

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.

Observers: GC—Geoffrey Carleton; DC—Dean Cook; GD—Granger Davenport; B&DS—Bruno & Dee DeSimone; BF—Bill Frenette; HiPkAud—High Peaks Audubon Society; MK—Marguerite Kingsbury; DN—Dan Nickerson; GM—George Martin; RMc—Robert McKinney; RM—Ruth Meier; BM—Betsy MacMillan; JM—Jeffrey Miller; RP—Ray Payson; JP—John M. Peterson; FR—Fred Raymon; SS—Steve Sanford; MV—Maurice Villeneuve; PW—Phil Warren.

Abbreviations: CV—Champlain Valley; Chazy Ldg—Chazy Landing; E'town—Elizabethtown; Ham—southern Hamilton Co.; LC—Lake Champlain; Platts—Plattsburgh; Tupper—Tupper Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: max 10 migrants Port Douglas Oct. 15 (DN). Horned Grebe: max 25 LC Nov. 6 (PW). Pied-billed Grebe: 2 late birds Chazy Ldg Nov. 6 (PW). Green Heron: 1 Indian Lake (RMC). Black-crowned Night Heron: 2 imm Kings Bay Oct. 1 (PW,RP). American Bittern: 1 Raquette River at Tupper Sept. 4 and 11 (RM). Canada Goose: hundreds Whallon's Bay thru Oct.; 12-34 Tupper thru Nov. 10 (CD,RM). Snow Goose: 100 Lake Placid Oct. 10 (GM); 200 Ticonderoga Oct. 15 (FR); 500 Platts Nov. 7 (PW). Pintail: 12 Long Lake Nov. 13 (JM). Blue-winged Teal: 1 Tupper Oct. 25 (CD), unusual inland; 1 Chazy Ldg Nov. 5 (PW). Both were late. American Wigeon: 4 Ham Nov. 4 (B&DS), extremely late. Ring-necked Duck: 45 Corey's Oct. 25 (MK). Canvasback: 18 Long Lake Nov. 11 (JM). Greater Scaup: arrived Sept. 27 with max 3500 Platts Oct. 29 (PW,SS). Lesser Scaup: 18 Heart Bay Oct. 2 (DC). Oldsquaw: 1 Platts Nov. 19 (PW,RP). White-winged Scoter: 3 Platts Sept. 23 (RP); 1 Heart Bay Sept. 24 (DC). Surf Scoter: 1 female Ausable Point Oct. 19 (Hal Klein and his ornithology class); this is rarest scoter on LC. Black Scoter: 14 Heart Bay Sept. 24 (DC); 10 Platts Oct. 16 (PW,RP). Hooded Merganser: 8 Tupper Nov. 30 (CD).

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Goshawk: many; DC had 3 local birds that harassed migrant raptors Sept. 4 at Big Crow Mtn in Keene. Sharp-shinned Hawk: about 15. Cooper's Hawk: 1 Ham Sept. 4 (B&DS); 1 Tupper Sept. 20 (CD). Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 CV Sept. (HiPkAud); 1 Tupper Sept. 20 (CD); 1 imm Ausable Point Oct. 2 (PW,RP). Rough-legged Hawk: arrived Oct. 20 Peaseville (Holland Fitts); 1 Tupper Nov. 28 (CD) is unusual because they prefer CV. Marsh Hawk: several CV; 1 Paul Smiths Nov. 8. Ring-necked Pheasant: many releases prior to hunting season put birds in areas such as Tupper and Franklin Falls where they might as well all be shot for holiday eating because they probably will not survive winter. They were nice and plump. Turkey: 40 in one flock Ticonderoga Oct. 9 (Jerry Charbonneau); 1 strayed to Low's Dam near Sabattis Oct. 8 (*vide* BF). Gray Partridge: 11 Point-au-Rouche Oct. 29 (PW,SS,RP); 12 Chazy Ldg Nov. 5 (PW). Virginia Rail: 1 Ausable Point Sept. 17 (RP,SS,PW). American Coot: 4 Chazy Ldg Oct. 29 (SS,PW), rare. Black-bellied Plover: 1 late bird Chazy Ldg Nov. 6 was with a single gray-backed Am. Golden Plover that lacked the gold dorsal coloration common to this species. The dark rump and lack of black axillars proved it to be a golden, however (PW). One of each species of yellowlegs was seen and heard together on late date of Nov. 6 Chazy (PW). Pectoral Sandpiper: at least 5 from LC. White-rumped Sandpiper: 1 Platts Sept. 4 and 2 on Sept. 10 (PW,RP). All were flushed to see rumps. Dunlin: 27 Chazy Ldg (RP,PW). HUDSONIAN GODWIT: This seems to be a regional first: 2 Chazy Ldg Oct. 22-Nov. 6 (RP,PW). Upturned bill and distinctive black and white tail seen at leisure. NORTHERN PHALAROPE: 2 Indian Lake Sept. 20. Back pattern seen from boat as birds swam 60 feet away. In Sept. 1970 a pair remained 2 or 3 days. Both (GD). Dave Young saw an unidentified jaeger at Westport Sept. 4.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Screech Owl: 1 Essex was banded (Phoebe MacDougal, JP); several LC (PW). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 Tupper Sept. 12 and Oct. 5 (CD).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Indian Lake Sept. 3 (RMC). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 2 Ham Sept. 25 (B&DS). Gray Jay: 3 Tupper Nov. 22 (MV). There are quite a few on posted land near Mt. Matumbla. Common Raven: Clinton Co. bird still at same location north of Ausable Forks (Charlie Mitchell). Boreal Chickadee: 1 at

Moriah Oct. 11 (Bea Guyett). **SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN**: 1 Ausable Point Sept. 17 (PW,SS), seems to be a first fall record for the region. Eastern Bluebird: at least 28 from Tupper to L.C. Water Pipit: 12 Tupper Sept. 30 (CD); 35 Lake Placid Oct. 15 (DN). Northern Shrike: 1 Paul Smiths early Nov.; 1 Tupper early Nov. (BF); 1 Lake Placid Nov. 2 (Mike DiNunzio).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: bright yellow under tail coverts and faint streaks on breast noted on bird at Platts Nov. 15 (PW); observer knows the species as a wintering bird on coast of North Carolina; this is a first for Clinton Co. Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1-2 Tupper Sept. 12 thru Nov. 12 (CD). Pine Warbler: 2 Ham Sept. 4 (B&DS); 1 Tupper Sept. 13 (CD). Palm Warbler: 1 Tupper Sept. 13 (CD). **CONNECTICUT WARBLER**: 1 imm carefully examined in hand and banded Aug. 27 Indian Lake (RMc) seems to be a first record for Hamilton Co. GC found 1 at E'town Sept. 24 for a first Essex Co. record. Wilson's Warbler: 1 adult male photographed Platts Sept. 8 (RP); 1 Tupper Sept. 12 (CD); 2 E'town Sept. 23 (GC).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Cardinal: several CV as well as 1 Saranac Lake Nov. 3 (MK); 1 Tupper Nov. 29 (MV). House Finch: 5 Platts Oct. 22 through period (PW). Pine Grosbeak: widely reported with max 15 Saranac Lake Sept. 15 (RM). Good numbers of all the usual winter finches reported. Vesper Sparrow: 1 E'town Sept. 23 (GC); 1 Lake Placid Oct. 15 (DN) for a grand total of two in the four county area. Fox Sparrow: 2 Tupper Oct. 13 (CD); 1 Ausable Point Oct. 16 (SS,PW); 1 E'town Oct. 21 (mob).

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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While the temperatures for the fall of 1977 were nearly normal, precipitation at 15.4 in. (39.1 cm.) for the period was almost double the normal 8.6 in. (21.8 cm.). Frequent foul weather through the latter half of September and the early part of October may have been the cause of a number of delayed departures. Record or near-record late dates for several species are reported by some observers.

Waterfowl reports are rather low, notably Common Loon. Hopefully, this may be merely the result of fewer visits to larger water bodies by birders, rather than population problems.

On the positive side, raptors continue to show encouraging signs of improvement, especially as reflected in Peter Kerlinger's reports from his many hours atop the Helderbergs at Camp Pinnacle.

Highlights of the 1977 species reported this season are: Brant, Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Barn Owl, Gray Jay, Common Raven, Bohemian Waxwing.

Abbreviations used here are: NBalt—New Baltimore; ColCo—Columbia County; C'ton—Castleton; VF—Vischer Ferry; SL—Saratoga Lake; HR—Hudson River; PalRav—Palmer's Ravine; TomRes—Tomhannock Reservoir.

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