

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.

The Kingbird

Black, Green and Blue-winged Teal, Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Goldeneye and Bufflehead were noted at Tupper L May 2-9 (D). Better than usual numbers of Wood Ducks and Bufflehead were noted by AA. Ring-necked Duck: 18, mainly paired, Saranac R, May 12 (HD). In the Chazy area, Mallard, Black, Pintail, Green and Blue-winged Teal, Baldpate, Ring-necked, Lesser Scaup, Goldeneye and Bufflehead were reported. Hooded, Common and Red-breasted Mergansers were noted from all areas.

Hawks — Owls: In the Keeseville area several Goshawks were seen throughout the reporting period (TL). Cooper's Hawk: seen both at Keeseville and Chazy May 1. Sharp-shinned Hawk: one, Franklin Co. Apr 11 (HD); one, Raybrook Apr 15 (Keji). Red-shouldered Hawk: pair in residence, L Alice, Apr 8 (FS). Rough-legged Hawk: one, Chazy Apr 22 (FS). Bald Eagle: one was constantly seen in the Plattsburg-Willsboro-Elizabethtown-Peru quadrant since the start of the period. It is hopeful that this bird may have nested somewhere within these confines (TL). Other records are — Tupper Apr 3 to May 25 (D) and an immature, Chazy, Apr 21 (FS). Marsh Hawk: Tupper Lake Apr 1-25 (D); northern Franklin Co. Apr 11 and near Saranac L, early May (HD); Raybrook, May 5; Chazy Apr 1. Osprey: present at Tupper L Apr 10 to end of period; Miss Amstutz found an Osprey's nest with one young; present at Raybrook to May 20; at Keeseville May 4 and at Chazy May 6. Pigeon Hawk: one, northern Franklin Co. Apr. 11.

Gallinule: one, Chazy, May 19 & 27. Woodcock: reported at Raybrook on Apr 2 (MK), while snow was on the ground; one taking a dust bath in the middle of the road, Union Falls, Apr 14 (HD); present at Chazy Apr 15; Tupper L Apr 30 and three at Saranac L May 10. Snipe: Tupper, May 19. Spotted Sandpiper: Saranac L May 12 and Tupper L May 13. A good list of shorebirds was obtained by FS at the mouth of the Big Chazy R. Semipalmated Plover: one, May 19; 15 May 27. Ruddy Turnstone: 10 May 27. Greater Yellowlegs: ten May 27. Lesser Yellowlegs: one May 27. Pectoral: 10-15 May 16 & 19. Least: five May 19; one May 27. Dunlin: five May 27. Dowitcher: 30-40 May 16; none May 19. Semi-palmated Sandpiper: 5-10 May 27. Western Sandpiper: one May 27.

Herring Gulls had worked inland from L Champlain as far as Tupper L by Apr 1 (MK); Keji noted them at Raybrook on Apr 9. Both Herring and Ring-billed Gulls had started laying on the islands in L Champlain by May 15. Common and Black Tern were reported near Chazy from May 19-27 (FS). Black Tern: two-seven Tupper May 22, 23, 28 and 31. Both Yellow and Black-billed Cuckoo: May 29 Saranac.

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Whip-poor-will May 5 (first) (Kains). Nighthawk: Arr Chazy May 19; Tupper May 25. Chimney Swift: one at Raybrook May 1 (early arrival); reported at Saranac May 8. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Arr May 13, Little Simon Pond and immediately hovered in front of the spot where the feeder had been the previous year (X.B. Read, W. Spofford). Kingfisher: some wintered, numbers increased by Apr 20 (HD).

Flicker: Arr Saranac May 5. Sapsucker: Arr Tupper Apr 19. Kingbird: Arr Saranac May 8; Keeseville May 12. Crested Flycatcher: arr Keeseville May 12; Saranac May 19. Phoebe: arr Apr 10 Keeseville. Trail's Flycatcher: Saranac May 19. Least Flycatcher: arr Saranac May 8; Keeseville May 13. Wood Pewee: arr Saranac May 20. Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Saranac May 20.

Tree Swallows: arr Saranac Apr 9; Keeseville Apr 11; several thousand reported at Chazy Apr 15 — 24. Barn Swallow: arr Chazy Apr. 25; Saranac Apr 28. Cliff Swallow: active nest sites reported at Chazy; Horseshoe L (Franklin Co) and Sabatis. Although still not common this species appears to be making a comeback. It would be of interest to record all active breeding sites. Purple Martin: arr Keeseville May 11. Canada Jay: near Little Tupper L Apr 20. Brown-capped Chickadee: two Saranac, Apr 17; one May 28. Both White and Red-breasted Nuthatch were in the Saranac-Tupper area on May 2. House Wren: arr Keeseville Apr 26; Saranac Apr 30. Winter Wren: at Saranac Apr 15. Long-billed Marsh Wren: present Saranac May 20. Short-billed Marsh Wren: Chazy May 27. Catbird: arr Keeseville May 13; Saranac May 14. Brown Thrasher: arr Chazy May 5.

Robin: arr Sunmount and Saranac Apr 1. Wood Thrush: arr Raybrook May 14; Chazy May 17. Hermit Thrush: one Raybrook Apr 16 then not seen again until May 12; first Chazy May 19. Swainson's Thrush: Chazy May 27. Veery: arr Raybrook May 11; Chazy May 17. Bluebird: Chazy Apr 22 and Saranac May 23.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: small flocks, Saranac Apr 20-21 (HD). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Chazy Apr 22. Water Pipit: 18, unusually good record, May 9; two May 10 and 16 May 11; Raybrook May 11 (Keji). Loggerhead Shrike: many records in the Saranac area in Apr (HD). Northern Shrike: Chazy Apr 8 & 14 (FS).

Vireos — Warblers: Blue-headed Vireo: arr Saranac May 15. Red-eyed Vireo: Saranac May 15; Chazy May 19. Warbling Vireo: arr Keeseville May 11. Black & White Warbler: at Chazy May 19 and Tupper May 20. Tennessee: at Chazy & Saranac May 19. Nashville: Saranac May 15; Chazy May 27. Parula: arr Saranac May 18, seen near last years' nest May 27 (HD). Yellow: Saranac May 9. Magnolia: arr Saranac May 15; Chazy May 19. Black-throated Blue: Saranac May 18. Myrtle: arr Saranac Apr 27. Black-throated Green: Paul Smiths May 7, back in numbers at Saranac by May 16. Bay-breasted: Saranac May 17. Blackburnian: Saranac May 16; Chazy May 19. Chestnut-sided: Saranac May 14; Chazy May 19. Ovenbird: one Saranac May 16. Northern Waterthrush: Saranac May 16; Chazy May 19. Mourning Warbler: arr Saranac May 17. Yellowthroat: Saranac May 13. Canada: Saranac May 13. Redstart: Saranac May 13; Chazy May 19.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Bobolink: arr Sunmount and Chazy May 14, 20; Saranac May 16. Baltimore Oriole: arr Keeseville May 15, Saranac May 17. Grackle: large numbers at Saranac in late Apr. Scarlet Tanager: L Alice May 16; Saranac May 17. At Trembleau Mt. on Apr 21, 17 grosbeaks were seen 'budding' in an elm tree. Upon observation they appeared to be Black-headed Grosbeaks. An attempt to collect a specimen was unsuccessful so the record is only probable since I am unfamiliar with the species (TL). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Saranac May 15. Indigo Bunting: arr L Alice May 19. Evening Grosbeak: at Saranac the last flock of ten May 19; last pair, May 24; still present at the end of period at L Alice. Purple Finch: Keeseville Apr 27, reported as very late returning at Saranac, 17 (peak number) May 7. Redpoll: Keeseville Apr 2; L Alice Apr 5. Pine Siskin: near Port Kent May 19. Goldfinch: arr Chazy Apr 21; Saranac May 5. Red Crossbill: Apr 22 Raybrook (Keji).

Savannah Sparrow: Keeseville Apr 3. Vesper Sparrow: back early Apr, Saranac. Tree Sparrow: good numbers through Apr at Saranac, last, May 9. Chipping: arr L Alice Apr 22; Keeseville and Raybrook Apr 28. Field: Keeseville Apr 5. White-crowned: arr Saranac Apr 30; max. ten May 9; last May 23. White-throated: arr Saranac Apr 26. Fox Sparrow: reported Apr 1-26, more records than usual (HD). Song Sparrow: peak during period, 24, Apr 2, migration about over by Apr 22. Snow Bunting: Saranac Apr 4 (last). Lapland Longspur: in early April every flock of Horned Larks had three — five Longspurs mixed within, there was probably several hundred Longspurs in the area. Keeseville.

REGION 8 — MOHAWK-HUDSON

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April weather statistically was close to normal. However most of the rainfall occurred during the first half of the month with the result that dry weather set in rapidly and from the 17th through the 28th it became increasingly dry. During this period unusually windy days with low humidity produced a very serious fire hazard and many forest and grass fires developed. The highest temperature of the month, 91°, occurred on the 27th, the lowest of 21° on the 4th and the average for the month was 47.0° +0.8° above normal. Precipitation totaled 3.25", or 0.48" above normal. May was one of the driest months on record with total precipitation of 1.40", or 2.07" below normal. Soil moisture was well below normal at the close of the month and crops and gardens were showing definite need of rain. Lawns were beginning to show brown. Scattered frost occurred in the area on the 10th and 12th when many areas suffered widespread damage to early plants. There was a heat wave May 18-20 with record high temperatures. All in all it was a warm dry spring.

The last few days of March caused some species to come north the first week in April, much earlier than usual. After this things reverted back to normal with another period of influx during the last week of the month. May waves were by and large non-existent with peaks and troughs pretty much leveled off. The only excep-