

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: 39 counted at Berkshire Aug 29 (D,ML); 200-300 in 2 adjacent cornfields Milford Sep 1 (CW, KW, MD); Sep 8 Berkshire (D,ML), last date. Eastern Meadowlark: 2 Nov 30 Candor (R,RP), the only report after Oct 23; seemed scarce. Northern Oriole: Sep 19 Emmons (MD). Rusty Blackbird: Aug 20 Oneonta (IW); Nov 3 CC (MS) and Oneonta (IW); 5 intervening reports. Scarlet Tanager: 1 banded Oct 2 Vestal (EH), the last report and 1 of 26 banded at Bing and Vestal from Sep 16 (EH, HM, GC); other reports numerous all thru Sep. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 18 Sep 13, best count, and 1 Oct 4, last record, EB (MB). Indigo Bunting: 3 banded Oct 7 Bing (HM), the only report after Sep 26; none too common. Evening Grosbeak: 28 Oct 27 Oneonta (IW) then reported regularly in almost all parts of the Region for the rest of the period. Purple Finch: present in most of Region all period in moderate numbers; 60 banded in Bing and Vestal (HM, GC, EH). House Finch: 10 banded Vestal Aug (GC) and present there thru Oct; in Oct "many" regularly Endwell (FL). Pine Siskin: 2 banded Candor in mid Jul (R,RP), 1 with brood patch; 5 banded Oct 6 Vestal (GC), the first fall record; 13 more reports scattered thru Oct and Nov. American Goldfinch: regular all period, but in large numbers. Red Crossbill: Nov 7 Candor (DW). Rufous-sided Towhee: Oct 21 last date, 3 localities. Savannah Sparrow: 1 banded Oct 9 Vestal (EH). Vesper Sparrow: Oct 10 NV (D,ML). Dark-eyed Junco: large numbers from Oct 9 to Nov 14; at Endwell "largest flocks I have ever seen, feeding briefly in backyard" Oct (FL). Tree Sparrow: 2 Oct 28 Delhi (MC) and same date Owego. Chipping Sparrow: still at Delhi Nov 24 (MC); latest elsewhere Oct 20. Field Sparrow: Nov 3 Colliersville (MD, KW). White-crowned Sparrow: Sep 22 Vestal (EH) and 1 still there Nov 30; elsewhere, except Nov 14 Delhi (MC), gone after Oct 26. White-throated Sparrow: in numbers Sep 29 to Nov 11; 187 banded Bing And Vestal. Fox Sparrow: Oct 28 CC (MS); Nov 14 Candor (R,RP); 3 intervening reports. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 Sep 6 EB (BM); Oct 14 CC (MS); 5 intervening reports.

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Late August, September, and early October had warmer weather—less rain than usual, few sharp cold fronts, and only occasional migrant waves (see warblers). The expected thrush-kinglet-late warbler-sparrow flights of the first half of October never materialized as few rapid, massive cold fronts passed thru in that period. From mid-October to early November severe northwest windstorms made for exciting waterbird watching along Lake Ontario but late October landbirding was dull and became even more so after a slippery snowfall of six to twelve inches in early November. Landbirds thru November seemed amazingly scarce and the few winter finches that had arrived were so thinly distributed that nothing approaching an irruption could be identified. The combination of early waterfowl hunting and minimal habitat may explain the scarcity of later shorebirds. The local cone and berry crops appear non-existent except for a few ornamentals and even weed seed production looks reduced—?? flattened by the early wet snow??

Positives for the season include 1) increased numbers of Double-crested Cormorants; 2) an incursion of King Eider; 3) good variety, though poor numbers, of shorebirds; 4) a spectacular jaeger flight; 5) an impressive array, both in numbers and in species, of gulls; 6) continued spread of Red-bellied Woodpecker; 7) an incursion of Northern Shrikes; 8) an excellent flight of Gray Cat-

bird, Hermit Thrush, and Philadelphia Vireo; 9) occasional warbler waves (Sep 9,13,15,20,23, & 27 but strangely none noted in Oct) with some species (q.v.) showing notable numbers briefly; 10) good numbers of migrant Scarlet Tanager and Rose-breasted Grosbeak; 11) a fair flight of some winter finches (Evening Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin, Red Crossbill), more notable for variety of species than actual numbers of birds.

Negatives are 1) very low counts of loons and grebes; 2) a waterfowl flight that can only be described as a disaster—and for all major groups—geese, dabblers, Aythya, scoters, mergansers; 3) continues decline of most raptors, especially Accipiters and Falcons, with very poor numbers of Rough-legged Hawks to boot; 4) continued decline in Ring-necked Pheasants; 5) low numbers of many common shorebirds (see tabulation); 6) a change in numbers of terns, again for the worse; 7) low numbers of Red-headed Woodpeckers and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; 8) an extreme scarcity of Arctic-breeding field birds (Horned Lark, Water Pipit, Savannah Sparrow, Lapland Longspur; 9) a dearth of swallows; 10) a drop in numbers of certain northern breeders—Winter Wren, Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes, Solitary Vireo; 11) very few Eastern Bluebirds; 12) low to middling counts of both kinglets; 13) low tallies of marsh-associated passerines—Long-billed Marsh Wren, Yellowthroat, Swamp Sparrow; 14) extremely low counts of most transient sparrows.

Seasonal rarities, the spice to birding and the inconstant to every birding trip, includer Whistling Swan, King Eider, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Whimbrel, Purple Sandpiper, Hudsonian Godwit, all three phalaropes, two species of jaegers, Black-headed, Franklin's, and Little Gulls, Black-legged Kittiwake, Yellow-breasted Chat, Connecticut Warbler, and White-winged Crossbill.

Initialed observers: GC—Gerald Church; DWC—Dorothy W Crumb; PAD—Paul A DeBenedictis; C&EF—C and E Farnham; FL—Fred LaFrance; JWP—Jean W Propst; B&SP—B and S Peebles; MSR—Marge Rusk; FGS—Fritz G Scheider; GAS—Gerald A Smith; R&CW—R and C Wernick.

Initialed localities: DH—Derby Hill near Texas; HIGMA—Howland's Island GMA near Port Byron; LOL—Lake Ontario littoral; LSB—Little Sodus Bay near Fair Haven; NPT—northern Pompey Township; Onon L—Onondaga Lake; SSSP—Selkirk Shores State Park near Port Ontario; SP & SPI—Sandy Pond and Sandy Pond Inlet; S Onon—South Onondaga, west of LaFayette; Sylvan B or SB—Sylvan and Verona Beaches, east end of Oneida Lake; L—Lake.

LOON—DUCKS: Common Loon: arr Sep 14 one Sylvan Beach; max 11 (very low) LOL Oct 28. Red-throated Loon: total of eight Oct 30 thru Nov 28 from both L Ontario and Oneida L. Red-necked Grebe: singles only Oct 21 DH (B. Brosseau) and Nov 11 Oneida L (R & J Van Scoy). Horned Grebe: max 22 (very low) on both Nov 13 and 23 LOL (GAS, DWC). Eared Grebe: single Nov 15–18 LSB (PAD,DWC,FGS) is second record this year. Pied-billed Grebe: max nine, probably parents with a brood, Aug 19 Old Fly, Pompey (FL); very scarce this fall with only one-six/day and many observers had none.

Great Egret: two singles Aug 26 to Sep 23, very scarce. Green Heron: max 25 (low) Aug 26 Utica Marsh (B&SP); dep date Oct 20 one Eaton (GC). Least Bittern: only report is two Sep 5 DeWitt Marsh (K. Coyle). American Bittern: very scarce—max only four Sep 16 SP; most observers had only one-two/day.

WHISTLING SWAN: two ad and an imm Nov 11–Dec 7 Lewis Point, Oneida L (B&SP, mob), only report. Canada Goose: strictly a fly-over migration—max 4075 over Oswego Oct 2 (R&CW); local ground tallies very low—110–250/day and most refuge areas had virtually none. American Brant: arr date Oct 20 475 DH (GAS); poor numbers with max only 800+ Oct 30 Oneida L (D. Ackley); very scarce in Nov—max 200 Nov 4 L Ontario (PAD). Snow Goose: only report 40 Nov 9 over Fabius (R. Benson).

Mallard: counts only in hundreds with best numbers from Eaton—380 Nov 25 (GC); however, Black Ducks even scarcer with all counts below 100—max 95 Nov 25 Eaton (GC). Pintail: max only 500 DH Sep 16 (GAS); otherwise, very scarce, but present to end of period. Green-winged Teal: max only 40 Pond Hundred near Fair Haven Nov 18. Blue-winged Teal: max only 67 Sep 15; very scarce along Oneida L—max 21 Sep 14—where normally in the hundreds—?? a victim of Dutch Duck Plague?? American Wigeon: max 210 (very low) Oct 13 Beaver L; present to end of period in small numbers. Wood Duck: very scarce—(six—12/day) thru Sep and Oct; five years ago this species was counted in the hundreds.

Redhead: very scarce—seven—16/day with max a mere 32 Oct 21 north shore of Oneida L (MSR). Ring-necked Duck: arr date Oct 6 (late) two DH; max only 160 Oct 13 Beaver L; many small lakes, eg. Tully Lake, had none this fall. Canvasback: incredibly scarce—six—eight/day with max only 12 Nov 4 Eaton (GC). Greater Scaup: arr date Sep 16 one SP; max 1100 Oct 14 DH; Oneida L numbers very low—90—200/day—where formerly in the thousands. Common Goldeneye: one female Sep 30 (early) SP (PAD; max 250 Nov 4 LOL (PAD); scarce on both Oneida L and Onon L. Oldsquaw: arr Oct 20 one DH (GAS); max 75 Nov 29 DH, LOL; scarce along LOL and at Oneida L. King Eider: fall flight began Oct 14 one DH (record arr date); one—two/day thru Nov along L Ontario but no “inland” records so far. White-winged Scoter: max 180 Oct 30 Oneida L (JWP). Surf Scoter: arr Sep 23 (early) five SPI (PAD); max 47 Oct 14 DH. Black Scoter: 200 Oct 30 Sylvan B (—WP), a high count away from L Ontario. Ruddy Duck: max a miserable nine Oct 28 Eaton (GC), very scarce otherwise—one—six/day. Red-breasted Merganser: arr Sep 16 one DH (MSR, GAS) with max 2350 (low) Nov 10 LOL, primarily Fair Haven and Oswego.

HAWKS—OWLS: Sharp-shinned Hawk: arr Aug 19 one Sp dunes; 19 individuals (quite scarce) from 17 observers thru period; even scarcer are the 12 Cooper's Hawks from the name 17 birders. Red-tailed Hawk: six—14/day thru Oct and Nov; max 28 Clay Hawk Survey Route Nov 17 (GAS). Only Red-shouldered Hawk were two Sep 15 Onondaga Hill (MSR). Broad-winged Hawk: very scarce migrant this fall—only three—12/day with the last bird noted Sep 21 (early) NPT (DWC). Rough-legged Hawk: arr Oct 20 one SSSP (C&EF); very few thereafter with only one—two/day, mostly from the Pulaski—Mexico area, and most observers had none. *BALD EAGLES* only report an imm Aug 30 Shackleton Pt, Oneida L (P. Laible). Harrier: arr Aug 18 one Tully (JWP); max four both Sep 11 SP and Oct 11 NPT (DWC); last noted Nov 24 one Pompey (FL). *PEREGRINE FALCON*: only reports an imm Sep 15 SP (FL, R. Sutliff) is the only fall report.

Ruffed Grouse: max 11 Oct 21 SSSP and LOL, scarce otherwise. Ring-necked Pheasant: very scarce—one—two/day with max only nine on both Oct 3 Syr and Oct 28 Eaton; with the continued decline of diversified farming and the astounding suburbia, this handsome adventive will soon be an historical bygone. Sora: max seven Sep 5 with last Sep 30 one, both DeWitt Marsh (K. Coyle). Common Gallinule: max 18 Aug 16 SP and Pond Hundred; last noted Nov 11 (late) one Eaton (GC).

Two single *HUDSONIAN GODWIT* (Sep 14 Onon L; Oct 6 SPI) and two *WHIMBREL* (Aug 19, Sep 9 both SPI) were noted. *PURPLE SANDPIPER*: only report is one Nov 11 LSB—very scarce this fall. Western Sandpiper: several singles—SP, Sylvan B, Onon L—to dep date Oct 26.

In the shorebird tabulation note 1) the paucity of “peep” sandpipers, 2) the markedly reduced numbers of Golden Plover, Solitary Sandpiper, and Sanderling, 3) the very few Nov dep dates—only nine species; usually there are twelve or more.

Shorebird Species

Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer
Golden Plover
Black-bellied Plover
Ruddy Turnstone
American Woodstock
Common Snipe
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Red Knot
Pectoral Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Dunlin
Short-billed Dowitcher
Stilt Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Sanderling
Red Phalarope
Wilson's Phalarope
Northern Phalarope

Arrival Date

Jul 15, three, Onon L

Aug 23, one, Tubbs Rd
Aug 10, one, Onon L
Jul 25, one, Onon L

Jul 7, one, Onon L
Jul 10, three, Onon L
Jul 1, one, Onon L
Jul 15, one, Onon L
Jul 1, one, Onon L
Aug 26, three, Utica Marsh
Sep 6, one, Onon L
Jul 4, three, Onon L
Aug 26, one, SPI
Jul 10, six, Onon L
Jul 11, one, Onon L
Jul 9, three, Onon L
Jul 10, one, Onon L
Nov 8, four, SP
Aug 5, one, Onon L
Aug 20, two, Onon L

Maxima

22, Aug 21, Onon L
118, Aug 26, Tubbs Rd
19, Sep 12, Durhamville
35, Sep 20, Onon L
32, Sep 14, Onon L & SB
5, Oct 10, NPT
50, Oct 27, Scott Swamp
60, Jul 11, Onon L
9, Aug 11 DeWitt Marsh
18, Oct 31, Scott Swamp
53, Aug 22, Onon L
5, Sep 26, SB
33, Sep 20, SP, Onon L
3, Aug 26, Utica Marsh
3, Sep 9, Onon L
107, Jul 21, Onon L
62, Oct 28, SSSP
31, Aug 19, Onon L
31, Sep 6, Onon L
275, Aug 22, Onon L
75, Sep 9, SP, Onon L
5, Nov 18, Oswego
2, Sep 16, Onon L
4, Aug 22, Onon L

Departure Date

Oct 17, two, SB
Dec 15, four, DeWitt
Sep 30, two, Onon L
Nov 15, one, LSB
Oct 28, one, Oswego
Nov 5, one, NPT
Nov 17, one, Clay Swamp
Sep 30, one, Onon L
Sep 8, one, DeWitt
Nov 2, one, SSSP
Oct 28, one, DeWitt Marsh
Sep 30, one, SP
Nov 9, one, SB
Sep 13, one, Onon L
Sep 30, one, Onon L
Oct 3, three, SB
Nov 26, one, Onon L
Sep 14, one, Onon L
Sep 26, four, Onon L
Oct 25, one, Onon L
Nov 11, four, SPI
Nov 18, five, Oswego
Sep 16, two, Onon L
Sep 23, one, Onon L

POMARINE JAEGER: two immatures in direct comparison with numerous Parasitics Oct 14 DH (PAD,FGS,GAS). **PARASITIC JAEGER**: a superb flight—first bird a dark phase adult Aug 25 SPI (AGS,CGSpies); max 80+ (a regional record) mostly light phase adults and immatures DH, SP Oct 14 (PAD,FGS,GAS); last noted four Nov 29 DH, Pleasant Pt (DWC,FGS).

Glaucous Gull: arr Nov 10 a 1st year bird Oswego Dump (FGS). Iceland Gull: arr an imm Nov 4 DH (PAD). Great Black-backed Gull: arr Sep 16 three SPI; max 65 Nov 18 DH, Oswego, LSB. Herring Gull: max 3800 Nov 29 DH, Oswego on fierce NW lake storm. Ring-billed Gull: huge flight of 5000± Oct 14 DH, SSSP, SP; large numbers—3000 to 4000/day—thru Nov at Oswego. **LITTLE GULL**: two intermittently Aug 30 to Sep SPI (mob); also an ad Nov 10 off DH (FGS). **BLACK-HEADED GULL**: two individuals, both ad, one Sep 15 to Oct 28 SPI (FGS) and one Oswego Harbor Nov 15-17 (PAD). **FRANKLIN'S GULL**: an imm SPI Sep 23 (PAD,FGS) is the only record this fall. **BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE**: single imm at both DH and SSSP Nov 29 (FGS,DWC), only fall record.

Common Tern: max 150 Sylvan B Sep 9 (GC); dep date Nov 9 six Oneida L (C&EF). Caspian Tern: max 36 Aug 23 SPI; dep date Sep 30 (early) two SPI (PAD). Black Tern: incredibly scarce this fall—max only 12 SPI Aug 25 with dep date Sep 23 two Onondaga L (FGS).

Black-billed Cuckoo: one dead Oct 4 (late) NPT (DWC,PAD). Great Horned Owl: new location west shore of LBS Nov 15. Snowy Owl: two singles to date—one Nov 15 LSB and one downtown Syr (on the cupola of the County Court-house) Nov 29—not a flight year but better than nothing.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: 71 Aug 26 Syr (JWP) with dep date Sep 27 one south side of Syr (C&EF). Chimney Swift: max 36 Aug 27 Syr; dep date Sep 27 (early) one each Syr and Pompey. Belted Kingfisher: one—five/day thru Oct; singles present thru Nov.

Common Flicker: max 32 (low) Sep 23 SP area; however, many persisting into Nov. Pileated Woodpecker: one west shore LSB Nov 15 is a new location. Red-bellied Woodpecker: one—two/day in various woodlots west of Oswego (R&CW); also three Oct LSB; expanding into the wooded swamps and woodlots of the Ontario lakeplain. Red-headed Woodpecker: very scarce—and getting scarcer!—total of nine individuals for entire fall (17 observers). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Sep 6 (early) four Tully (JWP); max only ten (low) Sep SP area.

Eastern Kingbird: fall max 12 Aug 19 SP; dep date Oct 6 (late) one near Mexico (E Freeborn). Great Crested Flycatcher: dep date Sep 23 one each NPT and HIGHA. Eastern Phoebe: max nine Sep 23 SP area; dep date 30 one NPT (somewhat early). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 24 individuals Aug 16 to Oct 12 (very late). Least Flycatcher: max six Sep Hogsback Rd near Navarino (JWP); dep date Oct 12 (very late) one NPT (DWC). Eastern Wood Pewee: max 21 Aug 25 SP, LOL, Stone Rd; dep date Oct 7 one LSB. Olive-sided Flycatcher: seven individuals noted, all between Aug 16 and Sep 6.

Horned Lark: extraordinarily scarce—max only 80 Nov 18 near SSSP; most counts only four—20/day. Tree Swallow: max 2150 (very low) Sep 20 SP, SSSP; dep date Oct 16 (very early) one Oswego (R&CW). Bank Swallow: max 800 (very low) Aug 26 SP; dep date Sep 30 one SP (PAD). Barn Swallow: extraordinarily low—max 1100 Aug 25 LOL with dep date Oct 6 one SPI (E Freeborn). Cliff Swallow: max 189 (high) Aug 23 Canastota (B&SP) with dep date Sep 23 (slightly late) one SP. Purple Martin: max 900 Aug 26 SP; dep date Sep two SP.

Tufted Titmouse: present at Pleasant Pt one Nov 29 and Oneida L one Oct 21; not as common as three or four years ago and definitely not expanding like

Mockingbird and Cardinal. Red-breasted Nuthatch: very very scarce—max only seven Oct 14 Syr (M Champlin). Brown Creeper: like Red-breasted Nuthatch, very scarce—one-seven/day with no flight days recorded despite increased LOL coverage.

Winter Wren: arr Sep 13 on SP; max ten (very low) Sep 30 SP (SAD). Carolina Wren: two Oct 21 Oneida L and one Syr thru Nov; may be increasing after long period of low numbers.. Long-billed Marsh Wren: max a mere six (very low) Sep 23 SP area; date dep Oct 24 oce NPT (DWC).

Gray Catbird: max 38 (high) Sep 24 Pratt's Falls (JWP); last date Nov 26 one NPT (DWC), very late. Brown Thrasher: one-six/day; dep daee Nov 11 one NPT. Hermit Thrush: arr Sep 8 one SP dunes; max 31 Oct 6 SP, SSSP; dep date Nov 15 one Syr (JWP). Swainson's Thrush: arr Sep 8 (late) one SP; max only 13 Sep 9 SP, SSSP with dep date Oct 28 one Syr—a poor to middling flight. Gray-checked Thrush: arr Sep 8 one SP; max three (very low) Sep 15 Nine Mile Pt with dep date Oct 9 (early) one Syr. Veery: very scarce—one-three/day with many observers seeing none!—dep date Sep 22 one Highland Forest (B Brosseau). Eastern Bluebird: incredibly scarce—total of 11 individuals for entire fall (17 observers).

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Sep 17 six SP dunes; max 135 Oct 10 and 130 Oct 26, both NPT. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr date Sep 9 (late) one SP; max 75 Sep 30 SP (PAD); generally low numbers throughout the fall with dep rate Nov 12 one each both Syr and NPT. Water Pipit: arr date Sep 13 one SPI; very scarce thru fall—max 150 Oct 24 NPT with most counts only three—14/day; dep date Nov 18 one LOL (M Champlin). Northern Shrike: arr an imm (dead in road) Oct 31 near Texas (GAS); one-three/day thru Nov for most observers—a good flight.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: arr date Aug 23 (early) one Halliday Rd near Parish (FGS); terrible fall flight with max only four Oct 8 NPT; most observers only one-two/day with dep date Oct 18 (early) one Syr. Red-eyed Vireo: max 36 Aug 23 SP, Stone Rd., Mexico Point West with dep date Oct 7 one LSB. Philadelphia Vireo: excellent fall flight—arr Aug 5 one SP dunes; max eight Sep 15 SP, SSP, LOL; dep date Oct 11 one NPT (DWC). Warbling Vireo: max 13 Aug 19 SP dunes with dep date Sep 28 (late) one NPT; most observers thought this species, like Solitary Vireo, very scarce this fall.

The warbler tabulation, especially the maxima, reveal the major foci of warbler watching, i.e. northern Pompey Township and the Sandy Pond dunes—Selkirk Shores State Park sector, this fall. The paucity of Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers is matched by the very low counts of Blackburnian and Chestnut-sided Warblers, Ovenbird, Northern Water-thrush, and Wilson's Warblers. Large numbers of Tennessee, Cape May, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Bay-breasted, and Canada Warblers were tallied but most were noted in a few brief sharp waves in the third quarter of Sep. Note the numerous October and a few Nov dep dates for the various species, quite in contrast to the earlier than normal departures of most shorebirds.

Rare warblers include a *YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT* Sep 26 NPT, a *CONNECTICUT WARBLER* Oct 5-6 NPT, and a Hooded Warbler Aug 5 NPT (all DWC); also four Pine Warblers Sep 8—Oct 1 with none later than that—usually seen thru the first half of Oct, sometimes later.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: scarce—max only 18 Aug 25 NPT (DWC); dep date Oct 13 (late) one Beaver L (FGS). Redwinged Blackbird: max 8500 (low) Oct 7 DH—should be noted in the hundreds of thousands. Northern Oriole: max

Warbler Species

Black-and-white
 Golden-winged
 Blue-winged
 Tennessee
 Orange-crowned
 Nashville
 Parula
 Yellow
 Magnolia
 Cape May
 Black-throated Blue
 Yellow-rumped
 Black-throated Green
 Blackburnian
 Chestnut-sided
 Bay-breasted
 Blackpoll
 Palm
 Ovenbird
 Northern Waterthrush
 Mourning
 Yellowthroat
 Wilson's
 Canada
 Redstart

Arrival Date

Aug 5, two, SP
 Aug 3, one, Scott Swamp
 Aug 15, one, Hogsback Rd
 Aug 19, two, SP
 Sep 23, two, SP
 Aug 18, one, Pompey
 Aug 19, one, SP dunes
 Jul 4, two, N Syr
 Aug 5, one, SP
 Aug 19, eight, SP dunes
 Aug 30, one, Onon L
 Aug 5, three, SP dunes
 Aug 11, one, N Manilus
 Aug 5, one, SSSP
 Aug 5, three, SP
 Aug 5, eight, SP dunes
 Aug 17, one, NPT
 Sep 16, three, Fair Haven
 Aug 25, one, SP dunes
 Aug 5, three, SP dunes
 Aug 23, one, Mexico Pt.W.
 Aug 19, 13, SP dunes
 Aug 5, two, SP dunes
 Aug 5, one, SP dunes
 Aug 5, one, DeWitt Marsh

Maxima

9, Sep 27, NPT
 2, Aug 25, Stone Rd
 2, Aug 22&27, S. Onon, Pompey
 31, Sep 20, NPT
 2, Sep 23, SP
 17, Sep 20, NPT
 9, Sept 23, SP
 107, Aug 19, SP dunes
 39, Sep 13, NPT
 43, Sep 13, NPT
 23, Sep 27, NPT
 129, Oct 7, LOL
 161, Sep 27, NPT
 8, Sep 15, NPT
 5, Sep 15, both SSSP & NPT
 63, Sep 15, NPT
 28, Sep 13, NPT
 9, Oct 7, LSB, Oswego
 11, Sep 23, NPT
 3, Aug 5, SP dunes
 2, Sep 28, Pompey
 20, Sep 23, SP
 13, Sep 13, NPT
 10, Aug 23, SP Stone Rd
 19, Sep 15, NPT

Departure Date

Sep 28, two, NPT
 Sep 9, one, SSSP
 Sep 19, one, Pompey
 Oct 13, one, NPT
 Oct 22, one, Pompey
 Oct 13, one, NPT
 Oct 8, one, NPT
 Sep 23, one, SP
 Oct 13, one, NPT
 Oct 9, one, NPT
 Oct 13, two, NPT
 Nov 16, one, NPT
 Oct 13, three, NPT
 Sep 27, one, NPT
 Oct 8, one, NPT
 Sep 29, one, N Syr
 Oct 3, one each NPT & Manilus
 Nov 9, one, NPT
 Oct 3, one, NPT
 Oct 6, one, SP
 Oct 3, one, Pompey
 Nov 15, one, LSB
 Oct 9, one, Syr
 Oct 1, one, Pompey
 Oct 10, one, NPT

eight (low) Aug SP dunes; last noted Sep 23 one HIGMA (MSR). Rusty Blackbird: arr Sep 23 (late) four SP; max 145 Oct 28 DH; present thru end of period.

Scarlet Tanager: max 14 Sep 15 SP, SSP; dep date Oct 5 (early) one Pompey. Cardinal increasing numbers along L Ontario; counts of ten-12/day there now numerous. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: fairly good flight—max 15 Sep 12 Fish Gulf and again 15 Sep 20 SSSP, Tubbs Rd; dep date Oct 18 (late) one Syr (JWP).

Evening Grosbeak: arr Oct 25 one NPT—unusual as first birds are almost always from the Ontario lakeshore; small flocks (four-12/day) thereafter but no big flocks noted away from feeders. House Finch: only reports are two Oct 28 and one Nov 17 both Syr but at different loci. Common Redpoll: present but scarce—arr Oct 27 nine plus LOL (DWC); counts one-14/day thereafter but very few indeed. Pine Siskin: arr Sep 6 one Tully; scattered birds thru Oct with max 45 Nov 23 NPT. American Goldfinch: large flocks everywhere this fall—daily counts 100-150/day with max 250 Oct 31 DH. Red Crossbill: few small flocks in Nov with max 25 Nov 14 NPT. *WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL*: only report is one sick bird (eventually died) Nov 11 near Tully—no flocks reported and the few Red Crossbill flocks seen well were “clean”, i.e., no admixture of White-winged.

Savannah Sparrow: max 30 Oct 7 LOL, scarce otherwise with dep date Oct 31 three Nine Mile Pt. Vesper Sparrow: incredibly scarce this fall—mostly one-three/day with the max a miserable 11 Oct 20 near Eaton (GC). Dark-eyed Junco: arr Sep 13 one SP dunes; generally low in numbers with max 230 Oct 19 W Lake Rd near Oswego (R&CW). Tree Sparrow: arr Oct 17 six Nine Mile Pt (DWC); mostly small flocks (ten-30/day) with max 400 Nov 11 Tully. Chipping Sparrow: very scarce—max only 16 (very low) Oct 13 Beaver L; dep date Nov 16, a feeder-supported bird, NPT. Field Sparrow: max 26 Oct 13 Beaver L; scarce otherwise with most counts only one-five/day. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Sep 22 (late) one Fair Haven; very poor flight with max only 71 Oct 7 LOL. White-throated Sparrow: arr Aug 5 (very early) two SP dunes; max 254 Oct 7 LOL; numerous Nov birds reported. Fox Sparrow: arr Sep 30 one SP (PAD); max 40 Oct 30 NPT (good count but less than last year's peak) with dep date Nov 16 one NPT. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Aug 21 (very early) one NPT (JWP); max six Sep 28 NPT with dep date Oct 22 (early) one NPT. Swamp Sparrow: max 32 Sep 30 Clay Swamp, scarce otherwise with dep date Nov 11 four Eaton (GC). Song Sparrow: slow, protracted fall flight with max 137 (low) Oct 7 LOL. Lapland Longspur: arr Sep 16 (tries record arr date) one with max 22 Oct 21 both Nine Mile Pt. Snow Bunting: arr Oct 17 two Nine Mile Pt area; most counts 20-150/day with max 1200 Nov 18 Oswego to DH.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Fall of 1973 was dry with rather warm weather. Fall colors appeared early in the foliage probably due to dry conditions. Colder weather held off until November and snowfall was almost non-existent.

Lake Ontario water levels continued to drop and expose shoreline resulting in excellent shorebird observations.

Noteworthy observations for the period include unusual numbers and variety of