

singing repeatedly in a brushy field (habitat of other sparrows including Chipping) near a pine plantation, Sandy Creek, Jun 29 (FS et al) not found subsequently. The following sparrow census was made Jun 30 in a section of the L Ontario army base n. of New Haven: 35 Savannah, 3 Grasshopper, 1 Henslow's, 8 Vesper, 1 Swamp, 10 Song. Of note is the high number of Savannahs; this species, though probably present, was not noted in the Sandy Creek sparrow field, where taller bushes provided Chipping and Field Sparrow habitat. White-throated Sparrow: noted in the Pineville Bog and near Parish, both on the sw. edge of the Tug Hill; also ten VBSP Jun 23, 30 Cicero Bog Jul 13, and one SSSP Jul 18 — doubtless a nearby breeder.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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June and July were warm and dry, but August brought frequent rains, some of them heavy. It was a poor year for breeding ducks at the Wilson Hill Game Management Area (WHGMA) because the water was too deep. The Conservation Dept. plans to correct this condition. Fewer shore birds were reported this year at El Dorado.

Loons — Ducks: Common Loon: two adults with young at Yellow Lake Jul 1. Great Blue Heron: 15 at Mud Lake near Lake Bonaparte Jun 16, and perhaps there is a nesting colony in that area. Glossy Ibis: one at PRGMA (Perch Lake Game Management Area) for a few days in early Jun. Canada Goose: A good breeding season produced about 100 young at PRGMA, and about 135 at WHGMA. Banded geese from WHGMA cross the St. Lawrence River to the Canadian side and in Aug 50-70 could be seen in a picnic area (Chrysler Park) near Upper Canada Village. They were not afraid of cars and we stopped to let them pass. Redhead: seen early at PRGMA, but probably did not breed there this year.

Hawks — Owls: Turkey Vulture: 14 near Somerville and two miles from the 1962 roost. One was seen in the town of Fowler, St. Lawrence Co Jul 11. Goshawk: three young in a nest in northern Lewis Co. banded by Ben Burt Jun 22. They were nearly old enough to leave the nest. Osprey: two young seen on a nest in St. Lawrence Co. Jul 1. This is a new nest some 300 yd from an old nest. Ruffed Grouse: Allen reports seeing a number of young and believes they had a good breeding season.

As usual the best place to see shore birds was at El Dorado and most of the following were seen there. Semipalmated Plover: Aug 1-15, Max 6. Ruddy Turnstone: Aug 1-5, max 8. Common Snipe: Jul 11 and Aug 11. Whimbrel: Aug 3 (Evans). Upland Plover: nine seen from nine miles of road east of Watertown. They may be increasing slowly in numbers. Spotted Sandpiper: at El Dorado in Jul and Aug.

Solitary Sandpiper: one, Aug 1. Lesser Yellowlegs: Aug 1-15, max 5. Knot, two, Aug 15. Pectorial Sandpiper: Aug 1-11. White-rumped Sandpiper: two, Aug 15. Least Sandpiper: Jul and Aug. Dowitcher: one in Aug. Semipalmated Sandpiper: Jul 11-Aug. 15. Sanderling: Aug 1-15, high 12. Northern Phalarope: one, Aug 15. Caspian Tern: Aug 1-15, high 16 Aug 3. Bonaparte's Gull: six, two still in spring plumage at El Dorado Aug 15. Great Horned, Barred and Long-eared Owls: all three in High Falls area near Wanakena, southeastern St. Lawrence Co. Jul 5-7.

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Olive-sided Flycatcher: near Wanakena Jul 5. Traill's Flycatcher: nesting near Watertown Jun 2. Red-headed Woodpecker: 3 at PRGMA Jun 23. They are seen in this section nearly every year. One was seen on the Perch Lake Road Aug 11. Short-billed Marsh Wren: PRGMA Aug 11.

Vireos — Sparrows: Warblers seen near South Edwards, St. Lawrence Co. Jul 2-4 include: Black-and-white, Nashville, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Myrtle, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Mourning, Yellowthroat, Canada and Redstart.

Western Tanager: a bird identified as a Western Tanager was seen at Black Lake in St. Lawrence Co. Jun 1 by Hubert Ives of Syracuse. It was a singing male described as having yellow underparts, brick-red head and wing-bars. Evening Grosbeak: reported in southern Lewis Co. and in St. Lawrence Co. A newspaper report says that Evening Grosbeaks were seen near the Fish Creek Club nine miles west of Constableville and that young were seen Jul 4. A female was seen near Highmarket Jul 27 (Gordon). A pair and four fledglings appeared in the yard of L. Blake near Potsdam in late Jul and she has seen them nearly every day. White-throated Sparrow: more numerous than last year near South Edwards, and are extending their breeding range to the south. One near Pleasant Lake in early Jul.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK - CHAMPLAIN

This report is in the nature of a stop-gap and has all the disadvantages of being written from outside the region. After this issue the regional report will be written by Miss Harriet Delafield. Her address is Trudeau Road, Saranac Lake. The editorial board of 'The Kingbird' are grateful to Mr. Lesperance for his work in compiling the regional report from 1955 to 1963.

The highlights of the season included further occurrences of the Clay-colored Sparrow, sightings of a Golden Eagle, nests of Goshawk and Philadelphia Vireo and a report of several Towhees.

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Loons — Ducks: Common Loon: two adults and one immature, Duck Pond, nr Saranac Lake Jun 29 (HD); four individuals seen in the Sabattis area, Jun 2 (MR, WS); two, Ray Brook, Aug 12 (JK). Canada Goose: birds liberated in Tupper Lake area had a good season and gosling were seen (AA). Green-winged Teal: female and brood seen nr Paul Smith (CR), believed to be the first breeding record for the area, although the species bred at Oseetah Lake in 1961. Ring-necked Duck and Hooded Merganser both had a good season in the Paul Smith area (CR) and a pair of Ring-necks were seen at Tupper Lake. All the records of Ring-necks are within the area indicated by Foley (Kingbird 13:79-84) as the breeding range of this species.

Hawks — Owls: Goshawk: two adults at nest, Ampersand area, Jun 4 (JD, B. Martin), young seen in nest later. One adult, two well feathered young on nest, Jun 29, Debar Game Management Area (HD). Sharp-shinned Hawk: one, Sabbittis, Jun 2 (MR). Bald Eagle: one, Tupper Lake, Jun 2 (JD), immature, Tupper Lake Aug 10 (B. Frenette); one, Ampersand Pond, no date (fide JD). Golden Eagle: single bird seen Jun 2 & 26, in northern Adirondacks (WS). Osprey: one active nest reported (fide JD); one, Ray Brook, Jun 28 (JK); one, Madawaska, Jun 29 (FS); one, Tupper Lake, Jun 4 & Jul 20 (JD).

Spruce Grouse: one, Madawaska, Jun 29 (D. Peakall); two young observed nr Paul Smith, Aug 8 (CR). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: observed in mid-June at Heart Lake (MRS) and also at Wilmington, Jun 29 (AK). Reilly and Parkes checklist (1957) states 'recorded once in Adirondacks' so that further observations, particularly of definite breeding, would be of great interest. Black Tern: recorded on several dates during the period at Tupper Lake (AA, JD). These records of interest in view of the present increase of the north-eastern portion of the breeding range of this species. Saw-whet Owl: group of five young seen on the Elk Lake-Ausable Lake divide, Aug 3 (G. Carleton, F. Schetty).

Goatsucker — Shrikes: Kingfisher: scarcer than usual, Saranac Lake (HD). An idea of the relative abundance of the various species of woodpeckers at Ray Brook can be obtained from the observations of Keji. He noted the Flicker on 34 days during the period, Pileated on 3, Sapsucker on