

Purple Finch: reported in good numbers. *HOUSE FINCH*: 1 Oct 3 Leroy (T Adamson); 1 Nov 10 Palmyra (W Hartranft); still no population explosion. No reports of Pine Grosbeak. Common Redpoll: 12 Nov 18 (G Meade); 20 Nov 23 WLS (R&SO'H). Pine Siskin and Red Crossbill have been reported in good numbers since mid-Oct, Siskin being the more common. Only 1 report of White-winged Crossbill: 1 Nov 18 BB (JC). Lapland Longspur: 1 Oct 23 HBP (K Doris & D Wilton); 1 Nov 11 HAM (R&SO'H). Snow Buntings were reported in fair numbers from areas west of Rochester, but there have been no inland reports.

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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The period as a whole was warmer and drier than usual. Very hot weather in late August and continuing into early September was followed by a cold spell. At Ithaca the first freeze occurred on September 21, ten days to two weeks early, but in some parts of the Region even tender garden plants were not killed until late October. We experienced the mildest November with the least snow in several years. Stream flow was below normal and ponds and reservoirs below their normal levels at the end of the period.

Observers commented on the lack of migrating waterfowl. The absence of cold weather may have held them in the North later than usual.

Shorebird records were largely from Montezuma Refuge. The amount of suitable habitat there was much restricted and only small numbers of the more common species were present. Seldom is there a Fall season when several of the rarer species do not show up at Montezuma but such was not the case this Fall. Dunlin were a month late in arriving and very few in number.

The Carolina Wren appears to be on the upswing. Malcolm Lerch had a Connecticut Warbler among the 700 plus warblers he banded. The first authenticated nesting of the House Finch in Ithaca occurred this year.

At Elmira there were heavy migrations on the nights of September 23 and 24 but with relatively small kills at the TV tower. Much larger kills totaling 445 birds occurred on September 27 and 28.

Rarities included White-fronted Goose, Peregrine, King Rail, Bohemian Waxwing, White-eyed Vireo and Connecticut Warbler.

Abbreviations: Cay — Cayuga; Co — County; JP — Junius Ponds in northern Seneca County; L — Lake; MNWR — Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; SM — Savannah mucklands; SAD — Seneca Army Depot; Sen — Seneca; Schy — Schuyler; WD — Waterloo dump.

Area compilers and observers: WEB — W. E. Benning; JB — Jack Brubaker (Watkins); COS — Cornell ornithology seminars; FG — Frank Guthrie (Keuka); RG — Robert Gustafson (MNWR); WH — Wilfred Howell; MJ — Morgan Jones (SAD); RSJ — Richard and Sally Jorgensen; DM — Dorothy McIlroy (Ithaca); MRP — Montezuma Refuge personnel; JJS — James and Judy Stewart; BS — Betty Strath; JT — James Tate; JW — Jayson Walger; (Waterloo); JWs — Jack Weiss; MW — Mary Welles (Elmira).

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon; 13 Oct 30 Cay L. Horned Grebe: first Nov 12 (COS). Pied-billed Grebe: present at MNWR thruout period with 6 birds still incubating in mid-Aug; max 250 (MRP). Double-crested Cormorant: 2 Sep 1

Waneta L (JB). Great Blue Heron; few still present at MNWR at end of period; max 175 (MRP). Green Heron: max MNWR (MRP). Cattle Egret: Oct 30 and Nov 1 N of Watkins (Art Kopp fide JB). Great Egret: 1-3 MNWR thru Sep. Black-crowned Night Heron: max 65 MNWR (MRP); last report Nov 12 (COS). Least Bittern: max 20 MNWR (MRP). American Bittern: max 15 MNWR (MRP); last mid-Oct Schy Co (JB).

Whistling Swan; 15 about Nov 10 Cayuta L (BS). The MRP report the max goose numbers at MNWR as follows: Canada: 8,000 down from 12,000 in 1972; Snow (white morph) 25, (blue morph) 20. Max duck counts at MNWR as reported by MRP: Mallard 10,000; Black; 3,000; Gadwall: 800; Pintail: 300; Green-winged Teal: 4,000; Blue-winged Teal: 2,000; American Wigeon: 2,500; Shoveler: 300; Wood Duck: 600; Redhead: 15; Ring-necked: 30; 15; Hooded Merganser: 200; Common Merganser: 300.

Other waterfowl records: *WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE*: 1 Nov 5, 6 and 9 with Canadas at Sheldrake, Cay L (JT et al). Usual numbers of Mallards, Blacks and Green-winged Teal on the Barge Canal and ponds at Waterloo (JW). Wood Duck: scare in the Keuka L area (FG); down at Elmira (MW). Redhead: 20 Oct 30 MNWR (WEB); 2 Oct 23 Elmira (WH); 3 Sep 1 Sen L at Watkins Glen (BS); 1 Oct 11 JP (JJS). Canvasback: 62 Oct 30 MNWR (WEB) only report. Lesser Scaup: 1 Oct 10 Elmira (MW). Common Goldeneye: first on Sen L Nov 14 (JWs) with normal numbers thereafter. Black Scoter: 2 Nov 2 Sen L at Watkins Glen (JB). Hooded Merganser: 75 Nov 26 Waneta L (JB). Red-breasted Merganser: 8 Nov 2 Sen L at Watkins Glen (JB).

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 2 Oct 19 JP (JJS). Goshawk: 1 Nov 14 Watkins Glen (JB). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Texas Hollow Sanctuary; 1 Oct 19 JP (JJS). Red-tailed Hawk: "fewer" at Elmira; "best numbers in years" at Watkins; "down slightly" at SAD; "usual numbers" at Waterloo. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Aug 29 Connecticut Hill (JB); 1 Oct 17 JP (JJS). Broad-winged Hawk: reported Oct 22 and Nov 5 rather late (COS); several reports during migration from Schy Co. Rough-legged Hawk: 1 Oct 16 SAD (MJ); 1 Oct 28 Hawley (WH); 1 MNWR (MRP). Bald Eagle: 1 immature Sep 16 MNWR (WEB). Marsh Hawk: max 5 MNWR (MRP); reported from Schy Co. Elmira and at COS. Osprey: 1 during Oct in Keuka area; 1 Sep 18 Watkins Glen; 1-2 at MNWR until Sep 21. *PEREGRINE*: a dark-backed, strongly marked bird sighted 5 times Sep 15-22 on East Lake Road south of Geneva was apparently attracted by large numbers of feral Rock Doves (JWs). American Kestrel: good numbers thruout the area. Ring-necked Pheasant: reported in good numbers in the northern part of the region. *KING RAIL*: 1 Aug 19 MNWR (Vernon Dewey fide RG) no details. The MRP count of rails was Virginia Rail: 150; Sora: 40. Common Gallinule: max 80 MNWR (MRP); good number at Watkins Marsh. American Coot: max 1500 MNWR (MRP).

NOTE: Unless otherwise designated shorebird records are by WEB at MNWR. Semipalmated Plover: max 5 Aug 12-14; last Oct 12. Killdeer: 44 Aug 22 WD; max 110 MNWR (MRP); last 4 Nov 9. American Golden Plover: 15-20 in mid-Sep on plowed field near JP (JJS); 1 Aug 27 WD. Black-bellied Plover: first 2 Sep 9 WD; up to 8 MNWR; 2 Oct 23 Elmira (WH). Ruddy Turnstone: 1 Nov 22 SM only record. American Woodcock: JWs and MJ independently noted heavy migration along the east shore of Sen L on several evenings in late Sep and early Oct; last report Oct 29 (COS). Common Snipe: max 42 Oct 31 WD. Upland Sandpiper: 3 Sep Holding Point, Elmira (WH), fewer this year as habitat has been pre-empted by trailers as aftermath of hurricane Agnes; 1 Sep 22 WD. Spotted Sandpiper: last 2 Sep 11; 3 Aug 26 WD. Solitary Sandpiper: last dates 2 Sep 11 MNWR and 3 Aug 27 WD. Greater Yellowlegs: last dates

4 Nov 2 Sen L (JB); 1 Nov 4 Seneca Falls (RSJ); max 120 MNWR (MRP). Lesser Yellowlegs: max 67 Sep 15; 27 Aug 22; WD; 34 Sep 7 SM; last dates 2 Oct 30; 17 Oct 30 WD; 3 Oct 23 SM. Pectoral Sandpiper: max 60 Oct 12; 27 Aug 22 WD; 35 Sep 7 SM; last 2 Oct 30; 17 Oct 30 WD; 1 Nov 9 SM. Least Sandpiper: max 28 MNWR (MRP); last dates 2 Aug 26; 2 Aug 27 WD both very early; 3 Nov 9 SM. Dunlin: numbers, especially at MNWR, very low and late in arriving; first 1 Oct 12 and max 12 Oct 30; first 1 Sep 23 and max 85 Nov 9 SM. Short-billed Dowitcher: 1 Oct 18 SAD (MJ); max 31 MNWR (MRP); last 12 Oct 24. Long-billed Dowitcher: 1-3 Sep 9-15; 1 Oct 24 SM. Stilt Sandpiper: max 22 Sep 7; 6 Aug 27 WD. Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 200 Aug 18; 107 Sep 7 SM; last 77 Sep 23 SM. Wilson's Phalarope: max 4 Aug 26; last 1 Sep 20 WD. Northern Phalarope: 1 Nov 11 Sen L (MJ).

Great Black-backed Gull; 1 at Watkins on Sen L was the first there in several years (JB); 2 Oct 30 MNWR. Herring Gull: 50 MNWR (MRP); 200 regular at WD. Ring-billed Gull: 150 MNWR (MRP); up to 500 regular at WD. Caspian Tern: 2 Sep 1 Sen L (JB). Black Tern: 60 MNWR (MRP). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: reported Oct 22 (COS). Black-billed Cuckoo; reported Oct 1 (COS). Screech Owl: 1 Oct 20 Waterloo (JW); very abundant at SAD in late Sep and Oct with 5 calling at once (MJ). Great Horned Owl: reported thruout the Region. Short-eared Owl: 1 last week in Oct near Lansing (B Rhodes fide DM); 3 MNWR (MRP). Saw-whet Owl: 1 found dead at Art Kopp farm Schy Co (JB); Nov 5 (COS).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLINGS: Common Nighthawk: 200-300 migrating over Elmira 6 PM Aug 25 (WH); 1 Aug 24 Waterloo (JW); last reported Oct 1 (COS). Chimney Swift: "hundreds" over the Chemung River at Elmira Aug 25 (WH). Red-bellied Woodpecker: several new locations in the Ithaca area (DM) but missing at SAD after mid Sep. Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 reports from Schy Co (JB); 2 adults and 1 immature near Lansing Nov 2 (JT); immature last 2 weeks of Nov at Hannon feeder in Ithaca (DM). Eastern Kingbird: 1 Sep 20 WD (WEB). Eastern Phoebe: last report Oct 15 (COS). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher; 1 Oct 10 Penn Yan (FG). Eastern Wood Pewee: last Oct 6 MNWR. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Aug 18 and 1 Sep 12 Penn Yan (FG) only reports. Horned Lark: generally scarce; 20 Oct 25 Elmira (WH). Tree Swallow: heavy migration noted Sep 30 and Oct 7 at MNWR; last Oct 21. Bank Swallow: last Sep 16 MNWR. Rough-winged Swallow: last report Oct 15 (COS). Barn Swallow: last 28 Sep 16 MNWR. Cliff Swallow: only report Oct 1 (COS). Purple Martin: last Aug 21 MNWR. At Penn Yan FG reported all swallows left early. Blue Jay: heavy migration Sep 28 SAD (MJ). Tufted Titmouse; numbers high locally at SAD (MJ). Red-breasted Nuthatch: scattered reports from all areas. Winter Wren: 1 Oct 12 JP (JJS); seen thruout Oct in Ithaca area. Carolina Wren: increases reported from Elmira and Ithaca; 1 in the editor's dooryard Oct 21 was a first. Long-billed Marsh Wren: 1 16 MNWR; last reported Oct 1 (COS). Mockingbird: 1 Sep 20 SAD (MJ).

Thrushes: JB reports a heavy influx of several species of thrushes along the Texas Hollow Road Sep 28. Last reports on thrushes at COS were as follows: Wood: Oct 15. Swainson's: Oct 15; Gray-cheeked: Oct 1. Veery: Oct 15. Hermit: 1 Nov 10 JP (JJS). Bluebird; at Penn Yan FG reports flocks of 20-25; at Elmira 10 were seen at Mt. Zoar (WH); 1 nestbox at Stashes Wildlife Sanctuary produced 3 broods but other boxes which produced birds last year were not used; few reports at Ithaca this Fall; 1 Nov 18 JP (JJS). Kinglets: good migration of both Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned. Water Pipit: very few at MNWR; flock of 100 south of Aurora seen mobbing and chasing Starlings. (DM). **BOHEMIAN WAXWING:** Nov 18 Cornell Campus (Tom Howe fide DM). Northern Shrike: 1 Oct 8 SAD (WEB); 1 Oct 15 (COS). Loggerhead Shrike: 1

Nov 11 in Norma Hood's yard on Prospect Hill Road, Elmira chasing birds at the feeder (MW) late date; 1 Aug 17 Cayuta L (JB).

VIREO-WARBLEDERS: Following are the vireos and warblers banded by Malcolm Lerch of Penn Yan.

Species	Total	First date	Last date
Solitary Vireo	2	Sep 21	Sep 29
Red-eyed Vireo	42	Sep 4	Sep 27
Philadelphia Vireo	15	Sep 4	Sep 28
Warbling Vireo	2	Sep 21	Sep 29
Black-and-white Warbler	5	Aug 2	Aug 5
Blue-winged Warbler	2	Aug 2	Aug 16
Tennessee Warbler	27	Aug 9	Oct 1
Nashville Warbler	31	Aug 31	Sep 29
Yellow Warbler	60	Aug 17	Sep 1
Magnolia Warbler	85	Aug 21	Sep 29
Cape May Warbler	20	Aug 17	Sep 12
Black-throated Blue Warbler	11	Aug 24	Sep 28
Yellow-rumped Warbler	29	Sep 28	Oct 31
Black-throated Green Warbler	23	Aug 29	Sep 29
Blackburnian Warbler	5	Aug 29	Sep 12
Chestnut-sided Warbler	11	Aug 21	Sep 27
Bay-breasted Warbler	61	Aug 24	Aug 24
Blackpoll Warbler	33	Sep 6	Oct 4
Western Palm 2	2	Sep 28	Sep 28
Yellow Palm 2	1	Sep 26	Sep 29
Ovenbird	44	Sep 26	Sep 28
Northern Waterthrush	3	Aug 26	Sep 10
Connecticut Warbler	1	Sep 10	Sep 10
Mourning Warbler	1	Sep 21	Sep 21
Common Yellowthroat	49	Sep 21	Sep 28
Wilson's Warbler	13	Aug 24	Sep 26
Canada Warbler	9	Aug 24	Sep 20
Redstart	12	Aug 24	Sep 27

Other vireo and warbler records: unless otherwise noted these are the latest dates on which the species was reported at the COS sessions. **WHITE-EYED VIREO:** 4 including immatures "evidently a family" Sep 11 Elmira (MW). Solitary Vireo: 1 Oct 21 MNWR (WEB). Red-eyed Vireo: Oct 1. Tennessee Warblers: Oct 1 and Nov 5; Orange-crowned Warblers: 1 Sep 9 in WH's yard Elmira; Nashville Warbler: 1 Oct 9 JP (JJS); Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian and Mourning Warblers: all Oct 1; Magnolia Warbler: Oct 22; Cape May Warbler: Sep 25; 1 Nov 14 Stewart Park, Ithaca in with Yellow-rumped Warblers (Mollie Briant et al); Bay-breasted Warbler: Oct 8; Pine Warbler: several Sep 1 Elmira migrating with Chipping Sparrows (WH); Palm Warbler: Oct 15; Common Yellowthroat: Oct 15; Wilson's Warbler: 1 Aug 31 Elmira (WH); 1 Aug 29 Waterloo (JW); Redstart: Oct 9 Ithaca (DM).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: Fall plumaged birds present at WD thru Sep 9. The usual Fall flocking of "blackbirds" i.e. redwings, grackles, starlings and cowbirds was reported from various parts of the Region. Rusty Blackbird: first 6 Oct 12 MNWR and last 1 Nov 7. Scarlet Tanager: 2 Oct 22 Watkins Glen State Park (JB); 1 Oct 20 JP (JJS). Evening Grosbeak: began to appear in late Oct thruout the Region. House Finch: first Ithaca nesting; 2 nests on First St.; young seen; up to 11 birds visiting Pat Hannon's feeder on West Hill. Pine Siskin:

first reported Oct 15 (COS); Oct 23 Schy Co. (JB). Red Crossbill: first report Oct 29 (COS). White-winged Crossbill: Oct 23 Cornell Campus (Tom Howe fide DM.) Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Oct 8 Sen Co. Savannah Sparrow: last Oct 12 MNWR. Grasshopper and Henslow's Sparrows: both decreasing in Penn Yan area (FG). Vesper Sparrow: last Oct 25 Elmira (WH). Dark-eyed Junco: good movement in Sen Co area. Tree Sparrow first report Oct 29 (COS). White-crowned and White-throated Sparrows: both appeared at MNWR Sep 30; generally good numbers. Fox Sparrows: first Oct 8 (COS); 2 Oct 19 JP (JJS). Lincoln's Sparrow: reported Oct 1 and 8 (COS); found in TV kills at Elmira. Swamp Sparrow: last Oct 30 MNWR. Snow Bunting: first Oct 28 MNWR Cayuga Bird Club; regular thereafter in small numbers.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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Temperatures for the period averaged slightly above normal and precipitation slightly below. Notable temperature dips occurred Aug 22, Sep 8 and 21, Oct 17 and Nov 4 and 20 with the first freezing temperatures recorded Oct 31. The first appreciable snowfall came Nov 10 but the ground remained essentially bare to the end of the period.

The waterfowl and shorebird migrations were very lightly reported, either for lack of birds or lack of observers. Some of the irregular species for this Region, e.g. snow goose, brant and pectoral sandpiper, were, nevertheless, found. Among the raptors bald eagles outnumbered broad-winged hawks in reports received, a remarkable situation whatever the explanation. The small land bird migration was reasonably heavy with hermit and Swainson's thrushes, both kinglets, several Dendroica warblers and tanagers well represented in at least parts of the Region. Winter bird arrivals were pretty well restricted to evening grosbeaks and pine siskins, but they, at least, were in good numbers.

Rarities: Barn Owl, Acadian Flycatchers, White-eyed Vireo.

Abbreviations: Bing—Binghamton; EB—East Branch, in Delaware County; CC—Choconut Center; CF—Chenango Forks; NV—Newark Valley; SOFH—South Otselic Fish Hatchery; WP—Whitney Point.

Observers initials: C,JB—Cutler & Jeannette Baldwin; MB—Margaret Bowman; GC—Gail Corderman; MC—Mildred Clark; A,MD—Anna & Marilyn Davis; W,LD—Warren & Louise Dean; MD—Mary Dobinsky; EH—Elva Hawken; LH—Louise Hover; CH—Claude Howard; FL—Florence Linaberry; D, ML—Dwight & Margaret Lynch; HM—Harriet Marsi; R,RP—Robert & Rita Pantle; KS—Kay Sanford; MS—Mary Sheffield; DW—Don Weber; CW—Cora Wellman; R,SW—Routh & Sally White; KW—Kathryn Wilson; IW—Irene Wright.

LOONS—DUCKS Common Loon: 5 reports, all from Otsego and Delaware Counties, max 4 Oct 5 Pepaction Reservoir (MB), last Nov 23 Goodyear Lake (IW). Horned Grebe: Sep 25 Owego (C,JB), no others. Pied-billed Grebe: Sep 9 Owego (D,ML); Sep 30 WP (MS). Great Blue Heron: 19 reports; Nov 9 NV (W,LD), the last. Green Heron: 2 Sep 21 at Emmons, near Oneonta (MD), latest. Whistling Swan: Nov 24 Bing (Helen Carpenter). Canada Goose: migrants from Sep 16 to Oct 25, peak days Sep 30 and Oct 6. Brant: 40 Oct 22 near Oneonta (KS). Snow Goose: 9 Oct 31 flying over Ingraham Hill south of Bing (CH). Wood Duck: about 200 Oct 28 Candor (DW), the last report. Black Scoter: Oct 22 near Oneonta (KS). Common Merganser: 13 Aug 22 on Beaverkill (MB).