

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.

Observers cited in text: JJD—James J. Doherty; JF—John Foster; AEK—Mr. & Mrs. Allen E. Kemnitzner; WCL—Walter C. Listman; WLL—Warren L. Lloyd; RGM—Robert G. McKinney; HSM—Howard S. Miller; RTO—Richard T. O'Hara; FHP—Frank H. Phelps; MS—Maryanne Sunderlin; ST—Stephen Taylor; TET—Thomas E. Tetlow.

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).

Brant: 12 June 1 at BB (HSM,RTO), only spring record. Pintail: two drakes Jun 15 SA (WCL). Green-winged Teal: two drakes until Aug 1 SA (WCL)—this species nests occasionally in our area. Shoveler: three Jun 12 Parma (WCL). Redhead: a pair Aug 11 BB (ST). Common Goldeneye: one female Jun 15 BB (WCL). Red-breasted Merganser: six Jun 1 BB (WCL), one female present in the same place until Aug 11 (ST). Hooded Merganser: one female Jul 19 at Long Rd., Greece (RTO)—this species occasionally nests locally.

HAWKS—OWLS: Sharp-shinned Hawk: one unsuccessfully attacked a Robin in Rochester Jun 25 (JJD), one Jul 1 Fairport (TET). Broad-winged Hawk: 175 Jun 1 LS (several), 208 Jun 2 LS (WLL,MS)—high count for so late, but some (mostly imm) are regularly recorded into early June. Bald Eagle: one imm Jun 2 BB (WLL, MS). Osprey: one Jun 1 BB (RTO *et al*).

Virginia Rail: three Jun 15 DEP (ST). Rails in general seemed scarce. Black-bellied Plover: three Aug 4 BB (WCL *et al*). Lesser Yellowlegs: one Jun 20 SA (JJD *et al*). White-rumped Sandpiper: two Jun 12 Parma (WCL). Least Sandpiper: max seven Jul 19 SA (RTO *et al*). Short-billed Dowitcher: no reports. Stilt Sandpiper: one Jul 7 SA (HSM,FHP)—only report. Semi-palmated Sandpiper: one Jun 20 SA (JJD *et al*). Western Sandpiper: two Jun 15–20 SA (WCL *et al*). FRANKLIN'S GULL: one Aug 4 BB (WCL).

Barn Owl: the nesting in Parma was unsuccessful, the only young bird being found dead in early Jul. The adults disappeared about this time.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Red-headed Woodpecker: pairs probably nested in Parma and Pittsford. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: five netted Jun 1 BB (RGM *et al*). Red-breasted Nuthatch: one Jul 4 Highland Pk, Rochester (RTO); one Jun 19 DEP (RTO *et al*), the species is known to have nested in the latter area. Carolina Wren: one present continually in the DEP area (ST *et al*). Short-billed Marsh Wren: one Jul 19–20 Hamlin (JJD,FHP *et al*), our first record for three years. On the latter date, the meadow was mowed. Eastern Bluebird: seven Jun 1 BB (WCL *et al*). Whether these birds were actually migrating at this late date or had nested locally and were just roaming around the area is unknown. It was not determined if all the birds were adults but the bird is a rare nester along the lakeshore. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: one Jun 1 BB (JF,WCL,TET), very late. Water Pipit: one Jun 1 BB (HSM,RTO), very late. Migrant Shrike: two pairs nested in Hamlin and raised young successfully (WCL,JJD *et al*).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Philadelphia Vireo: one netted Jun 1 BB (RGM *et al*). Black-and-white Warbler: five Jun 1 BB (JF *et al*)—late. Tennessee Warbler: a singing male Jun 29 Webster (AEK)—extremely late. Magnolia Warbler: 12 Jun 1 BB (WCL *et al*). Black-throated Blue Warbler: a singing male Jul 1–31 Webster (AEK) was found repeatedly in the same woods near L Ontario. While no mate or nest was found, the area is ideal nesting terrain for this species and the bird may well have bred. The species is a very rare breeder in our area except in the elevated country in the southern section of our Region. Black-throated Green Warbler: a singing male Jul 7 Webster (AEK). Bay-breasted Warbler: five Jun 1 BB (TET *et al*). Blackpoll Warbler: 30 Jun 1 BB (WCL *et al*). Wilson's Warbler: 18 Jun 1 BB (TET *et al*).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Western Meadowlark: one Jun 1–30 Hamlin (several) identified by song, call notes and paleness of the upper parts. Pine Siskin: one Jun 1–7 BB (WCL). White-crowned Sparrow: three Jun 1 BB (JF *et al*). White-throated Sparrow: one Jun 20 Island Cottage Woods (JJD). Lincoln's Sparrow: two Jun 1 BB (WCL), late but there is some indication of a very light flight at about this time.

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