

ing from their lows of a few years ago. Especially is this so in the case of the Purple Martin (1, 2, 3, 6, 9). Wrens were spotty. House Wrens were up in many Regions (1, 3, 4, 5, 8). Winter Wrens were found in new places or in increased numbers (2, 5, 6), and where they were reported Carolina Wrens continued to increase (1, 4, 5, 9). Conversely Long-billed Marsh Wrens were either unreported or in very low numbers in most Regions (1, 3, 5, 8), the exception being 9 where in some marshes it was reported as abundant. The Mockingbird continues to extend its range northward (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7), but, incredibly, Loggerhead Shrikes were totally unreported except for Region 6. What has happened to this bird? Warblers generally seem to have nested in normal numbers, although in the more northern counties Northern Waterthrushes were scarce (6, 7). House Finches were unreported from Regions where they had previously been seen (1, 2), but continued to increase in others (3, 4).

Rarities for the season included Mute Swan (1), Cinnamon Teal (3), Yellow-crowned Night Heron (2, 9), Swallow-tailed Kite (9), Western Sandpiper (1), American Avocet (3), Raven (3), Acadian Flycatcher (2, 5, 9) and Bewick's Wren-breeding (9).

It is exceedingly disappointing to me that we cannot get timely reports from Region 10.

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REGION 1 — NIAGARA FRONTIER

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Goldilocks would have enjoyed this "not too" summer: "not too" hot and "not too" dry — but "just right". Although between June 2nd and 10th temperatures averaged 6.3° above the June normal, the average for the total summer period was close to normal. With precipitation for June, 1 inch, and for July, 2 inches, above average at higher elevations of the Region, abundant vegetation afforded optimum nest concealment even through the August period when rainfall was 1.7 inches below normal. (Meteorological data by Courtesy of Robert Place, Alfred Coop. Weather Station.)

Reports were received this year from Breeding Bird Surveys conducted in Allegany County. In 1970 a program of eighteen "mini" Breeding Bird Survey routes was initiated in the county by Doctor Clarence Klingensmith, after the plan of the Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Survey. Each route is 12 miles, with 25 stops, and starts a half hour before sunrise. With exception of some routes in 1972 because of the flood, all have been covered each year in June or early July. Species reported on these surveys in previous years, but absent in 1974, include; Mallard, Wood Duck, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Bobwhite, American Woodcock, Common Snipe, Upland Sandpiper, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Purple Martin, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Northern Waterthrush and Red Crossbill. Totals for this year are 8262 individuals and 93 species. Observers for 1974 were. EB, LB, Donald Clark, Christine Ferrand, CK, Erma Larson, Katherine Palmer, VP, Ronald Stubley, and Larry Wilson, with assistants: DB, Jane

Clark, Terry Keir, Mark Klingensmith, Jane Moore, and Maynard Stohr.

Because of the valuable information accumulated, a summary of these "mini"-route Allegany County Breeding Bird Surveys (abbreviated, "ACBBS") is included in the compilation below following each species observed this year, in the form "(a, b, c, d, e)". The letters in order represent. (a) 1974 total individuals, all routes. (b) "An 'index' obtained by dividing the total number of individuals of the species by the number of routes (18),...rounded to nearest whole number, or a + used if less than 0.50". (c) "The arithmetic average of the index for each of the five years (1970-1974). The indices before rounding were used and the resulting average was rounded to the nearest whole number". (d) "The standard deviation ... computed from the indices before rounding. No analysis was made of the various biases that can influence the sampling counts." (e) Per cent of stops where species was observed this year, found by dividing total of such stops by 450 (25×18) and multiplying by 100.

A new Breeding Bird Survey (abbreviated, "GRBBS") in Allegany County was set up, also by Doctor Klinienschmidt, and carried out during June and early July this year, on foot beside the Genesee River, covering about 12 miles in four sections along the abandoned Wellsville-Addison-Galeton Railroad bed from the county line near Genesee (Pa) north to Weidrick Bridge. Participants were; Dan Babcock, David Brooks, EB, Christine Ferrand, CK, Mark Klingensmith, Erna Larson, James Mullen and Katherine Palmer. Total of individual birds recorded was 1162, and of species, 67. A summary for each species observed is reported below in the form "(3-2)", this example meaning: 3 individuals observed on 2 sections of the survey.

Many nestings included in this summer report are presented briefly from field work done in connection with the North American Nest-record Card Program of the Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Rarities include: Mute Swan, Goshawk, Western Sandpiper and Wilson's Phalarope.

Worthy of note during the summer months were: Gadwall, White-winged Scoter, Osprey, Golden-crowned Kinglet, "Brewster's" (Hybrid) Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Red Crossbill, White-throated Sparrow and Lincoln's Sparrow. Received too late for the Spring report are two unusual May sightings: Worm-eating Warbler and Connecticut Warbler.

As a reference for "extraordinary" observations, the following is used: *Date Guide to Birds of Western New York and Adjacent Ontario*, published by the Buffalo Ornithological Society, Inc., 1965, with Supplement, 1970. (Hereafter: *BOS Date Guide*)

Abbreviations; AC-Allegany County; Ad-Adult; AL-Amity Lake; ASPk-Allegany State Park; BBS-Breeding Bird Survey; Bflo-Buffalo; BgsS-Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg; Blm-Belmont; BOS-Buffalo Ornithological Society; Cb-Cuba; Chaut-Chautauqua; GI-Grand Island; GR-Genesee River; INWR-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge; Jms-Jamestown; L/M-Lake and/or Marsh; mob-many observers; Nia-Niagara; T/-Township of; TiBch-Times Beach Wlsv-Wellsville; WR-Wildlife Refuge; Yo-Young.

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Corrigendum: Vol. XXIV, No. 2 (May 1974) page 69, line 12 should read, "IVORY GULL: ... Dec 29 at Dufferin 1 outlet, ... photographed Dec 30 (WV

et al) and again sighted Dec 31 at Buckhorn I State Pk, ...; the only prior report for the area was Feb 10, 1934 (WV)..." (Thanks, to RS.)

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon; up to four spent the summer, June 1-Aug 8, Mayville, Chaut. L (RS, Olson). Great Blue Heron: ACBBS (7, +, +, -, 1.3); GRBBS (3-2); from a colony of 3 nests, 9 Yo had fledged June 17, Beebe Hill Rd., T/Cb, and in one of 28 nests, 2 to 4 Yo were in each nest June 18, Olean Airport area (RK, RhK *et al*); a colony of 79 nests observed June 18, Seneca Pool, INWR (Morse), Green Heron: ACBBS (9, 1, 1, .12, 1.8); GRBBS (7-4); a nest of 4 eggs produced 4 Yo June 15 T/Aurora (Patterson). Great Egret: singles reported June 8 E. Eden Pond (TB), June 18, 22 INWR (JM) and Aug 7 TiBch (Wilcove). Black-crowned Night Heron: 18(!) July 24 Nia F, Ont (RA). Least Bittern; one June 27 INWR (JM). American Bittern: no reports. **MUTE SWAN:** one sighted June 1-28, Bertis Bay, Chaut L (RS, Olson *et al*). Canada Goose: one June 28, Mohawk Is, Ont (RA *et al*); 2 Ad 5 Yo June 18, Langford (TB). Mallard: GRBBS (1-1); 1 Ad 11 Yo June 3, Scio (VP); 3 Ad on 3 nests, plus 2 Ad 16 Yo June 18, Cb M (RK,RhK); 6 Yo July 31, Blm (DB,LB). Black Duck; no reports. **GADWALL:** outside *BOS Date Guide*: up to ten July 10-17, Ti Bch (RA *et al*) and two July 21, Ti Bch, Bflo (Schaffner, Clark). Pintail: a single appeared July 25, Ti Bch, Bflo (Wilcove, Goodman). American Wigeon: 7, 4 July 10, 11, Ti Bch, Bflo (RA *et al*); 10 Yo June 28 INWR (JM). Northern Shoveler: 1, 2 Aug 12, 13, Ti Bch, Bflo (RA). Wood Duck; one Ad 8 Yo June 15, only sightings on GRBBS; 1 Ad 5 Yo from nesting box June 17 Cb M (RK,RhK); 1 Ad 5 Yo July 31, Blm (DB,LB). Lesser Scaup: a single reported June 24, Mayville, Chaut L (RS, Olson). **WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:** a very late one July 24, Nia F, Ont (RA). Blue-winged Teal: one nesting report: 1 Ad with 7 Yo June 17, edge Cb M (RK,RhK). Hooded Merganser: 1 Ad 7 Yo June 13, Beaver Meadow WR (MaW,MW). Common Merganser; 2 June 3, Scio (VP); 3 July 24, Nia F, Ont (RA). Red-breasted Merganser: only report: singles June 3, 6, Chaut L (RS,Olson).

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture: summer reports scarce: GRBBS (2-2); 2 July 17 Alf (EB); 2 June 18 Alf (DB,LB,EB); nesting record: one nest in hollow log surrounded by water, June 10, INWR (JM). **GOSHAWK:** one June 5, Bolivar (Smith); a nest with 1 Ad 3 eggs (probably infertile) June 16, T/Almond (DB, LB,Schrivier,Wood). Sharp-shinned Hawk: singles reported: Aug 4, Blm (DB,LB) and Aug 14, AL (VP). Cooper's Hawk: ACBBS (1, +, -, -, 0.2); nest with 1 Ad 3 Yo, banded June 16, T/Rushford (DB,LB,Schrivier,Wood) Yo at same nest July 11 (DB,LB); singles, July 11 Bgs (RS *et al*) and July 12, Spring Brook (DD). Red-tailed Hawk: ACBBS (10, 1, +, .20, 2.2), GRBBS (1-1); good numbers of Ad all season with usual nesting areas apparently occupied. Two nests, AL, unsuccessful (VP). Two Yo reported from successful nesting Aug 11, Cb L (RK,RhK); delayed report from Erie and Chaut Counties lists 5 nests watched Mar 23-May 19; from at least 11 eggs 7 Yo hatched and were later banded; final count on fledged Yo is not yet available (AV, J. Patterson). Red-shouldered Hawk: only report: nest, T/Birdsall, predated by raccoon, June 16 (DB,LB,Schrivier,Wood). Broad-winged Hawk; two unsuccessful nestings reported: one Ad on nest June 2, 23 Scio, and 1 Ad near previously occupied nest June 3, AL; nests abandoned possibly because a bulldozer moved into each area (VP). Marsh Hawk. ACBBS (1, +, +, -, 0.2); singles June 20 and July 8, Alf (CK) and Aug 7, AL (VP). **OSPREY:** only report and outside *BOS Date Guide*: one July 11, 13, Bgs (RS *et al*); no appearance as in former years at AL, probably the result of nearby logging operations with extensive mud runoff into lake, since corrected by diversion ditches and settling pond (VP). American Kestrel: ACBBS (6, +, +, .20, 1.1); GRBBS (8-4) including 1 Yo July 3.

Ruffed Grouse: ACBBS (1, +, +, .09, 0.2); singles June 11, 28 AL (VP). Ring-necked Pheasant: ACBBS (7, +, +, .19, 1.6); one July 4 AL (VP); 3 Yo

June 13, BOSWR, GI (HK,WK). Turkey: ACBBS (2, +, +, -, 0.2); 3 June 2, ASPk (RS *et al*); one June 11 AL (VP); one June 12, Chestnut Ridge Pk (TB). No Rails reported. American Coot: no reports. Semipalmated Plover: first of migration: one July 8, Ti Bch (Wilcove,Goodman); one July 29 Erie Beach, Ont (RA *et al*). Killdeer: ACBBS (56, 3, 4, 1.2, 9.3); GRBBS (9-2); nest reports: one AL unsuccessful, and one Wlsv, 3 Yo fledged June 16 (VP). Ruddy Turnstone: first of migration: one July 29, Erie Beach, Ont (RA *et al*). American Woodcock: one June 17, AL (VP); 2 July 1, AL (VP,MP); 2 July 25 Alf (CK); late spring nesting report: a nest with 4 eggs May 19 was found empty, intact, May 22, and a second with 3 eggs May 29 was found empty, intact, June 8, Alf (EB). Common Snipe. only reports: singles June 25 at Dale, Wyoming Co. and at W. Bethany, Genesee Co. (RA, PA). Whimbrel: received too late for Spring issue: 2 at Windmill Point and 13 at Morgan's Point, May 26, on BOS field trip into Ont (mob). Upland Sandpiper: none reported. Spotted Sandpiper: ACBBS (3, +, +, .12, 0.7). Solitary Sandpiper: 3 Aug 3, W. Almond (DB, LB). Willet: one Aug 11 Ti Bch (Hauser). Lesser Yellowlegs: first of migration: 7 July 10 and 32 July 11, Erie Beach, Ont (RA *et al*); 131(!) Aug 4, Ti Bch (Clark). Pectoral Sandpiper; first of migration: one July 25, Erie Beach, Ont (Wilcove, Goodman). White-rumped Sandpiper: one June 12, Ft Erie, Ont (FR), and first of late migration: one July 31 Prendergast Pt, Chaut L (RS, Olson, Woodard). Baird's Sandpiper: first of migration: one July 31, Bemus Creek, Chaut L (RS, Olson, Woodard). Least Sandpiper: first of migration: 5 July 10, Erie Beach, Ont (RA *et al*). Short-billed Dowitcher: first of migration: 7-15 July 11, 12, 17, 23, Ti Bch, Bflo (RA *et al*); one appeared Aug 3, Prendergast Pt, Chaut L (RS *et al*). Stilt Sandpiper: first of migration: one July 18, Erie Beach, Ont (Wilcove); 2 July 21, Ti Bch, Bflo (RA *et al*); one Aug 2, Prendergast Pt, Chaut L (RS *et al*); and 6 Aug 7, Ti Bch, Bflo (RA). Semipalmated Sandpiper: last of early migration: 5 June 12, Ft Erie, Ont (HM); first of late migration: 3 July 10 and 55 July 11, Ti Bch, Bflo (RA *et al*); max: 500 Aug 10, Ti Bch (Clark). WESTERN SANDPIPER: one sighted July 23, Erie Beach, Ont (RA *et al*). Sanderling: first of migration: one July 19, Dewittville Creek, Chaut L (RS,Olson); one July 23 Erie Beach, Ont (RA *et al*). WILSON'S PHALAROPE: one recorded Aug 4, Ti Bch (Clark).

Bonaparte's Gull: a large flock, 110, July 14, Port Weller, Ont (RA,PA); one July 25, Erie Beach, Ont (Wilcove, Goodman). Caspian Tern: a few observed again: 3, 2, 3, July 10, 17, 30, Ti Bch, Bflo (RA *et al*), and 2 Aug 8, Fluvanna, Chaut L (RS *et al*). Rock Dove: ACBBS (95, 5, 8.0, 2.7, 5.6). Mourning Dove: ACBBS (108, 6, 6, 1.3, 18.9); GRBBS (7-4); nesting report: from 5 nests observed, May 20-June 18, 1 nest predated, 7 Yo fledged, AL (VP). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: no reports. Black-billed Cuckoo: ACBBS (5, +, +, .23, 1.1); 2 June 10 and 1 to 2 July 9-28, AL (VP).

Is it Owls or Owlers who are scarce during summer? Few reports: Great Horned Owl: 3, 1 June 2, 23, Scio (MP,RP,VP). Long-eared Owl: 1 Yo June 21, Beaver Meadow WR (HM *et al*).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLINGS: Whip-poor-will only reports: 2 June 1, T/Cold Spring (RS); one June 3, Hamburg (TB). Common Nighthawk: no reports. Chimney Swift: ACBBS (44, 2, 2, .47, 4.4); GRBBS (26-4); from two nests, 6 Yo fledged July 28, Blm (DB, LB). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: ACBBS (3, +, +, .11, 0.7); GRBBS (6-2). Belted Kingfisher: ACBBS (17, 1, 1, .37, 2.9); GRBBS (9-4). Common Flicker: ACBBS (34, 2, 3, 1.2, 7.1); GRBBS (23-4); nesting reports: 1 Ad feeding Yo in nest, May 26, Cb (RK,RhK); from 4 nests observed, May 2-Aug 2, at least 6 Yo fledged, AL (VP). Pileated Woodpecker: ACBBS (1, +, +, .12, 0.2); few reports; nesting record: one nest, at least 1 Yo, June 15, T/Aurora (AV, Patterson). Red-headed Woodpecker: ACBBS (1, +, -, -, -); 3 June 16, one July 21, Rossburg (VP,MP,E,Pitzrick); one July 15, 22-31, Blm (Casterline,DB, LB). Yellow-

bellied Sapsucker: ACBBS (1, +, +, .21, 0.2); singles seen June 24–28, July 3, 8, Alf (CK); Spring nesting record: 2 Ad feeding Yo in nest May 19, Cb (RK,RhK). Hairy Woodpecker: ACBBS (2, +, +, .17, 0.4); GRBBS (1-1); one nest reported: June 12, 2 Ad feeding Yo in nest, outcome unknown, AL (VP). Downy Woodpecker: ACBBS (18, 1, 1, .32, 2.9); GRBBS (1-1). Eastern Kingbird: ACBBS (45, 3, 3, .82, 7.8); GRBBS (4-3); 4 Ad 4 Yo July 15 and one nest: July 16, 2 Ad 2 Yo near nest, AL (VP). Great Crested Flycatcher: ACBBS (41, 2, 2, .54, 8.2); GRBBS (1-1). Eastern Phoebe: ACBBS (93, 5, 7, 2.1, 16.2); GRBBS (5-3); nesting reports: two nests, Ad feeding Yo June 13, Cb (RK,RhK); out of 8 nests, from at least 29 eggs, 21 Yo fledged, with one of these nests parasitized by Brown-headed Cowbird and successfully producing 1 Yo E. Phoebe and 1 Yo Br.-h. Cowbird, Apr 21–July 18, AL, Scio and Rossburg (VP). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: last of migration: one June 2 Tift Farm Sanct., Bflo (AV,Patterson). Alder Flycatcher: ACBBS (18, 1, 1, .16, 36); GRBBS (7-4); nesting: 3 Yo in nest, 3 to 4 days old July 11, and Ad feeding Yo near nest July 21, Alf (EB). Willow Flycatcher: ACBBS (1, +, -, -, -). Least Flycatcher: ACBBS (38, 2, 3, .99, 7.8); GRBBS (2-2); 2 Ad 2 Yo July 15, AL (VP). Eastern Wood Pewee: ACBBS (29, 2, 2, .60, 6.0); GRBBS (5-2). Olive-sided Flycatcher: last of migration: one June 3, AL (VP). Horned Lark: ACBBS (10, 1, 1, .57, 1.6); one June 3, T/Amity (VP).

Tree Swallow: ACBBS (25, 1, 2, .76, 2.0); GRBBS (3-2); max. 40, 30 July 5, 11, AL (VP); nesting reports: of 13 nests in nest boxes, from 53 eggs, 15 Yo fledged, June 28–July 1, AL (VP); 1 pair attempted 2 nestings in box June 1–22, both predated, and Ad's left area, Blm (DB,LB). Bank Swallow: ACBBS (3, +, 2, 2.4, 0.4). Rough-winged Swallow: ACBBS (4, +, +, .08, 0.9). Barn Swallow: ACBBS (174, 10, 10, 2.1, 18.2); GRBBS (34-4); highs reported: 109 July 25, AL (VP), and 100 Aug 3, W. Almond (DB,LB); from 5 nests, 20 eggs, at least 17 Yo fledged, June 27–July 20, AL (VP). Cliff Swallow: ACBBS (28, 2, 2, 1.4, 0.2); a colony of 16+ active nests with 28 Ad, had at least 1 nest with Yo July 11, success unknown, Lynch Rd, Alf (EB). Purple Martin: GRBBS (2-1); max: 8 June 1–July 31, Blm (DB,LB); 10 July 26, AL (RP,VP); Spring nesting: at two nesting houses: 20 Yo, May 26, Cb L (RK,RhK).

Blue Jay: ACBBS (96, 5, 7, 1.8, 15.1); GRBBS (15-4); from 7 nests 12 Yo fledged June 17–July 4, AL (VP). Common Crow: ACBBS (380, 21, 23, 1.8, 45.3); GRBBS (41-4). Black-capped Chickadee: ACBBS (93, 5, 4, .82, 17.6); GRBBS (24-3); Ad's "feeding at least 6 Yo at suet feeder," July 28–31, Blm (DB,LB); nestings: 1 nest in box, 6 Yo fledged 12, Cb (RK,RhK); 1 nest in Bluebird box from 6 eggs 6 Yo fledged June 10, AL (VP). Tufted Titmouse: ACBBS (1, +, -, -, -); up to 5 June 1–24 and July 1–25, and 3 Yo July 25, Spring Brook (DD). White-breasted Nuthatch: ACBBS (7, +, 1, .47, 1.6); GRBBS (5-2). Red-breasted Nuthatch: one report for the Region: one June 1, ASPk (RS). Brown Creeper: ACBBS (1, +, -, -, -); GRBBS (1-1); one July 20, Hunter's Creek State Pk. (HK,WK). House Wren: ACBBS (139, 8, 9, 2.8, 24.9); GRBBS (20-3); nestings: number Yo unknown from active box June 12–27, Cb (RK,RhK); from 5 eggs 5 Yo fledged from box July 15, Blm (DB,LB); from 14 box-nestings observed, at least 20 Yo fledged June 18–Aug 4, AL (VP); nest with 5 eggs July 30, BOSWR, GI (HM,King). Winter Wren: only one reported, July 14, Holloway Bay, Ont (RA,PA). Carolina Wren: so many as to be almost commonplace: one to two June 1–July 25, Spring Brook (DD); one June 3, Hamburg (RA,PA); 2 Ad 2 Yo out of nest June 17 and 2 Ad 4 Yo out of nest June 21, Stow (RS,Olson); 2 Ad, 4 Yo out of nest July 7, 14, Barcelona (RS); 2 July 10–31, Lewiston (HK,WK); singles July 12, Prendergast Pt., Chaut L (RS,Olson), July 21, Chaut (RS), July 24, Alf (EB), and July 31, Stow (RS); also singles Aug 8, Fluvanna and Lakewood as well as Aug 11, Barcelona (RS). Marsh Wren: no reports. Mockingbird: singles: June 2, ASPk (RS *et al.*), June 18, INWR (Olson) and June 24, Youngstown (HK,WK). Gray Catbird: ACBBS (138, 8, 7, .47, 26.0); GRBBS (26-4); several Yo, mid-July

(DB, LB); 9 nestings observed: from 27 eggs, at least 11 Yo fledged June 11–Aug 15, AL (VP).

Brown Thrasher: ACBBS (31, 2, 2, .36, 6.4); GRBBS (5-3). American Robin: ACBBS (860, 48, 58, 7.1, 74.7); GRBBS (95-4); nest reports: 3 spring nests, from 10 eggs, at least 3 Yo in nests, no recheck, May 2–11, Cb (RK, RhK); of 53 nests observed, from min. 140 eggs, at least 72 Yo fledged May 16–Aug 2, AL (VP). Wood Thrush: ACBBS (141, 8, 7, 1.3, 23.3); GRBBS (5-3). Hermit Thrush: ACBBS (6, +, +, -, 1.1). Swainson's Thrush; one reported July 18, Rose Hill Rd., Ont. (HA). Veery ACBBS (27, 2, 2, .46, 5.1); GRBBS (27-4); one nest report: parasitized by Brown-headed Cowbird (Egg removed); from 3 eggs, 2 Yo fledged (possibly a 3rd Yo) July 4, AL (VP). Eastern Bluebird: ACBBS (5, +, 1, .53 0.4); 2 Ad 2 Yo June 24–26, Youngstown (HK, WK); 2 Aug 3, T/Angelica (DB, LB); nesting reports: (spring) nest box: from 5 eggs May 11, 4 Yo fledged, Cb (RK, RhK); of a trail of 27 Bluebirds boxes at Amity Lake, 4 were occupied by Bluebirds, two pairs nesting twice; from 22 eggs, 8 Yo fledged June 5–11. (Max. 4 Ad 8 Yo sighted June 5–27.); Tree Swallows used 12 boxes, Black-capped Chickadees, one, House Wrens, 8, some pairs nesting twice or taking over when other occupants had left, and House Sparrows, 4. (VP). **GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET**: at least 6 pairs, sighted regularly June 1–July 31 with 2 Ad feeding 2 Yo out of nest, July 8, Alf (EB). Cedar Waxwing: ACBBS (54, 3, 5, 1.8, 5.3); GRBBS (51-4); of 8 nests completed (8 more, incomplete) from 26 eggs, at least 15 Yo fledged, June 20–Aug 2, AL (VP). Loggerhead Shrike: no reports. Starlings: ACBBS (661, 37, 20, 9.0, 28.4); GRBBS (21-4); spring nesting: 3 active nests Apr 14 (outcome unknown), Cb (RK, RhK).

VIREOS–WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: ACBBS (1, +, +, -, 0.2). Solitary Vireo: ACBBS (8, +, +, -, 1.3); spring nesting: nest with Ad on May 19, outcome unknown, Alf (EB). Red-eyed Vireo: ACBBS (116, 6, 6, .80, 21.8); GRBBS (25-4). Warbling Vireo: ACBBS (14, 1, 1, .30, 2.7); GRBBS (1-1); 2 Yo being fed near nest July 11, Cb (RK, RhK).

Warblers: Black-and-white: ACBBS (1, +, -, -, 0.2); 1, 2 June 11, 17 and one July 8, 12, 16, AL (VP). Prothonotary: one June 10, INWR (HK, WK). **WORM-EATING**: reported too late for Spring issue: one mist-netted May 17, BgsS (RS). Golden-winged: one June 4, 8, 20, AL (VP). Blue-winged: ACBBS (15, 1, 1, .29, 3.1); GRBBS (2-2); 2 Ad 2 Yo July 15 and 1 Ad 2 Yo (Blue-winged) plus 1 Yo "Brewster's" (Hybrid), Aug 7, AL (VP). "Brewster's" (Hybrid): one June 7, Kiantone (RS); six sightings of one Ad: June 8, 10, 23, 28, July 5, 8, then one Yo appeared (with 1 Ad Blue-winged + 2 Yo Blue-winged) Aug 7, AL (VP). Nashville: ACBBS (3, +, +, .09, 0.7); GRBBS (1-1); one June 9, Scio (VP). Parula: two June 1, 2 (last of migration) ASPk (RS *et al*). Yellow: ACBBS (93, 5, 6, 1.6, 18.2) GRBBS (28-4); five nests observed: from 17 eggs, 3 Yo fledged, June 1–July 18, AL (VP). Magnolia: ACBBS (2, +, +, -, 0.4). **YELLOW-RUMPED**: at least 3 pairs were breeding in Alfred area, and at one nest discovered: 2 Ad were feeding 2 Yo + 1 Yo Brown-headed Cowbird in nest July 10. On July 17 the Yo Br.-h. Cowbird was gone, presumed successful, but in nest was 1 Yo Yellow-rumped Warbler, dead, plus 1 Br.-h. Cowbird egg, Alf (EB). Black-throated Green: ACBBS (17, 1, 1, .15, 2.7). Cerulean: singles reported June 10, INWR (HK, WK), and June 25, Taylor Hollow (HM, Goodman, Wilcove). Blackburian: ACBBS (4, +, +, .19, 1.4). Chestnut-sided: ACBBS (29, 2, 2, .27, 6.0); GRBBS (8-3); 2 Ad 2 Yo July 12, AL (VP). Bay-breasted: last of migration, a single June 4, Spring Brook (DD). Blackpoll: one June 2, Alf (CK); one June 3, AL (VP); and last of migration: 2 June 6, Spring Brook DD). **PRAIRIE**: One pair was observed regularly during the summer in Alfred area, and finally there appeared 2 Ad feeding 2 Yo out of nest on July 17, 18 (EB); these were photographed July 17 (LB); a half mile from the first pair, a second pair was seen June 8, 14, and

July 7, 18 but no Yo were observed (EB). Ovenbird: ACBBS (24, 1, 2, .36, 4.4). Northern Waterthrush: GRBBS (1-1); one July 20 Hester's Cr. State Pk (HK,WK); two July 25, Spring Brook (DD). *CONNECTICUT*: reported too late for Spring issue: a single mist-netted May 17, observed through 28th, BgsS (RS). Mourning: ACBBS (4, +, +, .11, 0.9). Common Yellowthroat: ACBBS (220, 12, 10, 1.4, 40.4); GRBBS (52-4); one nest report: 2 Ad 2 Yo out of nest July 20, AL (VP). Yellow-breasted Chat: a single observed July 17, Rose Hill Rd, Ont (HA). Wilson's: last of migration: one June 2, Tift Farm Sanct., Bflo (AV,Patterson). Canada: ACBBS (2, +, +, -, 0.4); GRBBS (1-1). American Redstart: ACBBS (6, +, +, .11, 1.1); GRBBS (5-3).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: House Sparrow: ACBBS (293, 16, 22, 3.8, 15.6); GRBBS (18-3). Bobolink: ACBBS (110, 6, 9, 2.2, 10.4); GRBBS (1-1). Eastern Meadowlark: ACBBS (120, 7, 9, 2.8, 17.3); GRBBS (6-4). Western Meadowlark: one observed June 6, Athol Springs (TB). Red-winged Blackbird: ACBBS (1309, 73, 71, 10.1, 56.2); GRBBS (98-4); nesting reports: one nest: from 5 eggs, Yo out of nest July 21, Cb (RK,RhK); 17 nests observed: from 48 eggs 18 Yo fledged June 12-July 27, AL (VP). Northern Oriole: ACBBS (33, 2, 3, 1.1, 6.7); GRBBS (18-4); of 3 active nests, one was predated, two apparently fledged Yo (number unknown) July 1, AL (VP). Common Grackle: ACBBS (660, 37, 34, 7.6 29.3); GRBBS (105-4); from 24 nests observed, at least 39 Yo fledged by June 22, AL (VP). Brown-headed Cowbird: ACBBS (38, 2, 5, 2.6, 7.6); GRBBS (13-4). Scarlet Tanager: ACBBS (26, 1, 2, .42, 5.6); GRBBS (3-2). Cardinal: ACBBS (53, 3, 4, 1.0, 10.0); GRBBS (7-3); 3 nests observed, from 7 eggs 4 Yo fledged June 9-Aug 2, AL (VP). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: ACBBS (56, 3, 3, .92, 11.8); GRBBS (8-3); 3 nests observed, from 8 eggs 6 Yo fledged June 28-July 9, AL (VP); migrants: one Aug 5, 6 Jms (RS). Indigo Bunting: ACBBS (139, 8, 6, 1.4, 25.1); GRBBS (20-4). Purple Finch: ACBBS (13, 1, 1, .39, 2.9); GRBBS (2-2); max 6 reported irregularly through summer period (mob). American Goldfinch: ACBBS (154, 9, 6, 1.7, 18.7); GRBBS (43-4); of 20 nests discovered, 9 were deserted or predated and 11 were incomplete by end of summer period with no Yo, total eggs in nests, 40 Aug 14, AL (VP). Red Crossbill: 5, 15 reported June 2, ASPk (RS *et al*); outside the *BOS Date Guide*: 10-15 June 6, Harris Hill, T/Clarence (RW) and one July 14, Barcelona (RS).

Rufous-sided Towhee: ACBBS (97, 5, 8, 1.3, 17.6); GRBBS (11-3); two nests, from 7 eggs, fledged at least 3 Yo, June 18-July 9, AL (VP). Savannah Sparrow: ACBBS (76, 4, 5, .41, 9.6); GRBBS (1-1). Grasshopper Sparrow: ACBBS (5, +, +, .09 0.9); two June 5, Eaast Oak Hill Rd., Frewsburg (RS); one July 8, Alf (CK). Henslow's Sparrow: ACBBS (1, +, +, -, 0.2); 3 June 5, East Oak Hill Rd., Frewsburg (RS); Alfred area: 3, 2, 1 July 8, 21, 31 (CK) and max. 3 pairs all summer (EB). Vesper Sparrow: ACBBS (8, 1, 1, .64, 1.3); GRBBS (1-1). Dark-eyed Junco: ACBBS (13, 1, 1, .26, 2.2). Chipping Sparrow: ACBBS (217, 12, 13, 3.0, 32.2); GRBBS (8-3); of 5 nests observed, from 19 eggs at least 6 Yo fledged, June 26-July 20, AL (VP). Field Sparrow: ACBBS (164, 9, 10, .93, 30.2); GRBBS (10-3); of 4 nests observed, from 13 eggs, at least 8 Yo fledged, June 20-Aug 7, AL (VP). **WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:** ACBBS (2, +, +, .07, 0.43); a nest was discovered again this year in the Alfred area with 4 eggs, June 1; on June 17 1 Ad was feeding Yo in nest which was found empty, intact on July 15 (EB); a total of 4 pairs of Ad's spent the summer here (Alf) (ED,DB,LB). **LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** over a month beyond dates, *BOS Date Guide*: 4 reported July 2, in Ont. section of our Region (RA, Clark). Swamp Sparrow: ACBBS (16, 1, 1, .42, 2.7); GRBBS (10-4). Song Sparrow: ACBBS (519, 29, 34, 3.3, 64); GRBBS (143-4); 6 nests observed: from 14 eggs, at least 4 Yo fledged June 4-July 25, AL (VP).

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ADDENDUM: Received by Region 1 Editor too late for previous issues are the following excellent reports of counts taken under direction of the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Both include the already published compilation for the same dates from the Allegany County Bird Club.

—REPORT 1—

BIRD CENSUS, taken April 7, 1974, during the winter period and compiled by Gail Seamans.

Temperatures in the 50°'s early in the day raised hopes for fine birding with good tallies of migrants. However, violent winds in late morning, with heavy rain changing to snow as the cold front moved in, brought most workers out of the field and no doubt account for the lower than average numbers of migrants reported by the over 250 participating observers. The most abundant species was Common Grackle: 45,600. Total species was 124 and total individuals, 173,214.

"NS" following a species indicates a New Species for the year.

Locations are given in parentheses where a species was sighted in 3 or less areas.

LOON-DUCKS: Common Loon 39. Horned Grebe 159. Pied-billed Grebe 90. Great Blue Heron 98. Black-crowned Night Heron, NS, 5 (Thorold, Ont.). Whistling Swan 222. Canada Goose 13,736. Mallard 648. Black Duck 206. Gadwall 28. Pintail 224. Green-winged Teal 142. Blue-winged Teal 494. Ruffed Grouse 16. Ring-necked Duck 423. Canvasback 1225. Greater Scaup 4956. Lesser Scaup 3130. Common Goldeneye 287. Bufflehead 1044. Oldsquaw 311. King Eider 2 (Buffalo). White-winged Scoter 16. Ruddy Duck 71. Hooded Merganser 174. Common Merganser 123. Red-breasted Merganser 287.

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture 37. Sharp-shinned Hawk 11. Cooper's Hawk 13. Red-tailed Hawk 206. Red-shouldered Hawk 20. Rough-legged Hawk 3 (Hamburg, Bolivar). Marsh Hawk 18. American Kestrel 240. Ruffed Grouse 16. Ring-necked Pheasant 131. Turkey 51. American Coot 266. Killdeer 629. American Woodcock 27. Common Snipe 75. Greater Yellowlegs 6. Pectoral Sandpiper 15 (Fillmore, Sherman).

Glaucous Gull 1 (Grand Island). Iceland Gull 1 (Wilson). Great Black-backed Gull 13 (Oak Orchard, Grand Island, Buffalo). Herring Gull 2136. Ring-billed Gull 3433. Bonaparte's Gull 5459. Little Gull 3 (Wilson). Common Tern, NS, 1 (Dunkirk). Rock Dove 1026. Mourning Dove 699. Screech Owl 5 (Alfred). Great Horned Owl 10. Short-eared Owl 7 (Lancaster).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLINGS: Belted Kingfisher 78. Common (Yel.-sh.) Flicker 159. Pileated Woodpecker 13. Red-bellied Woodpecker 14 (Batavia, Fillmore, Sherman). Red-headed Woodpecker 1 (Alfred). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3 (Batavia, Sherman, Cuba Lake). Hairy Woodpecker 190. Downy Woodpecker 363. Eastern Phoebe 124. Horned Lark: *E.a. alpestris* 7 (Grand Island, Lancaster), *E.a. praticola* 230. Tree Swallows 392. Barn Swallow, NS, 1 (Lowbanks, Ont.). Purple Martin 6 (Frewsburg, Allegany). Blue Jay 882. Common Crow 2832.

Black-capped Chickadee 1251. Tufted Titmouse 26. White-breasted Nuthatch 325. Red-breasted Nuthatch 24. Brown Creeper 42. Winter Wren 17. Carolina Wren 8. Mockingbird 2 (Wilson). Gray Catbird, NS, 1 (Hamburg). Brown Thrasher, NS, 2 (Hamburg, Cuba Lake). American Robin 10,516. Hermit Thrush 3 (Port Maitland, Ont., Cuba Lake, Alfred). Eastern Bluebird 38. Golden-crowned Kinglet 280. Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4 (Lowbanks, Ont. Hamburg). Water Pipit 29. Cedar Waxwing 85. Northern Shrike 3 (Oak Orchard, Fillmore, Sherman). Loggerhead Shrike 2 (Oak Orchard). Starling 24,472.

VIREOS-SPARROWS: Yellow-rumped Warbler 2 (Bolivar, Alfred). House Sparrow 2840. Eastern Meadowlark 349. Red-winged Blackbird 19,539. Rusty Blackbird 103. Common Grackle 45,600. Brown-headed Cowbird 4,399. Cardinal 605.

Evening Grosbeak 1411. Purple Finch 95. Common Redpoll 57. Pine Siskin 15. American Goldfinch 562. Red Crossbill 5 (Hamburg). White-winged Crossbill 15. Rufous-sided Towhee 11. Savannah Sparrow 102. Vesper Sparrow 72. Dark-eyed Junco 6,094. Tree Sparrow 2317. Chipping Sparrow 100. Field Sparrow 34. White-crowned Sparrow 21. White-throated Sparrow 110. Fox Sparrow 50. Swamp Sparrow 23. Song Sparrow 2855. Snow Bunting 111 (Cuba Lake Alfred).

-REPORT 2-

BIRD CENSUS, taken May 18 and 19, 1974, during the spring period and compiled by Walter Klabunde and Allen Valentine. For this first two-day coverage on any Buffalo Ornithological Society count, no area was duplicated.

Weather was "perfect" for the 18th, but the northern section turned windy and cooler the 19th. With 248 workers taking part, "a median number for the past ten years", 201 species plus 1 hybrid were reported (a normal number). Total individuals was 73,480, a low figure "due to the low numbers of robins, starlings, redwings and grackles together with swallows and gulls which comprise half of the total individuals."

Apparently last winter's survival rate was higher than usual for the Turkey, Chimney Swift and Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Unexpected record numbers of the Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks as well as the American Kestrel were reported in addition to unprecedented counts for the House, Winter and Carolina Wrens. Cardinals continued their steady annual increase. Despite possible effects of pesticides, the total Warbler count was above normal.

The Black Duck and Common Tern were lowest ever, holding to the trend of several years. "Semipalmated Plovers failed to be recorded for the second time in all May counts since 1936. Ducks, shorebirds and gulls generally were low, probably reflecting the effect of high lake levels creating poor feeding and/or nesting possibilities."

In listing the census below, a letter from the following table is used after each species to indicate comparison with former counts. The number in parentheses is total species in that category:

- (H+) = an all time high. (21)
- (H) = highest in the past ten years. (21)
- (M+) = above normal. (46)
- (M) = normal. (69)
- (M-) = below normal. (35)
- (L) = lowest for the past ten years (7).
- (L-) = all time low. (3)

Locations are given in parentheses where a species was sighted in one or two areas only.

LOONS-DUCKS. Common Loon 8 (L-). Horned Grebe 1 (L-)(Cherry Creek). Pied-billed Grebe 13(M). Great Blue Heron 199(M+). Green Heron 107 (M+) *LITTLE BLUE HERON* 1(H) (Oak Orchard). *CATTLE EGRET* 3(H+) (Frewsburg). Black-crowned Night Heron 4(M). Least Bittern 5(M+). American Bittern 14(M). *MUTE SWAN* 4(H) (Cherry Creek). Whistling Swan 1(M) (Hamburg). Canada Goose 296(H). Mallard 329(M). Black Duck 17(L-). Pintail 2(M-) (Port Maitland, Ont., Fort Erie, Ont.). Green-winged Teal 10(M). Blue-winged Teal 74(M-). American Wigeon 3(M-)(Oak Orchard, Port Maitland, Ont.). Northern Shoveler 8(M+)(Akron). Wood Duck 76(M). Canvasback 1(M) (Lowbanks, Ont.). Greater Scaup 50(M). Lesser Scaup 90(M+). Common Golden-eye 1(M-)(Fort Erie, Ont.). Bufflehead 80(M+). Oldsquaw 4(M)(Fort Erie, Ont., Allegany State Park). Surf Scoter 15(H+)(Fort Erie, Ont.). Ruddy Duck 3(M). Hooded Merganser 19(H+). Common Merganser 63(M+). Red-breasted Merganser 75(M).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture 67(H+). Sharp-shinned Hawk 4(M). Cooper's Hawk 8(M). Red-tailed Hawk 200(H+). Red-shouldered Hawk 54(H+). Broad-winged Hawk 24(M+). Rough-legged Hawk 1(M)(Hamburg). Marsh Hawk 31(H). Osprey 4(M). American Kestrel 91(H+). Ruffed Grouse 41(M). Ring-necked Pheasant 192(M). Turkey 41(H+). Virginia Rail 1(M-)(Lowbanks, Ont.). Sora 8(M). Common Gallinule 30(M+). American Coot 36(M).

Killdeer 543(M). Black-bellied Plover 1(M-)(Cherry Creek). Ruddy Turnstone 35(M-). American Woodcock 24(M-). Common Snipe 41(M+). Upland Sandpiper 11(M). Spotted Sandpiper 118(M-). Solitary Sandpiper 14(M). Greater Yellowlegs 4(M-). Lesser Yellowlegs 13(M+). Pectoral Sandpiper 1(M-)(Wilson). Least Sandpiper 4(L). Dunlin 67(M-). Short-billed Dowitcher 9(M). Semipalmated Sandpiper 2(M-) Fort Erie Ont.).

Great Black-backed Gull 2(M)(Fort Erie, Ont.). Herring Gull 106(L). Ring-billed Gull 1304(M-). Bonaparte's Gull 39(M-). Common Tern 208(L-). Caspian Tern 1(M)(Lowbanks, Ont.). Black Tern 38(M-). Rock Dove 902(M+). Mourning Dove 797(M+). Yellow-billed Cuckoo 16(H). Black-billed Cuckoo 42(H). Screech Owl 9(H). Great Horned Owl 12(M). Barred Owl 14(M+). Long-eared Owl 3(H)(Java, Cherry Creek).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Whip-poor-will 3(M). Common Nighthawk 24(M+). Chimney Swift 1300(H+). Ruby-throated Hummingbird 134(H+). Belted Kingfisher 112(M). Common (Yel.sh.) Flicker 450(M+). Pileated Woodpecker 15(M). Red-bellied Woodpecker 16(H+). Red-headed Woodpecker 68(M+). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 25(M). Hairy Woodpecker 152(M+). Downy Woodpecker 304(M). Eastern Kingbird 390(M). Great Crested Flycatcher 199(H). Eastern Phoebe 318(M). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 2(M)(Batavia, Cherry Creek). Traill's (undifferentiated) Flycatcher 15(M+). Alder Flycatcher 4(Cherry Creek). Willow Flycatcher 15(Cherry Creek). Least Flycatcher 184(M). Eastern Wood Pewee 57(M). Olive-sided Flycatcher 6(H+). Horned Lark: *E.a. praticola* 110(L). Tree Swallow 637(L). Bank Swallow 611(M-). Rough-winged Swallow 143(M-). Barn Swallow 1966(M-). Cliff Swallow 110 (M). Purple Martin 886(M-). Blue Jay 1397(M+). Common Crow 1445(M). Black-capped Chickadee 867(M+). Tufted Titmouse 16(M+). White-breasted Nuthatch 264(H+). Red-breasted Nuthatch 13(M). Brown Creeper 32(M+).

House Wren 556(H+). Winter Wren 18(H+). Carolina Wren 12(H+). Long-billed Marsh Wren 3(M-)(Batavia, Cherry Creek). Mockingbird 5(M). Gray Catbird 810(M). Brown Thrasher 158(M-). American Robin 5056(L). Wood Thrush 438(M). Hermit Thrush 42(H+). Swainson's Thrush 117(H). Gray-cheeked Thrush 14(M+). Veery 137(M). Eastern Bluebird 85(M). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 27(H+). Golden-crowned Kinglet 22(M+). Ruby-crowned Kinglet 52(M). Water Pipit 11(M). Cedar Waxwing 168(M). Starling 6,055 (M-).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo 23(M+). Solitary Vireo 31(H+). Red-eyed Vireo 298(M+). Philadelphia Vireo 8(M). Warbling Vireo 104(M). Black-and-white Warbler 51(M+). Prothonotary Warbler 2(M) (Oak Orchard). Golden-winged Warbler 11(M). Blue-winged Warbler 93(M). "Brewster's" Warbler (hybrid) 2(M+)(Cherry Creek, Alfred). Tennessee Warbler 67(M+). Orange-crowned Warbler 3(M). Nashville Warbler 102(M+). Parula Warbler (8M). Yellow Warbler 1547(M). Magnolia Warbler 236(H). Cape May Warbler 119(H). Black-throated Blue Warbler 72(M+). Yellow-rumped Warbler 380(M+). Black-throated Green Warbler 206(H). Cerulean Warbler 11(M). Blackburnian Warbler 172(M+). Chestnut-sided Warbler 269(M+). Baybreasted Warbler 113(H). Blackpoll Warbler 33(M+). Prairie Warbler 2(H)(Cuba Lake). Palm Warbler 16(M+). Ovenbird 192(M+). Northern Waterthrush 37(H). Louisiana Waterthrush 11(H). Connecticut Warbler 1(H)(Frewsburg). Mourning Warbler 22(M+). Common Yellowthroat 502(M). Yellow-breasted Chat 3(M). Hooded Warbler 31

(H). Wilson's Warbler 54(M+). Canada Warbler 95(M+). American Redstart 288(M+).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: House Sparrow 3635(M). Bobolink 906(M-). Eastern Meadowlark 623(L). Red-winged Blackbird 9688(M-). Orchard Oriole 1(M) (Lowbanks, Ont.). Northern Oriole 862(M-). Rusty Blackbird 48(M). Common Grackle 6954(M-). Brown-headed Cowbird 1932(M). Scarlet Tanager 196(M+). Cardinal 687(H+). Rose-breasted Grosbeak 546(M+). Indigo Bunting 255(H). Evening Grosbeak 58(M). Purple Finch 208(M+). Pine Siskin 236(M+). American Goldfinch 3399(M). White-winged Crossbill 6(H).

Rufous-sided Towhee 494(M-). Savannah Sparrow 278(M). Grasshopper Sparrow 8(M). Henslow's Sparrow 4(L-). Vesper Sparrow 76(M-). Dark-eyed Junco 120(M). Chipping Sparrow 953(M). Field Sparrow 444(M). White-crowned Sparrow 182(M-). White-throated Sparrow 173(M). Lincoln's Sparrow 4(M). Swamp Sparrow 140(M-). Song Sparrow 2331(M-).

REGION 2 — GENESSEE

RICHARD T. O'HARA

Summer has been a pleasant season in Rochester this year although weather patterns have seemed somewhat erratic. Precipitation has remained well above normal and almost 8 inches ahead of last year in spite of a 3 week drought in mid-July. We have had only a few days above 90° and there have been many pleasant, sunny days with much lower temperatures. Marshes and lakes remain filled to overflowing, including Lake Ontario.

Spring migration continued well into early June. When some noteworthy reports of herons, shorebirds, hawks and flycatchers came from the lakeshore and elsewhere. More field work than usual took place during the nesting season especially in the Bristol Hills region south of Rochester. This continues a recent trend and has produced some of the most interesting reports noted below.

Returning shorebirds occurred in very early July and the variety of species has been quite good although numbers are generally small. Suitable habitat is limited again due to high water so far this year. Such areas as Irondequoit Bay, the West spit at Braddock's Bay and Shore Acres have all been non-productive. Passerines have shown very little movement to date (Aug. 15th) although the usual swallows and early warblers i.e., Yellow, Northern Waterthrush, have been noted on the west lakeshore since August 1st.

Most nesting birds appear to have done well although some species were present in very reduced numbers as noted below — (see Nighthawk, Redstart, Vesper Sparrow).

Positive trends are noted for most Herons, Mallards and some other puddle ducks, accipiters (slight) Common Snipe, Mourning Dove, Carolina Wren, and Kingfisher.

Negative tendencies involve Ring-necked Pheasants, (although there are some reports of good breeding success) Common Tern, Nighthawk, Redstart, Hooded Warbler (except at Letchworth Park) and Vesper Sparrow.

Rarities: Snowy Egret, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Goshawk (nesting) Whimbrel, Willet, Wilson's Phalarope. Long-eared Owl (nesting), Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Acadian Flycatcher, Prothonotary Warbler, Orchard Oriole, Red Crossbill, Tree Sparrow.

OBSERVERS: BA—Beatrice Anderson; MC—Mike Carlson; JC—Julie Claffey; J&JC—Jack and Joyce Connor; RF—Robert Folker; NH—Norman Henderson; B&AK—Bea and Al Kemnitz; WL—Walter Listman; AM—Al Maley; J&TM—Joe and Thelma McKett; BM—Barbara Molyneaux; L&NM—Laura and Neil Moon; RO—Richard O'Hara; BO—Bernard Olin; GP—Glenn Perrigo; NF—Neil Prosser; RR—Ruth