

Lewiston Oct. 30 (HK, WK); Regional max. 200 Yellow-rumped Warblers in Ward Oct. 19 (DB, LB); single late Bay-breasted Warblers at Buckhorn Is. State Pk. Oct. 26 (FR) and at Tift Farm NP Nov. 9 (DF); **PINE WARBLERS**, tower killed, 2 in Wales and 3 in Colden, Sept. 24; a **KENTUCKY WARBLER** tower killed in Wales Sept. 24; and Connecticut Warblers: 3 tower killed Sept. 24 plus 4 others noted in 3 areas, 2 of which were early at Clarence Ctr. Sept. 7 (DF).

**WEAVERS-SPARROWS**: Staying late were a N. Oriole at Buffalo Nov. 9 (Kikta+) and 2 different Scarlet Tanagers at Hamburg Oct. 14, 21 (MF). Three **DICKCISSELS** appeared daily at a Cuba feeder Oct. 7-17 (RK, RhK). Other accents of the season were: large numbers of Evening Grosbeaks and Purple Finches; 18 **HOUSE FINCHES** on the RC and up to 18 noted regularly at Cheektowaga during Sept. and Oct. (RSc, PSc); Pine Grosbeaks: 12, 10 at Alfred Nov. 6, 9 (EB, LB) and 10 at Grand Island Nov. 9 (HK, WK); 2 Com. Redpoll at Orchard Park Nov. 25 (Saville); a max. 30 Pine Siskins in Almond Oct. 26 (DB, LB); crossbill (species?) flocks of at least 10 over Alfred Nov. 1-30 (CK); and Red Crossbills: 6 (early) at E. Amherst Nov. 3 (DF), 8 at Alfred Nov. 5 (EB) and 3 found dead at Friendship Nov. 16 (Compton).

A Grasshopper Sparrow was tower killed in Wales Sept. 24. In addition to the 8 Fox Sparrows on the RC, one was noted in Almond Oct. 28 (J. L. Gibson). Several Lincoln's Sparrows were noted: 4 on the RC, 2 tower killed in Colden, Sept. 24, 27, one at Times Beach Sept. 10 (Happ) and one banded at Farmersville Sta. Sept. 26 (DC). The first Snow Buntings were noticed in several locations Oct. 30.

*Addendum*: In the Spring 1975 *Kingbird*, credit for the late **PRAIRIE WARBLER** at Alfred May 14 goes to CK. Noteworthy reports from the Summer 1975 season include: a **CINNAMON TEAL** at Iroquois NWR Aug. 25 (WR, Carroll); two **AM. AVOCETS** at Times Beach Aug. 26 (DF, RA+); a wide-eyed Barn Owl staring down at a rain-soaked startled observer changing clothes in a barn near Barker Aug. 20 (DK); and a **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD** at Tonawanda GMA Aug. 23 (WR, Carroll). Also, the 1975 Breeding Bird Survey (Fish and Wildlife Service) tallied 117 species, highest ever, with Virginia Rail, Carolina Wren and Mockingbird, new. Absent were Pied-billed Grebe, Am. Bittern, Turkey Vulture and Brown Creeper. Increasing were House Wren, Red-eyed Vireo, Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting, while only the E. Meadowlark showed a downward trend (WK).

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## REGION TWO — GENESEE

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We have enjoyed a long, warm, dry fall season which produced good variety and quite a few really unusual records. The migration was early, especially the insect-eating species, coinciding with very early autumn foliage color and leaf dropping. On the other hand, many species lingered late as food remained plentiful and snow fall was very light.

The movement of waterfowl was somewhat better than last year, especially among divers. Geese went through early and rapidly but most ducks are still here in good numbers as all water remains open as of Dec. 1. After a slow start this summer, shorebirds made an excellent showing, largely due to the fine habitat available at Northrup Creek. Thirty-two species

were reported and many were in good numbers and lingered for extended stays.

Northern visitors also began to appear rather early but some dropped off just as rapidly. Rough-legged Hawks and Northern Shrikes are still present in fairly good numbers. Snowy Owls are scarce to date, and northern finches vary widely by species so far but in general have occurred in above average numbers.

Rarities: Snowy Egret, Snow Goose, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, Hudsonian Godwit, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Purple Sandpiper, American Avocet, Pomarine Jaeger, Parasitic Jaeger, Western Kingbird, Orange-crowned Warbler, Connecticut Warbler.

Abbreviations: Braddocks Bay—BB; Bristol Hills—BH; Conesus Lake—CL; Durand Park—DP; Hamlin Beach—HB; Honeoye Lake—HL; Irondequoit Bay Outlet—IBO; Long Pond—LP; Mendon Ponds—MP; Northrup Creek—NC; Oklahoma Beach—OB; Point Breeze—PB; Sodus Bay—SB; west lakeshore—WL.

Observers: JCI—Julie Claffey; JC—John Coopman; F&RD—Frank & Robert Dobson; KD—Kay Doris; JE—Joan Esley; A&JF—Arlene & John Foster; RL—Ray Ladwig; DL—David Linehan; J&WCL—Jim & Walter Listman; WL—Warren Lloyd; Mob—Many Observers; B&EM—Barb & Erwin Molyneaux; RO—Richard O'Hara; CP—Chip Perrigo; JR—J. Richardson; RBA—Rochester Birding Association; JS—Jeanne Shelly; DS—Durwood Skiff; R&SS—Robert & Sue Spahn; MAS—Mary Ann Sunderlin; WS—William Symonds; DM&TT—David, Mike & Tom Tetlow; JT—Joseph Taylor; ST—Steve Taylor; RT—Robert Thoman; PW—Paul Weld.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon peak count 24, HB Oct. 24 (low). High flying birds go straight south off Lake Ontario—going where? Red-throated Loon max. 3, HB Nov. 21 (WS). No Red-necked Grebes noted. Horned Grebe—good flight—max. 500 Sept. 29, HB, (CP). The only Eared Grebe was at IBO Nov. 23 (WL&MS). Double-crested Cormorant—8 reports, more than usual.

An immature SNOWY EGRET was at BB Sept. 6, 7 (Mob). The only fall Cattle Egret was a very late bird Nov. 5, 6 near Hemlock Lake (JT). A good count of 44 Whistling Swans was made at SB Nov. 15 (DM&TT). Canada Goose max. 3,000—low. Brant max. 1,700 Oct. 19 (JCI). SNOW GOOSE max. 65, HL Oct. 19 (B&EM) is unusual for the area.

Among the best waterfowl reports are the following: Gadwall 15 WL Oct. 15 (CP); Pintail 149, SB Oct. 18 (RBA); Blue-winged Teal 250 WL Oct. 14 (CP); American Wigeon 175, BB Oct. 3 (SS); Wood Duck 30, SB Oct. 21 (TT); Redhead 150 HL Nov. 13 (J. Street); Ring-necked Duck 100 HL Nov. 13 (J. Street); Canvasback 600 CL Nov. 16 (J&WCL); Com. Goldeneye 1, BB Sept. 4 (WCL), early; Oldsquaw 500 OB Nov. 23 (WCL&MAS); White-winged Scoter 700 HB Oct. 19 (RT); Surf Scoter 50 SB Oct. 18 (RBA); Black Scoter 25 HB Oct. 19 (JS); Ruddy Duck 4 Nov. 2 WL (F&RD); Hooded Merganser 46 WL Nov. 23 (F&RD).

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Goshawk, 5 reports; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 4 reports; Cooper's Hawk, 3 reports; Rough-legged Hawk max. 6; BALD EAGLE 1 Hemlock Lake Oct. 18 (A&JF). Osprey—amazing 40 plus fishing at marsh near Leroy! mid Sept. unprecedented report (fide Region 1 editor). PEREGRINE FALCON 1, Walworth Nov. 2 (DS); MERLIN 1 BB Oct. 6, 7 (CP&WCL).

Ruffed Grouse 5 reports, one at Powder Mill Park Nov. 15 (SR) is unusual location. American Coot, very heavy flight, max. 305 SB Oct. 18 (Mob).

Unusual for dates, numbers or species among a flood of shorebirds records are the following: Am. Golden Plover 80, Rush Sept. 24 (RT); Hudsonian Godwit max. 8 Sept. 23—Oct. 8 NC (JS *et al.*); Spotted Sandpiper 1 BB Oct. 25—late (RO&JC); Long-billed Dowitcher 7, NC Oct. 6 (CP); Red Knot 4 BB Sept. 6 (I&KJ); White-rumped Sandpiper 5 NC Sept. 28 (R&SS); BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER 1, NC Sept. 1, 2 (IJ *et al.*); Western Sandpiper 5 NC Nov. 4 (KD *et al.*); PURPLE SANDPIPER 1, Charlotte Nov. 15 (CP); Stilt

Sandpiper 16 NC Sept. 24 (JS); AMERICAN AVOCET 1 NC Sept. 6 (RBA); Northern Phalarope 1 NC Sept. 17 (R&SS). The only reports of jaegers are of one POMARINE BB Oct. 4 (CP) and one PARASITIC Oct. 16 HB (CP). White-winged gulls are unreported to date. The best count so far on Bonaparte's Gulls is 1800 passing IBO Nov. 14 (ST); Little Gull 8 reports—max. 3. Forster's Tern—best count ever was 10 birds Sept. 4 IBO (ST)—many reports of 4-6 birds. Common Tern—max. 65, somewhat improved.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Three Snowy Owls were noted, the first on Nov. 8 (RL). Single Short-eared and Saw-whet Owls occurred, the latter a dead bird on Oct. 25 (DL). The last nighthawk was seen Oct. 5 (TT). A rather late sapsucker was still in DP on Nov. 16 (MAS&WCL).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: The third Region Two WESTERN KINGBIRD ever was found by M&TT and seen by Mob in Macdon Sept. 20. A late Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was noted on Sept. 28 at BB (R&SS). More Olive-sided Flycatchers than usual were reported, a total of 5. A count of 1,500 Tree Swallows was made at WL on Sept. 21 (RBA) and 5 late Purple Martins were still at LP on Oct. 12 (RT). A large irruption of Black-capped Chickadees occurred on WL in late October—peak count was 2,280 on the 15th at BB (JS).

A roost of 3,000 Am. Robins in MP Nov. 11 (JF) is noteworthy as is the count of 27 E. Bluebirds on Oct. 5 BH (RBA). Best count of Water Pipit this fall was 180 in Perinton (TT). The first Northern Shrike was seen on Oct. 30 (JS) while 7 was the high count on Nov. 30 WL (F&RD). A Starling roost at MP was estimated at 100,000 Nov. 11 (J&AF) and another was in Chili—75,000 Nov. 5 (JS).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: These birds lingered late into October after a heavy early flight. They apparently enjoyed good breeding success this summer. Unusual records include: Black-and-white Warbler Nov. 1 (late) DP (PW), ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER 1 Sept. 26 (JCI), Pine Warbler Oct. 3 (late) at Allen's Creek (RT), CONNECTICUT WARBLER—two Oct. reports. A total of 19 species of warblers in October indicates how late they stayed. A Palm Warbler was still at PB on Nov. 11 (J&WCL). A report of 2 Prothonotary Warblers in early October seems extremely late . . . but this year who knows?

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: It was a good fall for several species of northern finches although not for all species, and the flight showed signs of dropping off after mid-November. Evening Grosbeak peaked at 150 in HP Nov. 17 (WS). Purple Finches were present in small numbers and while House Finches spread to one or two new areas they are not yet regular or common in this region. Pine Grosbeaks were found first on Oct. 25 at HP (R&SS). The first Redpoll was noted in Chili Nov. 8 (JS) while Red Crossbills appeared on Oct. 17 HP (CP). A high count of 125 was made there on Nov. 6 (JCI *et. al.*). The only White-winged Crossbills were 3 on Nov. 22 in DP (RBA).

Late sparrows include Savannah Nov. 2 NC (R&RD) and a singing Lincoln's Nov. 12 in Webster (DS). No longspurs were reported but Snow Buntings were widely noted after mid-October—best counts were 300 in Webster Nov. 9 (DS) and 500 on WL Oct. 31 (JE).

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## REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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Since the last Region 3 report covered only up to August 15, this report will cover from August 15 thru November 30. Hereafter, reports will conform to the new three month period.