

southeastern Michigan reported that the thrush migration was generally poor this fall (AHK) but others reported peaks during September. Eastern Bluebirds were considered more common in Alpena County, Mich. with a peak of 32 seen on Sept. 6 (AEV). In Minnesota, as many as 500 were seen at the Rice Lake Refuge on Oct. 12 (CP). A *Townsend's Solitaire* was recorded at Northfield, Rice Co., Minn. from Nov. 11 to Nov. 24 (GR). Several Water Pipits were seen during October in southeastern Michigan where the bird is rarely reported and a Northern Shrike was banded at the Cranbrook Campus on Nov. 5 (AHK). The first Northern Shrike in Alpena County, Mich. was observed on Oct. 23 and single birds were seen on Nov. 7 and Nov. 29 (AEV). In Wisconsin, shrikes were reported on three late October dates and four were noted in November.

**Vireos, Warblers**—A *Bell's Vireo* was heard singing in Trempeleau County, Wis. on Aug. 4 (SDR) and another in LaCrosse County, Wis. on Sept. 4 (FL). A late Red-eyed Vireo was banded at the Cranbrook Campus on Oct. 23 and a Philadelphia Vireo was observed in Waushara County, Wis. from Oct. 26 to Nov. 6. It was trapped and banded and appeared to be recovering from an injury (IC). The previous late state departure record was Nov. 3. Several observers commented on the lack of warblers during the fall but the kills at TV towers point to heavy movements during September. In Michigan a Tennessee Warbler was banded as late as Oct. 23 on the Cranbrook Campus (AHK); and on Sept. 24 Walter Nickell also banded and photographed an immature male *Kirtland's Warbler* on the Cranbrook Campus. No previous fall migration dates are known for this species in Michigan outside the Jack-Pine areas (Mayfield, *The Kirtland's Warbler*). An Ovenbird banded on Sept. 21 and recaptured on Nov. 24 at the Cranbrook Campus was recorded a month later than the previous late date for the species (AHK). Walter Booth noted a heavy migration of passerines in Berrien County, Mich. on Oct. 2, mostly Myrtle and Palm Warblers. A. E. Valentine also made note of a late flock of 25 Myrtle Warblers, observed in Alpena County, Mich. on Oct. 2. Mrs. T. A. Petts banded a *Lawrence's Warbler* on Aug. 15 (fide AEV) in Alpena County, Mich. Several late warblers were recorded in Wisconsin this fall and an Orange-crowned Warbler seen in Madison from Nov. 17 to Dec. 3 extended the latest previous record of Nov. 5 by nearly a month (TA). Two Yellow Warblers were still present in St. Croix County, Wis. on Sept. 22 (SDR); and another was seen in Pierce County on the same date (SDR). A Myrtle Warbler remained at Milwaukee until Nov. 1 (MD); and a Bay-breasted Warbler was noted in Racine County on Oct. 18 (LE, DK). A Yellow-breasted Chat was banded at Kenosha, Wis. on Sept. 29 (BH); and another was seen on the same date in Rock County, Wis. (Mrs. JB).

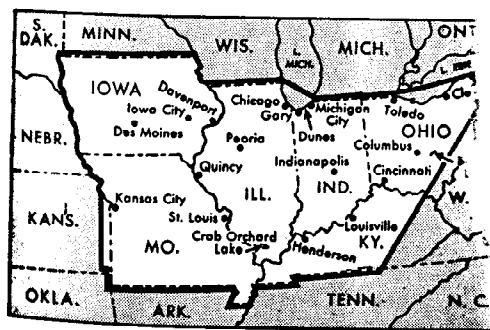
**Finches, Sparrows**—A Dickcissel near Roberts, Wis. on Sept. 22 was 38 days later than the last regular summer resident recorded there this summer (SDR). Winter finches invaded the area and

Pine Siskins were noted on Oct. 2 in the Detroit area and over 100 siskins were seen near Dearborn on Nov. 12 along with several redpolls (fide AHK). Siskins were also present in Berrien County, Mich. by early October (WB); in Alpena County on Oct. 10 (AEV); and good flights of Pine Siskins took place in late September and October in Wisconsin (SDR). Evening and Pine Grosbeaks were reported from southeastern and southwestern Michigan during November and both crossbills were noted in the Detroit area and in Berrien County during November. On Oct. 30 several flocks of redpolls totaling over 206 birds and two Pine Grosbeaks were seen in Alpena County, Mich. From then on, Pine Grosbeaks were seen regularly through November and Evening Grosbeaks were reported there from Nov. 2 on (AEV). Evening Grosbeaks were recorded around Brule and Drummond, Wis. in August and 6 were noted in Vilas County on Aug. 29 (SDR). Evening Grosbeaks were found nesting at Brule for the second year (BK, RFB). On Sept. 12, Tom Nicholls found some in Price County, Wis. and others were noted in Wood County on Sept. 12 (DF). From Oct. 13 on, small groups of Evening Grosbeaks began turning up all over and some 23 Wisconsin counties reported the birds as far south as Vernon, Sauk, and Racine Counties. Pine Grosbeaks were reported from ten Wisconsin counties with more than the usual number of birds noted. Redpolls also were recorded in larger numbers as far south as Rock and Racine Counties in Wisconsin. A *Sharp-tailed Sparrow* was recovered among the TV tower kills at Galesville, Wis. on Oct. 3 (HY). In southeastern Michigan reporters commented on the poor migration of White-throated, White-crowned, and Fox Sparrows, but 2 White-throats remained at a feeder at the end of November in Huntingdon Woods (Lenz, fide AHK). Song Sparrows were numerous at a banding station near Detroit and 323 birds were banded during the fall (fide AHK). A Harris' Sparrow was observed at Stevensville, Berrien Co., Mich. on Oct. 2; and one was seen at Benton Harbor on Oct. 14 (WB). In Wisconsin, the Harris' Sparrow was more uncommon than usual with only a few scattered reports during late September and early October. The same was true of the White-crowned Sparrow (SDR). Snow Buntings were first reported on Oct. 26 in Alpena County, Mich. (AEV); and some were present in Ann Arbor in November (AHK). The birds were also reported as early as Oct. 16 in Berrien County, Mich. (RS).

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**MIDDLEWESTERN PRAIRIE REGION.**—The best description of the fall season in this Region is "Indian Summer." August closed with normal



cool temperatures with good moisture. September was very wet, with extremely heavy rainfall in many areas. Temperatures were cool through much of the