

breeding records. *WHEATEAR*: adult Jun 8, Van Cortlandt Pk (O. Goelet, S. Koelle)—see Field Notes this issue. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: pair feeding young at nest, Jun 20 Caumsett State Pk (AD,BC)—the third nesting record for the Region, both previous records in 1963.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Golden-winged Warbler: singing male present at Sagamore Hill until at least Jun 9 (AB,BC)—“apparently lacked a mate.” This species is not known to breed on Long Island. *LAWRENCE’S WARBLER*: Jul 7, Lloyd Harbor Village Pk (B. McEneny). American Redstart: see introduction.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: singing subadult male, Jun 20 Caumsett State Pk (BC,AD). Indigo Bunting: see introduction. Dickcissel: four (one singing), Jul 8, Mitchell Field (BC)—apparently arrived this day, earliest fall record by six weeks. Seaside Sparrow: see introduction. White-throated Sparrow: “two spent the summer at East Marion, and were seen frequently by Judd Bennet at his feeder . . . I saw one on Aug 4” (G. Raynor)—casual at this season, not known to breed.

NOTE: Please send in fall reports by Dec. 7.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Natural History of Undercliff Road. Daniel Smiley and Frank E. Egler. The Mohonk Trust, Educational Release No. 1, 1968. 45 pp., illus. \$1.00 from the Trust Office, Mohonk Lake, New Paltz, N.Y. 12561.

Undercliff Road is located below the southeast escarpment of the Shawangunk Mountains west of New Paltz, N.Y., on the property of the Mohonk Trust. About two-thirds of the road is built along the talus slope below conglomerate cliffs. These cliffs, up to 200 feet high, are a favored spot for rock climbers. Along the road there are also a few shale cliffs and shale hills.

The booklet is written as a self-guiding nature trail along the 2.3 miles of road. Each of seventeen stations is described, with particular emphasis on the plant associations found in that habitat. Also discussed are the geological background and how man’s use has affected the area. Some of the animals, birds and insects attracted by the different habitats are mentioned. Facing the page describing each station are reproductions of three photographs illustrating points of interest to be noted there.

Many years ago I lived south of the Mohonk area and occasionally went to the Shawangunks birdwatching and view hunting. I would like to go again with this little booklet, which would greatly increase my appreciation not only of Undercliff Road, but also of the rest of that interesting, long ridge isolated by wide valleys from the other ranges of hills in the area.

Mr. Smiley and Mr. Egler, as well as the Mohonk Trust, are to be commended for this first educational release. To walk Undercliff Road with this booklet to encourage a more seeing eye and a better understanding of inter-relationships between rock formations, plants found growing in close association with each, animal occurrence and the effect of human disturbance, would greatly increase the visitor’s enjoyment of the area. Naturalists in other areas should be encouraged to work up similar booklets.

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