

as in previous winters (LBC). Screech Owl: 1 WCC. Great Horned Owl: 2 WCC. Snowy Owl: maximum 6 Dec. 28 PTP; 5 Jan. 4 PTP; 6 Feb. 17 PTP; numerous other individual sightings. Short-eared Owl: 7 Jan. 4 PTP; 1 Jan. 18 SS Rd; 6 Feb. 17 PTP all (RCW); 3 Feb. 17 PTP other than previous citation (FAC). Saw-whet Owl: 1 found injured Mar. 26 Pamela Center died next day (LBC).

GOATSUCKERS--STARLINGS: Belted Kingfisher: 1 WCC; 1 ICC; 1 Jan. 30 CP; 1 Feb. 17 DH. Common Flicker: 2 WCC; 1 Dec. 22 SH (TLC). Pileated Woodpecker: 1 WCC; 2 ICC; 1 Jan. 1. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 imm. early Dec.-Feb. 15 at feeder in Watertown probably eating sunflower seed (FAC) (DCG). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 fem Jan. 3 FD (DCG); 1 fem Jan. 28 & 30 DH (RCW); 1 fem Feb. 2 Cagwin Rd (RCW). Horned Lark: 30 ICC; 30 Feb. 12 SS.

Crow: 81 WCC; more than usual wintered on Lake Plain. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 4 WCC. Brown Creeper: 2 WCC; 9 ICC. Carolina Wren: Dec. 15 thru Feb. 1 Watertown feeder (mob). Mockingbird: 1 all winter RB (Mrs. Barr); 1 Mar. 13 Brownville Game Farm feeding on apples--still there end of period (LBC).

Robin: more wintering than in previous years (LBC). Hermit Thrush: 1 Jan. 28 DH in flocks of robins (RCW). Eastern Bluebirds: 4 mal ICC--WI. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1 Feb. 12 DH. Bohemian Waxwing: 50 Mar. 22 near RMSP (JAV). Cedar Waxwing: 90 WCC; 100 Jan. 18 DH; 275 Mar. 22 (JAV). Northern Shrike: seen thru period about half imm.

VIREOS--WARBLERS: Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 Jan. 11 & Feb. 22 RMPD (JAV).

BLACKBIRDS--SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: 4 ICC; 2 Dec. 28 near Chaumont; 6 Feb. 17 SS Rd; 1 Mar. 27 (JAV). Red-winged Blackbird: 1 WCC; 4 ICC; 1 Mar. 1 near Cranberry L. (LBC); 100+ Mar. 7. Northern Oriole: 1 ICC--WI. Common Grackle: 3 Dec. 1 SB (RW); 5 WCC. Brown-headed Cowbird: 6 WCC.

Cardinal: 15 WCC. Evening Grosbeak: 69 WCC; fewer than usual 'til Jan.; 1000 banded to Mar. 18 (FAC); 485 banded in 6 day period Feb.-Mar. (124 Mar. 3) then ran out of bands (FAC). Purple Finch: 15 WCC; 20+ Feb. 17 Henderson--many banded (LBC). Pine Grosbeak: 1 Dec. 22; 2 Feb. 1 Indian Pt; 4 Feb. 28; 10 Mar. 1. Common Redpoll: 1 WCC; 53 Mar. 27 RMSP (JAV); very few this winter. Pine Siskin: 20+ Feb. 16 Raymondville (JAV); only report for period. Am. Goldfinch: 28 WCC; more winter observations than usual. Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Feb. 12 HH village along road in flock of Evening Grosbeaks (LBC). Dark-eyed Junco: 1 WCC; 16 ICC. Tree Sparrows: 47 WCC; 151 ICC. White-throated Sparrow: 10 WCC. Song Sparrow: 4 WCC; 10 ICC. Lapland Longspur: 2 Dec. 21 RMSP (JAV); 3 Dec. 21 ICC--Alex Bay (RCW). Snow Bunting: maximum 300 Feb. 1 PTP (TLC).

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REGION 7 -- ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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This was a mild winter for the most part. Snow depth was within reason. Temperatures were often mild enough to provide pleasant ice fishing, beaver trapping, cross country skiing, or birding days. An exception was February 26th with 45 mph winds all day combined with blinding snow. March was cool with a 24.8 mean temperature. As usual the Champlain Valley had some open water.

Observers: DA—Deborah Anson; TA—Teresa Anson; TB—Tom Barber; JB—Jean Beck; JAB—Jonathan A. Beck; RB—Ray Bender; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; GTC—Greenleaf T. Chase; JC—Janet Cooper; AG—August Gabel; HiPkAu—High Peaks Audubon Society; FH—Freda Howard; MK—Dr. Marguerite Kingsbury; RL—Richard Lawrence; PM—Phoebe MacDougall; M&RMc—Margaret and Robert McKinney; BM—Betsy MacMillan; JM—John MacMillan; MM—Marion Mason; NM—Norman Mason; EP—Elizabeth Peterson; JP—John Peterson; GR—Gary Randorf; JR—Jerry Rosenbrand; JS—John Seaman; CS—Carole Slatkin; PT—Pat Tabor.

Abbreviations: Bul—Bulwagga Bay, LC; Cpt—Crown Point; ECBC—E'town Christmas Bird Count; Es—Essex; E'town—Elizabethtown; FCBC—Essex Co., N.Y. part of Ferrisburg, Vt. Christmas Bird Count; IndL—Indian L; L—Lake; LC—Lake Champlain; LP—Lake Placid; Mal—Malone; NWBay—North West Bay, LC; NYSWC—New York State Waterfowl Count; PS—Paul Smiths; PortH—Port Henry; R—River; SarL—Saranac L; SchL—Schroon L; Sev—Several; TL—Tupper L; Wes—Westport; Wha—Whallons Bay, LC; Ti—Ticonderoga.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: max 5 FCBC; 1 to Jan. 28 NWBay (TB). Red-necked Grebe: 1 Dec. 14 FCBC. Horned Grebe: max 22 Jan. 12 NYSWC; 1 to Feb. 9 Es (DA, TA, JP, PT). Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Mar. 22 Wha (GC); 1 Mar. 29 Es (JP). Canada Goose: a few entire period LC; 60 Dec. 14 FCBC; first migrants Mar. 15 Wes (FH). Mallard: max 35 Feb. 14 Ti (BM). American Wigeon: 2 Es Mar. 15 (JP). Wood Duck: 2 mid-Feb. Ti (BM, JM). Ring-necked Duck: 3 Dec. 14 FCBC. Canvasback: 1270 Jan. 12 NYSWC; perhaps these winter on LC in similar numbers each year but were not seen by birders previously. All three scoters seen during period. Common Merganser: max 110 Jan. NWBay (HiPkAu). Red-breasted Merganser: 1 Dec. 14 FCBC.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 2 Mar. 28 Cpt (HiPkAu). Goshawk: reports from all areas including PS and IndL. Sharp-shinned Hawk: sev reports; MK saw one with a small bird at her feeder Jan. 9 SarL. Cooper's Hawk: 1 Jan. 2 Blue Ridge (TB). Red-tailed Hawk: sev wintered LC (HiPkAu). Broad-winged Hawk: first Mar. 29 LC (Sherry & Wm. Peterson). Bald Eagle: 1 immature Feb. 9 Wha (HiPkAu). Merlin: 1 Dec. 18 Es (JP); 1 Jan. 19 Wes (JP, PT). Kestrel: sev wintered LC (HiPkAu). Killdeer: 1 Mar. 1 Es (JR, CS). American Woodcock: first 1 Mar. 25 Es (JP). Mourning Dove: max 12 Es all winter (PM). Common Tern: 2 Mar. 30 Es (EP). Barn Owl: 1 stunned by car Dec. 14 FCBC (JP); this is not a bird normal to this region.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Belted Kingfisher: 1 until Jan. 17 NWBay (JP). Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 Mar. 21 TL (RM); this bird is both out of season and rare; noted that entire head was red. Hairy Woodpecker: 5 Dec. 14 FCBC; 17 Dec. 28 ECBC. Downy Woodpecker: 55 Dec. 28 ECBC. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 2 Feb. 28 Rainbow L near PS (TM); 1 Mar. 22 Moriah (HiPkAu); an uncommon bird. Northern Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 Jan. 13 Es (JP); 1 female Feb. 28 L Clear (GTC); a rare bird. Horned Lark: a few wintered LC; first migrants 3 Feb. 23 McColloms (TM); 3 Feb. 23 Mal (TM). Blue Jay: 105 Feb. 28 IndL (M&RMc). Common Raven: 2 all winter Cascade L (many); 2 Jan. 11 PS (TM); 1 Feb. 1 Saranac Inn (TM). Common Crow: all winter LC; 70 Jan. 17 LP dump (GC); only at approach of spring do they begin to travel about in interior areas of deep woods; first 1 Feb. 22 PS (TM); 2 Mar. 4 TL (RM). Brown Creeper: 9 Dec. 28 ECBC. Winter Wren: 1 Feb. 20 Es (JP, PT). Carolina Wren: 1 Dec. 21-28 Es (MM); 1 Dec. 26 E'town (RL). Mockingbird: 2 Ti (JC). Brown Thrasher: 1 Jan. 17-24 E'town (GC, RL). American Robin: wintered LC with up to 30 in a flock; 1 Feb. 27 LP (JS); 2 Mar. 4 Gabriels (JS). Eastern Bluebird: 1 Feb. 16 Ti (BM, JM). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 Feb. at feeder Wes (AG). Bohemian Waxwing: 50 Mar. 23 Keene (GR); "stockier and the cinnamon undertail coverts and white wing markings" noted. Cedar Waxwing: max 130 Dec. 11 Port H (GC); some all winter LC. Northern Shrike: many from Mal to LC.

VIREOS—SPARROWS: Black-and-white Warbler: 1 Dec. 17 Wes killed at a window and

eaten by a cat (AG). Cape May Warbler: 1 adult male Dec. 9-11 at suet feeder Moriah (TB, GC, AG); two other reports with no details; bird should be in Bahamas for winter; there are at least two other Northeast Dec. records. Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 Dec. 23-31 Wes (JC). Ovenbird: 1 Dec. 21-24 eating seed Wes (GC, FH, NM); 1 singing Mar. 30 Es (JP). Eastern Meadowlark: 1 Dec. 31 Wes (TB). Cardinal: 28 on John Peterson's Essex Co. census; 2 SarL Feb. 18 (MK); 1 Feb. 28 IndL (M&RMc). Purple Finch: commonest winter bird at PS; flocks of 50 to 100 could be seen in deep woods most places as well as along roads from Mal to Es. House Finch: 2 Dec. 14 FCBC; carefully identified making second Essex Co. record. Pine Grosbeak: from 2 to 12 could be seen most days Dec. thru period; max 26 Mar. 1 IndL (R&MMc). Common Redpoll: went elsewhere this year. Pine Siskin: common this winter; active nest found 30 feet up on black spruce limb Mar. 29 Chubb R (Phil Warren). Red Crossbill: not reported. White-winged Crossbill: a few in black spruce areas; 20 singing males Jan. 20-Feb. 1 Chubb R (TB, NM, JP, PT); first state nesting record here on Feb. 22 when a nest was being built (DA, Pat & Wm. Casselman, JP, PT). Dark-eyed Junco: all areas had wintering birds this year; 13 Jan. SarL (MK); 30 Feb. IndL (M&RMc). Tree Sparrow: 117 Dec. 28 ECBC. A sampling of most sparrow species lingered on or wintered LC including 1 Field Sparrow Dec. 19 Es (JP). Snow Bunting: up to 300 LC.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The winter season in our area was relatively mild with the snowfall less than normal in all months except February. The mean temperatures for December, January and February were above normal with March falling -2.7 degrees from normal.

The most exciting sighting was the Mountain Bluebird found on December 20 at Cox-sackie, which is the first verified N.Y. State record for this bird. It was seen by hundreds of Northeastern United States birders and a detailed write-up and photograph will be published in *The Kingbird*. Other uncommon sightings were: Iceland Gull, Short-eared Owls, Varied Thrush, and Northern Oriole.

"The most noticeably scarce birds were: chickadees, nuthatches, and winter finches except Evening Grosbeaks and Purple and House Finches. The most noticeably numerous were: robins, Evening Grosbeaks, and Purple and House Finches." (RPY)

Through our "Dial-A-Bird" (377-9600), reports were received of a wintering Towhee and a Ruby-crowned Kinglet in late January. We welcome all reports from any birder in our area.

Abbreviations: ADBC—Alan DeVoe Bird Club; DMA—Douglass M. Allen; CC—Christmas Count; Col Co—Columbia County; RPG—R. P. Guthrie; HMBC—Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club; HR—Hudson River; LH—Lower Hudson region of the Tri-city area; JL—Jenny Lake; MR—Mohawk River; NWW—Niskayuna Wide Waters; TP—throughout period; RL—Round Lake; SCR—Stony Creek Reservoir; fs—first reported sighting; SL—Saratoga Lake; TCA—Tribity Area; TCC—Troy Christmas Count; VFWM—Vischer's Ferry Wildlife Management Area; RPY—Robert P. Yunick.

LOON-DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Mar. 22 LH (HMBC). Red-necked Grebe: 1 Dec. 1