

ers that have made these summaries possible. Despite the possibility of distant assignments in the military, be assured that my birding interest, enthusiasm, and almost filial affections will remain in the hills and habitats of central New York. My one wish is that the enthusiasm and cooperation that the contributors have evinced will continue unabated.

The Editorship passes to Dr. David B. Peakall and Miss Margaret S. Rusk (Mailing address — Dr. D. B. Peakall, College of Medicine, Upstate Medical Center, 766 Irving Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York). My best wishes to them.

Good bye and good birding.

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REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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The weather in April and May was generally wet and cool. A few birds arrived early, but most species came on time or somewhat later than usual. Most persons had little of interest to report.

Loons — Ducks: Double-crested Cormorants were seen on Lake Ontario May 25. About 50 nests of Black-crowned Night Herons were noted the same day on Galloo Island. Brant visited Pleasant Lake near Watertown the middle of May, and at least 50 of them were near Galloo Island May 25. A few ducks stayed late: Common Goldeneye, May 13, and Greater Scaup and Oldsquaw, May 25.

Hawks — Owls: The only report of a Turkey Vulture was that of one near East Hounsfield Apr 20. The last date for Rough-legged Hawks was Apr 19 when there were two on Point Peninsula. On May 25 a Bald Eagle was seen at El Dorado. The first Osprey appeared Apr 23. Semipalmated Plovers, Killdeer, Black-bellied Plovers, Ruddy Turnstones, and Spotted and Least Sandpipers were observed at El Dorado May 25. Sanderlings were at El Dorado May 29.

Allen and Belknap estimated the number of Ring-billed Gull nests on Little Galloo Island to be about 60,000. It would appear that the Ring-billed Gulls are increasing at a faster rate than are the Herring Gulls.

Few cuckoos were seen, but a Black-billed Cuckoo was found dead on the road south of Watertown May 30. She would have started laying eggs in another day. The last Snowy Owls were near Chaumont Apr 19.

Goatsuckers — Sparrows: Red-headed Woodpeckers have returned to three areas in Jefferson County where they nested other years. Tree Swallows were first seen Apr 19, which is late. There were several reports of Swainson's Thrush during the latter part of May, and on May 27 a Gray-cheeked Thrush appeared north of Watertown. One Bluebird was seen north of Watertown Apr 2, but most people have not seen any. We do not know of any nests near Watertown, but there are a few in Lewis County. There were no spectacular warbler waves, except, perhaps, May 27 and 28, when species that usually migrate earlier were seen going through with the Bay-breasted and Blackpoll Warblers. Some of the first seen were: Black White, Apr 29; Magnolia Warbler, May 7; Black-throated Blue, May 7; and Black-throated Green, May 6. Gordon noted a Louisiana Waterthrush which was seen under ideal conditions along Felts Mills Creek Apr 29.

Evening Grosbeaks came late and left early. The last date for Jefferson County was about Apr 19, but they were present in St. Lawrence County a month later. Gordon saw two Pine Siskins in Lewis County May 20. Tree Sparrows were last seen Apr 24. White-crowned Sparrows passed through Watertown between May 7 and May 23.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK—CHAMPLAIN

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Over most of the region snow, heavy rains, and unseasonable cold prevailed during the reporting period. The minimum May temperature in our area was 27° on May 1, and the maximum of 80° was recorded on May 28. Very late May snow flurries in some areas seemed to emphasize the general coolness. Saranac Lake experienced freezing temperatures and ice and snow mixed with rain over Memorial Day.