

kinds of birds, affects water birds frequently. This slowly developing affliction would probably ultimately been responsible for the death of the Razonbill.

A partial skeleton has been prepared from the body and is deposited in my collection as JLT number 646.

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Swainson's Warbler in Central Park, New York, New York: On 11 May, 1973 a Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*) was found in the "Ramble" about fifty feet south of "Warbler Rock" in Central Park, New York Co., N.Y. at 7:30 a.m. It was discovered and positively identified by the authors.

It was initially found beneath a large bush where we studied it for about five minutes; it then disappeared. At about 12:00 noon Davis Finch rediscovered the bird in a nearby patch of Japanese Knotweed where the bird remained for the day.

We were able to study the bird at a distance of about ten feet feeding beneath the bush in a thick dead leaf ground covering. It foraged like a Towhee shuffling its feet and poking its bill among the leaves. One characteristic peculiar to this individual was that it trembled while it searched for food. This trembling is said to be diagnostic of this species by Brooke Meanly in his paper, the "Natural History of the Swainson's Warbler" (North American Fauna, No. 69, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 1971)

During the day of the sighting about thirty-five people, including John Bull, Robert Arbib, Thomas Davis, and Roger Pasquier, saw this bird. The weather conditions preceding this discovery were extremely favorable. There had been seven days of north-easterly winds which had seriously hindered the migration. During the night of May 10-11 the winds shifted to the south and opened the bottle-neck. On May 11 there were, in Central Park, three or four Worm-Eating Warblers, two Hooded Warblers, and two Yellow-breasted Chats.

There are two previous records for Swainson's Warbler in New York State — one seen May 5 and 6, 1950, at Prospect Park, Kings County (Bull, 1964, *Birds of the New York Area*, Harper & Row) and one seen May 6, 1963, at the Bronx Botanical Gardens, Bronx County (Bull, 1970, *Supplement to Birds of the New York Area*, Proceedings of the Linnaean Society, of New York)

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