

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;

RM—Ruth Meier; R & MS—Robert & Mary Sheffield; Spec BBS—Speculator Breeding Bird Survey June 17, Fritz Scheider & Dorothy McIlroy; PT—Pat Tabor; PW—Phil Warren; JP—John M. C. Peterson.

Abbreviations: BBS—breeding bird survey; E'town—Elizabethtown; L Cham—Lake Champlain; Ind L—Indian Lake; Mad—Madawaska Pond near Paul Smiths; PS—Paul Smiths; Platts—Plattsburgh; Raq—Raquette Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: not many young produced this year. Perhaps high water destroyed some eggs. Pied-billed Grebe: not reported. Double-crested Cormorant: 1 Platts Aug. 29 (PW); plus a few near Four Bros. Is. on L Cham. Green Heron: 1 Ind L July 2 (M&RMc); 2 adults with 2 young Piseco L Aug. 19 (DMc); plus some areas where not noted before indicating an increase. Great Blue Heron: about 73 nests in an active colony at Fish Creek (John Seaman). Least Bittern: 1 Lake Alice June 6 flying and black back clearly seen; 1 Wickham Marsh L Cham July 9 walking at 15 feet (Hal Klein and his ecology class). Canada Goose: 3 Tupper Marsh June 29 (M&RMc). Green-winged Teal: at least one pair Mad. Ring-necked Duck: Jones, Slush, and Toad Ponds near PS, all had breeders as well as Tupper Marsh. Common Goldeneye: 1 female Grass P off Little Clear P Saranac Inn June 10 (TM); 2 females Echo P near Fish Creek June 24 (TM) but no evidence of breeding. Bufflehead: 2 Boreas River near Tahawus early June (TM); 1 Long L June 16 (R&MS). Hooded Merganser: female and 7 young Lewis June 13 (Gloria Dobson) and 3 other records Franklin Co. each with 7 young. Common Merganser: broods fewer and much smaller than normal.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vultures continue to be seen along L Cham. Sharp-shinned Hawk: several especially near Tupper L. Cooper's Hawk: not reported. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Westport June 3 (PT); 1 FAT at Mad. Osprey: a pair building a nest Piseco L (DMc); 1 young raised at Bear P near PS; 2 L Placid June 26 (M&RMc); 1 Raq L Aug 11 (BH); 1 FAT at Mad. American Kestrel: 1 Algonquin Mt. June 25 (M&RMc), unusual location. Virginia Rail: several PS to Platts. Semipalmated Plover: 3 Platts Aug 8 to 29 (PW). Ruddy Turnstone: 1 Platts Aug. 12 (PW). Common Snipe: numbers down. Upland Sandpiper: 6 territorial pair Platts (PW); 5 Westport Aug. 28 (GC). Ring-billed Gull: 600 L Placid dump June 6 (ADK); 550 chicks banded 4 Bros Is June 12 (JP). Robert Yunick noted that one bird banded there June 29, 1975 was shot Nov. 1975 in the Dominican Republic. Bonaparte's Gull: 121 Platts Aug. 8 (PW). Black Tern: 3 territorial pair L Alice (PW); 5 Tupper Marsh July 21 (CD).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: 1 Long L June 13 (R&MS) is scarce in that area. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Long L June 14 (R&MS) is rare for entire region. Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 Essex June 10 (JP); 1 Osgood River Aug, but none at Tupper L where usually present (RM). Whip-poor-will: 1 Essex (Laura Slatkin); 3 Jay June 26 (M&RMc); also noted FAT. Common Nighthawk: noted on FAT; 3 Tupper L June 13 (CD); all summer Ticonderoga. Chimney Swift: numbers down, max 13 FAT (M&RMc). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: good numbers all areas with several seen most days even in mountain areas. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 North Elba June 15 (WH). Downy Woodpecker: scarce, not always seen in a day of birding. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: noted at Chubb River (FAT); 1 North Elba June 13 (WH). Northern Three-toed Woodpecker: seen at Ferd's Bog (FAT); 1 North Elba June 13 (WH).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: several reported. Willow Flycatcher: 1 saying "fitz-bew". Long L June 15 (R&MS); 1 past 5 years in alders at Ft. Covington May thru July that says "fitz-bew" (Otis T. Waterman). Alder Flycatcher: a few. Rough-winged Swallow: looked for but not reported. Cliff Swallow: good numbers at PS; BH had many at Raq L. Purple Martin: 35 Westport Aug. 7 (GC). Least Flycatcher: abundant. Olive-sided Flycatcher: many; a transient at E'town Aug. 25 (GC). Gray Jay: a few at

usual places. Long-billed Marsh Wren: 1 Wickham Marsh L Cham July 8 (GC). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 2 Algonquin Mt. June 25 (M&RMc). Veery: BBS's indicate a drop of about 30%. Mockingbird: 1 South Meadow June 5 (ADK). Eastern Bluebird: several reports; pair and 3 young Tupper L July 23 (CD). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max 16 FAT (M&RMc). Cedar Waxwing: 9 Tupper L June 25 with flocks appearing July 13 on (CD).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Vireo numbers seem consistent with other summer seasons from 3 BBS's. Black-and-white Warbler: numbers are half of last season. Tennessee Warbler: 1 Wright Peak June 25 (M&RMc); 1 transient arrived E'town Aug. 17 (GC). Nashville Warbler: good numbers. Northern Parula Warbler: a few. Yellow Warbler: 14 Spec BBS, exactly twice as many as last year. Magnolia Warbler: good numbers. Yellow-rumped Warbler: common. Blackburnian Warbler: still plentiful. Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 30 St. Regis Falls June 13 (TM). Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 Spec BBS; 1 transient E'town Aug. 15 (GC). Blackpoll Warbler: max 16 Wright Peak June 25 (M&RMc). Mourning Warbler: 6 St. Regis Falls June 13 (TM); 8 Ind L July 3 (M&RMc).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Northern Oriole: a few. Rusty Blackbird: fewer than normal. Scarlet Tanager: the late snow had little effect on them. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: numbers half of last year but breeding success was very good. Evening Grosbeak: number of breeders down slightly. Purple Finch: abundant. Red Crossbill: a few PS Aug. Rufous-sided Towhee: a few Tupper L; not to be expected in much of region. **GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:** 1 carefully studied at Westport Aug. 25 (GC), a rare find. Vesper Sparrow: 2 L Placid June 26 (M&RMc) a very scarce bird that was formerly not that hard to find. Lincoln's Sparrow: fine numbers.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON - MOHAWK

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After a cold, wet May, June was more comfortable for both birds and birders, with a 1.9 degree F (1 degree C) temperature departure from normal and a +2.37 inch (6.02 cm) of rainfall. Then July and August became less like summer with a -3.5 degree F (1.9° C) temperature departure (46 degrees F (7.8°C on the 25th) and -0.52 inch (1.32 cm) rainfall for July, and August gave us a -2.2 degree F (1.22° C) temperature drop (45° F (7.2° C) on the 2nd, 44° F (6.7° C) on the 3rd) but a +2.17 inch (5.5 cm) of rainfall (1.80 inch (4.57 cm) on the 9th and 10th). "The cold fronts that passed through in July and August brought the season's first wave of migrants to Jenny Lake, especially vireos, warblers, and flycatchers." (RPY).

There were 18 Breeding Bird Surveys in our area with 13 reporting. Some of the totals have been quoted throughout the report.

The highlight of the season was a Greater Shearwater on June 14 which was a first for our area. Other interesting reports were: the Great Blue Heron colony returned to nest at West Glenville; 1 adult and 2 immature Bald Eagles; very few sandpipers (which could be due to high water levels all summer); Least Terns and Black Skimmers; a Red-headed Woodpecker and 2 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers on the BBS; there appeared to be an increase of Mockingbirds with 3 as far north as Argyle; a trip to our area by Sally Hoyt Spofford gave us our only shrike sighting; and a Brewster's Warbler sighted in Whitebeck Grove in New Scotland.