

REGION 1 — NIAGARA FRONTIER

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Report for period June 1–August 15

The summer weather of 1968 was decidedly variable. Temperatures in June were almost normal although some unusual warm and cool fluctuations were recorded. Precipitation was nearly two inches above average but about 75 per cent of the excess came during a severe storm on June 25–26. July brought temperatures more than one degree above normal and a rainfall deficit of over one inch below the average. August also had temperatures one degree above normal but the first three weeks were warmer than usual and the last week was somewhat cooler. Precipitation was plentiful (about two inches above average) and well scattered throughout the month.

The major effect of the weather was undoubtedly the loss of large numbers of nestlings during the severe winds, low temperatures (40s and 50s) and three inch rainfall which characterized the late June storm. General trends noted were: (1) the increasing scarcity of all herons and rails, (2) the disappearance (perhaps complete) of the Whip-poor-will as a breeding species, (3) a decrease in the population of Pileated and Red-headed Woodpeckers, (4) decreasing numbers of nesting Eastern Kingbirds and Traill's Flycatchers, (5) a scarcity of both marsh wrens, (6) increasing numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet and Myrtle Warbler utilizing conifer plantations, (7) excellent breeding success for the Robin and Eastern Bluebird, (8) continuing low nesting populations of all vireos except the Warbling, (9) a population explosion of the Common Grackle, (10) a decrease or continuing scarcity of the meadow sparrows. More data are necessary for determining trends in other significant groups such as the waterfowl, hawks, owls and warblers.

Breeding records of special interest were Common Merganser (first authentic nesting record for Region 1), Goshawk and Saw-whet Owl. The only rarities reported were Wilson's Phalarope, Pomarine Jaeger and a hybrid Western X Eastern Meadowlark.

Abbreviations: Alleg—Allegany; Bflo—Buffalo; Chaut—Chautauqua; Res—Reservoir; TGMA—Tonawanda Game Management Area.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: one Jun 1 (HJ,TG), Jun 15 Allegheny Res near Onoville (RAS *et al.*). Common Egret: singles Jun 14 to Jul 14 Riverside Marsh (mob); Jul 11 TGMA (JK,RR). Black-crowned Night Heron: continues scarce—singles Jul 5 Oak Orchard Game Management Area (A. Freitag), Jul 22 Bflo (JK). Least Bittern. very scarce—one Jun 19 Clarks Corners (Burgeson, Hiller); three Aug 13 Tift St, Bflo (JK,RR).

Whistling Swan: one throughout period Mayville (James Potter). Canada Goose: two throughout period Alma Pond (Thomas, Wesche). Black Duck continues to decrease as a breeding species throughout the Region with only two reports: six young out of the nest May 27 North Collins (TLB); 11 young out of the nest Jun 2 Belmont (LDB). Green-winged Teal: 12 Jul 11 TGMA (JK,RR). Lesser Scaup: one Jun 8–10 Redhouse L (RAS *et al.*). Mergansers: Hooded, broods of three and five during Jun and Jul at Riverside Marsh (mob), a regular breeding station; Common, first confirmed breeding record for Region—Female with five young May 15 between Wellsville and York Corners and female with three young Jul 17 in the same area (LDB); Red-breasted, one Jun 15 Allegheny Res (RAS *et al.*).

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture: nest with two downy young Jul 19-27 Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge (refuge personnel *fide* P. M. Benham). Goshawk: four young banded in Cattaraugus Co nests—two at site northwest of Olean and two in nest in Alleg State Pk (S.W. Eaton). Sharp-shinned Hawk: reported at McCarty Hill, Chestnut Ridge Pk and Short Tract during Jun but evidence of breeding not obtained. Cooper's Hawk: nest in Alma Pond area produced three young (Thomas, Wesche). Red-shouldered Hawk: two young at nest in Alma Township (Thomas, Wesche). Bald Eagle: single immes Jun 1 Allegheny Res near Steamburg (HJ,TG), Jul 13 Hamburg (TLB). Sparrow Hawk: decreasing but scattered successful nesting reported. Turkey: several broods during May and Jun in Alleg Co. Rails, particularly Virginia, decidedly scarce.

Shorebirds: a few spring reports and another mediocre fall flight; it should be noted, however, that (1) human disturbance is often heavy during the migration seasons, (2) shorebird habitat is very limited in this Region, (3) excellent habitat utilized annually by many hundreds of shorebirds exists along the Canadian shore of L Erie. Upland Plover: young observed at two stations in southern Chaut Co. Sandpipers: Solitary, three early individuals—Jul 8 Prendergast Pt (RAS), Jul 9 Riverside Marsh (AR), Jul 10 West Seneca (RR), max nine Jul 28 Prendergast Pt (RAS); White-rumped, one Jun 6 TGMA (RFA,AC), one Aug 7 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB); Baird's, one Aug 1 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB); Semipalmated, 92 Jun 6 TGMA (RFA,AC)—noteworthy concentration at an inland locality. *WILSON'S PHALAROPE*: regular on Canadian shore of L Erie in Jul and Aug including breeding in 1959 and possibly this summer but rarely recorded in western New York—one Jul 26 East Eden Pond (TLB). *POMARINE JAEGER*: adult collected late Jun Redhouse Lk (RW *et al*)—first record away from Great Lakes and Niagara R.

Caspian Tern: one Aug 9 Athol Springs (TLB), two Aug 11 Barcelona (RAS). Owls: Great Horned, one or two young per nest observed at six sites; Saw-whet, one Jun 8 Alleg State Pk (mob), few recent breeding records—nest with five eggs and incubating adult Jun 11 Short Tract, Alleg Co (RFA *et al*).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Whip-poor-will: one Jun 3 Hamburg (TLB); An intensive survey should be undertaken as this species appears to be absent from nearly all former breeding stations and may no longer nest in this Region. Woodpeckers: Pileated, noticeably down in numbers; Red-bellied, male regularly at feeder throughout period brought half grown imm male Aug 5 for first Chaut Co breeding record—Bellview Rd southeast of Bemus Pt (Websters; RAS,AR); Red-headed, somewhat scarcer than usual. Eastern Kingbird: slow, steady decrease noted over three year period. Traill's Flycatcher: significant decrease in breeding population noted this summer. Purple Martin: many colonies away from larger bodies of water deserted but excellent nesting success along Chaut L and L Erie.

Tufted Titmouse: pair with two nearly full grown imm Jul 21 Barcelona (Green *fide* RAS). Red-breasted Nuthatch: probably breeding stations—two, three Jun 9, Jul 14 McCarty Hill (RAS *et al*); one Jul 28 Birdsall (LDB); four Aug 11 Sardinia (RFA). Brown Creeper: unrecorded at most known breeding localities. Wrens: Winter, two Jun 21 Cherry Creek (E. Seeber, RW), one Jun 23, 30 Orangeville (Dodges); Carolina, singles Jamestown Jul 10 (RAS, C. Beal), Aug 8 (RAS); Long-billed Marsh, decreasing in known breeding localities; Short-billed Marsh, singles at three localities. Mockingbird: one Jul 11 East Aurora (Hess). Robin: large numbers and excellent breeding success. Eastern Bluebird: from 11 Apr nestings, 51 young hatched of which 38 (76 per cent) died during cold, wet weather in May; from 15 May and Jun nestings, four young (8 per cent) died during mostly warm and dry Jun and Jul weather—five square mile study area east of Frewsburg (L. F. Kibler). Golden-crowned Kinglet: adult with two full grown young at new breeding location Aug 11 Sardinia (RFA); not detected at McCarty Hill. Loggerhead Shrike: singles

Jul 9 Derby (TLB), Jul 30 Java (WCL); L Ontario plain should be checked as a slight increase has recently been noted in Region 2 (WCL). Starling: usual high rate of breeding success but total number of nesting birds not as high as several years ago, a most welcome trend that bears watching!

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Red-eyed Vireo: slight decrease of breeding birds below low levels noted a year ago. Warbling Vireo is increasing in contrast to Yellow-throated and Solitary which are quite scarce and decidedly local.

Warblers: Black-and-white, scarce and not as widespread as formerly; Golden-winged, at least six individuals along north and west shorelines of Allegheny Res (RAS); Myrtle, two at McCarty Hill Jun and Jul (RAS,AR) but no definite evidence of breeding yet, five and eight Jun 8 and 30 in red pine around Foster L near Alfred (C. W. Klingensmith); Cerulean, three (possibly four) Jun 15 Onoville (RAS *et al.*). Louisiana Waterthrush: one Jul 28 Barcelona (RAS). Yellow-breasted Chat: unreported.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: WESTERN X EASTERN MEADOWLARK: seen and heard Jun 29 Busti (RAS). Orchard Oriole: male Jun 1 Hanford Bay near Silver Creek (R. H. Hesselbart). Common Grackle: a real population explosion with flocks everywhere including several of many hundred as early as mid-Jun!

Cardinal: male singing at 1600 foot elevation Jul 25 Java (WCL)—what are the altitudinal limits for this species? Red Crossbill: eight Jun 9 McCarty Hill (RAS *et al.*). Sparrows: Savannah, considerable decrease in density of breeding birds; Grasshopper and Henslow's, remain scarcer and much more local than before last year; White-throated, one Jun 8, 9 Alleg State Pk (Axtells *et al.*).

Report for period August 16—November 30

The third week of August was quite warm following the pattern of the first half but the last week brought a change with below average temperatures and abundant precipitation. September was most pleasant with above average temperatures and precipitation well below normal. The same basic pattern persisted throughout October. The first two thirds of November brought a substantial reversal with temperatures almost continually below normal and considerable precipitation including the first snow on the fourth and a raging blizzard on the 20–21. This foretaste of winter was quickly followed by a milder period that concluded the month.

One effect of the pleasant weather during September and October was to stretch out the landbird migration so that birding was generally disappointing. Trends noted were: (1) continuing scarcity of loons and most herons and absence of the cormorant, (2) rather discouraging peak numbers for most waterfowl, (3) low numbers of hawks and owls, (4) rails may be as low or lower than ever, (5) a modest but diverse shorebird flight, (6) the usual excellent representation of gulls, (7) a superb flight of nighthawks, (8) fine flights of Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper and Golden-crowned Kinglet, (9) a mediocre showing of warblers and vireos including very few late individuals in contrast with last year, (10) a modest but still dominant showing by most blackbirds, (11) an excellent flight of Evening and Pine Grosbeaks, (12) high counts for several species of sparrows.

The outstanding rarities included Yellow Rail, Hudsonian Godwit, Black-legged Kittiwake, Sabine's Gull, Bohemian Waxwing and Kentucky Warbler.

Abbreviations: Bflo—Buffalo; BOSFBC—Buffalo Ornithological Society Fall Bird Count; Chaut—Chautauqua; Is—Island; Nia—Niagara; OOGMA—Oak Orchard Game Management Area; TGMA—Tonawanda Game Mangement Area.

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LOONS—Ducks: Common Loon: another poor flight with a few individuals at scattered localities during Nov. Red-necked Grebe: one Oct 26 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB). Horned Grebe: peak 30 Nov 26 Chaut L (FE). Double-crested Cormorant: unreported—is this species decreasing due to pesticide pollution of its food chain? All heron counts poor except high total of 67 Great Blue on Oct 13 BOSFBC probably due to excellent regional coverage by 189 observers. Am. Bittern: last one Oct 27 TGMA (Moores).

Whistling Swan: one or two throughout period Mayville (mob) represent summering birds; max 200 in four flocks Nov 18 over Jamestown (CB). Canada Goose: first 10 Aug 21 Sheldon, Wyoming Co (WCL), 2000 Oct 8 OOGMA (HDM), max 4040 Oct 13 BOSFBC. Snow Goose: one Oct 27 OOGMA (Moores). Blue Goose: seven Oct 27 OOGMA (Moores). Mallard: 1067 Oct 13 BOSFBC. Black Duck: 356 Oct 13 BOSFBC. Pintail: 220 Oct 8 OOGMA (HDM); 333 Oct 13 BOSFBC. Green-winged Teal: 138 Oct 13 BOSFBC; 33 Nov 11 Riverside Marsh (AR). Blue-winged Teal: 75 Oct 11 Cuba Marsh (LDB). Am. Widgeon: 1130 Oct 8 OOGMA (HDM); 1182 Oct 13 BOSFBC. Wood Duck: 100 Oct 2 Cuba Marsh (LDB); 309 Oct 13 BOSFBC. Redhead: no sizeable concentrations—max 50 Nov 26 Chaut L (FE). Ring-necked Duck: 17 Oct 8 OOGMA (HDM). Canvasback: 800 Nov 24 Nia R across from Bflo (AU). Greater Scaup: 400 Oct 26 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB); 1500 Nov 24 Nia R (AU). Lesser Scaup: very scarce. Common Goldeneye: 350 Nov 24 Nia R (AU). Bufflehead: 1000 Nov 9 Nia R across from Bflo (PB). Oldsquaw: extremely scarce. Scoters: White-winged, unusually early two Sep 6 Hamburg Town Pk (RFA), 135 Oct 4 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB); Surf, 130 Nov 9 Nia R across from Bflo (RR); Common, 12 Oct 24 Nia R across from Bflo (AF, Rathbun). Ruddy Duck: 13 Oct 8 OOGMA (HDM). Mergansers: Hooded, 300 Nov 26 Chaut L (FE); Red-breasted, 3400 Nov 11 Shadigee (PB).

HAWKS—OWLS: Hawks—Sharp-shinned, seven reports from four localities (perhaps of only three birds); Cooper's, eight reports from eight localities (probably representing six to eight individuals); Red-tailed, 133 Oct 13 BOSFBC; Red-shouldered, 14 Oct 13 BOSFBC; Broad-winged, only a few individuals during mid Sep, last one Oct 10 Springbrook (DD); Rough-legged, 12 Oct 13 BOSFBC unusually high count for so early in fall; Marsh, 33 Oct 13 BOSFBC; Osprey, individuals at scattered localities between Aug 25 and Oct 19; Sparrow, 52 Oct 13 BOSFBC.

Rails very scarce. YELLOW RAIL: one Sep 26, 28, 29 (collected) TGMA (RFA *et al*)—this rare species may be a regular migrant in this locality. Am. Coot: worst fall flight in many years with no concentrations noted off Mayville at the north end of Chaut L where between 1000 and 4000 could always be counted.

Am. Golden Plover: modest flight—first two Aug 25 Clarence Center (WAM), max and last 12 Oct 20 Elma (DD,HS). Common Snipe: 35 Oct 14 Caneadea (Wilson); 30 Oct 27 TGMA (Moores). Whimbrel: singles Aug 29 Idlewood, Sep 13 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB). Sandpipers: Pectoral, last one Oct 28 Foster L, Alfred (EB); White-rumped, one Sep 3 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB); Baird's, two, three, two, one Sep 4, 6, 7, 29 Wellsville (LDB), singles Sep 8 Amherst (GI), Sep 11 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB). HUDSONIAN GODWIT: one Oct 26, 27 Beaver Is State Pk (PB, Mary Benham; RR). Sanderling: six, four, three Sep 4, 6, 7 Wellsville (LDB)—rare away from L Erie and L Ontario. Phalaropes: Red, one Oct 21 Bay View (TLB); Northern, one Oct 5 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB).

Parasitic Jaeger: one Sep 6 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB). Gulls: Glaucous, one Oct 18 Squaw Is, Bflo (RFA)—unusually early; Iceland, one Nov 19 Hamburg (TLB); Franklin's, one Sep 18 Woodlawn (TLB), max seven Oct 2 Nia R across from Bflo

(H. H. Axtell), one Oct 13 Dunkirk Harbor (F. M. Rew, F. H. Rathbun)—first Chaut Co record, one Oct 26 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB); Little, scarce continuing trend starting last fall—singles Sep 26 Nia R, Bflo (JK), Oct 4 Bay View (TLB), Nov 11 Bird Is (HDM), Nov 13 Lewiston (PB); *BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE*, singles Nov 14 Athol Springs (TLB), Nov 29 Dunkirk Harbor (RAS); *SABINE'S*, one Oct 4 Black Rock Canal, Bflo (PB). Terns: Forster's, one Aug 6 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB); Caspian, two Aug 31 Times Beach, Bflo (JK), singles Sep 6 Hamburg Town Pk (TLB), Sep 20 Dunkirk Harbor (GW, Karlak). Barn Owl: four Oct 13 Cattaraugus area (D. M. Bigelow). Snowy Owl: two Nov 16 Lakewood (Gordon fide L. F. Kibler).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: one Sep 18 Kenmore (GW). Common Nighthawk: fine flight—250 Sep 3 Jamestown (Lockwood), 150 Sep 8 Tonawanda (GI), 200 Sep 17 Amherst to Kenmore (GW); late—two Oct 16 Tonawanda (J. Thill). Red-bellied Woodpecker: influx noted in Chaut Co—imm male at Webster feeder on Bellview Rd southeast of Bemus Pt last seen Oct 1; adult male Oct 26, 31 Prendergast Pt (E. Pillsbury, FE); female Nov 25–30 Frewsburg (Jack Gulvin, RAS). Red-headed Woodpecker: ten Sep 28 Alfred (CWK). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, early arr—singles Sep 2 North Collins (WAM), Belmont (LDB). Traill's Flycatcher: specimen Sep 23 TV tower Jamestown (LFK,RAS)—latest regional record. Olive-sided Flycatcher: early arr—one Aug 7 Athol Springs (TLB), two Aug 29 Taylor Hollow (Marie and Margaret Wendling), Sep 6, 7 Delaware Pk, Bflo (PH,HDM). Swallows: nearly complete early to mid Sep departure despite mild temperatures and insects available later—Rough-winged, 76 Oct 8 OOGMA (HDM); Barn, one Sep 24 Alfred (EB).

Tufted Titmouse: 19 Oct 13 BOSFBC—highest regional count. Red-breasted Nuthatch: excellent widespread flight commencing third week of Aug. Brown Creeper: one of the best fall flights ever—100 Oct 13 BOSFBC. Winter Wren: good flight—arr five Sep 22 Barcelona (RAS). Carolina Wren: singles Oct 13 Celeron (AR), Oct 27 Amherst (GI, Sangster). Mockingbird: singles Sep 21 Belfast (LDB), Nov 3, 10, 17 Lewiston (W. and H. Klabunde). Robin: highest fall count—7598 Oct 13 BOSFBC. Swainson's Thrush: early arr—one Aug 23 Bflo (PH); last—singles Oct 17 Springbrook (DD), Eggertsville (WAM). Gray-cheeked Thrush: last—one Oct 15 Belmont (LDB). Golden-crowned Kinglet: excellent fall total—900 Oct 13 BOSFBC. Water Pipit: average fall flight—arr two Sep 10 Wellsville (LDB); max 100 Oct 20 Elma (DD,HS); last 30 Nov 2 Elma (DD,HS). *BOHEMIAN WAXWING*: two Nov 17 Foster L, Alfred (EB,CWK). Shrikes: Northern, six at five locations on L Ontario plain and Bflo area starting on Nov 17; Loggerhead, one Aug 18 TGMA AF).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Mediocre flight with small numbers of individuals and species appearing mostly as stragglers the last week of Aug, a small-scale influx the first week of Sep and a real surge (as usual) during the third week of the month with the peak on Sep 23 then tapering off to almost nothing during the first half of Oct. Vireos: Yellow-throated, one to four Sep 4–28 Springbrook (DD); Solitary, one Oct 27 Springbrook (DD); Philadelphia, eight at six scattered localities between Aug 30 and Sep 28.

Warblers: Orange-crowned, three or four Sep 21–28 Springbrook (DD), last—one Oct 26 Cazenovia Pk, Bflo (RR); Parula, specimen Oct 9 TV tower Jamestown (LFK,RAS)—only report of an increasingly uncommon species; Cape May, late—one Oct 25 Belmont (LDB); Myrtle, 1232 Oct 13 BOSFBC, surprisingly few in Nov; Cerulean, last—one Sep 8 Springbrook (DD); *KENTUCKY*, one Sep 17 East Eden Pond (TLB); Connecticut, one Sep 20 Chestnut Ridge Pk (TLB); Yellow-breasted Chat, singles Sep 2 South Pk, Bflo (RR), Sep 8 Amherst (GI); Hooded, one Sep 8 Amherst (GI), three Sep 20–22 Springbrook (DD); Am. Redstart, last—one Oct 18 Wellsville (Larson).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: 250, 150 Sep 2, 3 Belmont (LDB). Baltimore Oriole: one Oct 17 Eggertsville (A. McKale)—one month later than usual departure date. Common Grackle: 10,000 Sep 23 Jamestown roost (CB).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 100 Sep 11 Belmont (Olmstead); unusually late—one at feeder Nov 6, 7 Hamburg (Bacons, RFA). Evening Grosbeak: few late Sep to end of period Vandalia (S. W. Eaton), becoming widespread south of Bflo during Nov with high counts of 50 at feeder Nov 8 Eden (TLB, Steele), 150 Nov 11 Cuba (Resch), 80 Nov 20 Fillmore (Rochester), 60 Nov 22 Jamestown (RAS). Pine Grosbeak: singles Oct 13 BOSFBC in Bolivar and Alfred count sections—earliest regional arr date by two weeks; several Nov reports including 15 Nov 17 Wilson (R. Wagner). Pine Siskin: poor flight—max 18 Oct 13 Riverside Marsh (RAS). Am. Goldfinch: excellent count—3030 Oct 13 BOSFBC. Crossbills unreported.

Sparrows: Savannah, 101 Oct 13 BOSFBC—highest fall count, last—singles Oct 20 Alabama (C. Buckland), Elma (DD,HS); Henslow's usually depart by Aug 15—one or two Aug 1–31 Alfred (EB), one Sep 23 Lake View (TLB); Slate-colored Junco, 2944 Oct 13 BOSFBC; Chipping, last—one Nov 1 Belmont (LDB); Field, 539 Oct 13 BOSFBC; White-throated, 1893 Oct 13 BOSFBC; Snow Bunting, arr Oct 27 four Barcelona, 20 Brocton (RAS).

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for the latter part of August were about average. September was warm with average temperatures about 3° above normal. October was about average while November was slightly above normal. Rainfall for the latter part of August was very heavy with twice the average. September was quite dry with $\frac{3}{4}$ " deficit. October showed about $\frac{3}{8}$ " excess and November brought 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " above average precipitation. Four inches of snow fell in Rochester on November 12, with heavier fall in the western and southwestern parts of the area. Small amounts fell subsequently.

The fall flight of Common Loons was average and the Brant flight was good. Geese and ducks were average, except for the "dark winged scoters" which seemed to be somewhat down in numbers. Most shorebirds appeared rather scarce, probably due in part to unsuitable habitat during the earlier part of the period. Hawks were scarce. The peak of the migration of the insectivores was Sept. 14 and the sparrows, October 5–6. There was a modest flight of northern finches but so far no heavy incursion.

Unusual birds recorded include Common Eider, King Eider, Whimbrel, Purple Sandpiper, Pomarine Jaeger, Little Gull, Sabine's Gull, Western Kingbird and Oregon Junco.

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Locations: BB—Braddock's Bay; DEP—Durand-Eastman Park; EL—East Lake-shore; HBP—Hamlin Beach Park; IB—Irondequoit Bay; MB—Manitou Beach; MPP—Mendon Ponds Park; OBP—Ontario Beach Park; SB—Sodus Bay; WP—Webster Park; WL—West Lakeshore.