

REGION 6 — MOHAWK VALLEY

June Weather was about normal; July was drier and warmer than usual; August and September brought normal temperatures and precipitation.

Loons — Ducks:

Double-crested Cormorant—One on Hudson below Albany, September 14.
American Egrets were about normal or below at Niskayuna and near Hudson.
Fifty-two at Hudson September 14.
Little Blue Heron—An adult August 2 at Vischers Ponds (McDonald).
Least Bittern—One June 21; two September 7; one September 27.
Canada Goose—Fifteen headed south August 24 near Lake George.
Pintail—Six September 7 at Niskayuna.
Green-winged Teal—One quite late June 21 at Vischers Ponds.
Blue-winged Teal—In fair numbers in August and September.
Wood Duck—Holding own; good numbers through summer.
Ruddy Duck—One early at Niskayuna September 27 (Tucker).

Hawks — Owls:

Broad-winged Hawk—Flights totaling 110 at Watervliet Reservoir and Altamont on SBC trip September 21.
Virginia Rail—Frequently observed; seems to outnumber Sora, locally.
Sora—Two seen at Hudson River below Albany September 14; one September 21.
Lesser Yellow-legs—Less frequent than Greater; six August 24 at Niskayuna; one September 21.
Pectoral Sandpiper—In fair numbers.
Black Tern—Reported August 23 and 24.
Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoos—Both slightly more numerous than usual.
Barn Owl—One seen repeatedly in Scotia by many observers; from June 3 to early August; roosted mostly in tall elm; pellets collected.

Swifts — Shrikes:

Purple Martin—Only known local colony, at Saratoga, about same as usual.
Gray-cheeked Thrush—Several seen at Loudonville September 23 (French) and heard in night flight at Schenectady same date with numerous Olive-backed Thrushes.

Vireos — Sparrows:

Cape May Warbler—Recorded August 4 at Delmar (Madison).
Myrtle Warbler—Nest with two warbler eggs, one cowbird egg, and one young cowbird, found June 9, four miles north of Oneonta. Nest now in Cornell collection (Robert Goodwin per Sally F. Hoyt).
Chat—Two observed at Alplaus July 1 (Heitkamp).
Blue-winged Warbler—One near Vischers Ferry June 21 (Stone).
Sharp-tailed Sparrow—Rare; one at Niskayuna September 27 (Tucker).
Lincoln Sparrow—Five seen September 24 to 27 at Niskayuna.
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