

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 Grosbeaks 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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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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