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Scarlet Tanager: arr May 4 1 CV; max 25 CV, TRGMA and 25 Pompey-Fabius both May 18. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr May 1 CV (TR); max 44 May 17 CV, Fox Ridge (FGS). Indigo Bunting: arr May 15 1 DeWitt and 1 Eaton; very low numbers (1-12/day) thru May; numbers like last year did not arrive until early, or in some areas even, mid-June. Evening Grosbeak: max at DH 430 May 9 with dep date there May 21, 1. House Finch: expanding - 8 singing males around the University section of Syr (PAD) and 4 others noted near DeWitt (TD). Common Redpoll: dep date Apr 13 20 Clay (FGS). American Goldfinch: just swarms this spring - flocks of hundreds everywhere and spring max 1665 May 12 DH (GAS).

Savannah Sparrow: very poor spring flight - max 7 Apr 7 LOL. Vesper Sparrow: like Savannah, very low - max only 8 both Apr 7 LOL and Apr 13 Syr. Dark-eyed Junco: max 160 Apr 12 Syr: however, "hundreds" reported at Holland Patent Apr 12-27 (Van Dresar). Tree Sparrow: 1 May 14 Oswego (CW) is a record dep date. Chipping Sparrow: arr Apr 14 1 each N Syr and Cedarville: max 145 May 9 (late) DH, the one common Sparrow this spring. White-crowned Sparrow: very scarce - max a miserable 15 May 12 LOL; dep date May 22 1 E Syr (K Coyle). White-throated Sparrow: max 200 May 10 DeWitt; most observers had less than 50/day for what is normally our most common migrant sparrow. Fox Sparrow: max only 9 Apr 17 NPT; most observers had singles or none; dep date Apr 22 (early) 5 NPT. Lincoln's Sparrow: total only 5 from 19 observers. Swamp Sparrow: max 179 May 16 (late) LOL; numbers seem reduced in all local marshes. Song Sparrow: "hundreds" Apr 8-19 Hollard Patent (Van Dresar) but definitely much lower counts in Syr-Oswego area (20-75/day).

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Spring of 1974 was cold and rainy which put migration dates back about a week later than normal. This was true of almost all species including the blackflies. Warm weather was slow in arriving and vegetation was also held back to some extent and provided a better look at many warblers.

Although the weather did not cooperate, the birds did and a very excellent array of field observations were made by the enthusiastic birder.

Excellent wading and waterfowl bird observations included Great Egret, Least Bittern and large numbers of geese and ducks. Birds of prey seemed to be on the increase, perhaps due to our high microtus populations on the Lake Plain.

The shorebird group was not as in evidence as one would expect what with wet fields and meadows. Other bird groups more than made up for this deficit.

Vireo and Warbler observations were more than spectacular and a regional first - the House Finch was an additional expected surprise.

Corrigenda: KINGBIRD XXIV No 1 January 1974 p. 34 Gadwall: Sept. 8 ED (NL); 456 WHWMA-HB;

Location Abbreviations: ED-Eldorado Shores; JB-Joseph Blake Jr. Sanctuary PRWMA-Perch River Wildlife Management Area; RMSP-Robert Moses State Park; SLR-St. Lawrence River; TP-Thompson Park Watertown; THP-Tug Hill Plateau; WHWMA-Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area; WI-Wellesley Island.

Observers: JB—John Belknap; BB—Burrell Buffington; TC—Tom and Cathy Carrolan; LC—Lee Chamberlaine; FC—Frank Clinch; RG—Robert Gotie; NL—Nick Leone; JV—Joe VanRiet; mob—multiple observers.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 immature Apr 17 PRWMA (TC); 2 Apr 18 ED (TC); 4 May 8 Massawepie Lake (BB). Horned Grebe: 1 May 11 SLR (JV) late. Pied-Billed Grebe: 6 Apr 12 PRWMA (TC); 2 May 25 WHWMA. Double-Crested Cormorant: 2 Apr. 11; 1 Apr 13 both SLR (JV); 4 May 4 ED (TC) (NL); numbers seem to be increasing from past few years of low populations. Great Blue Heron: 2 Apr 4 SLR (JV); 12 May 25 WHWMA (JV). Green Heron: 2 May 12 Brookside Cemetery (TC); numbers in Henderson Pond area up (LC). *GREAT EGRET*: 1 May 12 and again May 18 PRWMA (TC) (NL); photographed by (RG); last report in Region about 1969. *LEAST BITTERN*: 2 May 24 RMSP pond (JV); still present at end of period. American Rittern: 2 Apr 23 RMSP pond (JV). Canada Goose: maxima at Henderson Pond 8000+ Apr 13; 6000+ Apr 17 Henderson Pond (LC); first known nesting Ashland Wildlife Management Area near Three Mile Bay (LC); Mallard: wet areas in Region all seemed to have a pair of Mallards this spring. Black Duck: seem to still be decreasing and being replaced by more Mallards. Gadwall: 2 Apr 3 PRWMA (TC); Apr 10 WHWMA (JV); 2 May 22 WHWMA (TC); now a fairly common species at WHWMA (LC). Pintail: Apr 1; flocks all day Apr 12 SLR (JV); not at PRWMA in normal numbers (LC). Green-winged Teal: numbers in usual quantities (LC). Blue-winged Teal: numbers of nesting individuals seems on increase PRWMA (LC). American Wigeon; 2 Apr 5 (JV). Northern Shoveler: 2 Apr 12 PRWMA (TC); 12+ pairs Apr 18 PRWMA unusual concentration (JB); 2 Apr 27 (JV); 2 May 25 WHWMA (JV); another puddle duck which seems to be on increase in Region 6 wetlands (LC). Wood Duck: just as many as last spring—maybe more; artificial nesting structures in use throughout Region 6 wetlands (LC). Redhead: about 20 Apr 18 WHWMA (JV); 1 or 2 May 25 WHWMA (JV). Ring-necked Duck; Apr 6 SLR (JV). Canvasback: 20+ Apr 6 Henderson Harbor (LC); 1 till April 5 Robert Moses Power Dam (JV). Greater Scaup: 100+ Henderson Harbor Apr 6 (LC). Common Goldeneye: 50+ Apr Henderson Harbor (LC); 6 Apr 6 SLR (JV); May 1 last date. Bufflehead: 8 Apr 12; 2 Apr 25 WHWMA (JV); May 1 last date. Oldsquaw: ± 50 May 4 Snowshoe Point (TC). White-winged Scoter: 6 males May 4; ± 300 on horizon (TC). *RUDDY DUCK*: 7 May 19 PRWMA (TC) & (NL). Hooded Merganser: ± 50 Apr 17 PRWMA (TC). Common Merganser: 10 through period SLR (JV). Red-breasted Merganser: 5 Apr 18 ED (TC); 8 May 4 ED (TC); 1 May 21 SLR (JV).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 Apr 11 SLR (JV); 3 Apr 17 PRWMA (TC); 2 May 11 Henderson (LC); many more observations of this species in Henderson area than previous—maxima 5 individuals in late May (LC); nesting locations? Goshawk: WI nest as in previous years. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Apr PRWMA (TC); 1 Apr 14 (JV); 1 May 20 along Interstate 81 near Watertown (LC); 1 May 30 Sulphur Springs (TC); in greater numbers than seen in many years (LC). Coopers Hawk: 1 Apr 6; 2 Apr 13; 2 Apr 17 all Brasher State Forest (JV); 1 May 15 TP (TC); 1 through period Henderson (LC); most enjoyable seeing this accipiter with some regularity as in past years (LC). Red-tailed Hawk: present through period; another raptor whose numbers are up from previous years. Red-shouldered Hawk: Apr 4 first date (JB); may be up a little in numbers from previous years—never a very plentiful species in region. Broad-winged Hawk: 1 May 1 Brookside Cemetery (TC); 1 Chases Lake, Lewis Co May 5 another May 19 same location (TC). Rough-legged Hawk; 2 Apr 1 RMSP (JV); 1 Apr 17 PRWMA (TC); last date May 3 (JB). Bald Eagle: 1 immature May 25 WHWMA (JV). Northern Harrier: 1 Apr 6; 3 Apr 12; seem to be fewer this year (JV);

May 15 PRWMA male feeding female over nest in cattails (TC). Osprey: many sightings during period — locations Brasher State Forest — Rainbow Falls — Massawepie Lake — PRWMA — Red Lake — Black River — Sugar River; three new nesting locations found during period. American Kestrel: very common this spring with a high microtus population on the Lake Plain portion of the region (LC). Ruffed Grouse: numbers about same as last year although there may be an increase to some extent. Gray Partridge: 2 May 5 (TC); 2 May 5 (JV); numbers still low (LC). Turkey: 1 May 26 WI (TC). Virginia Rail: first date Apr 25 (JB). Sora: first date 30 RMSP (JV); early. Common Gallinule: first date Apr 25 (JB). American Coot: first date May 5. Killdeer: about normal in numbers. Woodcock: 3 Apr 22 (JV). Common Snipe: 3 Apr 4 (TC); 4 Apr 6 (JV). Upland Sandpiper: 3 Apr 25 (JV). Spotted Sandpiper: May 1 first date. Solitary Sandpiper: 1 May 18 (TC); 1 May 19 WHWMA (JV). Greater Yellowlegs: 5 May 9 near Lowville (TC). Least Sandpiper: 12± May 12 on Mill Creek (TC); 4 May 19 in plowed field Helena (JV). Dunlin: 3 May 18 PRWMA (NL).

Great Blackbacked Gull: 2 Apr 6; 2 Apr 26; 1 May 25 all RMSP (JV). Ring-billed Gull: colony of 5000-8000 ½ mile upstream of Robert Moses Power Dam, 3 yrs ago about 2000 in colony (JV); number in Henderson area up to or exceeds population of 3 years ago; thousands come inland to plowed lands every day (LC). Bonaparte's Gull: 1 Apr 5; 1 Apr; 1 Apr 18 SLR (JV). Common Tern: 6 May 25 WHWMA (JV). Black Tern: May 3 first date. Mourning Dove: numbers still seem to be increasing in corn-belt in Jefferson Co (LC). Great Horned Owl: seen thru period. *SHORT-EARED OWL*: 5 Apr 3 Chaumont (TC); 1 May 30 Chaumont (TC) late.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Whip-poor-will: May 21 first date. Common Nighthawk: May 21 first date. Chimney Swift: May 1 first date. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: May 14 first date. Belted Kingfisher: Apr 13 first date. Common Flicker: Apr 6 first date. Pileated Woodpecker: 3 Apr 17 PRWMA. Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 May 15 PRWMA (TC); 1 28 SLR (JV). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Apr 14 first date. Eastern Kingbird: May 3 first date. Great Crested Flycatcher: May 11 first date. Eastern Phoebe: Apr 6 first date. *YELLOW-BELLIED FLY-CATCHER*: 1 May 23 Helena (JV). Alder Flycatcher: May 25 first date. Least Flycatcher: many May 11 (TC). Eastern Wood Pewee: May 22 first date. Horned Lark: Apr 11. Tree Swallow: Apr 4 first date. Bank Swallow: May 2 first date. Rough-winged Swallow: May 12 first date. Barn Swallow: Apr 18 first date. Cliff Swallow: Apr 28 first date. Purple Martin: Apr 25 first date. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 3 May 11 TP (TC). House Wren: May 1 first date. Winter Wren: Apr 13. Long-billed Marsh Wren: May 19 first date. Gray Catbird: May 4 first date. Brown Thrasher: Apr 21 first date. Wood Thrush: May 10 first date. Hermit Thrush: 1 Apr 20 WHWMA (JV); 5± May 27 THP (TC). Swainson's Thrush: 1 May 18 (JB); 1 May 27 THP (TC). Veery: May 11 first date. Eastern Bluebird: 2 Apr 12 (TC); only report during period. *BLUE-GRAY GNAT-CATCHER*: 1 Apr 25 Emeryville, St. Lawrence County (A LaFave); 2 May ED (TC) (NL). Golden-crowned Kinglet: good flights starting about mid Apr (JB). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: good flights starting mid Apr (JB). Water Pipit: May 15 (TC); 1 May 19 Helena (JV). Cedar Waxwing: May 22 first date. Loggerhead Shrike: Apr 8 first date (JV).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 May 12; 3 May 12; 3 May 18 JB; 5 May 26 WI; 2 May 27 THP all (TC). Solitary Vireo: 2 May 5 Chases Lake; 1 May 18 (JB); 1 May 19 Jefferson Community College (TC). Red-eyed Vireo: May 15 first date. *PHILADELPHIA VIREO*: 1 May 19 JB (TC); May 22 (JV). Warbling Vireo: May 4 first date. Black-and-White Warbler: May 1 first date. *GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER*: 3 May 28 Muskalonge Lake (TC); singing

males seen in at least six locations mostly near Bolton Corners or Peabody Bridge — I have seen more in past two weeks than any previous year — no question but the Golden-wing is now well established as a summer resident in this area (JB). **BREWSTERS WARBLER**: 1 May 28 Muskalonge Lake Rd (TC). **TENNESSEE WARBLER**: 6± May 18 JB; ±5 May 18 Middle Rd Jeff Co (TC); 1 May 21 near Gouverneur (JB); 1 May 22 (JV); 1 May 23 (JV); 2 May 23 (JV); 6 May 25 (JV); 1 May 26 WI (TC); an excellent year. Nashville Warbler: May 11 first date; 20± May 29 Muskalonge Lk Rd (TC). Northern Parula Warbler: 1 May 12 TP (TC). Yellow Warbler: May 12 first date. Magnolia Warbler: May 15 first date. **CAPE MAY WARBLER**: May 15 first date; 5 May 15 TP (TC); maxima 6 May 25 (JV); last date May 29 (JV); a good year. Black-throated Blue Warbler: May 11 first date. Yellow-rumped Warbler: Apr 26 first date. Black-throated Green Warbler: May 5 first date. **CERULEAN WARBLER**: 2 May 15 TP (TC). Blackburnian Warbler: May 15 first date. Chestnut-sided Warbler: May 11 first date. Bay-breasted Warbler: May 15 first date; maxima May 25. **BLACK-POLL WARBLER**: May 21 first date; 3 May 24 (JV); 5 May 25 (JV); last date May 30. **PINE WARBLER**: 2 May 25 (JV). Palm Warbler: 1 May 12 at feeder (TC). Northern Waterthrush: May 18 first date. Common Yellowthroat: May 12 first date. **WILSON'S WARBLER**: 1 May 21 Massena (JV); 3 May 23 Dennison Rd (JV); last date May 23. Canada Warbler: May 21 first date. American Redstart: May 12 first date.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 11 first date; in good numbers this spring (LC). Eastern Meadowlark: Apr 3 migrants. Red-winged Blackbird: as abundant as ever. Northern Oriole: May 6 first date. Rusty Blackbird: Apr 12 first date; May 14 last date. Common Grackle: Apr 2 first date; as common as ever. Brown-headed Cowbird: seemed to be many many more than usual. Scarlet Tanager: May 11 first date; either in greater numbers or easier to see during cold spell (LC). Cardinal: normal spring shift to summer habitat very evident this year (LC). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 11 first date. Indigo Bunting: May 19 first date; seem most prevalent this year (LC). Evening Grosbeak: still around at end of period. Purple Finch: small numbers around thru period. **HOUSE FINCH**: one male and female Apr 28-29 at window feeder in with Purple Finches — female did not have pattern on side of head as female Purple Finch (FC); (mob); a regional first and not too surprising as they have been moving our way (LC). Common Redpoll: May 18 last date — late. Pine Siskin: May 18 last date. American Goldfinch: May 1 arrival in numbers; very plentiful in Henderson area (LC). Rufous-sided Towhee: Apr 17 first date; in numbers Apr 22. Savannah Sparrow: Apr 13 first date. Vesper Sparrow: Apr 6 first date. Dark-eyed Junco: heavy movement Apr 6 (LC); last at low elevations May 26 (TC). Tree Sparrow: last date May 9. Chipping Sparrow: Apr 17 first date. Field Sparrow: Apr 21 first date. White-crowned Sparrow: May 5 first date; May 20 last date. White-throated Sparrow: Apr 22 first date. **LINCOLN'S SPARROW**: 1 May 7 trapped and banded Watertown (FC) (TC). Swamp Sparrow: Apr 12 first date. Snow Bunting: last date Apr 12.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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April's weather was normal for the area. Slowly running water was still iced over as late as the 11th in the Paul Smiths area, much to the disgust of local trout