

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

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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).

Thorne — CT, E. Rusack — ER). Blue-winged Teal: two Jun 6 at Vischer Ferry (EH, PC) and two Jun 9 at Niskayuna (Schenectady Bird Club — SBC) probably breeding birds. Wood Duck — widely reported. Redhead: two apparently feral adults which could fly, Jul 1, 4, and 14 at Vischer Ferry (EH, PPW). Hooded Merganser: one Jun 15 and 26, Canaan (A. Gokay — AG) and one Jul 4 at Vischer Ferry (PPW).

Hawks — Owls: Turkey Vulture: widely reported over higher elevations in the south part of the area. Black Vulture: one, Aug 6 over Old Chatham was carefully identified (Eleanor M. Radke — EMR). No accipiter reports. Red-tailed Hawk: widely reported, but not many. Hed-shouldered Hawk: fewer, one Jun 9 near Niskayuna (SBC), and a pair, breeding, Jenny Lake (Guy Bartlett — GB). Broad-winged Hawk: only records from northern Saratoga and Warren Counties (GB, Walton B. Sabin — WBS, Robert Korns — RK, PPW). Marsh Hawk: very scarce — one Jun 9 near Niskayuna (SBC) the **only** record received. Duck Hawk: one Jul 4 over the Helderberg escarpment (EH) — the species bred there some years ago. Sparrow Hawk: widespread. Bob-white: regularly near Athens, where some young were raised (James H. Bush — JHB), and in the Guiderland-Altamont area (Mary Johnston — MJ, Beverly Waite — BW). King Rail: two adults Jul 17 at Niskayuna (EH, Hazel Eddy — HE). Virginia Rail: adults with young — Jun 23, Black Creek Marshes (WBS; Donald J. Tucker — DJT, PPW) and Jul 17, Niskayuna (EH, HE). Sora: conspicuously absent — the birds may not have nested because of the low water conditions in their usual habitat. Common Gallinule: reported from several areas, with young. Woodcock: regularly, from northern sections. Common Snipe: one Jun 6 at Stony Creek Reservoir (EH, PC) and two, Ghent, Jul 22 (Georgia Erlenbach — GE). Solitary Sandpiper: early migrant Jul 23 at Summit (WBS). Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs: one of each Aug 1 at Stony Creek Reservoir (EH, PC). Pectoral Sandpiper: two Jul 28 at Watervliet Res. (EH, PC). Semipalmated Sandpiper: six Jul 28 at Watervliet Reservoir (EH, PC). Sanderling: one Aug 12 at Black Creek Marshes (EH). Both species of cuckoo seemed common. Screech Owl and Great Horned Owl: recorded throughout the area. Barred Owl: pairs bred at Jenny Lake (GB) and at Pottersville (Marcia Kent — MK).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Whip-poor-will: nested in many regions, with as many as 12 at Jenny Lake (GB). Pileated Woodpecker: seen irregularly throughout period in all sections. Red-headed Woodpecker: a pair nested in Jun at Athens (Greene County Bird Club — GCBC). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: seemed very common in the usual breeding areas. Olive-sided Flycatcher: one Jul 15 at Berlin (PPW) — a southerly location, yet at high elevation where it might breed. All swallows reported. Purple Martin: known colonies at Burnt Hills (2), Corinth, Niskayuna and South Albany. Tufted Titmouse: two, Jul 1-7 at Ghent (GE) only record for period. Red-breasted Nuthatch: one pair, breeding, Old Chatham (Allan Devoe Bird Club — ADBC) and one pair making nest hole and singing persistently Jun 2 at Tomhannock Reservoir (PPW) aside from those farther north. Brown Creeper: three, singing, Old Chatham, Jun 10 and 15 (ADBC) — the bird may breed there. Carolina Wren: apparently has not recovered from recent disastrous winters — none were reported. Short-billed Marsh Wren: none were reported during the period. Mockingbird: one Jun 3 near Glenville (EH), one Jun 22 at East Chatham (H. Barton — HB), and two July 11 at Ghent (GE). Hermit Thrush: breeding, many locations throughout area at higher elevations. Swainson's Thrush: three, singing Jul 15 near Berlin (PPW). Bluebird: from all accounts, what few Bluebirds there were had a good nesting season; the locations of at least fifteen pairs are known to the writer in Rensselaer, Albany and Columbia Counties. Almost all of these raised two broods, and in some cases, when the second nesting was disturbed, a third nesting was attempted. Cedar Wax-wing: numbers built up towards the end of the period with 75 at Pottersville Aug 15 (MK) the high count.

Vireos — Warblers: Solitary Vireo: one June 14 as far south as Berlin (ADBC). Blue-winged Warbler: successfully fledged three young, Altamont (BW). Parula Warbler: one Jun 14 at Berlin (ADBC) — a southerly record for the area; others bred near Jenny Lake (GB). Pine Warbler: two or three pairs Jun 2 at Tomhannock Reservoir (PPW) besides the usual nesting area at Karner. Prairie Warbler: breeding at Catskill (JHB). Bay-breasted Warbler: a very early migrant Aug 3 in Colonie

(John Fuller — JF). Northern Water-thrush: first fall migrant Aug 12 at Black Creek Marshes (EH). Connecticut Warbler: **two** late records of males seen well — one Jun 2, Meadowdale (EH) and one June 16 at Vischer Ferry (EH, PC). Mourning Warbler: one Aug 18 at Jenny Lake (GB). Yellow-breasted Chat: three Jun 2 at Meadowdale (EH) and one, from Jun 15 on, near Altamont (BW).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Orchard Oriole: one, a second year, at Catskill (JHB), and in Castleton three — a first year, a fully adult, and a female appeared (Juanita Cook — JC); after the first nest built had been abandoned, the younger male and the female raised one young bird in a new location. They were last seen Aug 18. Evening Grosbeak: two spent the summer at a feeder in Schenectady and were joined in July by a third with ruffed feathers which allowed itself to be fed (Mr., Mrs. W. T. Cooke, fide GB) — there is a possibility the grosbeaks may have nested there, but the nest was not found and this third bird could fly; four appeared Aug 7 in Troy (fide BW). Purple Finch: flocks of up to 50-60 were reported in Columbia Co. through June and July, but not so common elsewhere (ADBC). Henslow's Sparrow: one, Meadowdale, June 10 (EH) and one, Summit, July 14 (PPW); other usual species of sparrows seemed relatively common.

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE - HUDSON

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The most significant weather factor of the season was the drought. The weather bureau lists the summer of 1962 among the four showing the least amount of rainfall. As far as temperature was concerned, the season was largely normal with no exceptionally extended periods of hot weather.

The effect of the drought was not noticeable on the bird population throughout the summer, but undoubtedly it reduced the abundance of weed seeds and will surely effect the fall and winter population. Lowered reservoirs and streams lured shorebirds to their exposed flats, and the month of August saw some good "shorebirding" in an area that rarely has it.

Abbreviations used in this report are: each county — first four or five letters, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester; Reservoir — res; Waterman Bird Club — WBC; Mearns Bird Club — MBC.

Loons — Ducks: The two Common Loons reported on Highland Res. Oran. in the spring report continued on throughout the summer, and were repeatedly heard by nearby residents (Iris Dean — ID). Investigation revealed that this species has been observed there for several summers now, and there is good indication that nesting has occurred. Pied-billed Grebe: An adult with ten young at Basher Kill Jun 6 (Margaret Dye — MD). Great Blue Heron: Population generally normal, one pair nesting at Tamarack Swamp, Dutch. (WBC). Common Egret: Four birds Aug 4 Brown's Pond, Newburgh (M&JD). Snowy Egret: One bird at Cornwall Bay Jul 29 (Paul Jeneber — PJ & Ed Treacy — ET), and another at Piermont, Rock. Aug 30 (Louise and Bob Deed — L & BD). The latter was the third record for Rock. Little Blue Heron: An immature bird at Lake DeForest, Rock. Aug 4 (Dr. Marjorie Hopper — Dr. MH). Yellow-crowned Night Heron: One in Town of Ramapo, Rock. Jul 6 (Jack & Eleanor LeMaire). Fourth record for Rock and first since 1957. Least Bittern: Best year at Cornwall Bay since 1956. Seen frequently by several observers, as many as three birds at once. Whistling Swan: One at Rondout Creek near Kingston, Ulst. during early Aug. (Henry & Ilse Dunbar). Ducks: Mallard and Black Duck were normal throughout the district, but Wood Ducks seemed to be up in numbers. Green-winged Teal: One on Brown's Pond, Newburgh Aug 11 (M&JD), and a male at Pine Plains, Dutch. Jun 9 (Otis Waterman — OW). Blue-winged Teal: A pair, last seen on Jun 4 near Pine Plains, (V. Parkhurst); a male was seen several times with a male Green-winged Teal before that date.

Hawks — Owls: Most resident species of hawks were reported in normal numbers throughout Dutch., but seemed to be down in numbers in Oran. Reports