

Paul Smith's to Madawaska — This area offers some of the best and most varied birding territory, where one can find Spruce Grouse, Gray Jays, Boreal Chickadees, Lincoln's Sparrows (in the bogs), etc. Go to junction of Routes 30 and 192 at Paul Smith's. Turn left onto Otisville-Keese's Mills Road. From here on bird as you go along. After 6.5 miles turn right at Rockefeller estate gate house. For the next several miles birding is good all the way. At 6.0 miles there is a woods road to the right. Park and walk in to a large shallow pond (about 1½ miles). Along this road is best place for Spruce Grouse.

27 Mill Valley Road, Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

NEW YORK STATE WATERFOWL COUNT, JANUARY 1973

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The annual waterfowl census was held 13th — 21st January with most observations being made on the target data of the 14th January. An aerial count was made by the New York Conservation Department at the same time. In general the ground count produced the larger counts with the exception of the important Brant population off Long Island. It is hoped that an article on recent populations changes revealed by the waterfowl census will appear shortly.

I would like to thank all persons that took part in the census. The regional leaders were:

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| (1) Mr. Harold Mitchell | (6) Mr. Robert Walker |
| (2) Mr. Walt Listman | (7) none |
| (3) Dr. James Tate | (8) Mr. Guy Bartlett |
| (4) Mr. Les Bemont | (9) Mr. Edward Treacy |
| (5) Dr. Fritz Scheider | (10) Mr. Steve Dempsey |

Ground Survey

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Common Loon	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	91	95
Red-throated Loon	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	20
Horned Grebe	2	1	56	—	10	—	—	—	—	254	323
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2	32	—	3	—	—	—	11	24	73
Mute Swan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	554	579
Whistling Swan	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	9
Canada Goose	401	8	8572	1	77	—	—	9	429	6834	16331
Brant	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3617	3617
Snow Goose	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	12
Mallard	2343	1174	3838	171	2075	30	—	373	1596	9045	20645
Black	1024	354	2709	181	201	140	—	407	496	20584	26096
Black x Mallard	—	—	4	—	7	—	—	—	—	5	16
Gadwall	3	—	1	—	15	—	—	—	—	358	377
Pintail	15	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	75	94
Green-winged Teal	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	100	107
Common Teal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
American Wigeon	87	—	7	—	1	—	—	—	1	1687	1783
Shoveler	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	394	394
Wood duck	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	8	15
Redhead	260	7	3304	—	88	—	—	—	—	48	3707
Ring-neck	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	101	110	214
Canvasback	5640	8	910	—	16	—	—	—	33	4995	11602
Lesser Scaup	32	—	790	—	2	—	—	—	—	723	1547
Scaup, all	7859	285	1839	—	2255	15	—	—	4	97169	108669
Common Goldeneye	6664	1426	1632	37	1097	155	—	16	34	4411	15473
Barrow's Goldeneye	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bufflehead	1502	90	259	—	87	—	—	3	12	3359	5312
Oldsquaw	536	1289	1	—	215	500	—	—	—	1128	3669
Harlequin	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Common Eider	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	76
King Eider	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
White-winged Scoter	64	313	—	—	79	—	—	—	—	5398	5854

	Ground Survey										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Surf Scoter	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	825	825
Common Scoter	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	208	209
Scoter, spp.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16940	16940
Ruddy Duck	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	133	135
Hooded Merganser	5	1	13	—	3	—	—	—	23	136	181
Common Merganser	10526	239	173	11	389	3700	—	8	130	21	15197
Red-breasted Merg.	61	26	22	—	37	—	—	12	—	1802	1960
Coot	12	2	849	—	5	—	—	—	149	809	1826
Gallinule	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Unidentified	—	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	10	1514
Total	37011	6730	24231	403	6666	4540	—	828	3053	181265	265501

	Aerial Survey										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Mute Swan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	420	420
Whistling Swan	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Canada Goose	46	—	5221	—	459	—	—	—	80	5320	11126
Brant	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10581	10581
Mallard	146	—	1966	—	87	2	5	78	37	4714	7035
Black	989	1	2268	—	216	613	100	413	63	23990	28653
Wigeon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	45
Redhead	—	—	3385	—	85	—	—	—	—	9	3479
Canvasback	670	22	401	—	34	—	—	—	—	934	2061
Scaup	5240	370	3152	—	1000	175	—	—	—	47702	57639
Goldeneye	6611	54	515	—	106	—	54	—	—	1680	9020
Bufflehead	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oldsquaw	106	20	13	—	60	120	—	—	—	558	877
Scoter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19680	19680
Merganser	7340	229	1168	—	79	4700	482	6	23	1230	15257
Coot	—	—	401	—	—	—	—	—	—	170	571
Total	21148	696	18490	—	2126	5610	641	497	203	117703	167115