

Winter finches were sought for and found only in minuscule numbers—a non-flight winter if there ever was one. Evening Grosbeak: first noted Nov. 8 one Pompey, max 60 Nov. 27 near Fabius but most observers had none. Purple Finch: scarce—two-11/day thru Nov. Pine Siskin: three individuals for the fall—a nice trio, but hardly a flight. American Goldfinch: hundreds thru early Oct.; then exodus of this local cardueline with a few, mighty few (two-15/day) in Nov. to remind us of their abundant summer numbers. Pine Grosbeak, Redpoll, and Red Crossbill—none. **WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL**: two Sept. 16 SSSP and again two Nov. 19 near Fabius—?strays, flight prelude, avian tantalizers, crazy, mixed-up kids?

A tremendous influx of sparrows in the last week of Sept. and the first week of Oct. served as compensation for the reduced numbers of shore birds, swallows, and bluebirds. Weedy fields, particularly fields waist-high in ragweed, pigweed, and various *Chenopodium*, exploded with sparrows, goldfinches, and juncos; hedgerows positively twitched with excited sparrows if you did a little spishing or Screech Owl whistling. Fall maxima follow but the actual maxima could have been much higher if one could spish incessantly thru an eight hour birding day. Savannah Sparrow 27 Sept. 26 Dempster Beach; Vesper Sparrow 15 Oct. 17 Oneida Hawk Lookout; Dark-eyed Junco 180 Oct. 1 Hannibal-Sterling; Tree Sparrow 75 (low) Nov. 3 Pompey; Chipping Sparrow 36 Sept. 17 Hannibal-Sterling; Field Sparrow 26 Oct. 2 Hollis Road; White-crowned Sparrow 180 Oct. 2 Hollis Rd.; White-throated Sparrow 650 Sept. 30 SP-SSSP and 650 again Oct. 1 Hannibal-Sterling; Lincoln's Sparrow 13 Oct. 1 Hannibal-Sterling; Swamp Sparrow 36 Oct. 3 Hannibal-HIGMA; Song Sparrow 280 Oct. 4 SP-SSSP-Chedmardo. As inundating as the flight of sparrows was, no rare species were discovered within it. Lapland Longspur: one Sept. 6 SPI (FGS, L. Leid-winger) is a record arr date for the region and the state. Snow Bunting: fall numbers rather thin—max 600 Nov. 20 near Wampsville but most flocks only 20-60/day.

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Fall of 1976 carried thru from summer—cool and wet. Temperatures ranged from 70° F (21° C) to the low 20° F (-6° C). Signs of an early and possible hard winter were evident before the end of the period with snowfall at higher elevations as early as October.

Waterfowl migrated early, raptors showed improvement, shore-birding was excellent, regional records were set, but winter finches were slow or non-existent.

Outstanding observations included in the period were: Red-throated Loon, Red-necked Grebes, Ruddy Duck, Merlin, Whimbrel, Willet, Long-billed Dowitcher, Laughing & Franklin's Gull, Forster's Tern, Orange-crowned Warbler and Lincoln's Sparrow.

Localities: BRB—Black River Bay; ED—El Dorado; LWMA—Lakeview W.M.A.; PP—Pillar Point; Pt. P—Point Peninsula; RMPD—Robt. Moses Power Dam; RMSP—Robt. Moses State Park; SLR—St. Lawrence River; SNP—Snowshoe Point; SP—Stony Point; WHWMA—Wilson Hill W.M.A.; ULLWMA—Upper & Lower Lakes W.M.A.

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Corrigenda: Vol. XXVI No. 3, pg. 171, after Bonaparte's Gull insert **FORSTER'S TERN:** 1 Alexandria Bay Aug. 12 (Gerry A. Smith). Omission by Regional Editor.

LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: 1 Chaumont Bay Sept. 12; 4 ED Oct. 8; 6 Pt. P Oct. 24; 4 ED to SP Oct. 30; numerous other reports single individuals. **RED-THROATED LOON:** 1 Sherwins Bay Nov. 12 (RCW). **RED-NECKED GREBE:** 2 Cape Vincent to Clayton Oct. 30 (TLC). Horned Grebe: 11 RMPD Sept. 25; 21 Pt. P Oct. 24; seemed to be everywhere. Double-crested Cormorant: 6 ED Sept. 12; 6 ED Sept. 14; 8 ED Sept. 18; 12 ED Sept. 19; 14 ED Oct. 3; 8 SP Oct. 15—late. Great Blue Heron: numbers up—seen thru. Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 SP Sept. 18; 2 LWMA Sept. 18; numbers up.

Canada Goose: movement started Sept. 20. Snow Goose: 1 small flock 20+ Chaumont Nov. 2 (Ted Smith). Mallard: 300 BRB Nov. 6; numbers up. Black Duck: 200 BRB Nov. 6; numbers up at PRWMA. Black x Mallard hybrid: 17 PRWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19; becoming more common. Gadwall: 134 PRWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19; 246 WHWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19; becoming more common. Pintail: 86 PRWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19; 29 WHWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19. Green-winged Teal: 23 ED Sept. 18; 161 WHWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19; Blue-winged Teal: 299 PRWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19; 24 WHWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19. Am. Wigeon: 271 WHWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19; 252 PRWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19—numbers up. No. Shoveler: 21 PRWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19; 1 RMSP Nov. 27. Wood Duck: 215 PRWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19; 2 Dexter Oct. 28. Redhead: 2 Pt. P. Nov. 11; 7 PP Oct. 13; 39 WHWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19. Ring-necked Duck: 1000+ ULLWMA Nov. 4 (Joe Lamendola); 13 WHWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19; 23 PRWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19. Canvasback: 26 Pt. P Nov. 2; 22 ED Oct. 8; 3 WHWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19. Greater Scaup: 4200 Pt. P Oct. 24; 4000 BRB Nov. 2; 5000 BRB Nov. 6. Lesser Scaup: 5 WHWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19; 9 PRWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19. Com. Goldeneye: 15 ED to SP Oct. 30; 94 ED Nov. 6; 300 SP Nov. 2; 240 ED Nov. 20; 475 ED Nov. 21. Bufflehead: 5 Pt. P Oct. 24; 8 Pt. Salubrious Nov. 13; 12 Pt. P Nov. 2; Oldsquaw: 1 ED Sept. 5; 7 SP Oct. 15; 10 SP Nov. 2. White-winged Scoter: 12 SP Oct. 15; 12 SP Nov. 2; 4 Pt. Salubrious Nov. 13. Surf Scoter: 6 ED Oct. 3; 70 ED Oct. 8; 2 Pt. P Oct. 24 (TLC). Black Scoter: 22 ULLWMA Sept. 27 (Russ Biss); 3 ED Oct. 3; 18 PP Oct. 18; 28 Cape Vincent to Clayton Oct. 30 (TLC); 5 Pt. P Nov. 2; 9 ED Nov. 14. **RUDDY DUCK:** 3 WHWMA Sept. 11 (JAV); 4 PRWMA Oct. 6-Nov. 19. Red-breasted Merganser: 1 SP to SNP Sept. 11; 8 ED Sept. 12; 10 Ransom Rd. Sept. 19; 1000's near Stony Island Oct. 15 (LBC); 35 Pt. P Oct. 24.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Goshawk: 1 imm Wellesley Isl Sept. 18; 1 imm ED Nov. 6 (TLC); 1 ad male Sackets Hbr Nov. 8 (TLC). Sharp-shinned: 2 (1 male, 1 female) Blake Sanctuary Oct. 3; 1 male Brownville Sept. 15; 1 Henderson Sept. 16; 2 Sulfur Springs Rd. Sept. 25 all (TLC); 4 Massena-Morristown Sept. 18 (GAS). Cooper's Hawk: 1 Massena Sept. 19 (GAS). Red-tailed: 1 Oct. 13; 4 Oct. 30; 3 Nov. 11. Broad-winged: 30 to 40 over Watertown Sept. 16 (RCW). Rough-legged: 1 near Massena Sept. 18 (GAS)—early; 1 light phase Oct. 30; 2 Nov. 13 (1 lp 1 dp); 4 Pt. P Nov. 21 (2 of each phase). **BALD EAGLE:** 1 junct 180 & 12F Sept. 17—probably 2nd yr. bird due to mottled black & white breast & belly (TLC). Marsh Hawk: max 9 Chaumont Bay Nov. 2 (RCW); 19 other birds reported during period—encouraging. Osprey: 1 Limerick Sept. 14; 1 LWMA Sept. 18; 1 WHWMA Sept. 18; 1 Kring's Pt. Sept. 18; 1 ED Oct. 4. **MERLIN:** 1 ED Sept. 18 (RCW); 1 ED Oct. 8 (TLC). Am. Kestrel: thru period.

Ruffed Grouse: thru—numbers still up. Gray Partridge: 5 Pt. P Oct. 24; 6 Cape Vincent to Clayton Oct. 30; 11 Limerick to Pt. Salubrious Nov. 13 (TLC); a slight increase is evident in prime habitat areas (LBC). Com. Gallinule: 100 LWMA Sept. 18 (RCW).

Semipalmated Plover: 1 PP Oct. 13 last. Am. Golden Plover: 3 Rome State Rd. Oct. 4; 31 near Dexter Oct. 25—max and last (TLC). Black-bellied Plover: 1 ED Sept. 2; max 14 near Dexter Oct. 12; last—1 Pt. Salubrious Nov. 13. Ruddy Turnstone: 6 ED Sept. 2; 3 ED Sept. 14; 2 ED Sept. 18; last—2 ED Sept. 25. Am. Woodcock: thru to Nov. 4. Com. Snipe: 30 Rome State Rd. Oct. 4; last 1 Chaumont Bay Nov. 2. **WHIMBREL:** 1 ED Sept. 12 (TLC)

RB, M. Johnson). **WILLET**: 1 ED Oct. 4 (RB) first seen at El Dorado since 1972. Greater Yellowlegs: 2 ED Sept. 14 this bird observed to eat a small frog (RCW); last 1 PP Oct. 13. Lesser Yellowlegs: 6 ED Sept. 14; last 1 PP Oct. 13. Red Knot: 1 ED Sept. 14 & 18. Pectoral Sandpiper: 42 near Dexter Oct. 12; 5 same loc Oct. 25. White-rumped Sandpiper: 6 near Dexter Oct. 12; 3 ED Nov. 6. Baird's Sandpiper: 2 ED Sept. 6 (TLC); 1 WHWMA Sept. 18 (GAS); 1 ED Oct. 13. Least Sandpiper: 4 SLR Sept. 14. Dunlin: 95 max ED Oct. 8; 6 ED Nov. 14. Short-billed Dowitcher: 3 ED Sept. 2 (RCW); 4 ED Sept. 5 (RB); 1 SLR Sept. 15 (TLC). **LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER**: 1 Rome State Rd. Oct. 3-5 (TLC, RCW, Matt Brown); Regional record—hypothetical 9/24-25/66 ED D. Gordon—note to editor. Stilt Sandpiper: 4 WHWMA Sept. 18 (GAS); 1 ED Sept. 25 (TLC). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 1 ED Oct. 30. Sanderling: 30 ED Sept. 2; 8 SP Nov. 2. **RED PHALAROPE**: 1 ED Oct. 28; 1 ED Nov. 14—both (TLC). **NORTHERN PHALAROPE**: 1 ED Sept. 2 (RCW).

Glaucous Gull: 1 imm RMPD Nov. 5 (JAV). Iceland Gull: 1 imm RMPD Nov. 12 (JAV). Great Black-backed Gull: 6 ED Sept. 12 (RB); 1 ED Sept. 14; 21 Limerick to Pt. Salubrious Nov. 13 (TLC). Ring-billed Gull: 8 PP Nov. 29. **LAUGHING GULL**: 1 ED Sept. 11 (TLC). **FRANKLIN'S GULL**: 1 imm 2nd yr ED Sept. 25 (TLC) observed flying and standing—note to editor. Bonaparte's Gull: 10 ED Sept. 2; 30 ED Sept. 14; 8 BRB Nov. 6. **BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE**: 1 imm PP Oct. 13 (TLC)—new location; 1 imm RMPD Oct. 31 (JAV). **FORSTER'S TERN**: 1 imm SNP Sept. 11 (TLC); note to editor. Common Tern: 12 ED Sept. 2; 10 ED Sept. 14. Caspian Tern: 14 ED Sept. 2; 2 ED Sept. 18.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: increasing again. Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 Dry Hill Rd. Sept. 1 (RCW). Great Horned Owl: thru. Snowy Owl: none reported. Short-eared Owl: 1 ED Oct. 3 (TLC). Com. Nighthawk: small migration Rices Rd. Sept. 15 (RB). Chimney Swift: 5 Watertown Nov. 22 (TLC) late-late. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last—2 Sept. 12. Belted Kingfisher: 1 ED Oct. 8; 1 ED Nov. 14. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 2 Brownville Oct. 10-15. Hairy Woodpecker: may be down? Downy: in usual numbers.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Horned Lark: 16 ED Nov. 20; 12 PP Nov. 21. Tree Swallow: 20 Pt. P Oct. 24; last Nov. 27 after several inches of snow; others reported in Nov. Blue Jay: numbers up? Com. Crow: 1000 Bradley St. Rd. Oct. 3. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 4 ED Sept. 6. Brown Creeper: 2 Brownville Nov. 2. **CAROLINA WREN**: 1 still at Kring's Pt Sept. 18 (GAS). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 11 Brownville Nov. 2. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 Brownville Nov. 2. Water Pipit: 2 ED Sept. 5; 3 ED Oct. 4 both (RB). Cedar Waxwing: 28 Nov. 11; 22 Oct. 3. Northern Shrike: 1 ad SP Oct. 30; 1 imm Sackets Hbr Nov. 10.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Red-eyed Vireo: 2 Brownville Sept. 1. Tennessee Warbler: 3 Brownville Sept. 1; 1 Ransom Rd. Sept. 19; 1 Brownville Sept. 23; 1 Brownville Sept. 24—all (TLC). **ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER**: 1 Barnhart Isl Sept. 18 (GAS). Yellow Warbler: last—3 Sept. 1. Magnolia: last—4 Sept. 24. Yellow-rumped: 111 ED Sept. 12; 92 ED Sept. 18; 31 ED Oct. 8; 1 Brownville Nov. 23. Black-throated Green: last—5 Sept. 24. Blackburnian: last Sept. 19. Chestnut-sided: last—Sept. 1. Bay-breasted: 3 Sept. 1; last Sept. 19. Canada: last—Sept. 12.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: E. Meadowlark: 2 Pt. P Nov. 13. Brown-headed Cowbird: 90 Pt. P Nov. 21. Vesper Sparrow: 3 Pt. P Oct. 24. Dark-eyed Junco: Heavy migration Oct. 10. Tree Sparrow: first—26 Rome State Rd. Nov. 2. Chipping Sparrow: movement Oct. 10. Field Sparrow: 1 SP Oct. 30. White-crowned Sparrow: heavy movement Oct. 10. White-throated Sparrow: heavy movement Oct. 10. **LINCOLN'S SPARROW**: 1 WHWMA (GAS). Swamp Sparrow: 1 ED Oct. 3. Snow Bunting: 6 near Dexter Oct. 25.

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