

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).

Green Heron: 1 June 16 BBC (WS,DA); 3 June 19 BBC Salem (PC). American Bittern: 2 June 30 BBC NR (WS,SM); 1 July 6 Rensselaer (PC). Glossy Ibis: 1 August 15 Slingerlands (fide WS); Canada Goose: 9 June 11 and 8 July 6 Rensselaer (PC). Black Duck: early July JL (RY). Blue-winged Teal: 1 July 6 Rensselaer (PC). Wood Duck: 2 June 12 Cherry Plain (PC); 1 July 6 Rensselaer (PC).

HAWKS-OWLS: Goshawk: 1 June 6 Cherry Plain (PC). Red-tailed Hawk: many thru period (Mob). Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 July 6,11,12,13,20 Cherry Plain (PC). Broad-winged Hawk: 1 June 8 NE (WG,DG); 1 June 12,13 and 4 June 20 Cherry Plain (PC); 1 June 22 and August 4 Schodack Center (PC). Marsh Hawk: 1 July 4 BBC HF (RHS, JJ). American Kestrel: many thru period (Mob). Ruffed Grouse: 1 June 14 Cherry Plain (PC); 1 July 8 Schodack Center (PC). Ring-necked Pheasant: 3 June 8 NE (WG,DG); 1 June 15 BBC Duanesburg (WS,DA); 5 June 19 BBC Salem (PC). Virginia Rail: 2 July 6 Rensselaer (PC). Common Gallinule: 7 July 6 Rensselaer (PC). Killdeer: many thru period (Mob). American Woodcock: 1 June 11 Cherry Plain (PC); 1 June 19 BBC Salem (PC). Common Snipe: 2 June 19 BBC Salem (PC). Upland Sandpiper: 2 June 8 (WG,DG); 2 June 15 BBC Duanesburg (WS,DA); 1 August 4 Schodack Center (PC). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 June 8 NE,DG); 1 June 15 BBC Duanesburg (WS,DA). Mourning Dove: many thru period (Mob). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 5 June 8 NE (WG,DG); 1 July 7 Rensselaer (PC). Black-billed Cuckoo: 3 Jun 8 NE (WG,DG); 1 June 8 BBC Petersburg (HW,MG); 1 June 30 BBC NR (WS,SM); August 12 East Greenbush (WG). Screech Owl: June 15 and July 5 East Greenbush (WG).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLINGS: Chimney Swift: many thru period (Mob). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: a few thru period; 4 adults banded JL (RY). Belted Kingfisher: a few during June and July (Mob). Common Flicker: many thru period (Mob). Pileated Woodpecker: 2 June 8 NE (WG,DG); 1 June 27 BBC Cobleskill (WS,PO'S), 1 June 30 BBC NR (WS,SM); 1 July 4 BBC Warrensburg (WS,KS); August 25 East Greenbush (WG). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 4 July 4 BBC HF (RHS,JJ); 3 July 6 BBC Hوران (RHS, JJ); 1 June 11,13,20,23 Cherry Plain (PC). Hairy Woodpecker: many during June and July (Mob). Downy Woodpecker: many during June and July (Mob). Eastern Kingbird: many during June and July (Mob). Great Crested Flycatcher: many during June and July (Mob). Eastern Phoebe: many during June and July (Mob). Alder Flycatcher: 1 June 20 Cherry Plain (PC). Willow Flycatcher: 3 June 8 BBC NE (WG,DG); 5 July 6 Rensselaer (PC). Least Flycatcher: many during June and July (Mob). Eastern Wood Pewee: many during June and July (Mob). Eastern Wood Pewee: many during June and July (Mob). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 June 6 Cherry Plain (PC); 1 July 4 BBC HF (RHS,JJ). Horned Lark: 1 June 19 BBC Salem (PC). Tree Swallow: many during June and July (Mob). Bank Swallow: Barn Swallow: large numbers thru June and July (Mob). Cliff Swallow: many thru June and July (Mob). Purple Martin: 1 June 19 West Stephentown (PC); 1 June 8 NE (WG,DG); 2 July 4 BBC (RHS,JJ). Blue Jay: many thru June and July (Mob). Common Crow: large numbers during June and July (Mob). Black-capped Chickadee: many thru June and July (Mob). White-breasted Nuthatch: a few during June and July; 4 banded early August JL (RY). Brown Creeper: a few during June and July (Mob). House Wren: many during June and July (Mob). Winter Wren: a few during June and July (MOB). Carolina Wren: only report 1 June 8 NE (WG,DG). Short-billed Marsh Wren: 2 June 15 BBC Duanesburg (WS,DA); 5 July 6 Rensselaer (PC). Mockingbird: only report 1 June 8 NE (WG,DG). Gray Catbird: many during June and July (Mob). Brown Thrasher: a few during June and July (Mob). American Robin: a large number thru period (Mob). Wood Thrush: many during June and July (Mob). Hermit Thrush: a few during June and

July (Mob). Swainson's Thrush: 1 July 4 BBC HF (RHS,JJ). Veery: many thru period (Mob). Eastern Bluebird: only report 1 June 19 Salem (PC). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: only report 2 June 15 thru 25 Mariaville (DA). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2 June 11, 22 Cherry Plain (PC); 2 July 4 BBC HF (RHS,JJ). Cedar Waxwing: many thru June and July (Mob). Starling: large numbers thru period (Mob).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: 2 June 8 BBC NE (WG,DG); 4 June 19 BBC Salem (PC); 1 July 4 BBC HF (RHS,JJ). Solitary Vireo: many during June and July (Mob). Red-eyed Vireo: many during June and July (Mob). Black-and-white Warbler: a few during June and July (Mob). Blue-winged Warbler: 2 June 8 BBC Petersburg (HW,MG); 1 June 6,22 Schodack Center (PC); 1 June 16 East Greenbush (PC). Tennessee Warbler: only report 1 June 8 BBC Petersburg (HW,MG). Nashville Warbler: 1 June 12,14,20 Cherry Plain (PC); 2 July 4 BBC HF (RHS,JJ); 1 July 6 BBC Horican (RHS,JJ). Parula Warbler: 1 June 8 BBC Petersburg (HW,MG); 1 July 4 BBC Warrensburg (WS,KS). Yellow Warbler: many thru June and July (Mob). Magnolia Warbler: many thru June and July (Mob). Black-throated Warbler: a few during June and July (Mob). Yellow-rumped Warbler: many during June and July (Mob); 1 young banded August 4 JL (RY). Black-throated Green Warbler: 3 June 21 Cherry Plain (PC); 2 July 4 BBC and 2 July 6 BBC (RHS,JJ); 1 August 4 JL (RY). Blackburnian Warbler: a few thru period (Mob). Chestnut-sided Warbler: many during June and July (Mob). Pine Warbler: only report July JL (R. Stone). Ovenbird: many thru period (Mob); 3 banded early August JL (RY). Northern Waterthrush: only report 5 June 20 Cherry Plains (PC). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 June 13 Warrensburg (Bruce Beehler, Essex, N.Y.); June East Greenbush (WG). Mourning Warbler: 1 July 6 BBC Horican (RHS,JJ). Common Yellowthroat: many during June and July (Mob). Canada Warbler: a few thru period (Mob). American Redstart: many during June and July (Mob).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: House Sparrow: many thru June and July (Mob). Bobolink: many thru June and July (Mob). Eastern Meadowlark: many during June (Mob). Red-winged Blackbird: a large number during June but only a few during July (Mob). Northern Oriole: many during June but fewer in July (Mob). Rusty Blackbird: only report 1 adult female with brood patch July 26 JL (RY). Common Grackle: a large number thru June and July (Mob). Scarlet Tanager: many thru period (Mob). Cardinal: many during June and a few in July (Mob). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: many during June and July (Mob); 9 banded JL (RY). Indigo Bunting many during June and July (Mob). Evening Grosbeak: only report 1 female during period JL (RY). Purple Finch: a few during June and July (Mob); first young July 20 vs July 12 last year JL (RY). American Goldfinch: many during June and July (Mob). Rufous-sided Towhee: many during period (Mob); 1 banded August 4, first in 5 years JL (RY). Savannah Sparrow: many during June and only 1 in July (Mob). Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 June 8 BBC NE (WG,DG); 1 June 8 BBC Petersburg, 1500 ft elevation (HW,MG); 2 June 19 BBC (PC). Vesper Sparrow: a few during June (Mob). Dark-eyed Junco: many during June and July (Mob); 72 banded vs 47 last year JL (RY). Chipping Sparrow: many during June and July (Mob). Field Sparrow: many during June but only a few in July (Mob). White-throated Sparrow: many during June and July (Mob); not common this year, banded only 1 August 3 JL (RY). Swamp Sparrow: a few during June and July (Mob). Song Sparrow: a large number during June and July (Mob); more common than previously, banded 6 vs 0 last year JL (RY).

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