

near Edwards included Black-and-white, Nashville, Yellow, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Myrtle, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Mourning and Canada Warblers and Northern Waterthrush. In an area where Nashville Warblers were numerous two years ago he found only two pairs. The Chestnut-sided Warblers were numerous instead.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Cardinal: seen and heard singing in Thompson Park, Watertown in Jul. Evening Grosbeak: heard by a soldier at Camp Drum in late Jun. Slate-colored Junco: a nest with four eggs found near Wanakena Jun 23, also seen at Whetstone Gulf Jun 24, and one in our yard Aug 3. This was the first we have seen in Watertown in the summer. White-throated Sparrow: seems to have increased in numbers in St. Lawrence County.

173 Haley St., Watertown

REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK - CHAMPLAIN

THOMAS A. LESPERANCE

The early part of the reporting period was cool and dry. There were no marked waves of any species in the Champlain Basin. From the second week of July to mid-August it was a time of almost continuous rain with much cool weather. Temperatures as low as 40 degrees were recorded. The latter part of August was more normal weatherwise and this trend continued until the end of the reporting period.

A super abundance of mast was produced. Aided by the prolonged rainfall and by the cooler weather which kept insects injurious to plant life to a minimum, Wild Plum, Raspberries, Elderberries, Grape and Hawthorne among the soft fruits and Acorn, Black Walnut, and Hazelnut among the hard fruits, had a good season. The conifers are loaded with cones in nearly all areas.

Parasitism by cowbirds was high as noted by those observers checking on nesting results. It was a peak year for Vireos and they could be found nearly everywhere; all members being represented except the White-eyed. Indigo Buntings also were more numerous than usual. Probably due to the unusually long extension of cool weather, some Boreal species nested locally, and reports of young Evening Grosbeaks and Brown-capped Chickadees and a summering Pine Grosbeak, make this assumption creditable.

The highlights of the reporting period are: another sighting of the CLAY-COLORED SPARROW this time by Richard Cohen of Jackson Heights, L. I.; the sighting and collecting of an albino JUNCO and the nesting of the CAPE MAY WARBLER, all these occurrences are detailed in the field-note section. A CATTLE EGRET at Crown Point is the first record for the region; the continued presence of BLACK TERNS at Tupper Lake, reported by Mrs. Delehanty whose notes regarding their arrival during the last reporting period were somehow omitted from the Kingbird; a singing Tufted Titmouse at Blue Mountain Lake; an increase of nesting of the BROWN THRASHER throughout the area; and the discovery of what almost amounts to a colony of BLUEBIRDS nesting in the confines of the Sullivan lumber mill property at Keesville.

Many thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield and to Mr. Cohen for their notes which were very comprehensive and much appreciated.

Initials of contributors: Miss Amstutz (A), Mrs. Delehanty (D), Keji (K), T. Lesperance (L), Miss Rusk (MR), Dr. Scheider (FS), Sheffields (S).

Loons — Ducks. Great Blue Herons: common in all areas reporting. Appears to be increasing at Valcour Is (L. Champlain) where there were 40 active nests this summer. Active nest, Tupper L, Jun 1 (D). Green Heron: common throughout the area. Am. Bittern: lower in numbers at Sunmount (A). Least Bittern: one seen at a beaver dam along Rt 9 between Keeseville and Clintonville, Aug 29. Canada Geese: 75 wing-clipped at the so-called waterfowl refuge at Ausable Pt marsh. Black Duck: Hart L (FS), Valcour Is (L) and Sunmount (A). Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, and Wood Duck at Valcour Is (L). Ring-necked Duck at Sunmount (A). Hooded Merganser: with young at Raybrook (K) and Sunmount (A).

Hawks — Owls: Red-tailed Hawk: Madawaska, Jul 6 (MR). Red-shouldered Hawk: Keeseville (L). Bald Eagle: 1, Jun 3; 2, Jun 6 at Tupper (D) and another Aug 2 (Avery's fide D). Osprey: observed on nest Jun 21, 22 & 26 (D). At Raybrook, observed fishing Jun 2 and Aug 16 (K). Several seen at Sunmount.

Male Spruce Grouse, Madawaska (FS) Jun 23. Snipe: observed at Sunmount (A); 2 winnowing, Madawaska, Jul 6 (MR). Solitary: Raybrook (Keji).

Black Tern: Still present, Tupper L Jun 23 (D). Horned and Barred Owls in Mt. Marcy area. (S).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: The Sheffield's list for the Mt. Marcy-L. Placid area from Jun 26-29 is as follows: Whip-poor-will, Chimney Swift, Kingfisher, Sapsucker, Hairy and Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied, Traills, Least, and Olive-sided Flycatchers, Wood Pewee, Tree, Bank, Rough-wing and Barn Swallows, Black and Brown-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Catbird, Robin, Wood, Hermit, Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes, Veery, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and Cedar Waxwing. In the Tupper L area from Jun 1 — 21 (D) recorded Sapsucker, Hairy Woodpecker, Kingbird, Phoebe, Least Flycatcher, Bank and Cliff Swallows, House Wren, Brown Thrasher, Wood Thrush and Cedar Waxwing.

At Sunmount (A) observed Kingbird, Crested Flycatcher, Phoebe, Wood Pewee and Olive-sided Flycatcher. Brown Thrashers were noted as nesting in the Sunmount area, and many Swainson's Thrushes were seen along the trail to John's Brook on Jul 8. Along this trail Hermit Thrush and Veery seemed abundant and both Black and Brown-capped Chickadees were noted, as were many Red-breasted Nuthatches.

Bluebird: At Keeseville no less than 7 nests were found in about 10 acres at the Sullivan Lumber Mills (L). One was located by (A) at a burn near Sunmount and another two were reported to (A) from Fort Covington.

At Raybrook Keji noted Flicker, Kingbird, Traill's Flycatcher, many Tree Swallows, Purple Martins, Brown Thrasher, and Cedar Waxwing. Keji also had the nest of Boreal Chickadee under more or less continuous observation throughout the period. Tufted Titmouse: singing bird located by Guy Mountford at Blue Mountain Lake, June 14 during the International Ornithological Field trip.

Vireos — Warblers: Scheider gives the following counts for the Madawaska area, June 23. Solitary Vireo 2, Red-eyed Vireo 1, Warblers: — Black and White 2, Nashville 30, Parula 2, Magnolia 16, Cape May 1 (carrying food, the begging note of young heard), Myrtle 26, Black-thr. Green 1, Blackburnian 12, Chestnut-sided 10, Bay-breasted 1, Ovenbird 4, Yellowthroat 20, Canada 2, and Redstart 10.

The Sheffield's list for the Mt. Marcy - L. Placid area, Jun 26-29 is Solitary, Red-eyed and Philadelphia Vireos, Black and White, Tennessee, Nashville, Magnolia, Black thr. Blue, Myrtle, Parula, Black thr. Green, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Blackpoll, Mourning, Yellowthroat, Canada and Redstart.

At Keeseville Yellow-throated, Red-eyed, Philadelphia and Warbling Vireos were fairly common from Aug 1-20. Black and White, Yellow, Magnolia, Myrtle, Chestnut-sided, Bay-breasted, Mourning, Canada, Warblers and Yellowthroat were noted. Less common was the Black-thr Green Warbler. Single Blackpoll on Aug 30. Blackpolls were common above 3000' on Blue Mountain, Jun 14 and 28. At Tupper L. Nashville, Yellow, Magnolia, Myrtle, Black-thr. Green, Chestnut-sided, Mourning Warblers and Yellowthroat (D) and (A). At Raybrook, Chestnut-sided, Mourning and Redstart early in the period and later Myrtle, Blackburnian and N. Waterthrush.

At Seventh L, E. Farnham saw a Golden-winged Warbler, Aug 1; a most unusual locality for this southern warbler.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: The Sheffield's list for the Mt. Marcy-L. Placid area, Jun 26-29 is Bobolink, Red-Winged Blackbird, Grackle, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Purple Finch, Savannah, Chipping, White-thr., Swamp and Song Sparrows. Scarlet Tanagers were very common in the Keeseville area; also

noted at Tupper L, Raybrook, Madawaska and Blue Mountain L. Cardinal: 1, Aug 4, nr Sunmount. Rose breasted Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting very common at Keeseville; Purple Finch nesting in the editor's back yard, with young singing third week of Aug even during the rains. Indigo Bunting, Evening Grosbeak and Purple Finch noted as fairly common at Tupper (D). Indigo Bunting and Evening Grosbeak at Raybrook (K). Quite a few Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and two Evening Grosbeaks came to a feeder at Sunmount (A).

Pine Grosbeak: singing male nr Tupper L Jun 16 (A). This is the third time this observer has recorded this species in the summer. Red Crossbill: 5, nr Tupper L Jul 7 (MR). White-winged Crossbill: observed feeding in Sunmount area (A).

Clay-colored Sparrow: singing bird seen nr Tupper L — Jul 25 (R. Cohen) and pair along the Jordan River north of Tupper L Jul 28 (R. Friedman fide Cohen). White-crowned Sparrow: 1, Aug 30, Keeseville again on the next day and not seen since. White-thr. and Song Sparrow numerous (A). Lincoln's Sparrow: Madawaska, June 23 and Jul 6 (MR, FS) and at Raybrook (K).

Keeseville.

Corrigendum: It is regretted that the title Saranac-Tupper Lake slipped through in printing the spring report from region 7, in the July issue, instead of, Saranac **Lake** - Tupper Lake area. There were no records in this report from the village of Saranac, N. Y. Interesting to note that there are two Post Offices, namely, Saranac, N. Y. and Saranac Lake, N. Y., both in this area and about 40 miles apart.

REGION 8 — MOHAWK - HUDSON

PETER P. WICKHAM

The most striking feature of the weather during the period was the protracted drought. The May-June-July total for rainfall was the second lowest for the area in records dating from 1826. The lack of moisture led to poor crop yields, and trees, lawns and gardens became prematurely brown as the summer proceeded. June temperatures averaged 68.1°, less than a degree above the normal, with a high of 91° on the 17th and a low of 45° on the 4th. Precipitation totalled 1.15 in., 2.10 in. below normal. Aside from some rain on June 5-6, it was negligible. July was a cool, dry month, with temperatures averaging 69°, 3.1° below normal. The highest reading was 95° on the 8th; the lowest were 46° on the 4th and 47° on the 6th (both record lows). Precipitation totaled 2.12 in. for the month, 1.37 in. below normal. The first part of the month was particularly dry, so that most rain, when it came, late in the month, simply ran off. The first fifteen days of August brought 2.41 in. of precipitation, somewhat over the average, which granted some relief to parched areas. Nevertheless, water levels remained extremely low in streams, marshes and reservoirs.

Most breeding birds fared extremely well during the summer. The lack of severe storms during the period probably was of great help to developing young birds. No real "waves" of the autumnal landbird migration developed during the period although a few advance migrants were seen. Because of the low levels of water in marshes and reservoirs, larger numbers of shorebirds than usual congregated in some areas from late July through the remaining part of the period. Some marsh birds which normally breed, however, appeared rare or absent, perhaps in part due to this factor. Rare, unusual, or uncommon species reported during the period included Least Bittern, Green-winged Teal (breeding), Black Vulture, King Rail, Connecticut Warbler and Evening Grosbeak.

Loons — Ducks: Pied-billed Grebe — one immature July 14 and subsequently at Vischer Ferry (Esley Hallenbeck — EH) is the only record for the area (very low). Great Blue Heron: at Vischer Ferry throughout period and at Black Creek Marshes during latter part, max. 6 Jul 25 at Vischer Ferry (EH). Common Egret: two Jul 25 at Vischer Ferry (EH) only record. Green Heron and American Bittern: recorded widely. Least Bittern: one Jun 16 at Vischer Ferry (EH, Phil Clark — PC); subsequently two, Jul 4 (Peter P. Wickham — PPW) — the birds remained throughout the period. Green-winged Teal: several, with young, Jun 24 at Coxsackie (C).