

REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Summer of 1976 was cool wet and not even summer. Temperatures were below normal and rainfall was way above normal. Highest temperatures were in the low 80° F (26° C) and the lows were mid 60° F (10° C). Sunshine was at best minimal and seemed to shine only on weekdays and not weekends.

Waterfowl nesting success was not as hurt by spring rains as previously supposed. Shorebirds were everywhere due to flooded fields. Cuckoos were scarcer than usual while caterpillar numbers were high in much of the lake plain.

Outstanding observations for the period were as follows: Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Bald Eagle, Whimbrel, Stilt Sandpiper, Least Tern, Carolina Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, White-eyed Vireo, and Grasshopper and Henslow's Sparrows.

Localities: ED—El Dorado; LWMA—Lakeview W.M.A.; PRWMA—Perch River W.M.A.; RMPD—Robt. Moses Power Dam; RMSP—Robt. Moses State Park; SLR—St. Lawrence River; WHWMA—Wilson Hill W.M.A.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: good numbers thru in Adirondacks. Pied-billed Grebe: good numbers thru. Double-crested Cormorant: 68 active nests Little Galloo Isl June 27 (TLC); 14 ED Aug. 21 (TLC); numbers up from previous lows. Great Blue Heron: numbers up in most of Region. CATTLE EGRET: 2 near Woodville June 26 (R. Esden). GREAT EGRET: 1 WHWMA July 31 (GAS); 1 PRWMA Aug. (C. Devan). Black-crowned Night Heron: 60 active nests Little Galloo Isl June 27 (TLC); others at LWMA and Henderson Hbr thru. Least Bittern: 9 LWMA July 26 (RCW). Am. Bittern: fair numbers thru.

Canada Goose: production at WHWMA up somewhat. Gadwall: 1 female with 4 young Little Galloo Isl June 27 (TLC); 6 ED Aug. 30 (RCW). Pintail: max 6 Massena July 31 (GAS). Green-winged Teal: max 50 ED Aug. 30. Blue-winged Teal: max 220 ED Aug. 29; excellent nesting year. Am. Wigeon: max 18 Massena July 31. Wood Duck: excellent production (LBC). Redhead: 50 Massena-Louisville July 31. Greater Scaup: 1 Little Galloo Isl July 27 (TLC). Oldsquaw: 1 male breeding plumage ED Aug. 10 (TLC). Hooded Merganser: 3 immatures ED Aug. 20. Com. Merganser: 8 Massena-Louisville July 31 (GAS). Red-breasted Merganser: 1 male ED July 19.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: max 20 near Woodville June 26 (R. Esden). Goshawk: nest in So. Jefferson area 2 young banded (J. Spencer). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Sackets Hbr July 1; 1 Brownville Aug. 22 (TLC). Cooper's Hawk: none. Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Tibbets Pt. July 3. Rough-legged Hawk: 2 present till June 4 RMSP (JAV). BALD EAGLE: 1 immature ED Aug. 6 to Aug. 20 (TLC); 1 adult TI Bridge Aug. 18 (GAS); 1 immature RMPD Aug. 24 (GAS). Marsh Hawk: numbers seem up? Osprey: many sightings during period (LBC).

Am. Golden Plover: 17 near Dexter Aug. 20 (GAS); 14 near Dexter Aug. 22 (TLC). Black-bellied Plover: 1 Croil Isl SLR June 4 (JAV); 1 ED Aug. 30 (RCW). Am. Woodcock: good production year (LBC). Com. Snipe: 30 Rome State Rd. Aug. 21. WHIMBREL: 1 WHWMA Aug. 1 (GAS). Upland Sandpiper: pair thru Aug. 5; numbers still down. Solitary Sandpiper: 6 Rome State Rd. Aug. 1; 1 Dry Hill Rd. Aug. 2-7; 1 ED Aug. 9. Lesser Yellowlegs: 12 ED Aug. 30. Red Knot: 2 ED Aug. 20 & 21; 1 ED Aug. 30. Pectoral Sandpiper:

3 Rome State Rd. Aug. 1. **STILT SANDPIPER**: 1 ED Aug. 21; 1 ED Aug. 30 (RCW). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 7 Croil Isl SLR June 3. Northern Phalarope: 1 ED Aug. 15 & 18, 1 Rome State Rd. Aug. 21.

Great Black-backed Gull: 1 adult ED Aug. 20; 1 adult 1 immature ED Aug. 21. Ring-billed Gull: +1200 Massena-Louisville July 31. Bonaparte's Gull: max 52 ED Aug. 21. **LEAST TERN**: 2 ED Aug. 15 (TLC); region first (field note to editor). Caspian Tern: max 25 ED Aug. 30.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: may be on downward trend? (LBC). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Dry Hill June 3 (RCW)—only report—down? Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 Dry Hill June 3; 2 Tug Hill July 11; numbers down? Screech Owl: 2 RMSP June 4. Pileated Woodpecker: 3 Brownville Aug. 22; 2 Adams Ctr. Aug. 23. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 RMSP Aug. 23; only one reported.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: E. Kingbird: max 140 Massena-Louisville July 31. Least Flycatcher: Massena-Louisville July 31 (GAS). Alder Flycatcher: 1 W. Martinsburg Tug Hill July 4 (TLC). Willow Flycatcher: 1 Watertown June 5 (RCW). Tree Swallow: max 210 July 31. Bank Swallow: 120 July 30. Rough-winged Swallow: 8 Ironsides Isl SLR July 2. Barn Swallow: 140 July 31. Cliff Swallow: none reported? Purple Martin: 120 July 31. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 4 ED Aug. 18. Winter Wren: 1 ED Aug. 19; 1 ED Aug. 12 probable breeders; 8 ED Aug. 18 probable migrants. **CAROLINA WREN**: 1 male heard & seen Kring Pt State Park SLR Aug. 18 (GAS); new location. Mockingbird: 1 near Henderson Aug. (LBC). Hermit Thrush: 4 Highmarket June 26. Swainson's Thrush: 2 W Martinsburg July 4; 3 Tug Hill July 11. E. Bluebird: pair north of Greig July 14 (M. Ayers-R. Sessions). **BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER**: 1 Ogdensburg Aug. 1 (GAS). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 20 W Martinsburg July 4 (TLC). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 Highmarket June 26; 3 Tug Hill July 11. Cedar Waxwing: good year all over region. Loggerhead Shrike: 4 Massena near Reynolds Aluminum in July—suggests nesting (JAV).

VIREOS-WARBLES: **WHITE-EYED VIREO**: 1 male Cole's Creek St. Lawrence Co. heard and then seen June 6 (GRM); a region first. Solitary Vireo: 1 W Martinsburg July 11 (TLC). Pine Warbler: 1 Ironsides Isl July 2 (TLC). Mourning Warbler: 2 W Martinsburg July 4 (TLC).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: more than previous 2 years (LBC). E. Meadowlark: also seemed to be up? Red-winged Blackbird: usual late Aug. movement to L Ontario marshes. Northern Oriole: definitely up in Henderson area. Cardinal: still expanding—more in Henderson area. Evening Grosbeak: 1 male 1 female W Martinsburg July 10 & 11 (TLC & M. Brown). Purple Finch: sporadic as usual. Am. Goldfinch: in usual numbers. **GRASS-HOPPER SPARROW**: 12 Brownville thru (TLC); 1 Massena-Louisville July 31 (GAS). Swamp Sparrow: one reported during period. **HENSLOW'S SPARROW**: 6 Brownville thru (TLC). Vesper Sparrow: down from previous numbers.

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REGION 7 – ADIRONDACK - CHAMPLAIN

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Observers: ADK—Adirondack Mountain Club; GC—Geoffrey Carleton; CD—Charlie Delehanty; FAT—Federation Adirondack trip June 25-28; WH—William Hayes; BH—Betty Hedges; TM—Ted Mack; M & RMc—Margaret & Robert McKinney; DMc—Dorothy McIlroy;