

REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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Temperatures averaged near normal for the whole period. Only once, July 14, was the official temperature 90 degrees or over. And one period of eight days in early July included almost all the occurrences of temperatures in the high eighties. Precipitation was also about normal until the beginning of a severe dry spell about August 5.

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BBS stands for Fish and Wildlife Service Breeding Bird Survey. Each species found on at least one of the surveys submitted has the survey totals reported, in parentheses, immediately following the species name. The first number represents the total number of individuals found and the second number the number of surveys recording the species. Thus (4,2) reports 4 individuals on 2 surveys. Surveys available were: Cooperstown, June 15, CW; Coventryville, June 23, LB, Lisle, June 9, Robert Pantle; MacDonough, June 23, Claude Howard; Whitney Point, June 15, Robert Pantle.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Jul 12 and 17 Oneonta Reservoir (IW, KW). Pied-billed Grebe: 3 locations in Milford area — an adult Jun 8 with chick on its back (MD, CW, KW). Great Blue Heron: (4,2) Green Heron: (6,2). Canada Goose: (1,1) Whitney Point BBS: 1 brood at Rogers Environmental Education Center, Sherburne (CB); 1 at Owego all summer. Mallard: nesting report from Milford (MD). Black Duck: nesting report from Sherburne (CB). Blue-winged Teal: several Otsego County reports during Jun. Wood Duck: nesting from Sherburne (CB). Lesser Scaup: Jun 1 Portlandville (MD,KW).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: (2,1); fairly frequent reports, primarily from Otsego County — 12 Jul 14 near Oneonta (MD), the best count. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 4 reports. Cooper's Hawk: 1 Jun 8 Portlandville (MD, KW), the only report. Red-tailed Hawk: (1,1); numerous reports. Red-shouldered Hawk: 4 Jul 6 Milford area (MD, CW, KW), 2 adults and 2 immatures; 2 other reports. Bald Eagle: undated report from Owego during period (RB, D,ML). American Kestrel: (6,4). Merlin: 1 Jun 11 East Meredith, near Oneonta in Delaware County, (MC). Bobwhite: 1 heard Jun 28 Sherburne (CB), possibly an escaped bird. Ring-necked Pheasant: (4,3). Turkey: Aug 11 Owego area (RB, D,ML). Killdeer: (30,5). Common Snipe: (1,1), Lisle BBS; quite common at Sherburne (CB). Upland Sandpiper: 1 Jun 4 Meredith (MC). Spotted Sandpiper: (3,2). Rock Dove: (27,4). Mourning Dove: (65,5). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: (2,2); only 2 other reports. Black-billed Cuckoo: (4,2); at least 8 other reports. Screech Owl: (3,1), Lisle BBS; numbers improving gradually. Great Horned Owl: (1,1). Barred Owl: Jun 19 Hartwick area (MD, CW); frequently during summer south of Binghamton, as for several years (GC).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Nighthawk: regular in Binghamton, Endicott and Oneonta all period. Chimney Swift: (23,5). Belted Kingfisher: (6,4). Common Flicker: (39,5). Pileated Woodpecker: (3,2). Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 present from early Jul to end of period Sherburne (CB). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: (1,1) Cooperstown BBS; at least 8 other reports from the Oneonta, Owego and Sherburne areas; maximum count 4 Jul 13 Maryland, in Otsego County (MD, CW, KW). Hairy Woodpecker: (4,3). Downy Woodpecker: (12,4). Eastern Phoebe: (30,5). Trail's Flycatcher: (17,3), 3 on Coventryville BBS all Willow; Jun 19 Milford area (MD, CW), Willow; 1 Aug 3 Milford (MC, MD, CW, KW), Alder; both Alder and Willow at Sherburne during period (CB). Least Flycatcher: (41,5).

Eastern Wood Pewee: (9,4). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 in mid Jun Sherburne (CB). Tree Swallow: (14,4). Bank Swallow: (11,3). Rough-winged Swallow (2,2). Barn Swallow: (82,5), 46 on Cooperstown BBS. Cliff Swallow: several at Guilford Center Jul 24 (CB); Jul 30 Owego (RB, D,ML). Purple Martin: (2,2). Blue Jay: (58,1). Common Crow: (170,5). Black-capped Chickadee (25,5). Tufted Titmouse: regular at Chenango Forks all period (A,MD). White-breasted Nuthatch: (4,4). Red-breasted Nuthatch: 3 Jul reports from Milford area (MD, CW, KW); 1 Aug 12 Sherburne (CB). Brown Creeper: 3 Jun reports from Oneonta-Milford area (MD, CW, IW). House Wren: (69,5). Winter Wren: Jun 8 Portlandville (MD, KW), no others. Carolina Wren: an immature banded Aug 12 Endwell (LB); also reported from Owego (RB, D,ML). Short-billed Marsh Wren: 1 Jun 17 Milford (CW). Mockingbird: 1 Jun 2 Oneonta (IW); Jun 26 Owego (RB, D,ML); 1 Jul 21 and 2 Jul 23 Choconut Center (MS). Gray Catbird: (47,5). Brown Thrasher: (26,5). Robin: (238,5). Wood Thrush: (90,5). Hermit Thrush: (2,1) Macdonough BBS; 5 locations in Milford area (MD, CW, KW); 2 Jul 7 and 14 Choconut Center (MS); 1 at Sherburne early Jul (CB); Owego Jul 28 (RB,D,ML). Veery: (27,5). Eastern Bluebird: (4,2); best count 10 Aug 3 Milford. Cedar Waxwing: (27,4). Starling: (474,5).

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: (5,4); rather frequent reports. Solitary Vireo: 5 Jun reports, all from Oneonta-Milford area. Red-eyed Vireo: (81,5). Warbling Vireo: (6,4). Black-and-white Warbler: (3,2). Golden-winged Warbler: (1,1); 3 Jun 19 Hartwick area (MD, CW); several in Binghamton area. Blue-winged Warbler: Jun 9 and 23 Chenango Forks (A,MD); Jun 19 Hartwick area (MD, CW); 1 Aug 8 Sherburne (CB). Nashville Warbler: (3,3). Yellow Warbler: (76,5). Magnolia Warbler; 5 reports of 1 to 3 in Jun and Jul Hartwick-Oneonta-Milford area (MD, CW, KW); 1 Jun 20 Sherburne (CB). Black-throated Blue Warbler: (3,2); 9 locations in Milford area (MD, CW, KW), 5 Jul 27 the best count. Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2 locations in Milford area Jun and early Jul (MD, CW, KW). Black-throated Green Warbler: (8,2); reasonably frequent reports in Milford area; also reported from Owego and Sherburne. Blackburnian Warbler: Jun 19 Hartwick area (MD, CW); 1 Jul 2 Sherburne (CB). Chestnut-sided Warbler: (22,5). Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 Jun 3 Delhi (MC) and another early Jun record Sherburne (CB). Blackpoll Warbler: 2 heard in early Jul and 1 seen Jul 4 Oneonta (KW), remarkably late. Pine Warbler: (1,1) MacDonough BBS. Ovenbird: (23,4). Northern Waterthrush: (2,1). Mourning Warbler: (1,1) MacDonough BBS; 4 locations in Milford area (MD, CW, KW); also at Sherburne (CB). Yellowthroat: (148,5). Hooded Warbler: (1,1) MacDonough BBS. Canada Warbler: (2,1). American Redstart: (12,4).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: House Sparrow: (116,5). Bobolink: (65,5). Eastern Meadowlark: (60,5). Redwinged Blackbird: (675,5). Northern Oriole: (34,4). Common Grackle: (186,5). Brown-headed Cowbird: (31,5). Scarlet Tanager: (14,4). Cardinal: (23,5). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: (20,5). Indigo Bunting: (40,4). Purple Finch: (9,2). House Finch present at Vestal (GC) and Endwell (LB) almost all period but dwindling in Aug; 2 Jul 3 at Sherburne (CB). American Goldfinch (65,5). Rufous-sided Towhee: (42,5). Savannah Sparrow: (33,4). Grasshopper Sparrow: (3,2); also 3 Milford area reports. Henslow's Sparrow: Jun 10 and Jul 14 Choconut Center (MS), the only summer reports. Dark-eyed Junco: (4,3); quite a few reports from Oneonta-Milford area. Chipping Sparrow: (68,5). Field Sparrow: (73,5). White-throated Sparrow: (9,3); fairly numerous Oneonta-Milford area reports, maximum count 12 Jul 6 (MD, CW, KW). Swamp Sparrow: (9,3). Song Sparrow: (9,3).

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