

and 2 more pairs were on territory close by (FER). Henslow's, Field and Swamp Sparrows varied in abundance from one locality to another. Vesper Sparrows were scarce — at least few were heard singing in Ithaca area.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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It was a cool wet summer with the major meteorological event the heavy rains deposited by the outskirts of tropical storm Agnes June 21 and 22. Although conditions here were nowhere near as severe as in counties to the west of us, the high watermark along rivers and streams and particularly in the catch basin behind the Whitney Point flood control dam make it obvious there must have been considerable damage to nesting birds, at least locally. However, no direct evidence appears in the reports received.

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Other abbreviations: BBS—Fish and Wildlife Service Breeding Bird Surveys; CF—Chenango Forks; EB—East Branch, along the Beaverkill; WP—Whitney Point.

Numbers in parentheses following some species names are the totals for the available BBS. (4,2 would indicate 4 of the species were found on 2 of the surveys. Surveys available were: Coventryville, run Jul 8 by Les Bemont; Lisle, run Jun 3 by Robert Pantle; McDonough, run by Claude Howard Jun 17 and WP run Jun 17 by Robert Pantle.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Jun 14 Pepacton Reservoir (MB) in immature plumage, last seen Jul 17. Pied-billed Grebe: Jul 1 and 28 Portlandville (KW, MD,CW). Double-crested Cormorant: 1 Jun 4 WP (MS). Great Blue Heron: (4,2). Canada Goose: 4 at Margaretville on Pepacton Reservoir (MB). Gadwall: 4 Jun 4 WP (MS). Wood Duck: (2,2). Bufflehead: 1 male WP Jun 4 (MS). Common Merganser: a female with young on Beaverkill at EB Jun 25 (MB).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: at German in Chenango County Jun 4 and several other times (R,SW), as well as the usual Otsego and Delaware County reports. Goshawk: 1 Aug 6 and 2 Aug 8 at Oneonta (KW). Broad-winged Hawk: "young" Aug 5 Milford (CW,KW,MD). Osprey: 1 Jul 30 WP (MS). Sparrow Hawk: (2,1). Ring-necked Pheasant: (5,3). Killdeer: (24,4). Upland Plover: (2,1), McDonough BBS. Spotted Sandpiper: (1,1). Solitary Sandpiper: Jul 28, Oneonta (CW,KW,MD); Aug 6 Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW). Greater Yellowlegs: 3 Jul 8 Sherburne (R,SW). Lesser Yellowlegs: 3 Aug 6 Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW). Ring-billed Gull: 20 or more Jun 4 WP (MS), late. Bonaparte's Gull: 1 Aug 13 WP (MS), seldom reported in Region in late summer or fall. Rock Dove: (26,4). Mourning Dove: (18,4). Monk Parakeet: no longer seen at Conklin, but possibly the same bird now regular in Binghamton southside; one in early Aug at Owego (Mrs. Hill); a late Feb record has come to light, with photographs, from the Broome-Tioga line, west of Vestal. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: (2,2); scarce. Black-billed Cuckoo: (2,1); scarce. Screech Owl: 4 Jul 20 Norwich (R,SW), an adult and 3 immatures. Barred Owl: Aug 5 Milford (CW,KW,MD).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: 1 Jun 2 Oneonta (Irene Wright). Common Nighthawk: 1 Aug 12 (E. and F. Vermilya), on lawn at 8:30 a.m. Chimney Swift: (41,4). Belted Kingfisher: (6,3). Yellow-shafted Flicker:

(54,4). Pileated Woodpecker: (1,1). Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 Jul 29 Sherburne (R,SW). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: (1,1); "breeding" at EB (MB) and several reports from Oneonta area. Downy Woodpecker: (13,4). Eastern Kingbird: (22,3). Great Crested Flycatcher: (14,4). Eastern Phoebe: (31,4). Traill's Flycatcher (10,3). Least Flycatcher: (30,4). Eastern Wood Pewee: (19,4). Horned Lark: (1,1). Tree Swallow: (8,3). Bank Swallow: (9,1). Rough-winged Swallow: (16,2). Barn Swallow: (70,4). Cliff Swallow: "breeding" at EB (MB). Blue Jay: (61,4). Common Crow: (155,4). Black-capped Chickadee: (27,4). Tufted Titmouse: reported from Endwell (FL) and CF (A,MD). White-breasted Nuthatch: (11,4). Red-breasted Nuthatch: (2,1); three reports from Oneonta area (CW,KW,MD). Brown Creeper: (1,1), McDonough BBS; Jun 16 CF (A,MD). House Wren: (58,4). Winter Wren: Jul 28 Milford (CW,KW,MD). Carolina Wren: (1,1), Coventryville BBS; Aug 8 Candor (Robert Pantle). Long-billed Marsh Wren: 6 Jun 13 Sherburne (R,SW). Mockingbird: 2 Endwell localities over a mile apart (Les Bemont). Catbird: (45,4). Brown Thrasher: (17,4). Robin: (300,4). Wood Thrush: (96,4). Hermit Thrush: (4,2). Swainson's Thrush: (1,1), McDonough BBS. Veery: (29,4). Eastern Bluebird: (3,2). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: "breeding" at EB (MB). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2 Jun 4 Pharsalia (R,SW). Cedar Waxwing: (18,3). Starling: (426,4).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: (1,1); 6 Jul 8 along Chenango River from Brisben to Greene (MS); "breeding" EB (MB). Solitary Vireo: 3 Oneonta area Jul and Aug reports (MD,CW,KW). Red-eyed Vireo: (66,4). Warbling Vireo: (13,3); 8 or more Jul 9 Brisben to Greene (MS). Black-and-white Warbler: (1,1); regular at CF in Jun and Jul (A,MD). Blue-winged Warbler: Aug 5 CF (A,MD). Nashville Warbler: (2,1); at Choconut Center thru Jul 23 (MS). Yellow Warbler: (77,4). Magnolia Warbler: Jul 28 Milford (CW,KW,MD). Myrtle Warbler: 3 Jun 4 Pharsalia (R,SW). Black-throated Green Warbler: (8,3); 3 other reports. Blackburnian Warbler: Aug 5 CF (A,MD). Chestnut-sided Warbler: (30,4). Prairie Warbler: thru Jul 23 at Vestal Center (Elizabeth Washburn). Ovenbird: (21,3). Northern Waterthrush: (1,1); frequent reports from Oneonta area. Louisiana Waterthrush: Jun 3 Vestal Center (MS); Jun 25 Otego (MD,KW). Mourning Warbler: 2 Jun 4 Pharsalia (R,SW). Yellowthroat: (97,4). Canada Warbler: (1,1). American Redstart: (12,3).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROW: House Sparrow: (101,4). Bobolink: (51,4). Eastern Meadowlark: (69,4). Redwinged Blackbird: (616,4). Baltimore Oriole: (46,4). Common Grackle: (114,4). Brown-headed Cowbird: (31,4). Scarlet Tanager: (20,4). Cardinal: (15,3). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: (10,3); female with young Jul 9 Oneonta (MD). Indigo Bunting: (22,4). Purple Finch: (3,3); "many" at Candor (Robert Pantle) as compared to previous years; regular reports from Endwell (FL) and CF (A,MD) and frequent reports from the Oneonta area. House Finch: bred at Endwell (FL), feeding young Jun 9; 4 at Vestal in Jun (Gail Corderman). American Goldfinch: (68,4). Rufous-sided Towhee: (40,4). Savannah Sparrow: (36,3). Grasshopper Sparrow: (3,2). Henslow's Sparrow: (1,1), the only report all summer. Vesper Sparrow: (8,2). Slate-colored Junco: 5 Jul 28 Milford (CW,KW, MD) and 3 other reports around Oneonta; "breeding" at EB (MB). Chipping Sparrow: (102,4). Field Sparrow: (54,4). White-throated Sparrow: (13,2); 7 Jun 4 Pharsalia (R,SW); several reports from Oneonta area; at EB — 1 flushed from apparent nest Jun 16, singing continued to Jun 19, gone after Jun 22 — "the first time I've had any indication of nesting in this area" (MB). Swamp Sparrow: (10,3). Song Sparrow: (177,4).

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