

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

at ED Oct 15 (Mrs Comar). Dunlin: 40 Oct 26 Sherwin Bay (JB); 12 Nov 5 Sherwin Bay (RW). Hudsonian Godwit: 1 Sep 9 ED (RB et al). Sanderling: Sep 27 to Nov 9 STLR max 8 Oct 28. Iceland Gull: 1 Nov 24 RMSP. Great Black-backed Gull: Oct 28 to Nov 30 RMSP; Nov 7 ED. Bonaparte's Gull: 3 Sep 2 ED (RB). Caspian Tern: 5 Sep 2 ED. Black Tern: Sep 2 ED. Mourning Dove: 300 in corn fields in Oct in Henderson Area (LC). Black-billed Cuckoo: last Sep. 12 Watertown (RL). Barred Owl: 3 heard Aug 20 Cranberry Lake. Snowy Owl: first late Oct; most were seen second half Nov; max 5 Nov 19 PP; 3 Nov 30 Pillar Pt.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Common Nighthawk: 6 Sep 2 Massena. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Oct 5 Watertown. Red-headed Woodpecker: last Oct 4 Henderson. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 male 1 female Nov 5 Joseph A Blake Jr Wildlife Sanctuary where they have been past 2 winters (NL). Horned Lark: showed up in numbers in mid-Oct (LC); not reported by others. Tree Swallow: last Oct 1 STLR. Bank Swallow: Aug 26. Cliff Swallow: Aug 26. Boreal Chickadee: 1 Oct 15 Thompson Park, Watertown (NL). Winter Wren: 1 Oct 12; 1 Oct 21. Catbird: last Oct 28 WHWMA. Hermit Thrush: last Nov 5. Eastern Bluebird: 2 Sep 9; 2 Oct 15 (NL). Water Pipit: mid-Oct. Northern Shrike: first late Oct.

VIREOS—SPARROWS: Solitary Vireo: Oct 15. Myrtle Warbler: last Oct 25. Blackburnian Warbler: Sep 26 Watertown (FC). Palm Warbler: Oct 18. Yellowthroat: Oct 29. Bobolink: heavy migration early Sep (LC). Eastern Meadowlark: present at end of period. Rusty Blackbird: 3 Nov 3 along STLR. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Sep 20. Evening Grosbeak: seen at higher elevations eastern Jefferson and Lewis Co in late Sep, sporadic on Lake plain thru period (LC); began to appear at feeders in Nov as numbers increased. Pine Grosbeak: 4 Nov 13 Gouverneur only definite report. Swamp Sparrow: Oct 2. Tree Sparrow: Oct 13. Snow Bunting: first 3 Oct 14.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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September was mild; however October was recorded as the coolest in 15 years. The mean temperature was 40 degrees, which is some 12 degrees lower than last year according to Bob Kampf at Ray Brook. November was cool with a 30 degree mean temperature and a 5 below reading on at least one day. Snow for the month totaled 15 inches at Ray Brook.

Abbreviations: BP—Bear Pond near Paul Smiths; BL—Bloomingdale; BTP—Browns Tract Ponds area; CR—Cedar River near Indian Lake; E'town—Elizabethtown; FF—Franklin Falls; GP—Green Pond near Saranac Inn; KV—Keene Valley; L—lake; LP—Lake Placid; MP—Moose Pond near Bloomingdale; New—Newcomb; P—pond; PS—Paul Smiths; SL—Saranac Lake; TL—Tupper Lake; UF—Union Flow; WP—Weller Pond; Wstp—Westport; Wilm—Wilmington.

Observers: GC—Geoffrey Carleton; DC—Dorothy Crumb; MK—Dr. Marguerite Kingsbury; FL—Ferdinand LaFrance; M&IL—Malcolm & Izora Lerch; TM—Ted Mack; RMc—Robert McKinney; RM—Ruth Meier; WR—William Rutherford; RJS—Richard J. Sutliff; R&MS—Robert & Mary Sheffield; JT—Joseph Taylor.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 2 Aug GP (TM); 2 Sep 4 Little Clear (TM); 3 Sep 10 Middle SL (R&MS); 3 Sep 13 Elk