

Chestnut-sided Warbler: May 8. Blackpoll Warbler: May 30 and 31. Pine Warbler: May 1. Palm Warbler: May 8. Connecticut Warbler: May 9 PRGMA (Allen). Redstart: May 8. Baltimore Oriole: May 8. Rusty Blackbird: Apr 19. Scarlet Tanager: May 8. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 8. Evening Grosbeak: few seen in Watertown after early Apr, last in Watertown Apr 26, but reported in St Lawrence Co. in early May. Rufous-sided Towhee: Apr 24. Vesper Sparrow: many at Canton Apr 23. Slate-colored Junco: Seen at Watertown from Apr 10 to May 10. Field Sparrow: May 1 PRGMA. White-crowned Sparrow: May 3-19. White-throated Sparrow: Apr 25 near Rodman; Fox Sparrow: first Apr 11 PRGMA, last May 1.
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REGION 7 — ADIRONDAK — CHAMPLAIN

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Spring was late this year. April was a miserable month with temperatures ranging from 4° on the 1st to 72° on the 25th but sticking mainly in the 30s and 40s. Four inches of snow fell from 8:30 pm April 12 through April 13 so that 2" of new snow lay on the ground April 14 — snow again on the 17th — and so it went. Flowers and birds were late.

May, on the other hand, was a fine month with temperatures in the 60s and 70s. Birds began to return and flowers to burst. Black flies and other pest insects were at a minimum which may have had something to do with the fact that no very large flocks of any species but Canada Geese were reported. Warblers were in good numbers but no spectacular waves were reported.

Precipitation was so light that many of the churches began to pray for rain but, as long as we had such fine weather, hikers, fishermen and birders saw fit to make the most of it. Among the unusual finds were a pair of Shovelers and a Least Sandpiper on the Saranac River between Pine Street and Moose Pond Rd (this is the stretch of river referred to frequently in this report) and a Red-headed Woodpecker at Gabriels.

Observers: AA—Agnes Amstutz; EA—Elizabeth Anderson; ED—Ethel Dyer; HD—Harriet Delafield; JH—Joseph Hart; RH—Robert Hagar; GK—Grace Kains; JK—Joseph Keji; DY—David Young.

Abbreviations: B—Brook; L—Lake; M—Marsh; R—River.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: nesting pair Follensby P; one April 30 Raquette R; two May 25 McKenzie P (JH); Tupper L April 20 to May 2 (AA), nine T. L. April 25 (MK). Horned Grebe: one April 7 Bog R Falls (MK). Pied-billed Grebe: one seen April 8 Tupper L, one heard Raquette P Marsh May 16 (MK). Great Blue Heron: reported from all areas; one Tupper L April 25 (AA); five Ausable M, one N branch of Saranac R May 20 (JH); two May 21 Ray B (JK). Green Heron: May 16 Tupper L (MK); one May 24 Saranac R (JH); one May 6 & 24 Ray B (JK). Black-crowned Night Heron: two May 18 L Alice (JH). American Bittern: one April 25 Tupper L (AA), one "usual marshes" T. L. (MK); one Ausable M May 4, two Rainbow L May 9, two Saranac R May 24 (JH); two May 6 Ray B (JK). Canada Goose: 37 April 25 (AA, MK), 20 April 28 (JH) Tupper L &

Raquette R, probably stocked; 30 May 1 Big Chazy R (JH); Saranac L—30 April 6, 300 April 15, 200 May 3 (HD); 100 April 22, 100 May 1, 21 May 4 (GK); 303+ Ray B May 3 (JK). Snow Goose: five April 25 "near Saranac L" (AA); one April 27 L Alice (Gardephe fide Hart).

Mallard: one male May 24 Saranac R (JH). Black Duck: seem normal all areas; 16 Wickham M April 26, 20 Ausable M May 4, 16 Saranac R May 24 (JH). Pintail: pair May 3 L Champlain near mouth of Big Chazy R (JH). Green-winged Teal: one male May 19 outlet Barnum P (JH). Blue-winged Teal: two April 26 Ausable M; 20 Big Chazy R, 15 Catfish Bay May 3, six Ausable M May 4, two pair Saranac R May 24 (JH). Shoveler: pair Saranac R May 24 (EA, HD, JH). Wood Duck: six Tupper L April 21 (AA), May 14 (MK); seven Ausable M April 26, 21 Saranac R May 24 (JH). Ring-necked Duck: normal nesting Tupper L (MK); two Ausable M April 26, two pair Raquette P April 28, four males and one female May 19 Jones P (JH); one Madawaska May 15 (AA). Lesser Scaup: eight May 2 Tupper L (MK). Common Goldeneye: three pair Fish Creek May 12 (RH); ten to 18 April 4 thru 25 Tupper L (AA); one May 1 Tupper L (MK). Bufflehead: Tupper L 15 April 25 (AA, MK), 11 May 2 (MK). Hooded Merganser: late April Tupper L (AA, MK); two Ausable M May 4 (JH); female with eight tiny young May 31 Ray B (JK); five May 2 & 4 Saranac L (HD). Common Merganser: numbers from 18 to seven reported from Tupper L late April (AA, MK); pair Grass P May 8, pair Saranac R May 24 (JH); pair April 27 and May 3 Ray B (JK).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: pair with one young in nest May 31 Jay (RH). Red-tailed Hawk: one Sable Mt May 11 (RH). Red-shouldered Hawk: one May 18 Sable Mt (RH); one Pollywog P May 13, one Saranac L May 15 (HD); one Schuyler Falls May 21 (JH). Broad-winged Hawk: normal all areas after April 22; nest Ray B May 5 (JK). Golden Eagle: two seen in Adirondacks. Marsh Hawk: one May 2 Tupper L (MK); one Ausable M May 4 (JH); one Ray B May 6 (JK); one May 19 & 28 Saranac L (EA, HD). Osprey: one Tupper L April 25 (AA) & May 2 (MK); one L Alice and one Catfish Bay May 3, one May 4 Ausable M (JH); one April 30 & May 1 Ray B (JK); one May 2 & May 4 Saranac L (HD). Sparrow Hawk: one Saranac L April 13, one down chimney at neighbor's successfully released April 17, pair mating Ross Park May 15 (HD). Spruce Grouse: one May 15 Madawaska (EA, HD, MK). Ruffed Grouse: normal; nest with 12 eggs Ray B May 24 (JK); nest with 10 eggs Saranac L May 29 (GK).

Killdeer: four April 21 Tupper L (AA); one May 10 & 11 Saranac L, one Ross Park May 15 (EA, HD). American Woodcock: two heard Tupper L May 2 (MK); one Saranac L April 6 (H Schmidt); singing ground survey showed normal numbers around Saranac L and Franklin Falls (EA, HD, JH). Common Snipe: Tupper L April 21 (AA) & one May 13 (MK); one Saranac L May 19 & 24 (HD). Spotted Sandpiper: two May 3 Ray B (JK). Yellowlegs (? species) Tupper L May 9 (AA). Least Sandpiper: one May 24 Saranac R (EA, HD, JH). Herring Gull: back Tupper L April 25 (AA); two April 29 Saranac R (HD); 12 May 31 Ray B (JK). Mourning Dove: one Tupper L May 2 (AA, MK); one Wickham M April 26 (JH); one May 3 on, Ray B (JK); one to two Saranac L April 5 thru May 4 (GK). Barred Owl: one Tupper L May 2 (MK).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: one or two heard May 14 thru May 30 Tupper L (AA, MK); Saranac L May 15 & 16 (HD), off and on May 9 thru May 25 (GK). Common Nighthawk: Tahawus May 10 (JH); Tupper L May 22 (MK); Saranac L May 25 (DY). Chimney Swift: few from May 3 on, Ray B (JK); ten May 18 Tupper L (MK); three, trail to Rocky Falls May 20 (HD); four Saranac L May 22 (HD). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: good numbers reported after May 3 Saranac L; first May 14 Ray B (JK). Belted Kingfisher: "seem less common" Tupper

L (MK); one Ausable M April 26, two Saranac R May 24, two Moody P May 25 (JH); one to three April thru May 16 Ray B (JK). Yellow-shafted Flicker: no large numbers reported from any area. Pileated Woodpecker: one Adk Loj May 1, two Grass P May 8, pair Ausable M May 18 (JH). Red-headed Woodpecker: one reported from Tupper L (AA did not see the bird herself); one carefully identified Gabriels May 19 (DY et al). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: normal; nest May 3 Ray B (JK). Hairy Woodpecker: normal. Downy Woodpecker: normal. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: pair Wolf P, Township 30 Boreas R May 12 (JH); one Ray B April 27 (JK).

Eastern Kingbird: two May 3 Tupper L (AA); May 10 thru period Ray B (JK); first May 14 Saranac L, seem to be up in numbers (HD). Great Crested Flycatcher: one May 14 Tupper L (MK); May 9 thru period Ray B (JK). Eastern Phoebe: first April 10 Ray B (JK) & Saranac L (HD); two April 25 Tupper L (AA). Traill's Flycatcher: three May 30 Tupper L (MK). Least Flycatcher: first May 8 Ray B (JK) & May 9 Saranac L (HD); one May 12 Tupper L (MK). Eastern Wood Pewee: first May 21 Saranac L (HD) & May 26 Ray B (JK). Olive-sided Flycatcher: one May 31 Ray B (JK); late in all areas. Horned Lark: four April 4, pair thru May 31 Saranac L (EA, HD). Tree Swallow: "many" April 7 Tupper L (MK); nine April 9 Ray B (JK); one April 17, at nest box April 30 Saranac L (HD). Bank Swallow: eleven May 1 Ray B (JK); colony of 30+ Saranac L early May (HD). Rough-winged Swallow: Ray B May 6 thru 31, no numbers (JK). Barn Swallow: six April 25 Tupper L (AA, MK); April 26 thru period Ray B (JK); April 29 thru period Saranac L (HD, GK). Cliff Swallow: eight Rockefeller Park May 15 (MK); one May 2 Ray B; 20 May 21 Saranac L (JK).

Gray Jay: one Madawaska May 15 (EA, HD, MK). Blue Jay: normal all areas. Common Crow: no large numbers reported. Black-capped Chickadee: normal all areas. Boreal Chickadee: two May 3 Saranac L, one May 15 Madawaska (HD); small flock Hays B May 11, (RH). White-breasted & Red-breasted Nuthatches: normal all areas. Brown Creeper: normal all areas (HD). House Wren: none reported. Winter Wren: one May 11 Sable Mt (RH); "not singing until late May" Tupper L (MK); none Ray B (JK) or Saranac L (HD). Catbird: two Tupper L May 2 (AA); May 10 thru period Ray B (JK); May 14 on, good numbers Saranac L (HD, GK). Brown Thrasher: one or two thru May Tupper L (MK); one April 26, 27 & May 3 Ray B (JK); one April 28 on Saranac L (HD). Robin: late arriving but then good numbers. Wood Thrush: first Tupper L May 2 (AA); May 10 Ray B (JK); May 10 Saranac L (EA). Hermit Thrush: back in all areas late April and early May but, as MK puts it, "fewer year by year". Swainson's Thrush: heard May 15 Tupper L (AA & MK); one May 10 Ray B (JK). Gray-cheeked Thrush: two May 15 Tupper L (MK). Veery: back early May all areas, most numerous thrush of spring as usual. Eastern Bluebird: one Newcomb Rd May 4 (MK); one Saranac L May 3 & 16 (HD); nesting Gabriels May 24 (AA). Golden-crowned Kinglet: few April 8 to May 3 Ray B (JK); two April 19 Saranac L (HD). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: April 25 Tupper L (AA, MK) and Ray B (JK); May 4 Saranac L (HD); May 15 Madawaska (MK). Water Pipit: 40 May 14, two May 19 Gabriels (DY). Cedar Waxwing: 20 May 26 Ray B (JK); Saranac L three May 25 (GK) and 20 May 30 (M Muncil). Starling: large numbers mid-April, normal May.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: one May 3 Ray B (JK); one Hays B May 11 (RH); one May 12 & 15 Tupper L (MK). Red-eyed Vireo: normal all areas after mid-May. Warbling Vireo: reported from Summit in May (AA, MK). Black-and-white Warbler: May 3 Ray B (JK); two May 4 Saranac L (HD); Tupper L May 15 & 29 (MK). Tennessee Warbler: one May 13 Ray B (JK). Nashville Warbler: good numbers all areas thru May. Parula Warbler: good numbers Ray B and Saranac L after May 15 (JK, HD). Yellow Warbler: three May 9 Tupper L

(MK); May 14 on, Saranac L (HD); May 16 & 18 Ray B (JK). Magnolia Warbler: Tupper L May 29 (MK); two near Newcomb May 11 (JH); May 10 thru period Ray B (JK); one May 15 Paul Smiths (HD, MK). Black-throated Blue Warbler: May 5 thru period Ray B (JK); four May 20, trail to Rocky Falls (EA, HD); one May 21 Saranac L (HD); one May 29 Tupper L (MK). Myrtle: early, common warbler all areas, 10+ Chubb R May 15 (EA, HD). Black-throated Green Warbler: good numbers all areas thru May. Blackburnian Warbler: May 7 thru period Ray B (JK); May 9 thru period Saranac L (HD); two, trail to Rocky Falls May 20 (EA, HD). Chestnut-sided Warbler: one of the common warblers from May 10 in all areas. Bay-breasted Warbler: all reporters distressed at not having any. Blackpoll Warbler: one Ray B May 26 & 31 (JK). Ovenbird: two May 9 Tupper L (MK); three May 12 Saranac L (HD); JK saw this species 10 times during May at Ray B. Northern Waterthrush: one May 21 Ray B (JK); May 9 thru period Saranac L, two Mountain P May 22 (HD). Mourning Warbler: one Sable Mt May 20 (RH); one Marcy Dam May 30 (MK); one Ray B May 29 (JK). Yellowthroat: common May 9 thru period all areas. Wilson's Warbler: one May 18 Ray B (JK). Canada Warbler: "many" Marcy Dam May 29 (MK); May 17 thru period Ray B (JK); one or two Paul Smiths May 15 (HD, MK). American Redstart: one of the commoner warblers May 10 thru period all areas.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: ten May 21 Ray B (JK); one May 22 Saranac L (HD). Eastern Meadowlark: back in good numbers all areas mid-April; 20 April 19 Ray B (JK). Red-winged Blackbird: common thru all areas. Baltimore Oriole: one May 12 Tupper L (MK); one female Ray B May 17 (JK); one May 19 Saranac L (HD). Rusty Blackbird: 30 Tupper L April 25 (AA, MK). Common Grackle: common all areas. Brown-headed Cowbird: common all areas. Scarlet Tanager: one May 13 Tupper L (MK); one May 13 Ray B (JK); one, trail to Rocky Falls May 20 (EA, HD).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: one May 10 Tupper L (AA); several Tupper L May 15 on (MK); one May 11 Ray B (JK); one Moody P May 18 (JH); up to five males reported Saranac L after May 14, pair uttering loud alarm notes, trail to Rocky Falls May 20 (EA, HD). Indigo Bunting: two May 3 Tupper L (AA). Evening Grosbeak: four Keene May 12 (JH); four pair Tupper L May 31 (AA); some thru period, 100 April 1, two May 31 Ray B (JK); 225 April 13, diminishing numbers to two or four until end of period Saranac L (HD). Purple Finch: no large migrating numbers, nesting all areas. Pine Siskin: April 9 & 20, no numbers given, Ray B (JK). American Goldfinch: thru period all areas. Savannah Sparrow: all areas after April 25. Vesper Sparrow: eight April 25 Tupper L (MK); April 20 Ray B (JK); three April 23 Saranac L (HD). Slate-colored Junco: no large migrating numbers, few in all areas thru period.

Tree Sparrow: gone May 2 from Tupper L (MK) & Ray B (JK); last April 30 Saranac L (ED). Chipping Sparrow: numerous after April 26 Saranac L (HD), after April 28 Ray B (JK) and after May 4 Tupper L (MK). Field Sparrow: April 20 to May 8 Ray B (JK); May 5 Tupper L (AA) variform songs in valley thru May Saranac L (HD). White-crowned Sparrow: seen in small numbers May 1 thru 15 Tupper L (AA, MK); eight May 10 seen until May 15 Ray B (JK); Saranac L seven May 4 (ED), small flock thru May 15 (HD). White-throated Sparrow: first two April 25 Tupper L (AA, MK); back April 17 "no flocks, four high count" Ray B (JK); first April 14 Saranac L (EA). Fox Sparrow: one seen three times mid-April Ray B (JK). Lincoln's Sparrow: one May 15 Rockefeller Park (AA, MK); May 15, 21, 26 Ray B (JK). Swamp Sparrow: May 1 thru period Tupper L (MK); two May 24 Saranac R (HD). Song Sparrow: first April 7 Tupper L (AA); April 8 Ray B (JK) & Saranac L (ED).

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