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Dear Pete,

I'm sorry this is late but I just got back from California and since I forgot to take my notes with me I didn't get a chance to write this until now.

The big event of the first part of the fall when I was at home was the tremendous warbler migration between September 7 + 10th. Most of the birds were gone by the 11th. Flocks of several hundred birds were seen with the commonest bird being the red-eyed vireo with 150 seen on the 9th. The bay-breasted + blackpoll warblers were almost as common.

The list was

yellow-throated vireo, solitary vireo, red-eyed vireo, solitary vireo, warbling vireo, black & white warbler, tennessee warbler, orange-crowned warbler, nashville warbler, parula warbler (3 different birds - more than have previously been seen during the fall migration here), yellow warbler, magnolia warbler, cape may warbler, myrtle warbler - (1 on the 9 earliest ever by a warbler), black-throated green warbler, blackburnian warbler, chestnut-

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ided warbler, bay-breasted warbler, blackpoll warbler, ~~green~~ pine warbler (all marks seen including unstriped back, white under tail, dark legs + white tail spots - one bird was seen the 7th - they nested outside my window at school for 4 years), northern waterthrush, canada warbler, and redstart.

The flocks seemed to have regular routes they covered and could be found at the same time each day in their special areas. Also with these were swainson's thrush sharp-shinned + Cooper's hawks on the 9th + 5 purple finches on the 11th - the earliest ever by 2 weeks.

yellow billed cuckoo continued to be very common + called all through the period. The dickcissel had left between August 26 + 28 but 3 birds were found on the 9th + 6. Also on the 6th 35 veery sparrows were seen.

a screech owl was in the yard Sept 7 for the first one seen for several years.

On Sept 10 I made a trip through north central Nova to Union Blough, Gore Lake, Big Wall Lake + Twin Lakes. I have made this trip for several years now.

15 yellow crowned night herons as well as many great blues, ~~7~~ + 14 common egrets,

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and black-crowned night herons were at Union Slough, 3 bitterns were at Goose Lake

Ducks were migrating + 150 green-winged teal were at Big Wall + 35 redheads + 80 ruddy ducks at twin lakes. Hawks were migrating + cooper's, sharp-shinned + ospreys passed overhead.

As Union Slough had been drained there were tremendous mudflats with many shorebirds.

The best was about 1500 stilt sandpipers. 16 species were seen including black-bellied plovers, white-rumped sandpipers, brand sandpipers, both dowitchers + 2 sandpeeps. Several northern phalaropes were at twin lakes where they have been for several years. A Caspian tern passed overhead.

1 red-breasted nuthatch was with a group of warblers + 1 philadelphia vireo, flock of bobolinks (up to 50 in one flock) passed over all day. There was a total of 93 species with only 2 finches, 3 warblers + 1 vireo. Small birds were passing overhead all day but few of them landed.

I hope these notes help + I'll try to get them in worse in the future.

Joe Kennedy