

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

Millais; BM—Bryce Murphy; KM—Keith Murphy; NBBS—Newcomb Breeding Bird Survey—Alice Jones, Helen Manson; EP—Elizabeth Peterson; JP—John M. C. Peterson; GR—Gary Randorf; WR—William Rutherford; R&MS—Robert & Mary Sheffield; CS—Carole Slatkin; SBBS—Speculator Breeding Bird Survey—Fritz Scheider; TLBBS—Tupper Lake Breeding Bird Survey—Dr. Marguerite Kingsbury; UBBS—Underwood Breeding Bird Survey—Alice Jones, Helen Manson; FW—Fred Wardenburg.

Abbreviations: BTP—Browns Tract Ponds; ChamV—Champlain Valley; E'town—Elizabethtown; FourBr—Four Brothers Islands, Willsboro; L—lake; LP—Lake Placid; Mad—Madawaska; Onch—Onchiota PS—Paul Smiths; P—pond; RaqL—Raquette Lake SchL—Schroon Lake; TL—Tupper Lake; WP—Weller Pond off Middle Saranac Lake; West—Westport; Will—Willsboro.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: not many breeding birds; 2 young raised at Elk L (R&MS); 3 Jun 5 WP (R&MS); 5 migrants in one group Jun 18 Will (FW); 1 Jul 9 North Hudson (WC,JP,GR,CS); 1 Jul 21 Follensby Clear P (RM). Horned Grebe: 1 May 28 Essex (JP). Pied-billed Grebe: not reported. Double-crested Cormorant: 1 May 31 holding down a piling West (JP). Green Heron: 7 reports from Essex to Mad, a good count. Cattle Egret: about 20 nests with young Jun 18 FourBr (EC,JP); John Peterson says they first nested here in 1973; Vt. Fish & Game Dept. has been keeping some record of these island birds each year. Black-crowned Night Heron: several nesting Jun 18 FourBr (EC,JP). American Bittern: at least 9 reports; A pair nested at PS. Black Duck: many broods of about 6. Green-winged Teal: 1 Jul 2 Essex (GR, CS). Blue-winged Teal: common and with young Jul Essex (JP). Wood Duck: 1 Jun 29 Mad (GOS); 1 Jul 1 UBBS; 2 Jul 1 Newcomb (AJ,HM); 1 with 6 young Jul 11 Essex (EP,JP). Ring-necked Duck: max 1 pair plus 4 drakes Jun 17 TL (BB). Common Goldeneye: 2 Jul 2 Elk L (AJ,HM); male & female with 4 young not far from some water skiers Jul 4 at Fish Creek (Tom Tetlow); 1 female Jul 17 Upper St. Regis L (TB,JP). Hooded Merganser: 9 young raised at Mad (TM). Common Merganser: large broods all over.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: several reports from E'town to Essex; first Jun 5 E'town (GC); max 8 Jul 24 Essex (JP); perhaps the range of this bird is extending. Goshawk: 4 reports. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Jul 26 E'town (GC); 1 Aug 8 Will (NM). Cooper's Hawk: 1 all of Jun SchL (JB); 1 Jul 7 UBBS. Red-tailed Hawk: 9 reported. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Jun 3 VP (R&MS); always scarce. Broad-winged Hawk: 2 or 3 a day. Bald Eagle: 1 adult Jul 10 Essex (WC,GR,CS); 1 Jul 17 Crown Pt (RC). Marsh Hawk: no reports. Osprey: 2 all of period L Colby (many); 2 all period St. Regis Canoe Area (many); 2 Jul 1 LP (GOS); 1 Jul 14 Sch L (JB); 1 standing on edge of nest Jul 21 Rainbow L near PS (TM). American Kestrel: usual pair at Brandon; many in ChamV; max 8 Essex Aug 2 (BM,KM,JP). Spruce Grouse: 1 male Jul 23 Mad (Mrs. L. Schore, TM). Ruffed Grouse: many broods; EH reports 5 or 6 to a brood at Raquette L; it looks like a good season for the grouse hunter. Semipalmated Plover: 3 Jul 31-Aug 5 Essex (JP). American Woodcock: max 15 Jul 16 SchL (JB,JAB). Common Snipe: 2 or 3 individuals wintering places from Essex to PS. Spotted Sandpiper: good numbers. Solitary Sandpiper: first returning Jul 11 Hadley P, Will (WC,GR,CS); max 8 Aug 2 Essex (JP). Lesser Yellowlegs: several Aug 2 on Essex (JP) plus usual scattered reports. Least Sandpiper: first Jul 26 Essex (JP); 4 Aug 4 Essex (JP,KM). Herring Gull: 500 nesting FourBr (Vt. Fish & Game Dept. via JP); decreasing since 1930's (GC). Ring-billed Gull: 10,000 FourBr (Vt. Fish & Game Dept. via JP). Common Tern: not reported. Black Tern: 3 Jun 28 TL (GOS); seems to be the only location in region at present. Mourning Dove: not reported; probably overlooked. Black-billed Cuckoo: at least 12 reports of this usually scarce bird, varying from a remote alder swamp in Newcomb quadrangle to towns. Great Horned Owl: 1

Jun 1 & 15 TL (RM); 1 Jul 9 Essex (JP); 1 Jul 16 PS (TM,WR).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: 1 Jun 5 North Hudson (HiPkAu); 1 Jun 8 & 27 TL (RM); 1 Jun 14 Onch (LE). Common Nighthawk: 1 Jun 16 TL (TM); 2 Jun 21 Port Henry (KB); 1 Jul 12 Brandon (JP); usually a few nest on the burn at Brandon but they are getting scarce. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: numbers way up; 18 Jun 28-30 PS (GOS); 11 Jul 2 in flower garden PS (WR). Common Flicker: drastic drop; max 2 for total on each of 4 breeding bird surveys. Pileated Woodpecker: usual numbers; 2 young left nest Jun 24 Moriah (NM); 2 young left nest Jul 2 Moriah (JB,FM,KK). Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 Jun 29 29 Fish Creek (JP). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: numbers down; one knocked a chipmunk unconscious from a limb 20 feet above ground near bird's nest Jul 20 Onch (LE). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: at least 8 reported. Northern Three-toed Woodpecker: 2 females Jul 20 BTP (TD,FL). Great Crested Flycatcher: numerous during Jun bike trip from L George to LP (BB). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 2 Jun 19 Elk L (R&MS); 2 Jun 30 Mad (GOS); 1 Jul 2 Blue Ridge (AJ,HM). Least Flycatcher: max 33 Jun 8 (SBBS), highest count there ever; numbers high elsewhere as well. Olive-sided Flycatcher: good numbers, max 12 Jun 28-30 PS (GOS). Horned Lark: 1 Jul 2 Essex (GR); 1 Jul 20 Essex (Amy Johnson). Rough-winged Swallow: 4 reports: max 6 Jun 28 PS (GOS). Cliff Swallow: 5 Jul 2 (NBBS); 10 Jul 21 RaqL (TD,FL); plus normal numbers at usual locations. Gray Jay: max 6 Mad Jun 28-30 (GOS); 1 Jul 20 BTP (TD,FL). Common Raven: 2 adults and one young at Cascade L (many); 1 June 29 Elk L croaking (Sally & Ruth White). Boreal Chickadee: good numbers and from some new low elevation areas. Mockingbird: 1 Jun 6 SchL (Eleanor Drake). Brown Creeper: high counts. Winter Wren: numbers definitely up. Short-billed Marsh Wren: 1 Jun 8 (SBBS), a rare bird. American Robin: 1 albino Jul 19 Moriah (NM). Wood Thrush: high counts. Swainson's Thrush: numbers down. Veery: high counts; max 32 Jun 8 (SBBS). Eastern Bluebird max 15 Jun 28-30 PS (GOS); most beaver meadows have at least one pair nesting in the snags. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: numbers high, and noted at several lower elevation sites; pair Jun 17 at 700 feet E'town (GC). Cedar Waxwing: max 52 Jun 8 (SBBS).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 Jun 8 (SBBS); 1 Jun 18 E'town (GC). Solitary Vireo and Red-eyed Vireo: very high counts; 110 of latter on SBBS. Warbling Vireo: 1 Jun 8 (SBBS); 2 Jun 28 Wawbeek, Upper Saranac L (GOS); 2 Aug 15 Moriah Center (Helen Phinney). Black-and-white Warbler: common. Tennessee Warbler: 1 Jun 17 ADK Loj (BB); 1 Jun 30 Onch (GOS). Nashville Warbler: good numbers. Northern Parula Warbler: widely reported. Yellow Warbler: numbers quite low inland but normal in Cham V. Magnolia Warbler: good numbers. Cape May Warbler: 2 pair carrying food Jun 24-Jul 2 Onch (TM); 2 transients Aug 2 E'town (GC). Black-throated Blue, Myrtle, and Black-throated Green Warblers: good numbers. Blackburnian Warbler: high counts most areas; max 20 Jun 8 (SBBS). Chestnut-sided Warbler: high counts; max 48 Jun 8 (SBBS). Bay-breasted Warbler: at least 12 reports and most of these were nesting. Blackpoll Warbler: good numbers. Pine Warbler: 1 Jun 29 Mad (GOS). Northern Waterthrush: numbers down. Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 Jun 4 West (TB,NM); 1 Jul 2 (NBBS), unusual away from Cham V. Mourning Warbler: more than usual most areas. Canada Warbler: max 24 Jun 8 (SBBS). American Redstart: max 45 Jun 8 (SBBS).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: max 20 Jun 29 LP (GOS); first transient Aug 2 E'town (GC). Orchard Oriole: 1 singing Jun 20 Essex (GR,CS), both are familiar with species and details given. Northern Oriole: high counts; max 12 Jun 8 (SBBS). Rusty Blackbird: max 6 Jun 30 Mad (GOS). Scarlet

Tanager: very low in Newcomb and PS but reported normal in other areas. Cardinal: pair Jun Sch L (JB); 1 Jun Bloomingdale (Cheryl White). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 21 Jun 8 (SBBS). Indigo Bunting: high numbers. Evening Grosbeak: good numbers. Purple Finch: very high counts most areas. Pine Siskin: 3 Jul 2 (NBBS), only report of this erratic resident. Red Crossbill: 1 Jul 2 (NBBS). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Jul 1 (UBBS); 1 Jul 2 (NBBS); 1 Jul 18 TL (RM). Clay-colored Sparrow: 1 singing male Jun 19 Jay (BB); buzzing, pale legs, striped crown, pale breast and throat, light bill and eyebrow stripe noted at 20 feet for 15 minutes. Lincoln's Sparrow: good numbers; 1 Jun 3 WP (R&MS) may be a new location.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

GLADYS SNELL

The temperature for the month of June was 2.5 degrees below normal with a high of 92° on the 10th and a low of 38° on the 13th that broke previous records for those dates. July's temperatures were also 2.5 degrees below normal with a 92° on July 10 and a low of 45° on the 17th which broke the record, and again on the 21st. No temperature records were broken in the first half of August but the departure from normal was -1.7. The precipitation for the period was slightly above normal with the largest amount occurring in July with 1.90 inches on the 29th.

Some interesting comments and observations taken from the reports received may be of interest to our readers. A Glossy Ibis was reported seen in Slingerlands. The White-breasted Nuthatch was less common than the Red-breasted with only 1 banded at Jenny Lake by Robert Yunick while the Red-breasted was absent most of July, reappearing in early August when 4 young were banded. It was disappointing to find only 1 Bluebird sighting on the reports; especially the Breeding Bird Census reports. Also only 2 Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were sighted during the latter part of June at Mariaville at 1300 feet elevation by Doug Allen. The Blackburnian Warbler appeared to be moderately common on most of the Breeding Bird Census reports and at Jenny Lake. There also appeared to be a lack of breeding of Evening Grosbeak for the second year in a row. The only report was the recapture of one previously banded female by Robert Yunick. The Purple Finch situation also appears to have changed. Although a few were reported on the Breeding Bird Census reports, the banding of only 125 by Robert Yunick was a great reduction from the 500 banded last year. The lack of Rusty Blackbirds also appears unusual with only 1 adult reported. Pine Siskin and Red Crossbill that appeared to breed in our area in 1972 and 1973 were totally absent after the spring migrants passed thru. There appeared to be increase of Dark-eyed Junco as evidenced by the banding of 72 at Jenny Lake by Robert Yunick compared to 47 last year. The White-throated Sparrow appeared less common this year with only 1 banded August 3 at Jenny Lake by Robert Yunick but the Song Sparrow was more common than previously with 6 being banded against none last year.

Observers: DA—Doug Allen; PC—Paul Connor; DG—Donald Gorman; WG—William Gorman; MG—M. Gruett; JJ—John Joy; SM—Sam Madison; PO'S—Peter O'Shea; KS—Kenneth Sabin; WS—Walt Sabin; RHS—R. H. Stone; HW—Hudson Winn; RY—Robert Yunick.

Abbreviations: BBC Breeding Bird Census; HF—Hope Falls; JL—Jenny Lake; Mob—many observers; NE—North Easton; NR—North River.

LOON-DUCKS: Great Blue Heron: 2 June 16 BBC Duanesburg (WS,DA).