

Purple Finch: (33,9); 12 Bing BBC; 10 DOBBC; noticeably more common for the whole season than in the previous few years. House Finch: 6 Bing BBC; 2 DOBBC; 149 banded at Vestal in Jul. and Aug. (GC) and another 20 banded at Endwell. American Goldfinch: (205,12); 43 Bing BBC; 110 DOBBC. Rufous-sided Towhee: (64,11); 21 Bing BBC; 26 DOBBC. Savannah Sparrow: (83,11); 14 Bing BBC; 14 DOBBC. Grasshopper Sparrow: (6,5); 1 DOBBC; Jul. 13 and 14 at Choconut Center; no others. Henslow's Sparrow: (6,2); 1 Bing BBC; no others. Vesper Sparrow: (7,4); 2 DOBBC; only 4 other reports. Dark-eyed Junco: (14,5); 23 DOBBC; 5 Pharsalia Jun. 27. Chipping Sparrow: (186,12); 61 Bing BBC; 55 DOBBC. Field Sparrow: (136,11); 45 Bing BBC; 20 DOBBC. White-throated Sparrow: (25,6); 23 DOBBC; 11 Pharsalia Jun. 27. Swamp Sparrow: (19,6); 5 DOBBC. Song Sparrow: (416,12); 137 Bing BBC; 89 DOBBC.

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REGION 5 – ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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"And summer's lease hath all too short a date." This year the lease was broken in the first week of August. A wet but pleasant June ended the spring drought; July was hot and humid and actually seemed like summer; August entered—and left—cloudy, cool, and so wet that many lakes, marshes, and ponds were back to early spring water levels. Ponds that normally sported muddy margins for Solitary Sandpipers and various rails were so full only Great Blue Herons could successfully wade them. Shorebird habitat was minimal as were shorebirds. The various Breeding Bird Surveys (BBS) produced a wealth of figures documenting numerous impressions re numbers of nesting species. Ten were accomplished this year—Alder Creek June 5, Cicero Center June 12, Clinton June 5, Kasoag June 14, McKeever June 17, North Wilmurt June 15, Old Forge June 21, Oneida June 15, Oriskany Falls June 4, and Pulaski June 4. Most passerines appeared to have had excellent breeding success but water bird reproduction seemed quite variable—compare terns vs. Canada Goose and Wood Duck. And though everyone recognizes summer as the breeding season for birds, this year's summer had both amazingly late vernal migrants (*cf* Broad-winged Hawk, Cedar Waxwing, various warblers) and equally incredibly early autumnal passage birds (*cf* various shorebirds, Swainson's Thrush, warblers). In fact, there was no estival week when migrants, either coming or going, could not be found some place in the region this year.

Positives for the summer include 1) good production of Canada Goose, Blue-winged Teal, and Wood Duck; 2) expansion of the local range of Turkey Vulture; 3) good numbers of breeding Red-tailed Hawk and American Kestrel; 4) new station for American Coot; 5) remarkably early shorebird migration and a splendid incursion of Wilson's Phalarope; 6) improved numbers of breeding Red-headed Woodpecker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; 7) an Adirondack explosion of Red-breasted Nuthatch; 8) excellent tallies of Veery, Cedar Waxwing, Red-eyed Vireo, Northern (Baltimore) Oriole, and American Goldfinch; 9) above average numbers of Common Yellowthroat, Mourning Warbler, Hooded Warbler, and American Redstart; and 10) further range expansion of White-throated Sparrow.

Negatives include 1) low numbers of breeding Pied-billed Grebe and continued decline in Black Duck; 2) very low numbers of both bitterns; 3) continued poor breeding success for Cooper's and Red-shouldered Hawks and Marsh Hawk; 4) poor reproduction in Ruffed Grouse; 5) low tallies of many July-August shorebird migrants; 6) continued decline in Black and Common Terns; 7) further decline in both local *Caprimulgids*; 8) marked reduc-

tion in numbers of many intracontinentally wintering species—Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallow, virtually all wrens, Brown Thrasher, Hermit Thrush, Eastern Bluebird, Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler, Swamp Sparrow, and Song Sparrow; 9) continued low numbers of Northern Parula and Cerulean and Canada Warblers; 10) further decline in Horned Lark and all grassland sparrows, probably secondary to both the harsh winter and the changing farming practices, *i.e.*, increasing corn monoculture; and 11) marked reduction in the resident southerners, mainly Carolina Wren but to a lesser extent in Tufted Titmouse and Mockingbird also.

Rare or unusual species for the period are Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, Bald Eagle, Whimbrel, Wilson's Phalarope, Franklin's Gull, Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker, Acadian Flycatcher, Common Raven, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, White-eyed Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Bay-breasted Warbler, and Yellow-headed Blackbird.

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Abbreviations: CV—Camillus Valley; DH—Derby Hill near Texas; HIGMA—Howland's Island Game Management Area near Port Byron; LOL—Lake Ontario littoral; SP & SPI—Sandy Pond and Sandy Pond Inlet; SSSP—Selkirk Shores State Park near Port Ontario; THP—Tug Hill Plateau.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: pair with one young Little Safford L. Herkimer Co. Jul. 5, one of the few definite local breeding records. Pied-billed Grebe: only reported breeding is a pair with four young Utica Marsh Jul. 5; appears to have been extirpated from other local marshes and ponds. Double-crested Cormorant: 22 Aug. 7 SPI, a large number for Aug.; also two Jul. 3 on Long Island, Oneida L., probably summering birds but perhaps a prelude to colonization of the lake. **SNOWY EGRET:** ad Jun. 2 SP marshes, eleventh regional report. **CATTLE EGRET:** ad in cow pasture DH Jun. 2, only summer report. American Bittern: extremely scarce—one-two/day, usually from the smaller marsh areas; numbers may have been severely depressed by last winter's severe cold weather. Least Bittern: two pair at Utica Marsh, a pair at DeWitt Marsh, singles at Woodman's Pond, HIGMA, and near Lower South Bay—scarce; unreported from Clay Marsh, Scott Swamp, or SP. **GLOSSY IBIS:** a molting adult Aug. 15-16 near Canastota, first Aug. regional record and only the second fall record. Canada Goose: HIGMA breeding colony expanding—171 Jun. 26; also an expanding population near Scott Swamp with 27, both ad and young, noted Aug. 27. Black Duck: now swamped by Mallard—max only 12 near Rome June 17. Gadwall: female with six ducklings Long Island, Oneida L.—first breeding record for the lake. Blue-winged Teal: 200 Aug. 27 Sylvan Beach and 66 Sylvan Beach-Bolivar Aug. 14—appears to have had good production this summer. Wood Duck: excellent breeding success—Jun. counts, 38 HIGMA, 20 Fox Ridge; in Jul. 20 CV; in Aug. 30 Utica Marsh. Hooded Merganser: hen with ten ducklings near North Steuben Jun. 15, one of the few local breeding records. Common Merganser: two females June 13 at Otto Mills, THP are suggestive of possible breeding there—to date there is no proven breeding of this species anywhere in the Tug Hill Plateau.

HAWKS—ALCIDS; Turkey Vulture: expanding—present in southern Oneida Co. and thru northern Oswego Co; however, still peculiarly absent from the low country along the south shore of Oneida L. Cooper's Hawk: nest at Marcellus unsuccessful—?? of raccoon or Great Horned Owl disturbance?? Red-tailed Hawk and American Kestrel: numbers holding up well on virtually all BBS. Red-shouldered Hawk: only summer report—one Kasoag Jun. 14. Broad-winged Hawk: the third most common breeding raptor, primarily from the Adirondacks and the THP; inexplicable are two passing over DH Jul. 7—probably immatures in delayed migration but they are certainly not making ripples on the gene pool this year. **BALD EAGLE:** imm. Aug. 7 near LaFayette—?? returning imm. from Florida population or product of a Canadian nesting?? Marsh Hawk: summer reports—singles near Hamilton,

SP, and Salmon R Reservoir; first fall migrant Aug. 18 Oneida Lookout (very early). Ruffed Grouse: only four broods reported, averaging five chicks/brood—low incidence and poor production. Common Gallinule: max 70 Aug. 9 Utica Marsh, excellent numbers. American Coot: three pair with young noted Utica Marsh Jul. 5, first breeding for Oneida Co. and possibly for the Mohawk River Valley. American Golden Plover: first fall arr two ad Aug. 25 near Mexico; one-seven/day thereafter. Common Snipe: apparently hard hit by last winter's cold—many sites unoccupied; occupied sites with only a half to a third the expected number; one drumming Jun. 29 Brookfield is latest local "song" date. **WHIMBREL**: total of nine individuals Jul. 26-Aug. 28 LOL and Vienna. Both Greater Yellowlegs and Pectoral Sandpiper extraordinarily scarce as Jul.-Aug. migrants—max are five Greater Yellowlegs Aug. 4-6 Sylvan Beach and eight Pectoral Sandpiper Jul. 31 Onondaga L. White-rumped Sandpiper: an ad in winter plumage Jun. 30 SPI—?? coming or going?? Returning shore-birds were very, very early—Short-billed Dowitcher one, and Lesser Yellowlegs sic, both Jun. 25 Onondaga L; Least Sandpiper three, and Semipalmated Sandpiper two, both Jun. 29 Onondaga L; Black-bellied Plover, one Jun. 30 SPI; Stilt Sandpiper, three Jun. 30 Onondaga L; Wilson's Phalarope, one Jun. 19 Utica Marsh—do these extremely early returning dates suggest nesting failure or inhospitable breeding conditions on the tundra perhaps? **WILSON'S PHALAROPE**: some 17 observations involving at least ten birds, Jun. 19 to Aug. 20, the best local flight of this species ever recorded. Great Black-backed Gull: present Jun. 30 one SPI and Jul. 3 one Oneida L north shore; also Jul. 9 nine north side of SPI—definitely summering—?? when and where will the first local breeding record be?? Ring-billed Gull: populous Oneida L colony—max 1025 Sylvan Beach Aug. 20, probably with some admixture of L Ontario birds. **FRANKLIN'S GULL**: an imm Aug. 17 Sylvan Beach, unusually early and also unusual away from L Ontario (S. Sabo). Common Tern: Oneida L colonies reduced and the SP colony down to nine pairs—probably will be extirpated in another five years. Black Tern: local breeding now reduced to two small colonies (four-six pairs) at SP and Salmon R estuary.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: good production in Ontario Lakeplain—in Aug. 12-28/day reported. Rock Dove: breeding range increasing—now breeding on nearly every overpass on Interstate 81, 690, and 481—the steel bridge girders are practically fool-proof protection from mammalian predators. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: continues very scarce—four individuals for the summer! Whip-poor-will: max 13 Camden area Jun. 4. Common Nighthawk: now the "uncommon" nighthawk—R. E. Long's survey of Syracuse sites revealed only 14 birds for the entire city; will be gone in another three years at the present rate of decline. Chimney Swift: the R. E. Long count is 110 for Syracuse, almost the same as last year. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: extremely scarce on Ontario Lakeplain—usually only one/day but much better counts in THP and the western Adirondacks—seven-nine/day. Common Flicker: down by 30-50% on five of the ten BBS. Red-headed Woodpecker: may be increasing—12 localities around Oneida (D. Ackley) and more surprising 11 individuals noted Jun. 19 west of Camillus; favored sites are dead elms in pastures or at swamp edges. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: summer max 22 Old Forge BBS Jun. 21 and 28 Jun. 27 THP; may be recovering from the low tallies of past several years. **BLACK-BACKED THREE-TOED WOODPECKER**: female carrying food Woods Lake Bog, Herkimer Co. Jul. 4, undoubtedly nesting nearby.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Eastern Phoebe: down on eight of the ten BBS, certainly hard hit by the severe winter weather of '76-'77. **ACADIAN FLYCATCHER**: one in vigorous song Jun. 12-16 north of Williamstown is the fifth local record and a most unlikely place for same as it was vocally competing against not Willow, but Alder Flycatchers. Willow and Alder Flycatchers: evident via BBS most of the population not on territory until Jun. 8-12. Least Flycatcher: up on majority of BBS but down by a third in both Adirondack BBS; max 65 in 4.4 miles of lumber roads in Otto Mills, THP. Horned Lark: max of four Aug. 28 near Mexico—nearly gone in the head-high growing greenery of the "corn desert"—this and the Vesper Sparrow will be extirpated as breeders in another five-seven

years at the present rate of decline. Tree Swallow: down on 50% of the BBS; surprisingly the high country (Western Adirondacks and THP) counts look better than the Ontario Lakeplain figures. Rough-winged Swallow: still not recovered from its 1972 hurricane losses—most counts one-four/day; max only six Jun. 19 CV. Cliff Swallow: three small colonies (six-ten pair/colony) at Texas, Sandy Creek, and Pulaski; numbers in THP, upper Black River Valley, and the western Adirondacks appear stable. Blue Jay: reduced on seven of ten BBS, in some cases by 50%—?? cold winter, deep snow?? **COMMON RAVEN**: two adults with a free-flying young near Old Forge Jun. 21 (FGS, P. Paquette); also one seen and heard Jul. 17 CV (J. Spencer)—expanding, formerly only a casual visitant. Red-breasted Nuthatch: prepare for an invasion—59 in 3.2 miles in Herkimer Co. Jul. 4—and they seemed to be everywhere, even in the marginal habitat of the Ontario Lakeplain spruce plantations and spruce-rowed cemeteries; in the southern highlands, breeding noted in spruce plantations on Tassel Hill, Town of Marshall, Oneida Co. House Wren: tallies down on eight of ten BBS (50% down on Oneida BBS), probably a winter kill reduction, much as Winter Wren. Winter Wren: a profound drop on all tallies—BBS, THP and Adirondack walking counts—with the most dramatic a fall from 38 in '76 to 6 in '77 on the Old Forge BBS. Carolina Wren: nearly wiped out—only one reported for entire region, this at SPI. Long-billed Marsh Wren: decimated—summer max only eight Scott Swamp Jun. 25; many cattail marshes with none! Gray Catbird: unlike wrens, seems to have survived the '76-'77 winter quite well—three BBS with all-time highs (20-24/BBS) and other tallies show only minor changes. Brown Thrasher: down on five of ten BBS, the most marked drops in the Ontario Lakeplain counts. Hermit Thrush: down strikingly on most BBS with the most notable on McKeever BBS—21 in '76, 4 in '77; extremely scarce on all Adirondack counts. Veery: up on 50% of the BBS, in some cases double previous tallies—it looks like you do better if you winter out of the country when bad winters show up! Eastern Bluebird: only two individuals for all ten BBS—pitiful; seems to be helped somewhat by nest box projects—29 young in Brookfield, 11 (perhaps more) in Eaton (GC), 60 in Oneida (DA, H. P. Nodecker); also five nestings in dairy country east of Pulaski and north of Rome. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: expanding locally—now regular in wooded areas along Mohawk River, Utica on the eastern edge of Oneida Co. Golden-crowned Kinglet: four new sites in western THP in Oswego Co.; also at Tassel Hill reforestation projects in southern Oneida Co.; it will be interesting to see if this species plus the expanding Red-breasted Nuthatch, Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) and Magnolia Warblers tolerate the current pulp harvesting of these spruce plantations. **RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET**: a very agitated bird in dense spruce at Littlejohn Rd., THP Jun. 27; also one singing SSSP Jun. 26—?? of breeding attempts or delayed migrants?? (v.i., vireos and warblers). Cedar Waxwing: all time high on four of ten BBS—they seemed everywhere in early summer; most amazing were 21 migrating by DH on Jul. 7—do these birds contribute to the gene pool, and if so, in what summer? Loggerhead Shrike: singles Aug. 14 near Mexico and Aug. 25 near Lairdsville are surely fall migrants as there was no evidence of this species nesting anywhere in the region this year.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: **WHITE-EYED VIREO**: one persistently singing CV Jun. 18-19—?? prelude to eventual breeding locally?? Solitary Vireo: down on Adirondack tallies—18 to 11 McKeever BBS '76 to '77 and 15 to 10 on Old Forge BBS. Red-eyed Vireo: definitely up—highest tallies ever (24-115/BBS) on six of the ten BBS, second highest on three of the four others. **PHILADELPHIA VIREO**: one Jun. 23 Otto Mills, THP probably a delayed migrant as it was not found there in subsequent checks. Golden-winged Warbler: down on all BBS that regularly record them—absent from N. Wilmurt and Alder Creek BBS altogether. Four "Brewster's" and one "Lawrence's" Warblers reported—definitely abundant hybridization here. Nashville Warbler: down on all the BBS that report them—?? why?? Northern Parula: very low counts on Adirondack surveys (two-three/BBS)—formerly numbered sixteen/BBS. Magnolia Warbler: high counts (26-27/day) in western Adirondacks and THP; increasing in spruce plantations in southern highlands, e.g., four at Tassel Hill, southern Oneida Co. Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler: expanding in southern highlands spruce plantations and in THP larch bogs; beginning to appear in low-elevation spruce-pine plantations

at the western periphery of the THP in Oswego Co.; counts on BBS, however, seem down and this species may have suffered some winter losses but not as severely as the various wren species. Black-throated Green Warbler: down somewhat or even absent from those BBS that regularly have them. Cerulean Warbler: increasingly scarce—max only six CV Jun. 19; a singing male near Lacona Jun. 20 is far from any local breeding colony. Chestnut-sided Warbler: summer numbers excellent—33 on N. Wilmurt BBS, 46 on McKeever BBS; however, numbers definitely lower in southern highlands (one-three/day). **BAY-BREASTED WARBLER**: singing male Jun. 26 Otto Mills, THP is probably a delayed migrant but it was pursuing what might have been a female Bay-breasted. Blackpoll Warbler: singing male Jun. 30 Lacona undoubtedly a delayed migrant—but why should this cluster of late passerines show up this year? Pine Warbler: two pair nesting at SSSP; also birds persisting (?breeding?) in Scots Pine plantations near Boonville. Louisiana Waterthrush: one on Muddy Brook—actually a clear stream—east of Redfield, Oswego Co.;—this bird is extraordinarily rare any place in the THP; one-three/day in shaded ravines off Otisco and Skaneateles L—appears to have recovered from its 1972 hurricane losses rather well. Mourning Warbler: ten singing males in 3.2 miles of lumber road THP, Oswego Co. Jun. 24—this species benefits nicely from the many two-bit lumbering operations throughout the THP. Common Yellowthroat: BBS tallies excellent—counts of 35-74/BBS approach the record tallies. Hooded Warbler: three at CV Jun. 19—back as an apparent breeder after an absence of several years; five singing males noted in hardwood stands selectively lumbered for beech and birch five to six years ago at Otto Mills, THP. Canada Warbler: quite scarce—one-nine/day (low) with the better tallies only from the THP and western Adirondacks. American Redstart: new record tallies for five of the ten BBS; in THP, counts very good—73 singing males in 4.4 miles of lumber roads Otto Mills Jun. 23; 55 in 3.2 miles Littlejohn Rd., both THP. Fall migrant warblers arrived unbelievably early, *sic*—Tennessee Warbler five Jul. 31 SP dunes; Nashville Warbler one Aug. 6 Nedrow; Northern Parula one Jul. 31 SP; Yellow Warbler one Jul. 10 N Syr.; Magnolia Warbler one Aug. 14 near Colosse; Cape May Warbler one Aug. 14 SP; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler one Aug. 6 SP. Black-throated Green Warbler one Aug. 6 Nedrow; Blackburnian Warbler one Aug. 7 SP; Bay-breasted Warbler seven Aug. 14 SP; Ovenbird one Aug. 14 SP; Northern Waterthrush four Jul. 31 SP; Canada Warbler two Jul. 31 SP; and American Redstart 17 Jul. 31 SP dunes. Out of checklist order but in this subset of early birds is a Swainson's Thrush Jul. 31 near Colosse. These numerous early dates could suggest many interrupted or abandoned nestings and one wonders about next year's population numbers.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: up strikingly on Ontario Lakeplain BBS; also counts of 76 for Alder Creek BBS, 47 on Oneida BBS. Eastern Meadowlark: down somewhat on seven of ten BBS but apparently not severely hit by last winter's weather. **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD**: imm male at feeder Jul. 5-6 Cicero (DiNardo *fide* KC, GH, FGS). Northern (Baltimore) Oriole: highest ever on three BBS and the other BBS tallies very close to previous peak counts. Scarlet Tanager: some improvement in numbers on Old Forge BBS—22 in '75, two in '76 (after the May snowstorm), nine in '77. Cardinal: summer numbers excellent—15-20/day on Ontario Lakeplain and in Finger Lakes valleys; appears to have weathered the past winter much better than Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, or Mockingbird. Indigo Bunting: high tallies only on BBS taken in late Jun.—evident that this species often not on territory before Jun. 10, much like Willow and Alder Flycatchers, Eastern Wood Pewee, and Mourning Warbler. Rufous-sided Towhee: down moderately on five of ten BBS—seems not to have had the severe losses of many intracontinentally wintering species. Grassland sparrows continue to decline locally—max are 18 Savannah Sparrow Jun. 4 Oriskany Falls BBS and again Jun. 27 Syr Airport, three Grasshopper Sparrow Jun. 29 Syr Airport, two Henslow's Sparrow Canastota Jun. 29, and four Vesper Sparrow Jun. 12 Williamstown—all of these species have decreased as hay farming and row crops (beans, carrots, strawberries) give way to the advancing acreage of the local "corn desert"—corn is KING but, aside from *Icterids*, birdless. White-throated Sparrow: expanding in the southern highlands—now breeding to southeastern edges of both Oneida and Madison

Co.; present for first time on Cicero Center BBS; THP tallies rather low—eight-ten/day. Swamp Sparrow: summer max only 16 in grassy marsh northwest of Cicero Jun. 18; somewhat scarce generally—major marshes (Clay Marsh, Scott Swamp, HIGMA) with very low tallies—only four-six/day. Song Sparrow: down, in some cases by a third or more, on eight of the ten BBS.

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REGION 6 – ST. LAWRENCE

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Summer of 1977 was an improvement over the previous year but the weather was very changeable. Temperatures fluctuated through the period—highs were in the 90s (33° C) while lows got into the 50s (10° C). June was normal—July was hot and very dry while August was wet and cool.

Waterfowl looked better than last year. Raptors showed very minor improvement. Shorebirds were excellent and land birds were mixed—some way down—others up.

Rarities during the period included Red-throated Loon, Stilt Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Yellow-billed Cuckoo; Yellow-throated Vireo and Clay-colored Sparrow.

Region 6 has lost two excellent birders but Region 3 has gained them. Good luck to Tom and Cathy Carrolan in their new location and Tom's new career.

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Abbreviations: ED—Eldorado; LWMA—Lakeview Wildlife Mgt. Area; PRWMA—Perch River WMA; RMPD—Robt. Moses Power Dam; RMSP—Robt. Moses State Park; SLR—St. Lawrence River; ULLWMA—Upper & Lower Lakes WMA; WHWMA—Wilson Hill WMA.

LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: 1 SLR June 12 & 23; 2 Coles Crk Aug. 8, 9 & 11. **RED-THROATED LOON**: 1 June 10 (GAS). Double-crested Cormorant: 2 July 1; 1 Aug. 13; 1 Aug. 25, all ED; an increase in numbers in Stony Pt. and vicinity (LBC). Great Blue Heron: new rookery location Town of Edwards, St. Lawrence Co.—65+ nests in about 10 beech trees July 1 (JAV); numbers in lake plains up. Green Heron: numbers in Henderson and vicinity up. Black-crowned Night Heron: numbers in Henderson Harbor and vicinity up from previous three years (LBC). Least Bittern: 1 Dexter Marsh Aug. 21 (Brouse & Wiley) 1 St. Regis Indian Reservation July 7 (JAV). Am. Bittern: in excellent numbers at LWMA and PRWMA (LBC). Canada Goose: gosling production up from last years PRWMA; WHWMA about the same; ULLWMA some goslings from flock started 4 years ago. Brant: 13 SLR June 1; 1 SLR June 1; 1 SLR, June 4; 2 SLR June 5—all (JAV); seldom reported but must pass thru Region in fair numbers. Mallard: a very successful nesting year regionwide; 250 ED July 1. Black Duck: numbers down. Black x Mallard hybrid increasing at PRWMA—5 banded in Aug. Gadwall: 3 WHWMA banded Aug. Pintail: a few at WHWMA Aug. Green-winged Teal: a few banded at WHWMA Aug. Blue-winged Teal: 60+ pairs LWMA June (LBC); 30 ED Aug. 19. Am. Wigeon 1 ED Aug. 13. No. Shoveler: none reported. Wood Duck: production up from last year in southern portion of Region—production on ULLWMA was down?—birds appeared on this area in late August—produced elsewhere? Redhead: none reported. Ring-necked Duck: no reports from ULLWMA. Canvasback: none. Greater Scaup: 1 male WHWMA June 23 (JAV). Com. Goldeneye: 2 males WHWMA June