

which they built in May. Red-breasted Nuthatch: at least four present at Watkins Glen during June with one pair apparently nesting. Winter Wren: a singing male at Ithaca thru June; two reports of a bird carrying moss at Slaterville Wildflower Preserve but no nest was found; a bird singing at Cayuta L outlet July 13. Carolina Wren: one Ithaca RBC; one Montour Falls Aug. 1. Mockingbird: a nest with three young found in Seneca Co. E. Bluebird: nested at Ithaca and Trumansburg; two reports of a group on Harris Hill, Elmira. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: numerous reports especially from MNWR and the Elmira area.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: WHITE-EYED VIREO: a pair called daily at Crescent Place, Ithaca to Aug. 14 and continued to be present to the end of the period. The birds were observed carrying food but no nest was found or young observed (Dan Gray). Yellow-throated Vireo: four Ithaca RBC. Solitary Vireo: one Connecticut Hill, Ithaca, July 24. Red-eyed Vireo: 33 Ithaca RBC. Philadelphia Vireo: one was seen, heard singing and the song was taped at Buttermilk Falls June 14 and 15. Warbling Vireo: 11 Ithaca RBC. Warblers: Prothonotary: one east of Ithaca along Fall Creek July 13 (Ericksen); one heard Ontario Co. June 9 (R. Spahn). Golden-winged: in the Ithaca area the resident males dropped from eight last year to three this year. Blue-winged: 15 resident males in the Ithaca area. "Lawrence's" Warbler: three resident males at Ithaca. "Brewster's" Warbler: five resident males at Ithaca. Prairie: six to ten singing males near Montour Falls (JB). Northern Waterthrush: four Ithaca RBC; one MNWR July 31. Louisiana Waterthrush: nest with four young at Slaterville Wildflower Preserve during June. At least two young were fledged; observed feeding young for several days in July on West Bluff Road, Yates Co.; one at Clyde Aug. 3. **KENTUCKY:** a pair was discovered carrying food on Hammond Hill Road, Brooktondale, on June 23. The pair was seen daily thru June 27 carrying food and were much agitated when observers were around. On the 27th a fledgling was seen in the bushes with the adults nearby carrying food but actual feeding of the young bird was not observed (J & K Confer, W & S Spofford, DM)*. Mourning: seen and heard singing near Dryden June 5, 12 and 13; in the Ithaca area JC located twelve birds in two hours including three females with young. **HOODED:** seven males were seen in four locations in Tompkins Co. (DM, JC); a nest was located in Arnot Forest (C. Smith).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: up to 20 in a hayfield along E. Lake Road, Seneca Co. E. Meadowlark: reported down by most observers. **ORCHARD ORIOLE:** first year male Ithaca June 11 (M. Shepherd); immature at Reeder's Creek, Seneca Co. in the same area where one was observed last year (BK). House Finch: continues to increase. ML caught and banded 40 at his feeders at Penn Yan on June 16. Grasshopper Sparrow: apparently had good nesting success at Horseheads as many immatures were noted Aug. 14 (WH). Henslow's Sparrow: three heard near Orleans, Ontario Co. June 9 (R. Spahn). Vesper Sparrow: this now rare species may be a bit more plentiful. The Orleans BBS yielded 15 and the Geneva RBC 16. Ithaca had two resident males and a bird was seen in Seneca Co. Dark-eyed Junco: young out of the nest were seen at Ringwood June 9 (Sally Spofford). White-throated Sparrow: two resident males at Ithaca.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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June was a little on the cool side with about normal precipitation until the latter part of the month, when a dry spell started that lasted past mid-July.

August brought back a normal, or better, level of rainfall, and also the only really hot weather of the season.

The results from eight of the thirteen Fish and Wildlife Service Breeding Bird survey routes (BBS) completely or mostly within Region Four, were available at this writing. Those eight routes produced 6604 individual birds of 98 species compared to 6201 individuals of 100 species found on the same eight routes last year, a two percent drop in species and a seven percent increase in individuals. Considering only species for which thirty or more individuals were recorded at least one of the two years, the five species showing the greatest percentage increases were Chimney Swift (83%), Common Flicker (71%), Common Grackle (67%), Eastern Kingbird (48%), and Ovenbird (41%). Likewise, the species with the greatest percentage decreases were Northern Oriole (44%), Cardinal (36%), Killdeer (31%), Chestnut-sided Warbler (24%) and Bobolink (24%). The totals for every species found on at least one of the routes are reported below in the form: (8, 5) to be read eight individuals on five routes.

The eight surveys available were: Whitney Point, June 27, R. Pantle; Coventryville, June 23, L. Bemont; McDonough, June 14, C. Howard; Corbettsville, June 14, J. Lehman; Oxford, June 3, H. Marsi; Lisle, June 30, R. Pantle; East Newark, June 28, E. Hawken; Vestal Center, June 26, E. Hawken.

Rarities included a Great Gray Owl (actually a belated winter season report), Fish Crows and Northern Parula, Cerulean and Kentucky Warblers.

Observers: Jeannette and Cutler Baldwin; Pat Bohmert (PB); Bruce Bozdos; Anne Casleberry (AS); Mildred Clark; Gail Corderman (GC); Anna and Marilyn Davis; Mary Dobinsky; Sadie Dorber (SD); Diane Drabo; Polly and Earl Getkin; Clinton Gerould (CG); John Gustafson (JG); Claude Howard (CH); Virginia Hudson; Jay Lehman (JL); Florence Linaberry (FL); Harriet Marsi (HM); Bob Marx; Evelyn and Bud Mead; Mike and Kathy Medovich; Robert and Rita Pantle; Booth Perkins; James Riley; Randy Ross (RR); Scott Rubinstein (SR); Mary Sheffield (MS); Robert Sheffield; Julian Shepherd (JS); William Stupke (WS); Cora Wellman; Mildred White; Lance Whitehead; Connie Wilkins; Kathryn Wilson.

LOONS-DUCKS: Great Blue Heron: (6,6); two Cortland Co. heronries checked—one "seemed to do well," but at the other very few nests and on July 2 a fully fledged young found decapitated beneath nests (JG); frequent reports of one to four birds throughout Region and period—twelve near Cortland Aug. 15 the highest count away from heronries. Great Egret: Aug. 18 and 23 Owego. Green Heron: for the sixth year a nesting pair reported at a locality near Milford, in Otsego Co.—two adults and four young seen at one time—left area by July 9; numbers up a little from low of last few years. Am. Bittern: July 4 Whitney Point (MS); two Aug. 30 near Cortland (WS); the only reports. Canada Goose: twenty June 8 Delhi; July 8 Windsor. Mallard: (4,1). Black Duck: two Aug. reports, from Windsor and Lisle; no others. Blue-winged Teal: a pair nested in Lime Hollow Sanctuary, Cortland Co., but young never seen; three Aug. 23 Whitney Point; seven Aug. 26 Sherburne; fourteen Aug. 31 Portlandville-Milford. Wood Duck: nested at Lime Hollow Sanctuary; an adult with nine immatures July 21 Portlandville-Oneonta. Hooded Merganser: Aug. 5, Windsor.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: the usual small numbers seen regularly in Otsego, Delaware and e. Broome Cos.; 15 Aug. 30 Delhi, max. Cooper's Hawk (1,1), Oxford BBS. Red-tailed Hawk: none on any of the available BBS reports, but otherwise no noticeable decline; nine Aug. 11 Portlandville-Oneonta, max. Red-shouldered Hawk: one Aug. 17 Portlandville-Milford, the only report. Marsh Hawk: (1,1) Oxford BBS; one Aug. 17 Portlandville-Milford the only other report. Osprey: Aug. 5 Whitney Point, the first of five Aug. reports. Am. Kestrel: (13,7). Bobwhite: (1,1) Oxford BBS; Candor July 4. Ring-

necked Pheasant: (3,2); one other report, from Candor, Turkey: (1,1), McDonough BBS; twelve Aug. 12 Emmons, e. of Oneonta, reported in area for about ten days. Semipalmated Plover: Aug. 18 Owego; Aug. 23 Norwich, heard flying at night (JL); one Aug. 26 Sherburne. Killdeer: (35,7). Com. Snipe: one Aug. 11 Portlandville-Oneonta. Spotted Sandpiper: (4,2). Solitary Sandpiper: one Aug. 4 Milford-Oneonta, the first fall migrant. Greater Yellowlegs: "easily seen" at Lime Hollow Sanctuary. Pectoral Sandpiper: one Aug. 11 Portlandville-Oneonta; no others. Least Sandpiper: one Aug. 15 Cortland; Aug. 18 Owego; no others. Semipalmated Sandpiper: two Portlandville-Oneonta Aug. 11 and one in the same general area Aug. 17. Herring Gull: Aug. 17 Whitney Point and Port Crane, the first since Apr. Ring-billed Gull: half a dozen or so Aug. 5 Whitney Point, the first since May. Bonaparte's Gull: Aug. 18 Owego.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Rock Dove: (74,8). Mourning Dove: (60,8); young in nest July 19 Cortland. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: five June reports to the 16th, then no more. Black-billed Cuckoo: (4,3); four more reports into Aug. Screech Owl: a young bird brought in to Cortland College in June, turned over to Barry Batzing family for rearing—released July 22; one heard calling fairly regularly from Aug. 4 in Norwich. Great Horned Owl: (1,1), McDonough BBS. Barred Owl: July 29 Owego; one s. of Binghamton Aug. 7. **GREAT GRAY OWL:** one mid-Feb. to about Mar. 1 Sherburne (PB)—the yellow eyes showed clearly in color print sent to B. Burt, which was obviously of a Great Gray—too good to leave out, even though two seasons late, as it is the only record in over 25 years for the Region. Long-eared Owl: June 2 Binghamton, one adult and one young near a large nest (HM). Com. Nighthawk: reported from Norwich, Oneonta and the Triple Cities area, but only in small numbers. Chimney Swift: (57,6); "big flock" over Binghamton Aug. 17. Belted Kingfisher: (9,6). Com. Flicker: (41,8). Pileated Woodpecker: (2,2); three other reports. Red-headed Woodpecker: a pair seen at Homer during the summer, "evidently nesting"; an adult n. of Sherburne Aug. 5 and 7 in an area where second and third hand reports claim several pairs have nested; two Lisle Aug. 22; Owego Aug. 23. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: (4,3); several other June reports from the Triple Cities and Oneonta areas; three immatures Aug. 4 Portlandville-Milford. Hairy Woodpecker: (1,1). Downy Woodpecker: (16,8).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: E. Kingbird: (40,7); noticeable increase in numbers in Cortland, Broome and Tioga Cos. Great Crested Flycatcher: (28,6). E. Phoebe: (43,8); "seemed scarce" in Cortland Co. Willow Flycatcher: (15,4). Alder Flycatcher: (9,2). Least Flycatcher: (61,8). E. Wood Pewee: (29,8). Olive-sided Flycatcher: one Portlandville-Milford Aug. 4. Tree Swallow: (84,7); "many" Aug. 23 at Whitney Point were doubtless gathering migrants. Bank Swallow: (12,1) Whitney Point BBS. Rough-winged Swallow: (10,2); thirty Sherburne July 11. Barn Swallow: (214,8). Cliff Swallow: (2,1) Corbetsville BBS; twenty nest colony at Portlandville "active" until late Aug.; one Sherburne July 11; regular at Owego in June and July. Purple Martin: reported from two Binghamton area locations in July and from Owego, but from nowhere else. Blue Jay: (105,8). Com. Crow: (329,8). **FISH CROW:** "all spring and summer, a dozen by late summer." Vestal (GC). Black-capped Chickadee: (64,8). Tufted Titmouse: (8,2). White-breasted Nuthatch: (5,3). Red-breasted Nuthatch: (5,2); all during period Portlandville-Oneonta, max six Aug. 17; June 28 s. of Binghamton. Brown Creeper: June 10 Choconut Center; in June and July at Bowman Lake, in Chenango Co.; June 28 s. of Binghamton; one Portlandville-Oneonta July 21. House Wren: (128,8). Winter Wren: (2,2); 3 Portlandville-Milford June 9; June 13 and 14 Spencer, in Tioga Co., one singing from a junk yard; one at Solon, in Cortland Co., June 16; s. of Binghamton June 23. Carolina Wren: at Port Dickinson through June and July; Lisle Aug. 22; also from Owego. Mockingbird: (3,3); two fledglings being fed by two adults near SUNY Binghamton campus in June. Gray Catbird: (161,8). Brown Thrasher: (20,6). Am. Robin: (530,8). Wood Thrush: (129,8). Hermit Thrush: (6,3); seven other reports from scattered points around the Region. Veery: (83,8). E. Bluebird: (4,2); only five other scattered reports, including two pairs nesting in Cortland Co. and a family group of two adults and three immatures Aug. 26 at Earlville, in Chenango Co. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Aug. 29 Cortland, the first fall migrant. Cedar Waxwing: (81,7); a noticeable increase in activity

and abundance in the latter part of July and Aug. Starling: (504,8).

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: (11,5). Solitary Vireo: (2,2); five Portlandville-Oneonta June 16, max of seven other reports, the last Aug. 4. **Red-eyed Vireo:** (124,8). Philadelphia Vireo: June 28 s. of Binghamton (CH); Aug. 23 Whitney Point (AS, SD). Warbling Vireo: (14,7). Black-and-white Warbler: (12,2). Worm-eating Warbler: June 9 SUNY Binghamton campus (JS), and was seen up to three weeks earlier. Golden-winged Warbler: (1,1) Corbetsville BBS; eight other reports, all from Broome and Tioga Cos. Blue-winged Warbler: (2,1) Corbetsville BBS; five other reports, all from Broome and Tioga Cos. "Lawrence's" Warbler: one Choconut Center July 14 (MS)—black eye-patches, black bib, yellow all over body a bit mottled—both a golden-winged and a blue-winged in the group, which from the calls sounded like it included one or more young—the Golden-winged appeared to be an adult male. Tennessee Warbler: four Portlandville-Oneonta Aug. 11; several later reports. Nashville Warbler: (1,1) E. Newark BBS; present all summer, as usual; seven Portlandville-Milford Aug. 17 possibly migrants. **NO. PARULA:** one Portlandville-Oneonta June 2; three Solon, in Cortland Co., June 16 (RR), singing males and therefore "presumed breeding?" Yellow Warbler: (144,8): migration notes and behavior at Norwich the week of July 12 to 19, but one Portlandville-Milford Aug. 17 the last. Magnolia Warbler: (4,2); three other reports in June; one July 21 Portlandville-Oneonta and four Aug. reports. Cape May Warbler: six Norwich Aug. 22; nine banded at one Vestal location Aug. 28 to 31. Black-throated Blue Warbler: (4,1) Oxford BBS; fairly frequent reports in the Oneonta-Portlandville and Triple cities areas. Yellow-rumped Warbler: (1,1) Corbetsville BBS; June 2, three June 23 and three July 21, all in the Portlandville-Oneonta area; one Delhi June 23; July 14 Bowman Lake; apparent migrants from Aug. 17. Black-throated Green Warbler: (6,3); ten Portlandville-Oneonta June 9; 5 Solon June 16; six other June reports; three July and early Aug. reports; migrants from Aug. 17. **CERULEAN WARBLER:** one Ludlow Lake June 15 (HM, BB, FL). Blackburnian Warbler: (5,3); one Solon June 16; next report five Portlandville-Oneonta Aug. 17. Chestnut-sided Warbler: (34,7). Bay-breasted Warbler: one banded Aug. 8. Vestal and five more banded there after Aug. 22; two Portlandville-Oneonta Aug. 17. Pine Warbler: two Solon June 16. Prairie Warbler: (1,1) Corbetsville BBS. Palm Warbler: Aug. 24 Owego (CG). Ovenbird: (69,8). N. Waterthrush: (1,1) Coventryville BBS; one June 16 Solon. Louisiana Waterthrush: (2,1) E. Newark BBS; two Portlandville-Milford June 9. **KENTUCKY WARBLER:** June 9 SUNY Binghamton campus singing (JS), one day only. Mourning Warbler: (3,1) McDonough BBS; four Portlandville-Milford June 9; four singing males Plymouth July 4. Com. Yellowthroat: (328,8). Wilson's Warbler: Aug. 23 Cortland; Aug. 28 Chenango Forks. Canada Warbler: (1,1) Corbetsville BBS; eighteen Portlandville-Milford June 9; feeding young Aug. 15 near Binghamton. Am. Redstart: (27,5).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: House Sparrow: (222,8). Bobolink: (103,8); Portlandville-Oneonta Aug. 11, last report. E. Meadowlark: (45,8). Red-winged Blackbird: (849,8). No. Oriole: (68,8). Com. Grackle: (350,8). Brown-headed Cowbird: (52,7). Scarlet Tanager: (49,8). Cardinal: (46,8). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: (55,7). Indigo Bunting: (72,8); increased abundance noted at Cortland. Purple Finch: (12,5); seemed numerous this summer. House Finch: (4,2); 278 banded at one Vestal location in Aug.; also at Cortland, Owego and Norwich. Am. Goldfinch: (88,8). Rufous-sided Towhee: (42,8). Savannah Sparrow: (52,7). Grasshopper Sparrow: (2,2) Corbetsville and Vestal Center BBSs, the only reports. Henslow's Sparrow: reported from Owego and Candor, but nowhere else. Vesper Sparrow: (3,2); four other reports, all from Portlandville-Milford-Oneonta area. Dark-eyed Junco: (6,3); fifteen on June 9 and ten on July 21, the best counts of fairly numerous records. Chipping Sparrow: (196,8); "many" Aug. 11 and 17 Portlandville-Oneonta; giving high pitched migration note Norwich Aug. 22 and apparently passing through; Aug. 25 Norwich an adult feeding an immature. Field Sparrow: (79,8). White-throated Sparrow: (18,5); nine other June reports and scattered reports through July and Aug. Swamp Sparrow: (11,4). Song Sparrow: (331,8).

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