

REGION 4 — ST. LAWRENCE

The summer was cooler than usual in this area with considerably more precipitation. September was warm and fair with only one light frost.

LOONS — DUCKS:

One Red-throated Loon, Sandy Pond on September 30 — dead on beach (Minor and Scheider) and one Holboell's Grebe on September 30, Sandy Pond (Minor and Scheider). A few American Egrets reported this summer but no influx noted. One American Brant on September 23 (Spofford and Scheider), and one White-winged Scoter, male, flying and sitting on pond side of dune — not on open lake (Minor and Scheider) on September 30.

HAWKS — OWLS:

First evidence of migration noted in late August when Sharp-shins were observed. Late in September numerous reports of Red-tailed Hawks. One Duck Hawk, September 30, at Sandy Pond (Minor and Scheider) headed south. Three Ruffed Grouse on September 30 at Sandy Pond (Minor and Scheider).

Upland Plover appears to be definitely on the increase in Jefferson County. Young birds were seen in two localities late in June. Shorebird migration in general was poor due to the high water condition of Lake Ontario for the second consecutive year. Piping Plover September 30 (Minor and Scheider) and Baird's Sandpiper September 23 and 30 at Sandy Pond.

Great Black-backed Gulls were observed September 23 (1) (Spofford and Scheider) and September 30 (2) (Minor and Scheider) at Sandy Pond. Also observed on September 16, 23 and 30, were numerous Ring-billed and Herring Gulls at Sandy Pond. Noteworthy, however, were 5 Caspian Terns, 4 Forster's Terns, the latter in winter plumage (Scheider) on September 16. 2 Caspian Terns were observed at Sandy Pond September 30 and one was seen at Big Galloo Island (Belknap) September 8.

SWIFTS — SHRIKES:

A Mockingbird was observed on July 9 near Fulton, Oswego County (Kemnitzner). Red-headed Woodpeckers appear to be on the increase in this area. Two definite breeding records were established and the birds were observed in a number of other localities.

WARBLERS — SPARROWS:

On September 16 at Sandy Pond, Scheider listed a good flight of Tennessee, Parula, Magnolia, Black-throated Green, Myrtle, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Bay-breasted and Blackpoll Warblers. A Blue-headed Vireo was observed singing with a flock of Golden-crowned Kinglets.

On September 30 at Sandy Pond there was a good movement of Robins, Chickadees, White-throated Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Winter Wrens and Red-breasted Nuthatches indicating migration from northern spruce woods (Minor and Scheider).

Twenty Pipits on beach at Sandy Pond September 16 (Scheider) and two Pine Siskins same day in dune woods. One Lapland Longspur (winter plumage) at Sandy Pond Inlet September 30 (Minor and Scheider).

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