

REGION 4--ST LAWRENCE

Hérons:

No American Egrets reported this year.

Green and Great Blue Herons more numerous than usual.

Shore Birds:

Poor season due to high level in Lake Ontario and other waters--exposed shorelines scarce.

Yellowlegs scarce

Solitary Sandpiper--normal

Ruddy Turnstone--one seen 9/5 near Sacketts Harbor

Killdeer--last seen 10/1 (Lewis County)

Wilson Snipe--less common than last year.

Ducks, etc.:

Wood Duck and Mallard--more seen than a year ago.

Pied Billed Grebe--less numerous than 1949.

Blue-winged Teal--less numerous than 1949.

Hawks:

Osprey seen 9/22 (Jefferson County)

Sharp-shinned Hawks; migrating birds noted about 9/15.

Red-tailed Hawk; appears to be on increase.

Sparrow Hawk; definitely on increase in this section.

Land Birds:

Mourning Dove; increasing, particularly in suitable territory in Jefferson County.

Cuckoos--appear to be more numerous than usual this year.

Goldfinch--unusually common this year.

Red-headed Woodpecker--nest found this summer near Lowville (G. B. Bowen.)

Chewink--seen twice 9/17 and 9/21 near Gouverneur.

This is near northern limit of their range (?)--

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REGION 5--ADIRONDACK

June and July were normal in temperature, but below normal in rainfall. June had two unseasonably cool spells with the minimums of 40 and 37 degrees on the 11th and 12th; then between the 17th and 22nd the minimums ran 39, 34, 41, 44, 45, and 38 degrees.

August was about normal in temperature but with no really