

age in numbers with a max 34 Nov 26 WLS (TT). Bonaparte's Gull has been reported in small numbers since mid-Sept; and the first *LITTLE GULLS* (2) were seen at Irondequoit Bay Nov 16-19 (AK et al). A single Snowy Owl was reported from Carlton Oct 28 (WCL) and another was reported in downtown Rochester, (Times-Union fide John Brown).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Nighthawks were in low numbers for the second year; no flights were reported and only a single bird was reported during the period. Kingfishers were reported throughout the entire period and the numbers and locations would indicate that the bird prospered well this past year. Pileated Woodpecker is another bird that seems to be doing quite well; reports from new locations seem to be coming more frequently. The high count on Tree Swallows occurred on Oct 1 when 5000 were seen on the Ontario Lakeshore 3000 WLS (NP) and 2000 SB (TT). 9000 Bank Swallows on the WLS Aug 6 (NP) was the high count. Unlike some other years there were no late reports of any Swallows. A Carolina Wren was present throughout Aug in Brighton (Julie Claffey); and another was seen in Webster Oct 18-30 (J & T McNett). A *BOHEMIAN WAXWING* was present Oct 16 and 17 in Gates (E Molyneaux & Mr & Mrs E Reid). Loggerhead Shrike was unreported during the period and the first reports of Northern Shrike came on Oct 1 with single birds being reported from SB (TT) and HBP (WL & MAS).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: No flights were reported; late reports included Nashville Warbler in Leroy Nov 16 (C Adamson), and a Parula on the WLS Oct 26 (K Doris & C Wilton). Yellow Warblers remained low in numbers. Our only early report was a single Myrtle Warbler at Point Breeze Aug 5 (WCL).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: With the exception of the Redpoll, all winter finches had been reported by the end of the period. Siskin is by far the most common, the first being reported Oct 7 and Pine Grosbeak the least abundant. Evening Grosbeaks first reported on Oct 21; several reports since, most of small groups; the largest flock reported was 200 Nov 6 WLS (J & T McNett). Purple Finch: reports from several areas indicate that this bird had a good year. Pine Grosbeak: a report of 25 Nov 23 HBP (WCL) was the first and only report for the period. Red Crossbill: August 12 was the magic day for this bird; a single bird was seen at BB (WCL) and from the 12 thru 27 a group of from 4 - 40 was seen at Canadice Lake (Connor's - Molyneaux's); the first normal fall report came on Oct 21. The only report of White-winged Crossbill came on Nov 25, when 5 birds were seen in Durand Eastman Park (NP). A Towhee was still present in Irondequoit Nov 29-30 (L & N Moon). A fairly late Savannah Sparrow was seen in Honeoye Falls Nov 5 (J Taylor). A single *OREGON JUNCO* was reported from Webster Oct 30 (J & T McNett). Tree Sparrows seem down in numbers, and were first reported Oct 22.

Two reports of Lapland Longspurs were received, 150 Oct 22 Carlton (J & A Foster & WCL) a good count, and a single bird in Hamlin Nov. 12 (FP & RO'H). Snow Buntings arrived in mid-October and have been reported from several areas in groups of 1-10 max 150 SB Nov 4 (TT).

REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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The period started out cool but late August was warm and dry. September temperatures were normal and precipitation below average until the last third of the month. It then turned cool and wet. Rainfall in the northern part of the Region

was heavier than in the southern part and continued so thru October. Ithaca experienced the coldest October since 1925. Temperatures were about normal for the first week but then turned sharply colder and plunged to the 10's and 20's in some places. Snow fell on October 18 and 19. Cold temperatures persisted thru November with the high at Ithaca being only 55 degrees rather than the usual 65 or 70. Rain-fall at Ithaca during November was 6.5 inches or twice the normal. The northern part of the Region had a 7 inch snowfall on November 14 which persisted thru the month. All in all it was a cold, wet fall with little sunshine.

There were good flights of Canada Geese but many flocks moved on thru the area without stopping. Dabbling ducks were in good numbers but divers were relatively scarce. Redheads and Canvasbacks were still down, while Scaup and Ring-necked Ducks dropped almost to the vanishing point.

In late summer it was difficult to find rails, coots and gallinules at MNWR. Apparently most of the birds left after nesting was broken up by the complete inundation of the Refuge in the wake of hurricane Agnes. Later as migrants came in, numbers increased, particularly of Coots.

Water levels at MNWR dropped in late summer so that good shorebird habitat developed. Shorebirding was good until frequent and heavy rains in October raised the water levels. The few remaining shorebirds left when the heavy snow of November 14 came. The highlight of the shorebird season at MNWR was the concentration of 40 Hudsonian Godwits in late August equaling the record set in September 1967.

Jack Brubaker reports that flyash dumping in the Watkins Marsh has smothered and killed a portion of the vegetation. These areas provided habitat for Fall shorebirds.

All swallows were down reflecting the disastrous nesting season due to cold and wet conditions in May and June. Bank Swallows were probably hit the hardest. The maximum number reported at MNWR was only 100 compared to the usual thousands. Tree Swallows fared but little better.

But not all was discouraging. Migrating Bluebirds seems to be reported a little more frequently. There was a heavy and widespread flight of Red-breasted Nuthatches which are appearing at feeders as the period closed. And a good "winter finch" year appears to be in the making. All species of the northern finches, except the White-winged Crossbill, were reported with the Grosbeaks, Evening and Pine, most frequently seen. A number of Rough-legged Hawks were seen and, contrary to the usual pattern, most of these came from the southern part of the Region. The only hawk flight reported was a small one on September 22 at Horseheads.

The Monk Parakeet, a South American exotic now breeding in the New York City area and being reported from several northeastern states, has appeared in the region. One bird, first reported on October 14, had apparently been living in the Dutch Hill region southwest of Elmira since the June floods. This bird was captured and now is at the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell. A second bird was reported at Waterloo in October. This bird had also been around for several weeks. It now is appearing regularly at feeders in Waterloo. Jack Brubaker reports a third bird has been at Burdette for the past two months.

Another first for the Region was a Razor-billed Auk picked up near MNWR on November 5. The bird died November 10. Details will be published as a Field Note in the Kingbird.

Other rarities include Golden Eagle, Peregrine, Pigeon Hawk, Bohemian Waxwing, Connecticut Warbler, Dickcissel and Oregon Junco.

The Tower Kill at WSYE-TV at Elmira totaled 138 birds of 30 species compared with 500 birds last year. This is the lowest number since 1965. The 1972 list is as follows.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 1, Empidonax sp. 3, Red-breasted Nuthatch 1, Brown Thrasher 1, Swainson's Thrush 3, Golden-crowned Kinglet 1, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Red-eyed Vireo 11, Philadelphia Vireo 1, Warbling Vireo 1, Warblers: Black-and-white 4, Tennessee 2, Nashville 2, Parula 2, Magnolia 10, Black-throated Blue 6, Myrtle 1, Black-throated Green 5, Blackburnian 4, Chestnut-sided 4, Bay-breasted 27, Blackpoll 5, Ovenbird 8, Mourning 1, Yellowthroat 1, Wilson 2, Canada 6, Red-start 3, Evening Grosbeak 1, Lincoln's Sparrow 1, unidentified 20.

Abbreviations: Cay L—Cayuga Lake; max—maximum; MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; SWS—Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary; Schuy Co—Schuyler County; Sen L—Seneca Lake; WD—Waterloo dump.

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Observers: HA—Harold Axtell; WEB—Walter E. Benning; JB—Jack Brubaker; MC—Mildred Comar; NC—Noel Cutright; FG—Frank Guthrie; WH—Wilfred Howell; DK—Douglas Kibbe; WL—Warren Lloyd; DM—Dorothy McIlroy; MRP—Montezuma Refuge Personnel; OS—Cornell Ornithology Seminar report; MAS—Mary Ann Sunderlin; JW—Jayson Walker; W—Mary Welles; mob—many observers.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 57 Oct 18 Cay L (MC, DM); 10 Nov 11 Sen L (JB). Red-throated Loon: 1 Nov 13 Elmira (WH) only report. Horned Grebe: first Oct 18 Sen L (JB). Pied-billed Grebe: 2 Nov 27 Cay L (DK); MNWR max 40 (MRP) down sharply; few immatures; nesting wiped out by Agnes. Great Blue Heron: MNWR max 70 (MRP), last 1 Nov 30 Schuy Co max 9 Aug 21 (JB). Green Heron: MNWR max 80 (MRP); 90 at roost in marsh at Montour Falls in early Sept. Cattle Egret: 2 Nov 5–12 Himrod, Yates Co (FG). Common Egret: MNWR max 17 (MRP), last 2 Oct 10 (NC). Black-crowned Night Heron: MNWR last 4 Oct 16, max 50 (MRP). Least Bittern: max 15 (MRP). American Bittern: MNWR max 30 (MRP); one Sept report Schuy Co. Whistling Swan: few reports; seen on Lake Juanita in Nov (FG); 2 Nov 17 Cayuta Lake (JB).

Canada Goose: Flock observed at Horseheads Aug 28 (early) with good flights at Elmira on Sept 19, 20, 25 and 27 (MW); good flights Oct 7 and 8 Ithaca; few heavy flights at Watkins Glen (JB); MNWR first migrants about Sept 24, peak of 12,000 in early Oct compares with 18,000 in 1971, heavy early movement out of the area about Oct 13 coincides with sharp temperature drop. Brant: More reports than usual; 2 Oct 31 Long Point State Park (MC, DM); 15 Nov 3 Stewart Park, Ithaca (DK); 1 Nov 25 MNWR (NC), 1 Nov 12 and 30 WEB; 1 Oct 27 Sen L (JB). Snow Goose: MNWR max 200 (MRP). Blue Goose: MNWR max 12 Oct 21 (NC).

The MRP max counts for waterfowl during the period at MNWR are as follows: Mallard: 7,000; Black: 2,100; Gadwall: 600; Pintail: 700; Green-winged Teal: 3,000; Blue-winged Teal: 900; American Widgeon: 7,200; Shoveler: 2; Wood Duck: 10 Redhead: 400; Ring-necked Duck: 1; Canvasback: 1; Lesser Scaup: 3; Bufflehead: 3; Ruddy: 4; Hooded Merganser: 2; Red-breasted Merganser 2.

Reports on ducks from other parts of the Region are as follows: Green-winged Teal: 5 Oct 31 Cayuta Lake (JB). Blue-winged Teal: Sept 3 Sen L (JB). Redhead: Keuka Lake 1, (FG). Ring-necked Duck: 4 Oct 31 Cayuta Lake (JB). Scaup: "Very rare" on Keuka Lake (FG). Common Goldeneye: Late and scarce. Bufflehead: first Oct 1 Cay L (MC, DM). Old Squaw: 1 male Nov 4 Keuka Lake (F. Orcutt fide FG); 3 Nov 3 and 2 Nov 5 Elmira (WH). White-winged Scoter: Male picked up on Bean Hill Road, Dryden Nov 1 and taken to the Laboratory of Ornithology where it died; 2 Oct 2 Chemung River (WH). Common Scoter: 2 Oct 27 King Ferry (MC, D Metal); 2 Oct 31 and 1 Nov 11 Chemung River (WH). Ruddy Duck: 3 Oct 31 Sen L (JB). Hooded Merganser: 21 Nov 2

Waneta Lake (JB); Nov 2 Cayuta Lake (JB). Common Merganser: Several reports Schuy Co (JB); MNWR good numbers Nov. Red-breasted Merganser: 1 Oct 31 Sen L (JB).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: MNWR last 1 Oct 16 (NC), max 5 (MRP). Goshawk: Single birds at SWS Oct 4 and Nov 3 (JT). Sharp-shinned Hawk: Schuy Co "several" (JB). Cooper's Hawk: 1 Oct 6 SWS (JT); 2 Nov reports Schuy Co (JB); 1 Nov 16 Elmira (WH); single bird at Big Flats (MW). Red-tailed Hawk: MNWR max 12 (MRP); 5 on trip around Cay L Nov 19 (NC). Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Sept 16 MNWR (NC). Rough-legged Hawk: 1 Oct 31 Schuy Co (JB); 1 Nov 26 Geneva (CW); Nov 18 and 20 Horseheads (MW); 3 Nov 19 along Cay L (NC). **GOLDEN EAGLE:** juvenile Nov 29 Ellis Hollow east of Ithaca (Stanley Temple). Bald Eagle: immature Aug 25 Ovid (NC); MNWR one adult and one immature bird present during period (mob). Marsh Hawk: MNWR max 5 (MRP); 1 Oct 21 Waterloo (JW); 3 reports from Watkins and Waneta marshes (JB); 2 reports from Elmira (MW). Osprey: 1-2 thru Oct MNWR (mob); one bird Cayuta Lake (JB); 1 Aug 28 Chemung River (D. Long). **PEREGRINE:** MNWR singles Sept 12 (C. Farnham) and Nov 5 (NC). **PIGEON HAWK:** 1 Oct 1 MNWR (Gordon Meade). Sparrow Hawk: 4 Nov 25 Waterloo (JW); MNWR max 5 (MRP). Turkey: One report from Penn Yan in Oct (FG). Virginia Rail: 1 Oct 29 Newfield (Doris Provine); 3 Sept 3 MNWR (DK) and one late chick Sept 11 (WEB); young in Aug Schuy Co (JB). Sora: MNWR max 30 (MRP), last 2 Oct 2 (DK). Common Gallinule: MNWR max 80 (MRP), last 1 Oct 10 (WEB); 6 Sept 14 Watkins Marsh (JB). American Coot: MNWR max 1,500 (MRP); usual flock south end Cay L Oct-Nov.

Shorebird records are all at MNWR and by WEB unless otherwise noted. Semipalmated Plover: max 20 Aug 26, last 1 Nov 5 (NC). Killdeer: max 201 Sept 21, last 1 Nov 26 (NC). American Golden Plover: First 2 Aug 22 (HA), max 13 Oct 16; plowed field at Evans Corners north of MNWR on Rte 89 supported a flock from early Sept to Oct 16, max 165 Sept 17 (mob). Black-bellied Plover: max 2 Sept 21, last 1 Nov 5 (NC). Ruddy Turnstone: single bird Sept 16 (NC). Baird's Sandpiper: singles Aug 27 (WL, MAS) and Sept 16, max 6 Sept 21, last 2 Sept 26 (NC). Least Sandpiper: max 64 Sept 19, last 8 Oct 2; Schuy Co several daily during early part of period (JB). Dunlin: first 5 Sept 10, max 280 Sept 24 (NC), last 6 Nov 12; WD first 9 Sept 16, max 150 Oct 25, last 20 Nov 6 (JW); Schuy Co first Oct 18, last Nov 1 (JB). Short-billed Dowitcher: 30-35 birds present during Sept, last 22 Nov 1. Long-billed Dowitcher: first 1 Sept 24 Federation of N.Y. State Bird Clubs field trip, last 12 Nov 5 (NC). Stilt Sandpiper: max 14 Aug 27 (WL, MAS), last 2 Sept 28. Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 300 Sept 1, last 2 Sept 28 (NC); Schuy Co max 10 Aug 26 (JB). Western sandpiper: 1-2 Aug 22 (HA) and thru Sept (mob), last 2 Sept 26 (NC). Hudsonian Godwit: exceptionally high counts in late Aug, max 40 Aug 26, last 2 Nov 5 (NC); WD 3 Oct 25 (WEB), last 1 Nov 5 (JW). Sanderling: singles at Ithaca Sept 7 and MNWR Sept 10 (NC); one report from Schuy Co (JB). Wilson's Phalarope: 1 Sept 27. Northern Phalarope: 1-4 thru Sept 19.

Great Black-backed Gull: First Ithaca Sept 7 (NC) and MNWR 4 Nov 4 (WEB). Normal numbers of both Herring and Ring-billed Gulls reported from MNWR, WD and Cay L. Bonaparte's Gull: singles at Ithaca Nov 10 and MNWR Nov 12 (NC). Common Tern: Cayuga Marsh max 10 Sept 1 (NC); last MNWR 4 Sept 17 (WEB); 4 Sept 7 Ithaca (NC). Caspian Tern: 1 Aug 28 Ithaca and 2 Sept 16 Armitage Rd north of MNWR (NC). Black Tern: MNWR max and last 10 Aug 27 (WL, MAS); last Ithaca 4 Sept 7 (NC). **RAZOR-BILLED AUK:** Immature picked up near MNWR Nov 5 died Nov 10 (fide NC). Mourning Dove: Up in numbers in Penn Yan area; good numbers in northern part of Region. **MONK PARAKEET:** Singles

reported from Elmira, Burdette and Waterloo; see opening remarks. Black-billed Cuckoo: Reported only from Keuka Lake area; one sighted in Aug and one in Sept. Screech Owl: Schuy Co reports 4 locations (JB). Great Horned Owl: MNWR max 15 (MRP); more reports than normal in Schuy Co (JB). Snowy Owl: only report was a single bird at Elmira (N Pitler et al, fide MW). Barred Owl: one at Texas Hollow. Short-eared Owl: singles east of MNWR Oct 21 (NC) and Keuka Park area in Nov (FG). Saw-whet Owl: singles Aug 18 on Iradell Rd northwest of Ithaca (B. Robinson) and Nov 24 at Spencer Marsh (JT).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Nighthawk: Ithaca last Sept 22 (WH); Watkins Glen 6 flying south on Sept 2 (JB). Chimney Swift: Migration at the rate of 5 per minute observed for an hour over Marengo Swamp (WEB). Belted Kingfisher: MNWR 1-2 present thru period. Yellow-shafted Flicker: Good migration noted in MNWR area during Sept. Pileated Woodpecker: 4 locations in Schuy Co (JB). Red-bellied Woodpecker: normal numbers at MNWR and vicinity. Red-headed Woodpecker: Ithaca female at feeder for a week in Nov (Edith Edgerton). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Female at feeder in Ithaca thru Nov (Brann and King); one at feeder Nov 12 (WEB). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: One on Niemi Rd, northeast of Ithaca Oct 31 (W Dilger). Eastern Kingbird: 2 Aug 27 MNWR (WL, MAS); last report Sept (OS). Eastern Phoebe: Ithaca last Oct 31 (DK); Schuy Co last Nov 3 (JB). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: only report one banded by Malcolm Lerch at Penn Yan Sept 16. Traill's Flycatcher: last Sept 18 (OS). Least Flycatcher: last Sept 25 (OS). Eastern Wood Pewee: Ithaca last Oct 11; MNWR last 1 Sept 16 (WEB). *OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER*: 1 Sept 18 Myers Point Cay L (DK); 1 Sept 4 Pine City (WH). Horned Lark: 50 Nov 25 Waterloo (WJ); almost no other reports. Tree Swallow: MNWR max 600 (WL, MAS); Waterloo 200 (JW); Marengo Swamp 300 Sept 29 (WEB); last MNWR 1 Nov 19 (NC). Bank Swallow: numbers way down; MNWR 100 Aug 29 (DK). Rough-winged Swallow: date Aug and early Sept migration at MNWR reduced but not as drastically as that of Tree and Bank Swallows; last date Oct 1 (WEB). Barn Swallow: probably most nearly normal of any of the swallows; last at MNWR Sept 24. Purple Martin: 2 Aug 27 MNWR (WL, MAS) only report. Common Crow: migration noted in MNWR area Oct 21. Blue Jay: good numbers everywhere. Tufted Titmouse: reports from 2 locations in Schuy Co (JB); 2 Nov 18 Geneva (CW); 2 Nov 18 Phelps (CW). White-breasted Nuthatch: normal numbers everywhere. Red-breasted Nuthatch: a good fall flight with birds lingering into early winter; reported from all parts of the Region. House Wren: last dates, MNWR 1 Oct 1 (WEB), Ithaca Oct 8 (DK). Winter Wren: scattered reports; one at feeder in Trumansburg during Nov (Louise Proskine). Carolina Wren: Oct 11 Ithaca (Helen Henderson); 2 locations in Schuy Co (JB). Long-billed Marsh Wren: MNWR max 6 Oct 1, last Oct 31 (DK). Mockingbird: Continues to spread; now on east side of Cay L; 4 locations in Schuy Co and 4 at Penn Yan. Catbird: last reported Oct 23 (OS). Brown Thrasher: last reported Oct 9 (OS). Wood Thrush: Ithaca last Oct 10 (DK). Hermit Thrush: Ithaca last Oct 12 (DK). Swainson's Thrush: Ithaca last Oct 3 (DK); Schuy Co last 2 Oct 18 (JB). Gray-cheeked Thrush: Ithaca last Oct 10 (DK). Bluebird: for the second year there is an increase in reports of migrants in the Ithaca area. Golden-crowned Kinglet: Ithaca first Sept 2 (DK). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: reports thruout the period. Water Pipit: MNWR first 1 Sept 21, max 40 Oct 2 (WEB). *BOHEMIAN WAXWING*: One with flock of Cedar Waxwings on Cornell Campus Nov 13 (Peter Kaestner). Northern Shrike: 1 Nov 18 Phelps (CW); Schuy Co one report; Nov 24 Freeville. Loggerhead Shrike: 1 Nov 30 Ithaca (DK); 1 Nov 26 Geneva (CW); both late dates; the Ithaca bird had been observed for two weeks feeding on cluster flies on a roof.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: 4 Sept 12 Ithaca (DK). Solitary

Vireo: 2 Oct 6 Newfield (DK). Red-eyed Vireo: 2 Oct 6 Newfield (DK). Philadelphia Vireo: 1 Sept 19 Ithaca (DM); 1 Sept 16 MNWR (WEB). Warbling Vireo: last date Sept 18 (OS).

Warblers: good migration during late Aug and early Sept in the Ithaca area. Ovenbirds, Myrtles and Redstarts going thru Elmira on Sept 27 (WH). The following are the warblers banded by Malcolm Lerch at Penn Yan during the Fall migration.

<i>Species</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>First Date</i>	<i>Last Date</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>First Date</i>	<i>Last Date</i>
Black-and-white	1	8-27	9-3	Chestnut-sided	5	9-3	9-16
Tennessee	11	8-6	9-9	Bay-breasted	15	8-27	9-9
Orange-crowned	2	10-11		Blackpoll	4	9-2	9-15
Nashville	7	9-3	10-21	Palm	1	10-10	
Parula	1	9-8		Ovenbird	7	8-26	9-23
Yellow	5		8-11	Northern			
Magnolia	35	8-25	9-23	Waterthrush	6	8-12	9-17
Black-throated				CONNECTICUT	1	9-16	
Blue	5	9-4	9-15	Yellowthroat	15		9-16
Myrtle	4	9-8	10-15	Wilson's	5	9-3	9-16
Black-throated				Canada	11	7-23	9-3
Green	7	9-8	9-17	Redstart	10	8-12	9-9
Cerulean	1	8-6					
Blackburnian	5	8-27	9-10				

The following are last dates for warblers; unless otherwise credited all were taken from reports made at the weekly Cornell Ornithology Seminars (OS):

Black-and-white: Oct 16. Parula: Oct 10 Ithaca (DK). Yellow: Oct 9. Magnolia: Oct 23 Cape May: Oct 16. Black-throated Blue: 4 Oct 3 Ithaca (DK). Myrtle: 1 Nov 11 Odessa (JB). Black-throated Green: Oct 9. Blackburnian: Oct 9. Chestnut-sided: Sept 18. Bay-breasted: Oct 2. Blackpoll: Oct 23. Palm: Oct 23. Ovenbird: Oct 3 Ithaca (DK). Northern Waterthrush: Sept 25. Yellowthroat: Oct 16 (early). Wilson's: Oct 16 (late). Redstart: Sept 25.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: MNWR last Nov 16. Baltimore Oriole: last report Sept 25 (OS). Rusty Blackbird: first Aug 23 Ithaca (DK); last 1 Nov 10 WD (WEB); the thousands of blackbirds and Starlings which had been streaming into the cattails at MNWR nightly to roost left about Nov 23. Scarlet Tanager: last dates MNWR 1 Sept 16 (WEB); Newfield Oct 27 (late) (DK). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last report Sept 25 (OS). Indigo Bunting: last report Oct (OS). *DICKCISSEL*: female Nov 9-18 at Warren Rd feeder Ithaca (F. Becker). Evening Grosbeak: widespread reports, mostly small flocks; remained thru to end of period, first dates - Ithaca, Monkey Run Sept 23; Schuy Co Oct 2 (JB); Waterloo Nov 6 (JW). Purple Finch: small numbers reported at Ithaca, MNWR and Schuy Co. House Finch: Ithaca male Oct 1, male and female Oct 15 (Hannan); increasing at Elmira, 10 at feeders (WH). Pine Grosbeak: flock on Pine Woods Rd east of Ithaca Oct 31 (DK); 16 flocks moving along hill north of Spencer Nov 23 and 2 flocks east of Danby Nov 25 (JT); 4 reports from Schuy Co (JB); observed at Phelps late Nov (CW). Common Redpoll: 20 Oct 31 Interlaken (Knight) only report. Pine Siskin: regular in Schuy Co after Sept 26 (JB) and at Geneva in Nov (CW). American Goldfinch: relatively few after mid-Oct. Red Crossbill: Sept 17 Ithaca (JT); 30 Sept 28 Newfield (DK); Oct 31 Cornell Campus (W. Dilger); Nov 25 Danby (JT). White-winged Crossbill: no reports. Rufous-sided Towhee: last report Nov 6 (OS). Savannah Sparrow: last report Nov 13 (OS). Grasshopper Sparrow: last report Oct 2 (OS). Vesper Sparrow: last report Oct 16 (OS). Slate-

colored Junco: first migrants Sept 27 Waterloo (JW). Oregon Junco: One Nov 1 at feeder in Elmira (WH). Tree Sparrow: first dates — Schuy Co Oct 31, Seneca Co 7 Nov 6 (WEB), Ithaca Oct 30 (DK); single birds or small flocks only. Chipping Sparrow: last report Nov 13 (OS). Field Sparrow: last report Nov 6 (OS). White-crowned Sparrow: Ithaca first Sept 30 (DK); good migration; last report Oct 23 (OS). White-throated Sparrow: first Ithaca Sept 2 (DK); last WD Oct 25 (WEB). Fox Sparrow: reported from Oct 2 to end of period (OS); Schuy Co Nov 7 (JB). Lincoln's Sparrow: Newfield 2 Sept 22 and last Oct 8 (DK). Swamp Sparrow: last report Nov 6 (OS). Song Sparrow: abundant everywhere. Lapland Longspur: one report 1 Nov 20 Seneca Co (WEB). Snow Bunting: small numbers regularly at Cornell Golf Course Oct 27 on; 1 Nov 1 MNWR (WEB); 10-15 Oct 31 Elmira (WH).

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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The period began very warm, and remained so in general until November, when it was cold enough for snow cover to remain longer than usual during the second half of the month. Water levels remained high from early summer and were raised by the abundance of October rain. Southerly winds predominated, with a warm, fair period of SE to SW winds October 2-5 typical of much of the period. October did have some northerly migrant-bearing winds, as on the 8th-9th, and November some rainy easterlies.

Many species seemed to have had poor breeding seasons(? due directly or indirectly to hurricane "Agnes") if adult-to-immature ratios can be used as a gauge. Adults of Double-crested Cormorant, Brant, Surf Scoter, Common Scoter, and Goshawk seemed much more common than usual, but comparable figures from other years are largely wanting.

Several Anatidae with low maxima were unreported east of the Lake Ontario basin, e.g. Gadwall, Pintail, Shoveler, Redhead, Greater Scaup, White-winged Scoter, and Surf Scoter. Blue-winged Teal mortality appeared more severe this year than last. The cause has been diagnosed as "avian cholera or fowl cholera" whereas last year's was "duck viral enteritis or duck plague." These investigations were carried out by N.Y. State Dept. of Environmental Conservation personnel. They have not yet learned what caused the severe White-winged Scoter kill of the past spring. Oldsquaw counts again stand in contrast to the generally discouraging waterfowl picture; perhaps these very northern breeders escape various temperate zone hazards (pesticides, disease, hunters) until migration time.

Three were a number of "hunter" or "shooter" problems this fall. Sandpipers were shot at Fair Haven and Sandy Pond, and a Brant at Oswego, the last considered by its killer to be "a duck." Protection of Canvasback because of possible confusion with Redhead was loudly criticized by hunters, but the regulation seems to have been justified. Counts by field birders do not reflect increased numbers of Ruffed Grouse that some local residents report. Most such reports are from areas of intense localized fox trapping or shooting.

At least 5 small hawk flights were noticed: Sep 19 and Oct 13 and 30 at Lake Ontario, Oct 9 at Eaton, and Oct 19 east of Oneida Lake. The biggest movement was Oct 13 with 46 birds of 9 species.

For the birdwatcher, the season brought both positive and negative features. Among the former: good flights of Purple, White-rumped, and Baird's Sandpipers,