

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

Jul 13 (LC). Mallard and Black Ducks: flocking in early Aug PRGMA and L Ont. Gadwall: 1 Aug 15 ED (G&BP). Pintail: Aug 4-15 ED. Green-winged and Blue-winged Teal: flocking in large numbers. American Widgeon: 1 Aug 3 ED (G&BP). Shoveler: last Jun 13 PRGMA (MW)—late. Wood Duck: common thruout. Greater Scaup: 1 Aug 4 ED (DG). Hooded Merganser: 2 females BCW Jun 6 (DG).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: pair nested Wellesley Is., 1 juv seen Jun 26 (FC). Red-tailed Hawk: appeared common. Broad-winged Hawk: Jul 25 southern SL Co (MW). **GOLDEN EAGLE:** 1 probably adult Jun 6 Cat Mountain near Wanakena (MW). Bald Eagle: 1 first wk Aug Perch L (fide LC). Marsh Hawk and Sparrow Hawk: both regularly seen thru period. Ruffed Grouse: reports indicate increasing population. Gray Partridge: 5 broods near Henderson, max in one brood 13 young (LC). Turkey: Wellesley Is. (FC). Virginia Rail and Sora: both PRGMA Aug. Common Gallinule: usual high population PRGMA thru period.

Semipalmated Plover: last Jun 13 (MW); Jul 31-Aug 15 ED. Ruddy Turnstone: Jul 31-Aug 15 ED. Upland Plover: several sightings. Solitary Sandpiper: Aug 1 BCW; Aug 15 ED (G&BP). **WILLET:** 1 ED Jul 31-Aug 4 (DG) seen several times, the second known Regional record. Greater Yellowlegs: Aug 12-15. Lesser Yellowlegs: common Jul 16-Aug 15 ED. Pectoral Sandpiper: Aug 3-8. Least Sandpiper: Jul 16-Aug 15. Short-billed Dowitcher: Jul 16-31. Stilt Sandpiper: singles Jul 31, Aug 1, 10 ED. Semipalmated Sandpiper: last Jun 13; Jul 21-Aug 15; 500 max Aug 12 (G&BP). Sanderling: Jul 23-Aug 15. **WILSON'S PHALAROPE:** 2 ED Aug 10 (DG).

Bonaparte's Gull: 4 Aug 10 ED (DG). Common Tern: low numbers seen along L Ontario until late July. Caspian Tern: Jun 13 ED; Jul 21-Aug 15 ED. Black Tern: thruout period. Screech Owl: nested in barn Wat, 4 young being fed Jun 25 (MW).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Ruby-throated Hummingbird: common THP. Belted Kingfisher: common thruout. Pileated Woodpecker: seemed to have increased in So Jeff Co this year. Red-headed Woodpecker: several records in vicinity Wat. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: common THP. Traill's Flycatcher: THP and So Jeff Co. All other flycatchers common except Olive-sided for which no report. Rough-winged Swallow: July 18-19 Crystal L, Jeff Co; Jul 22 near Wat (MW). Cliff Swallow: an ~~erotic~~ species in this region but colony at High Market, THP, where it has been for many consecutive years. Brown Creeper: common THP. Winter Wren: common THP. Long-billed Marsh Wren: common PRGMA. Mockingbird: nest with 3 small young Jul 3 near Gouverneur (JB). Eastern Bluebird: pair feeding young near Brownville Jun 13 (DG); very few other reports. Golden-crowned Kinglet: small flock Aug 15 THGMA where they probably breed (DG).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: Jun 6 near Wanakena. Red-eyed Vireo: probably commonest songbird in deciduous woods. Black-and-white Warbler: common. Golden-winged Warbler: nest with 2 eggs Jun 2, 2 young in nest Jun 11-18, one mi W Natural Dam near Gouverneur (JB). Nashville Warbler: several Jeff Co records. Parula Warbler: Jun 6 near Wanakena (MW). Yellow Warbler: common. Magnolia and Black-throated Blue Warblers: common THP. Myrtle Warbler: THGMA and Adirondacks. Black-throated Green, Blackburnian and Chestnut-sided Warblers: THGMA and elsewhere. Pine Warbler: singles Jun 14-21 Crystal L, Jeff Co (MW). Ovenbird: population may be low locally. Northern Waterthrush: THGMA and elsewhere. Mourning Warbler: few records locally this year. Yellow-throat: common. Canada Warbler: common THP. American Redstart: common.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Scarlet Tanager: male beginning molt Aug 15 THGMA. Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 singing near Limerick Jun 13 (DG) only report. Slate-colored Junco: feeding fledged young early Aug THGMA. Swamp Sparrow: only sparrow of more common species that seemed scarce.

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