

mont (LDB); 12 Mar 20 Alma (LDB). Pine Siskin: mostly small flocks and individuals scattered throughout Region during winter—high counts 152 Dec 31 (Jamestown CC), 70 Feb 11 Villanova (HDM *et al.*). Am. Goldfinch: small flocks scattered throughout Region during winter—high counts 207 Dec 30 (Scio CC), 111 Dec 31 (Jamestown CC). Red Crossbill: five, one Dec 23, Jan 20 Gerry (AGR); 16 Feb 23, eight Mar 3 and 4, Belmont (LDB); White-winged Crossbill: one Dec 25 Emery Pk (JK), 12 Dec 30 (Scio CC).

Sparrows-Savannah: arr—two Mar 23 Cuba (LDB). Vesper: arr—one Mar 23 Cuba Marsh (LDB). Slate-colored Junco: 175 Dec 30 (Hamburg CC); 172 Dec 30 (Scio CC) Tree; 659 Dec 30 (Hamburg CC); 522 Dec 30 (Scio CC); 500 Feb 11 Wilson (WHK). Field: a few singles or small groups during winter including five on two of five area CCs; arr—one Mar 21 TGMA (AF). White-crowned: a few singles or pairs during winter and a flock of eight Dec 30 (Scio CC). White-throated: more than ever on CCs—19 Dec 23 (BOS), 11 Dec 30 (Scio), eight Dec 31 (Jamestown), six Dec 30 (Olean), four Dec 30 (Hamburg); a few during rest of winter. Fox: one Dec 30 (Scio CC); arr—one Mar 14 Spring Brook (HS). Swamp: nine Dec 31 (Jamestown CC), a few other singles or small groups during winter; arr—one Mar 23 Cuba Marsh (LDB). Song: high winter counts 34 Mar 31 (Jamestown CC), 26 Dec 30 (Hamburg CC), 26 Dec 30 (Scio CC). Lapland Longspur: small numbers on lake plains Jan and Feb. Snow Bunting: at least five reports of flocks numbering between 200 and 600 scattered throughout Region; max 2500 Mar 3 Dunkirk (RAS,AGR).

ADDENDUM AND CORRIGENDUM. Vol XVIII, No. 1, January 1968, Region 1 report: add *COMMON RAVEN* one Oct 11 Langford (Bournes). Additional records of *YELLOW RAIL*: singles (one of which was collected) Sep 23, 24, Oct 1 Tonawanda Game Management Area (Gavutis). *WHEATEAR* (p. 31) should read two Sep 27 Hamburg (Bourne).

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for December were about average with the smaller Finger Lakes (Conesus, etc.) open until after Christmas. The first half of January brought the coldest temperatures experienced in many years, with extensive ice formations on Lake Ontario and the complete freezing of all smaller bodies of water. Most of the half-hardy wintering species present in December disappeared at this time. Mid-January to mid-March were about average and above normal temperatures prevailed during the latter part of March, producing an early start of the spring migration. Snowfall was somewhat below average, and total precipitation was well below normal.

There was a very heavy spring flight of Whistling Swans. Geese and ducks were about average. Good early hawk flights occurred March 23, 26, and 28. Except for some Evening Grosbeaks and a very few Pine Siskins, northern finches were unrecorded.

Noteworthy birds reported include Snow and Blue Geese, Common and King Eiders, Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Carolina Wren, Western Meadowlark, and Oregon Junco.

Observers cited: AC—Arlieen Cornell; RD—Robert Dobsin; KD—Kay Doris; JJD—James J. Doherty; RE—Robert Erwin; JF—John Foster; WH—William Hartranft;

RHJ—Robert H. Jones; AEK—Allen E. Kemnitzer; AK—Allen Klonick; WCL—Walter C. Listman; WL—Warren Lloyd; TDM—Ted D. Mack; RM—Ruth MacRae; AM—Alfred Maley; JM—Joseph McNett; TM—Thelma McNett; MM—Maryanne Menuhin; HSM—Howard S. Miller; LM—Laura Moon; NM—Neil Moon; RTO—Richard T. O'Hara; FP—Frank Phelps; ES—Ester Stiles; MS—Maryanne Sunderlin; ST—Stephen Taylor; TET—Thomas E. Tetlow; RW—Robert White; DW—Doris Wilton; llc—little lakes census.

Localities: BB—Braddock's Bay; CL—Conesus Lake; DEP—Durand-Eastman Park Rochester; GR—Genesee River; HSP—Hamlin State Park; HL—Hawk Lookout at Braddock's Bay; HSC—Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Rochester; IBO—Irondequoit Bay Outlet; OB—Oklahoma Beach; WL—West Lakeshore; WSP—Webster State Park.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: two Dec 17 OB (WL,MS); two Dec 24 Hemlock L (AM *et al*); one Mar 30 Manitou (WCL). Great Blue Heron: one Dec 18 HSC (TDM); one Dec 31 Genesee Valley Pk, Rochester (RE); one Jan 20 Mumford (WCL); one Jan 27 Russell Station (HSM, RTO); seven Mar 23 WL (GOS hike). Common Egret: one Mar 30 (very early) BB (AEK, WCL). Am. Bittern: one Dec 3 BB (AEK, TDM).

Whistling Swan: seven Dec 24 CL (WCL,RW); seven Mar 16 BB (JJD,HSM, RW); 26, Mar 22 Payne Beach (Cullen); 94 Mar 24 WL (AEK,TDM); 184 Mar 25 WL (TDM); 657 Mar 30 Groveland Flats (AM,TET). Canada Goose: 12 Dec 3 WL (WCL,NM,ES); 22, Dec 17 Sodus Bay (AEK,TDM); three Jan 7 Sodus Bay (JF); one Dec 31—Feb 11 Manitou (WCL); spring flight average. Snow Goose: 13, Mar 23 WL (GOS hike). Blue Goose: 16, Mar 23 WL (GOS hike).

Gadwall: eight Mar 25 WL (TDM). Pintail: 600 Mar 23 WL (GOS hike). Green-winged Teal: one Dec 31 GR Rochester (TDM). Blue-winged Teal: one Dec 2 (late) OB (WCL); three Dec 3 (late) BB (WCL,WL,MS). Am. Widgeon: nine Dec 24 (late for that number) CL (WCL,RW). Wood Duck: one Dec 31 at U of R "duck pond" (RE), the fourth winter a male of this species has appeared here. Redhead: 300 Dec 24 CL (WCL). Ring-necked Duck: three Dec 31 BB (census). Canvasback: 500 Mar 24 BB (JJD,RHJ *et al*). Greater Scaup: 2000 Jan 22 GR (TDM); 1500 Feb 25 GR (RHJ *et al*). Common Goldeneye: 629 Dec 31 Rochester census. Bufflehead: 213 Dec 31 Rochester census; 110 Feb 25 WL (WL,MS). Oldsquaw: 422 Dec 31 Rochester census. Common Eider: one imm male Mar 31 IBO (RTO). King Eider: one imm male Mar 17 Manitou (WCL). White-winged Scoter: 355 Dec 31 Rochester census. Surf Scoter: four Dec 24 CL (WCL); two Feb 19 GR (TDM); four Feb 24 GR (HSM,RTO); five Mar 9–23 GR (several). Ruddy Duck: one Dec 24 CL (llc); two Mar 24 Round Pond (FP *et al*). Hooded Merganser: nine Dec 24 CL (llc); eight Dec 29 Irondequoit Bay (AEK); five Dec 31 Rochester census. Common Merganser: 309 Dec 31 Rochester census.

HAWKS—OWLS: Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 35 Mar 26 HL (LM). Cooper's Hawk: two Dec 24 (llc); one Jan 14 East Lakeshore (WH *et al*); one Jan 28 Long Pond (JJD); max 11, Mar 28 HL (LM). Red-tailed Hawk: 34 Dec 24 (llc); 15, Dec 31 Rochester census; max 107 Mar 23 HL (GOS hike). Red-shouldered Hawk: 44 Mar 23 HL (GOS hike); max 85 Mar 26 HL (LM). Rough-legged Hawk: 25, Dec 24 (llc); ten Dec 31 Rochester census; max 50 Mar 23 HL (GOS hike). Golden Eagle: one Mar 23 HL (GOS hike); one Mar 26 WSP (WL). Bald Eagle: the pair nesting in the Hemlock L area have returned to their nest—one seen Mar 2 (AM), both seen the next day (JF); an adult and an imm Mar 26 HL (LM); an imm Mar 27 WL (KD, DW). Marsh Hawk: four Dec 24 (llc); seven Dec 31 Rochester census; max 26, Mar 23 HL (GOS hike). Peregrine Falcon: an adult Mar 26 Brighton (Sarah Talpey). Sparrow Hawk: 11 Dec 31 Rochester census.

Ruffed Grouse: nine Dec 24 (llc). Ring-necked Pheasant: 179 Dec 31 Rochester census. COMMON GALLINULE: five Dec 31 in marsh on GR (TET), an almost incredible number at so late a date. Am. Coot: 77 Dec 24 CL (WCL *et al*). Killdeer:

one Jan 2 Barge Canal in Greece (WCL); one Jan 14-28 Newark (ES); six Mar 16 WL (JJD). Common Snipe: one Dec 31 Brighton (RE). Purple Sandpiper: one Dec 2-3 BB (WCL). Pectoral Sandpiper: 30, Mar 30 Hamlin (AEK *et al*). Short-billed Dowitcher: one Mar 30 (very early) Hamlin (AEK,TDM). Glaucous Gull: two Dec 31 Rochester census; one Mar 23 Long Pond (GOS hike). Great Black-backed Gull: 137 Dec 31 Rochester census. Bonaparte's Gull: 213 Dec 31 Rochester census; 23, Mar 24 IBO (WL). Mourning Dove: 34 Dec 24 (llc); 167 Dec 31 Rochester census. Snowy Owl: three Dec 31 Rochester census; three Feb 11 WL (WL,RM); four Mar 9 BB (AEK,WCL). Short-eared Owl: six Dec 31 Rochester census; ten Mar 9 Newark (ES). Saw-whet Owl: one found in a vacant house in Manitou Mar 17 (Luella Drioness); one Mar 22-23 HSC (NM *et al*); two Mar 29 in the same place (NM).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Belted Kingfisher: three Dec 24 (llc); three Dec 31 Rochester census. Yellow-shafted Flicker: 11, Dec 24 (llc); eight Dec 31 Rochester census. Pileated Woodpecker: two Mar 14 Webster (MS). Red-bellied Woodpecker: 15, Dec 24 (llc); four Dec 31 Rochester census. Hairy Woodpecker: 14, Dec 24 (llc); 25, Dec 31 Rochester census. Downy Woodpecker: 51 Dec 24 (llc); 77 Dec 31 Rochester census. Horned Lark: 75 Dec 24 (llc); 19, Dec 31 Rochester census. Tree Swallow: five Mar 22 Webster (MS). Blue Jay: 111 Dec 24 (llc); 138 Dec 31 Rochester census. Common Crow: 1092 Dec 24 (llc); 3048 Dec 31 (rather low) Rochester census. Black-capped Chickadee: 214 Dec 31 Rochester census. Tufted Titmouse: 26, Dec 31 (highest recorded count) Rochester census. White-breasted Nuthatch: 64 Dec 31 Rochester census. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 13, Dec 31 Rochester census. Brown Creeper: 13, Dec 31 Rochester census. Carolina Wren: one frequented the Sea Breeze area from Jan 8 to the end of the period, visiting the Sassaman and Dutcher feeders irregularly. Long-billed Marsh Wren: two Dec 31 (rare in winter) BB (WCL).

Mockingbird: seven Dec 31 (highest winter count) Rochester census. Catbird: two Dec 31 DEP (AK); one Dec 31 OB (JM,TM); two Jan 20 Rock Beach (TDM). Robin: 111 Dec 31 (high) Rochester census. Hermit Thrush: one Feb 18 (rare in winter) DEP (AC,JF). Eastern Bluebird: one Dec 24 (rare in winter) Livonia (Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Dakin). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 23, Dec 24 (llc); five Feb 18 HSP (AC,JF). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: one Dec 3 HSP (WCL *et al*); one Dec 18 HCL (TDM); one Dec 24 Lakeville (WCL,RW); one Dec 25 OB (AEK); one Dec 31 Greece (WCL). Cedar Waxwing: 226 Dec 31 Rochester census; 165 March 29 Mendon Ponds (FP). Northern Shrike: a fair flight, six Dec 31 Rochester census.

VIREOS-WARBLED: Myrtle Warbler: two Jan 11 Reed Rd, Rochester (S. Orwin)—this species has wintered here previously although no bayberry is present; five Mar 23 Greece (RD); one Mar 31 Island Cottage Woods (JJD *et al*).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Western Meadowlark: one Mar 31 Chase Rd, Hamlin (TDM), same place as last year—identified by both song and *call notes*. Red-winged Blackbird: 433 Dec 31 Rochester census. Rusty Blackbird: two Dec 31 Rochester census. Common Grackle: nine Dec 31 Rochester census; three Jan 17 BB (WCL). Brown-headed Cowbird: 30 Dec 31 Rochester census. Cardinal: 160 Dec 31 Rochester census. Evening Grosbeak: five Dec 31 at Sunderlin feeder in Webster (WL,MS); one Jan 31—Feb 1 at McNett feeder in Webster, found dead on latter date (TM); one Feb 24 WSP (RTO); five Mar 30 DEP (JJD); a flock of about 100 was reported to have arrived at a feeder in Scottsville early in March. Purple Finch: after a winter's absence, 15 appeared in HSP Feb 25 (AC,JF); five Mar 3 DEP (Paul Weld). Am. Goldfinch: 213 (high) Dec 31 Rochester census. Rufous-sided Towhee: one Dec 31 Greece (HSM); one Dec 31 DEP (AK). Slate-colored Junco: 99 Dec 31 Rochester census. Oregon Junco: one Dec 3 HSP (WCL,MM,ES); one in same place Mar 3 (RHJ,FP)—a well-marked bird both times, probably the same bird. Tree Sparrow: 530 Dec 31 Rochester census. Field Sparrow: three Dec 17

Webster (WL,MS); one Dec 31 Greece (WCL); three Dec 31 HSC (TDM). White-throated Sparrow: five Dec 31 Rochester census; heard singing in DEP Mar 23. Fox Sparrow: one Mar 23 DEP (HSM); two Mar 30 Manitou (RTO). Song Sparrow: 31, Dec 31 Rochester census. Lapland Longspur: scarce, three Feb 3 WL (WCL); one Mar 30 Hamlin (RTO). Snow Bunting: 1000 Jan 21 Hamlin (AEK, ST); 100 Mar 3 Parma (RHJ).

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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December had average temperatures and precipitation, and January was fairly open, with little snow accumulation. The second week in January brought record-breaking cold temperatures which undoubtedly took a toll of bird life. The end of the month and early February saw thawing weather, with ice going out on streams, but the end of that month again was extremely cold, and this persisted into March, with strong winds and ice remaining on streams and ponds until the third week of the month. Then spring suddenly arrived with the thermometer reaching almost 80 on March 31.

Unusual numbers of Mallards, Blacks and Canada Geese remained over-winter in the Cayuga Lake area, possibly because of the incomplete harvesting of grain in the fields in last fall's wet weather—as pointed out by Benning. An abundance of available food, combined with strong winds and bad weather west of here, may possibly explain the unprecedented numbers of Whistling Swans that migrated through here in March, the most outstanding feature of a waterfowl migration that was noteworthy in all respects, especially in the period of March 20–24. Rough-legged hawks were unusually numerous all winter in portions of the Region, and a big feature of the winter was the discovery of several concentrations of Short-eared Owls, one consisting of 27 individuals at a roost near King Ferry. The anticipated winter finch visitation failed to materialize—some flocks of Evening Grosbeaks and quite a few Purple Finches in February and March were all that turned up. All in all, it was not a particularly exciting winter season.

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Localities: Cay L—Cayuga Lake; MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; Sen L—Seneca Lake; SWS—Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary; KPRA—Kanakadea Park Recreation Area; Chem Co—Chemung County; Schuy Co—Schuyler County.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: few sightings, two only on waterfowl census of Finger Lakes. Red-necked Grebe: none on waterfowl census; Mar 1 Valois Pt Sen L (JBr); one Mar 10 Cay L (G. Smith); one Mar 20 Sen L (WEB); two Mar 23 Horseheads Dump (RK). Horned Grebe: scarcer than usual on all lakes this winter; one assuming spring plumage Mar 23 MNWR (WEB). Eared Grebe: one throughout period, carefully identified, north end Sen L (mob), beginning molt Mar 20. Great Blue Heron: at least one was spotted during winter at Horseheads, Ithaca and at