on coming to Rochester. There is a possibility of a good late hawk flight at that time, which can be spectacular along the lake at Rochester in the spring.