

abundant. A very heavy cone crop this year. An immature Chipping Sparrow appeared at my feeder November 22nd and remained until December 30th, - not seen since.

Saranac Lake-Lake Placid Christmas Census on December 30th yielded the largest number of species in 4 years - 24. Great Blue Heron, Ruffed Grouse, Hairy and Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Crow, Chickadee, White and Red-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creeper, Purple Finch, Starling, English Sparrow, Cowbird, Evening Grosbeak, Pine Siskin, Goldfinch, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, Junco, Chipping Sparrow, White Throated Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, Snow Bunting. On December 27th a Bald Eagle. -- Gordon M. Meade, M. D., Trudeau, New York

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November's average temperature was slightly above normal. First snow was on November 23rd, and the month's total was 2-3/4 inches; normal is 4 inches. The storm following Thanksgiving included the Mohawk area and did considerable damage. Some wind blown species were recorded. December was wetter and warmer than usual. January was also above normal in temperature. Maximum was 52 degrees on the 20th and minimum minus 3 degrees on the 9th. February was very open, variable and mild with average temperature 4 degrees above normal. The 9th and 10th were 18 degrees below normal but from the 15th through the 28th the temperature stayed above normal with a thaw during that time. Snowfall was, for this area, below normal with 32 inches recorded for the 4 months; par is 43-1/2 inches.

Loons - Geese:

Red throated Loon December 3rd at Saratoga Lake.
Great Blue Heron December 9th Saratoga Lake, also one

at Broadalbin wading in creek during December. Green Heron last seen November 5th at Saratoga Lake. A flock of 10 Snow Geese late November until December 9th at Saratoga Lake.

Ducks - Hawks:

Two male Barrow's Goldeneyes observed in Hudson River flock of Americans February 18th. A few wintering pairs of Hooded Mergansers in Hudson River. Three sight records and one dead Goshawk in area. Bald Eagle at Yankee Hill, Amsterdam January 13th.

Gulls - Woodpeckers:

Far less Gulls noted this season. About 20 Herring Gulls wintered instead of hundreds, with no Ring-billed. Five Brunnich's Murres after Thanksgiving storm. Dead individuals at Schenectady November 28th, Ravenna November 30th, Stephentown November 29th, two alive at Saratoga Lake December 3rd remained a week. Mourning Dove was more common than usual this winter. Six records of Snowy Owl; one shot at Saratoga Lake December 2nd, 3 Albany urban records during November and February two Schenectady records. At least 5 records of Yellow shafted Flicker wintering (more than usual). Pileated Woodpeckers seem to be undergoing increasing urbanization. Seen December 6th, 8th and January 13th at Amsterdam. Also recorded was a pair of Arctic Woodpeckers from Ballston Lake in February.

Land Birds:

American Robin was very common in widespread reports, in flocks throughout the winter. 300 on January 29th at Rural Grove. Several wintering pairs and individuals. Hermit Thrushes recorded. Eastern Bluebird also noted throughout winter widespread and in flocks. A flock of 11 Bohemian Waxwings was reported February 11th in Albany papers. Cedar Waxwings common in larger-than-

usual flocks. One albinistic bird in urban Schenectady flock for several days (yellow in tail and sides, colored wax in wing, normal eyes). More Eastern Meadowlarks wintered than usual. One female Baltimore Oriole made the rounds of four feeding stations at Ballston Lake through February. Small flocks of Evening Grosbeaks observed, remaining for only short periods at feeders. One recorded at Broadalbin January 3rd. Large flocks of Purple Finches noted. Common Redpolls less numerous this year. Large flocks of Pine Siskins noted as were American Goldfinches. A few Red Crossbills were observed but were scarce. Only two winter records of White-winged Crossbills. One White-throated Sparrow at Loudenville on December 23rd. Three Lapland Longspurs observed in January with a flock of Horned Larks -- Mrs. I. A. Rosa, 8 Grieme Avenue, Amsterdam, New York and Mr. Fraser R. Turrenting, 110 Union Street, Schenectady, New York.

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November started off with bluebird weather in this region and migration reached a peak about November 12th. On the day of the big wind, November 25th, many pine and hemlock trees in Bronx Park were uprooted. Generally the storm had little effect on birds. December was mild with a few days of freezing weather about December 15th. The weather remained open through January and February and the largest snowfall was about 4 inches on January 31st. It is the writer's opinion that many of the Owls, Chickadees and Bluejays did not move into this area this winter due to the fact that they remained further north.

Loons and Grebes:

Pied-billed Grebe at Jerome Reservoir through November until December 20th. 4 Horned Grebes, 7 Common Loons and 3 Red-throated Loons in the Rye and Pelham Bay reg-