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AREA SURVEY FOR 1954 FORAY

BY

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The 1954 Brooks Bird Club Foray was held in Fayette County, in the south central part of West Virginia about 50 miles south east of Charleston, latitude 39° degrees and longitude 81° degrees intersect in Fayette County.

Operating under new "ground rules", set up following the Foray at Camp Thornwood last year, all official study was limited to an area of a radius of 15 miles of Camp Headquarters. All reports therefore contained in this 1954 Foray Report applies to this 30 mile working circle. Adop-
tion of this system of reporting the natural history activities of BBC Forays is a desirable feature since it will permit more equitable com-
parison of plant and animal species encountered from year to year at dif-
f erent encampments. Such comparison has not been feasible in the past be-
cause of variation in the size of working areas using the former county
boundary system.

A study of Volume 10, West Virginia Geological Survey shows the aver-
age mean temperature for the area is about 52 or 53 degrees Fahrenheit, and the average annual precipitation about 50 inches, about average for the state. Exclusive of towns and their environs, the bulk of Fayette County consists of forest land, interspersed with open, chiefly hillside fields which are used primarily for pastures, meadows, corn fields, or
garden plots. A fair percentage of once-cleared fields are now in the shrub or "brush" stage of vegetation reverting to forest land. The main
forest types may be described as Red Oak, Cove Hardwoods, Chestnut Oak, and smaller amounts of Hemlock, Hard Pine-Oak, and White Pine types. Coniferous types are comparatively few and small in area.

The topography is rugged, consisting of ridges alternating with steep, narrow valleys and smaller drainages. The New River Gorge is the most
conspicuous geological feature of the landscape in the area and is undoubt-
edly the most fertile location in the region, botanically speaking.

Elevations of some of the more notable locations and recognizable
geological features within the 30 mile working circle will give the reader
some additional insight into the make-up of the area; Kanawha River near
Pratt, 610 ft.; L. H. Camp, 1500 ft.; Fayetteville, 1850 ft.; New River Gorge
at cotton Hill (U. S. 21 bridge), bottom of gorge - 750 ft., and top
- 1250 ft., approximately; breeding bird population study areas (1) on Laurel
Creek near Camp, 1300 ft. and (2) on the ridge two miles west of Beckwith
P. O., 2000 ft. The higher elevations in Fayette County, outside this
working circle include Sewell Mountain (3200 - ft.), Ford Knob (3250 - ft.)
and Myles and Walnut Knobs (3350 - ft.).

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THE ORNITHOLOGICAL RESULTS OF THE 1954 FORAY
IN FAYETTE COUNT, W. VA.
By Charles Conrad

The fifteenth annual Foray of the Brooks Bird Club was held from Saturday, June 5 to Sunday, June 13, 1954 at the Fayette County 4-H Camp Bechwith near Fayetteville, West Virginia. During this period some sixty people contributed ornithological information and records used in compiling this report.

The region covered and reported herein was an area of a 15-mile radius centered at Camp Bechwith. The general biotic description of the region will be recorded in a separate report, titled "Area Survey For 1954 Foray."

This was the first Foray held in this territory and it proved to be of great interest. The compiled list of birds totaled 103 species which includes 21 different kinds of warblers and a new station for the Swainson's Warbler, (Limnothlypis Swainsonii).

The following list is an indication of the status of the birds of this region as members of the Brooks Bird Club found them during the period mentioned above. The scientific nomenclature is limited to the use of binomials since no collecting was done during the Foray. The number given in parenthesis indicate the number of nests reported for that particular species.


2. Black Duck (Anas rubripes) - One record at bridge along Laurel Fork. Observed on early morning walk by group including C. Upton and T. Shields.

3. Lesser Scaup Duck (Aythya affinis) - Observed on River near Gauley Bridge by Wheeling group on way to camp on Saturday, June 5.

4. Turkey Vulture (Cathartes Aura) - Common. Seen daily at camp and throughout the territory.

5. Sharp-shinned Hawk (Accipiter striatus) - One report by John and Polly Handlan, Chandlers and Thomas in flight over camp area.

6. Cooper's Hawk (Accipiter cooperii) - One record on the upper study area by John Handlan.

7. Red-tailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis) - Fairly Common. Recorded several times during the Foray. Observed in camp area by T. Shields. Also on Upper Study Area.


9. Broad-winged Hawk (Buteo platypterus) - Probably the most common hawk in the territory. Seen at camp by all the group and reported at Gauley Bridge.

10. Sparrow Hawk (Falco sparverius) - Not common. Seen by T. Shields at Rt. 21 and camp road on telephone post, Saturday, June 12. Also one report from the Fayette Station road.
11. Ruffed Grouse (Bonasa umbellus) - One record by Limes on road to Upper Study Area and by C. Conrad near the picnic shelter.

12. Bobwhite (Colinus virginianus) - Common. Found in camp area and generally in open fields throughout territory. (1)


15. Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus) - Common. Observed by most campers. (3)

16. Black-billed Cuckoo (Coccyzus erythropthalmus) - Rare. Observed in the camp area. Also reported from Upper Study Area.

17. Barn Owl (Tyto alba pyrrhodora) - One record on Upper Study Area by D. Conrad and T. Shields on June 10.


19. Great Horned Owl (Bubo virginianus) - One record by J. Handlan and Pete Chandler heard east of camp.


21. Whip-poor-will (Caprimulgus vociferus) - Heard every night at camp and throughout territory.

22. Nighthawk (Chordeiles minor) - One record at Oak Hill by Chuck Conrad and "P. W."

23. Chimney Swift (Chaetura pelagica) - Common. Observed daily. One colony of nests reported by C. Conrad. (1)

24. Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Archilochus colubris) - Common. Observed by many of the campers. T. Shields found one occupied nest near camp. (1)


26. Yellow-shafted Flicker (Colaptes auratus) - Common throughout territory. (4)

27. Pileated Woodpecker (Dryocopus pileatus) - Fairly common. Listed daily at camp and on Upper Study Area. Thacker, Baker and Beach heard four calling at one time.

28. Red-bellied Woodpecker (Centurus carolinus) - Rather common. Observed near swimming pool and Upper Study Area. (1)

29. Hairy Woodpecker (Dendrocoptes villosus) - Uncommon. Recorded at camp on morning walk and at Hawk's Nest.

30. Downy Woodpecker (Dendrocoptes pubescens) - Common.
31. Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) - Not common. Listed at Pax, Cotton Hill and Crooked Run Road. (3)

32. Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) - Fairly Common. Listed daily in camp and throughout territory.

33. Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*) - Very common (16)

34. Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virescens*) - Fairly common in suitable territory. (3)

35. Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*) - Rare. Two records, Tom Shields near camp and Hicks near Crooked Run.

36. Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*) - Recorded on road to Upper Study Area. Phillips and B. Shields found nest on Brooks Farm. (1)

37. Eastern Wood Peewee (*Contopus virens*) - Common in all woods area. (1)


39. Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) - Rare. Observed by Phillips on Rt. 82 near Fayette Station.


41. Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) - Common in suitable habitat. (3)

42. Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) - Only one record by "P. W." at Cotton Hill. (1)

43. Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) - Fairly common. Observed at camp, Gauley Bridge, and road to Upper Study Area. Nesting in houses at Fayetteville.

44. Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) - Very common. (2)

45. Crow (*Corvus Brachyrhyncos*) - Fairly common. No nests.

46. Carolina Chickadee (*Parus carolinensis*) - Common throughout territory. (5)

47. Tufted Titmouse (*Parus bicolor*) - Common. (1)


49. House Wren (*Troglydotes aedon*) - Not common. Found only in town and farm buildings. (4)

50. Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) - Fairly common. In camp area and Upper Study Area. (2)

51. Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*) - Uncommon. Hicks recorded bird first on Friday and found the nest. (1)

52. Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) - Common to abundant in suitable habitat. (8)

53. Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*) - Very common. (13)
54. Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) - Very common. (21)

55. Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) - Common and only one of the spotted thrushes. (11)

56. Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*) - Rather common in the farmlands of the area. (7)

57. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*) - Fairly common in camp and throughout territory.

58. Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) - Common. Flocks could be seen and heard daily. (4)

59. Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) - Fairly common. Not in camp area but found in town and Brooks farm. (4)

60. White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*) - Fairly common. At camp and Upper Study Area. (2)

61. Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) - Not common. A singing male could be heard daily near camp dining hall. Shield's recorded one at Hawk's Nest.

62. Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) - Common in wooded areas throughout territory. (5)


64. Black & White Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) - Moderately common. Heard regularly in territory. One nest found and young out of nest by H. Chandler and B. Shields. Thacker found it common. (1)

65. Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorus*) - Two records. D. Conrad and T. Shields found nest on Upper Study Area. Miller, Conrad and Phillips also reported this species. Reported from Laurel Run. (1)

66. Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) - Common. Recorded daily at camp area, Upper Study Area and throughout territory. (1)


68. Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora pinus*) - One record by Hicks and group east of camp. Heard singing and observed.

69. Parula Warbler (*Parula americana*) - Thacker, Cole and Chandler all reported species as being common. (5)

70. Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*) - Common. Several could be heard singing in immediate camp area where one nest was reported by Conrad. (3)

71. Magnolia Warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*) - Three records all from same general area on Laurel Run by C. Conrad, J. Handlan and P. Chandler. Also reported on Route 82 going into gorge.

73. Cerulean Warbler (*Dendroica cerulea*) - Reported common by Thacker and P. Chandler, in wooded areas at camp and in territory.

74. Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*) - Recorded only on Upper Study Area several times during week by Shields, Conrad, Beach, Phillips and Vletszy.

75. Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*) - Rather common. Recorded regularly on the Upper Study Area and road to Fayette Station.

76. Prairie Warbler (*Dendroica discolor*) - Common throughout territory and especially in camp area. (2)

77. Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapillus*) - Fairly common. Recorded in camp area, Babcock State Park and Hawk's Nest. (1)

78. Louisiana Water-thrush (*Seiurus motacilla*) - Common. Listed on all streams in territory. (3)

79. Kentucky Warbler (*Oporornis formosus*) - Common. Verified same by Thacker, Cole and Chandler, camp area and Upper Study Area. (1)

80. Yellow-throat (*Geothlypis trichas*) - Fairly common. Reported from Cotton Hill, camp area and Brooks farm. (3)

81. Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*) - Common in suitable habitat. Recorded throughout territory. (3)

82. Hooded Warbler (*Wilsonia citrina*) - Fairly common in woods above camp and along run. P. Chandler saw female carrying food. Cole and Thacker reported it as being common. (1)

83. Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*) - Rare. Two sight records by Hicks and Miller. Observed on Laurel Run Road.

84. Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) - Common. Observed daily and especially common on Upper Study Area. (9)

85. House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) - Common only in towns and about buildings. Reported at Gauley Bridge. (8)

86. Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) - Common in field near camp and open farm lands. Found at Brooks farm. No nests.

87. Red-wing Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) - Not common in territory. Lack of habitat. Reported at Mt. Hope, Pox and Gauley Bridge. (3)

88. Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) - Not common in territory. Observed at camp where bird was nesting. (1)

89. Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) - Fairly common. Observed by most campers and two nests found. (2)

91. Cowbird (**Molothrus ater**) - Common. Small flocks reported daily. Three examples of nest parasitism were found in nests of the Indigo Bunting, Field Sparrow and Red-eyed Vireo.

92. Scarlet Tanager (**Piranga olivacea**) - Very common throughout territory. (3)

93. Summer Tanager (**Piranga rubra**) - Very common. Every camper had a good opportunity to see and learn the song of this bird. (4)

94. Cardinal (**Richmondena cardinalis**) - Common. Many reports throughout territory. (3)

95. Rose-breasted Grosbeak (**Pheucticus ludovicianus**) - Rare. One sight record by M. Murdock near Dothan, W. Va.

96. Indigo Bunting (**Passerina cyanea**) - Common. Could be heard or observed daily. (1)

97. Goldfinch (**Spinus tristis**) - Common. No nests, but Phillips, Shields and Conrad reported one flock of from 200-300 at the Brooks farm.

98. Red-eyed Towhee (**Pipilo erythrophthalmus**) - Common is suitable habitat. Heard along Laurel Run. (1)

99. Grasshopper Sparrow (**Ammodramus savannarum**) - Not common. One or two records. Hicks reported one near Oak Hill.

100. Vesper Sparrow (**Poecetes gramineus**) - Uncommon. This was the opinion of Cole and Chandler and many others. No nests.

101. Chipping Sparrow (**Spizella passerina**) - Common in all suitable habitats. (6)

102. Field Sparrow (**Spizella pusilla**) - Common throughout territory. (10)

103. Song Sparrow (**Melospiza melodia**) - Common. Could be heard singing daily. (5)

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**1954 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

The annual Christmas bird count will be held Sunday, December 26, 1954. The plans are to work Oglebay Park in the morning, parts of Ohio, Marshall and Brooke counties in the afternoon.

A covered dish dinner and party at the Nature Center in the evening. Here's the schedule.

- **8:15 a.m.** Meet at Nature Center, Oglebay Park.
- **12:15 p.m.** Bring lunch. Lunch and hot beverages, Nature Center.
- **1:15 p.m.** Depart for areas to be covered; Big Wheeling Creek, Bear Rocks, etc.
- **5:00 p.m.** End of count.
- **6:15 p.m.** Meet at Nature Center.
- **6:30 p.m.** Come and get it. Dinner is served.
ONE DAY'S OBSERVATIONS AT FOUR ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN LAKES

On Saturday, April 17, 1954, the writers, accompanied by Maurice Brooks, visited Lake Terra Alta, Preston County, West Virginia, and Deep Creek, Mountain, and Harrington Manor Lakes, Garrett County, Maryland.

For two days previously there had been intermittent heavy rains and strong southwest winds. On Friday night, April 16, the wind shifted to the northwest and the temperature dropped sharply. This advancing cold front may have accounted for the presence of an unusual number of water birds at the four lakes. Below is a table showing the numbers and species of water birds observed.

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According to Robbins and Stewart (Birds of Maryland Ms.) this is the first western Maryland report of a European Widgeon (Mareca penelope). The Black-crowned Night Herons (Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli) are unusual enough in the region to deserve special mention.

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FIELD NOTES

1954  
THE SUMMER SEASON  July 1 to September 30

The summer season was rather mild and unusually wet. July was cooler than normal and August was about normal. Both months had much more rainfall than in the past several years. Some of the hottest weather of the year occurred in mid-September and the rest of the month was unusually warm. Only one cold spell occurred before the end of the month. This produced a killing frost at higher elevations but the rest of the region had had no frosts by October 1.

From an ornithological standpoint the early summer was uneventful, or else the observers were relatively inactive. The shorebird migration started at about the right time but fell off markedly after September 1. The mild temperatures seemed to cause the land migration to be late and warblers in particular did not arrive in any numbers until mid-September. The migration was heavy and long lasting. On the night of September 25 and the morning of September 26 a very heavy small bird migration was observed along the Allegheny Front Mountain in Tucker County.

There were few reports of unusual or rare species for the period.

Pied-billed Grebe: Nested again at Leetown (C. Miller); seen at Oglebay Park on August 30 (G. Breiding).

American Egret: Rather scarce this year but reported from Charleston, the Eastern Panhandle and Mosquito Lake, Ohio.

Little Blue Heron: Many more reports than usual. G. Phillips saw an immature bird at Wheeling on August 7 and adults and immatures both at Piedmont Lake, O., on the same day. Mrs. H. Chapman and Mrs. D. Cain found them near Barnesville, O., from August 14 to September 22. Several were present at Evans and Pine Lakes, O., in early August (H. Heimerdinger and W. Baker).

Black-crowned Night Heron: R. A. Booth saw two adults at Berlin Reservoir, Ohio on July 18 and R. O. Marshall found two adults at Leetonia, O., G. Hall and W. Davis saw four immature birds at Altona Marsh, Jefferson County on August 23.

Ducks: V. McLaughlin reports that smaller than usual numbers began to congregate at the Youngstown, O., lakes in late summer.

Mallard: Miller reports at least seven broods raised in the Eastern Panhandle, about the same as in 1953.

Wood Duck: A total of 200 at Leetown on September 23 (Miller). C. O. Handley saw 25 at the Point Pleasant Game Management Area on September 14, and G. Hurley reports them plentiful at the same place on September 26.

Blue-winged Teal: Handley reports 40 on the Kanawha River on September 3 and 100 or more at Point Pleasant on September 23. Mrs. M. Dickinson reported 30 at Bluefield on September 3.

Green-winged Teal: Appeared as usual in late summer at Mosquito Lake, O. (McLaughlin).
Hawks: Once again the weather was not favorable, for hawk flights, on the "official count weekend". Most stations reported very poor flight and some observers were shut out completely. A flight of about 800 broadwings was observed along the Allegheny Front on Friday, September 17 (C. Robbins fide J. Beach), and a large flight was observed at Hawk Mountain, Pa. on September 22.

Rough-legged Hawk: J. Mehner reports one near Frostburg, Md. on September 19.

Osprey: Two records from the Wheeling region; Buffalo Creek, Brooke County on September 11 (G. Hubbard) and Glendale, Marshall County on September 16 (M. and L. Gorman). Moderately common along the eastern ridges during the hawk count period.

Duck Hawk: Miller saw one at North Mountain, Berkeley County on September 19 and Hall and R. Hessler saw one at the Bear Rocks, Tucker County on September 26.

Bobwhite: Miller had a report of a nest with eggs on September 15.

King Rail: Found all during the summer and presumably nested at several stations in Jefferson County (Miller). Heimerdinger observed a brood of downy young at Mosquito Lake, O., on July 18.

Virginia Rail: Miller believes that they nested at five different stations in Jefferson County. One immature and one adult reported from Leetonia, O., on July 9 (Marshall); and reported from Barnesville, O., on July 17 (Chapman and Cain).

Black Rail: Two of these rarely seen birds were found at Leetonia, O., on July 11 by Marshall.

Florida Gallinule: Miller reports four broods raised at three different locations in Jefferson County. Seen at Barnesville, O., on September 12 (Cain and Chapman).

Shorebirds: Cain and Chapman report a poor flight at Barnesville, O. The Youngstown, O., observers had a fairly good early flight but the numbers dropped off in September.

Golden Plover: One at Seneca Lake, O., on September 19 (Chapman and Cain); and one at Mosquito Lake, O., on September 26 (Heimerdinger).

Ruddy Turnstone: Heimerdinger reports two at Mosquito Lake, O., on September 19.

Woodcock: E. Chandler reports one accompanied by young birds at Tomlinson Run State Park on July 17.

Knot: One at Evans Lake, O., on September 26 (Baker).

Pectoral Sandpiper: A rather heavy flight at Inwood all during September with one group of 25 being seen (Miller).

Baird's Sandpiper: Four seen at Mosquito Lake, O., on July 17-18 by the B.B.C. field trip.

Western Sandpiper: One at Mosquito Lake, O., on July 18 (Heimerdinger).
Buff-breasted Sandpiper: Heimerdinger found one of these rare shorebirds at Mosquito Lake, O., on September 26.

Sanderling: Heimerdinger found them at Mosquito Lake, O., on July 30 (is earliest date on record) and August 1.

Northern Phalarope: Three at Mosquito Lake, O., on September 18 (McLaughlin).

Caspian Tern: Reported from Mosquito Lake, O., on August 21 (Mehner) and August 22 (Heimerdinger).

Least Tern: Possibly the best record of the season. Cain and Chapman saw one at Seneca Lake, O., on September 5.

Nighthawk: Chandler saw a large flock near Coudersport, Pa., on August 12. Other early records were August 21 at Bluefield (Dickinson) and August 23 at Wheeling (Breiding). Good to fair flights were reported on August 24 at Kingwood (L. Schwab) and August 27, 28, 29 at Charleston (Hurley and Handley). On September 4 there were good flights at Piedmont Lake, O., (B.B.C.), Point Pleasant (J. Appel), and in Raleigh County (Handley). On September 5 Schwab reported a fair flight at Kingwood and Dickinson reported a peak flight at Bluefield. Handley reported a good flight at Lewisburg on the 6th and 7th and Chandler saw 60 at Chester on the 7th. Breiding saw several hundred between Ripley and Parkersburg on the 8th. Phillips saw over 100 on the 9th at Wheeling.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: A large concentration of birds noted during July and August at Altona Marsh in Jefferson County (Miller).

Red-headed Woodpecker: Six (four in one loose flock) were seen flying South along the Allegheny Front on September 26 (Hall and Hessler).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: One at Oglebay Park on September 27 (Breiding).

Kingbird: C. Conrad observed them several times in July in Ohio County where they are rare in summer. On September 1 Dickinson saw 23 (nine in one flock) at Bluefield.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: One at Morgantown on September 12 (Hall).

Blue Jay: Phillips reports one at Wheeling on September 26. Rather common near Morgantown where they are usually absent (Hall). A big migratory flight along the Allegheny Front on September 26 (Hall and Hessler).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: Breiding reports more than usual at Oglebay Park this fall. It was numerous in the heavy migration of small birds along the Allegheny Front on September 26 (Hall and Hessler).

Carolina Wren: Occurred during the summer at Willoughby, O. (L. Barbour).

Long-billed Marsh Wren: Present at Altona Marsh throughout the period (Miller). Reported on September 12 at Barnesville, O. (Chapman and Cain). Apparently decreasing as the suitable habitat is drying up in the Youngstown, O. region (McLaughlin).

Short-billed Marsh Wren: Chapman and Cain found them from July 25 to August 21 at Seneca and Piedmont Lakes, O. Present at Altona Marsh from July through September (Miller).
Olive-backed Thrush: More reports than usual this fall and a few were still present in early October.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Reported from Barnesville, O., on September 11 (Cain and Chapman) and from Bluefield on October 3 (Dickinson).

Water Pipit: Conrad saw five in the Canaan Valley on September 18; Chapman and Cain reported it from Barnesville, O. on September 25.

Yellow-throated Vireo: Chandler reports them from Chester in July, a new summer record for that region.

Red-eyed Vireo: An adult feeding young just out of the nest, was observed on August 22 at New Castle, Pa. (Mehner). Still singing at Wheeling on September 10 (Conrad).

Philadelphia Vireo: Comparatively common at Morgantown on September 12 (Hall).

Warblers: The heaviest and most long lasting fall migration in recent years. A total of 27 species (remarkably high for fall migration) were reported from the region. The flights were somewhat late and lasted throughout September. Many species remained late and in early October at least a dozen species were still common. The earliest wave was reported on September 3 at Pittsburgh, Pa. (Mehner). On September 11, 12, 13 waves were reported from Bluefield (Dickinson), Pittsburgh, Pa. (Mehner), Kingwood (Schwab), and Morgantown (Hall). At Wheeling the first big day was September 15 (Breiding) and the first wave was noted at Willoughby, O. on September 19 (Barbour). The real peak came about a week later during the period September 25-30 when heavy migrations were reported from everywhere.

Prothonotary Warbler: Conrad saw one at Mosquito Lake, O., August 14.

Tennessee Warbler: Good flight at Morgantown, where they were still present at the end of the period. Reported from Wheeling on September 27 (Breiding) and at Barnesville, O. (Cain and Chapman). Seen at Bluefield from September 13-27 (Dickinson).

Orange-crowned Warbler: Reported from Chester in late September (Chandler). Fair numbers seen at Morgantown.

Magnolia Warbler: Present at Bluefield from September 1 to 27 (Dickinson) in Pittsburgh, Pa. from September 3 to 25 (Mehner). First at Willoughby, O. on September 14 (Barbour).

Cape May Warbler: Schwab reported them to be fewer than usual at Kingwood. Reported from most other regions in good numbers. Still present at Morgantown after October 1 (Hall).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: Reported from Wheeling on September 27 (Breiding) and at Pittsburgh, Pa. on September 25. Quite common in the migratory flight along the Allegheny Front on September 26 (Hall and Hessler).

Myrtle Warbler: Dickinson reported them from Bluefield on September 18. A few reported elsewhere but the main flight was not in by the end of the period.
Black-throated Green Warbler: Very abundant in the flight along the Allegheny Front on September 26 (Hall). Reported from Wheeling on September 12 (Breiding) and at Bluefield on September 13 (Dickinson). Reported also from Barnesville, O. (Cain and Chapman) and from Willoughby, O. (Barbour).

Bay-breasted Warbler: A heavy flight at Morgantown with many still present after the first of October. Mehner reports the highest numbers he has seen in the Fall at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Pine Warbler: Unusually common at Wheeling where Breiding found them on five different days between September 11 and 27. Reported also from Barnesville, O. (Chapman and Cain).

Wilson’s Warbler: Numerous at Barnesville, O. in September (Chapman and Cain).

Bobolink: One at Altona Marsh, Jefferson County on August 3 and five there on September 6 (Miller).

Rusty Blackbird: Miller reports them from the Eastern Panhandle on September 29.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Breiding saw one at Wheeling on August 28 and found it there also on September 17; reported from Barnesville, O. on September 23. A few were seen flying along the Allegheny Front on September 26 (Hall and Hessler).

Dickcissel: One seen at Barnesville, O. on July 30 and another there on September 15 (Chapman and Cain).

Purple Finch: McLaughlin reports them to be present all summer at Youngstown, O.

White-throated Sparrow: Reported from Wheeling on September 26 (Phillips) but had not arrived elsewhere by the end of the period.

Note: Unless otherwise designated, all places in the above account are to be understood as referring to the state of West Virginia.

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Maurice Brooks, editor, Audubon Field Notes, for the Appalachian Region, has sent word for bird watchers to be on the alert for northern birds.

He has received reports of the following species:

Brown-capped Chickadee - New Jersey record.

Pine Grosbeak - State College, Pennsylvania area in October; mountains of West Virginia, mid-November.

Evening Grosbeak - Large numbers, Pocahontas County, West Virginia and as far south as Roan Mountain Tennessee.

White-winged Crossbill - Ohio County, West Virginia.

Snow Bunting - New Jersey, Pennsylvania in October; Tennessee in November.

Professor Brooks states there will be a need for extensive and intensive field work and asks that all observations be recorded and a copy forwarded to him; Division of Forestry, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.