

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

had also seen the same bird but didn't want to bring up the subject of inland Purple Sandpipers. This appears to be a first record for the region. The great concentration of Snow Geese at Ticonderoga should also be noted.

Observers: DA—Deborah Anson; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; DK—Don Knies; RMCK—Robert McKinney; NM—Norman Mason; KM—Keith Murphy; DN—Dan Nickerson; JP—John M. C. Peterson; JR—Jerry Rosenband; R&MS—Robert & Mary Sheffield; CS—Carole Slatkin; PT—Pat Tabor; PW—Phil Warren.

Abbreviations: Cham—Champlain; E'town—Elizabethtown; Ind—Indian; Plat—Plattsburg; Ti—Ticonderoga; Wall—Wallonsburg.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 2 adults Sept. 8 Weller P (R&MS). Red-necked Grebe: 1 Sept. 27 Plat (PW, DK). Green Heron: 1 Sept. 9 Weller P near Middle Saranac L (R&MS); scarce this area. Snow Goose: 170 Oct. 11 E'town (G & Irene C); many imm. This species built up to 3000 birds off Ti Oct. 26 but was only half this two days later. High Peaks Audubon Newsletter says the Essex Ferry detoured a bit so passengers could see the birds. Perhaps this is a migration stop that will be used regularly in future if birds are not disturbed. This is quite a change from not being seen at all some seasons. Even non-birders should have noticed a raft of these birds in the past so this seems to be a new occurrence. Red-head: 3 Oct. 18-30 Westport (GC, NM); very rare in region. Greater Scaup: 4 Oct. 26 Westport about 3 weeks early (GC).

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Second weekend of Oct. DN saw about 50 assorted hawks flying south between Jay and Saddleback Mts. during a few hours of west wind. Turkey Vulture: 20 early Sept. Westport (Hal Ring). Cooper's Hawk: 1 Sept. 9 Wall (GC); 1 Sept. 27 Plat (PW). Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 imm Sept. 27 Plat. (PW). Rough-legged Hawk: 1 Oct. 25 Ind L (RMCK) as well as usual Cham birds. Bald Eagle: 1 adult Sept. 21 Westport (Peg Schneider, CS). Osprey: 1 Aug. 28 NW Bay of L Cham (DA, KM, JP); 1 Aug. 31 Ti Marsh (JP, PT); 1 Ind L Oct. 27 (RMCK). Merlin: 1 bluish adult male falcon, not accipiter, identified perched and in flight Sept. 2 E'town (GC); 1 female Sept. 27 Plat (PW, many obs). Rare but they are seen in these areas. American Coot: 1 Nov. 7 Westport (GC)—rare. Semipalmated Plover: sev. Aug. Westport (GC). American Golden Plover: fewer seen this year in Clinton, Essex, and Franklin Cos. Black-bellied Plover: 8 Aug. 17 Westport (GC). RUDDY TURNSTONE: first Essex Co. record is Aug. 17 Ti (Betsy & John Macmillan); 1 Sept. 27 Plat (PW). Upland Sandpiper: 2 Sept. 3 Wadhams (JP, CS, JR). Solitary Sandpiper: L Cham plus sev. reports from Adirondack ponds as usual. Willet: 1 flashing wings Aug. 18 (DA, KM, JP). PURPLE SANDPIPER: on rocks Oct. 9 and 11 Plat complete with two-tone bill and dark plumage (PW, DK). Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 Sept. 14 Westport (JP, PT). White-rumped Sandpiper: 1 Aug. 24-Sept. 1 Westport (GC, JP, PT). Baird's Sandpiper: 2 Sept. 26 Westport (GC, NM). Short-billed Dowitcher: 1 Aug. 18 Westport (DA, KM, JP); 1 Aug. 21 Four Bros. Is (KM). WESTERN SANDPIPER: 1 carefully identified with droop to bill Aug. 17 Westport (GC, many obs). Eaton has an 1880 Franklin Co. record but this is a first for Essex Co. Northern Phalarope: 1 Aug. 24 Westport (DA, GC, PT). Bonaparte's Gull: 161 Oct. 27 Plat (PW).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Sept. 4 Essex (JR, CS). Snowy Owl: 1 Nov. 13 NW Bay of L Cham (GC, JP, many obs). Common Nighthawk: 1 dead Aug. 22 Westport (DA, JP, PT). Five reports of Red-headed Woodpecker.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Horned Lark: 200 Nov. 2 Lewis (DN). Water Pipit: 200 Sept. 14 Essex (JR, CS); 50 Sept. 20 Westport (JP, PT). Northern Shrike: JP banded an imm at Essex Nov. 15.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Nashville Warbler: 1 Oct. 31 L Placid (Joseph Keji). Magnolia Warbler: 1 Oct. 7 E'town (GC). Cape May Warbler: 1 at Moriah feeder for second winter (August Gabel). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 Nov. 4 Westport (JP, PT). Palm Warbler: GC

and PT had both races between Oct. 20 and 21 E'town. American Redstart: 1 Nov. 10 Essex (Peter Martin, JP).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: 12 Nov. 15 Wall (JP, PT). Indigo Bunting: 1 Oct. 7 E'town (GC). Dickcissel: 1 male Oct. 20-26 E'town with House Sparrows. Evening Grosbeak: scarce. House Finch: 1 male Aug. 17 Willsboro (William Ritchie). Pine Grosbeak: widely reported from Ind L to Paul Smiths to L Cham. Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Oct. 6 Paul Smiths (Donald Trumbull)—scarce here. Everyone here seems to agree that it was a good sparrow migration. Savannah Sparrow: 1 Nov. 29-30 E'town (GC). White-crowned Sparrow: 1 Nov. 29 Plat (PW). Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 E'town Oct. 20 (GC). Snow Bunting: arrived Paul Smiths Oct. 25.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

GLADYS SNELL

The fall period started off cold and wet with a -2.5 degree F (1.4°C) and +1.45 inch of rain departure from normal. However, October and November were warmer, especially November with +5.9 degrees F (3.3°C) above normal. Precipitation for both months was slightly above normal with only 3.6 inches of snow which soon disappeared.

A few highlights from the reports should be interesting and informative. A local hawk watching area has provided more reports. An American Golden Plover with a broken leg was seen on the Hudson High School field from November 19 thru 22. A Kumlien's Gull was seen at Lock 6 Mohawk River by B. R. Seguin. R. P. Yunick reports an early and heavy irruption of Red-breasted Nuthatches and Black-capped Chickadees at his feeders at Jenny Lake with considerable increase in bandings. Apparently most of the nuthatches are moving further south while the chickadees are staying near feeders as indicated by numerous repeat captures. It is also apparent from Dial-A-Bird reports that we have had an irruption of major proportion of Boreal Chickadees from early October thru mid-November with none apparently establishing themselves at feeders. House Finches also arrived early in September and in large numbers with 62 bandings in November by R. P. Yunick at his feeders. He also reports the unprecedented early appearance of Pine Siskins at his feeders. Normally they arrive late December or January but arrived November 8, 384 were banded in the 23 days of November, setting a record as none had ever been banded in November before.

Abbreviations: CC—Columbia County; D-A-B—Dial-A-Bird; EG—East Greenbush; HR—Hudson River; L6—Lock 6, Mohawk River; NB—New Baltimore; NWW—Niskayuna Wide Waters; RL—Round Lake; SL—Saratoga Lake; SCR—Stony Creek Reservoir; thru—thruout period; TR—Tomhannock Reservoir.

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: many reported Sept. 18-Nov. 26, max. 20 Nov. 8. Red-throated Loon: 1 Oct. 20, 31 SL; 1 Nov. 8 RL and L6; 2 Nov. 2, 10, 15, 29 TR. Red-necked Grebe: appear scarcer than usual, only 1 Nov. 19 SL. Horned Grebe: first Oct. 4 SL thru Nov., max. 30 Nov. 8. Pied-billed Grebe: many sightings of 1 or 2 Sept. 9 thru Nov. 19. Double-crested Cormorant: 3 Sept. 2, 2 Sept. 3 NWW. Great Blue Heron: 7 reports Sept. 2 thru Oct. 26, max. 9 Sept. 3. Green Heron: 1 Sept. 17 CC; 1 Sept. 27 Mariaville. Great Egret: 2 Sept. 2 NWW; 1 Sept. 3 L6. Black-crowned Night Heron: only report 1 Nov. 6 HR at NB. Canada Goose: many reports, first Sept. 4, last Nov. 23 with flocks of 200 and 300 in Oct. max. 2000 Nov. 2. Snow Goose: 200 Oct. 12 NB; 65 Oct. 21 Heldebergs. Green-