

Sparrow: summer max only 15 Jun 15 northern Onondaga County; most counts 1-6/day and many observers had none for the season.

Dark-eyed Junco: southern highland max 18 Labrador Pond and Shackham Rd Jul 17; noted as breeding in NPT for first time (DWC); THP max 13 Jun 14; Adirondack max 41 BM-BR and Stillwater Rd Jun 24. Field Sparrow: numbers excellent with 25 CV, S Onon Jun 19; BBS tallies, where present, 2-20/count. White-throated Sparrow: low in THP—5-20/day; non-THP, non-Adirondack max 20 RSP Jul 6 (D Ackley); 6 in 7.5 miles HF Jun 13-14 (DWC, PAD); fall arr Aug 5 (very early) two SP dunes. Lincoln's Sparrow: 4 Woods Lake Bog Jun 24 and 2 singles at separate bogs near Stillwater Jun-Jul 1 (FGS, MSR). Swamp Sparrow: BBS tallies, where present, 2-7/count; most larger marshes with very low counts—only 11 Clay Swamp Jun 2 (GAS) and a mere 6 PSS Jun 15; summer max 20 DM Jul 23 (PAD) includes many young birds.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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This past summer was about normal for the area, perhaps a bit more warm and dry than usual. There seemed to be no weather extremes. I would appreciate it if any summer people, residents and visiting birders would send their observations to me. Birders seem to be an endangered species in the Clinton-Essex-Franklin-Hamilton County area, especially in winter.

Observers: BB—Bruce Beehler; EH—Elizabeth Hedges; MKDr. Marguerite Kingsbury; DMc—Dorothy McIlroy; TM—Ted Mack; RMc—Robert McKinney; GM—Dr. Gordon Meade; RM—Ruth Meier; LM—Lon Myers; WR—William Rutherford; JT—Joseph W. Taylor.

Abbreviations: ADK—Adirondack Loj; B—Blomingtondale; Chubb-Chubb River Swamp, Lake Placid; Hi Pk—High Peak Region; Ind L—Indian Lake; L—Lake; LP—Lake Placid; Mad—Madawaska Pond near Paul Smiths; MooBBS—Moody to Saranac Lake Breeding Bird Survey, Dr. Marguerite Kingsbury; NewBBS—Newcomb Breeding Bird Survey, Alice Jones and Helen Manson; New—Newcomb; P—pond; PS—Paul Smiths; PL—Piseco Lake; Raq L—Raquette Lake; SL—Saranac Lake; SpecBBS—Speculator Breeding Bird Survey, Dr. Francis G. Scheider; TL—Tupper Lake; UndBBS—Underwood Breeding Bird Survey, Alice Jones and Helen Manson; VL—Vly Lake near Piseco Lake; Wilm—Wilmington Notch.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Jun 8 TL (RM); 1 Jun 26 Elk L (RMc, LM); 1 Jul 21 Raq L (EH); 1 Jul 22 Goodnow Flow near New (TM); 2 Jul 26 Mountain P (Cathy & TM). Great Blue Heron: 3 Jun 1 Bl (TM); 1 Jun 19 PS (TM); 1 Jun 25 Mad (RMc, LM); 1 Aug 15 LP (JT); 1 Aug 16 Mad (JT). Green Heron: 2 Jun 1 BI (TM); 2 Jun 25 Wilm (RMc). American Bittern: 1 Jun 25 Wilm (RMc); 1 Jun 26 TL (RMc, LM); 1 Jul 10 Jones P near PS (TM); 1 Aug TL (BB). Canada Goose: 1 Jun 22 Long L (RMc, LM); 6 (2 adults & 4 goslings) Jun 25 TL (MK); 6 Aug 14 TL (BB). BRANT: late report of 150 May 26 Kiawassa L near SL (GM). Wood Duck: 1 Jun 26 Long L (RMc); 1 Jun 27 UndBBS; 1 Jun 28 NewBBS. Common Goldeneye: 1 female & 8 ducklings Jul 4 Terror L (Herkimer-Hamilton Co. line) (John Belknap). Hooded Merganser: 1 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 6 Jun 25 Mad (RMc, LM). Common Merganser: several people reported that size of broods was 1/3 to 1/2 usual.

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: 1 trying to capture a chipmunk Aug PS (Lang

Elliott). Red-tailed Hawk: 2 all summer Rich L, New (TM); 1 Jun 27 UndBBS; 2 Jul 19 PL (DMc); 1 immature Aug 11 New (TM); 1 Aug 12 Blackwell Stillwater near New (TM). Red-shouldered Hawk: 4 Jun 25 Mad (RMc, LM); 1 Aug 15 LP (JT). Broad-winged Hawk: far more than usual; most observers reported one or more each trip. Marsh Hawk: 1 Jun 17 Rouses Point (WR). Osprey: 2 with active nest Chateauguay L (Mrs. LaFontaine); 1 Jun 1 ADK (MK); 1 Jun 2 ADK (BB); 1 Jun 21 SL (GM); 1 Jul 10 Jones P near PS (TM); 1 Jul 14 VL (The Vinyans-Kirkland Bird Club); 1 Aug 14 PL (DMc); 2 Aug 15 LP (JT). American Kestrel: 1 Jun 1 ADK (MK); 1 Jun 23 Hi Pk (RMc, LM); 1 Jun 27 Und BBS. Spruce Grouse: 1 Aug 16 Mad (JT). Killdeer: 2 pair all summer PS (TM); 1 pair all summer Gabriels (TM); 2 Jun 6 SpecBBS; several Jun 25 Wilm (RMc, LM); 1 Jun 26 TL (RMc, LM); 5 Jun 27 UndBBS; 1 Jun 28 NewBBS; 3 Jul 24 Brandon Road near PS (WR). American Woodcock: 1 Jun 25 Wilm (RMc, LM); frequently seen all summer (TM); no other reports. Common Snipe: 1 Jun 1 ADK (MK); 1 Jun 19 PS (TM); 1 Jul 11 PS (TM); records indicate that snipe do not breed in the Adirondacks; however, they winnow here in the spring and they are seen at Lower St. Regis Lake all summer. Spotted Sandpiper: 1 Jun 19 PS (TM); 2 Jun 25 Wilm (RMc, LM); 2 Jul 15 Rich L, New (TM). Black Tern: 1 Jun 25 TL (MK); 1 Jul 30 TL (BB); probably same bird as this is a species not to be expected in the Adirondack Park. Mourning Dove: 1 Jun 22 Ind L (RMc, LM); 1 Jun 27 Jay (RMc, LM); 3 Jun 27 UndBBS; 2 Jun 28 NewBBS; not reported every year. Black-billed Cuckoo: all summer TL (RM); 5 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 1 Aug 16 LP (JT). Great Horned Owl: 1 all summer PS (TM). Barred Owl: several reports.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: all summer TL (RM); 1 Jun 25 Wilm (RMc, LM); usually not reported. Nighthawk: 1 Jun 27 Jay (RMc, LM); 1 Jul 24 Brandon Road near PS (WR). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: widely reported: max 6 Jun 25 Mad (RMc, LM). Belted Kingfisher: unusually common. Pileated Woodpecker: 1 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 1 Jun 20 PS (Robert Leffer); 1 Aug 4 Hi Pk (RMc). Eastern Kingbird: numbers up. Great Crested Flycatcher: max 6 Jun 6 SpecBBS. Eastern Phoebe: 5 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 7 Jun 27 UndBBS. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Jun 6 SecBBS; 3 Jun 23 Hi Pk (RMc, LM); 1 Jun 27 Chubb (RM, LM). Willow Flycatcher: 1 Jun 22 Ind L (RM, LM). Alder Flycatcher: 3 Jun 6 SpecBBS. Least Flycatcher: max 27 Jun 6 SpecBBS. Olive-sided Flycatcher: max 5 Jun 6 SpecBBS. Cliff Swallow: fairly common PS as usual. Rough-winged Swallow: 2 Jun 28 NewBBS; many Jul Raq L (EH). Purple Martin: 2 Jun 27 LP (RMc, LM). Gray Jay: 2 Jun 25 Mad (RMc, LM). Common Raven: 1 Jun 3 ADK (BB, Will Merritt); 2 Jun 26 UndBBS. Boreal Chickadee: 2 Jun 25 Mad (RMc, LM). Brown Creeper: 2 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 3 Jun 28 New BBS; several Aug 14 LP (JT). Winter Wren: max 25 June 28 NewBBS. Catbird: good numbers. Brown Thrasher: most observers saw 2 in a day. Swainson's Thrush: scarce. Eastern Bluebird: 2 young raised TL (RM); 1 Jun 25 MooBBS; 1 Jun 27 LP (RMc, LM); 2 Jun 27 UndBBS; 3 Jun 28 NewBBS; several Aug LP & Mad (JT).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Red-eyed Vireo: max 80 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 70 Jun 25 MooBBS. Philadelphia Vireo: 2 Jun 3 Bobsled Run, LP (BB, MK). Warbling Vireo: 1 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 2 Jun 27 UndBBS. Black-and-white Warbler: max 10 Jun 6 SpecBBS. Nashville Warbler: max 6 Jun 28 NewBBS. Parula Warbler: 8 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 3 Jun 25 Chubb (RMc, LM); 1 Jun 28 NewBBS. Magnolia Warbler: max 19 Jun 6 SpecBBS. Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 12 Jun 6 SpecBBS. Yellow-rumped Warbler: numbers very low; max 11 Jun 28 NewBBS. Black-throated Green Warbler: very scarce; max 3 on any report. Blackburnian Warbler: max 16 Jun 6 SpecBBS; female feeding 2 young Aug 9 Raq L (EH). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 44 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 20 Jun 28 NewBBS. Bay-breasted Warbler: 4 Jun 28 NewBBS. Northern Waterthrush: 9 Jun 6 SpecBBS; several Jun 25 Wilm

(RMc, LM); 1 Jun 25 MooBBS. Mourning Warbler: 1 Jun 2 Bobsled Run, LP (MK); 4 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 1 Jun 22 Ind L (RMc, LM); 1 Jun 25 MooBBS; several Jun 25 Wilm (RMc, LM). Canada Warbler: max 17 Jun 6 SpecBBS. American Redstart: 48 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 32 Jun 28 NewBBS.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: 8 Jun 1 Averyville, LP (BB). Rusty Blackbird: max 4 Jun 1 ADK (MK); 1 Jun 23 Hi Pk (RMc, LM); 1 Jun 28 NewBBS; 1 Jul 15 Raq L (EH); 1 Aug 18 Ind L (RMs). Brown-headed Cowbird: numbers very high. Scarlet Tanager: max 14 Jun 6 SpecBBS. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 27 Jun 6 SpecBBS; scarce in other areas. Indigo Bunting 1 pair all summer PS (TM); 2 Jun 26 Blue Ridge RMc, LM); 1 Jun 28 UndBBS. Purple Finch: many all summer TL (RM); 12 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 8 Jul 13 PL (DMc). Pine Siskin: 3 all summer SL (MK); 15 Jun 2 PS (TM); 5 Jun 6 SpecBBS. Red Crossbill: 60 Jun 1 Schroon River (BB); flock Aug 14 LP (JT). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Jun 27 Jay (RMc, LM); 2 Jun 27 UndBBS. Dark-eyed Junco: numbers down. Field Sparrow: max 5 Jun 27 UndBBS. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 banded Aug 18 Ind L (RMc).

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The summer has been a long one this year with hot humid weather arriving in early June and sending temperatures to a high of 92° on the 11th. Precipitation for the month was 7.4 inches or 4 inches above normal. July and August were also warm but a dry trend developed in early August.

Heavy infestation of cherry trees with tent caterpillars may have been responsible for the numerous reports of Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoos in our region.

The only usual species for the period was the Hooded Warbler seen at close range in Mariaville.

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Abbreviations: ADBC—Alan Devoe Bird Club; BBC—Breeding Bird Census; JL—Jenny Lake; VFWM—Vischer Ferry Wildlife Management.

LOONS-DUCKS: Cattle Egret: 7 Jun 7 Altamont (BM) mob. American Bittern: 1 Aug 4 Meadowdale (WG). Least Bittern: 1 Jul 4 Rensselaer (PG). Canada Goose: reported in Columbia County (ADBC). Green-winged Teal: 10 (9 immature) Jul 8 Rensselaer (PG). Blue-winged Teal: reported Jun and Jul Columbia Co. (ADBC).

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture: Jun and Jul Columbia Co (ADBC). Red-tailed Hawk: several reports thru period. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Jun 6 & Jul 16 Cherry Plain (PC); 1 Aug 5 Rensselaer (PC). Broad-winged Hawk: several reports. Bobwhite: 1 Jun 2 Altamont (BW). 1st report in several years. Virginia Rail: max 8 including young Jul 4 Rensselaer (PC); 1 Aug 4 Meadowdale (WG). Common Gallinule: 20 Jul 4 Rensselaer, max 30 Jul 8 & 7 Aug 12 including immature Rensselaer (PC). Common Snipe: 1 Jul 8 Rensselaer (PC). Upland Sandpiper: 1 Aug 12 Schodack Center (PC). Spotted Sandpiper: 2 Jun 3 No Easton BBC. Solitary Sandpiper: 1 Aug 4 & 12 Stony Pt (PC). Lesser Yellowlegs: 5 Aug 12 Stony Pt (PC). Greater Yellowlegs: 1 Jun 3 No Easton BBC.