

REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The temperature for June and July was below normal, but there was enough rain to keep vegetation growing well. There was little activity here among birders, although one calls it a noteworthy summer.

LOONS — DUCKS: An American Egret was seen at Perch River on Aug 15, and Egrets were reported in the southern part of the region. Attempts to get Canada Geese to breed at Perch River Refuge resulted in at least one nest and four young this year. It was another good breeding season for all ducks except Mallards (J. Wilson). Ruddy Ducks were seen at Perch River and Chaumont about the middle of August. A Turkey Vulture was observed for some time by D. Gordon near West Carthage on Jul 14. This is the third record for Jefferson County.

HAWKS — OWLS: A Solitary Sandpiper was seen on July 16 by E. Nichols who reports it as the earliest record for St. Lawrence County. Wilson's Snipe, Lesser Yellowlegs as well as Spotted, Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers were seen at Perch River Jul 21. On Aug 14 two Caspian Terns were seen near Sackets Harbor.

WOODPECKERS — SPARROWS: A Red-headed Woodpecker was noted near Watertown and an adult and an immature bird were observed at Perch River late in August. An Alder Flycatcher was seen and heard on the Tug Hill Plateau west of Houseville Aug 14 (Gordon). Olive-backed Thrushes and Tennessee Warblers were last found in Madrid on Jun 1. The last Bay-breasted Warbler was seen the same day. Nashville Warblers were found in the woods near Madrid this summer by Nichols. This summer Evening Grosbeaks continued to eat at a feeder near Potsdam, and later brought young with them (L. Blake). She also found their nests which I think were in St. Lawrence County. Rev. Nichols also found Evening Grosbeaks this summer. He saw them once at Canton and several times in the Colton region up to Jul 30.

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