

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.

Observers: EA—Elizabeth Anderson; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; GTC—Greenleaf T. Chase; HD—Harriet Delafield; JK—Joseph Keji; MK—Marguerite Kingsbury; RMcl—Robert McKinney; GM—Gordon Meade; RM—Ruth Meier; OR—Orra Phelps, HMR—Howard and Margaret Read; MS—Mary Sheffield; MAS—Mary Ann Sunderlin; FS—Frank Schetty; Singer—Francis Singer.

Abbreviations: Aus—Ausable; B—Bay; B'dale—Bloomingdale; Br—Brook; E'town—Elizabethtown; GMA—Game Management Area; L—Lake; LP—Lake Placid; M—Marsh; Mad—Madawaska; M'ville—Morrisonville; P—Pond; Pk—Park; PS—Paul Smiths; RB—Ray Brook; SL—Saranac Lake; SR—Saranac River; TL—Tupper Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 3 no eggs Elk L (FS); 1 June 7 Whitney Pk; 1 June 10 Weller P; 1 Aug 9 TL (RM); 2 birds called June 21, 3 June 28 Square P near Onchiota; 2 imm $\frac{1}{2}$ size of parents Bay P July 30 (Singer); 1 flying over Rd near PS Aug 8 (MAS,HD); pair Minerva Township June (CG). Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Aug 11 Aus M (GTC); broods GMAs, Aus, Wickham, Monty's B and Kings B (Singer). Great Blue Heron :2 regularly M'ville, numerous sightings from Valcour Island (HMR); one Elk L (FS); common all GMAs (Singer). Green Heron: 1 July 21 M'ville (HMR); common all GMAs (Singer). Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 imm well described Scotion near Plattburgh (Singer). American Bittern: 1 pair Elk L (FS), these seem down. Canada Goose: small resident brood L Alice (GTC). Mallard: 1 Clear P near Elk L (MS); brood L Alice (Singer). Black Duck: occ SR M'ville (HMR); 1 female 3 young Elk L (FS); 3 Aus M Aug 11 (GTC); broods L Alice (Singer). Green-winged Teal: 2 pair Ellenburgh Depot June 18 (HMR). Blue-winged Teal: 4 L Alice (Singer). Wood Duck: 1 female 5 young Elk L (FS); 3 Aus M Pk early in period (HMR); 1 Hatch Br near Malone, 9 Aus M Aug 11 (GTC); broods L Alice (Singer). Ring-necked Duck: 1 pair SL June 2 (HD); 1 adult with 8 young Jones P near Gabriels Aug 8 (HD,MAS). Common Goldeneye: 1 brood L Alice (Singer). Hooded Merganser: 2 families Elk L (FS); 2 Hatch Br Aug 6 (GTC). Common Merganser: family of 9 Elk L (FS).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: 1 imm Aug 10 way to Mad (MAS); pair July 15 Two Bridge Br near B'dale (GTC). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 adult seen hunting Elk L (FS); 1 E'town Aug 11 transient (GC). Red-tailed Hawk: 1 adult, 1 imm Elk L (FS); 1 Rte 72 E of St Regis Falls Aug 8 (HD,MAS). Broad-winged Hawk: our most common hawk; 5 Elk L (FS); sw of Northway near E'town (HMR); 2 July 19 RB (JK); 2 Blue Ridge Rd (MS); 1 near Mad Aug 8 (HD,MAS). *GOLDEN EAGLE*: 1 successful nest, location confidential (fide GTC). Marsh Hawk: pair on territory Two Bridge Br near B'dale July 15 (GTC); nest found in this location by Singer who measured eggs and examined platform, no young observed; 2 young Aus M open marsh nest Aug 1 (Singer). Osprey: HMR report decline in area around M'ville—only 1 seen; 1 July 21 RB (JK); 1 seen Big Cherry Patch P LP quad USGS; nest, 1 large young July 10 Mohegan L Long L quad; 2 birds Oseetah L June 27; 1 adult Ochre L Santa Clara quad June 29, 2 young July 26; 1 with 2 young Rainbow L July 11 (Singer). Sparrow Hawk: numerous Peasleeveville-Peru area June, few later (HMR); 1 Rte 30 to Malone July 7 and Aug 4; 1 Westville July 8 (MK); family of 4 PS to Mad Aug 8 (HD,MAS). Ruffed Grouse: 1 Whiteface Mt July 1 (HMR); 9 separate families Elk L (FS). Common Gallinule: 3 Kings B Aug 1; 1 brood Aus M (Singer). *PIPING PLOVER*: 1 (no details given) Aug 6 Hatch Br near Malone (GTC). Killdeer: numerous Peru area (HMR); 4 July 9 RB (JK); 4 Aug 6 Hatch Br near Malone (GTC). American Woodcock: 1 June 15 Peasleeveville (HMR); 1 June 21 SL (HD). Common Snipe: 3 or 4 landed in field near house after Aug 10 Peru (HMR). Upland Plover: 1 June 27 Schuyler Falls (GTC). Spotted Sandpiper: 2 families Elk L (FS); numerous M'ville and L Champlain in that area (HMR). Solitary Sandpiper: 1 July 25 RB (JK); 5 Aug 6 Hatch Br near Malone (GTC). Lesser Yellowlegs: 12 Aug 10 thru 15 Peru (HMR); 3 Aug 1 Wickham

(Singer). Herring Gull: 1 visitor 3 days Elk L (FS); numerous SR near M'ville (HMR); 1 July 3 RB (JK). Ring-billed Gull: 1 Clear P near Elk L (FS); abundant L Champlain near M'ville (HMR). Common Tern: 1 June 6 TL (MK); 1 L Champlain June 25 (HD). Black Tern: 2 until July 3 Elk L (FS); 6 June 5 L Alice (GTC). Mourning Dove: 1 July 6 St Regis Falls (GM). Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 July 4 E'town (HMR); 1 July 6 St Regis Falls (GM); 1 June 7 LP (OR). Barred Owl: 1 June 19 Moose R Plains Hamilton Co (RMcI).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: 1 June 28, July 11, and July 14 TL (RM). Common Nighthawk: 5 above Plattsburgh thru period (HMR); 3 Aug 14 RB (JK). Chimney Swift: 1 June 1, peak 21 Aug 15 RB (JK); thru period Plattsburgh (HMR); 1 June 19 Moose R Plains (RMcI); 6 Aug 10 TL (MAS); 12 pairs in hollow trees Elk L (FS); 1 June 2 SL (HD). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: good numbers from all reporters. Belted Kingfisher: 4 Elk L (FS); one SR at M'ville; 1 July 23 Salmon R at Peasleeville (HMR); 1 June 1 to Aug 14 RB (JK); 1 Aug 10 PS to Ross Pk (MAS); 2 Aug 6 Hatch Br near Malone (GTC); common Aus M (Singer). Yellow-shafted Flicker: numerous all areas. Pileated Woodpecker: 1 July 15 near Essex (HMR); 1 June RB (JK); 1 July 12 SL, 1 Aug 11 Aus M and Halfway Br Town of Franklin (GTC); 2 pair Elk L (FS). Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker: common all areas. Hairy Woodpecker: same as previous years. Downy Woodpecker: same also; one banded Speculator second week Aug (RMcI). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 2 families feeding young Elk L (FS). Eastern Kingbird: 3 to 5 Peru thru period (HMR); 1 June 19 Moose R Plains (RMcI); 2 nests Elk L (FS); 1 June 25 Franklin Falls (EA); 1 Aug 8 PS to Mad (HD,MAS). Great-crested Flycatcher: 1 June 7 LP (EA); one June 2 and 4 RB (JK); 1 June 19 Moose R Plains (RMcI); 1 June 8 and 9 TL(RM). Eastern Phoebe: 1 June 2 thru period SL (HD); nesting pair M'ville (HMR); 1 thru June RB (JK); 1 June 19 Moose R Plains; 1 Aug Speculator (RMcI); 1 June 29 LP; one Aug 10 PS to Mad (MAS); 2 nests Elk L (FS). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 3 June 19 Moose R Plains; 3 banded 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI). Traill's Flycatcher: few all suitable areas from Schuyler Falls S to Moose R Plains. Least Flycatcher: good numbers all areas. Eastern Wood Pewee: seems up in numbers; 1 June 10 SL (EA,HD); nesting pair M'ville (HMR); nesting RB (JK); 2 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI); 1 June 29 LP; 1 Aug 10 PS to Mad (MAS); June Raquette L (MS); 12 Elk L (FS). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 3 June 19 Moose R Plains (RMcI); 1 June 8 Osgood R at TL (RM); over 25 Elk L (FS); 1 Aug 6 Hatch Br; 1 Aug 11 Halfway Br (GTC); 1 way to St Regis Falls (GM). Horned Lark: 1 June 20 Plattsburgh airport (HMR). Tree Swallow: good numbers all areas. Bank Swallow: constant digging out of old habitat and creating new makes these swallows change location more rapidly than others; colonies reported M'ville (HMR); SL to B'dale, Franklin Falls (HD); RB (JK). Barn Swallow: good numbers all areas. Cliff Swallow: colony Ross Pk near PS (GM); McMasters Rd near Lake Clear (HD); few RB (JK). PURPLE MARTIN: 1 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI). Gray Jay: 1 Aug 11 Halfway Br (GTC). Blue Jay: numerous all areas. Common Crow: common all areas. Black-capped Chickadee: quiet during early part of season as usual but coming back by Aug. Boreal Chickadee: 4, 1 with young Elk L (FS); 2 Aug 8 Mad (HD,MAS). White-breasted Nuthatch: few all areas. Red-breasted Nuthatch: same except more numerous in woods. Brown Creeper: 1 June 20 M'ville (HMR); 1 July 4 RB (JK); 1 banded 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI); 1 mid-June Elk L (MS); nested successfully behind shutter at GC's house E'town. House Wren: 2 Moose R Plains (RMcI), still very scarce. Winter Wren: seen singing June 7 by HD LP; heard most suitable places; pair comes back to nest each year at GC's house E'town though he is surprised because of lowness of altitude. Catbird: more common each year. Brown Thrasher: 1 SL (HD); 1 June 20 thru July 21 M'ville (HMR); 1 June 1 RB (JK); 1 banded 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI); 1 July 5 TL (RM); 1 mid-June Blue

Ridge (MS). Robin: common all areas. Wood Thrush: good numbers all areas. Hermit Thrush: 1 to 4 all areas. Swainson's Thrush: 4 June 19 Moose R Plains (RMcI); about 23 Elk L (FS). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 adult 3400' Sunrise Mt (FS). Veery: down in numbers; only 4 at Elk L as compared to 8 in 1968; same story other places. Eastern Bluebird: 2 pair Peasleeve, 1 building nest May 27 (HMR); 4 Aug 10 PS to Ross Pk (MAS); 1 June 15 Newcomb (MS); 4 thru period Vermontville (Tyler); 4 Aug 5 SL (HD). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1 June 7 LP (HD); 4 Aug 6 RB (JK); 4 June 27 Mt Esther (HMR); common Elk L (MS,FS). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 June 19 Moose R Plains (RMcI); 1 mid-June Raquette L (MS); 2 Elk L (FS). Cedar Waxwing: good numbers all areas. Starling: not quite so noticeable as last year except abundant M'ville (HMR).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI). Solitary Vireo: 1 June 7 LP (EA); 1 June 25 and July 20 RB (JK); 1 June 19 Moose R Plains (RMcI); 1 June Raquette L (MS); 6 Elk L (FS). Red-eyed Vireo: common throughout. Black-and-white Warbler: 1 Aug 15 RB (JK); 4 June 19 Moose R Plains; 6 banded 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI); 8 Elk L (FS). Tennessee Warbler: 1 banded 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI); 1 singing male Elk L (FS). Nashville Warbler: 1 July 23 thru Aug 5 RB (JK); 3 June 19 Moose R Plains; 4 banded 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI); 1 Elk L (FS). Parula Warbler: more numerous than usual Elk L (MS,FS); June Raquette L (MS). Yellow Warbler: 1 June 1 thru period SL (HS); 1 June 7 LP (GTC); 1 July 22 TL (RM); 1 Raquette L, 1 Blue Ridge Rd June (MS). Magnolia Warbler: 4 June 19 Moose R Plains (RMcI); 11 singing males, 1 nest with 4 eggs Elk L (FS). Black-throated Blue Warbler: few all areas; 20 singing males Elk L (FS). Myrtle Warbler: seemed down in numbers though common at Elk L (MS,FS). Black-throated Green Warbler: good nesting numbers. Blackburnian Warbler: 1 June 7 LP (GTC); 1 June 10 and 13, July 10 RB (JK); 1 June Raquette L (MS); common Elk L (FS); 1 daily 1st-half July SL (GTC). Chestnut-sided Warbler: good numbers all areas. Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 banded 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI). Blackpoll Warbler: 5 males, 3 females 3000 to 3746' Sunrise Mt Elk L (FS). Ovenbird: heard all areas early June. Northern Waterthrush: 1 June 7 LP (OR). Mourning Warbler: June 7 LP (HD); 2 June 19 Moose R Plains; 1 banded 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI); 8 Elk L (FS). Yellowthroat: good numbers all areas. Canada Warbler: 1 June 22 Wilmington (HMR); 1 June 12 thru July 31 RB (JK); 24 June 19 Moose R Plains; 3 banded 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMcI); common Elk L (FS). American Redstart: up to 7 all areas.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: House Sparrow: 15 to 20 Peru (HMR); 1 June 6 thru 13 RB (JK); where have they gone? Bobolink: Marcy Trail Rd (MK); SL thru period (EA,HD). Eastern Meadowlark: Peru thru period (HMR); SL thru period (EA,HD). Redwinged Blackbird: good numbers in marshy places and along rivers. Baltimore Oriole: 1 June and July Elk L (MS,FS); 1 June 25 Keeseville (EA); 1 Aug 8 SL (Hillman). Rusty Blackbird: 2 June 19 Moose R Plains (RMcI); 1 family June and July Elk L (MS,FS). Common Grackle: largest number 12 RB (JK); small numbers other places thru period. Brown-headed Cowbird: 1 or 2 all areas. Scarlet Tanager: 1 June 7 LP (GTC); 1 July 4 Santanoni Trail (HMR); 1 June 4 thru July 28 RB (JK); 4 Moose R Plains (RMcI); 3 pairs Mt Morris TL (RM); 5 males Elk L (FS); 1 Aug 8 PS to Mad (MAS). Cardinal: 1 June 19 Cedar R (RMcI); pair thru June Essex and Port Henry (GC); possible territory song June 24 Essex (GTC). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: good numbers all areas. Indigo Bunting: 1 June Elk L (MS); 2 June 27 Schuyler Falls (GTC). Evening Grosbeak: well-established breeding bird in Adirondacks; 12 pair June; 1st young with parent June 26; max number of young 10 July; very young at feeder in Aug, possible 2nd brood (GTC). Purple Finch: stayed thru summer in number as high as 10 to 12 SL (GTC); smaller numbers other areas. Pine Siskin: 10 July 19 RB (JK). American

Goldfinch: common summer finch as in previous years. Red Crossbill: many in the NE this year; 10 July 23 and Aug 10 RB (JK); 7 Aug 6 Hatch Br, 2 flocks of 5 to 9 Aug 11 Halfway Br (GTC); pair Aug 3 way to Saranac Inn (HD). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 male seen and heard daily until Aug 20 TL (RM). Savannah Sparrow: pair thru period SL (HD); several pair around Essex S to Ticonderoga (GC). Vesper Sparrow: 1 June 3, 17 and 30 Peasleeville (HMR). Slate-colored Junco; more stayed thru summer than past years; 4 banded 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMCI); 2 young early July SL (GTC); nest with 4 eggs July 4 near TL (RM); 8 thru period RB (JK). Chipping Sparrow: everywhere; over 30 pairs Elk L (FS). Field Sparrow: 1 or 2 heard and reported except from M'ville. White-throated Sparrow: to deviate a little from the cut-and-dried—we often thank St Francis for this modest bird whose cheerful song makes days more musical both at home and on the trail. Swamp Sparrow: 1 June 19 Moose R Plains; 1 2nd week Aug Speculator (RMCI); 8 Elk L (FS). Song Sparrow: common all areas.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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In general, this past summer could be described as very wet, and slightly cooler than average. Rainfall in June amounted to 5.30 inches (data taken at Albany Airport), 2.05 inches greater than the average. Rainfall in July was reported as 5.08 inches, 1.59 more than the average.

16 breeding bird counts for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were run during the month of June and the first part of July, an increase of one over the number run in 1968. The following observations are based on 15 of these surveys. The seven observers and their assistants compiled a list of 103 species. Dropped from our 1968 compilation of the 25 most abundant species (figures taken from the BBC totals) are the Tree Swallow (less than 50% of last year's total), House Wren (decreased from 171 to 107), and Yellow-shafted Flicker (a relatively small decrease); added are Bank Swallow, Ovenbird, and Field Sparrow. As in previous years, more than a quarter of all birds counted on all surveys were Red-winged Blackbirds and Starlings (this year 29%).

There were very few late spring migrants reported. Many fall migrants were moving at the beginning of August—notably warblers and flycatchers. With the exception of the Least Flycatcher, all flycatchers were on the move Aug. 2, ahead of an incoming cold front.

Perhaps as a result of the low water level maintained at Vischer Ferry Game Management Area during the summer, breeding activity in that area apparently decreased, as evidenced by the following observations: Green Heron were scarce during June and July—more common in August; the usual nesting waterfowl (Mallards, Black Ducks, Wood Ducks, and Blue-winged Teal) were extremely scarce; no Virginia Rails, Sora, nor Common Gallinule were seen—usually one pair of each is present (RPY).

The only highlights of the period were a Prothonotary Warbler, and a Kentucky Warbler.

Observers cited more than once: GB—Guy Bartlett; HFB—Hazel Bundy; PC—Paul Connor; P&GE—Paul and Georgia Erlenbach; MLG—Murray L. Gardler; EH—Esly Hallenbeck; CK, HK—Clarissa and Harry Ketcham; WDM—Will Merritt, Jr.; WBS—Walton Sabin; BRS—Benton Seguin; HHS—Harvey Spivak; PPW—Peter Wickham; RPY—Robert Yunick.

Area compilers: Rena Dodd, Betty Laros, and Clarissa Ketcham.

Abbreviations: Gr—Greenville; JL—Jenny Lake; Mdale—Meadowdale; Nisk—Niskayuna; NWW—Niskayuna Wide Waters; SCR—Stony Creek Reservoir; VFG—Vischer Ferry Game Management Area; BBC—Breeding Bird Census.