

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-

lator Breeding Bird Survey, Dorothy McIlroy and Fritz Scheider; TL—Tupper Lake; Und—Underwood Breeding Bird Survey, Alice Jones and Helen Manson.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 2 Jun 10 Little TL (RMc); 2 Jun 17 St Regis P (WR); 1 Jul 15 Upper Saranac L (RM); 1 Aug 12 Raq L (EH). Great Blue Heron: 1 Jun 17 St Regis P (WR). Green Heron: 2 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM). American Bittern: 1 Jun 17 St Regis P (WR). Mallard: 12 Jul 6 Ind L (RMc); 1 Jul 7 Mad (RMc). Black Duck: 2 Jun 10 Little TL (RMc); 4 Aug 15 Raq L (EH). Green-winged Teal: 1 male Jun 9 Ray Brook (GC); 2 Jun 29 New (AJ, HM); this is an unusual bird in these locations. Blue-winged Teal: 1 male thru Jun E'town (GC). Wood Duck: 2 Jul 6 Ind L (RMc). Ring-necked Duck: 6 Jun 10 TL (RMc); 1 Jul 7 TL (RMc). Common Merganser: about 20 Aug Piseco L (DM); 17 Aug Goodnow Flow (TM).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: 1 Jul 22 Raq L (EH). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Jun 12 MRP (RMc). Cooper's Hawk: 1 Jun 11 Ind L (RMc); 1 Jun 24 LP (GC). Red-tailed Hawk: 1 Jul 2 BTP (JB,FL). Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Jun 3 BTP (PD); 1 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM); 2 Aug 15 Raq L (EH). Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Jun 11 Ind L (RMc); 1 Jun 19 Saranac L (TM); 1 Jul BTP (JB,FL); 1 Jul 6 Ind L (RMc). Osprey: 1 Jun 5 Jones P (TM); 1 Jun 11 Upper St Regis L (TM). Sparrow Hawk: 1 Jul 7 Mad (RMc). Spruce Grouse: 1 Jul 7 Mad (RMc). Ruffed Grouse: widely reported including immatures. Sora: 1 Jun 9 Ray Brook (GC); 1 Jul 11 E'town (GC). Killdeer: 2 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). American Woodcock: 2 Jun 9 Bl (TM). Common Snipe: 1 Jun 10 TL (RMc). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 1 Jun 3 BTP (PD,FL). Herring Gull: 3 Jul 11 Essex (GC); 2 Jul 22 Raq L (EH). Ring-billed Gull: 1 Jun 10 TL (RMc); 1 Jul 6 Ind L (RMc); 1 Jul 7 TL (RMc). Black Tern: 2 Jul 7 TL (RMc). Mourning Dove: not reported. Black-billed Cuckoo: 4 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 1 Jul 16 TL (RM). Great Horned Owl: no reports. Barred Owl: fewer reports than usual. Saw-whet Owl: 1 Jun 9 Bl (TM).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: not reported. Chimney Swift: widely reported. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: good numbers. Pileated Woodpecker: 1 Jun 3 BTP (PD); 1 Jul 8 Ind L (RMc). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: common but numbers down from last year. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: male and female at nest Jun 3 BTP (PD,FL); 1 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). *NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER*: 1 Jun 10 Chubb River Swamp (Bob Walker) no details; 5 (2 pair, one with young) Jul 1 and 2 BTP (JB,FL). Eastern Kingbird: 6 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 6 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM); 4 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). Great Crested Flycatcher: about half as many as last year. Eastern Phoebe: max 11 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: max 10 Jun 3BT P(PD). Trail's Flycatcher: max 6 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Least Flycatcher: max 26 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS).

Eastern Wood Pewee: max 4 Jun 11 Ind L (RMc). Olive-sided Flycatcher: max 3 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Horned Lark: DM reports that E. P. Wheeler had one on fresh garden dirt at Blue Mtn L on the very late date of Jun 27. Rough-winged Swallow: 1 Jun 10 Saranac River (RMc). Cliff Swallow: numbers down. Gray Jay: 1 Jun 3 BTP (PD,FL); 1 Jul 7 Mad (RMc). Boreal Chickadee: 1 Jun 3 BTP (PD); 2 Jul 2 BTP (JB,FL). Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 7 Jul 6 Ind L (RMc). Brown Creeper: 3 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 3 Jun 3 BTP (PD,FL). House Wren: fairly common, especially in southern sections and about villages. Winter Wren: max 14 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). Brown Thrasher: max 6 Jun 11 Ind L (RMc). max 14 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). Brown Thrasher: max 6 Jun 11 Ind L (RMc). Robin: max 129 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM). Wood Thrush: max 33 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 33 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). Hermit Thrush: max 6 Jul 2 BTP (JB,FL). Swainson's Thrush: max 7 Jul 2 BTP (JB,FL). Veery: max 54 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Eastern Bluebird: 4 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM); 1 Jul 6 Ind L (RMc); 1 Jul 7 Mad (RMc).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 3 Jun 6 Coreys (RMc). Cedar Wax-wing: max 48 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 2 to 3 a day in most areas; down from last year. Red-eyed Vireo: max 63 Spec (DM,FS), down 18 from same census last year. Warbling Vireo: 1 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM). Black-and-white Warbler: max 8 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS), down 7 from last year; 8 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). Nashville Warbler: 4 or 5 around most bogs. Parula Warbler: 3 Jun 3 BTP (PD); 2 Jul 1 BTP (JB,FL); 1 Jul 6 Ind L (RMc). Magnolia Warbler: max 15 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 11 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Myrtle Warbler: numbers seem to be about half that of last year. Black-throated Green Warbler: max 7 Jul 2 BTP (JB,FL). Blackburnian Warbler: max 11 Spec Jun 2 (DM,FS). Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 39 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 16 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). Blackpoll Warbler: 1 late migrant Jun 3 BTP (PD). Ovenbird: max 36 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Northern Waterthrush: max 11 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Mourning Warbler: max 7 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Yellowthroat: max 28 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Canada Warbler: max 23 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). American Redstart: max 44 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Boblinks: several Jul 7 L P (RMc). Baltimore Oriole: 10 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 2 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM); 1 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM); 1 Aug 5 TL (RM). Rusty Blackbird: 2 Jun 3 BTP (PD,FL); 1 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM); 4 Jul 2 BTP (JB,FL). Scarlet Tanager: 9 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 10 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM); 8 Jul 6 Ind L (RMc). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: common. Indigo Bunting: 1 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM); 1 Jul 12 TL (RM). Evening Grosbeak: 2 adults feeding 4 young Jul 6 Ind L (RMc); several nesting pairs brought young to feeder Jul 8–30 TL (RM). Purple Finch: 20 to 30 mature and immature at feeder Aug TL (RM). Pine Siskin: 3 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 2 Jul 6 Cedar River (RMc). Red Crossbill: quite a few all summer in central and northern areas. Field Sparrow: 1 or 2 on most counts. White-throated Sparrow: max 42 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). Lincoln's Sparrow: 7 Jun 3 BTP (PD,FL); 4 Jul 1 BTP (JB,FL).

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REGION 8 HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The month of June was unusually wet as anyone who experienced the havoc caused by hurricane Agnes can testify. Luckily Region 8 escaped the extensive flooding of the lower Hudson valley, yet rain fell on 17 days of the month for a total of 6.84 inches or 3.59 inches above normal. No major flooding occurred in the upper Hudson valley, but ponds, lakes and river beds were filled to the brim making life for the shorebirds difficult indeed.

Low temperature records for the date were set on the 11th and 12th with 37° and 38° respectively and the mean deviation from normal was -3.7° for the month of June. About normal rainfall fell during the month of July (3.10 inches) with a spate of hot weather occurring on the 12th, 15th and 19th (91°). Less than an inch of rain fell the first half of August but water levels were still above normal.

Seven breeding bird surveys a massed a total of 95 species for the period same as last year save for an exotic cage bird (*Agopornis Pullaria*) which found its way into the field reports. Population declines were noticeable among the Starlings (60%), House Sparrow (40%) and Grackles (30%). Mockingbirds appear to be more scarce than last year while Black-billed Cuckoo reports were encouraging especially after being absent in the spring report.