

The Purple Martin population was reported to be low over a wide area due to adverse weather this spring and the previous one. Sundell comments that the population is certainly at a new (perhaps all-time) low. However Scheider, while reporting low numbers, comments on excellent breeding success. If adverse weather is the major factor, as it appears to be, then we can expect a rapid recovery. The weather conditions — cold, wet days and freezing nights — were analysed by our president and presented at the last Federation meeting.

The Western Meadowlark was reported in Regions 1, 5, & 9. This species now breeds in fair numbers in south-western Ontario. Other notable breeding records were that of the Golden-crowned Kinglet in Region 1, the Orchard Oriole in Region 2, the low numbers of Hooded Warblers in Region 5, Mockingbird in Region 6 and a summering record of the House Finch in Region 8.

Rare aves include Marbled Godwit (Region 2), Black-headed Gull (Region 5), Audubon Shearwater and Skua (Region 10). Les Bemont has pointed out to me that my comment in the winter summary on the Lark Bunting is incorrect. There are two upstate records, the first one being in Region 4 in 1960.

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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; F&WBBS—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 25-mile Breeding Bird Survey.

All numbers given are the number of individuals unless otherwise stated.

REGION 1 — NIAGARA FRONTIER

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June was considerably warmer than usual throughout the Region. Records of the Buffalo Weather Bureau showed an average temperature of 72.5 degrees (7.7 degrees above the mean), the hottest month ever. The first half brought two extended periods of very hot weather while the latter half was slightly cooler. Precipitation was nearly normal. In the Buffalo area, the average temperature for July was 1.4 degrees above the mean while in August it was almost normal. Violent weather, including heavy thunderstorms which produced local flooding, raked the Southern Tier on June 21–22, July 20, and August 3–4. On July 24, a tornado was observed near Ashford in Cattaraugus County. Precipitation was also near or above average for August, especially where the severe local storms occurred. The heavy rainfall eased eight years of drought or semi-drought conditions in western New York State.

Waterfowl, especially the Wood Duck, brought off many young. Successful single nest sites of the Sharp-shinned and Red-shouldered Hawks

were marked for annual checking. Absent from recent regular breeding stations in the Southern Tier were the Pied-billed Grebe, Least Bittern, Whip-poor-will, Short-billed Marsh Wren, and Cerulean Warbler. The Purple Martin population is certainly at a new (perhaps all-time) low for recent years. A few Grasshopper and Henslow's Sparrows arrived during June in some areas that formerly supported larger colonies but were absent from certain other previously occupied fields.

Nesting records of interest include Canada Goose, Green-winged Teal, and Sharp-shinned Hawk. Of special significance is the second successful breeding of the Golden-crowned Kinglet in Region 1. Two adults were observed feeding six young in the white spruce—Norway spruce plantation on McCarty Hill (2304 feet elevation) where nesting had been suspected for ten years. This location is about one and one half miles southwest of Ellicottville in Cattaraugus County. The only notable rarities observed were the Cattle Egret, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Western Meadowlark, and Dickcissel.

Abbreviations: Bflo—Buffalo; Catt—Cattaraugus; Chaut—Chautauqua; INWR—Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge; OOGMA—Oak Orchard Game Management Area; Pren Pt—Prendergast Point.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Horned Grebe: two Jun 3 Allegany State Pk (RAS *et al*). Pied-billed Grebe: absent from recent regular breeding station at Riverside Marsh (AR). Great Blue Heron: previously unrecorded heronry of six active nests June 6 near Kennedy (AR). *CATTLE EGRET*: one Jun 14 Oak Orchard (Seeber, Zuris); one Jun 18 INWR (Benhams). Common Egret: one Jun 2 Allegheny Reservoir (RAS). Black-crowned Night Heron: three Jun 11 South Pk, Bflo (JK); two Jul 8 OOGMA (GB); three Jul 22 Tift Street Marsh, Bflo (JK, RR). *YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON*: one Aug 4 Como Pk, Lancaster (JG, RB). Least Bittern: singles Jun 17 OOGMA (RR, JG), Jun 20 Langford (TLB); two Jul 22 Tift Street Marsh, Bflo (JK, RR); absent from recent breeding stations at conservation ponds near Mayville and Riverside Marsh. Canada Goose: pair (one banded) nested at Riverside Marsh (mob); four young Jun 10 (Ross Gardner), all disappeared by Jul 15 (AR) probably due to mammalian predation—third nesting record for Chaut Co.

Green-winged Teal: female with four young Jun 26 Riverside Marsh (AR)—second Chaut Co breeding record; 11 Aug 9 Riverside Marsh with 19 Blue-winged Teal and one American Widgeon (AR). Shoveler: one Jun 5, 17 INWR (JG *et al*); two Jun 14 Cheektowaga (JG). Wood Duck: broods of 3, 4, 4, 6, 7, 8 Jun 22 Riverside Marsh (OGB). White-winged Scoter: one adult male Jun 10 Allegheny Reservoir (RAS, AR)—late. Hooded Merganser: female with eight downy young Jun 22 Riverside Marsh (OGB)—regular breeding station. Red-breasted Merganser: eight Jun 2 Allegheny Reservoir (RAS); 12 Jun 20 Barcelona (RAS).

HAWKS—OWLS: Sharp-shinned Hawk: active nest with adults feeding two young just able to fly Jul 23 McCarty Hill (RAS, AR). Red-shouldered Hawk: adults feeding one young in nest and another perched nearby Jun 28 three miles southwest of Leon (RAS, ECP, OGB). Virginia Rail: two adults, two imm nearly full grown Jul 23 Randolph (RAS, AR).

Shorebirds: poor Jul flight—Semipalmated Plover: arr-one Jul 11 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB). Solitary Sandpiper: four Aug 5 Pren Pt (RAS). Western Sandpiper: one Aug 15 Pren Pt (RAS). Greater Yellowlegs: scarce-singles Jul 22 Barcelona, Jul 28 Pren Pt (RAS). Short-billed Dowitcher: four Jul 14 Pren Pt (RAS).

Great Black-backed Gull: one or two Barcelona and Dunkirk Harbor throughout period (RAS); Bonaparte's Gull: 24 Jun 17 Barcelona (RAS). Caspian Tern: one Jun 17, 21 Barcelona (RAS). Great Horned Owl: one young fledged from nest at Riverside Marsh Jun 10 (AR). Long-eared Owl: one Jul 29 Alfred (Klingensmith).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: absent from at least four previously regular breeding stations in Southern Tier; only reports from lake plains—singles Jun 3, Jul 27 Hamburg (TLB); Jun 24 Batavia (GB); Jun 29 Dunkirk (James McNallys). Olive-sided Flycatcher: last spring—one Jun 1 New Oregon (TLB). Bank Swallow: four colonies in Chaut Co (forty to two hundred nests) where birds exploited new cuts caused by heavy construction (RAS). Purple Martin: many colonies in Southern Tier areas completely deserted; very few nesting pairs could be found, max-five pairs in colony near Gerry Jun 20 (RAS).

Tufted Titmouse: pair brought two young to feeder early Aug Dunkirk (James McNallys) at a regular breeding locality. Brown Creeper: one Jun 3, 5 INWR (RFA et al). Winter Wren: one Jul 8 OOGMA (GB et al); Carolina Wren: one Aug 8 East Aurora (RB, JB); Short-billed Marsh Wren: notably scarce—singles Jun 1 Langford (TLB), Jun 14 Eden (TLB), Jun 17, 18 INWR (JG, RR, PB), three Jun 25 Bear L (KOS), habitat alteration, especially tiling of wet meadows for agricultural purposes, has eliminated most former breeding areas. Mockingbird: singles Jun 1 Chestnut Ridge Pk (Freitags); Jun 18, 19 Pendleton (Camp); Jul 20 Burt (JT). Golden-crowned Kinglet: very late—two Jun 3 INWR (RFA, AJW); two adults observed feeding six young Jul 13 McCarty Hill (RAS, AR, ECP, Flora Elderkin)—see comment in introduction; also one additional adult seen in another part of spruce plantation. Loggerhead Shrike: no summer reports—may no longer be present as breeding species in Region.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Red-eyed Vireo: present in most wooded areas, as usual, but density noticeably low, Philadelphia Vireo: last—one Jun 2 Athol Springs (TLB).

Warblers: "Brewster's": one Jun 3 McClure Hollow, Allegany (RAS et al) Tennessee: last—two Jun 3 INWR (RFA, AJW), Myrtle: two singing males Jun, Jul McCarty Hill (mob); two pairs in red pine plantation Jul 25 Alfred (Klingensmith) Blackburnian: last—one Jun 7 Bflo (Hess) Prairie: one lingered in a Scotch pine plantation five miles east of Frewsburg until Jun 4 (AR) but no evidence of breeding was obtained (nesting in western New York never has been established authentically) Louisiana Waterthrush: one Aug 15 Barcelona (RAS) Yellow-breasted Chat: singles Jun 7 Cherry Creek (JK), Jun 10 Allegany (JG), Jun 20 Deer Lick Sanctuary (RFA, JT).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: WESTERN MEADOWLARK: two at different locations (*Kingbird* 17: 156) singing and calling through Jun 21 (RAS) but sites not visited after that date; no evidence yet of breeding, but thorough search has not been undertaken. Orchard Oriole: rare on the south shore of L Erie but probably occurs regularly with a few pairs at widely scattered localities—Hanford Bay near Silver Creek, male Jun 7, pair Jun 8 (R. H. Hesselbart). *DICKCISSEL*: adult male closely observed and heard singing for one half hour Jun 17 two and one half miles southeast of Leon in west central Catt Co by observer previously familiar with the species in the midwest (OGB); not found on Jun 28 (RAS, ECP, OGB). Red Crossbill: immature male or female Jun 11 Jamestown (Clarence Beal)—straggler from light, widely-scattered spring flight. Grasshopper and Henslow's Sparrows ab-

sent from many previous breeding localities and the few active colonies consisted of few (two to four) pairs— noteworthy count— 21 Henslow's Jul 27 Lancaster (JC). White-throated Sparrow: one Jun 10, 15 Allegany State Pk (mob).

ADDENDUM AND CORRIGENDUM, Vol. XVII, No. 3, July 1967, Region 1 report: Canada Goose (p. 154): the published total (103, 014) on the BOS April Bird Count April 9, 1967 (*Prothonotary* 33: 68–69) is not consistent with other counts and estimates and almost certainly includes some, perhaps considerable, overlap (Harold H. Axtell).

Golden-crowned Kinglet (p. 155) should read: "highest spring count— 648 Apr 9." Insert at this point: "Ruby-crowned Kinglet: highest MBC total for this late in May— 81 May 21." In the second paragraph of the introductory remarks on page 153, change Golden-crowned Kinglet to Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for the period were close to normal except for August when they were somewhat below average. June was relatively dry, July was almost normal and rainfall for the first half of August was well above average. The level of the lake and ponds was very high, which made suitable shorebird habitat almost non-existent. Rails apparently were absent from some areas. The Short-billed Marsh Wren was unreported and the "meadow" sparrows, except for the Vesper, seemed down in numbers. The Henslow's Sparrow was very scarce, being absent from most usual locations.

Unusual species reported included Marbled Godwit, Wilson's Phalarope, Orchard Oriole and Clay-colored Sparrow.

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Localities: BB—Braddock; EL—East Lakeshore; OBP—Ontario Beach Park (just west of the Genesee River on Lake Ontario); SA—Shore Acres; WL—West Lakeshore; WS—West Spit (one of two spits at the entrance to Braddock's Bay).

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Egret: one at WS Jun 1 (ST)—the only report. Whistling Swan: one on Round Pond Jun 1 (ST); either the same or another bird was at SA Jul 22 (RM, AAS). Canada Goose: six on the Clyde R (not far from Montezuma) Jun 3 (GOS hike). A flock of 40 passed over southeast of Fairport Jun 1 (TET); the origin of this flock is unknown. Hooded Merganser: female at BB Jun 25 (WCL)—the species is known to have bred there in previous years.

HAWKS—OWLS: Red-tailed Hawk: 65 moving along the WL Aug 17 (HSM, RTO). These late summer flights are regular at about this time, moving to the east on a strong SW wind, a smaller duplicate of the spring flights. Osprey: one fishing a small creek near Bristol Aug 11 (WCL).

Semipalmated Plover: a very late straggler at SA Jun 25 (WCL). Black-bellied Plover: a late bird on the WL Jun 1 (TM). Whimbrel: six at a rainwater pool near