

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 Lakeshore; 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.

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: max, 75 Oct 26 HBP (GOS). Red-throated Loon: one Nov 17 OBP (GOS), only record. Red-necked Grebe: one Nov 11 WLS (HSM,RTO), only record. Double-crested Cormorant: two Aug 24 Manitou (WCL), one Aug 25 Manitou (WCL), one Nov 9-10 WP (AEK,WLL). Great Blue Heron: two Nov 24 Long Pond (MAS). Black-crowned Night Heron: max 14 Sep 29 BB (WCL). Am. Bittern: one Nov 4 BB (WCL). Brant: max 2,800 Oct 29 SB (WCL), 400 Nov 11 ELS (WCL), one straggler Nov 24-25 BB (LM,NM). Snow Goose: one Nov 11 SB (WCL). Pintail: max 750 Oct 26 HBP (GOS). Wood Duck: max 60 Sep 15 WL (GOS). Redhead: max 25 Oct 26 HBP (GOS). Canvasback: max 500 Nov 28 Conesus L (WCL). Greater Scaup: max 1185 Nov 4 L Ontario off DEP (WCL). This total may include some Lesser Scaup. *COMMON EIDER*: one imm male Nov 24 MB (WCL). *KING EIDER*: a female shot Nov 23 MB by hunter, identified by WCL. White-winged Scoter: max 300 Oct 29 SB (WCL), 223 Nov 10 EL (WCL). Surf Scoter: max 14 Nov 4 BB (JJD,WCL). Common Scoter: max only three Nov 10 EL (WCL). More unidentified "dark-winged" scoters were seen.

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture: one Oct 17 over Kodak Park plant in Rochester (NM). Cooper's Hawk: one Nov 10 WP (AEK), very scarce. Rough-legged Hawk: only an occasional single bird observed. Osprey: two Sep 29 BB (HSM, FHP). Am. Golden Plover: a fairly good fall flight; max 80 Sep 1 in Hamlin (ST), 75 Sep 29 in Parma (HSM,FHP), 70 Oct 11 in Parma (WCL), 40 Oct 13 in Parma, last date, (HSM,FHP). Black-bellied Plover: scarce, max three Sep 29 OBP (HSM, FHP). Am. Woodcock: one Nov 4 BB (WCL), last date. *WHIMBREL*: one Sep 15 at Manitou (HSM,FHP), the year's *only* record. While not as common here as on L. Erie, they are seldom that scarce. Upland Plover: two Oct 13 in Parma (HSM, FHP), five weeks later than the usual last date. The birds were feeding with Am. Golden Plover in a newly planted field of winter wheat. They were under observation for a half-hour with a 30x scope and binoculars at distances as close as 50 feet. From their actions and tameness, they appeared to be immature birds. Greater Yellowlegs: two Nov 10 near Fairport (TET), last date. Knot: one Aug 25 BB (AM), one Sep 1 on Summerville Pier (JJD *et al*), one Sep 21-22 OBP (FHP *et al*). *PURPLE SANDPIPER*: three Nov 20 (WCL), two Nov 23 (JJD,HSM), one Nov 24 (LM,NM) all at BB. Pectoral Sandpiper: very scarce, max two Sep 1 at Ellison Pk (ST). White-rumped Sandpiper: unreported since the spring migration. Baird's Sandpiper: one Aug 27 OBP (HSM,RTO). Dunlin: eight Nov 30 BB (Michael O'Hara, RTO). Short-billed Dowitcher: unrecorded since a few in the spring migration. Sanderling: one Nov 23-24 BB (FHP *et al*).

POMARINE JAEGER: one Sep 14 at WP (AEK), observed under ideal conditions in direct comparison with Ring-billed Gulls. The bird was seen both in flight and on the water. The observer has had experience with jaegers on the east coast frequently. Iceland Gull: one Nov 10 at WP (AEK), first fall record. Ring-billed Gull: 10,000 Nov 4 along the lakeshore (WCL), interesting only for the high count. Bonaparte's Gull: max 500 Nov 16 along the lakeshore (LM,NM). *LITTLE GULL* adult Aug 18 at Manitou (WCL), adult Nov 3-10 at Irondequoit Bay outlet (FHP *et al*), adult Nov 30 at SB (AEK). *SABINE'S GULL*: injured imm captured Sep 29 at OBP (RJE). Several other interested observers examined the bird in captivity and concurred in the identification. Forster's Tern: one Sep 19 (WCL), the year's only record.

Snowy Owl: one Nov 30 Webster (JM,TM), first fall record. Short-eared Owl: one Oct 10 in Sweden (WCL), two Nov 29 Newark (ES). Saw-whet Owl: one Oct 29 found dead by road near Sodus (WCL).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Pileated Woodpecker: one Oct 30, observed flying over Genesee Hospital in Rochester (JJD). *WESTERN KINGBIRD*: one Sep 16 about two miles west of the village of Wolcott in Wayne Co (Walter E. Benning),

third record for Region. The bird was observed at leisure perched on a wire and all field marks were carefully noted. The observer was familiar with the bird in the midwest. Tree Swallow: one Nov 10 IB (WLL,MAS). Black-capped Chickadee: a light fall flight locally. Small numbers (less than 200 a day) were observed migrating eastward over Braddock's Bay during the first half of October. Some at least are observed passing this point every fall. About ten miles east of here, the flights turn south over the city of Rochester, although even during heavy migrations the subsequent direction of the flight south of Rochester is poorly marked. This year some were seen over Rochester. Frequently there is a flight westward across Irondequoit Bay and then south over the city. No flights were reported this fall from this area. No unusual numbers of chickadees were seen in area woods or at feeders. Tufted Titmouse: appears to be increasing, in much of area. Brown Creeper: max 60 Sep 23 WL (WCL). Mockingbird: one Oct 13 MPP (EW), one Nov 18 at Fairport (Bernard Olin). While these are new locations, a wandering bird may be expected anywhere. Catbird: one Nov 1-30 DEP (JJD *et al*); usual for a few to linger into early winter, very few appear to survive until spring. Robin: 50 Nov 11 DEP (RTO *et al*), few since. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: one Oct 5 EL (AEK,WCL). Cedar Waxwing: max 10 Nov 5 DEP (JJD *et al*), scarce this fall.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Orange-crowned Warbler: two Oct 5 Webster (WLL), one Oct 6 Webster (WLL,MAS), year's only reports.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Evening Grosbeak: three Oct 28 DEP (JJD), first; ten Nov 5 DEP (JJD,HSM), 15 Nov 10 DEP (WLL,MAS), six Nov 29 Newark (ES). Purple Finch: unreported. Common Redpoll: 15 Nov 5 Greece (JJD, HSM), 100 Nov 17 MPP (JWF). Red Crossbill: one Nov 30 DEP (HSM,RTO). Rufous-sided Towhee: one Nov 6-25 in Irondequoit (LM,NM). Slate-colored Junco: 800 Oct 5 Webster (WLL). OREGON JUNCO: one with Slate-colored Juncos Oct 5 in Webster (WLL). Chipping Sparrow: 36 Oct 5 in Webster (WLL). White-crowned Sparrow: 300 Oct 5 in Webster (WLL). Lincoln's Sparrow: six Oct 5 in Webster (WLL). Lapland Longspur: unreported. Snow Bunting: ten Oct 26 HBP (GOS), first; 70 Oct 27 HBP (FHP *et al*), subsequently generally distributed.

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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It was an exceptionally mild fall. Warm, sunny, beautiful days the second half of September slowed migration. The weather changed October 2-5, and birds were seen in greater numbers. Then the temperature soared to the 80's again, finally ending with cold rains on the 19th-20th, with temperatures in the 30's. The first real freeze in most parts of the Region was October 30-31. Perhaps because of the late freeze date, and leaves therefore remaining on the trees, Myrtle Warblers were seen in numbers until November, finding plenty of food. November 12th brought a big snow—14 inches at Ithaca—and birds flocked to feeders. Evening Grosbeaks arrived by mid-October, and Pine Grosbeaks were being reported the last week in November. Scattered reports of Redpolls, Pine Siskins and Snow Buntings gave hope that this may be a good finch year.

At Montezuma Refuge, duck figures were down from 1967, which, according to Manager Clayton Hardy reflected the fact that water management this year was directed at production, and there was less smartweed in the Main Pool than in other years—the chief attraction for fall waterfowl. High water everywhere along lakes