

ew observers as in recent years, but 30 Yellow-billed Flycatchers were banded by Walter Nickell at the Cranbrook Institute, Oakland Co., Mich.; this surprising total is a much higher number than sight records would indicate for the area (*vide AHK*). Gray Jays were present in some numbers at Whitefish Point from May 14 to May 16, and about 50 were counted on May 15 (*vide AHK*). Following the heavy southward migration of Blue Jays last fall, the large movement reported this spring was not unexpected. Flights were generally later than usual, with small groups of 10 to 25 birds still moving through southeastern Michigan on June 1 (*vide AHK*). Although more Blue Jays were observed near the shores of the Great Lakes (300 banded near Lake Huron and 313 seen on April 30 near Lake Erie), banders found them numerous at inland stations during May (*vide AHK*). At Whitefish Point, the Blue Jay migration did not reach the magnitude of 1966, but indications were that the peak had not been reached when the banding station was closed. Mr. and Mrs. J. Sieger estimated that there were 5000 Blue Jays at the point on May 15. The migration there did not begin until May 6 (*vide AHK*).

Mimids, Thrushes—A Mockingbird was seen at Erie Marsh on April 29 (*JPK*) and four others were found in Macomb County, Mich. in late April (*JH*). Several reports of Mockingbirds were submitted from Wisconsin and Minnesota, including birds seen as far north as Superior, Wis. on May 26 (*RFB*); Tofte, Cook Co., Minn. on April 20 (*MOP*); and on the Sawbill Trail, Cook Co. on May 27 (*DH*). The thrush migration was late and light and Wood Thrushes were especially scarce. Peak flights of Swainson's and Gray-checked Thrushes were observed from May 28 to June 1 in southeastern Michigan (*vide AHK*), but few other peaks were noted. A *Varied Thrush* spent the winter in Carlton County, Minn. (*MGG*); another wintered at Little Marais, Lake Co., Minn. (*VF*). Observers reported a *Mountain Bluebird* at Moorhead, Clay Co., Minn. on March 25 (*LWJ*) and one was also seen near Spooner, Washburn Co., Wis. (*WSF*).

Vireos, Warblers—All vireos were scarce, and the usually numerous Red-eyed Vireo was scarcely noted in southeastern Michigan (*vide AHK*). Three *Bell's Vireos* were seen in Dane County, Wis. from May 13 to May 20 (*DG*); one was present at La Crosse from May 18 on (*FL*); and 5 were found singing in Trempealeau County, Wis. on May 19 (*PT, SDR*). The largest warbler wave in southeastern Michigan took place, May 20-21, with smaller numbers on May 25 and May 26 (*vide AHK*). Unusual was the occurrence of 3 *Worm-eating Warblers* in Oakland County, Mich. during May and early June. The first state record for the species was established in 1960 (*vide AHK*). Other interesting warbler reports included a Lawrence's hybrid banded and photographed on May 20 at the Port Huron State Game Area (*vide AHK*); 14 Connecticut Warblers banded at the Cranbrook Institute (*WPN*); and a *Hooded Warbler* seen at close range at Grosse Isle near Detroit on May 7 and again on May 9 (*WP*). Near Alpena, Mich., observers felt that war-

blers were present in good numbers but late in arriving. The peak of the warbler migration was noted there on May 27 (*AEV*). Unusual for the area was a Yellow-breasted Chat captured by Kay and Tom Petts on May 21 at their banding station in Presque Isle County, Mich. Unusual warbler reports from Wisconsin included the sighting of Prothonotary Warblers as far north as Brown and St. Croix Counties (*EC, MO*); a Brewster's hybrid at Hudson (*MO*); a *Kirtland's Warbler* at Green Bay (*BC*); a Kentucky Warbler in Grant County (*FL*); and Yellow-breasted Chats at La Crosse and in Sauk County (*SDR, DT*).

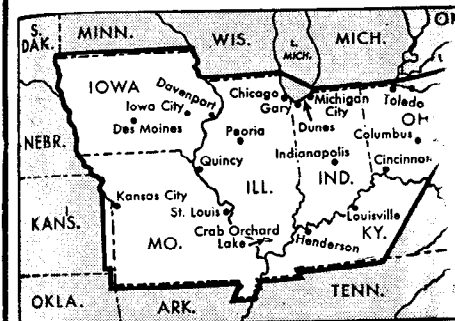
Blackbirds, Grosbeaks, Lazuli Bunting—Red-winged Blackbirds and Com. Grackles remain abundant in the area, but there were few reports of the Evening Grosbeak except for small flocks which lingered in Manitowoc County, Wis. until April 6 (*JK*); Brown County, Wis. until April 28 (*EC*); and Winnebago County, Wis. until May 16 (*Mrs. FWR*). Evening Grosbeaks were still present in Bayfield and Douglas Counties, Wis. at the end of the period. A *Lazuli Bunting* showed up at a feeder in Brule, Douglas Co., Wis. and remained there from May 19 to May 21 (*MB*). There is one previous state record for the species but no specimen or photograph.

Lark Bunting, Sparrows—Unusual also was the sighting of a *Lark Bunting* at Milwaukee on May 15 and May 16 (*RT*), only the fourth sight record for the state. Observers in southeastern Michigan reported few juncos, Tree Sparrows or White-throated Sparrows in migration. At Whitefish Point a Le Conte's Sparrow was recovered from the talons of a Sharp-shinned Hawk caught in a net on May 4 (*WW*). Two *Lark Sparrows* were seen there on May 21, and another was reported from northeastern Minnesota at Tofte, Cook Co., April 5-7 (*MOP*). A Harris' Sparrow was noted at Whitefish Point on May 18 and May 19 (*vide AHK*).

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MIDDLEWESTERN PRAIRIE REGION.
Weather conditions were characterized by the variations from normal. April temperatures varied



normal to warm from west to east for the first half of the month. The last half was generally cool except for a warm period near the end. Precipitation was greatest in the eastern portion of the Region. Southerly winds were scarce in May except for the period May 17-19. Many observers felt this was a significant retarding factor in migration. Extremes of weather conditions such as tornadoes and hailstorms, appeared to have little effect on birds.

Most observers agreed that the migration was late, especially during May, and some felt it was the poorest in recent years. The lack of single day counts was mentioned by several observers. Although there were some fine single day counts, e.g. 177 *Red-wings* at Cincinnati (*AW*), numbers of individuals were low. General wave dates for all species were May 10-14, 20 and 23.

Loons, Grebes, Pelicans—A Red-throated Loon was seen at Louisville, Ky., April 30 (*KA*). Many Eared Grebes were observed in Wisconsin (*WB*). Two Western Grebes seen at Geist, Wis. near Indianapolis on May 21 provided the fifth record for Indiana (*CEK*), while the first was reported for Iowa (*vide WB*). Several observations of large flocks (near 100) of White Pelicans were made in the Quincy, Ill. area.

Hérons, Ibises—A single Little Blue Heron reached Chicago on the early date of April 17 (*Jr.*). Cattle Egrets appeared at St. Mary's Lake, Ill., April 2 and May 6 (*DN, vide JS*); at Terre Haute, Ind., May 16 (*Mrs. DWC, vide JM*); and at