

Sparrow: increased on five of eight BBS; some counts, e.g. Oneida BBS, nearly doubled; daily range six - 20/day with max 61 Jun 9 Oriskany Falls BBS plus Carpenter Pond.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Summer of 1974 was cooler and much wetter than last year. It was a pleasant summer and seemed rather birdless — at least for myself.

After receiving individual's reports, I realized there had been much around that I had missed and this shows how biased one's own field experiences can be.

Species which provided the most interesting observations were waterbirds, waterfowl, some birds of prey, shorebirds and warblers. The lack of more Bald Eagle observations is disappointing to say the least. However, Osprey success at nesting was encouraging.

A few of the most interesting observation of rarer species in Region 6 this period are as follow: Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Least Bittern, Stilt Sandpiper, Northern Phalarope, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Mockingbird; and to top an outstanding list, the following array of Warblers: Golden-winged — Brewster's — Tennessee — Cerulean and two unusual sparrows; Grasshopper and Henslows.

I also wish to thank the many visitors to Region 6 and their field observations which they so kindly provided to me. They are greatly appreciated and makes one more conscientious of his own Region when others can come up with good valuable observations.

Abbreviations: ED — Eldorado Shores; LWMA — Lakeview Wildlife Management Area; PRWMA — Perch River Wildlife Management Area; RMPD — Robert Moses Power Dam; SLR — St. Lawrence River; ULLWMA — Upper & Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area near Canton N.Y.; WGSP — Whetstone Gulf State Park; WHWMA — Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area.

Observers: TC — Tom & Cathy Carrolan; LC — Lee Chamberlaine; MR & CS — Marge Rusk and Chris Spies; JV — Joe VanRiet.

LOON — DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 June 19 Grass Lake (TC); 1 Jul 19 SLR (JV). Pied-billed Grebe; 71+ Aug 15 WHWMA (JV); 15 adults on nests with little ones climbing about (JV). Double-crested Cormorant: 1 Jul 16 SLR (JV); 2 Jul 4 ED (TC); 8 Aug 15 ED (TC); seems to be an increase in Region (LC). Great Blue Heron: very common this year (LC). Green Heron: also very common this year (LC). CATTLE EGRET: 1 Jul 9 near LWMA (Howard Bates). GREAT EGRET: 2 thru period WHWMA (LC). Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 adult June 13 LWMA (TC). LEAST BITTERN: 2 adults Jun 13 LWMA (TC). American Bittern: common thru out period on wetlands in Region (LC). Canada Goose: 700+ Aug 9 birds handled in WHWMA Goose Drive for banding operations; PRWMA Goose Drive 170+ birds; resident flock establishment at ULLWMA 70 goslings released in holding pen in hopes of establishment of a resident breeding flock in 1977. Mallard: local production very good. Black Duck: numbers still low — Mallard seems to be occupying their former position in numbers. Pintail: a few at WHMA — not as many as previous years (LC). Blue-winged Teal: local production very good. American Wigeon: 1 Jul 13 LWMA (TC). Wood Duck: local production very high (LC). Ring-necked Duck: 1 female with 8 downy young Jul 27 ULLWMA (Henry & Mary Armistead).

HAWKS — OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 Jul 13 near LWMA; 2 Aug 15 ED both (TC); 1 Jul 21 near Canton. Red-tailed Hawk: seen regularly thru period. Broad-

winged Hawk: 1 Jun 24 Lake Bonaparte (TC). Bald Eagle: 1 adult Aug 10 PRWMA (TC) (RW); only sighting during period—usually more (LC). Marsh Hawk: thru period; nest PRWMA. Osprey: 5 young produced from two nests (LC); adult bird found drowned at Sixberry Lake sent in for DDT PCB and heavy metals analysis (LC). American Kestrel: very high numbers on Lake Plain—high microtus population. Ruffed Grouse: in good numbers in much of Region. Bobwhite: 1 covey Jul 13 WHWMA (JV). Gray Partridge: scattered covey locations thru period. Common Gallinule: 30± pairs Jul 13 with 5± young each pair LWMA (TC). Coot: 1 Jul 13 LWMA. Semipalmated Plover: 9 Aug 15 PRWMA. Black-bellied Plover: 1 Aug 10 WHWMA; 1 summer plumage Aug 11 WHWMA—both (JV). Ruddy Turnstone: 1 Jul 31 WHWMA; 4 Aug 4 WHWMA (JV); 4 Aug 15 (2 summer plumage—2 winter plumage) ED (TC). Woodcock: local production looks good this year. Common Snipe: 1 Jun 23 PRWMA; 1 July 13 LWMA (TC). Upland Sandpiper: maxima 10 Jun 15 Haverstock Farm (JV); numbers up from last year (LC). Spotted Sandpiper: more numerous than previous two years. Greater Yellowlegs: 4 Aug 3 Cape Vincent (TC); 5 Aug 11 PRWMA (TC); 2 Aug 14 WHWMA (JV); 8 Aug 15 ED (TC). Lesser Yellowlegs: 20± Aug 14 WHWMA (JV); 20± Aug 11 PRWMA (TC). Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 Jul 24 WHWMA (JV); 3 Aug 13 PRWMA (TC). Least Sandpiper: 20 Aug 11 PRWMA (AC); 20 Aug 14 WHWMA (JV); 15 Aug 13 Mill Creek; 24 Aug 13 PRWMA (TC). Short-billed Dowitcher: 1 Aug 15 ED (TC). *STILT SANDPIPER*: 1 Aug 11 PRWMA (TC). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 2 Jul 10 SLR (JV); 4 Aug 11 PRWMA (TC); 20± Aug 14 WHWMA; 10 Aug 15 ED (TC). Sanderling: 2 Aug 15 ED (TC). *NORTHERN PHALAROPE*: 1 Aug 15 in winter plumage WHWMA (JV). Great Black-backed Gull: 1 Jul 15; 6 Aug SLR (JV). Ring-billed Gull: populations on Little Galoo Island seems to be still building (LC). Bonaparte's Gull: 5 Aug 15 (4 in summer plumage 1 immature) RMPD (JV). Common Tern: 2 Jul 13 LWMA (TC); 6 Aug 15 ED (TC). Caspian Tern: 1 Aug 15 ED (TC). Black Tern: 100±, adults 50± immatures Jul 13 LWMA (TC); good numbers at ULLWMA with new water levels (LC). Mourning Dove: extremely high numbers as compared with previous years—they are all over the Lake Plain in high numbers (LC). Black-billed Cuckoo: none reported—Fall Web Worm nests very heavy in some localities—but no Cuckoo (LC). Screech Owl: heard thru-out period in Henderson area (LC).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Chimney Swift: still present at end of period. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: thru period; seem to be more than previous 2 years. Belted Kingfisher: thru period. Common Flicker: thru period in good numbers. Pileated Woodpecker: occasionally thru period in Henderson area (LC). Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 nesting in Massena (JV); a few at PRWMA (LC). Eastern Kingbird: about normal numbers. Great Crested Flycatcher: 8 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). *YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER*: 2 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). Least Flycatcher: 1 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). Horned Lark: 1 Jul 10 Pillar Point (TC). Tree Swallows: thru period; flocking for migration started early this year. (LC). Purple Martin: fairly good nesting year in Henderson area (LC). Red-breasted Nuthatch: 2 June 2 (MR&CS). Brown Creeper: 1 Jun 2 WGSP. Winter Wren: 2 singing males Jun 19 Grass Lake (TC); 2 singing males Jun 24 Lake Bonaparte bog (TV); 8 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). *MOCKINGBIRD*: 3 along 2 mile stretch of road near Depauville (Doug Allen). Eastern Bluebird: one heard near Brownville first week in August (LC). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). Cedar Waxwing: good numbers due to heavy crops of Black Cherry, Mt. Ash, wild grape and bush honeysuckle (LC). Loggerhead Shrike: good year—many observations.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 2 Jun 2 WG SP (MR&CS). Red-

eyed Vireo. 15 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). Black-and-white Warbler: 15 June 2 WG SP (MR&CS). *GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER*: 2 males Jun 1 Muskalonge Lake Rd (TC); 1 male same date New Connecticut Rd (TC); 1 male Jun 25 same location; 1 Jun 24 Lake Bonaparte (TC). *BREWSTER'S WARBLER*: 1 male with yellow wingbars Jun 1 Muskalonge Lake Rd (TC). *TENNESSEE WARBLER*: 1 male singing and circling as approached June 21 PRWMA bog (TC). Nashville Warbler: 1 June 2 WGSP (MR&CS); 10± males Jun 16 Ransom Rd (TC); 5± males PRWMA bog (TC). Magnolia Warbler: 2 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). Black-throated Blue Warbler: 12 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 5 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). Black-throated Green Warbler: 36 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). *CERULEAN WARBLER*: 3 males singing Jun 1 Muskalonge Lake Rd (TC); 5 males same location Jun 25—a new colony (TC). Blackburnian Warbler: 18 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 2 Jun 2 WGSP. Ovenbird: 25 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). Northern Waterthrush: 1 Jun 2 WGSP. Canada Warbler: 29 Jun 2 WGSP. (MR&CS); 1 Jun 24 Lake Bonaparte bog (TC).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: heavy migration of immatures Aug 13-20. Evening Grosbeak: 2 Aug 25 Griffin Rapids—Oswegatchie River (Ted Dittrich). Purple Finch: numbers down from last year in Henderson area (LC); 1 Jun 21 PRWMA bog (TC). Pine Siskin: none seen this summer as last year (LC). American Goldfinch: very common this year (LC).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW: 1 Jul 10 Middle Rd Pillar Point (TC). *HEN-SLOW'S SPARROW*: 2 Jul 27-28 near Canton—also sang at night (Henry & Mary Armistead. Dark-eyed Junco: 11 Jun 2 WGSP (MR&CS). Chipping Sparrow: not as many in Henderson area as previous year (LC). Swamp Sparrow: 10± Jun 23 PRWMA (TC); 8 Jun 24 Lake Bonaparte (TC); 30± Jul 13 LWMA (TC).

REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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June was cloudy and cool as usual. The high at Ray Brook for the month was 87 degrees on the 10th with a low of 34 three days later. July was normal except for 2.2 inches of rain on the 18th in a six hour period. Heavy rain was reported from much of the region for this date. Perhaps this was late enough in the season not to disrupt nesting too badly.

The weather may be partly responsible for the outstanding fruit and cone crop this year. Even white pine is loaded. At long last someone besides chipmunks can have some beaked hazlenuts. They keep up with the bounty.

Now is the time for all of us who do *not* hunt ducks to buy a duckstamp at any U.S. post office. Proceeds buy wetlands for wildlife. It is a good cause and one in which birders have a stake.

Considerable spraying against blackflies was done in the Adirondacks this year. It seemed to have little effect on the flies, but did kill Cedar Waxwings at Paul Smiths and Tree Swallows near E'town. It is difficult to find the dead birds so extent of kill is hard to determine. This may have some connection with Common Flicker count.

Observers: TB—Tom Barber; JB—Jean Beck; JAB—Jonathan A. Beck; BB—Bruce Beehler; KB—Kathleen Brooks; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; WC—Warren Cook; EC—Elvin Cross; RC—Ruth Cummings TD—Ted Dittrich; LE—Lang Elliott; GOS—Genesee Ornithological Society; EH—Elizabeth Hedges; HiPkAu—High Peaks Audubon Society; MK—Dr. Marguerite Kingsbury; KK—Kevin Koktowski; FL—Ferdinand LaFrance; TM—Ted Mack; Norman Mason; RM—Ruth Meier; FM—Fay