

Lapland Longspurs were noted at SP Nov 12 (Rochester group) and on the Solvay waste beds at Onondaga Lake Nov 26 (Burt et al). Snow Buntings arrived Oct 28; late, 70 combined count Derby Hill and SP; high for the period was 400 at the Syracuse airport Nov 11 (D. Gibson), a good count for the fall.

**CORRIGENDUM: Kingbird**, Oct 1961 "Region V — Oneida Lake Basin", p. 167, Parula and ff should read:

Parula: again noted in THP (Scheider) — one on June 3 and two Jun 24. Yellow: ten noted Jun 3 in the lower part of the THP (Scheider) is unusual; high of 50 in the Otisco Lake vicinity Jun 10.

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## REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The weather from the middle of August to the end of November was ideal much of the time and there were many very pleasant days. September brought some real heat waves, and the average temperature for the first 25 days was above 70 degrees. Good weather continued in October. Temperatures in November were slightly above average, and Watertown had only a little snow.

There were early indications that we might expect Evening Grosbeaks, Pine Grosbeaks and Snowy Owls during the coming winter. The Cattle Egret, Tufted Titmouse and eight Turkey Vultures provided some surprises for us. El Dorado was visited several times, but warblers were forgotten.

**Loons — Ducks:** A Common Loon was reported near the Pillar Point Road Nov 18, and one at Pillar Point Nov 24. Horned Grebes appeared near Adams Cove Oct 21, and became common along Lake Ontario the rest of the period. A Cattle Egret remained at Baggs Corners, Jefferson County, Nov 13-19, and was seen by several persons. It may have stayed as late as Nov 25 at which time there was some snow. There were no other egrets. A Great Blue Heron was near Chaumont Nov 24. Gordon found an immature Black-crowned Night Heron at Sherwin's Bay Oct 21.

Canada Geese migrated thru the area quickly, most of them Oct 14-15 (Wilson). In describing the first day of the duck season the Watertown paper said, "Perch River Game Management Area hunters had reasonable luck with local ducks and, according to one hunter, managed to deplete a flock of geese from 28 to three birds in a matter of seconds after the season opening." No doubt these were the local Canada Geese which we saw several times (No comment). The results of banding at Perch Lake GMA showed an increase in numbers of Mallards with a decrease in Blacks. More Green-winged Teal were banded, 40 this year or twice as many as last year. At El Dorado ducks were reported as follows: Mallard 40, Black 50, Pintail 9, Green-winged Teal 10, all on Aug 25 and 200 Blue-winged Teal Sep 2. American Widgeon were seen at Perch Lake GMA Sep 16 and at El Dorado Sep 17. Large numbers of scaup were reported in the area. There were five Oldsquaws at El Dorado Nov 11. During Nov Buffleheads were seen several times in Lake Ontario. Hooded Mergansers were noted frequently in Nov.

**Hawks — Owls.** Two Turkey Vultures were seen near Somerville, St. Lawrence County, Sep 11, and 8 were there Oct 5 (Belknap). This is the first time more than one or two have been seen at any time in this region. The first date for Rough-legged Hawk was Oct 12 (Allen). On Oct 21 there were 16 at Point Peninsula, and they were numerous there in Nov, the number being estimated at 20-25. Marsh Hawks were present during the fall and two were seen Nov 28. A Pigeon Hawk was seen near the southern limit of this region. Unless otherwise stated the following were seen at El Dorado: Semipalmated Plover, 100 on Sep 2; Golden Plover, one Sep 30 (Gordon); Black-bellied Plover last seen Sep 17; Ruddy Turnstone, last Sep 30; Common Snipe, last Oct 21 at Sherwin's Bay; Greater Yellowlegs, last, one at Pt. Salubrious Nov 24; Lesser Yellowlegs, 140 Aug 25; Knot, Aug 31 and Sep 14; Purple Sandpiper, one with two late Dunlins Nov 11 (Gordon); Pectoral Sandpiper, 25 on Aug 25; White-rumped Sandpiper, 3 on Aug 25; Least Sandpiper, 100 on Sep 2; Short-billed Dowitcher, 25 on Aug 25; Semipalmated Sandpiper, 200 Aug 19 and Sep 2; Western Sandpiper, Sep 14 (Allen); Sanderling, 130 Sep 2; Great Black-backed Gull, two Aug 25; Bonaparte's Gull, 5 Aug 25; Common Tern, Caspian Tern and Black Tern, Sep 2. The first reports of Snowy Owls came from

near Lake Ontario Oct 28 and 31. A few were seen in various parts of Jefferson County in Nov with 4 or 5 at Pt Peninsula and two at Pillar Point.

**Goatsuckers — Sparrows:** Two Nighthawks, probably in migration, were seen flying over Watertown Sep 3, and the last one was seen Sep 6. The last date for Hummingbird was Sep 17 in Watertown. There seemed to be good numbers of Black-capped Chickadees at feeding stations. A tufted Titmouse appeared at the home of the Porters in Theresa early in Nov, and later at the feeder of Marguerite Rappole and Vera Poth identified the bird. This is the first time this species has been listed in this region. Long-billed Marsh Wrens stayed at Perch Lake GMA as late as Sep 17. There were no Mockingbirds. Allen reported an immature Catbird Sep 21 that had just left the nest. A Catbird was banded Oct 28. The last date for Brown Thrasher was Nov 15 on Wellesley Island (Dake). The first Northern Shrike was seen Nov 4 near Beartown, Lewis County, and several others appeared later. No warblers were mentioned in the reports except a Myrtle Warbler Oct 13.

Cardinals have visited at least five or six feeders in Watertown. They were seen in several other places including Calcium, Canton, Hailesboro and Henderson. Two Evening Grosbeaks were found on Camp Drum about Aug 20 by a soldier stationed there (Adams). One appeared at a feeder in Watertown Sep 6 (Wilde). They were seen several times in Watertown during Oct, but most of the flocks were small. During Nov they came daily to several feeders in Watertown and near Potsdam. A few Pine Grosbeaks have been seen, six near Beartown Nov 4, six at Canton Nov 21, and a dozen Nov 21 in Northern Lewis County. There were no Redpolls except a flock of about 150 near Clayton Nov 29. One White-winged Crossbill was found in Adams Center late in Nov. A late date for Chipping Sparrow was one at a feeder in Watertown Nov 5. A White-throated Sparrow was still around a feeder near Potsdam at the end of Nov. The first record of Tree Sparrows was Oct 21 at Pt. Peninsula. There were Fox Sparrows on the Tug Hill Plateau Oct 28 and later near Adams. Eight Snow Buntings were found near Chaumont Oct 21 and several flocks appeared in Nov.

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## REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK - CHAMPLAIN

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Average rainfall and slightly above normal temperatures did not tend to cause a mass exodus of migrants from the area. It was a rather slow infiltration, and it seemed as though the individuals were reluctant to leave. Waterfowl, especially geese, were the only birds in any great numbers at one given time. Defoliation was commensurate with this environment and took place slowly, so that those species which were of small size escaped detection in many instances. The level of Lake Champlain at this period was the highest in several years, a factor which held many of the "puddle" ducks because of food accessibility.

The Adirondack Bird Club (A.B.C.) now has 26 members and is very active in the Tupper Lake — Saranac Lake area. Planned activities for the year were carried out, and an "all-out" Christmas count is planned as a finale for 1961. We are anxious to have individuals from other areas, although they may belong to their local clubs, join our membership if they vacation in our area. It is a chance to "get together," learn where the best areas are, and exchange experiences.

**Loons — Ducks:** Common Loons were at Lake Colby Aug 16, Sep 30, and Oct 28 (Delafield). They were at Horseshoe Pond by Aug 20 (Amstutz), but none were noted at AuSable Point. Three Pied-billed Grebes were on a pond between Redford and Peru on Oct 5 (Delafield). Great Blue Herons seemed common in all areas, and in the Keesville area Greens, Black-crowned Nights, and Bitterns were also common (Lesperance).

There were good migratory numbers of Canada Geese, according to the NY State Conservation Dept. (Hart). They were noted at Tupper on Oct 12 by Delahanty, and a wedge of 44 passed over Old Military Estates on Oct 15, (Delafield). Wood Ducks were in good numbers in areas where reported. Two Blue-winged Teal, many Ring-necks, Common Mergansers, and Black Ducks were at Tupper Lake (Amstutz), while at Raybrook Keji reported Black Ducks, Gadwalls, Hooded and Common Mergansers. At the AuSable Marshes a mixed flock of Blacks, Woods, and Blue-winged Teal totaling approximately 200 was seen, while in deeper water Common Goldeneyes, Bufflehead, and Greater Scaup were in fair to good numbers.