

REGION 5 – ADIRONDACK

June and July were in general cold and there was heavy rainfall. The nesting success of passerine birds seems, from rather limited observation, to have been poor. Of four broods of Chipping Sparrows under observation, three were entirely lost and of the fourth brood only one out of four was reared to flight stage. August wet and cold. September about normal weather.

LOONS – DUCKS:

No southern Egrets reported in central Adirondacks this summer to my knowledge. Average to good broods of Blue-winged Teal, Black Ducks, Wood Ducks and Ring-neck Ducks. Nesting of this last species has been believed to be occurring in Saranac Lake area for several years but conclusive proof has been lacking until this summer. Two broods of young were seen in Jones Pond near Gabriels, N. Y. on July 29 by Greenleaf Chase.

White-winged Scoter – A male found dead in a field at Bloomingdale, N. Y. (5 miles north of Saranac Lake) on August 13. This is an unusual species for central Adirondacks and at a rather early date. They occur regularly on Lake Champlain about 30 miles to the east.

HAWKS – OWLS:

Ospreys nested on Little Clear Pond near Tupper Lake (Amstutz). A good season for Ruffed Grouse. Spruce Grouse (male) on October 8 near Paul Smith's (Meade). Sora and Virginia Rails reported from Tupper Lake during June and July by Dr. Kingsbury.

A flock of 50-60 Semipalmated Plover at Plattsburgh on June 2 (Provost). This offers additional evidence of the Champlain Valley as a minor fly-away.

SWIFTS – SHRIKES:

Olive-sided Flycatcher were distinctly down in numbers this year in central Adirondacks. Three Northern Raven reported September 24 near Harrisville, N. Y. (on western edge of Adirondacks) by Greenleaf Chase.

Golden-crowned Kinglets were seen in Lake Placid area June 26 - July 9 (Kemnitzers). This is second year in succession they have been present here in breeding season.

VIREOS – WARBLERS:

The writer was impressed this June and July by the much less frequent hearing of warbler songs in general in the central Adirondack woods. I have a distinct feeling the numbers were down this year.

BLACKBIRDS – SPARROWS:

Evening Grosbeaks, juvenile birds, were seen at several feeding stations in Saranac Lake village during July. Crossbills were present in area of Saranac Lake village and Paul Smith's until at least mid-June.

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REGION 6 – MOHAWK VALLEY

The summer was much cooler and wetter than usual; each of the four months showed a deficiency in average temperature (2 degrees in June and August), and each also showed an excess of rainfall; about an inch excess in June and September, and 2.6 in August. The maximum temperature reached was 90 on July 31, this was followed on August 6 by a record low of 49.