

Juncoes" and Nodecker reported up to 100 in a small patch of crabgrass Oct 23; lesser numbers (30-60) remained to late Nov.

Tree Sparrow: two, Oct 17 are somewhat early; on the weekend of Nov 7-8 the fields and brushy marshes at Rome, Oneida, HIGMA (500,) and SSSP (400) were alive with these sparrows.

Chipping Sparrow: Maximum count 35, Sep 29 - Oct 3 near Baldwinsville; last noted Nov 19 at Oneida, rather late. White-throated and White-crowned Sparrows: arrival dates are Sep 5, SSSP (Sep 11, Oneida) and Sep 25 respectively; peak counts of 600 and 75 respectively Oct 17-22; many White-throats both at feeders and in the field thru Nov. 31. White-crowns were spotted at feeders Nov 1-7 and at least six were present to late Nov at Oneida (Felle, Thurber) and Syracuse. Fox Sparrow: date range Sep 30-Nov 30 with peak of ten, Nov 7; Paquette and Thurber at Oneida reported Fox Sparrows at feeding stations regularly in the latter half of Nov. Lincoln's Sparrow: high tally of five, Sep 29, TRGMA. Swamp and Song Sparrows: maxima of 65, Oct 17, and 450, Oct 11 (early) respectively; the steady heavy Song Sparrow movement thru late Oct and early Nov plus the many at feeders and in local marshes contrasts sharply with the rapid decline in Swamp Sparrows in late Oct and their near absence thru Nov. Snow Bunting: one, Oct 10, Sandy Pond, is early; counts of 100 occurred regularly after Nov 1.

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REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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The rainfall continued to be plentiful and fall weather was a little late in coming. Leaves stayed on the trees very late. The birds seemed to arrive about on time, and a few individuals were present longer than might be expected.

There were two or three reports of birds that looked like Cattle Egrets. Rolla Parker and Kathryn Pilmore saw one near Cape Vincent and in this case the identification seems positive.

Loons — Ducks: Horned Grebes were reported as being definitely below normal in numbers this fall, but several were seen near Adam's Cove on Oct 31. There were seen near Adam's Cove on Oct. 31. There was a good flight of Canada Geese, and about 30 were seen south of Watertown on Nov 23. Sportsmen reported larger concentrations of Brant than have been seen in years in eastern sections of Lake Ontario. Mallards, Black Ducks, Green-winged Teal, and Scaup were present in good numbers. An aerial survey by the Conservation Department showed Black Ducks, but no Redheads or Canvasbacks, between Ogdensburg and Cape Vincent. It also showed large concentrations of Scaup in Lake Ontario near Cape Vincent and an estimated 60,000 near Henderson.

Hawks — Owls: An immature Turkey Vulture was shot in the southern part of the region about Oct 1. Belknap says there was the largest flight of Rough-legged Hawks in years, and other observers also noted an increase in these birds. They were reported from Oct 30 on. The last date for Marsh Hawks was Nov 25.

Semipalmated Plovers were seen at El Dorado Aug 22. Black-bellied Plovers were present from the middle of August to Nov 9 when four were observed at Sherwin's Bay. A few Ruddy Turnstones were seen at El Dorado on Aug 22 and Aug 29. Two dates for Solitary Sandpipers were Aug 22 and Aug 31. Greater Yellowlegs were reported through Nov 15. The only observation of Knots was that of four on Aug 22. Pectoral Sandpipers were noted through Oct 31, and Short-billed Dowitchers were seen Aug 22 and Aug 29 at El Dorado. Semipalmated Sandpipers were noted Aug 22 and Oct. 31. The last date for Sanderlings was Nov 9 when there were seven at Sherwin's Bay. Three Great Black-backed Gulls were seen at Guffin's Bay Nov 9, and there was a Bonaparte's Gull at Pt. Peninsula on Oct 31. Belknap saw two Snowy Owls just north of Watertown on Nov 25, but no others were reported.

Goatsuckers — Sparrows: The last Tree Swallow report was Oct 14 near Clayton. Most of the Robins had departed by Oct 29. Gordon reported some 100 Water Pipits near Rodman on Oct 3. Northern Shrikes seemed to be scarce, but one was

seen near Pillar Point on Nov 9. There were dozens of Rusty Blackbirds on Pt. Peninsula Oct 31. Cardinals were reported several times during the fall in Watertown, and they have also been seen in Lowville. There were probably more of these birds present than a year ago.

Evening Grosbacks appeared in Watertown early in November and were seen in many places in and near Watertown. They appeared to be even more numerous than last year at the comparable time. Allen saw Redpolls on Nov 8 and said they were plentiful.

A Rufous-sided Towhee was seen near Henderson on Nov 29. Juncos were very numerous throughout October, and a few stayed much later. The first date for Tree Sparrows was Oct 25. An immature White-crowned Sparrow was trapped and banded in Watertown on Nov 29; this species is usually not seen after about Nov 1. Snow Buntings were first observed Oct 26.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Old-timers stood bearheaded and coatless in the balmy late fall sun and predicted an open winter this time. I hope they are right in their forecasts. Somehow the leaves didn't stay any longer than usual. Our first frost, right on time in September, ruined tomatoes and other plants.

The report below is brief. I hope that this next spring will show some new correspondents actively engaged in bird work so that a more comprehensive report can be given.

Loons — Ducks: Grebes and Common Loons arrived on the big lake in early September. The grebes were mostly Horned, but a few Pied-bills were seen during the open duck season.

There were strong flights of Snow Geese and better than average flights of Canada Geese, the earliest date for the latter being Sep 10. The Canadas took to landing locally in the wheat fields, and this caused some speculation about sunken pits for hunting them. They have not normally done this in previous years in numbers great enough to warrant this interest.

Again, as in other falls, the decrease in the numbers of waterfowl locally was notable. Practically all species were down in numbers, and some species didn't even put in an appearance. Black Ducks and Common Goldeneyes, our two principal species here, were both very low. White-winged Scoters were an exception; this species seemed to be somewhat more numerous this fall. Blue-winged Teal were almost non-existent after four good years. There were reports of Canvasback, Red-head, Aldsquaw, Green-winged Teal, and American Widgeon, but just enough to say they were here. Wood Ducks seemed to maintain good populations.

Hawks — Sparrows: There was a shallow migration of hawks the first week in September; these were mainly Broad-wings, but there was an occasional Red-tail or rare Red-shoulder. There was an occasional Sparrow Hawk still being seen at the end of the period along Route 9 north of Keeseville. Goshawks were unreported.

One or two Ring-billed Gulls were still being seen in late October. A Black Tern was seen on Aug 16-17 at the VA Hospital grounds in Sunmount (Amstutz). A Snowy Owl was found dead at Peru on Nov 11.

Canada Jays and White-winged Crossbills were unreported. Evening Grosbeak were seen beginning about Nov 10 and were present in ever increasing numbers thereafter. There were no observations of Pine Grosbeaks or Pine Siskins. There were many Tree Sparrows around Keeseville and along the roads the last half of November, and numerous Slate-colored Juncos seemed to be present at every weed patch.

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