

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 22 on Victory and 39 on Cicero Ctr F&WBBS (JWP). WESTERN MEADOWLARK: present at Tully to Jul 23 (JWP, RJS) Baltimore Oriole: summer max 25 in n. Cayuga-w. Oswego Co; rather scarce still (one-three/day) in N Syr, Liverpool, Pompey. Rusty Blackbird: four in spruce bog on Big Moose-Stillwater Rd Jun 25. Brown-headed Cowbird: one successfully reared by a Golden-winged-Brewster's pair at CV—drat! Scarlet Tanager: quite scarce, two-five/day, max ten Jun 17 Oneida L n. shore.

Indigo Bunting: 19, eight, 14, seven on Victory, Cicero Ctr, Kasoag, and Oriskany Falls F&WBBS; 30 in 60 miles in n. Cayuga-w. Oswego Co (MSR). Evening Grosbeak: adult with young at feeder Big Moose-Old Forge (EJF). Purple Finch: many nestings with pairs noted widely thru Syr, N Syr, n. Cayuga Co; successful nestings at Tully (JWP); abundant in THP—14–20/day. Red Crossbill: 14 on Jul 25 at Big Moose is only report before Aug 12 when J&BB had groups of three-12 frequently in Big Moose-Old Forge thru end of period. Rufous-sided Towhee: seemed up slightly—25 at Boonville (KGH), 12 at North Bay (B&SP), 40 on n. shore of Oneida L Jun 17, 19 on Kasoag F&WBBS.

Grasshopper Sparrow: after the wretched spring showing, 20 at Syr Airport was a fine surprise; four on Kasoag F&WBBS; still scarce in suitable habitat around Phoenix, Baldwinsville, and Pulaski. Henslow's Sparrow: nine known sites in 1967 (only half of normal number) with usually one-two/site but max seven at Mud Mill Rd, Brewerton. White-throated Sparrow: reported repeatedly at Carpenter's Pond; 15 at Sangerfield Swamp Jul 8; ten-55/day in THP with greatest concentrations in spruce plantations or at spruce-bog edges. Song Sparrow: 70 Victory, 78 Cicero Ctr, 64 Oriskany Falls, and 38 Kasoag F&WBBS.

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CORRIGENDUM: Vol 17, No. 3 (July 1967), p. 169, last line omitted, sentenec should read: Veery Apr 15 DH (JRH) and Wood Thrush Apr 21 Fayetteville (Mrs. A. Friedel)- both record arr.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The first half of June was very warm and humid with a cooling trend and some rain the last half of the month. July was much warmer than usual with many nice sunny days but the last half of the month typically started overcast and cool in the morning with clearing and warm temperatures in the afternoon. This pattern continued generally thru the first half of August. July rainfall varied in Jefferson County from 1 to 4.3 inches with a little over three inches in Watertown which is more than last year but below normal. Except for one good rain of nearly 1.5 inches on the 9th, the first half of August continued the generally dry conditions of July.

Conditions for fall migration of shorebirds at El Dorado were the poorest in several years. On July 24 there was little exposed mud and Aug 13–14 there was practically no beach anywhere. Shorebirds were perched on floating debris. The maximum counts of shorebirds — less

than 200 on Aug 13 and less than 50 on Aug 14 — were low compared to normal high of 400–500 on this beach. Many times during the period shorebirds were harder to approach than usual before taking flight. The high water all along the Region lakeshore would seem to be more a reflection of abundant rainfall in the upper Great Lakes and in western New York State than locally. The Lake Ontario level in July was reported officially to be ten inches above level of July 1966 and 14 inches above average for last ten years.

A mockingbird nested successfully near Brownville. Art Allen continued his nest observations. He reported on 71 nests of 28 species not including cowbird eggs in eight nests; 32 nests were in an eight acre area in back of his house, seven of these were yellow warbler nests.

Localities: BCW—Brookside Cemetery, Watertown; ED—El Dorado; Jeff Co—Jefferson County; LG—Little Galloo Is.; MRW—Middle Road woods 4 mi. E. of Watertown; PRGMA—Perch River Game Management Area; St Law Co—St. Lawrence County; THP—Tug Hill Plateau; Wat—Watertown.

Observers: AA—Arthur Allen; JB—John Belknap; DG—David Gordon; WS—William Shamey.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: one ED Jun (DG). Pied-billed Grebe: seen with young PRGMA Jul 6 (AA). Double-crested Cormorant: colony about the same on Gull Is. Jun 10 as it has been for 19 years (AA). Great Blue Heron: 37 active nests at PRGMA heronry, some young able to fly still using nests as resting platforms Jul 17. Camp Drum rookery of 50 nests was checked Jul 16 and there were no herons in the vicinity at this time or any time previously this summer. There is no water in this old beaver meadow or the stand of dead trees holding the nests. The beaver dam was out five to eight years ago and the area has since dried out. There is no evidence of occupation of nests this year or in recent years (DG, WS). Green Heron: thru period. Black-crowned Night Heron: nesting colony LG as usual Jun 10 (AA); one adult PRGMA Jul 1 (DG). Least Bittern: one Payne's L near Oxbow Jun 8 (AA). American Bittern: thru period. Canada Goose: adults seen with eleven young together PRGMA Jul 1–6 (AA, DG). Fairly common nesting ducks locally were Mallard, Black Duck, Blue-winged Teal and Wood Duck, Pintail: nesting LG Jun 10 (AA).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: two near Pamela Four Corners Jul 17 (DG); two near Edwards Jul 23, one Edwards Jul 24 (AA), six Aug 12 north of Gouverneur (JB)—not as numerous this year; Red-tailed Hawk: thru period. Red-shouldered & Broad-winged Hawks: S. Edwards Jul 25 (AA). Marsh Hawk: thru period. Osprey: usual pair nesting Yellow L, St Law Co (AA). Sparrow Hawk: numerous thru period near Wat. Ruffed Grouse: occasional most wooded areas. Gray Partridge: eleven young found dead on road near Perch R hamlet Jul 19 (DG); about dozen young in flock near Wat Jul 30 (DG). Virginia Rail: one PRGMA Aug 10. Common Gallinule: raised young PRGMA.

Semipalmated Plover: Jul 21 thru period ED. Killdeer: usual numbers thru period; one young seen Jun 11 near Wat. Black-bellied Plover: one Jun 3 ED. Ruddy Turnstone: last three ED Jun 3; first fall migrants six ED Jul 31 (DG). American Woodcock: one PRGMA Jul 15. Common Snipe: thru period. Upland Plover: four adults Camps Mills Jun 3; pair with two young near Wat Jun 11; others thru Jul several places. Spotted Sandpiper: locally common. Solitary Sandpiper: first fall migrants three BCW Jul 24; max four Aug 13. Lesser Yellowlegs: Jul 21 thru period. Knot: two ED Jun 3 (DG). Pectoral Sandpiper: Jul 21 thru period. Least Sandpiper: Jul 21 thru period. Short-billed Dowitcher: Jul 21 thru period.

Stilt Sandpiper: two or three ED Jul 21–24 (AA, DG). Semipalmated Sandpiper: last ED Jun 3; first fall migrants Jul 21. Western Sandpiper: one ED Aug 13 (AA). Sanderling: first Jul 31.

Great Black-backed Gull: last spring, one LG Jun 10; first fall, two ED Aug 13 (AA, JB). Herring and Ring-billed Gulls: locally common along L Ontario especially ED and vicinity, and along St. Lawrence R. Bonaparte's Gull: two ED Jul 31 (DG). Common Tern: locally common, same areas as Herring and Ring-billed Gulls. Caspian Tern: PRGMA Jun 11; ED Jul 24 thru period. Black Tern: usual breeding colonies at PRGMA and Ives Street Rd marsh, Wat. locally common. Mourning Dove: thru period. Black-billed Cuckoo: thru period. Screech Owl: near Dexter Jun 13. Great Horned Owl: near Wat in Jun. Barred Owl: S Edwards, heard Jul 26 (AA).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Flicker: hybrid Burrville Jul 25 (DG). Red-headed Woodpecker: still uncommon with reports from Campbells Pt Jun 15, near PRGMA Jul 1, near Philadelphia Aug 12; pair feeding young in hole PRGMA heronry Jul 17; two imm near Pamela Aug 10. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: locally common THP and St Law Co. Eastern Kingbird: seemed numerous thruout Region. Cliff Swallow: two active colonies noted in St Law Co (AA) but previously active colonies in Jeff and Lewis Co not active this year (AA, DG). *MOCKINGBIRD*: nest with two young in mockorange bush Jul 12 near Brownville, left the nest Jul 14 (mob)-first successful nesting in Jeff Co known to editor; one Wat Aug 10–12 (AA). Eastern Bluebird: several scattered localities including two known nests; seem most common on Camp Drum and near its borders. Loggerhead Shrike: seemed more uncommon during summer.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: two MRW Jul 6. Solitary Vireo: S Edwards Jun 29. Warblers: Black-and white, Nashville, Yellow, Black-throated Blue, Myrtle, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Yellowthroat, Canada and Am. Redstart all seen commonly in usual habitats. More notable were Cerulean: Knowlesville Rd woods about 5 mi. N of Wat Jul 1. Blackpoll: last MRW Jun 3. Mourning: MRW Jul 1.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: All icterids noted in usual large numbers, most flocking in Aug. Brown-headed Cowbird: found parasitizing following species this summer: Catbird, Wood Thrush, Veery, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow. Slate-colored Junco: nest with four eggs Jun 29 near S Edwards was successful.

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REGION 8 — ADIRONDACK – CHAMPLAIN

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According to Ray Faulkener on the radio, this summer was characterized by "more haze than any other summer we can remember." It was also hot. On June 4 our thermometer registered 108 degrees in the sun at 5:08 pm! June nights rarely went below 60 degrees, the humidity was regularly in the 80s and 90s and there were many days of showers and thunder showers.

July followed much the same pattern. We could not see the mountains for days at a time. The humidity was 95% at Ray Brook on July 24.