

other. Henslow's Sparrow alone appeared to be slightly decreased but this, if true (assessing the actual population of this secretive species would be a summer-long job), would be because of previous seasonal factors and could be explained by the early cessation of song secondary to the protracted hot, dry weather, making it difficult to locate breeding sites.

Corrigenda: Vol IX, #2, page 91 should read — Golden crowned Kinglet: arrival date Apr 1, maxima 70/hour Apr 10; departure date May 6. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arrival date Apr 4 (early) maxima 60/hour Apr 18; departure date May 17.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The summer of 1959 was a little warmer than the average, and the rainfall in most places was more than is usual at this season. In general the results of the nesting season seemed to be good, but there is little of the unusual to report.

Loons — Ducks: No Common Egrets were reported this summer. An adult Gadwall was seen at the Wilson Hill Game Management Area in St. Lawrence County Jul 20. At this place there were one brood of Pintails and four broods of Shovelers (Wilson). These are new breeding records for this region. Green-winged Teal were also found to be nesting. Redheads were at Perch River Game Management Area in early June, but then they were not seen for some time. However, they did appear again in August. The results of the breeding season for ducks seem to be fairly good to good.

Hawks — Owls: A Golden Eagle was seen in St. Lawrence County in early June (Allen). Among the birds reported by Fritz Scheider at El Dorado Beach on Aug 2, 8, and 15 are: Killdeer, Ruddy Turnstone, Common Snipe, Spotted Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpiper, Dowitcher (one), Least Sandpiper and Sanderlings. He also saw one Western Sandpiper Aug 2, and on Aug 15 12 Black-bellied Plovers and a Northern Phalarope. Some observers saw about the usual number of Upland Plovers, while others think there was a slight increase. The cuckoos were seen more often this summer. Most of them were Black-billed.

Woodpeckers — Sparrows: Young Red-headed Woodpeckers were seen at two nests, one early and the other late and several miles away. Around Watertown there were good numbers of Bank Swallows and many seemed to have raised young. Little damage was done to their nests by water or man removing the sand. At one place there were the usual numbers of Barn Swallows, but they raised fewer young. There were few Bluebirds.

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SECTION 7 — ADIRONDACK - CHAMPLAIN

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I am very glad to be back in the North Country again after my visit to Florida, and I want to thank Miss Agnes Amstutz for the very capable job she did as regional editor during my absence.

The almost yearly complaint of summer drought and hot humid days would hold especially true for this season, and the water level of Lake Champlain has been definitely affected. For the second year in a row nesting birds seemed to be relatively scarce in the Keeseville area, but such was not the case in the Tupper Lake region.

Loons — Owls: A large colony of Great Blue Herons was noted along a portion of the western edge of Valcour Island in Lake Champlain, and a Common Egret was noted at the mouth of the Ausable River. The American Bittern and Green Heron seemed to be in usual numbers. The Blue-winged Teal enjoyed nesting success at