

1967 GREAT BLUE HERONRY SURVEY

During 1967, the fourth year of the survey of Great Blue Heron nesting colonies in Upstate New York, there were eleven new heronries reported. This included one from Franklin County which is the first report we have received of the nesting of the Great Blue Heron in the Adirondack area. Whether this increase is due to an actual increase in the number of heronries or whether it simply reflects increased interest on the part of Bird Clubs and individuals in locating and reporting nesting colonies, is open to question.

TABLE I

	1964	1965	1966	1967
No. of heronries on which data was received .	11	14	11	24
Approximate no. of active nests.....	450	350	250	421

Table II lists all the heronries which have been reported to us as active at anytime in the past four years and gives their status as reported to us for 1967.

TABLE II

Location	Nests	Young	Dates visited in 1967	
Region 1				
1. Farrington Hollow Rd. Town of Arkwright Chautauqua County	42		Feb.-April	(3)
2. Coes Rd. Town of Stockton Chautauqua County	18	32	Feb.-April	(4)
3. Oak Orchard	No report in 1967			(1)
4. Hood Hill, Belmont Alleghany County	No report in 1967			(2)
5. 4 mi. NW of Vandalia	No report in 1967			(1)
6. 5 mi. N of Olean	No report in 1967			(1)
7. Kennedy, Chautauqua Co.	6			* (1)
8. 2 mi. E of Markam's Corners, Cattaraugus Co.	19		Feb.-April	* (1)
Region 2				
1. Marengo Swamp, Clyde Wayne County	175	440	May-July	(4)
2. Scottsville Monroe County	34			* (1)
3. Groveland Flats Livingston County	5	7	June	* (1)
Region 3				
1. S of Corning Steuben County	no report in 1967			(1)
2. Town of Benton Yates County	5	5	June 15	* (1)
Region 4				
1. Candor, Tioga County	3			(4)
2. Owego, Tioga County	No report in 1967			
3. 3 mi. E of Whitney Point Broome County	No report in 1967			(2)
4. German, Chenango County	No report in 1967			
5. Cold Brook Rd., Scott Cortland County	17	34	July 12	(4)

TABLE II—Continued

Location	Nests	Young	Dates visited in 1967	
6. Charlottesville near Otsego-Schoharie County line	No report in 1967			
7. Andes, Delaware Co.	6			(1)
8. Chollester Township Delaware County	No report in 1967			
9. East Freetown, Town of Solon Cortland County	4	8	July 10	(1)
10. Virgil, Cortland County	11	On July 4 it appeared no young had been raised.		* (1)
11. W of Richford, Tioga County	20			* (1)
12. Greene, Chenango County	7		May 28	* (1)

Region 5

1. Cross Lake, Onondaga County	22	33	July 5	(4)
2. Scott Swamp, Phoenix Oswego County	17	31	July 2	(4)
3. Bridgeport, Onondaga County	2		April 23	(1)
4. Skaneateles, Onondaga County	No report in 1967			
5. Old Fly, Town of Pompey Onondaga County	6	12	July 4	* (1)
6. Morrisville Swamp Madison County	2		May 25	* (1)

Region 6

1. Ironsides Island Alexandria Bay Jefferson County	110	250	July 1	(4)
2. Perch River Game Management Area	37		July 17	(3)
3. Camp Drum, Jefferson County	Heronry deserted July 16			
Regional Editor, David C. Gordon, reports no other known heronries in Region 6.				

Region 7

1. Oseetah Lake Franklin County	3 (at least one active)			* (1)
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Region 8

Greene County Bird Club reports no known heronries in this area.

Region 9

1. Bontecue Farm, Town of Washington, Dutchess County	6	12	April 16, May 13 June 27	(4)
Regional Editor, Ed Treacy, reports no other known heronries in Region 9.				

Figure in parentheses () indicates the number of years on which definite data has been reported.

* Heronry reported for the first time in 1967.

For eleven heronries, reports have been received for each of the four years of the survey. This is summarized in Table III.

TABLE III
NUMBER OF ACTIVE NESTS

	1964	1965	1966	1967
Region 1—Coes Road.....	25	25	17	18
Region 2—Marengo Swamp.....	40	50	100	175
Region 4—Candor.....	15	15	5	3
Cold Brook.....	17	7	3	17
Region 5—Cross Lake.....	70	35	35	22
Scott Swamp.....	15	20	9	17
Region 6—Ironsides Island.....	135	100	85	110
Region 9—Bontecue Farm.....	7	9	6	6
Totals.....	324	261	260	368

We wish to thank the many Clubs and individuals who cooperated by sending in reports. We ask anyone who knows of an active Great Blue Heronry in 1968 to please send a report on it. We are interested in the location, the number of active nests and the number of young raised. Reports may be submitted thru your local Bird Club or direct to the author.

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ADDITIONS TO BONAPARTE'S GULL RECORDS, REGION 5

Syracuse, 1 May 1968

To the Editor:

In "The Status of Bonaparte's Gull in New York State" by Joanna Burger and Richard Brownstein, *Kingbird* for January 1968, there are a few omissions and some citations which may be interpreted differently in the Region 5 section, which we wish to call to the reader's attention.

- 1) There is a record of a juvenile at Onondaga Lake July 14, 1963 not cited in the article, which could be considered an "irregular summer visitant" or an unusually early fall arrival.
- 2) "Usual spring migration records [are] of 15 or fewer" according to the authors. But the Region 5 editor comments in 1960: "No count over 20—scarce" and the maximum for one day in 1967 was 30 on May 21.
- 3) Two 1958 winter records are cited, but a third—an adult Feb. 12, 1956 at Oswego Harbor—was omitted.
- 4) Under maxima, 104 Oneida Lake Nov. 24, 1960 is omitted although two slightly lower counts are given.

All above records are from the *Kingbird* for the pertinent season.

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