

Caspian Tern: three ED Jul 31. Snowy Owl: one near Evans Mills, Rt 11 remained through Jun 6 (JB). This is the only Jun record that we know about.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Red-headed Woodpecker: seen about as often as in recent years. Great Crested Flycatcher: breeding near Watertown. Traill's Flycatcher: Town of Lorraine Aug 6. Least Flycatcher: near Watertown Aug 6. Olive-sided Flycatcher: Whetstone Gulf State Pk, Lewis Co Jul 20–21. Horned Lark: 12 PRGMA Jun 28 (RW). Red-breasted Nuthatch: common at Wanakena Jun 30 (DG). Winter Wren: Jun 8 and Jun 30 at Wanakena. Mockingbird: near Brownville Jun 29 (RW); probable nesting near where a nest was found last year. Swainson's Thrush: TH, Lewis Co Aug 3. Eastern Bluebird: near Harrisville Jun 1, not reported in other parts of Region. Loggerhead Shrike: two adults and two young Danley Rd, north of ED (DG); there were scattered reports of other adults being seen.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: DG saw all the usual breeding warblers of this Region. Golden-winged Warbler: singing male seen and heard on five different days between Jun 2 and 16 in same area, near Gouverneur, nesting suspected (JB); one was heard Jun 16 near Pitcairn, St. Lawrence Co (JB). Mourning Warbler: Aug 6 a few miles east of Watertown (DG).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Grasshopper Sparrow; two near Theresa Jun 26 and four there Jun 29 (RW); near Watertown Jun 29 (DG). Henslow's Sparrow: near PRGMA and two near Theresa Jun 29. Slate-colored Junco: nest with four eggs near Number 4, St. Lawrence Co Jul 13. White-throated Sparrow: near Theresa and Wanakena, nest with young Whetstone Gulf State Pk, Lewis Co Jul 13.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK — CHAMPLAIN

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Our summer went with incredible rapidity but also with a great deal of interest, starting with the nesting of Common Ravens on which there is a Field Note.

The weather has been entirely unpredictable and erratic. In last year's report I see nothing but reiterations about the heat. This year temperatures shot up and down with alarming alacrity. Even Bob Kampf of the Ray Brook weather station, who likes to look at things in the most cheerful light possible, says of June: "The weather during the month of June can best be described in one word 'Gloomy'." In degrees the temperature averaged 60.1 as compared to 1967's 65½ degrees. There was very little sunshine. The only heavy thunderstorm occurred on the last day of the month. Birds arrived at close to normal dates in spite of the "gloom."

The first few days of July were cold, but then came a record high temperature spell which did not break until July 19. Field Sparrows, which are associated in my mind with hot, humid weather, sang constantly. The temperature, according to Bob Kampf, ranged from 87.5 degrees on July 9 to 39 degrees on July 30.

Early August was cold with frosts in many places. Birds started moving about near the middle of the month as usual and we seemed to have about the usual complement of resident species except, perhaps, for an explosion of Veeries and a lack of Purple Finches—Brown Thrashers and Catbirds were up but Scarlet Tanagers and House Wrens were down as in the past few years.

As far as the Redhead report is concerned: Greenleaf T. Chase informs us that there were two unsuccessful attempts at establishing the species at Lake Alice, near West Chazy, five or six years ago. He believes that the flock reported may well have come in on their own.

Frank Schetty, who has birded at Elk Lake for 28 years, gave good details for his Spruce Grouse—black tail with orange band, walking rather than flying, etc. The spot will be kept under close watch. Mr. Schetty's dates at Elk Lake this year were June 14 to July 31. Numbers after species refer, in his own words, to "Singing males, birds seen carrying food, or actual nests discovered."

Robert Hagar viewed his immature Saw-whet Owl for 10 minutes at a distance of 12 feet. He saw "very prominent white Y over beak, white front wing lining, no stripes on belly." His view was "excellent."

The two intensive days, June 15 and 16, spent with John Bull, Robert Wolk and Greenleaf T. Chase were stimulating. Territory covered was from Saranac Lake thru Paul Smiths, St. Regis Falls, Loon Lake and back to Bloomingdale. Mr. Bull could understand more easily why I was not able to pinpoint exactly where some birds were seen.

Robert McInney was in the Adirondacks June 21 thru 28.

Taking matters of interest from the Breeding Bird Surveys: I was able to use all of Speculator done by M. Rusk and D. McIlroy; I have used both initials in order to differentiate that run from Miss Rusk's Sabattis run of which I could use only the 28 stops in Hamilton Co. Mr. Chase's was the Willsboro run as last year. I was able to utilize the 21 stops in Franklin Co. on Dr. Meade's St. Regis Falls run.

Observers: EA—Elizabeth Anderson; JB—John Bull; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; GTC—Greenleaf T. Chase; ED—Ethel Dyer; HD—Harriet Delafield; EG—Edward Gardephe; JH—Joseph Hart; RH—Robert Hager; JK—Joseph Keji; GM—Gordon Meade; DMcI—Dorothy McIlroy RMcI—Robert McInney; MR—Margaret Rusk; FS—Frank Schetty; HT—Helen Tyler; RW—Robert Wolk; DY—David Young; RY—Robert Yunick.

Abbreviations: Aus M—Ausable Marsh; B—Brook; F&WBBS—Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Survey; LP—Lake Placid; Mad—Madawaska; RB—Ray Brook; SL—Saranac Lake; TL—Tupper Lake; P—Pond.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: one pair Black P near Keese Mill, Clear P above Meacham, Square P, E of Rainbow L, Rainbow L, Mt P, N of Paul Smiths (JH); one Rollins P near Fish Creek Jun 8 (Carlson); two imm Duck P near Loon L Aug 19 (GTC); two pair Elk L neither of which laid eggs nor brought off young for the first time in 28 years (FS) three Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR). Horned Grebe: adult with young L Alice late Jun (EG). Pied-billed Grebe: one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR). Great Blue Heron: one Duane Jun 4 (EA); four Jun 16 Paul Smiths to Bloomingdale (JB *et al*); one Jun 10 & 11 RB (JK); one Little Tupper L (RMcI) Jun 24; one Little Colby P Aug 3 (RH). Green Heron: one Little Colby P Aug 3 (RH). American Bittern: one Jun 5 RB (JK); one Jones P Jun 16 (JB *et al*); one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); one Elk L (FS); one Little Colby P Aug 3 (RH).

BRANT: one carefully studied, Sacandaga R, E of Speculator Jun 17 (MR), Mallard: one Jones P Jun 16 (JB *et al*). Black Duck: one Elk L (FS); three Aug 5–9 RB (JK). Green-winged Teal: two drakes Mad flow Jun 15 (RH&mob). Wood Duck: one Mad flow Jun 15 (RH&mob); one Elk L (FS). Redhead: small brood early Jun, King's Bay near Coopersville (Kowalski *vide* GTC); there have been attempts to introduce this species (see introduction). Ring-necked Duck: four Tupper L Jun 24 (RMcI). Common Golden-eye: two broods of different ages Aus M mid-Jun (EG). Hooded Merganser: two Bear P near Upper St Regis Jun 4 (JH); female with eight small young RB Jun 10, one adult Aug 8 (JK); downy young Keese Mill Jun 15 (JB *et al*); five downy young coming down Mt Pisgah toward Saranac R Jun 19 (EA&HD); one Jun 24 Panther P near TL (RMcI); one Elk L (FS). Common Merganser: Upper St Regis L Jun 4 (JH); three full-grown young Aus R at Wilmington Notch Jul 12 (RH); three Jun 24 & 28 Aus R and TL (RMcI); adult female and nine nearly grown young early Aug Piseco L (DMcI); three Elk L (FS).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: one Franklin Co Jun 15 & 16 (JB *et al*); one SL Jun 19 (HD); Jun 18 one fledgling in nest, one fledgling out of nest, adult within eight feet Black B; nest site North Elba, nest not found but actions and calling of adult gave full evidence of active site in area, adult diving within 10 to 20 feet at five different intervals Jun 25; imm over Connery P within 50 feet being chased by Red-winged Blackbirds Aug 12; nest Jay, Jun 16 one adult and three young almost ready to fly, sixth consecutive nesting known and observed at this site, all but one successful, 2 nests in same area, used alternate years—this observer is very familiar with Goshawks (RH). Sharp-shinned Hawk: one Santa Clara Jun 15 (RH&mob). Red-tailed Hawk: one Bloomingdale June 15, one Keene Jul 18 (RH). Broad-winged Hawk: one Jun 4-Aug 8 RB (JK); one Franklin Co Jun 15 (JB *et al*); two LP Jun 1 (EA&HD); two LP area late Jun (RMCI); one Jul 28 SL (HD); two Elk L (FS). Bald Eagle: one off and on near Newcomb (Wyley *fide* GTC); one adult Piseco Aug 3 (DMCI). Marsh Hawk: two Norman Ridge Jun 16 (JB *et al*); one LS Jun 25 (HD). Osprey: one L Colby Jun 16 (JB *et al*); one Jun 24 Little Tupper L (RMCI); active nests near Oseetah, Quebec B Franklin Co, Ochre P near St Regis (JH). Sparrow Hawk: three Ross Pk on way to Mad Jun 15 (JB *et al*); one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC); one Jun 26 Wilmington (RMCI); one Jun 28 Wilmington (EA&HD).

Ring-necked Pheasant: four Jun 18—released birds?—(F&WBBS-GTC). Spruce Grouse: very co-operative, life bird for JB and Robert Wolk on Jun 15, also for DMCI on Jun 30, both at Mad; one probable Elk L, observer experienced, territory unlikely Jun 26 (FS). Ruffed Grouse: decidedly fewer reports than 1967, eleven Elk L (FS). Virginia Rail: seen carry food Duane Jun 15 (JB,RW,GTC&HD). Killdeer: one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC). American Woodcock: one Jun 9 banded at Heart L (RY); one “slowly strutting and swaying (decoying?)” Lewis Jul 26 (GC). Common Snipe: Kushaqua Jun 15 (JB *et al*); one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC). Spotted Sandpiper: one Elk L (FS); two Jul 25, one Aug 7 RB (JK). Herring Gull: a few (one to six) over lakes and rivers of Region. Ring-billed Gull: two Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC); a few visitors Elk L (FS); four Jun 28 L Champlain (EA&HD). Black Tern: six TL Jun 24 (RMCI); all Jul Elk L (FS). Mourning Dove: two Jun 1-Jul 3 RB (JK); one Santa Clara Jun 15 (JB *et al*); six Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC); pair Aug 2 Jay (GC). Black-billed Cuckoo: one L Kiwassa Jul 4 (GM). Great Horned Owl: one Union Falls Jun 3 (GTC). Barred Owl: one Wilmington Notch Campsite Jun 21 (RMCI); two calling N of Scarface Mt, North Elba Jun 25 (RH); one Elk L (FS). Saw-whet Owl: Glen Summit near Jay, adult picked up dead on gravel road in excellent condition Jul 5, elevation 1700'; imm Keene, flushed from open spruce excellent view see introduction (RH).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: one Jun 22 Upper Jay (RMCI); one late Jun near Gabriels (DY). Common Nighthawk: decidedly down in numbers both from my own observations and from reports sent in, one Jun 14 SL (EA). Chimney Swift: five to ten RB (JK); few Jun 15 (JB *et al*); five Jun 17 (F&WBBS-MR&DMCI); two Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); nine Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC); few Wilmington late Jun (RMCI); 24 Elk L (FS). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: pair or more at most operative feeders; seven Elk L (FS). Belted Kingfisher: one or two Jun 10-Aug 13 RB (JK); one LP Jun 8 (HD), one Jun 15 Franklin Co (JB *et al*); one Aus R near LP Jun 28(EA&HD); one Elk L (FS). Yellow-shafted Flicker: larger numbers reported than 1967; 12 Elk L (FS). Pileated Woodpecker: one Jun 15 Franklin Co (JB *et al*); one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: good numbers thru period; 35 possible nest sites Elk L as compared to 25 in '67. Hairy & Downy Woodpeckers: normal, see '67 note. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: one Jun 19 near Elizabethtown (GC); one Elk L (FS).

Eastern Kingbird: one to pair reported all areas. Great Crested Flycatcher: one Heart L Jun 9 (RY); one Jun 15 Santa Clara (JB *et al*); one Jun 15 RB (JK); one

Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); eight Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC). Eastern Phoebe; most suitable places had their pair, GC was interested in a pair which used a remodeled Barn Swallow nest attached to a vertical wall inside shed, they added moss, Lewis. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: two Santa Clara Jun 15 (JB *et al*); three Jun 27 Algonquin Peak Jun 27 (RMcI); two Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR). Traill's Flycatcher: a few in most suitable alder swamps; eight Jul 7 (F&WBBS-GM). Least Flycatcher: normal, one to ten in a day's birding. Eastern Wood Pewee: this species has seemed down in past few years; a few scattered reports—two Jun 17 (F&WBBS-MR&DMcI); eight Elk L (FS). Olive-sided Flycatcher: almost everyone hears at least one but very few are seen—one seen Jun 15 (JB *et al*). Tree Swallow: all areas; 35 Elk L (FS). Bank Swallow: these birds move all about as banks keep being needed for sandpits; my reports are sparse; one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); few thru period RB (JK); four Jun 15 (JB *et al*); six Jul 7 (F&WBBS-GM); 65 at Elk L where things may remain a little more stable. Rough-winged Swallow: one Jun 4, 8 & 26 RB (JK); one LP Jun 26 (RMcI); six Elk L Jun 24 (FS). Barn Swallow: numerous; 100 Jul 17 and again mid-Aug SL (EA&HD). Cliff Swallow: this species seems fairly numerous if one knows where to look; 70 plus nests, road to L Clear Jun 16 (JB *et al*). *PURPLE MARTIN*: two RB late Jun (GTC); two Gabriels Jun 13 (DY); not known to have nested but worth watching for.

Gray Jay: 10 Mad Jun 15 (RH). Blue Jay : quiet but present everywhere at this season. *COMMON RAVEN*: two adults, two imm, see Field Note. Common Crow: small numbers all areas. Black-capped Chickadee: same as Blue Jay. Boreal Chickadee: five Mad Jun 15 (RW); one Jun 27 Algonquin Peak (RMcI); three Elk L (FS). White-breasted Nuthatch: normal resident numbers. Red-breasted Nuthatch: normal, more numerous in woods than previous species. Brown Creeper: three Jun 22 high peak area (RMcI); one Jul 12 RB (JK); one Elk L (FS). House Wren: four Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC). Winter Wren: four Jun 17 (F&WBBS-MR&DMcI); two Franklin Co Jun 15 & 16 (JB *et al*); two Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); seven Elk L (FS). Catbird and Brown Thrasher: more reports each year; pair of each near our yard; Catbirds also in thickets far from civilization.

Robin: started nesting early because of warm Apr, many broods! Wood Thrush: F&WBBSs—10 Jun 17 (MR&DMcI), nine Jun 18 (GTC), three Jul 7 (GM); otherwise very few reports; feeding young SL early Jul (ED); one Elk L (FS). Hermit Thrush: population at least twice that of previous species; 18 Elk L (FS). Swainson's Thrush: one, road to L Clear Jun 13 (HD); several Franklin Co Jun 15 (JB *et al*); four Jun 17 (F&WBBS-MR&DMcI); one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); 17 Elk L (FS). Gray-cheeked Thrush: two Jun 27 Algonquin Peak at about 4000' (RMcI); one imm at about 3000' near Elk L (FS). Veery: abundant—30 on one BBS 40 on another; JB *et al* lost count on Jun 15. Eastern Bluebird: good return, juveniles reported from many areas including Vermontville (HT); Gabriels (Loope), RB (GTC), and lawn of HD&EA. Golden-crowned Kinglet: one Jun 4 RB (JK); several Jun 15 (JB *et al*); one Little Tupper L Jun 24 (RMcI); two Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); six Elk L (FS). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: singing male Santa Clara (JB *et al*); three Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); one LP Jun 23 (RMcI); one singing male Jun 15 and Jul 5 Bloomingdale (RH); two Elk L (FS). Cedar Waxwing: one of the few species which came north noticeably early in warm Apr; two Duane Jun 4 (EA&JH); Schetty speaks of unusually early eggs on Jun 24 at Elk L; RH had an unusual individual with a flame-orange tail band in his yard in mid-Aug. Starling: like Robin, early nesting and many broods.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: one Bear P near St Regis Jun 4 (HD); two Jun 15 & 16 Franklin Co (JB *et al*); one Jun 4-25 RB (JK); one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC); nine Elk L (FS). Red-eyed Vireo: good numbers all areas, in the twenties in a day's birding; imm flying Aug 11 SL (HD).

Warblers: Black-and-white: one Franklin Co Jun 15 (JB *et al*); from one to six on four different F&WBBSs; 15 Elk L (FS). Tennessee: one Elk L, the first one FS has reported to me, no details. Nashville: one or two in a day's birding all areas. Parula: an established breeding bird; two, road to Saranac Inn Jun 16 (JB *et al*); singing male Connery P North Elba Jul 12 (RH); Aug 12 RB (JK); six Elk L (FS); reported on most BBSs. Yellow: two TL Jun 24, one Jay Jun 26 (RMcI); two Jun 17 (F&WBBS-MR&DMcI); three Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC); one Jul 7 (F&WBBS-GM). Magnolia: fairly common breeder, 14 Elk L (FS). Black-throated Blue: same as previous species. Myrtle: slightly more common than previous species; with young RB Jul 11 and 24 (JK). Black-throated Green: four Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); Heart L Jun 8 (HD); heard and seen Jun 15 Mad (RW); 19 Elk L (FS). Blackburnian: seems to have picked Elk L as favorite area, FS lists 27 sites, one to four elsewhere. Chestnut-sided: common breeder. Blackpoll: three singing males Knob Lock Mt near Elizabethtown 3200' Jun 19 (GC); eight Jun 27 Algonquin Peak, no altitude given (RMcI); four Elk L Sunrise Mt about 3000' (FS). Ovenbird: heard but seldom seen; one banded ADK Loj, Heart L Jun 8 (RY). Northern Waterthrush: Jun 15 & 16 Franklin Co (JB *et al*); one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); four Jun 17 (F&WBBS-MR&DMcI); one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC); one Jul 12 RB (JK). Mourning: one Santa Clara Jun 15 (JB *et al*); two Jun 17 (F&WBBS-MR&DMcI); one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); nine Jul 7 (F&WBBS-GM); one singing male Jun 25 RB (RH). Yellowthroat: ubiquitous. Canada: nesting Gabriels (DY); one Jun 15-Aug 12 RB (JK); nine Jun 17 (F&WBBS-MR&DMcI); four Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR); one Jul 7 (F&WBBS-GM); six Elk L (FS). American Redstart: common breeder.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: House Sparrow: small flocks in and near villages and farms. Bobolink: bred in usual areas near LP & SL—road to L Clear, road to Marcy Trail, etc; 15 Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC); gone L Clear road Aug 5 (HD). Eastern Meadowlark: bred in open fields; seven Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC). Red-winged Blackbird: common. Baltimore Oriole: one Jun 14 RB (JK); one or two Jun 15 (JB *et al*); six (F&WBBS-GTC); two Elk L (FS). Rusty Blackbird: one Elk L (FS). Common Grackle and Brown-headed Cowbird: small numbers thru period. Scarlet Tanager: one or two in a day's birding; 11 Jun 17 (F&WBBS-MR&DMcI).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: this bird is so loved that it is much reported; 15 Elk L (FS); imm Jun 27 SL (HD). Indigo Bunting: one Jun 21 Wilmington (RMcI); three Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC); one Jun 18 (F&WBBS-MR). Evening Grosbeak: breeder in moderate numbers SL, Santa Clara, Mad, Newcomb, etc. Purple Finch: seems to decline in numbers each year, example: 14 Elk L as compared to 25 in '67. Pine Siskin: small flocks reported from various places; as they were about from late May to end of Jul they were probably breeding but no one saw a nest. American Goldfinch: banded Heart L Jun 8 (RY); common thru period, groups of 15 or more SL, RB, etc. Red Crossbill: one Jun 1 & 3 RB (JK); one early Jul Elk L—not a breeding record (FS). Rufous-sided Towhee: pair Black B Jun 18 (RH); two (F&WBBS-GM). Savannah Sparrow: with food Jun 25 SL (EA&HD); four (F&WBBS-GTC). Vesper Sparrow: one Jun 22 near Wilmington (RMcI); four Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC); a few Jun 15 and 16 Franklin Co (JB *et al*). Slate-colored Junco: banded Heart L Jun 8 (RY); a few thru period other areas. Chipping Sparrow: numerous, pair feeding young in nest Aug 7, feeding young out of nest Aug 13 SL (EA&HD). Field Sparrow: one Jun 7 SL (HD); one or two Franklin Co Jun 15 (JB *et al*); one near Wilmington Jun 22 (RMcI); three Jun 18 (F&WBBS-GTC); two Jul 7 (F&WBBS-GM). White-throated Sparrow: common thruout. Lincoln's Sparrow: one Mad Jun 15 (JB *et al*); one singing Jun 8, with food Jun 15 Bloomingdale (RH). Swamp Sparrow: one to four in a day; 11 Elk L (FS). Song Sparrow: common all areas; with food Jun 25 SL (EA&HD).

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