

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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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.

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Aug 16 L Colby, Sar L (BB); 3 Sep 19 Pi L (DMc); several regularly Nov L Cham (JP). Horned Grebe: 7 Nov Wills (JP). Pied-billed Grebe 1 Aug 20 Bar P (TM). Great Blue Heron: 1 Aug 16 Tup L (BB); 2 Aug 29 PS (TM); 6 Sep 8 Bloom (TM); 1 late bird Nov 7 West (GC). Green Heron: 1 Sep 11 Bloom (TM). American Bittern: 1 Sep 8 Bloom (TM); 1 Sep 15 Bloom (TM). Canada Goose: 12 Aug 17 Tup L (RM)—probably 2 local broods; the Conservation Department has tried to start geese breeding in several areas; 18 wedges of 50-100 birds Oct 18 over Schroon L on which some stopped to rest (Hi Pk Au); 2000 Oct 24 Sar Inn (TM). Black Duck: 15 Aug 18 Slush P. (TM); 15 Sep 11 Bloom (TM). Blue-winged Teal: 1 Aug 18 Slush P (TM); 3 Sep 8 Bloom (TM); 10 Sep 11 Bloom (TM). Wood Duck: 12 Aug 20 Bar P (TM); 10 Sep 11 Bloom (TM). Ring-necked Duck: 14 Aug 20 Bar P (TM). Common Goldeneye: 30 Nov 9 Essex (JP). Oldsquaw: 1 Nov 7 Crown Pt (NM,GC). White-winged Scoter: 2 Nov 7 Bul (GC,NM). Surf Scoter: 1 Nov 7 Bul (GC,NM). Black Scoter: 50 Nov 7 Bul (GC,NM). Hooded Merganser: 3 Sep 8 Bloom (TM); 3 Oct 31 BTP (FL). Common Merganser: rather scarce—3 adults and 9 young still unable to fly Sep 19 Pi L (DMc). Red-breasted Merganser: Nov 8 Crown Pt (NM).

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 2 Nov 2 West (JP). Goshawk: 1 Aug 23 Wills (JP); 1 Oct 27 Bloom (TM); 1 Nov 17 Mt Matumbla, Tup L (WR). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Sep 8 Bloom (TM); 1 Nov 11 Essex (EP). Red-tailed Hawk: 1 Sep 8 Bloom (TM); 1 Sep 28 Pi L (DMc); 2 Oct 27 Bloom (TM). Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Nov 26 E'town (GC). Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Sep 3 PS (TM). Rough-legged Hawk: 1, light phase, Nov 18 Essex (NM, JP); 1, dark phase, Nov 19 Crown Pt (NM, JP). Bald Eagle: 1 immature Aug 19 FF (TM). Osprey: 1 Sep 20 PS (TM); 1 Sep 22 L Eaton (TM); 1 Sep 30 Spy L (DMc). American Kestrel: 1 Sep 20 L Pleasant (DMc); 1 Oct 28 Schroon L (JB). Spruce Grouse: 7 broods were reported to GTC for Aug from Gale; he knows the area as Spruce Grouse habitat and feels the observer is probably correct in his identification; the fact that this new area is posted is probably beneficial to the birds; 1 Sep 30 Gale (MB). Ruffed Grouse: max 7 Goodnow (TM). Killdeer: 3 Aug 30 PS (TM); 8 Bloom (TM). American Woodcock: several seen in PS area; 1 late bird Oct 22 West (JP). Common Snipe: 1 Sep 1 PS (TM); 2 Sep 4 PS (TM); 5 Sep 8 Bloom (TM). Greater Yellowlegs: 3 Sep 1 PS (TM). Least Sandpiper: 3 Aug 20 Bar P (TM). Great Black-backed Gull: 1 adult Nov 20 West (JP, EP)—unusual for this area; 1 Nov 30 West (GC)—probably same bird. Common Tern: 2 Aug Ticonderoga Creek, L Cham (Hi Pk Au). Black Tern: 2 Aug L Cham (Hi Pk Au). Great Horned Owl: 1 Sep 4 PS (TM); 1 Oct 22 Sar Inn (TM); 2 Nov 12 E'town (JB). Barred Owl: 1 Aug 21 Slush P (TM); 2 Sep 1 PS (TM); 1 Oct 12 Goodnow (TM); 1 Oct 27 BTP (FL); 1 Nov 24 Mt Matumbla, Tup L (WR).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Whip-poor-will: not reported. Common Night-hawk: 1 Aug 23 Hadley P, Wills (JP)—when the nighthawk was flushed, it came under lengthy attack by a Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Belted Kingfisher: max 10 Sep 8 Bloom (TM); last report Nov 13 Wickham Marsh (GC). Pileated Woodpecker: an unusually large number of reports. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 Oct 7 Five P (B&DR; 1 Oct 23 Buck Hill, PS (Lang Elliot); 2 Oct 29 BTP (FL). Northern Tree-toed Woodpecker: 1 Oct 28 BTP (FL); 1 Nov 11 Yard Mt (TM)—ladder back clearly seen and bird watched for 5 minutes as it fed in a large dead red spruce. Eastern Kingbird: last report 1 Sep 8 Bloom (TM). Great Crested Flycatcher: last report 1 Sep 8 Bloom (TM). Eastern Phoebe: 3 Sep 8 Bloom (TM). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Aug 23 Wills (JP). Least Flycatcher: 1 said chebec 3 times Sep 1 PS (TM—seemed unusual to hear

one call this time of year. Eastern Wood Pewee: 1 very late bird Sep 23 E'town (GC). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Aug 23 Wills (JP). Horned Lark: 14 Nov 15 PS (TM). Gray Jay: 1 Aug 18 Brandon (GM,TM); 3 Sep 26 Brandon (MB,TM); 2 Oct 7 Five P (B&DR); 2 Oct 28 BTP (FL). Blue Jay: 30 Sep 8 Bloom (TM); 12 Oct 28 BTP (FL). Common Raven: 1 young bird dead in an empty 55 gallon drum in Aug near Adirondack Loj (Orra Phelps); he was not shot and had apparently dropped in to get a scrap but could not get out; 2 Sep Cascade L (Hi Pk Au); 1 Sep Cascade L (GTC); 1 Nov 11 Yard Mt—calling and flying toward Cascade L (TM); 1 Nov 18 over James P, PS—croaked 3 times while traveling in direction of High Peaks area; seen flying high and steadily until lost from view. Common Crow: 50 plus Aug 16 Sar L airport (BB). Black-capped Chickadee: 17 Oct 28, 36 Oct 30, 20 Nov 1 BTP (FL). Boreal Chickadee: 1 Oct 26, 2 Oct 30 BTP (FL); 3 Nov 11 summit of Yard Mt (TM); 1 Nov 17 Hurricane Mt (EP,JP). Tufted Titmouse: 1 Oct West at a feeder (August Gabel)—an unusual bird for this area; one was seen Oct 28, 1968 in West by GC. White-breasted Nuthatch: max 12 Oct 27 BTP (FL). Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 7 Oct 27 BTP (FL). Brown Creeper: max 5 Oct 31 BTP (FL). Winter Wren: max 3 Sep 30 L Pleasant (DMc). Carolina Wren: 1 visiting suet feeder Nov Port Henry (Elizabeth Sherlock)—no details, but has been seen in past years in this general area. Mockingbird: 2 Aug Pelfishire Rd, Moriah (Hi Pk Au). Hermit Thrush: 30 Sep 30 Slush P (TM). Eastern Bluebird: 9 Aug 18 Brandon (GM,TM)—2 of these were in a nest box and clad only in pin feathers; reported as plentiful at Schroom L with a last date of Oct 18 (JB). Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 14 Oct 30 BTP (FL). Water Pipit: 20 Oct 19 Wallonsburg (JP). Cedar Waxwing: 50 Sep 8 Bloom (TM). Northern Shrike: 4 occurrences Oct 26-Nov 22 E'town (GC).

VIREOS—WARBLED: Solitary Vireo: 1 Oct 4 Essex (Hi Pk Au). Philadelphia Vireo: 1 very late bird Sep 23 E'town (GC). Cape May Warbler: 2 Oct 12 L Eaton (B&DR). Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 20 Sep 8 Bloom (TM). Blackpoll Warbler: 1 early transient Aug 18 Brandon (GM); 4 Sep 19 Pi L (DMc). Wilson's Warbler: 1 Aug 23 Wills (JP). DMc had 4 species of warbler Sep 19, the last date for warbler observations at Pi L.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: 1 transient Oct 17 PS (TM). Rusty Blackbird: 2 Sep 8 Bloom (TM). Common Grackle: 1 Nov 18 still at an Essex feeder (JP). Cardinal: seen in Moriah, West, and Essex during period (Hi Pk Au). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 2 Sep 8 Bloom (TM); 1 very late bird Oct 3 E'town (GC). Evening Grosbeak: first large flock 45 Oct 29 Tup L (HM). Purple Finch: see thru Oct at feeder Tup L—none since (RM). Pine Siskin: several Oct 7 Essex (Hi Pk Au); several Oct 12 Five P (B&DR). Red Crossbill: 25 Aug 16 Mad (BB,TM); 10 Oct 27 Bloom (TM); 45 Oct 28 E'town (GC). White-winged Crossbill: 1 Nov 16 West (NM). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Sep 30 Wills (Hi Pk Au). Dark-eyed Junco: max 6 Oct 26 BTP (FL). Tree Sparrow: first arrivals appeared Oct 27 BTP, PS, and Tup L. White-throated Sparrow: 2 late birds—1 birds—1 Oct 28 BTP (FL); 1 Nov 19 Essex (Hi Pk Au). Swamp Sparrow: 1 Oct 30 BTP (FL). Snow Bunting: 2 Oct 19 Gale (GTC); several Oct 26 Essex (JP); 5 Oct 28 FF (TM); 9 BTP (FL); 35 Nov 29 PS TM).

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