

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Last dates as follows: Red-eyed Vireo: Oct 1 (JB). Solitary Vireo: Sep 20 (DG). Black-and-white Warbler: Sep 7 (JB). Nashville Warbler: Sep 20 (DG). Myrtle Warbler: Oct 26 (JB). Magnolia Warbler: Sep 20 (DG). Black-throated Blue Warbler: Oct 12 (DG). Black-throated Green Warbler: Sep 28 (JB). Canada Warbler: Sep 12 (FC). Chestnut-sided Warbler: Sep 20 (DG). Palm Warbler: Sep 20 (DG). Redstart: Sep 20 (DG).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Scarlet Tanager: last date Oct 11 (DG). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last date Sep 4 (JB). Evening Grosbeak: appeared in several localities about Nov 1. Common Redpoll: flocks noted early in Nov close to L Ont; many seen during remainder of month; *heaviest fall flight in several years*. Red Crossbill: 3 males on Nov 29 Town of Rodman (DG). Rufous-sided Towhee: last date Oct 18 (DG). Savannah Sparrow: last date Oct 25 (DG). Vesper Sparrow: last date Oct 25 (DG).

OREGON JUNCO (pink-sided race): one appeared Nov 22 at Clinch feeder in the City of Watertown, carefully studied (FC,DG). Tree Sparrow: first noted Oct 25 (DG). Last dates for Chipping and White-crowned Sparrows: Oct 25 (DG). Fox Sparrow: not a common migrant; seen Oct 13 and 25 (DG) and Oct 23 (FC). Snow Bunting: first noted Oct 25; several flocks during November.

DICKCISSEL: 1 present at feeder in Village of Canton for about one month (early Oct-early Nov) (fide Huddleston).
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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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The late summer and early fall cone crop may have accounted for the winter finch (particularly crossbill) invasion of this season, though we all know that the movements of these species are unpredictable to say the least. No spectacular warbler waves were reported.

Late August and all of September were very damp; October brought 5 to 6 inches of snow to the higher elevations on the twenty-second and twenty-third. It was during the snowy period and a day or two thereafter that the largest number and variety of sparrows were seen at feeders in the Saranac Lake area.

November also was extremely damp, "with only three days without measurable precipitation," according to Bob Kampf of the Ray Brook "Hilltop Meteorological Observatory." We think the paucity of records we have for that month rather notable—everyone was "sodden."

The details of the New York State Conservation Department Goose Observation seems worthy of inclusion here: "Migrating geese were observed and voluntarily reported as was done the previous year. Newcomb Area, Saranac Lake Area, Loon Lake Area, Brushton and Saranac Inn were the points of observation. The flights were over a longer period of time and less dramatic than in 1968 due to more favorable weather this fall. October 4, 1969, with 27 flocks, was the day on which most geese moved with the days count at 1276."

Favorable weather for goose migration, we suppose, must have been the only favorable weather we had for humans which was during the first two weeks of October.

Our rarities were a White Pelican, a Ruddy Duck, a Peregrine Falcon and a Cape May Warbler. Numbers of nuthatches have also been of interest.

We welcome one of our finest and most faithful observers, Joseph Keji, to Saranac Lake but we will be sorry to lose his Ray Brook observations.

Observers: EA—Elizabeth Anderson; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; GTC—Greenleaf T. Chase; HD—Harriet Delafield; FLAF—Ferdinand LaFrance; JK—Joseph Keji; R. McK—Robert McKinney; GM—Gordon Meade; JM—Jim Meade; HMR—Howard and Margaret Read; MAS—Mary Ann Sunderlin; HT—Helen Taylor; JT—Joseph Taylor; JHT—Joseph and Helen Taylor.

Abbreviations: Amp B—Ampersand Bay; Aus—Ausable; B—Bay; B—Brook; B'dale—Bloomingdale; E'town—Elizabethtown; L—Lake; LP—Lake Placid; Mad—Madawaska; MOB—Many Observers; P—Pond; Pk—Park; P'ville—Peasleeville; R—River; RB—Ray Brook; SL—Saranac Lake; TL—Tupper Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 migrating L Colby Oct 12 (JK); Oct 15 (GTC). Pied-billed Grebe: 3 Sept 27, 2 Nov 2 L. Champlain near Peru (HMR). WHITE PELICAN: 1 Oct 19 near Tupper Lake (See Field Note this issue). Great Blue Heron: 1 Oct 2 Aus Point Pk (HMR). American Bittern: 1 Sept 4 Coreys corner between SL & TL (JK). Canada Goose: no numbers given, flocks E'town 8 am to 11 pm weather clear, no moon Oct 4 (GC); 13 Oct 27 Brown Tract Ps, Town of Inlet (FLAF); 35 Sept 29, 50 Oct 7, 26 Oct 26 Peru (HMR); 7 Sept 27, 29 Sept 30, 100+ Oct 8 SL (EA,HD); 8 Oct 18 Grass P near Loon L (HT); 40 Grass P, 35 Duck P Oct 20 (GTC); observations conducted by Conservation Dpt, Franklin and western Essex Cos Sept 23 thru Nov 12: no of flocks 69, est total 4500 (see introduction). Snow Goose: 4 Nov 1 L Alice, 15 Nov 10 Drowns L near Ellenburg (GTC). Blue Goose: 5 Oct 14 SL airport (GTC). Mallard: 40 L Alice, 35 Kings B, L Champlain near Plattsburgh Oct 6 (GTC). Black Duck: 100 L Alice, 150 Oct 6 Kings B (GTC); few other areas; last 6 L Colby Oct 7 (EA,HD). Green-winged Teal: 1 Oct 6 L Alice (GTC). Blue-winged Teal: 45 Oct 6 L Alice (GTC). Wood Duck: 4 Oct 1 Fish Creek at Forest Home Rd (EA); 20 Oct 6 L Alice (GTC). Ring-necked Duck: L Kiwassa with young Aug 23 (GM); 300 Oct 6 L Alice (GTC). Scaup: 4 Oct 31 Moose R recreation area, Town of Inlet (FLAF); 300 Oct 6 Kings B (GTC). Common Goldeneye: 1 female Sept 1 Peru (HMR); 6 Oct 31 Moose R (FLAF). White-winged Scoter: Nov 6 Westport (GC). Common Scoter: 2 Nov 6 Westport (GC). RUDDY DUCK: 1 Oct 14 small pond on way from RB to SL, first spotted by EA later studied through 20X scope by EA & HD. Hooded Merganser: 3 Uncas Trail, Town of Inlet (FLAF); 7 Nov 16 Lewis (GC). Common Merganser. few Aug 26 Wawbeek, rd to Floodwood (mob); 20 Oct 31 Moose R (FLAF).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: 1 Aug 30 rd to Mad (JT,MAS); 1 Oct 25 Uncas Trail; 3 Oct 31 Moose R (FLAF); 1 Oct 17, Nov 17, E'town (GC). Red-tailed Hawk: 1 Oct 26 Uncas Trail (FLAF). Red-shouldered Hawk: 2 Sept 21 Peru (HMR). Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Sept 21 Peru (HMR); 1 Oct 12 Wilmington (RMCK). Marsh Hawk: 1 Aug 27 Normans Ridge near Vermontville (HT); 1 Oct 10 Peru (HMR). Osprey: 1 Aug 30 RB (JK); 1 Sept 21 Aus R at Jay (HMR); 1 Oct 7 L Colby (HD). PEREGRINE FALCON: 1 Oct 6 L Alice carefully identified by hawk expert GTC. Sparrow Hawk: 2 Aug 30 rd to Mad, a pair has bred there for at least three years; 5 Sept 21 Peru (HMR). Spruce Grouse: 4 Aug 30 Mad (MAS, JT). Ruffed Grouse: probably more than the few reported; EA,HD,HT,&JT were lucky enough to see five immature at close range on a very back rd near the Salmon R Oct 18. Ring-necked Pheasant: 1 Sept 29 Peru (HMR). Semipalmated Plover: 5 Oct 6 L Alice (GTC). Killdeer: 4 Sept 1 Normans Ridge (JK); 1 Oct 7 Peru

(HMR). American Golden Plover: 4 Aug 19 Willsboro (HD,GM). American Woodcock: 1 Oct 4 P'ville (HMR); 1 Oct 13 Sabbatis (RMCK). Common Snipe: 2 Sept 1, 3 Sept 5 Peru (HMR). Upland Plover: 1 Sept 26 near Peru (GTC). Yellowlegs: 10 Oct 6 L Alice (GTC). Least Sandpiper: 12 Aug 19 Willsboro (HD,GM). Herring Gull: 1 or 2 Upper and Lower Saranac Ls and Saranac R (mob); 100 Oct 15 Peru (HMR). Ring-billed Gull: 100 Sept 20 Plattsburgh golf course (HMR); 10 Aug 19 Willsboro (HD,GM). Bonaparte's Gull: 1 Sept 26 over shopping center Plattsburgh (HMR). Mourning Dove: 2 Sept 21 Franklin Falls Rd near B'dale (JK). Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 Aug 30 rd to Mad (MAS,JT). Barred Owl: 1 Oct 13 Wilmington (RMCK).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: 1 Aug 15 & 18 RB; 1 Sept 5 & 23 SL (JK); 1 Aug 30 rd to Mad (MS,JT). Chimney Swift: largest no 7 on Aug 23 RB (JK); 2 Aug 24 Warbeek (MAS). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 or 2 SL and RB; last feeding at sugar water SL Sept 26 (GTC). Belted Kingfisher: 1 Aug 30 rd to Mad (MAS,JT); 1 Oct 28 Saranac R near SL (JK); 1 Sept 21 Peru (HMR). Yellow-shafted Flicker: not as large migrating nos as usual (HD); last late, Nov 14 North Elba (GC). Pileated Woodpecker: these eye-catching birds do not seem to be declining though the larger nos are in the more southern part of Region 7; 3 Oct 29, Brown Tract Ps, 2 Nov 1 Moose R (FLaF). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: last Sept 26 SL (JK). Hairy Woodpecker: 1 or few all areas. Downy Woodpecker: especially good year in woods; 8 Oct 27 Brown Tract Ps (FLaF). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 Oct 28 Uncas Trail "approached to within 20 ft" (FLaF). Eastern Kingbird: 1 Aug 19 near Ausable Forks (HD,GM); 1 Sept 14 SL (JK). Eastern Phoebe: last after snowstorm Oct 24 SL (EA). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Aug 16 E'town (GC). Least Flycatcher: last Aug 30 rd to Mad (MAS,JT). Eastern Wood Pewee: 1 Aug 22 Giant Mt near St Huberts (JM); 1 Aug 20 thru Sept 1 RB (JK); 2 Aug 31 Wawbeek (MAS); 2 Aug 30 rd to Mad (MAS,JT). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Aug 18 RB (JK); 1 Aug 22 Giant Mt (JM); 1 Aug 30 "late date for continuous call" E'town (GC). Horned Lark: early 2 Oct 18 Normans Ridge (HD et al); 25 Oct 28 Peru (HMR); 12 Nov 9 Ross Pk near Keesesmills (GTC). Tree Swallow: 3 Aug 24 Wawbeek (MAS); common in Sept Peru (HMR). Barn Swallow: common thru Aug; last 2 Sept 11 SL (HD). Cliff Swallow: 1 Aug 18 RB (JK). Gray Jay: 6 Aug 30 (MAS,JHT); 2 Oct 21 Uncas Trail, 3 Oct 29 Brown Tract Ps; 1 Nov 1 Moose R (FLaF). Blue Jay: resident nos same as other years; 40 Oct 27 Brown Tract Ps (FLaF). Common Raven: 1 Nov 9 Ross Pk (GTC). Common Crow: few thru period, 50+ Aug 27 Normans Ridge (HT); 100-200 Oct 15 thru 30 Peru (HMR); 150 Oct 27, 8 Oct 28 SL (EA,HD). Black-capped Chickadee: same as other years. Boreal Chickadee: at Mad, if at first you don't succeed, etc. HD,JH, MAS; no numbers given Giant Mt Aug 22 (JM); 1 Oct 30 Uncas Trail (FLaF). White-breasted Nuthatch: few all areas as usual; most unusual 22 Oct 27 Brown Tract Ps (FLaF). Red-breasted Nuthatch: as above except 61 Oct 27 Brown Tract Ps (FLaF). Brown Creeper: 1 Aug 26 rd to Floodwood (MS); 2 Oct 23 SL (JK); 1 Oct 25 Cedar R (RMCK); 6 Oct 27 Brown Tract Ps (FLaF). Winter Wren: still singing Sept 20, 21 L Kiwassa (GM); 1 Oct 26 & 27 Uncas Trail and Brown Tract Ps (FLaF). Catbird: last Sept 28 SL (JK). Brown Thrasher: 1 Sept 14 SL (JK). Robin: largest migrating no SL 22 Oct 18 (Palmer); 7 after 6 inches snow Oct 22 & 23 SL (GTC). Wood Thrush: 2 Oct 22-23 SL (GTC). Hermit Thrush: 2 Oct 26 SL (JK); 1 Oct 25 & 28 Uncas Trail, 1 Oct 31 Moose R (FLaF). Swainson's Thrush: 1 Nov 3 SL (JK). Veery: 1 Sept 2 SL (JK); 1 Oct 4 P'ville (HMR). Eastern Bluebird: seems to be on the comeback, nos from 4 to 5 reported all areas, using boxes put up for them in Ross Pk; HMR report a "wave of bluebirds"; 12 Sept 20 Vermontville (Tyler). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2 Aug 26 rd to Floodwood (JT); 6 Oct 27 Brown Tract Ps (FLaF); 2 Oct 11 Peru (HMR). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: last 1 Oct 31 SL (HD). Cedar Waxwing: young out of nest Aug 28 RB;

75+ Sept 16, last 10 Oct 2 SL (JK); 10 Oct 11 Peru (HMR). Starling: few too many could be found around civilization most days.

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BLACKBIRDS--SPARROWS: House Sparrow: this species seems to be on the decline, largest no reported 30 Sept 16 SL (JK). Eastern Meadowlark: 1 Oct 3 SL (HD); 8 late migrants for higher elevations Normans Ridge Oct 18 (EA,HD,JHT); 20 Peru Oct 20 (HMR). Redwinged Blackbird: 35+ Oct 31 Moose R Plains (FLaF); 1 or 2 thru period SL (EA,HD). Baltimore Oriole: 1 Sept 8 SL (JK). Rusty Blackbird: 6 Aug 25 rd to Mad (MAS); 1 Nov 11 SL (JK). Common Grackle: many in "blackbird" flocks from Aug 31 thru Oct 10 northern Adirondacks; 1 thru Nov 26 SL (HD). Brown-headed Cowbird: same as above except 1 thru Nov 27 (HD). Scarlet Tanager: 3 Aug 26 rd to Floodwood (JT et al); last Oct 1 SL (JK); 1 late E'town Oct 7 (GC). Cardinal: 1 male Nov 21 Westport (GC); pair Nov 30 SL Rectory feeders (Hill & Alford). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 6 Aug 30 rd to Mad (MAS,JT); 1 calling Sept 20 & 21 L Kiwassa (GM). Evening Grosbeak: last feeding young Sept 23 SL (GTC); flocks of 25+ beginning Nov 23 SL (JK&HD); also reported from Hamilton Co, Oct. Purple Finch: thru period SL (JK&HD>C); no reports from other places. Pine Grosbeak: 4 Oct 18 Cedar R (RMCK); 3 Nov 16 E'town (GC); 1 Nov 20 SL (JK). Common Redpoll: 35 Oct 22 SL, 10 Oct 25 (EA); 50 Oct 29 SL (GTC); 30 Oct 25, 40 Nov 18 Cedar R (RMCK); 20 Nov 17 Lewis; flocks Nov 21 E'town (GC). Pine Siskin: Aug 7 L Kiwassa (GM); 10 Aug 31 Wawbeek (MAS); 70+ Oct 23 SL (JK); 100+ Oct 25 Forest Home rd near Saranac Inn (HD); 60 Oct 29 SL (GTC). American Goldfinch: few thru period RB & SL (JK&HD); 3 Sept 21 Peru (HMR). This has been a great year for crossbills of both species, Red and White-winged, 10 20, 30, 60; our last report was that the woods were full of them, we cannot begin to sort them out as to individual dates and numbers. Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Sept 22 E'town (GC). Vesper Sparrow: no numbers or dates Peru (HMR). Slate-colored Junco: "junco day" Oct 18, many kept flying up from the side of the road from SL to Salmon R and back; last numbers 50 Oct 26 Peru (HMR); 9 Nov 23 SL (HD). Tree Sparrow: 3 Oct 28 Uncas Trail (FLaF); 2 Oct 27 Peru (HMR); 1 Nov 9 Ross Pk (GTC); first Oct 28 SL (HD). Chipping Sparrow: 5 to 20 all areas until mid-Oct, last Oct 26 SL (JK); 5 immature Oct 18 north of Vermontville (JT et al). Field Sparrow: two late records, 1 Oct 24 SL (HD); 2 Oct 28 Uncas Trail logging camp clearing (FLaF). White-crowned Sparrow: decidedly down in numbers; HD usually has a flock of 8, this year 2 was largest numbers; perhaps they stayed in the woods because of large cone crop. White-throated Sparrow: 1 to 5 all areas up until last week in Oct. Fox Sparrow: 5 Oct 22-23 SL (GTC); 2 Oct 25-26 SL (EA,HD); 1 Oct 31 Moose R (FLaF). Song Sparrow: 5 Oct 23 SL (EA,HD); last Nov 28 SL (JK). Snow Bunting: 50+ Oct 28 Normans Ridge (HD); 2 Nov 1 Moose R (FLaF).

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