

Blackpoll, max 32 on 18 Sept. last 7 on 25 Sept.; Pine, 1 report 17 Sept.; Palm, 7 reported, 17 Sept.-7 Oct. (4); Ovenbird, 25 Sept. (3 localities); N. Waterthrush, 5 Sept.; Mourning, 5 Sept.; Connecticut, singles, Pompey late Sept. (DWC), Fair Haven, 25 Sept.; C. Yellowthroat, 30 Oct.; Hooded, 5 Sept. (3); Wilson's, 25 Sept.; Canada, 18 Sept.; Am. Redstart, 25 Sept. (4).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: last 19 Sept. Redwinged Blackbird: first significant flight along LOL 11 Oct. (6000,GAS), "millions!" (with Grackles) in an almost overwhelming exodus on 20 Oct., yet still 16,000 on 29 Oct. and 7000 on 6 Nov. Yellow-headed Blackbird: 2 SP on 4 Sept. are first local fall record. Northern Oriole: last 2 on 5 Sept. Rusty Blackbird: arr 22 Sept., max 700 on 29 Sept., singles only after 10 Nov. C. Grackle: "millions" with Redwinged Blackbirds on 20 Oct., 3000 LOL 29 Oct., virtually absent after 9 Nov. Brown-headed Cowbird: max 300 on 7 Oct. Scarlet Tanager: last 7 Oct. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last 7 Oct. Indigo Bunting: last 25 Sept. Dickcissel: immature in Syracuse after 26 Nov. (photo'd PDeB). Evening Grosbeak: arr 24 Sept., abundant by early Nov., when feeder survey (*fide* MSR) gave second highest total ever for Nov. Purple Finch: last 31 Oct. House Finch: continued expansion in Syracuse area, reported Clay, New York Mills, and Ilion in November. Pine Grosbeak: arr 29 Oct. (2 localities), major incursion suggested by counts of 20-30/day by EOP. C. Redpoll: no details for late Sept. reports, none Oct., then 149 on 19 Nov. Pine Siskin: arr 25 Sept. (MSR), max 60 on 29 Oct. Am. Goldfinch: max 350 LOL on 29 Oct. Red Crossbill: only a few, Pompey twship, in Nov. (DWC). White-winged Crossbill: arr 30 Oct., occasional to EOP. Rufous-sided Towhee: last 21 Oct. Savannah Sparrow: only 1-6/day, last 3 Nov. Vesper Sparrow: 15 Holland Patent 17 Oct. (VanDresar) was only respectable count. Dark-eyed Junco: arr 18 Sept., max 380 on 11 Oct. Tree Sparrow: arr. 19 Oct., max 75 on 6 Nov. Chipping Sparrow: max 110 on 16 Sept., last 30 Oct. White-crowned Sparrow: arr 18 Sept., max 114 on 7 Oct., last 2 on 21 Oct. White-throated Sparrow: max 650 on 7 Oct. Fox Sparrow: 1-7/day between 7 and 17 Oct. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 4 Sept., max 9 on 7 Oct., last 21 Oct. Song Sparrow: max 300 on 7 Oct. Lapland Longspur: 1-4 after 13 Oct. Snow Bunting: arr 15 Oct. to counts of 300 by 30 Oct. (MSR) and 15 Nov. (Stooks).

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REGION 6 - ST. LAWRENCE

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Fall of 1977 can best be described as *very, very wet*. Temperatures ranged from 78° F (25° C) to 30° F (-1° C). Winter held off for most of the period and November was warmer than usual with Lake Ontario harbors staying open.

Indications for a winter finch invasion and arctic raptors came early. Waterfowl were encouraging, shorebirds could have been better and rarities made a good showing.

Rarities for the period were Merlin; Am. Golden Plover; Baird's Sandpiper; Little Gull; Black-legged Kittiwake; Gray Jay; and Common Raven. The weather didn't cooperate but the birds did and a few wet hours afield were rewarding.

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Abbreviations: ED—Eldorado Shores; PP—Pillar Point; RMPD—Robt. Moses Power Dam; RMSP—Robt. Moses State Park; WHWMA—Wilson Hill WMA.

LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: 4 WHWMA Oct. 13; 11 PP-Chaumont Nov. 9; good numbers. Horned Grebe: 35 PP-Chaumont Nov. 9; 1 WHWMA Nov. 19-25. Double-crested Cormorant: 12 ED Sept. 19 (RCW). Great Blue Heron: 2 Waddington Oct. 14; 1 Sherwins Bay Nov. 9. Canada Goose: heavy migration Oct. 7; 700 WHWMA Nov. 20. Brant: Oct. 13 (GAS) 7 Waddington-WHWMA; 52 Woodhull Lake Herkimer Co. Nov. 4-7 (B. Buffington). Snow Goose: 50+ Upper & Lower Lakes WMA Oct. 15 (C. Devan); 200+ Lowville Nov. 8 (B. Buffington); Blue morph 5 Carthage Nov. 8; 9 Blue morph Hanawa Falls Nov. 8 (KLC). Mallard: just as many as ever. Black Duck: about same as last year. Mallard X Black hybrid: up at WHWMA. Gadwall: 100 WHWMA vicinity Oct. 13; 67 Coles Crk-WHWMA Oct. 14 both (GAS). Pintail: not as many as last year (LBC). Green-winged Teal: up slightly from previous years (LBC); Blue-winged Teal: 20 ED Sept. 9. Am. Wigeon: 75 Waddington-WHWMA Oct. 13; 350 Coles Crk-WHWMA Oct. 14 (GAS). No. Shoveler: more than previous year Perch River WMA. Wood Duck: about normal numbers. Redhead: 5 Waddington-WHWMA Oct. 13; 80 Coles Crk-WHWMA Oct. 14; up at WHWMA; 94 RMPD pond Nov. 20. Ring-necked Duck: 160 RMPD pond Nov. 20. Canvasback: 6 WHWMA Oct. 29; 200 Feather Bed Shoal-Carlton Isl Nov. 8 (C. Devan). Greater Scaup: 3000+ the Isthmus lakeside Nov. 8; 4000+ Featherbed Shoal-Carlton Is. (C. Devan). Lesser Scaup: 2 WHWMA Oct. 14 (GAS). Common Goldeneye: 6 WHWMA Oct. 29. Bufflehead: 43 PP-Chaumont Nov. 9. White-winged Scoter: 3 RMPD Oct. 15; 6 Stony Pt. Oct. 24. Ruddy Duck: 9 WHWMA Sept. 23-Nov. 20 (JAV); 3 males WHWMA Oct. 14 (GAS). Hooded Merganser: 36 Muskalonge Crk Nov. 9 (RCW); 75 Nov. 20 (JAV). Com. Merganser: 200 RMPD Oct. 27; 4000+ RMPD end of period (JAV). Red-breasted Merganser: 4 PP-Chaumont Nov. 9; 4 Nov. 24.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: 1 No. Branch Sandy Crk (a salmon stream) Sept. 26; 1 Little Stony Crk Sept. 27; numbers up (J. Belknap). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Dry Hill Sept. 20 (RCW). Cooper's Hawk: 1 Stony Crk Rd (GOS). Red-tailed Hawk: more than last fall; 16 Sulphur Springs to Chaumont Nov. 9. Rough-legged Hawk: more than last year—more dark phase. Marsh Hawk: seems to be some increase over previous two years; 2 Henderson Oct. 6; 2 Coles Crk-RMSP Oct. 14; 2 Chaumont Nov. 9. Osprey: 1 No. Branch Sandy Crk (salmon stream) Sept. 26. **MERLIN:** 1 ED Sept. 5 (Wm. Pesold). Am. Kestrel: 20+ Tug Hill plateau Sept. 24; 5 PP-Chaumont Nov. 9. Ruffed Grouse: down somewhat from last year. Gray Partridge: 1 covey (11 birds) RMSP Nov. 14. Semipalmated Plover: 15 ED Sept. 9; 2 ED Sept. 10; 1 ED Sept. 19. Killdeer: last Oct. 14. **AM. GOLDEN PLOVER:** 1 ED Sept. 10 (RCW). Black-bellied Plover: 6 ED Sept. 9; 2 ED Sept. 10; 1 ED Sept. 19. Ruddy Turnstone: 5 ED Sept. 9; 6 ED Sept. 10. **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** 1 ED Sept. 10 (RCW). Short-billed Dowitcher: 1 ED Sept. 9 (RCW). Sanderling: 14 ED Sept. 9; 60 ED Sept. 10; 3 ED Sept. 19. Glaucous Gull: 1 immature RMPD Nov. 18 (JAV). Iceland Gull: 1 immature RMPD Nov. 24 (JAV). Great Black-backed Gull: 1 ED Sept. 10; 7 ED Sept. 19; 3 Coles Crk-WHWMA Oct. 14; 1 Henderson Hbr Oct. 29; 20 Nov. 22 RMPD. Herring Gull: 100 Nov. 22. Ring-billed Gull: 3000+ Nov. 22 (JAV). Bonaparte's Gull: 3 ED Sept. 19; 300 RMPD Sept. 27; 102 RMSP-RMPD Oct. 13; 30 RMPD Nov. 25. **LITTLE GULL:** 1 adult RMPD Oct. 14-19 (GAS & JAV). **BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:** 1 immature RMPD Nov. 15-25 (Doug Allen & JAV). Caspian Tern: 1 ED Sept. 10; 1 ED Sept. 19.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: numbers down. Snowy Owl: none reported. Belted Kingfisher: 1 PP Nov. 9. Com. Flicker: 2 PP-Chaumont Nov. 9—late (RCW). Pileated: 2 Raymondville Nov. 20. Hairy: still down (LBC). Downy: a little improved—still down (LBC).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Horned Lark: Flocks overhead Oct. 25 and Oct. 30; no other reports. **GRAY JAY:** 4 Buck Pond, Herkimer Co. Nov. 23 come to hand for food (M. C. Virkler); seldom reported. Blue Jay: numbers in Henderson area seem way up—14 in feeder at one time, normally 3 to 5 at any one time (LBC). **COMMON RAVEN:** 1 Pierce-

field Sept. 11. (KLC); 2 Childwold area (Town of Piercefild) Nov. 14 (L. Wallace); good observations in a basically unbirded portion of region. Com. Crow: no mass migration in Oct.-Nov. as in past years (LBC)—why? White-breasted Nuthatch: down? Brown Creeper: 1 Oct. 14. Winter Wren: 1 ED Sept. 10 (GOS). Am. Robin: heavy movement through area from Sept. 1 to Sept. 8—80 in yard at one time Sept. 8 (LBC); last Nov. 30. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 3 Oct. 13; 5 RMSP-RMPD Oct. 13. Water Pipit: 10 Coles Crk-WHWM Oct. 14 (GAS). No. Shrike: 1st Harrisville Oct. 27-banded (R. Guthrie), not as many in Jefferson Co. as usual.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-rumped Warbler: 7 Coles Crk-WHWM Oct. 14; last Pierrepont Nov. 14 (KLC).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: E. Meadowlark: 16 RMSP Oct. 14; 2 Lowville Nov. 29. Red-winged Blackbird: 45 Waddington Oct. 14; 25 So. Grass River vicinity, Oct. 14. Cardinal: Pierrepont Nov. 13 new species for town (KLC). Evening Grosbeak: first 7 Henderson Sept. 7; 5+ Oct. 5; 60+ every day Dry Hill end of Oct. thru. Purple Finch: 4 Henderson Oct. 8. Pine Grosbeak: 9 Fargo Nov. 13 early (LBC). Com. Redpoll: 4 RMSP Nov. 28. Pine Siskin: first heard in Sept.; 10+ Henderson Hbr Oct. 5; 5 Fargo Oct. 23; 40 Louisville Oct. 22. Am. Goldfinch: 7 Waddington-So. Grass River Oct. 14. White-winged Crossbill: Canton Nov. 2 (KLC). Dark-eyed Junco: heavy movement Henderson Oct. 2-8 (LBC); 130 RMSP-RMPD Oct. 13; 60 RMSP Oct. 14. Tree Sparrow: first WHWM Oct. 29 (JAV). Field Sparrow: 1 RMSP Oct. 13 (GAS). White-crowned Sparrow: first Henderson Oct. 2; last Oct. 8 (LBC). White-throated Sparrow: 25 Waddington-RMPD Oct. 13; 16 Waddington-So. Grass River Oct. 14. Fox Sparrow: 1 ED Sept. 10 (GOS). Song Sparrow: 23 Waddington-So. Grass River Oct. 14. Snow Bunting: first—large flocks Henderson Oct. 30.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Fall in the North Country was kinder than last year although we had rain almost every day during September and well into October, which helped keep bird people inside. At least we did not begin winter on October 10, as happened last year. October 15-November 15 was normal, with decent weather much of the time for both birds and birders.

People have been climbing mountains to watch for hawks this fall. In most cases, a day of watching turns up about 15-30 individual raptors so it is a rewarding pasttime. Although the Champlain Valley seems best, there seems to be a widespread movement with hawks passing Whiteface and Franklin Falls Flow as well as the other inland places. A great many birds seem to be passing over a large land area so they are not concentrated or funneled into one outstanding viewing spot. Charlie Delehanty had 22 hawks pass over her Tupper Lake house in two hours. It is worth keeping a vigil on a pleasant fall day.

This seems to be a reasonable finch year in spite of the poor cone crop. There have been lots of Pine Grosbeaks. The many flocks of redpolls and Pine Siskins all seemed to be doing some serious traveling. Perhaps birders farther south will have them linger.

A pair of Hudsonian Godwits, carefully identified, was a great find for the Region. Some other interesting migrants were two Northern Phalaropes within the Adirondack Park, two Connecticut Warblers and an Orange-crowned Warbler.