

REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK - CHAMPLAIN

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A very quiet summer here bird-wise. Correspondents were active looking for birds; it was the birds themselves which were inactive.

The period from July 1 to August 31 produced only eleven days on which the temperature rose to 90 degrees, the average daily temperature being close to a comfortable 72. Nights were cooler than normal. There were not the exceptional outbreaks of army worms as there were last year. Tent caterpillars were only numerous in isolated cases, therefore no cuckoos were reported from any areas.

LOONS — OWLS: Very few Loons were seen on Lake Champlain this summer, and the only inland report comes from Tupper Lake (Kingsbury). Duck Hawks were not noted over the islands of Lake Champlain for the first time in four years. The Turkey Vulture was seen from Four Brothers Island by the gull banding party on 24. This is the second record in two years for this species. An adult Bald Eagle was seen at Little Clear Pond during August (Kingsbury). The Ruffed Grouse

is definitely on the increase this year after their seeming total disappearance last fall. Reported common to plentiful in areas west of the Peru, Keeseville, Essex territory, they were almost completely absent there last year. On Four Brothers Island Ring Billed Gull nesting population is increasing while Herring Gull numbers remain normal. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McGregor and I banded 780 nestling gulls there. A large flock of Common Terns was noted at AuSable Point Aug 21.

SWIFTS — SPARROWS: Passerine conditions were normal with no outstanding exceptions noted but for one record. Dr. Kingsbury and Miss Amstutz at Sunmount Veterans' Hospital found a **Clay-colored Sparrow**. The bird was observed many times from Jun 15 to Jul 3, with many others seeing the bird. (Ed. Note: Details have been requested on this fine record.) Rusty Blackbirds flocked in large numbers after the nesting season at Tupper Lake (Kingsbury).

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