

low-rumped Warbler e. of Sebring, *Highlands*, Sept. 15 (MM, DL) was among the earliest fall reports ever for the Region. The 12 Blackburnian Warblers in a n. Tallahassee yard Sept. 15 (JC) and 18 at F.D.C.P., Sept. 29 (MW) are both counts worth noting. A Blackpoll Warbler, a rare vagrant to the n. Gulf coast, was banded at D.I., Oct. 12 (DE, LM), a first for that location. Among the 8 reports of Cerulean Warblers, the six at John Chestnut C.P., *Pinellas*, Aug. 20 (LB) was a remarkable count, and one banded at Casey Key Oct. 28 (AS) is the latest ever fall report for Florida. The only multiple-bird report of Swainson's Warbler was three in F.D.C.P., Sept. 19 (RS, LA). There was only one report this season of Louisiana Waterthrush from the heavily birded migrant traps in *Pinellas* (*vide* RS). An early Hooded Warbler was at John Chestnut C.P., Aug. 8 (LS, RS). The 4 reports of Wilson's Warbler, all singles, were in the period Sept. 5–23 (*v.o.*). There were 7 reports of Canada Warbler Sept. 5–Sept. 29, all singles except for three in F.D.C.P., Sept. 19 (MW *et al.*).

Late tanagers included a Summer at A.B.S., Nov. 22 (BP) and a Scarlet at Tallahassee Nov. 14 (DE, LM). An imm. Chipping Sparrow Sept. 10 (JB, WG) and a Sharp-tailed Sparrow Oct. 15 (WG, FJ, m.ob.) were both first records for the species at Birch S.R.A. Aside from one Clay-colored Sparrow at Jacksonville Beach Oct. 25 (JP), the only other reports were from S.M.N.W.R. and Alligator Pt., where the season total was six in the period Sept. 18–Nov. 7 (NW, JD *et al.*). Lark Sparrows are always notable; this season's reports included one at S.M.N.W.R., Aug. 25 (NW, JD), one at Alligator Pt., Sept. 4 (JD), two at Guana River S.P., Sept. 13 (FP)—one of which stayed until Sept. 15 (PP), one at Honeymoon Island S.R.A., Oct. 23 (DG), three in n. Jacksonville Nov. 10 (RC), and one at D.I., Nov. 12 (DE, LM). The Henslow's Sparrow found at Honeymoon Island S.R.A., Nov. 19 (LH, PB, B&B Wor-ton) was locally very rare. The only reports of Lincoln's Sparrow were one at Boot Key Oct. 10 (BP *et al.*) and another at D.I., Nov. 15 (DE, LM). The most interesting of the many White-crowned Sparrow reports was two immature at D.T.N.P., Nov. 2 (WBR). A very early Dark-eyed Junco at Guana River S.P., Oct. 13 (PP) was the only report of this species. A Snow Bunting found at Wards Bank Nov. 20 (RC) and sporadically through the end of the period was the first Regional report since 1986. A ♀ Brewer's Blackbird at S.M.N.W.R., Oct. 20–25 (JD, NW, JC) and one in Gainesville Nov. 12 (MMa) were the only reports for the species. Perhaps the most interesting of the Shiny Cowbird reports was an ad. male at

S.M.N.W.R., Oct. 25 (NW), an apparent migrant, as none had been seen there earlier in the period. The sightings of two imm. Bronzed Cowbirds at Alligator Pt., Aug. 4 and an immature at a feeder there Aug. 16 (both JD) raised the interesting and ominous question of their origin. Very unusual was an ad. ♂ Am. Goldfinch that visited a feeder in n. *Leon* Aug. 1 (F. Stoutamire).

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The fall of 1994 was essentially an extension of the summer season. Warm temperatures and clear skies persisted through the period, conditions conducive to an uneventful passage for most migrants. Not surprisingly, almost to a person observers remarked on the invisible migration as a result of the great weather, and few attributed the shortage of birds to any catastrophic decline.

In addition to the lack of passerines, other groups seen in reduced numbers included accipiters and shorebirds. Waterfowl were noticeably late in their appearance, but when they did arrive several species appeared in high numbers. Last winter's southward winter finch movement did not reoccur. By period's end only a few scattered sightings of some of the finches were reported.

Outstanding rarities included Ancient Murrelet, Atlantic Puffin, Band-tailed Pigeon, Vermilion Flycatcher, and Gray Kingbird. All rarities mentioned in this report are subject to the approval of the Ontario Bird Records Committee.

Abbreviations: Pelee (*Pt. Pelee N.P. and vicinity*); P.E.Pt. (*Prince Edward Pt.*); L.P.B.O. (*Long Pt. Bird Observatory*); T.C.B.O. (*Thunder Cape Bird Observatory, Thunder Bay*); Algonquin, Presqu'ile and Rondeau are P.P. Place names in *italics* refer to counties or regional municipalities.

Loons to Herons

An effort to monitor Red-throated Loons moving W on L. Ontario w. of St. Catharines resulted in 2 good one-day counts of 71 Nov 11 (PS) and 78 Nov. 12 (RK, PG). Increased observer awareness is resulting in more records of Pacific Loons in the province. Reports during the fall involved singles at Wahnapiatae Oct. 11 (CW); T.C.B.O., Oct. 12, and P.E.Pt., Nov. 12 (JE, RDW). A count of 100 Horned Grebes at P.E.Pt., Oct. 30 (K.F.N.) was the highest number reported, indicative of this species' continued decline in the province. In contrast, Red-necked Grebes appear to be doing well, with high counts of 102 at Gros Cap Sept. 17 (EC, SR) and at least 1300 undergoing pre-basic moult around Manitoulin Is. during the fall (BS). Eared Grebes were observed at Burlington Aug. 19 (RD) and Sept. 17 (KM) and Tavistock Sept. 15 (JMH).

The only N. Gannet was observed by 3 independent observers as it flew along L. Ontario from Oakville to Toronto Nov. 6 (LF, EK, AA). Now almost expected, sightings of Am. White Pelicans at T.C.B.O. included singles Sept. 8 & 28 and two Oct. 10. Much rarer in the south, one at Long Pt., Oct. 11–12 (RB *et al.*) was seen Oct. 15 at Pelee (K&GS *et al.*). An Am. Bittern at Moosonee Nov. 18 (EH) was record late for that far northern locality. Of the 113 Great Egrets reported, singles away from the usual s.w. locations were at Peterborough Aug. 1 (GM), Athens Aug. 19 (CS), Shannonville Aug. 22 (KH), Napanee Sept. 2 (TE) and a record-late bird at Brighton Nov. 18–20 (DS *et al.*). Two Little Blue Herons appeared Aug. 2, one at London (TB) and the other at Smithville (m.ob.). Cattle Egrets put on a strong show. Sightings included a total of five at Holiday Beach, Essex, Sept. 16–26 (AC, v.o.), one each at Hagersville Oct. 16 (RPe, IS), Long Pt., Oct. 18 (PP, JM), Buckhorn Oct. 22–23 (RBr), and Kingsville Oct. 28–Nov. 27 (EK, RF, m.ob.). Two at Copper Cliff Oct. 21 (MC *et al.*) and one at Geraldton Oct. 24 (SA) were well north. A Green Heron at Amherstburg Nov. 20 (PPr) was very late. A juv. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron lingered record late at Pelee Sept. 22–Oct. 23 (AW, m.ob.), while another very late juvenile was at Long Pt., Oct. 16 (RvT).

Waterfowl to Raptors

Tundra Swans continued a recent trend of a large late-fall buildup at Long Pt., with 2125 censused Nov. 15 (RK). A Mute Swan at New Liskeard Sept. 10 (BD) was one of the province's most n. records ever. A Greater White-fronted Goose at Cook's Bay, L. Simcoe Sept. 1 (JMa) was the earliest of several reported. Others included three at Arkona Oct. 28 (IP *et al.*) and singles at Thunder Bay Sept. 22 (DB), Wildwood L., Oxford, Nov. 13–14 (JMH), and Hillman Marsh, Essex, Nov. 30 (K&CC). The Hillman Marsh bird was shot by hunters and the specimen was identified as the subspecies *flavirostris* (AW). A Ross' Goose at Pelee Oct. 18 (AW) was the 3rd there this year. High waterfowl counts included 2347 Green-winged Teals at Long Pt., Nov. 2 (RK), 10,000 and 15,000 Mallards at Kingston Nov. 6 (K.F.N.) and Pittock L., Oxford, Nov. 12 (JMH) respectively, 205 and 252 N. Shovelers at Hamilton Oct. 22 (RD, KM) and Ottawa Nov. 3 (BD) respectively, 2200 and 8502 Am. Wigeons at Pelee Oct. 21 (AW) and Long Pt., Nov. 2 (RK) respectively, 8270 Ring-necked Ducks at Long Pt., Nov. 2 (RK), and 3560 Ruddy Ducks at Long Pt., Nov. 15 (RK). Unusual sightings included a ♂ Eur. Wigeon at Pelee Oct. 22 (AW), providing that area's first fall record; a ♂ Com. Eider at Hamilton's Van Wagner's Beach Nov. 1 (RD, MK); at least 15 Harlequin Ducks in scattered locations with the



Juvenile Yellow-crowned Night-Heron at Point Pelee, Ontario, Sept. 22, 1994. This bird lingered to the record late date of Oct. 23. Photograph/Alan Wormington.

earliest at T.C.B.O., Sept. 15, and a record five birds at Presqu'île Nov. 8 (DS), which may have been some or all of the four at Port Hope Oct. 16–21 (m.ob.); and two Barrow's Goldeneyes at Ottawa involving a male Oct. 28–Nov. 30 and a female Nov. 29 (BD *et al.*).

All 3 regularly monitored raptor watches enjoyed better-than-average seasons in overall numbers (see Table 1). While Sharp-shinned and Cooper's hawks were down at each site, Turkey Vultures and N. Harriers increased dramatically. Other species showed mixed results. Turkey Vultures numbered 27,249 across the province; 500 at Toronto Oct. 2 (DD) was noteworthy. Similarly, 287 Bald Eagles province-wide represented a big increase over 1993. The entrées at the Atikokan dump attracted a very impressive 32 birds by Nov. 5 (DE). An Osprey at Moosonee Nov. 4 (EH, RCo) was very late that far north. Reflecting a provincial trend, a record 74 N. Harriers were counted at T.C.B.O. Sept. 26. A N. Goshawk at Cranberry Marsh, Durham Aug. 30 (JB) was very early in what was a relatively poor movement for the species. September 18 proved to be the big day for Broad-winged Hawks, with 5343 at Cranberry Marsh, 8586 over Toronto, 3660 at Hamilton, and 20,160 at Hawk Cliff, Elgin. A imm. Swainson's Hawk was captured and banded at Hawk Cliff Oct. 2 (RH). The big day for Red-taileds occurred Nov. 10 with 1139 at Toronto (RY) and 2390 at Hawk Cliff (RH). While the trend was less obvious than

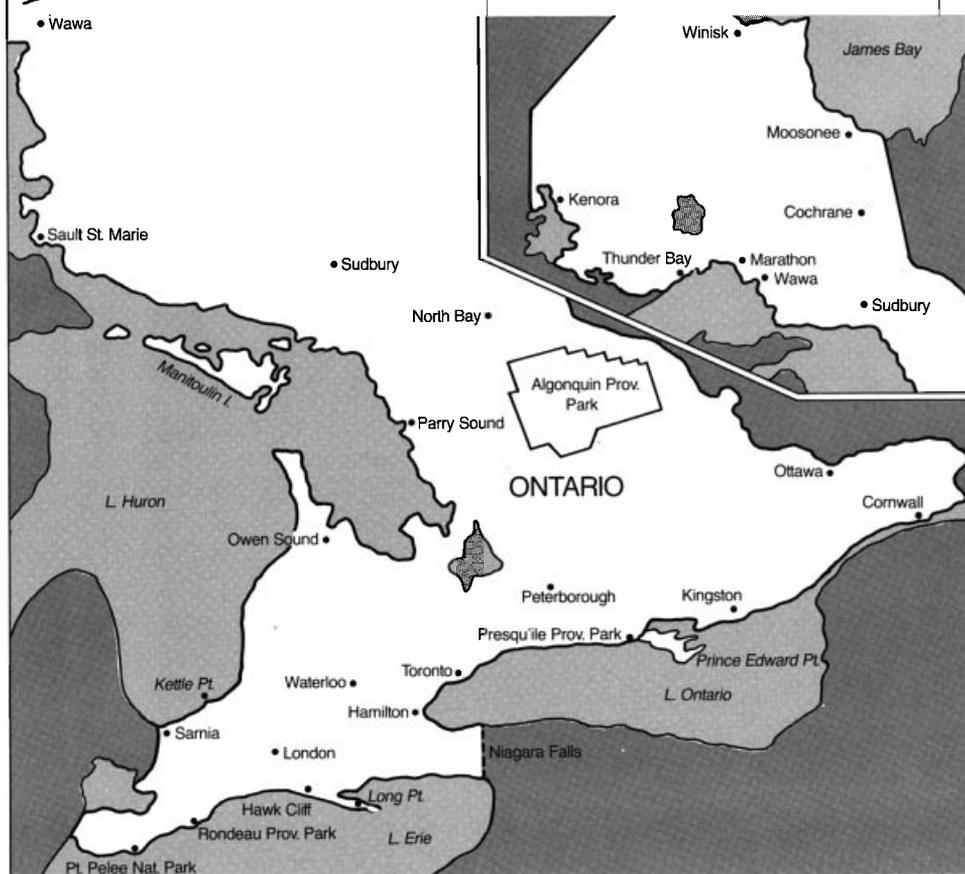


Table 1 Hawk totals at three Ontario stations, Autumn 1994. Long-term averages are indicated for each station.

	Cranberry Marsh ¹ <i>Durham</i>		Hawk Cliff ² <i>Elgin</i>		Holiday Beach ³ <i>Essex</i>	
	1994	1990-94	1994	1982-93	1994	1982-93
Turkey Vulture	1869	1482	5435	3746	19407	10062
Osprey	52	79	159	102	106	105
Bald Eagle	11	18	111	30	36	36
N. Harrier	321	212	1959	844	1522	972
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1296	1845	6200	8921	10375	14324
Cooper's Hawk	31	113	466	963	481	728
N. Goshawk	7	31	32	41	17	41
Red-shouldered Hawk	20	118	500	203	863	1151
Broad-winged Hawk	11308	6277	27288	11484	50820	44131
Red-tailed Hawk	265	1343	5732	3126	8961	6941
Rough-legged Hawk	15	93	77	37	80	149
Golden Eagle	4	12	68	26	87	45
Am. Kestrel	661	796	3927	2667	3429	3788
Merlin	31	46	113	60	52	45
Peregrine	19	30	51	36	55	28
Unidentified	208	298	105	683	102	181
TOTALS	16118	12793	52223	32969	96393	82727

¹ [JB *et al.* 1994 Aug. 27–Nov. 27, 56 days]

² [RH *et al.* 1994 Aug. 5–Dec. 29, 130 days]

³ [RBe *et al.* dates unavailable]

goshawks, N. Rough-legged Hawks were generally fewer in number in most areas. Numbers of Golden Eagles increased substantially, with 211 reported. Thunder Cape Bird Observatory recorded the highest single day count of ten Oct. 30, though eight in the south at Hamilton Oct. 27 (E&MP) were just as impressive. Peregrine sightings tallied 162 individuals in the south, down from 174 in 1993, but still above the last decade's average of 148. Only two Gyrfalcons were sighted, one at Gore Bay Nov. 20 (CB) and another at Thunder Bay Nov. 26 & 28 (NE).

Rails to Shorebirds

A Yellow Rail at Cranberry Marsh Sept. 16 (DG) furnished a very rare fall sighting in the south. Impressive numbers of Am. Coots included 1300 at Kingston Nov. 6 (K.F.N.), 1900 at Erieau Nov. 26 (SC), 2600 at Pelee Oct. 21 (AW), and 4770 at Long Pt., Nov. 15 (RK). A count of 65 Sandhill Cranes at Hawk Cliff Nov. 23 (DFo) was the highest southern count in recent memory, while numbers in *Manitoulin* and *Algoma* remained at recent high levels. Staging Am. Golden-Plovers totaled 450 on Shippans I. at the bottom of James Bay Sept. 13 (BD *et al.*) while high counts in the south included 187 in *Lambton* Sept. 18

(AR) and 287 at Ottawa Sept. 4 (BD). Counts of 580 and 600 Killdeers at Grand



Immature Swainson's Hawk captured for banding at Hawk Cliff, Ontario, Oct. 2, 1994. Photograph/D. E. Fowler.

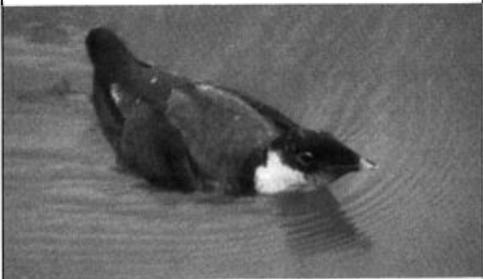
Bend Aug. 31 (JS) and Pittock L., *Oxford*, Oct. 22 (JMH) respectively were exceptional. Sightings of Am. Avocets included one at Pelee (JC, K&RTo) and another 26 mi to the west at Holiday Beach (*fide* AC), both Sept. 17, and two at Pelee Nov. 11–19 (AW). Eight Willets at Long Pt., Aug. 13 (MD, DDe) were a record count there, while a single was at Kettle Pt., Aug. 28 (AR). Hudsonian Godwits were scarce in the south with just six individuals reported, while single Marbleds were seen at Burlington Aug. 12 (RD) and Long Pt., Aug. 21 (DAS).

A W. Sandpiper at Morven Aug. 20 (RDW) was the farthest east of eight individuals sighted. A Least Sandpiper lingered very late at Pelee Nov. 11–30+ (AW *et al.*). A count of 15 Baird's at Grand Bend Aug. 23 (JS) was the highest in a good passage. A juv. Purple Sandpiper at Pelee Nov. 12 (AW, SP) was rare there, while seven at Erieau Nov. 30 (JBU, KB) was a record count there and eleven at Presqu'île Nov. 24 (DS) was the highest count overall. Buff-breasted numbered only 24 birds with a high count of ten at Pelee Aug. 21 (JSi,RS) and one east of Marathon Aug. 29 (DT) the most notable. Sightings of Ruffs included one at Presqu'île Sept. 2 (RG) and a record late bird at Pittock L., Nov. 22 (JMH). A record-early Long-billed Dowitcher at Pelee Aug. 3 (AW) was the highlight of a very poor passage for the species. While Red-necked Phalaropes were noted in above-average numbers, with seven at Blenheim Aug. 18 (GR) and eight at Tavistock Aug. 21 (JMH) most notable, passage of Reds was very poor, accented only by an exceptionally early arrival at Hamilton Aug. 31 (RD).

Jaegers to Owls

Jaeger numbers returned to normal after record totals in 1993. No Pomarines were reported while the 53 Parasitics seen represented an above-average fall. The lone Long-tailed was seen at Hamilton Sept. 24 (PR, RDa, MO). A imm. Laughing Gull was seen at Pelee Aug. 26 & Sept. 4 (AW), while an adult there Nov. 4 (AW) was record late. Fall sightings of Franklin's Gulls declined to five, with one each at Cobourg Sept. 25 (CG); Kettle Pt., Oct. 10 (RD, BC); Hamilton Oct. 23 (RDa, MO); Toronto Nov. 2 (GS), and Wolfe Is., *Frontenac*, Nov. 13 (M&JE). Little Gulls held their own with 83 birds sighted; the highest count was 35 at Turkey Pt., Oct. 29 (RD, BC, KM). Just two Black-headed sightings involved single adults at Hamilton Oct. 14 (WW) and Niagara-on-the-Lake Nov. 13 (DC, MF).

A Mew Gull at Cornwall Dam Nov. 19 (BD, CT) was noteworthy. Lesser Black-



Ancient Murrelet at Port Weller, Ontario, Nov. 13, 1994. Third record for the province. Photograph/Kayo Roy.

backed numbers dropped to 31 sightings, the most notable of which were 10 different birds at times at the Nepean dump Aug. 23–Nov. 25 (BD). Black-legged Kittiwakes dropped yet again to 6 sightings and for the 2nd consecutive year were outnumbered by the 10 Sabine's Gulls seen, which included six birds off Hamilton Sept. 18 (RD *et al.*). The lack of foul weather during the season may be the reason for most of these declines. A Forster's Tern on the Niagara R., Nov. 27 (WD, BP) was record late there. An imm. Ancient Murrelet at Port Weller, *Niagara*, Nov. 13 (WD, m.ob.) provided the province's 3rd record and the first since 1908. This was likely the same bird seen at Rochester, NY a few days earlier. The province's 3rd Atlantic Puffin was seen at Cornwall Dam Oct. 14–16 (BD *et al.*). A Band-tailed Pigeon at Dillon Sept. 16–17 (E&JNi *et al.*) lingered long enough to be seen by a few other than the initial observers. Two reports of Barn Owls, one each at Merrickville Oct. 21 and Port Dover Nov. 15 (BJ), were notable given the species rarity in the province. A Great Gray Owl at Sudbury Nov. 12 (JN) was unusual in an otherwise northern owless fall in the south.

Goatsuckers to Swallows

Exceptional counts of Com. Nighthawks included 500 at Hamilton Aug. 20 (WS) and 1000 between 2 locations in Toronto Aug. 26 (GF, HK). A ♂ Rufous Hummingbird at a feeder at Delaware Aug. 15–16 (AL, v.o.) was the lone sighting of the fall. While generally in decline in the province, a count of 42 Red-headed Woodpeckers at Pelee Sept. 24 (RBa) was noteworthy. The only stray Red-bellied was at Lansdowne Nov. 20 (WH). Black-backed that appeared s. of range involved individuals at Toronto Oct. 1 (DBe), Welcome Oct. 19 (RF), Centerton Nov. 11 (RL), and Charleston Lake P.P., Nov. 13 (M&EEv).

A Willow Flycatcher banded at T.C.B.O., Aug. 20 was the 4th there in as many years. This hard to separate species may be more regular in the north than previously thought. Wandering flycatchers provided

big excitement for the 2nd consecutive fall. A Say's Phoebe frequented a yard at Cressy Pt., *Prince Edward*, Nov. 24–28 (MFe, v.o.). The first Vermilion Flycatcher since 1972 lingered at St. Clair N.W.A., Nov. 3+ (JH), accommodating all who made the trip to see it. The only W. Kingbird of the fall was at Dillon Oct. 1–2 (JNi, TC). Hawk banders at Hawk Cliff, *Elgin*, were surprised by a Gray Kingbird that flew into their nets Oct. 4 (ph. Dfo). Without the right bands, the bird was released unbanded but not unphotographed! Two Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were seen in the north, one at Silver Islet, *Thunder Bay*, Oct. 21 (WZ), the other at Batchewana Bay Nov. 9 (MPi, RfI *et al.*). Late swallows included a Tree at St. Williams Nov. 19 (RR) and single Cliffs at Pelee Oct. 24 (AW) and T.C.B.O., Oct. 25.

Jays to Vireos

Blue Jays passing Holiday Beach Sept. 30 totaled an impressive 65,400 birds (AC). A Gray Jay at Colpoys Bay, *Bruce*, Nov. 19 (RW) was rare in that county. Just as interesting was a Black-billed Magpie at Thunder Bay Aug. 19–Sept. 1 (NE, m.ob.). A Com. Raven at Toronto Oct. 10 (PSS) rounded out the list of wandering corvids. Late House Wrens included one each at L.P.B.O., Nov. 2 and Dundas Nov. 6 (PSm). Three separate N. Wheatears did not linger long. Sightings included birds at Oshawa Sept. 4 (MM), Algonquin Sept. 7 (GN, JW) and Glenburnie Sept. 19–20 (RH, RDW *et al.*). Wandering w. thrushes included a Mt. Bluebird at Pass L., *Thunder Bay* Oct. 30 (BM, Av) and a Townsend's Solitaire at Pinery P.P., Nov. 5–7 (AR *et al.*). A Veery at Thickson's Woods, *Durham*, Nov. 4 (AG) was exceptionally late. Nocturnal migrants did not pass unnoticed; thousands of Gray-cheeked and Swainson's thrushes were counted passing over Kingston the evening of Sept. 24 (RDW).

High counts of Am. Pipits included 210 at Pelee Nov. 5 (AW, SP), 300 in Huron Twp., *Bruce*, Oct. 16 (DF), 370 at Toronto Oct. 10 (PSS), and a phenomenal 1100 at Long Pt., Oct. 31 (PP, RP). The only Bohemian Waxwings reported in the south were 10 at Pinery P.P., Nov. 5 (JS) and 15 at Perth Nov. 24 (AD). Both shrikes overlapped in migration with the first Northern at Hamilton Oct. 11 (RD) and a very late Loggerhead at Bolton Oct. 21 (DCe). A White-eyed Vireo was well n. of range at Rosspport Sept. 29 (RD, BC), while another lingered at Pelee Nov. 11+ (RKu). A Bell's Vireo at Fifty Pt., *Niagara*, Oct. 18 (RD) was not only out of place but completely out of season for this species' vagrancy pattern. Late vireos included a Solitary at Waterloo Nov. 12 (DCa) and lone Red-eyeds at Hawk Cliff Nov. 12 (MEH, JSt) and Pelee Nov. 13 (S&AH).



Immature male Vermilion Flycatcher at St. Clair National Wildlife Area, Ontario, throughout November 1994. It furnished the first record for the province in more than 2 decades. Photograph/Jim Flynn.

Warblers to Finches

High numbers of warblers were difficult to find. The highest counts included 60 Tennessees at L.P.B.O., Aug. 25, 45 Nashvilles at Dorland Sept. 9 (JMH), eight N. Parulas at Presqu'ile Sept. 19 (DM), 100 Cape Mays at L.P.B.O., Sept. 17, 3000 Yellow-rumped at P.E.Pt., Oct. 10 (RDW, KK), and 65 Am. Redstarts at Presqu'ile Aug. 29 (DM). Late warblers included a N. Parula at Pelee Oct. 29 (KO, JL), a Yellow at Presqu'ile Sept. 22 (DM, DS), Chestnut-sideds at Algonquin Sept. 27 (RT) and Erie Beach Oct. 16 (KB, JBu), a Black-throated Blue at T.C.B.O., Oct. 26, a Pine at Kingston Nov. 13 (DSp), a Black-and-white at Algonquin Oct. 8 (DTo), an Am. Redstart at McLaren's Landing, *Ottawa Carleton*, Nov. 25 & 27 (ALa), a Hooded at Pelee Oct. 11 (TH), a Wilson's at



A Gray Kingbird that flew into the nets set for banding hawks at Hawk Cliff, Ontario, Oct. 4, 1994. This Caribbean species has been recorded in Canada only a handful of times. Photograph/D. E. Fowler.

Whitby Nov. 25 (EM), a Canada at Evansville Sept. 30 (DBa), and a Yellow-breasted Chat at Erie Beach Oct. 29–30 (KB, JBu). Unusual sightings involved single Yellow-throated Warblers at Mississagi Light, *Manitoulin*, Aug. 19 (JN) and Otty L., *Lanark*, Oct. 31 (KMc), individual Prairies at Long Pt., Aug. 18 (GG, DDe), Pelee Aug. 30 (KSe), and London Sept. 30 (SPu), a Kentucky at Long Pt., Aug. 16 (DDe), and a very late and out-of-place Hooded at T.C.B.O., Oct. 15.

— A record-late Scarlet Tanager at Rondeau Oct. 9 (KB, JBu) was eclipsed by one at Bronte Nov. 6 (MJ). Equally unusual was a Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Port Stanley Nov. 11 (A&MS). Dickcissels were seen in good number at Pelee and Long Pt. with sightings including seven birds at times at Pelee between Aug. 7 & 31 (AW) and singles at Long Pt., Oct. 12 (PP) and Port Royal Oct. 26 (MG). A Clay-colored Sparrow at Rondeau Oct. 10 (PAW) was, amazingly, that park's first fall record. A Grasshopper Sparrow at Leamington Nov. 2 (AW) set the record-late date there, only to be surpassed by another at Pelee Nov. 16 (AW). Also exceptionally late was a Henslow's at Leamington Nov. 10 (AW). Staying at Pelee, a Le Conte's Sparrow was record late Oct. 30 (RKu). Sharp-tailed Sparrows were noted in several locations. The highest number came from the traditional site, Dundas Marsh, where six were seen Oct. 1–22 (m.ob.). An individual of the subspecies *nelsoni* was seen at Rosspoint Sept. 29 (RD,BC). A White-crowned Sparrow at Presqu'île Sept. 4 (SHa,AB) was record early there. Single Harris's Sparrows were seen at Thunder Bay Sept. 21 (BM) and Long Pt., Oct. 22 (AA). Lapland Longspurs were record early at Lakefield Oct. 1 (PB), as was a Snow Bunting at Presqu'île Oct. 9 (DS).

While still unusual in most of the province, a Yellow-headed Blackbird e. to Munster Aug. 21 (TBe) and two others on Amherst I., *Lennox Addington* Sept. 10 (RDW) were most noteworthy, as was a Brewer's Blackbird at Bath Nov. 6 (K.F.N.). A N. Oriole on Wolfe I., *Frontenac*, Oct. 29 (RWo) was well past the usual departure date. Though movements of n. finches were light, sporadic observations included 20 Pine Grosbeaks at Thickson's Woods, *Durham*, Nov. 19 (B&AG), two Red Crossbills at P.E.Pt., Oct. 30 (RDW), 18 at Dorland Nov. 9 (JMH), one at Pittock L., *Oxford*, Nov. 12 (JMH), and 10 in N. Dumfries Twp., *Waterloo*, Nov. 14 (TC), three White-winged near Kingston Nov. 27 (RRu), and 20 Com. Redpolls at Morton Nov. 29 (MH). Though a strong flight of Pine Siskins at T.C.B.O. peaked at 4500 Oct. 31, sightings in the south were scattered and low in number. In the north, Am.

Goldfinches lingered at Matachewan until Nov. 8 (LT) and even later at Atikokan with 20 birds there until Nov. 30 (DE).

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Appalachian Region

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It was a delightful autumn, it was a mediocre autumn—it all depended on your point of view. The weather was mild and pleasant but the birding was pretty uneventful, not to say dull.

↘ August and September had near normal temperatures, but at Pittsburgh October was 38 day-degrees above and November 165 day-degrees above normal. Precipitation in August was above normal, and October was drier than normal. There were no snowfalls in November and few frosts.

↘ The migration was drawn out at both ends with the mild weather. There were many early arrival dates, especially for waterfowl, and there were a great many late last-seen dates for passerines. But overall migration could be best described as lackluster. There were a number of frontal systems moving through, and some areas experienced fallouts, but most of the systems produced few birds. The only major Regional wave came September 10–11.

↘ The quantitative data from the two big banding operations reflected the mediocre nature of the flight. At Powdermill Nature Reserve, the 4898 birds banded during the four months was the lowest since 1976, and was one standard deviation (S.D.) below the ten-year average. Of 70 species analyzed only 27 were one or more S.D. from the average, 21 below and 6 above that average (Robert Mulvihill, Robert C. Leberman). At Allegheny Front Migration Observatory the 4024 birds in seven weeks was the sixth poorest season, and was also one S.D. below average. Of 35 species analyzed, only one was banded in more than average numbers and only three were more than one S.D. below that average.

↘ Unlike last year there were very few unusual species—but, of course, no period is ever totally lacking in a few boldfaced items. By the end of the season wintering birds were scarce, and there were no reports of "half-hardy" species attempting to winter. Many people commented on the lack of birds at feeders. There was no sign of a potential "northern finch" winter.

Abbreviations: A.F.M.O. (*Allegheny Front Migration Observatory*, Grant Co., WV), B.E.S.P. (*Bald Eagle State Park*, Centre Co.,