

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS



Swainson's Warbler
Photograph by Archie Richardson May 13, 1975

A record of Swainson's Warbler in southwestern New York State: On May 13, 1975, at approximately 7:30 a.m., a Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*) was captured in a mist net at the Burgeson Sanctuary, Chautauqua Co., New York. Located about six miles southeast of the center of Jamestown, this refuge is maintained by the Jamestown Audubon Society on about 189 acres of land northeast of the junction of Route 62 and Riverside Road in south-

eastern Kiantone Township. This is the location often referred to as Riverside Marsh (Bull, 1974, p. 620). Archie and Doris Richardson, who netted this bird, have been banding birds at this site each spring and fall since 1970.

The Swainson's Warbler was banded, photographed, measured and released. During this processing, it was seen by Gilbert and Inez Burgeson, Theodore and Flora Elderkin, Robert and Betty Hallquist, Henry Huston, Lorimer Moe, Wesley Nord, Elizabeth Pillsbury, Archie and Doris Richardson and Robert Sundell. Twenty photographs were taken and eight color slides have been placed in the permanent files of the Buffalo Museum of Science. The bird was recaptured at about 1:30 p.m. and was released again after several additional photographs had been obtained.

Careful examination of the captive bird and of the color slides show a distinct pale yellow wash on the breast and lower abdomen separated by a white area in the center of the breast. This suggests the possibility that the bird represented the southern Appalachian population as described by Meanley (1971, p. 45). The nearest breeding locality is in the vicinity of Wheeling, West Virginia. The population of the coastal plain (underparts whiter and less tinged with yellow) nests as close as the well-known Pocomoke Swamp near Ocean City, Maryland. There was a significant influx of migrants during the night of May 12-13, but no unusually severe weather conditions occurred to account for the presence of this individual.

Extralimital records are summarized by Meanley (1971, pp. 19-20), who lists for New York only the report of May 5, 1950, in Prospect Park, New York City, but Bull (1974, p. 466) cites three additional New York records, including a bird netted, banded, photographed and released at Tobay Beach, Nassau Co., on May 20, 1973, by Lauro.

This note, then, presents data on the first upstate occurrence of Swainson's Warbler and the fifth record of this species for New York State.

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An additional occurrence of Swainson's Warbler in New York State, at Forest Park, Queens Co. on May 10, 1975, is reported in *The Kingbird*, 1975, vol. 25, no. 2, pp. 86-87. —Eds.