

## REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK — CHAMPLAIN

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The spring of 1966 was late, cold and damp in the Adirondacks. At least that is the impression left with us. We quote the first sentence of Bob Kampf's weather report: "For the first thirteen days of April snow fell, of measurable amount, in each and every day." The rest of April was about average but May took a slide down. Kampf confirms as follows: "The last snow of the season came on May 9 and 10, totalling four inches with three inches remaining on the ground for two to three days."

This weather seemed to hold back warblers in particular. They were anywhere from two or three days to two weeks late. In fact, when we left for the Federation meeting at Lido Beach on May 17, we had not seen a single vireo or warbler of any kind in the area.

J. Merritt wrote us of a female Common Merganser rescued from the Bloomingdale chimney of A. D. Sievwright on Memorial Day. Merritt had never known of a merganser in a chimney nor had we but we did hear that the weekend was enlivened by hail so it was any port in a storm for the merganser I suppose.

Interesting for the period were the comparatively numerous reports of Rufous-sided Towhees and the numbers of mimids, especially the Mockingbird at 1700 feet.

Observers: EA—Elizabeth Anderson; ED—Ethel Dyer; HD—Harriet Delafield; JH—Joseph Hart; RH—Richard Hagar; CK—Grace Kains; JK—Joseph Keji; MK—Marguerite Kingsbury; FW—F Wardenburg; DY—David Young.

Abbreviations: Aus M—Ausable Marsh; B—brook; P—pond; RB—Ray Brook; SL—Saranac Lake; TL—Tupper Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: two Duck P May 11, one Meecham L May 13, two McKenzie P May 15, one Derrick May 19 (JH); one TL Apr 16 (MK). Horned Grebe: early May Essex (FW). Great Blue Heron: one Saranac R Apr 17 (RH); one Gabriels May 6, Paul Smiths May 11, Mud P May 12, Aus M May 26 (JH); two RB May 20 (JK); one SL Apr 7 thru May 15 (GK). Amer Bittern: one Saranac R Apr 17 (RH); one Upper Chateaugay May 5, Aus M May 26, Grass P May 26 (JH); one May 26 RB (JK). Canada Goose: good flights in mid-Apr; Apr 18 seven flocks totalling 215 birds between 11:15 a.m. and 7:05 p.m. SL (GK); May 5 five flocks Town of Inlet (JH); May 6 "a string" RB (JK). Mallard: three pair Saranac R Apr 17 (RH). Black Duck: usual small numbers scattered on ponds and rivers thru area; 14 Apr 17 TL (MK). Green-winged Teal: pair seen in a snowstorm at RB (JK). Blue-winged Teal: pair Apr 12 Lewis (RH); two pair Coopersville Apr 28 (EA & HD). Wood Duck: pair Franklin Falls Apr 16, Saranac R Apr 17 (RH); one Aus M May 26 (JH). Ring-necked Duck: JH reports good numbers Apr 19 to May 24, 26 May 11 Jones P, five pair May 24, Jones P; 11 TL Apr 17, two TL May 9 (MK). Scaup (spp?): seven males, two females L Champlain Apr 28 (EA & HD). Common Goldeneye: pair courting TL Apr 10 (RH); 11 Apr 19, nine Apr 17 TL (MK). Bufflehead: one Apr 2, five Apr 16 TL (MK). Common Scoter: pair Essex May 10 (FW). Hooded Merganser: one Paul Smiths, four Slush P May 11, two Grass P May 12, one McColloms May 19 (JH); pair Apr 29, three May 7 RB (JK); four Apr 2, six Apr 16, four Apr 17 TL, pair May 13 RB (MK). Common Merganser: numbers TL Apr 10 (RH); max 14 Apr 17 TL (MK); one female May 1–13 RB (JK); early May Essex (FW); one May 30 Bloomingdale (Seiwright). Red-breasted Merganser: early May Essex (FW).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: nest with eggs May 15, three young May 29 Jay, one imm May 12 Keene (RH). Sharp-shinned Hawk: one chasing Red-winged Blackbird Apr 15 RB (JK). Red-shouldered Hawk: one Apr 17 Saranac R (RH). Broad-winged Hawk: one Beekmantown May 5, Owls Head May 9, Meecham L

May 13 (JH); one Apr 25-May 13 RB (JK &MK); one Apr 25 and May 10 SL (HD). No eagles. Marsh Hawk: one May 8, two May 15, one May 26 SL (GK); one male near Canadian border Apr 26, one female SL May 4 (HD). Osprey: one Deer R Flow May 5, Plattsburg May 18 (JH); one May 7-24 RB (JK). Sparrow Hawk: one or two Apr 3-29 SL, pairing n. of West Chazy Apr 28 (HD). Spruce Grouse: one May 19 Derrick (JH). Ruffed Grouse: two drumming Union Falls May 24 (JH); drumming late Apr thru period RB (JK); one or two seen Apr 18-May 29 SL (GK). Killdeer: two Plattsburg Apr 19 (Buckley); two May 28 RB (JK). Amer. Woodcock: average numbers according to singing ground surveys. Common Snipe: two TL May 9 (MK). Spotted Sandpiper: May 21 Jay (RH); early May Essex (FW); May 12 and 17 RB (JK). Solitary Sandpiper: RB, one May 14 (MK) and May 19 (JK). Herring Gull: two Apr 7 and May 5 RB (JK); six Saranac R Apr 14 (HD); several TL Apr 16 (MK). Mourning Dove: one Apr 22 SL (ED); one RB Apr 29 and May 17 (JK). Barred Owl: one May 28 Jay (RH).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: arr Ticonderoga May 23, SL May 24 (MK). Chimney Swift: arr May 6 SL (HD), May 7 RB (JK). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 18 Keene (RH); May 20 RB (JK); May 29 SL (GK). Belted Kingfisher: two Upper Chateaugay May 5, two Paul Smiths May 11, one Union Falls May 24, one Aus M May 26 (JH); two RB May 1 (JK); one SL May 31 (GK). Yellow-shafted Flicker: back Apr 18, RB (JK) and SL (HD). Pileated Woodpecker: one May 12 Mud P (JH); one May 20 and 22 RB (JK); one May 1 and 26 SL (GK). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Apr 17 RB (JK); May 14 SL (GK). Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers: normal. Eastern Kingbird: May 19 RB (JK); two May 20 SL (GK). Great Crested Flycatcher: May 17 and 19 RB (JK). Eastern Phoebe: Apr 2 Wilmington (RH); Apr 17 Santa Clara (HD); Apr 18 RB (JK); Apr 19 SL (GK). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: May 22 one, RB (JK &MK). Trail's Flycatcher: May 31 RB (JK). Least Flycatcher: May 8 Jay (RH); May 17 RB (JK); May 21 SL (GK). Eastern Wood Pewee: one May 28 and 31 RB (JK); two May 25 SL (GK). Olive-sided Flycatcher: one May 26 Lewis (RH); one May 22 RB (JK). Horned Lark: 30 Apr 11 and one Apr 15, Norman's Ridge (EA & HD); two May 22 SL (MK). Tree Swallow: arr TL Apr 10 (RH); four Apr 15 SL (HD); Apr 18 RB (JK). Bank Swallow: two May 14 RB (MK); May 24 SL (ED). Rough-winged Swallow: flying with Barn Swallows in a storm with snow on their backs over Ray Brook (JK). Barn Swallow: arr May 3, 30 May 10 SL (HD); May 5 RB (JK). Cliff Swallow: one May 2, six May 14 RB (JK).

Blue Jay: normal. Common Crow: everywhere, 25 Apr 11 Norman's Ridge (HD). Black-capped Chickadee: normal. Boreal Chickadee: two Apr 17 Santa Clara Rd (HD); two Apr 19 RB (JK); one May 18-25 SL (GK). White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatches: normal. Brown Creeper: singing Apr 17 Santa Clara Rd (EA & HD); thru period RB (JK); SL Apr 28 (ED), May 6 (GK). House Wren: RH asks "where are these birds that used to be so numerous around the village a few years ago;" back at Essex in early May, no numbers given (FW). Winter Wren: Apr 27, May 8 and May 19 RB (JK). Mockingbird: May 14 Trudeau Rd, SL (EA & HD); May 12 Gabriels (DY). Catbird: arr May 18 SL (GK); May 20 RB (JK). Brown Thrasher: to quote DY "moving in." Robin: normal; 36 RB Apr 18 (JK). Wood Thrush: good numbers in all areas reporting. Hermit Thrush: better numbers than 1965. Grey-checked Thrush: two Avalanche Pass May 29 (MK). Veery: our commonest thrush as for past few years. Eastern Bluebird: one Cadyville Apr 26 (EA & HD); May 8 LP (RH); Apr 21 and May 18 RB (JK). Golden-crowned Kinglet: Apr 20 RB (JK); three Apr 21 Paul Smiths (HD). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Apr 19 thru period RB (JK); two Apr 21 Paul Smiths (HD). Water Pipit: 35-40 May 3 "very few comparatively" Gabriels (DY); four May 19 RB (JK). Cedar Waxwing: 20 May 27 SL (GK). Loggerhead Shrike: one Apr 19 SL (EA &

HD). Starling: large migratory numbers; six nestlings May 28 Vermontville chimney (ED).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: May 18, 19 and 22 RB (JK). Red-eyed Vireo: May 26 RB (JK). Philadelphia Vireo: three near Marcy Dam May 29, "two heard singing, one well observed" (MK). Warbling Vireo: one May 27 between Keene and Elizabethtown (RH). Warblers: Black-and-white: May 18 Keene (RH), RB (JK), and SL (GK). Nashville: May 15 Jay (RH); three May 19 RB (JK). Parula: May 18 RB (JK). Yellow: May 16 SL (RH); May 19 RB (JK). Magnolia: May 18 Keene (RH) and RB (JK); May 19 Derrick (JH). Black-throated Blue: three May 7 RB (JK); May 18 Keene (RH). Myrtle: May 8 Keene (JH); May 1–17 RB (JK); May 19 Derrick (JH); three May 28 SL (GK). Black-throated Green: three May 6 RB (JK); May 15 Jay (RH); May 19 Derrick (JH). Blackburnian: May 18 and 19 RB (JK); Marcy Dam Trail May 29 (MK). Chestnut-sided: May 15 Jay (RH); May 17 SL (GK); three May 18 RB (JK). Bay-breasted: May 18 and 19 RB (JK). Ovenbird: three May 9 RB (JK); May 15 Jay (RH); May 24 SL (GK). Mourning Warbler: heard May 24 RB (JK); May 31 SL (RH). Yellowthroat: three May 17 RB (JK); May 17 SL (GK); May 18 Keene (RH). Canada Warbler: May 20 RB (JK). Amer. Redstart: May 18 Keene (RH) and RB (JK); two May 25 SL (GK).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: House Sparrow: many everywhere but RB (JK reports one flying away Apr 16). Bobolink: one May 1 RB (MK); three May 19 RB (JK). Eastern Meadowlark: first, one Apr 1 SL (EA & HD). Red-winged Blackbird: first female Apr 5, 100 plus males Apr 11 SL (HD); "daily" RB (JK). Baltimore Oriole: May 18 SL (H Hughes); May 18 Keene (RH); May 24 RB (JK). Rusty Blackbird: Apr 17 SR (RH). Common Grackle: many thru period all areas. Brown-headed Cowbird: many thru period all areas; 100 plus Apr 9 SL (HD). Scarlet Tanager: heard May 23 RB (JK). Cardinal: one female, well studied, SL Apr 16 (ED). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: all reporters and many casual observers have had the pleasure of this species during the period. Evening Grosbeak: few all areas thru period; last numbers, 15 May 15 SL (GK). Purple Finch: no large numbers reported; 15–20 until early June Gabriels (DY). Common Redpoll: four Apr 11 SL (GK); last Apr 21 RB (JK). Pine Siskin: two thru May 30 RB (JK). Amer. Goldfinch: small flock Apr 26 SL (HD); May 17 thru period RB (JK). Rufous-sided Towhee: more reports than we have had before; one male Apr 28–30 SL (EA, GK & HD); one male SL May 10 (ED); one male Apr 30–May 13 RB, one female May 12 RB (JK). Savannah Sparrow: 11 Apr 17 TL (MK); eight Apr 18 RB (JK); singing Apr 23 SL (HD). Vesper Sparrow: two Santa Clara Rd Apr 17 (EA & HD); one TL Apr 17 (MK); three Apr 18 RB (JK). Slate-colored Junco: some large flocks reported in contrast to 1964 and 1965; 75 Apr 28 Forestdale Rd, beyond Franklin Falls (EA & HD). Tree Sparrow: small numbers until May 26. Chipping Sparrow: three Apr 23 SL (ED); three May 7 RB (JK). Field Sparrow: Apr 17 RB (JK); May 6 SL (HD). White-crowned Sparrow: small flocks (2–8) May 4–24 Gabriels, RB, SL. White-throated Sparrow: four Apr 19 SL (ED); first Apr 22 RB (JK). Fox Sparrow: one Apr 16, two Apr 19, one May 8 SL (ED); one Apr 18, 27 and 28 RB (JK). Lincoln's Sparrow: two May 20 and 22 RB (JK). Swamp Sparrow: May 7 RB (JK); singing May 9 TL (MK). Song Sparrow: thru period; flocks of 12 plus Apr 16 and 28 SL (ED).

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