

bills, sometimes alone, sometimes accompanied by Reds. Before Dec 1 the max was 150 White-winged with 50 Red at Fish Gulf Nov 27 (E. Estoff, JP), but flocks of 30-50 White-winged were reported from literally every part of the Region, feeding in cedar and hemlock as well as the various spruces.

Towhee: one New Haven Nov 30 and one Fulton Dec BBFS attempting to winter. Junco: 100 or so commonly counted in a limited area from about Oct 11 to Nov 11. Tree Sparrow: first one Oct 21 Jamesville (BS), but most observers found none before the 2nd week of Nov. The hot calm weather seemed to preclude the usual high counts of migrant sparrows; 60 White-throated on Oct 5 at TRGMA was the highest day's tally for any species. White-crowned: arr Sep 20 along L Ontario; max only 20 Oct 11 SSSP; a few at feeders Nov and Dec, but last report in the field is an imm, Syr Nov 27. Fox: widely observed and in good numbers, in contrast with most sparrows; maxima 30+ n of New Haven Oct 27; 30 at Clark Reservation Nov 10; 16 on Nov 11 Highland Forest. Lapland Longspur: singles Nov 2 at Lakeview Army Base on L Ontario (D. McIlroy) and Nov 28 Cicero Bog (F. Scheider). Snow Bunting: arr along L Ontario Oct 13, most of the fall reports from there, with max 35 at the Lakeview Army Base Nov 23.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The weather was mild and pleasant most of the time. The rainfall in early August had been heavy and so it was some time before the dry weather became noticed. Rain during September and October was light. The woods and fields became very dry by October. November brought plenty of rain and the month ended with a hard rain which changed to snow as the temperature fell.

PRGMA is again used for the Perch River Game Management Area.

Loons — Ducks: Horned Grebe: over 20 at Black River Bay Oct 20. Great Blue Heron: one at Brookside Cemetery, Watertown, at least until Nov 23. Mute Swan: six seen at Perch Lake for several weeks had been placed there by the Conservation Dept. Canada Goose: seen at Perch Lake and along Lake Ontario to the end of Nov. Duck: 1917 ducks were banded at PRGMA this fall. This is more than usual. Most years the total has been between 1000 and 1500. Many of the ducks banded there were Blacks or Mallards. During the first part of the season there was a fairly good supply of ducks, but the late season flight was smaller than usual. Perhaps the weather was a factor. There were fewer scaup this fall. Hooded Merganser: appeared early in Nov. as usual. One seen near Evans Mills Nov 29.

Hawks — Owls: Turkey Vulture: apparently roosted again near Gouverneur, however, not seen as often as in 1962; last noted early Oct. Rough-legged Hawk: first seen Oct 6 at PRGMA. Noted regularly in Nov. A few, 3-4, have been staying in the Evans Mills-Philadelphia area. Marsh Hawk: seen regularly to latter part of Nov.

The late summer and fall migration of shorebirds was about average, or perhaps a little below average. Most of the reports are about birds seen at El Dorado. Semipalmated Plover: to Oct 27. Killdeer: to end of Oct.

Black-bellied Plover: to Oct 27. Common Snipe: 3 at Sherwin Bay Nov 4. Ruddy Turnstone: Sept 26. Spotted Sandpiper: Sept 1. Upland Plover: 4 near Burrville Aug 16. Solitary Sandpiper: Sep 12. Greater Yellowlegs: Sep 26. Lesser Yellowlegs: Sep 12. Knot: Sep 12. Pectorial Sandpiper: Oct 26. Purple Sandpiper: none could be found in late Nov. Least Sandpiper: Sep 12. Dunlin: 30 Oct 27. Short-billed Dowitcher: Sep 12. Semipalmated Sandpiper: Sep 26. Sanderling: Oct 27. Bonaparte's Gull: 2 at Stony Point Aug 20. Snowy Owl: A local paper says a Snowy Owl was seen at East

Rodman Nov 15 and that this means a warm winter. A Snowy Owl spent several days at PRGMA. This was said to be a large one. I know what has happened to some owls at PRGMA, so no questions were asked. Another was seen near Dexter Nov 21.

Goatsuckers — Sparrows: Red-headed Woodpecker: 5, probably a family, at Belleville Aug 16. One was seen Aug 29 on Barnhard Island which is at the northern limit of this region. Bluebird: Art Allen saw about 40 at Stony Point Oct 27. Another was reported in northern Jefferson County the same day. Northern Shrike: Nov 24, only one reported. Nashville Warbler: Sep 29. Myrtle Warbler: numerous; last Oct 27. Evening Grosbeak: seen near Potsdam during all of period. A few reported in other places in Oct and Nov. They began to visit several feeders around Watertown about Nov 28. Pine Siskin: 30 near Gouverneur Nov 25. Red Crossbill: 7 near Theresa Nov 23. White-winged Crossbill: 20-30 at Watertown Nov 17, and 10 at Goose Bay Nov 20. Slate-colored Junco: first seen in Watertown Sep 26 and two still at feeder Nov 20. Tree Sparrow: first Oct 20. Chipping Sparrow: last Oct 18. Field Sparrow: last Oct 8. White-crowned Sparrow: first Sep 21 which is a week or ten days early, last Nov 1. White-throated Sparrow: Sep 25 to Oct 25. Fox Sparrow: a few seen in Nov. Song Sparrow: Nov 7. Cardinal: about the usual number. Lapland Longspur: 4 Nov 3 Sherwin Bay. Snow Bunting: Nov 28 at Camp Drum.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK - CHAMPLAIN

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The fall period was characterized by above normal seasonal temperatures though there was a sharp cold snap around August 20 which froze the sweet corn and colored the foliage in the higher altitudes much earlier than usual.

A drought started in September and continued through October with much above normal temperatures and virtually no precipitation. There were some light to moderate frosts after mid-September but, most unusual, no killing frost in September. The forests were closed to hunters and birders alike from October 13 to November 1. The drought was broken during the first week of November with one inch of rain and from then on it drizzled, rained, fogged and misted in slightly above normal temperatures steadily until the end of the month. Not an ideal fall!

Some birds, such as Cedar Waxwings left early but others, such as Fox and White-crowned Sparrows, came through late. In spite of the fact that bare ground and forest offered food and perching place no very large flocks of blackbirds were reported. Swallows also seemed down in numbers. Many people remarked on the spectacular migration of Blue Jays on August 26. October 4 is memorable as the day skein after skein of Canada Geese came out of the mist over the mountains. The N. Y. State Conservation Department at Ray Brook tells us that this does not mean that the goose population is up but simply that these birds chose the Saranac River valley for migration this autumn.

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Abbreviations used: L — Lake; Co — County.

Loons — Ducks: Common Loon: one Aug 22 Middle Saranac L (JH); four Oct 26, Tupper L area (AA, JD). Pied-billed Grebe: two at Ross Park Aug 31 (GM); one or two seen in Tupper L area thru Oct 24 (AA, JD). Great Blue Heron: reported in small numbers from Saranac L, Ray Brook (JK) and Tupper L. Last one at Tupper L on Oct 3 (JD). American Bittern: one at Madawska Sept 2 (GM); one at Tupper L Sept 1 (AA) and Sept 15 (JD). Canada Goose: 1,000+ Oct 4, Saranac L (HD) and 50 Sept 29 (JD); 20 Nov 9 last, (HD). Mallard: one Ross Park Aug 31 (GM); two females at Lewis Aug 30, "good and wild" (GC); one at Tupper L Oct 19