

CROW: the bird resident in Ithaca for 18 months was last heard Sept. 16 (L. Hahn). **BOREAL CHICKADEE:** 1-4 Union Springs Nov. 1 thru (PB, EK)*; 3 Ithaca Game Farm Rd. Nov. 12 and 2 Monkey Run; 2 S. Danby (DM). Short-billed Marsh Wren: 1 MNWR Aug. 25 (JG); 1 MNWR Sept. 7 (S. Sabo). Am. Robin: heavy movement MNWR Oct. 3 and Niles Oct. 19. Swainson's Thrush: 159 banded Penn Yan (ML). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 MNWR Oct. 16 (WB); 4 Elmira TV tower kill Sept. 24. E. Bluebird: reported from Clyde, MNWR, SAD, Penn Yan, Guyanoga Valley, Horseheads. Kinglets: good movement of both species. Water Pipit: max. 75 King Ferry Nov. 15. Northern Shrike: 1 New Hope Oct. 30; 1 Ithaca Oct. 17.

VIREOS-WARBLED: Solitary Vireo: 1 singing W. Danby Oct. 22; 1 Turkey Hill both late. Philadelphia Vireo: 14 banded Penn Yan (ML); 2 Ithaca Oct. 4; 7 Elmira TV tower kill. Good warbler migration with the following species sighted: Black-and-white, Golden-winged, 1 Elmira TV tower kill. Tennessee: 68 banded Penn Yan. Orange-crowned: 1 banded Penn Yan Oct. 4; 1 Monkey Run Oct. 8. Nashville. N. Parula. Yellow. Magnolia: 157 banded Penn Yan. Cape May. Black-throated Blue. Yellow-rumped. Black-throated Green. Blackburnian. Chestnut-sided. Bay-breasted: 129 banded Penn Yan. Blackpoll. Prairie: 1 Ithaca Sept. 14 (S. Sabo). Palm. Ovenbird. Connecticut: 1 Reeder's Creek Aug. 29 (BH) no confirming details; 1 Ithaca Sept. 8 (J. Maugans fide EK). Mourning. Com. Yellowthroat: scarce. Yellow-breasted Chat. Wilson's. Canada. Am. Redstart: scarce.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: N. Oriole: at Penn Yan ML had 25 in his mist nets at one time Aug. 11; male Stewart Park Nov. 7 very late (JG). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 Ithaca Nov. 3-10 late (K. Rosenberg). Evening Grosbeak: widespread reports with first Ithaca Sept. 13. Purple Finch: widespread reports of small numbers. House Finch: up to 45 at feeder in Ithaca; 2 males and a female at feeder for first Geneva record (K. Bond). Pine Grosbeak: 1 Ithaca Nov. 7; female Elmira Nov. 21. Com. Redpoll: few scattered individuals. Pine Siskin: Ithaca Sept. 26 (EK); 65 Niles Nov. 11. Crossbills: none.

Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 1 MNWR Oct. 19 no details (S. Sabo). Vesper Sparrow: only 2 sightings. Tree Sparrow: 1 Clifton Springs Oct. 18 (JW); widespread in small groups thereafter. White-crowned Sparrow: Oct. 3-Nov. 28 good numbers; some mentioned many immatures. White-throated Sparrow: first Ithaca Aug. 20 early; heavy movements MNWR Oct. 10 and Niles Oct. 19. Fox Sparrow: 2 Turkey Hill Oct. 28; 2 Union Springs Nov. 1; singing Elmira Nov. 2. Lincoln's Sparrow: 3 Elmira TV tower kill Sept. 18; 2 Clyde Oct. 4; 2 Niles Oct. 25. Snow Bunting: first MNWR Oct. 20; scattered reports of small numbers; 100 Elmira Nov. 22.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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September was somewhat cooler and considerably wetter than normal. October generally lived up to its reputation as a perfect month weatherwise. November outdid itself with temperatures averaging 7-8°F (4-4.5°C) above normal, breaking records from the 3rd through 10th with a high of 72°F (22°C) on the 7th; rainfall was slightly below normal and snowfall about half the usual amount. However, the unseasonable warmth seems to have had little effect on bird activities, as the main migrations were long since past and it was still early for the influx of northern birds. Unusual species for the period were: Red-throated Loon, Baird's Sandpiper, Barred Owl, Boreal Chickadee and last but not least, a Yellow-throated Warbler.

Observers: Cutler and Jeannette Baldwin—(C,JB); Leslie Bemont; Michael Bennett (MB); R. Bennett (RB); David Caganek (DC); Mildred Clark, Gail and Warren Corderman (G, WC); Anna and Marilyn Davis (A, MD); Warren and Louise Dean, Mary Dobinsky (MD); Fay Edwards (FE); M. C. and M. Gordon; Elva Hawken (EH); Louise Hover; Claude Howard (CH); Virginia Hudson; Margaret Kenny; Eugene Kirch (EK); Christine Knudsen; Florence Linaberry (FL); Dwight and Margaret Lynch; Bud Meade; Mary Ann Middleton; John G. New (JN); Robert Pantle; Mary Sheffield (MS); David Stirling (DS); Edgar and Frances Vermilya; Elizabeth Washburn; Cora Wellman; Mildred White; Ruth and Sally White; Evelyn Williams; Kathryn Wilson (KW); Irene Wright.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Crumhorn L. Oct. 19; 7 Pepacton Res. Oct. 29; 1 Whitney Pt. Nov. 16. **RED-THROATED LOON:** 1 Whitney Pt. Nov. 2 (MS). Red-necked Grebe: 1 Greenwood Pk. Oct. 5 (CH). Horned Grebe: 2 Otsego L. Nov. 15 (MD, KW). Pied-billed Grebe: several. Green Heron: last Sept. 24. Canada Goose: first large flock Sept. 28; last 8 Nov. 16. Ring-necked Duck: Owego Oct. 19. Canvasback: 14 Cannonsville Res. Nov. 6. Bufflehead: Owego Oct. 30. Oldsquaw: Owego Oct. 19. Hooded Merganser: Oneonta Res. Aug. 21; several others. Common Merganser: 12 Whitney Pt. Nov. 16.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Sharp-shinned Hawk: 5 Hooker Hill (Town of Maryland) Sept. 13; 6 scattered Otsego & Tioga Cos. till early Nov. Cooper's Hawk: 1 S. Otselic Fish Hatch. Aug. 21; scattered reports Sept.; 1 Hartwick Nov. 8. Red-tailed Hawk: scattered reports thruout period. Red-shouldered Hawk: 2 middle Sept.; 1 Nov. 1 Broad-winged Hawk: 37 Hooker Hill Sept. 13; scattered reports from Aug. 20. Marsh Hawk: 3 Otsego Co. Osprey: 5 Otsego Co. 2 Tioga, 1 Broome. Turkey: 5-8 Tioga Co. early Sept. Am. Coot: 35 Apalachin Nov. 19. Semipalmated Plover: Owego Sept. 6. Killdeer: 25 Portlandville Oct. 25; last Oct. 26. Common Snipe: Otsego Co. & Sherburne to Sept. 12. Spotted Sandpiper: Owego Sept. 19. Solitary Sandpiper: Oneonta Res. Sept. 18. Greater Yellowlegs: Owego Sept. only report. Lesser Yellowlegs: 5 Oneonta Res. Sept. 28; 1 Owego same day. Pectoral Sandpiper: Owego Sept. 28 (C, JB). **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** 4 S. Otselic Fish Hatch. Aug. 21 (LB). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 7 Sherburne Sept. 24 (R, SW).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Otsego Co. Aug. 30. Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 Delhi Sept. 19. Screech Owl: 4 reports. Great Horned Owl: 10 reports. **BARRED OWL:** French Tract (s. of Binghamton) all summer (G, WC, EK). Saw-whet Owl: 1 banded Glen Castle Oct. 30; 2 Vestal Nov. 1. (GC). Com. Nighthawk: Sept. 30. Chimney Swift: Sept. 8. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Sept. 27. No. Flicker: Nov. 29. Pileated Woodpecker: 5 reports.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Eastern Kingbird: Sept. 16. Great Crested Flycatcher: Sept. 15. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Vestal Aug. 16; 3 banded Vestal Sept. 2-20; 6 Vestal Sept. 1-19. Acadian Flycatcher: 4 banded Vestal Sept. 18-23 (EH). Alder Flycatcher: 1 banded Vestal Sept. 18 (EH). Least Flycatcher: Sept. 19. Eastern Wood Pewee: Sept. 26. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Milford Sept. 6; 2 Choconut Center Sept. 6. Rough-winged Swallow: Owego Sept. 19. Barn Swallow: 150 Otsego Co. Aug. 16, 80 Aug. 23; Owego Sept. 18. **BOREAL CHICKADEE:** 1 Vestal Oct. 12, 14 (GC); 1 Port Crane Nov. 9 (DC). Tufted Titmouse: Endwell Sept. 6; regular at at least 3 other Triple Cities feeders. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 7 reports. Brown Creeper: 11 reports. Winter Wren: Sept. 28 Choconut Center; 6 others to Nov. 11. Carolina Wren: 1 Vestal Aug. 19; 1 Glen Castle all period; 5 others to early Nov. Mockingbird: thruout region thruout period. Gray Catbird: Vestal Oct. 22. Brown Thrasher: Choconut Center Oct. 26. Hermit Thrush: many reports Aug. 19 to Oct. 26. Swainson's Thrush: many reports Aug. 19 to Oct. 13. Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 Owego Sept. 21; 1 banded Vestal Sept. 22 & Oct. 4 (EH). Veery: 8 reports; Owego Oct. 19. Eastern Bluebird: Laurens Nov. 14. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 3 Otsego Co. Aug. 23; 2 Otsego Co. Sept. 20; many to Nov. 9. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 4 Otsego Co. Aug. 16; many to Nov. 2, Endwell. Water Pipit: 30 Norwich Oct. 10; 6 Portlandville Oct. 25. Cedar Waxwing: many thruout period.

VIREOS-WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: Chenango Forks Aug. 18-31; Owego Sept. 21. Solitary Vireo: Vestal Oct. 9. Red-eyed Vireo: banded Vestal Oct. 21. Philadelphia Vireo: 5 reports, 4 banded Vestal to Oct. 3 (EH). Warbling Vireo: Owego Sept. 6: 3 Otsego Co. Sept. 6; Otsego Co. Sept. 20. Blue-winged Warbler: 1 Chenango Forks Sept. 6 (A, MD) only report. Tennessee Warbler: Sept. 2 to Oct. 5. Nashville Warbler: Choconut Center Oct. 4. Parula Warbler: 1 Vestal Oct. 10 (GC) only report. Yellow Warbler: Owego Sept. 6. Magnolia Warbler: Choconut Center Sept. 28. Cape May Warbler: Vestal & Endwell Sept. 27. Black-throated Blue Warbler: Owego Oct. 16. Yellow-rumped Warbler: 10 Otsego Co. Oct. 25; Owego Nov. 2. Black-throated Green Warbler: Owego Oct. 16. Blackburnian Warbler: Owego Oct. 16. **YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** 1 SUCO campus Oneonta Oct. 16-21 (MB, FE, JN). Chestnut-sided Warbler: banded Vestal Oct. 5. Bay-breasted Warbler: 8 Otsego Co. Aug. 30. Blackpoll Warbler: Owego Oct. 16. Palm Warbler: banded Vestal Oct. 13, only report. Ovenbird: Vestal Oct. 12. Northern Waterthrush: Vestal Sept. 27. Connecticut Warbler: 1 Candor Sept. 7; 1 Vestal Sept. 17. Common Yellowthroat: Sept. 28; Wilson's Warbler: Owego Sept. 21. Canada Warbler: Owego Sept. 21. Am. Redstart: Choconut Center Sept. 28.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: 100 Otsego Co. Aug. 30, last report. E. Meadowlark: 8 Milford Nov. 1, last report. Northern Oriole, Owego Sept. 11. Rusty Blackbird: 2 Endwell Oct. 10 (FL) only report. Scarlet Tanager: Owego Nov. 2. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Owego Oct. 4. Evening Grosbeak: 2 Oneonta Res. Aug. 21; 20 Vestal Oct. 8; many later. Purple Finch: 22 Otsego Co. Sept. 13. House Finch: thruout period. Pine Grosbeak: 8 Hartwick Nov. 8; 2 Milford Nov. 23. Pine Siskin: Owego Sept. 23; Candor Nov. 2; 3 other reports. Red Crossbill: 12 Greenwood Park Nov. 16 (MS). White-winged Crossbill: Owego Oct. 17 (RB). Rufous-sided Towhee: Owego Oct. 20. Savannah Sparrow: 1 Otsego Co. Aug. 16 only report. Vesper Sparrow: 5 Delhi Oct. 25. Dark-eyed Junco: 5 Otsego Co. Sept. 13; many Oct., few Nov. Tree Sparrow: 16 Norwich Oct. 10. Chipping Sparrow: Delhi Oct. 29. Field Sparrow: Otsego Co. Oct. 25. White-crowned Sparrow: Choconut Center Oct. 4; Chenango Forks Oct. 4; several thru Oct. 25 when 50 were at Milford. White-throated Sparrow: 1 Otsego Co. Sept. 13, many Oct., few Nov. Fox Sparrow: 2 banded Vestal Oct. 23; Oneonta Nov. 19; 2 other reports. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 banded Vestal Sept. 18 & 20 (EH); 1 Choconut Center Oct. 18 (MS). Swamp Sparrow: 1 Otsego Co. Aug. 16; 5 Otsego Co. Oct. 25; 5 other reports. Snow Bunting: Owego Nov. 5 (C, JB); 1-2 Greenwood Pk. Nov. 16 (MS).

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REGION 5 – ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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September entered wet and cloudy, persisted so, and turned surprisingly cold by mid-month. Insect life plummeted and correspondingly the insectivores (flycatchers, swallows) bugged out early. Many migrants (thrushes, icterids, tanagers) normally feeding on a mixed insect and fruit diet seemed to concentrate almost exclusively on the heavy berry crops hereabout. October weather mellowed and dried out the soggy landscape a bit. Strong southwest winds, the absence of cold fronts with northerly winds, and the abundant weed seed crop produced ideal conditions to hold migrant sparrows. Conversely the waterfowl and gull movements, particularly on Lake Ontario, were virtually nil and the duck hunters cursed the numerous days of "bluebird" weather. What do we call those lovely warm