

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.

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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).

Red-breasted Merganser: a female from Aug thru Nov 7 at Candor (DW).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 26 Oct 7 Cannonsville Reservoir (R,SW). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 3 reports, from NV and Owego. Cooper's Hawk: Sep 27 Owego (C,JB), the only report. Red-tailed Hawk: at least 30 reports. Red-shouldered Hawk: 3 Otsego County reports and 2 Tioga County reports. Broad-winged Hawk: Oct 6 NV (D,ML), the last of only 4 reports. Bald Eagle: 1 Aug 18 over Otsego Lake (Bob Darr); Aug 25 NV (LH); 2 Oct 5 Owego (C,JB); 1 Oct 11 Spencer Lake (Agnes Orbison); 1 Nov 1 Owego (Dewey Bendle). Marsh Hawk: 4 reports. Osprey: 10 reports, the last 1 Sep 30 WP (MS). Bobwhite: heard calling regularly during the last 2 weeks of Aug at NV (LH, W,LD, D,ML). Turkey: 30 Oct 29 west of Endicott (C,JB), the best count; 3 other Tioga County records. Virginia Rail: Sep 15 Ingraham Hill (CH), the only report all year. Semipalmated Plover: 1 Aug 26 SOFH (R,SW), the only report all year. Killdeer: 16 still at Candor Nov 11 (DW). American Woodcock: 6 early the morning of Sep 28 appeared to be newly arrived migrants (MB); a late report Nov 5 NV (D,ML). Common Snipe: 2 Aug 26 Sherburne (R,SW); Oct 6 CC just north of Johnson City (MS). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 Sep 18 Oneonta (IW), last date. Solitary Sandpiper: Aug 24 Milford area (MD). Greater Yellowlegs: Sep 16 WP (MS); 2 Nov 2 Sherburne (R,SW), the only reports. Lesser Yellowlegs: 1 Sep 8 SOFH (R,SW), the only report all year. Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 Aug 19 SOFH (R,SW). Least Sandpiper: 1 Aug 19 Sherburne (R,SW), the only fall report. Semipalmated Sandpiper: 11 Aug 19 COFH and 2 Aug 26 Sherburne (R,SW); no others. Herring Gull: more or less regular after Oct 23 around Bing. Ring-billed Gull: Sep 3 WP (MS); Oct 15, 17, 18 and Nov 4 NV (LH). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Sep 16 EB (MB), the last. Black-billed Cuckoo: Aug 31 CF (A,MD), the last. Barn Owl: Oct 23 Lounsberry, along Susquehanna River below Owego (R. Burton, HM). Screech Owl: the higher number of reports of the past couple of years continues. Great Horned Owl: reasonably common, as usual. Barred Owl: Nov 2 south of Bing (GC, Warren Corderman, Eugene Kirch). Saw-whet Owl: 1 Oct 22 Vestal (GC), banded.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Nighthawk: Sep 5 Owego (C,JB), last. Chimney Swift: Sep 11 Endwell (Les Bemont), last. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Sep 29 CF (A,MD). Common Flicker: a female Nov 11 Candor (DW), the only report after Oct 20. Pileated Woodpecker: 10 reports. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Oct 15 CF (A,MD). Great Crested Flycatcher: Sep 21 Emmons (MD), very late. Eastern Phoebe: 1 Nov 3 Colliersville area (MD, KW), the only report after Oct 16. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 7 banded from Aug 22 to Sep 27 Vestal, Bing and Candor (EH, GC, R,RP, HM); only 1 other report, Aug 30 CF (A,MD). Acadian Flycatcher: 1 Aug 25 Bing (HM) and 1 Aug 27 Candor (R,RP), both banded and measured carefully. Traill's Flycatcher: 5 banded Sep 9 Bing (HM), the last report. Least Flycatcher: Sep 28 Owego (C,JB). Wood Pewee: Sep NV (LH). Olive-sided Flycatcher: Aug 15 CC (Robert Sheffield, MS); 1 Aug 28 Delhi (MC). Tree Swallow: Sep 15 Milford (MD, CW, KW). Bank Swallow: Sep 1 Milford (CW, KW, MD). Barn Swallow: Sep 19 Emmons (MD). Cliff Swallow: Sep 15 Milford (MD, CW, KW). Purple Martin: Aug 21 Owego (D,ML). Tufted Titmouse: 1 Oct 24 DeLancey, near Delhi (MC); also continuing reports from CF, Vestal, Oneonta, Owego and Endwell. Red-breasted Nuthatch: the usual small numbers. House Wren: last date Oct 6 at CC (MS) and Milford (MD, KW). Winter Wren: 1 Sep 19 Bing (HM), banded; Oct 21 Candor (DW); 10 intervening records. Carolina Wren: bird at EB still present Oct 16; 2 at CF Nov 23 (A,MD); Nov 27 near Vestal (Helen Hubbard); also reported from Owego. Mockingbird: Sep 29 and regularly to the end of the period Owego (C,JB, R. Bennett); Oct 25 and daily Oneonta (E. & F. Vermilya); Oct 30 Oneonta (IW);

singing most of Oct at Endwell (FL); 1 banded Oct 8 Vestal (GC). Gray Catbird: Oct 19 Owego (C,JB), the only report after Oct 10. Brown Thrasher: 1 banded Oct 11 Vestal (GC), the only report after Sep 30. Robin: moderate sized flocks until about Nov. 3, small numbers to at least Nov 25. Wood Thrush: Oct 4 CF (A,MD). Hermit Thrush: 1 Sep 14 EB (MB); 45 banded at Bing and Vestal from Sep 30 to Oct 22 (HM, EH, GC); several other reports. Swainson's Thrush: 1 Aug 28 Vestal (GC); heard migrating seemingly all night from Aug 23 to Aug 28 CC (MS); 1 Oct 31 Vestal (GC), last date; 19 banded in Bing and Vestal. Grey-cheeked Thrush: 1 Sep 15 EB (MB); 4 banding reports, the last Oct 9 Vestal (EH). Veery: 1 banded Sep 16 Vestal (EH), the later of only 2 Sep records. Eastern Bluebird. "more than usual, this fall—10 in all" at Norwich (R,SW); Nov 20 Candor (R,RP), the only report after Oct 13. Blue-grey Gnatcatcher: Sep 29 Owego (C,JB), unusual in fall. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1 banded Sep 26 Candor (R,RP), the first date; unusually numerous from then until the end of the period. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Sep 15 EB (MB), first date; common all during Oct; Nov 10 Oneonta (IW), last date.

VIREOS—WARBLERS. White-eyed Vireo: Sep 9 NV (LH), "yellowish goggles, light underparts". Yellow-throated Vireo: Sep 20 NV (LH). Solitary Vireo: 2 banded Oct 10 Bing (HM) were the last reported. Red-eyed Vireo: 17 Sep 7 EB (MB), the highest count; 51 banded at Bing, Vestal and Candor (HM, GC, EH, R,RP) thru Oct 9, the last date. Philadelphia Vireo: 1 Sep 27 and 1 Oct 22, both banded, Bing (HM). Warbling Vireo: Sep 18 NV (LH). Black-and-white Warbler: 2 Sep 26 EB (MB). Golden-winged Warbler: Aug 31 CF (A,MD). Brewster's Warbler: 1 banded Aug 31 Bing (HM). Blue-winged Warbler: Aug 24 CF (A,MD) 1 banded Sep 9 Bing (HM). Tennessee Warbler: 3 Aug 22 EB (MB) the first and 9 Sep 15 at the same place were the highest count; 3 banded Oct 10 Bing (HM), the last date; quite numerous reports. Nashville Warbler: 1 banded Oct 9 Vestal (GC), the last. Parula Warbler: 1 Bing (HM), first; 1 Sep 27 EB (MB). last; 6 others reported. Yellow Warbler: Sep 8 NV (LH). Magnolia Warbler: 25 banded by Oct 10 (HM, GC, EH, R,RP), the last date; other reports fairly numerous. Cape May Warbler: 1 Aug 30 EB (MB); 1 Oct 4 Vestal (GC); 24 intervening reports, an unusually high number. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1 Oct 16 EB (MB), the last of 13 reported, 11 before Sep 29. Yellow-rumped Warbler: seemed scarce at EB; elsewhere present from Aug 23 Oneonta (IW) to Nov 6 Owego (C,JB); particularly numerous from Sep 29 thru Oct, when 88 banded at Bing and Vestal. Black-throated Green Warbler: 2 banded Oct 9 Vestal (GC), the last; quite numerous from Sep 9 to 29, with peak numbers Sep 16. Blackburnian Warbler: Sep 29 Portlandville (MD. CW, KW). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 2 Nov 3 Colliersville area (MD, KW), extremely late and only report after Oct 6. Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 banded Oct 5 Vestal (GC), the only report after Sep 27. Blackpoll Warbler: 24 banded from Sep 2 to Oct 10 at Bing, Vestal and Candor (HM, GC, EH, R,RP); only 2 other reports. Pine Warbler: 1 banded Sep 5 Bing (HM) and 1 seen Oct 1 Oneonta (IW); no others. Prairie Warbler: 3 banded Sep 3 Vestal Center (EH). Palm Warbler: Sep 15 Milford area (MD, CW, KW); 1 banded Oct 25 Vestal (EH), the last; 3 others banded. Ovenbird: 1 banded Oct 8 Vestal (GC), the only report after Sep 30. Northern Waterthrush: 1 banded Sep 29 Vestal (EH), the last; the only other reports from EB (MB). Louisiana Waterthrush: Aug 28 to 31 NV (LH, et. al.), the only report. Mourning Warbler: 1 Sep 16 EB (MB); 1 banded Sep 17 and another Sep 25 Bing (HM). Common Yellowthroat: common all thru Sep; 4 Oct reports, the last report of 4 birds Oct 24 Delhi (MC). Wilson's Warbler: 1 banded Aug 21 Bing (HM), first date; 3 Sep 26 EB (MB), last date; 17 more reported 13 of them banded. Canada Warbler: 1 banded Oct 9 Vestal (EH); the only report after Sep 17. American Redstart: 1 Sep 27 EB (MB), last.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: 39 counted at Berkshire Aug 29 (D,ML); 200-300 in 2 adjacent cornfields Milford Sep 1 (CW, KW, MD); Sep 8 Berkshire (D,ML), last date. Eastern Meadowlark: 2 Nov 30 Candor (R,RP), the only report after Oct 23; seemed scarce. Northern Oriole: Sep 19 Emmons (MD). Rusty Blackbird: Aug 20 Oneonta (IW); Nov 3 CC (MS) and Oneonta (IW); 5 intervening reports. Scarlet Tanager: 1 banded Oct 2 Vestal (EH), the last report and 1 of 26 banded at Bing and Vestal from Sep 16 (EH, HM, GC); other reports numerous all thru Sep. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 18 Sep 13, best count, and 1 Oct 4, last record, EB (MB). Indigo Bunting: 3 banded Oct 7 Bing (HM), the only report after Sep 26; none too common. Evening Grosbeak: 28 Oct 27 Oneonta (IW) then reported regularly in almost all parts of the Region for the rest of the period. Purple Finch: present in most of Region all period in moderate numbers; 60 banded in Bing and Vestal (HM, GC, EH). House Finch: 10 banded Vestal Aug (GC) and present there thru Oct; in Oct "many" regularly Endwell (FL). Pine Siskin: 2 banded Candor in mid Jul (R,RP), 1 with brood patch; 5 banded Oct 6 Vestal (GC), the first fall record; 13 more reports scattered thru Oct and Nov. American Goldfinch: regular all period, but in large numbers. Red Crossbill: Nov 7 Candor (DW). Rufous-sided Twohee: Oct 21 last date, 3 localities. Savannah Sparrow: 1 banded Oct 9 Vestal (EH). Vesper Sparrow: Oct 10 NV (D,ML). Dark-eyed Junco: large numbers from Oct 9 to Nov 14; at Endwell "largest flocks I have ever seen, feeding briefly in backyard" Oct (FL). Tree Sparrow: 2 Oct 28 Delhi (MC) and same date Owego. Chipping Sparrow: still at Delhi Nov 24 (MC); latest elsewhere Oct 20. Field Sparrow: Nov 3 Colliersville (MD, KW). White-crowned Sparrow: Sep 22 Vestal (EH) and 1 still there Nov 30; elsewhere, except Nov 14 Delhi (MC), gone after Oct 26. White-throated Sparrow: in numbers Sep 29 to Nov 11; 187 banded Bing And Vestal. Fox Sparrow: Oct 28 CC (MS); Nov 14 Candor (R,RP); 3 intervening reports. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 Sep 6 EB (BM); Oct 14 CC (MS); 5 intervening reports.

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Late August, September, and early October had warmer weather—less rain than usual, few sharp cold fronts, and only occasional migrant waves (see warblers). The expected thrush-kinglet-late warbler-sparrow flights of the first half of October never materialized as few rapid, massive cold fronts passed thru in that period. From mid-October to early November severe northwest windstorms made for exciting waterbird watching along Lake Ontario but late October landbirding was dull and became even more so after a slippery snowfall of six to twelve inches in early November. Landbirds thru November seemed amazingly scarce and the few winter finches that had arrived were so thinly distributed that nothing approaching an irruption could be identified. The combination of early waterfowl hunting and minimal habitat may explain the scarcity of later shorebirds. The local cone and berry crops appear non-existent except for a few ornamentals and even weed seed production looks reduced—?? flattened by the early wet snow??

Positives for the season include 1) increased numbers of Double-crested Cormorants; 2) an incursion of King Eider; 3) good variety, though poor numbers, of shorebirds; 4) a spectacular jaeger flight; 5) an impressive array, both in numbers and in species, of gulls; 6) continued spread of Red-bellied Woodpecker; 7) an incursion of Northern Shrikes; 8) an excellent flight of Gray Cat-