

hawks this quarter: **Cooper's** at MK 7/14; **Red-shouldered** at CRM 7/4, at UMC 7/13 & 8/4, and at ON 8/3; **Red-tailed** at MK 7/14 & UMC 9/1. A pair of **Spotted Sandpiper** was seen at ON 8/3 (DW).

LC realized why summer bird feeding was costing so much—69 **Mourning Dove** were in here BT yard 7/2! A **Com. Nighthawk** hung around NM's house all day just sitting in her driveway, until a neighbor scared it away. On 7/5, 2 ad. ♀ **Downy Woodpecker** at a BT suet feeder showed 1 feeding the other (LC). Last **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** noted 9/5 (DS), who also mentions that he noted increased activity at his feeder in Aug.

A family of 5 **E. Kingbird** was fun to watch at St. Marys Res. 7/1 (LC). **Blue Jay** were very, very evident this Sep. **Com. Raven** seen all quarter at UMC & ON (DW). 1 **Red-breasted Nuthatch** showed up at a BT feeder 9/24 (LC). **Carolina Wren** reappeared in a BT yard in Aug. (LC). 2 **Winter Wren** seemed fearless and weren't concerned I was so close to them, and I was able to watch them for some time on SGL 25 9/24 (LC). **E. Bluebird** doing fine, with 3 broods reported by DS at BT and an adventurous bluebird pair had a successful nesting in AH's **Purple Martin** house—the only occupants in a 24-room house! First **White-throated Sparrow** noted in SGL 25 9/24 (LC).

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ADDENDUM. Dave Wolfe mentioned that the neck-collared **Tundra Swan** he saw in May was a 2nd-year ♂ that was banded near Pungo, North Carolina, on 2 February 1991.

ERIE COUNTY

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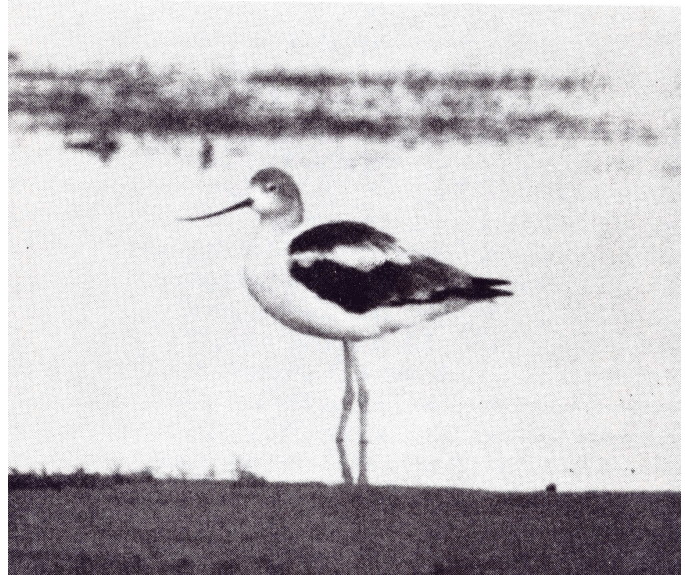
Abbreviations: *Presque Isle SP (PI)*, *Siegel Marsh (SM)*. All observations from PI unless otherwise noted.

Shorebird habitat is disappearing due to plant succession at Gull Point on PI. Phragmites have choked out existing ponds and Cottonwoods have established on the ridges with some trees several feet tall, leaving little habitat for shorebirds. Lack of rain throughout the period allowed the two or three small pools on Gull Point to dry up leaving grassy depressions in the sand. Many flocks of shorebirds that would normally land to feed or rest were observed circling the point a few times and then flying away in search of a more desirable feeding area. Gull Point is unique in Pa. as being the only place where certain species of shorebirds occur annually, e.g., **Whimbrel** and **Willet**. If there is no longer any natural sand replenishment and plant succession continue on Gull Point, species such as these may eventually become very difficult to see again in *Erie*.

The most exciting find this season, in terms of rarities, was a **Brown Pelican** along L. Erie 7/22. It was first seen near Raccoon Creek County Park (GK). Later that day identification was confirmed by experienced birders (JB,CB) across the state line near Conneaut, Ohio, and then was seen back in Pa. approximately 4 mi. e. of the county park (GE). Despite intensive searching along the Pa. boundary of L. Erie, the pelican could not be relocated. (We have received a description of the bird from one of the Ohio sightings, but we have not received a description from any of the Pennsylvania observations —Eds.)

1 **Horned Grebe** 8/4 (EK). The breeding success of **Double-crested Cormorant** is evident along the Great Lakes with the frequent sightings all quarter. 1 at L. Leboeuf 7/22 was a little unusual away from L. Erie in summer (RM). 1 **Am. Bittern** 8/14 (JGS) and single **Least Bittern** from 8/18–9/21 (JGS). Up to 4 **Great Egret** were at SM all quarter (RM). A **Black-crowned Night-Heron** was at Union city 8/1 and 1 at PI 8/4–31 (JM). Waterfowl report include 1 **Green-winged Teal** 7/13; 8 **Surf Scoter** 9/29; 1 **Com. Goldeneye** 7/30; and 1 **Bufflehead** 7/31 (JM).

Six **Merlin** were seen 9/8–22 (JM,WS,DH). A total of 21 **Ls. Golden-Plover** were found 8/16–9/18 (DH,EK,JM,JH). A ♀ **Am. Avocet** was seen 7/20 (ph FH,†SSa,BH,DH) and another indiv. 8/18 (JGS,JHS, ph.DD) for the 13th and 14th records. Single **Willet** seen 7/7 & 9/4 (JM). **Whimbrel** sightings were 1 7/12 (GR); 2/7/13 (EK); 1 7/25 (JGS); and 1 9/8 (JM). The **Marbled Godwit** 7/7 (ph.JM,GR) was the 13th record. A total of 12 **Red Knot** were seen 8/3–9/19 (RP,DS,CT,JM,DH). Sandpipers: 1 **W. Sandpiper** 7/30 (JGS,JHS) & 8/16 (DR,DB); up to 12 **Baird's** 8/16–9/18 (DH,EK,JM); 1 **Stilt** 7/23 (JGS), 8/3 (EK), 9/16 at SM (JM), and 9/19 (CL); 1 **Buff-breasted** 9/13,14 (JGS,JH). 2 **Red-necked Phalarope** 8-10 mi. n. of Walnut Cr. on L. Erie 8/16 (JB) & 1 9/3 (DH).



Am. Avocet, Presque Isle SP, 8/18/91. Photo by Randy Miller.

1 **Laughing Gull** 9/7 (JM) & 3 **Little Gull** 9/15 (EK) plus 1 9/18 (JGS). 2 **Forster's Tern** found 8/24 (EK) plus singles 9/13,28 (JGS,EK). 3 **Black Tern** 8/16 (DH,DB) & 1 9/23 (JGS).

Very rare in fall was a **White-eyed Vireo** banded 9/21 (JHS) and later recaptured by JHS 9/29! A different bird was seen 9/26 (JHS). 2 **Orange-crowned Warbler** were seen 9/22 (DH), including 1 banded (JHS) and another banded 9/28. 2 then 1 **N. Parula** seen 9/27,28 (JHS,JM). 1 **Pine Warbler** 9/22 (JH) & 2 9/28 (JH,JM). The **Palm Warbler** 8/31 (JM) was earliest fall record by 6 days. 4 records of **Connecticut Warbler**: 1 banded 9/7 (RL), 9/14 (JM), 9/17 (DH), & 9/27 (JGS). A **Yellow-breasted Chat** was in Waterford 7/21 (JGS); this sp. is rarely reported in summer.

At least 10 pairs of **Henslow's Sparrow** were found in a traditional field in McKean Twp, with others also present in fields nearby (SS). 4 **Lapland Longspur** were seen 9/29 (JM). The 300+ **Bobolink** present in McKean Twp through July was a good county number (JGS,JHS).

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Abbreviations: *Ohio pyle SP (OSP)*.

The following account was sent directly from OSP by Darlene Madarish. 2 **Great Blue Heron** flew over the park office 7/14. With

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **American Avocet**

Date of Sighting: **18 August 1991 to 18 August 1991**

Observer(s): **Dave Darney**

Date of Submission: **1991 Erie**

Submitted by: **Dave Darney**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater	X						
B. Haas	X						
F. Haas	X						
R. Ickes	X						
G. McWilliams	X						
S. Santner	X						
J. Skinner	X						
TOTALS	7						
DECISION	X						

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

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