

The long, warm, dry summer continued into fall over most of the province, delaying the southbound migration of some species. There was some increased precipitation by early October, welcome after the prolonged dry conditions earlier in the year, but water levels in the Great Lakes remained very low. Winter suddenly arrived in the north of the province in the third week of October with snowstorms and record-low temperatures; Rainy River had permanent snow cover by 19 October. In Algonquin Provincial Park, small lakes froze over by early November, a month earlier than in the mild fall of 2001, though larger lakes were still open at the end of November. In the south of the province, there was a confusing succession of Arctic cold fronts alternating with warmer spells from mid-October to the end of November, with repeated lake-effect snow squalls to the lee of the Great Lakes.

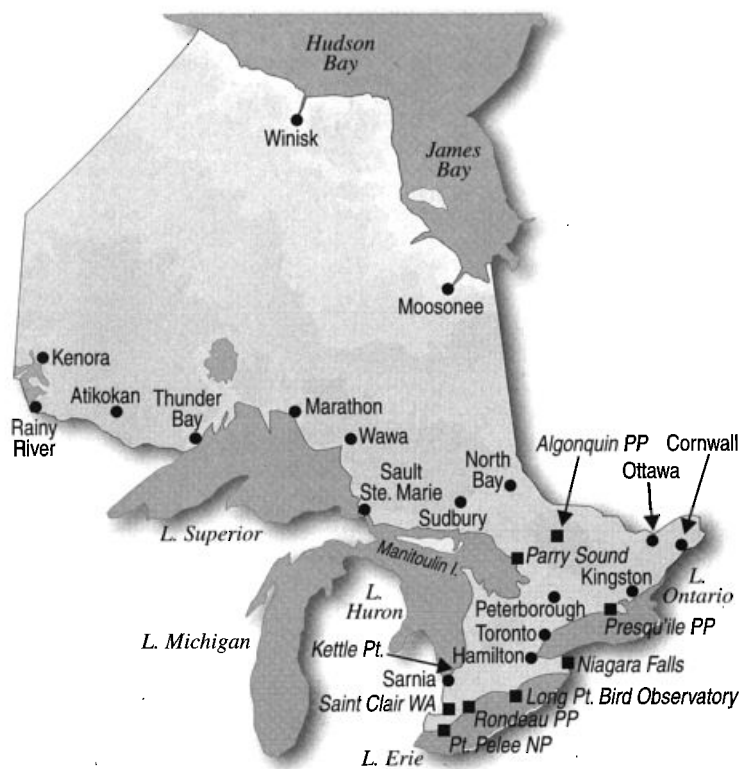
Coniferous and deciduous seed crops were abundant throughout the province, but very few winter finches were in evidence even in the north, their low density perhaps reflecting this widespread food availability. Berry crops were superb almost everywhere, weighing down the branches of many fruit-bearing trees, encouraging some migrants to linger later than usual.

The advent of the West Nile virus severely affected some bird species, especially owls and corvids. At the Owl Rehabilitation Centre in Vineland, Niagara, all the captive northern owls were wiped out, but owl species with a more southerly range appeared to be less seriously affected. This was thought to be related to the denser body plumage of the northern owls, which harbors more hippoboscids flat flies, one of the possible vectors for the virus. Some populations of American Crows were markedly reduced. This was especially noticeable in the Greater Toronto Area, where crows virtually disappeared, but the effects were less pronounced in more rural areas.

It was not a fall of outstanding rarities, though Ontario gained its first confirmed record of Tropical Kingbird, an obligingly long-staying bird enjoyed by a host of observers in the extreme southwest of the province. There was an unprecedented influx of Brown Pelicans into the Great Lakes Basin during the season, probably involving at least seven different birds often appearing and disappearing at widely scattered locations, frustrating many would-be observers. Consistent with their increasing breeding population, Ross's Geese were widely reported; Northern Gannet sightings were also unusually numerous in October and November, both on Lake Ontario and on the Ottawa River; and there was a small influx of Cave Swallows in mid-November.

Abbreviations: A.P.P. (Algonquin P.P., Nipissing); C.A. (Conservation Area); H.B.M.O.

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LOONS THROUGH VULTURES

Representing an unusually high count, 268 Red-throated Loons flew past Van Wagners Beach, Hamilton 16 Nov (NCM, SJB); 5 at Fanshawe C.A., Middlesex 17 Nov (WGL) were a large number for a small, manmade, inland reservoir. There was an ad. Pacific Loon at P. E. Pt. 3 Nov (K.F.N.). The 430 Pied-billed Grebes at Erieau, Chatham-Kent 13 Oct provided a record high count for the Rondeau area (JTB, KJB), while Red-necked Grebe numbers peaked at 340 in West Bay, Manitoulin I. 18 Oct (CBe). Single ad. Eared Grebes were at Colonel Sam Smith Park, Toronto 24 Aug (GC) and at Little Current S.T.P., Manitoulin I. 6 Sep (EA); single imm. Eared Grebes were off the Tip of P.P.N.P. 20 Oct (IR, KRK, PSB), at Erieau 25 Oct (SC), on the Cataraqui R., Kingston 2-7 Nov (RDW et al.), and at Turkey Pt., Norfolk 20 Nov (DEP,

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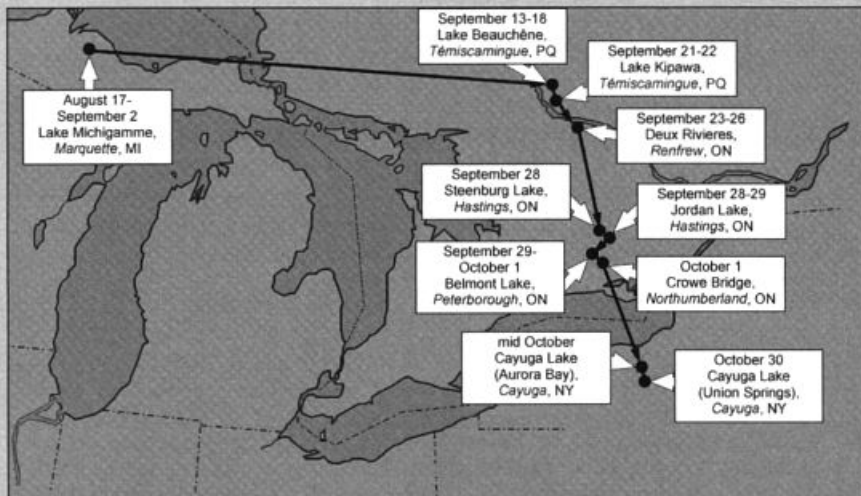
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m. ob.). Two Western Grebes were well watched in Hamilton harbor 4-6 Oct (JO, RSt, m. ob.), and another was near Echo Bay, Algoma 12 Oct (EM).

Northern Gannet sightings, all of single juvs., began with one flying over the city of Ottawa 9 Oct (TB, MGR), followed by a sickly bird found on the Ottawa R. 26 Oct, which was rehabilitated and flown to Nova Scotia for release; one flew w. up the Ottawa R. past Shirleys Bay 11 Nov (PW), and one flew e. past the Parliament Buildings 15 Nov (GS). In the Hamilton area, a Northern Gannet appeared off Van Wagners Beach 17 (DRD), 22 (CSAM), & 23 Nov (RZD, CE), while a 2nd bird was off the Burlington Ship Canal 23 Nov (BSC, TAC), off Bronte harbor 24 Nov (GE), and in Hamilton harbor 30 Nov (KN). One was seen in Humber Bay, Toronto 23 Nov (VH et al.), and perhaps this

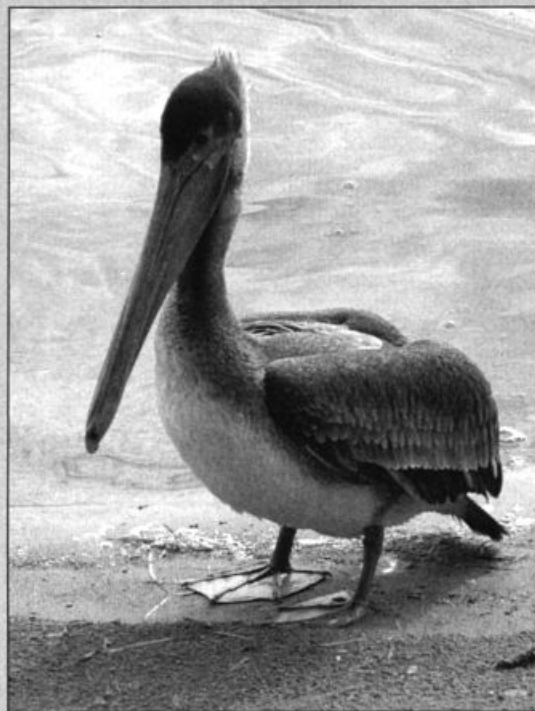


Visiting two states and two provinces around the Great Lakes in 2002, this map depicts the movements of the juvenile Brown Pelican with the hole in the webbing of its left foot. Map by Matthew Holder.

SA The unprecedented fall influx of **Brown Pelicans** began 2 Aug with a first-summer bird on the breakwater at Cobourg harbor, *Northumberland* (V&MR), later seen 14–19 Aug at Barcovan Beach, *Hastings* (m. ob.) and finally at Hamilton harbor 3–4 Oct (DRS, JAC, RG et al.), although it probably spent much of the summer and fall on the New York shore of L. Ontario. On L. Erie, another first-summer bird, which had spent most of the summer and fall in Ohio, was at Cedar Beach, *Essex* 4 Sep (DK, MCI). Inland from the Great Lakes, an extremely tame, distinctive juv. with a hole in the webbing of its left foot traveled through two states and two provinces, where it was detected at no fewer than 10 locations; it was first seen in Ontario 23–26 Sep at Deux Rivières, *Renfrew*, then at Steenburg L., *Hastings* 28 Sep, at Jordan L., *Hastings* 28–29 Sep, at Belmont L., *Peterborough* 29 Sep–1 Oct (J&VS, m. ob.), and at Crowe Bridge, *Northumberland* 1 Oct. At all these locations it had no fear of humans, in fact demanding handouts of food at every opportunity. On 5 Oct, the remnants of Hurricane *Lili* may have swept another juv. to P.P.N.P., where it flew s. off the Tip against stiff winds (MAK, SER et al.); on the same date, another juv. was seen at Athol Bay, *Northumberland* (J&SB), then remained on L. Ontario for several weeks, though with only one further sighting in Ontario, at Cobourg 13–14 Oct (CEG et al.).

By carefully assessing dates, locations, and individual characteristics of the birds observed, it was thought that there were probably at least 7 Brown Pelicans on or near the Great Lakes this fall, though probably only 5 of these birds appeared in Ontario. It was instructive to note what great distances these birds could cover in a relatively short time, sometimes repeatedly criss-crossing L. Ontario, sometimes wandering more widely over smaller bodies of water in the Great Lakes Basin.

Brown Pelican has always been a very rare vagrant to the Great Lakes, and in addition as a fish-eating species was adversely affected by DDT/DDE in the 1950s, taking several decades to recover its numbers. This influx could indicate that it may be one of the species benefiting from global warming and could become a regular annual visitor to the Region.



This juvenile Brown Pelican was photographed at Belmont Lake, Peterborough, Ontario 29 September 2002; note the distinctive hole in the bird's left foot, which permitted identification as it moved from site to site. Photograph by Tom Morton.

same bird appeared off Pickering, *Durham* 24 Nov (KJ et al.) and Whitby harbor, *Durham* the following day (m. ob.); Port Weller, *Niagara* also had a flyby 24 Nov (BRA et al.).

Away from the nw. of the province, there were 2 American White Pelicans at Long Point 1 Aug–12 Sep (L.P.B.O.), and one was seen in South Bay, Pelee I. 16 Aug (MCo); one first seen at Hamilton harbor 25 Aug (TT) settled in at Cootes Paradise, Dundas the next day and remained to 13 Oct (m. ob.), and there were 2 at Shirleys Bay, Ottawa 28 Aug (BR, TB).

An imm. **Great Cormorant** was found at Niagara-on-the-Lake 23 Nov (AW, KO et al.) and seen later the same day at Port Weller (BRA). A **Great Egret** was n. to White Trout L., A.P.P. 14 Aug (MS), and an amazing 375 **Great Egrets** were counted in Big Creek Marsh, Holiday Beach, *Essex* 24 Aug (*vide* ATC); 3 birds at Muddy Creek, *Essex* 2 Nov were late (DJW). Single **Snowy Egrets** were at Lighthouse Pt., Pelee I. 16 (DJW) & 27 Aug (EJM, GTH), and at Big Creek N.W.A., *Norfolk* 21 Sep (CSAM et al.). A juv. **Cattle Egret** on Middle I., *Essex* 21 Aug (AW, VIM) was a wanderer, not a product of any nesting at that location; one was at Presqu'île P.P., *Northumberland* 24 Aug—late Sep (BDL, m. ob.) and another at Wheatley harbor, *Essex* 23 Sep–2 Oct (GTH, m. ob.). A juv. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** was photographed at Port Colborne, *Niagara* 10–11 Aug (WDA, BP, m. ob.). The Grimsby S.T.P., *Niagara* held one basic-plumaged ad. and one juv. **Glossy Ibis** 30 Aug–7 Sep (TAC, DRD, CE, GMN).

A **Black Vulture** was seen in flight near Pontypool, *Durham* 21 Nov (SW). Migrating **Turkey Vultures** were recorded in impressive numbers at almost all the hawk watch sites on L. Ontario and L. Erie, including season totals of 21,738 at H.B.M.O. and 9189 at Hawk Cliff, *Elgin*.

WATERFOWL THROUGH SHOREBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Geese were widely reported in the south, with the largest groups 6 at P. E. Pt 3 Oct (RTS), 12 at Morpeth, *Chatham-Kent* 28 Oct (JTB), and 8 at Cayuga, *Haldimand* 3–9 Nov (BDJ, JEH). Unexpectedly large groups of **Snow Geese** included a flock of 50 blue-morph birds over Lostwater L., A.P.P. 21 Oct (WC *vide* RGT) and 100 white morphs at Precious Corners, *Northumberland* 18 Nov (AEW). Thunder Bay's Chippewa landfill had an ad. **Ross's Goose** 5 Sep (RZD), joined later by another ad. (BMO), with both staying to 19 Sep; an imm. was at nearby Silver Islet 28 Sep+ (BC), and by early Oct, there were up to 8 **Ross's Geese** in the Thunder Bay area (*vide* NGE). In the south, **Ross's Geese** were seen in several locations, including an ad. with **Canada Geese** in Hay Bay, *Prince Edward* 3–9 Nov (K.F.N.), one at

Thetford S.T.P., *Lambton* 11–24 Nov (AHR), 2 ads. with 2 hybrid Ross's x Snow Geese in a stormwater pond beside a major highway in Mississauga, *Peel* 13–15 Nov (RZD, m. ob.), one at Kingsville, *Essex* 14–25 Nov (DJW, m. ob.), and one at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* 15 Nov (DJL et al.). A flock of 850 Brant flew past Van Wagners Beach 3 Oct (DRS et al.); a lone Brant on Pelee I. 13 Oct (DJW) was rare for that location, as were 3 at Erieau 26–30 Oct (SC et al.).

Single female King Eiders were off Stoney Creek, *Hamilton* 3 Nov (WFS, JAC, JAND), and off the Tip of P.P.N.P. 7 (RLW, KAM) & 29 Nov (AW). Harlequin Ducks were widely reported, mostly singles, but Cranberry Marsh had a pair 3 Nov (SL), and a pair was at Kettle Pt., *Lambton* 24 Nov for about a week (AHR). There was a high count of 300 Black Scoters off the Hamilton–Burlington lakeshore 3 Nov (RC et al.). In Ottawa, 2 male and one female Barrow's Goldeneyes frequented the Ottawa R. 27 Oct–30 Nov+ (BDL, m. ob.), and a male was seen intermittently off Stoney Creek 9–30 Nov+ (RC, GJS, m. ob.). The 360 Hooded Mergansers on Lake Pond 27 Nov were a record-high count for P.P.N.P. (AW).

Raptor migration appeared low-key this fall, largely because there were very few days of sustained favorable winds to bring good numbers of birds past established hawk-watching sites; rather, birds seemed to slip through on broad fronts farther away than usual from the Great Lakes. That actual numbers were not reduced is borne out by excellent counts at several Michigan sites. A late Osprey was over Hamilton harbor 21 Nov (SK). Bald Eagle numbers were encouraging, with 13 (5 ads., 2 second-year, and 6 hatch-year) at P. E. Pt. 25 Aug (DO), 60+ at the town dump in Atikokan, *Rainy River* in early Nov (DHE), and 60+ at the Thunder Bay dump 17 Nov (TBFN). Broad-winged Hawk migration was disappointing as outlined above, with H.B.M.O. recording only 4886 birds in the entire season, a fraction of the usual total, while L. Erie Metropark, MI tallied 106,417. A dark-morph Swainson's Hawk was a highlight of the High Park, Toronto hawk watch 15 Sep (GC, JDM et al.). A white Gyrfalcon was at the Tip of Long Point 30 Oct (MH, L.P.B.O.).

A Virginia Rail was most unexpected in a tiny parkette in the depths of downtown Toronto 18 Oct (RF). An ailing Purple Gallinule was found near Blind River, *Algoma* in late Oct; it was taken to a veterinarian but later died (*vide* EM). An ad. Lesser Sandhill Crane (*G. c. canadensis*), a rare migrant in Ontario, appeared to be paired with a Greater at Big Creek N.W.A. on the early (for s. Ontario) date of 21 Sep (RR); peak numbers for Sandhill Cranes were 3000 at Bruce Mines, *Algoma* 27 Sep (EM), 2000 in

the Massey-Espanola area, *Sudbury* 2 Oct (EM), and 1900 at Spring Bay, Manitoulin I. 9 Oct (CBe).

Port Colborne had a Piping Plover 10–18 Oct (J&BF, m. ob.). There was a group of 12 American Avocets at the mouth of Cedar Cr., Kingsville 4 Sep (DK, MC). Small numbers of Willets, mostly singles, were reported across s. Ontario, with a maximum of 3 at Pinery P.P., *Lambton* 16 Aug (PSB). The 30 Hudsonian Godwits flying over Hillman Marsh 3 Oct afforded a record-high count for P.P.N.P. (BSC, LC, DJW). A Marbled Godwit was at Wildwood L., *Oxford* 20–29 Sep (J&MH, m. ob.). Baird's Sandpipers were in good numbers, with a high count of 23 at Presqu'île P.P. 20 Aug (JJT), and Stilt Sandpiper numbers rose to 40 at the Grimsby S.T.P. 17 Aug (BSC). Buff-breasted Sandpipers were also well reported, with peak counts of 6 in the Pelee onion fields 6 Sep (AW) and 6 at the Chippewa landfill 8 Sep (NGE). At the Emo S.T.P. 11 Aug, 2 Wilson's Phalaropes were the first ever seen in juv. plumage in *Rainy River* (DHE).

JAEGERS THROUGH VIREOS

There were only four reports of Pomarine Jaegers: a subad. was the 6th record for P.P.N.P. at the Tip 19 Oct (IR, KRK, PSB), one was off Van Wagners Beach 22 Oct (DRS et al.), one at Kettle Pt. 1 Nov (BH), and a dark juv. was at the Tip of P.P.N.P. 8 Nov (AW). Passage of Parasitic Jaegers was good but not outstanding, with e. winds at Van Wagners Beach producing the first 23 Aug (RZD) and high counts of 6 on 1 Sep (RZD et al.) and 5 on 7 Sep (MCr et al.). A juv. light-morph Long-tailed Jaeger was off Van Wagners Beach 28 Aug (RZD, DRD), an ad. there 28–29 Aug (RSt et al.), and another juv. 15 Sep (CJE et al.).

A definitive-basic Laughing Gull was at the Blenheim landfill, *Chatham-Kent* 20 Nov (KJB), and a juv. Franklin's Gull was at T.C.B.O. 20–21 Aug (JRA). A Black-headed Gull was found at the Adam Beck G.S. on the Niagara R. 16 Nov (JI, KAM) and probably the same bird was at nearby Queenston 19–30 Nov+ (m. ob.). There were 3, possibly 4, California Gulls on the Niagara R., including a third-winter at Adam Beck 22–30 Nov+ (JI, RGT, m. ob.), together with an ad. there 23–30 Nov+ (WDA, BP, m. ob.), an ad. above the Falls 24 Nov, and a second-winter bird at the Falls 30 Nov. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were widely reported in the south, and the Sudbury dump had a subad. 20 (CBe) & 28 Nov (EM). The 3rd and 4th records of Great Black-backed Gull for A.P.P. were a juv. at L. Opeongo 17 Aug (DCT) and an ad. at Radiant L. 12 Oct (MVAB, ph. JJD, WKG, CR). A juv. Sabine's Gull was on the n. shore of Big I., *Prince Edward* 14 Sep (JD), another was off Van Wagners Beach 27 Sep (RZD), and an ad.

was at Presqu'île P.P. 28 Sep (JMR). Single juv. Black-legged Kittiwakes were off Van Wagners Beach 31 Aug—2 Sep (JI, RP, m. ob.) and off Fifty Pt. C.A. *Hamilton/Niagara* 1 Sep (RZD et al.). Van Wagners had up to 9 Black-legged Kittiwakes 11 Oct—17 Nov (m. ob.), all juvs. except for one ad. 22 Oct (DRS et al.), with a high count of 3 birds 16 Nov (NCM); single juvs. were also seen on the Niagara R. 20–30 Nov+ (BP, m. ob.) and on the Ottawa R. in Ottawa 24 Nov (MG).

An Atlantic Puffin flew up the Ottawa R. in Ottawa 15 Oct (BDL). A hybrid Black-billed x Yellow-billed Cuckoo was studied at the Tip of Long Point 6 Oct (MH, RR, L.P.B.O.). Two Northern Hawk Owls were perched at the roadside near Parry Sound 22 Nov (CBe). T.C.B.O. banded a record 113 Northern Saw-whet Owls on the night of 3 Oct (JRA). An imm. Ruby-throated Hummingbird lingered at Southampton, *Bruce* early Oct—12 Nov (LL et al.). A well-described male Rufous Hummingbird appeared at a feeder at Pt. Petre, *Prince Edward* 1 Sep (BV) and at nearby Wellington 10 Sep (MK).

Two Red-bellied Woodpeckers near the town of Rainy River through Aug and Sep (DHE) provided the 2nd record for *Rainy River*. An imm. Downy Woodpecker on Middle I., L. Erie 21 Aug and 25 Sep (AW, VLM) was considered unusual for this tiny, isolated location.

An Acadian Flycatcher at the Tip of P.P.N.P. 29 Aug (JLD) was a very rare fall transient. The first confirmed Tropical Kingbird for Ontario was enjoyed by a host of birders near Rondeau Bay 26 Oct—30 Nov (IW, AVE, m. ob.). Single Western Kingbirds were at Thunder Cape 12 Oct (AH, JRA), near Blind River 18 Oct (EM), and at Lynn Valley, *Norfolk* 20 Oct (SM); a very late Eastern Kingbird was w. of London, *Middlesex* 26 Nov (BMA). A beautiful ad. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was photographed and admired by many 2–8 Nov at Fingal P.W.A. near Port Stanley, *Elgin* (m. ob.).

SWALLOWS THROUGH FINCHES

A few Northern Rough-winged Swallows lingered very late, with one over Sanctuary Pond, P.P.N.P. 21 Nov (DJW) and 4 on the Niagara R. 28 Nov (WDA, BP). A small influx of Cave Swallows occurred, though not on the scale of the previous invasion of Nov 1999, with the first a single bird at Sanctuary Pond, P.P.N.P. 12 Nov (AW). On 13 Nov, one flew e. from the Tip at P.P.N.P. (AW et al.), with 2 more seen there later (AW et al.); on the same date, one was s. of Wheatley harbor (DJW), and one was at Shrewsbury, *Chatham-Kent* (DJW). On 14 Nov at Point Pelee, there were single birds at the Sparrow Field and at Sanctuary Pond, and one roosted overnight at the Visitor Centre 15/16 Nov (AW et al.). On

16 Nov, 2 single Cave Swallows flew w. at Port Burwell, Elgin just over an hour apart (DAM, LW, RCS), and the last sighting in Ontario was of one bird at Niagara Falls, *Niagara* 21 Nov (PDNM).

Three Tufted Titmice at the Tip of P.P.N. 25 Sep (DRJD et al.) were unexpected. A juv. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at Britannia C.A. 15–18 Sep (m. ob.) was late and rare for the Ottawa area. T.C.B.O. had a Townsend's Solitaire 30 Oct (JRA), and another was at Marathon, *Thunder Bay* 7–24 Nov (KW). There were vigorous night flights of thrushes in late Sep, with estimates at Kingston 28/29 Sep (RDW) of 2000 Gray-cheeked Thrushes (400/hr) and 20,000 Swainson's Thrushes (4000/hr). An ad. male Varied Thrush was at Rondeau P.P. 14 Oct (BAM), the first area record since 1979, and there was a female in Hymers, *Thunder Bay* 21 Nov (HS).

American Pipits, in large flocks often consisting of 200–400 birds, passed through the Sudbury area daily 12–30 Sep (CBe), and a record 7500 American Pipits flew s. off the Tip of P.P.N. 0730–1200 EST 5 Nov (RLW, KAM). Bohemian Waxwings arrived very early in *Rainy River*, with numerous large flocks early Oct—late Nov competing with American Robins for Mountain Ash berries (DHE).

Noteworthy fall warblers included a most unexpected **Kirtland's Warbler** in a Cobourg backyard 24 Aug (MJCB), the 3rd record for *Northumberland*. L.P.B.O. had 3 *Prairie Warblers* at the Old Cut field station 2 Sep and 1200 *Blackpoll Warblers* passing the Tip 13 Sep (MH, DL). A late Northern Waterthrush was in *Presqu'île P.P.*

15 Nov (BG). An early migrant Connecticut Warbler was at Hillman Marsh 24 Aug (DJW), there were 4 at the Tip of Long Point 15 Sep (MH, DL), one at P.E.Pt. 16 Sep (VPM), and a record-late bird banded at T.C.B.O. 5 Oct (JRA). A male Hooded Warbler was at *Presqu'île P.P.* 2 Sep (BDL et al.); another at Cootes

Paradise 25 Sep was late (D&CG). A Yellow-breasted Chat found in La Salle Park, *Halton* 12 Nov (TT) lingered in thick cover to be seen by many.

A male Scarlet Tanager near Cedar Springs 17 Nov (JTB, KJB) was record late for the Rondeau area. T.C.B.O. banded a Lark Sparrow 4 Sep (JRA); an imm. Lark Bunting banded there the same day remained to 7 Sep (JRA). A Henslow's Sparrow was a good find

on Amherst I. 17 Sep (M&JJ). Southbound Le Conte's Sparrows were reported from several locations, including a total of 6 at the Two Rivers Airfield and Odenback, A.P.P. 11–20 Oct (*vide* RGT), one at Ipperwash, *Lambton* 14 Oct (CBu), and 2 at the Tip of Long Point 19 Oct (MH), with another there 1 Nov (MH et al.). *Rainy River* had an exceptional fall sparrow migration, with several species passing through in unprecedented numbers. A total of 32 Fox Sparrows at Atikokan feeders 23 Oct was at least three times the usual (DHE), Harris's Sparrows arrived early and in huge numbers with "hundreds" present late Sep—early Oct (RSI), and Snow Buntings were abundant, in flocks of several hundred along Hwy. 11 mid-Oct—early Nov (DHE, m. ob.).

An ad. female Dickcissel visited Cranberry Marsh 11 Nov (JDL, m. ob.). A Yellow-headed Blackbird was at Mac's Bay, Manitoulin I. 20 Aug (MHo), a male was with a small flock of Red-winged Blackbirds on Big I., *Prince Edward* 12 Sep (RTS), one was at the Little Current S.T.P. 17 Sep (CBe), and a late bird was in Howland Twp., Manitoulin I. 17 Nov (JJ).

Very few winter finches were reported, although some large flocks of Purple Finches were noted in A.P.P. in Oct, becoming scarce again in Nov (RGT). A pair of White-winged Crossbills was observed in Dorcas Bay, Bruce 9 Aug (BAM), and there were several singing and displaying males in black spruce bog areas in A.P.P. in Aug, though these birds seemed to vanish in Sep (RGT).

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This juvenile Yellow-crowned Night-Heron found by Willie D'Anna and Betsy Potter was seen by many birders as it fed actively in a small pond near Port Colborne on the shores of Lake Erie 10-11 August 2002. Photograph by Willie D'Anna.



Now rare in the province, this Piping Plover was unusually late on the rocky shore of Lake Erie at Port Colborne, found by Jean and Blayne Farnan on 10 October 2002, staying until 18 October. Photograph by Willie D'Anna.