

from Durand (McNett), a most unusual record, also observed by Mortons.

Blackbirds — Finches:

Cowbird, Bronzed Grackle, and Red-wings were reported through December and as many as 75 Rusty Blackbirds were seen at Flynn Road on the 27th of December.

Pine Siskin arrived as early as October 8. Unusual numbers of Redpoll and Siskin have been turned in all fall, but few Pine Grosbeak and no Evening Grosbeak have been seen.

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REGION 4 — ST. LAWRENCE

Loons — Ducks:

Common Loon, 4 Sandy Pond, Nov. 1 (Farnhams and Scheider).

Red-throated Loon, 6 same time and place.

Horned Grebe, one seen in St. Lawrence River at Cape Vincent Nov. 20, fifty at Sandy Pond Nov. 2 (Scheider and Farnhams).

Pied-billed Grebe, last seen Nov. 5.

Am. Goldeneye present in St. Lawrence River at Ogdensburg Nov. 6 and later.

White-winged Scoter, one reported from Sandy Pond Nov. 29 (Scheider), also three Oct. 12, Sandy Pond.

Surf Scoter, one reported from Sandy Pond Nov. 29 (Scheider).

Hawks — Owls:

Red-tailed Hawk, last date Oct. 24.

Marsh Hawk, last date Oct. 21.

Rough-legged Hawk, marked fall flight, particularly in Jefferson Co. mid-October to mid-November, a few reported after this date.

One Northern Phalarope, winter plumage, Sandy Pond Inlet Nov. 2 (Scheider and Farnhams).

Wilson Snipe, one near Cape Vincent Nov. 5.

Mourning Dove, last seen Nov. 18.

Blackbirds — Sparrows:

Tree Sparrow, first date Oct. 29.

Redpoll, large flock, est. 250, near Gouverneur Nov. 18.

Red-winged Blackbird, Nov. 29 at Sandy Pond (Scheider).

Snow Bunting, Nov. 29 at Sandy Pond (Scheider).

Evening Grosbeak, a few reported in November from scattered localities.

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REGION 5 — ADIRONDACK

The fall and early winter season was definitely colder and wetter than the past two years. First snow on October 10th. Permanent snow began November 20th and continued heavier than for past five years until mid-January. Good cone crop in the Adirondacks.

Loons — Ducks:

The fall and early winter brought a fairly good flight of ducks along Lake Champlain. About 125 Snow Geese and 4 Blue Geese near Port Kent in early December. 15 of the Snows still present on December 25th. The importance of the Champlain Valley as a flyway for many species is becoming more evident the more it is studied. During first half of October each year heavy crow flights occur down this valley.

No White Herons were reported in Adirondack region this summer or fall.

Hawks — Owls:

So far we have been unable to find any evidence of hawk flyways in the Adirondacks. If any readers have ever found any such points, the information would be welcomed for further study.

Spruce Grouse reports continue in small but steady fashion each year now suggesting that the bird may be slowly extending itself. Ruffed Grouse showed some evidence of a beginning decline after the peak of the past two years.

Parasitic Jaeger appeared on December 13th off Au Sable Point on Lake Champlain (Lesperance). May have been related to storm condition over New England just preceding.

On the same date and at the same place as the Jaeger, Mr. Lesperance saw a single Dovekie. Two most unusual records for this region.

Swifts — Shrikes:

Mrs. R. E. Mason of Essex, N. Y., had a Carolina Wren at her feeder eating suet from mid-October until at least November 20th. She was able to band the bird. This is our first proven report for this species in the area.

Cedar Waxwings were unusually plentiful in Saranac Lake area this fall, where there was an abundant crop of mountain ash fruit.

Northern Shrikes have been unseen this winter.

Vireos — Warblers:

No observations of note.

Blackbirds — Sparrows:

Evening Grosbeaks were present in Saranac Lake in small numbers all summer, where they unquestionably are breeding. Several observations of young being fed by adults at feeding stations. A heavy flight was noted moving south over De Bar Mountain November 21st to 23rd but they apparently went right on through central area as there was no increase in numbers until mid January. Since then the birds have markedly increased. Very few banded birds among present population.

Redpolls and Snow Buntings present in good numbers since mid November.

Pine Siskins started arriving in October with a particularly heavy influx on October 28th at Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake.

Both Crossbills fairly common since early September. No Pine Grosbeaks this season.

White-throated Sparrow has wintered as usual in Saranac Lake.

Christmas Census in Saranac Lake - Lake Placid area on December 28th yielded 20 species with no unusual findings. A census on Christmas day by Thomas Lesperance in the Port Kent region along Lake Champlain yielded 23 species including a flock of 15 Snow Geese, Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker, Mourning Dove and Goshawk.

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REGION 6 — MOHAWK VALLEY

October and the first half of November were cooler than usual, and exceedingly dry; no appreciable precipitation occurred for a period of 25 days in October. The latter part of November and December were considerably warmer than average, with above normal precipitation. A crest flight occurred on September 27, following a cold front of the previous day. Saratoga Lake was open or partially open through December.

Loons — Ducks:

Grebes were recorded in about usual numbers at Saratoga Lake and Niskayuna; a Red-necked Grebe on Oct. 13 at the lake; Horned Grebe, 10 on Oct. 13 and 27 on Nov. 1; 50 Pied-billed Grebes at Niskayuna Oct. 19. A flock of 12 Canada Geese on the Dec. 27 Christmas Count typified a tendency toward summer hold-overs. Pintails were reported on Nov. 11 and Dec. 28. A flock of 25 Teal, comprising both Blue-winged and Green-winged, was observed at Saratoga Lake Oct. 12. Four Canvas-backs were seen here Nov. 2, and others reported in early Dec. Ruddy Duck seen Nov. 16 and Dec. 10, the latest local record (Hallenbeck).