

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: peculiar trends — stable on 3 BBSs, Oneida, Pulaski, and Oriskany Falls, low on Kasoag, Alder Creek, N Victory, and Clinton, the latter 2 lowest ever for those routes, but highest ever on N Wilmurt. Eastern Meadowlark: highest ever on N Victory BBS, but low on N Wilmurt, Kasoag, Oneida, Clinton, and Oriskany Falls, the latter 4 lowest ever. Redwinged Blackbird: highest ever on Aller Creek, Oneida, Pulaski, and Clinton BBSs, and good numbers on N Victory. Baltimore Oriole: stable on most BBSs but high on N Wilmurt and Kasoag. Rusty Blackbird: dep June 2, 2 Demester Beach (MSR) record late. Common Grackle: highest ever on N Wilmurt, Kasoag, and Oneida BBSs and good numbers on Clinton. Brown-headed Cowbird: stable on most BBSs but lowest ever on Clinton and high on Kasoag. Scarlet Tanager: seems stable on BBSs; 11 Jul 16 Rome Sand Plains.

Cardinal: stable on BBSs. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: stable on most BBSs but high on Pulaski and Oriskany Falls. Indigo Bunting: stable or somewhat down on BBSs; 48 Moh is by far the best summer count. Evening Grosbeak: 12 Jul 22 Five Ponds and 10 Aug 14 Dart L are the only counts over 1 per day; reported only from Adir. Purple Finch: Adir max 20 Aug 14 Dart L; 1–8 per day elsewhere. House Finch: a pair Jun 13-Jul 15, and another male to Jun 8 at 2 Syr sites. American Goldfinch: 94 Jun 14 DH, the last date of regular migration watch; a survey in NPT showed successful fledging to be about 75% — 21 nests with at least 103 eggs fledged 74 young (DWC). Red Crossbill: no May or Jun reports but the following — 2 Jul 16 Rome Sand Plains, 2 Jul 22 Five Ponds, 1 dead male Jul 29 downtown Utica, 13 Aug 4 near Colosse — indicate the potential of a heavy fall migration or winter incursion.

Rufous-sided Towhee: stable on most BBSs and up on Kasoag and Alder Creek. Savannah Sparrow: stable on most BBSs but highest ever on Pulaski and Oriskany Falls. Grasshopper Sparrow: 1–2 at 10 lowlands sites, 4 NPT, and 2 THP sites. Henslow's Sparrow: 1–2 from 7 low country sites. Vesper Sparrow: low on most BBSs but numbers have been too low for much reliability; max 4 Kasoag BBS. Slate-colored Junco: max 16 Otto, 6 Jul 22 Five Ponds, and 7 Jun 11 Dart L. Chipping Sparrow: stable or up on most BBSs, and especially high on Kasoag, N Victory, and Oriskany Falls. Field Sparrow: stable on higher-elevation BBSs and highest ever on N Victory, Clinton, and Oriskany Falls — probably related to the trend of farm abandonment in these areas. White-throated Sparrow: stable on higher-elevation BBSs but none noted on Oneida or Pulaski where it usually occurs in small numbers; newly noted 1 Jun 14 and Jul 20 Cedarville where however it is to be expected in the high-elevation coniferous swamp. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1–3 per day at N Webb Twp sites. Swamp Sparrow: 19 Moh is the only decent count; species seems low. Song Sparrow: stable on most BBSs.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The summer of 1972 was a very wet one. Hurricane Agnes as well as other storms accounted for rainfall exceeding 8 and 9 inches total rainfall for the month of July at some locations in the Region.

Temperatures for the period were below average and bright sunny days seemed few and far between.

Abbreviations: DH—Dry Hill; PP—Point Peninsula; PRWMA—Perch River

Wildlife Management Area; WBS—Westcott Beach State Park; WGS—Whetstone Gulf State Park.

Observers: LC—Lee Chamberlaine; FC—Frank Clinch; RW—Robert and June Walker; MW—Mark Wolfe.

LOONS—DUCKS: *LEAST BITTERN*: June 3 PRWMA (MW). Canada Goose: about 90 goslings produced this year PRWMA (LC). Mallard: many, many young produced, probably due to abundant standing water this year which provided many nesting areas. Black Duck: very few successful nestings in area. Blue-winged Teal: local nesting success fairly high. Wood Duck: good reports on local nesting success.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 5 August 4, 2 adults & 3 immatures, Henderson area. Sparrow Hawk: in greater numbers than previous 3 years. Ruffed Grouse: increasing in some areas over previous years' populations. Gray Partridge: extremely low numbers, nesting success very spotty probably reflective of previous winters and wet spring conditions. Mourning Dove: very abundant this year. MONK *PARAKEET*: 1 adult June 18 and June 20 flying over Watertown Fairgrounds around 7 P.M. (MW). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: June 21 (FC), July 17 DH (RW). Black-billed Cuckoo: 2 July 16 PP (RW). *BARN OWL*: 3 August 11, 1 adult, 2 immature, near Alexandria Bay (FC), first breeding record in Region. Screech Owl: heard on different dates throughout period in Henderson area. Great Horned Owl: heard throughout period.

GOATSUCKERS-STARLINGS: Whip-poor-will: heard in Theresa area throughout period. Red-headed Woodpecker: up to 6 in Henderson area, other sightings at WSP (RW), PRWMA (MW); numbers are up and more immatures are evident. Trail's Flycatcher: 6 June 3 WGS (RW). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 3 June 3 WGS (RW).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: *CLAY-COLORED SPARROW*: 2 June 3 WGS (RW).

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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June was an extremely wet month with rain on all but six days. On the 11th there was some snow at low elevations but above 4000 feet it accumulated as much as one to two inches. On the 15th and 22nd the wind reached forty miles per hour. July was the wettest in fifteen years here with twenty-six days of rain including over two inches on the night of the twenty-second. Highest winds were fifty miles per hour with the July 24 thunderstorms. August was near normal with some sun and a mean average temperature of 60.7 degrees. Our area was spared the devastation experienced this summer in other sections of the state, yet it was a wet nesting season.

Observers: JB—John Bull; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; DC—Dorothy Crumb; PD—Paul DeBenedictis; EH—Elizabeth Hedges; AJ—Alice Jones; FL—Ferdinand LaFrance; TM—Ted Mack; HM—Helen Manson; RM—Ruth Meier; RMc—Robert McKinney; WR—William Rutherford; FS—Fritz Scheider.

Abbreviations: Bl—Bloomingdale; BTP—Brown's Tract Ponds; E'town—Elizabethtown; Ind L—Indian Lake; L—Lake; LP—Lake Placid; Mad—Madawaska; MRP—Moose River Plains; New—Newcomb Breeding Bird Survey, Alice Jones and Helen Manson; P—Pond; PS—Paul Smiths; Raq L—Raquette Lake; Spec—Specu-