

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.

At the Summer Seminar held at the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University reports indicated the following species were up in numbers: at MNWR, Pied-billed Grebe, Black-crowned Night Heron, Gadwall and Common Gallinule; in Region 3 as a whole, Sparrow Hawk, Ring-necked Pheasant, Barn Swallow, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Robin, Red-eyed Vireo, Scarlet Tanager, American Goldfinch and Song Sparrow. Species reported as down in numbers were Black Duck, Ruffed Grouse, Common Nighthawk (at Ithaca), Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Short-billed Marsh Wren and Eastern Bluebird. Both Cuckoos were reported as slightly more abundant with the Black-billed doing better than the Yellow-billed.

Reports were received from four of the 25 mile Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Surveys conducted in the Region. The Trumansburg census (DM) tallied 55 species on June 22, six more than last year and the largest total in four years. Up in numbers were Ring-necked Pheasant, Blue Jay, Crow and Field Sparrow. Yellow-shafted Flicker and Wood Thrush were down. The Rushville run, June 6, (FG) had 51 species and the Branchport survey (FG), June 22, 49. There were increased numbers of Ring-necked Pheasant, Bank Swallow, Brown Thrasher, Veery, Starling, House Sparrow, Redwinged Blackbird, Common Grackle and Savannah Sparrow. The Orleans count (PPT) came up with 57 species on June 7.

The breeding bird census in Sapsucker Woods (DBP) was taken June 10 and tallied 53 species, down 6 from 1968.

Observers cited: RFA—Robert F. Andrie; WEB—Walter E. Benning; JBr—Jack Brubaker; AFG—Alfred and Florence Graham; CH—Clayton Hardy; CL—Charles Leck; DBP—David B. Peakall; LP—Louise Proskine; PPT—Paris and Pepper Trail; CW—Cathy Walsh; JW—Jayson Walker; RW—Ruth Williams.

Localities: Cay L—Cayuga Lake; CSCC—Clifton Springs Country Club; Conn Hill—Connecticut Hill; MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; SWS—Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary; Sen C—Seneca Castle; Sen L—Seneca Lake; WD—Waterloo dump.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Jun 6 MNWR (JW); 1 Sen L (Barry Strath). Pied-billed Grebe: good breeding success, 100 young MNWR (CH). Great Blue Heron: Bennetsburg-Reynoldsville heronry active (JBr); Marengo Swamp heronry down to 100 nests (WEB). Green Heron: 2 all summer at CSCC (CW); normal at MNWR. Common Egret: 4 late Jul MNWR (RW). Black-crowned Night Heron: Nested in cattails at MNWR, 60 birds were in the air when the nests were visited in Jun (CH). Least Bittern: Nest with 4 young Watkins Marsh (JBr); singles seen MNWR (CH et al). American Bittern: 1–2 frequently at MNWR.

1969 WATERFOWL PRODUCTION MNWR (CH)

	Broods observed	Estimated total young	Change from '68*
Canada Goose	31	122	+ 15
Mallard	30	660	— 44
Black Duck	2	35	— 2
Gadwall	21	420	—150
Pintail		10	— 1
Green-winged Teal		20	+ 12
Blue-winged Teal	6	396	—364
Shoveler		10	— 12
Wood Duck	30	570	+ 90
Redhead	6	60	— 94
Hooded Merganser	2	9	— 2

* Figures from Oct. 1968 Kingbird

Mallard, Black Duck and Blue-winged Teal nested at Watkins Marsh (JBr).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 2 young raised in Marengo Swamp, 21 birds sighted there Aug 3 (WEB); 2 at CSCC all summer (CW). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 2 young Hornby, Steuben Co (RFA). Red-tailed Hawk: normal thruout Region. Marsh Hawk: 1 Jul Dryden (DBP). Sparrow Hawk: Apparent good nesting success in entire Region.

Bobwhite: sighting at Jacksonville (AFG). Ring-necked Pheasant: good breeding success, numbers on the increase. Turkey: holding their own in hills S of Ithaca.

KING RAIL: 1 Jun 22 MNWR (WEB) (see Field Note in this issue). Virginia Rail: 1 Jun 29 MNWR (JW). Common Gallinule: 28 broods, estimated 65 young MNWR (CH). American Coot: 69 broods, estimated 260 young MNWR (CH).

Unless otherwise noted all shorebird records for MNWR and WD are those of WEB. First dates refer to first sightings of southward bound migrants.

Semipalmated Plover: first 1 Jul 25, max 30 Aug 15 MNWR; 3 Aug 2 WD (JW). Killdeer: max 59 Jul 19 MNWR. American Golden Plover: 1 Aug 10 Sen C. (CW). Black-bellied Plover: last spring date 9 Jun 1 MNWR (JW); first fall date 1 Aug 10 Sen C (CW), 4 Aug 15 first MNWR, 2 Aug 14 first WD (CW). Lesser Yellowlegs: first 6 Jul 2 max 49 Jul 9 MNWR; max 23 Jul 17 WD. Pectoral Sandpiper: first 1 Jul 4 max 41 Aug 15 MNWR; first 1 Aug 3 WD (JW). White-rumped Sandpiper: first 1 Aug 10 MNWR (JW). Baird's Sandpiper: first 1 Jul 17 WD. Least Sandpiper: first 1 Jul 4 max 62 Jul 26 MNWR; first 8 Jul 17 WD. Short-billed Dowitcher: first 1 Jul 2 max 10 Jul 25 MNWR; first 2 Jul 21 WD (JW). Stilt Sandpiper: first 1 Jul 16 max 2 Aug 13 MNWR; first 1 Aug 7 WD (JW). Semipalmated Sandpiper: first 2 Jul 19 max 87 Aug 15 MNWR. Ruff: male with remnants of white ruff Jul 5 MNWR (WEB and PPT) (see Field Note in this issue); 1 Aug 7 WD (JW). Sanderling: single bird Jul 25 MNWR. Wilson's Phalarope: 1 Aug 7 WD (JW); 1 Aug 15 MNWR (DBP). Northern Phalarope: 1 Aug 14 WD (CW and PPT).

Ring-billed Gull: 150 all summer Cay L Inlet (CL); 50 on Sen L (CW); very few at MNWR. Common Tern: 1-6 at MNWR. Black Tern: Nested in good numbers at MNWR, many had left by the end of the period. Mourning Dove: good numbers except in Geneva area. Cuckoos: both species apparently up a little from recent low point. Barn Owl: pair nested in silo on Slaterville Rd., Ithaca, 6 young, 5 fledged, 1 drowned in water trough (DM). Screech Owl: no reports. Great Horned Owl: juvenile sighted near Geneva (CW). Saw-whet Owl: 1 Aug 12 near Orleans (PPT).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: 1 all summer at Waterloo (JW), 2 Aug 13 and 3 Aug 15 (DBP). Chimney Swift: few reports; 100 plus migrating Aug 15 Waterloo (JW). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: generally scarce. Red-bellied Woodpecker: more around Geneva (CW); this species continues to spread from its former limited range around MNWR. Red-headed Woodpecker: family group Jun 15 Dryden (DBP); 30 at CSCC (CW); up in Keuka L area (FG); 1 Jun 14 Waterloo (JW); nesting north of MNWR (WEB).

Flycatchers: all but Eastern Kingbird and Eastern Wood Pewee down somewhat in numbers with the Least especially so. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Jul at Keuka L (FG). Horned Lark: nested at CSCC (CW). Swallows: few reports. Tree and Bank Swallows definitely down at MNWR (WEB); dead trees which provided nesting habitat there for Tree Swallows are disappearing; max Bank Swallows sighted on wires 1800 compared to 8,000-10,000 a few years back. Cliff Swallow: normal numbers returned to Voak colony in Benton Twnshp, Yates Co. (81 nests in 1968); in June most of the birds suddenly disappeared; the fact that the birds disappeared immediately after local alfalfa fields were sprayed for alfalfa weevil may or may not be purely coincidental; a few nests fledged young. Purple Martin: situation still dismal; 4 seen on SWS breeding bird censls did not nest (DBP); 1-3 seen occa-

sionally around pools at MNWR but the houses at the Headquarters were empty (WEB); none at Waterloo (JW).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1 at Hornby, Steuben Co (RFA). House Wren: reported up in numbers. Marsh Wrens: good numbers of Long-bills but no Short-bills at MNWR. Mockingbird: reported at Ithaca Marina, 3 young fledged from 2nd nesting; these are in addition to the 5 reported in the Jul Kingbird (Rathnell fide DM); 1 Jul 27 Waterloo (JW) reported by residents to have been there all summer. Brown Thrasher: reported doing well. Robin: abundant, good nesting success. Eastern Bluebird: in the Keuka L area a slight increase with 10 successful nestings (FG); in the Watkins area early broods fared poorly but later broods had better success (JBr); at Trumansburg only two verified nests where there have been 8-10 in recent years; 1 other nesting report was not verified; 1 nest fledged 4 young (LP); 1 male sighted Jun 22 Waterloo (JW). Golden-crowned Kinglet: singing regularly during Jun Conn Hill (JBr); 2 Jul 28 Greenwood, Steuben Co (RFA). Cedar Waxwing: nestings near Geneva (CW).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: The following species were found on the breeding censuses.

	SWS	Orleans	Trumansburg	Branchport	Rushville
Yellow-throated Vireo			1		1
Red-eyed Vireo	14	8	3	5	1
Warbling Vireo					2
Yellow Warbler	3	17	6	5	6
Northern Waterthrush	2				
Chestnut-sided Warbler			1		
Ovenbird	6		1		
Yellowthroat	8	3	18	12	2
Redstart	1	1		2	1
Canada Warbler	5				

Prothonotary Warbler: 2 pairs nested MNWR, 5 young fledged (CH). Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers: both seen Ellis Hollow Creek Rd, Ithaca (Doris Brann fide LP). Brewster's Warbler: seen in the same area (LP). Nashville Warbler: One in fall plumage mist-netted Aug 9 Geneva (CW). Yellow Warbler: apparent migrants moving Jul 27 MNWR (WEB); also at Dryden Aug 4 and 5 (DBP). Cerulean Warbler: present at usual nesting site near Waterloo. Blackpoll Warbler: lingered near Geneva to mid-Jun (CW). Mourning Warbler: 1 Jun 12-20 Clifton Springs (PPT); 1 Aug 9 Marengo Swamp (PPT,CW,WEB). Redstart: nest near Marengo Swamp (WEB).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: nested successfully on West Hill, Ithaca (LP); young bird found the first week of Jul Keuka L is the first record of young in that area (FG). Sc arlet Tanager: reported up in most of the area. Cardinal: continues to hold the advances made in recent years. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: very successful nesting at Keuka L (FG). Grasshopper Sparrow: present in the usual site on Mills Rd north of Waterloo (JW); on the increase at Geneva (CW). Other Sparrows which nest in the Region seem to holding their own with Song Sparrows being especially abundant.

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