

lus, Stevens Pond Phoenix, and TRGMA. Henslow's are common — one or more to be heard in nearly every suitable field around Cicero and Phoenix.

Tree Sparrow: Last reported May 1 Taberg (HA). Slate-colored Junco: a fair-sized migration with max 350 Apr 19 Tully; last migrant May 17 Oakwood; one SP May 25 might be a local breeder. Oregon Junco: a brightly colored individual, suggesting at first glance a miniature Towhee, present with Slate-colored Oakwood Apr 7-9 (MR et al).

White-crowned Sparrow: a small and brief flight — arr May 3 Oneida (M. Felle-MF); max 30 SSSP May 11 (EE); last two Oakwood May 17 (DP); none present May 20. White-throated: 1st migrants reported Apr 9 Rome (HA); max 200 Oakwood Apr 30 is a good number; last migrants TRGMA May 20; one heard singing Centerville May 26 (J. Peterson and MR) might be a breeding bird. Fox: arr Apr 1, two Kenwood (Paquettes); numbers low with max four Oneida Apr 2 (MF); noted singing Oakwood Apr 11, 16, 20 (MR); last Apr 26, one SSSP (FS). Lincoln's: unreported this spring. Swamp: not generally noted until Apr 19-21, (late). Lapland Longspur and Snow Bunting: unreported during present period despite good numbers in Mar. — Upstate Medical Center, 766 Irving Ave., Syracuse 10

REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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April started with several inches of wet snow which soon melted. April 14-15 brought more snow. May was mild and very dry. May 14-20 was very hot. Foliage appeared early on the trees which made warblers hard to locate. There were no spectacular warbler waves noted this spring, but at least six species were seen May 13. A total of 159 species appeared on the May census list.

Abbreviations used are PRGMA for the Robertson Flats, dike and Anthony Farm section of the Perch Lake Game Management Area in Jefferson County and WHGMA for the Wilson Hill Game Management Area and vicinity, this is on the St. Lawrence River seven miles from Massena.

Loons — Ducks: Common Loon: Apr 15, Pillar Pt. Double-crested Cormorant: Apr 22 in Lake Ontario. Great Blue Heron: seems more numerous this spring, several at PRGMA. Cattle Egret: three in grassy field by a dairy barn near WHGMA 6 (Wolk). Black-crowned Night Heron: at WHGMA May 6 and at PRGMA late May. Canada Geese seemed more numerous than usual. Several flocks of 40-60 were seen flying over Apr 1-28. Mallard, Black Duck and Green-winged Teal: WHGMA May 6. Blue-winged Teal were numerous. Redhead: at least 12 at PRGMA in late May. Ringed-necked Duck: WHGMA May 6. A few Bufflehead were reported.

Hawks — Owls: Red-shouldered Hawk: A nest found Apr 27 near Felts Mills contained two young and an egg on June 9. Bald Eagle: an Immature at PRGMA May 8, an adult at El Dorado May 24 (Allen). Osprey: one at PRGMA Apr 26. Sparrow Hawk: numerous the middle of Apr. Semi-palmated Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Spotted Sandpiper and Greater Yellowlegs were at El Dorado May 24. Knot: two at El Dorado May 19. Least Sandpiper: many, El Dorado May 19. Dunlin: three El Dorado May 24. Black Tern: at PRGMA and WHGMA. They are less numerous at Beaver Meadows than a few years ago.

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Nighthawks: first about May 18. Chimney Swifts: May 5 Watertown, May 6 WHGMA. Kingbird: May 5 Watertown. Phoebe: a nest found May 12 contained two Phoebe eggs and three Cowbird eggs (Gordon). Least Flycatcher: May 5. Tree Swallow: first Apr 9, they seemed numerous this year. Bank Swallow: first Apr 27, about as many nesting as last year. Cliff Swallow: May 6 WHGMA. Purple Martin: Apr 27, seem less numerous this year (Allen). Mockingbird: May 26 near Watertown (Gordon). At least two other persons have reported a Mockingbird in about the same place. Hermit Thrush: Apr 22 in Watertown is early. Bluebird: 12 seen in Watertown Apr 1 when the ground was covered with snow. A nest was found near Gouverneur and another near Carthage. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: May 6 at WHGMA. Water Pipit: Apr 18 Pillard Pt., and later at WHGMA.

Vireos — Warblers: Solitary Vireo: Apr 29. Warbling Vireo: May 5. Red-eyed Vireo: May 12. Black-and-White Warbler: Apr 29. Orange-crowned Warbler: one near Clayton. Nashville Warbler: May 6 at Watertown Center and at WHGMA. Magnolia Warbler: May 14. Black-throated Blue Warbler: Apr 29. Myrtle Warbler: Apr 25 at PRGMA, became numerous later. Blackburnian: May 29. Chestnut-sided: May 6. Palm: May 10. Ovenbird: May 13. Northern Waterthrush: May 12 at Natural Bridge. Mourning Warbler: May 20. Yellowthroat: May 12 Canton. Canada Warbler: May 13. Red-start May 13.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Bobolink: May 6 WHGMA. Baltimore Oriole: May 6 WHGMA. Rusty Blackbird: May 6. Scarlet Tanager: May 13. Cardinal: at least four singing males in or near Watertown. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 13. Indigo Bunting: May 18. Evening Grosbeaks: numbers began to decrease about May 11, last seen at Allen's feeder May 21. Rufous-sided Towhee: Apr 28 at Watertown. Savannah Sparrow: Apr 15, early. Vesper Sparrow: Apr 7 near Watertown, early. White-crowned Sparrow: several seen May 2-15. Tree Sparrow: last Apr 23. Slate-colored Junco: numerous. — 173 Haley St., Watertown

REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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A very marked slow warming trend kept winter snows in considerable depth throughout the greater part of our mountain area. Snow accumulations were slightly below normal. As late as the first week of May considerable fields of snow could be found lying on the northerly slopes, in deeper ravines and under the conifer cover. Frosting continued in the lower areas, broken by a three day 'heat-wave' in the second week of May, then night temperatures of high 30's and low 40's were the rule rather than the exception, to the end of the period.

Probably due to these sub-normal temperatures, which did not encourage abundant insect life, there were no spectacular invasions of insectivores. It was rather, a slow casual somewhat timid infiltration, although Spofford reported considerable immigration on May 14 in the southern part of the region. Some boreal species were here one day and totally absent the next. Nesting, therefore, by summer migrants got off to a late start. The migration of warblers was spotty but the vireos were very numerous and of wide variety. Thrushes arrived late and in low numbers. Of great local comment were the myriads of Slate-colored Juncos, nearly everywhere and by thousands. Probable Black-headed Grosbeaks were reported from Trembleau. Woodcock arrived early at Raybrook, and Ruddy Turnstone and Western Sandpiper were reported at Chazy.

To sum up the reporting period; continued very cold weather, slow snow run-off, no peak dates, poor birding. However, at the end of the period most species that could be expected had been observed.

The following initials are used for regular observers: — AA-Miss A. Amstutz, HD-Mrs. H. Delafield, D-Mrs. Delahanty, MK-Dr. M. Kingsbury, TL-T. Lesperance, FS-F. Sibley.

Here I must mention that Mr. F. C. Sibley will be moving from the William Minor Foundation Agriculture Institute to a new teaching position on Long Island. We will lose a very able observer and he will be sorely missed. Best of luck, Fred, and please keep in touch. Abberivations used: — Arrived-arr; Lake-L; River-R.

Loons — Ducks: Common Loon: Tupper L. Apr 21-30 (MK); L. Colby, May 9 (HD). Red-throated Loon: Tupper L, May 2 (MK). Pied-billed Grebe: Apr 1-30, Tupper L. Horned Grebe: Apr 19 Tupper L. Great Blue Heron: arr Chazy Apr 1 (FS); Keesville Apr 10 (TL). Green Heron: Chazy, May 19. Black-crowned Night Heron :Chazy, May 19 (FS). Bittern: noted about Apr 30, Sunmount (AA); Saranac May 3 and 14.

Blue Geese: two Apr 1, 14 and 25. Snow Geese: nine Apr 1 at the mouth of the big Chazy River (FS). Canada Geese: 1000+ Apr 1 I. Alice; Keji reports flocks up to 500 at Raybrook from Apr 26 to May 10; small flocks of 5-15 moving through the Tupper area from Apr 2-May 11.

Good variety, if not large numbers of ducks were noted in all reporting areas.