

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

waterfowl, hawks (Merlin), shorebirds (Golden Plover—Whimbrel—Purple Sandpiper—Bairds Sandpiper), gulls (White-winged Gull—Black-Legged Kittiwake), owls (Long-eared) and early winter migrants.

Abbreviations: ED—Eldorado Shores; PRWMA—Perch River Wildlife Management Area; WHWMA—Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area; RM—Robert Moses State Park and Power Dam; SLR—St. Lawrence River; HB—Hunter's Bag Oct. 1—Nov. 4 totals for first half waterfowl season (LC); mob—many observers.

Observers: JB—John Belknap; RB—Richard Brouse; TC—Tom Carrolan; LC—Lee Chamberlaine; FC—Frank Clinch; NL—Nick Leone; RS—Robert and Mary Sheffield; JV—Joe VanRiet; RW—Robert and June Walker.

Corrigenda: KINGBIRD XXIII, No. 2, May 1973, p. 103, Common Merganser: 3700 Jan. 16 RM (not WH).

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 2 Oct 16; 2 Oct 24; 1 Nov 18; 1 Nov 25. RED-THROATED LOON: 1 Oct 24 (JV). Horned Grebe: 2 Nov 25 Sherwins Bay. Double-crested Cormorant: 6 Aug 30 Gull Island (LC); 24 Sept 6 Little Galloo Island (LC); 3 Sept 8 ED (NL); 5 Sept 15 ED (NL); 1 Sept 21 ED (NL). Great Blue Heron: 1 Nov 25 Sportsmens Club, Watertown (NL). Green Heron: 1 Sept 9 (NL). American Bittern: Sept. 18. Canada Goose: present through period; resident population at PRWMA remains stable. Brant: 1 Nov 12 ED (TC); 1 Nov 16 ED (NL). Mallard: 736 PRWMA—HB; 181 WHWMA—HB. Black Duck: 141 PRWMA—HB; 102 WHWMA—HB. Black-Mallard Hybrid: 1 PRWMA—HB. GADWALL: 456 Sept 8 ED (NL) WHWMA—HB; 6 Nov 30 RM pond (JV). Pintail: 37 PRMA—HB; 28 WHWMA—HB. Green-winged Teal: 263 PRWMA—HB; 31 WHWMA—HB. American Wigeon: 75 PRWMA—HB; 142 WHMA—HB; 6 Nov 25 RM pond (JV). Northern Shoveler: 265 Sept 17 RM pond (JV); 16 PRWMA—HB. Wood Duck: 10 Sept 29 WHWMA (JV); 432 PRWMA—HB; 12 WHWMA—HB. Redhead: 15 ± PRWMA (TC); Nov 25 last date—high numbers WHWMA this season estimate of 1000 maximum (JV). Ring-necked Duck: 15 PRWMA—HB; 59 WHWMA—HB; 800 Nov 10 RM pond (JV); still present end Nov RM pond (JV). Canvasback: 2 Oct 21 WHWMA (JV); 2 Oct 28 SLR (JV); 9 Nov 4 PRWMA (TC). Greater Scaup: 23 WHWMA—HB; 2000 ± Nov 25 Black River Bay (RW). Lesser Scaup: 14 WHWMA—HB; 9 PRWMA—HB. Common Golden-eye: 1 WHWMA—HB; 4 Oct 25 Raquette River (JV). Nov 4 PRWMA (NL); 100 Nov ED (TC).

Bufflehead: 1 Oct 2 WHWMA—HB (JV); 10 Nov 8 ED. Oldsquaw: 1 Nov 3 WHWMA—HB; 10 Nov 8 ED; 40-50 Nov 25 Black River Bay (RW). White-winged Scoter: 2 WHWMA—BH; 1 PRWMA—HB; 7-8 Nov 18 Pillar Point (NL). Surf Scoter: 1 female Nov 8 ED (TC); Black Scoter: 1 Nov 8 ED (TC); 1 Nov 16 SLR (JV); 3 females Nov 16 ED (NL); 6 females Nov 18 ED and Pillar Point (NL). Ruddy Duck: 2 PRWMA—HB; 1 WHWMA—HB; 5 Nov 4 PRWMA (TC). Hooded Merganser: 9 PRWMA—HB; 25 WHWMA—HB; 90 Nov 10 (JV); 21 Nov 26 PRWMA (TC). Common Merganser: 1 Sept 7; 320 Oct 30; 3400 Nov 17 RM (JV).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 2 Sept 7 near Gouverneur; 1 Sept 7 ED; 1 Oct 8 (RW). Goshawk: 1 Nov 16 ED; 1 Nov 25 Stony Point. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Sept 15 ED (TC). Cooper's Hawk: 1 Oct 9 Dry Hill Rd. (RW). Red-tailed Hawk: 4 Oct 9 Dry Hill Rd; 5 Oct 27 RM. Rough-legged Hawk: 1 Oct 28 (JB); 1, black phase, Oct 30 Thousand Island Bridge (A LaFave); 2 Nov 10, 1 light and 1 dark (JV); 6 Nov 21 (JB). Marsh Hawk: Nov 21 (JB). Osprey: 1 Sept 15 ED; 2 Sept 15 ED; 2 Sept 15 (JV); 1 Oct 17 Massawepie Lake, St. Lawrence Co (B. Buffington). MERLIN: 1 Sept 19 female or immature hunting shorebirds ED (TC). Kestrel: around through period. Ruffed Grouse: more plentiful than previous 3 years. Gray Partridge: 13 in 3 coveys Aug 19; 1 Nov 2 no St.

Lawrence Co (JV); numbers still low. Virginia Rail: 1 Sept 19 Dennison Rd (JV); 1 Sept 19 RM (JV). Common Gallinule: 1 Sept 19. Coot: 96 Oct 21 WHWMA (JV); still there Nov 4. Semipalmated Plover: Sept 29. Killdeer: 140 Oct 25 (JV); 1 Nov 29, late. *GOLDEN PLOVER*: 2 Sept 8 SLR (JV); 1 Sept 9 WHWMA (JV). Black-bellied Plover: 3 Sept 7 (JV); 17 Sept 15; 2 Nov 22 (JV). Ruddy Turnstone: Oct 5 ED (NL). Woodcock: maximum numbers around Nov 4; last date Nov 15. Common Snipe: 23 Sept 15; 4 Oct 20, last date (JV). *WHIMBREL*: 1 Sept 2 ED (NL); 1 Sept 7–Sept 9 ED (NL). Spotted Sandpiper: Sept 28, last date. Solitary Sandpiper: 1 Aug 31 Brasher State Forest gravel pit (D. Allen). Greater Yellowlegs: 6 Nov 3 WHWMA (JV); 1 Nov 16 ED (NL). Lesser Yellowlegs: Oct 20, last date. Red Knot: 1 Sept 2–Sept 2 ED (NL); 1 Sept 8 ED (NL). *PURPLE SANDPIPER*: 1 Nov 24 ED (RW); 1 Nov 25 ED (NL) (TC). Pectoral Sandpiper: 19 Sept 18 (JV); 6 Oct 20 (JV). *BAIRD'S SANDPIPER*: 1 Sept 14–Sept 15 ED (NL); 1 Sept 21 ED (NL). Least Sandpiper: Sept 9 ED. Dunlin: 9 Nov 4; 1 Nov 24 ED (RM). Short-billed Dowitcher: 2 Sept 3 ED (NL); 1 Sept 21 ED (NL). Least Sandpiper: Sept 9 ED. Dunlin: 9 Nov 4; 1 Nov 24 ED (RW). Short-billed Dowitcher: 2 Sept ED (NL). Semipalmated Sandpiper: Oct 5. *WESTERN SANDPIPER*: 1 Sept 2–Sept 3 ED (NL) (TC). Sanderling: 16 Oct 28; 4 Nov 4 (JV). *RED PHALAROPE*: 1 Aug 26 ED (RW); 4 Nov 10 ED (RW); 2 Nov 12 ED (TC).

WHITE-WINGED GULL: 1 present at RM Nov 21 and Nov 24; 2 Nov 30 could not tell species for sure (JV). Great Black-backed Gull: 1 Aug 29 (JV); 2 Sept 8 regular from then on (JV); 20 Nov 21 Pt Peninsula (TC). Herring Gull: thru period. Ring-billed Gull: through period. Bonaparte's Gull: 4 Aug 19 RM (JV); 2 Aug 26 ED (RW); 50+ Sept 16 present end of Nov. *BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE*: 1 immature Nov 30–Dec 1 RM on outside of a flock of Herring, Ring-billed and Bonaparte's Gulls; observed for aver 11/2 hours 20 x Balscope; was quite aggressive and would take an occasional stab at Ringbill (JV). Common Tern: 2 Oct 14, last date. Caspian Tern: Sept 22 Ed. Black Tern: 1 Aug 18 WHWMA, last date.

Screech Owl: heard throughout period. *LONG-EARED OWL*: 1 Nov 11 Jefferson Community College (NL) (mob); 1 Nov 27 same location (NL).

GOATSUCKERS–STARLINGS: Common Nighthawk: 150± Aug 19 6:30 pm circling over Gouverneur; similar concentrations in previous years but not as large concentration; no doubt preparing to move south (JB); 1 Sept 26 downtown Massena rather late (JV). Chimney Swift: 5 Sept 10 late. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Sept 10 last date. Belted Kingfisher: Sept 29. Common Flicker–Oct 21 last date. Pileated Woodpecker: 1 Sept 15 ED (TC); 1 Nov 11 JA Blake Sanctuary (NL). Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 (1 adult 1 imm.) Sept 13 and 14. (JV); numbers of individuals in Henderson area seem down from previous years. Eastern Kingbird: Aug 19 last date. Eastern Phoebe: Oct 6 last date. Eastern Wood Pewee: Sept 9 last date.

Tree Swallow: Sept 23 last date; Oct 7 10 mi NE of Region 6 in Quebec (JV). Bank Swallow: Sept 15 last date. Barn Swallow: Sept 15 last date. Cliff Swallow: Aug 26 last date. Purple Martin Sept 3 last date. House Wren: Sept 15 last date.

Winter Wren: Oct 17 and Oct 20 (FC). Long-billed Marsh Wren: 3 Sept 15 last date. Catbird: Oct 20 WHWMA (JV) late. Wood Thrush: Oct 23 last date. Hermit Thrush: 2 Oct 23, last date (FC). Eastern Bluebird: Oct 24 (JB). Golden-crowned Kinglet: Oct 16. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Oct 13. Water Pipit: 16 Sept 27 (JV); 1 Nov 16 ED (NL). Northern Shrike: Oct 15 early (JB).

VIREOS–WARBLERS: Red-eyed Vireo: 2 Oct 3, last late. Philadelphia Vireo: Sept 9. Warbling Vireo: Sept 9, last date. Black-and-white Warbler: 2 Sept 11, last date. Nashville Warbler: Oct 22, last date. Magnolia Warbler: Sept 19, last

date. Cape May Warbler: 1 Sept 2; 1 Sept 14-15; 2 Sept 21, last date. Black-throated Blue Warbler: Sept 23, last date. Yellow-rumped Warbler: Oct 27, last date. Black-throated Green Warbler: Sept 17, last date. Blackburnian Warbler: Sept 9, last date. Chestnut-sided Warbler: Sept 23, last date. Pine Warbler: Sept 14-15, last dates. Palm Warbler: Oct 19, last date. Ovenbird: 2 Sept 9, last date. Northern Waterthrush: Sept 17, last date. Yellowthroat: Sept 15, last date. Canada Warbler: Aug 31, last date. American Redstart: 2 Sept 12, last date.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: not as abundant as previous years. Eastern Meadowlark: Oct 14, last date. Redwinged Blackbird: not as abundant as previous years; corn damage not as high as usual. Northern Oriole: Sept 3, last date. Rusty Blackbird: 2 Oct 20 WHWMA. Scarlet Tanager: Sept 12, last date. Cardinal: seem to be more numerous in Adams and Henderson areas (LC); 2 Nov 17 feeder in Winthrop (JV); 1 Nov 18 feeder in Massena (JV). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Sept 9, last date. Evening Grosbeak: Oct 30, first date; numbers increasing through period. Purple Finch: Oct 20. Pine Siskin: 50+ Nov 18 Henderson (LC); American Goldfinch: 50+ Oct 25. Red Crossbill: 1 Oct 30 feeder Watertown (L. Grant). Rufous-sided Towhee: Oct 3, last date. Savannah Sparrow: Nov 3. Dark-eyed Junco: 2 Sept 12, first date; Nov 11, last date. Tree Sparrow: Oct 18, first date. Chipping Sparrow: Aug 19, last date. White-crowned Sparrow: Sept 22, first date; tapering off Oct 24. White-throated Sparrow: numbers tapering off Oct 24. Fox Sparrow: Nov 4. **LINCOLN'S SPARROW:** 1 Sept 29 WHWA (JV); 3 Sept 30; 1 Oct; 1 Oct 3 singing and recorded (JV). Swamp Sparrow: Oct 23, last date. Snow Bunting: 10 Oct 24 SLR (JV).

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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August was hot and dry with this trend continuing into early September when the mercury hit 88.5, a 16 year record high. The remainder of the month was cool with 4 frosts. October was warm until the 27th when temperatures in the low 30's began. November was normal except for the fact that repeated warm days with rain occurred which kept the ground free of snow. This probably made it easier for birds to find food.

A most important event for this 4 county area is the formation of the High Peaks Audubon Society which is a chapter of the National Audubon Society. John M. C. (Mike) Peterson is editor for the club's newsletter. The address is: P. O. Box 300, Essex, N.Y. 12936. This most welcome occurrence will increase observations, especially for the winter months and give coverage of Schroon Lake and Lake Champlain, areas which tended to be neglected in the recent past.

Observers: BB—Bruce Beehler; JB—Jean Beck; MB—Maurice Broun; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; GTC—Greenleaf T. Chase; Hi Pk Au—High Peaks Audubon Society; FL—Ferdinand LaFrance; DMc—Dorothy McIlroy; TM—Ted Mack; NM—Norman Mason; GM—Gordon Meade; RM—Ruth Meier; EP—Elizabeth Peterson; JP—John Peterson; B&DR—Bob & Doris Rubens; WR—William Rutherford.

Abbreviations: BTP—Brown Tract Ponds area; Bar P—Barnum Pond near PS; Bloom—Bloomingdale, including Sar River to town of Sar L; Bul—Bulwagga Bay on L Cham; E'town—Elizabethtown; FF—Franklin Falls; Five P—Five Ponds area; Goodnow Flow near Newcomb; L—lake; L Cham—Lake Champlain; Mad—Madawaska Pond area near PS; P—pond; Pi L—Pisco Lake; PS—Paul Smiths; Sar—Saranac; Tup L—Tupper Lake; West—Westport; Wills—Willsboro.