

Ithaca, Watkins and Newfield. Winter Wren: 3 Watkins Glen Christmas Count; 1 Feb. 2 & 16 Readers Creek Sen. Co. (BH); 1 Clifton Springs Dec. 21 (J Wa). Carolina Wren: recent mild winters have allowed this bird to build up again; reports of over 25 birds received from all parts of the region.

Mockingbird: 8 reports (20 plus birds) well distributed over the region. Gray Catbird: 1 Jan. 24-28 Clyde (WEB) ; 1 Feb. 7 Ithaca (Bill Hamilton). Brown Thrasher: 1 early Jan. at feeder in Elmira (C. Burke). Hermit Thrush: 1 Dec. 28 Elmira (M. Smith fide MW) , 1 GCC. Eastern Bluebird: reports in Dec. of 10 birds at Burdett, Watkins Marsh, Clyde; 1 Jan. 5 Newfield; migrants in Mar. at Mecklenburg, Treman State Park, Stanley. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 wintered near Trumansburg at P. Joseph's feeder; 1 GCC; 1 Jan. 2 Big Flats; 1 Feb. 14 Ithaca. Water Pipit: 1 Mar. 17 Ithaca (JG) early; 6 Horseheads Mar. 25 (WH). Northern Shrike: 3 GCC; 2 MCC; 1 ICC.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle): 12 GCC; 10 ICC. Common Yellowthroat: 1 ICC. Yellow-breasted Chat: one reported in Howard Utter's doorway west of Geneva on Feb. 2 and 3. Oral and written verification appears credible but, in the absence of a good photograph or specimen, it will have to remain unconfirmed.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Icterids arrived a week early in all parts of the region coming between Feb. 22 and 26. Evening Grosbeak: widespread and continuing to the end of the period; "hundreds" south of Ithaca (JG). Purple Finch: the few reports were all after Feb. 8. House Finch: increasing at Elmira and Ithaca; 1 Mar. 16 and 2 Mar. 18 Odessa at B. Strath's feeder. Pine Grosbeak: 1 report of a bird at Elmira. Common Redpoll: 1 Central Cayuga Christmas Count. Pine Siskin: only report is 1 Feb. 9 Ithaca. Red Crossbill: 1 ECC; male Feb. 15 Elmira.

Savannah Sparrow: 1 Feb. 22 Ithaca (K. Rosenberg). Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 Dec. 28 Town of Seneca Dump near Flint (R. Foxall & K. Bond) . Field Sparrow: 2 reports Dec. Watkins Marsh; 2 GCC; 4 ICC; 1 wintered at Ithaca feeder. White-crowned Sparrow: 2 ICC. White-throated Sparrow: the trend toward more overwintering birds continues. Fox Sparrow: 2 MCC; 1 Jan. 14 at Elmira feeder. Swamp Sparrow: 15 Watkins Glen Christmas Count; 1 Jan. 5 Owasco (TR); 4 MCC. Song Sparrow: 100 in a 1 acre plot Mar. 22 Ithaca (PD) is indicative of the flood of this species that came in at that time. Lapland Longspur 2 GCC; 2 ICC. Snow Bunting: 9 reports of flocks of 70-500 birds were all before Jan. 8 except 400 Feb. 16 King Ferry.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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It was a mild winter with some rather erratic temperature variations. The highest temperature recorded was 62°F. Jan. 11. The low of -5°F. came 10 days later.

Whether in response to the generally mild temperatures or not, wintering Mourning Doves, Tufted Titmice, Carolina Wrens, Mockingbirds, cowbirds and White-throated Sparrows were up in numbers. There were even Dec. bluebirds and a Catbird lasted until at least mid-Jan. However winter Red-winged Blackbirds were down and robins, meadowlarks, grackles and towhees were little if any better than average. Except for Evening Grosbeaks and goldfinches, winter finches were a disaster; no crossbills or Pine Grosbeaks at all and

only enough siskins and redpolls to spoil the clean sheet. It was a banner year for Rough-legged Hawks and Red-tailed Hawk numbers stayed up, but Northern Shrikes were barely represented and there was only one Snowy Owl. Screech and Barred Owls continue to increase and, wonder of wonders, the effort to reestablish turkeys in the wild is really succeeding.

For rarities there was one, and possibly two more, Golden Eagles and a Dickcissel.

Abbreviations: Bing—Binghamton; BCC—Bing. Christmas Census; OCC—Oneonta Christmas Census; TCC—Tioga Christmas Census (unpublished); WFC—Waterfowl Census; WP—Whitney Point.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Jan. 11 Oneonta, WFC; Mar. 29 WP. Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Jan. 5 Greene; Mar. 21 and 22 WP. Great Blue Heron: 1 Dec. 22 Unadilla; Dec. 31 and Jan. 12 Owego; 1 Jan. 5 Greene; 4 late Feb. records; migrants Mar. 29. Canada Goose: 125 Jan. 11 Glimmerglass State Park, WFC, there since Nov.—several wintering singles elsewhere; Feb. 1 Owego and Feb. 21 Endwell, migrants. Snow Goose: 3 Mar. 9 and Mar. 15 WP (A, MD); 2 blue morphs Mar. 17 WP (RM, HM). Mallard: 7 OCC; 26 BCC. Black Duck: 95 BCC. Pintail: 3 Mar. 1 WP; 4 Mar. 25 Portlandville. Green-winged Teal: 2 Mar. 25 Portlandville. Blue-winged Teal: 2 Mar. 25 Portlandville. American Wigeon: 2 Mar. 2 WP; next report Mar. 24. Wood Duck: 4 Mar. 24 Oneonta, no others. Ring-necked Duck: Mar. 22 WP and Chenango Forks; common, as usual. Canvasback: Mar. 1 WP, Chenango Forks and Owego; also 2 Mar. 8 Portlandville. Lesser Scaup: 2 Jan. 11 Cooperstown, WFC. Scaup (SP?): 2 BCC. Common Goldeneye: 15 TCC and 16 WFC represent the usual small wintering population; more common after Mar. 9. Bufflehead: Mar. 21 WP. Oldsquaw: 2 Mar. 22 and 5 Mar. 29 WP. Hooded Merganser: Mar. 9 WP; no more until Mar. 22 but common thereafter. Common Merganser: 10 WFC; the usual small, dispersed winter population; more common after Mar. 1. Red-breasted Merganser: Mar. 25 WP.

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: 1 BCC (MS); 1 Jan. 5 Oneonta (MD); the Bing. bird seen in Jan. and Feb. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 at Apalachin all winter; 2 Bing. and 1 Portlandville report. Cooper's Hawk: 2 TCC; also Dec. 3 and 4 Owego. Red-tailed Hawk: 20 OCC; 12 BCC; 7 TCC; quite common all winter. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 OCC; 1 other Dec. and 1 Jan.-Feb. report from Owego. Rough-legged Hawk: 10 OCC; 6 BCC; 1 to 9 on nearly all field trips during the winter; last date Mar. 16. Golden Eagle: 1 immature Jan. 4 Candor (TS, fide RP), perched and flying roughly 500 yards from the Telford house almost all morning; 2 Feb. 11 in Candor area (KS), "watched for 15 minutes," no other details. Marsh Hawk: Mar. 7 Vestal; 6 more reported before Mar. 31. American Kestrel: 9 OCC; 19 BCC; 9 TCC. Ruffed Grouse: 2 OCC; 4 BCC; 1 TCC. Bob-white: 5 OCC. Ring-necked Pheasant: 9 BCC. Turkey: 4 OCC; 1 TCC; also reported at Greene, Portlandville and Vestal. Killdeer: 1 Jan. 3 and Feb. 27 Delhi; 10 Mar. 1 Portlandville. American Woodcock: Feb. 24 Bing. (R, JS); next report Mar. 9. Herring Gull: 8 BCC. Ring-billed Gull: 3 BCC; 7 Mar. 8 Endwell, migrants. Bonaparte's Gull: Mar. 25 WP. Rock Dove: 473 BCC; 90 TCC. Mourning Dove: 35 OCC; 66 BCC; 23 TCC; numerous flocks—44 Jan. 25 Oneonta area, the best

single count. Screech Owl: 6 BCC; regular Jan. and Feb. reports in Bing. area; 1 Feb. 17 Delhi. Horned Owl: 29 BCC. Snowy Owl: 1 Dec. 11 Bing. (HM), the only one. Barred Owl: 2 BCC; 3 Jan. 4 Greene.

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Belted Kingfisher: 1 OCC; 10 BCC; 2 TCC. Common Flicker: 9 BCC, unusually large number; Mar. 1 Bing. and Chenango Forks. Pileated Woodpecker: 2 BCC; 2 TCC; 5 other scattered reports. Hairy Woodpecker: 37 OCC; 27 BCC; 29 TCC. Downy Woodpecker: 46 OCC; 58 BCC; 47 TCC. Eastern Phoebe: Mar. 29 Chenango Forks. Horned Lark: 7 scattered reports all winter, max. 30 Mar. 4 Delhi. Tree Swallow: 2 Mar. 26 Portlandville. Blue Jay: 433 OCC; 279 BCC; 204 TCC. Common Crow: 179 OCC; 212 BCC; 157 TCC. Black-capped Chickadee: 418 OCC; 358 BCC; 163 TCC. Tufted Titmouse: 2 OCC; 13 BCC; 36 TCC. White-breasted Nuthatch: 71 OCC; 59 BCC; 36 TCC. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 5 OCC; 10 BCC; 1 TCC. Brown Creeper: 3 OCC; 16 BCC; 1 TCC. Winter Wren: 2 BCC. Carolina Wren: 1 OCC; 4 BCC; 3 TCC; scattered reports continued all winter. Mockingbird: 1 OCC; 13 BCC; 1 TCC; also 1 all winter at Delhi. Gray Catbird: Jan. 12 Vestal, actually seen frequently before that (RS). Robin: 3 BCC; 3 TCC; scattered Jan. and Feb. records; migrants Mar. 4. Eastern Bluebird: 3 Dec. 28 Owego (RB); 1 Mar. 22 North Colesville, in Broome County, (R, IK). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1 OCC; 22 BCC; 4 TCC; 33 Jan. 5 Greene. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: wintering birds at Vestal, Chenango Forks and Owego. Cedar Waxwing: 48 BCC. Northern Shrike: Dec. 22 Candor; 1 Feb. 1 Portlandville. Starling: 442 OCC; 5423 BCC; 352 TCC.

VIREOS-WARBLES: Yellow-rumped Warbler: Dec. 2 Owego (W, LD).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: House Sparrow: 947 OCC; 641 BCC; 432 TCC. Eastern Meadowlark: 3 Feb. 15 Portlandville; migrants Mar. 22. Red-winged Blackbird: 2 TCC; very few wintering birds; 1 Feb. 20 Delhi; large numbers from Mar. 1. Common Grackle: 2 BCC; 5 TCC; scattered reports all winter; migrants Feb. 27. Brown-headed Cowbird: 18 BCC; 56 TCC; regular reports all winter; migrants Mar. 8. Cardinal: 33 OCC; 118 BCC; 62 TCC. Dickcissel: 1 Feb. 25 Bing. (HM, RM). Evening Grosbeak: 596 OCC; 286 BCC; 112 TCC; good numbers everywhere all period. Purple Finch: 16 OCC; 6 TCC; scattered reports of small numbers from the beginning of the period, increasing numbers from Feb. 17 and in substantial numbers at almost all feeders from Mar. 15. House Finch: 1 OCC; 75 BCC; fairly frequent but irregular reports from the Oneonta area all season, the best count 6 Jan. 1 (MD); a Bing. feeder had them daily, the best count 12 Jan. 20 (CK); at Endwell, but not the primary station there for them in the past, only 1 or 2 at a time and not regularly (LB); in Vestal absent until Mar. 30, although regularly present there last fall (GC). Common Redpoll: 12 OCC; 1 Jan. 5 Greene; no others. Pine Siskin: 1 OCC; no others. American Goldfinch: 259 OCC; 111 BCC; 81 TCC. Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Jan. 5 Greene (WB). Savannah Sparrow: Mar. 22 WP. Dark-eyed Junco: 65 OCC; 129 BCC; 68 TCC; more wintering than usual. Tree Sparrow: 175 OCC; 319 BCC; 105 TCC. Chipping Sparrow: Mar. 24 Oneonta. Field Sparrow: 3 BCC; 2 TCC; no others. White-crowned Sparrow: 1 OCC; no others. White-throated Sparrow: 4 OCC; 39 BCC; small flocks of 6 to 9 at some feeders and most feeders attracting 1 or 2 where the norm is 1 or 2 at only a few feeders. Fox Sparrow: 1 TCC; migrants Mar. 22. Swamp Sparrow: 1 Feb. 22 Portlandville. Song Sparrow: 4 OCC; 20 BCC; 1 TCC; small numbers all winter, as usual; in full migration Mar. 22. Snow Bunting: 30 or more Dec. 28 Meredith, near Delhi; 120 Jan. 5 Greene.

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