

Redstart: seemed in slightly better numbers than in recent years, but not up to the late 1950's.

On the 25 mile breeding bird censuses the following species were recorded.

	Dryden	Trumansburg	Branchport	Rushville
Yellow-thr. Vireo	0	0	0	0
Red-eyed Vireo	9	6	0	2
Warbling Vireo	0	3	1	1
Yellow Warbler	8	30	1	9
Magnolia Warbler	1	0	0	0
Bl-thr Green Warb	1	0	0	0
Chestnut-sided Warb	0	2	1	0
Ovenbird	2	1	0	0
Yellowthroat	33	15	17	6
Redstart	1	1	0	1

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: probably nested at Keuka, though nest not found (FG); nested again West Hill, Ithaca, 2 young seen Aug 4 (V & M Hannan). Brown-headed Cowbird: reported as strangely scarce around Canandaigua (AS). Scarlet Tanager: slight increase over last few years though not found on Dryden East 25 mile run this year. Indigo Bunting: absent from some former localities—habitat change. House Finch: 1 young being fed in Elmira (Rosemary Conley), near feeder where first recorded earlier this year. Red Crossbill: last record at Keuka mid-May (FG); last date Horseheads Jun 17 (A. Klieger); however, although no nest was found in Region, there were other reports of late June sightings and of young being fed; still 27 at Barnettes in Ithaca first week June; young being fed at Shepherd home Ithaca Jun 14; 2 young being fed Watkins Glen mid-June (JBr), present there until Jul 5. Savannah and Vesper Sparrows seemed in better numbers than for several years; Henslow's, Grasshopper and Swamp Sparrows scarce.

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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June and July were both wet but moderate in temperatures. August, however, turned hot and dry, and local wild fruit crops and weed seeds both advanced accordingly. The current crop of hawthorne and Black-haw fruits can only be described as impressive. Most land birds appeared to have good nesting success, but several windstorms in early July must have done some damage.

Extensive birding exploration and singing male counts were undertaken in northern Herkimer County, the Tug Hill Plateau, the southern highlands of Onondaga, Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer Counties, and in the high deciduous areas of southwestern Onondaga County. Unfortunately, woodlots local to Syracuse and broken or mixed agricultural-deciduous woodland areas of the Ontario lakeplain were somewhat neglected.

Ornithological positives include: 1) some increase in both Common Nighthawk and Whip-poor-will; 2) increased numbers of Eastern Phoebe and Least Flycatcher; 3) marked increase in Bank and Barn Swallow numbers; 4) a steady increase in breeding Brown Creepers; 5) increase of House Wren, Robin, and Wood Thrush, with possible local range extension of the last; 6) high numbers of Red-eyed Vireo; 7) certain warbler increases—Golden-winged, Parula, Yellow, Blackburnian, Chest-

nut-sided. Rarities were Franklin's Gull, Western Meadowlark, Orchard Oriole, and House Finch.

Negatives are: 1) virtually no white herons; 2) a decline in Black Duck and scarcity of introduced Redhead; 3) apparent extirpation of Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-shouldered, and Marsh Hawks as breeders; 4) a poor early shorebird flight, particularly low in variety and only fair in numbers; 5) a paucity of Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Tree Swallow, and Long-billed Marsh Wren; 6) low numbers of certain deciduous woods warblers—Black-and-white, Cerulean, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, American Redstart; 7) a decline in several open-ground species—Killdeer, Horned Lark, and Vesper Sparrow.

Abbreviations: Brkfld—an all-day car survey of the woods roads of SW Brookfield Twp Jul 5 by MSR and CGS; CV—Camillus Valley; DH—Derby Hill near Texas; F&WBBS—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Survey, Clinton Jul 3 by C. G. Spies, Kasoag Jun 9 by M. S. Rusk, N. Wilmurt Jun 16 by F. G. Scheider, Oneida Jun 24 by B. Peebles; FR—Fox Ridge sugar beet waste impoundments near Port Byron; HIGMA—Howland Island Game Mgt Area near Port Byron; LJGMA—Littlejohn Game Mgt Area in Oswego Co Tug Hill; Onon—Onondaga; RSP—Rome Sand Plains; SP—Sandy Pond; SPI—Sandy Pond inlet; SSSP—Selkirk Shores State Park near Pulaski; Syr—Syracuse; THP—Tug Hill Plateau.

Observers: JRB—J. R. Bart, DC—C. Crumb; FD—F. Ditttrich; FLF—F. LaFrance; DJ—D. Janes; GP—G. Perrigo III; MSR—M. S. Rusk; FGS—F. G. Scheider; GS—G. Smith; JS—J. Snelling; CGS—C. G. Spies; RJS—R. J. Sutliff.

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Corrigenda: Region 5 report spring 1970—

p. 136, Max Snow Goose 9 Apr 26.

p. 139, Olive-sided Flycatcher:—4—May 26–29; Brown Creeper: max 18; Catbird: arr Apr 27.

p. 142, Slate-colored Junco—most counts 10–20 per day.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: dep Jun 5 SP; reported repeatedly at Stillwater Reservoir in Herkimer Co with max 7 Jun 25 (MSR, CGS); also noted Jun 26 Big Moose L (CGS). Pied-billed Grebe: several previously regular sites abandoned—Stevens Pond and Scott Swamp (both near Phoenix), South Bay marsh on Oneida L, and Clay Swamp; max 7 (an ad with 6 young) on Mud L in Webb Twp in Herkimer Co. Double-crested Cormorant: 1 Jun 4 Onon L (FGS) is the only summer report.

Great Blue Heron: 21 active nests with 60 young Cross L, 34 active nests with 83 young near Bridgeport, 3 active nests with 1 young each Three Rivers Game Mgt Area (all DJ); 7 active nests at Old Fly in Pompey Twp (FLF). Common Egret: 1 noted near Jamesville (DC) is only report. Black-crowned Night Heron: singles only—Jun 1 W of Syr (JWP), an imm Jul 25 FR (MSR, CGS), and an ad Aug 9 near Scott Swamp (GS). Least Bittern: newly reported Jul 26 from Oswego area (C. Wernick).

Canada Goose: max 137 Jul 24 FR-HIGMA (GS); unreported away from there. Mallard: broods of 8, 7, 7, 7, 6, and 5 at a Rome marsh; most other counts 10–40 per day with best numbers from FR-HIGMA; markedly decreased in Clay Swamp where highway construction is lowering the water level and creating tremendous disturbance. Black Duck: scarce everywhere—max only 20 at the Rome marsh Jul 24 (FGS); is it succumbing to rising numbers of Mallards, to persistent pesticides, to marsh disturbance and destruction,—or to all three? Pintail: arr Jul 24 Rome marsh (FGS). Green-winged Teal: female with brood of 4 Jun 16 Rome marsh (FGS); the eastern most breeding site known in the Region; singles noted Aug 5 Peterboro Swamp (FLF, FD) and Jun 25 Beaver R in N Herkimer Co (CGS, MSR); arr Jul

31, 2 Onon L (FGS). Blue-winged Teal: scattered broods reported but max only 20 Jul 24 Rome marsh (FGS). Wood Duck: broods of 8-11 reported; max 55, a mixed collection of adults and young, Aug 5 Peterboro Swamp (FLF, FD).

Redhead: max for summer 9 at HIGMA (DC, GS); no evidence of the abundant population artificially established there 7-8 years ago. Only other summering diving ducks were 1 Canvasback Jul 24 HIGMA (DC, GS) and 1 White-winged Scoter Jun 5 L Ontario (FLF); the abundant boating use of local lakes will probably eliminate the few summering diving ducks regularly noted heretofore. Common Merganser: unreported from any area of either the THP or the wilder lakes of N Herkimer Co; this species may have disappeared as a local breeder? disturbance or pesticides?

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: regularly reported, 3-6 per day, from Scott Swamp, HIGMA-FR, and the Mexico-Texas sector; a single Jul 1 Pompey Twp (DC) is most unusual. Goshawk: nest of 2 young banded Jun 24 in Florence Twp by JS; single Jun 23 Webb Twp (CGS). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Jun 15 LJGMA is only the second one FGS has seen in 12 years of checking there; only 2 noted by 18 observers for entire summer. Similarly, Cooper's Hawk was extraordinarily scarce with only 2 reported, both from northern hardwoods locations; no breeding sites known. Red-tailed Hawk: Adirondack max 3 in Webb Twp; multiple sightings in Pompey-Fabius-Georgetown sector (FLF) involving at least 6 pairs. Red-shouldered Hawk: nest of 2 young banded Jun 24 in Florence Twp by JS; otherwise, consistently and in very low numbers, 1-3 per day, reported only from Adirondacks; the only other report is 1 Jun 16 near Rome (FGS); this species must be considered lost as a breeder in most of the Region including both THP and HIGMA, which were checked for them. Broad-winged Hawk: nest of 3 young banded Jun 24 in Florence Twp by JS; regularly reported at Highland Forest in SE Onon Co (DC) and newly reported Jul 19 in Onon Twp (MSR, CGS); multiple sightings of 1-4 per day in THP and many singles in Webb Twp.

Bald Eagle: imm Jul 17 on N shore of Oneida L (DJ); 2 adults first half of Jul N end of Cross L (Mrs. Bennett fide DJ). Marsh Hawk: very very scarce—a single male Jun 28 Richland (MSR, CGS) and 1 of undetermined sex Jul 5 LJGMA (GP) are the only summer reports! Osprey: noted again in Webb Twp; a pair that attempted nesting in 1969 at Stillwater Reservoir were shot by an unknown gunner. Sparrow Hawk: max for summer 9 in 1 group Aug 6 Clay Twp and 10 Aug 8 Port Byron-FR area (both CGS).

Ruffed Grouse: multiple brood sightings of 6-10 per brood in all sectors but especially in THP and Adirondacks. Gray Partridge: pair Jun 3 in Pompey Twp (FLF) is proof of persistent overwintering success there. Virginia Rail: broods of 3 Jun 14 near Jordan (FD) and of 6 Jun 16 in Rome marsh (FGS); a single Jun 10 in Fabius (FLF)—heretofore unreported there. American Coot: single only at FR thru summer—despite its being fantastically common at Montezuma NWR, it is at best a rare and irregular breeder in Region 5 even as close to Montezuma as FR-HIGMA.

Common Snipe: newly noted at different sites in Fabius (FLF), S Onon (GS), the Rome marsh (FGS), and 1 in active courtship Jun 17 at Stillwater Reservoir. Upland Plover: newly reported Jun 25 in upland farm country at Georgetown (FLF).

Shorebird arrivals—Semipalmated Plover: Jul 20, 1 Onon L. Black-bellied Plover: Aug 11, 1 Onon L. Ruddy Turnstone: Aug 2, 3 SPI. Solitary Sandpiper: Jun 30, 1 Pompey Twp (DC). Greater Yellowlegs: Jul 16, 1 Nine Mile Pt on L Ontario E of Oswego. Lesser Yellowlegs: Jun 28, 1 Onon L. Knot: Jul 22, 1 Nine Mile Pt. Pectoral Sandpiper: Jul 18, 2 Nine Mile Pt. White-rumped Sandpiper: Aug 4, 1 Onon L. Baird's Sandpiper: Aug 9, 1 Nine Mile Pt. Least Sandpiper: Jul 2, 3 Onon L. Short-billed Dowitcher: Jul 14, Onon L. Stilt Sandpiper: Jul 15, 1 Onon L. Semipalmated Sandpiper: Jul 16, 2 Nine Mile Pt. Western Sandpiper: Jul 30, 1 FR (FGS).

Sanderling: Jul 20, 13 Onon L. Wilson's Phalarope: Aug 2, 2 Nine Mile Pt (FLF, RJS).

Great Black-backed Gull: last noted Jun 19 SPI. Herring Gull: 18 nests on Long Is in Oneida L Jun 7 and some nests (not counted) on Wantry Is, the only one of the Oneida L islands to have both Herring and Ring-billed Gulls and also Common Terns breeding (all JRB). Ring-billed Gull. 300-500 per day at SPI and similar numbers at Nine Mile Pt; breeding on Wantry but not on Long or Grassy Island in Oneida L (JRB). *FRANKLIN'S GULL*: subadult Jul 19-Aug 1 Onon L (FLF, mob); a similar subadult Aug 3-16 SPI (FLF, RJS, mob); usually we get only 1 in 2 years. Common Tern: colony at Carl Is SP had 28 nests and 70 adults Jun 14 (MSR, CGS); Wantry Is had 103 nests (only 2 with chicks, the rest with eggs) Jul 17 (DJ); Long Is had 335 nests and Grassy Is (the only 1 of the 3 islands with neither gull nesting) 354 nests, both Jun 7 (JRB); average clutch size on the Oneida L islands was 2-plus eggs (JRB); low fledging success on the Oneida L islands considered due to high water in Jun (fide JRB). Black Tern: very scarce as local breeder—max 15 in marsh in S end of SP; South Bay Rd colony in N Syr and Clay Swamp colonies have been destroyed by recent road construction, and there is no evidence that *any* Black Terns nested in Scott Swamp this year.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: extremely scarce—only 2 singles reported by 18 observers for entire period. Black-billed Cuckoo: only 23 noted by 18 observers and many observers saw none. Both cuckoos seem to be rapidly following the local hawks into oblivion; ? is this true across the state? Barn Owl: only report 1 Jun 1 Syr (J. W. Propst). Screech Owl: new locations, all in southern hill country, at Otisco Aug 8 (CGS), Navarino, and S Onon. Great Horned Owl: 1 each at Cicero and Port Byron, both new locations. Barred Owl: 1 Jun 14 at RSP (D. Ackley, P. & S. Paquette) and 2 Jul 9 CV (DC) are definitely new sites; 1-4 per day in Eagle Bay-Big Moose-Stillwater sector of Herkimer Co.

GOATSUCKERS—SHRIKES: Whip-poor-will: nest with 2 eggs found May 30 at Pineville in Oswego Co (MSR, CGS), seen by many thereafter, photographed, and the 2 young seen Jun 18 (DC); local high counts include 7 May 30 Happy Valley Game Mgt Area near Parish and 11 Jun 4 W Vienna Twp (both, CGS, MSR), also 13 Jun 16 Vienna Twp (B. & S. Peebles); may be on the upswing in favored sectors. Common Nighthawk: max 18 Jul 2 Syr (CGS); repeated surveys of Syr by 3 observers revealed approximately 33 pairs utilizing city sites. Chimney Swift: summer max 49 Jul 31 Syr-Baldwinsville-Fulton (CGS). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: extraordinarily scarce around Syr—only 3 singles noted by 18 observers in the Ontario lakeplain country; max 11 Jun 17 Big Moose-Beaver R in Webb Twp (FGS); regularly reported, 1-4 per day, thru Jun in THP.

Yellow-shafted Flicker: appears to be increasing locally—10-24 per day with the best count 29 Jun 17 Big Moose-Beaver R. Pileated Woodpecker: singles Jun 5 Salmon R reservoir and Jun 15 LJGMA, both THP locales where it is scarce; also Jul 5 W of Cazenovia (CGS). Red-headed Woodpecker: increasing Pompey-Fabius with 5 sites detected (FLF); negatively, the 3 S Onon pairs (cf. 1969) are down to 1 (GS). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: counts 7-18 per day in THP and Adirondacks; also regularly present in returning hardwood forests and upland swamps of S Madison and S Onon Cos (FLF); high of 11 on N Wilmurt F&WBBS (previous high 6). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 4 birds at 3 separate sites in N and N-central Herkimer Co (FGS, MSR, CGS, K. Slotnick).

Eastern Kingbird: widely reported with many at farmhouse sites in Pompey and Fabius Twps (DC); max 11 Clinton F&WBBS; a tally of 50 Jul 26 Syr to W Winfield probably represented both breeders and early migrants (CGS). Eastern Phoebe: 6 on both Kasoag and N Wilmurt F&WBBS; max 8 Jun 7 Oswego Co (GS). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: max 6 per day Jun 17-18 Big Moose-Beaver R (FGS); 1 Jun 22 near Boonville in Adirondack fringes (MSR); none reported from non-Adirondack

sectors. Traill's Flycatcher: multiple sites in FR vicinity with total of 20 "fitz-bew" and 1 "waybeo" Jul 25 (CGS); 5 "fitz-bew" and 3 "waybeo" in CV Jun 13 (mob); Adirondack max only 9 "waybeo" Jun 17 along 12 miles of railroad (FGS). Least Flycatcher: max 79 Jun 6 in 7 miles of THP roads in Redfield Twp (FGS); 24 on N Wilmurt F&WBBS, the most in 4 years of steady increase, but Kasoag F&WBBS seems stable with 10-16 over the 5 years. Eastern Wood Pewee: 6-29 per day in all sectors—as common in Adirondacks as in CV. Olive-sided Flycatcher: multiple Adirondack sightings; only other is 1 Jun 15 LJGMA in THP (FGS).

Horned Lark: very scarce this summer—most observers reported 1-2 per day only; changes in land use in Onon Co with much cropland now gone fallow awaiting speculative development and the high mowing pattern on highways and at airports has cut down sharply on available breeding sites for this species, which deserves close watching in the next 5-10 years. Tree Swallow: extraordinarily scarce with no summer tallies over 90 per day; most observers had 20-30 per day and only at favored areas; not only are numbers low but also numerous reports of nesting failures were received (DC). Bank Swallow: intensive search for colonies showed many present—26 active holes at DeWitt (W. Brosseau), 50 DeRuyter Reservoir (FLF), 97 near Carter Station in Herkimer Co (CGS), 173 Fulton (CGS), 160 near Lenox Furnace (MSR), 410 Clay Twp (FGS). Barn Swallow: just the reverse of Tree Swallow with counts of 40-300 per day in all sectors; at least 7 active nests on rock ledges at Nine Mile Pt Jun 20 (CGS, MSR)—unusual for the species to use a natural site; many barns with multiple nests noted and 32 nests on Big Moose RR station. Cliff Swallow: colony at Georgetown abandoned for first time "in years" (FLF); no colonies found on S shore of Oneida L, although colonies of 10 nests at Toad Harbor, 14 at W Monroe, 23 at Pineville—all N shore or sub-THP sites (CGS); also 16 active nests Lacona Jul 4 (GP). Migrant swallows—2000-6000 Bank Swallows per day Aug 1-10, 600-1100 Barn Swallows per day Aug 1-15, and 500-1000 Purple Martins per day Aug 1-15, all at SP (GP), obviously a huge gulp of swallows. 500-600 Purple Martins per day Aug 13-15 at Mexico Pt and DH (mob).

Blue Jay: 9 migrating by DH Jun 19—extraordinarily late! Black-capped Chickadee: many small family flocks reported throughout; max 24 Brkfld; Adirondack max 20 in 12 miles Jun 17. Tufted Titmouse: a single in bog at Carpenter's Pond in Pompey Twp Jun 20 (FLF)—a most unusual locale. Red-breasted Nuthatch: multiple sightings at SSSP, RSP, Boonville, and widely reported throughout Adirondacks; however, the only reports from the southern highlands are 2 Pratts Falls in Pompey Twp Aug 6 (DC) and Brkfld Jul 4-5 (MSR, CGS), despite checking of numerous other sites by FLF. Brown Creeper: with dying trees all about, we must consider this now a pan-regional breeding species; a nest was reported in a Fayetteville backyard this year. (fide K. Slotnick).

House Wren: up on Kasoag, N Wilmurt, and Clinton F&WBBS; numbers higher throughout with max 17 Jun 13 CV (FGS). Winter Wren: moderate numbers on all THP walking surveys, e.g. 2-5 per day Jun 5, 6, 15, and 25, but unreported from southern highlands except for 1 near Nelson Jul 4 (MSR, CGS). Long-billed Marsh Wren: very scarce even in favored areas; max 8 Jun 14 SP marshes (CGS, MSR) and Jul 2 Clay Swamp (FGS); counts of 8-20 per day in early Aug SP (GP) undoubtedly include young of the year. Short-billed Marsh Wren: 3 vigorously singing males in Toad Harbor colony near W Monroe; 1 on Catfish Rd in New Haven Twp, a new site, Jul 16-18 (DC, mob); unreported from grassy marshes at SP-SSSP. Mockingbird: nest with young E of Jamesville with multiple sightings nearby (DC); 1 singing vigorously Jun 25 in an area of N Syr where the species has not been reported heretofore; birds also at Brewerton, Parish, and Hannibal (fide B. Burt). Catbird: number dropping steadily, 20 to 7, on Kasoag F&WBBS. Brown Thrasher: max 12 N Wilmurt F&WBBS; 1 noted Carter Sta in N Herkimer Co, where it is rare, Jun 22 (MSR).

Robin: definitely on the increase—up on N Wilmurt and Clinton F&WBBS; many tallies 50–80 per day and in all sectors. Wood Thrush: 42 Brkfld, 2 5 Clinton F&WBBS, 11 in 4.5 miles of woods roads in Redfield Twp (FGS). Hermit Thrush: most tallies 3–8 per day with 1–3 per day Fabius Twp (FLF), 7 in Brkfld, and 8 on N Wilmurt F&WBBS; low in RSP with only 5 in 6.5 miles of RR and woods roads (FGS); max 17 Aug 1 Forestport area (MSR, CGS). Swainson's Thrush: 10 in 5 miles Jun 6 and 9 in 4.5 miles Jun 15 of Redfield Twp woods roads (FGS). Eastern Bluebird: at least 19 sites, the majority with nesting evidence, reported in the Region.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1 in natural spruce Jun 6 near Redfield (FGS); noted at 3 different sites in spruce plantations E of S Hamilton Jun 25 (R. F. Andriele) and 2 Brkfld. Cedar Waxwing: 2 still migrating Jun 19 DH; reported widely with 45 in 4 miles Jun 25 THP and 58 Jun 17 Webb Twp. Loggerhead Shrike: singles sighted near Port Ontario Jun 3 and Williamstown Jun 25–28 (FGS, mob).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: best numbers from N-S valleys around Syr, e.g. max 11 Jun 13 CV; 7 in 5 miles of woods roads Redfield Twp Jun 6, somewhat high for that sector. Solitary Vireo: a low THP count of 4 in 4 miles Williamstown Twp Jun 25; unreported from hill country around Fabius but 4 noted Brkfld. Red-eyed Vireo: extremely common in THP with 94 in 5 miles of Redfield Twp woods roads Jun 3; also 94 on N Wilmurt but only 17 on Kasoag F&WBBS; 65 in 9 miles Big Moose-to-Beaver R Jun 17. Warbling Vireo: max 14 Jun 6 CV; 10 on Kasoag F&WBBS, a definite increase.

Black-and-white Warbler: very scarce at CV with max for that area only 3 Jun 13 (mob); still reasonably common, 3–5 per day, in THP and Adirondacks, with max 7 Jun 18 Big Moose lumber roads (FGS). Golden-winged Warbler: 2 Jun 12–14 Oswego (C. Wernick) are new locations; 2 on N Wilmurt F&WBBS where breeding was not suspected prior to 1969; also 6, the highest tally in 5 years, on Kasoag F&WBBS. Blue-winged Warbler: definite breeding—adult feeding recently fledged young—June 14 Onon valley (GS); noted again at Pompey and newly noted in Georgetown (both FLF). 2 Brewster's Warblers, fewer than usual, were reported this summer. Nashville Warbler: local concentration in RSP with 25 in a day Jun 13 including 14 in 6.5 miles of RR and woods (FGS); 1–5 per day in THP; 1–2 per day in southern highlands with 1 carrying food Jul 5 Brkfld; 1 feeding young CV Jun 13 establishes breeding there (FGS, mob). Parula Warbler: 15 in 20 miles of trails Jun 23–26 Big Moose and vcy (CGS). Yellow Warbler: max 84 Jun 4 SW Onon Co (GS); 46 Jun 13 CV; first migrants Jul 2 N Syr. Magnolia Warbler: Adirondack max 36 in 9 miles Big Moose-to-Beaver R Jun 17 (FGS); THP max a mere 11 in 4 miles Williamstown Twp Jun 25; in southern highlands 4 in 1 mile Georgetown Jun 28 (FLF) and 13 Brkfld. Black-throated Blue Warbler: Adirondack tallies excellent—15 in 9 miles and 10 in 5 miles in Webb Twp; in THP 16 in 5 miles Jun 5 and 8 in 4 miles Jun 25, both in Redfield Twp; none detected in any checked sectors (Fabius, Georgetown, Brkfld—mob) of southern highlands where formerly intermittently reported; 1 singing Jun 13 CV (MSR) can only be regarded as an anomaly. Myrtle Warbler: 35 in 9 miles Big Moose-to-Beaver R Jun 17, and 18 while canoeing 3 miles of Big Moose lakeshore Jun 26; in THP rather uncommon, only 1–4 per day despite much tramping; only singles in southern highlands (FLF, MSR, CGS) but 5 in RSP Jun 13 (D. W. Ackley, P. & S. Paquette). Black-throated Green Warbler: 13 in 3 miles Beaver R-to-Mud L Jun 24 (CGS, MSR) and 9 in 5 miles of Webb Twp lumber roads Jun 17 (FGS); in THP 17 and 15, Jun 5 and 6 respectively, in separate 5-mile woods road transects (FGS); a common warbler, probably the most common Dendroica, in southern highlands conifer plantations—2–4 per day in plantations at Muller Hill (DeRuyter Twp), Morgan Hill (Fabius Twp) and Georgetown (FLF, FD) and 33 Brkfld.

Cerulean Warbler: max 11, very low, Jun 13 in all of CV (mob) where 10 years

ago 18–20 per day were regular; rediscovered at Toad Harbor (MSR); newly located Jul 2 at Clay Swamp (FGS). Blackburnian Warbler: numbers appear up in both Adirondacks and THP—51 in 9 miles Big Moose-to-Beaver R Jun 17, 23 in 5 miles Jun 18 and 14 in 3 miles Jun 24 of Webb Twp lumber roads (FGS, CGS); 12 in 5 miles and 11 in 4.5 miles in Redfield Twp (JRB, FGS) and 20 in 4.5 miles Williamstown Twp (FGS); 1–3 per day in southern highlands (FLF, CGS). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 17 in 9 miles Big Moose-to-Beaver R (too coniferous to be considered prime habitat); 40 on N Wilmurt F&WBBS; THP counts excellent—25 in 5 miles Jun 6 and 49 in 4.5 miles Jun 15, both Redfield Twp, and 30 in 4.5 miles Williamstown Twp Jun 25; 2–4 per day (low) in southern highlands. Blackpoll Warbler: total of 5 males giving the territorial song Jun 17–18 Big Moose-Beaver R area (FGS); not found there Jun 22 nor 26 despite intensive searching by MSR and CGS. Pine Warbler: not located this year in the pine stands E of Boonville.

Ovenbird: 18 in 12 miles Jun 25 and 14 in 3 miles Jun 24, both Webb Twp (MSR, CGS); 12–14 per day in 5–6 miles and 12 in 4 miles THP (FGS); in Syr vicinity, however, very scarce, 1–3 per day, this true as far south as Fabius-Pompey; but 27 Brkfld is high. Northern Waterthrush: max 11 in 4.5 miles LJGMA Jun 15 (JRB, FGS) and 5 in 4.5 miles Williamstown Twp Jun 25 but, contrasting with these THP counts, *none* noted Jun 17–18 or 22–26 in Webb Twp in the Adirondacks. Louisiana Waterthrush: newly located at 950 ft. at Perryville Jul 4 and at 1100 ft. at Pompey Hollow gorge Jul 5 (both CGS, MSR).

Mourning Warbler: 1–4 per day Webb Twp Jun 17–26; in THP 12–14 per day in 4–5 miles of careful counting (FLF, RJS, mob); max 6 in CV Jun 13 (mob); scarce in southern highlands with 2–3 per day (mob). Yellowthroat: common in all sectors with Adirondack max 24 in 9 miles Big Moose-to-Beaver R Jun 17, 7–14 per day in THP, and on F&WBBSs 44 N Wilmurt, 23 Oneida and Kasoag, and 21 Clinton. Hooded Warbler: total of 10 singing males in 3 different Redfield Twp locations (FGS); 1 Jun 28 at Mycenae (MSR, CGS) and 1 Aug 2–15 near Lycoming (FGS)—all Onon escarpment and L Ontario sites, of which these last 2 reports respectively are examples, had been deserted for at least 2 years. Canada Warbler: Adirondack max 27 Jun 17 Big Moose-to-Beaver R and 19 Jun 18 in 5 miles Webb Twp; THP max 13 in 2 miles in Redfield Twp; 15 in 6.5 miles RSP (all FGS); in all censused sectors of southern highlands only 1–2 per day, very scarce (FLF, mob). American Redstart: Adirondack max 23 Jun 23 in 6.5 miles Twitchell Creek-to-Beaver R (MSR, CGS); in THP very high counts of 89 and 86 Jun 5 and 6 respectively in Redfield Twp (FGS); 1–7 per day in DeRuyter Twp (FLF) and Brkfld (CGS); only 38 in 10 miles of CV Jun 13 (mob).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: max for summer 25 Aug 9 Nine Mile Pt. WESTERN MEADOWLARK: 1 singing and calling vigorously Jun 21–25 near Canastota (MSR, CGS); no others reported. ORCHARD ORIOLE: imm male at CV Jun 13; also a pair including a fully adult male reared 2 young CV (photographed by DC). Baltimore Oriole: still migrating by DH Jun 19, 6 (FGS); summer max 60 Jun 13 CV. Rusty Blackbird: 8–10 per day thru summer in Webb Twp with max 20 Jun 23 Big Moose-to-Beaver R. Scarlet Tanager: 8–10 per day in THP and Adirondacks; however, max 22 Jun 13 C V (mob).

Cardinal: reported at both Morgan Hill and Arab Hill in Fabius Twp (FLF) and near Stokes N of Rome (CGS). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 6–14 per day in THP sectors and 5–10 per day in Adirondacks; in southern highlands usually 2–7 per day (FLF) but 17 Brkfld. Indigo Bunting: up on N Wilmurt F&WBBS to 20, from previous high of 6, and on Clinton from 1 to 13. Evening Grosbeak: 1–2 per day in Webb Twp; none in THP. Purple Finch: 2 pairs with young in Morrisville (A. Carter); 7–26 per day in Adirondacks; noted in small numbers, 5–10 per day, along L Ontario shore (Oswego—F. Vanghel, Nine Mile Pt—FGS). HOUSE FINCH: a pair Jun 28 Syr (CGS) is first summer Regional record. Rufous-sided Towhee: max

40 Jun 14 RSP, obviously a center for them; in numbers, 28 in a day, in Forestport Twp; 1 Jun 22 near Carter Station (CGS).

Savannah Sparrow: disappearing in the hay fields subjected to early cutting in N Onon and S Oswego Cos; however, common and perhaps increasing in southern highlands hay country where cuttings are later. Grasshopper Sparrow: newly located near N Wilmurt; also Richland Airport, Mexico Twp, Volney Twp, W Monroe Twp, Parish Twp (2 sites), and Amboy, all in Oswego Co; in Kirkland Twp, Cazenovia, Skaneateles Twp (2 sites), Cardiff, and Brkfld, all in the southern highlands. Henslow's Sparrow: new site Jul 5 near Cazenovia (MSR, CGS); 5 sites in N Clay Twp; the Port Byron vcy colonies were not detected this summer although birds were regularly reported there thru May. Vesper Sparrow: scarce throughout area—usually 2–7 per day only; as less and less row crop farming prevails, the species will grow even scarcer.

Slate-colored Junco: scarce this year in THP with max only 10 Jun 6; 30 (high) Brkfld; and 3–4 per day elsewhere in southern highlands—Muller, Arab, and Morgan Hills (FLF). Chipping Sparrow: up on both N Wilmurt and Clinton F&WBBSs with 40 and 41 respectively (previous high for both 18). White-throated Sparrow: 60 (high) Jun 14 RSP and 60–70 per day along 9 miles of RR in Webb Twp; newly located at Muller Hill in the southern highlands and again detected at Peterboro Swamp (FLF, FD); 1 Jun 20 at Toad Harbor (CGS) may be a stray from known Oneida L N-shore sites farther N and E. Lincoln's Sparrow: max 9 per day in Webb Twp Jun 17 (FGS); also 5 at different sites there Jun 25 (MSR, CGS). Song Sparrow: very good numbers locally—15–50 per day, and certain roadside counts 130–170 per day (CGS).

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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It was an extremely wet June with 6.45 inches of rain and variable temperatures from unseasonable cold to hot. The wet spell continued during the first half of July followed by very hot days throughout most of the rest of the period. There was high of 92 degrees on July 30. A heat wave with high humidity and temperatures in the 80's, and only a few scattered showers during the first half of August left much of the region parched.

High water pertained along eastern Lake Ontario shores until early Aug with a heavy alewife kill. Numbers of shorebirds thru the end of the period seemed generally low. The best species during this period, a Willet, has not been recorded here since 1957.

Localities: BCW—Brookside Cemetery, Watertown; CD—Camp Drum; ED—El Dorado; Jeff Co—Jefferson County; PRGMA—Perch River Game Management Area; SL Co—St. Lawrence County; THGMA—Tug Hill Game Management Area; THP—Tug Hill Plateau; Wat—Watertown; WHGMA—Wilson Hill Game Management Area.

Observers: JB—John Belknap; LC—Lee Chamberlaine; FC—Frank Clinch; DG—David Gordon; G&BP—Blenn and Betty Perrigo; MW—Mark Wolfe.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: in July at Crystal L, Jeff Co; Round L, SL Co (MW) as they are on most small lakes in this region. Pied-billed Grebe: common PRGMA. Great Blue Heron: visit to PRGMA herony Jun 29 found only one small, old, tilted nest vacant; no herons nested in this swamp altho adults were present all summer at PRGMA (DG). Green Heron: common. *COMMON EGRET*: 1 during period WHGMA (fide LC). American Bittern: common PRGMA. Canada Goose: 940 trapped for banding WHGMA Jul 14; 197 trapped for banding Perch Lake