

(Carter); within one week reported by almost every active birder (flocks of 4 to 60); the majority of Oct reports mention many immatures and subsequent reports show an erratic decline thru late Oct and early Nov with many at feeders by Nov 10.

Pine Grosbeak: Nodecker reported the first (four) on Oct 16 (earliest known date!) at Oneida; late Oct and early Nov saw frequent small flocks (3-12) at Rome, Oneida, Sylvan Beach, Highmarket, and Sandy Pond; however, they were not reported around Syracuse until the second week of Nov and small flocks remain the rule. **Redpoll:** the first were two, Oct 27, Port Byron; by mid-Nov hundreds were reported at Sandy Pond; Howland's Is. GMA, and Bridgeport; there are no reports to date east of Oneida Lake, quite in contrast to the numerous Siskin and Pine and Evening Grosbeak records there. **Pine Siskin:** two on Sep 7, Verona Beach, were the heralds to the heavy flight thru Oct! a noticeable increase at the time of the mid-Nov Redpoll flight; numbers have dropped off sharply since Nov 20. **Goldfinch:** heavy migration with the early Oct sparrow flight (100+/day) and the late Oct Junco - Tree Sparrow movement (200+/day). **Red Crossbill:** two, Aug 18 (very early), Camp Woodland, Constantia (R&S); one, Oct 6, Sandy Pond (Scheider et al).

Junco: arrival date is Sep 18, Rome, and Sep 28, Cato (Whitman); high numbers (400+/day) thru Oct but a sharp drop from Nov 14 to Nov 21. **Tree Sparrow:** first seen on Oct 22, Skaneateles; fall numbers low (10-90/day) to the end of the period. **Field Sparrow:** up to 35+/day, Oct 5-14, at Three Rivers GMA. **White-crowned and White-throated Sparrows:** arrival dates of Sep 28 (late) and Sep 1 (early) respectively; flocks of 30-100 of these birds were reported widely; along with Swamp and Song Sparrows, a profusion of wintering White-throats noted. Last White-crowns on Oct 27, Howland's Is. GMA and Skaneateles. **Fox Sparrow:** singles seen from Oct 12, Sandy Pond, to Nov 22, Westernville (May). **Lapland Longspur:** one on Oct 6 near Fernwood, Oswego Co. is early; two in the large Horned Lark flight, Nov 16, at Sandy Pond. **Snow Bunting:** arrival date is Oct 12 (earliest ever!), four, Sandy Pond; flocks of 10-85 birds reported widely since then, primarily along Lake Ontario; not reported "inland" (away from Lake Ontario) until Nov 3.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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There were early indications that this would be a very interesting time for birders. In September Evening Grosbeaks were seen in St. Lawrence County and they reached Watertown early in October. Pine Grosbeaks came in November and there have been a few Snowy Owls. A European Widgeon was shot at Perch Lake, and a Mockingbird was positively identified in Watertown. After a lapse of some time a Cardinal appeared in Watertown. So with birds coming from the north and others from the south November was a wonderful month to watch birds.

Loons — Ducks: Several Northern Loons were seen in November and a Red-throated Loon was seen in Black River Nov 29 (Belknap). Horned Grebes were numerous along Lake Ontario from late October to the end of November, and there was a Red-necked Grebe at Sherwin's Bay Nov 29. The European Widgeon shot at Perch Lake late in November was identified by John Wilson, district game manager. Green-winged Teals were noted near Madrid Oct 8. The duck migration was described as very good by Wilson. The Conservation Dept. airplane survey along the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario from Massena to near Oswego placed the number of ducks at a little over 100,000. There were good numbers of Scaup, Eiders were observed Nov 27 in Lake Ontario near Henderson (Wilson). Surf Scoters as well as both the other scoters were present near Morristown Nov 14. Old-squaws appeared along Lake Ontario late in November. J. Blake found fewer broods of the Red-breasted Merganser.

Hawks — Owls: There was a good flight of Rough-legged Hawks between Oct 23 and the end of November. A late Marsh Hawk was observed near Ogdensburg Nov 14. Gordon reports an Osprey at Perch River marsh Sep 28. Hungarian Par-

tridge had a good season. They are found in parts of Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties. A late date for Solitary Sandpipers Oct 8 near Madrid. Six Knots appeared at Stony Point Sept 7 (Gordon et al). Belknap found a Willet at El Dorado Aug 28. On Aug 25 Gordon saw Black-bellied Plovers, Lesser Yellowlegs and Sanderlings at Stony Point and on Sept 7 an Eastern Dowitcher still in spring plumage. A very late date for Greater Yellowlegs was Nov 29 at Sherwin's Bay (Belknap). Great Black-backed Gulls were reported twice, Nov 9 at Adams Cove, Lake Ontario and Nov 14 near Morristown. A few Snowy Owls have been seen, two reported from St. Lawrence County the second half of November, one at Chaumont Nov 22 and two north of Watertown very early in December. In Lewis County a Barred Owl was seen near Natural Bridge Oct 16 (Gordon). J. Blake found a Long-eared Owl near Clayton on Sept 20, and Hickok and Nichols saw a Short-eared Owl on Nov 26 near Waddington.

Swifts — Shrikes: A late date for Phoebe is Oct 17 at Waddington (Nichols). Tree Swallows along the St. Lawrence River were estimated at 2,000 near Red Mills on Aug 16, and Cliff Swallows resting on wires at Cranberry Lake village Aug 17 numbered about 800 (Nichols). Gordon found Winter Wrens near Belfort, Lewis County on Sept 8, and at Great Bend Oct 14. On Nov 24 a Mockingbird was discovered in Watertown where it was seen by several persons including some who know the bird very well. It was also seen Nov 27 and Dec 2 at the same place. American Pipits were at Stony Point Oct 6. Belknap saw eight Northern Shrikes Oct 25 to the end of November.

Vireos — Warblers: Rev. Nichols did not see a Yellow-throated Vireo in 1957, Gordon saw a Blue-headed Vireo at Perch Lake Sept 28. He also reports Wilson's Warbler Sept 21 and a Black-throated Blue, Sept 22, both near Watertown. Nichols observed the Tennessee Warbler at Cranberry Lake Aug 17, and Myrtle Warbler at Madrid Nov 22. J. Blake noticed many unidentified warblers Oct 29, but they probably included Canada and Magnolia Warblers.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Three Rusty Blackbirds were seen Aug 17 in a wild swamp near Wanakena where they may have nested, and a flock of 200 was seen at Lafargeville Oct 29. For several months there have been vague reports or rumors of Cardinals being seen near Watertown, but on Nov 16 Art Allen called my attention to a male Cardinal in his back yard. Many small flocks of Evening Grosbeaks have been reported, and by the end of the period larger groups have been seen. There were six at Madrid Spt 23 with scattered observations since. They were said to be plentiful near Potsdam (L. Blake). They first appeared in Watertown Oct 9, and have been seen many times since. Banded birds have been noticed near Potsdam and at Watertown. Last year there were no Pine Grosbeaks, but this year they have been reported often in St. Lawrence and Jefferson Counties from Nov 14 to early December. Redpolls are being seen more often than a year ago. The first record is Oct 31 near Red Mills. Belknap says they were common the latter part of November. Allen found Pine Siskins Oct 4 at Felts Mills and Red Crossbills at Camp Drum Nov 18. One Lapland Longspur was seen near Philadelphia Oct 27 (Belknap).

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK - CHAMPLAIN

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Due to the very dry summer and late fall season there were very few birds locally, and hardly any migratory birds stopped over at all. Many trees actually shriveled and died, maple trees colored prematurely and streams that had never before been known to have dried were completely waterless. They tell us that the water table has dropped 18 feet in the past 57 years. With the beaches bordering Lake Champlain becoming ever wider with each dry summer, one wonders why they now want to dredge the Richelieu River deeper.

Loons — Geese: Here in the North Country we now have a new problem, which has given the local population grave concern. We never realized the additional