

e.g. 60 Nov 21 at Keuka (FG). Wood Thrush: Nov 11 (late) Turkey Hill e. of Ithaca (PM). E. Bluebird: encouraging reports on numbers in early fall. Kinglets: both species abundant in October. Loggerhead Shrike: two reports only, one Aug 31 Mt. Pleasant near Etna (WRS); one Sep 20 Dryden (TC).

VIREOS-SPARROWS: Philadelphia Vireo: one Sep 14 Watkins Glen, one Sep 25 Waterloo (JW), often missed. Warblers: Wilfred Howard continued the Elmira Tower kill pick-up, visiting the area at least once a week from mid-August thru October. Total: 45, of which 17 were warblers. This compared with 260 last year. Fewer accidents or fewer birds? Warbler migration was noted on Sep 15 SWS, Sep 25 at Waterloo Cemetery. Some last dates: Tennessee Oct 28; Magnolia Oct 20; Black-throated Blue Oct 29 (ML, banded); Palm Nov 6. Myrtle: abundant all fall. Blackbirds: for second successive year migration seemed less heavy, Grackles and Brown-headed Cowbirds being noted as definitely fewer at Keuka and Waterloo. Few Rusty Blackbirds. Baltimore Oriole: last dates, Oct 29 MNWR (Diane Beres), Nov 15 at Ithaca feeder (Turk). Scarlet Tanager: female Nov 6 (late) Elmira (MPW) feeding on wild grape, seemed lethargic. Evening Grosbeak: scattered reports of singles or small flocks in Ithaca area, some sections had no sightings, most reports from Watkins Glen area. American Goldfinch: two reports of newly-hatched young, first week in September, near Ithaca. Red Crossbill: one report only, Nov 11 Turkey Hill (PM). Vesper Sparrow: more seen than usual in migration (JW). Oregon Junco: two reports at Elmira, late Oct early Nov; no supporting details. Lincoln Sparrow: two reports only Oct 13, 27, Elmira (WH). Snow Bunting: several reports including one flock 75 MNWR early Nov (CH).

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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Although temperatures averaged a little below normal and precipitation a little above through October there was very little severe weather to hurry migrants on their way. Apparently for this reason last dates for small land bird species seemed to run late. The official temperature went as low as 32 degrees October 7 for the first time. Traces of snow fell October 19 and 28. November brought more severe cold and several appreciable snowfalls.

The waterfowl migration, only very sketchily reported, seemed low in numbers but produced several surprising species, including all three scoters. The white-winged could be considered a normal fall migrant here, but not the other two. The shore-bird migration, also sketchily reported, did produce most of the ordinary species, but only the pectoral sandpiper that seemed worthy of noting below.

Evidence for an eagerly awaited incursion of winter finches was very meager and not at all promising. A second consecutive winter without them would be rather disheartening.

Abbreviations: Berk—Berkshire; Bing—Binghamton; Chen—Chenango; CC—Chocanut Center; NV—Newark Valley; Pep Res—Pepacton Reservoir; TC—Triple Cities area; WP—Whitney Point Flood Control Dam.

Observers: LB—L. Bemont; DB—Dewey Bendle; MC—Mitchell Cubberly; M,AD—Marilyn and Anna Davis; LD—Louise Dean; CG—Claire Gottschall; JG—John Grant; JAG—John A. Gustafson; J,MH—Jeffrey and Mark Harris; FL—Florence Linaberry; ML—Margaret Lynch; MS—Mary Sheffield; MW—Mildred White; R,SW—Ruth and Sally White; RW—Ruth Williams.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: max eight Oct 28, Pep Res (MC); also at Owego and WP. Red-necked Grebe: one Oct 14 WP (J, MH). Green Heron: Oct 1 Owego (MW). Black-crowned Night Heron: Aug 25 Owego (RW); one Sep 12 Truxton in Cortland Co (JG). Canada Goose: several reports of migrating flocks in the TC Oct 1, the first date; large numbers throughout Region until Oct 22; a few noted in the TC into Nov. Blue Goose: one Oct 1 Endwell (LB, J, MH), in a flock of Canadas. Snow Goose: three Oct 11 on river at Vestal (L. Theopanis). Gadwall: one Oct 14 WP (J, MH). Pintail, Green-winged Teal and American Widgeon reported in scattered small numbers. Blue-winged Teal: 25 Sep 1 Owego (RW) and 14 Sep 2 Scott in Cortland Co. (JG), the best numbers; at Owego until Oct 1. Shoveler: two Oct 12 WP (J, MH). Wood Duck: "many" along rivers in Cortland Co in Oct (JG). Greater Scaup: very small numbers reported, all in Oct. Lesser Scaup: 26 Oct 17 WP (J, MH). Bufflehead: Nov 5, six at Owego (RW, MW) and nine at Norwich (R, SW). Oldsquaw: one Oct 12 WP (J, MH); one Oct 22 Norwich (R, SW); eight Oct 29 Pep Res (MC); two Nov 8 WP (A. Levy). White-winged Scoter: two Oct 17 WP (J, MH); three Nov 8 WP (A. Levy). *SURF SCOTER*: three females or imm Oct 12 WP (J, MH), "no white wing patches, spots on head, dark cap, lighter underparts." *COMMON SCOTER*: ten Sep 30 Norwich (R, SW), "huddled together—very black with bright orange at base of bill. Stayed all day."; one female Oct 12 WP (J, MH), "no white wing patches, face lighter than crown and back of neck. Smaller than surf scoters and larger than ruddy duck" seen at same time, 100–150 yards with scope. Ruddy Duck: one Oct 12 WP (J, MH). Hooded Merganser: two Nov 24 Pep Res (MC), the only report. Common Merganser: Max 71 Aug 21 Pep Res (MC), then becoming scarce on the reservoir, but 35 seen Nov 24.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: Oct 1 Owego (RW). Sharp-shinned Hawk: seven reports during the period scattered through Region. Cooper's Hawk: two reports late in Nov at Endwell (FL), the only ones. Red-tailed Hawk: almost daily reports through Sep and Oct in TC. Red-shouldered Hawk: Sep 5 Bing (J, MH); Oct 25 Vestal Center (E. & N. Washburn); the only reports. Broad-winged Hawk: scarce; max eight or more Oct 27 Bing (J, MH). Bald Eagle: an adult Aug 19, 25 and 26 and an imm Nov 18, Pep Res (MC). Marsh Hawk: one Sep 10 Truxton (JG); one Nov 11 Norwich (R, SW). Osprey: one Aug 27 WP (MS), the first; four Oct 27 Owego (MW, C. Gerould), the last; 14 other reports. Peregrine Falcon: one in late Sep Candor (D. Weber). Killdeer: still present in small numbers in late Nov. Am. Woodcock: 15 Nov 11 South Owego (DB), the last ones reported. Upland Plover: Aug 17 Owego (MW, RW). Spotted Sandpiper: Sep 17 last date. Pectoral Sandpiper: two Sep 17 WP (J, MH). Herring Gull: Sep 21 the first fall record. Ring-billed Gull: 200 Oct 20 Homer (JAG). Mourning Dove: apparently scarce, reported only infrequently the past few years. Black-billed Cuckoo: Sep 17 Endwell (LB), the last report. Screech Owl: five different localities. Barred Owl: heard during the latter part of Sep at Candor (D. Weber).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: one Sep 12 Truxton (JG). Common Nighthawk: Sep 6 Owego (MW). Chimney Swift: Sep 4 Bing (W. Sutliff). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Oct 3 Johnson City (J. Ranney). Yellow-shafted Flicker: common until Oct 17. Pileated Woodpecker: five reports. Red-headed Woodpecker: one Nov 15 Homer (JAG); Nov 30 Nichols in Tioga Co. (H. Rinker). Eastern Kingbird: Oct 1 Owego (J. Shuler); last previous report Sep 15. Great Crested Flycatcher: Sep 4 Owego (RW, MW). Eastern Phoebe: Nov 12 Endicott (Mrs. E. Johnston). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Aug 21 Chen Forks (M, AD). Eastern Wood Pewee: Oct 9 Owego (RW, MW); last previous report Sep 17. Olive-sided Flycatcher: one Sep 13 CC (MS). Tree Swallow: Oct 3 Vestal (Mrs. J. Kiley). Bank Swallow: Sep 9 Owego (RW). Barn Swallow: Sep 8 Bing (J, MH). Cliff Swallow: Aug 26 Greene (C. & J. Davis). Red-breasted Nuthatch: Oct 29 Endwell (LB); only

report. Brown Creeper: Oct 14 at Endwell (J, MH) and CC (MS), the first fall records. House Wren: Oct 18 South Owego (E. Williams). Winter Wren: Oct 6, Endwell (LB); quite common to Oct 23. Carolina Wren: Nov 1 Owego (MW). Long-billed Marsh Wren: Sep 17 and Oct 12 WP (J, MH). Mockingbird; reported from Norwich, Owego, Delhi and four TC localities, Catbird: Oct 29 Endwell (LB), banded. Brown Thrasher: Nov 7 Owego (DB); very few after Oct 11. Robin: plentiful until Oct 24. Wood Thrush: Oct 27 NV (LD). Hermit Thrush: the last one Oct 29 Endwell (LB) quite a few. Swainson's Thrush: Oct 31 Chen Forks (M, AD). Gray-cheeked Thrush: Oct 8 Endwell (LB), banded. Veery: Oct 21 Endwell (LB), banded, very late. Eastern Bluebird: decreased numbers after Oct 22. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Sep 8 Owego (MW, RW). Golden-crowned Kinglet: first report Oct 2 Owego (C. Gerould, MW, RW). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Sep 2 Endwell (FL); quite abundant until Oct 22. Water Pipit: 85 or more Oct 14 Broome Co Airport (MS); Oct 31 Berk (ML). Cedar Waxwing: present throughout period but in decreasing numbers after Oct 22. Northern Shrike: one Nov 16 Ingraham Hill (C. Howard). Loggerhead Shrike: Aug 30 South Owego (E. Williams).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: Oct 17 Bing (J, MH). Red-eyed Vireo: Oct 3 Bing (CG). Philadelphia Vireo: Oct 1 Endwell (J, MH). Warbling Vireo: Sep 17 Bing (J, MH).

Warblers: Black-and-white: Oct 5 Owego (MW, RW). Golden-winged: one Aug 24 Norwich (R, SW), seldom reported from Chen Co; Sep 9 Chen Forks (M, AD). Blue-winged: Sep 4 Chen Forks (M, AD). Tennessee: Oct 6 Bing (H. Marsi), banded. Orange-crowned: Sep 29 Bing (J, MH). Nashville: Oct 8 CC (MS). Magnolia: Oct 30 Bing (CG). Cape May: Oct 1 Owego (RW). Black-throated Blue: Oct 15 CC (MS). Myrtle: a few Sep reports and present until Oct 31, but particularly common from Oct 6–22. Black-throated Green: Oct 2 Owego (MW, RW). Blackburnian: Oct 16 NV (LD). Chesnut-sided: Oct 3 NV (LD). Bay-breasted: Oct 1 Endwell (J, MH). Blackpoll: Oct 14 Endwell (FL). Pine: Sep 8 Owego (MW, RW). Palm: Sep 8 Owego (MW, RW) to Oct 12 Bing (J, MH). Ovenbird: Sep 29 Chen Forks (M, AD). Northern Waterthrush: Sep 26 Bing (CG). Connecticut: one Sep 25 Pep Res (MC); Oct 5 Owego (RW, MW). Yellowthroat: one Oct 29 Endwell (LB), banded. Wilson's: Sep 7 Bing (CG) to Sep 27 Bing (J, MH), five reports between. Canada: Sep 8 Owego (RW, MW). American Redstart: Sep 29 Bing (J, MH).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: Sep 17 WP (J, MH). Baltimore Oriole: Sep 20 Bing (J, MH) then none until one Nov 3 Greene (S. & H. Hayes). Rusty Blackbird: 50 or more Oct 12 WP (J, MH); 20 still at Owego Nov 8 (RW); several reports between. Scarlet Tanager: Oct 13 Vestal (Mrs. J. Kiley). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Oct 9 Owego (RW, MW). Indigo Bunting: Sep 19 NV (LD). Evening Grosbeak: Oct 26 Endwell (FL), Nov 3 Berk (ML) and reported at about the same time at Oneonta (J. New); then no more until one report from Deposit (S. Wilson) and three reports from nearby Pennsylvania at the end of Nov (E. & N. Washburn, CG). Purple Finch: reported in small numbers but regularly in a few areas through Nov. Pine Siskin: Oct 17 Owego (DB), also in small numbers at Homer (JAG) and Norwich and Gilbert State Pk (R, SW) in Nov. American Goldfinch: have remained common all period. White-winged Crossbill: Nov 7 Owego (MW, RW), the only report. Rufous-sided Towhee: common until Oct 23; at Cortland Nov 19 (O'Leary, Francis) and Nov 21 (Mrs. E. Clark) and at Owego Nov 30 (B. Hewlett). Savannah Sparrow: Oct 12 WP (J, MH). Grasshopper Sparrow: Sep 6 Owego (RW), the only report. Henslow's Sparrow: one at feeder Oct 21 and 22, Andes (MC); no others. Vesper Sparrow: Nov 3 Berk (ML); many reports through Sep and Oct. Slate-colored Junco: Sep 20 Greene (C. & J. Davis); becoming common about Oct 10. Oregon Junco: one Oct 10 Endwell (FL); one Nov 25 Endwell (M. Rutbell). Tree Sparrow: Oct 16 Nichols (V. Hudson); next ones Nov 2. Chipping Sparrow: mostly gone after Oct 30; Nov 6 Westover (F. Ondreyko). Field Sparrow: few after Oct 22. White-

crowned Sparrow: Sep 26 Bing (CG); common to Oct 31. White-throated Sparrow: singing at Norwich Aug 23 and Sep 19 (R, SW); most common Oct 1 to Oct 23. Fox Sparrow: Oct 22 CC (MS); not too many. Lincoln's Sparrow: Sep 12 Bing (CG) to Oct 23 Bing (J, MH); 14 other records. Snow Bunting: Nov 11 Berk (ML); 150 Nov 15 Preble (O'Leary, Francis).

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Fall 1967 seemed a bafflement of weather and migration — no warbler waves with the few cold fronts; no late lingering swallows despite the many insects and extreme warmth of October; no hordes of sparrows though the wet summer had produced abundant weed seed crops; and no gathering of Buteos Harriers, or Short-eared Owls despite increased rodent numbers, especially in the abandoned farmland near Fox Ridge — Howland Island and at Syracuse Airport. The watery siege of spring and summer persisted. September had day after day of windless and/or wet weather, and vireo-warbler migration was very sparse. October brought southerly winds, high temperatures, and rain with only *three* days of north or west winds at Syracuse; consequently, few flight days ensued. An exception was a tremendous waterfowl-jaeger-gull flight noted at Derby Hill October 19 on a 35+ m.p.h. cold northwest gale. The anticipated flood of early November migrants, particularly late shorebirds, waterfowl, and winter finches, never came. And by late November, despite its warmth after early snow Nov. 5, local birdlife had the sparse, dull look of the winter of 1966-67.

An array of dead birds and dead bird fragments, mainly kinglets and Juncos and including Saw-whet Owls, November 11-12 along the Sandy Pond beaches indicates some night storm kill of November migrants over Lake Ontario. How extensive this may have been we can only conjecture, but fragments of scores of birds could be detected in the beach wrack and many more were probably devoured by the industriously scavenging gulls.

The brushlots and woods of the area hold a tremendous crop of berries (Black Haw, Mountain Ash, Hawthorne, Highbush Cranberry, Rose) and in protected areas half-hardies should do well this winter. Cone crops in the Tug Hill Plateau and southwestern Adirondacks are extremely heavy, and the Adirondack sector, as of this writing, has a plethora of winter finches.

Birding positives include: 1) a superb flight of Brant and all three species of scoters; 2) good counts of dabbling ducks in September; 3) a fine show of phalaropes; 4) increased numbers of jaegers; 5) a remarkable array of rare gulls, especially along Lake Ontario; 6) modest numbers of Rough-legged Hawk and Northern Shrike; 7) a heavy flight of flycatchers, most marked south of Syracuse; 8) good numbers of Purple Martins; 9) a very heavy flight of both kinglets; 10) large but late movements of Water Pipits, Horned Larks, and Snow Buntings; and 11) an October influx of certain winter finches, e.g. Evening Grosbeak, Pine Siskin. Whether the increasing numbers of Blue Jays this fall constitute an irruption like the winter finches is hard to determine; spring tallies of Blue Jays at Derby Hill may hopefully be instructive on this point.

Negative aspects of '67 fall birding are: 1) poor Common Loon and Canada Goose flights; 2) reduced numbers of herons, especially Black-crowned Night Heron, and the absence of white herons; 3) the sharp decline in Aythya diving ducks of all species, not just Redheads and Canvasbacks; 4) the precipitous decline in accipiters, certain buteos, and falcons; 5) a much reduced plover-sandpiper flight, almost cer-