

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

cut down greatly on shorebird sightings. Most of Walter Benning's good shorebird finds were at a new area, created by the pumping of the effluent from the canning of table beets at the Waterloo cannery out to a field near the Waterloo dump.

Elmira again had a tower kill in September. A break-down of species as to age and sex will be given in a field note in a future issue.

Unusual records of the season: Cattle Egret, Common Scoter, Sandhill Crane, Piping Plover, Avocet, Yellow-headed Blackbird and Harris' Sparrow.

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Localities: Cay L—Cayuga Lake; Conn Hill—Connecticut Hill; MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; Sen L—Seneca Lake; SWS—Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary; Schuy Co—Schuyler County; TC airport—Tompkins County Airport; THS—Texas Hollow Sanctuary; WCED—Waterloo Cannery effluent discharge area.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: four Nov 26 Cay L (DM); several seen regularly Sen L all Nov. Horned Grebe: 20–25, Nov 26 Cay L (DM) rather high count for date. *EARED GREBE*: returned for third year n. end Sen L (CW). Double-crested Cormorant: one Aug 25 MNWR (WEB); one Nov 21–22, s. end Sen L (BBS). Great Blue Heron: through late Nov MNWR. *CATTLE EGRET*: imm Nov 5–11 n.w. Ithaca (Brotzman, DM) late and rare. Common Egret: seven max Oct 11 MNWR (CH) continuing decline; one still present Oct 27 (RW). Black crowned Night Heron: an airboat trip MNWR put up 18 on Nov 13 (CH). Least Bittern: up to seven seen daily MNWR in Sept. American Bittern: one Nov 13 MNWR (CH) last date.

Canada Goose: first flocks noted Sep 12 (JBr), good flight Sep 30, 3300 peak Oct 19 MNWR (CH) considerably below last year. Brant: 80 flew over e. of Dryden Oct 29 (DBP). Snow Goose: four max Oct 26 MNWR (low). Blue Goose: 21 Nov 9 (CH), 35 Nov 24 (WEB) also low. Black Duck: low at Keuka. Redhead: first arrivals last week Sep, Cay and Sen Ls. Ring-necked Duck: numbers up on Keuka L, 100 in Brandy Bay in late Nov. Common Goldeneye: eight (first) Nov 26 Cay L (DM). The Bufflehead mentioned in Oct issue remained thru Aug 25 MNWR; two Oct 26 Cay L (WEB). Oldsquaw: 175 Oct 29, 200 Nov 20 Sen L, early and larger numbers than usual (JBr), 20 Nov 26 Aurora, Cay L (DM). *COMMON SCOTER*: 125 Oct 30 Sen L (JBr) rare and unusually high numbers; one Nov 17 Dryden L (GA, JH). Hooded Merganser: over 100 at 3 locations Schuy Co Nov 22, 90 on Waneta L (JBr). Ruddy Duck: four Nov 21 Sen L near Watkins Glen (JBr).

Mgr. Hardy reports following peak counts and dates MNWR: Mallard Oct 19—5,420; Black Duck Oct 19—5,630; Gadwall Oct 19—2,070; Baldpate Oct 19—11,370; Pintail Nov 9—1,220; Green-winged Teal Nov 9—6,500; Blue-winged Teal Sep 7 to 21—410; Shoveler Oct 19—1690; Wood Duck Oct 12—910; Red head Sep 7—200 (WEB noted 650 Nov 24); Ring-necked Duck Nov 2—175; Canvasback Nov 2—270; Scaup Nov 2—120; Bufflehead Nov 9—335; Ruddy Duck Nov 2—25; Common Merganser Nov 2—200; Hooded Merganser Nov 2—150 (WEB noted 223 Nov 17) Except for Green-winged Teal, all dabblers were down.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: one to three MNWR all fall. Goshawk: sightings as follows: Oct 12, Nov 14 MNWR Storage Pool (Jerry Czech); Oct 20 Ithaca Game Farm; Nov 3 Taughannock Falls Pk (Clayton White); Nov 13 SWS, (mob). Sharp-shinned Hawk: one early Oct SWS, three sightings at three locations Schuy

Co Sep 25, Nov 15, Nov 25 (JBr). Cooper's Hawk: sightings as follows: Sep 8 Rte 13 n.e. SWS (SHS); Sep 9 e. of Dryden (DBP) Sep 15 banded and released MNWR (CH); Oct 8 near Ithaca Game Farm (ST); three locations Schuy Co Oct 30, Oct 31, Nov 11 (JBr). Red-tailed Hawk: Good numbers all fall; 26 noted Oct 27 along w. shore Cay L following spell of bad weather (JH); 13 along e. shore Cay L Nov 26 (DM). Red-shouldered Hawk: few fall reports. Broad-winged Hawk: no noticeable migration noted here. Rough-legged Hawk: first Nov 11 (ST) scattered reports rest of month. Bald Eagle: one imm Sep 15 MNWR (CH); one adult Aug 18 Irish Settlement Rd, S.W. of Dryden (*vide* W. Marion). Marsh Hawk: one all Nov MNWR; three sightings near Dryden late Sep (DBP); three Oct 30 Mud Lake Rd, Schuy Co (JBr). Osprey: two Sep 16 thru Nov 9 MNWR (CH); six seen on three fall dates near Tyrone (JBr). Peregrine Falcon: one buzzed a captive Gyrfalcon Sep 28 Cade farm near Dryden; one seen near Ithaca Game Farm Oct 5 (R. Clark). Sparrow Hawk: good numbers all fall.

Ring-necked Pheasant: very high numbers n. end Cay L (WEB) ("reminiscent of the '20s"). Turkey: scattered sightings, nr. Dryden, Newfield, Logan. SANDHILL CRANE: Oct 20 MNWR, scattered observations until shot Nov 14, died Nov 19, specimen is in Cornell collection. See Field note. Virginia Rail: four Aug 30 Watkins Glen Marsh (JBr); one Sep 7 Ithaca airport ponds (CL), one Sep 29 MNWR (WEB) last? Common Gallinule: 12 Aug 27 Watkins Marsh (JBr); 100 max Sep 18 MNWR (WEB).

The following shorebird reports are from Montezuma, by Walter Benning unless otherwise noted: Semipalmated Plover: 16 max Sep 8; six Oct 11 (last date) WCED. Killdeer: 50 max; good numbers also s. end Cay L. Golden Plover: one only Aug 21 near Temp. Co airport (DBP). Black-bellied Plover: ten max Oct 20 WCED. PIPING PLOVER: first in many years in Region, Sep 5-19 n. end Sen L (P. and P. Trail, C. Walsh). Supporting details on file. Common Snipe: eight max Aug 28, very low; one late bird Nov 26 Watkins Marsh (JBr). Greater Yellowlegs: 15 max Nov 3. Lesser Yellowlegs: 50 max Sep 14 WCED. Both of these are only $\frac{1}{2}$ last year's max. Pectoral Sandpiper: max 64 (high) Oct 13 WCED. White-rumped and Baird's: unreported. Dunlin: 320 max Nov 2 WCED (high). Short-billed Dowitcher: 16 max Aug 28. Long-billed Dowitcher: one Oct 4 Hog Hole s. end Cay L (DBP); max ten Sept 29 MNWR. Stilt Sandpiper: max eight Oct 20 WCED. Semipalmated Sandpiper: numbers very low, max four. Western Sandpiper: one only Oct 20 WCED. Hudsonian Godwit: no reports for first time in several years. AMERICAN AVOCET: one Sep 25 s. end Sen L (JBr & mob) photographed. No reports of Phalaropes during period.

Great Black-backed Gull: one to four Sep 22 on MNWR, up to 11 s. end Cay L. Bonaparte's Gull: five Oct 24 MNWR. Forster's Tern: very rare here, careful description supplied of single Aug 19 Dryden Lake (John Gates *et al*). In absence of specimen or photograph, of so difficult a species to identify, must remain something of a question. Caspian Tern: seven Sep 12 Cay L inlet (CL); two Sep 25 MNWR (WEB). Screech Owl: very scarce most places, heard four locations Schuy Co (JBr). Long-eared Owl: one Nov 10 Watkins Glen State Pk (JBr). Short-eared Owl: small group noted n.w. Trumansburg (DG Allen), scattered sightings at Keuka (FG). Saw-whet Owl: one Oct 12 banded Penn Yan (ML), fourth record for Keuka area since 1946.

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Common Nighthawk: small flight (in comparison with most other years) noted at N. Hornell (WMG) Aug 30 thru Sep 3; max 43 Aug 31; 11 noted Sep 9 (WEB). Chimney Swift: 25 Sep 11 Cornell campus (R. Simmons); later only singles. Yellow-shafted Flicker: WEB noted heavy flights in Sep; 12 in 30 minutes near Dryden Sep 23 (DBP). Red-bellied Woodpecker: re-

ports on increase. Red-headed Woodpecker: raised young Hinman Swamp near Alpine (JBr); 7 or 8 sightings near Keuka; one sighting near Etna Oct 27 (RW). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: the Dryden bird, Peakall home, last seen Oct 5; one report the next week, last for Cay Basin. Eastern Kingbird: several observers indicated this species much scarcer this fall. Eastern Phoebe: last reported last week October. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: one banded Sep 9 Penn Yan (ML), sixth record since 1946 for Keuka area. Olive-sided Flycatcher: one Sep 10 Cornell Limnology ponds (R. Lester); three, Cayuta L outlet Sep 11 (JBr); one Warren Rd Ponds Oct 4, rather late (DBP). Tree Swallow: none seen MNWR from Out 18 till Nov 26, then 10 (WEB). Last dates for other Swallows: MNWR-Bank Sep 26, Rough-winged Sep 29, Barn Oct 16, Cliff Sep 25, (WEB); slightly later dates s. end Cay L.

Black-capped Chickadee: no migration noted except around Keuka, where it seemed early (FG). Red-breasted Nuthatch: a few at feeders, no numbers of migrants. Carolina Wren: three locations Sen L valley (JBr), unreported elsewhere. Mockingbird: continues increase, now at least six locations in Schuy Co. Wood, Hermit, Swainson's and Grey-cheeked Thrushes all seen second week Oct near Ithaca, Hermit Nov 29 near Montour Falls (JBr) probable last date. Eastern Bluebird: only at Keuka was any increase noted. Golden-crowned Kinglet (10) and Ruby-crowned Kinglet (80) peak Oct 4, Warren Rd ponds n. of Ithaca (DBP); one late Ruby-Crown near Aurora Nov 26 (DM). Northern Shrike: three sightings at two locations Schuy Co. Nov (JBr).

VIREOS—WARBLERS. Red-eyed Vireo: reported by several as less common than usual in migration. A minor wave of Warblers was noted Sep 26 (JDR). Orange-crowned Warbler: rare or usually over-looked, one Oct 8 and Oct 12 THS (JBr), one Oct 20 Etna (WRS), one banded Oct 12 Penn Yan (ML) only 8th record in 22 years. Nashville and Cape May Warblers: Oct 10 netted and banded near Ithaca, (JDR), probable last dates. Black-throated Blue and Black-throated Green: Oct 12, last date Dryden L. (DBP). Myrtle Warbler: abundant all fall, 23 captured and banded Oct 12 near Ithaca (JDR), many still around until Nov 12 snow storm, possibly because delay in hard freeze kept leaves on trees, hence insects available. Black-poll: banded Oct 10 (JDR).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolinks: abundant first week Sep nr. Ithaca (CL). **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:** one Sep 14 Penn Yan Marsh (Mr. and Mrs. F. Orcutt)—first Keuka record, description on file. Few reports of Redwings, Grackles or Cowbirds lingering to end of period. Evening Grosbeaks: first report 2nd week Oct (PMK), from then on reports constantly, of up to 100; came to feeders before end of October. Pine Grosbeak: small flock Nov 24, Burnt Hill Rd near Hector, others on Mt. Pleasant Rd e. of Ithaca same week. Common Redpoll: 25-30 Conn Hills s.w. of Ithaca, Nov 24. Pine Siskin: from Oct 22 on, small flocks noted especially in Watkins Glen area.

Tree Sparrow: noted by third week October, more abundant than usual this early. **HARRIS' SPARROW:** one imm Oct 1 Warren Rd Ponds (DBP), all supporting details; rare in Region. White-crowned Sparrow: good numbers during fall, several imm lingered late Nov. Fox Sparrow: unusual number of reports, at feeders, late Oct and until just after Nov 12 storm. Lincoln's Sparrow: three sightings, sometimes missed. Song Sparrow: fewer late Nov reports than usual. Snow Buntings: two Oct 27 Conn Hill (W. King), regularly reported Nov 3 on, earlier than usual, and in fields not usually occupied until Jan (SHS).

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