

crowned Kinglet: while still below normal with no large flocks reported, all reporters agreed that the species was making a comeback with numerous widespread reports of a few individuals. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: situation similar to the Golden-crowned with better numbers than last year. Cedar Waxwing: in the Ithaca area these wanderers were scarce until Nov. when flocks up to 300 birds appeared. No. Shrike: no reports.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: for these species the number immediately following the species name is the number of Sem. at which the species was reported during the period. Vireos: White-eyed: one banded Penn Yan Oct. 15 (ML). Yellow-throated: one Owasco L Sept. 20. Solitary: four Sem. Red-eyed: four Sem. Philadelphia: three Sem; Ithaca Sept. 2, 7, 13; Owasco L Sept. 20; Sapsucker Woods Sept. 28. Warbling: Ithaca Sept. 13 and Clyde Sept. 9 only reports. Warblers: Black-and-white: two Sem.; one Owasco L Sept. 20. Blue-winged: Ithaca Sept. 2-7. Tennessee: four Sem.; one Clyde Oct. 4. Orange-crowned: one Ithaca Sept. 15 (M. Shepherd); one Clyde Oct. 4 (WB). Nashville: two Sem.; a late juvenal Stewart Park, Ithaca, Nov. 2. No. Parula: one Sem. Yellow: one Clyde Sept. 3 only report. Magnolia: two Sem. Cape May: four Sem.; reportedly more common than usual at Ithaca during Sept. Black-throated Blue: one Sem. Yellow-rumped: seven Sem. Black-throated Green: four Sem. Blackburnian: two Sem. Chestnut-sided: two Sem. Bay-breasted: two Sem. Blackpoll: one Sem. Palm: one Sem. Ovenbird: two Sem.; one Reeder's Creek Sept. 5; one MNWR Oct. 6 late. Com. Yellowthroat: four Sem. Wilson's: two Sem. Canada: two Sem. Am. Redstart: two Sem.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: E. Meadowlark: up to 30 in one day in early fall at Ithaca but relatively scarce in the northern part of the Region. No. Oriole: one Penn Yan Nov. 19. Cardinal: fledgling being fed at Ithaca Oct. 2. Evening Grosbeak: first sightings were in late Sept. with reports from Watkins Glen, Ithaca, Seneca Falls, Phelps, Wayland, Penn Yan; mostly small numbers but the Confer feeder at Brooktondale had up to 75 in Nov. Purple Finch: reported through the period; JC had up to 24 at his feeder in late Oct. until the Evening Grosbeaks came in. House Finch: continues to increase and spread. Pine Siskin: reported from Watkins Glen, Penn Yan, Ithaca, Phelps. Savannah Sparrow: reported at three Sem. Vesper Sparrow: no reports. Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco: one Ithaca Nov. 24 (D. Gray). Tree Sparrow: scarce again this year up to the end of the period. Lincoln's Sparrow: one killed at the Elmira TV tower; one Clyde Sept. 16 (WB). Snow Bunting: first bird at W. Danby Oct. 24 and thereafter reported from MNWR, Phelps, Watkins Glen and a large flock at Fayette Nov. 15.

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REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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Temperatures averaged somewhat below normal in September and October, although there was a warm spell as October changed to November. Precipitation was also below normal. An early snow storm November 10 and approximately six inches of snow November 17-18, seemed to lend weight to the many dire predictions of a severe winter.

The goose migration started September 27, which was not surprising, but the very large numbers in the first week or ten days of that migration was surprising. As usual in this Region, the volume of reports of other migrating waterfowl and shorebirds was too small to justify any generalizations. Even coverage of the

small land bird migration was on the light side, but there was a flurry of warbler reports at Oneonta September 18. At Binghamton, banding totals at an Operation Recovery station peaked September 1 and 13 and October 19, with catbirds and warblers dominating the first two peaks and chickadees, Hermit Thrushes, kinglets and White-throated Sparrows the third.

Two October Rough-legged Hawk reports and a November Snowy Owl report brought hope of a good winter raptor year. Evening Grosbeaks and Pine Siskins were the only winter finches reported by the end of the period and their numbers were not particularly impressive.

Rarities for the season include a Little Blue Heron, a Cattle Egret, a Varied Thrush, a Bohemian Waxwing and an "Oregon" Junco.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: reported at Whitney Point Oct. 18 and Nov. 15, but no others. Horned Grebe: Whitney Point Nov. 1 & 2, but that's all. Pied-billed Grebe: one Whitney Point Sept. 28 and again Nov. 1; four at Preble, in Cortland Co., Oct. 14. Great Blue Heron: the usual fairly frequent scattered reports of one or two flying over all period. Green Heron: Oct. 5 Upper Lisle, the last date. **LITTLE BLUE HERON**: one report, without details, from Owego Oct. 20 (LD). **CATTLE EGRET**: one among cows at a Milford farm for about a week, last seen Nov. 9 just before Nov. 10 snowstorm (CB, *fide* KW and four other observers). Am. Bittern: one Upper Lisle Sept. 7 (MS) and one Preble Oct. 19 (PP), the only reports all year. Canada Goose: many flocks passing over Sept. 27, the first fall date; heavy flights again the weekend of Oct. 4-5; flights continuing until Nov. 18. Black Duck: only a half-dozen or so reports of one to two birds each, but from all reporting areas. Green-winged Teal: one at Portlandville Sept. 8 & 9, the only one reported. Blue-winged Teal: one Sept. 18 Preble, the last date; best count eight Portlandville Sept. 9. Am. Wigeon: five Oxford Oct. 19 and again Oct. 26 (A, MD), the only reports. Wood Duck: an undated Oct. report from Owego the only one after Sept. 20. Ring-necked Duck: two at Upper Little York Lake, in Cortland Co., Nov. 22 (PP) the only report. Four Lesser Scaup Oneonta Res. Oct. 10 and one scaup sp? Oct. 11 at Whitney Point. Com. Goldeneye: Nov. 22 Whitney Point, first fall date. Bufflehead: Oct. 27 Owego (LD). White-winged Scoter: 16 Whitney Point Oct. 11 (A, MD), the only ones. Black Scoter: 24 at Arnold's Lake, near Oneonta, Oct. 20 (MD, KW). Com. Scoter: Nov. 2 Owego (B, EM, D, JB). Hooded Merganser: Nov. 8 Whitney Point, first fall date. Com. Merganser: several Whitney Point Nov. 1. Red-breasted Merganser: Nov. 8 Whitney Point.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: Oct. 22 Hillcrest, n. of Binghamton, the last date. Goshawk: the only reports from Owego in Sept. and Oct. Sharp-shinned Hawk: ten reports of one or two birds each. Cooper's Hawk: four reports. Red-tailed Hawk: 45 Oct. 22 and 18 on Nov. 2 migrating over Hillcrest; also the usual numerous scattered reports of one to six birds. Red-shouldered Hawk: reported from Owego in Sept.; four Otisco Oct. 17 (BB). Broad-winged Hawk: 34 over Oneonta Sept. 16, last date except for undated Oct. report from Owego. Rough-legged Hawk: three Homer Oct. 4 (BT) plus an Owego report in Oct., but no others. Bald Eagle: one ad. Nov. 3 over Oneonta (KW). Marsh Hawk: 13 scattered reports of one to four birds each from Sept. 16-Nov. 8; seem to be coming back. Osprey:

one Oneonta Sept. 10 and one Chenango Bridge Nov. 1, with eleven intervening reports. Ring-necked Pheasant: nine reports. Turkey: 30 at Solon, in Cortland Co., Nov. 4 and 23 at Vestal Center Nov. 22; a half dozen other scattered reports of single birds. Am. Coot: one Preble Sept. 2; one Whitney Point Oct. 19; no others. Killdeer: Nov. 2. Hillcrest, last date. Greater Yellowlegs: four Portlandville-Oneonta Oct. 10, first; eight Goodale Lake Nov. 2, max and last; four other reports. Lesser Yellowlegs: one Portlandville Sept. 8 & 9. Herring Gull: only very occasional reports until Nov. 2, then in the usual winter ones and two seen daily; approximately 100 at Whitney Point Nov. 23.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: small numbers everywhere all season; max 50 Homer Nov. 18. Black-billed Cuckoo: one Portlandville-Milford Sept. 8, the only fall report. Screech Owl: a dozen reports from the whole Region. Snowy Owl: two Homer Nov. 18 (JG). Chimney Swift: Oct. 20 Owego (D, JB), the only one after Sept. 9. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: one Portlandville-Milford Sept. 13; also "occasionally thru Sept." at Oneonta. Red-headed Woodpecker: one report from Owego during Sept. (LD). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: twenty some reports to Oct. 23, then only one Nov. 23 Choconut Center.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLING: Great Crested Flycatcher: four Sept. records, the last Sept. 23 Choconut Center. Eastern Phoebe: none after one Portlandville-Oneonta Oct. 20. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: six banded near Binghamton, the last Sept. 23 (HM). Least Flycatcher: last date Sept. 24, near Binghamton, E. Wood Pewee: last date Sept. 17, near Binghamton. Tree Swallow: Sept. 21 Apalachin, last date. Barn Swallow: one Portlandville-Milford Sept. 8, the only Sept. report. Blue Jay: abundant. Black-capped Chickadee: abundant. Tufted Titmouse: two Homer Oct. 20; also reports from Pt. Dickinson, Chenango Forks, Apalachin and Owego. White-breasted Nuthatch: numbers continue high. Red-breasted Nuthatch: only half a dozen scattered reports all fall. House Wren: Oct. 5 Chenango Forks, last date. Winter Wren: four banded near Binghamton, starting Sept. 30; three other reports, the last Oct. 27. Carolina Wren: persisting at Pt. Dickinson all fall (BP). Long-billed Marsh Wren: Upper Lisle Sept. 7 (MS); Owego Oct. 9 (D, JB). Mockingbird: eleven reports, all from the Owego-Triple Cities area. Gray Catbird: last date Oct. 19 Pt. Dickinson. Brown Thrasher: one Virgil Oct. 23, the last date; seem scarce. Am. Robin: ceased being an everyday bird around Nov. 4; large flocks (over 100) Sept. 28, Oct. 20-26 and Nov. 23, in various parts of the Region. **VARIED THRUSH:** one at Davenport, near Oneonta, Nov. 13, and for a few days before that (ME, *fide* DB), apparently sheltering in a pine forest adjacent to the house. Wood Thrush: Oct. 5 Chenango Forks and near Binghamton, the last date. Hermit Thrush: 19 banded near Binghamton Oct. 5 to 22 plus two reports from Hillcrest and one from Owego, all in Oct., but that's all. Swainson's Thrush: two Emmons, near Oneonta, Sept. 16 and one banded near Binghamton Oct. 9, the first and last dates; a total of 18 banded near Binghamton plus 13 other reports during that period. Veery: one banded Sept. 19 near Binghamton, the last date. Eastern Bluebird: ten different reports, of up to eight birds each, mostly in the first three weeks of Oct.; Nov. 3 Owego, the last fall date. Golden-crowned Kinglet: Sept. 27 Hillcrest, first fall date; almost daily reports from Oct. 5-Nov. 4. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Sept. 24, Pt. Dickinson, to Nov. 4 Choconut Center; 20 banded at one site near Binghamton in Oct. and numerous other reports. Water Pipit: one at the Broome Co. Airport Oct. 19 (MS), but no others. Bohemian Waxwing: Vestal Nov. 28 (SL), one seen through a window in a leafless sycamore at a distance of 15-20 feet—white wing patches seen clearly, but not the red crissum. Cedar Waxwing: numerous all fall in flocks of up to 80 individuals.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: Sept. 30 Chenango Forks, the last of five fall reports. Solitary Vireo: Hillcrest Oct. 19, the last of seven fall reports. Red-eyed Vireo: one banded Oct. 10 near Binghamton, last date. Philadelphia Vireo: four banded from Sept. 12-19 near Binghamton (HM); also reported from Owego in Sept. (LD). Warbling Vireo: one singing at Pt. Dickinson Sept. 8, last date. Black-and-white Warbler: Sept. 21 Pt. Dickinson. Golden-winged Warbler: one banded near Binghamton Sept. 2. Blue-winged War-

bler: one banded Sept. 19 near Binghamton—the last of three Sept. records, all in Broome Co. Tennessee Warbler: reported all during Sept.; one banded Oct. 18 near Binghamton the last of only two Oct. records, Nashville Warbler: Oct. 24 near Binghamton. Yellow Warbler: three Sept. reports, the last one the 26th Apalachin (P, EG); not usually seen after mid-Aug. Magnolia Warbler: 36 banded near Binghamton Sept. 1 to Oct. 1; Oct. 5 Upper Lisle, the last date. Cape May Warbler: 14 banded near Binghamton Sept. 15 to Oct. 1; two other Sept. reports. Black-throated Blue Warbler: Oct. 8 near Binghamton, the last date. Yellow-rumped Warbler: the usual numerous reports during Sept. and Oct.; Oct. 24 Owego the last date. Black-throated Green Warbler: common through Sept.; Oct. 9 Pt. Dickinson, the last of three Oct. reports. Blackburnian Warbler: four Sept. reports, the last Sept. 24 Pt. Dickinson. Chestnut-sided Warbler: one banded Sept. 17 near Binghamton, the last of seven Sept. reports. Bay-breasted Warbler: last date Sept. 27 Hillcrest. Blackpoll Warbler: six banded Sept. 13 near Binghamton; last date Oct. 1. Pine Warbler: one Homer Sept. 10 (BB), the only report. Palm Warbler: one banded Oct. 9; Oct. 19 Hillcrest; usually missed in the fall. Ovenbird: last date Oct. 4. No. Waterthrush: one Oneonta-Portlandville-Milford Sept. 13, the only report. Mourning Warbler: one banded near Binghamton Sept. 15, the only report. Com. Yellowthroat: last date Oct. 11 Emmons. Wilson's Warbler: eleven banded near Binghamton Sept. 2 to 23; only three other reports, all within that period, from Endwell and Chenango Forks. Canada Warbler: 13 banded Sept. 1 to 13 near Binghamton; Sept. 13 Chenango Forks and one Sept. Owego report. Am. Redstart: last date Sept. 23 near Binghamton.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: only four reports all fall, from Oneonta-Portlandville, Upper Lisle and Owego. Com. Grackle: a dozen Nov. 2 at Pt. Dickinson were the last reported. Brown-headed Cowbird: "hundreds" Oct. 31 at Cortland, but otherwise surprisingly few reported. Scarlet Tanager: Oct. 5 near Binghamton, the last date. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: the last of only three Sept. reports on the 13th near Binghamton. Indigo Bunting: very few reported but Oct. 5 Owego a rather late last date. Evening Grosbeak: Sept. 22 Pt. Dickinson (KP); next report 50 Vestal Center Oct. 26; scattered, but fairly frequent reports all Nov.; 155 in five flocks Nov. 15 Oneonta-Portlandville-Milford the best count. Purple Finch: scattered reports all season, but never in very large numbers; most regularly reported during the latter half of Oct. House Finch: 50 near Oneonta Nov. 15 and an average of 15 a day during Nov. at Emmons suggest the beginning of their population explosion in that area. Pine Siskin: 100 Oct. 25 and again Oct. 28 at Vestal Center; had been reported from Pt. Dickinson, Oneonta-Portlandville and Endwell by the end of the period, but little sign of regularity until Nov. 28. Am. Goldfinch: a notable increase in reports during Nov. as feeders became active. Rufous-sided Towhee: one still at Vestal Nov. 23. Savannah Sparrow: one banded near Binghamton Oct. 22 (HM) plus an undated Oct. report from Owego were the only ones. Vesper Sparrow: Oct. 9 Owego (D, JB); one Homer Nov. 21 (BB); no others. Dark-eyed Junco: 25 Oneonta-Portlandville-Milford Sept. 8; several other Sept. and early Oct. reports but from mid-Oct. numbers were much swollen by migrants. "Oregon" Junco: one at Pt. Dickinson Nov. 11 until at least Nov. 21 (BP), description submitted noting distinct black hood. Tree Sparrow: first date Oct. 16 Vestal. Chipping Sparrow: last date Oct. 23 Pt. Dickinson. Field Sparrow: five Oct. 20 Oneonta-Portlandville, last date. White-crowned Sparrow: five Emmons Oct. 13, first date; one Truxton Nov. 18, last date; only five intervening reports. White-throated Sparrow: present all period but migrants evident Sept. 30 to Nov. 23. Fox Sparrow: one banded Oct. 18 near Binghamton; only three more reports, the last Nov. 19 Pt. Dickinson. Lincoln's Sparrow: one Upper Lisle Sept. 28 (MS); one banded Oct. 1 and two more Oct. 19 near Binghamton (HM); that's all. Swamp Sparrow: only five reports, from Portlandville Sept. 20 to one Whitney Point Nov. 23, of this probably reasonably common but inconspicuous in migration species. Song Sparrow: mostly gone after Nov. 2. Snow Bunting: 25 Truxton Oct. 29 and three Owego Nov. 3; that's all so far.

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