

**BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS:** Redwinged Blackbirds and Common Grackles continue to increase above record levels previously noted.

**White-winged Crossbill:** adult male Jun 29 Busti (RAS); 1 Jul 6 Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg (RFA); adult male Jul 11 Hamburg (RFA). **Savannah Sparrow:** considerable recovery from last year's slump in numbers. **Grasshopper and Henslow's Sparrows** continue scarce and local, as last summer. **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** 2 Jul 6, 1 Jul 7, 8, 12 Amherst (G. Inskip). **White-crowned Sparrow:** first summer record for western New York—1 Jul 12 Farmersville Station (D. F. Clarks). **White-throated Sparrow:** adults carrying food mid-Jun through mid-Jul Alfred (EB,CWK); 1 Jul 8 Birdsall (RFA); 2 Jul 19 North Java (RFA et al); adults and 2 young Jul 31 Bflo (RFA et al).

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## REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for both June and July averaged about 1½ degrees below normal while the first half of August averaged about 1 degree above normal. Rainfall for June was very heavy, almost 2 inches above normal. The rainfall for July was about 1 inch below normal. Rainfall for the first half of August was about normal.

The early shorebird flight was very poor, due mostly to lack of suitable habitat because of continued high water levels. Screech Owls seemed to show a slight increase. Purple Martins appear to have recovered from their very low numbers of two and three years ago. As usual, many of the late flycatchers and warblers lingered until the first week of June. There seems to have been some increase in the meadow sparrows, especially the Henslow's.

In spite of many interesting records, the only really outstanding report was of a small flock of Red Crossbills the middle of July.

Observers cited: MC—Michael Carlson; JJD—James J. Doherty; AEK—Allen E. Kemnitzer; BK—Beatrice Kemnitzer; WCL—Walter C. Listman; RGM—Robert G. McKinney; JM—Joseph McNett; TM—Thelma McNett; HSM—Howard S. Miller; RTO—Richard T. O'Hara; FHP—Frank H. Phelps.

Localities: BB—Braddocks Bay; BS—Bergen Swamp; WL—West Lakeshore.

**LOONS-DUCKS:** Common Loon: 1 June 14 Canadice Lake (Alfred Maley)—while this bird has been reported here previously, there is no evidence of nesting. **Double-crested Cormorant:** 1 June 12 Irondequoit Bay (TM)—very late date. **Black-crowned Night Heron:** maximum 12 June 16 BB (WCL)—this species seems to be increasing somewhat recently.

**Whistling Swan:** 1 June 6 WL (RGM)—this bird was reported occasionally all summer by area residents. **Mallard:** 350 June 16 BB (WCL)—this was a flock coming into the bay at dusk; this species has mainly replaced the Black Duck as a breeding species. **Green-winged Teal:** 2 July 12 Hamlin (WCL)—this bird is known to occasionally nest locally. **Common Merganser:** 1 June 6 WL (RGM).

**HAWKS-OWLS:** Turkey Vulture: 35 June 8 BS (GOS Hike). **Cooper's Hawk:** Aug 5 Henrietta (Alfred Starling). **Sparrow Hawk:** 10 June 22 Avon area (GOS Hike)—also increasing in the Rochester area, where up to 5 or 6 birds can be seen in a morning's birding.

**Upland Plover:** 14 June 22 Rush-Avon area (GOS Hike). **Least Sandpiper:** 1 June 29 Hamlin (WCL). **Semipalmated Sandpiper:** 1 June 29 Hamlin (WCL). **Sanderling:** 15 July 20 Ontario Beach (HSM,FHP)—early for this number. Bona-

parte's Gull: 200 July 26 Charlotte (HSM,RTO)—the species had been scarce previously but continued fairly common after this date. Caspian Tern: maximum 8 August 10 Summerville (HSM,FHP).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: 1 June 29 Irondequoit (Laura & Neil Moon). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 all of June Webster (AEK). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 8 (2 netted) June 6 BB (RGM). Bank Swallow: an estimated 27,000 July 26 BB (WCL)—not unusual. Blue Jay: 200 June 6 BB (RGM)—the last of a heavy spring flight except for stragglers. Brown Creeper: 1 June 8 BS (GOS Hike); 1 June 22 Powder Mills Park (HSM, FHP); 1 July 22 Penfield (Gertrude Davis)—the first two records probably represent nesting birds. With the large number of suitable nesting sites provided by countless dead elms, the bird may increase as a nesting species. Winter Wren: 1 June 14 Conesus Lake (MC,RTO)—this was a singing bird found in a deep ravine and may represent a nesting bird as the area is suitable. Short-billed Marsh Wren: 1 July 1 BB (WCL); 1 July 21 Chili (WCL). Mockingbird: 8 June 26 Webster (JM,TM); 10 July 28 Webster (JM,TM)—the first record represents the birds in two broods, the second the number of birds (mostly adults) found in a survey of the general area. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2 July 28 Ossian Township, southern Livingston County fide Robert Andriele—no nest was found, but the date indicates the birds were or had been nesting. The area where the birds were found was ideal for nesting—groves of mature spruce trees similar to the spruce areas in Letchworth Park where the birds has been recorded in summer. This species probably breeds in very small numbers in suitable habitat in the southern parts of both Wyoming and Livingston counties.

VIREOS—WARBLER: Black-and-white Warbler: 8 June BS (GOS Hike)—this bird nests fairly commonly here. Blue-winged Warbler: 1 June 7–8 Kendall (WCL et al). Nashville Warbler: 4 June 8 BS (GOS Hike)—this is probably the only place in our region where this species nests. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1 June 6 Manitou (WCL). Black-throated Green Warbler: 2 June 8 BS (GOS Hike). Northern Waterthrush: 3 June 8 BS (GOS Hike); 1 June 8 Kendall (JJJ et al). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 July 6 Letchworth Park (WCL)—only report, not reported at Conesus Lake where it has been regularly seen.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Rusty Blackbird: 2 June 5 Manitou (WCL)—an extremely late date, one of the birds seemed injured. Evening Grosbeak: a pair was seen occasionally up to at least July 14 in Webster (Rosemary Trenkler fide TM). While no further evidence of possible nesting was observed it is possible that this pair may have nested as a pair did a few years ago in Pittsford. *RED CROSSBILL*: 15 July 14 Webster Fred Swift fide Warren Lloyd)—the birds were along Drumm Road searching for gravel, one bird had been injured, apparently by a car, and was picked up and brought to Warren Lloyd who verified the identification. Eaton's "Birds of New York" mentions a record in July, 1903. White-throated Sparrow: 3 June 8 BS (GOS Hike)—this is the only place in our region where the species is known to nest.

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## REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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June was cool and wet with a couple of hot days near the end of the month, then back to cool and wet until mid-July brought high temperatures and less moisture. The final three weeks of the period had normal summer temperatures with some heavy local showers.