

Swifts — Shrikes:

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Carolina Wren probably nested in Chili Woods (Listman). An unusual number of reports of Cliff Swallow were received in late summer and early fall.

On Sept. 13th an Arkansas or Western Kingbird was observed near Sodus Bay. This is the first record for this area (Listman, H. Schaeffer, Van Beurden).

Vireos — Warblers:

Many warblers were back quite early — usually by late August. Blue-headed Vireo was not reported this fall. Prothonotary Warbler appears well established at both Montezuma and Oak Orchard, although it has not been reported breeding at any other locations in this area in recent years. Listman, Barry and VanBeurden report a possible Kirtland Warbler singing at Montezuma in early September. The observation was not entirely satisfactory but the repeated song as well as what was seen checked very closely with this species and not with any other. Perhaps close observation of fall Warblers will disclose the presence of this species in this area in future years during the fall migration.

Blackbirds — Sparrows:

Rusty Blackbirds were present in good numbers during late September. A Sharp-tailed Sparrow (Nelson's) was recorded at Manitou on Aug. 31 (Taylor). Juncos had returned by mid-September and Tree Sparrows by early October. White-throats and White-crowned Sparrows seemed especially numerous this fall as they had been this spring. None of the winter finches had made an appearance at this writing except the first Siskins which appeared in early October (Miller, Listman).

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The summer and early fall were warmer than normal. Nesting success appeared to be good, swallows being particularly numerous in late summer. A marked migration wave of warblers and other land birds was noted, Sept. 20-21.

Loons — Ducks:

Over 1500 ducks were banded at the Perch Lake Refuge prior to October 1 indicating a definite increase in the local duck population. These were mainly Blacks, Mallards and Wood Duck. Blue-winged Teal were noted frequently in September, pointing to a good breeding season for this species.

Hawks — Owls:

Evidence of hawk migration was first noted about Sept. 15. Duck Hawk was seen at Perch Lake on Sept. 15 (Wilson). Virginia Rail were noted in two localities in July giving evidence that this bird breeds in suitable localities in Northern New York. Sora-Sandy Pond Sept. 13 (Minor and Scheider). A Hudsonian Curlew was reported near Watertown on July 8 (Evens). The bird was seen at close range and is believed to have been injured. An unusual concentration of Wilson Snipe was found near Lowville on August 5, at least fifty birds being present in a small area. Willets at Sandy Pond, August 8 (Goodwin), Baird's Sandpiper, Aug. 17, Sept. 13, Sandy Pond. A Red-backed Sandpiper was observed near Potsdam on Sept. 26 (Allison), and a Pectoral Sandpiper near Lowville on Sept. 30 (Belknop). Two Forester's Tern at Sandy Pond Inlet Sept. 13, one Sept. 21 (Minor et al). One (possibly two) Arctic Terns at Sandy Pond Inlet Aug. 17 (Scheider and Hileman). Cuckoos are definitely increasing, mostly Black-billed.

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As reported a year ago, the Red-headed Woodpecker is increasing as a summer resident. Two pairs nested near Lowville (Bowen), and birds have been seen in four localities in Jefferson Co. during July and August. Another was seen near Gouverneur in Sept.

Vireos — Warblers:

A male Yellow-breasted Chat was seen near Colton about June 15 (Daniels). The Blue-headed Vireo appears to be on the increase in the Adirondack foothills.

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