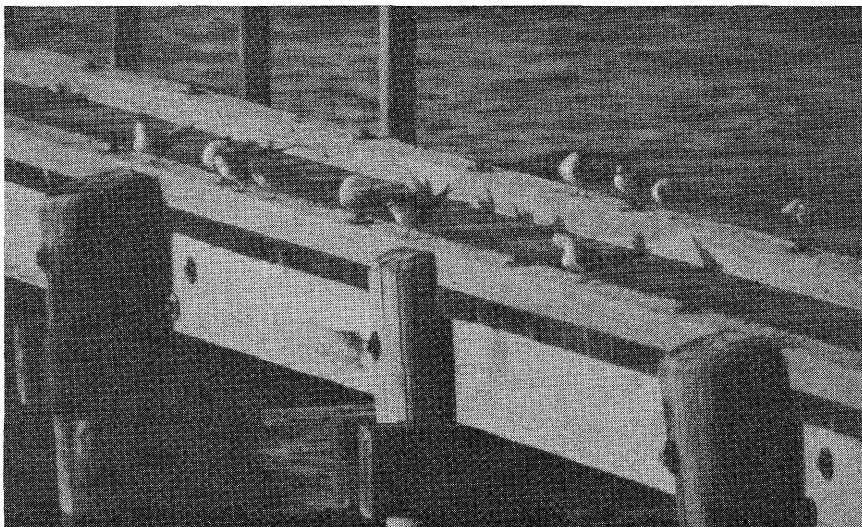




Ed. Note: According to Bull (*op. cit.*) there have been more than 50 occurrences in the New York City region, almost all following hurricanes. While there are specimens of 23 of these, it is doubtful that any have been documented by a photograph prior to this.

Western Kingbird in Oswego County: On October 4, 1969 at 1800 EDT, while checking the identification of a Red-tailed Hawk in a tree on the corner of Chapman Road and Route 3, approximately 2 miles north of Mexico, New York, we noticed another bird in a smaller tree next to the one in which the hawk was perched.

The bird was perched in the topmost branch, in flycatcher fashion, and at first suggested an Olive-sided Flycatcher. From directly below it, we could see yellow sides, like the markings of a Crested Flycatcher, but the tail was dark, and when the bird flew, white outer tail feathers were obvious. We were able to approach within 30 feet of it, when it re-perched on the top of a bush, and we had ample opportunity to check all characters: grey head and back, whitish throat, yellow belly and flanks, darker wings and black tail with white outer feathers. In true Kingbird fashion, it flew from bush to bush, and it was obvious to us that it was a Western Kingbird, (*Tyrannus verticilis*). Back at the car, we consulted our field guides and confirmed our identification. Altogether we had it under observation for about 15 minutes, with 7 × 35 and 8 × 30 binoculars.

The bird was still present the following morning, when it was observed by Mrs. Jean Propst, under clear skies. West winds of the previous few days may have brought this rarity to Region 5.

We are able to find one previous Region 5 record of this species. (Sherrill, September 3, 1951) and a few other upstate records. It is rare but regular in the New York City—Long Island Area.

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A Raven Specimen from St. Lawrence County: On March 3, 1969 a Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) was caught in a beaver trap in southern St. Lawrence County. The location is on Jenny Creek, near the Pitcairn-Fine town line, about seven miles east of Harrisville. The bird was turned over to a Conservation Department employee and was in turn given to the science department of Jefferson Community College, outer Coffeen St. Watertown.