

colored Junco: first migrants Sept 27 Waterloo (JW). Oregon Junco: One Nov 1 at feeder in Elmira (WH). Tree Sparrow: first dates — Schuy Co Oct 31, Seneca Co 7 Nov 6 (WEB), Ithaca Oct 30 (DK); single birds or small flocks only. Chipping Sparrow: last report Nov 13 (OS). Field Sparrow: last report Nov 6 (OS). White-crowned Sparrow: Ithaca first Sept 30 (DK); good migration; last report Oct 23 (OS). White-throated Sparrow: first Ithaca Sept 2 (DK); last WD Oct 25 (WEB). Fox Sparrow: reported from Oct 2 to end of period (OS); Schuy Co Nov 7 (JB). Lincoln's Sparrow: Newfield 2 Sept 22 and last Oct 8 (DK). Swamp Sparrow: last report Nov 6 (OS). Song Sparrow: abundant everywhere. Lapland Longspur: one report 1 Nov 20 Seneca Co (WEB). Snow Bunting: small numbers regularly at Cornell Golf Course Oct 27 on; 1 Nov 1 MNWR (WEB); 10-15 Oct 31 Elmira (WH).

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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The period began very warm, and remained so in general until November, when it was cold enough for snow cover to remain longer than usual during the second half of the month. Water levels remained high from early summer and were raised by the abundance of October rain. Southerly winds predominated, with a warm, fair period of SE to SW winds October 2-5 typical of much of the period. October did have some northerly migrant-bearing winds, as on the 8th-9th, and November some rainy easterlies.

Many species seemed to have had poor breeding seasons(? due directly or indirectly to hurricane "Agnes") if adult-to-immature ratios can be used as a gauge. Adults of Double-crested Cormorant, Brant, Surf Scoter, Common Scoter, and Goshawk seemed much more common than usual, but comparable figures from other years are largely wanting.

Several Anatidae with low maxima were unreported east of the Lake Ontario basin, e.g. Gadwall, Pintail, Shoveler, Redhead, Greater Scaup, White-winged Scoter, and Surf Scoter. Blue-winged Teal mortality appeared more severe this year than last. The cause has been diagnosed as "avian cholera or fowl cholera" whereas last year's was "duck viral enteritis or duck plague." These investigations were carried out by N.Y. State Dept. of Environmental Conservation personnel. They have not yet learned what caused the severe White-winged Scoter kill of the past spring. Oldsquaw counts again stand in contrast to the generally discouraging waterfowl picture; perhaps these very northern breeders escape various temperate zone hazards (pesticides, disease, hunters) until migration time.

Three were a number of "hunter" or "shooter" problems this fall. Sandpipers were shot at Fair Haven and Sandy Pond, and a Brant at Oswego, the last considered by its killer to be "a duck." Protection of Canvasback because of possible confusion with Redhead was loudly criticized by hunters, but the regulation seems to have been justified. Counts by field birders do not reflect increased numbers of Ruffed Grouse that some local residents report. Most such reports are from areas of intense localized fox trapping or shooting.

At least 5 small hawk flights were noticed: Sep 19 and Oct 13 and 30 at Lake Ontario, Oct 9 at Eaton, and Oct 19 east of Oneida Lake. The biggest movement was Oct 13 with 46 birds of 9 species.

For the birdwatcher, the season brought both positive and negative features. Among the former: good flights of Purple, White-rumped, and Baird's Sandpipers,

and Hudsonian Godwit in an otherwise mediocre shorebird migration; very high counts of Common Nighthawk and Chimney Swift; heavy flights of Solitary, Red-eyed, and Philadelphia Vireos, the first and last extremely protracted also; high counts of Golden-winged and Tennessee Warblers, and long, though numerically more moderate, migrations of Orange-crowned, Parula, Magnolia, Cape May, and Palm. Some negatives are: very poor counts of Ruddy Turnstone and Upland Plover; mediocre Mourning Dove tallies which suggest their numbers may be dropping; and zero reports of Long-billed Dowitcher, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Snowy Owl, and Whip-poor-will.

By the end of November, 6 winter finch species had shown pronounced movements: Evening Grosbeak, Pine Grosbeak, Pine Siskin, and Red Crossbill had invaded both Adirondack and non-Adirondack areas of the Region; Purple Finch had left the Adirondacks and staged a strong incursion into the low country; and White-winged Crossbill had appeared in the southern highlands without ever being noted in the Adirondacks. Goldfinch, present in moderate numbers, showed no movement. It will be interesting to find out what patterns develop during the winter.

Some deficiencies in the recording for this report should be noted: counts of the most common species (e.g. Rock Dove, Common Crow, Starling, House Sparrow, black icterids) are frequently lacking from otherwise thorough reports; details such as age, sex, color phase, are often omitted when uncommon species and rarities are reported. Such information may greatly increase the value of records to those who look for trends or explanations for these occurrences.

Corrigenda: *Kingbird* XXII: 4, October 1972, Region report, p. 179, Upland Plover: last site should be Happy Valley Game Management Area, not HIGMA. p. 183 before BLACKBIRDS add, House Sparrow: stable on BSSs with highest 133 Clinton.

Abbreviations: Adir—Adirondack; FS—feeder survey conducted by B. P. Burtt Nov 5–11; L Ont—L Ontario and vicinity of Cayuga Co and Oswego Co; NPT—NW portion of Pompey Twp; Onon—Onondaga; Seneca R—Seneca R areas from Montezuma to Howland Is; Syr—Syracuse and adjacent suburbia.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: arr Sep 19, 1 L Ont; very high max of 116 Oct 28 L Ont; Adir dep Oct 12, 2 Dart L near Big Moose; only reports E of L Ont basin were 2 Hinckley Reservoir and 1 Eaton. Red-throated Loon: 1–2 per day Oct 29–Nov 12 L Ont and 1 Nov 13 Oneida L. Red-necked Grebe: 2 Oct 30 Onon L and 1 Nov 3 and 11 L Ont were only reports. Horned Grebe: arr Oct 3, 1 L Ont; max 249 Oct 28 L Ont is good; unreported E of L Ont basin. Pied-billed Grebe: max 21 Oct 26 L Ont is low; Seneca R max 4 Oct 21 and Oneida L max 4 Nov 13 are very low; E of L Ont basin only 1–4 per day were found. Double-crested Cormorant: 11, including only 2 imm, Oct 8–Nov 3 L Ont; unreported elsewhere.

Great Blue Heron: after the leaves fell, the Three Rivers heronry was found to have had 26 nests, all apparently sound, more than the nearby recently abandoned Peter Scott Swamp heronry was known to have had; numbers of birds were low with max 16 Sep 23 Oneida L. Green Heron: very high roost counts of 237 Aug 20 Horseshoe Is near Three Rivers and 172 Aug 27 Seneca R (both GAS); dep Oct 6, 1 L Ont is early. SNOWY EGRET: Oneida L bird last noted Aug 17 (GAS). Black-crowned Night Heron: extremely scarce with 1 Aug 13 near Pennellville and an imm Aug 20 leaving the Horseshoe Is roost. Least Bittern: 1 Sep 3 L Ont was

only report. American Bittern: max 3 Aug 27 L Ont, Seneca R; dep Oct 13, 1 L Ont is early.

Canada Goose: arr Sep 2, 1 L Ont was early; the flight was good but brief, and focused on L Ont instead of Seneca R or Oneida L areas, with high max 7136 Oct 7 and 6130 Oct 8, Seneca R max was 3128 Oct 21 and E of L Ont basin max was only 620 Oct 13 Eaton. Brant: arr and max 1135 Oct 15 L Ont was low and somewhat early; dep Nov 12, 18 L Ont. Snow Goose: only report was 12 Nov L Ont. Blue Goose: only report was 1 ad Sep 30 L Ont; as usual, scarcer in fall than Snow Goose. Mallard: max 580 Oct 15 L Ont is better than past 3 low years; max E of L Ont basin 324 Nov 10 Eaton is also good. Black Duck: max 87 Oct 15 L Ont is encouraging after past 3 low years, especially 1971; max E of L Ont basin only 36 Nov 25 Eaton. Gadwall: arr Sep 9, 2 Oneida L; max 48 Nov 13 L Ont is low. Pintail: arr Aug 17, 1 Onon L; max 112 Oct 15 L Ont. Green-winged Teal: arr Aug 12, 2 L Ont; 63 Nov 7 Seneca R; max E of L Ont basin only 6 Aug 22 Floyd. Blue-winged Teal: max 100 Sep 17 Oneida L, L Ont, Onon Co is very low, as last year; known mortality at Oneida L was 211 between Jul 30 and Sep 26; max E of L Ont basin only 5 Aug 30 Holland Patent. American Widgeon: late arr Sep 6, 2 Onon L and 3 Oneida L; max 325 Oct 21 Seneca R; E of L Ont basin max only 15 Oct 9 Eaton. Shoveler: arr and max 6 Aug 1 Oneida L. Wood Ducks: max 939 Sep 17 Seneca R (GAS) appears to be record high; max E of L Ont basin only 12 Oct 9 Eaton.

Redhead: arr Sep 2, 1 Seneca R; max 93 Oct 21 L Ont is very low but better than past 4 years. Ring-necked Duck: arr Oct 1, 3 Onon L; max 40 Nov 19 Cazenovia L is extremely low; max E of L Ont basin only 12 Oct 24 and Nov 3 Eaton. Canvasback: arr Oct 21, 3 L Ont; max 12s Nov 9 Beaver L in Lysander Twp, L Ont and Nov 23 Oneida L are very low; only report E of L Ont basin was 3 Nov 19 Eaton. Greater Scaup: arr Sep 9, 4 Oneida L; max 2500 Nov 12 L Ont is extremely low. Lesser Scaup: arr Sep 16, 10 L Ont; max 21 Oct 18 Oneida L; max E of L Ont basin only 5 Nov 3 Eaton. Common Golden eye: arr Oct 15, 4 L Ont; low max 39 5 Nov L Ont; max E of L Ont basin 85 Nov 19 Eaton. *BARROW'S GOLDENEYE*: 2, an ad male with traces of the eclipse plumage and an ad female with bill almost wholly yellow, Nov 3 L Ont (MSR et al) is 1st fall regional record. Bufflehead: early arr Sep 14, 1 L Ont; max 105 Nov 5 L Ont; E of L Ont basin max only 3 Oct 27 Eaton. Oldsquaw: arr Oct 18, 1 Eaton; max 1225 Oct 30 L Ont (DWC) exceeds the good counts of past 2 falls for a regional record high; except for the arr, unreported E of L Ont basin. King Eider: only report was 1 female Nov 3-4 L Ont. White-winged Scoter: arr Sep 14, 1 L Ont; low max 242 Oct 30 L Ont. Surf Scoter: arr Sep 27, 9 L Ont is a little early; max 607 Oct 8 L Ont; dep Nov 19, 2 L Ont is early. Common Scoter: arr Sep 30, 10 L Ont is a little early; max 250 Nov 5 L Ont; max E of L Ont basin 68 Oct 18 Eaton. Ruddy Duck: arr Oct 4, 2 and max 31 Nov 9 Beaver L; max E of L Ont basin 8 Oct 27 Eaton. Hooded Merganser: arr Oct 7, 1 L Ont; low max 40 Nov 9 Beaver L; only report E of L Ont basin was 4 Aug 18 Floyd. Common Merganser: arr Oct 21, 6 L Ont; period max only 14 Nov 5 L Ont; 2 Oct 28 Hinckley Reservoir may have summered there or nearby. Red-breasted Merganser: arr Sep 30, 1 L Ont; good max of 4900 Nov 2 L Ont; E of L Ont basin max only 15 Nov 6 Eaton.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: max 4s Sep 19 L Ont and Sep 23 Seneca R; dep Oct 19, 1 ad L Ont. Goshawk: arr Sep 4, 1 NPT; a good flight, about twice those of the past 3 years, with at least 22 birds reported including 8 ad and 4 imm, 3 birds in Sep, 8 in Oct, 11 in Nov; max 4 Nov 19 Oswego Co. Sharp-shinned Hawk: arr Aug 20, 1 Holland Patent; a flight with at least 39 birds reported, 4 in Aug, 10 in Sep, 22 in Oct, 3 in Nov; max 6 Oct 13 L Ont. Cooper's Hawk: arr Sep 7, 1 NPT; a light flight of at least 18 birds including 7 ad and 5 imm, 4 birds in Sep, 6 in Oct, 8 in Nov, all singles. Red-tailed Hawk: max 26 Oct 19 L Ont. Red-

shouldered Hawk: arr Aug 9, 6 NPT; max 14 Oct 30 L Ont is good for recent years; dep Nov 3, 1 NPT. Broad-winged Hawk: arr Aug 12, 1 L Ont; max 64 Sept 19 L Ont; dep Oct 1, 2 Dart L is late, especially for Adir. Rough-legged Hawk: lt phase arr Oct 13, 1 L Ont; dk phase arr Nov 4, 1 L Ont; max 5 Nov 25 Eaton, no major irruption. Bald Eagle: as last year, only 1 imm, Nov 12 L Ont. Marsh Hawk: arr Aug 18, 1 Vernonia Twp; max 9 Oct 19 L Ont. Osprey: arr Aug 27, 1 Seneca R; max 2s Sep 2 Seneca R, Sep 16 and Oct 8 L Ont; dep Oct 29, 1 imm Tuscarora L near Erieville. Peregrine Falcon: 4 birds, 1 ad Oct 6 Onon L (PAD), 1 sub-ad 1½ years old "dark blue-brown wings, back... same color, lengthwise heavy-streaked breast & belly..., mustache marks" Oct 6 L Ont (MSR), 1 imm Oct 7 L Ont (GAS), 1 ad "The head was dark - almost black with an obvious black streak on the side of the face... The back was blue..." Oct 30 L Ont (DWC). Pigeon Hawk: only report was 1 ad male Oct 7 Hastings (GAS). Sparrow Hawk: max 8 Sep 19 L Ont indicated no large migration.

Ruffed Grouse: max 6 Nov 4 L Ont. Ring-necked Pheasant: max 23 Oct 1 Eaton was better than past two falls max. Virginia Rail: only 1s reported with dep Nov 6 Oneida L. Sora: max 2 Nov 6 and late dep Nov 13, 1, both Oneida L. Common Gallinule: max 22 Sep 7 Onon Co was rather low. American Coot: arr Sep 6, 2 Oneida L; max 76 Nov 19 L Ont was low compared with past 2 years; max E of L Ont basin 57 Nov 1 Eaton.

Semipalmated Plover: arr Jul 26, 2 Onon Hill was late; max 41 Aug 18 and dep Oct 31, 3 Onon L. Killdeer: max 159 Aug 17 L Ont, Onon L. American Golden Plover: arr Aug 17, 1 near Mexico; max 23 Aug 24 Mexico Twp; dep Oct 19, 1 L Ont. Black-bellied Plover: arr Aug 12, 2 L Ont; max 6 Sep 28 Onon L was quite low; dep Oct 19, 1 L Ont was early. Ruddy Turnstone: arr July 27, 2 L Ont; very low max 3s Sep 6 Oneida L and Sep 23 Oneida L, Onon L; dep Oct 6, 1 Onon L. American Woodcock: max and dep 8 Nov 10 L Ont. Common Snipe: max 44 Oct 18 Oneida was high; early dep Nov 5, 2 L Ont and 1 E Syr on FS. *WHIMBREL*: 1 Sep 3 Onon L (FGS) was the 1st regional report in 3 years of a species which used to be more regular. Upland Plover: very low max 3 Aug 17 and dep Aug 31, 1 L Ont. Spotted Sandpiper: max 22 Sep 2 in 12 mi of L Ont shore seems low; dep Oct 13, 1 imm Oneida L. Solitary Sandpiper: arr Jul 9, 1, max 9 Jul 20, and record late (by 12 days) dep Oct 28, 1 imm (FGS, PAD) all L Ont.

Greater Yellowlegs: record early arr Jul 2, 1 Tully L (J. W. Propst); max 15s Oct 28 and Nov 2 L Ont; dep Nov 5, 2 L Ont and 1 injured Hinckley Reservoir were early. Lesser Yellowlegs: arr Jul 4, 4 L Ont; low max 64 Aug 24 Onon L; dep Oct 17, 1 Oneida L was early. Knot: a short flight from arr Sep 3, 1 L Ont to dep Sep 27, 1 Oneida L with good max 10 Sep 25 Oneida L. Purple Sandpiper: arr and only non-L Ont report 1 Oct 25 Oneida L; max and dep 5 Nov 16 L Ont; total reported L Ont (which may not all be different individuals) 22 Oct 30-Nov 16 is still a heavy flight. Pectoral Sandpiper: arr Jul 13, 1 Seneca R; max 71 Sep 20 Onon L was high; dep Oct 30, 15 L Ont. White-rumped Sandpiper: arr Aug 23, 3 Onon L is late; max 46 Sep 3 Onon L (FGS) was record high; dep Nov 9, 2 L Ont and 1 Oneida L. Baird's Sandpiper: arr Sep 2, 1 Onon L was late; near-record max 12 Sep 29 Onon L; dep Oct 6, 2 Onon L and 1 L Ont. Least Sandpiper: arr Jul 4, 6 L Ont; max 150 Aug 6 Onon was good; dep Oct 14, 1 Oneida L. Dunlin: arr Sep 10, 1 Onon L; max 202 Oct 22 and early dep Nov 19, 1 L Ont. Short-billed Dowitcher: arr Jul 4, 2 L Ont was very early; max 17 Jul 16 Cayuga Co, Oswego Co; dep Oct 6, 1 Onon L. Stilt Sandpiper: arr Jul 15, 2 Seneca R; max 16 Sep 2 and dep Oct 6, 1 Onon L. Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr Jul 5, 1 L Ont was very early; high max 389 Aug 25 Onon Co; dep Nov 16, 1 L Ont (FGS, PAD) record late. Western Sandpiper: short flight with arr Sep 2, 1 L Ont and dep Sep 24, 1 Onon L; max 2s Sep 3 L Ont and Sep 3 and 5 Onon L.

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 2 Sep 10 Onon L (FGS et al). **HUDSONIAN GODWIT:** more than usual with 1 Sep 6-7 Onon L (FGS et al), 1 Oct 8 L Ont (FGS, PAD), and 1 Oct 25-30 Oneida L (R & SW et al) the last latest ever except in big flight fall of 1964. **Sanderling:** late arr Jul 27, 13, max 56 Sep 17, and early dep Nov 9, 2, all L Ont. **Red Phalarope:** 5 singles with arr Sep 23 Onon L and others Sep 30-Oct 17 L Ont. **Wilson's Phalarope:** 3 singles at Onon L, Aug 10 and 28 and Sep 2-3. **Northern Phalarope:** arr Aug 13, 1 Jordan; max 3 Sep 24 Onon L; dep Oct 31, 1 L Ont (CGS) record late by 1 day.

Jaegers: at least 10 of these extremely difficult to identify birds passed L Ont areas Oct 6-17 with the max 7 Oct 8; only half were satisfactorily identified, as **Parasitic Jaeger**, 1 Oct 6 and 4 Oct 8. **Great Black-backed Gull:** arr Sep 5, 1 Oneida L, an unusual location for the arr; max 112 Nov 16 L Ont. **Herring Gull:** max 2560 Nov 9 L Ont. **Ring-billed Gull:** max 1589 Oct 17 L Ont was a little low compared with **Herring Gull**. **BLACK-HEADED GULL:** 3 reports, all ads in winter plumage from L Ont areas Sep 7 and Nov 2 (FGS) and Oct 6 CGS, MSR) may represent just 1 bird (only 2 previous reports). **FRANKLIN'S GULL:** 1 imm "Small gull [slightly] larger than Bonaparte's in bulk but not in apparent length, small dark bill . . . , back dark smoke gray with darker wings . . . rump & tail white, tail banded with dark at tip but outer feathers white . . ." Oct 28 L Ont (FGS, PAD). **Bonaparte's Gull:** arr Aug 9, 15 and low max 55 Oct 13 Oneida L. **BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** 1 imm Nov 12 L Ont (PAD et al) 1st report since 1969. **Forster's Tern:** 1 imm Jul 12 Seneca R (DWC et al) 1st regional non L Ont record; 2 Sep 18 L Ont was the only other satisfactory report. **Common Tern:** max 200s Sep 9 and Oct 6 Oneida L were low; dep Oct 26, 1 L Ont. **Caspian Tern:** arr and max 23 Aug 19 L Ont is low compared with recent years; dep Oct 20, 1 L Ont. **Black Tern:** max and dep 7 Sep 9 Oneida L was very low.

Mourning Dove: max 108 Sep 12 Seneca R, but no other counts exceeded 40 per day. **Black-billed Cuckoo:** 4 singles with late dep an imm Oct 17 Syr. **Screech Owl:** reported at 13 sites, Sandy Pond, Selkirk Shores State Park near Port Ontario, Fair Haven, Three Rivers, N Syr, Onon L, Syr, N Onon Twp, Skaneateles, NPT, Holland Patent, New Hartford, and Eaton. **Great Horned Owl:** reported at only 12 sites, Eightmile Creek in Sterling Twp, Oswego, 2 sites near Marcellus, N Syr, Onon L, Syr, NPT, Sylvan Beach, Holland Patent, New Hartford, and Eaton. **Barred Owl:** reported only at 3 sites, Big Moose, Fair Haven, and Mexico Twp. **Short-eared Owl:** 1 Oct 22 L Ont was only report. **Saw-whet Owl:** 1 Oct 15 Syr and 2 fresh road kills on I 81 in Oswego Co Nov 4 were only reports.

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: **Common Nighthawk:** max 373 Aug 24 Syr (GAS) nearly double last year's record count from same area; dep Oct 11, 2 Camillus Twp (C & EF) tied record late. **Chimney Swift:** max 145 Aug 24 Syr was another good macrochiral count from this migration route over Onon Creek valley; dep Oct 23, 2 Onon Hill (EMF) record late. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** max 11 Aug 27 L Ont was better than past 5 falls; dep Oct 11, 1 Morrisville was late. **Belted Kingfisher:** max 6 Oct 2 L Ont is low.

Yellow-shafted Flicker: max 63 Sep 18 Onon Co, Oswego Co. **Pileated Woodpecker:** 1-2 per day from 14 sites in all parts of the Region. **Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 5 reports from Seneca R-Oneida L axis, at Cato, Central Square, Muskrat Bay, Verona Beach, and Canastota; another 5 reports from L Ont areas, at Sterling Twp, Oswego, Shore Oaks, Pleasant Point, and Selkirk Shores State Park may reflect a solidly established population in this area. **Red-headed Woodpecker:** max 4 Sep 2 L Ont was good for fall; dep Oct 16, 1 Marcy. **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** arr Sep 11, 1 NPT; max 9 Sep 24 Oswego Co; dep Oct 14, 1 NPT; reports of 1 each at Skaneateles and Syr on Nov FS were probably attempting to winter. **Hairy Woodpecker:** no flight indicated with max 6s Aug 27 Five Ponds, Sep 1 Dart L, and Nov 1 L Ont. **Downy Woodpecker:** apparently a light flight with max 16 Aug 19

L. Ont. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 4 Aug 27 Five Ponds (FGS, PAD) and 1 Oct 26 Big Moose (CF) were only reports.

Eastern Kingbird: max 26 Aug 19 L. Ont; dep Sep 1 Onon Hill was somewhat early. Great Crested Flycatcher: max 6 Aug 19 L. Ont; dep Sep 16, 1 Onon Hill. Eastern Phoebe: good max of 12 Aug 19 L. Ont; dep Nov 3, 1 N of Chittenango and 1 Nov FS Manlius were late. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: total of 24; arr Aug 5, 1 N Syr was early; max only 2s Aug 16-Sep 9 at L. Ont and 3 Onon Co areas; dep Sept 16, 1 Onon Hill. Traill's Flycatcher: max 3 Aug 20 Oneida; dep Sep 3, 1 "fitz-bew" song form NPT. Least Flycatcher: max 30 Aug 19 L. Ont was good; dep Sep 15, 1 Syr was early. Eastern Wood Pewee: max 27 Aug 19 Oswego Co; dep Oct 18, 1 Syr (FCD) very late. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 4 singles, Aug 20 L. Ont to Aug 27 Five Ponds, an unusual location for the last date.

Horned Lark: max 15 Aug 19 L. Ont was very poor; other areas formerly noteworthy for lark numbers had far fewer, e.g. 4 Sep 17 Onon L, 3 Oct 8 NPT, and 2 Oct 1 Holland Patent, the *only* report E of the L. Ont basin. Tree Swallow: max 5300 Sep 18 Oswego Co was encouraging after poor breeding season prognosis; dep Nov 7, 1 L. Ont (C&EF) tied record late. Bank Swallow: period max 359 Aug 20 Oneida L and R areas was poor; dep Sep 27, 7 L. Ont. Rough-winged Swallow: very poor max 3 Sep 2 Seneca R; dep Oct 1, 2 L. Ont (RJS) very late. Barn Swallow: max 1540 Sep 3 L. Ont; dep Oct 6, 2 L. Ont. Cliff Swallow: max only 4 Aug 19 L. Ont; dep Sep 24, 1 Oswego Co (FGS) apparently record late. Purple Martin: low and late max 220 Sep 3 L. Ont; dep Sep 24, 30 Oswego Co (FGS) very late and especially notable for such numbers.

Gray Jay: 2 Oct 26 Big Moose (CF) only report. Blue Jay: moderate max 43 Sep 15 Onon Co, Cayuga Co. Common Crow: flights along L. Ont of over 500 per day were 1163 Oct 13 and 9415 Oct 19 (both GAS). Black-capped Chickadee: no flight indicated with max only 65 Aug 24 Oswego Co. Boreal Chickadee: 3 Aug 27 Five Ponds; the beginnings of an incursion were singles Nov 2 and 5 at different L. Ont sites. Tufted Titmouse: reported from standard locations at Chittenango, Oneida, and Sherrill; some range expansion can be assumed from transients noted at Fair Haven and Skaneateles. White-breasted Nuthatch: no flight indicated with max 12 Sep 20 Dart L, 11 Aug 19 Oswego Co, 11 Sep 15 Pompey Twp, Sterling Twp. Red-breasted Nuthatch: early arr Aug 14, 1 L. Ont; a good flight shown by max 32 Sep 4 Onon Co. Brown Creeper: no flight indicated, with max 5s Sep 16-Oct 18 at various Oswego Co and Oneida Co locations.

House Wren: max 25 Sep 3 L. Ont seemed high; dep Oct 27, 1 NPT (DWC) very late. Winter Wren: arr Aug 27, 1 L. Ont; max 47 Oct. 8 L. Ont. Carolina Wren: only report was 1 Nov FS, which soon disappeared, W side of Otis co L. Long-billed Marsh Wren: max 5 Sep 10 Peter Scott Swamp was rather low again. Mockingbird: reported at N Syr, Syr, and NPT, but none on Nov FS. Catbird: max 29 Sep 15 Onon Co, Cayuga Co; dep Nov 19, 1 NPT. Brown Thrasher: max 12 Sep 18 Oswego Co; dep Nov 19, 1 L. Ont; birds reported later were apparently attempting to winter. Robin: mediocre max 300 Oct 18 NPT. Wood Thrush: max 6 Aug 19 Oswego Co; dep Oct 3, 1 NPT. Hermit Thrush: early, if true migrants, was arr Aug 19, 3 Oswego Co; poor max 8s Oct 15 L. Ont and Oct 19 Oneida L. Swainson's Thrush: early arr Aug 13, 1 Syr; max 10 Sep 15 Sterling Twp; dep Oct 18, 1 Syr. Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Sep 14, 1 Oswego Co; max 7 Sep 15 Sterling Twp; early dep Oct 2, 3 NPT. Veery: poor max 8 Aug 24 Oswego Co; dep Oct 12, 2 NPT (DWC) very late. Eastern Bluebird: encouraging numbers noted from widespread areas, i.e. 6 or more Oct 3-31 from NPT, Holland Patent, Marcy, W. of Vienna, N Bay, Jewell, N Church near Texas, and near Chedmarado in Richland Twp; max 33 Oct 19 N Bay; dep Nov 1, 3 Cleveland. *WHEATEAR*: 1 Sep 26-27 near Bridgeport (P. Laible et al) was 1st regional record.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Aug 12, 1 L. Ont; max 2s Sep 2 L. Ont and Sep 14 Morrisville, an unusual location; dep Oct 2, 1 Oswego. Golden-crowned Kinglet:

late arr Sep 23, 6 Oswego Co; low max 65 Oct 8 L Ont. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Sep 4, 1 L Ont; moderate max 150 Oct 13 L Ont. Water Pipit: arr Sep 9, 2 Oneida L; low max 81 Oct 27 SW Onon Co; dep Nov 18, 1 near Earlville was late. Cedar Waxwing: good max 440 Oct 6 Oswego Co. Northern Shrike: arr Oct 22, 1 ad and 1 imm by 2 separate parties at different L Ont sites was a little early; singles only through period. Loggerhead Shrike: only 3 singles reported; dep Oct 11, 1 L Ont. Starling: only 2 tallies in the thousands, both of L Ont migrants, 11,000 Oct 6 (FGS) and 5770 Oct 13 (GAS).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: max 5 Sep 3 L Ont; dep Sep 25, 1 Syr. Solitary Vireo: early arr Aug 19, 1 L Ont; max 25 Aug 31 Oswego Co was over twice last year's record high; record late dep Nov FS, 1 Syr (P.&S. Radway) "It shouldn't still be around but has been here all week. Wing bars, spectacles, bluish head, white throat and yellowish sides." Red-eyed Vireo: max 98 Aug 19 L Ont (PAD) was greater than last year's record high; early dep Oct 1, 1 L Ont and 1 Syr. Philadelphia Vireo: 38 birds reported is a very heavy flight; early arr Aug 16, 1 NPT; max 7 Sep 3 L Ont; dep Nov 2, 1 L Ont (FGS) record late. Warbling Vireo: max 18 Aug 19 L Ont; early dep Sep 20, 1 N Syr.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr Aug 12, 5 L Ont; max 14 Aug 19 L Ont was high; dep Oct 5, 1 NPT. Golden-winged Warbler: arr Aug 17, 3 L Ont; max 13 Aug 19 L Ont (PAD) record high (previously 6 in 1957); dep Aug 26, 3 Oswego Co. Blue-winged Warbler: 4 singles Aug 12 NPT-Aug 27 L Ont; 1 Aug 21 Holland Patent (J & EV) unusual location. Brewster's Warbler: 2 singles, Aug 19 L Ont and Aug 24 NPT. Tennessee Warbler: arr Aug 16, 1 NPT; max 37 Sep 3 L Ont (FGS) nearly record high; late dep Oct 18, 1 W of Vienna. Orange-crowned Warbler: protracted flight with record early arr Sep 7, 1 NPT (DWC), max 3 Oct 10 Hannibal Twp, Sterling Twp, and record late dep Nov 2, 1 Oneida (B & SP). Nashville Warbler: max 11 Sep 8 and late dep Oct 20, 1, NPT. Parula Warbler: record early arr Aug 19, 1 L Ont (FGS) and late dep Oct 13, 1 L Ont, for a protracted flight; max 6 Sep 14 Oswego Co.

Yellow Warbler: 1st migrants noted Jul 30, 26 L Ont; max 67 Aug 19 Oswego Co; dep Oct 1, 1 L Ont was late. Magnolia Warbler: protracted migration with record early arr Aug 17, 1 L Ont (FGS) and late dep Oct 22, 1 L Ont; good max of 40 Sep 3 L Ont. Cape May Warbler: another long migration period from record early arr Jul 30, 1 L Ont (FGS) to late dep Oct 4, 3 NPT; max 9 Aug 26 NPT. Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Aug 17, 1 L Ont; max 15 Sep 19 NPT; late dep Oct 22, 1 L Ont. Myrtle Warbler: arr Aug 17, 5 L Ont; max 150 Oct 4 NPT. Black-throated Green Warbler: arr Aug 20, 1 Oswego Co and 1 Onon Co; max 35s Aug 27 Five Ponds and Sep 26 NPT; late dep Oct 23, 1 Onon Hill. Blackburnian Warbler: arr Aug 12, 2 NPT and 5 L Ont; max 10s Aug 19 and Sep 3 L Ont; dep Sep 20, 2 NPT was early. Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Aug 19, 10 Oswego Co; max 12 Sep 3 L Ont; dep 27, 2 Syr. Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Aug 12, 5 L Ont was early; max 46 Aug 24 Oswego Co.; early dep Sep 27, 3 Syr. Blackpoll Warbler: early arr Aug, 19, 2 L Ont; Max 17 Aug 27 L Ont; early dep Oct 4, 1 NPT. Pine Warbler: 7 birds reported, some possibly local breeders; max 3 Aug 17 and dep Oct 21, L Ont. Palm Warbler: early arr Aug 30, 1 NPT; high max 8 Sep 30 NPT; dep Oct 28, 1 D.p.hypochrysea L Ont was late.

Ovenbird: max 7 Sep 15 Sterling Twp; dep Oct 13, 1 L Ont. Northern Waterthrush: record early arr Jul 30, 1 L Ont (FGS); max 4 Sep 3 L Ont; early dep Sep 17, 1 L Ont. **CONNECTICUT WARBLER**: 2 birds, 1 Aug 28 L Ont (FGS) 1st fall report earlier than Sep 7, and 1 ad female "long yellow undertail coverts... the hood was brown rather than gray... throat was not streaked... the eye-ring was extremely white all the way around the eye, not buffy..." Sep 26 NPT (DWC). Mourning Warbler: high max 4 Aug 23 N Syr; dep Oct 2, 1 NPT. Yellowthroat: max 22 Aug 26 Oswego Co. Hooded Warbler: only report was the dep Aug

17, 1 L Ont. Wilson's Warbler: early arr Aug 17, 1 L Ont; max 17 Sep 18 L Ont; dep Oct 2, 2 NPT was early. Canada Warbler: arr Aug 15, 6 NPT; max 8s Aug 27 and Sep 3 L Ont; dep Sep 16, 1 L Ont. American Redstart: early arr Jul 30, 1 L Ont; max 20 Aug 19 Oswego Co; dep Oct 2, 1 L Ont.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: max 46 Sep 10 near Pennellville; early dep Sep 21, 8 Seneca R. Eastern Meadowlark: max 50 Sep 30 Holland Patent. Red-winged Blackbird: 10 tallies of 1000 or more Aug 20-Nov 7 from Floyd, various Oneida L basin areas, Seneca R, and L Ont; max 5000 Nov 7 Bridgeport (B & SP); total of nearly 15,000 at L Ont Oct 13-19 (GAS). Baltimore Oriole: max 14 Aug 19 L Ont; dep Sep 16, 1 L Ont; 1 Nov FS Syr may have been attempting to winter but didn't persist, Rusty Blackbird: arr Sep 10, 3 L Ont; 4 tallies of 100 or more per day, 380 Oct 18 near Oneida Valley (B & SP), and Oct 18-29 L Ont with high max 600 Oct 29 (GAS). Common Grackle: only 4 tallies of 500 or more Oct 13-30 from L Ont and Eaton; max 3000 Oct 30 Eaton (G&MC). Brown-headed Cowbird: 5 tallies of 200 or more Sep 14-Oct 19 from L Ont and Oswego Co areas; max 1000 Oct 19 L Ont (GAS). Scarlet Tanager: low max 7 Aug 24 Oswego Co; dep Oct 3, 1 L Ont.

Cardinal: only 3 counts of 10 or more per day, all from Onon Co and Cayuga Co areas, with max 18 Sep 15. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 14 Aug 19 Oswego Co; dep Oct 1, L Ont. Indigo Bunting: low max 3s Aug 19 Oswego Co. Aug 22 and Sep 12 N Syr; dep Oct 10, 1 near Three Rivers.

Evening Grosbeak: non-Adir arr Oct 4, 1 L Ont; an incursion indicated by Adir max 500 Nov 20 and 25 Dart L and non-Adir max 300 Nov 3 L Ont. Purple Finch: at Dart L 8 Sep 1 dropped to only 1 by Oct 27 with none recorded there in Nov; very high non-Adir max 60 Nov 7 Floyd shows a marked flight. House Finch: 2 Aug 30 Syr and tallies of 7 and 5 Nov F Sat 2 other Syr sites were the only reports and indicate stability but not expansion of numbers. Pine Grosbeak: early arr Oct 12, 2 Dart L; non-Adir arr Oct 12, 13 Morrisville, but not noted at L Ont before Nov 5; max 500 Nov 20 and 25 Dart L was high. Pine Siskin: arr Sep 18, 1 L Ont; Adir arr Oct 1, 10 Dart L; max 190 Oct 28 L Ont. American Goldfinch: no major winter movement indicated with max 250 Nov 10 NPT. Red Crossbill: Adir max 140 Aug 27 Five Ponds was most unusual since none were noted at Dart L before Oct 30; non-Adir max 85 Nov 10 NPT. White-winged Crossbill: arr Nov 5, 14 and max 34 Nov 10 NPT; none noted in Adir areas.

Rufous-sided Towhee: max 11 Oct 5 NPT. Savannah Sparrow: max 52 Sep 10 Schroepfel Twp; dep Nov 19, 1 L Ont was late. Grasshopper Sparrow: only report was dep Oct 10, 1 Lysander Twp. Henslow's Sparrow: 4 reports of 1-2 per day; dep Oct 28, 1 NPT (DWC) record late. Vesper Sparrow: max 66 Oct 18 W of Vienna was good, especially compared with counts from W part of region where max was only 10 Oct 13 NPT; dep Nov 29, 1 NPT (DWC) record late. Slate-colored Junco: arr Aug 24, 2 L Ont (BS) record early; max 400 and 375 Oct 13 by separate parties at different L Ont areas was high. Tree Sparrow: arr Oct 21, 12 L Ont; low max 45 Nov 12 L Ont. Chipping Sparrow: very high max 160 Oct 18 W of Vienna; dep Nov 12, 1 NPT. Field Sparrow: max 28 Oct 10 Onon Co, Oswego Co, Cayuga Co. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Sep 23, 3 Oswego Co; max 222 Oct 18 W of Vienna was very high. White-throated Sparrow: arr Aug 19, 1 L Ont; max 179 Oct 10 Onon Co, Oswego Co, Cayuga Co. Fox Sparrow: arr Oct 5, 1 NPT; mediocre flight with max 10 Oct 31 NPT; dep Nov 15, 1 Holland Patent. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Sep 11, 1 Onon Co; max 6 Oct 10 and late dep Oct 27, 1 NPT. Swamp Sparrow: max 74 Oct 10 Onon Co, Oswego Co, Cayuga Co was high in comparison with recent years. Song Sparrow: max 234 Oct 10 Onon Co, Oswego Co, Cayuga Co. Lapland Longspur: arr Oct 1, 3 L Ont; max 15 Oct 22 L Ont. Snow Bunting: arr Oct 19, 10 L Ont; max 400 Nov 5 L Ont.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Precipitation continued above normal, and the high water left less exposed shore areas. At Eldorado there were not as many shorebirds as usual especially early in the period.

Rare or uncommon birds include Bald Eagle, Hudsonian Godwit, Whimbrel, Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker and Boreal Chickadee which is rare in most of the region.

Abbreviations: ED—Eldorado; PRWMA—Perch River Wildlife Management Area; WHWMA—Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area; PP—Pillar Point and Point Peninsula; RMS—Robert Moses State Park and Power Dam near Massena; STLR—St. Lawrence River; hunt—shot by hunter(s) at PRWMA, reported by LC.

Observers: JB—John Belknap; RB—Richard Brouse; LC—Lee Chamberlaine; FC—Frank Clinch; NL—Nick Leone; JV—Joe Van Reit who made the observations at WHWMA, RMSP and STLR; RW—Robert and June Walker.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: Oct 28 STLR. Horned Grebe: max 8 Nov 19 PP. Pied-billed Grebe: max 60 Sep 27 ED. Double-crested Cormorant: 1 found dead Sep 10 WHWMA. Green Heron: last Sep 23 WHWMA. Canada Goose: Sep 27 Gouverneur; flocks seen flying same day at Massena and several flocks same day near Watertown. Brant: 2 Nov 7 ED (RW). Mallard-Black hybrid: 1 hunt Oct 29. Gadwall: Sep 27 to Nov 4 WHWMA; 31 hunt Oct 2-Nov 4; last Nov 4; the number of Gadwalls taken at PRWMA seems to be increasing. Pintail: Sep 27 Oct 6 WHWMA; 48 hunt Oct 2-Nov 15; 4 ED Nov 19. Green-winged Teal: 18 Sep 28 WHWMA; 229 hunt Oct 2-Nov 20; last Nov 20. Blue-winged Teal: 775 hunt Oct 2-Nov 11; last PRWMA Nov 11. American Widgeon: 42 hunt; last PRWMA Nov 2; 1 Nov 24 STLR. Shoveler: 19 hunt Oct 2-Nov 10; last PRWMA Nov 10; over 100 Nov 11 RMSP. Wood Duck: 249 hunt Oct 2-Nov 16. Redhead: Sep 18-Nov 4 WHWMA; hunter's bag Nov 12 WHWMA. Ringed-necked Duck: 19 hunt Oct 2-Oct 13; abundant Sep 18-Nov 11 northern St Lawrence Co (JV). Canvasback: 1 hunter's bag Oct 15 WHWMA; 1 Nov 19 PP. Greater Scaup: 3 hunt Oct 7-Oct 21; 4 hunter's bag Nov 1 WHWMA. Lesser Scaup: 2 hunt Oct 8-Oct 15; 7 hunter's bag Nov 7 WHWMA. Common Goldeneye: 6 Oct 19 first date on Racket River (JV); 1 hunt Oct 21; 300 Nov 7. Bufflehead: 4 hunt Oct 14-Oct 21; Oct 22-Nov 8 WHWMA. Oldsquaw: Nov 7 ED. White-winged Scoter: 1 hunt Oct 13; 1 Nov 19 Stony Pt. Surf Scoter: female Nov 19 Stony Pt (NL). Ruddy Duck: 2 Sep 27 PRWMA; 3 hunt Oct 17-Nov 5; Oct 28 hunter's bag WHWMA. Hooded Merganser: 3 hunt. Common Merganser: 200 Oct 22 to app 2000 end Nov RMSP. Red-breasted Merganser: Nov 19.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 2 adults 3 immatures Aug 25 Henderson; last Oct 13. Sharp-shinned Hawk: Sep 20 Watertown. Cooper's Hawk :Aug 31 Glen Park. Broad-winged Hawk: 6 Sep 20 Watertown. Rough-legged Hawk: first Nov 10 a few thereafter (JB); 2 Nov 19 PP; not as many seen as some years. Bald Eagle: 2 immatures Nov 19 ED (NL). Marsh Hawk: last Nov 19. Osprey: 2 Aug 25 PRWMA; 2 Sep 17 Crystal Lake. Ruffed Grouse: numbers up over previous 3 years (LC). Gray Partridge: numbers very low; 1 covey Dennison Road; 1 covey RMSP. Common Gallinule: 7 Sep 26 PRWMA. Semipalmated Plover: last Nov 9 STLR. American Woodcock: numbers up over previous year abundant until Nov 10 (LC). Whimbrel: 1 Sep 4 ED (RB). Greater Yellowlegs: Nov 4. Knot: 1 Aug 26 ED; 1 Sep 2 ED. Pectoral Sandpiper: Oct 22 PP. Purple Sandpiper: 2 Oct 24. White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 Nov 5 Sherwin Bay (RW); among birds found shot