

on 17 BBC routes lowest in 17 years (WK). White-throated Sparrow: heard singing in three towns of All. Co. and two in Catt. Co. in June and July – Aretas Saunders would be amazed. Bobolink: a count of 498 on 17 BBC routes in June highest in 17 years (WK). Rusty Blackbird: one seen while blockbusting Town of Alma, All. Co. 2 June (EB, CK *et al.*) was a record late date for region. Maybe the great increase in beaver meadows in Region 1 will attract them to nest. Orchard Oriole: still trying to follow its southern neighbor into western New York; one on 3 June Town of Yates, Orleans Co. (DE); 8 June one adult male at Greenhurst, Chaut. Co. (RS).

Addendum: Terry Moore, supervising Wildlife Biologist Region 9 DEC, has sent a summary of their Am. Woodcock Surveys taken in May from 1977-1984. In eleven routes run in Region 1 which included All., Catt., Chaut., Erie, Niagara and Wyoming Cos., only 16 individuals heard “peenting” in May 1984 — lowest in all years by almost 50%; in 1983, 43 heard on the same routes.

Many thanks to all and please be patient with your new editor until he gets his feet on the ground, and thanks to my wife for correcting most of the misspelled words.

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REGION 2 - GENESEE

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The season started warm and dry, providing good conditions for most nesting species. June precipitation reached 1.67 inches while temperature averaged 66.8° F. They represented totals of 1.11 inches below average and .1° above average respectively. The weather systems for August were produced by patterns that produced the second wettest August in area history. The total of six inches was nearly three inches above the average. The temperature was 2.5 degrees above normal at an even 72° F. These conditions added to the environmental conditions conducive to insect production and helped provide an ample supply for nestlings and recently fledged birds. Minor frontal system passages produced a few good migration days with some good sightings and observations.

Observers were met with some interesting trends in both the nesting activity and the early migration figures. Least Bitterns were once again present in good numbers around Buck Pond in Greece. The presence of Great Egrets in and around an existing Great Blue Heron rookery presented an interesting possibility. Duck populations of Wood Ducks and Blue-winged Teals appeared slightly up, as was the case with Hooded Mergansers. Turkey Vultures continued their noticeable increase. Northern Harriers were located in several spots and immature birds were noticed in late summer. Accipiters seemed to be up for the summer season. Red-shouldered Hawks were found in some new areas by atlassers. There were some excellent shorebird species reports even though the flights were only fair. Jaegers were in good numbers with the sighting also of a long-expected species. Barred Owl reports came from new and varied locations, and the presence of a Short-eared Owl at the Monroe County Airport in July left us once again with a very interesting possibility. Common Nighthawks

echoed their spring flight with a good showing at the end of summer. Atlassers located additional nesting locales for Acadian Flycatchers. Whether this is due to increased atlas coverage or expansion of the species remains to be seen. Once again good numbers of Blue Jays nested in the region. A carefully studied Fish Crow produced the second record of the species for the region. Atlassers turned up excellent numbers of Yellow-throated Vireos. The higher regions south of Rochester provided additional reports of some of the more northerly nesting warblers as well as some of the more southern species. Cerulean Warblers were found in conjunction with Yellow-throated Vireos. Suitable habitat invariably produced both species. Atlassers also turned up good numbers of Vesper Sparrows. Dark-eyed Juncos were once again readily noticeable at the higher elevations. August produced another Brewer's Blackbird report. A possible offshoot of this spring's massive Evening Grosbeak flight was the report of summering birds and a confirmed nesting.

The negative trends leave us with some measure of concern for certain species and questions to be answered for others. American Bitterns were tough to find at times. Black-crowned Night-Herons once more appeared in very low numbers. Am. Black Ducks were few and far between; some former nesting locales were vacated. Both cuckoos were scarce. Common Nighthawk went unconfirmed as a breeder again. Carolina Wren reports were down and only two reports of single Sedge Wrens were received. The only Loggerhead Shrike report was from August. No reports of nesting Prairie Warblers were received, and Yellow-breasted Chats were scarce. The number of Scarlet Tanagers along the lakeshore was low; this followed their noticeable scarcity in spring.

Rarities: Long-tailed Jaeger, Laughing Gull, Fish Crow, Brewer's Blackbird.

Abbreviations: A-Avon, B-Braddock Bay, C-Charlotte, D-Durand-Eastman Park and adjacent Lake Ontario, EL-east Lakeshore, G-Greece, H-Hamlin Beach State Park, I-Island Cottage Woods, L-Letchworth State Park, M-Mendon Ponds, R-Rochester, W-Webster, WL-west Lakeshore.

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LOONS-DUCKS: The lingering loons of June were recorded as well as the early loons of the return migration. Red-throated Loon: one B 5 June. Com. Loon: nine H 1 June; one L 3 June, unusual location; one B 5 June, last spring report; one H 23 Aug. first fall report. Pied-billed Grebe: confirmed as a nesting species again in the region. Double-crested Cormorant: not as predominant and numerous as in recent years. Am. Bittern: no major population trends. Least Bittern: max seven G 12 July, good totals in the Buck Pond area once again. Great Egret: the presence of two in a heronry near Avon led to speculation that nesting might be occurring, but no confirmation was even remotely attained. Cattle Egret: one Hogan Pt. 9 June (RO); three Carlton 11 June (WS), the spring influx continued. Black-crowned Night-Heron: not a very good year for nesting, max ten B 1 Aug. (RM). Brant: four Hogan Pt. 2 June, late spring migrant. Summer is not a time for large numbers

of duck species in the region, but some interesting summer observations were noted as well as some fall arrivals. No. Shoveler: two G 4-26 June, pair in suitable habitat. Am. Wigeon: one Carlton 23 June. Redhead: one H 23 Aug., first fall report. Lesser Scaup: one throughout the season. Hooded Merganser: one G 24 July, uncommon along the lakeshore at that time. Red-breasted Merganser: one B 4 July, summer nonbreeder?

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: good numbers in region throughout the season. Osprey: reports from each month of the season, very encouraging. Bald Eagle: one-two imm. B 8-23 June; one imm. W 3 July; one imm. WL 7 July. Sharp-shinned Hawk: two juv. W 24-26 Aug. Cooper's Hawk: one G 25 Aug.; one W 27 Aug., juv. No. Goshawk: one W throughout season (JC). Red-shouldered Hawk: new breeding locations found by atlassers, one Lyons 14/ 21 July (KG). Broad-winged Hawk: a number of nesters found in higher elevations; one G 28 Aug., flying along lakeshore. Rough-legged Hawk: one WL 4 July (MD), dark phase, rare occurrence in summer. The hawk migration at Braddock Bay carried on into June. The final data, as tabulated by Neil and Laura Moon, is contained in the following chart. Included are the species and totals for 1984 (+ and - indicates above or below 7-year average).

Turkey Vulture	2632 +	Rough-legged Hawk	547 +
Northern Goshawk	90 +	Golden Eagle	11
Sharp-shinned Hawk	9515 +	Bald Eagle	24
Cooper's Hawk	216 +	Northern Harrier	739 +
Red-tailed Hawk	3494 +	Peregrine	6 +
Red-shouldered Hawk	514 +	Merlin	16 +
Broad-winged Hawk	44,347 +	Am. Kestrel	558 -

Wild Turkey: max 29 1-31 July (HH). The shorebird flight was less than spectacular but there were some noteworthy reports. Black-bellied Plover: arr 13 H 9 Aug. Lesser Golden-Plover: arr two G 21 Aug. Lesser Yellowlegs: max 65 Rush 28 July. Solitary Sandpiper: max 30 Rush 28 July. Upland Sandpiper: 15 Monroe County Airport 1 July; one WL 14 Aug., last report. Whimbrel: max six H 19 Aug. Marbled Godwit: one H 9 Aug (MD, WS, RD); near rare status, was seen on five separate days. Ruddy Turnstone: max 100+ C 4 June, end of spring flight; arr one H 26 July, first of fall flight. Red Knot: arr one C 24 July. Sanderling: arr nine C 19 July. Semipalmated Sandpiper: three G 15 June, last spring record. W. Sandpiper: one G 24 July, carefully studied bird, adult in near spring plumage. Baird's Sandpiper: arr one H 10 Aug. Pectoral Sandpiper: one H 3 June, late spring bird. Stilt Sandpiper: one Point Breeze 4 July, arr. Buff-breasted Sandpiper: arr one H 27 Aug. Wilson's Phalarope: one Perinton 4 June; two Perinton 11 June; one G 19 July, fall arrival. Parasitic Jaeger: good early flight, max 11 H 23 Aug., also first fall flight day. **LONG-TAILED JAEGER:** one H 31 Aug (WS), well-studied offshore bird, first record for region. **LAUGHING GULL:** one H 31 Aug. (MD, WS), after steady east winds. Caspian Tern: max 54 WL 1 Aug., very good total for the region. Com. Tern: mediocre totals. Forster's Tern: off year.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: very short supply. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: minimal sightings. Barred Owl: increase in breeding locations found by atlassers. Short-eared Owl: one Monroe County Airport 1 July (DC), former nesting location might possibly be active again; one Parma 14 Aug. (CC), a very interesting possibility on this date. Com. Nighthawk: max 150 WL 4 June. Whip-poor-will: one W June-July (JC), interesting location. Belted Kingfisher: apparent good nesting season. Pileated Woodpecker: good totals.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Flycatcher reports were good during the season. Olive-sided Flycatcher: one I 4 June, last spring report; one H 25 Aug., first fall report. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: max three B 4 June; one Holland's Cove 19 Aug., fall arrival. Acadian Flycatcher: this apparently expanding flycatcher population was found in new locations

by atlassers. Bank Swallow: max 5,000 Manitou 26 Aug. Cliff Swallow: colony at B active again. **FISH CROW**: one H 28 July (MD, KG), calling bird was studied at close range, second record for region. Carolina Wren: fewer reports than in recent years. Winter Wren: found in a number of possible nesting locations. Sedge Wren: scarce once again with only two reports; one Hamlin thru June and July; one Huron 15 July, new location. E. Bluebird: nested along the lakeshore this year. No. Mockingbird; increase along WL. Loggerhead Shrike: one H 17 Aug. (WS), only report for this struggling species in the region.

VIREOS-WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: no reports, change from recent trends. Yellow-throated Vireo: excellent year, atlassers found them often in suitable habitat. Philadelphia Vireo: two I 2 June, last spring report. Atlassing produced some noteworthy warbler reports as did the arrival of birds in late Aug. Blue-winged Warbler: still increasing, many reports in various locales. Golden-winged Warbler: seems to be declining due to spread of Blue-winged. Tennessee Warbler: arr one Wayne Co. 12 Aug. No. Parula: two L 8 June. Magnolia Warbler: breeding in higher elevations south of Rochester. Yellow-rumped Warbler: two Harriet Hollister Spencer Park 9 June, nest found; one Canadice Lake 10 June. Pine Warbler: one I 26 Aug., fall arrival. Prairie Warbler: one I 20 Aug., fall arr; not found in previous nesting areas this season. Cerulean Warbler: found in excellent numbers in suitable habitat. Louisiana Waterthrush: max five L 3 June. Mourning Warbler: widespread breeding in the region. Wilson's Warbler: arr one WL 25 Aug. Yellow-breasted Chat: not as numerous as in previous seasons but were found nesting at Letchworth and Mendon.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: numbers down slightly. Indigo Bunting: were found widespread by atlassers. Vesper Sparrow: they were quite easily located by atlassers in suitable habitat. Henslow's Sparrow: holding on in the region. Lincoln's Sparrow: one Wayne Co. 26 Aug., fall arrival. Dark-eyed Junco: found in higher elevations as a relatively common nester. W. Meadowlark: thru June and July at the traditional Pt. Breeze site. **BREWER'S BLACKBIRD**: one Hamlin 14 Aug., rare fall record. Orchard Oriole: successful nester at Pt. Breeze and Blind Sodus Bay. Evening Grosbeak: one W thru end of June; one H 4 Aug.; possibly a result of tremendous spring flight.

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REGION 3 - FINGER LAKES

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"Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" would be an appropriate theme song for the summer period. June started out normal in all respects until mid-month when temperatures reached the nineties. Fears of another hot dry summer lasted for only two weeks when June-like temperatures and precipitation returned. July began wet, went dry for two weeks and ended with a cold fall-like rain which measured over two inches in some areas.

In August the faucets were on full force as over eight inches of rain were recorded. Your editor had five inches of rain within a few days. Total rainfall in the Elmira area was 16 inches, seven inches above normal. According to meteorologists, precipitation eventually evens out over the year. Could this