

success it experienced in previous years. All observers reported that both Yellow Black-billed Cuckoos were present in above average numbers. After an absence of 3 years the *BARN OWL* is again being reported — 1-3 adults June, July Hilton (T&MT); 1 imm July Honeoye Falls (J. Taylor). Barred Owl: 1-2 June, July Canadice (J&JC), previously unreported from this area.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Common Nighthawk: still decreasing in numbers. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 June 9 WLS (MC&JU). *ACADIAN FLYCATCHER*: 1 June 9 WLS (MC et al). 1 June 10 Avon (GOS). Brown Creeper and Winter Wren both successfully raised young in Irondequoit (N&L Moon); the latter being a new record for Monroe Co. A single Winter Wren was also heard singing in Penfield throughout June and July (G. Davis). Carolina Wren seems to have had a comeback in our area; by the end of the period, 8 individuals had been reported. Short-billed Marsh Wren: 1 June 27-30 BB (WL). Loggershead Shrike was only reported on 2 occasions, with no indication of nesting.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Most migrants had departed by the end of the first week in June. There were no reports of late departures. No reports were received pertaining to the abundance of local nesting birds, although a few of the more active birders in the area felt there was some decrease in the numbers of Yellow-throated and Warbling Vireos. Yellow Warblers were very common, just the reverse of last year. Blackpoll Warblers: 20 June 1 Greece (MC&JU); this was a good count for this late in the season.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: The Western Meadowlark that has frequented an area west of Rochester in past years was unreported. (WL) reports that the *ORCHARD ORIOLE* nesting on his property in Carlton successfully raised 4 young. Rusty Blackbird: 1 June 9 BB (WL); this is a late date for our area. Evening Grosbeak: 1 June 7 Webster (J&T McNett). Purple Finch was unreported as a nesting bird. *HOUSE FINCH*: 1 male July 3 Brighton (E Lank). Red Crossbill: still present in good numbers thru the 14th June when 8 were seen in Webster (D Spier). A late Lincoln Sparrow was observed June 1 in Greece (MC).

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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At Ithaca this was the warmest summer since 1959 with many warm nights. Daytime temperatures were not unusually high but many days in the 80's and a few in the 90's. Rainfall was normal in June but below after that.

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge had its second successive summer of poor birding. In the aftermath of the flooding by "Agnes" last year, the Main Pool was drained early this Spring and has remained dry all summer to kill the carp brought in by the flooding and to facilitate repairs to the dikes. The destruction of most of the broods of ducks and marsh nesters by the flood waters last year left few one year birds to return as breeders in 1973. The mudflats produced by the draining of the pool held some shorebirds at the Refuge as late as June 14. In all, nine species of shorebirds lingered into June. One other plus from the drainage was the production during the summer of an enormous quantity of rank smartweed in the Pool bed. This will supply a large amount of duck food this Fall. The "Fall" migration of shorebirds started in early July as usual. For a few days it was excellent until the mudflats dried up or were overgrown with vegetation. When the habitat was gone, the shorebirds largely disappeared. One other plus for the season was the presence of 3 Bald Eagles at the Refuge all during the summer.

The results of 3 of the 25-mile Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Surveys are available. The Trumansburg Survey recorded 60 species, one more than in 1972 and the highest in its eight years of existence. Species showing gains were Mourning Dove, Eastern Phoebe, Red-eyed Vireo (double the previous high). Common Yellowthroat, Cardinal, Field Sparrow and Song Sparrow. All but the Mourning Dove not only increased but set new 8 year highs. Decreases were recorded for Eastern Kingbird, Barn Swallow, Northern Oriole and Chipping Sparrow. Found for the first time were Red-bellied Woodpecker, Mockingbird, Nashville Warbler and Dark-eyed Junco. Missed completely were Tree Swallow, Veery and Warbling Vireo. The Rushville report tallied 45 species, 3 over last year. It showed increases in Ring-necked Pheasant, Killdeer, Mourning Dove, Common Flicker, Bank and Barn Swallows, Common Crow, Brown Thrasher, Common Yellowthroat, Eastern Meadowlark, Cardinal. Decreases occurred in Horned Lark, House Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle and Brown-headed Cowbird, most of which are "pest" species. The 53 species on the Branchport count were 5 above 1972. Increases occurred in Mourning Dove, Eastern Phoebe, Barn Swallow, Common Crow, and Bobolink. Horned Lark, Bank Swallow, House Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird and Indigo Bunting were lower.

Major Morgan V. Jones at the Seneca Army Depot had a trail of 36 Bluebird houses. Bluebirds occupied 2 with one pair nesting twice. Four nestlings fledged from 14 eggs. Tree Swallows used 7 boxes and House Wrens 12. In addition he kept records on 14 Robin nests and an amazing 41 Eastern Phoebe and 72 Barn Swallow nests which were in the buildings at the depot. Nesting success on these was very high.

At Taughanock State Park 25 boxes put up by the Trumansburg Garden Club were all occupied as follows: Bluebirds 4; House Wrens 15 of which 3 were abandoned; Tree Swallows 2; Black-capped Chickadee 1.

No rarities reported but noteworthy during the summer months were Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush, Golden-crowned Kinglet with immatures in the flock and 3 reports of Dark-eyed Juncos one of which had young. Also worthy of note was the attempted nesting of the Long-eared Owl at Ithaca.

Unless otherwise noted all MNWR records are those of the Editor.

Abbreviations: BBS—Fish and Wildlife Breeding Survey (preceded by Br for Branchport, R for Rushville or T for Trumansburg); CGP—Corning Glass Works Pond; FFD—first Fall date; LSD—Last Spring date; MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; SEAD—Seneca Army Depot; SWS—Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Jun 10 MNWR. Pied-billed Grebe: 60 MNWR (RG). Great Blue Heron: normal number at MNWR; 6-8 young at Bath (JR). Green Heron: nest with 4 young near Elmira Watershed Reservoir (MW); 8 Jul 14 CGP (WH); 1 Jun 11 Waterloo (JW). Great Egret: max 3 MNWR (RG). Black-crowned Night Heron: down at MNWR.

Mallard: immatures at CGP and A&P Pond, Horseheads (WH). Black Duck: downy young Jul 4 Holding Point, Elmira (MH). Wood Duck: very scarce in Elmira area (MW). Hooded Merganser: female at A&P pond, Horseheads (WH).

The waterfowl population, adult and young, at MNWR is shown in the following table (RG).

Canada Goose	300	Northern Shoveler	125
Mallard	750	Wood Duck	300
Black Duck	400	Ring-necked Duck	35
Gadwall	450	Ruddy Duck	15
Pintail	25	Hooded Merganser	40
Green-winged Teal	300	Blue-winged Teal	350
American Wigeon	80		

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: the nest in the Marengo Swamp, which has been used yearly since at least 1965, was not occupied this year; vultures still seen in the area; 5 MNWR (RG), also reported at Mt. Pleasant (LOSS). Cooper's Hawk: nested at Texas Hollow, success unknown (JB); 1 sighted at Lamoka Lake (JB); 1 Jul 10 Englewood Forest, Elmira (MW); also reported at Mt. Pleasant (LOSS). Red-tailed Hawk; good numbers thruout the Region (LOSS). Red-shouldered Hawk: nest reported at Ithaca Airport (LOSS). Bald Eagle: an adult and 2 immatures seen periodically at MNWR. Marsh Hawk: 1 Trumansburg (LOSS). American Kestrel: generally in good numbers. Ruffed Grouse: good numbers (LOSS). Bobwhite: seen during Jun and Jul in Keuka area (FG). Ring-necked Pheasant: equal to 5 year average in TBBS with 28 birds seen; 36 on RBBS is more than double 1972; BrBBS the same at 4; 200 MNWR (RG). Turkey: 1 nest at Mt. Pleasant (LOSS). Virginia Rail: reported good numbers (LOSS). Sora: few reports. Common Gallinule: down at MNWR but abundant at Watkins Marsh with 25-30 young (JB). American Coot; 250 MNWR low (RG).

All shorebird reports are from MNWR unless otherwise noted. Semipalmated Plover: 11 Jun 8; FFD Jul 27 late. Killdeer: max 122 Jun 29; normal numbers on BBS's. Black-bellied Plover: LSD 1 Jun 8, max 19 Jun 1. Ruddy Turnstone: LSD 8 Jun 1. Common Snipe: max 50 (RG). Upland Sandpiper: fewer in Elmira area: 7 Jul 4 Holding Point (WH); 2 Jun 11 northern Seneca County (JW). Spotted Sandpiper: max 26 Jul 6. Solitary Sandpiper: FFD 4 Jul 10; Ithaca Airport ponds (LOSS). Greater Yellowlegs: LSD 1 Jun 10 FFD 2 Jul 3. Lesser Yellowlegs: FFD 19 Jul 6, max 74 Jul 10; 1 Jul 11 Lamoka Lake (JB). Red Knot: LSD 3 Jun 1. Pectoral Sandpiper: FFD 4 Jun 10. White-rumped Sandpiper: LSD 1 Jun 1. Dunlin: LSD 3 Jun 8. Short-billed Dowitcher: FFD 8 Jul 6. Least Sandpiper: LSD 12 June 1. FFD 8 Jul 6. mar 29 ul 10 A&P Ponds. Horseheads (MW). Stilt Sandpiper: FFD 2 Jul 10. Semipalmated Sandpiper: LSD 76 Jun 14. FED 62 Jul 27, max 500 June 1.

Common Tern: 2-6 at MNWR. Caspian Tern: 4 MNWR (RG). Black Tern: down drastically at MNWR max 60 (RG). Mourning Dove: abundant everywhere. Cuckoos: both species continue scare but in MNWR area they were a little more plentiful. Monk Parakeet: 1 reported at Newfield in Jul (DK). Screech Owl: nested along Fall Creek, Ithaca (LOSS). Great Horned Owl: good numbers (LOSS); 16 MNWR (RG). Barred Owl: SWS pair nested again this year. *LONG-EARED OWL*: a nest at Ithaca was broken up and the 2 young disappeared (DM).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: nested on Cornell Campus (LOSS); no sightings in Keuka area (FG). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: scarce thruout the region (LOSS). Belted Kingfisher: normal numbers (LOSS). Common Flicker, Pileated, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers: all found in normal numbers (LOSS). Red-bellied Woodpecker: normal in its well established range around MNWR and Waterloo; reported on the RBBS and for the first time on the TBBS. Red-headed Woodpecker: present at usual nesting sites along Clyde River (WB); 1 report near Catherine (JB). Eastern Kingbird: fewer in MNWR area; low on BBS's; better numbers in Bath area (BA). Great Crested and Least Flycatchers: normal on

BBS's. Eastern Phoebe: higher numbers on BBS's; at SEAD 41 nests fledged 129 birds from 159 eggs (MJ). Eastern Wood Pewee: normal numbers (LOSS).

Swallows: all Swallows reported low in the Keuka area (FG) but "common as usual" at Waterloo (JW). Tree Swallow: down generally (LOSS); 29 birds were fledged from 39 eggs in 7 nests at SEAD (MJ). Bank Swallow: down drastically on BrBBS; up from last year's disaster at MNWR with 3000 on Jul 22. Rough-winged Swallow: scarce (LOSS). Barn Swallow: generally good (LOSS) but low on TBBS; at SEAD 72 nests fledged 262 birds from 324 eggs (MJ). Cliff Swallow: no reports. Purple Martin: recovering from crash of recent years; 85 MNWR (RG) is the best in several years; "more abundant" at Waterloo (JW).

Corvids: both Blue Jay and Common Crow doing well. Black-capped Chickadee: normal numbers; pair at SEAD fledged 8 young from 9 eggs. Red-breasted Nuthatch: pair at Waterloo all summer (JW). Brown Creeper: 2 nests reported at Monkey Run and 1 at Buttermilk Creek (LOSS). House Wren: good numbers (LOSS) (BBS's); 71 eggs in 12 nests produced 69 fledglings at SEAD (MJ). Winter Wren: singing along Six Mile Creek, Ithaca Jul 30 (Elaine Kibbe). Carolina Wren: pair built 2 nests but deserted both near Taughannock Park; remained in area all summer (Lutz fide DM). Long-billed Marsh Wren; 1 Jul 21 CGW where it has been absent for several years (WH); common at MNWR (JW). Mockingbird: appeared on TBBS for the first time. Gray Catbird: normal numbers (BBS's) (JW) (LOSS). Brown Thrasher: up on RBBS; otherwise about normal. Robin: abundant everywhere; 14 nests at SEAD produced 29 fledglings from 36 eggs (MJ). Wood Thrush: high numbers on all BBS's. Hermit Thrush: 1 Jun 10 Waterloo (JW). Swainson's Thrush: 1 killed at TV tower Elmira Aug 8 (MW); few reports; 2 Jun 10 Waterloo (JW). Bluebird: 6 BrBBS; SEAD 2 pairs produced 4 fledglings (MJ); 4 nests Taughannock Park fledged 17 young; 4 other nests in Trumansburg area (LP). **GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET**: small flock, including immatures, at Tanglewood Forest, Elmira Jul 10 4-5 birds seen. more heard (WH). Starling: still abundant though down on all BBS's.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: On the 25-mile BBS's the following were recorded.

	Jun 10 TBBS	Jun 23 RBBS	Jun 8 BrBBS
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	0	0
Red-eyed Vireo	12	0	0
Blue-winged Warbler	1	0	1
Nashville Warbler	1	0	0
Yellow Warbler	19	7	4
Black-throated Green Warbler ...	1	0	0
Chestnut-sided Warbler	0	0	2
Ovenbird	2	0	0
Common Yellowthroat	18	6	19
Yellow-breasted Chat	0	0	3
Redstart	1	0	2

Warbling Vireo: generally good (JW) (WB) but none on BBS's. Warblers: Prothonotary: MNWR (DK). Blue-winged: good numbers (LOSS). Brewster's: present in Keuka area Jun and Jul (FG). Nashville: recorded on TBBS for first time. Yellow: abundant everywhere (LOSS). Black-throated Blue; Michigan Hollow (LOSS). Chestnut-sided: 1 Jun 24 Waterloo (PW). Cerulean: Taughannock Creek and MNWR (LOSS); 1 Jul 4 Waterloo (JW). Prairie: Elmira (LOSS). Louisiana Waterthrush; Michigan Hollow (LOSS). Mourning: 2 singing males Jun 30 Waterloo (JW). Common Yellowthroat: abundant in all parts of the region (LOSS). Yellow-breasted Chat: at usual location (Bardeen's) in Burdett (JB); 3 on BrBBS; 3 at Ithaca Airport (LOSS). Wilson's: 1 Jun 10 Waterloo (JW). American Redstart: most reports indicate decline (LOSS).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolinks and Eastern Meadowlarks appear to be holding their own and Red-winged Blackbirds are still abundant. Northern Oriole: "More abundant" at Waterloo (JW); down on TBBS; no reported change elsewhere. Common Grackle: abundant. Brown-headed Cowbird: fewer MNWR, Waterloo. RBBS and BrBBS. Cardinal: counts up on all BBS's. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: generally down (LOSS). Indigo Bunting: "Usually plentiful" in Keuka area (FG); down on BRBBS; also on TBBS but still in good numbers. Purple Finch: "More feeder reports and reports of young this year" in Watkins area (JB). Pine Siskin: many Jun reports up to Jun 18, in Schuyler County (JB). American Goldfinch: doing well in all areas. Red Crossbill: 2 males near Watkins Park Jun 9 (JB). Rufous-sided Towhee: normal counts on BBS's.

Sparrows: in general all sparrows were reported down in the northern part of the Region; in the rest of the Region the BBS's indicate more nearly normal numbers; exception is Song Sparrow which is abundant everywhere. Grasshopper: reported at Ithaca Airport (LOSS); Waterloo (JW); 3 reports from Keuka area (FG): Dark-eyed Junco: seen through the summer in Guyanoga Valley with 2 half-grown young (FG); 1 on TBBS; also reported from Michigan Hollow (LOSS).

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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The early part of June, just when the impact on nesting birds would presumably be the greatest, was rather wet but the rest of the summer was on the dry side. Temperatures were generally mild but averaged a little on the warm side.

Breeding Common Mergansers continue to be recorded in Delaware County, as they have been for the last 20 years, even though that is appreciably south of their recognized breeding range. Breeding Goshawks also continue to be recorded in the Region while Cooper's and Sharp-shinned hawks remain low in numbers. Another continuing trend is the increase in House Finches, particularly in the Triple Cities area.

Abbreviation: BBS—Fish and Wildlife Service Breeding Bird Survey.

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As for the past few years, a summation of the results of the BBSs available at the time this report was prepared has been included in parentheses following the name of each species recorded on at least one survey. The 2 numbers, separated by a comma, are the total number of surveys on which the species was recorded, respectively. Surveys available were: Lisle, Jun 9, Robert Pantle; Whitney Point, Jun 23, Robert Pantle; Coventryville, Jul 1, Les Bemont; McDonough, Jul 1, Claude Howard.

LOON-DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Jul 3 Goodyear Lake, near Oneonta (Irene Wright). Great Blue Heron: (1,1). Green Heron: (1,1). Great Egret: Aug 11 Milford (CW, KW, MD), very few have been reported in the Region in the last few years. Canada Goose: a pair nested on Pepacton Reservoir, near Margaretville (MB). Wood Duck: (1,1). Hooded Merganser: 1 Jul 18 Sherburne (R,SW). Common Merganser: 20 half grown juveniles with 1 adult on Beaverkill Jul 24 and 25 (MB).