

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: max 120 Sep 3 Norway (VB) high; dep Sep 20, 1 HIGMA (MSR)-early. Eastern Meadowlark: max 70 Oct 9 Redfield. Redwinged Blackbird: max 5200 Sep 28 Port Ont to SP. Baltimore Oriole: max 30 Aug 16 SP; dep Sep 25, 1 Pratts Falls. Rusty Blackbird: arr Sep 24, 1 SSSP; max 100 Nov 14 Peat Swamp near Clay. Common Grackle: max 8000 Oct 11 SSSP. Brown-headed Cowbird: max 1300 Oct 18 Highland Park & Labrador Pond, both near Tully. Scarlet Tanager: max 13 Sep 15 NPT (FGS) high; dep Oct 10, 2 Ninemile Pt.

Cardinal: max 14 Nov 12 BL, HIGMA, and 10 Nov 26 Herkimer; usually 2-5 per day. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 22 Sep 22 N Syr and 19 Sep 15 NPT (both FGS)-high; dep Oct 9, 1 NPT. Indigo Bunting: max and dep 5 Oct 6 Lysander Twp & HIGMA (FGS)-late for the max; usually 1-2 per day. Evening Grosbeak: arr Oct 16, 1 Syr; max 150 Nov 8 DH. Purple Finch: max 17 Oct 14 Oswego. *HOUSE FINCH*: 2 im Sep 28 and 2 including 1 ad male Oct 1 both Syr (both CGS,MSR)-only reports of this recent arrival to Region 5. Pine Grosbeak: 1 Nov 30 BM (BB)-only report. Pine Siskin: 2 Nov 8 DH (GAS,DWC)-only report. American Goldfinch: max 1070 Oct 25 DH&SP (FGS)-a record high; very numerous throughout period.

Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Sep 5 Woods L near BM (CGS) is an unusual location; max 42 Oct 7 NPT (DWC,C&EF)-migrant high. Savannah Sparrow: max 75 Sep 7 SPT (FJL) and 55 Sep 24 NM (FGS) are record high counts; dep Nov 8, 1 NM. Grasshopper Sparrow: max 2 Aug 16 NM; dep Aug 23, 1 singing near Volney (CGS)-early. Henslow's Sparrow: 1 singing Oct 13 NPT; dep 1 dead, killed night of Oct 16-17, NPT (CGS)-late. Vesper Sparrow: max 60 Oct 16 North Bay (B. & S. Peebles) and 25 Oct 16 Holland Patent (J. & E. VanDresar) are average counts but high for recent years; dep Nov 2, 2 NPT. Slate-colored Junco: arr Sep 12, 1 SP (FGS)-early; max 150 Oct 17 SSSP. Tree Sparrow: arr Oct 24, 2 NPT; max 110 Nov 16 NPT (DWC)-low. Chipping Sparrow: max 65 Oct 13 NPT; dep Nov 7, 1 DH. Field Sparrow: max 75 Oct 17 Holland Patent (J. & E. VanDresar)-highest of past 10 years. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Sep 10, 10 New Hartford (VB)-record early; max 70 Oct 10 NM to Fernwood (FGS)-low; dep Nov 6, 1 SPT. White-throated Sparrow: arr Aug 16, 1 SP (FGS)-early; max 425 Oct 7 NPT (DWC, C&EF) and 268 Oct 6 Lysander Twp & HIGMA (FGS)-better than average. Fox Sparrow: arr Sep 28, 1 SP (GAS) early; max 32 Nov 6 NPT (DWC) record high, but away from NPT far less common, e.g. max 5 Oct 29 HIGMA (FGS) Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Sep 9, 1 SPT; max 5 Oct 6 Lysander Twp & HIGMA (FGS)-high; dep Oct 18, 1 NPT; total of 40 birds from 21 observers. Swamp Sparrow: max 28 Oct 1 DH&SP; Song Sparrow: max 186 Oct 6 Lysander Twp & HIGMA. Lapland Longspur: arr Oct 10, 6 NM; max 22 Oct 23 (JWP)-record high; 3 Nov 25 Syr Airport is only report away from L Ont. Snow Bunting: arr Oct 17, 5 SP; max 400 Nov 27 NM. 220 Ostrom Ave., Syracuse 13210

REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Mild weather lasted through mid-October, with a hard frost on the 17th. Late October continued mild-the month averaging 1.7°F. above normal at Watertown. November was more seasonable with some ice formation on the 8th and 9th. Late November brought snow on the 24th. This was followed by rain and milder weather with the ground bare and frost-free as the month ended. Precipitation was ample throughout the period.

Abbreviations: ED—El Dorado; Jeff Co—Jefferson County; L Ont—Lake Ontario; St L Riv—St. Lawrence River; PRGMA—Perch River Game Management Area;

WHGMA—Wilson Hill Game Management Area; RMSPD—Robert Moses State Park and Power Dam.

Observers: JB—John Belknap; FC—Frank Clinch; DG—David Gordon; GP—Glenn Perrigo; TK—Thomas Kurzrock; J&DA—Judy and Douglass Allen; J&RW—June and Robert Walker; RB—Richard Brouse.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: several Oct & Nov along L Ont (DG). Red-throated Loon: 1 Nov 25 near Morristown, St L Riv (R.Long). Horned Grebe: present during Nov along L Ont (DG); 1 Nov 26 at RMSPD (J&DA). Pied-billed Grebe: still present Nov 19 in Jeff Co (JB). Green Heron: last date Oct 12 (DG). Great Blue Heron: 1 Nov 26 at RMSPD (J&DA). Brant: est 100 Nov 7 at Dexter Marsh (TK). Blue-winged Teal: Nov 14 (late) (TK). All three species of Scoters present Oct 31 at ED (RB). Ring-necked Duck: Oct 3 (early) Dexter Marsh (TK); 1 Nov 28 WHGMA (J&DA). Ruddy Duck: rather rare in Region—several seen during Nov in Jeff Co. COMMON EIDER: 2 to 5 latter half of Nov at ED either females or immatures (fide RB& J&RW).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: last date Oct 14 (JB). Peregrine Falcon: ED Oct 3 (DG) and Oct 12 (GP) immature, perhaps the same bird. Pigeon Hawk: Oct 12 ED (GP) immature. Rough-legged Hawk: first noted Oct 28 with a rather light flight thereafter (JB); several in No St Lawrence Co last week in Nov. Barred Owl: 1 Sept 19 in southeast St Lawrence Co (Sheffields) this species seldom reported. Coot: plentiful during Nov with 2 still present Nov 27 at Chaumont (JB) and 1 at RMSPD on same date (J&DA). Virginia Rail: 1 Oct 8 at PRGMA (RB). Pomarine Jaeger: 1 Sept 26 at ED (fide Shepherd & GP). Semipalmated Plover: present through Oct 11 at ED (GP). Black-bellied Plover: present Aug 22-Oct 17 at ED; 1 Nov 7 at ED (RB). Golden Plover: 25 Sept 13 at ED (Sunderlin, Lloyd, Foster); 2 Oct 12 at ED (GP). Ruddy Turnstone: present in varying numbers through Oct 24 at ED. Solitary Sandpiper: last date Oct 4 (DG). Greater Yellowlegs: last date Nov 19 (JB). Lesser Yellowlegs: present in good numbers through Oct 17 at ED. Knot: a few latter half of Aug at ED (DG&GP). Purple Sandpiper: 1 to 4 at ED—Nov 14–26 (DG&RB). White-rumped Sandpiper: Oct 3–Nov 14 at ED (DG), max of 4. Baird's Sandpiper: 1 or 2 Aug 19–Oct 10 at ED. Dunlin: extreme dates—Sept 12–Nov 16. Short-billed Dowitcher: present Aug 17–Sept 27 at ED (GP). Stilt Sandpiper: Aug 17–Sept 27 at ED, max 15 (GP). Western Sandpiper: singles Aug 21–Sept 13 at ED (GP). Phalaropes: all three species were reported from ED: Red—singles, late Aug (GP), 1 Oct 18 (J&RW); Wilson's—several reported Aug 19–28; Northern—extreme dates, Aug 22–Nov 26. HUDSONIAN GODWIT: adult in winter plumage Oct 11 ED (fide GP).

Great Black-backed Gull: imm Aug 21 at ED (GP); 25 at RMSPD last week Nov (J&DA). Glaucous Gull: 1 Sept 27 at ED (GP& J&RW). Bonaparte's Gull: est 200 late Nov at RMSPD (J&DA). ICELAND GULL: 2 on Nov 27 RMSPD—carefully observed for two hours (fide J&DA). Caspian Tern: last date Sept 19 (DG). Common Tern: last date Sept 19 (DG). Forster's Tern: 2 Sept 13 at ED (fide Sunderlin, Lloyd, Foster).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last date Sept 26 (FC). Yellow-shafted Flicker: heavy Sept flight (DG&JB). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: last date Oct 12 (DG). Eastern Phoebe: last date Oct 17 (DG). Wood Pewee: last date Sept 7 (JB). House Wren: last date Oct 24 (DG) very late. Long-billed Marsh Wren: last Oct 3 late (DG). Hermit Thrush: last Nov 1 (FC). Water Pipit: Oct 10 and 17 ED (RB&DG). Northern Shrike: first date Nov 14. Tufted Titmouse: 1 at feeder in Carthage, last three weeks in Nov (fide Metzger).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Last dates for Solitary and Red-eyed Vireos Oct 12 (DG). Last dates for warblers as follows: Nashville Oct 3 (DG); Tennessee Sept 17

(Sheffields); Myrtle Oct 24 (DG); Black-throated Green Oct 4; Palm Oct 12; Ovenbird Sept 12 (DG); Wilson's Oct 19 (banded FC).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Scarlet Tanager: Oct 6 (FC). Towhee: last date Oct 12. Evening Grosbeak: first date Nov 2 (JB). Tree Sparrow: first date Oct 31 (DG). Lapland Longspur: 3 Oct 17 at ED (DG); 4 Oct 24 (RB). Snow Bunting: first noted Oct 17 ED (DG).

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK — CHAMPLAIN

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September was notable for the flights of small land birds heard almost nightly in the Paul Smiths area. November was mild with no real winter weather until the 23rd when we had about an inch of snow which stayed only until November 28. The Parasitic Jaeger on Lake Champlain was the best bird for the period. Bonaparte's Gulls are noteworthy for this region also.

We would greatly appreciate reports from residents and visitors to this four county area. Please include numbers and dates, and don't forget your name and address. Rarities should also include type of binoculars, approximate distance, length of time studied, light conditions, number of times this species has been observed previously, and detailed description of observations made of the bird (plumage, action, song, flight, etc.) Notes should be made at the time of the observation.

Observers: SE—Stephen Everett; TM—Ted Mack.

Abbreviations: LStReg—Lower St. Regis Lake; P—pond; PS—Paul Smiths; SL—Saranac Lake.

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: 2 Sep 17 LStReg (SE); 1 Oct 23 Lake Colby (SE). Red-throated Loon: about 6 Nov 29 SL area apparently forced to land after becoming iced in flight (Greenleaf Chase). American Bittern: 1 Sep 26 PS (SE). Canada Goose: several hundred in migration end of Sep and early Oct PS (TM). Blue Goose: 3 migrating with 20 Canadas Oct 25 PS (SE). Gadwall: 2 Oct 3 Rainbow Lake (SE). Green-winged Teal: 10 Sep 12 Witherbee (SE). Wood Duck: 2 Sep 17 LStReg (SE); 2 Sep 27 LStReg (SE). Scaup (Lesser?): 10 Oct 3 Rainbow Lake (SE). Common Golden-eye: 2 Sep 24 LStReg (SE). Bufflehead: 50 Sep 27 LStReg (SE); 1 Oct 3 Rainbow Lake (SE); 10 Oct 14 Barnum P (SE). Hooded Merganser: 15 Oct 14 Barnum P. (SE); 2 Oct 19 LStReg (SE). Common Merganser: 20 Sep 28 LStReg (SE). 24 Oct 31 Goodnow Flow, (TM).

HAWKS-OWLS: Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Nov 6 Witherbee (SE). Red-tailed Hawk: 1 Sep 26 PS (SE). Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Nov 14 Mountain P near PS (SE). Sparrow Hawk: 1 Sep 26 PS (SE); 1 Oct 16 PS (SE). Ruffed Grouse: 1 Sep 22 PS (SE); 3 Sep 27 PS (TM); 1 Oct 1 PS (TM); 1 Oct 13 PS (SE); 4 Nov 28 Newcomb (TM). Killdeer: 1 Nov 24 PS (SE). Golden Plover: 12 Sep 19 Gabriels (TM); 15 Sep 22 Gabriels (SE). Woodcock: a few in most of the suitable habitats visited; 2 late birds Nov 4 PS (TM). **PARASITIC JAEGER:** 1 Sep 12 Port Henry (SE) (observer has seen this species previously). Ring-billed Gull: 1 Sep 14 LSt Reg (SE). **BONAPARTE'S GULL:** 6 Sep 18 Port Henry (SE). Great Horned Owl: most areas have 1 or 2 birds; 5 thruout period PS area (TM). Screech Owl: 1 Oct 25 PS (SE).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Pileated Woodpecker: 1 Sep 21 Little Green P (TM); 2 Oct 24 Roiley P (TM); 3 Oct 25 PS (SE). Phoebe: 1 Sep 15 PS (SE).