

northward in mid-June, *i.e.* Magnolia and Wilson's, June 15, BB, and Blackpoll, June 16. Carlton (WCL). A Prairie Warbler singing at Canidice Lake on June 22 could indicate nesting (JF). Fall arrival dates for some species were very early and some were locally common in mid-August. An outstanding record was our first **LAWRENCE'S WARBLER**, a singing male June 14-21 at Canidice Lake where Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers as well as Brewster's Warbler were also noted (JF *et al.*).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: The resident Orchard Orioles at PB were present until at least June 23 but may not have raised young. Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting and Purple Finch all were well reported and appear to have had good nesting success. **EVENING GROSBELLS** appeared suddenly on Aug 14 in Irondequoit—6 birds (NM). **HOUSE FINCHES** are beginning to spread locally at least three separate stations, up to 10 birds at one—MB (WCL). **PINE SISKIN**—one or two remained in Irondequoit until June 14 (DT).

Grasshopper Sparrow still low but may be up a little in a few areas. Henslow's Sparrow slightly better. Vesper Sparrow still very scarce, and now absent from most areas where it was formerly common. Why? White-throated Sparrow was found nesting in BS where it has been present before (DL). This bird and juncos were noted as returning migrants in late August (very early).

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REGION 3 – FINGER LAKES

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The first part of June was cool and wet. By late June it was hot and dry and continued so thru July. August brought cooler temperatures and showers.

Among the encouraging aspects of the summer were more reports of E. Bluebird sightings and successful nestings. Another was the recovery of breeding populations at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge from the flooding disaster of 1972. Although still below pre-flood levels, they are picking up. Common Gallinules and Black Terns showed marked increases. Pied-billed Grebes, Black-crowned Night Herons, American Bitterns, the resident duck species, Virginia Rails, American Coots and Long-billed Marsh Wrens are gaining. Least Bittern and Sora continue scarce.

One of our abundant birds, the Am. Robin, is becoming even more so according to the results of six of the Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Surveys taken in the Region. Conversely, five other abundant species, the Starling, House Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle and Song Sparrow, showed modest decreases. Could the severe April blizzard, which decimated the Eastern Phoebe in parts of the Region, have had an adverse effect on these species?

The meadow sparrows—Savannah, Grasshopper, Henslow's and Vesper—continue at the relatively low levels of recent years.

Montezuma Refuge, as usual, supplied most of the shorebirding in the Region. Fall migration started on schedule in the closing days of June, built up rapidly and continued fair thru the period.

Rarities: Snowy Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Common Raven, Fish Crow.

Abbreviations: BBS—Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Survey preceded by B for Branchport, Cay for Cayuga, Mac for Macdougall, R for Romulus, Ru for Rushville and T for Trumansburg; Cay—Cayuga; Co—County; MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; Ont—Ontario; SAD—Seneca Army Depot; Sen—Seneca; thru—thru period; Tomp—Tompkins.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: 3 Sen L June 24-26 winter plumage; 1 Sen L thru; 4 Cay L June 4. Horned Grebe: 1 Canoga June 27. Great Blue Heron: 130 nests Marengo Swamp; 30 nests near Orleans Ont Co; 2 nests 3 miles south of Penn Yan. Great Egret: 4 MNWR thru. SNOWY EGRET: 1 MNWR June 4 (JG); 2 MNWR June 1 (RG). Whistling Swan: 1 MNWR thru June 15.

Mallard: widespread nesting success. Black Duck: very few Elmira. Wood Duck: numerous reports. Canvasback: 1 Sen L thru. Greater Scaup: 7 Sen L thru. Red-breasted Merganser: 1 Sen L thru; female MNWR July 19 (WB). The following table gives the duck population figures at MNWR as of Aug 15 with thru 1974 figures in parenthesis (RC).

Mallard	1700	(1300)	Blue-winged Teal	750	(250)
Black Duck	300	(300)	Am. Wigeon	150	(20)
Gadwall	350	(225)	N. Shoveler	100	(35)
Pintail	150	(20)	Wood Duck	1200	(550)
Green-winged Teal	400	(175)	Hooded Merganser	100	(50)

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Cooper's Hawk: 1 Ellis Hollow June 16 (JG). Goshawk: the previously reported nest at Michigan Hollow was successful. Red-tailed Hawk: 3 successful nests SAD; nested Clifton Springs and MNWR. Red-shouldered Hawk: 2 SAD thru (MJ); 1 calling Ithaca. Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Ithaca Aug 8 (JG). Bald Eagle: MNWR adult thru and immature July 29 thru. Marsh Hawk: pair MNWR thru; 1 Cohocton (EJ). PEREGRINE FALCON immature Aug 10 thru (MJ). Turkey: 1 Cohocton June 13 (EJ). Sora: scarce; 2 Tomp Co airport thru early July.

Semipalmated Plover: MNWR thru June 4; arr fall July 15; max 30 Aug 14. Killdeer: max 70 MNWR Aug 15. Black-bellied Plover: arr 1 MNWR Aug 10; max 6 MNWR Aug 14. Common Snipe: 8 MNWR July 15. Upland Sandpiper: 1 SAD June 12 and July 10; 1 Horseheads July 13-26; reported at Penn Yan and Ithaca; none at their usual breeding areas around Waterloo. Spotted Sandpiper: max 30 Waterloo dump June 28. Greater Yellowlegs: max 80 MNWR Aug 15. Lesser Yellowlegs: arr MNWR June 28; max Waterloo dump July 25 and 150 MNWR Aug 13. Pectoral Sandpiper: arr MNWR July 6. Least Sandpiper: arr MNWR July 2 and max 50 Aug 14; 1 Corning July 12. Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 1 MNWR July 3; 2 Corning July 13-15; max MNWR 10 July 10. Stilt Sandpiper: arr 1 MNWR July 17; max 6 July 9 and Aug 11. Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 30 MNWR July 15; max 1200 Aug 14. Wilson's Phalarope: arr 1 MNWR Aug 11. Northern Phalarope: arr 2 MNWR Aug 13.

Great Black-backed Gull: 1 Ithaca Aug 8. Herring Gull: 400 Sen L State Park Aug; 100 Waterloo dump Aug. Ring-billed Gull: 150 Myers Point June 4; 500 Waterloo dump Aug. Com. Tern: 4 MNWR Aug. 1. Black Tern: 70 MNWR July 20; left MNWR late July a month early.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Yellow-billed Cuckoo: only report 2 at Ithaca. Black-billed Cuckoo: 6 territorial birds SAD; 1 RBBS; seen Ithaca, Freeville, Cohocton, Clifton Springs. Barn Owl: the bird in the silo at Fayette is gone; 3 on MJ's garage roof July 23. Great Horned Owl: 15 MNWR Aug 15. Barred Owl: 1 Shindagin Hollow July. Com. Night-hawk: several on Cornell Campus thru July. Chimney Swift: abundant Waterloo and north

end Cay L. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: scarce; 1 noted in arc display flight Clifton Springs July 9. Belted Kingfisher: 40 MNWR Aug 15. Pileated Woodpecker: reported from Clyde, Waterloo, West Danby. Red-bellied Woodpecker: up at Penn Yan; 3 Ithaca June 19; 1 Caroline Aug 15; young seen at Clyde and Sen Co. Red-headed Woodpecker: reported from Sheldrake, Penn Yan, Phelps, Clifton Springs and along the Clyde River; young noted Clyde and Sen Co.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Eastern Kingbird: good numbers widespread; good migration early Aug. Eastern Phoebe: down in many sections but at SAD 31 nests fledged 113 young. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Penn Yan Aug 2 (ML). Least Flycatcher: widespread reports of good numbers. Horned Lark: 4 Tomp Co airport June 23.

Tree Swallow: 36 nests at SAD fledged 122 young. Bank Swallow: 40 pairs nested Waterloo; nesting sites at Clyde and Tyre abandoned; doing well at Penn Yan. Rough-winged Swallow: scarce. Barn Swallow: 52 pairs fledged 284 young SAD; 1000 roosting in cattails at Corning July 15 (WH). Purple Martin: colonies at the north ends of Cay L and Sen L were full. 100 MNWR Aug 1.

COMMON RAVEN: 5 Monterey thru (JB). **FISH CROW:** Ithaca 1 June 2 and 1 July 1-2 (JG). House Wren: 20 pairs fledged 104 young SAD. Winter Wren: singles at Ithaca and MNWR. Carolina Wren: many SAD; 4 young fledged Elmira June 10; 4 locations at Phelps one nesting; reports from Taughannock Falls, Six Mile Creek, Clifton Springs and Clyde. Long-billed Marsh Wren: MNWR, Cay Marsh and Waterloo dump. Mockingbird: 1 Clifton Springs July 26; numbers up Penn Yan.

Wood Thrush: widespread good numbers. Hermit Thrush: 1 banded Penn Yan (ML). Veery: good numbers. Eastern Bluebird: 13 pairs fledged 94 young SAD; 1 Cay BBS; many nesting Penn Yan area especially in Guyanoga Valley where 1 brood of 7 fledged in early June; 2 Clyde July 21-22; 4 MNWR July 28. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 6 including 4 young Tanglewood Forest Elmira where young were seen in 1973.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Vireos: Solitary: Connecticut Hill. Red-eyed: doing very well. Warbling: reported from Ithaca but few at Waterloo and MNWR.

Warbler: Black-and-white: 1 Taughannock State Park June 17. Prothonotary: few in the usual places at MNWR. Golden-winged: down in numbers. Blue-winged: territorial male SAD; reports from Ithaca, Danby, Ellis Hollow, Freeville with increased numbers at Penn Yan. Chestnut-sided: 3 West Danby June 12. Prairie: pair on South Hill Ithaca. Ovenbird: fewer. Pine: 2 Caroline Aug 15. Northern Waterthrush: 2 singing West Danby June 12. Louisiana Waterthrush: 1-2 nesting pairs Six Mile Creek. Yellow-breasted Chat: 3 territories SAD; 1 RBBS; 1 Tomp Co airport July 7. Am. Redstart: few Ithaca; pair Clifton Springs June 25-July.

On the 25 mile BBS the following were recorded;

		BBBS	CayBBS	MacBBS	RBBS	RuBBS	TBBS
Vireos	Red-eyed	9	2	2	2	1	9
	Warbling	0	1	3	1	1	3
Warblers	Yellow	4	21	24	20	8	16
	Chestnut-sided	2	0	1	0	2	2
	Ovenbird	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Yellowthroat	8	7	10	20	2	22
	Yellow-breasted Chat	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Am. Redstart	1	0	1	0	2	3

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 50 Zwick Rd Sen Co June 28 (JW) a heavy concentration; good numbers Clyde, MNWR and Ithaca; up at Penn Yan. Eastern Meadowlark: scarce. Orchard Oriole: 1 pair Ithaca. Northern Oriole: doing well. Indigo Bunting: a very

good year in nearly all areas. Purple Finch: Ithaca thru July 8; 1 Clifton Springs July 25; immature male Waterloo July 22-23; Cohocton. House Finch: Ithaca colony increasing. Am. Goldfinch: abundant. Rufous-sided Towhee: 6-7 pairs Ithaca; Cohocton.

Savannah Sparrow: 10 CayBBS; scarce in most areas. Grasshopper Sparrow: 3 Ithaca locations; usual number Penn Yan; 1 MacBBS. Henslow's Sparrow: scarce Penn Yan; 2 RBBS. Vesper Sparrow: pair thru July Clifton Springs; Cohocton; generally scarce. Dark-eyed Junco: 1 Caroline Aug 15 (JG). Chipping Sparrow: low numbers Ithaca and Waterloo. Field Sparrow: low to average numbers reported. Swamp Sparrow: "fairly dense numbers" Ithaca; low MNWR.

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REGION 4 – SUSQUEHANNA

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The first two weeks of June were cool and rainy but from then to the middle of August, the end of the reporting period, the usual warm temperatures prevailed.

As usual in this Region during the summer months there was a marked decrease in observers' activity, leaving the breeding bird surveys as far and away the best and almost the only information about population levels during the period. This year all 13 surveys run completely or predominantly within the Region were available. Their composite results are reported for each species found on at least one in the form "(15,7)", meaning 15 birds reported on 7 surveys.

The only rarity reported was a Clay-colored Sparrow found on one of the surveys. Also of interest were summer reports of both kinglets, a Pine Warbler, and Baird's Sandpiper.

Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Surveys used: Cooperstown, Jun 14, Cora Wellman; Corbettsville, Jun 20, Paul Kalka; Coventryville, Jun 27, Les Bemont; Dryden, Jun 10, Margaret Shepard; Laurens, Jun 11, John New; Lisle, Jun 21, Robert Pantle; McDonough, Jun 21, Claude Howard; Meridale, Jun 10, Mildred Clark; Newark Valley, Jun 10, Elizabeth Washburn; Oneonta, Jun 10, John New; Oxford, Jul 2, Danny Bystrak; Vestal Center, Jun 16, Elizabeth Washburn; Whitney Point, Jun 14, Robert Pantle.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Great Blue Heron: (6,5); scattered reports throughout. Green Heron: (3,3). Am. Bittern: 1 Sherburne Aug 2, no others. Canada Goose: Chenango Forks Jun 10. Mallard: (9,2).

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: none reported, surprisingly. Goshawk: Choconut Center Jun 28 (MS, RS). Sharp-shinned Hawk: (1,1) Laurens BBS; only 1 other report. Cooper's Hawk: none reported. Red-tailed Hawk: (7,5); reasonably common; nest south of Binghamton, 2 young able to sustain flight by Jun 14. Red-shouldered Hawk: (1,1) Oxford BBS, no others. Broad-winged Hawk: 2 fledged young Chenango Bridge Jul 14; one other report, Oneonta Jun 21. Marsh Hawk: none. Am. Kestrel: (9,7); 2 adults and 6 fledged young Endwell Jun 27. Ruffed Grouse: (1,1); 6 young south of Binghamton Aug 16. Bobwhite: (3,2) Newark Valley BBS, Cooperstown BBS. Ring-necked Pheasant: (16,4). Turkey: