

Valley. Pine Warbler: none in RSP this year. Canada Warbler: max 12, Jun 22, in a mile in Cicero Swamp (MSR) and in the wetter bogs of central Herkimer Co (J & EB), but many small woodlots (normally with one-two pairs) in Oswego Co and Onon Co had no evidence of them—again the question—pesticides, drought, what?

Migration—Yellow Warblers were migrating in numbers Jul 31 (60) and Aug 7 (80) along SP dunes (MSR).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Rusty Blackbird: a pair and a single female at two separate black spruce bogs Jun 27, THP (FGS); unrecorded heretofore in the summer in that sector. Purple Finch: regularly noted at Catfish Creek (IS, RT), N. Syr (FGS), Utica (J & EB) thru the summer; common in THP with 27, Jun 27 (s. Lewis Co and n. Oneida Co) and 11, Jul 1, Redfield-Osceola. Red Crossbill: one Jun 27, THP (MSR, FGS), the only record from that sector; however, a Red Crossbill and 19 White-winged Crossbills were noted Aug 8 at Salisbury (J & EB) on the periphery of the Adirondack country—are these few birds prelude to another crossbill winter?

Savannah, Vesper, and Grasshopper Sparrows may have profited slightly from the drought, as numbers were noted in various short grass fields at Altmar, Sandy Creek, Pineville, Pulaski, and Pleasant L in Oswego CO; also at TRGMA, Beaver L, Camillus Valley in Onon Co; a small but vocal population of Vesper and Grasshopper Sparrows at the Syracuse airport succumbed to the mid-Jul mowings of the weed fields (the management calls them lawns) adjacent to the runways. Slate-colored Junco: 13 (very low) Jun 27 THP, in 13 miles; on Jul 1, nine in 3 miles of primarily deciduous woods, Redfield to Osceola, a higher bird/mile ratio but still very low for the area. White-throated Sparrow: max 16, Jun 26, Chub Pond (MSR, J & EB); extremely common in THP—58, Jun 27, and nine, Jul 1; lower numbers regularly reported at HVGMA, Constantia, Pineville, and Altmar, in the Oneida L n. shore country (actually a southward slope of the THP); one near SP Jul 10 may represent a local breeder or only post-breeding wandering from the THP—Oneida L n. shore population.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The rainfall during June and July was much below normal, but temperatures were also low. The lack of hot drying weather seemed to lessen the harm of the lack of rain. It began to rain August 2, and by the middle of the month we had received more rain than during all of the previous two months. By Aug 15 the fields in Jefferson and Lewis Counties were green again, showing little evidence of drought. Water began to flow again in the small streams and the water level in ponds and lakes began to rise a little.

PRGMA is used for Perch River Game Management area near Watertown.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: pair with young at Yellow L Aug 12. Great Blue Heron: about 20 near dam at PRGMA Aug 8; an estimated 25 nests at PRGMA. Probably about as many as other years at Ironsides Island in the St. Lawrence R. It was difficult to count the nests, but probably more than one hundred. There were 8 to 14 in several of the trees, but it is not known how many were active this year. Black-crowned Night Heron: about 45 seen flying at Calf Island Jul 16; also seen at Stony Island, Henderson Harbor and PRGMA. Glossy Ibis: near Adams Jun 2 (Stevens). Canada Goose: for the second year at PRGMA and Wilson Hill Game Management Area flightless birds, young and ad, were driven into nets, caught and banded. At Wilson Hill there were more birds this year and 395 were banded. At PRGMA the number declined this year and 35 were banded. One goose banded last year at PRGMA was taken at Wilson Hill this year. The size of the duck broods this year was very good.

HAWKS—OWLS. Turkey Vulture: at least four around Oxbow Aug 11, and an imm at El Dorado same day. Bald Eagle: ad seen at PRGMA several times, an imm at El Dorado Aug 14. Osprey: none at Yellow L where they have nested the last few years, but seen at Butterfield L near Redwood. Virginia Rail: 6 imm and one ad at Beaver Meadows near Watertown Jul 26 and also in early Aug; also seen at PRGMA. Sora Rail: two imm at Beaver Meadows Jul 26.

Shorebirds were numerous at El Dorado the first half of Aug and the following were seen there unless another place is given. Semipalmated Plover: Aug 9–15. Black-bellied Plover: first Aug 14 when 3–4 were seen, late for first fall date. Ruddy Turnstone, first Jul 31, 26 in one concentration Aug 11 (Gordon). Common Snipe: more numerous the last two years at PRGMA; seen at El Dorado. Whimbrel: Aug 11 (Gordon). Upland Plover: five at Scotchbush near Ogdensburg Jul 4 (Doren); several noted in fields east of Watertown the first half of Jul; eleven seen at one time in one field. Solitary Sandpiper: first in fall migration Jul 20 at Brookside Cemetery near Watertown, max 8 there on three ponds Aug 4 (Gordon). Greater Yellowlegs: Aug 9–15. Lesser Yellowlegs: Aug 9–15, about 100 Aug 15 (Allen). Knot: Jun 1 in spring migration, Aug 11 in fall migration (Gordon). Pectoral Sandpiper: Jul 12 and Aug 9–15. White-rumped Sandpiper: Aug 9, 11, 14 and 15. Least Sandpiper: several in Aug. Baird's Sandpiper: Jul 12, Aug 9, Aug 15. Dunlin: Aug 13. Short-billed Dowitcher: 3 on Jul 12 and 19; one Jul 24 and 31; Aug 9, 13 still in partial spring plumage. Stilt Sandpiper: Aug 13, still in partial spring plumage. Semipalmated Sandpiper: very numerous in Aug. Sanderling: first Aug 9. Northern Phalarope: Aug 13. Bonaparte's Gull: max 24 Aug 14. Ringed-billed Gull: thousands, both ad and imm around Little Galloo, Calf and Stoney Islands in L Ontario in July. Caspian Tern: none in July but several in Aug.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Red-headed Woodpecker: at Allen's feeder in Watertown Jul 8; two ad and an imm near El Dorado Aug 11. Olive-sided Flycatcher: Jul 7 near Michigan Mills in Tug Hill section. Bank Swallow: breeding colonies near Watertown seemed to be successful. Cliff Swallow: several nests under eaves of barns in towns of Rodman and Lorraine in southern Jefferson County. Bluebird: young raised in Black River and Adams.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Black-and-white Warbler, Black-throated Blue and Black-throated Green Warbler: in Jul in Washington Pk in southern Jefferson Co. Blackburnian Warbler: Washington Pk and young seen in St. Lawrence Co in Aug. Chestnut-sided Warbler: Washington Pk in Jul. Louisiana Waterthrush: Jul 29, 30 and 31 in Washington Pk (Gordon)—field note in later issue. Mourning Warbler: near Michigan Mills, Tug Hill section. Yellow Throat, Canada Warbler and Redstart: all at Washington Pk in Jul.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Several flocks in fall plumage appeared to be migrating in early Aug. Cardinal: two pairs brought five young to Allen's feeder in

late Jul. Purple Finch: nesting near Watertown and several seen with young. Grass-hopper Sparrow: PRGMA Jul 11. White-throated Sparrow heard east of Watertown in Jul. Swamp Sparrow: feeding young Aug Watertown Center.
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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK — CHAMPLAIN

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The weather picture for the nesting season is always hard to focus. Local weather men are too busy with tourist ventures to give summaries and, for some reason beyond my ken, the NY State Conservation Department does not keep weather records. As I was away from the area from June 15 to July 13 I have no complete record of my own.

The early drought is the only outstanding feature on which comments are made. This slowed down all growing and caused the blueberry crop to be almost non-existent. Our bird population, however, seems to have been much as usual, except along Piseco Lake shore where extensive spraying has interfered with ecology.

I am grateful to Frank Schetty for his reports from Elk Lake from June 26 thru Aug 10. Robert McKinney's observations were made between June 25 and July 1, Dorothy McIlroy's June 16-18 except for a few July records. Margaret Rusk and Scott Goodfellow had a fabulous north country day on July 17 with 68 species recorded between Paul Smiths and Santa Clara.

Hermit thrushes seem to have made a comeback but Wood Thrushes and Veeries were down. The Golden-winged Warbler at Jay was an unusual find, also the Carolina Wren at Essex and an Evening Grosbeak nest at Piseco.

Observers: AA—Agnes Amstutz; EA—Elizabeth Anderson; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; HD—Harriet Delafield; M & JD—Margaret and John Dye; JH—Joseph Hart; RH—Robert Hagar; GK—Grace Kains; JK—Joseph Keji; DM—Dorothy McIlroy; JM—James Meritt; MM—Marion Mason; RM—Robert McKinney; MR—Margaret Rusk; FS—Frank Schetty; DY—David Young.

Abbreviations: GMA—game management area; Mad—Madawaska; P—pond; RB—Ray Brook; SL—Saranac Lake; TL—Tupper Lake.

Addendum: In July issue contributor MK is Marguerite Kingsbury.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: one June 18 L Colby (GK); pair Sabattis June 19 (MR); nest Elk L two eggs June 1, one young July 29, second set of eggs? (FS); two McKenzie P June 11, one ad and two juveniles Duck P July 28 one Little Long P Aug 8 (JH). Pied-billed Grebe: one TL June 10 (AA); one nest three young Elk L (FS). Great Blue Heron: one June 10 TL (AA); three July 17 (MR); one