

spraying of Suffolk county with DDT for mosquito control is unproven scientifically but is certainly suggestive. The halting of this spraying was brought about by the Environmental Defense Fund. This organization is working through court actions to limit the spraying of persistent pesticides.

The nesting report of Black Rail on Long Island seems rather like black magic, but I have to admit I wish I was in on the magic. The first nesting of the House Finch in Region 8 represents further documentation of the spread of this species. Few state-wide changes were noted in the abundance of any species. Most of the changes noted by regional editors were local; Henslow's and Grasshopper Sparrows seem to be on the upswing, the Hooded Warbler is now a scarce bird throughout the state.

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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.

All numbers given are numbers of individuals unless otherwise stated.

REGION 1 — NIAGARA FRONTIER

No report. This report period will be included in the January issue.

REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for June were slightly below normal, for the rest of the period about average. Rainfall for June was slightly above average. July was very dry with only one-half the normal amount. The first half of August was very wet, with double the average rainfall.

A large number of late May migrants remained into early June in direct contrast to a year ago. A few ducks and shorebirds were recorded well into June. The few spots for migrant shorebirds dried up by late July and the early fall flight was almost nonexistent, the high lake level preventing even small mud flats.

Among the few noteworthy records may be mentioned the Glossy Ibis, Franklin's Gull and Western Meadowlark.

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Locations: BB—Braddock's Bay; DEP—Durand-Eastman Park; LS—Lake Shore; SA—Shore Acres.

LOONS—DUCKS: Black-crowned Night Heron: apparently a slight increase, max eight Jun 18 BB (WCL). Am. Bittern: occasional bird around BB and SA (several). Least Bittern: at least one pair present at SA until Aug 11 (ST *et al*). GLOSSY IBIS: one until Jul 1 at BB (WCL).