

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Chimney Swift: May 4. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 14 (FC). Yellow-shafted Flicker: April 15 (JB). Pileated Woodpecker: 1 May 16 Sulphur Springs (DG). Red-headed Woodpecker: May 3 PRWMA; 1 May 16 at Rice's; 1 near Campbell's Pt; 1 near Henderson Harbor (DG). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: April 17.

Eastern Kingbird: May 6. Great Crested Flycatcher: May 1, early. Least Flycatcher: May 3, early. Wood Pewee: May 20. Barn Swallow: April 18. Cliff Swallow: May 17 THWMA (DG). Purple Martin: April 25. House Wren: May 2. Long-billed Marsh Wren: May 28. Mockingbird: 1 May 16 ED (DG); 1 May 31 near Brownville (DG). Catbird: May 1 early (JB (FC). Brown Thrasher: April 25. Wood Thrush: May 3. Veery: May 3 early. Eastern Bluebird: April 30 (JB); pair near Brownville end of May raised young (DG). Golden-crowned Kinglet: April 26. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: April 19. Loggerhead Shrike: April 9.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: May 2 Watertown (DG); May 17 THWMA (DG). Solitary Vireo: May 17 Tug Hill near Sears Pond (DG). Red-eyed Vireo: May 14. Warbling Vireo: May 2.

Black-and-white Warbler: May 2. *GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER*: May 3; nest located May 20 near location April–May 1969; 2 eggs on May 30 (JB). Nashville Warbler: May 2 Yellow Warbler: May 2. Magnolia Warbler: May 17. Cape May Warbler: May 10 (JB). Black-throated Blue Warbler: May 10. Myrtle Warbler: May 2 wave; on nesting grounds Tug Hill May 17 THWMA (DG). Black-throated Green Warbler: May 2. Cerulean Warbler: May 23 Middle Rd. woods (DG). Blackburnian Warbler: May 10. Chestnut-sided Warbler: May 3 early. Blackpoll Warbler: May 31. Palm Warbler: May 15. Ovenbird: May 3. Northern Waterthrush: pair May 17 THWMA (DG). Yellowthroat: May 17. *HOODED WARBLER*: 1 middle of May Thompson Park, Watertown (RW) (FC). Canada Warbler: May 14. Redstart: May 10.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 11. Baltimore Oriole: May 2. Scarlet Tanager: May 10. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 8. Indigo Bunting: May 23. Evening Grosbeak: last date May 17 (FC). Purple Finch: May 2. Pine Siskin: two banded April 25; last seen May 17 (FC). Goldfinch: April 26 male in summer plumage (FC). Common Redpoll: last date April 12. Red Crossbill: last date May 24: four were banded—all second year birds (FC). Towhee: April 25. Savannah Sparrow: April 26. Grasshopper Sparrow: May 15 (JB). Vesper Sparrow: April 16. Slate-colored Junco: April 18. Tree Sparrow: last date April 12. Chipping Sparrow: April 18. Field Sparrow: April 19. *HARRIS'S SPARROW*: an immature at feeder, on ground with House Sparrows April 26 came and went several times—very closely observed (DG); this is a Regional first. White-crowned Sparrow: May 3–19. White-throated Sparrow: April 25.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Spring weather was very late this season and birds were late arriving. I think that the beginning of the April summary, issued by Bob Kampf of the Hilltop Meteorological Observatory at Ray Brook, is worth quoting: "The month of April came in on a winter note and this trend lasted through until mid-month. Snow was slower than usual going and ice also was slow to leave the lakes." There was a warmer trend near the end of the month.

May was as normal as possible with only one inch of snow recorded on the 6th and

7th. The general concensus is that the frost did not get into the ground because of the early fall snows, so when the bare ground did appear birds were quick to appear with it.

Everyone we have talked to, including natives in the older age category, agrees that 1970 is one of the worst Black Fly and Mosquito years in history. Unfortunately this circumstance coincides not only with the fact that the frost did not get into the ground, but also with the fact that this is the first year in many when the campsites were not sprayed. Many less-informed people blame the latter occurrence for this infestation of bugs in the area. Those of us who know wilderness regions realize insects are worse than ever in these stretches also.

In any case, we are happy with the numbers of birds. Myrtles, Black-throated Greens and Black-throated Blues have been the most numerous warblers and we have delighted in the larger birds, colorful or simply cheering with their bird sounds, after a winter which forbade much intensive birding.

Brant on Chapel Pond near St Hubers, an Oldsquaw on Lake Placid and a Mockingbird on the Paul Smiths College campus seem to be our only rarities, though the late occurrences of Redpolls and a larger number of Great Crested Flycatchers than usual, are of interest.

Dorothy McIlroy was in the vicinity of Blue Mountain from April 30 to May 3. Forest Home road runs from just outside Saranac Lake almost to Saranac Inn.

Observers: EA—Elizabeth Anderson; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; GTC—Greenleaf T. Chase; TC—Thomas Clough; ED—Ethel Dyer; HD—Harriet Delafield; JK—Joseph Keji; MK—Marguerite Kingsbury; DMcI—Dorothy McIlroy; RM—Ruth Meier; HT—Helen Tyler; JT—Joseph Taylor; IW—Isabel Williams.

Abbreviations: Amp B—Ampersand Bay; B'dale—Bloomingdale; E'town—Elizabethtown; L—Lake; LP—Lake Placid; P—Pond; PS—Paul Smiths; R—River; RB—Ray Brook; rd—road; SL—Saranac Lake; TL—Tupper Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Apr 19 TL, 1 May 23 Mountain P near PS (MK). Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Apr 16 TL (MK); 1 Apr 11 and 12 SL, 1 Apr 28 LP (JK). Great Blue Heron: 1 Ausable Marsh Apr 10 (TC); 3 May 3 and 9 Fish Creek campsite (RM); 1 Onchiota rd May 18 (JK); 1 May 23 Jones P near Gabriels (MK); 1 May 5 B'dale (HD). Canada Goose: 1500 Little Chazy R at L Champlain Apr 10 (TC); 11 Limekiln L April 30; 30 same place May 1; 200 May 2 North Creek (DMcI); flocks May 1 thru 14 TL (RM); 150 May 2 RB (MK); 2 flocks of 35 and 500 May 3 Coreys (Carlson); fewer at SL, 40 May 2 (JK). BRANT: pair May 30 Chapel P, female possibly injured (Spoffords). Mallard: 4 pair Apr 21 flooded field near B'dale (MK). Black Duck. 8 Apr 16 TL, 12 Apr 21 RB (MK). Green-winged Teal: pair Apr 21 TL (MK). Blue-winged Teal: 1 Little Chazy R at L Champlain (TC). Ring-necked Duck: 7 Apr 19 TL (MK); pair Apr 10 and 11 SL (JK); pair May 16 Jones P (EA, HD). Common Goldeneye: 1 courtship behavior Apr 10 Whallons Bay, Essex Co (TC); 11 Apr 19, 1 May 3 TL (MK). Bufflehead: 1 Apr 10, 11 Apr 19, 1 May 3 TL (MK). *OLDSQUAW*: 1 female, good details, 8 ft. distance, no binoculars May 30 LP (JT). Hooded Merganser: 2 Apr 19, 2 May 3 TL (MK); 1 May 11 L Clear outlet (EA). Common Merganser: 10 Apr 10, 6 May 3 TL (MK).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: 1 Apr 2 TL (RM). Red-tailed Hawk: 1 Apr 7 B'dale; 1 Apr 29 Sciota (GTC). Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Apr 29 Sciota (GTC); 1 May 1 Onchiota (HD). Broad-winged Hawk: courtship flight Apr 27 SL (EA, HD); 1 May 4 B'dale (HD); 1 May 2 North Creek (DMcI); 1 Apr 29 Sciota (GTC); 1 May 18 near PS (JK). Golden Eagle: some reports confidential. Marsh Hawk: 2 May 4 rd to Malone (MK); 1 Apr 26 SL (EA, HD). Osprey: 1 Apr 29 Sciota (GTC); 1 May 23 Saranac R near SL (MK). Sparrow Hawk: 1 Apr 28 LP (JK). Ruffed Grouse: 1 May 3 TL (RM); 1 drumming May 22 RB (MK); 1 May 2 near B'dale (JK). Killdeer: 1 Apr 19 TL, 1 May 6 rd Malone to Hogansburg (MK); 1 Apr 9

and 17 SL (JK); 1 May 4 Gabriels (HD); 1 May 11 Saranac Inn (EA, HD). American Woodcock: 1 May 1 Blue Mountain (DMcI); 1 Apr 9 Gabriels (GTC); heard May 5 TL (RM); 2 Apr 28 Coreys, 3 May 3 RB (MK); 1 Apr 11 Merrillville (ED); 1 May 5 Gabriels (EA); 1 with 4 chicks May 26 E'town (GC). Common Snipe: 1 Apr 29 Coreys; 1 Apr 19 (MK). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 May 18 Onchiota rd (JK). Herring Gull: 2 Apr 23 SL (JK); 1 Apr 22 and 23 Saranac R near SL; 2 rd to Floodwood May 11 (HD). Mourning Dove: 1 Apr 2 LP (George Martin); 1 Apr 7 SL (EA, HD). Great Horned Owl: Apr 1 Coreys (Frenette).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: heard May 14 TL (RM). Common Nighthawk: no numbers given May 23 SL (MK). Chimney Swift: 1 May 15, 1 May 22 RB (MK); numbers over school chimney May 25 and 26 SL (JK). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 May 12 TL (RM); 1 May 21 SL (JK). Belted Kingfisher: seem to be up in numbers, reports from most areas. Yellow-shafted Flicker: good numbers Apr 14 thru period. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Fulton Chain (DMcI); back Apr 19 TL (RM); back May 7 SL (HD); back Apr 28 RB (MK). Hairy Woodpecker: 1 or 2 all areas. Downy Woodpecker: same as Hairy. Eastern Kingbird: 1 May 3 near B'dale, 1 May 24 RB (MK); 1 May 11 rd to Floodwood (EA). Great Crested Flycatcher: 1 May 22, 2 May 24 RB (MK); 1 May 5 Gabriels (HD). Eastern Phoebe: good numbers all areas. Least Flycatcher: 2 May 24 RB (MK); 1 May 11 rd to Floodwood (EA, HD). Eastern Wood Pewee: 1 May 24 RB (MK). Horned Lark: 2 May 2 Normans Ridge (JK). Tree Swallow: 1 early, Apr 9 RB (GTC); back Apr 14 SL (HD); 100+ Apr 18 L Flower SL (JK) and Apr 24 (EA, HD); normal thru period all areas. Bank Swallow: 25-30 colony May 1 Inlet (DMcI); 6 May 24 RB (MK); few Apr 25 thru period SL (JK). Rough-winged Swallow: 1 Apr 24 SL (JK). Barn Swallow: good numbers all areas Apr 24 thru period. Cliff Swallow: 25 May 3 Sabattis (MK); 2 Apr 24 thru period SL (JK). Blue Jay: less apparent at this time of year but 1 or 2 seen daily. Common Crow: largest number 8 Apr 1 SL (JK). Black-capped Chickadee: same as Blue Jay. Boreal Chickadee: 1 Apr 5 Forest Home Rd (HD). White-breasted Nuthatch: 1 or 2 seen in day's birding. Red-breasted Nuthatch: woods all areas except Blue Mountain. Brown Creeper: 1 Apr 20 thru 24 SL (JK); 3 Apr 23 Forest Home rd (HD). Winter Wren: 1 Apr 17 Amp B SL (GTC); 1 May 21 RB (MK); 2 May 11 SL to Floodwood; 1 May 16 Mountain P near PS (HD); noticeable lack weekend May 30 L Placid (JT). Mockingbird: 1 May 5 PS College, carefully studied close range, no binoculars (GTC). Catbird: back May 5 SL (HD), 1 May 21 RB (MK). Brown Thrasher: back Apr 28, 2 Apr 30 SL (HD); 1 May 9 and 12 TL (RM); 2 May 13 LP (JK). Robin: late, first 3 Apr 9 SL, but plentiful. Wood Thrush: 1 May 1 Blue Mountain (DMcI); heard Apr 29 TL (RM); 4 May 19 RB (MK); heard May 10 SL (EA, HD). Hermit Thrush: 1 May 3 Fish Creek campsite (RM); 2 Apr 28 Coreys, 2 May 22 RB (MK). Veery: 2 May 19 RB (MK); 1 May 19 SL (EA, HD). Eastern Bluebird: 1 May 19 SL (EA); managed to get back into 1 box out of 5 Ross Pk May 22, rest used by Tree Swallows (GTC); 1 May 24 SL, 1 May 24 RB (MK); first Apr 16, first egg May 13 Vermontville (HT). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2 Apr 23 Forest Home rd (HD). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: several May 1 Fulton Chain (DMcI); 1 May 3 Sabattis; 1 May 22 to 24 RB (MK); 1 May 4 Onchiota rd (HD). Water Pipit: 2 May 11 Saranac Inn (EA, HD). Cedar Waxwing: 2 May 22 SL (EA, HD). Northern Shrike: 1 Apr 9 B'dale (GTC). Starling: all areas.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 1 May 1, 1 May 24 RB (MK); 2 May 11 rd to Floodwood (EA, HD). Red-eyed Vireo: plentiful May 11 thru period. Black-and-white Warbler: 1 May 20 TL; 2 May 24 RB (MK); 1 May 4 Onchiota rd; 1 May 11 rd to Floodwood (HD). Nashville Warbler: 3 May 21 RB (MK). Parula Warbler: 2 May 11 SL to Floodwood (HD); 1 May 26 RB (MK). Yellow Warbler: 1 May 6 SL (JK). Magnolia Warbler: 1 May 9 SL (JK). Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1 May 3 near Sabattis (MK); 3 May 11 rd to Floodwood; 1 May 12 SL

(EA, HD). Myrtle Warbler: Blue Mountain Lake (DMcI); small flock May 7 TL (RM); 10 May 24 RB (MK); 2 May 2 to 21 SL (JK); 3 May 4 Onchiota rd, 6 to 8 May 11 rd to Floodwood (HD). Black-throated Green Warbler: 1 May 4 Onchiota rd; good numbers SL area (HD); 2 May 21 RB (MK). Blackburnian Warbler: 1 May 1 Fulton Chain (DMcI); 1 May 21 RB (MK). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 May 2 and 12 TL (RM); 1 May 18; 5 May 21 (MK); 1 May 20 SL (EA, HD). Ovenbird: 1 May 18; 10 May 24 RB (MK); 1 Apr 30 SL (JK); 2 May 11 rd to Floodwood (EA, HD). Northern Waterthrush: 1 May 24 SL (MK). Yellowthroat: 1 May 18; 5 May 24 RB (MK); 1 May 18 SL (JK); 2 May 11 rd to Floodwood; 1 May 16 SL (HD). Canada Warbler: 1 May 21; 4 May 24 RB (MK); 1 May 20 SL (JK). American Redstart: 1 May 21; 2 May 24 RB (MK).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: House Sparrow: SL thru period (JK); probably other instances not given. Bobolink: 8 May 24 LP (MK); 25 in flock May 13 LP (JK). Eastern Meadowlark: 2 Apr 9 B'dale (GTC); 5 Apr 16 TL (MK); 1 Apr 17 SL (HD). Redwinged Blackbird: still in flocks thru 2nd week in Apr. Baltimore Oriole: 1 May 21 SL village (JK); 1 May 2 Trudeau rd SL (EA). Rusty Blackbird: 29 May 3 Sabattis rd (MK). Common Grackle: numerous flocks thru 2nd week Apr. Brown-headed Cowbird: numerous, flocks thru 3rd week Apr. Scarlet Tanager: 1 May 21; 2 May 22 RB (MK); 1 May 11 Saranac Inn (EA, HD). Cardinal: 1 May 3 singing North Creek (DMcI); pair May 30 Westport (GC). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: female May 7; pair May 13 TL (RM); female May 3 Sabattis; male May 9 RB; up to 6 thru period SL & LP (MK); female May 6 SL (Muncil). Indigo Bunting: 2 May 22 SL (EA). Evening Grosbeak: 30 May 2 Blue Mountain (DMcI); 30 May 6; 5 pairs later TL (RM); 36 Apr 2 dwindling to 10 to 15 thru period RB; 24 May 3 Sabattis (MK); 30 Apr 13; 4 May 8 SL (HD); up to 10 thru period SL village (JK). Purple Finch: 30 to 40 by May 15 (RM); few other areas. Common Redpoll: stayed late; 2 Apr 13 Amp B SL (GTC); small flock Apr 1 TL (RM); 20 Apr 7; last Apr 11 SL (JK); last May 7 RB (MK); 8 Apr 8 Trudeau rd SL (EA, HD). Pine Siskin: 30 Apr 14 to 18; 1 May 24 RB (MK); 20 Apr 23 Forest Home rd (HD); last May 25 SL (JK). American Goldfinch: 1 Apr 30 TL (RM); back middle May SL & RB. Red Crossbill: 4 May 24 RB (MK); 25 May 22 SL (JK); 10 maximum May 25 three 31, seen feeding on Elm keys and bits of Balsam bough E'town (GC). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 May 10 TL (RM). Savannah Sparrow: 2 May 24 LP (MK); 1 Apr 28 LP (JK); back Apr 28 SL (HD). Vesper Sparrow: 1 May 2 Normans Ridge (JK); 1 Apr 30 SL (HD). Slate-colored Junco: good migratory numbers, largest number 100 Apr 18 Vermontville (HT). Tree Sparrow: stayed late again this year, last 1 Apr 30 SL (HD). Chipping Sparrow: Blue Mountain (DMuI); 1 Apr 22 TL (RM); back Apr 30 RB (MK); back Apr 18 SL (EA, HD). Field Sparrow: 1 May 26 SL (HD). White-crowned Sparrow: larger numbers and stayed longer than usual, TL (RM); 4 May 14 thru 18 RB (MK); flock Apr 14 LP (JK); 1 to 9 Apr 17 thru May 23 SL (EA, HD). White-throated Sparrow: our companion at home and abroad as usual, first Apr 17 SL (HD); Apr 22 TL (RM); numbers thru May RB (MK). Fox Sparrow: 1 Apr 20 SL (EA); 1 all winter, there Apr 22 SL (Barnet). Swamp Sparrow: 1 May 23; 2 May 24 RB (MK). Song Sparrow: 3 pair per 2 acres cultivated land about average.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The months of April and May were about normal in temperature and precipitation. The third week of April was cold and wet while spring really blossomed the last week