

REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Weather summary.—October was mild throughout, with only light scattered frosts. First hard frost came on Nov. 5. Snow fell in the region several times in November, but there were periods of milder weather resulting in no heavy snow accumulation.

Abbreviations: ED—El Dorado; GP—Glen Park; PRGMA—Perch River Game Management Area; THGMA—Tug Hill Game Management Area.

Observers: JB—John Belknap; RB—Richard Brouse; FC—Frank Clinch; NL—Nick Leone; GP—Glenn Perrigo III; R&JW—Robert and June Walker; MW—Mark Wolfe.

LOONS—DUCKS: Horned Grebe: present in small numbers along Lake Ontario until end of period. Pied-billed Grebe: 1 or 2 still present at end of period. Great Blue Heron: last noted Nov 26 (NL). Green Heron: Oct 30 at ED (late) (L&MW). Least Bittern: not often reported; 1 at PRGMA Aug 21 (JB); 1 at ED Aug 23 (MW). Canada Goose: first report Sept 26; then noted throughout remainder of period. Green-winged Teal: last date Nov 20 (RB). American Widgeon: last date Nov 6 (RB). Ruddy Duck: small numbers at two locations in Nov. Gadwall: seen at three locations in Nov. Shoveler: 19 at PRGMA on Nov 21 (MW). Scoters: all three species reported at ED, Oct & Nov. Common Eider: 2 at ED Nov 12. Hooded Merganser: still present at PRGMA Nov 21 (NL&MW).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: last date Oct 17 (NL). Rough-legged Hawk: first noted Oct 26 (JB), light flight thereafter; max 5 on Pillar Pt Nov 26. Bald Eagle: imm on Pt Peninsula Nov 27 (RB, NL). Osprey: Oct 24, late ED (GP). Peregrine Falcon: imm ED Sept 25 (RB, NL, MW, R&JW). Coot: 5 still present at Chaumont Nov 26 (JB). Killdeer: last noted Nov 27 at Pillar Pt (RB). Golden Plover: 10 at ED Sept 18 (RB); 22 at GP Sept 25 (NL, MW). Black-bellied Plover: last date Nov 20 ED (RB). Common Snipe: last, Nov 14 (J&RW). Knot: small numbers at ED. Pectoral Sandpiper: last, Nov 20 ED (RB). White-rumped Sandpiper: several at ED, last Nov 20. Baird's Sandpiper: Aug 22, 30, Sept 18 all ED (RB, NL, MW, GP). Short-billed Dowitcher: present for several weeks at ED. Stilt Sandpiper: a few at ED, late date Oct 25 (GP). Western Sandpiper: 2 at ED Aug 23 (NL, GP). *AMERICAN AVOCET*: 4 at ED on Aug 20, well documented by (GP), 2 were in spring plumage, 1 intermediate, 1 in winter plumage; these birds were also seen by several people from Watertown. Wilson's Phalarope: present at ED Aug 20–30 with max of 3 (GP, R&JW, MW). Northern Phalarope: unusual concentration of 28 at ED on Aug 30 (FC, NL, MW). *LITTLE GULL*: one at ED Aug 21 (GP), first local record —, well documented. Snowy Owl: first reported Oct 29, a few thereafter, light winter flight indicated.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Whippoorwill: Sept 30 — late (St Lawrence Co. fide Winn). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: Oct 22 (R&JW). Tree Swallow: late date, Oct 30 (RB). Common Raven: Nov 11, Childwold, St Lawrence Co. (fide Lafave). Hermit Thrush: last Oct 25 Wellesley Is (R&JW). Wood Thrush: last Oct 23 (MW, NL). Swainson's Thrush: Oct 14 (FC). Northern Shrike: several reports, occurrence normal.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: Aug 26 THGMA (MW). Solitary Vireo: Aug 26 THGMA (MW). Magnolia Warbler: Sept 29 (FC). Parula Warbler: Oct 17 (FC).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Pine Siskin: three reports, Oct 24-Nov 4. White-winged Crossbill: Oct 31 St Lawrence Co (JB); Nov 14 Watertown (NL). Henslow's Sparrow: Aug 18 (MW). Vesper Sparrow Oct 30—late (RB). Fox Sparrow: Oct 25 ED (GP); Oct 31 GP (NL, MW). Snow Bunting: numerous reports, late Oct & Nov.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK — CHAMPLAIN

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In the weather department August seemed a rather mild month for the most part. Some peaks over 4500 feet had snow on the 25th and we had over two inches of rain as a fringe benefit of the tropical storm that moved north along the east coast. September was uneventful weather-wise, but it did produce 3 cormorants, an unusual bird for our area.

October was mild here but may have been severe in northern Canada because the flight of Canada Geese, over the Newcomb area at least, was far greater than usual. Approximately 800 birds went over on the tenth and birds could be heard passing over all through the night of the ninth. This area is anything but a flyway in most years. Perhaps a cold snap caused the young of the year to move south at the same time as the older birds.

November could best be called winter rather than fall. The very heavy flight of winter fringillids other than Pine Grosbeaks reached a peak on the 20th. The Myrtle Warbler seen in a snow-covered spruce bog south of Newcomb on that date was notable as were the 3 Snow Geese on Schroon Lake November 4. Ruffed Grouse were present in numbers although they tended to be tightly grouped where food, water, and good shelter were readily available together. You had to do some searching, but they were there.

Observers: GC—Geoffrey Carleton; GTC—Greenleaf T. Chase; DC—Dorothy Crumb; PD—Paul DeBenedictis; SE—Stephen Everett; FL—Ferdinand LaFrance; RM—Robert McKinney; TM—Ted Mack; GM—Gordon Meade; WR—William Rutherford; JT—Joseph Taylor.

Abbreviations: BP—Barnum Pond; BTP—Browns Tract Ponds area; ChR—Chubb River; E'town—Elizabethtown; Gabs—Gabriels; GF—Goodnow Flow; Ind L—Indian Lake; LCh—Lake Champlain; Mad—Madawaska; OsP—Osgood Pond; PS—Paul Smiths; Pierce—Piercefield; Ti—Ticonderoga.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 GF Aug 28 (TM); 1 Inlet Aug 29 (DC, PD, FL); 3 (resident family) Lower St. Regis L Sep 7 (WR); 1 GF Oct 16 (TM). Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Raquette L Oct 27 (FL). **DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** 3 L Ch off Essex Sep 23 (GC). Great Blue Heron: 5 reported. Green Heron: numerous Ti Sep 8 (GTC). American Bittern: 1 BP Oct 13 (SE). Canada Goose: especially numerous this year; 250 E'town Sep 27 (GC); max 800 GF Oct 10 (TM); 150 BP Oct 13 (SE); 600 feeding on winter rye Gabs Oct 14 (TM); 500 GF Oct 16 (TM); 25 BTP Oct 25 (FL). **SNOW GOOSE:** 3 Schroon I Nov 4 (GTC). Green-winged Teal: 5 BP Oct 13 (SE). Blue-winged Teal: 14 Ti Sep 8 (GTC); 7 GF Oct 17 (TM). Wood Duck: max 75 Ti Sep 8 (GTC). Greater Scaup: 7 Eighth L Oct 27 (FL)—well rounded heads noted in scope. Lesser Scaup: 3 L Placid Oct 29 (SE). Common Goldeneye: 1 BTP Oct 27 (FL). Hooded Merganser: max 40 BP Oct 13 (SE); 7 Fifth L Oct 27 (FL). American Merganser: max 16 GF Oct 17 (TM); 12 GF Oct 30 (TM).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: 1 BTP Oct 28 (FL); 1 Pierce Nov 7 (WR). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 PS Sep 20 (SE); 1 PS Oct 17 (SE). Cooper's Hawk: 1 BTP Oct