

average 50/Nov heretofore. Chipping: 15-35/day, max 40 Sep 9 SSSP (FLF). Field: like Chipping, down for the second fall running—max 60 Sep 13 SSSP (JWP) but other counts far lower—ten-37/day. White-crowned: arr Sep 22 one Pompey (FLF); max 95 Oct 15, combined DH-SSSP-SP-FR tally; singles to Nov 14. White-throated: first migrant Sep 14 SSSP; max 120-125 Oct 5-15 but the mid-Oct hordes not noted; one-nine/day thru Nov. Fox: one-four/day Oct 10-Nov 12 (scarce). Lincoln's: total 23 from Sep 4-Oct 26; last one Nov 4 Syr (JWP), a record dep date. Swamp and Song: max 30 on Oct 1 and 200 Oct 12 respectively, both reduced (40-50%) from recent fall counts.

Lapland Longspur: record arr Sep 16 one SP with a flock of Water Pipits (FGS); five-20/day Oct 29-Nov 21, most at Nine Mile Pt and Syr Airport. Snow Bunting: arr Oct 22 eight Oswego and SP; heavy flight Oct 29 with 550 at SP-SSSP-Nine Mile Pt; 750 with 20 Lapland Longspurs and hundreds of Horned Larks Syr Airport Nov 18-21.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The last days of August averaged near normal temperatures with a high of 86 degrees Aug 18 and low of 44 Aug 23 with some rain. September brought generally cooler weather with much rain and a record low max temperature of 45 on Sep 22. October temperatures were below normal with above normal precipitation; rain on 16 days. The first snowfall of the season on Tug Hill Plateau and higher ground in Jefferson and Lewis Counties on Oct 19 totaled three to five inches. In November up to 12 inches of snow fell on the 5th and more light snow on the 19th. Rainy, cool periods thruout the month left ground very wet but bare of snow at the end of November.

Fall shorebird migration was unspectacular at El Dorado with no phalaropes, low numbers of Golden and Black-bellied Plovers, Ruddy Turnstones and only one Purple Sandpiper contrasting greatly with a year ago.

With the advent of an early winter at the end of this period, the following usual winter visitors have not been reported: Short-eared Owl, Northern Shrike and Redpoll. Very few Snowy Owls or winter finches have yet been seen.

Abbreviations: BCW—Brookside Cemetery, Watertown; BWS—Blake Wildlife Sanctuary; Car—Carthage; ED—EL Dorado; Gouv—Gouverneur; HH—Henderson Harbor; Jeff Co—Jefferson County; PRGMA—Perch River Game Management Area; Pt Pen—Point Peninsula; SL Co—St. Lawrence County; THGMA—Tug Hill Game Management Area; THP—Tug Hill Plateau; Wat—Watertown; WC—Watertown Center.

Observers: AA—Arthur Allen; JB—John Belknap; FC—Frank Clinch; PG—Peter Gaskin; DG—David Gordon; RM—Robert McKinney; WW—Winifred Wright.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: one ED Oct 29 (AA). Horned Grebe: Oct 29 thru period. Pied-billed Grebe: last Nov 14 near HH (JB). Great Blue Heron: last Nov 25 two singles Sherwin's Bay and Adams Cove (DG). Green Heron: last Oct 1 BCW (DG). *CATTLE EGRET*: one Oct 20 near Evans Mills, three near Calcium Oct 22-28, two near Hammond, SL Co Oct 31-Nov 1 (JB, mob). Black-crowned Night Heron: one Aug 23, two imm and one adult Sep 2 PRGMA (DG); six Sep 9 ED (RM). American Bittern: last one Nov 25 Wilson Bay (DG).

Mute Swan: one for several weeks in fall Chippewa Bay (JB). Canada Goose: first Oct 6 SL Co reported large numbers (JB), thru Oct 28. Brant: three Nov 4 Stony Pt (DG). Gadwall: one Aug 19 ED (RM). Green-winged Teal: last Nov 4 ED. Am. Widgeon: 14 Pt Pen Nov 11 (DG)—a late date. Redhead: several near Cape Vincent

Nov 25. Canvasback: one Nov 25 (DG). Greater Scaup: late Nov. Common Golden-eye, Bufflehead, Oldsquaw: all present during Nov. White-winged Scoter: Nov 24 thru period. Hooded Merganser: eight Nov 13.

HAWKS—OWLS: TURKEY VULTURE: first known nesting in Region, Picton Is. in St Lawrence R near Clayton (see field note), young photographed Aug 16 by Dake, the two adults and two young seen out of nest and flying Sep 11 (Heineman); singles Sep 6 and Sep 25, two Oct 3-4, one Oct 7, one Oct 15-16,—by four separate observers Jeff and SL Co. Sharp-shinned Hawk: imm singles Oct 8 and Oct 21 WC (DG). Red-tailed Hawk: thru period. Rough-legged Hawk: first Oct 27 with peak numbers from mid-Nov thru period. Marsh Hawk: for two years females have noticeably outnumbered males; during the period two of us recorded sex at each sighting. Sep 16—Nov 25 thirteen females to two males on five dates (DG); ten females and two males over one field Pt Pen Nov 11 in migration (AA); last Nov 28 (JB). **PEREGRINE FALCON:** imm diving on and chasing shorebirds Sep 30 ED (DG). Sparrow Hawk: seemed common during Nov. Gray Partridge: several covey sightings thru period including two adults with eleven imm Sep 2 PRGMA. Common Gallinule: last Nov 11. Am. Coot: last Oct 7.

Semipalmated Plover: last Sep 23. Killdeer: last Nov 16. Golden Plover: one Nov 4 ED (DG). Black-bellied Plover: 12 Aug 26 ED (RM), one Nov 4 ED (DG). Ruddy Turnstone: last Sep 23. Am. Woodcock: two Sep 26 Wat (AA). Common Snipe: last Nov 24 ED. Whimbrel: two Sep 6-9 ED (AA, DG). Spotted Sandpiper: last Sep 11. Solitary Sandpiper: late summer. Greater Yellowlegs: last Sep 6. Lesser Yellowlegs: last Sep 23. Purple Sandpiper: one Oct 28—Nov 4 ED (DG). Pectoral Sandpiper: last Oct 29. White-rumped Sandpiper: last Nov 4. Baird's Sandpiper: one Aug 19 ED (RM). Least Sandpiper: last Sep 23. Dunlin: last Nov 24. Short-billed Dowitcher: last Sep 17. Semipalmated Sandpiper: last Oct 28. Western Sandpiper: three banded Aug 26, one banded Sep 9 ED (RM). Sanderling: last Sep 30. Great Black-backed Gull: first Aug 19 ED (RM). Bonaparte's Gull: Aug 26—Nov 11. Common Tern: last Sep 11. Caspian Tern: last Sep 16. Mourning Dove: last Oct 11. Screech Owl: Sep 9 ED (RM). Great Horned Owl: Sep 9 ED (RM). Snowy Owl: one Nov 21-30 near Philadelphia; one near Sherwin's Bay Nov 28 (JB).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Sep 9. Belted Kingfisher: last Oct 1. Yellow-shafted Flicker: last Oct 19. Red-headed Woodpecker: last Sep 16. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Oct 1-18. Eastern Kingbird: last two Sep 16 HH (DG). Eastern Phoebe: Oct 28 Stony Pt (DG), Nov 7 Gouv (JB) with snow on ground. Empidonax Flycatcher: last Sep 9 Wat (AA). Eastern Wood Pewee: last Sep 16. Tree Swallow: last Oct 1. Barn Swallow: last Oct 1. Purple Martin: last, one imm Sep 1 Pillar Pt (DG). **GRAY JAY:** first known report for Jeff Co—one Oct 7 Perch L bog observed by teacher and Jefferson Community College biology class of 10 within ten feet for five min in small black spruce trees (PG). Red-breasted Nuthatch: Oct 23. Brown Creeper: last Nov 28 Car (WW). House Wren: last Sep 26. Winter Wren: last Oct 28 WC (DG)—late. Long-billed Marsh Wren: Sep 2. Catbird: last Oct 6. Robin: large flocks to Nov 5, last one Nov 10 Car (WW). Wood Thrush: last Oct 5 (AA). Hermit Thrush: last Oct 21 and Nov 5. Swainson's Thrush: last Sep 30. Golden-crowned Kinglet: Oct 7—Nov 12. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Oct 6—Nov 7. Water Pipit: Sep 7—Nov 11, two seen in trees (DG). Cedar Waxwing: flock fed on rose hedge Oct 28—Nov 22 Wat. Loggerhead Shrike: last Aug 29 THP.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: last Oct 21. Red-eyed Vireo: last Sep 23. Philadelphia Vireo: one Sep 12 Wat (AA). Warbling Vireo: last Oct 1 (AA). Warblers: Black-and-white: last Oct 1. Nashville: last Oct 8. Yellow: last Sep 2. Magnolia: last Oct 9. Black-throated Blue: last Oct 8. Myrtle: Oct 1—Nov 19 (AA). Black-throated Green: last Oct 1. Chestnut-sided: last Sep 30. Bay-breasted: Sep 16—Oct 9. Palm: Sep 9, Oct 9, Oct 17. Ovenbird: last Sep 3. Northern Waterthrush: last Sep 9. Yellowthroat: last Oct 22. Canada: last Sep 4. On afternoon of Oct 1 there was a warbler "wave."

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: last Aug 29. Eastern Meadowlark: late dates Nov 20-27 three observers. Red-winged Blackbird: last Nov 25 Pt Pen. Baltimore Oriole: last Sep 7 (FC). Rusty Blackbird: Oct 7-Nov 4. Scarlet Tanager: last Sep 30 (DG). Cardinal: Sep 7 pair with two young at feeder Wat (AA), reported Nov Car (*fide* WW). Evening Grosbeak: first Aug 29 four northern Lewis Co (FC); Oct 22 Gouv (JB). Purple Finch: near Wat Oct 8-Nov 3. Pine Grosbeak: three BWS Nov 25 (FC). Pine Siskin: flock Oct 21-22 WC (DG, AA). Amer. Goldfinch: with the siskins, last Oct 28. Red Crossbill: one found dead mid-Nov Wat (FC). Rufous-sided Towhee: last Oct 6. Vesper Sparrow: last Oct 21. Slate-colored Junco: migration Oct 7-Nov 4 Jeff Co; last Nov 15 Car (WW). Tree Sparrow: first Oct 29. Chipping Sparrow: last Nov 4. Field Sparrow: last Oct 29. White-crowned Sparrow: Oct 6-28. White-throated Sparrow: Oct 1-Nov 30. Fox Sparrow: singles Oct 12. Oct 21, Nov 10, a poor showing this year. Lincoln's Sparrow: Aug 18-19 THGMA (DG, AA). Swamp Sparrow: last Oct 21. Song Sparrow: peak migration Oct 7-21. Lapland Longspur: one Nov 11 Pt Pen (DG). Snow Bunting: strays and small flocks Oct 29-Nov 11.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK — CHAMPLAIN

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The mast crop during the 1966-67 autumn season was good but this year it was phenomenal, also Yellow Birch and Beech crop. Whether or not this has anything to do with the migration of winter finches is still undetermined but this has been the best year for them in this area since 1960-61. Greenleaf Chase tells us that the top number of flocks lasted from Election Day until Nov 20. During his many business drives through Region 7 he saw hundreds and hundreds of finches, particularly around Sabattis and Lake Placid. They were also reported in huge numbers north near the border. Most unfortunately these great numbers were accompanied by the usual enormous road kill—"slaughter" some of our friends called it!

Red Crossbills, Evening and Pine Grosbeaks, Pine Siskins and American Goldfinches were in the majority—very few White-winged Crossbills or Common Redpolls were reported.

The last part of August was cool. On the 24th the temperature was 40 degrees and there was 60-mile visibility from Whiteface Mountain but most August days were damp and misty. There was a killing frost on the night of August 31. September also was cold and damp. Everything from thunderstorms to snow and high winds was reported. There was ice in the bird bath on the 23rd. No significant warbler waves were reported or seen by us this fall.

November was notable: the temperature was much below normal and Bob Kampf says a "ten-year station record was set with measurable snow of a trace or more falling 22 out of the 30 days of the month." Perhaps this helps account for the November winter finches, particularly if conditions were the same only more so in regions further north.

Surf and Common Scoters at Essex, the former October 10 thru 21, and the latter Nov 7, were unusual. Only one male Cardinal showed up in Bloomingdale this November and we had a Mockingbird in Elizabethtown from November 9 thru 16.

Winter 1966-68 is starting out cold, let us see what happens!

FW's observations were made Oct 10 thru 21, RMck's Nov 11 thru 19.

Observers: EA—Elizabeth Anderson; EB—Elisabeth Barnet; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; GTC—Greenleaf T. Chase; HD—Harriet Delafield; ED—Ethel Dyer; RH—Robert Hagar; JH—Joseph Hart; JK—Joseph Keji; RMck—Robert McKinney; GM—Gordon