

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-

laer July 4 (PC). Canada Goose: 6 Petersburg June 7. Mallard: Hudson-Mohawk region thru (RPG); 3 Salem June 29 (BBS). Black Duck: 2 N. Easton June 21 and Salem June 29 (BBS). Northern Shoveler: 1 Hudson R. Coeymans Aug 22. Wood Duck: 1 North R. June 28. **LESSER SCAUP**: 1 female Hudson R. Coeymans July 28-Aug 17 (RPG).

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: 2 Duaneburg throughout June. Goshawk: 2 adults Mariaville May and June. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Mariaville June 11; 1 Warrensburg June 26. Broad-winged Hawk: 2 during June BBS; 1 nested thru July New Baltimore; 2 Mariaville thru; 1 Schodack Center during Aug. **BALD EAGLE**: 2 Stuyvesant (mob ADBC). Osprey: 1 Stony Creek Reservoir Aug 28. Ruffed Grouse: H-M region thru; 1 Warrensburg June 26. Bobwhite: June 10 Meadowdale; June 18 Fredrick's Road; July 20 W. Sand L. Ring-necked Pheasant: 5 during June BBS. Virginia Rail: 1 Mariaville June and July. Sora: 1 Mariaville June and July; 1 Rensselaer Aug 31. Com. Gallinule: 3 Rensselaer July 4; 7 downy young Coxsackie July. Am. Coot: 1 Stony Creek Reservoir Aug 31. Com. Snipe: 1 Salem June 29. Upland Sandpiper: thru June and July. Spotted Sandpiper: 1 Duaneburg June 5; 1 North R. June 28. Greater Yellowlegs: 1 Lock 6 Aug 23. Lesser Yellowlegs: 15 Lock 6 Aug 23. Pectoral Sandpiper: 5 Lock 6 Aug 5. Least Sandpiper: 2 Coxsackie July 22. **GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL**: 8 Hudson R. Coeymans June 22, 7 on July 12, 4 on Aug 15 (RPG); Locks 6 and 7 July 15 thru Aug 23, max 40 Aug 8 (BRS). Ring-billed Gull: 8 Hudson R. Coeymans June 22, 2 on July 12, 10 on Aug 15. Bonaparte's Gull: 3 Hudson R. New Baltimore Aug 9; 1 immature Lock 7 July 15 and Lock 6 July 17. Com. Tern: 1 NWW Aug 8; 2 Selkirk Aug 30.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 dead on road Selkirk June 1; 1 New Baltimore Aug 8; 2 N. Easton June 21; 1 Rt. 146 July 21. Barn Owl: nested Coxsackie June and July. Screech Owl: 10 (2 family groups) Waterford July 1; 2 juveniles New Baltimore July 4. Great Horned Owl: 1 Schodack Center Aug 1; 1 VFW Aug 25. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 Warrensburg June 26; 3 Schodack Center Aug 31. Red-headed Woodpecker: bred in New Baltimore and S.E. Montgomery Co. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 6 on June BBS; 2 Mariaville during July.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Willow Flycatcher: 7 on June BBS. Alder Flycatcher: fs Lydius St. June 2; 2 N. Easton June 21. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 3 North R. June 28. Horned Lark: 2 Duaneburg June 5; 1 Albany July 29. Rough-winged Swallow: 1 Duaneburg June 5; 2 Warrensburg June 26; 4 Mariaville June and July; 6 New Scotland July 29. Cliff Swallow: 4 Warrensburg June 21; 9 nests on house Corinth June 15; 3 New Scotland July 29. Purple Martin: 100 nesting Kinderhook (ADBC); 2 Duaneburg June 5; 1 N. Easton June 21. Tufted Titmouse: bred New Baltimore; 1 Duaneburg June 5; 2 RWSanct. Aug 23. **WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH**: many throughout area; 4 banded vs 1 in 1974 Jenny L. (RPY). **RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH**: many throughout area; 10 banded vs 4 in 1974 Jenny L. (RPY). Brown Creeper: 1 Saratoga Co. June 19. Winter Wren: 3 Warrensburg June 21; 1 New Baltimore Aug 19. Carolina Wren: 1 Petersburg June 7; nest with 4 well developed young Rotterdam July 17; 1 thru and 3 New Baltimore Aug 24. Long-billed Marsh Wren: 5 Rensselaer July 14. **SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN**: 3 Dennison Rd. July 18 (DMA), 3 on July 24 and 2 on Aug 14 (BRS). Mockingbird: 2 N. Easton June 21; bred New Baltimore; 1 RWSanct Aug 23. Hermit Thrush: 1 Saratoga Co June 19; 8 during June BBS; 1 Mariaville thru. Swainson's Thrush: 1 New Baltimore Aug 24. E. Bluebird: 1 Duaneburg June 5; 5 Montgomery Co June and July (2 adults 3 young). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 North R. June 28.

VIREOS-WARBLES: Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 New Baltimore June 10; 3 during June BBS; 1 Aug 23 RWSanct. Solitary Vireo: 1 Saratoga Co June 19; 5 during June BBS. Warbling Vireo: 20 during June BBS; New Baltimore thru. Black-and-white Warbler: 9 during June BBS; 1 Ballston L. June 19; 1 Salem June 29; 1 RWSanct Aug 23. Blue-winged Warbler: 1 New Baltimore thru. Tennessee Warbler: 1 New Baltimore: June 10. Nashville Warbler: 1 Warrensburg June 26. Parula Warbler: 1 Petersburg June 7. Magnolia Warbler: 15

during June BBS; 1 New Baltimore June 23. Cape May Warbler: 5 Schodack Center Aug 31. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 8 during June BBS; 1 New Baltimore Aug 17; 1 RWSanct Aug 23. Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2 North R. June 28. Black-throated Green Warbler: 9 during June BBS; 2 RWSanct and 1 New Baltimore Aug 23. Cerulean Warbler: 1 male Montgomery Co June and July. Blackburnian Warbler: 1 RWSanct Aug 23; 4 Mariaville thru. Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 New Baltimore Aug 17; 1 RWSanct Aug 23. Blackpoll Warbler: Lock 7 June 3; 1 Petersburg June 7; 1 New Baltimore Aug 21. N. Waterthrush: 1 Ballston L. June 19; 4 Mariaville thru. Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 Cobleskill June 10. Mourning Warbler: 1 North R. June 28. Wilson's Warbler: 1 New Baltimore Aug 19.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: EVENING GROSBEAK: 1 female New Baltimore Aug 15. **PURPLE FINCH:** 14 during June BBS; 2 RWSanct Aug 23; banded 270 vs 146 in 1974, 563 in 1973, 377 in 1972, 473 in 1971 Jenny L. (RPY). Red Crossbill: singles in flight Jenny L. Aug 9 and 10. Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 N. Easton June 21; 4 Montgomery Co during July. Henslow's Sparrow: 1 Meadowdale June 18; 1 S.E. Montgomery Co June 28; 1 Dennison Rd. July 24. Vesper Sparrow: 4 Salem June 29; 2 New Scotland July 29. **DARK-EYED JUNCO:** 1 Saratoga June 9; 7 Warrensburg June 26; banded only 12 vs 72 in 1974, 47 in 1973, 36 in 1972, 42 in 1971 Jenny L. (RPY).

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REGION 9 - DELAWARE-HUDSON

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June and July temperatures averaged near normal. June was drier than usual, with less than 4 inches of rain which fell largely in the first half of the month. July was dry until mid-month when rains brought the total 9.09 in. at Bear Mt. which was well above average for the month.

There were no marked changes in the resident breeders for the period. A few species were up and a few down. Most interest centered around the excellent Aug. migration with marked warbler waves on Aug. 12 in Dutchess Co. and 16, 17 and 25 in Rockland Co. Cedar Waxwings, which were non-existent early became commonplace by the end of the season. Rockland Co. and Westchester Co. reported exceptional shorebird movements on Aug. 16 and for the rest of the month.

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LOONS-DUCKS: COMMON LOON: 2 ad thru Jul 12, Middletown Res (JT). Double-crested Cormorant: 1 West Branch Res. near Rt. 6 Carmel thru first week of Aug (Mabel Little). Another Aug 31 Cornwall Bay (J, DB). Great Blue Heron: At Tamarack Heronry, Jun 2, R. Pyle reports 8 of 9 nests occupied with 13 adults and 11 young. High at Cornwall Bay was 8, Aug 28. Cattle Egret: none. Great Egret: several reports thru season, max 12 Piermont Pier Aug 10. Far less common than Snowy. Snowy Egret: first at Piermont Pier