

at scattered locations with a maximum of 28 on Nov 25 at Alleg State Park (Webbs). In contrast with the winter finch flight last year there were no reports of Common Redpolls. Commencing on Aug 4 and 5 small flocks of Red Crossbills invaded Catt and Alleg Cos (in obs) with the numbers building up slowly throughout the fall; the largest flocks were 50 at Alfred (EB) and 60 in the Town of Birdsall (LDB et al) on Oct 14 and 60 Nov 16 at Carrollton (JG). Four flocks of White-winged Crossbills were reported during the second half of Nov with a maximum of 14 on Nov 25 at Charlotte in Chaut Co (FR).

A fully verified account of a late Grasshopper Sparrow on Oct 8 came from near Alfred (EB et al). Another verified report was that of a *CLAY-COLORED SPARROW* on Aug 2 in Hamburg Township (TB), probably representing an early migrant. An early flock of 18 Snow Buntings was noted Oct 14 at Clarence Center (Wendlings).

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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August and September were mild enough but early in October the weather turned cold and on the 19th over 1 inch of snow fell. By Thanksgiving snow was commonplace and it was difficult to recall any period that could pass for Indian summer.

The cold of mid October did seem to form a boundary of sorts for small land migrants, with such species as catbirds, robins, Swainson's thrush, black-throated green warblers and towhees disappearing or declining noticeably at about that time. Another good winter finch year seems in the offing with all major species already reported and evening grosbeaks in considerable numbers. Red-breasted nuthatches and cedar waxwings were noticeably up in numbers while mockingbirds and blackpoll warblers were down.

No real rarities were reported although two fall prairie warblers and a Connecticut warbler were of interest, as were the abnormally late parula and black-throated blue warblers. The Acadian flycatchers are a special case. All 3 were caught for banding and keyed out with keys developed by banders in recent years and only useable on hand held birds. The ultimate standing of such records will, of course, depend on the confidence in those keys with continued use.

Abbreviations: EB—East Branch, in Delaware Co., CF—Chenango Forks, north of Binghamton.

Observers: CB—Cutler Baldwin; JB—Jeanette Baldwin; MB—Margaret Bowman; LC—Mrs. Lynn Clark; G,WC—Gail & Warren Corderman; A,MD—Anna & Marilyn Davis; L,WD—Louise & Warren Dean; MD—Mary Dobinsky; CG—Clinton Gerould; SH—Shirley Hartman; EH—Elva Hawken; LH—Louise Hover; FL—Florence Linaberry; D,ML—Dwight & Margaret Lynch; R,RP—Robert & Rita Pantle; MS—Mary Sheffield; DW—Don Weber; CW—Cora Wellman; MW—Mildred White; R,SW—Ruth & Sally White; KW—Kathryn Wilson.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 12 Oct 14 and 1 Oct 20 Pepacton Reservoir (MB); Nov 12 Candor (DW). Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Aug 31 Oneonta area (MD, KW); Nov 11 Owego (D, ML, CG, MW); 2 intervening reports. Green Heron: Sep 30 and Oct 1 Owego (JB) late. Canada Goose: Sep 23 CF (A,MD) to Oct (D,ML) in good numbers; 11 Nov 11 Portlandville near Oneonta (MD, CW, KW)

the only later ones. Lesser Scaup: Oct 19 Greenwood Lake in n Broome Co (D,ML). Common Goldeneye: 1 Nov 25 Owego (CG,MW) first fall record. Bufflehead: Oct 22 Candor (DW). Old Squaw: 2 Nov 5 Unadilla (Virginia Herman); Nov 13 CF (A,MD). Hooded Merganser: a successful nesting reported at Rogers Conservation Center at Sherburne (Mr. Weeks). Common Merganser: 7 Sep 6 EB (MB).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 28 max Sep 26 to 28 Cadosia in Delaware Co (MB); 1 Nov 9 Newark Valley (LH) late. Goshawk: Aug 20 s of Binghamton (G,WC) immature. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 6 different reports. Cooper's Hawk: 7 reports. Red-shouldered Hawk: Oct 1 Candor (DW) last report; 4 earlier reports around Oneonta. Rough-legged Hawk: Nov 24 Nichols (CG, MW); Nov 29 Richford (Claude Howard). Bald Eagle: 1 Aug 21 Cannonsville Reservoir (SH). Marsh Hawk: none reported. Osprey: 1 Aug 20 Oneonta (KW) to 1 Oct 27 Norwich (R,SW) 10 records: 1 later record Nov 19 Owego (JB, CB). Pigeon Hawk: Oct 30 Owego (CG, M W). Bob-white: regular at Candor in Sep (DW). Turkey 8 Oct 5 to 19 Owego (CG, MW); Nov 22 Owego (JB, CB). Coot: Oct 12 Owego (CG, MW). Semi-palmated Plover: 1 Sep 3 South Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW). Common Snipe: 1 Sep 17 and 1 Sep 26 Milford (CW). Spotted Sandpiper: Sep 17 Emmons near Oneonta (MD) last. Solitary Sandpiper: Oct 13 Candor (DW). Greater Yellowlegs: 2 Oct 31 Chenango Bridge (A,MD) the last of 6 reports all in Oct. Dunlin: Oct 19 Newark Valley (D,ML). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 4 Aug 20 and 3 Sep 3 South Otselic Fish Hatchery (R,SW) the only reports. Herring Gull: Oct 28 CF (A,MD) first fall report in Binghamton area. Screech Owl: "regular" at Candor, Newark Valley and Owego; 14 records in Triple Cities area. Barred Owl: Sep 6 Tioga Center (David Carpenter). Saw-whet Owl: 1 Oct 31 and 1 Nov 5 Ve stal (G,WC) both banded.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Chimney Swift: Sep 6 CF (A,MD). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Sep 27 Newark Valley (L, WD). Yellow-shafted Flicker: Nov 2 Candor (DW). Pileated Woodpecker: 7 reports. Redheaded Woodpecker: Sep 21 Owego (JB, CB); Sep 10 Candor (R,RP). Eastern Kingbird: Aug 29 Berkshire (D,ML). Great-crested Flycatcher: Walton (Lorna Fancher). Eastern Phoebe: Oct 29 Newark Valley (L,WD) last date. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 each Sep 8 and 26 Vestal (EH); 1 each Sep 20 and Oct 6 Vestal (G,WC); all banded. Acadian Flycatcher: Oct 5 Candor (R,RP); 2 Aug 12 Vestal (EH); all examined in the hand and banded. Least Flycatcher: Sep 29 Newark Valley (L,WD). Eastern Wood Pewee: Sep 30 CF (A,MD). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Aug 20 Laurens near Oneonta (E. & F. Vermilya); Aug 28 Oneonta (MD, KW); Sep 16 Milford (CW, MD). Barn Swallow: Sep 13 Newark Valley (L,WD). Tufted Titmouse: reported from Candor (DW) Newark Valley (L,WD) Owego (JB) Owego (Evelyn Williams) Endwell (FL) Vestal (Marian Vanderlip) Vestal (G,WC) CF (A, MD) EB (MB) Oneonta (E. & F. Vermilya) Oneonta (MD, KW) Oneonta (D. Erbe). Red-breasted Nuthatch: "nested-taking suet to young" early summer near Richford (Dr. Gormel); numerous fall reports from most parts of Region. Winter Wren: quite a few from Sep 9 on. Mockingbird: 2 singing at Endwell in Oct (FL) and a few other reports around Triple Cities and Owego but not quite as many as in recent years. Catbird Oct 30 Owego (CG, MW) the only one after Oct 16. Brown Thrasher: Oct 8 Choconut Center n of Johnson City (M S). Robin: numbers thinned considerably after mid Oct. Wood Thrush: 1 Oct 13 Vestal (EH). Hermit Thrush: Aug 19 Milford (CW, et. al); 1 Nov 11 Vestal (G,WC); 23 other reports from Sep 27 to Oct 23, 14 of birds banded. Swainson's Thrush: Sep 20 to Oct 16, 18 reports 13 banded. Veery: Oct 1 Candor (DW) the last. Eastern Bluebird: Nov 1 Candor (DW) the last. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1 Sep 28 Vestal (EH); numerous all thru Oct. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 Sep 14 EB (MB); common thru Oct 24; last date Nov 6 (JB, CB). Water Pipit:

Nov 18 near Oneonta (MD, KW). Cedar Waxwing: 500 or more in 1 flock Oct 31 Endwell (FL); many other large flocks in late Sep and all of Oct often feeding on unusually heavy crop of mountain ash berries; numbers much decreased in Nov. Northern Shrike: 6 reports from Nov 7 Candor (DW) on.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: Sep 17 CF (A,MD). Solitary Vireo: Oct 13 Candor (DW) last date; fairly numerous. Red-eyed Vireo 1 Oct 2 Oneonta (Richard Rabeler). Philadelphia Vireo: Sep 2 and 9 CF (A,MD); 1 banded Sep 30 Vestal (EH). Warbling Vireo: Oct 1 Milford (CW, MD). Black and white Warbler: 1 Milford (MD, CW). Golden-winged Warbler: Sep 2 C-F (A,MD). Blue-winged Warbler: Sep 2 CF (A,MD). Orange-crowned Warbler: 1 Oct 18 Vestal (G,WC) banded. Tennessee Warbler: at EB total count of 69 from Aug 24 thru Sep 28 vs last year's count of 20; overall last date Oct 14 Vestal (G,WC). Nashville Warbler: 1 Oct 13 Vestal (EH); quite common. Parula Warbler: Sep 16 to 27, 6 reports at EB 2 vs 7 in '71 (MB); 1 Nov 11 Owego (CG, MW) observed at close range with binoculars—all diagnostic marks described except for band across breast suggesting an immature or female. Yellow Warbler: Sep 27 at Owego (JB) and Walton (SH) last date. Magnolia Warbler: Aug 22 Endwell (L. Bemont) to Oct 6 EB (MB); Sep 22 "dozens" at Walton (SH). Cape May Warbler: Aug 26 Emmons (MD) to Sep 28 Candor (R,RP); total of 7 at EB vs 3 in '71 and 13 reports overall. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 20 at EB from Aug 30 to Sep 27 (MB) vs. 15 in '71; several Oct 1 Choconut Center (MS) the "normal" last date; 1 Nov 15 seen flying around inside a saw mill at Delhi (LC) and found dead in adjacent building Nov 17. Myrtle Warbler: Sep 2 to Nov 6 in normal good numbers; at EB 40 vs 45 in '71 (MB). Black-throated Green Warbler: at EB total of 61 from Aug 25 to Oct 11 vs 62 in '71 (MB); good numbers in other parts of Region during same period. Blackburnian Warbler: at EB 18 from Aug 25 to Sep 25 vs 5 in '71 (EB). Chestnut-sided Warbler: Oct 1 EB (MB) last date. Bay-breasted Warbler: Aug 19 Milford (CW, et. al.) earliest; 1 Oct 5 Vestal (G,WC) latest; at EB 3 vs 9 in '71 (MB). Blackpoll Warbler: Aug 26 Oneonta (SW, KW); 1 Oct 6 Vestal (EH) last; at EB none vs 24 in '71. Palm Warbler: Oct 2, 1 at Milford (CW); Oct 3 Candor (R,RP); at Vestal 1 each Oct 2 and 10 (G,WC). Prairie Warbler: 1 Aug 31 EB (MB); 1 Sep 24 Oneonta (Richard Rabeler). Ovenbird: 1 Oct 14 Vestal (G,WC) last. Connecticut Warbler: 1 Sep 9 EB (MB) first there in 15 years. Mourning Warbler: 2 Sep 9 Milford (CW, MD); Sep 28 Candor (R,RP). Yellowthroat: common thru Oct 15; last date Oct 31 Owego (CG, MW). Wilson's Warbler: 1 Aug 28 EB (MB); 1 Oct 2 Vestal (EH); 9 intervening records. Canada Warbler: 1 Oct 5 EB (MB) last date. American Redstart: 1 Sep 29 EB (MB) last.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 4 Sep 4 Berkshire (D,ML) last date. Baltimore Oriole: Nov 23 Candor (R,RP) the only report after Sep 8 Rusty Blackbird: Oct 13 Berksshire (D,ML); 3 Nov 19 Owego (CG, MW); 3 intervening records all from Tioga Co. Scarlet Tanager: 1 Sep 29 Vestal (EH); at EB total of 32 vs 58 in '71—poor grape crop this year. Cardinal: Oct 10 Endwell (FL) feeding young; Nov 30 Delhi (LC) first there since spring. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last 1 Oct 5 EB (MB) where fall total of 26 vs 51 in '71. Indigo Bunting: 1 banded Oct 2 Vestal (G,WC) last. Evening Grosbeak: 1 Aug 17 Candor (R,RP) the only report before Oct 5 Walton (SH); quite common and even showing up at feeders by Nov 15. Purple Finch: large summer population much reduced by Aug but still present in most parts of the Region in reduced numbers all fall. House Finch: max count of 15 Endwell in Oct (FL). Pine Grosbeak: 3 Nov 13 Milford (CW); Nov 16 Delhi (LC) and Oneonta (Robert Fitz); Nov 18 3 at Oneonta (MD, KW) and "many" at Downsville (SH). Common Redpoll: Nov 15 Oneonta (Cecil Smith); 25 Nov 24 Owego (D,WL). Pine Siskin: Oct 22

Choconut Center (MS) first date; 100 Nov 18 Oneonta (MB, KW); several medium sized flocks. Red Crossbill: 20-25 on Hartwick College campus from mid Sep to mid Oct (Richard Rabeler); Nov 5 Candor (DW); Nov 17 Newark Valley and Nov 29 Vestal (EH); White-winged Crossbill: Nov 23 Apalachin and Nov 27 Vestal (EH). Rufous-sided Towhee: regular to Oct 16—a few still present thru Nov. Vesper Sparrow: Nov 4 Milford (CW, et. al) last date. Slate-colored Junco: in large numbers from Oct 1. Tree Sparrow: Oct 30 Vestal (EH) and Newark Valley (LH) first date. Chipping Sparrow: Nov 21 Newark Valley (LH) the only report after Nov 7. White-crowned Sparrow: Sep 22 Walton (SH) thru Oct 23 Candor (DW); 1 abnormally late report Nov 16 Newark Valley (LH). White-throated Sparrow: migrants from Sep 23. Fox Sparrow: 1 Oct 6 Vestal (EH) first date. Lincoln's Sparrow: 2 Aug 22 Vestal (EH) first Oct 8 Candor (DW) last; at least 15 individuals including 3 at EB (MB) and 1 at Milford (CW). Lapland Longspur: Nov 18 Oneonta with pipits and horned larks (MD, KW). Snow Bunting: Nov 1 Owego (CG, MW); 1 Nov 5 Mt. Vision near Oneonta (Tom Ryder).

Correction: Vol XXII—N. 1 p. 38 line 5—earliest Bay-breasted at EB was Sep 25, not Aug 25.

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