
REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Rainfall was ample throughout the period. September was mild and there was no frost until late. November brought fair weather and less rain. The first general snow came November 28.

Loons — Ducks: Two Common Loons were seen Nov 9 at Adams Cove (Gordon).

The Kingbird

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Horned Grebes were plentiful in late Oct and early Nov along Lake Ontario with a few still present at the end of the month (Belknap). An adult Black-crowned Night Heron returned to a tree near the center of Ogdensburg in Aug and was seen near there at least until Sep 23 (Nichols). Two Blue-winged Teals were reported in St. Lawrence Co. Nov 6. The first Goldeneyes appeared Nov 20. Pintails were recorded at the new Game Management Area near Louisville Oct 30 and the last Nov 25, and Shovelers were there on the same dates (Nichols). Duck hunters and bird watchers agree that the fall flight of diving ducks was the poorest in years (Belknap). About 15 Buffleheads were seen Nov 12.

Hawks — Owls: Last Red-tailed Hawk noted was on Nov 20. Marsh Hawks were reported several times in Nov. There was a good flight of Rough-legged Hawks Nov 4 to 21. Gordon observed an immature Duck Hawk at Stony Pt. Sep 6, and Belknap saw a Pigeon Hawk on the 15th. Golden Plovers were seen from Sep 6 to Oct 5. There were a few Black-bellied Plovers along the shores of Lake Ontario. Gordon saw a White-rumped Sandpiper at El Dorado Sep 6. Nichols found 4 Western Sandpipers in St. Lawrence Co. Sep 16. Gulls, mostly Ring-bills were common inland in Jefferson Co. during Nov, and 2 Bonaparte's Gulls were seen near Adam's Cove Sep 1 by Gordon. Aug 21 Belknap and Gordon saw 3 Northern Phalaropes at El Dorado Beach. There was only one Snowy Owl, Nov 21. Long-eared Owls were heard in Aug and one was shot near Watertown about Nov 30. Short-eared Owls were seen Nov 22 near Chaumont. Allen saw a Barred Owl at Fine, St. Lawrence Co.

Swifts — Shrikes: The last date for Flickers was Nov 19 at Watertown. Among the observations of Nichols in St. Lawrence Co. are: 6 Phoebe's Sep 23, 6 Cliff Swallows Sep 16, 2 Wood Pewees Sep 23, 2 House Wrens Sep 23 and 6 Bluebirds Sep 22. A Catbird was reported near Lowville Nov 4 and one in Watertown about the middle of the month. There were many reports of Cedar Waxwings in Watertown in Nov. There were only two observations of Northern Shrikes in Nov.

Vireos — Sparrows: A late date for Red-eyed Vireo is Oct 25 near Carthage. Nichols saw Cape May Warblers Sep 16, and Bobolinks the same day. Three Cardinals have been reported as coming to a feeder in Watertown for several weeks this fall and there was one near Lowville Nov 22. Nichols saw 4 White-winged Crossbills at Piercesfield Sep 30. He also saw Evening Grosbeaks Oct 31 and they appeared in Potsdam about that time. J. Blake saw a few flying near Watertown Nov 15. Other observers noted small flocks the latter part of Nov, but until Dec 3 the Evening Grosbeaks showed little interest in feeders at Watertown. Belknap saw 2 Lapland Longspurs near Philadelphia Nov 12 and also noted an unusually heavy fall flight of Tree Sparrows late in Oct and the first part of Nov. The first Snow Buntings appeared Nov 21.

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