

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

Sandpiper: 1 Aug 28 Westport (GC). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 185 Jul 25 Platt (PW). Sanderling: 5 Platt Jul 21 (PW). Northern Phalarope: 1 Aug 24 Westport (GC). Ring-billed Gull: 525 Jul 23 Platt (PW). Bonaparte's Gull: 81 Aug 2 Platt (PW, DK).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: a few including 1 Tup L Jun & Jul (RM). Red-headed Woodpecker: sev Essex Co. plus 1 all summer Tup L.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Newcomb BBS; 1 Jun 28 Mad (GOS); 2 Jul 26 Marcy (BMc, Paul W). Alder Flycatcher: a few. Olive-sided Flycatcher: max 8 Jun Mad (GOS). Swainson's Thrush: max 6 Jul 26 Marcy (BMc, Paul W). Eastern Bluebird: max 5 Aug 28 Mad (GM). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1 Ausable Pt Aug 30 (Suzanne Case, MP etc). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: sev summer birds including 1 singing Jun 20-Jul 3 Saranac L (MK).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Nashville Warbler: 12 Newcomb BBS. Magnolia Warbler: max 22 Spec BBS. Cape May Warbler: many summer birds; max 6 Jun 30 Mad (GOS). Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 46 Spec BBS. Bay-breasted Warbler: always scarce as a breeder but only 2 or 3 reports. Mourning Warbler: max 6 Jun 27 Essex Co (GOS).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: ORCHARD ORIOLE: male Jun 21 Crown Pt (Arthur Tubbs); species seen in area by others previously. Rusty Blackbird: a few reports but numbers definitely down. Cardinal: MK had a nest Saranac L but it failed. House Finch: male Jul 20-21 Wadhams (MP, Pat Taber, etc). MP has banded this species in Essex Co. White-winged Crossbill: Allen & Sandy Klonick had only report with 3 Jun 30 at Elk L.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

GLADYS SNELL

The summer seemed wet and warm with the mean temperature and precipitation both above normal. This apparently cut down the number of observers and thus reports to the committee.

There were 7 Breeding Bird Surveys conducted during June with 104 species sighted. No real rarities were reported for the period but a few unusual sightings were noted: Double-crested Cormorant in July; Great and Snowy Egrets; Lesser Scaup; Bald Eagle; Bobwhite; Great Black-backed Gull; increased numbers of nuthatches and chickadees; Short-billed Marsh Wren; Evening Grosbeak and Pine Siskin were absent as breeders for second year in a row at Jenny Lake (RPY); Purple Finch numbers were reduced from high of two years ago but increased over last year (RPY); Dark-eyed Junco also reduced at Jenny Lake (RPY). See body of report for details.

Abbreviations: ADBC—Alan DeVoe Bird Club; BBS—Breeding Bird Survey; BRS—B. R. Seguin; DMA—Douglas M. Allen; fs—first reported sighting; NWW—Niskyuna Wide Waters; RPG—R. P. Guthrie; RPY—R. P. Yunkick; RWSanct—Reist Wildlife Sanctuary; thru—throughout period; VFWM—Vischer Ferry Wildlife Management.

LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: 1 Hudson R. Albany Aug 5; 1 Alcove Reservoir Aug 10. Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Stony Creek Reservoir Aug 29. **DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:** 1 Lock 7 June 20; 1 Hudson R. Coeymans July 28; 1 NWW Aug 30. **GREAT EGRET:** Lock 6 Aug 16 and 20, 2 VFWM Aug 30 (BRS). **SNOWY EGRET:** 1 Lock 6 Aug 15, 3 Aug 16, 5 Aug 20, 5 Aug 23 (BRS); 2 Hudson R. Coeymans Aug 17 (RPG). Least Bittern: 4 Rensse-