

in at least 8 years, really down. Chipmunks kill the young and wet weather doesn't help either. Long-billed Marsh Wren: 1 Ham (DeS)—scarce inland. Mockingbird: 1 Tupper Lake June 13 (CD). Swainson's Thrush: numbers greatly improving. Eastern Bluebird: 2 PS early June; a few Brandon Burn; pair at Piseco Lake where not seen before (DM). Two houses at Tupper Lake taken from bluebirds by Tree Swallows (CD). Several reports from Newcomb. Loggerhead Shrike: 1 with fledged young Platts July 2 (PW); pair with 3 young Westport (Richard G. Sherman *vide* GC); a cheerful note.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 Ham (DeS); 1 migrant Platts June 5 (PW); 1 SBBS; 1 all summer Lake Alice (mob). Philadelphia Vireo: 1 NBBS; 1 Saranac Inn Aug. 5 (KM); rare but occurs every year and has nested. Warbling Vireo: 1 Keene June 3 (GC) was unusual there. Tennessee Warbler: 1 St. Regis Pond July 16 (EM, WP); 1 early migrant E'town Aug. 11 (GC). Nashville Warbler: numbers very low for this rather common breeder. Northern Parula: scarce except R&MS had several Middle Saranac Lakes. Pine Warbler: 2 Lake Pleasant June 14 (FS, DM); 2 Saranac Inn Aug. 2 (KM). Wilson's Warbler: 1 male Brandon Burn June 26 was singing (GM); 1 NBBS. These are more often seen as Champlain Valley migrants in May. There was a major flight of fall warblers in mid-August with about 100 in one group Raquette Lake Aug. 16 (BH).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Rusty Blackbird: scarce. Red Crossbill: 1 Lake Kiwassa Aug. 7 (GM). Rufous-sided Towhee: a few, one Tupper Lake breeding area is down to one bird (CD). Lincoln's Sparrow: plentiful.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The weather through the summer of 1977 was rather variable, tending, however, to be on the cool side. Temperatures ranged from a low of 37 F (2.8 C) on June 9 to 96 F (35.5 C) on July 19 & 21. With rain falling on eight of the twelve weekends, some people are wondering if there ever was a Summer of 1977 at all.

Rarities were rare indeed. They include Yellow-crowned Night Heron, a couple of Bald Eagles, and nesting Barn Owls. More importantly, however, is the continued monitoring of breeding populations through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Surveys. Ten such surveys are reported here as follows:

Route Name	County	Date	Observer
Catskill	Greene	June 5	J. Bush
Plattecove	Greene	June 8	J. Bush
Duanesburg	Schenectady	June 18	R. Guthrie
North Creek	Warren	June 21	R. Guthrie
Hope Falls*	Hamilton	June 27	R. Stone
South Horicon	Warren	June 28	R. Stone
South Berne	Albany	June 30	K. Able
Warrensburg	Warren	July 1	R. Stone
Medusa	Greene	July 2	J. Bush
Cobleskill	Schoharie	July 4	K. Able

*Although actually a few miles outside of Warren County, Hope Falls is within the same physiographic ecosystem and is included here for comparisons.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Pied-billed Grebe: only report—1 Ghent June 5-11 (BHG). Double-crested Cormorant: 3 Hudson River Aug. 22 (RPG). Great Blue Heron: 1 S Berne BBS. **YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:** 1 Albany Aug. 10 (WBS). Canada Goose: 14 thru period—Smith's Pond (Columbia Co.); nests at Greenville (CK) and 5-Rivers. Blue-winged Teal: 40 Coeymans Aug. 21. Wood Duck: 18 S Berne BBS.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Old Chatham, June 11 & Aug. 13-18 (KD); 1 Palmer's Ravine Aug. 21 (TP). Red-tailed Hawk: 18 reported. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Old Chatham Aug. 5, 26 & 30 (JC, KD). Broad-winged Hawk: 3 reported thru period. **BALD EAGLE:** 1 imm. Hudson River (Castleton Island) June 17, joined by another imm. June 19. Both present at least thru June 21 (RPG). Osprey: 1 Castleton June 16, 19 & Aug. 8 (JC). American Kestrel: 20 reports thru period. **TURKEY:** a few scattered reports from creek bottoms around New Baltimore and Coeymans. Common Gallinule: 5 Rensselaer July 5 (PC). American Coot: only reports—Castleton June 29 and Aug. 5 (JC). American Woodcock: 1 adult and 3 young Aug. 2 Stuyvesant (RD, BL). Upland Sandpiper: early June, Palmer's Ravine (TP); up to 15 thru July, Cossackie Flats (RPG). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 each—Duanesburg, H Falls, Warrensburg BBS's.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 each—Medusa & Cobleskill BBS; 1 New Baltimore Aug. 30 (encouraging). Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 each—S Berne & Warrensburg BBS; 2 Cobleskill BBS; 1 road-kill June 16 (KD). **BARN OWL:** heard regularly incl. 1 juv. seen thru Aug, Athens (JB); nest with 3 young, Cossackie Aug. 15 (RPG). Barred Owl: 1 S Horicon BBS. Common Nighthawk: appears much reduced, especially August's south-bound flights. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: reported on only one BBS (Warrensburg) and Palmer's Ravine. Red-headed Woodpecker: thru June, Stuyvesant (JC). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 S Berne; 2 H Falls; 3 S Horicon & 3 Warrensburg BBS; also 1 Ghent June 21 (BHG).

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Great Crested Flycatcher: 38 total of 9 BBS, incl 13 Catskill. Willow Flycatcher: 1 Cobleskill BBS; 6 Duanesburg BBS; 12 singing July 5, Rensselaer (PC). Alder Flycatcher: 2 Warrensburg BBS. Least Flycatcher: max. BBS counts—19 Hope Falls; 18 Warrensburg; 14 S. Berne; and 9 Plattecove. Eastern Wood Pewee: 11 Catskill BBS; 8 Cobleskill BBS. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 2 Hope Falls BBS. Cliff Swallow: max 11 S. Berne BBS. Purple Martin: 50-100 pairs, Kinderhook (BL, RD). Tufted Titmouse: only report—8 Catskill BBS. Perhaps they were just overlooked elsewhere? Red-breasted Nuthatch: 4 Warrensburg BBS. 9 S. Horicon BBS; 17 Hope Falls BBS and 1 Schodack Center July 16 (PC). Winter Wren: 1 S. Horicon BBS; 2 Hope Falls BBS. Carolina Wren: no reports vs 8-12 in recent years. Long-billed Marsh Wren: 1 Warrensburg BBS. Veery: 87 total of three Warren Co. BBS. including 40 Warrensburg BBS; 10 total of three Greene Co. BBS. Eastern Bluebird: 12 total of three BBS; 11 banded Palmer's Ravine & vicinity July 5 (WBS). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 3 Hope Falls BBS. Cedar Waxwing: max. 41 Hope Falls BBS.

VIREOS-WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: 2 Castleton Island June 11; 1 Cobleskill BBS. Red-eyed Vireo: max. 78 S. Horicon BBS; 65 Warrensburg BBS & 55 Hope Falls BBS. Warbling Vireo: max. 10 Duanesburg BBS. Tennessee Warbler: 1 each—Warrensburg BBS & Hope Falls BBS. Northern Parula: 1 Hope Falls BBS. Magnolia Warbler: max. 17 Hope Falls BBS & 2 Schodack Center June 2 (PC). Yellow-rumped Warbler: max. 14 Hope Falls BBS. **CERULEAN WARBLER:** 2 singing males Castleton Island June 11 (RPG *et al.*). Blackburnian Warbler: max. 9 Warrensburg BBS; 1 Old Chatham July 25 (KD). Blackpoll Warbler: 2 Catskill BBS (probably late migrants). Prairie Warbler: 1 each—Catskill BBS and Medusa BBS; also, Old Chatham June 3 thru Aug. 12 (KD). Ovenbird: max. 44 Hope Falls BBS followed by 42 Warrensburg BBS and 31 S Horicon BBS. Mourning Warbler: 1 Warrensburg BBS.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: max 48 Duanesburg BBS. Red-winged Blackbird: 673 total of four BBS (Cobleskill, S Berne, Duanesburg, & Medusa). Common Grackle: 101 Cobleskill BBS. Scarlet Tanager: max 11 Warrensburg BBS; also, "male feeding young cowbird" Aug. 20 (TP). Cardinal: 18 Cobleskill BBS; 10 Catskill BBS. Indigo Bunting: max 15 S Horicon BBS. Evening Grosbeak: 3 Catskill BBS; 2 Tribes Hill Aug. 17 (TP). Savannah Sparrow: max. 19 Duanesburg BBS. Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 Stuyvesant June 2-4; 1 E. Greenbush July 3 (PC). Vesper Sparrow: 1 each—Duanesburg and Cobleskill BBS; 1 thru period at Castleton (JC) and at Ghent (BHG). Field Sparrow: numbers seem down; max only 5 each—Medusa and Duanesburg BBS. Swamp Sparrow: max 20 Rensselaer July 4 (PC).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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June was normal as far as temperatures were concerned, but was very dry. A severe hot spell covered the region during the second and third weeks of July with temperatures approaching 100° F. Rains were few and minimal, continuing the drought conditions of June. Only 3½ in. were recorded when the average for the month is 6½ in. August continued dry, but temperatures were more moderate.

Warbler movements started in early Aug. and continued well through the month. Perhaps the highlight of the breeding season was the explosion of Acadian Flycatchers in the area, with several birds reported in each of Orange, Sullivan, Westchester, and Dutchess counties. Goshawks also continue to increase, but slowly.

The new summer bird counts where local bird clubs follow Christmas Count routes in mid-June will undoubtedly add important information to our knowledge of summer residents. Only two clubs ran counts this season, but surely more will follow their lead in the future.

The discovery by Benton Seguin of Stewart Airport as a mecca for migrating fall shorebirds has local birders wondering if this is an isolated phenomenon, or was it really overlooked all these years. You can be sure it will be searched from now on.

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Abbreviations: the first four or five letters of each county; GSBD—Greenwich-Stamford Summer Bird Count, June 19 (inc portions of West. Co.); MC—Marshlands Conservancy, Rye; PL—Playland, Rye; WBC—Waterman Summer Bird Count, June 11, Dutchess Co. (Pkpsie area).

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: a pr of imm summering at Ashokan Res. was a repeat of last summer (AB, FM). Horned Grebe: 1 full-plumaged bird Ashokan Res. Aug. 11 (AB, FM). Double-crested Cormorant: single birds on Hudson R at Cornwall Jun 2, Jul. 21, and Aug. 23. Common Egret: regular thru summer. Arr Kingston Pt. Marsh Jul. 28. Snowy Egret: usual few. 4 Kingston Pt. Marsh Jul. 27. Black-crowned Night Heron: 3 Kingston Pt. Marsh Jul. 27. 1 imm Cornwall Aug. 29. Yellow-crowned Night Heron: continues to breed at MC with 2 nests this year. Least Bittern: obs regularly thru season at Cruger's I. American Bittern: 1 Salt Point, Dutch and another Moodna Marsh, Cornwall Aug. 21. GLOSSY IBIS: