

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN

The
KINGBIRD

American Avocets in Buffalo Harbor. On the mudflats of Times Beach near the Coast Guard Station I discovered five Avocets at noon, August 22, 1972. This species is casual and very rare in Western New York waters. The only other report in the area was a bird reported by Brownstein and Schaffner at Fort Erie, Ontario on August 8, 1964 four miles northwest of Buffalo Harbor. (Beardsley and Mitchell, Birds of the Niagara Frontier Region, 1965)

Photos were taken through a spotting scope at ranges of forty to fifty yards. The birds were seen by other observers for the remainder of the day.

Avocets occur casually in the Northeastern states, so occasional reports of their presence in New York can be expected.

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