

(DD, DaG). Yellow-breasted Chat: two Amity Twn, 1 and 4 June (VP); one Pomfret Twn, (T & JM); one near Frewsburg 23 June (RS).

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Clay-colored Sparrow: four Pomfret Twn 7, 14, 21 June (AS *et al.*), perhaps the male is no longer lonesome; one Andover Twn, Alle Co, 14, 21 June (EB), a new locality; one West Almond, Alle Co, 26 June (EB, CK *et al.*). Henslow's Sparrow: two Pomfret Twn, 7 June; two-three Arkwright Twn 13 July; one to two Villanova Twn 1 Aug, all Chau Co (T & JM). White-throated Sparrow: five territorial males in three twns, Alle Co in young spruce plantations 4-30 June (EB); one Beaver Meadows WR 16 June (Rycroft). Orchard Oriole: two ad two imm Cold Spring, Catt (DG *et al.*); one Clarksville Twn, Alle Co, 15 June (EB *et al.*); two Hinsdale Twn, male carrying fecal sac 15 June (EB *et al.*); one Java Twn, Wyoming Co, 22 June (RA *et al.*); one Tifft Farm NP 24 Aug (Collins). House Finch: still increasing over Region; Vivian Pitzrick reports three young in nest 23 Aug (27 days later than in Bull, *Birds of N.Y.*); two others with young 6 Aug; 54 on 18 BBS counts, highest ever; 119 banded Farmersville Sta July (D & JC). Red Crossbill: on two BBS routes in June; four seen and heard in three widely separated localities Alle Co in June (EB, KC); four Baker School 17 June (DD), probably nested in Region as elsewhere in State. Pine Siskin: 25 West Hill Rd, Alle Co, 8 June (EB); two HY (hatching year) banded at Farmersville Sta, present at feeders 11 July to 20 Aug (D & JC), another possible breeder. Am. Goldfinch: 475 on 18 BBS, a high count (WK); 69 nestings near Amity Lake, 26 successful and 115 young fledged; first egg 15 July - 7 nests still active 11 Sept, suspects four nests destroyed by mice (VP); another finch perhaps responding to abundant cone crop.

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REGION 2 – GENESEE

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The summer season began with a cold June. The average temperature was 61.7°, a full five degrees below normal. Some unseasonably cold stretches persisted during the month. July showed the same tendency with a below average temperature of 68.8°. This trend continued into August, which had a slightly below normal average of 68.7°. Precipitation totaled only a very low 1.1 inches in August, over two inches below normal. June and July were just barely below the average.

These conditions provided some interesting situations for the season. The early cold may have caused some problems for early nesting insectivorous species. However, the dryness that prevailed afterwards produced excellent nesting conditions for most species. Water levels in the marshes along the lakeshore were lower than in recent years, resulting in very good nesting conditions for marsh nesting birds like rails. In contrast to recent years, there was an adequate supply of shorebird habitat.

It was again a good season for Least Bittern. Buck Pond and Round Pond were good locales for finding this species. Reports of up to twenty birds in a single day came from the former site, while the latter was a consistent source of reports. Turkey Vultures continued their summer success with very regular reports from many sites. The hill country south of Rochester once again produced confirmed nestings of Broad-winged Hawk. Broad-winged Hawks also were found traveling with Red-tailed Hawks in the traditional late summer movements along the lakeshore.

Areas south of the lakeshore have been studied more consistently due to the Breeding Bird Atlas project. Such northern species as Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Dark-eyed Junco were reported. The latter has been recorded in very good numbers. Of special interest are the out-of-range sightings of Gray Jay and Rusty Blackbird during June in a heavy spruce area near Springwater south of Rochester. Both species were seen only once in June. The habitat looked suitable and the reports were adequately documented. This area needs more investigation.

Cuckoos appeared in good numbers in the southern portion of the Region, which once again experienced problems with the Gypsy Moth. Acadian Flycatchers continue to maintain their slow but persistent increase. Hooded Warblers were found in very good numbers in Letchworth State Park, continuing a recent trend. Open field habitats here also yielded good numbers of some species of sparrow. Vesper, Grasshopper and Henslow's Sparrows appeared to be faring much better away from the lakeshore.

Of note along the lakeshore were territorial Yellow-breasted Chats. Some new and more numerous locations held this often erratic species during the season. The late summer shorebird flights were fairly decent. Presence of habitat helped improve the reports. The late summer lakewatch once again produced jaeger reports with respectable totals for the season.

Late-lingering waterfowl that usually are present in the early summer never really materialized. The often productive borrow pits were unproductive for the most part. Blue-winged Teal once again seemed low in numbers. It apparently wasn't a good nesting season for them. The lack of terns was most evident during the season. Forster's Terns were all but nonexistent and Common Tern numbers were down. Only Black and Caspian Terns showed any consistent numbers. Some favorite tern perches in the Braddock Bay area have been eliminated. Although additional and adequate perches were available, this may have caused a relocation of the birds.

The status of Carolina Wren is somewhat fuzzy. Reports of this species were few and far between, yet word comes from other sources that there are good numbers. The general consensus seems to be that numbers of nesting warblers were lower than usual. This echoes the lack of warblers during the spring. The late summer passerine migration had reached only a trickle by the end of the season. The fall season lies ahead. Hopefully we'll have a more satisfactory picture at that time.

The seasonal rarities and novelties included Snowy Egret, Sandhill Crane, Ruff, Gray Jay, Yellow-throated Warbler and Rusty Blackbird.

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Abbreviations: arr-fall arrival; B-Braddock Bay, BE-Bergen Swamp; C-Carlton; CH-Charlotte; CB-Cobb's Hill; H-Hamlin Beach; K-Kendall; last-last of spring; LSP-Letchworth State Park; WL-West Lakeshore.

LOONS-DUCKS: Red-throated Loon: one Canadice Lake 9 June, quite a find at this time of year. Com. Loon: arr one H 17 Aug. Pied-billed Grebe: ad with four young Canandaigua 18 June. Double-crested Cormorant: max 55 H 29 Aug. Great Egret: max four K 2 June, many other singles reported. Snowy Egret: one H 25 July (MD, WS). Mute Swan: singles B 25-26 June; Pt. Breeze 24 June; probably the same bird. Canada Goose: arr H 29 Aug, observed coming directly across the lake. N. Pintail: one K 10 Aug. Ring-necked Duck: one Greece 30 July, lingering individual. Lesser Scaup: one-four K 2-12 June, singles irregularly thereafter. White-winged Scoter: arr H 11 Aug. 1

HAWKS-ALCIDS: The Braddock Bay Hawk Watch continued into June. Its results are summarized in the table below:

1985 Braddock Bay Hawk Watch Totals		
Species	Total	Population Trend
Turkey Vulture	3,672	above average
Osprey	147	above average
Mississippi Kite	1	only report
Bald Eagle	34	above average
Northern Harrier	357	below average
Sharp-shinned Hawk	8,177	above average
Cooper's Hawk	279	above average
Northern Goshawk	39	below average
Red-shouldered Hawk	371	slightly above average
Broad-winged Hawk	19,633	below average
Red-tailed Hawk	2,082	below average
Rough-legged Hawk	109	below average
Golden Eagle	13	above average
American Kestrel	555	below average
Merlin	10	nine year average = 9
Peregrine Falcon	7	nine year average = 4
unidentified raptors	175	
Total	35,691	nine year average = 36,489

Osprey: last W 23 June (JC). Bald Eagle: singles, no age given Palmyra 27 Aug, imm K 8 July, two Brockport 8 June. Rough-legged Hawk: one W 30 June, extremely late. **SANDHILL CRANE**: one B 18 June (LM), much later than most reports. Black-bellied Plover: arr H 8 Aug. Lesser Golden-Plover: arr H 23 Aug, late. Semipalmated Plover: arr H 26 July. Greater Yellowlegs: arr WL 21 July. Lesser Yellowlegs: Pt. Breeze 8 July. Solitary Sandpiper: arr Pt. Breeze 24 July. Willet: three H 25 Aug (WS), good total any year or season. Whimbrel: arr Sodus 6 June, max two Sodus 30 June. Ruddy Turnstone: last one CH 12 June, arr one H 1 Aug. Red Knot: arr one CH 18 Aug. Sanderling: arr two CH 16

July. Semipalmated Sandpiper: last three K 2 June, arr 12 WL 21 July. W. Sandpiper: last three K 4 June, arr one Carlton 30 July. Least Sandpiper: arr Pt. Breeze 1 July. White-rumped Sandpiper: last one K 26 June. Baird's Sandpiper: arr one H 20 Aug, later than usual. Pectoral Sandpiper: Pt. Breeze 8 July. Dunlin: last Carlton 4 June. Stilt Sandpiper: one Pt. Breeze 8 July. **RUFF**: two Shore Acres 25 Aug (TH), well described, verification report on file. Short-billed Dowitcher: arr one Pt. Breeze 8 July. Wilson's Phalarope: last one Perinton 16 June. Parasitic Jaeger: arr two H 27 Aug. Laughing Gull: one CH 18 Aug, first year bird (RS). Caspian Tern: arr Sodus, B 3 July. Com. Tern: arr five B 6 July. Forster's Tern: one B 18 June (RO), only report, poor total.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-hooded Parakeet: one Wayland 29 July (CRS), observed while working on Breeding Bird Atlas, origin unknown. Barred Owl: max three Bergen 22 June. Long-eared Owl: one found dead H 25 July (WS); there are nesting records for the Region from recent years. Com. Nighthawk: max 92 Brighton 26 Aug. Whip-poor-will: one Webster 1-17 Aug, poor totals as of late. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: good numbers throughout the period. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: one Harriet Hollister Spencer Park 26 June, another reported from the Region without details.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: last one Irondequoit 22 June, arr one CO 22 Aug. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr one Pt. Breeze 23 Aug. Acadian Flycatcher: reports of two to four came from BE and LSP. Cliff Swallow: 16 nests B throughout the season, scattered reports from other locales. **GRAY JAY**: one Springwater 27 June, good habitat, verification report received and on file with Genesee Ornithological Society, out of season and out of normal range (Gye Fram). Com. Raven: one K 9 Aug, continuing the recent trend in sightings. Carolina Wren: a few reports of scattered individuals. Swainson's Thrush: last six CB 2 June.

VIREOS-WARBLED: "Brewster's" Warbler: one Webster Park 3 Aug. Tennessee Warbler: last two CB 2 June, arr one Island Cottage Woods 25 Aug. N. Parula: arr two CB 28 Aug. Cape May Warbler: last one LSP 1 June, arr two CB 28 Aug. Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr one CB 22 Aug. Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr four H 16 Aug. Black-throated Green Warbler: arr one CB 22 Aug. Blackburnian Warbler: arr four CB 22 Aug. **YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER**: adult male Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester, 7 June (MR, AS, RS); increase in reports in the last two to three years, may not be a rarity in the future. Pine Warbler: arr one Webster 3 Aug. Bay-breasted Warbler: arr one Webster 3 Aug. Blackpoll Warbler: last one LSP 1 June, arr two CB 28 Aug. N. Waterthrush: arr one WL 17 Aug. Wilson's Warbler: arr one CB 28 Aug. Canada Warbler: arr one B 17 Aug. Yellow-breasted Chat: one of the best years in recent history, reports from a minimum of three locations.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Indigo Bunting: last one Wayne Co. 11 Aug, but a later date may be coming in the next reporting period. Vesper Sparrow: good numbers away from the lakeshore. Savannah Sparrow: possibly down along the lakeshore. Grasshopper Sparrow: good numbers in southern portions of Region away from the lakeshore. Henslow's Sparrow: some reports south of Rochester, lakeshore colonies appear abandoned. **RUSTY BLACKBIRD**: eight Springwater 30 June; verification report received and on file (HH); suitable habitat. Pine Siskin: 50 Naples 1-30 June, very high number; nine Naples 1-31 July (B & MP), very high total for the time of year, especially when mediocre numbers were present in the spring.

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