

from 24 observers; definitely more than last year. Loggerhead Shrike: arr Mar 2, one near Port Ontario (JWP, M. L. Estoff)—a record arr date; light flight in last two weeks of Mar.

VIREOS—SPARROWS: E. Meadowlark: 19 on Syr CC and 20 on Oneida CC; virtual decimation with deep snow of late Dec and early Jan, as only one Jan bird reported, Jan 21 Jamesville (DC). Red-winged Blackbird: BBFS Dec 45, Jan seven, Feb seven, Mar seven; arr Mar 15 (very late) 35 HIGMA. Rusty Blackbird: arr Mar 3 (early) one singing Dutcherville in Constantia Twp (JWP); large numbers in late Mar concentrated by cold weather and snow forcing them to stream-sides and flooded marshy pastures—max 250 Clay Swamp Mar 31.

Cardinal: many more located in the heretofore thinly populated Oneida L S shore sector; single also noted at Big Moose thru winter (B. Barnum) and Boonville (E. D. Lake, in BBFS); on BBFS, higher each month than in any corresponding month in past years. Evening Grosbeak: heavy incursion thru the winter with flocks of 30–90 per day and impressive feeder use—BBFS Dec 903 (second highest Dec ever), Jan 1101, Feb 1016, Mar 908; rather scarce in N Herkimer Co and what birds were present were largely at feeders. Purple Finch: very scarce—usually one–two per day; max five on Oswego CC and Oneida CC. Pine Grosbeak: excellent flight in Dec and Jan, max 279 Oswego CC; rather steady fall thru late Jan and Feb and scarce in Mar; last noted Mar 30 HIGMA (JWP). Common Redpoll: irruption with flocks of eight–100 per day primarily in late Dec–early Feb; scarce in late Feb and early Mar with return flight Mar 2–30 at DH (mob). Pine Siskin: very scarce with highest counts 14 Dec 19 Pratt Falls (DC), 20 Syr CC, and 40 Mar 18 Syr (MSR); occasional single birds at feeders thru winter. Eastern Goldfinch: like Siskin, some few flocks in Dec, Dec max 112 Syr CC; very scarce Jan thru Mar with flock max in Feb and Mar 30–35 per day, but most observers had none in that period. RED CROSSBILL: only report, 13 Dec 14 Jamesville (DC). No White-winged Crossbill reported. Rufous-sided Towhee: one wintered Jamesville (Mrs. T. Harmon), two at feeder near Rome (Wollaber *vide* J.&E. VanDresar). Slate-colored Junco: numbers poor thru winter—max 53 Syr CC but individual tallies usually much lower—max ten per day. Tree Sparrow: good numbers thru early winter with counts of 600 Dec 19 Tully L and 428 Syr CC, 474 Oswego CC, and 584 Oneida CC; like many fringillids, a steady fall in numbers thru late Jan and Feb and a sharp increase in mid-Mar with Mar max 700+ Mar 31. White-crowned Sparrow: only one known to have wintered thru, Dec 9–Mar 27 Wampsville (B.&S. Peebles). White-throated Sparrow: five Syr CC; BBFS Dec 23, Jan seven, Feb six, Mar seven. Fox Sparrow: single wintering birds N Syr (E. Smith) and E Syr; arr first week of Mar but not widely noted before Mar 26–27. Song Sparrow: only 16 on Syr CC and only one on HIGMA CC; very scarce thru remainder of winter; heavy flight with 150–190 per day Mar 27–29. Snow Bunting: winter flocks 20–300 per day with Jan max 400 Jan 8 Pompey Ctr; Feb numbers lower but many 500–700 flocks in early Mar; max 2175 Mar 18 Pompey Ctr (FLF).

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The weather was mild especially the latter half. Snow was below normal except for the southern part which received snow storms that missed most of the area. March was mild with little snow. Early migrating birds began arriving Mar 18–19.

There were unprecedented numbers of Bohemian Waxwings—500 Feb 12, many Pine Grosbeaks in all of the Region, and a Boreal Owl found dead in Philadelphia Feb 2.

Observers: JB—John Belknap, RB—Richard Brouse, LC—Lee Chamberlain, FC—Frank A. Clinch, DG—David Gordon, RW—Robert and June Walker. Dec 21 reports are from the Christmas census in the Watertown area. PRGMA—Perch River Game Management Area; M.A.C. Nature Center—Minna Anthony Common Nature Center, Wellesley Island.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: Dec 22. Horned Grebe: last Dec 14, Henderson Harbor (DG). Pied-billed Grebe: Horse Is. Dec 14 (DG), Mar 23. Canada Goose: two Dec 21, first at PRGMA Mar 18, 500 there Mar 29 (LC). Mallard and Black Duck: all winter. Pintail: Mar 22. Green-winged Teal: Mar 29, four PRGMA Mar 30. American Widgeon: Mar 29. Redhead: Dec 22 and Dec 27. Ring-necked Duck: one Dec 22 Horse Is., 15 Mar 22 Pt Peninsula (RW). Greater Scaup, Common Golden-eye, Bufflehead, Oldsquaw: all winter. White-winged Scoter: Dec 21 (Hughes). Hooded Merganser: Dexter Jan 12, Mar 29. Common Merganser: 3,000 Massena Power Dam Jan 19 (RW).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: near Watertown Feb 8–9, M.A.C. Nature Center Jan 4. Sharp-shinned Hawk: Dec 14, Mar 1. Red-tailed Hawk: all winter. Rough-legged Hawk: fairly plentiful, max 13 Dec 19 (JB). Bald Eagle: Jan 9 M.A.C. Nature Center, Feb 20 Blind Bay, St. Lawrence Co. Marsh Hawk: Dec 25, Jan 1, Mar 1, Mar 22. Sparrow Hawk: all winter. Gray Partridge: max 188 Dec 23 (DG), 139 on Pt Peninsula Jan 11, best seen at bare spots along roads when most of ground is covered with deep snow. Turkey: M.A.C. Nature Center. Killdeer: Mar 19. Common Snipe: one Natural Bridge Mar 26. Glaucous Gull: seven Massena Power Dam Jan 19 (RW), three Ogdensburg same day. Great Black-backed Gull: 450 Ogdensburg Jan 19. Herring Gull: seen Dec, Jan and Mar. Ring-billed Gull: one Dec 21, Mar 29. Mourning Dove: Jan 11 (RB) Mar 20 (FC). Snowy Owl: scarce; one each month, max three Jan 11 (RB). Barred Owl: one found dead by road Feb 22 near Fargo (DG). Long-eared Owl: one found dead Watertown Jan 4. Short-eared Owl: three Pt Peninsula Dec 31, one Jan 11, Mar 1 (DG). Boreal Owl: found dead Feb 2, Philadelphia (JB) specimen preserved. One other recent record for Region Mar 8, 1958 St. Lawrence Co.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: E. Phoebe: Watertown Mar 27 (FC). Horned Lark: Feb 8, common after the middle of Feb. Tree Swallow: Mar 30 PRGMA (RW). Tufted Titmouse: at feeder Sackets Harbor Dec 17 (Thomas). Red-breasted Nuthatch: at various feeders in Watertown most of winter, probably only one bird. White-breasted Nuthatch: all winter. Brown Creeper: Dec 24, Feb 21. Brown Thrasher: Dec 21. Am. Robin: 61 Dec 21, a very large number for the Christmas census. Bluebird: none. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Dec 21. Bohemian Waxwing: 30 Stony Pt Dec 14 with Cedar Waxwings (DG), flocks in Thompson Park, Watertown, seen by many observers in Jan; two were killed in Watertown in Feb when they flew against a window; 50–60 at Dry Hill near Watertown with Cedar Waxwings Dec 19–22; 400 Dry Hill Feb 9 and max 500 Feb 12 (RW); last three Mar 16. Cedar Waxwing: 120 Dec 21, also seen in Jan and Feb with Bohemian Waxwings. Northern Shrike: about normal numbers all winter. Loggerhead Shrike: Mar 30 Snowshoe Pt (RW).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: E. Meadowlark: three Pt Peninsula Dec 31 (DG); Mar 19 Henderson (LC). Red-winged Blackbird: Mar 1, early. Grackle: Mar 18. Cardinal: continues to increase in numbers at least around Watertown where as many as ten have been seen at a time at feeders. Evening Grosbeak: good numbers all winter, but less than peak years. Purple Finch: very few until Mar when several were seen. Pine Grosbeak: numerous in many places in Dec and Jan with max of 200 or more, less common in Feb, none in Mar. Common Redpoll: Dec 21 to Mar 22, less numerous than some years. Slate-colored Junco: Dec 27, Jan 3, Mar 29. Tree Sparrow: all winter. White-throated Sparrow: Dec 21, Jan 1. Fox Sparrow: Mar

28-29 near Black R (Benedykt, RW), early. Song Sparrow: Dec 19, Mar 19. Snow Bunting: until Mar 22, most flocks small, max over 100.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK — CHAMPLAIN

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The fierce weather which started in November continued through the winter and on into spring. December averaged 16.3 degrees in temperature but ranged all the way from minus 30 degrees on the 26th to plus 52 degrees on the 13th. These changes in temperature, combined with a fall of over five feet of snow, laid down layers of ice and crust, sometimes covered with slush, which made all forms of transportation hazardous. There were only five days without precipitation! January brought much the same pattern; also February and March.

Our area entered April with 17 and one-half inches of snow on the ground—we had not seen the ground since November 8. Wind velocities for the winter were not very high nor temperatures much below zero but even people who have lived in the Northern Adirondacks all their lives do not remember such continuous snow cover with such long periods of dangerous travel.

Ice-coated ground, snow-covered trees, lack of fruit crop and immobility of observers except for emergencies, have undoubtedly contributed to the short report which follows. What the few birds in the area would have done without feeders we could not begin to guess.

As can be seen by the Christmas Count records included, birds were almost non-existent in the woods. W. D. Merritt, who spent some days in the High Peak region, says: "The lack of birds this winter was startling."

Our rarities were the Black Vulture which, though found in November, was not reported to me until December; a Hawk Owl; and the Common Ravens seen in December. My reporters were most concerned about the lack of Slate-colored Juncos and Purple Finches even at feeders.

We are happy to welcome Howard and Margaret Read of Morrisonville as new reporters for Region 7. Clinton County, and particularly water-front observers, have been sadly lacking so we look forward to the Reads' seasonal records.

Observers: EA—Elizabeth Anderson; GTC—Greenleaf T Chase; ED—Ethel Dyer; HD—Harriet Delafield; RH—Robert Hagar; JK—Joseph Keji; RM—Ruth Meier; HMR—Howard and Margaret Read; CDT—Count Day Team; IW—Isabel Williams.

Abbreviations: B—Brook; B'dale—Bloomingdale; M'ville—Morrisonville; P—Pond; RB—Ray Brook; SL—Saranac Lake; TL—Tupper Lake.

Please have reports for spring season in by June 9.

LOONS—DUCKS: Mallard: pair Saranac R near M'ville Mar 30 (HMR). Wood Duck: seven Saranac R M'ville Mar 31 (HMR). Common Goldeneye: nine wintering Saranac R M'ville (HMR). Common Merganser: one Dec 28 Saranac R SL (RH).

HAWKS—OWLS: *BLACK VULTURE*: see field note. Goshawk: one Dec 20 SL (HD). Sharp-shinned Hawk: one flew into window of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sturgis RB early Dec (identified by Cornell Lab of Ornithology); one Ampersand Bay SL Mar 7 (GTC). Sparrow Hawk: one M'ville, four Peru Mar 30 (HMR). Ruffed Grouse: one Jan 3, one Feb 2 RB (JK); four M'ville Feb 4 (HMR); few off and on TL (RM). Killdeer: one Saranac, Clinton Co Mar 29 (EA,HD). Mourning Dove: one TL Mar 30 and 31 (RM). Great Horned Owl: one eating prey M'ville Mar 22 (HMR). *HAWK OWL*: Feb 1, first noted flying across the road