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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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LOONS — DUCKS: Horned Grebe first seen Oct. 11, common in late Oct. and a few present at the end of Nov. Red-necked Grebe at Perch Lake Oct. 22. Last Pied-billed Grebe seen Nov. 25 (John B. Belknap). A late American Bittern at Madrid Nov. 1 and one seen in area Nov. 2. Great Blue Heron, more numerous than usual in early fall, perhaps indicating successful local breeding (J.B.B.). A swan (probably Whistling) was reported at Point Peninsula Nov. 9 (J. Blake).

An immature Blue Goose landed in the midst of 5,000 turkeys on the O. A. Smith farm, a few miles from Watertown, on September 21 at 7:30 A. M. The goose was attacked by the turkeys, but was rescued before serious harm resulted. The goose is being kept by the Conservation Dept. A few Blue Geese were reported shot by hunters.

Green-winged Teal were at Perch Lake Aug. 12 and two Ruddy Ducks were seen there the same day. Several thousand Scaup were seen in Black River Bay about Nov. 1. (J. B. B.). White-winged Scoters were seen in migration. The first Golden-eyes in the St. Lawrence River were at Ogdensburg Nov. 3. An Old Squaw in winter plumage was noted at Pillar Point Nov. 30.

HAWKS — OWLS: Rough-legged Hawks are reported scarce. Marsh Hawks, 6 or 8 could be seen regularly on abandoned farmland near Philadelphia until mid-November. (J. B. B.) A Duck Hawk was at Southwicks Beach Sept. 28.

Coots were seen Oct. 10 and several times along the shore of Lake Ontario in November. Florida Gallinules were numerous at Goose Bay, about 75 mid-September. Last seen Oct. 19. Sanderlings were at Perch Lake August 13 and later along Lake Ontario. A few Pectoral Sandpipers were seen Oct. 6, and a Black-bellied Plover Nov. 14, (late) (J. B. B.) Belknap saw what must have been a Dowitcher on Nov. 9 at Southwicks Beach. It was seen at fairly close range. On June 23, Charles Mason saw a Northern Phalarope, female, off Grenadier Island, Jefferson Co. A Northern Phalarope was seen near Grindstone Island in The St. Lawrence River in early August. Belknap saw a Bonaparte's Gull and four Caspian Terns at Southwicks Beach Sept. 8. A few Great Black-backed Gulls have been reported. J. Blake reports a Snowy Owl in Clayton about Nov. 9, and there have been reports of one or two others.

SWIFTS — SHRIKES: Belknap observed at least 50 Swifts enter the chimney of his home in Gouverneur on Aug. 29. Two days later they were gone. He also found Horned Larks numerous in migration in early Nov. and a few present Nov. 30. Last Tree Swallow seen Oct. 6. An Olive-backed Thrush was seen in Watertown Nov. 13. American Pipits seen Sept. 8 to Oct. 25. Shrikes (probably Northern) observed Oct. 26 and later. Most numerous of any fall writes J. B. B.

WARBLERS — SPARROWS: From Rev. Edward G. Nichols comes a report of a rarity for this section, an Orange-crowned Warbler seen by him at Madrid on Oct. 11. Two male Red-winged Blackbirds and six Grackles were still coming to a feeding station in Potsdam at the end of Nov. (L. Blake). Two Indigo Buntings were at Madrid Oct. 5. Evening Grosbeaks were seen in November near Waddington, Potsdam, Theresa, Carthage and Brownville. Pine Grosbeaks were found in Scotch pines near Henderson Oct. 2 to 11 with as many as 40 at once (Elitharp). Juncos were very abundant (J. B. B.). Tree Sparrows first seen Oct. 22 and several later records. White-crowned Sparrows stayed about five weeks in Potsdam. Three reports say that these birds were numerous this fall. Snow Buntings were seen only on Oct. 26.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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After a very dry and cool August, much warmer weather was experienced through Oct. And as late as the middle of Nov. when we had our first snow-fall. The unseasonable weather held many species of birds here that would have gone south had conditions been normal. For instance Warblers, Tow-

hees, and many Thrushes could be seen the latter part of Oct. actively feeding on insect life which the warm weather sustained. There are heavy crops of grape, bittersweet, acorns (except white oak) beechnut, apples, hawthorn and wintering conditions appear favorable. Streams have become fuller after near record lows. Lake Champlain is returning to near normal fall levels.

LOONS — GREBES: Increasing in numbers on Lake Champlain each year the Loon has become very common and any day as many as 50 to 60 can be seen. Grebes too have increased in the Champlain area as well as inland the most numerous being the Horned Grebe. However, Hobells, and Pied-bill have been seen. A Western Grebe is reported from Middle Saranac Lake Nov. 6 (Kingsbury).

GULLS — TERNS: The Gull populations on Lake Champlain remain about the same at this time of year. Birds banded in June and July of this year as downy young have been recovered as far north as 200 miles, only one recovery from the south (N. Carolina). On Oct. 17th. 12-15 Bonaparts Gulls at Au Sable Pt. A flock of about 20 Common Terns flew about a large flock of feeding Mergansers same date.

HAWKS — OWLS: On Sept. 11th, moving down the Au Sable River valley in an easterly direction was a rather large group of Hawks for this area numbering about 150 birds. Among them were Red Tail, Red Shouldered, Broad-Winged and Sharp shinned. At the time there was a violent storm occurring directly to the north. The birds were at about 150-1000 ft. high but soaring nicely. This is the first time such an incident has occurred in my period of birding in this area. . . Owls are pretty much in seclusion as none have been seen by our correspondents, however one Snowy Owl has been reported seen at Wickams Marsh during the past week, by a hunter.

SWIFTS — SWALLOWS — SHRIKES: Tree Swallows at Au Sable Pt. until Oct. 21st . . . Shrike at Upper Jay Dec. 1st.

SPARROWS: White-crowned Sparrows reported as common from all areas, Essex (Mason) Sunmount (Amstutz and Kingsbury) and Ellenburg (McGregor). Tree Sparrows Oct. 23 at Saranac (Amstutz) . . . Chipping, Vesper, Grasshopper, Savannah and Song Sparrows common at Keeseville until early Nov. Purple and Gold Finch now becoming quite common throughout the area as winter residents. Juncos are another friendly winter resident. Pine Siskins at Middle Saranac, Nov. 12 (Amstutz) . . . Towhee at Ellenburg Nov. 28 (McGregor).

WARBLERS — VIREOS: Warblers stayed quite late, and in large numbers, Myrtle, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Pine, Yellow, Blk. and White, and Redstarts were seen as late as Oct. 23rd at Saranac (Amstutz) and Oct. 28th at Keeseville.

Blackbirds: Redwings reported at Saranac Nov. 12 (Amstutz) Cowbirds and Red wings still in small groups about Keeseville to date.

Larks: Horned Larks at Sunmount 40-50 birds (Amstutz). A presumed pair have been seen all summer and fall on Telegraph St. Keeseville. Meadowlarks seen at Keeseville up until first snow on Nov. 21.

Thrushes: Robin at K'ville Dec. 1st, Bluebird last seen Oct. 21. Wood, Hermit, and Gray-cheeked fairly common until late Oct.

Grossbeaks: After their disappearance in June Evening Grosbeaks are being reported from all areas. Three Pine Grosbeaks seen Buck Hill, Peru, N. Y. on Nov. 28th. . . Mrs. Mason at Essex has banded several over a long period and the re-occurrence as a static species at Essex, K'ville, Saranac, and Ellenburg has changed to a more permanent affair.

Woodpeckers: Pileated, Hairy, and Downey are sure to be found any day you would care to look for them, Reported as common in all areas. Pileated are quite common now and as they are being noticed more people stop by to describe them and ask, "What kind of a bird is it?"

DUCKS: I have saved Ducks until last because I would like to remark about them. I am inclined to believe more and more that the St. Lawrence Seaway now currently under way, is causing a larger number of waterfowl to come down the Lake Champlain flyway. Certainly I have never recorded a greater variety of species as this fall. Redheads never more than an occasional one or two, were in flocks of 150 to 300. Blue Wg. Teal, Gr. Teal and Pintail, never too common, were making up three fourths of the hunters bag. Blacks and Mallards were more common on inland ponds as were Wood Duck. Gr. Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Am. Goldeneye, Bufflehead, and Old Squaw, were also more than common, however the Goldeneye which remains common until the lake freezes over has in the past few weeks become scarce. Canada Geese went through in flocks of from 50 to 300 until the end of Nov. Blue

Geese in weak lines but sometimes mixed with Canadas were not seen after the first of Nov. No Snow Geese have been reported to date.
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REGION 8 — MOHAWK-HUDSON

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August rainfall in the Schenectady area totaled 7.32 inches, the high for any August locally. This record was measured in spite of the fact that we missed the really torrential downpours which Hurricane Diane dumped on areas just to the south. August temperatures averaged 74.6 degrees, 4.2 degrees above normal. September's weather was much closer to normal.

Although the fall flight generally did not measure up to par, it was better than that of last spring. Quite a few interesting reports were received, especially for September.

LOONS — DUCKS: Horned Grebes were first seen locally at Tomhannock Reservoir, Rensselaer County, on September 26 (Schenectady Bird Club. American Egrets stayed in the area until the latter part of September. About ten were seen along the Hudson near Catskill on September 17 (SBC). The Canada Goose flight was quite conspicuous. As early as August 4 Esly Hallenbeck saw a group of about ervoir, Rensselaer County, on September 26 (Schenectady Bird Club). American Widgeons and a Ring-necked Duck were among the waterfowl species seen at Tomhannock Reservoir on September 26.

HAWKS — OWLS: September hawk reports were rather spotty; no flight of any real proportion apparently developed locally. The Virginia Rail was reported from Vischer's Ponds on August 4 and 7. The Sora was seen at the Ponds on August 14 and again on August 31. One or two Soras were observed at a small marsh near Schodack, Rennsalaer County, on September 17 (SBC). A Florida Gallinule with at least seven young in tow was seen at Vischer's Ponds on August 9.

Shorebird reports were not plentiful, but one or two records are worthy of mention. A pair of Ringed Plovers was seen at Watervlied Reservoir, just south of Schenectady, on August 31. Two Pectoral Sandpipers were observed there on August 7, and another was noted at Tomhannock Reservoir on September 25. There were two or three reports of the Wilson's Snipe from Vischer's Ponds. A Lesser Yellow-legs was seen at Tomhannock Reservoir on September 25.

In sharp contrast to last fall, the cuckoo migration was very poor. Both species were reported, but in very limited numbers. On August 2 and again on September 12 a Great Horned Owl was heard at Alplaus (Adeline Heitcamp). The Barred Owl was reported from the Jenny Lake area (Guy Bartlett), and several Screech Owls were heard during period at scattered localities.

GOATSUCKERS — SHRIKES: The Nighthawk migration was very conspicuous in late August and the first part of September. About fifty individuals were seen over Scotia on the latish date of September 21. The Chimney Swift was last observed at Albany, twelve birds at Albany (Mabel French). A Ruby-throated Hummingbird was seen at Loudonville on the relatively late date of September 23 (MF). The only Pileated Woodpecker reported was from Watervliet Reservoir on August 21 (SBC). A late Eastern Kingbird was observed near Columbiaville, Columbia County, on September 17 (SBC). The Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was reported from Loudonville on three occasions between August 19 and September 3 (MF). The Olive-sided was seen there on August 28 and September 16 (MF). Blue Jay groupings were quite conspicuous during September. A Carolina Wren was observed at Scotia on September 25 (EH).

VIREOS — WARBLERS: Only a few warbler migrants were reported in August. During September, however, twenty-one warbler species were reported locally, a good total considering the apparent lack of any noteworthy flight. The last Yellow Warbler was seen at Vischer's Ponds on September 25. A rarity was an Orange-crowned Warbler observed by Hallenbeck on three consecutive days (September 24-26) in Scotia. A Cerulean Warbler was reported from Amsterdam on September 2 (Margaret Fitzgerald). A Connecticut Warbler was observed in Scotia on September 27 (EH), and the Black-capped was seen in Loudonville on September 17 by Mabel French.