

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

with a 34 degree mean temperature and a total of 17.8 inches of snow.

Observers: TB—Tom Barber; JB—Jean Beck; JAB—Jonathan A. Beck; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; DF—Darrell Ford; AG—August Gabel; JH—John Hatt; EH—Elizabeth Hedges; HiPkAu—High Peaks Audubon Society; AJ—Amy Johnson; SJ—Sally Johnson; MK—Dr. Marguerite Kingsbury; SMK—S. Marie Kuhnen; TM—Ted Mack; NM—Norman Mason; RM—Ruth Meier; CM—Charles Mitchell; EP—Elizabeth Peterson; JP—John Peterson; WP—William Peterson; HP—Helen Phinney; GR—Gary Randorf; R & MS—Robert & Mary Sheffield; CS—Carole Slatkin; LS—Laura Slatkin; PT—Patricia Tabor; JV—Joannes VanRiet.

Abbreviations: Bul—Bulwagga Bay of L Cham; Crn Pt—Crown Point; Fort Cov—Fort Covington; Good—Goodnow Flow, Newcomb; L Cham—Lake Champlain; LL—Long Lake; Mad—Madawaska Club near PS; NW Bay—North West Bay of L Cham; Plat—Plattsburgh; Port H—Port Henry; PS—Paul Smiths; Raq L—Raquette Lake; Sar L—Saranac Lake; Sch L—Schroon Lake; sev—several; Ti—Ticonderoga; Tup L—Tupper Lake; West—Westport; Will—Willsboro; Wilm—Wilmington.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 2 Aug. 18 LL (R & MS); latest inland report was the adult and immature Sept. 26 Elk L (EP, JP); sev thru period at L Cham. Red-necked Grebe: 5 Oct. 26 West (HiPkAu); 1 Nov. 18 NW Bay (TB, GC, NM); 1 Nov. 22 Port H (JP, PT); 1 Nov. 23 NW Bay (HiPkAu). Horned Grebe: first 2 Oct. 10 West (TB, NM); 20 plus by late Oct. on any bay of L Cham (JP). Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Sept. 26 Sch L (JB); 1 Nov. 3 NW Bay (EP, JP); 1 Nov. 23 Bul (HiPkAu). Double-crested Cormorant: 1 Sept. 2 Crn Pt (GR, CS); 6 Sept. 14 Crn Pt (GC). Green Heron: 1 Sept. 8 Essex (EP, JP). Canada Goose: usual summer residents at Tup L (RM); first flight Sept. 3 TL (RM)—three weeks earlier than usual; 9 Sept. 27 Whallon's Bay L Cham (AJ); heavy flights began Oct. 1 thruout region; 12 Nov. 23 NW Bay (HiPkAu) latest. Snow Goose: 12 Oct. 27 Sch L (JAB); 4 Nov. 23 Ti (Janet Cooper). Black Duck: max 30 Sept. 18 LL (R & MS). Ring-necked Duck: 7 arrived Nov. 2 NW Bay (JP, WP, PT). Canvasback: sev Nov. 14-18 NW Bay (DF, JP, PT). Lesser Scaup: max 27 Nov. 27 Sch L (JB); sev Nov. 24 West (GC, PT). Common Goldeneye: flocks of 50-75 Oct. 28 thru period Essex (JP). Bufflehead: first sev Nov. 14 NW Bay (DF, PT). Oldsquaw: 3 Nov. 3 NW Bay (JP). Black Scoter: 1 Oct. 26 & Nov. 23 Bul (HiPkAu). Hooded Merganser: 4 Nov. 23 NW Bay (HiPkAu). Common Merganser: max 54 Sept. 14 Good (TM).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 Sept. 8 Essex (JP); 1 Oct. 4 West (TB, AG). Goshawk: sev reports including 1 Sept. 22 sparring with a Red-tail Essex (EP). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Sept. 2 Cascade L (TB, NM); 1 Nov. 26 Will (GC). Cooper's Hawk: 1 Sept. 15 Good (TM); 1 Sept. 28 Elk L (EP, JP); 1 Oct. 26 Crn Pt (HiPkAu). Red-tailed Hawk: 8 reported. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Sept. 27 Sch L (JB); 1 Oct. 3 Sch L (JB). Broad-winged Hawk: 4 migrants Sept. 23 Elizabethtown (GC). Rough-legged Hawk: arrived Oct. 25 Essex & West (JP, PT); 7 Nov. 23 Crn Pt (HiPkAu). Bald Eagle: 1 immature Sept. 18 Moriah (NM). Marsh Hawk: 4 Sept. 25 to Oct. 5 West to Essex (HiPkAu). Osprey: 1 Sept. 17 Wilm (JH); 1 Sept. 18 LL (R & MS); 1 Sept. 27 Sch L (JB). Merlin: 1 Nov. 14 Crn Pt bothering a Rough-leg (DF, JP, PT). Ruffed Grouse: good year. American Coot: 3 Nov. 20 West (GC), rare for region. Killdeer: 100 plus Sept. 4 Essex (EP, JP). Golden Plover: first sev Aug. 29 Essex (JP); max 250 Sept. 1 Essex (JP) last 35 Sept. 14 Essex (HiPkAu). Black-bellied Plover: 2 Aug. 29 Essex (JP, SJ); 1 Sept. 4 Essex (HiPkAu), rare for region. Solitary Sandpiper: sev to Sept. 15 Essex & Will (HiPkAu). Greater Yellowlegs: 3 Sept. 3 Good (TM); 3 Sept. 18 LL (R & MS); plus many L Cham (HiPkAu). *DUNLIN*: 1 Nov. 30 West (GC, JP & others) very rare in this region. White-rumped Sandpiper: 1 Sept. 29 Plat (Philip H. Warren) full details. *BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER*: 1 with Killdeer and Golden Plover Sept. 8 Essex (EP, JP, SJ), full details, apparently first record for region. Great Black-backed Gull: 1 Oct. 23 to Dec. 1 West (GC, JP). Bonaparte's Gull: max 14 Nov. 14 Bul (DF, JP, PT). Tern sp: 1 Sept. 17 LL (R & MS). Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 Sept. 3 & 15 TL (RM). Screech Owl: 1 Sept. 2 Essex (CS). Great Horned Owl: 1 very appropriately on Hallowe'en, Essex (EP, JP). Snowy Owl: 1 Nov. 6 (Norma Thomas).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Chimney Swift: 12 Sept. 14 (AJ, LS). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 Aug. 20 Raq L (EH); 1 Sept. 18 Essex (AJ, LS); 1 Sept. 25 (JB). Common Flicker: seemed to be fewer migrants this year. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: last 1 Oct. 10 Moriah (TB). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 wandering bird Oct. 24 Essex (JP). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Aug. 29 Essex (JP). One late Empidonax Sept. 29 Essex (JP). Eastern Wood Pewee: latest 1 Sept. 26 West (TB). Tree Swallow: 1 very late Oct. 28 Fort Cov (JV). Barn Swallow: 3 very late Oct. 28 Fort Cov (JV). Gray Jay: 3 Aug. 17 Mad (HiPkAu); 1 Oct. 4 Keene (SMK). Common Raven: max of 3 Cascade L (many). Boreal Chickadee: good numbers. Mockingbird: 1 Nov. 3 Plat (CM). Wood Thrush: last 1 Oct. 13 Elizabethtown (GC). Swainson's Thrush: 1 very late bird Oct. 26 West (HiPkAu). Eastern Bluebird: many reports from many areas; 6 Oct. 21 Peru (CM); max 18 Sept. 30 Moriah Center (HP). A late report of 5 Blue-gray Gnatcatchers on Jun. 7 at Chazy (CM); this invasion by a bird alien to our region is unusual; the total number of individuals and total area covered may indicate we will have a breeding record some year. (See *Kingbird* July '74.) Ruby-crowned Kinglet: good numbers, 8 Oct. 4 Sar L (MK). Water Pipit: max 10 Oct. 1 Essex (JP). Cedar Waxwing: numbers began to increase about Aug. 17; max 120 Sch L (JB). Northern Shrike: 1 immature Oct. 31 Elizabethtown (GC); 1 Nov. 15 Sch L (JAB).

VIREOS-WARBLED: Solitary Vireo: good numbers. Warbling Vireo: 1 Sept. 12 Moriah (HP). Tennessee Warbler: last 1 Sept. 22 Wilm (GR). Magnolia Warbler: last 1 Oct. 6 Keene (SMK). Cape May Warbler: 1 Sept. 26 Elizabethtown (GC). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 Nov. 7 Essex (JP). Blackburnian Warbler: last 1 Oct. 6 Keene (SMK). Bay-breasted Warbler: last Sept. 29 Essex (EP). Pine Warbler: 1 Sept. 27 Essex (JP). Palm Warbler: 1 Sept. 22 Elizabethtown (GC). Mourning Warbler: 1 very late Oct. 2 Moriah (TB, NM). American Redstart: late 1 Oct. 18 Elizabethtown (GC).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Cardinal: at least 13, chiefly from L Cham; 2 thru Nov. 7 Sar L (MK); 5 Plat (CM); a few nest each year near L Cham. Evening Grosbeak: max 1000 plus Nov. 6 Sch L (JB). Purple Finch: good numbers 10 Nov. 11 TL (RM). **HOUSE FINCH:** 1 Aug. 16 Moriah (NM, TB) "clearly saw streaks beneath." Pine Grosbeak: 1 Nov. 12 ADK Loj (JP). Pine Siskin: 5 Aug. 20 Raq L (EH); numbers increasing to end of Sept. Red Crossbill: 10 Aug. 15-20 PS (TM). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Sept. 18 LL (R & MS); sev feeder birds L Cham (HiPkAu). Dark-eyed Junco: flocks of migrants in middle of Aug. Tree Sparrow: first 1 Oct. 27 Plat (CM). White-crowned Sparrow: first 2 Sept. 23 Elizabethtown (GC); 11 Oct. 5 Sar L (MK); many Oct. 8 Essex (JP); 1 late bird Nov. 23 Elizabethtown (GC). Fox Sparrow: sev Oct. 4 Keene (SMK). Snow Bunting: 1 Oct. 18 Essex (EP); 1 Oct. 27 Keene (Betsy & Fred McCamic); 20 Oct. 27 Sch L (JB); 25 Nov. 2 West (EP).

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REGION 8 - HUDSON - MOHAWK

GLADYS SNELL

The fall period was of average temperature but the rainy weekends may have affected our bird sightings. The lack of early snow may also have been a factor in delaying the migration of large numbers of our fall visitors. The banding captures were especially affected with the take at VFWM reduced from the 3 year average of about 1 plus bird/net hour to 0.6 bird/net hour. The total catch of 847 birds of 61 species for 1420 hours showed a substantial loss (RY).

The Yellow-crowned Night Heron was an unusual sighting for this area. Records show re-