

mist-netted Jul 11 Big Moose (E. J. Fisk) and many in small flocks of 4–10 in N Herkimer Co Jul 22 (FGS). Eastern Goldfinch: an “everywhere” species—counts of 20–40 per day, even in just a few hours of birding; max 100 Jun 16 Fabius Twp; still feeding young in nest first week of Sep. Red Crossbill: none in period. *WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL*: three Smartville Jul 11–13 (RJS mob)—might presage an invasion this fall or winter.

Rufous-sided Towhee: increasing in both THP and SW Adirondacks—24 in 4.2 miles on O'Hara Rd and 18 in 5.5 miles on Teachout Rd, both near Williamstown; 15 on McKeever and 21 on N Wilmurt F&WBBS; 6–30 per day from brush and plantation country of S Onon Co (FLF,FGS). Savannah Sparrow: definitely decreasing in intensively cultivated farmlands of Ontario lake plain, with almost all counts less than 10 per day; however, counts of 16–28 per day in hay and dairy areas of the hill country between Skaneateles and Cazenovia. Grasshopper Sparrow: max 8 in colony at Syr Airport (DC, E. Farnham); newly located at Spafford, Parish (3 sites), Nine Mile Point (2 sites) and N Cayuga Co (4 sites (JWP,MSR), and Jamesville (DC); also 1 at Prospect in Trenton Twp (J. & B. Barker). Henslow's Sparrow: definitely up from last two years—one in Boylston Twp in THP where very scarce (JWP); 4 different birds at Meeker Hill and 3 on Woodmancy Rd, both in Tully Twp (JWP); at least 6 birds in various areas between FR and Port Byron; newly located in Ira Twp; most impressive are 10 singing birds in N Clay-NW Cicero Twps (MSR); in all cases found in fallow farm—and grassland abandoned for one-two years. Vesper Sparrow: decreasing locally with max 4–9 per day (GLC, MSR); has virtually disappeared from sprayed agricultural lands of N Onon and S Onon and S Oswego Co. Slate-colored Junco: 18 in 7.2 miles at Highland Forest Jun 9; counts of 10–16 per day, usually in about five miles, in THP; Adirondack counts good—40 in nine miles Big Moose-Stillwater Jun 18; various pairs located at Georgetown (FLF), Boonville (J. & E. VanDresar), Spafford (MSR).

Field Sparrow: summer max 23 on Alder Creek F&WBBS. White-throated Sparrow: repeatedly located at Morrisville, Nelson, Peterboro, Georgetown, Highland Forest, and Labrador Pond (FLF, mob), all S Onon and Madison Co sites; THP counts very good—8–18 per day; Adirondack counts, of course, very high—75 in nine miles Big Moose-Stillwater and 30–40 per day in other sectors of N Herkimer Co. Lincoln's Sparrow: max 6 Woods Lake bog Jun 18 (FGS)—a thriving colony and easily the largest number located to date in Herkimer Co. Song Sparrow: abundant and definitely on the upswing—84 on N Victory, 37 Cicero Ctr, 51 Kasoag, 29 N Wilmurt, 64 Alder Creek, 37 McKeever, 60 Clinton F&WBBS; also 40 in 10.4 miles HVGMA, 20 at Fish Gulf, 45 SP.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The wettest June in 12 years was recorded in Watertown with over five inches rain. June temperatures averaged below normal. There was little rain in July with several hot and humid days. The first half of August was characterized by cool nights and daytime temperatures in the 80's with several thunderstorms and more rain than in July.

The water level at El Dorado has remained fairly high with varying amounts of exposed mudflats but, surprisingly, the usual die-off of alewives has not occurred and so the beach has not been littered with dead fish. The best bird seen during the period, a Piping Plover, was possibly blown out of its usual flyway by storms three days earlier.

Localities: BCW—Brookside Cemetery, Watertown; BWC—Blake Wildlife Sanctuary, 6 mi E of Watertown; ED—El Dorado; Gouv—Gouverneur; 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 Co.; THGMA—Tug Hill Game Management Area, 2 mi S Rector, Lewis Co; THP Tug Hill Plateau; Wat—Watertown.

Observers: JB—John Belknap; JBu—John Buckalew; LC—Lee Chamberlaine; FC—Frank Clinch; MF—Marvin Fairbanks; DG—David Gordon; JM—John Miller; HN—H. Nodecker; ES—Edward Sibley; MS—Mary Ann Sunderlin.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: seen during July at Hyde L (MF), Cranberry L (FC), Crystal L (JM). Pied-billed Grebe: adults and imm. PRGMA Aug 7. Great Blue Heron: visit to the dying PRGMA heronry Jul 8—only five nests found with total of 11 young in three active nests. Old nests and nest trees apparently lost in recent spring storms (DG). American Bittern: thru period. Canada Goose: a few present PRGMA thru period. Fairly high duck production in all N.Y.S. Cons. Dept. marshes (LC).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 near Richville Jul 8; 6 Gouv Jul 25 (JB). Red-tailed Hawk: seen frequently thru region. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 near Natural Bridge Jul 6. Marsh Hawk: several thru period. Sparrow Hawk: common thru period. Ruffed Grouse: several hens with chicks during July. Turkey: 1 Picton Is on St Law R; 2 crashed against plate glass of Nature Center Wellesley Is Aug 4 (FC). Common Gallinule: pair with four young—second brood—PRGMA Aug 7; many imm of first broods at this time.

Semipalmated Plover: 1 ED Jun 7—late; Jul 29-Aug 11 ED (DG). *PIPING PLOVER*: 1 imm, a Regional first ED Aug 5 (ES,DG) observed under ideal conditions and later seen by others. Black-bellied Plover: 1 Jul 27 (JB) and 1 Jul 29 ED (DG). Ruddy Turnstone: 2 Jul 29 and 15 Aug 11 ED (DG). American Woodcock: specimen dead on road Hyde L early Jul (MF); near Crystal L, Lewis Co in Jul (JM). Common Snipe: thru period PRGMA. Upland Plover: 3 near Wat Jun 7. Spotted Sandpiper: common on most bodies of water thru Region. Solitary Sandpiper: 1 Jul 29-Aug 9 BCW (DG). Lesser Yellowlegs: many ED Jul 29-Aug 11. Knot: 1 ED Jun 7; 3 ED Jul 29 (DG)—latter is early migration date. Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 Jul 29. White-rumped Sandpiper: 4 ED Jun 21 (MS); 1 ED Aug 11 (DG). Least Sandpiper: Jul 29-Aug 11 ED. Short-billed Dowitcher: 5 Jul 29; 2 Aug 5 ED. Stilt Sandpiper: 3 Jul 29 ED (DG). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 1 Jun 7 (DG), 1 Jun 21 ED (MS)—late spring dates; common Jul 29-Aug 11. Sanderling: common Jul 29-Aug 11 ED.

Herring Gull: 5 banded Jun 25–26 LG, nesting success poor (HN,JBu). Ring-billed Gull: 1907 banded Jun 25–26 LG (HN,JBu). Bonaparte's Gull: 3 Jul 29, 1 Aug 5 ED (DG). Common Tern: present thru period ED usual numbers. Caspian Tern: 7 Jun 21; 3 Aug 5–11 ED. Black Tern: locally common at several usual localities; large number Jul 29-Aug 5 ED. Black-billed Cuckoo: more often heard than seen thruout Region.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Chimney Swift: pr nested chimney Gouv, early Aug used as roost for est 75 before migration (JB). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: common on THP. Pileated Woodpecker: near Adams Center Jun 6; PRGMA heronry Jul 8 (DG). Red-headed Woodpecker: pr feeding young PRGMA heronry Jul 8. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: pr feeding young MRW Jul 4 (DG)—new nesting station; seen during period BWS where they have nested in previous years (FC); most common woodpecker several trips THGMA (DG). Olive-sided Flycatcher: observed still singing near Highmarket, THP Aug 13 (DG). Cliff Swallow: usually uncommon in region except at Highmarket, THP and near Natural Bridge. Winter Wren: building nest Cranberry L Jul 3–5 (FC); singing male Aug 12 THGMA (DG). Mocking-

bird: 1 Henderson Jun 1 (LC). Wood Thrush and Veery common in Jul THGMA. Loggerhead Shrike: frequently seen sum res near Sackets Harbor and Henderson Harbor.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: MRW Jul 4 (DG). Black-and-white Warbler: common. Golden-winged Warbler: Jun near Gouv (JB). Parula Warbler: Jul 4–5 Cranberry L (FC). Magnolia and Black-throated Blue Warblers: common THP. Myrtle Warbler: 2 THGMA Aug 12 (DG). Black-throated Green, Blackburnian and Chestnut-sided Warblers: all common THP and elsewhere. Ovenbird: nest with four eggs Cranberry L Jul 5–6 (FC). Mourning Warbler: Aug 12 THGMA. Canada Warbler and Redstart: common THP and elsewhere.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: flocks in fall plumage Aug 7–13. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: very common Jul-Aug THGMA. Purple Finch: common THP. Rufous-sided Towhee: est 2–5 prs per acre several localities Jeff Co. Grasshopper Sparrow: Jul 29-Aug 5 last observed singing near Wat (DG). Other usual sparrows common in suitable habitat; the White-throated being most characteristic in its Tug Hill stronghold.

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CORRIGENDUM: the report of Spotted Sandpiper in last report [Kingbird 19(3): 168, July 1969] should have read "Spotted Sandpiper: April 19—early (DG)."

REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK — CHAMPLAIN

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In spite of what some of our local newspapers would try to lead us to believe, this has been a dreadful summer for those of us who dislike hot humidity. Night after night the temperature outside did not go below the mid-sixties, while morning after morning one got up in a bag of mist, unable to see out the windows and with the relative humidity at 85 to 100%.

I realize that I reported the winter of '68-'69 as one of the worst in memory—the summer was also. We called one friend to ask how he was and the answer was "sodden." We called another on a fairly good day and she said, "This is the best day we have had all summer." By the next day the weather had gone back to its usual pattern.

What humans did not care for insects and birds did. Flycatchers and swallows made the air lively and other insect-eating birds were well fed also. Insects stayed with us all summer.

We had another odd phenomena: a late cone crop. After a winter of almost no cones these fruiting bodies suddenly appeared in late spring and summer. This fact may account for the numbers of Purple Finches, American Goldfinches and Slate-colored Juncos which stayed over; also the number of Red Crossbills which were reported.

There are few rarities in the report though many extraordinary, unsubstantiated reports were sent in. Our finest achievement was the Golden Eagle which is worth more than anything else could be as far as most of us are concerned.

When we say "quad" we refer to the United States Geodetic Survey quadrants. When we say "good numbers" we mean a few more than in previous years unless we used the same term in 1968, in which case the numbers were approximately the same.

Mary Sheffield was in the area June 16–29; Frank Schetty was at Elk Lake through July. Francis Singer was here most of the season as biologist with the New York State Conservation Department. His work on the Osprey survey was particularly notable and we are grateful for it.