

Keuka (FG), mid-Nov Dryden, Etna, Ithaca, Bath, late Nov Waterloo. House Finch: 2 locations Nov 22 Elmira, no recent Ithaca or Etna sightings. Pine Siskin: flock in birches in Oct, Elmira (H Woodward); small flock Nov 3 on, Watkins Glen (JBr); 25 Nov 14 Clyde (WEB). American Goldfinch: large flocks; of interest is that wintering goldfinches have become regular visitors at feeders, throughout Region; this was not the case 20 years ago. White-winged Crossbill: 3 Nov 8 Conn Hill (fide OS). Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 1 Sep 21 s.w. corner Cay L, quite uncommon (MB). Vesper Sparrow: last, end Oct Ithaca, Bath; 1 Nov 8 top of Mt. Zoar, Elmira (WH); 1 Nov 22 MNWR (WEB). Chipping Sparrow: 1 Nov 30, late, Ithaca (MB). White-crowned Sparrow: migrating in numbers first week Oct; some lingered into Nov at feeders. White-throated Sparrow: present to end of period; numbers eating wild grapes Nov 3 Chemung R Elmira (WH); 103 banded Oct 2-3 Penn Yan (ML). Lapland Longspur: 1 only, Nov 27 Rhodes Farm Big Flats (WH). Snow Bunting: 1 Oct 27 Watkins Glen (JBr); 6 Oct 30 MNWR (WEB).

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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Mild weather lasted all the way through October but in early November there was an abrupt change to persistently wintry conditions. There were a few light snowfalls during the earlier weeks of November, but none were really significant until the major storm of November 25 that hit much of the northeast.

The waterfowl, shorebird and raptor migrations were largely unreported but banding results and other field work suggest a rather heavy small land bird migration, particularly in the latter part of September. Cape May Warbler totals, especially, were astounding.

Abbreviations: CF—Chenango Forks; EB—East Branch, in Delaware County.

Observers: MB—Margaret Bowman; GC—Gail Corderman; A,MD—Anna and Marilyn Davis; CG—Clinton Gerould; SH—Shirley Hartman; EH—Elva Hawkin; FL—Florence Linaberry; HM—Harriet Marsi; MS—Mary Sheffield; MW—Mildred White; R,SW—Ruth and Sally White; KW—Kathryn Wilson; DOAS—Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society Field Trip.

LOONS—DUCKS: Horned Grebe: 2 Nov 7 Owego (MW, CG). Pied-billed Grebe: 3 records, Aug 28 and Oct 24 Owego (MW, CG) and Nov 7 CF (A,MD). Great Blue Heron: fairly frequent sightings; last date Oct 17 Whitney Point (MS). Green Heron: none after 1 at EB Sep 7 (MB). Canada Goose: first fall migrants Sep 25 CF (A,MD); bulk of migrants went through between Sep 30 and Oct 23; the only ones reported after Oct 30 were 100 Nov 27 and 50 Nov 28 at Wells Bridge (Mr. Dibble). Wood Duck: 23 Oct 10 Norwich (R,SW). Common Goldeneye: Nov 7 CF (A,MD). Bufflehead: 3 reports; 10 at Owego Nov 7 (MW, CG) the best count. Oldsquaw: 2 Nov 2 Owego (MW, CG). Common Scoter: 21 Oct 24 at Guilford Lake and 30 Oct 27 at Norwich (R,SW). Common Merganser: 21 Oct 3 EB (MB).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 Oct 9 EB (MB), the last; also reported from Oneonta, Andes and Cannonsville Reservoir. Goshawk: Aug 21 south of Binghanton (GC, E. Kirch, W. Corderman), seen and heard; Aug 28 at North Fenton in Broome County (W. R. Williams); 1 Sep 20 at Morris near Oneonta (Mr. Fiske); Nov 22 1 in brown plumage at Choconut Center (MS), appeared to be in

poor condition. Sharp-shinned Hawk: Sep 2 Owego (MW, CG); 1 Sep 18 in the Oneonta area (DOAS); Oct 12 at Friendsville in nearby Pennsylvania (C. Gottschall); no others. Cooper's Hawk: Sep 2 and Nov 7 Owego (MW, CG); 1 Oct 1 Oneonta (KW); that's all. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Oct 23 in Oneonta area (DOAS); the only report. Broad-winged Hawk: over 300 Sep 17 Owego (CG) the only large count; 4 Oct 2 EB (MB) the last date reported. Rough-legged Hawk: 1 undated report from Cannonsville Reservoir during period (SH). Bald Eagle: 1 undated report from Cannonsville Reservoir during period (SH). Marsh Hawk: 2 Oct 30 Oneonta area (DOAS). Osprey: Aug 29 Whitney Point (MS) to Oct 22 CF (A,MD); a total of 20 individual reports of 1 or 2 birds each. American Coot: 4 Oct 23 at Portlandville near Oneonta (DOAS). Semipalmated Plover: 1 Aug 28 South Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW), the only one all year. Solitary Sandpiper: 3 Aug 28 South Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW). Greater Yellowlegs: 1 Sep 14 Sherburne (R,SW). Least Sandpiper: 4 Aug 28 South Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW). Herring Gull: seen regularly in Triple Cities area from Nov 7. Black Tern: 1 Aug 28 South Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW), seldom reported in fall migration in Region. Short-eared Owl: 1 undated report from Cannonsville area during period (SH).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: 1 Oct 7 Vestal (GC), mist netted and banded. Common Nighthawk: Sep 10 Oneonta (KW). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Oct 11 Delhi (LC), last date. Pileated Woodpecker: 3 reports. Eastern Kingbird: 1 Sep 18 Oneonta area (DOAS). Great Crested Flycatcher: Sep 4 Milford (DOAS). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Sep 13, 18 and 20 Vestal (GC). Traill's Flycatcher: 5 banded Sep 13 to 26 (HM, EH). Least Flycatcher: 15 banded Sep 9 to 17 Vestal (HM); 1 Sep 29 EB (MB), last. Eastern Wood Pewee: Oct 8 CF (A,MD), late Tree Swallow: 25 Oct 22 and 1 Oct 30 (CG), late. Rough-winged Swallow: Oct 9 Owego (MW, CG), late. Barn Swallow: 3 Sep 28 EB (MB). Tufted Titmouse: regular all fall at CF (A,MD); 4 at Endwell all during Sep (FL); bred at Oneonta during summer and 2 adults and 4 immatures were seen Aug 31 (Mrs. J. Spencer); reported from 2 other Oneonta neighborhoods during period. Red-breasted Nuthatch: fairly frequent reports all fall. Winter Wren: 1 Sep 25 EB (MB) to Oct 26 Vestal (EH) with numbers peaking about Oct 9. Carolina Wren: 1 Oct 16 and 21 and Nov 4 Oneonta (Irene Wright); no others. Mockingbird: reports from Choconut Center (MS), Endwell (FL), Vestal (GC), and Owego (MW). Catbird: Oct 23 Oneonta (DOAS), the last report. Brown Thrasher: Oct 27 Norwich (R,SW). Wood Thrush: Oct 6 CF (A,MD). Hermit Thrush: quite numerous Oct 5 to 28 in Triple Cities area. Swainson's Thrush: 18 banded Sep 20 thru 30 Vestal (HM); numerous sight records Aug 31 thru Oct 26. Veery: 1 Sep 16 Vestal (HM), last. Eastern Bluebird: 9 Sep 4 Choconut Center (Robert Sheffield), flying over; a promising number of other reports, the last Oct 30 Oneonta area (DOAS). Water Pipit: 1 Sep 19, Maryland, in Otsego County, (Irene Wright). Cedar Waxwing: more numerous reports than most years. Northern Shrike: 1 Nov 28 Norwich (R,SW).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: Oct 30 Vestal (EH), our first fall record ever. Red-eyed Vireo: 65 banded Sep 11 to 28 Vestal (HM); 1 Oct 9 EB (MB), the last. Philadelphia Vireo: 6 banded Sep 10 to 26 Vestal (HM, L. Bemont). Warbling Vireo: 1 singing Sep 6 Whitney Point (MS); 1 Sep 14 EB (MB), the last. Golden-winged Warbler: 1 Sep 3 EB (MB). Blue-winged Warbler: 1 Sep 11 Vestal (HM), banded. Tennessee Warbler: 1 Sep 17 Vestal (HM) to Oct 6 EB (MB). Orange-crowned Warbler: Oct 1 Apalachin (Glenys Curran). Nashville Warbler: 14 banded Sep 13 to 30 Vestal (HM); last date Oct 12 Vestal (EH). Parula Warbler: 1 Sep 29 EB (MB). Magnolia Warbler: 19 banded Vestal Sep 11 to 30 (HM). Cape May Warbler: 38 banded Sep 11 to 30 Vestal (HM); 5 other reports Sep 7 Vestal (GC) to Oct 6 EB (MB); 1 Nov 16 Delhi (LC), extremely

late; an unusually high number of fall records for this species. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 5 Sep 20 EB (MB), most and last. Myrtle Warbler: 8 Oct 27 Norwich (R,SW), last. Black-throated Green Warbler: 21 banded Sep 11 to 30 Vestal (HM); 1 Oct 31 Oneonta area (DOAS). Bay-breasted Warbler: 5 banded Sep 17 to 27 Vestal (HM); Aug 25 to Oct 12 EB (MB), the first and last fall records. Blackpoll Warbler: 14 banded Sep 22 to 28 Vestal (HM); Sep 9 to Oct 7 EB (MB). Pine Warbler: 2 Sep 6 Laurens, in Oneonta area, (E. and F. Vermilya); an undated record from Walton (SH). Palm Warbler: 1 banded Sep 26 (L. Bemont) Vestal. Ovenbird: 11 banded Vestal Sep 9 to 26 (HM); last date Oct 12 Vestal (GC). Northern Waterthrush: Sep 18 Vestal (GC). Connecticut Warbler: 1 banded Sep 16 and another Sep 17 Vestal (HM). Mourning Warbler: Aug 29 Owego (MW, CG). Yellowthroat: 24 banded Vestal (HM) Sep 9 to 27. Yellow-breasted Chat: an undated record from Owego (Ruth Williams). Hooded Warbler: 1 Sep 1 EB (MB). Wilson's Warbler: Sep 2 Vestal (GC); 1 Sep 25 EB (MB); 2 banded at Vestal Sep 9 and 24 (HM). Canada Warbler: Sep 25 Vestal (GC). American Redstart: 4 banded Vestal Sep 14 to 23 (HM); last date Oct 4 EB (MB).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Baltimore Oriole: 1 Sep 16 EB (MB), the last. Scarlet Tanager: 5 banded Sep 2 to 28 Vestal (HM); plentiful all Sep; 1 Oct 9 EB (MB). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 4 Oct 23 Milford (DOAS). Indigo Bunting: 1 Oct 2 EB (MB), late. Evening Grosbeak: Oct 26 Vestal (GC), the first fall record; 8 other reports, all of a dozen birds or less. House Finch: 1 or more daily throughout Sep Endwell (FL). Pine Grosbeak: 1 Sep 18 Oneonta area (DOAS), the only report received. Pine Siskin: 60 or more Oct 23 in 3 flocks Milford (DOAS); no others. White-winged Crossbill: 20 or more Nov 13 Oneonta area (DOAS). Vesper Sparrow: 18 or more Sep 18 Oneonta (DOAS); not many others, the last Nov 6 Owego (MW, CG). Slate-colored Junco: present in reasonably good numbers since Sep 26. Tree Sparrow: Oct 30 Vestal (EH). Chipping Sparrow: last one Oct 26 Vestal (W. R. Williams). Field Sparrow: no reports after Oct 22 CF (A,MD). White-crowned Sparrow: Oct 1 Nichols, near Owego, (V. Hudson), first; Oct 19 Vestal (EH), last; not many. White-throated Sparrow: small numbers from Sep 4 and plentiful all Oct and Nov. Fox Sparrow: 1 Oct 9 Oneonta (Irene Wright); 6 other reports from Oct 28 to Nov 6. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 Sep 20 and 1 Oct 12 EB (MB); Oct 3 Choconut Center (MS). Snow Bunting: Nov 6 South Owego (MW, CG).

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Like last fall, this one was warm and wet, with no lasting snow until after the end of the period. Rain that fell during the autumn added to that in ponds and creeks already full from the summer rains. Again like last fall, there were few north-wind cold fronts to bring migrants down in waves. Despite similar weather, fewer late departures for warblers and other small passerines were established than last year.

Through the period, bird mortality surveys were done at the TV tower in Pompey Twp, the larid islands in Oneida Lake, and Lake Ontario. Some of the resultant information is in this report, but most of it hasn't been completely compiled yet. We hope an article can be prepared for publication in the next *Kingbird*.

Some positives for the season: 1) record maximum of Double-crested Cormorant;