

Sparrow: common thru Sept., Oct. a few in Nov. Lincoln's Sparrow: five banded 7-21 Oct. Vestal (GK). Swamp Sparrow: common Sept.-Oct. in Broome Co. and OPM; one report Tioga Co.; last date 29 Oct. OPM (MD). White-throated Sparrow: common thru; first date 14 Sep. Vestal (HM); last date for probable migrant 25 Oct. Cortland Co. (CW). White-crowned Sparrow: 32 reports scattered thru; first 28 Sept. Delhi (MC); last 24 Oct. Vestal (GK). Dark-eyed Junco: common thru Sept. and Oct.; first date 1 Sept. OPM (MD). Snow Bunting: one 1 Nov. OPM (MD, KW). Bobolink: one report: Sept. Tioga Co. (C & JB). Red-winged Blackbird: common thru; last date 30 Oct. E. Meadowlark: common thru; last date 10 Sept. Rusty Blackbird: three reports; one Tioga Co. (RB); two 12 Nov. REEC (ChBC); two 13 Nov. Plymouth (JL). **BREWER'S BLACKBIRD**: one 19 Oct. Endwell at feeder; "black bird with light gray eye and decided purple sheen on head; no rust in plumage"; observer has previous experience with species in west (FL). Com. Grackle: common Sept., Oct. Brown-headed Cowbird: common Sept.; last date 25 Sept. Delhi (MC). No. Oriole: several early Sept. reports; one Oct. Tioga Co. (RB, CY). Purple Finch: moderate numbers Sept., early Oct. House Finch: common thru. Pine Siskin: 12 reports scattered thru; first date 17 Oct. Am. Goldfinch: common thru. Evening Grosbeak: 12 reports scattered thru; first date two 16 Oct. Norwich (JL). House Sparrow: common thru.

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Fall 1983 came in like a lamb and went out like a lion. The hot, dry weather of the summer persisted through September. October remained warmer than average, but had more normal precipitation. The first killing frost occurred at Syracuse at the end of October. November averaged slightly cooler than normal, and nearly 10 inches of snow at Syracuse was a stark contrast to the 1.5 inches of last fall.

There were few good days for grounded migrants in September. October saw only a few frontal passages accompanied by strong northwest winds that bring heavy migrations to the Lake Ontario shore. 9 October was a rather exceptional date, in which a moderate flight along the Lake Ontario littoral was complimented by a large grounded flight in southern Pompey township. D. W. Crumb awoke and saw a heavy fog bank just south of her house. Before the fog lifted, taking with it the migrants, she set several seasonal high counts, including Region Five record highs for Golden-crowned Kinglet and Rufous-sided Towhee. F. G. Scheider and party encountered a thinner flight along the shore of Lake Ontario on this same day, which included many departure dates, among them a new record late date for Yellow Warbler.

Waterbird flights associated with frontal passages occurred on 6, 15 and 27 Oct., and on 6 and 17 Nov. Jaegers were poorly represented in these flights, but Brant, sea ducks, and Black-legged Kittiwakes were numerous, and the

Region's fourth Northern Gannet was seen. Divers were mixed, with Red-throated Loon and Pied-billed Grebe doing well and the other species poorly. Dabbling ducks, especially American Black Duck and Gadwall, were numerous, while bay ducks generally were scarce. Shorebird numbers were unimpressive, but several rarities and late dates were obtained: Red Knot and Wilson's Phalarope were mysteriously absent as were vagrant hooded gulls. Larger gulls were late in arriving. Forster's Tern made a splendid showing. Swallows generally departed early. Few large concentrations of migrant passerines were reported, but no expected species were missed. Given the mild season, most departure dates were unexceptional.

Irruptive raptors were present, but only Rough-legged Hawks were seen in numbers. Snowy Owls and Northern Shrikes were scarce, but Northern Harriers and Red-tailed Hawks both persisted in above average numbers for November. There was a brief but impressive incursion of Bohemian Waxwing along Lake Ontario in November, only one group at all persistent. Boreal Chickadees had penetrated the lowlands by mid-November. Red-breasted Nuthatches were widespread but not very common. Winter finches were quite mixed: Pine Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak all appeared but few remained at the season's end. Purple Finches were scarce and no crossbills were reported.

A total of 248 species were reported this fall, excluding a Ruddy Shelduck of dubious origin. Notable rarities included Northern Gannet, Golden Eagle, Piping Plover, Ruff and Kentucky Warbler. More regular rarities included King Eider, Bald Eagle, Merlin and Peregrine Falcon, Whimbrel, Hudsonian Godwit, Western, Purple and Buff-breasted Sandpipers, Black-legged Kittiwake, Bohemian Waxwing, and Connecticut Warbler. All in all, it was a typically interesting, but hardly outstanding fall season.

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Abbreviations: arr—arrival; DH—Derby Hill, Oswego Co.; FH—Fairhaven, Little Sodus Bay and vicinity, Cayuga Co.; LOL—Lake Ontario littoral, Oswego Co.; NPT—northern Pompey township; NYSARC—report submitted to New York State Avian Records Committee; Onon—Onondaga; ph—photographed; SP—Sandy Pond, Oswego Co.; SSSP—Selkirk Shores State Park, Oswego Co.; SVB—Sylvan and Verona Beach, Oneida Co.; Syr—Syracuse.

LOONS-DUCKS: Red-throated Loon: arr DH 15 Oct., record max 17 LOL 6 Nov. Com. Loon: arr SVB 10 Sept. Pied-billed Grebe: max 20 FH 23 Oct. best since 1972. Horned Grebe: less than six per day after 8 Oct. Red-necked Grebe: singles SP 6 Nov., LOL 13 Nov., and Oneida Lake 27 Nov. **NO. GANNET**: imm DH 17 Nov. (DWC, JH, NYSARC) is fourth regional record. Double-crested Cormorant: max 182 LOL 6 Oct.; singles Clay 16 Oct. and SVB 8 Oct. only reports away from LOL. Am. Bittern: last FH 2 Oct. Great Egret: one at Minoa to 7 Sept.; four Howland's Island 5 Sept. Green-backed Heron: last SVB 22 Oct. Black-crowned Night-Heron: one SP 5-18 Sept. Mute Swan: adult FH after 24 Sept. Snow Goose: single white morph Beaver Lake in Oct., two blue morph there 8 Nov. Brant: arr FH 16 Oct., max 1980 DH 6 Nov. Canada Goose: arr Onon Lake 22 Sept. Ruddy Shelduck: female SVB 3-5 Oct. surely an escape. Wood Duck: last FH 13 Nov. Am.

Black Duck: max 160 LOL 6 Nov. No. Pintail: max only 12 FH 16 Oct. Blue-winged Teal: last FH 16 Oct. Gadwall: arr FH 1 Oct., max 87 there 10 Nov. Am. Wigeon: max 178 FH 10 Nov. Canvasback: arr FH 23 Oct. Redhead: arr FH 13 Oct. Ring-necked Duck: arr SSSP 19 Sept. Greater Scaup: arr FH 2 Oct. Lesser Scaup: arr SVB 10 Oct. King Eider: five DH 12 Nov., one the next day. Oldsquaw: arr DH 20 Oct., record max 1590 there 6 Nov. Black Scoter: arr SP 6 Oct., max 875 DH 6 Nov.; 5 Lebanon Res 12 Nov. (JL) only report away from LOL. Surf Scoter: arr SP 6 Oct., max 138 DH 6 Nov. White-winged Scoter: arr SP 16 Sept., max 720 DH 6 Nov. Com. Goldeneye: arr SP 20 Oct. Bufflehead: arr SP 20 Oct. Hooded Merganser: arr LOL 9 Oct. Red-breasted Merganser: arr SP 6 Oct., max 3,100 LOL 6 Nov. Ruddy Duck: arr Onon Lake 24 Sept., max 76 Beaver Lake 9 Nov.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: last Liverpool 16 Oct. Osprey: arr SP 1 Sept., last DH 6 Nov. Bald Eagle: imm with yellow wing tag SP 6 Oct. No. Goshawk: singles SP 13 Oct. and 13 Nov. only reports. Broad-winged Hawk: last Williamstown, 11 Sept. Rough-legged Hawk: strong flight after 2 Oct. **GOLDEN EAGLE:** adult Pompey 11 Oct. (FLF). Merlin: one SP 6 Oct. only report. Peregrine Falcon: eight reported LOL including five adults, one imm SP 6 Oct. Virginia Rail: last Clay Marsh 6 Oct. Com. Moorhen: last FH 20 Oct. Am. Coot: max 121 FH 23 Oct. Black-bellied Plover: max 30 Delta Lake 28 Sept., last FH 17 Nov. Lesser Golden-Plover: last SVB 17 Oct. Semipalmated Plover: last SP 6 Nov. **PIPING PLOVER:** imm SVB 3-4 Sept. (Karen Slotnick, ph DWC, NYSARC) first report since 1978. Greater Yellowlegs: last SVB 6 Nov. Lesser Yellowlegs: last SVB 10 Nov., late. Solitary Sandpiper: last SSSP 9 Oct. Spotted Sandpiper: one persisted Onon Lake to 9 Nov., record late. Upland Sandpiper: last Oneida Co. Airport 3 Sept. Whimbrel: imm SVB 4-9 Oct. Hudsonian Godwit: one SSSP 6 Oct., another SVB 9-26 Oct. Ruddy Turnstone: max 8 SVB 24 Sept., last there 17 Oct. Sanderling: last FH 20 Nov. Semipalmated Sandpiper: last SP 30 Oct. Western Sandpiper: singles Onon Lake 2-3 Sept. and 7 Sept. Least Sandpiper: last Onon Lake 8 Oct. White-rumped Sandpiper: scattered ones and twos to 19 Oct., then juvenile FH 19 Nov. (GH, JL, mob) record late. Baird's Sandpiper: last SP 8 Oct. Pectoral Sandpiper: last SVB 19 Oct. Purple Sandpiper: arr FH 5 Nov., max 9 SP 6 Nov., about 15 reported. Dunlin: arr Onon Lake 17 Sept., max only 37 SP 6 Nov. Stilt Sandpiper: last SVB 15 Oct. Buff-breasted Sandpiper: one SVB 14-16 Sept. (DC, mob). **RUFF:** male Onon Lake through 7 Sept. Short-billed Dowitcher: last SVB 28 Sept. Am. Woodcock: last Syr 23 Oct. Red-necked Phalarope: singles Delta Lake 10-12 Sept., SVB 23-24 Sept. and DH 6 Oct. Red Phalarope: one DH 6 Oct., one SVB 15 Oct., three SP 15 Oct., two the next day. Parasitic Jaeger: two each DH 6 and 15 Oct., 12 on 27 Oct. Glaucous Gull: arr DH 12 Nov. Black-legged Kittiwake: 39 from DH after 27 Oct., max 16 on 6 Nov. Caspian Tern: max 25 P 18 Sept., last SP 9 Oct. Com. Tern: last SP 9 Oct., then imm DH 12 Nov. (FGS) very late. Forster's Tern: record max 21 SP 11 Sept. (MSR), in smaller numbers through 9 Oct.; one FH 13 Nov. (MSR, C. G. Spies) record late. Black Tern: last SP 6 Oct.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: last SP 1 Sept. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one hit by car Lysander 2 Nov. (RS), record late. Snowy Owl: one SP 6 Nov. only report. Short-eared Owl: three near Phoenix after 13 Nov. No. Saw-Whet Owl: singles E. Syr 20 Sept. (JL), dead on road FH 10 Nov. Com. Nighthawk: max and last 87 S. Onon on 2 Sept. Whip-poor-will: migrants LOL 1 Sept. and 9 Oct. Chimney Swift: last Lysander 8 Oct. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last SP 18 Sept. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: only a scattering of migrants 28 Sept. to 9 Oct.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: E. Wood-Pewee: last SP 26 Sept. E. Phoebe: last DH 22 Oct. Great Crested Flycatcher: last FH 2 Oct. E. Kingbird: last Utica 3 Sept. Tree Swallow: last FH 23 Oct. No. Rough-winged Swallow: last DH 15 Oct. (JL) rather late. Barn Swallow: last SP 29 Sept., early departure. Boreal Chickadee: two Syr 21 Nov. (MSR). Red-breasted Nuthatch: max about six per day in Oct. House Wren: last Clay Marsh 10 Oct. Winter Wren: arr SP 25 Sept., max 48 NPT 9 Oct., only one Nov. report. Marsh Wren: last SP 9

Oct. Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr SP 18 Sept., record max 750 NPT 9 Oct. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 14 Sept. NPT, max 150 NPT 9 Oct., last 10 Nov. SVB. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last 6 Sept. E. Syr. Veery: last SP 25 Sept. Gray-cheeked Thrush: migrants 8 Sept. to 2 Oct. Swainson's Thrush: last Syr. 15 Oct. (GH) late. Hermit Thrush: arr SP 20 Sept., high max 34 LOL 9 Oct. Wood Thrush: last SP 1 Oct. Gray Catbird: last 9 Oct. three localities. Brown Thrasher: last PS 16 Sept. Water Pipit: last and max 150-200 Phoenix 6 Nov. Bohemian Waxwing: about 60 reported LOL 3-20 Nov., max 20 Nine-mile Point 20 Nov.; single NPT 16 Nov. Loggerhead Shrike: one Pennellville 30 Oct. (RS) very late. No. Shrike: four singles after 12 Nov.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Solitary Vireo: last Kirkville 11 Oct. Yellow-throated Vireo: last SP 11 Sept. Warbling Vireo: last Beaver Lake 22 Sept. Philadelphia Vireo: migrants 8 Sept. to 1 Oct. Red-eyed Vireo: last NPT 9 Oct. Blue-winged Warbler: last Camillus 4 Sept. Golden-winged Warbler: last NP 10 Sept. Tennessee Warbler: last SP, NPT 9 Oct. Orange-crowned Warbler: singles SP 25 and 29 Sept., two NPT 9 Oct. Nashville Warbler: last FH 13 Oct. No. Parula: last Jamesville 25 Sept. Yellow Warbler: last SP 9 Oct. (FGS), record late. Chestnut-sided Warbler: last Jamesville 25 Sept. Magnolia Warbler: last SP, NPT 9 Oct. Cape May Warbler: last SP 1 Oct. Black-throated Blue Warbler: last Noyes Sanctuary 15 Oct. Yellow-rumped Warbler: low max 150 SP 1 Oct., last FH 3 Nov. Black-throated Green Warbler: last Clay Marsh, NPT 9 Oct. Blackburnian Warbler: last SP 25 Sept. Pine Warbler: singles Fellen 13 Sept. and Pompey 23 Nov. (FLF) late. Palm Warbler: migrants 25 Sept. to 9 Oct. Bay-breasted Warbler: last E. Syr 28 Sept. Blackpoll Warbler: migrants 8 Sept. to 1 Oct. Black-and-white Warbler: last Jamesville 25 Sept. Am. Redstart: last Noyes Sanctuary 15 Oct. (JL) rather late. Ovenbird: last Jamesville 22 Sept. No. Waterthrush: last SP 22 Sept. **KENTUCKY WARBLER:** male SP 8 Sept. (JH) first regional fall record. Connecticut Warbler: one SP 8 Sept. Com. Yellowthroat: last Woodman's Pond 30 Oct. Wilson's Warbler: last SP 9 Oct. Canada Warbler: last SP 18 Sept.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: last Jamesville 25 Sept. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Syr 25 Sept. Rufous-sided Towhee: record max 65 NPT 9 Oct., last there and Clay Marsh same date. Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Nine-mile Point 16 Oct. Chipping Sparrow: last NPT 19 Nov. rather late. Vesper Sparrow: one Lysander 8 Oct. only report. Savannah Sparrow: last SP 20 Oct. Fox Sparrow: migrants 12-31 Oct., max 34 NPT 30 Oct. best since 1973. Lincoln's Sparrow: migrants 24 Sept. to 13 Oct. White-throated Sparrow: arr E. Syr 16 Sept., max 575 NPT 9 Oct. White-crowned Sparrow: unimpressive numbers 1 Oct. to 3 Nov. Dark-eyed Junco: max 250 LOL 9 Oct. Lapland Longspur: total of 11 after 3 Oct. Snow Bunting: arr FH 15 Oct. Pine Grosbeak: two SP 13 Nov., one NPT same date. Purple Finch: max 10 Lysander 8 Oct., few after early Nov. Com. Redpoll: three reported LOL after 3 Nov. Pine Siskin: first non-Adirondacks bird FH 2 Oct., no large numbers. Evening Grosbeak: large flight Oct., fewer in Nov.

Addenda: Kingbird Summer 1983 **ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:** singing male Whiskey Hollow after 22 May (PDeB, mob) is sixth regional record. Water Pipit: arr SSSP 22 Mar. (MSR) early.

Corrigendum: Kingbird 33, No. 3, p. 206, Rusty Blackbird: record late date is 2 June (1972).

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