

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;

2) a Whistling Swan flight equalling the previous best, another fine flight of Canada Goose, and a good flight of Snow Goose; 3) an excellent flight of Red Phalarope and good jaeger and Forster's Tern flights; 4) the start of a large incursion of Snowy Owl; 5) record counts of Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, and Eastern Kingbird; 6) more Carolina Wren reports than usual; 7) best-ever fall flight of Hermit Thrush, generally scarce for a number of years; 8) record flights of Solitary, Red-eyed, and Philadelphia Vireos; 9) best fall flight ever of all three "winged" warblers — Golden-winged, Blue-winged, and Brewster's, and good counts on several other warbler species; 10) promise of a good "winter finch" season to come.

Some negatives: 1) along with Black Duck, Mallard now also down precipitously; 2) very low numbers of both teal; 3) Ring-necked Duck and both scaup now with the other *Aythya* as crash species; 4) low numbers of rallines (though high counts of American Coot); 5) for the most part, a mediocre shorebird flight (?due to mudflats being flooded); 6) low Ruby-throated Hummingbird and Rough-winged Swallow counts; 7) poor numbers of Northern Shrike; 8) mediocre counts of most sparrows.

Rarities include Fulmar*, Glossy Ibis, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Long-tailed Jaeger*, Laughing Gull, Bohemian Waxwing, Connecticut Warbler, Dickcissel, Oregon Junco.

Abbreviations: Adir—Adirondack; BL—Beaver Lake Nature Center and vicinity in Lysander Twp; DH—Derby Hill, Sage Creek, and vicinity on L Ont near Texas; Estey—Estey Rd and vicinity near Pompey Center; ESVB—Edgewater Beach, Sylvan Beach, and Verona Beach, comprising the E side of Oneida L; FH—Fair Haven Beach State Park, Little Sodus Bay, and vicinity on L Ont; FR—Fox Ridge area of Montezuma Twp; HIGMA—Howland Island State Game Management Area near Port Byron; NM—Niagara Mohawk Visitors' Center near Lakeview and vicinity; NP—Ninemile Point on L Ont near Lakeview and vicinity; NPT—NW portion of Pompey Twp; Oak—Oakwood Cemetery and vicinity in Syr; Onon—Onondaga; Ont—Ontario; PF—Pratts Falls County Park, Gardner Rd, and vicinity in central Pompey Twp; SP—North Pond, South Pond, and the sand dunes on L Ont near Sandy Pond; SSSP—Selkirk Shores State Park and vicinity near Port Ontario; Stone—Stone Rd, Halladay Rd, and vicinity near Colosse; Syr—Syracuse; TRGMA—Three Rivers State Game Management Area near Baldwinsville.

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Corrigenda: *Kingbird* XXI:4, October 1971, Region 5 report — p. 230, Canada Goose: *add* no certainly feral birds reported elsewhere; Wood Duck: 50± nests HIGMA; Common Merganser: 1 Jul 4 near N Western; Red-breasted Merganser: up to 4 males and 3 females Jun 13 Oneida L; p. 231, Ring-necked Pheasant: appears to be stable or *up* on BBS; *add* Rock Dove: max 202 Jun 9, mostly in Onon Twp; Mourning Dove: Aug 8 Horseshoe Is; Black-billed Cuckoo: also up from last year; p 232, Red-headed Woodpecker: . . . M near *Mexico*, near *Eaton*, Hatch L near W Eaton; Least Flycatcher: max 71 Otto; p. 233, Veery: . . . 36 LJ; p. 235, Louisiana Waterthrush: *add* newly located on the Mad R N of Otto Mills near Redfield Jun 4 (DWC); *add* Western Meadowlark: "Suspected nesting, as I

* Specimen identified by John Bull at the American Museum of Natural History.

have heard singing males on SUCO campus for three years now," Oswego (GRM) no other details; p. 236, Henslow's Sparrow: 2 in lower S hill country.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: arr Sep 25, 3 Oneida L; max 18 Nov 20 DH; Adir dep Nov 21, 1 Dart L near Big Moose but present elsewhere in Dec. Red-throated Loon: 2 Oct 28 SP, 1s Nov 11 and 26 both FHO—only reports. Red-necked Grebe: 1 ad Sep 27 SP, 2 Oct 3 DH, 1 Oct 24 DH, 1 Oct 30 Burt Pt near Fruit Valley—only reports. Horned Grebe: arr Oct 8, 2 Tully L; max 103 Oct 30 off 7 mi of L Ont shore. Pied-billed Grebe: max 22 Oct 24 FH, BL, HIGMA—low. **FULMAR:** 1 found dead Oct 3 L Ont shore near Demster (P. Merritt) is the 1st Regional record and the 1st N.Y. state specimen. Double-crested Cormorant: max 28 Oct 24 Oswego (FGS) record high; season total was 9 reports of 38 birds from 24 observers—better than average; dep Nov 17, 1 DH.

Great Blue Heron: max 13 Aug 22 HIGMA—low. Green Heron: max 156 Aug 22 at FR roost (GAS)—high; dep Oct 10, 1 Mexico Pt near Texas and 1 Syr—a little early. Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 ad Aug 22 FR; 1 ad and 2 imm Sep 9, 1 ad Oct 3, 1 imm Oct 31, all SP—only reports. American Bittern: max 2 Sep 12 Utica; dep Oct 24, 1 FH. **GLOSSY IBIS:** 1 imm Oct 10 SP (FGS, PAD) 1st fall record.

Whistling Swan: equal to previous best fall (1965) with 6 Nov 1 (G&MC) and 7 Nov 18 (AMC) both Hatch L near W Eaton, and 1 ad Nov 10–12 FH (JWP, FGS). Canada Goose: arr Sep 14, 40 Oswego Twp; max 5000 Oct 5 BL (M. Krebill, fide DWC) is very high and may reflect an unusually good breeding season to the N as well as the one at HIGMA; Adir dep Nov 21, 18 Dart L, but present elsewhere in Dec. Brant: arr Oct 12, 212 DH; max 4494 Nov 4 DH; 16 Nov 1 and 19 Nov 19 at Woodman Pond near Hamilton are noteworthy as birds found away from L Ont or Oneida L are unusual; dep Nov 27, 4 L Ont E of Oswego. Snow Goose: 1 ad Sep 26–Oct 2 HIGMA, up to 7 both ad and imm Oct 4–6 BL, 2 ad Oct 17 NP—better than average. Blue Goose: 1 ad and 2 imm Oct 14 SP—only report. "Snow Goose × Blue Goose hybrid": 1 ad Oct 14 SP. Mallard: max 290 Nov 19 Woodman Pond, 266 Oct 12 DH—very low. Black Duck: max 108 Nov 25 Oneida L, 100 Oct 12 DH—very low. Gadwall: arr Oct 23, 5 FH; max 56 Oct 24 BL, HIGMA, FH. Pintail: arr Aug 24, 1 SP; max 1395 Oct 12 DH (GAS) appears to be record high. Green-winged Teal: arr Jul 2, 2 Onon L; max 24 Oct 4 TRGMA—very low; 1 Nov 25–30 Dart L may attempt to winter there. Blue-winged Teal: max 104 Sep 8 Oneida L—very low but better than 1970; 91 dead birds found Sep 18 and 25 on Grassy, Long, and Wantray Islands in Oneida L (CGS et al) were apparently victims of an epidemic which also had a slight affect there on Green-winged Teal, Shoveler, and American Coot, and possibly Ruddy Turnstone. American Widgeon: arr Aug 29, 3 SP; max 400 Oct 2 HIGMA. Shoveler: arr Aug 28, 1 Onon L; max and dep 6 Oct 3 L Ont near Texas. Wood Duck: max 85 Aug 22 FR.

Redhead: arr Sep 25, 12 Oneida L; max 60 Oct 26 DH. Ring-necked Duck: arr and max Oct 2, 116 BL, HIGMA—very low. Canvasback: arr Oct 5, 1 BL; max 64 Nov 20 Oneida L—very low. Greater Scaup: arr Sep 9, 2 SP; max 690 Nov 7 DH. Lesser Scaup: arr Oct 3, 5 SP and 3 E of Oswego—late; max 70 Nov 20 Woodman Pond. Scaup: max 946 Nov 25 Oneida L—very low, as in 1969 and 1970. Common Goldeneye: arr Oct 15, 1 Rice Creek near Oswego Center; L Ont max 375 Nov 14 FH, Oneida L max 292 Nov 25—both low, perhaps a result of the mild fall. Bufflehead: arr Sep 25, 4 Oneida L; max 86 Nov 4 DH. Oldsquaw: arr Oct 26, 500 DH; max 905 Nov 7 DH—high. King Eider: 1 imm male Nov 13–14 SP—only report. White-winged Scoter: arr Sep 9, 2 SP; max 1460 Oct 26 DH—good number; 1 Oct 17 Dart L and 1–4 Nov 1–20 Woodman Pond are noteworthy for their locations. Surf Scoter: arr Oct 3, 8 L Ont E of Oswego; max 730 Oct 26 DH—good. Common Scoter: arr Oct 6, 18 DH; max 160 Oct 17 NP; 40 Oct 27 Utica is noteworthy. Dark-winged Scoters: max 3100 Oct 25 DH (DWC)

in a tremendous flight. Ruddy Duck: arr Oct 6, 1 BL; max 33 Nov 14 BL; 14 Nov 1 Woodman Pond is noteworthy. Hooded Merganser: arr Aug 30, 1 Onon L; max 50 Oct 30 HIGMA. Common Merganser: arr Oct 5, 9 SP; max 155 Nov 14 SP. Red-breasted Merganser: arr Oct 3, 2 SP; max 4000+ Nov 3 and 6950 Nov 4 both DH — good.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 4 imm Sep 17 near Mexico were hopefully raised by some of the adults seen in the area regularly through the summer; max and dep 10 Oct 17 E L Ont. Goshawk: max 2 ad Nov 6 near Pompey Center; 13 birds — 2 in Sep, 2 in Oct, 9 in Nov — from 24 observers include at least 2 ad and 7 imm. Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 4 Oct 15 Eaton; 32 birds — 7 in Sep, 21 in Oct, 4 in Nov — from 24 observers. Cooper's Hawk: singles only; 17 birds — 1 in Aug, 6 in Sep, 5 in Oct, 5 in Nov — from 24 observers include at least 7 ad and 4 imm. Red-tailed Hawk: max 10 Nov 26 Belgium to FH. Red-shouldered Hawk: arr Aug 14, 1 near Fruit Valley; 4 others — 2 in Sep, 2 in Oct — very low. Broad-winged Hawk: arr Aug 4, 1 NPT and 1 Solvay; max 108 Sep 16 Makyes Rd in Onon Twp (GAS); dep Sep 21, 3 Makyes Rd. Rough-legged Hawk: arr Oct 16, 1 Elbridge; max 4, 3 light and 1 dark phase, Nov 14, SP, SSSP — low. Bald Eagle: only report was 1 imm Oct 3 SP (PAD, FGS). Marsh Hawk: arr Aug 12, 1 Peterboro; max 7 Oct 24 SP. Osprey: arr Aug 22, 1 HIGMA; max 2s Oct 2-Oct 17 along L Ont; dep Nov 6, 1 SP — late. Peregrine Falcon: 5 singles (4 ad, 1 imm) Oct 1-13 from E L Ont, ESVB, NPT. Pigeon Hawk: arr Aug 4, 1 imm near Cicero (JWP) record early (previously Aug 31, 1969); only others were 1 Sep 17 and 1 ad male Oct 12, both DH. Sparrow Hawk: max 10 Sep 17 NPT.

Ruffed Grouse: max 14 Sep 8 NPT. Bobwhite: 2 Oct 1 near Pompey Center are the only birds that might possibly not have been released this year, and are thought to have been around at least since last year. Ring-necked Pheasant: max 8 Sep 5 near NM and 8 Oct 5 SSSP — low; numbers are still down, and it is unusual to have the max near L Ont. Virginia Rail: max 2 Sep 4 and dep Sep 26, 1 Woodman Pond. Sora: singles only from Onon L, FR, SP; dep Oct 5, 1 SP — late. Common Gallinule: max 11 Sep 12 SP — very low; dep Oct 14, 2 SP. American Coot: arr Sep 4, 7 FH; max 500 Nov 14 FH — very high.

Semipalmated Plover: arr Jul 14, 1 Onon L; max 30 Aug 4 Onon L and 30 Aug 29 Onon L, SP; dep Oct 24, 1 SP. Killdeer: max 110 Sep 7 Brandy Brook area near Durhamville, ESVB. American Golden Plover: arr Aug 27, 3 ad Peat Swamp area near Clay — late; max 18 Sep 29 Poppleton Rd near ESVB; dep Oct 28, 1 SP — a poor flight. Black-bellied Plover: arr Aug 33 1 Oneida L; max 18 Oct 17 SP; dep Nov 14, Oneida L. Ruddy Turnstone: arr Jul 24, 1 Oneida L; max 8 Aug 28 Onon L and 8 Sep 8 ESVB — low; dep Nov 6, 1 Oswego (FGS) record late.

American Woodcock: max 2 Oct 17 DH, Mexico Pt and 2 Nov 7 DH; dep Nov 13, 1 NPT. Common Snipe: arr Aug 22, 1 FH; max 40 Oct 31 SSSP, Texas — very high; dep Nov 21, 16 Otisco L. Upland Plover: period max 6 Aug 22 Syr airport; dep Sep 2, 1 Rome. Spotted Sandpiper: period max 26 Sep 4 along 7½ mi of L Ont littoral; dep Oct 5, 5 Onon L. Solitary Sandpiper: arr Aug 22, 2 SSSP, 2 near Stockbridge near Knoxboro, 1 Montezuma Twp — all very late but unusually widespread; max 2s thru Sep 8; dep Oct 3, 1 Texas. Greater Yellowlegs: arr Jul 5, 1 Onon L; max 36 Oct 17 SP; dep Nov 20, 3 ESVB. Lesser Yellowlegs: arr Jun 30, 3 Onon L; max 128 Jul 21 and 42 Aug 27 both Onon L; dep Nov 6, 1 ESVB. Knot: arr and max 3 Aug 29 SP; dep Nov 6, 1 in breeding plumage Oswego (FGS) record late. Purple Sandpiper: 1 Oct 31 SP, 1 Nov 6 and 1 Nov 11-12 both FH — an average flight. Pectoral Sandpiper: arr Aug 11, 2 Onon L — nearly a month late; max 12 Sep 7 Onon L; dep Nov 17, 1 injured SSSP (DWC) ties record late. White-rumped Sandpiper: arr Aug 4, 1 Onon L; max 6 Sep 14 SP; dep Oct 24, 1 ESVB — early. Baird's Sandpiper: arr Aug 23, 3 imm Onon L; max 7 Aug 29 Onon L, SP; dep Sep 27, 1 SP. Least Sandpiper: arr Jul 5, 1 NM; imm arr Jul 27, 1 Onon L; max 200 Jul 17 Onon L, 50 Aug 23 Onon L — high; dep Oct 3, 1

ESVB—early. Dunlin: arr Sep 12, 1 SP; max 169 Oct 6 DH. Short-billed Dowitcher: arr Jul 6, 1 Onon L; max 20 Jul 25 Onon L, 12 Jul 25 FR, 14 Aug 29 Onon L; dep Sep 18, 1 SP—early. Stilt Sandpiper: arr Jul 27, 2 Onon L—late; max 8 Aug 4–7 and 7 Aug 29 both Onon L; dep Aug 31, 2 Onon L—very early—and no Out imm. Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Jul 2, 1 NM is record early unless it was a lingering spring migrant; next report Jul 10, 3 Onon L; max 300 Aug 8 and 170 Aug 24 both Onon L; dep Oct 24, 1 ESVB; later reports are possibly imm White-rumped Sandpipers. Western Sandpiper: arr Aug 8, 2 Onon L; max 2s Aug 8 and 25 both Onon L; dep Sep 27, 1 SP—early.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: a record number of reports with singles Aug 22, Aug 29, Sep 2 all Onon L, 2 Sep 9 Brandy Brook area, 1 Sep 18 SP. Sanderling: arr Jul 12, 6 Onon L and 4 Oneida L—record early by a week; max 85 Sep 27 SP. Red Phalarope: arr Aug 24, 1 imm SP—record early by a month; next report 1 Nov 5 ESVB; max 11 Nov 14 SP—a near record. Wilson's Phalarope: 1 female in breeding plumage Jun 30 SP and 1 imm Sep 8 Onon L were only reports. Northern Phalarope: at least 7 birds at Onon L with—arr Aug 23, 2; max 6, 4 ad and 2 imm, Aug 28; dep Aug 29, 2.

Pomarine Jaeger: 2 reports—1 ad Oct 9 SP (PAD) and 1 imm Nov 4 DH (FGS, JWP). Parasitic Jaeger: better than average flight despite poor winds—6, 3 light ad, 2 dark ad, 1 dark imm, Oct 5 SP (FGS); 9, 2 light imm, 7 dark imm, Oct 6 DH (JWP); 1 light imm Oct 12 DH (GAS); 1 dark imm Nov 4 DH (FGS, JWP); 1 dark Nov 13 NP (FGS, PAD). **LONG-TAILED JAEGER:** 1 dead imm Oct 31 SP (CGS) is the 1st Regional record and the 3rd upstate N.Y. specimen. Glaucous Gull: arr Nov 14, 1 2nd yr Oswego and 1 1st yr SP. Iceland Gull: arr Nov 11 1 1st yr FH is only report. Great Black-backed Gull: arr Sep 18, Oneida L; max 65 Nov 26 along 4½ mi of L Ont from Oswego E. Herring Gull: max 2370 DH and 910 FH, ESVB, both Nov 7. Ring-billed Gull: max 2538 Nov 23 along L Ont from Oswego to SSSP. **LAUGHING GULL:** 1 delayed 2nd yr or advanced 3rd yr Oct 10 SP (FGS, PAD) 1st report since 1969. Bonapartes Gull: max 100 Aug 12 Oneida L and 85 Oct 24 ESVB.

Forster's Tern: at SP, arr Sep 12, 1—late, and good max of 8 there Oct 14 with dep there Nov 4, 1; 1st Regional report away from SP was 1 Nov 12 FH (JWP). Common Tern: max 400 Oct 1 ESVB, dep Oct 4, 120 ESVB. Caspian Tern: arr Jul 10, 1 Onon L; max 44 Aug 21 SP, SSSP—low for recent years; dep Oct 12, 1 DH. Black Tern: max 13 Aug 29 SP; dep Nov 7, 1 ESVB (PAD) record late (previously Oct 19, 1967). Mourning Dove: max 107 Aug 22 Clay^c Twp, FH, HIGMA. Black-billed Cuckoo: max 2s Sep 4–9; dep Oct 20, 1 NPT (DWC) record late.

Screech Owl: reported at 11 sites. Great Horned Owl: reported at 18 sites. Snowy Owl: arr Oct 31, 1 SP; max 3 Nov 6 SP, Oswego; away from L Ont, where it was widely reported from FH to SP, species was noted at Baldwinsville, Onon L, Eaton, Hinckley Reservoir and, most unusual, 1 Nov 11 at Dart L. Barred Owl: reported at 3 sites. Short-eared Owl: 1 Nov 1 near Bridgeport and 1 Nov 26 Oswego—only reports.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: max 211 Aug 26 above Onon Creek valley in Syr (EMF) record high, with the next highest 100 Sep 8, 1970 in the same area; dep Sep 17, 1 Syr. Chimney Swift: max 500 Aug 26 above Onon Creek (GAS) record high; dep Oct 12, 2 DH (GAS) record late. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: max 6 Aug 21 SP, SSSP and 6 Aug 22 FH, HIGMA—both very low; dep Oct 15, 1 Holland Patent (J&EV) very late. Belted Kingfisher: max 11 Sep 5 along 8 mi of L Ont shore 8 good.

Yellow-shafted Flicker: max 75 Sep 26–Oct 4 Dart L area. Pileated Woodpecker: reported at 19 sites. Red-bellied Woodpecker: reported at 5 sites. Red-headed Woodpecker: max 2s Aug 25 N of Mexico, Sep 12 SP, Sep 15 Eaton; dep Oct 28,

1 SP, but others apparently attempting to winter. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Sep 11, 1 NPT; max 11 Oct 5 NPT; interesting color variations were an albino Oct 1 NPT and a "black-headed sapsucker" Sep 26 SP. Hairy Woodpecker: max 5 Aug 22 FH, HIGMA — this low a max, and on an early date, indicates no significant migration. Downy Woodpecker: max 12 Sep 11 Mexico Pt to SP, Stone — no significant migration. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 male Oct 16 Five Ponds area in N Herkimer Co.

Eastern Kingbird: arr Jul 5, 1 Onon Hill; max 71 Aug 23 N Syr (FGS) record high count (previously 50 in 1962); dep Oct 10, 1 NP (FGS, PAD) record late date (previously Oct 5, 1968). Great Crested Flycatcher: 3s Sep 4 Eaton and Sep 12 Stone, DH to NP — scarce; dep Sep 18, 1 NPT. Eastern Phoebe: max 10s Sep 4 SSSP and Sep 30 SP,SSSP — good; dep Oct 17, 3 SP, Rainbow Shores Rd near SP. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Aug 16, 1 Oswego Twp; max 4 Aug 19 SP, SSSP; dep Sep 19, 1 NPT; at least 21 from 24 observers — better than average. Traill's Flycatcher: max 4 Aug 29 SP; dep Sep 4, 1 NPT. Least Flycatcher: max 42 Aug 31 PF — very high; dep Sep 25, 4 NPT. Empidonax species: dep Sep 26, 1 NPT. Eastern Wood Pewee: max 20 Sep 11 Mexico Pt to SP, Stone; dep Oct 19, 1 NPT (DWC) record late. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1s Sep 1-6 Estey, Sep 11 Stone, Sep 12 Estey; also reported from Holland Patent.

Horned Lark: max 125 Oct 22 BL; other counts much lower but better than recent years. Tree Swallow: arr Jul 4, 55 Peterboro; max 2175 Sep 11 SP, SSSP; dep Oct 30, 2 W of Burt Pt and 1 HIGMA — late. Bank Swallow: max 8000 Aug 15 DH and 4500 Aug 26 SP; dep Sep 27, 1 SP. Rough-winged Swallow: arr Jul 10, 2 Onon L; max 8 Jul 25 FR — very low; dep Sep 30, 1 SP — very late. Barn Swallow: max 18,000 Aug 5 Peat Swamp and 4500s Aug 15 DH and Aug 26 SP; dep Oct 3, 1 SP. Cliff Swallow: max 100 Aug 5 Williamstown; dep Sep 18, 1 SP. Purple Martin: max 400 Aug 25 DH; dep Sep 12, 7 SP.

Gray Jay: 3 Oct 16 Five Ponds area. Blue Jay: max 55 Sep 30 SP, SSSP — no significant migration. Common Crow: max 3500 Oct 21 Mexico Pt to SP. Black-capped Chickadee: max 225 Oct 20 DH — a light flight. Boreal Chickadee: 4 Oct 16 Five Ponds area; 1 Nov 14 FH (FGS, PAD). Tufted Titmouse: 2 in Skaneateles (C. & E. Farnham, fide DWC) is only report. White-breasted Nuthatch: max 20 Oct 10-Nov 30 Dart L. Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 15 Oct 16 Five Ponds area and 9 Sep 11 SSSP, Stone — mediocre flight through non-Adir areas. Brown Creeper: max 21 Oct 5 Mexico Pt to SP, Stone. House Wren: max 19 Sep 11 SP, SSSP, Stone; dep Oct 20, 1 DH. Winter Wren: arr Aug 19, 1 SSSSP; max 30 Sep 27 SP, SSSP. Carolina Wren: 1 Sep 6 through period Kenwood near Sherrill, 1 Oct 30 Riker Beach near Lakeview, 1 Nov 13 through period SSSP, 1 Nov 20 Short Pt near Cicero — more than usual. Long-billed Marsh Wren: max 10 Oct 5 SP, DH, Mexico Pt — good, and better than recent years; dep Oct 14, 2 SP.

Mockingbird: reported from DeWitt, Chittenango, Oneida, New Hartford. Catbird: max 54 Sep 11 SP, SSSP, Mexico Pt, Stone (FGS) record high; dep Nov 25, 1 Oswego Twp. Brown Thrasher: max 4 Aug 21-29 SP; dep Nov 13, 1 Estey and Nov 14, 1 NPT. Robin: max 900+ Oct 31 Estey. Wood Thrush: max 35 Sep 19 NPT — very high; dep Oct 17, 1 SP and 1 Onon Hill. Hermit Thrush: arr Sep, 27 1 SSSP; max 22s Oct 14 Shore Oaks near Demster to SP and Oct 17 NP to SP — the best fall flight ever, in general, with 1 observer noting 143 and another noting 91 through the period. Swainson's Thrush: arr Aug 31, 1 Onon Hill and 1 Oak; max 5 Sep 9-11 SP, SSSP — scarce; dep Oct 12, 1 PF — early. Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Sep 9, 2 SSSP; max 6 Sep 18 SP, Stone; dep Oct 5, 3 SP, SSSP and 1 NPT — early. Veery: max 7 Aug 21 SP, SSSP, Stone — very low; dep Sep 18, 2 Hollant Patent. Eastern Bluebird: max 9s Oct 21 Stone and Nov 1 NPT.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1s Aug 21 SSSP, Aug 21 NPT, Sep 4 SSSP, Oct 10 SP (FGS, PAD) — unusual to record this species in fall and the last is a record late

date. Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Sep 11, 2 SSSP; max 160 Oct 22 NPT. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Aug 12, 1 near Smartville—may be a breeding location; next report is Aug 31—more normal arr—1 Oswego Twp; max 95 Oct 12 SP; 1 Nov 26 through period at a suet feeder in Eaton may attempt to winter. Water Pipit: arr Sep 16, 1 SP; max 62 Oct 13 SSSP and 65 Oct 26 near Mexico—poor; dep Nov 11, 1 Wampsville. *BOHEMIAN WAXWING*: 2 Nov 12 Schuyler Twp (VB), 1 Nov 13 NP (FGS, PAD), 1 Nov 20 Syr (B. Schneider)—1st reporting period with more than 2 reports. Cedar Waxwing: max 370 Oct 2 BL, HIGMA—good flight but not quite as many as last year. Northern Shrike: arr Oct 24, 1 imm near Demster; singles only through period—very low. Loggerhead Shrike: 1s Aug 19 and Sep 27 both SP—the latter late.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: max 3 Aug 21 SSSP, Stone; dep Oct 6, 1 near Lamson—late. Solitary Vireo: arr Aug 24, 1 SP; max 11 Oct 3 SP, NM to DH ties record high; a good season—1 observer saw 50 in the period; dep Oct 20, 1 Oak. Red-eyed Vireo: max 76 Sep 5 Mexico Pt, Stone—ties record high; dep Oct 10, 1 near Lycoming. Philadelphia Vireo: arr Aug 21, 1 SP; max 8 Sep 11 SSSP, Stone; by far the best season ever—1 observer saw 32 in the period; dep Oct 2, 1 FH. Warbling Vireo: max 12 Sep 5 Mexico Pt to NM, Stone; dep Sep 30, 1 Stone.

Black-and-white Warbler: max 8 Aug 19–21 SP, SSSP; dep Sep 27, 1 SP—early. Golden-winged Warbler: arr Aug 10, 2 NPT; max 3s Aug 21 SSSP, Stone and Aug 22 FH; dep Sep 12, 1 Stone (FGS) record late. Blue-winged Warbler: arr Aug 10, 11 NPT; period max 3 Aug 20 NPT; dep Sep 11, 1 SSSP and 1 NPT. Brewster's Warbler: 1 Aug 20 NPT, 2 Aug 23 NPT, 1 Sep 5 near Lycoming. Tennessee Warbler: arr Aug 21, 1 SP; max 7 Aug 29 NPT, Onon Hill; dep Oct 15, 1 NPT. Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Sep 25, 1 Estey; max 4s Oct 3 SP, DH and Oct 9 DH, near Fernwood, Stone; dep Oct 14, 1 E L Ont; 22 birds reported—except in S Pompey Twp, good though brief flight. Nashville Warbler: arr Aug 14, 1 NPT and 1 SP; max 12 Sep 27 NPT—low; dep Oct 14, 2 SSSP. Parula Warbler: arr Sep 9, 1 SP—late; max 4 Sep 27 SSSP, Stone; dep Oct 14, 1 SSSP—late. Yellow Warbler: arr Jul 27, 3 Onon L—late; max 47 Aug 19 SP to Mexico Pt, Stone; dep Oct 5, 1 SP (FGS) very late. Magnolia Warbler: arr Aug 20, 1 NPT; max 33 Sep 17 NPT, PF; dep Oct 4, 1 TRGMA—early. Cape May Warbler: arr Aug 19, 2 SSSP; max 15 Aug 21 SP, SSSP—high; dep Oct 12, 1 PF (JWP) record late.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Aug 13, 1 NPT—early; max 9 Sep 2 NPT—poor; dep Oct 28, 1 NPT—very late. Myrtle Warbler: arr Aug 19, 2 SP; max 140 Oct 12 PF and 125 Oct 5 NPT; dep Nov 24, 1 Syr. Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Aug 14, 1 Stone; max 61 Sep 17, NPT, PF; dep Oct 12, 1 PF. Cerulean Warbler: 1 Aug 18 Ninemile Creek valley near Camillus is only report. Blackburnian Warbler: arr Aug 6, 1 near S Onon; max 16 Sep 17 PF; dep Oct 12, 1 SP. Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Aug 15, 1 SSSP; max 8 Sep 9 SSSP, Mexico Pt low; dep Oct 2, 1 near Lamson and 2 NPT. Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Aug 11, 1 Stone—early; max 32 Sep 11 SP to NM, Stone—high; dep Oct, 1 SSSP. Blackpoll Warbler: arr Aug 31, 3 NPT—late; max 26 Sep 18 NPT; dep Oct 6, 1 NPT—early. Pine Warbler: more than usual with 1 male Sep 4 SSSP, 2 (1 ad female and 1 imm) Sep 9 SSSP, 1 Sep 19 NPT, 1 male Oct 5 SSSP. Palm Warbler: arr Sep 10, 1 NPT—late; max 8s Sep 17–19 NPT (JWP, DWC) record high; dep Oct 17, "yellow Palm Warbler" SP.

Ovenbird: max 13 Sep 11 SP, SSSP—record high; dep Oct 17, 1 SP—late. Northern Waterthrush: arr Aug 6, 1 injured at TV tower NPT; max 5 Aug 21 SP—high; dep Oct 5, 1 SP—late. *CONNECTICUT WARBLER*: 1 Sep 30 NPT (DWC) and 2 dead at TV tower NPT in Sep. Mourning Warbler: arr Aug 14, 1 SSSP; max 4 Sep 6 NPT—high; dep Oct 2, 1 Estey. Yellowthroat: max 18s

Sep 9 SP, SSSP, Mexico Pt and Sep 11 SP to NM; dep Oct 25, 1 Oak. Hooded Warbler: more than usual with 2 Aug 22 FH, 2 Sep 5 Shore Oaks near Demster, 2 Sep 12 Shore Oaks, 1 Sep 13 SSSP. Wilson's Warbler: arr Aug 21, 3 SP, SSSP; max 18 Sep 12 NPT; dep Oct 3, 2 SP, DH—early. Canada Warbler: arr Aug 14, 11 SSSP; max 12 Aug 29 NPT, Onon Hill (GAS) record high; dep Sep 25, 1 NPT. American Redstart: arr Aug 10, 9 NPT; max 24 Aug 21 SP, SSSP, Stone—good; dep Oct 5, 1 SSSP and 1 NPT.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: arr Jul 10, 1 Onon L; max 55 Aug 28 Makyes Rd; dep Oct 10, 1 NM—late. Eastern Meadowlark: max 49 Oct 24 Ramona Beach area near SSSP, DH. Red-winged Blackbird: max 8000 Nov 7 near Bridgeport—late for so many. Baltimore Oriole: max 50 Aug 22 FH, HIGMA, FR; dep Sep 18, 1 NPT. Rusty Blackbird: arr Sep 5, 1 Mexico Pt (FGS) record early; max 300 Oct 30 HIGMA. Common Grackle: max 500,000 Oct 31 HIGMA (PAD) is only part of a flight estimated by PAD to have been 1,000,000 or more, and is a record high. Brown-headed Cowbird: max 5600 Oct 24 DH to SP. Scarlet Tanager: max 13 Sep 11 SP, SSSP, Stone—good; dep Oct 27, 1 Syr (DAD) record late.

Cardinal: max 11 Oct 2 TRGMA, BL, HIGMA, FR, Onon L—low, especially for a total from the number of good-habitat sites. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 33 Sep 18 NPT (GAS) record high; dep Sep 30, 1 NPT—early. Indigo Bunting: max 3s Aug 22 and Sep 6 both NPT—low; dep Oct 6, 2 Lysander Twp; 1 ad male found dead Oct 31 on L Ont shore near Demster but estimated to have died Oct 15–20 (P. Merritt) may be near record late. *DICKCISSEL*: 1 imm male at feeder Oct 17–23 NPT (DWC et al) is the 1st report in 2 years. Evening Grosbeak: arr Oct 22—average date for an incursion year—2 NPT; max 1375 Nov 17 DH. Purple Finch: max 29 Sep 27 SP, SSSP—good. House Finch: 1–3 per day, involving at least 3 males and 1 female, Aug 20–Nov 25 Syr (DAD); 3 Nov 5 Oak (MSR)—i.e. still reported from the 2 most regular sites but not appearing at new ones. Pine Grosbeak: arr Nov 14, 1 NPT and 2 Schuyler Twp; max 15 Nov 28 Dart L. Common Redpoll: arr Oct 30, 5 FH; max 283 Nov 17 DH hints at big winter flocks possibly to come. Pine Siskin: arr Sep 30, 1 SP; max 230 Oct 10 SP, Mexico Pt, DH. American Goldfinch: max 1740 Oct 27 DH (DWC) topping previous record high set last year. Red Crossbill: arr Oct 24, 6 DH; max 50 Nov 21–28 Dart L. White-winged Crossbill: arr Oct 28, 10 NPT; max 140 Nov 17 DH.

Rufous-sided Towhee: max 15 Oct 5 NPT. Savannah Sparrow: max 40 Oct 3 NM, DH; dep Oct 28, 1 DH. Henslow's Sparrow: dep Aug 20, 1 NPT. Vesper Sparrow: max 20 Oct 26 SSSP; dep Nov 6, 3 DH. Slate-colored Junco: arr Sep 11, 2 SP, SSSP—early; max 115 Nov 11 Constantia area. *OREGON JUNCO*: 1 Nov 23 Franklin Park near E Syr (JWP). Tree Sparrow: arr Oct 21, 1 DH; max 225 Nov 13 NPT. Chipping Sparrow: max 50 Oct 12 PF; dep Nov 21, 6 Dart L—very late, especially for Adir. Field Sparrow: max 42 Oct 4 Wampsville. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Sep 16, 2 SP, SSSP; max 81 Oct 3 SP, DH to NM; dep Nov 28, 1 Eaton—late. White-throated Sparrow: arr Aug 23, 1 SP; max 205 Oct 5 SP to Mexico Pt, Stone, Peter Scott Swamp-Stevens Pond area near Phoenix. Fox Sparrow: arr Oct 5, 1 SSSP; max 49 Nov 1 NPT (DWC) record high. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Sep 1, 1 N Syr—very early; max 4 Oct 6 Lysander Twp; dep Oct 25, 1 Oak. Swamp Sparrow: max 24 Oct 5 SP to Mexico Pt, Peter Scott Swamp-Stevens Pond area. Song Sparrow: max 180 Oct 14 SP to Mexico Pt, Fernwood area. Lapland Longspur: arr Oct 3, 10 SP, NM; max 28 Oct 30 SSSP (JWP) record high. Snow Bunting: arr Oct 21, 6 SP, SSSP; max 450 Nov 3 DH; much lower numbers were typical however.

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