

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.

The peak waves seemed to have occurred generally throughout the area from May 10 to May 16, with the heaviest concentration on May 10. Variety of species was excellent.

Coverage of the area was, on the whole, better. From time to time birders from other areas visit the Adirondacks and send me their records while here. These are very welcome and add to our coverage of the region, which at best has too few observers. Such a list was recently sent me by D. B. Peakall, as spokesman for a party of birders composed of Dr. Dean Amadon, Mr. Leslie Brown, and Dr. Walter Spofford. This group will be referred to by the designation "P" in the following note credits. In the interest of furthering my medical education I was out of the state for most of the reporting period, and these additional notes from visitors to the area were thus doubly welcome.

Interest has been intensified in the formation of a club. It is hoped that at our organizational meeting in a few weeks we will have that broader coverage we still so badly need. No one can actually know the tremendous good work that is currently being done with the few birders we now have. They certainly deserve much credit.

Loons — Ducks: Common Loons were reported in good numbers, and the Pied-billed Grebe was at Sunmount on Apr 9 (Kingsbury). Great Blue Herons were common in areas where seen. American Bitterns were reported from widely scattered areas, including Saranac Lake May 4 (Delafield), Sunmount on May 7 (Kingsbury) and Tupper Lake on May 13 (Delahanty).

Keji heard many Canada Geese passing overhead at Raybrook on Apr 15. Tupper Lake area records included 12 on Apr 10 (Delahanty), 25 on Raquette Pond Apr 18 (Delafield), and 80-100 on Apr 22 (Delahanty).

It is reported that late and heavy rains flooded some Black Duck nests at AuSable Marsh. There were various reports of the Ring-necked Duck, and these included the following: Apr 14 at AuSable Marsh, Apr 13 at Sunmount (Kingsbury), Apr 25 at Slush Pond (Hart), two pairs on the Saranac River on May 13 (Delafield), and a report from Paul Smith's on May 26 (P). Also reported from Sunmount were Scaup on Apr 15, Bufflehead on Apr 9, Common Goldeneye on Apr 15, and Wood Duck on Apr 30 (Kingsbury). There were several reports of Common Mergansers. Red-breasted Mergansers were reported from Sunmount on Apr 15 (Kingsbury), and one was seen on a rock in the Saranac River on May 1 (Delafield). Two Hooded Mergansers were noted over the Saranac River on Apr 11 (Delafield), and the species was at Tupper Lake on Apr 20 (Amstutz).

Hawks — Owls: Turkey Vultures seemed quite common in the Keeseville area (Lesperance). Peakall and party found a Goshawk's nest with three young at Meecham Lake, and in the same area they recorded the Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, and Broad-winged Hawk on May 26. At Saranac Lake Red-tailed Hawks were back in good numbers the first week of April, and Red-shoulders were back a little later and also in good numbers (Delafield). Some hawk dates at Sunmount include Osprey on Apr 30, Marsh Hawk on Apr 30, and Cooper's on May 14 (Kingsbury). Over at Raybrook Keji noted Red-tailed Hawk on Apr 9, Cooper's Hawk on Apr 17, and Marsh Hawk on Apr 18. Three Bald Eagles were in the vicinity of Tupper Lake at least through April (Hart, Delafield).

Ruffed Grouse were present in good numbers at Saranac Lake, and a nest with nine eggs was found there on May 8 (Delafield).

The Common Snipe was reported at Sunmount Apr 30 (Kingsbury), at Tupper Lake May 13 (Delahanty), and at Saranac Lake, also in May (Delafield). At the latter locality Woodcock were described as normal according to the singing bird census (Delafield). Woodcock were recorded at Sunmount on Apr 30 (Kingsbury), and in early April they were heard in mating flight at Keeseville (Lesperance). The greater Yellowlegs was at Sunmount Apr 30 (Kingsbury). Good numbers of Spotted Sandpipers were present at Saranac Lake after May 9 (Delafield). An Upland Plover was sighted at the Saranac Inn golf course on May 8 (Anderson, Delafield), and the observers enjoyed fine views of this bird under ideal conditions.

Herring and Ring-billed Gulls were very common at the end of the reporting period in the Lake Champlain area (Lesperance). A Herring Gull nest was found on a rock in Lower Saranac Lake on May 13 (Delafield). Three Ring-billed Gulls were seen on Normans Ridge May 16 (Delafield). A Black Tern was spotted perched on a channel marker in Oseetah Lake on May 13, and this bird

permitted close approach (Delafield). The Common Tern was seen off Cumberland Head on May 19 (Delafield).

Black-billed Ckcoos seemed quite common in the Keeseville area (Lesperance). The Short-eared Owl was seen at Sunmount on Apr 6 (Amstutz), and the Barred Owl was heard at Little Simon Lake on May 30 (P).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: The first Whip-poor-will was heard at Sunmount on Apr 29 (Amstutz), and two Common Nighthawks were back early in May at Saranac Lake (Delafield).

In the Saranac Lake area four Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were found dead without a mark on them during and immediately after Memorial Day, victims of the freakish weather. The expected woodpeckers were seen in normal numbers.

At Keeseville a Phoebe was seen in a snow flurry on Apr 1 (Lesperance). Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were noted at Sunmount on May 27 (Kingsbury) and Mariah about the same time (P). Olive-sided Flycatchers were at Sunmount on May 14 (Kingsbury), and they were noted at Saranac Lake by May 25 (Delafield). Several Traill's Flycatchers were reported.

Cliff Swallows were observed at Raybrook on May 12 (Keji), and at the Sabbattis RR Station Peakall and party found 13 occupied nests during the last several days of May. Barn Swallows and Tree Swallows were at Tupper Lake on Apr 18 (Delahanty), and at Saranac Lake 18 Bank Swallow nests were well started by May 8 (Delafield).

Gray Jays were reported at Ross Park on May 26 by Peakall and party. Red-breasted Nuthatches were described as normal in the Saranac Lake area (Delafield). A Winter Wren was at Lake Kiwassa on May 7 (R. Merkel). The Winter Wren and the Long-billed Marsh Wren were reported at Sunmount on May 1 and May 21 respectively (Kingsbury). Robins were generally reported in better numbers than last year; at Saranac Lake the first real evening song was heard Apr 6 (Delafield). Veeries were reported to be numerous by at least one observer, and the other thrushes were at least in normal numbers.

Water Pipits were seen May 6 at Raybrook (Keji) and at Gabriels Ridge May 10 (Delafield). They were last reported in the Saranac Lake area on May 27 (David Young).

A Loggerhead Shrike was at Tupper Lake on Apr 10 (Delahanty).

Vireos — Warblers: Solitary Vireos were at Saranac Lake by May 5 (Delafield) and at Sunmount by May 6 (Kingsbury). There were at least two reports of Philadelphia Vireos.

A heavy wave of warblers was noted at Sunmount May 10, and a possible nesting pair of Parula Warblers was reported there the latter part of May (Amstutz). At Tupper Lake the Yellowthroat, Black & White, Chestnut-sided, and Redstart were seen between May 11 and 13 (Delahanty). Warbler records by Kingsbury at Sunmount included Nashville (May 10), Parula, Yellow, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Redstart, and Ovenbird (May 14), Canada (May 20), Tennessee, Wilson's Mourning, and Cape May (May 21), and Blackpoll (May 27). At Raybrook Keji's report included the following: Myrtle (Apr 30), Nashville (May 6), Yellow and Black & White (May 9), Black-throated Green (May 10), Black-throated Blue (May 11), Cape May and Chestnut-sided (May 12), Yellowthroat (May 14), Magnolia (May 16), Bay-breasted (May 17), and Wilson's (May 21). Warbler records by Harriet Delafield at Saranac Lake included Myrtle (Apr 3), Yellow (May 11), Northern Waterthrush (May 11), Magnolia (May 12), Ovenbird (May 13), Yellowthroat (May 14), Wilson's Warbler (May 14), and Bay-breasted Warbler (May 28). Blackburnians were common in the early warbler waves there.

Peakall and party reported Black & White, Nashville, Magnolia, Myrtle, Black-throated Green, Chestnut-sided, Black-throated Blue, Canada, Blackpoll, and Mourning Warblers as few to fairly common in areas where seen. Several of the latter were noted in the Little Simon Lake region.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Bobolinks were first reported on May 12 from Sunmount (Kingsbury) and Saranac Lake (Delafield); this is a rather early date for this species. Several Rusty Blackbirds, including a nesting pair, were located at Little Simon Lake late in May (P). The Baltimore Oriole had returned to Sunmount by May 10 (Amstutz).

A Cardinal reported from Apr 1 to Apr 17 at Tupper Lake feeders was not reported thereafter.

Evening Grosbeaks were reported to about May 15 in most areas, and Pine Siskins were in good numbers, reported by all observers in the western sections of the area. Although at Saranac Lake the last large Siskin flocks were seen on Apr 19, a few were present there throughout the period, and one was seen with nesting material on May 8 (Delafield). Good numbers of Purple Finches were reported from all areas, and both species of crossbill were observed. Six Red Crossbills were at Saranac Lake on Apr 19 (Delafield). Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were first noted at Sunmount on May 14 (Kingsbury) and at Saranac Lake May 17 (Delafield).

Every spring seems to disclose a new species not yet recorded for the area. From Mr. Joseph Keji at Raybrook, a very reliable observer, comes a description which would seem to identify the Western Tanager. However, Mr. Keji is reluctant to definitely state his observation as such, lacking corroborative evidence. I will await with much interest a return sighting by Mr. Keji or other observers in that area.

White-crowned Sparrows were reported between May 7 and May 14 at Saranac Lake, with a flock there on May 10 (Delafield). These birds were reported on May 11 from Sunmount (Amstutz, Kingsbury) and Tupper Lake (Delahanty). Fox Sparrow dates were Apr 11 at Tupper Lake (Delahanty) and Apr 18 at Raybrook (Keji). Also, at Raybrook, Field Sparrows were first reported on Apr 11 (Keji). Juncos were in good numbers at Tupper Lake on Apr 1 (Delahanty), but in the Saranac Lake area they seemed less common than last year (Delafield).

On May 6 four Sharp-tailed Sparrows were sighted in a small marshy area surrounding a pond on the Saranac Inn golf course. Their marked ochre face pattern made these birds unmistakable. One bird was still present the following day, but none could be found when a search was made again on May 10. This interesting record was by Delafield.

Keeseville

REGION 8 — MOHAWK—HUDSON

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It was a very wet and cool Spring. Rainfall during the period was better than two inches above normal. Temperatures for April and May were 1.2 degrees and 2.1 degrees below normal respectively. Scattered frosts occurred frequently throughout May and on May 31 was quite severe in some low areas. Snow was reported from higher elevations on May 27. The most unusual records of the period were of Snowy Egret, Whistling Swan, Blue Goose, Snow Goose, King Rail, nesting Long-eared Owl, Black-backed Woodpecker, and Red Crossbill. Also several hybrid yellow-shafted — red-shafted flickers were reported (see field notes section). Except for May 9-10 there was little in the way of any big "waves". Minor "waves" were apparent in some areas on May 6, 13, and 21.

Loons — Ducks: Common Loons were seen from April 5 at Saratoga Lake (Hallenbeck) to May 13 at Alcove Reservoir (Sabin). The only Red-necked Grebe reported was one seen at Vly Creek Reservoir May 14 (Linch, Johnston). It was reported as having been there "several days." Horned Grebes were seen at Saratoga Lake on April 16 (Hallenbeck) and last seen on May 5 at Vly Creek Reservoir (Sabin). Pied-billed Grebes were commonly reported after April 9 at Vly Creek Reservoir (Hallenbeck). A Snowy Egret was reported from the Black Creek Marshes where it was seen on April 19 only (Eddy, Hallenbeck, et al). Common Egrets were seen on May 25 about one mile south of Albany on the Hudson River (Thurston) for the only report on this species. A pair of Least Bitterns was seen at the Black Creek Marshes on May 12 (Sabin). American Bitterns were widely reported, after the middle of April, by many observers. The three Whistling Swans reported in March dwindled to one by April 1 and it continued to be present at Black Creek Marshes until at least April 19 (Hallenbeck). This was the immature bird, the two adults having left during the last week of March. Many flocks of Canadian Geese were reported throughout April and May until May 20 (Smilow). A single Blue Goose was seen on April 14 at Stuyvesant (Thurston) and a lone Snow Goose on April 15 at the Black Creek Marshes in company with the above-mentioned Whistling Swan (Hallenbeck et al). Residents Mallards and Black Ducks apparently had good success with many reports of broods of young being