

TANAGERS—HOUSE SPARROWS: Rusty Blackbirds numbered 25 on ACC and eight on CCC with the only other reports, 12 at East Aurora 16 Oct (Rosche) and six at Amity L 25 Oct thru 8 Nov (VP, MP). Only 70 Brown-headed Cowbirds were found for ACC compared with 261 last year. An imm male Rose-breasted Grosbeak, lingering over a month late at Alfred Station, was seen several times each day at the feeder 14-22 Nov (CK), and max of the few Evening Grosbeak reports was 20 at both Amity L 28 Nov (VP) and Little Genesee 29 Nov (FD). While Purple Finch numbers were down with 34 on ACC (126 last year), the House Finch is doing fairly well with max for the season 50 at Stannards during Nov (HG). The only Pine Siskins were seven on ACC and one near Alfred 17 Oct (EB), but the Am. Goldfinch is flourishing; during Nov 154 of the latter were banded at Alfred Sta. (EB) with a "big influx on the 14th," and 30 were banded at Farmersville Sta. (DC). Seven White-winged Crossbills were sighted at Colden 22-26 Nov (Henning)—first "winter finches" for the season except for the few siskins. Interesting sparrow reports include: Vesper Sparrow: 12 on ACC and 15 near Wellsville 5 Oct (C. Burdick *vide* EL); Dark-eyed Junco: 286 on ACC (695 last year) and 15 on CCC; White-crowned Sparrow: 13 on ACC (158 last year), two on CCC and four on LEC with max of other reports, up to eight in Belmont 8 Oct thru Nov (DB, LB); White-throated Sparrow: 156 on ACC (407 last year), one on CCC and 55 on LEC with max of other reports, 21 in Amity Twp. 8 Oct (VP, MP); Fox Sparrow: reported from only five locations with maxima eight at Amity L 29 Oct (VP, MP) and seven near Alfred 7 Nov (EB); Lincoln's Sparrow: five banded at Alfred Sta. 19-28 Sept (EB), the only report; Song Sparrow: 273 on ACC (427 last year) and four on CCC; and Snow Bunting: max for the season 45 in the Town of Somerset 24 Oct (RA+).

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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This fall season was ushered in by a relatively normal September with no significant temperature deviations and a deviation of minimal significance in precipitation. October followed with slightly below normal temperatures, yet periodic highs were recorded of up to 79° F (26° C) and the low reached a chilly 29° F (-2° C). Precipitation for October was below average at 1.79 in. as opposed to the norm of 2.7 in. November provided some of the most interesting data, as the end of the season came to a heated close. The average temperature was 43.4° F (6° C), which was nearly three degrees above the norm; and there were days late in November that reached the sixties. Precipitation levels were above normal but only a meager 1.12 in. above the norm with a total of 3.95 in.

The overall effect of the weather patterns surfaced most consistently in the late departures of various species. The unseasonably warm temperatures postponed the migratory patterns of some individuals. These patterns are noted in the late dates for some of the vireos, warblers and icterids. The passage of frontal systems through the region brought no major passerine concentrations; but good coverage of the west lakeshore, particularly Hamlin Beach, produced excellent reports of lake flights of waterfowl, shorebirds and terns. Low water levels along the lakeshore produced good shorebird habitat, possibly too much so, for the shorebirds weren't always concentrated; and some species, such as Buff-

breasted Sandpiper, were difficult to locate. Purple Sandpipers seemed nonexistent. The influx of winter resident species may have been somewhat delayed, but most of the expected species of waterfowl were on schedule and regular fall migrants too met the yearly schedule. With the seasonal migrants tarrying along the lakeshore, winter residents arriving, excepting finches, good quantitative and qualitative observations and good habitat—the fall season turned out to be generally quite good.

Positive observations evident during the season include a) good loon and grebe numbers, b) decent waterfowl flights, c) good numbers of Bald Eagle reports, d) good shorebird flights, e) numerous jaeger and kittiwake observations, f) good Common Tern flights on selected dates, g) decent numbers of chickadees and kinglets, h) No. Shrikes regularly observed, and i) Am. Tree Sparrows numerous.

On the negative side we have a) lack of any major Brant flights, b) Purple Sandpiper lacking completely, c) Red-breasted Nuthatches mediocre at best, and d) except for Evening Grosbeaks, winter finches were nearly nonexistent.

Rarities: Northern Gannet.

Abbreviations: BB—Braddock Bay Park; CH—Ontario Beach, Charlotte; D—Durand-Eastman Park, including the adjacent waters of Lake Ontario; H—Hamlin Beach State Park; IC—Island Cottage Woods; IB—Irondequoit Bay; and WL—west lakeshore, Rochester to Pt. Breeze.

Observers: Margaret Beckman, Nancy Boudrie, Jean Browning, Carolyn Cass, Julie Claffey, Anne Clarridge, Bill and Rhea Colman, Mike Davids, Gertrude Davis, Bill and Jean Dingerson, Frank and Robert Dobson, Kay Doris, Richard Dobrits, June Feder, John and Arleen Foster, Kevin Griffith, Ralph and Georgia Guenther, Tom Hampson, Bob Hazen, Nurak Isarena, Olvind Jensen, Bob and Jane Kesselring, Alan and Sandy Klonick, David Levy, Warren Lloyd, Haywood Madden, Bob and Margaret McKinney, Ann Miranian, Laura and Neil Moon, Richard O'Hara, Bernie Olin, Tom Painting, Chip Perrigo, Mike Peter, Alice Quinn, Patty Reister, Marge Schmale, Dominic Sherony, Jeanne and Sharon Skelly, Tom Slecta, Robert and Susan Spahn, Ann Stear, Harriet Stride, David Strong, Mary Ann Sunderlin, William Symonds, David and Tom Tetlow, Joann and Mike Tetlow, June Warner, Ann Watson, Eleanor and Paul Weld, Monro Will, M. Woodams, and Peter Zachmann.

LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: good flights with a max of 150 WL 14 Nov. Red-throated Loon: regular, but with a max of only four on any single day's observations. Pied-billed Grebe: relatively low in numbers. Horned Grebe: consistently observed along the lakeshore. Red-necked Grebe: reported on nine separate days from H, with a max of seven WL 24 Oct. NO. GANNET: an imm. bird was observed at Sodus Bay 16 Oct (TT), one imm at Sodus Bay 13 Nov (DS, TT), and one imm was observed at Braddock Bay and along the west lakeshore on 14 Nov (MD, PR). These probably represent the same individual. Double-crested Cormorant: very high count of 63 H 10 Oct (MD, CP, WS). Great Egret: two or three BB 2-12 Oct. Green-backed Heron: a late bird in Greece 10 Oct. Black-crowned Night-Heron: a lingering individual at IB 31 Oct. Tundra Swan: reported from a few locales. Brant: few reports of small groups, max 475 CH 8 Nov (KG). Canada Goose: moderate flight, could be seen thru the season. No. Pintail: excellent numbers were observed along the lakeshore. Redhead: low numbers. Canvasback: few reports. Ring-necked Duck: 22 BB 26 Nov. Greater Scaup: large raft off DE mixed with Lessers, max 10,000 on 14 Nov. Oldsquaw: good numbers could be found along the lakeshore by the end of the season. Black Scoter: reported at Hamlin from 18 Sept thru the season. Surf Scoter: regular at H, max 100 H 24 Oct. White-winged Scoter: max 1500 H 16 Oct. Com. Goldeneye: abundant along the lakeshore by the end of the season. Bufflehead: scattered flocks from CH to H. Hooded Merganser: regular along the lakeshore, max 116 at Sodus Bay. Com. Merganser: very common

by the end of the season. Red-breasted Merganser: very common in Oct and Nov, max 5000 WL 14 Nov.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: lingered on thru a good portion of the period, last report one DE 7 Nov, one WL 7 Nov. Bald Eagle: imms with wing tags were sighted frequently along the lakeshore, individuals not sporting wing tags were observed at Hamlin on 6 Sept and 27 Nov. No. Goshawk: scattered reports of individual birds with one interesting report of a bird bathing in a creek. Peregrine Falcon: four reports in Sept and two reports in Oct. Com. Moorhen: late bird at BB 11 Nov. Lesser Golden-Plover: decent flight along the lakeshore, 400 WL 15 Sept. Semipalmated Plover: two IB 2 Nov were late in the season. Killdeer: 35 IB 19 Nov were a good number for this late. Greater Yellowlegs: three Northrup Ck 6 Nov. Lesser Yellowlegs: single late bird at Northrup Ck 2 Nov. Solitary Sandpiper: one Avon 11 Nov. Spotted Sandpiper: late bird at IB 5 Oct. Whimbrel: excellent number of reports with a max of 58 H 15 Sept (CP, WS). Hudsonian Godwit: recorded in both Sept and Oct with a max of six H 15 Sept and six BB 22 Sept. Red Knot: good representation this season with consistent reports thru Sept and Oct with a max flight of 59 H 15 Sept (CP, WS). White-rumped Sandpiper: late reports, two Northrup Ck 1 Nov and one IB 6 Nov. Baird's Sandpiper: very regular this season with a late individual at Northrup Ck 31 Oct. Pectoral Sandpiper: 50 WL 2 Nov. Dunlin: max of 150 WL 11 Nov. Buff-breasted Sandpiper: one BB 1 Sept (CP), one H 15 Sept (CP, WS), one Moscow Rd, Hamlin 15 Sept (CC). Long-billed Dowitcher: first report one H 25 Sept, one/three present at Northrup Ck from 26 Sept thru 31 Oct. Red-necked Phalarope: six separate reports with a max of two H 1 Oct. Pomarine Jaeger: a max of six reported from H 16 Sept (CP, WS), with as many as three observed all thru Oct and a single bird at CH 8 Nov (KG). Parasitic Jaeger: numerous reports from Hamlin with a tally of six on 3 Sept (MD, CP, WS), and a max of 12 from Hamlin during Oct, two reports were received for Nov. Franklin's Gull: one imm H 5 Nov (CC, WS). Little Gull: present from 16 Oct on, but in lower numbers than in recent years. Iceland Gull: one Pt. Breeze 8 Nov (WS). Black-legged Kittiwake: well reported with the first being five H 9 Oct (MD, CP, WS), and the last for the season one DE 27 Nov (MD, KG). Caspian Tern: a late individual at Sodus Bay 31 Oct. Com. Tern: fall flight good with a max of 84 H 4 Sept, and a late bird present at CH thru Oct, last seen on 8 Nov. Forster's Tern: one H 3 Sept. Black Tern: late individual reported CH 29 Sept.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Snowy Owl: one present at CH from 20 Nov thru the remainder of the month. Short-eared Owl: one H 9 Nov. Belted Kingfisher: many present thru the end of the season. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: one late individual reported in Brighton 12 Oct. Red-headed Woodpecker: Avon population holding its own with 25 reported on 11 Oct.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: last report, one WL 28 Sept. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: last report one east lakeshore 6 Sept. E. Phoebe: last report, one H 23 Oct. Purple Martin: last report, one BB 23 Sept. Tree Swallow: two late birds in Greece 27 Nov. Bank Swallow: last report, one H 14 Oct. Cliff Swallow: last report, one H 1 Oct. Red-breasted Nuthatch: mediocre flight. Carolina Wren: making a comeback?, consistent sightings and reports. House Wren: late individual one Webster 3 Oct. Sedge Wren: off year. Golden-crowned Kinglet: good seasonal flight. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: excellent numbers. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: very late bird traveling with chickadees DE 28 Nov (MD). E. Bluebird: Nations Road, Avon population doing very well with 28 reported on 11 Oct, and nine Avon 7 Nov. Swainson's Thrush: last report, one Rochester 21 Oct. Wood Thrush: last report, one Mt. Hope Cemetery 5 Oct. Gray Catbird: a lingering individual reported from Greece 13 Nov. Cedar Waxwing: excellent numbers. No. Shrike: good numbers of individuals sighted along west lakeshore.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Weather patterns produced some reports of late individuals. Solitary Vireo: one Mt. Hope Cemetery 13 Oct. Red-eyed Vireo: one H 2 Oct. Tennessee Warbler: seven DE 6 Oct. Orange-crowned Warbler: not a late bird, but one sighted Cobb's Hill Park 19 Sept. Nashville Warbler: one DE 6 Oct. No. Parula: one IC 7 Oct. Magnolia Warbler: one Webster 23 Oct. Black-throated Blue Warbler: three DE 6 Oct. Black-throated

Green Warbler: two Mt. Hope Cemetery 13 Oct. Blackburnian Warbler: one Chili 13 Oct. Pine Warbler: one DE 6 Sept, one IC (date not known), Bay-breasted Warbler: one IC 3 Oct. Blackpoll Warbler: one Webster 3 Oct. Black-and-white Warbler: one Webster 3 Oct. Am. Redstart: very late, one Penfield 24 Nov (DS). Ovenbird: one Seneca Park 11 Oct. Connecticut Warbler: one Greece 7 Sept. Com. Yellowthroat: two WL 3 Oct. Hooded Warbler: one Greece 14 Sept, one H 16 Sept. Yellow-breasted Chat: one Greece 9 Sept.

TANAGERS—HOUSE SPARROWS: Rufous-sided Towhee: two Mendon Ponds 14 Nov. Am. Tree Sparrow: very good numbers. Fox Sparrow: three reports during Nov. Lincoln's Sparrow: several reports of single birds. Lapland Longspur: three Carlton 24 Oct. Snow Bunting: good flights, but numbers smaller than recent years. Bobolink: last report, one Hogan Pt. 12 Oct. Rusty Blackbird: very good numbers, max 1,000 Greece 31 Oct. Pine Grosbeak: four Henrietta 14 Nov. House Finch: still expanding continuously and rapidly. Evening Grosbeak: minor flight.

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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Fall 1982 brought generally fine weather with no frosts until after mid-October, and with many beautiful Indian summer days. November averaged three degrees F above normal at Ithaca. October was very dry, no snow until Thanksgiving and only a little then. The fine weather probably accounts for the many late sightings of passerines.

While most observers felt that warblers were scarce, S. F. Kahl hit the jackpot. On the evening of 31 August he heard the calls of many warblers migrating overhead. What he found the next morning at Venice in Cayuga County is tabulated in the main body of the report.

Seasonal positives: 1) a good Common Loon movement; 2) an amazing 180,000 Mallards at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge with excellent counts of most dabblers; 3) increasing reports of Turkey Vultures, Ospreys, Northern Harriers and accipiters. Northern Harriers were reported at a greater number of the Cornell seminars than any other raptor except Red-tailed Hawk and American Kestrel; 4) continued success of Wild Turkey both in increased numbers and spread of territory; 5) Eastern Bluebirds holding their gains; 6) a slight increase in Vesper Sparrow sightings suggests a glimmer of hope for this beleaguered species; 7) more Lincoln Sparrow reports than usual.

Seasonal negatives: 1) continuing signs of a decline in Red-tailed Hawk and American Kestrel numbers; 2) few Rough-legged Hawks except in the Elmira area where they were "all over" in November; 3) very low numbers of Common Moorhen; 4) continued scarcity of Horned Larks; 5) small numbers of migrating warblers; 6) Am. Tree Sparrows arriving late and in miniscule numbers; 7) no winter finches except for a few Purple Finches and Evening Grosbeaks.

Abbreviations: Cay—Cayuga; Co—County, L—Lake; max—maximum; MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; Ow—Owasco; Schy—Schuyler; seminar—Laboratory of Ornithology Monday night seminars at Ithaca; Sen—Seneca; *(starred)—details on file.