

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Purple Martin: present Seneca L & Cayuga L SP. N. Rough-winged Swallow: nested Southport along South Creek. Bank Swallow: two colonies Pine City, no other reports. Cliff Swallow: nested beneath bridges Elmira. Fish Crow: *intro*. Marsh Wren: one carrying nesting material Horseheads Swamp 10 Jun. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: scarce. Veery: scarce. Hermit Thrush: scarce.

VIREOS-WARBLED: White-eyed Vireo: *intro*. Yellow-throated Vireo: nested Elmira. Blue-winged Warbler: two singing males near YBSF June (CKM). Golden-winged warbler: scarce. Prairie Warbler: nested Elmira (DC). Prothonotary Warbler: none. Hooded Warbler: single report, female Ringwood Preserve, Ithaca, 30 Jul.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Rufous-sided Towhee: present along gas & electric right-of-ways between Ithaca & Dryden (CKM). Henslow's Sparrow: *intro*. Grasshopper Sparrow: *intro*. N. Oriole: *intro*. Orchard Oriole: *intro*. Red Crossbill: *intro*.

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[The Region 4 report had not arrived in time for this issue of The Kingbird — The Editor.]

REGION 5 - ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

GENE HUGGINS

This summer will be remembered for its less intense heat and humidity as compared to last year's excessives. Precipitation was well above average in June, preventing farmers from cutting and drying their hay. Normal weather conditions prevailed for the remainder of the season. The area's first substantial cold front arrived on 28 Jul. The only dry period occurred at the end of August.

Northern Harrier had a partly successful nesting attempt in the Town of Clay, where one young bird fledged. Unfortunately, two adults had to leave their nest site in the Town of Manlius because of human disturbance. No nesting Ospreys were reported in the Region this year.

Late spring migrants included six species of shorebirds, N. Parula and Blackpoll Warblers on a rainy and foggy 2 Jun morning at Sandy Pond. The first fall arrival of shorebirds on 22 Jul was notably later than most years; high water levels left most shorebird sites unsuitable earlier this season. Unfortunately, Delta Lake near Rome did not have exposed mudflats, but its shallow waters did provide excellent foraging for Great Egrets. Weed removal on the beaches at the end of Oneida L greatly reduced shorebird numbers there. Plowed fields south and east of Oneida Lake along with the drainage of some bait ponds in the Town of Clay were the only areas to see shorebirds inland. Although Com. Nighthawks were very scarce, an encouraging flight occurred over Syracuse on the last day of August. The same day brought an impressive flight of warblers along the eastern shore of Oneida Lake, fifteen species with Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green and Magnolia Warblers predominating.

Other notable records from the summer period include an Oldsquaw on Oneida Lake during the month of June for the region's second summer record (C.G.Spies *fide* MSR). Two Peregrine Falcons were observed from Bald Mtn.