

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

L including one young raised (R&MS); 2 Sep 14 PS (T). Red-necked Grebe: 1 Oct 18 Wstp (GC); 2 Nov 3 Wstp (GC); these migrants are probably found only on Lake Champlain in our area and are seldom reported. Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Sep 13 Elk L (R&MS); only report. Great Blue Heron: 1 Sep Osgood River (RM); 1 Sep WP (R&MS); 1 Sep 13 Elk L (R&MS); 1 Sep 21 Raquette River (RM); 2 Oct 8 FF migrating high (TM). Green Heron: 1 Aug 18 CR (M&IL, RMc); a good bird for this section and only one reported. American Bittern: 1 Sep 6 Bl (TM). WHISTLING SWAN: 1 Nov 18 flying past Scarface Mt near Ray Brook (TM); bird called attention to itself because of the loud noise of each wing beat. Canada Goose: passed over E'town steadily for 12 minutes Oct 7 (Irene Carleton); 5 very late birds Nov 26 (TM). Black Duck: 3 to 7 could usually be found which seems better than most years. Wood Duck: max 7 Sep 10 WP (R&MS). Common Goldeneye: 1 Oct 18 Wstp (GC). Bufflehead: 5 Oct 18 Wstp (GC). Hooded Merganser: widely reported; 9 Aug 17 BP (TM); 11 Aug 27 MP (TM); 18 Oct 31 Seventh L (FL). Common Merganser: large families raised as usual.

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: 1 Oct 30 BTP (FL); 2 Nov 1 BTP (FL). Cooper's Hawk: 1 responded to spishing Nov 14 CR (RMc). Red-tailed Hawk: 1 Sep 4 Little Clear P (TM); 2 Oct 5 Panther P near Corey's (MK); 5 migrating on a thermal also being used by a glider Oct 7 LP (JT); 1 Oct 30 SL (MK); 1 late bird Nov 1 BTP (FL). Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Aug 20 New (TM); 1 Sep 7 BL (TM). Marsh Hawk: 1 Sep 7 Hurricane Mt (GC); 1 Oct 13 at 4600 feet Whiteface Mt (GC). Osprey: 1 Sep 11 LP (JT); 2 migrating Oct 8 FF (TM); Francis Singer's 1972 survey showed 73 known nests and 66 were observed; 25 of these were active, but only 4 produced young and these only 1 each. Sparrow Hawk: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Ruffed Grouse: harder to find this year; max 5 Sep 10 Osgood River (RM). Gray Partridge: 1 Fort Covington (MK). American Woodcock: seemed scarce; 1 Sep 1 TL (RM); 1 Sep 27 Slush (TM). Common Snipe: 1 Sep 8 E'town (GC); 1 Sep 13 FF (TM); 12 Oct 20 BL (Raymond DeVone). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 Sep 15 Elk L (R&MS). Solitary Sandpiper: 2 Aug 20 BTP (FL, RJS). Greater Yellowlegs: 8 Oct 22 UF (TM). Mourning Dove: 1 Oct 1 Wstp (TM). Great Horned Owl: 1 Aug 24 GP (TM); 1 Aug 24 PS (TM); 1 Aug 27 MP (TM); 1 Sep 2 PS (TM); 1 Oct 29 TL (WR). Barred Owl: 1 Aug 17 Little Long P near PS (TM); 1 Aug 28 Rat P (TM); 1 Sep 5 Little Polliwog P (TM); 1 Sep 10 WP (R&MS).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: no reports. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: max 3 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, R Mc). Pileated Woodpecker: 1 Sep 13 Elk L (R&MS); 1 Sep 28 PS (TM); 2 BTP (FL); 2 Nov 11 TL (WR); 1 Nov 15 CR (RMc); 1 Nov 26 New (TM). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 5 Sep 2 BTP DC, FL). Hairy Woodpecker: max 6 Nov 15 CR (RMc). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 Aug 17 BP (TM); 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL); 1 Nov 4 TL (WR). Northern Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Great Crested Flycatcher: 1 Sep 3 Slush P (TM); 1 last bird Sep 7 on Hurricane Mt (GC). Eastern Phoebe: 1 Oct 12 St. Regis Falls (TM); 1 late bird Oct 22 UF (TM). Least Flycatcher: max 8 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Eastern Wood Pewee: 3 Aug 17 BP (TM); latest 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 2 Aug 20 BTP (FL, RJS); 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Horned Lark: 22 migrants Nov 8 PS (TM). Cliff Swallow: flock Aug 29 at Lewis (GC). Gray Jay: 3 Aug 20 BTP (FL, RJS); 2 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL); 2 Oct 2 BTP (FL); 6 Nov 11 TL (WR). Blue Jay: 20 seemed to be migrating Oct 8 FF (TM). Common Raven: 2 Sep 23 KV (GC). Black-capped Chickadee: max 30 Nov 14 CR (RMc). Boreal Chickadee: reported from usual locations. White-breasted Nuthatch: max 20 Nov 14 CR (RMc). Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 15 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Brown Creeper: 1 Sep 5 Little Polliwog P (TM); 1 Oct 31 BTP (FL); 2 Nov 14 CR (RMc). Winter Wren: 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL); 1 half-heartedly singing Sep 12

WP (R&MS); 1 Sep 14 Elk L (R&MS). Catbird: 2 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Brown Thrasher: 1 Oct 9 PS (WR). Wood Thrush: not reported; perhaps just overlooked. Hermit Thrush: last 1 Nov 1 BTP (FL). Swainson's Thrush: max 6 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Veery: 1 Aug 19 Elk L (M&IL, RMc). Eastern Bluebird: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 6 transients Oct 5 E'town (GC). Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 15 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: transients about Sep 10 several localities; last 2 Oct 4 PS (TM). Cedar Waxwing: last report 11 Sep 28 PS (TM).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL); 1 singing Sep 11 WP (R&MS). Red-eyed Vireo: max 6 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Black-and-white Warbler: 2 Aug 20 BTP (FL, RJS); 1 singing Sep 12 WP (R&MS). Tennessee Warbler: arrived Aug 15 E'town (GC); 4 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). *ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER*: 1 adult Oct 13 Wilm (GC). Nashville Warbler: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 2 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Parula Warbler: 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Magnolia Warbler: 3 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Cape May Warbler: arrived Aug 14 E'town (GC); 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 10 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 1 late bird Oct 15 E'town (GC). Myrtle Warbler: max 20 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL); last report 1 Oct 13 KV (MK). Black-throated Green Warbler: max 3 Aug 20 BTP (FL, RJS). Blackburnian Warbler: widely reported; max 3 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL); last 1 Sep 26 E'town (GC). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Bay-breasted Warbler: arrived Aug 19 E'town (GC); 6 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Blackpoll Warbler: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 1 Aug 25 E'town (GC); 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Palm Warbler: 1 Oct 13 Wilm (GC). Ovenbird: 6 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Yellowthroat: max 7 Aug 20 BTP (FL, RJS); 1 late bird Oct 16 E'town (GC). Canada Warbler: 4 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 2 Aug 20 BTP (FL, RJS). American Redstart: max 8 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 3 Aug 25 Whallonsburg (GC). Eastern Meadowlark: 1 late bird Oct 30 Malone (MK). Rusty Blackbird: 1 Sep 10 Middle SL (R&MS); 3 Oct 31 BTP (FL); 2 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Scarlet Tanager: 3 Aug 17 BP (TM); 3 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 1 Sep 10 WP (R&MS). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: family groups until Aug 21 TL (RM). Evening Grosbeak: numbers increased significantly after Aug 19 at TL (RM). Purple Finch: numerous until Sep 6 at TL and then rather scarce (RM). Pine Grosbeak: over 100 Oct 28 TL (RM); 20 Oct 28 CR (RMc); 40 Nov 12 CR (RMc); 10 Nov 30 Corey's (MK). Pine Siskin: scarce; 2 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); several Sep 14 Elk L (R&MS). American Goldfinch: max 20 Oct 30 BTP (FL). Red Crossbill: widely reported thru period, usually in flocks of 15-35. Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Oct 25 TL (RM). Tree Sparrow: first arrivals Oct 15 TL (RM). Chipping Sparrow: 35 transients Sep 22 PS (TM). Field Sparrow: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). White-crowned Sparrow: 60 Oct 13 Wilm (GC); 12 Oct 13 KV (MK). White-throated Sparrow: 12 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 1 with bad wing at feeder Nov 30 TL (RM). Fox Sparrow: 1 Oct 3 E'town (GC). Lincoln's Sparrow: arrived Aug 30 E'town (GC). Snow Bunting: first 2 Nov 4 TL (WR).

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REGION 8 HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The latter half of August was characterized by alternating high and low pressure centers which resulted in predominately cloudy conditions over Region 8, but only a trace of rain fell. A low temperature record of 41° was set on the 16th (Albany