

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Yellow-thr. Vireo: one banded, Sept. FrSt; dep one Sept. 25 SpBrk. Philadelphia Vireo: arr one Aug. 30 RosHil; 8 banded FrSt Sept., Oct.; 17 Sept. 21 Colden; 17 Tower-killed, S Erie Co Sept. 21; dep one Oct. 16 Hmbg. Warblers on RC: 3 Bl.-and-wh., 10 Tennessee, 2 Orange-cr., 17 Nashville, 33 Magnolia, one Cape May, 10 Black-th. Blue, 1085 Yellow-rump., 5 Black-thr. Green, 19 Blackburnian, 2 Chestnut-sid., 5 Bay-br., 11 Blackpoll, one Pine (late), 74 Palm, 2 Ovenbird, one Mourning (late), 6 Com. Yellowthroat, 5 Wilson's and 7 Am. Redstart. Other Warbler sightings of note: one *PROTHONOTARY* Sept. 5 Alma (Deverells); one Golden-wng. Aug. 30 RosHil (HA, RaA); 2 Brewster's (hybrid) Aug. 30 AL (VP); Orange-cr.: singles at 7 locations (+ RC); Pine (late); one Oct. 4 Point Chaut (RS) (+RC); Connecticut: one Sept. 23 Hmbg (TB); and Hooded: singles Sept. 22 Chaut Co (CB) and Sept. 24 Cb (RK, RhK).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: 150 Aug. 25 T/Ward. Rusty Blackbird: 2396 RC (604 in 1973). Brown-headed Cowbird: 2062 RC (818 in 1973). Rose-br. Grosbeak: 3 RC; flock of 12 Sept. 22 AL (AH, MH). Evening Grosbeak: arr one Oct. 16 Wlsv; very few. Purple Finch: 50 RC (143 in 1973). Com. Redpoll: only one, Nov. 13 Hmbg. Pine Siskin: 10 RC (268 in 1973); 3 Nov. 10 Queenston. White-wng. Crossbill: only reports: arr very early 4 Sept. 6 and one (feeder) Nov. 29 AL.

SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: one killed after striking window Oct. 10 SUNY Campus, Frd (Stanley, Benton). Dark-eyed Junco (sl.-c.): 3040 RC (1160 in 1973). Tree Sparrow: 28 RC; 111 banded Nov., FrSt. Chipping Sparrow: 421 RC; dep 2 Oct. 22 SpBr. Field Sparrow: 165 RC. White-cr. Sparrow: 1208 (327 in 1973). White-thr. Sparrow: 4153 RC (1436 in 1973). Fox Sparrow: 6 RC; scarce. Lincoln's Sparrow: 3 RC; one Sept. 21 Colden; singles Sept. 30, Oct. 2 Chaut Co. Song Sparrow: 1687 (950 in 1973). Snow Bunting: arr one Oct. 19 Chaut Co; small numbers through Nov.; max 75 Nov. 20 INWR.

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REGION 2 — GENESSEE

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Except for an extremely early snowfall which left the ground white for two or three days at the very end of September, our fall weather seemed quite normal. Precipitation was close to average for the season including only a little snow in October and fairly light amounts in November. Foliage came off the trees a bit early probably due to the early cold mentioned above. Lake Ontario dropped quite rapidly after early August and shore birding improved sharply, especially at Braddocks Bay.

The late summer and fall produced excellent birding at times and the general impression that many species enjoyed an unusually successful breeding season. There were also several reports of species rare or erratic in this region. Most of the regular migrants were on time and in good numbers. All in all, while there were many quiet days of mild weather and southerly winds, birding was generally interesting and productive.

Positive Trends: (1) Quite good Loon and Grebe flights. (2) fairly high counts of Whistling Swan, Scoters and Mergansers. (3) fine variety of shorebirds and high numbers of some

species. (4) appearance of both Jaegers. (5) incursions of Rough-legged Hawks, Snowy Owls and Northern Shrikes. (6) high counts of some Warblers in early flight.

Negative Trends: (1) Mediocre movement of most ducks and geese. (2) only 2 reports of Bald Eagle and one of Peregrine Falcon; no Merlins. (3) only one Short-eared Owl. (4) rather late and so far light movement of Bonaparte's Gulls. (5) few reports of certain passerine species—i.e.—Vireos, Thrushes.

Rarities: Eared Grebe, Peregrine Falcon, Hudsonian Godwit, Purple Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Parasitic Jaeger, Pomerine Jaeger, Black-headed Gull, Bewick's Wren, Orange-crowned Warbler.

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Locations: BB—Braddocks Bay; B—Brighton; C—Carlton (near Point Breeze); CB—Charlotte Beach; ChBl—Chimney Bluffs; CL—Conesus Lake; DEP—Durand Eastman Pk.; EL—East Lakeshore; HB—Hamlin Beach; HL—Hemlock Lake; IBO—Ironduquoit Bay Outlet; IC—Island Cottage; K—Kendall (west of Hamlin Park); MB—Manitou Beach; MP—Mendon Ponds; SA—Shore Acres; SB—Sodus Bay; W—Webster; WPK—Webster Park; WL—West Lakeshore; LPk—Letchworth Pk.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon—good flight—high count was 350 on Nov. 9, WPK (AK). Red-throated Loon, peak count was 24 on Nov. 19, EL (AK & ST); there were several other reports of 1-3 birds. Red-necked Grebe was widely noted in small numbers in October; the best count was 7 on the 5th at ChBl (M & TT). An Eared Grebe was observed at very close range at WPK on Nov. 7 (AK); this *species*, while *still* rare, has been reported almost annually in recent years.

A flock of 20 Whistling Swan remained at SB for several days in late November (TT *et. al.*); this group included several young birds; an early Swan was seen at CB on Oct. 6 (GOS). The Canada Goose flight seemed less spectacular this year than most recent years. The only sizable Brant flight noted was 449 birds passing SB on Oct. 13 (DM & TT). Unexplained is the appearance of 2 Snow Geese in late August (24th) in K—very early (WCL). A single Ring-necked Duck on Sept. 19, C (WCL) was somewhat early. The best count of Greater Scaup was 5,000 at IBO on Nov. 7 (AK). Some 300 Bufflehead were noted on Nov. 17, WL (R&FD). On Oct. 27 1000+ Oldsquaws flew west past HPk (I & KJ). Over 300 White-winged Scoters were counted near IBO (R & SO) on Nov. 10. An excellent flight of dark-winged Scoters, 6,000+, was observed passing SB on Oct. 13 (DM & TT), but species—Black or Surf—could not be determined. Definite counts of 50 Black and 35 Surf were made at HB on Oct. 19 (GOS). A good count of 25 Hooded Merganser was made at CB on Oct. 30 (NH).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk was reported on 5 Oct. dates, 1-3 birds, the first was on the 25th at W (JC), and on 7 Nov. dates, one bird each, from the 6th to the 28th. There were 17 reports of Sharp-shinned Hawk, maximum 2 birds. All of these figures seem to reflect a continued, if slow, upward trend for all accipiters. A good fall flight of 175 Red-tailed Hawks was made on BB on Aug. 22 (NH); several other small flights were noted in late Aug. as usual. The only report of Red-shouldered Hawk this fall was one at HL Sept. 14. An early Rough-legged Hawk was seen on Sept. 1, WL (DW *et. al.*). This was followed by a heavy movement which reached a peak in late Nov. with 16 on the 19th, WL (NH) and 17, EL (M & TT) on the 24th. Two Bald Eagles were seen, 1 on Nov. 18, an adult, at CL (R).

Garnham) and an immature near HPk on Nov. 23 (I & KJ). The last of 9 Osprey reports was Nov. 23 at IB (DT & NM). The only Peregrine Falcon was noted in Parua on Sept. 22 (J & JC).

Ruffed Grouse were seen twice near SB on Sept. 28 (I & KJ) and Oct. 6 (M & TT). This is one of the few places where this species range reaches right to the Lake Ontario shoreline.

Golden Plover first appeared on Aug. 16 near Fairport, 3 birds (TT) and reached a peak of 71 on Sept. 6 (JCI *et. al.*). No large counts of Black-bellied Plovers came in but like almost all of our regular migrant shorebirds this fall, they were regular in small numbers. A good count of 60 Common Snipe was made at BB on Sept. 28 when conditions for them were excellent (M & TT). Four Whimbrel were noted between Aug. 28 and Sept. 9 (RD *et. al.*), all but one of them were at BB; this is a little better than our normal 1 or 2 reports in late summer. A Hudsonian Godwit obligingly stayed at the East spit of BB from Oct. 13-18 and many people had a chance to observe it very well. (NH & RL *et. al.*). The Red Knot was rather scarce, only a few were noted and 2 was the best count, Aug. 28 BB (JCI *et. al.*). White-rumped Sandpipers on the other hand were widely reported including 3 on Sept. 28 from the unusual location of Lima (JF). Baird's Sandpipers were also regularly observed with a maximum of 3 at BB and also 3 at a small pond in Perinton in late Aug. (DM & TT). Dunlin staged a tremendous flight especially at BB where hundred were present for weeks including a maximum of 900 on Oct. 31 (NH & RL). A Long-billed Dowitcher was seen and heard at BB Sept. 16, (I & KJ). A late Spotted Sandpiper was still present at the same place on Oct. 23 (NH). Purple Sandpiper was reported several times from Oct. 27 to Nov. 31, with a maximum of 3 birds at CB on the first date (I & KJ). Western Sandpiper peaked at 4 birds in late Aug. at BB (RO *et. al.*) and there were several reports of one to three birds up to Nov. 7 (JS *et. al.*). Northern Phalaropes were reported only 3 times this fall including one inland in Perinton, Sept. 24-26 (MT *et. al.*). The only Red Phalarope was seen at IBO on Nov. 16 (AK) and the only Wilson's Phalarope was reported by (MC) on Aug. 23 at BB. These are only the highlights of a fine shorebird flight, the remnants of which were still present at the beginning of December.

A Parasitic Jaeger was seen on the early date of Aug. 24 on a northeast wind, C (WCL). Three other observations of certain or probable Parasitic Jaegers were also made on Oct. 27 HPk and Nov. 23 BB (I & KJ) and Nov. 24 BB (RS). The only Pomerine Jaeger was observed by (WCL) at HPk on Oct. 6.

The first Glaucous Gull appeared on Nov. 23 at IBO (AK & ST) and the same observers found the first Iceland Gull at WPk on the same date. Perhaps the best bird of the fall was a fine specimen of the Black-headed Gull first identified by a couple of visiting English birders, Ian and Kathy Johnson, who have also sent in many other fine records. We hope they will stay with us for a long time! This bird has been seen since by Mob and is still present at this writing—mid-December. Up to 4 Little Gulls were present with flocks of Bonaparte's Gulls in late Nov. along the lakefront (Mob). The first Little Gull was noted in C on Oct. 18 (WCL). The best count of Bonaparte's Gulls was 600 on Nov. 16 EL (AK); the early flights of this species were low.

Single Forster's Terns were seen on Aug. 19 at BB (NP) and on 3 occasions in Oct. at the same place. Common Tern continued to be scarce all fall. The peak count of Caspian Tern this season was 33 on Sept. 28 on WL (NP). The last report of Black Tern for this region was one on Sept. 15 at BB (I & KJ).

Mourning Doves continue to seem abundant. Very few Cuckoos were noted. The Barn Owl remains unreported this year. Only one Short-eared Owl has been reported so far, Nov. 24 at BB (NP). A Long-eared Owl was well seen near BB in early Nov.—date? (GP fide JC). This fall's first Snowy Owl was reported from CB on Oct. 24 (I & KJ); this is quite an early date for this region; the best one day count so far was five individuals (NH).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawks are apparently breeding more successfully elsewhere than in Rochester. Several small flights were noted, the largest being 100

on Sept. 10 (MC). A late Chimney Swift report was 2 on Oct. 8 (PM *et. al.*) and an extremely late single was also reported—Nov. 8 (NH) but no verification report has been received.

A migrating group of 47 Eastern Kingbirds was counted at MP on Sept. 1 (WL). The same observer also noted an Olive-sided Flycatcher on Sept. 8 in W and another of this species was in B on Sept. 24 (JC). A rather late Crested Flycatcher was seen at SB on Oct. 5 (M & TT).

The largest count of Tree Swallows this fall was 2,000 on WL Sept. 22 (NP). The last Purple Martin report was 3 birds Oct. 8, MB (WCL). The usual few fall Cliff Swallows were seen and most Swallows seemed to depart a bit early this year.

One of the year's best finds was a Bewick's Wren at BB on Sept. 26 and 27 (NH and JS); this is only the 2nd or 3rd known report from this region. The Carolina Wren is still on the upswing with apparent breeding in 3 or 4 locations noted; 3 individuals were seen at IC on Aug. 18 (MC) and 2 were in LP on Nov. 19 (JM & RB). A single Short-billed Marsh Wren appeared in B on Sept. 26 (JCI).

Migrant Thrushes were only poorly reported this season but a nice group of 9 Eastern Bluebirds was seen in Avon on Nov. 23 (RG). A fairly good count of Cedar Waxwing was 200 in DEP on Nov. 10 (R & SO & NP). Northern Shrikes have been widely noted since Nov. The first was an early individual in C on Oct. 14 (WCL). One of the very few Loggerhead Shrikes of the summer was in that same area on Aug. 31 (WCL).

A very high estimate of 75 to 100 thousand Starlings was made by (JC) in W on Nov. 29. These birds seemed to be still migrating rather than a winter roost.

VIREO—WARBLERS: The best counts of fall warblers were made during a late August flight in B by (JC). Some of the highlights were Black-and-white 25+, Magnolia 25+, Cape May 25+, Blackburnian 25+, Bay-breasted 75+. Other noteworthy records include 1 to 2 Pine Warblers in P Sept. 11-20 (GD), 12 Palm Warblers at BB Sept. 27 (NH), a fairly late Yellow Warbler on Oct. 1 (AS *et. al.*) and an Orange-crowned Warbler at HPk on Oct. 27 (RC *et. al.*). A single Cape May Warbler was in the same place as well. In general, after Sept. 1 there were no very pronounced waves of these migrants reported and they were pretty well gone by the time of our late Sept. cold wave and snowfall except for the usual Yellow-rumped Warblers.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: A late Northern Oriole was in DEP from Nov. 23-28. (RS *et. al.*). A very early Rusty Blackbird was at CB on Aug. 25 (JC). About 275 Rusty Blackbirds were still at IC on Nov. 3 (MD & TT). The last Scarlet Tanager was in W on Oct. 13 (WL & MS).

This fall was rather disappointing for Northern Finches with only Evening Grosbeaks widely noted; the first report was Oct. 24, 6 birds at IC (NH); the single high count was 180 on Nov. 10 (NP), these birds moving W to E along the lakeshore. A few Pine Siskins were also noted as well as 2 White-winged Crossbills on Nov. 9 in DEP (I & KJ).

One rather late White-crowned Sparrow was reported from Greece on Nov. 28 (NP). Four reports of Lincoln's Sparrows came in between Sept. 1 and 24—onebird each (WL *et. al.*). An early Snow Bunting was on the West spit of BB on Oct. 14 (RO); the best count of this species was 300 at SA Nov. 3 & 4 (JE).

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