

Chipping Sparrow: two, an ad and an imm, wintered at the Patten's feeder in DeWitt. This same feeder played host to a splendid ad male **Oregon Junco** from mid-Dec to mid-Jan (mob). **White-crowned Sparrow:** scattered birds in late Nov and early Dec, but the only one to survive to Mar was one at Fayetteville (Mrs. H. Armstrong). **Fox Sparrow:** no wintering birds; first migrants Mar 28, late, Phoenix (P. Evans). **White-throated, Song, and Swamp Sparrows:** increased numbers tallied on local Christmas counts but few survived the severe cold and snow of mid-Jan and by early Feb what few birds were noted were almost exclusively feeder birds. **Lapland Longspur:** scarce; noted Feb 10, three, Derby Hill (JWP); Feb 21, one, Syr Airport (FGS); migrants (some singing.) noted Mar 22-25, Syr Airport (FGS). **Snow Bunting:** noted in moderate-sized flocks (25-400) thru the winter; no major Mar movement observed. The swirling flocks of thousands, a regular early Mar highlight, went undetected—though not unsought—this year.

Corrigenda: Vol XV, No. 1, pg. 42—Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets: arr date Sep 17 and Sep 12 respectively . . . pg. 42—Northern Shrike: . . . an imm, Oct 31, near Fair Haven (MSR).

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The winter of 1964-65 was a mild one with the snowfall much below average. December brought some cold weather and a fair amount of snow. The January temperature was two degrees below normal and most streams and lakes were frozen. January snowfall was 16 inches compared with a normal 24 inches. February and most of March brought much mild weather and rather light snow. As soon as the calendar said that it was spring, however, the temperatures turned colder and some snow fell.

Mild weather the first part of March and the appearance of Redwinged Blackbirds, Robins, Grackles and Mourning Doves seemed to indicate an early spring, but the second half of the month was disappointing. In general there seemed to be a scarcity of birds most of the winter especially at the feeders. During March a few Evening Grosbeaks and many Purple Finches did visit most feeders. On the brighter side were the observations of a Gyrfalcon and a Hawk Owl in late December.

PRGMA is used for Perch River Game Management Area.

Loons — Ducks: Pied-billed Grebe: March 27, Pt Peninsula. Canada Goose: 36 at Lake St. Lawrence Jan 10 may have been from the Canadian side where they were fed during the winter; none wintered at the Wilson Hill Game Management Area; several were at Pt Peninsula Mar 20, and a few at PRGMA Mar 27. Mallard: Stony Pt Mar 14. Pintail: Mar 27 on Lake Ontario. Blue-winged Teal: Pillar Pt Dec 13, late. Wood Duck: pair at Henderson Pond Mar 31. Ring-necked Duck: 50 at Ellisburg about Mar 19. Canvasback: about 100 in the River at Cape Vincent Jan 1. Bufflehead: 25 on the waterfowl census in Jan. Oldsquaw: one Jan 3 at Pt Peninsula. White-winged Scoter: two in Jan. Hooded Merganser: Mar 20 to end of month. Common Merganser: 125 at Ellisburg Mar 20.

Hawks — Owls: Goshawk: Henderson Mar 1. Red-tailed Hawk: present each month and a few wintered here. Rough-legged Hawk: good numbers especially around Pillar Pt in Dec, less common later, but present to the end of Mar; high count 7 at Pt Peninsula Dec 27; one at Cape Vincent Feb 28; these hawks were more numerous in 1961-62 than in 1964-65. Marsh Hawk: seen Mar 18 and 20. **Gyrfalcon:** one at Cape Vincent Dec 23 (D. Gordon)—see Field Note for details. Sparrow Hawk: few seen in winter. Gray Partridge: in Pillar Pt—Pt Peninsula. Great Black-backed Gull: more

numerous this winter. Mourning Dove: Watertown Mar 11, Stony Pt Mar 14, Pillar Pt Mar 20.

Snowy Owl: seen in good numbers in Dec and Jan especially near Pt Peninsula and Pillar Pt; also seen near Watertown, Evans Mills and Cape Vincent; these owls were more numerous around Pt Peninsula during the winter of 1961-62, but received more publicity in 1964-65. **Hawk Owl:** Black River Dec 24 (Gorgen), seen later by several persons near Black River, last seen Jan 17. **Barred Owl:** one found dead near Waddington Dec 7. **Short-eared Owl:** 3 at Pt Peninsula and 3 at Pillar Pt same day, (early Jan). See Field Note for Hawk Owl and Short-eared Owl details.

Goatsuckers — Sparrows: Mockingbird: Cape Vincent and PRGMA, both Jan 1. Robin: flock of 20 first seen Feb 14 probably wintered near Watertown. Cedar Waxwing: at least 60 near Watertown in late Dec, 300 at Stony Pt Jan 10 and 400 at Watertown Mar 9. Northern Shrike: seen each month, not as many as some winters. Meadowlark: Jan 6, Watertown; Jan 7, Evans Mills; 10-12 near Three Mile Bay Jan 21. Redwinged Blackbird: male at Sackets Harbor Feb 25, about 200 at Henderson Harbor, several other flocks later in Mar. Brown-headed Cowbird: a few wintered. Cardinal: probably increasing in numbers. Evening Grosbeak: very few were seen in Dec and Jan, but small numbers appeared at feeders in Watertown and Gouverneur the latter half of Mar; they seemed to appear first and in larger numbers in the northern and eastern parts of the Region, Potsdam, Star Lake and Wanakeena. Pine Grosbeak: none. Pine Siskin: none. Crossbills: none. Goldfinch: 75 at South Edwards Feb 21, 15 at feeders in Wanakeena Mar 15. Purple Finch: a few in Dec and Jan, numerous at feeders from about Feb 20 to the end of Mar; they seemed about as numerous as they were in Mar 1963. Slate-colored Junco: two at feeder in Adams Center during winter; first at feeder in Watertown Mar 23. Common Redpoll: only one flock seen all winter, about 20 at Camp Drum Jan 17. Lapland Longspur: 12 at Sackets Harbor Jan 7, also at Philadelphia and Pt Peninsula in Feb. Snow Bunting: seemed rather scarce.

A report received too late for the last issue tells of a Snowy Owl that was downed by crows Oct 20, 1964 and was picked up by a boy near Potsdam. It died of internal injuries Oct 24. Dr. Hafer prepared a skin and found the bird to be a male (Cerwonka). This is very early for a Snowy Owl in this Region.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK - CHAMPLAIN

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My area summary this winter season is pretty much a tale of woe. Amstutz from Tupper Lake cries, "Birds are scarce." Keji from Ray Brook echoes her, "Not much of interest or special for this winter report except for lack of birds to see."

The weather report from Bob Kampf at Ray Brook was most un-North Countrylike. Temperatures were above normal and snowfall way below normal all four months. The temperature low was one day of minus 32° on Jan 15. Snow depth reached only eight inches in Dec and Jan and the maximum for the entire winter was 11 inches in mid-February!

Jan and Feb produced some high winds. During a severe storm on Feb 25 a record low for the seven-year history of Mr. Kampf's weather station of 28.77 inches was recorded on the barometer. Temperatures in March were above normal at the end. Wind velocities were well below normal. Bird migrants were late.

The Kingbird