

in all areas except Adir where only singles were noted. Evening Grosbeak: in spite of a very light flight, dep was Jun 20, 1 DH (GAS) record late; Adir max 14 Jun 26 at various sites in Webb Twp and 10 Jul 18 Five Ponds; not reported elsewhere. Purple Finch: Adir max 20 all summer Dart L and 16 BM-TL; max in all other areas including low country only 5-6 per day. House Finch: up to 2 pairs with 1 young at 1 site in Syr (DAD); only other reports were singles at 2 other sites in Syr. American Goldfinch: dep Jun 20, 49 DH; except for Oriskany Falls and Pulaski where increases were noted, BBSs indicate stability or slightly decreasing populations; field counts and general impressions indicate much higher numbers than usual with max 200 Aug 15 NM to DH. Red Crossbill: 1 report, 4 Jul 18 Five Ponds (FGS).

Rufous-sided Towhee: stable on most BBSs but noticeably up on N Wilmurt and down on Pulaski; interesting Adir counts were 3 Jun 29 Moose R Mt, 5 Jers, 3 Jul 18 Five Ponds—seems to be increasing in suitable Adir habitat; Tug Hill counts 14-20 per day. Savannah Sparrow: counts of 19-24 were regular in areas of suitable habitat throughout the Region. Grasshopper Sparrow: found in at least 18 sites, 8 in L Ont plain, 5 in other low country areas, 3 in Tug Hill, 1 in S highlands, 1 in Adir foothills; max 8 Jun 30 Blennes Corner area near Camden, 4 Jun 5 Toad Harbor. Henslow's Sparrow: found in at least 14 sites, 5 in L Ont plain, 7 in Seneca R, Oneida R or Oneida L areas, 2 in lower hill country; max 6 Jun 5 Toad Harbor. Vesper Sparrow: down on most BBSs and none show an increase; no count above 4 per day anywhere except 10 Jun 11 Pine Hill. Slate-colored Junco: Adir max 65 BM-TL; Tug Hill max 14 Aug 7 Otto Mills; S highlands max 15 High Pk. Chipping Sparrow: of BBSs, 3 showed noticeable increases, 3 decreases, and 2 remained the same; max 32 N Wilmurt BBS, one of those that decreased. Field Sparrow: stable on most BBSs; max 10-13 from various BBSs. White-throated Sparrow: Adir max 112 BM-TL; Tug Hill max 43 Jun 20 Redfield Twp areas; max in S highlands 6 High Pk and 6 Jul 4 Peterboro; low country max 12 CS. Lincoln's Sparrow: good counts were 7 BM-TL, 10 Jun 27 in 3 mi of railroad and lumber road near Woods L, 2 Jun 27 Big Moose dump, 2 Jul 11 Five Ponds. Swamp Sparrow: max 12 BM-TL, 12 Jul 1 PSS, and 11 Jun 10 near CV. Song Sparrow: down on all BBSs except Pulaski and N Victory, the 2 in the L Ont plain, where increases were noted; max 86 Jun 12 Watervale area.

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The temperature during June and July was mild with plenty of rain. The first half of August was hot with little rain, but there was ample moisture later in the month. Growing conditions were good for plants, both wild and cultivated, so there should be a good crop of seeds and fruit this fall and winter for birds and other wildlife.

Abbreviations: BBJ—Breeding Bird Census, Jefferson County, Route 071, Watertown, Robert Walker, July 4; BBL—Breeding Bird Census, Lewis County, Route 077, Number Four, Margaret Rusk, June 28; BBS—Breeding Bird Census, St. Lawrence County, Route 101, Sabattis, Margaret Rusk, June 27, only the first 21 stops are in St. Lawrence County, starting at Long Pond and going to Grass Pond; ED—Eldorado; PRGMA—Perch River Game Management Area.

Observers: JB—John Belknap; LC—Lee Chamberlaine; NL—Nick Leone; TR—T. M. Riley; RS—Robert and Mrs. Sheffield; RW—Robert and Mrs. Walker; MW—Mark Wolfe.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 2 Aug 15 Wellesley Is (RW); 5 BBS. Cattle Egret: 1 early in Jun near Adams. Great Blue Heron: no known nests at PRGMA. Green Heron: Lakeview. Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 BBJ. Least Bittern: 1 Aug 1 PRGMA (JB). Canada Goose: annual Canada Goose drive for banding at Wilson Hill Game Management Area Jul 20, total of 620 birds handled; 10 geese banded at PRGMA. Ducks banded at PRGMA Jul 14 to Aug 13 were Mallard 128; Black 65; Green-winged Teal 7; Blue-winged Teal 3; Wood Duck 68 (all banding data from LC). Mallard: several Aug 1 at ED. Blue-winged Teal: Aug 1 ED. American Widgeon: Jul 30 PRGMA. Shoveler: pair Jul 30 PRGMA (NL). Ring-necked Duck: 3 Jun 8 PRGMA (NL). Red-breasted Merganser: adult with 8 young Jul 17 near Watertown.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 Jul 1 Butterfield Lake (TR): at least a dozen in Theresa and Millsite Lake region, nesting possible, but no proof. Goshawk nest with young on Wellesley Is. Osprey: 1 Jul 10–11 Butterfield Lake (TR); 1 Jul 23 PRGMA (NL). Virginia Rail: 2 PRGMA. Semipalmated Plover: 2 Aug 1 ED; 7 there Aug 7. Killdeer: 6 ED; numbers in Henderson area seemed to be up over previous years (LC). Black-bellied Plover: 1 Aug 8 ED (NL). Ruddy Turnstone: 2 Aug 1 ED and 6 Aug 8. Common Snipe: 20 Aug 8 PRGMA near village of Perch River. Spotted Sandpiper: 4 Aug 1 ED. Greater Yellowlegs: 2 ED. Lesser Yellowlegs: 3 Jul 3 ED, 4 Aug 1 ED; 1 Aug 8 PRGMA.

Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 Aug 1 ED; 4 Aug 7. Least Sandpiper: 6 Jul 10 ED. Dowitcher (Short-billed?—FC) 9 Aug 1 ED, "in bright summer plumage — just beautiful" (RS). Semipalmated Sandpiper: at least 24 Aug 1 ED (RS). Sanderling: 1 Aug 1 ED; 3 Aug 4. Great Black-backed Gull: 2 Aug 7 ED (NL). Bonaparte's Gull: 4 Aug 1 ED; 1 Aug 5 Lakeview. Caspian Tern: 1 Aug 1 ED. Black-billed Cuckoo: 7, all in Jefferson Co. Great Horned Owl: Wellesley Is and Three Mile Pt. Screech Owl: 1 BBJ.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Red-headed Woodpecker: groups of 5–6 at 3–4 locations in Henderson area; also seen at PRGMA. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 5 BBL; 5 BBS. Traill's Flycatcher: 3 BBJ; 1 BBL. Least Flycatcher: 5 BBS; 6 BBL; 1 BBJ. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 BBL. Purple Martin: 8 BBJ. Winter Wren: 2 BBL. Hermit Thrush: 4 BBS; 7 BBL. Veery: 5 BBJ; 8 BBS; 20 BBL. Bluebird: 2 males Jul 20 PRGMA (NL); no others reported. Cedar Waxwing: total of 13 birds recorded on the three censuses.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 2 BBL. Red-eyed Vireo: 2 BBJ; 26 BBS; 30 BBL. Warbling Vireo: 3 BBJ. Black-and-white Warbler: 2 BBS; 2 BBL. Golden-winged Warbler: pair last seen Jul 7 near Watertown, female first seen Jul 5, may have nested, but no proof (NL). Nashville Warbler: 2 BBS; 4 BBL. Magnolia Warbler: 1 BBS. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 3 BBS; 2 BBL. Myrtle Warbler: 2 BBS 2 BBL. Black-throated Green Warbler: 1 BBL. Blackburnian Warbler: 1 BBL. Chestnut-sided Warbler: 4 BBJ; 15 BBS; 11 BBL. Blackpoll Warbler: 4 Jun 6 Watertown (NL). Ovenbird: 7 BBS; 15 BBL. Northern Waterthrush: 1 BBL. Mourning Warbler: 4 BBS; 5 BBL. Yellowthroat: 9 BBS; 11 BBJ; 20 BBL. Canada Warbler: 2 BBS. American Redstart: 4 BBJ; 4 BBS; 12 BBL.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Savannah Sparrow: 20 BBJ; 23 BBL; none BBS. Grasshopper Sparrow: 8 (NL); 1 BBJ. Henslow's Sparrow: at least 3 Jul 16–30 near Watertown (NL). Slate-colored Junco: 13 BBL. White-throated Sparrow: 3 BBJ; 18 BBS; 24 BBL.

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