

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: increased on Oneida and Cicero Center BBS but all other BBS reported declines, in some cases over half; first migrants Jul 6 N Syracuse. **WESTERN MEADOWLARK:** One at Syracuse persistently singing to late July. **ORCHARD ORIOLE:** pair at Camillus Valley raised two young.

Scarlet Tanager: numbers up on five of seven BBS (two-22/survey).

Indigo Bunting: a sharp drop from previous surveys—down, in some cases by 50% on six of seven BBS. Pine Siskin: 14 on Old Forge BBS June 19—none thereafter. A. Goldfinch: everywhere this summer—counts of 30-60/day and from all sectors but the Adirondacks; in Pompey, 30 nests fledged 107 young (DWCrumbs), the highest fledging rate to date.

Savannah Sparrow: numbers seem stable (five-45/BBS) locally—apparently those hard-pressed, cold, wet, miserable roadside Savannahs of early April were destined for further north. Grasshopper Sparrow: only four locations (Syracuse, Oriskany Falls, Kasoag, Mexico) totaling seven individuals. Henslow's Sparrow: nine locations involving 22 birds—up slightly but not by much. Vesper Sparrow: increasingly scarce—six individuals for entire summer; will undoubtedly vanish as a breeder just like the Horned Lark and for the same reasons.

White-throated Sparrow: first fall arr Aug 10 (very early) SP dunes; high country BBS show moderate increases with the best tally 30 on Old Forge BBS. Swamp Sparrow: rather scarce (5-7/day) but noted in small brushy marshes in areas of southern highlands (Tully, Pompey, Fabius) where not present two or three years ago.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Summer of 1975 was a dry, hot one with rain coming at infrequent intervals but heavy when it did come. Temperatures ranged from the high 90's (99°F in Massena—37.2°C) to the mid 60's (15.6°C) for lows.

Noticeable trends were excellent waterfowl production; increase in Turkey Vulture sightings; raptors in the main continue in trouble; fantastic shorebirding with low water levels; excellent vireo and warbler observations; and early winter finch sighting which may indicate a regular north country winter to come.

Among the rarities for Region 6 were Least Bittern; Northern Phalarope; Carolina Wren; Mockingbird; Philadelphia Vireo and Blue-winged Warbler.

Localities: DH—Dry Hill; ED—Eldorado Shores; LWMA—Lakeview Wildlife Management Area; PRWMA—Perch River Wildlife Management Area; WHWMA—Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area.

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Corrigenda: *KINGBIRD* XXV No 2 May 1975 p 106 **NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER:** 1 fem Jan 28 & 30 DH (RCW); 1 fem Feb 2 Cagwin Rd (RCW)—Regional Editor's omission.

LOONS-DUCKS: Double-crested Cormorant: 28 active nests Little Galloo Island July 12—extension of colony over 1974 (TLC); 35 Calf Island July 12 (no nests) (TLC); 10 ED Aug 23. Black-crowned Night Heron: 29 active nests Little Galloo Is Jul 12—possibly extended nesting area over 1974—50± adults ± 65 full fledged immatures ± 3 birds per nest unfledged (TLC). **LEAST BITTERN:** 11 (9 adults 2 immatures) LWMA Aug 2 (TLC). Canada Goose: 471 banded (185 goslings) WHWMA Aug; 183 banded (169 goslings) PRWMA Aug (LBC). Gadwall: 2 Little Galloo Is Jul 12 (TLC). Blue-winged Teal: an excellent nesting year in Region. Am. Wigeon: 4 Little Galloo Is Jul 12 (TLC); late. Oldsquaw: 1 fem Jul 7 (RCW); very late. **WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:** 1 ad ED Aug 3 (TLC). Hooded Merganser: 3 Sherwin's Bay Aug 31. Com. Merganser: 2 ED Aug 31. Red-breasted Merganser: 2 ED Aug 23.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: increasing along L. Ontario shore—nests where? Goshawk: active nest Indian Lakes area (JBB). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 ED Aug 23. Cooper's Hawk: none reported. Broad-winged Hawk: 2 immatures Henderson Aug 28; 3 (1) ad 2 immatures Henderson Aug 31. Rough-legged Hawk: 1 light phase W. Martinsburg Jun 20 (Matt Brown—Peter VanEenenaam); late. **BALD EAGLE:** 1 ad W. Martinsburg Jun 20 (Brown & VanEenenaam); only report for period. Osprey: 2 nest locations in Indian Lakes area apparently failures (JBB).

Black-bellied Plover: 2 ED Aug 26. Ruddy Turnstone: 11 ED Aug 16. Am. Woodcock: good production year. Com. Snipe 20 PRWMA Aug 28. Upland Sandpiper: numbers up but not as in early 1970's. Solitary Sandpiper: 2 Page Rd Whetstone Park Jul 5 (RCW); early. Red Knot 2 ED Aug 23. Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 ED Aug 3; 1 PRWMA Aug 28. **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** 2 ED Aug 23 (RCW). **SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:** 24 ED Aug 19; 20 ED Aug 23—both (RCW); 16 ED Aug 28 (TLC). **STILT SANDPIPER:** 1 ED Aug 19 (RCW); 1 ED Aug 26 (TLC). **NORTHERN PHALAROPE:** 1 ED Aug 19 (RCW).

Ring-billed Gull: Little Galloo Is population seems to be building again. Bonaparte's Gull: 2 ED Aug 19. Caspian Tern: max 15 ED Aug 26. Black Tern: ±30 LWMA Aug.2.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: population still increasing—also into Tug Hill periphery. **YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:** 1 DH Aug 1 (RCW); rare in Region. Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 Brownville-Dexter July 1. Screech Owl: thru. Barred Owl: 2 heard Camp Portaferry Jul 24 (Brown & VanEenenaam)—not often reported. Com. Nighthawk: 50 over Gouverneur Aug 15; smaller numbers Aug 24 & 25; roost in vicinity and flocking in preparation for migration?—all (JBB). Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 immatures Brownville Aug 28.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Alder Flycatcher: 2 DH Jun 3 (RCW). **OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:** 1 Whetstone Park Jul 5 (RCW). Rough-winged Swallow: ±60 Brownville Jul 24. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 2 ED Aug 28. Winter Wren: 1 heard Streeter L. Jun 23; 4 heard Inlet (St. Lawrence Co.) Jun 25—both (TLC).

CAROLINA WREN: 1 heard Snowshoe Point Jul 24 (LBC); reported there last year but unconfirmed. **MOCKINGBIRD:** 1 Campbell's Point Jul 1 (TLC). Hermit Thrush: 3 Streeter L Jun 23; 2 Inlet Jun 25; 4 Chases L Jul 18—all (TLC). Swainson's Thrush: 1 Brownville Aug 31 (TLC). Water Pipit: 2 ED Aug 31.

VIREOS-WARBLED: Solitary Vireo: 1 Star L Jun 21; 1 Streeter L Jun 23; 1 Brownville Aug 31—all (TLC). **PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** 4 Black R—Brownville Aug 15 (TLC). **BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:** 1 DH Jun 3, 4 & 9 (RCW); second regional record. Golden-winged Warbler: 1 DH Jun 3-4 (RCW). Both above warblers singing at same time within sight of each (50-60 yds) on adjacent territories; Golden-winged in this area for several years (RCW). **TENNESSEE WARBLER:** 10 Black R—Brownville Aug 30 (TLC); 10 same location Aug 31 (TLC). **NASHVILLE WARBLER:** 1 male Chase's L Jul 18 (TLC). **WILSON'S WARBLER:** 1 ED Aug 26 (TLC).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Evening Grosbeak: 1 Henderson Aug 12 (LBC); other single individuals reported in Adams in Aug (LBC). Purple Finch: more than last year in Henderson-Stony Point area (LBC). Am. Goldfinch: not as common as last summer (LBC).

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REGION 7 - ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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This was a dry summer in the mountains making nesting more apt to be successful for most species. Am. Robins, Wood Thrushes, Veeries, and even Swainson's Thrushes, which have been scarce, seem to have profited from this. Red-eyed Vireos brought off multiple broods and Yellow-rumped Warblers did well. It seemed to be a favorable nesting season as a whole. One local blessing was the decision not to spray the Paul Smiths area for black flies this summer because of cost and lack of intended results. Dead Tree Swallows containing hydrocarbons have been collected in other areas that were sprayed, however.

Observers: DA-Deborah Anson; GC-Geoffrey Carleton; GOS-Genesee Ornithological Society; BJ-Billy Johnson; CJ-Courtney Jones; MK-Dr. Marguerite Kingsbury; DK-Don Knies; BMc-Bob McKinney; B&JMac-Betsy & John MacMillan; NM-Norman Mason; GM-Gordon Meade; RM-Ruth Meier; KM-Keith Murphy; JN-Joel Nevison; JO&TO-Jack & Toni O'Bryan; MP-John M. C. Peterson; PW-Phil Warren; Paul W-Paul Weld; MV-Moses Vaughn.

Abbreviations: L Cham-Lake Champlain; Mad-Madawaska Pond near PS; Newcomb BBS-Newcomb Breeding Bird Survey by Alice Jones & Helen Manson; Platt-Plattsburgh; PS-Paul Smiths; Raq R-Raquette River; Spec BBS-Speculator Breeding Bird Survey by Fritz Scheider; Ti-Ticonderoga; Tup L-Tupper Lake.

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: max 15 St. Regis canoe area (MP); pair nesting L Cham (CJ). Goodnow Flow is no longer a nesting area because of increased human activity and raising of water level which drowned the entire nesting island. Black P near PS had only one adult bird and a great increase in fishing pressure so it too may be lost. It is sad to see this species lose territory. Several Cattle Egrets and Black-crowned Night Herons nested on 4 Bros Is. Least Bittern: Jun 10 Ti marsh (BMac, JO, TO) and Jul 27 (GC). RM had 10 imm Black Ducks on Raq R Tup L. Lesser Scaup: 3 carefully identified Platt Jul 25 (PW). Hooded Merganser: female with 7 young Jun 7 Lewis (BJ, JN, MV); female and 7 young Raq R Tup L (RM); plus many others; regular breeder in Franklin Co. Common Merganser: 1 female on Goodnow had 34 young. There seems to be an interchange of young between females.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Many Turkey Vultures at L Cham. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 2 reported. Bald Eagle: 3 or 4 imm seen. Marsh Hawk: sev L Cham. Osprey: widely reported in greater numbers. At least 3 nests had 3 dead young however. Ruffed Grouse broods large. American Coot: 1 Jun 11 Tup L (RM). Semipalmated Plover: 4 Jul 21 Platt (PW). Killdeer: 100 Jul 19 Platt (PW, DK). Am. Golden Plover: 10 Aug 28 Essex (MP). Black-bellied Plover: sev Westport Aug 17 (GC). Ruddy Turnstone: 3 Jul 25 Platt (PW); 1 Aug Ti (B&JMc); perhaps overlooked in past. Upland Sandpiper: 1 adult with downy young unable to fly Jun 22 Platt (PW); 2 adult with 4 grown young Westport Aug 11 (GC, NM). Spotted Sandpiper: 23 Jul 20 Platt (PW). WILLET flashing his wings Aug 18 Westport for a first Essex Co. record (DA, KM, MP). Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 Jul 19 Platt (PW, DK). White-rumped