

REGION 5 — ADIRONDACK

April was about average in temperature (average maximum 47.6, average minimum 31.6). Around the 6th to the 8th the weather was warm for the season; snow almost all disappeared. There was an influx of early migrants noted at Tupper Lake, Saranac Lake and Plattsburg. By the 15th it had turned cold with snow and migration was slow until the warmer days of the 26th to 28th.

May was moderate with a real warm period from 14th to 22nd, reaching 83 at Saranac Lake on the 19th. There was a moderate wave of migrants on the 5th and a heavy influx between 15th and 18th.

LOONS — DUCKS:

Common Loon — Each year it seems to be reclaiming more of its lost range in the Adirondacks. Blue Goose — A flight of about 75 on Lake Champlain near Ausable on April 27th (Lesperance). Golden-eye — An increase in numbers in Lake Champlain; other ducks in number about equal of past several years.

HAWKS — OWLS:

Broad-winged Hawk — April 29th, Tupper Lake. Osprey — April 28th, Tupper Lake (Amstutz). These two dates are of interest because of their synchronization with a tremendous hawk flight observed moving east along the south shore of Lake Ontario, north of Rochester, on April 28th and 29th

— 5,000 hawks of all species, including Bald and Golden Eagles, were seen in a four hour period on the 29th. Golden Eagle — A fine adult seen at close-hand on Jones Pond near Gabriels, N. Y., on May 5th, harassing black ducks. This is the third report of Golden Eagle in this central Adirondacks in two years (Chase). Virginia and Sora Rails — Reported in May by Kingsbury, at Tupper Lake; this is the only location for rails, known to me, in central Adirondacks.

Woodcock — Heavy flight in Champlain Valley (Lesperance). Mourning Dove — April 8th (Dr. Carl Merkel) at Saranac Lake. First really good record of this species in the area. Black-billed Cuckoo — Noted as quite common this year by Meade (Saranac Lake) and Provost (Plattsburg).

WARBLERS:

Good flights at Tupper Lake (Amstutz), Keeseville, (Lesperance) and Saranac Lake (Meade) on the 5th and between 16th and 18th. In Champlain Valley there was apparently a poor showing, Essex (Mason) and Plattsburg (Provost).

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS:

Scarlet Tanagers — Late in arriving at Saranac Lake, June 1st. Evening Grosbeak — Still present in small numbers at Saranac Lake on May 31st. Pine Siskins, Red- and White-winged Crossbills — Still present in Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake area at end of May. Grasshopper Sparrow — A rare bird in central Adirondacks; reported May 25th at Tupper Lake by Kingsbury. White-crowned Sparrow — A very noticeable lack of this species this spring at Saranac Lake (Meade) and Keeseville-Ausable region (Lesperance).

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