

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

Meade; RM—Ruth Meier; FW—Frederick Wardenburg; IW—Isabel Williams; 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 Webber P Aug 16, one Lester Dam Aug 25 (GM); Aug 20 young taught to flap wings and “skate” on water, Aug 26 young flying—size of parents but still brown, three Sep 10 L Clear (EB); six Oct 10–21 Essex (FW). Great Blue Heron: one Aug 16 RB “scarce this season” (JK). Green Heron: one Sep 12 RB (JK). Am. Bittern: one Sep 12 RB (JK). Canada Goose: fewer this fall; RB Conservation Dept. sent in total of 3840 to Pack report compared to 5567 in 1967; six flights of 100–300 Oct 10–21 Essex (FW); many flocks in Oct including 298 Oct 2, 205 Oct 22 and 33 Oct 30 RB (JK); 90 Oct 6 Upper SL, three flocks SL Oct 7 (ED); 26 SL Oct 22 (HD); 130 Essex Nov 11 (GC); six Indian L Nov 18 (RMCK). Mallard: 100 Oct 25 L Alice (JH). Black Duck: two Middle SL Aug 16 (GM); two or three Aug 16–Sep 14 RB (JK); three SR Oct 13 (HD); 300 L Clear Oct 25, one Aus M Oct 25 (JH). Green-winged Teal: four L Alice Oct 25 (JH). Blue-winged Teal: one Pine P Sep 21 (GM); three L Alice Oct 25 (JH). Wood Duck: perhaps highest production season ever (GTC, JH). Ring-necked Duck: seven Middle SL Aug 16, four Oseetah Aug 21, two Oseetah Aug 28 (GM); 400 L Alice Oct 25 (JH). Scaup (sp?): two Oct 10–21 Essex (FW). Hooded Merganser: 11 RB Sep 12 (JK). Common Merganser: one Weller P Aug 16 (GM); two Duck P Sep 14 (HD); 12 Pharaoh Oct 28 (JH); one Indian L (RMCK). **SURF SCOTER:** 11 Oct 10–19, five Oct 20 Essex (FW verified by GC); one female Essex Oct 29 (GC). **COMMON SCOTER:** two females Essex Nov 7 (GC).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: one Aug 19 Madawaska (RH, DY); one imm Essex Oct. 21 (GC); one Oct 6 Kate Mt., one Newcomb Oct 27, one Crown Pt Nov 7 (GTC). Sharp-shinned Hawk: one Hammondsville Nov 7 (GTC). **COOPER'S HAWK:** Oct 21 on a gusty wind Essex (GC)—very carefully identified, his first in Adirondacks. Red-tailed Hawk: one Oct 25 Chazy Landing (JH). Red-shouldered Hawk: one Madawaska Aug 17 (GM). Broad-winged Hawk: one Pine P Aug 27 (GM); one Aug 21–Sep 11, two Sep 11 RB (JK); one SL Sep 2 (HD). Rough-legged Hawk: one Nov 5 Middle P, Flood Wood Rd (JH); two Nov 16 Beekmantown, one Nov 20 Westport (GTC); one dark, one light Westport Nov 11–20 (GC). Golden Eagle: pair Sep 26 Bay P (Chandler Ross *vide* GTC); pair about Oct 15 Bisbee L. Moose R, probably migrant (Dwight Webster *vide* GTC). Eagle—probably Bald: across side of Whiteface Mt. Nov 21 (HD). Marsh Hawk: Essex Oct 21 (GC). Osprey: one Keene Valley Aug 25, one Pine P Aug 27 (GM); one Sep 12 and Oct 2 RB (JK). Sparrow Hawk: six Rockefeller Pk area Aug 17 (GM); one SL Sep 2–Oct 7 (HD).

Spruce Grouse: one female Aug 17 Madawaska (GM); one adult, two imm Madawaska Aug 19 (RH, DY). Ruffed Grouse: one Boreas R Aug 25 (GM); two Oct 10–21 Essex (FW); six Indian L (RMCK). Spotted Sandpiper: one Aug 19, two Sep 10 RB (JK); one Pine P Aug 21 (GM). Solitary Sandpiper: two Aug 19 RB (JK). Herring Gull: six Middle SL Aug 16 (GM); one or two Sep 5–Oct 11 RB (JK); 50–60 Essex Oct 10–21 (FW). Ring-billed Gull: one Middle SL Aug 16 (GM). Mourning Dove: one Aug 16 RB (JK); one SL Sep 10 and 12 (HD); one Riverview Nov 18 (JH). Black-billed Cuckoo: one Sep 15 and Oct 4 RB (JK). Great Horned Owl: two Oct 29 SL (EA, HD). Barred Owl: one L Kiwassa Aug 19 (GM); RMCK was surprised to hear only one during his trip to Indian L in Nov. Saw-whet Owl: Oct 11 L Placid cutoff—Mr. Chase was pleased to be able to pick up this owl, warm it and let it go unharmed.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: one Aug 16 RB (JK); one Aug 24 SL (HD); several SL Aug 27 (GM). Chimney Swift: six Aug 22, two Aug 24 SL (HD); Aug 27 (GM)—no number given; two Sep 4 RB (JK). Ruby-throated

Hummingbird: two Aug 17 thru Sep 9 RB (JK); one or two Aug 20-23 SL (HD); SL Aug 25 and 27 (GM). Belted Kingfisher: one or two Aug 16-Oct 12 RB (JK); one L Kiwassa Aug 21, one Lester Dam Aug 25 (GM); one Aug 25 SL, one Normans Farms Aug 26, one Big Salmon R Sep 14 (EA, HD). Yellow-shafted Flicker: reported all areas; largest migration number 45 SL to Malone (EA, HD). Pileated Woodpecker: one Boreas R Aug 25, one Pine P Aug 27 (GM); one SL Sep 7 (HD); one Oct 4 RB (JK); one Nov 4 RB (JH); one Indian L (R McK). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: reported all areas. Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers: one-three/day. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: one Boreas R Aug 25 (GM); one Mud L Sep 14 (HD).

Eastern Kingbird: good year; two Aug 16-19 RB (JK); L Kiwassa Aug 27 (GM); two to four SL Aug 22-28 (EA, HD). Eastern Phoebe: one L Kiwassa Aug 19 (GM); one Sep 1-Oct 10 RB (JK); one Aug 24, two Aug 28 and Sep 10-11, one Oct 23 SL (HD). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: one Aug 25 Boreas R (GM). Least Flycatcher: one Aug 16-Sep 5 RB (JK). Eastern Wood Pewee: one Aug 16-Sep 12 RB (JK); one L Kiwassa Aug 27 (GM); one Forest Home Rd Aug 25 and 28 (EA, HD). Olive-sided Flycatcher: one Aug 25 Boreas R (GM). Horned Lark: 20 Oct 25 Chazy Landing (JH); two Nov 21 Normans Ridge (EA, HD). Tree Swallow: normal, one to four pair in a day's birding nearby; one late bird Sep 26 Normans Ridge (GTC). Bank Swallow; normal nesting places getting so eaten into by sand shovels that it is hard to gauge; last Aug 16 RB (JK). Barn Swallow: breeding in large numbers in what barns are still left; gone Sep 9 and Sep 10 RB and SL (JK, HD). Cliff Swallow: three Aug 27 RB (JK). Purple Martin: four flying high south-bound, 6:45 pm Elizabethtown Aug 19 (GC).

Gray Jay: three Madawaska Aug 19 (RH, DY); two off road to TL Sep 7 (EA). Blue Jay: common. Common Crow: from two to eight thru season, 62 Peru Oct 30, last one noted SL Nov 7 (HD). Black-capped Chickadee: common, sometimes five, sometimes 50 in a day. Boreal Chickadee: three Aug 16, one Aug 17 RB (JK); 12 Aug 19 Madawaska (DY, RH); one Madawaska Aug 17, one Lester Dam Aug 25, one Cold B Aug 26 (GM). White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatches: normal, a few in a day. Brown Creeper: one Lester Dam Aug 25 (GM); one Sep 1-Nov 27 RB (JK); one Half Way B Sep 7 (EA, HD); three Indian L (RMCK). Winter Wren: one Aug 21 Pine P (GM); one seen Sept 7-Oct 22, heard Sep 9 RB (JK). *MOCKINGBIRD*: one Nov 9-16 eating apples turned brown on tree, Elizabethtown (GC). Catbird: one or two Aug 26-Oct 7 RB (JK). Brown Thrasher: one SL Sep 18 (HD); one Sep 13-Oct 2 RB (JK); two Oct 4 L Colby (GTC); one Westport Nov 7 (GC).

Robin: good numbers, 30 Oct 12 RB (JK); last two Nov 13 SL (HD). Wood Thrush: decidedly down, one Aug 25 and Sep 11 RB (JK); one Oct 11 Elizabethtown (GC). Hermit Thrush: one Madawaska Aug 17 (GM); two Aug 23, Oct 2 and Oct 17 RB (JK); one Sep 4 SL (EA, HD). Swainson's Thrush: two Sep 7 Half Way B (EA, HD); one Sep 9, 30 and Oct 4 RB (JK). Veery: one Aug 16, 20 and 23 RB (JK). Eastern Bluebird: many reports of two to four all areas, late brood Sep 15 Bloomingdale (Hughes); one Oct 29 SL (HD). Golden-crowned Kinglet: Madawaska Aug 17, Lester Dam Aug 25, Pine P Aug 27 (GM); a few Sep 13-Nov 27 RB (JK); six Indian L (RMCK). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: SL Aug 19 (HD); one Sep 10-Nov 10, six Oct 16 RB (JK); three Oct 13-16 SL (EB). Water Pipit: two Sep 19 RB (JK); two Oct 4 L Colby (GTC). Cedar Waxwing: many reports; young being fed out of the nest Sep 3 and 4 RB (JK). Starling: flocks Essex Oct 10-21 (FW); 40 RB Aug 30 (JK); 300 Aug 19, 200 Aug 26, 200 Sep 17, one Nov 25 SL (HD).

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Solitary Vireo: one Sep 8 and 13, "scarce" RB (JK). Red-eyed Vireo: one or two Aug 16-Oct 2, feeding young out of nest Sep 4 RB (JK); one Aug 28 SL (HD).

Warblers: Black-and-white: one Aug 16-Sep 13 RB (JK); one Boreas R Aug 25 (GM); one Sep 7 Half Way B (EA, HD); one Sep 30 Elizabethtown (GC). Tennessee: one Sep 4 and 25 RB (JK). Nashville: one or two Aug 16-23 RB (JK); one

Elizabethtown Aug 21 (GC); one Sep 5 SL (HD). Parula: one Aug 3 and Sep 4 RB (JK). Magnolia: one Aug 25 Boreas R (GM); three Sep 4, one Sep 5 and 11 RB (JK). Black-throated Blue: one Madawaska Aug 17 (GM); one Rainbow L Sep 14 (HD); one or two Sep 4-Oct 6 RB (JK). Myrtle: common all areas; large numbers last week Sep, first week Oct RB (JK). Black-throated Green: two Boreas R Aug 25 (GM); one to four Aug 16-Oct 8 RB (JK); one Aug 28, two Sep 5 SL (HD). Blackburnian: one Boreas R Aug 25 (GM); one Aug 16-Oct 1 RB (JK); one Sep 5 SL (HD). Chestnut-sided: one Boreas R Aug 25 (GM); one or two Aug 16-Sep 9, feeding young out of nest Aug 20 RB (JK). Bay-breasted: one Sep 4 and 20 RB (JK). Blackpoll: one Aug 22 Elizabethtown (GC); one Sep 4 RB (JK). Ovenbird: one Aug 16 and Sep 1 RB (JK). Yellowthroat: three Lester Dam Aug 25 (GM); one imm Aug 19, adults Aug 25-Sep 13 SL (HD); one to a few Aug 16-Oct 13 RB (JK). Wilson's: one Elizabethtown Aug 21 (GC); two Sep 4, one Sep 5 RB (JK). Canada: one Boreas R Aug 25, two singing Pine P Aug 27 (GM); one Aug 16-Sep 11 RB (JK). Am. Redstart: one Boreas R Aug 25 (GM); one or two Aug 16-Sep 11 RB (JK).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: House Sparrow: 40 Essex Oct-Nov (GC); one Oct 1 (*sic*) RB (JK). Bobolink: Aug 27 SL (GM). Eastern Meadowlark: ten Oct 10-21 Essex (FW). Flocks of "Blackbirds" went over TL Aug 18 and 19, 300-400 (RM). Red-winged Blackbird: some in mixed flocks Oct, last one Nov 30 SL (HD); thru period, 40 Sep 16 RB (JK). Baltimore Oriole: one Aug 18 and 20 RB (JK). Rusty Blackbird: one Aug 26-Oct 5 RB (JK). Common Grackle: in flocks Aug 26, two until Nov 14 SL (HD); small flocks early Oct RB (JK). Brown-headed Cowbird: in flocks Aug 26 SL (HD); one to four until Oct 29 RB (JK). Scarlet Tanager: two Boreas R Aug 25 (GM); one Sep 2-Oct 2, two Sep 4 RB (JK).

Cardinal: July 26-Nov 30 Bloomingdale (IW). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: one Aug 27 SL (HD); one or two Aug 23-Sep 16 RB (JK). Evening Grosbeak: 12 Boreas R Aug 25, five Pine P Aug 27 (GM); thru period, 90 Oct 12, 85 Nov 1 RB (JK); a few from Oct 20 on, seven Nov 25 SL (EA, HD); 200 Indian L "Yellow Birch and Beech crop good" (RMcK); 100's Wawbeek to Sabattis Nov 11 (GTC). Purple Finch: dozens or more last week of Aug RB (JK); 12 Aug 30 Bloomingdale (IW); 100 Indian L Nov 11-19 (RMcK). Pine Grosbeak: one or more Nov 8-30 RB (JK); four Nov 21 Marcy Trail Rd (GTC). Pine Siskin: Aug 17 thru period RB (JK); 100 Indian L Nov 11-19 (RMcK); large flocks L Placid cutoff Nov 21 (GTC). Am. Goldfinch: small flocks thru period RB (JK), also SL (HD); 25 Indian L Nov 11-19 (RMcK). Red Crossbill: Pine P Aug 21 and 27, Boreas R Aug 25 (GM); a few thru period RB (JK); large flocks Wawbeek to Sabattis Nov 11 and Marcy Trail Rd Nov 21 (GTC). White-winged Crossbill: large flocks Wawbeek to Sabattis Nov 11 and L Placid cutoff and Marcy Trail Rd Nov 21 (GTC). Rufous-sided Towhee: one SL dump Aug 28 (GM).

Savannah Sparrow: one to a few Aug 30-Oct 4, 36 Oct 4 RB (JK). Vesper Sparrow: a few Sep 17-Oct 22 SL (EA, HD). Slate-colored Junco: 12 Indian L Nov 11-19 (RMcK); thru period, "no big flocks this fall" RB (JK); a very few SL area this fall (HD). Tree Sparrow: one to four from Oct 3 RB (JK); three or four from Nov 3 on SL (EA, HD); 20 Indian L Nov 11-19 (RMcK). Chipping Sparrow: 30 Oct 12 RB (JK); three Oct 14 SL (HD). Field Sparrow: two Oct 2, one Oct 7 RB (JK). White-crowned Sparrow: one to five Oct 7-29, singing, bathing and fighting, by far the gayest and liveliest of our fall migrants SL (EA, HD); ten Oct 10 SL (ED); one Essex mid-Oct (FW); one to four RB Oct 2-20 (JK). White-throated Sparrow: three Essex mid-Oct (FW); a few daily thru period RB (JK); one thru Nov SL (EA, HD). Fox Sparrow: one late Nov SL (EB). Lincoln's Sparrow: one or two Sep 4, 12, 13 and Oct 4 RB (JK). Swamp Sparrow: one thru Oct 3 RB (JK). Song Sparrow: four (one singing) Oct 23, one Nov 23 thru period RB (JK). Snow Bunting: 35 Normans Ridge Nov 25 (EA, HD).

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