

(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).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Sep 22 PS (SE). Wood Pewee: 1 Sep 29 PS (SE); 1 Oct 8 PS (SE). Gray Jay: 1 at feeder Sep 21 PS (SE). Winter Wren: 1 Sep 14 PS (SE). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 2 Sep 15 PS (SE). Bluebird: 10 Sep 22 P (SE). Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets: large numbers of both Sep 17 to Oct 15 PS (SE, TM). Water Pipit: highest count 45 Sep 22 Gabriels (SE). Northern Shrike: 1 Nov 11 Nicholville (TM); 1 Nov 14 Mountain P near PS (SE).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Heavy flights of small birds almost nightly during Sep over PS. Nashville Warbler: 1 Sep 14 PS (SE). Magnolia Warbler: 1 Sep 14 PS (SE). Myrtle Warbler: 25 Sep 20 Mt. Baker SL (TM). Black-throated Green Warbler: good numbers thru Sep (SE, TM). Blackburnian Warbler: 1 Sep 17 PS (SE). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 Sep 14 PS (SE). Blackpoll Warbler: 1 Sep 17 PS (SE). Palm Warbler: 1 Oct 14 PS (SE). Wilson's Warbler: 1 Sep 14 PS (SE).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Meadowlark: 2 Oct 25 PS (SE). Cowbird: 50 Oct 16 PS (SE). Purple Finch: 1 Sep 29 PS (SE); 1 Oct 26 PS (SE). Pine Grosbeak: 2 Oct 24 PS (SE); 1 Nov 4 PS (SE). Pine Siskin: 2 Nov 17 Brandon Rd (SE). Towhee: 1 Sep 13 PS (SE). Savannah Sparrow: 1 Sep 24 PS (SE); 1 Sep 27 PS (SE). White-crowned Sparrow: 1 Sep 29 PS (SE); 1 Oct 1 PS (SE); 3 Nov 25 Witherbee (SE). Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 Sep 17 PS (SE); 1 Sep 29 PS (SE). Swamp Sparrow: 1 Sep 22 Gabriels (SE). Lapland Longspur: 10 Sep 22 Gabriels (SE). Snow Bunting: 15 Oct 30 PS (SE); 20 Nov 2 PS (SE); 10 Nov 17 Brandon Rd (SE).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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The season must rank among the warmest autumns on record. Only a few frosts were reported before November, and there was no snow thru to the end of the period. After a rather dry summer, precipitation during the last half of August was normal, and it continued that way thru the end of the period. On the whole, weather conditions were rather stable with no marked changes. This probably contributed to the even migration reported from most areas.

WBC reports one of the best warbler migrations in the past 20 years, even surpassing a number of spring movements. Hawk movements were among the best ever, with a phenomenal wave of Broadwings on Sep 19 and 20. Most waterfowl were a bit late in arriving with some exceptions, and a few, like the Common Merganser and Common Goldeneye, were almost unreported thru the end of the period. Winter finches and sparrows were late in arriving, and at the close of the period it certainly does not look like a northern finch winter.

The "find" of the period was the nearly 500 Golden Plover on Oct 17 at Hamptonburgh, Oran by Major John Getgood and his mother Mrs. Ethel H. Getgood. The birds continued thru Nov 7 in declining numbers. The appearance of so many of this species is unprecedented in the literature of the region and probably of the state. It is especially noteworthy in that it occurred well inland away from the seashore with no unusual storms to explain the incursion.

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