

REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Fall of 1975 was either unable to let go of summer or grab for winter. Temperatures were from a high of in the 70°F range (25°C) to a low of 20°F (-6°C) in November. However, temperatures were up one day and down the next.

As concerns trends, waterfowl were in excellent numbers. Some raptors indicated an upward swing while the accipiters and eagles remain low or nonexistent in reports.

Shorebirds and warblers provided some excellent records and the winter finches increased in numbers and varieties through the period.

Rarities included the following: **RED-THROATED LOON**, **RED-NECKED GREBE**, **CATTLE EGRET**, **NORTHERN PHALAROPE**, **SABINE'S GULL**—a first for the region, **CAROLINA WREN**.

Localities: **ED**—Eldorado Shores; **LWMA**—Lakeview WMA; **PRWMA**—Perch River WMA; **RMPD**—Robt. Moses Power Dam; **SLR**—St. Lawrence River; **ULLWMA**—Upper and Lower Lakes WMA; **WHWMA**—Wilson Hill WMA; **WMA**—wildlife management area.

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LOONS—**DUCKS**: Com. Loon: 2 Pillar Pt. Nov. 9. **RED-THROATED LOON**: 1 Sherwins Bay Nov. 11 (RCW). **RED-NECKED GREBE**: 10 RMPD Oct. 5 (JAV). Horned Grebe: max. 38 Nov. 11. Double-crested Cormorant: 4 ED Sept. 6 (RCW). Great Blue Heron: thru. Green Heron: 1 ED Sept. 6. **CATTLE EGRET**: 1 Watertown Airport Oct. 29 (RCW).

Snow Goose: 1500 Dexter Marsh; 200 **ULLWMA**; 500 **PRWMA**; 100 **WHWMA** all Oct. 20 (LBC). Gadwall: good numbers at **PRWMA** and down from 2 yrs. ago. **WHWMA** (LBC). Blue-winged Teal: 120 **LWMA** Sept. 14 (Bob & Carol Wernick). N. Shoveler: 20 ED Sept. 14 (Wernick). Wood Duck: everywhere. Redhead: 500 **SLR** Oct. 5 (JAV); rafts of 200-300 **WHWMA** thru. Ring-necked Duck: 200-300 **ULLWMA** thru. Canvasback: 100 upstream RMPD, Nov. 8 (JAV); many thousands Carlton Isl. **SLR** Nov. 14 (Al O'Neil) blown east by storm front (LBC). Greater Scaup: 6000 Black River Bay; 4000 Pt. Peninsula both Nov. 11 (RCW). Lesser Scaup: ± 6 at **WHWMA**.

Oldsquaw: 300 ED Nov. 11. White-winged Scoter: 100 ED Oct. 26 (TLC). Black Scoter: 20 ED Oct. 26 (TLC). Ruddy Duck: 2 Pillar Pt. Nov. 9 (TLC). Common Merganser: 3000 RMPD Nov. 1 (JAV).

HAWKS—**ALCIDS**: Red-tailed Hawk: more common than last few years. Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Sackets Harbor Sept. 15 (TLC); a little later than normal. Rough-legged Hawk: 1 Oct. 4; 10 Pt. Peninsula Nov. 11. Marsh Hawk: numbers up. Osprey: 1 Snowshoe Pt. Sept. 6; 1 Pt. Peninsula Sept. 14; 1 Henderson Hbr. Sept. 21; 1 **LWMA** Oct. 19; may increase use of Henderson area and south because of dead salmon in fall from L. Ontario Salmon Program. Am. Kestrel: good numbers thru.

Ruffed Grouse: numbers up. Gray Partridge: 15 Sulfur Springs Rd. Oct. 31; 4 near RMPD Nov. 15; population still low. Am. Coot: 120 **WHWMA** end Nov.

Black-bellied Plover: 2 ED Sept. 6 (RCW); 1 ED Sept. 14 (Wernick). Ruddy Turnstone: 8 ED Sept. 14 (Wernick). Common Snipe: 4 Sherwins Bay Oct. 29. Red Knot: 11 ED Sept. 14 (Wernick). Least Sandpiper: 3 ED Sept. 6. Dunlin: 39 ED Sept. 14 (Wernick). Short-billed Dowitcher: 30 ED Sept. 6. Sanderling: 16 ED Sept. 14; 20 ED Oct. 26 (TLC). **NORTHERN PHALAROPE**: 1 ED Sept. 6 (RCW).

Iceland Gull: 1 first yr. RMPD Nov. 15 (JAV). Great Black-backed Gull: 3 ED Sept. 6. Bonaparte's Gull: 4 ED Sept. 6. **SABINE'S GULL**: 1 immature upstream RMPD Sept. 14 (JAV—Scott Findlay and Allen Bain) observed from 1500 hrs. to 1730 hrs. was in with immature Bonaparte's Gulls; *regional first*; descriptive info to editor.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: more small flocks than last fall. Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 Brownville Sept. 6; 1 dead same location Sept. 16 (TLC). Snowy Owl: 1 Chaumont Nov. 11; 1 Cape Vincent Nov. 25. **SHORT-EARED OWL**: 1 near Dexter Sept. 15 (TLC); 7 Chaumont Nov. 11 (RCW). Com. Nighthawk: last date Sept. 17. Chimney Swift: 4 Dry Hill Oct. 1 (RCW); very late. Belted Kingfisher: thru. Pileated Woodpecker: thru. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: thru to Sept. 28.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Great Crested Flycatcher: 1 Sept. 17. E. Phoebe: 2 Sept. 28. Bank Swallow: 300 near Dexter Sept. 16. Brown Creeper: 4 Sept. 27; 3 Sept. 28. House Wren: 1 Dry Hill Oct. 2. **CAROLINA WREN**: 1 heard Snowshoe Pt. Sept. 24; 1 heard Whites Bay Oct. 12 both (LBC); both locations are close to each other—same bird? **MOCKINGBIRD**: 1 PRWMA Oct. 9; 1 near Henderson Oct. 25 (LBC); 1 at Stony Point in Oct. (Mrs. Barr). Brown Thrasher: 1 Dexter Oct. 29 (RCW). Swainson's Thrush: 8 Brownville Sept. 1-5; 15 Brownville Sept. 6; several banded between Sept. 16 & Oct. 17 (F. Clinch). **GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH**: 1 banded Watertown Sept. 23; 1 banded Watertown Oct. 2 (Clinch); first fall dates for region. Eastern Bluebird: last date Oct. 23. Water Pipit: 3 ED Sept. 14 (Wernick); + 25 near PRWMA Sept. 21 (TLC); 20 ED Oct. 26. Northern Shrike: 1 immature Sackets Hbr. Sept. 26; 2 ED Oct. 26 (Kate Coyle).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 1 Brownville Sept. 1; 2 Brownville Sept. 5. Red-eyed Vireo: 1 Oct. 5. Black-and-white Warbler: last date Sept. 14. **TENNESSEE WARBLER**: 8 Brownville Sept. 1; max. 80 Brownville Sept. 7; last 3 Brownville Sept. 14—all (TLC). Nashville Warbler: 1 Brownville Sept. 17. Magnolia Warbler: 1 Brownville Sept. 5; 4 same loc. Sept. 6; last 2 same loc. Sept. 14. Bay-breasted Warbler: max. 15 Brownville Sept. 17; last Sept. 28. **BLACKPOLL WARBLER**: 2 Brownville Sept. 3; 3 same loc. Sept. 16; 4 others thru Sept. 28 (TLC). **PINE WARBLER**: 1 ED Sept. 14 (Wernick). Palm Warbler: 1 (western race) Brownville Oct. 26 (TLC).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Rusty Blackbird: 1 Sherwins Bay Oct. 29. Evening Grosbeak: 15 Whites Bay Sept. 21, 6 Henderson Sept. 25; now at feeders. Purple Finch: 3 Brownville Sept. 2. **PINE GROSBEAK**: 15 Barnes Corners Oct. 29 others overhead (LBC). Common Redpoll: 3 Brownville Nov. 14. **PINE SISKIN**: 20 Watertown Nov. 2; 15 Pillar Pt. Nov. 9 (TLC). Tree Sparrow: first date Oct. 22. White-crowned Sparrow: first date Sept. 30. Snow Bunting: 10 ED Oct. 26.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Last year's bumper cone and seed crop was definitely not repeated this year as might be expected. Beechnuts were scarce or absent. The major influence on birds seemed to be dry weather, with Lake Champlain lowering to expose mud flats attractive to shorebirds. Geoffrey Carleton writes that he estimates 22 species of shorebirds were seen in August and September. Capt. Philip Warren of Plattsburgh Air Force Base found and carefully identified a Purple Sandpiper near his home before meeting Dr. Donald Knies of the same town who