

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.,

PA); Ch.N.F. (*Chattahoochee Natl. Forest, GA*); G.M.W.M.A. (*Green Bottom W.M.A., Cabell County, WV, formerly known as Glenwood Swamp*); K.C.P.P. (*Kyger Creek Power Plant, Gallia Co, OH*); K.S.P. (*Kingston Steam Plant, Roane Co, TN*), M.C.F.H. (*Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, Rowan County, KY*); P.I.S.P. (*Presque Isle State Park, Erie Co, PA*); P.N.R. (*Powdermill Nature Reserve, Westmoreland Co., PA*); R.C.B.L. (*Robert C. Byrd Locks, Ohio River, Mason Co., WV, formerly known as Gallipolis Locks*); R.G.H.W. (*Rock Fish Gap Hawk Watch, Augusta Co, VA*); S.M.H.W. (*Stone Mountain Hawk Watch, Huntingdon Co., PA*)

Loons to Waterfowl

At P.I.S.P. eight Red-throated Loons were recorded from Oct. 27–Nov. 13 (JM), but the only other report came from B.E.S.P., Nov. 24 (TF). The number of Com. Loon reports were below normal, but counts of 472 (a new state record) at Boone L., TN Nov. 27 and 207 on Watauga L., TN Nov. 28 (RK) were impressive. Loons Aug. 9 & 22 at Meander Res., OH, were remarkably early (J&DHo). Sixty Com. Loons flew by S.M.H.W., Nov. 2 (GG).

Single Red-necked Grebes were at Edinboro L., Erie, PA Nov. 5 (JH) and P.I.S.P., Nov. 13–20 (JM). An Eared Grebe at South Holston L., TN Oct. 2–3 provided the 2nd local record (RK *et al.*); one was at P.I.S.P., Oct. 27–Nov. 5 (JM, GR). Three Double-crested Cormorants at the Allegheny Res., Warren, PA Aug. 17 (KC) were early; other

reports of small numbers came from throughout the Region. At R.G.H.W., cormorants were seen on 8 occasions, with 14 Sept. 16 (LH).

An unusual record was a Great Blue Heron on a small lake and beaver pond at 3150 feet in the Ch.N.F. from June–October (HD). A count of 57 Great Egrets in Cocks, TN Sept. 24 (RK) was notable, but there were fewer reports of egrets than usual. A Cattle Egret was at Austin Springs, TN Sept. 7 (RK), but there were no reports of Little Blue Herons or Snowy Egrets. A Yellow-crowned Night-Heron at Troutville, VA Nov. 9 was on the late side (BK, KS). Two Glossy Ibis were seen in Cumberland, PA Aug. 21 & 22 (DH), and one was at New Hope, VA Oct. 2 (MH).

The Black-bellied Whistling-Duck in Mason, WV Sept. 5 was thought to be the same bird there in the spring (WA). Tundra Swans in Butler, PA Oct. 15 (SB) and Allegheny, PA Oct. 20, (PH) were early dates, but the main flight was in mid-November. They were reported at 12 locations, with high counts of 1185 on Cheat L., WV Nov. 17 (SS), and >1000 at Greenlick Dam, Fayette, PA Nov. 15 & 18 (E & MW). Three unmarked Trumpeter Swans at Quemahoning Res., Somerset, PA, Oct. 30 (M & EW) follow the first records made in this Region last spring. A Mute Swan was at Pymatuning L., PA Sept. 4–Oct. 30 (*vide* RFL). Snow Geese are not commonly seen in the Region but were reported from 10 locations, including S.M.H.W., where 20 were seen Oct. 26 and seven Nov. 7 (CG). Records at P.I.S.P., Sept. 10 (CG) and Rector, PA Sept. 19 (RCL) were rather early. The count of Canada Geese at Pymatuning L., PA, increased from 500 Aug. 14 to 8750 Sept. 15 (RFL).

There were mixed reports about waterfowl, with most places reporting poor flights. Conventional wisdom would attribute the lack of ducks to the mild weather, but there were some interesting early arrivals: Red-breasted Merganser at P.I.S.P., Aug. 1 (JS) Com. Goldeneye at P.I.S.P., Aug. 11 (JM); Ring-necked Duck, Mercer, PA Aug. 19 (RSt); and N. Pintail at Imperial, PA Aug. 30 (CT). There were also some large numbers reported from a few places. Thousands of Red-breasted Mergansers mi-

grated along the L. Erie shore at P.I.S.P., Nov. 21–26 and a flock of approximately 100,000 was found resting on the lake Nov. 20 (JM). Hooded Mergansers continued to be numerous at most places and 1016 were seen at Pymatuning L., PA Nov. 19 (RFL). Counts of 98 Gadwalls, 215 Ring-necked Ducks, and 850 Com. Goldeneyes were also made at Pymatuning Nov. 19 (RFL). A flock of 20 Ruddy Ducks was at Somerset L., PA Oct. 31 (RCL). The only records for Oldsquaw came from Quemahoning Res, PA, with five Nov. 15 (E&MW) and Huhn L., Cumberland, PA, with one Nov. 17 & 18 (DH). Totals of 110 Surf, 30 White-winged, and 17 Black scoters were recorded during the season at P.I.S.P. (JM, EK). Elsewhere Surf Scoters were seen at South Holston L., TN, Nov. 27 (WC), and Stone Valley L., Huntingdon, PA Nov. 14–25 (MM); White-winged Scoters were at Tamarack L., PA Nov. 5 (RFL) and at Greenlick Dam, PA Oct. 17 (E&MW); and two Black Scoters at Watauga L, TN Nov. 28 provided the 5th local record (RK).

Raptors to Cranes

A Black Vulture at Fairbrook, PA, Sept. 21 was at the n. edge of the range in this Region (JPe). A record count of 322 Black Vultures was made at R.G.H.W. (JI). Generally the weather was not good for concentrated hawk flights, and most counts were lower than in recent years, *e.g.* at R.G.H.W., 7849 raptors were counted compared with 9389 in 1993 (JI). At East River Mt., WV, the count was 1877 compared with 3284 in 1993 (JP) The 130 Ospreys counted at R.G.H.W. was lower than normal (JI). Elsewhere few were reported. A Mississippi Kite was seen Sept. 5 at the Harvey's Knob, VA hawk watch (TFi). Early Bald Eagles were in Wood, WV Aug. 8 (NO) and Murray, GA Aug. 24 (HD, JL). Twenty Bald Eagles were counted through the season at R.G.H.W. (JI), and 30 at Harvey's Knob and Troutville, VA (MS). Elsewhere 17 eagles were reported from 7 locations. The N. Harrier continued to be reported more commonly than in the past. The 43 Cooper's Hawks at R.G.H.W., Oct. 4 provided a record one-day count (JI), and the nine N. Goshawks at that station represented a new season high. (JI). The only other goshawk record came from Tidioute, PA, Nov. 10, (JK). At East River Mt., WV, 444 Broad-winged Hawks were counted Sept. 19 and 1638 were logged for the season, compared to 3092 in 1993 (JP). At R.G.H.W., 4198 were counted, contrasted with 6031 in 1993 (JI). The best hawk records were: a Swainson's Hawk at S.M.H.W., Sept. 10 (GG, TH); one at Troutville, VA Sept. 6 (BK, MP); and two at R.G.H.W., Sept. 5 (†JI). At Troutville, VA, 650 Red-tailed Hawks were



counted between Nov. 12–Nov. 14 (MP *et al.*) There were reports of two different, essentially all-white Red-tailed Hawks from the Warren, PA area (*vide* WH). Rough-legged Hawks reported at P.I.S.P., Nov. 5 (DD) & Nov. 12 (JM), Pymatuning L., PA Nov. 4 (RFL), Warren, PA Oct. 15 (KC), Oct. 29, and Nov. 29 (WH) were not unexpected that far north, but one in Allegheny, PA Oct. 29 (TF) was a little south of normal. One at R.G.H.W., Nov. 8 (*vide* JI) was quite far south. Three Golden Eagles were counted at R.G.H.W. (JI), and singles were reported from Cameron, PA (G&PS); East River Mt., W, Sept. 7 (JP), and Kinzua Dam, PA Oct. 10 (JL).

Merlins were much more common than usual, with reports from 8 locations, as far south as Ch.N.F. (HD), Roan Mt., TN (RK), and Bell, KY (BS). Single Peregrines were reported from P.I.S.P., Sept. 28 (GR) and Nov. 19 (JHw); Pymatuning L., PA Oct. 1 (RFL); S.M.H.W., Sept. 1 (early record, GG); Carter, TN Sept. 20 (RK), Washington, TN Oct. 4 (RK) & Oct. 28 (FA).

Ruffed Grouse populations near Jersey Shore, PA were at a high level (P&GS). A Virginia Rail was at Kingsport, TN Oct. 9 (WC, LM). Common Moorhens were reported from G.B.W.M.A., Sept. 2–10 (WA); Hartstown, PA Sept. 10 (AM); 22 on Mosquito L., OH Oct. 8 (CB); and Cumberland, PA Nov. 17 (late, DH). The Sandhill Cranes that nested in w. Pennsylvania last year raised one young this summer, and were joined by two other birds thought to be last year's young and a mate. This young pair performed courtship but apparently did not nest (m.ob., *vide* PH). There were 200 Sandhill Cranes seen at M.C.E.H., Nov. 23, and 50 were seen nearby the next day (FB). There were several reports of cranes in N. Georgia as usual, with a maximum number of 150 in Murray Nov. 29 (MD).

Shorebirds to Terns

The shorebird flight was not very heavy, although a wide variety of species were reported and good numbers of some of the more unusual species were present. Most of these came from a few favored locations: Cocks, TN; K.S.P.; R.C.B.L.; K.C.P.P.; and P.I.S.P. At the last site, the Region's shorebird hot spot, the habitat continues to deteriorate and numbers determined on an intensive survey were 28% below last year's (JM). The usually uncommon Am. Golden-Plover was widely reported: 10 at P.I.S.P., Sept. 23–Oct. 31 (JM *et al.*); seven at Woodcock L., PA Nov. 5 (RFL); Cumberland, PA Sept. 18–Oct. 4, with 92 Sept. 25 (DH); one at K.C.P.P., Sept. 5 (WA); two at R.C.B.L., Sept. 24 & 25 (WA); and three in Washington, TN Sept. 20–Oct. 1 (RK).

The best shorebird records were the 4 reports of American Avocets: Berlin Res., OH Sept. 20 & 21 (NB, J&DHo); two at Somerset L., PA Aug. 15 (JPa, *vide* RM); Cumberland, MD Sept. 27 (m.ob., *vide* RKi); and Murray, GA Sept. 21 (HD, JL). A Willet was at K.S.P., Aug. 21 (v.o., *vide* RK) and one was at New Hope, VA Aug. 23–28 (AL). A Whimbrel was at P.I.S.P., Aug. 14 (JM). Red Knot was found at P.I.S.P., Aug. 8 (GR) & 13 (JM). Sanderlings were at Kingston Steam Plant, TN Aug. 21 (v.o.); Cocks, TN Sept. 24 (RK); K.C.P.P., Sept. 10–11 (WA, LK); and at a partially drained beaver pond in the Allegheny N.E., Elk, PA (LC). Western Sandpipers were found at P.I.S.P. (JM), K.C.P.P. (WA), R.C.B.L. (WA), K.S.P. (TM *et al.*), and Cocks, TN (RK). Baird's Sandpiper was reported from K.C.P.P. and R.C.B.L. (WA), K.S.P. (TM *et al.*), and Washington, TN (RK). White-rumped Sandpipers were found only at P.I.S.P. (JM, EK) and Murray, GA (HD). Stilt Sandpipers and Short-billed Dowitchers were found at 8 locations and were in greater numbers than usual. More unusual were the several reports of Buff-breasted Sandpipers at P.I.S.P., Aug. 19, 20 & 29, and Sept. 24 & 26 (JM *et al.*), and one at R.C.B.L., Sept. 10 (WA). Wilson's Phalaropes were reported from Imperial, PA Aug. 18–20 (CT) and K.C.P.P., Aug. 22 (WA, LK). At P.I.S.P. a Red Phalarope was seen Sept. 29 and a Red or Red-necked Phalarope was seen fleetingly Oct. 26 (JM).

Two imm. Parasitic Jaegers were seen at P.I.S.P., Nov. 23 (†), and what may have been a different bird was there Nov. 24 (JM). A first-year Laughing Gull at Kinzua Dam, PA Aug. 25–Sept. 1 (TG) was the first local record. Laughing Gulls were also at Watauga L., TN Oct. 1 (FA) and Nov. 20 (TM, CS). At P.I.S.P. (the Region's gull capital), a Franklin's Gull was seen Aug. 16 (JM); a total of about 20 Little Gulls were recorded Oct. 18–Nov. 23 (JM *et al.*), and a Lesser Black-backed Gull was found Nov. 1 (JM).

Caspian Terns continue to be more common than in the past and reports came from B.E.S.P., Aug. 23 (EZ); Pymatuning L., PA Aug. 14–Sept. 4 (*vide* RFL); Somerset L., PA, Aug. 19 (M&EW); K.C.P.P., Aug. 22 and Sept. 10 (WA, LK); R.C.B.L., Aug. 21 (WA); Fishersville, VA, Aug. 16 (AL); and Staunton, VA, Aug. 17 (JC). The trend of more Forster's than Com. terns was illustrated by the count of >50 Forster's and 15 Commons at R.C.B.L., Aug. 21 (WA). There was only one other report of Com. Tern—from B.E.S.P., Aug. 24 (EZ), but Forster's were reported from P.I.S.P. (JM), Donegal L., PA (RCL, RM), Blennerhasset I., WV (SM), and K.S.P. (TM *et al.*). Black Terns were more common than in most falls,

with a major flight through s.w. Pennsylvania with concentrations of 65 at Donegal L., PA Aug. 14 (RCL *et al.*); and 23 at Imperial, PA Aug. 20 (MF); and 60 were at K.S.P., Aug. 21 (TM *et al.*).

Cuckoos to Swallows

Both cuckoo species were in low numbers and none was banded at P.N.R. (RCL, RM). Short-eared Owls were reported in Allegheny, PA, Oct. 31 (TF); Lawrence, PA in November (SB); at P.I.S.P., Nov. 10 (JM); and Wattsburg, Erie, PA Nov. 19 (RSw); at least 12 were on the recovered surface mines in Jefferson, OH Nov. 13–19 (MA). The Com. Nighthawk flight was only average. At Johnson City, TN, 2206 birds were counted from Aug. 24–Sept. 14, with a peak of 433 Sept. 7 (RK). Both numbers are lower than last year. The only other large flight reported was 200 at Waynesboro, VA Sept. 1 (MH), and six at Roanoke, VA Oct. 25 (MS, KD) were very late. The 198 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds banded at P.N.R. provided the 3rd best total in 30 years (RM, RCL). At A.F.M.O., 310 hummingbirds were counted as fly-bys, compared with 388 last year (RB). One at Morgantown, WV Sept. 29 (SS) was rather late. There were two *Selasphorus* hummingbirds in the Region: one was at Dayton, VA in mid-October (YL) and one was in Roanoke, VA Nov. 3–Dec. 8 (MS *et al.*).

A total of 18 Red-headed Woodpeckers were counted flying by R.G.H.W. (NBr), but the only other reports were of two adults and two immatures at Mosquito L., OH Oct. 8 (CB) and two at Lyndhurst, VA, Nov. 16 (CP). The migration of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers was somewhat better than recent years. A large movement of N. Flickers was observed at Jersey Shore, PA Oct. 29 after the passage of a cold front (P&GS).

Most flycatcher species continued to be in below-normal numbers. At P.N.R., the lowest ever number of E. Wood-Pewees was banded, no Olive-sided Flycatchers were banded, Least Flycatchers were 2 standard deviations below average, and, for the first time in the history of that station, no Acadian Flycatchers were banded. Conversely, the 91 E. Phoebes banded there provided the 2nd best total there (RCL, RM). There were more reports for both Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied flycatchers than usual. A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher at P.N.R., Oct. 20 was rather late (RCL, RM) and a Great Crested Flycatcher at P.I.S.P., Oct. 3 provided the latest record there by 8 days (JM).

Large concentrations of swallows were again reported from near Elkton, VA in August. The peak count of N. Rough-winged

Swallows was 1200 Aug. 28 and the maximum for Tree Swallows was 450 Sept. 24. Cliff Swallows there Sept. 24 were rather late, and the last swallows were seen Sept. 28 (MGS). Barn Swallows at *Wood*, WV Oct. 18 (JE) and at P.I.S.P., Oct. 19 (JM) were quite late.

Corvids to Vireos

The usual heavy migration of Blue Jays past A.F.M.O. was essentially non-existent as only 49 were counted compared with the usual several thousand (RB). The Com. Raven population continued to increase in its usual range, but it is also expanding its range to lower and lower elevations. Two were seen daily after mid-October near Jefferson, *Greene*, PA (RB), one was seen flying over downtown Morgantown, WV Oct. 19 (GB), seven were flying over Elkton, VA Sept. 25 (MGS), and one at Rabun Bald, GA Nov. 28 (DB).

There was no evidence of a southward movement of Black-capped Chickadees, and except for a very few at feeders there was no movement of Red-breasted Nuthatches. On the other hand, Brown Creepers had a fairly good flight. By the end of the season a few Carolina Wrens appeared at most places, but the overall population remained low. It is no surprise that no Bewick's Wrens were reported. Several Sedge Wrens were found at Morgantown, WV Aug. 30 (SS); one in *Sullivan*, TN Oct. 9 (WC, LM); and *Monroe*, WV Oct. 16 (MS, KD, RM). Marsh Wrens were at *Monroe*, W, Oct. 10 (MS, KD) and at Austin Springs, TN Sept. 21-Oct. 9 (RK).

Both kinglet species were in lower than normal numbers, but migrant Ruby-crowneds at A.F.M.O., Sept. 6 (GAH) and P.N.R., Sept. 18 (RCL, RM) were quite early. The numbers of Swainson's Thrushes banded at both P.N.R. (RCL, RM) and A.F.M.O. (GAH) were better than 1993, but both were still well under the 10-year average. The five Gray-cheeked Thrushes banded at P.N.R. was the lowest total ever. Elsewhere most places reported a lack of thrushes, but there were a few exceptions. One of the most interesting reports was of a 11 P.M.-2:45 A.M. count at Rockfish Gap, VA Sept. 10-11 which registered about 10,000 Gray-cheeked Thrush calls from which the observer estimated 3500 individuals (NBr). Hermit Thrushes were unusually numerous at Morgantown, WV (GAH, SS). At A.F.M.O., Wood Thrushes were down 59% from the 10-year average (GAH). Several reporters commented on the lack of Am. Robins in the late fall.

A juv. N. Mockingbird was seen at P.I.S.P., Aug. 14 (JM). An Am. Pipit on a Roan Mt., TN bald Sept. 19 was early.

(RK). There were some good concentrations of pipits reported: 140 at Imperial, PA Oct. 29 (TF); 80 at Donegal L., PA Oct. 18 (M&EW); and 40 at S. Avis, PA Oct. 21 (P&GS). The only report of large numbers of Cedar Waxwings was of a flock of >200 at Warren, PA Oct. 19 (CP). Single N. Shrikes were reported from P.I.S.P., Oct. 15 and Nov. 20 (JM). Loggerhead Shrikes were scarce in e. Tennessee (RK), one of the two strongholds for the species in the Region, but no report came from the other location.

Two White-eyed Vireos at P.I.S.P., Sept. 15 (JM) were noteworthy for that n. location. Despite record spring numbers, few White-eyed were banded at P.N.R. (RM, RCL). The 33 Solitary Vireos banded at P.N.R. was the best total since 1985 (RM, RCL), but A.F.M.O. bandings were 30% below the 10-year average. Philadelphia Vireos, often not encountered in the fall except at banding stations, were reported widely, while the P.N.R. captures were average. At A.F.M.O. both Philadelphia and Red-eyed vireos were in well below normal numbers. A Warbling Vireo at P.I.S.P., Oct. 7 was quite late (GR).

Warblers to Finches

The warbler flight presented the usual set of contradictions. Some areas had fair flights but others saw few birds. Several good fall-outs were observed along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia, where 27 species were logged (NBr). The fall count at Elizabethton, TN listed 22 species Oct. 1 (RK). At both P.N.R. and A.F.M.O. the flight was better than last year but still below the 10-year average. However, most species were less than one S.D. below that average. Palm Warblers were about two S.D. above average at both banding stations and were reported more common at several other areas. The Tennessee Warbler increased markedly over the 1993 low point. The Orange-crowned Warbler was more common than usual, and both P.N.R. (RM, RCL) and A.F.M.O. (GAH) banded birds that were apparently of a w. sub-species. The mild weather produced a long list of late observations of which the following are the most extreme: Tennessee Nov. 17 at *Murray*, GA (HD); Nashville, Nov. 23 at Jersey Shore, PA (P&GS); Yellow Sept. 16 (DW, *fide* LC); Cape May Oct. 15 at *Butler*, PA (SB); Black-throated Green Oct. 25 at Waynesboro, VA (RS); and Canada Sept. 28 at Morgantown (SS).

A count of 80 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks on Roan Mt., TN Sept. 23 was noteworthy (RK). The pair of Blue Grosbeaks with a newly fledged young at Imperial, PA Aug. 13-20 (PH, TF, MF) made the 2nd

record for *Allegheny*, and possibly the first breeding record for w. Pennsylvania. The only other report was from Lyndhurst, VA, Aug. 23 (RS, MH). Indigo Buntings were feeding newly fledged young Sept. 14-21 in *Washington*, TN (FA, JN). A Dickcissel was seen in *Washington*, TN Sept. 17 (JB, AH).

A Chipping Sparrow at Natrona Heights, PA Nov. 9 was quite late (PH), as were Grasshopper Sparrows at Swoope, VA Oct. 19 (AL), and K.S.P., Oct. 28 (RK, WC, LM). Grasshopper Sparrows included 28 at Imperial, PA Aug. 18 (TF). Up to five Henslow's Sparrows were on the recovered surface mines near Steubenville, OH Aug. 6-13 (MA), and six were found at Imperial PA Aug. 14 (MF, TF). The seldom reported Lark Sparrow was seen at Swoope, VA Sept. 13 (AL). Field and White-throated sparrows were generally in low numbers, but the usually elusive Lincoln's Sparrow was encountered more than normal. Dark-eyed Juncos banded at P.N.R. were about normal in number (RM, RCL), but most places remarked that the junco flight was quite late. An "Oregon" Dark-eyed Junco was banded at P.N.R., Oct. 26 (RCL, RM). Lapland Longspur reports came from Imperial, PA Oct. 29 (TF) and a total of nine at P.I.S.P., Oct. 1-Nov. 20 (JM, EK). Snow Buntings were at Tidioute, PA Nov. 10 (JK) and at Mosquito L., OH Nov. 23 (D&JHo).

A count of 120 Bobolinks was made in *Washington*, TN Oct. 1 (TM). A ♀ Orchard Oriole at P.I.S.P., Sept. 17 was the first fall record for *Erie* (EK). The 625 Am. Goldfinches banded at P.N.R. was 3 S.D. above the average (RCL, RM), and at A.F.M.O. a new season record of 3495 goldfinches were counted flying over the station, with 461 counted Sept. 11 (RB). Purple Finches were in short supply and at Jersey Shore, PA, House Finch populations were down by 80% (G&PS). There were 2 reports of Pine Siskins: Saybrooke, PA on the noteworthy dates of Aug. 4 & 7 (CN) and *Shenandoah*, VA Nov. 11-13 (DDa). The only reports of Evening Grosbeaks were of a small flock at Linesville, PA Nov. 5 (RFL) and three small flocks at R.G.H.W., Oct. 28 (PBr) and Nov. 15 & 30 (NBr).

Corrigendum

The birds found in the cattail marshes of *Sullivan* and *Hawkins*, TN (*FN* 48: 207) were Virginia Rails.

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Western Great Lakes Region

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Unseasonably mild weather characterized this autumn, lasting until Thanksgiving when it turned sharply cooler. For Minnesota the cold was accompanied by a major snowstorm that swept across the state. With such mild temperatures major cold fronts were noticeably lacking. Consequently, this autumn's migration proved highly predictable. For example, the passerine flight was average and relatively uneventful. Its most notable aspect were the numerous late departure dates, as many birds were induced to linger. A pleasant surprise was the exceptional waterfowl movement along the Mississippi River (Wisconsin-Minnesota). Concentrations were the best since the 1970s! By contrast, the diver flight in southern Wisconsin and southern Michigan was considerably delayed, not peaking until December. Shorebird movement proved variable—poor for most of Wisconsin but excellent in several southern Michigan locales. Finches were virtually nonexistent in most areas of the Region.

The exception to this predictability was the rarities. One would expect a limited number of unusual sightings. However, the opposite proved true as an excellent assortment was seen, albeit too briefly in many instances. All three states added to their state lists, although in Wisconsin's case the "jury is still out." Michigan had an impressive nine noteworthy finds, headlined by its first Ash-throated Flycatcher. Minnesota followed closely with eight, led by its first Calliope Hummingbird. Wisconsin had a considerably quieter season, as evidenced by only five headliners, with the top find—a second-year female Harris's Hawk—debated as to origin.

Abbreviations: P.M.S.G.A. (*Pt. Mouillee State Game Area, MI*); W.P.B.O. (*Whitefish Pt. Bird Observatory, MI*).

Loons to Ibises

Good numbers of Red-throated Loons were counted at W.P.B.O., with a total of 377 between Aug. 18–Nov. 4, 78 Sept. 24 a record high. A few additional birds were recorded elsewhere in the state, while Minnesota had only four and Wisconsin none. Single Pacific Loons were observed in Michigan Sept. 22 at W.P.B.O. (AB, DJ), and in Minnesota Oct. 29–30 in *Lake* (KE *et al.*) and Nov. 8–12 in *St. Louis* (KE). The W.P.B.O. staff also recorded impressive numbers of Com. Loons (5503), Horned Grebes (721), and Red-necked Grebes (17,720) for the season. Eared Grebes were found in 5 Wisconsin sites, totaling about ten birds; 3 Michigan sites yielded about 20 bird. A W. Grebe was seen by Berger Nov. 7 in *Sheboygan*, WI. American White Pelicans were found at 2 Wisconsin sites, Green Bay and along the Mississippi R. in *LaCrosse* and *Vernon*, a maximum of 30–60 birds at each site. In Michigan the six individuals (max.) present at the P.M.S.G.A. during the summer remained until Sept. 24.

Great Egrets lingered in 2 states. One was in *Washington*, MN Nov. 20 (DS), while in Michigan the latest was a single into December at P.M.S.G.A. (CP, PC, TW). Record-late Snowy Egrets were found in *Winona*, MN Oct. 23 (JW) and in *Milwaukee*, WI Nov. 2–6 (m.ob.). More normal was a maximum of six birds between Aug. 2–Sept. 24 at P.M.S.G.A. (m.ob.). Single Little Blue Herons were reported in 2 Michigan sites: *Berrien* Aug. 10 (WJ, RWi) and at the *Erie Marsh Preserve* Aug. 20–28 (TW). Wisconsin had one Aug. 16 at *Fremont* (DT) and a record-late individual accompanying a Snowy Egret Oct. 8 at *Green Bay* (TBa). The Tricolored Heron remained at Michigan's P.M.S.G.A. until Aug. 7 (SS). Cattle Egrets lingered well into October in all 3

