

## NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS



Bobolink at Dewitt, New York, 2 February 1992. Photograph by Kate Radway.

**Bobolink Wintering near Syracuse, New York:** On 16 January 1992, a Bobolink appeared at a feeder maintained by Kate Radway in Dewitt, Onondaga County. The bird was well described when submitted for the January feeder survey conducted by Benjamin Burt in a local newspaper. The bird appeared with a group of House Sparrow and House Finch. It fed on the ground. It appeared to have an injured left wing that was held in an abnormal position, with the wingtip sticking up over the back. It could fly at least short distances. Because of the cedar hedges around the property, the bird disappeared from view quickly when it flew. The Bobolink was not seen again until 2 February, when it was photographed at a distance, and was not seen thereafter. This is the second winter record for Onondaga County. One died at a feeder in Liverpool during the winter of 1971-72 (Bull, John. 1976. *Supplement to Birds of New York State*, p 41). The bird found in 1971-72 may have been the first North American winter specimen.

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