

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

GLADYS SNELL

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.

Abbreviations: ADBC—Alan DeVoe Bird Club; BBS—Breeding Bird Survey; CC—Columbia Co.; D-A-B—Dial a Bird (518-377-9600); EG—East Greenbush; FR—Five Rivers Environmental Education Center; HMBC—Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club Field trip; HR—Hudson River; JL—Jenny Lake; NB—New Baltimore; NWW—Niskayuna Wide Waters; PFC—Paul F. Connor; Rens—Rensselaer; RMCC—Robert McCullough; RPG—Richard P. Guthrie; RPY—Robert P. Yunick; VF—Vischer Ferry Wildlife Management Area; WGlen—West Glenville; WS—Walt Sabin; WG—William Gorman.

**LOONS—DUCKS:** Com. Loon: June 20 CC (ADBC), thru Mariaville L. Pied-billed Grebe: thru CC (ADBC). **GREATER SHEARWATER:** 1 June 14 HR near New Baltimore flying north (RPG), June 17 north of Burlington, Vt., died June 19. For details see *The Kingbird*, Vol. XXVI, No. 3, page 148. Double-crested Cormorant: June 14, 20 NB (RPG). Great Blue Heron: thru, increased numbers nested thru July 28 WGlen (RMCC), 2 BBS. Green Heron: thru, 12 BBS. Little Blue Heron: 1 adult Old Chatham (D-A-B). Cattle Egret: 1 Aug. 14 Rotterdam (RPG), 3 July 23 VF (D-A-B). Great Egret: Aug. 29 CC (ADBC), 1 Aug. 6 WGlen (RMCC). Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 FR (D-A-B), 1 Aug. 10 NWW (WS). Least Bittern: 3 June 27 (all calling) Rens (RPG). Glossy Ibis: 5 July 30 HR at Albany (D-A-B), last reported in Slingerlands 1974. Canada Goose: pair nested (2 adults, 6 young) FR, flock of 35 June 3 CC (ADBC), 28-31 in Aug. FR (WS). Brant: 3 June 18 HR Albany (RPG). Mallard: thru, BBS 9. Black Duck: thru CC (ADBC), BBS 1. Pintail: 1 Aug. 8 HR Albany (RPG). Green-winged Teal: July and Aug. CC (ADBC). Blue-winged Teal 20 thru HR Coeymans (RPG). Wood Duck: thru CC (ADBC), BBS. 7 Com. Merganser: BBS 3, only report.

**HAWKS—ALCIDS:** Turkey Vulture: CC (ADBC). Hawks: Sharp-shinned: 1 Aug. 21 Reist Sanctuary (HMBC), BBS 1. Cooper's: Aug. CC (ADBC), 1 adult Rt. 29 east of Saratoga Springs (RPY). Red-tailed: thru (mob), BBS 10. Red-shouldered: thru July and Aug CC (ADBC). Broad-winged: 2 thru Schodack Center (PFC), 1 July 31 Mayfield (HMBC), BBS 2. **BALD EAGLE:** 1 adult June 5 FR (HMBC), 1 imm. June 29 Schoharie Co (WS), 1 imm. Aug. 30 Duaneburg (RPG). Marsh: 1 Aug. 28 JL (RPY), 1 July 18 and 1 Aug 6 Cocksackie (RPG). Osprey: July 1 and 10 Aug 18 Castleton (ADBC), 1 Aug 16 Kinderhook L. (RPG). Am. Kestrel: thru, BBS 21. Ruffed Grouse: July and Aug. CC (ADBC). Bobwhite: 1 June 5 FR (HMBC). Ring-necked Pheasant: thru (four reports), BBS 6. Turkey: 1 gobbler in June Hillsdale CC (ADBC). Virginia Rail: 1 July 31 Mayfield (HMBC), 1 Aug. 29 Rens (PFC). Com. Gallinule: thru (including 2 young) CC (ADBC), 7 June 27 and 1 Aug. 29 Rens (PFC). Am. Woodcock: 1 Aug. 24 FR (WS), BBS 1. Com. Snipe: 1 with gallinules June 3, 17 CC (ADBC). Sandpipers: Upland: 7 June 30, 15 July Cocksackie (RPG), BBS 5. Spotted: 2 June 5 FR (HMBC), July and Aug. CC (ADBC), BBS 2. Solitary: thru CC (ADBC). Gulls: only Herring report, thru CC (ADBC) and no Ring-billed. **LEAST TERN:** 1 Aug 10. HR NB (RPG). **BLACK SKIMMER:** 1 Aug. 6 HR Coeymans (RPG).

**PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS:** Black-billed Cuckoo: thru (mob), BBS 3. Owls: Screech: 1 calling June 5 FR (HMBC), July and Aug. CC (ADBC), thru NB (RPG) and EG (WG). Great Horned: thru CC (ADBC), NB (RPG), Aug. 16, 21 EG (WG), BBS 1. Barred: at least 1 young and 1 adult late June JL (RPY). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: thru CC (ADBC), few other reports, "4 inch (10.2 cm) snowfall May 19 seemed to have devastated local population at JL. Not one at feeders during June and July." (RPY), BBS 2. Woodpeckers: Pileated: 1 June 5 FR (HMBC), thru CC (ADBC), nested and young fledged in late July JL (RPY), BBS 5. **RED-HEADED:** BBS 1. **YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER:** BBS 2.

**FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS:** E. Phoebe: thru, BBS 8. Flycatchers: Yellow-bellied: only 1 report, 1 Aug. 29 in group of warblers JL (RPY). Willow: 1 June 5 FR (HMBC), 4 June 27 Rens and 1 EG (PFC), BBS 6. Alder: 1 July 7 Warrensburg and 1 July 29 L. Luzerne (RPG), BBS 8. Least: thru (mob), BBS 60. Olive-sided: 1 July 31 Mayfield (HMBC). Horned Lark: June 15, 20 CC (ADBC), BBS 1. Swallows: Bank: only report BBS 71.

Rough-winged: 2 June 5 FR (HMBC), Aug. 29 CC (ADBC), pair nesting July 6 Warrensburg (RPG), BBS 3. Cliff: 1 July 31 Mayfield (HMBC), Aug. 2 CC (ADBC), BBS 5. Purple Martin: thru CC (ADBC), 1 June 5 FR (HMBC), BBS 1. White-breasted Nuthatch: thru CC (ADBC) and EG (WG), 4 Aug. 21 Reist Sanctuary (HMBC), "not very abundant at JL this year, only 1 banded" (RPY), BBS 21. Red-breasted Nuthatch: "good yield of young JL, 12 banded" (RPY), BBS 2. Brown Creeper: few reports, thru CC (ADBC), Aug. 29 EG (WG), 1 juv. banded July 24 and 2 ad in what appeared to be courtship display for second brood JL (RPY), none on BBS. Winter Wren: only report BBS 1. Carolina Wren: 3 thru NB (RPG), another only report. Long-billed Marsh Wren: June 16-18, 29 and July 1, 3, 10 CC (ADBC), 9 June 27 and 2 Aug. 29 Rens (PFC). Mockingbird: thru, BBS 28. Hermit Thrush: only report BBS 5. Veery: thru CC (ADBC), daily in June Schodack Center (PFC), BBS 60. E. Bluebird: several July 31 Mayfield (nested here) (HMBC), 1 pair nested WGlen (RMCC), BBS 4. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: only report BBS 3. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1 Aug. 27 in flock of warblers JL "2 days after Aug. 25 given by Bull" (RPY). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Aug. 14 Old Chatham CC (ADBC), 1 nesting Esperance (D-A-B). Loggerhead Shrike: Aug. 22 near Greenwich (Sally Hoyt Spofford).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Vireos: Yellow-throated: 2 June 5 FR (HMBC), July and Aug. CC (ADBC), BBS 11. Solitary: 2 Aug. 29 JL (RPY), BBS 1. Warbling: thru CC (ADBC), 2 Aug. 21 Reist S. (HMBC), BBS 36. Warblers: Black-and-white: thru CC (ADBC), 3-4 July 23 and 4 Aug. 27 in warbler groups JL (RPY), BBS 13. Golden-winged: 1 June 5 FR (HMBC), thru CC (ADBC), BBS 2. Blue-winged: thru CC (ADBC), BBS 3. BREWSTER'S: 1 June 5 Whitbeck Grove, Nature Conservancy, New Scotland (Bob Marx *et al.*). Tennessee: 1 Aug. 25 JL (RPY), 1 singing July 6 Warrensburg (RPG). Nashville: 1 July 23 and Aug. 27 JL (RPY). N. Parula: BBS 9, Greene Co. Warblers: Magnolia: Aug. 26-29 Old Chatham (ADBC), 2-3 July 23, 4 Aug. 27, 8 Aug. 28 JL (RPY), BBS 3. Black-throated Blue: 5 Aug. 27 JL (RPY), BBS 3. Yellow-rumped: Aug. 18-31 Castleton (ADBC), 3 Aug. 28 JL (RPY), BBS 2. Black-throated Green: 2-3 July 23, 8 Aug. 27 and 10 on 28, 29 JL (RPY), BBS 9. Blackburnian: June 18 and Aug. 18 CC (ADBC), 2 July 23 and 6 Aug. 28 JL (RPY), BBS 1. Bay-breasted: 8 Aug. 27 and 10 Aug. 28, 29 JL (RPY). Blackpoll: thru CC (ADBC), 1 June 2 Schodack Center (PFC), 1 June 9 Catskill (D-A-B). Prairie: thru CC (ADBC), 1 June 10 singing NB (RPG), 9 (1 in Helderbergs) (D-A-B), BBS 5. Ovenbird: June 5 FR (HMBC), July and Aug. CC (ADBC), BBS 38. N. Waterthrush: June 18 Greene Co. (ADBC), BBS 2. Louisiana Waterthrush: BBS 4 E. Berne. Mourning: 1 July 6 Warrensburg (RPG). Wilson's: thru CC (ADBC), 1 Aug. 28 JL (RPY). Canada: June 18 Greene Co. (ADBC), 1 Aug. 21 Reist S. (HMBC), BBS 1 E. Berne.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: thru CC (ADBC), June 5 FR (HMBC), 70+ (small flocks) Aug. 29 Rens (PFC), BBS 80. N. Oriole: 3 pair nested WGlen (RMCC), June 5 FR (HMBC), thru CC (ADBC) and EG (WG), 2 Aug. 21 Reist S. (HMBC), BBS 128. Indigo Bunting: thru CC (ADBC), BBS 96. Evening Grosbeak: only report 3 Argyle BBS. House Finch: thru Scotia, CC, Schodack Center and Albany. Red Crossbill: heard 2-3 times in flight mid-July JL (RPY), 1 female June 29 Berne (K. Able).

Sparrows: Savannah: thru CC (ADBC), BBS 26. Grasshopper: June and July CC (ADBC), BBS 4. Henslow's: 1 June 5 FR (HMBC), nesting there (D-A-B). Vesper: thru CC (ADBC), BBS 3. Dark-eyed Junco: only 2 reports, abundant crop of young with first young fledged June 20 (early) JL (RPY), BBS 2 Greene Co. White-crowned: July 31 Mayfield (HMBC), Aug. 29 CC (ADBC), normal numbers and nested at JL with 1 ad and 3 young banded (RPY), BBS 15. Swamp: 17 June 27 Rens (RPG), BBS 6.

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