

Scarlet Tanager: fall max 20 Aug. 30 Woodmancy Rd, Tully; dep date Oct. 16 (late) one Syr.

Evening Grosbeak: arr Oct. 17 12 NPT (DWC); max 200 Nov. 3 FH, LSB; however, only small flocks noted in the latter half of Nov. Purple Finch: good fall flight—max 33 Oct. 28 NPT; however, 50 still present at Big Moose Nov. 10. House Finch: max 30 at one Syr feeder in Nov. indicates the steady rise in this species locally. *PINE GROSBEAK*: single bird at Big Moose Nov. 10 is the only bird for the season (PAD, P Paquette). American Goldfinch: like Cedar Waxwing, everywhere—flocks of 30-50/day with max 160 Oct. 12 Sterling Twshp; in contrast, however, no Redpolls or Crossbills reported. Rufous-sided Towhee: max 35 Oct. 13 NPT; dep date Oct. 30 (early) one Syr.

Savannah Sparrow: max 43 Sept. 29 SP, SSSP; dep date Oct. 13 (very early) 40 NPT. Grasshopper Sparrow: a single Sept. 18 NPT (JWP) is a rarely observed fall migrant. Vesper Sparrow: incredibly scarce—one-three/day in Oct., the peak flight month; many observers saw none. Dark-eyed Junco: fall max 1500, a whopping count, Oct. 13 NPT; scarce thru latter half of Nov. American Tree Sparrow: arr date Oct. 13 two SP, SSSP; max 110 each NPT and FH both Nov. 3; like Junco, scarce in latter half of Nov. Chipping Sparrow: max 40 each NPT and Syr both on Oct. 13; dep date Nov. 16 (late) one NPT. Field Sparrow: max 200 Oct. 13 NPT in the huge sparrow flight there. White-crowned Sparrow: arr date Sept. 19 one Stone Rd near Mexico; max 1500, a record, in the Oct. 13 sparrow flight in NPT; numerous lesser counts thru Oct. with dep date Oct. 29 (very early) one NPT. White-throated Sparrow: arr date Sept. 1 one SP dunes; max 750 Oct. 13 NPT; small scattered flocks thru Nov. Fox Sparrow: fall flight as bad as the White-crowned Sparrow flight was good—max only two (incredibly low) Oct. 27 NPT; most observers saw none. Lincoln's Sparrow: max four Sept. 18 NPT and again Sept. 22 LOL; dep date Nov. 2 (late, particularly when compared to other migrant sparrows) one Syr (JWP). Swamp Sparrow: heavy fall flight—90 Oct. 8 Richland Twshp and 75 Oct. 13 NPT; many singles lingering into late Nov. Song Sparrow: fall max a stellar 750 Oct. 13 NPT; lesser numbers (50-75/day) thru the remainder of Oct. with small flocks present to late Nov.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Fall of 1974 was a good year for the shorebirder. Lowered Lake Ontario levels provide excellent observations of shorebirds such as Whimbrel, Baird's Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper and Hudsonian Godwit.

The uplander was not neglected either with good numbers of raptors including a Golden Eagle. Spruce Grouse and an excellent array of warblers and finches made Fall pass quickly.

Waterfowl were again in enjoyable numbers with Redheads and Canvasbacks being sighted in some localities. Migration was early and rapid once it started.

Indications of winter were again late. However, numbers of northern species moving down and some rather early sightings of them were indicative of perhaps an old fashioned north country winter.

Fruit and nut production in Region were exceptional this year and Mountain Ash trees were as if decorated for Christmas.

Location Abbreviations: BRB—Black River Bay; DH—Dry Hill near Watertown; ED—Eldorado Shores; PP—Point Peninsula; PRWMA—Perch River Wildlife Management Area;

RMP—Robert Moses Pond; RMPD—Robert Moses Power Dam; RMSP—Robert Moses State Park; SB—Sherwins Bay; SLR—St. Lawrence River; WHWMA—Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area.

HB—Hunters Bay Oct. 16-Nov. 23 first half of waterfowl season.

Observers: FC—Frank Clinch, LC—Lee Chamberlaine, RW—Robert and June Walker, JV—Joe VanRiet, mob—multiple observers.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 4 Oct. 26 PP; 3 Nov. 16 SLR. *RED-NECKED GREBE*: 2 Oct. 9; 1 Nov. 2; 1 Nov. 29 all (JV) SLR. Horned Grebe: maxima 7 Nov. 5 SB (RW). Pied-billed Grebe: still on nest with young Aug. 26 WHWMA (JV). Double-crested Cormorant: 4 Sept. 7 ED; 1 Nov. 11 PP; 2 Nov. 19 ED (RW) late dates. Great Blue Heron: 5 Nov. 11 SB. Green Heron: last date Sept. 22. *GREAT EGRET*: 1 Sept. 4; 2 Sept. 9 WHWMA (JV). Black-crowned Night Heron: maxima 4 Sept. 22 WHWMA.

Canada Goose: peak migration began Oct. 2 thru Oct. 14; most birds moved on thru Region (LC). Snow Goose: 1 Oct. 26 BRB (RW); 1 Nov. 19 PRWMA (LC). Mallard: 785 HB-PRWMA (LC). Black Duck: 222 HB-PRWMA (LC). Black Duck X Mallard hybrid: 1 Nov. 30 with band RMP (JV). Gadwall: 120 Nov. 23 WHWMA (JV); 58 HB-WHWMA (LC); 19 HB-PRWMA. Pintail: 38 HB-PRWMA (LC). Green-winged Teal: 210 HB-PRWMA. Blue-winged Teal: 133 HB-PRWMA. American Wigeon: 73 HB-PRWMA. Northern Shoveler: 19 HB-PRWMA. Wood Duck: 97 HB-PRWMA. Redhead: maxima 260 Nov. 2 RMP (JV); 200 WHWMA (LC). Ring-necked Duck: 440 Nov. 16 RMP; 2 Nov. 30 RMP (JV). Canvasback: 19 Nov. 2 WHWMA; 1 Nov. 16 Henderson Harbor (RW); 2 Nov. 16 WHWMA (JV). Greater Scaup: 1000 Oct. 26 BRB (RW); 7500 Nov. 2 BRB (RW); 4000 Nov. 11 BRB (RW). Lesser Scaup: 1 HB-PRWMA; 3 HB-WHWMA (LC). Common Goldeneye: 43 Nov. 23 RMPD. Bufflehead: 1 Sept. 4 WHWMA; 20 Nov. 2 PP.

Oldsquaw: 1 Oct. 18 WHWMA. White-winged Scoter: 2 HB-WHWMA; 1 Oct. 26 PP. Black Scoter: 1 Nov. 5 & 17 PP (RW); 20 Nov. 19 ED (RW). Ruddy Duck: 1 Nov. 17 SLR (JV). Hooded Merganser: 43 Nov. 2 WHWMA; 67 HB-WHWMA; 65 HB-PRWMA. Common Merganser: 4960 Nov. 27 RMPD (JV); 11 HB-WHWMA.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: Sept. 21 Henderson (LC); 1 Oct. 26 DH. Goshawk: 1 Sept. 12 WHWMA; 1 Nov. 17 Massena Dump (JV). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Sept. 15 WHWMA. Cooper's Hawk: 1 Nov. 3 over ball of Starlings near SLR (JV). Red-tailed Hawk: in fairly good numbers through period. Rough-legged Hawk: 2 Oct. 19; 26 Nov. 11 (Kings-ton Club had over 200 on Wolfe Island at about same time) (RW). *GOLDEN EAGLE*: 1 immature bird Oct. 27 2 mi So of Dexter—carefully identified in good light with spotting scope—watched for 10 min while it soared in circles—wind light from No; first report in Jefferson Co since 1915 (RW). Marsh Hawk: maxima 13 Oct. 26 PP. Osprey: 1 Sept. 4; 1 Sept. 21. American Kestrel: numbers fairly high thru period. *SPRUCE GROUSE*: 1 Oct. 26 SE St. Lawrence Co (A. Stevens). Ruffed Grouse: numbers up; 18 Nov. 23 Blake Sanctuary (RW). Gray Partridge: numbers still dropping; 8 Oct. 26 PP; covey of 10 Nov. 17 RMSP (JV). American Coot: 60 ± Nov. 2; 21 Nov. 23 WHWMA.

Semipalmated Plover: 8 Sept. 21. Killdeer: Nov. 2 last date. Golden Plover: 2 Sept. 9; 5 Sept. 21 WHWMA. Black-bellied Plover: 3 Aug. 29 ED; 3 Oct. 27 ED. Ruddy Turnstone: 12 Aug. 25 ED; 1 Sept. 22 ED. Common Snipe: 21 Sept. 4; 33 Sept. 6 WHWMA. *WHIMBREL*: Sept. 5 ED (FC). Solitary Sandpiper: 1 Aug. 24; 1 Sept. 4 WHWMA (JV). Greater Yellowlegs: 1 Oct. 26 SB (RW); 2 Nov. 2 & 5 SB (RW). Lesser Yellowlegs: 4 Aug. 16; 3 Nov. 2. Red Knot: 1 Sept. 15 ED (RW). Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 Aug. 19; 18 Sept. 21; 13 Nov. 2; in good numbers this year. White-rumped Sandpiper: 1 Oct. 16; 8 Oct. 27 ED; 8 Nov. 2 SLR. *BAIRD'S SANDPIPER*: 2 Aug. 17 (JV); 1 Aug. 18; 3 Sept. 9; 1 Sept. 15 ED (RW). Least Sandpiper: 7 Aug. 19; 2 Aug. 24. Dunlin: 1 Sept. 19; 78 Oct. 27 ED (RW); 6 Nov. 11 SB (RW). Short-billed Dowitcher: 6 Aug. 26; 2 Sept. 15; 1 Sept. 22 all ED (RW). *STILT SANDPIPER*: 1 Sept. 5 ED (FC). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 4 Aug. 19. *BUFF-*

BREASTED SANDPIPER: 1 Sept. 15 ED (RW). **HUDSONIAN GODWIT:** 1 Sept. 22 ED (mob); 6 Nov. 2 SB (mob); 3 Nov. 5 SB (mob); previous record 10-11-70. Sanderling: 1 Sept. 5; maxima 150 Sept. 22 ED. **RED PHALAROPE:** 1 Sept. 19-Sept. 29 SLK (JV). **NORTHERN PHALAROPE:** 2 Sept. 5 SLR; 1 present 'til Sept. 21 SLR (JV). Glaucous Gull: 1 adult Oct. 29 early; 1 first year bird Nov. 9; 2 second year birds Nov. 22—all (JV). Iceland Gull: 1 first year bird Nov. 9; 2 first year birds Nov. 23; 1 mature Nov. 23—all (JV). Great Black-backed Gull: 6 Aug. 20; 1 Aug. 29 ED; 13 Nov. 15 PP; 60 Nov. 11 Three Mile Point Chaumont Bay (RW). Bonaparte's Gull: 2 Aug. 20 RMPD; 12 Aug. 25 ED; 54 Aug. 27 RMPD (JV); 6 SB Oct. 26. **BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** 1 immature Nov. 2; 1 mature Nov. 2; 1 mature Nov. 27 both RMPD (JV). Common Tern: 4 Aug. 25. Caspian Tern: 14 Aug. 25 ED (RW). Mourning Dove: most left by mid-Oct. Screech Owl: 1 Sept. 10; 1 Sept. 11. Great Horned Owl: thru period. Snowy Owl: 1 Nov. 3; 2 Nov. 17 PP; 1 immature Nov. 28—picked up roosting gull and carried it for about 100 ft. before gull escaped (JV).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Chimney Swift: Aug. 23 last date. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Sept. 25 last date—late. Belted Kingfisher: 1 Nov. 19. Pileated Woodpecker: 1 Oct. 26; 1 Nov. 23. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Sept. 21. Great Crested Flycatcher: Sept. 22 late. **OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** 1 Sept. 7 ED (RW)—first record for ED. Horned Lark: 2 Nov. 28. House Wren: Sept. 30 last date. Winter Wren: Oct. 18 last date. Hermit Thrush: Oct. 18 last date. **GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH:** 1 Sept. 23 banded (FC). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Sept. 21. Water Pipit: 12 Sept. 15; 50+ Sept. 21 SLR (JV). Cedar Waxwing: in every Mountain Ash—large fruit crop this year (LC). Northern Shrike: Nov. 2 first date—seem to be more this year.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: Aug. 24 last date. Nashville Warbler Sept. 22 last date. Northern Parula: Sept. 26 banded (FC). Yellow Warbler: 1 Sept. 7 ED (RW)—late. Magnolia Warbler: Sept. 30 last date—banded (FC). Black-throated Blue: 1 male Oct. 16 banded—late (FC). Yellow-rumped: 2 Oct. 2 DH; 1 Oct. 21. Black-throated Green: Oct. 6 banded (FC). Chestnut-sided: Sept. 30 banded (FC). Ovenbird: Sept. 28 banded (FC). **HOODED WARBLER:** Sept. 26 (FC). Canada Warbler: Sept. 28 banded (FC)—late. American Redstart: Oct. 6—late.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Red-winged Blackbird: 200 Nov. 19; 1 Nov. 29 SLR. Rusty Blackbird: 1 Nov. 5 DH. Common Grackle: Nov. 28 Massena Dump. Scarlet Tanager Sept. 10 last date. Evening Grosbeak: Oct. 28. Purple Finch: Oct. 27 in flocks Stony Point. Pine Grosbeak: 2 Nov. 10; 1 Nov. 23 Brasher State Forest. Pine Siskin: 30+ Oct. 26; 8 Nov. 9 WHWMA (JV). American Goldfinch: more around later than usual. Dark-eyed Junco: Sept. 28. Tree Sparrow: Oct. 24. Chipping Sparrow: 15 Oct. 5. White-crowned Sparrow: Sept. 22. White-throated Sparrow: 12 Sept. 21; 1 Nov. 9. Fox Sparrow: 1 Nov. 7. Song Sparrow: 2 Nov. 29. Lapland Longspur: 1 Nov. 14-15 on rocks SLR (JV). Snow Bunting: 12 Oct. 18.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK - CHAMPLAIN

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August was somewhat cooler than usual. Heavy rains occurred on the 17th when 1.8 inches fell in 1½ hours and 2 inches in 3½ hours at Ray Brook. September was below normal with 53.9 degree overall mean temperature for Ray Brook weather station; 23 degrees on the 24th was the low for the month. October was colder than usual with 2.3 inches of snow for the month and only 9 days that did not have 32 degree or colder temperatures. This may have promoted the geese to migrate earlier than usual. November was average