

Wilson Hill May 12. Cedar Waxwing: 35 Watertown Mar. 30. No. Shrike: last on Apr. 9—impaled a mouse on a thorn. **LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE**: one Haverstock Rd. near Reynolds Plant Massena May 30-31 (J. VanRiet).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: two Blake Sanctuary building a nest on May 19 (R. & J. Walker). Red-eyed Vireo: first May 12. Warbling Vireo: first May 8. Black-and-white Warbler: May 5. Golden-winged Warbler: Wilson Hill May 12; one Blake Sanctuary May 13 (N. Leone). Tennessee: Massena area May 10 thru 19; two Thompson Park May 17 & 18; six Thompson Park May 19; eight to ten Thompson Park May 28. Nashville: Massena area May 10 thru 12. No. Parula: one Washington Park May 18. Yellow: May 8. Magnolia: Massena area May 12 thru 28; one Thompson Park May 18. Cape May: two only in Massena area May 14; four Thompson Park May 19; two Thompson Park May 28. Black-throated Blue: missed in Massena area. Yellow-rumped: two Apr. 1. Black-throated Green: May 12 thru 20. Blackburnian: three Thompson Park May 18; May 19-20 in Massena area. Chestnut-sided: May 12 in Massena. Bay-breasted: one Thompson Park May 18; May 10 thru 26 in Massena area. Blackpoll: missed in Massena area; May 28 El Dorado. Pine: Apr. 22 in Massena. Palm: none reported. Ovenbird: May 12. No. Waterthrush: one Blake Sanctuary May 19. **LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH**: one Washington Park May 18 (R. & J. Walker). Mourning: one Blake Sanctuary May 19; one Wilson Hill May 28. Com. Yellowthroat: May 9. **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT**: two Watertown Sportsman's Club—Dry Hill May 17 (R. & J. Walker); one same May 18 (F. Clinch & W. Pesold). Wilson's Warbler: May 9 in Massena area. Canada Warbler: one Blake Sanctuary May 19. Am. Redstart: May 12.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: in normal numbers. E. Meadowlark: three Woodville Mar. 4. Red-winged Blackbird: 50 Dry Hill Mar. 2. No. Oriole: first May 8; numbers seem up from previous two years. Rusty Blackbird: none reported. Com. Grackle: first on Mar. 12. Brown-headed Cowbird: in numbers in Henderson area Apr. 21. Scarlet Tanager: first May 12. Cardinal: one male Robt. Moses Park Apr. 25. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arrived May 9. Indigo Bunting: none reported—missed in Massena area? Evening Grosbeak: last on May 23. Purple Finch: a few but may be down? **HOUSE FINCH**: pair daily at feeder Watertown—both males—one banded (F. Clinch). Pine Grosbeak: five Brasher Mar. 17. Am. Goldfinch: 15 Henderson Mar. 15. Rufous-sided Towhee: first Apr. 23. Savannah Sparrow: first Apr. 24; in low numbers. **GRASSHOPPER SPARROW**: one Bradley St. Rd. Watertown May 18; Perch River May 19 (R. & J. Walker). Vesper Sparrow: one Robt. Moses Apr. 18—only one seen in Massena area; none in Henderson area. Dark-eyed Junco: heavy movement Apr. 1; last date May 14. Tree Sparrow: three Henderson Apr. 16; six Dry Hill Apr. 17; last on May 1—very very few. Chipping Sparrow: first Apr. 25. Field Sparrow: first Apr. 23; numbers down. White-crowned Sparrow: May 12 very few compared to previous years. White-throated Sparrow: Apr. 15 in Henderson—numbers way down. Fox Sparrow: three Wilson Hill Apr. 22—seldom reported. Swamp Sparrow: first Apr. 25. Song Sparrow: first in Massena area Mar. 25. Snow Bunting: last on Mar. 1.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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This was a mild spring for the most part. The ice went out of Upper St. Regis Lake on April 22, and, as usual, the day the ice went was also the day the loons

arrived. Perhaps they fly over from Lake Champlain to check on open water. Whatever they do, they sure seem to know on the right day. The last snowfall at Paul Smiths was May 6, after which it warmed up.

There was a splendid crop of red maple seed; more than the chipmunks and red squirrels could ever handle. There was also a good flowering of beech so there may be a good nut crop in the fall.

A large and varied flight of waterfowl was moving during the night and early morning of May 1. Apparently many birds that wintered on the coast were traveling overland toward breeding grounds in the northwest. Several species not usually expected were noted resting on Lower St. Regis Lake by eight students and faculty on an early morning bird trip. Prior to dawn the "ow-owdle-ow" of passing Oldsquaw could be heard. When it was light enough to scan the lake with a scope, there were approximately 16 Red-necked Grebes, 20 Horned Grebes, a scaup which seemed to be Greater but was uncooperative enough to be sure, 30 Common Goldeneyes, eight Buffleheads and a male Red-breasted Merganser with both crest and color pattern clearly seen. This is the first of the latter that I have ever seen in the Adirondacks away from Lake Champlain. We have Common Mergansers as breeders, but the Red-breasted is a rare migrant at best. This is no great event to most regions such as the Lake Ontario area where 600 Red-breasted wouldn't be all that unusual, but then a Barred Owl might be worthy of comment there. There is a lot of diversity in the state and among the regions. One birder's great find is a trash bird to someone else.

The warbler migration was average. There were good numbers of Black-and-white and Nashville, with No. Parula in above average numbers as were Yellow. Magnolia was as usual which is rather common, and Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, and Chestnut-sided were in fine numbers. Mourning Warbler is increasing. Timber harvesting favors them. Common Yellowthroat, Canada Warbler, and American Redstart are present in good numbers. All the Yellow-rumped Warblers went to Ferd's Bog where there were 48 on May 12. Nobody reported Palm Warbler, and Northern Waterthrush had less than five reports. Ovenbird seems scarce.

Ravens continue to turn up in new places. Bruno and Dee DeSimone had the good fortune to see two Golden Eagles. Mrs. Delehanty's annual Bald Eagle arrived earlier than usual this year. Altogether it was a good season.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: there seems to be a pair plus one adult on Upper St. Regis Lake. Normally there are two pairs there. There is a pair on Little Clear Pond near Saranac Inn, and another pair on Bay Pond near Paul Smiths. American Bittern: four pairs at Paul Smiths. Canada Goose: first arrivals were at Paul Smiths on Mar. 22 headed south but after some confusion they headed due north. The 21 local geese at Tupper arrived Mar. 21 and by May 25 there were four goslings. Mallard: eight at Tupper Apr. 1 and one at Ferd's Bog May 12 were probably migrants. The Black Duck is still the puddle duck to be expected away from Champlain. Ten Pintails and two American Wigeons were at Tupper Apr. 1. Green-winged Teal were seen by most observers as were Wood Ducks. Ring-necked

Duck: max 16 Tupper Apr. 3 with about three pairs remaining at the marsh. Two female Common Mergansers flew over Paul Smiths Apr. 1.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: two were at Wadhams Mar. 23; one at Paul Smiths in mid-Apr. and one May 26 at Bay Pond. Goshawk: one at Ferd's Bog May 12 and one the same date in southern Hamilton Co. Sharp-shinned Hawk: one at Westport Mar. 11; one at Tupper chased birds all day on Apr. 5; one terrorized Mrs. Delehanty's feeder birds Apr. 10 thru May 6. A Red-tailed Hawk was watched by a party of ice fishermen at Tupper on April Fool's Day. Red-tails increased in the Champlain Valley after Mar. 20 according to the High Peaks Audubon Newsletter. Rough-legged Hawks were scarce. One was at Tupper Apr. 1 and one there Apr. 7 (CD). Golden Eagle: Bruno & Dee DeSimone had a good look at two migrants headed north over southern Hamilton Co. on May 12. Bald Eagle: one at Tupper Marsh Mar. 13 (CD). One was seen several times by a beaver trapper on the Raquette River according to Bill Frenette. It was probably the same Tupper bird (which likes to feed on beaver carcasses). Marsh Hawk: 5 sightings at Tupper and a migrant pair passed over Paul Smiths. Osprey: two at Tupper and a few in the St. Regis Canoe Area, but the nest at Long Pond near Floodwood hit the pond. The whole dead pine broke off at a rotten spot. This was early so perhaps they built elsewhere. A pair did wander down to Bay Pond where they fished together. They are new to the location, in recent times at least. Am. Kestrel: five at Tupper Mar. 30. **SEMPALMATED PLOVER:** one was seen May 26 at Tupper (CD). This can be a common fall migrant, but I can find no record of a spring occurrence for the Region although it may be overlooked. The observer knows the species as well as Killdeer. Killdeer: a migrant over the snow covered mountains at Paul Smiths on Mar. 22 and one the same day at Tupper. Common Snipe: max five at Bay Pond May 15. Spotted Sandpiper numbers are up. Least Sandpiper: one at Tupper and one at Paul Smiths, both May 26. Black Tern: three to six at Tupper since May 17 (CD).

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: A pair of Great Horned Owls were at Westport Mar. 7 (JP). Barred Owls were all over as usual with a max of five May 12 at Ferd's Bog. Saw-whet Owls either stopped calling or passed on thru. Three Com. Nighthawks were seen at Paul Smiths. Ruby-throated Hummingbird is in good numbers. One or two Pileated Woodpeckers are to be expected in a day as usual. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 13 Ferd's Bog May 12 (FL, CS, EW). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: three Ferd's Bog May 12 (FL, CS, EW).

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: E. Kingbird and Great Crested Flycatcher are in good numbers but E. Phoebe is hard to find. Perhaps the cowbirds are causing a loss. Alder Flycatchers are easy to find. Olive-sided Flycatchers are in fair numbers. Tree Swallow: six arrived at Tupper Apr. 1. Barn Swallow arrived at Tupper May 6. Common Raven: two at Ferd's Bog May 12 (FL, CS, EW). There are two croaking at Paul Smiths as I write this on a porch. Boreal Chickadee: max six Ferd's Bog May 12. Winter Wren: max ten Ferd's Bog May 12. Gray Catbird: none at Tupper; three at Paul Smiths but fairly common in southern Hamilton Co. Brown Thrasher: quite a few. Am. Robin arrived at Tupper Mar. 10 with a max of 20 Apr. 14 (CD). E. Bluebird: none at Tupper; perhaps six pairs at Bay Pond. A Water Pipit was at Tupper May 26. Cedar Waxwings first showed at Tupper and Paul Smiths the last week of May.

VIREOS-WARBLED: Solitary Vireos are everywhere and even outnumber Red-eyed in some areas. Max 15 Ferd's Bog May 12. Cape May Warbler was missed. Black-throated Blue Warblers seem scarce. A Bay-breasted Warbler was at Tupper May 13. Nobody seems to have gotten up high enough in the world to report on Blackpoll numbers.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: There were a few Bobolinks. Four No. Orioles were at Tupper May 9. Rusty Blackbirds are on the bog ponds and not hard to find. Scarlet Tanagers are common. A pair of Cardinals is nesting in Tupper. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks are in good numbers. Indigo Buntings have really moved in. There are more in the Paul Smiths area than

ever in the last ten years. Evening Grosbeaks are still around and Purple Finches are singing in most places. 30 Pine Siskins were at Ferd's Bog May 12 and a few thru the period at Tupper. A few Rufous-sided Towhees were noted. Bay Pond has plenty of Vesper Sparrows on the burn. Field and White-crowned Sparrows were rather scarce. No Fox Sparrows reported. Lincoln's Sparrows are enjoying an upsurge. They are in excellent numbers. Swamp Sparrows are also doing well.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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When it rains it pours! Or so it must have seemed to sixty or so sodden birders with foggy lenses and squeaky sneakers standing in some soggy swamp spishing sullen sparrows. Yes, it rained on our Century Run day, May 19; but the rain held off until most birders were well into their pre-dawn marsh search of rails and bitterns and the like. The rain held down the individual group totals, but hard work and healthy competitive drive brought up the regional day total. Each group contributed at least one species to the regional compilation. While the highest number of species tallied by one group was a paltry 113, the combined efforts of all ten groups produced a grand total of 165 species (HMBC & ADBC combined).

The Century Run is both an enjoyable and important event on the birding calendar. In addition to the social and competitive nature of the day, it offers an opportunity for participants to become reacquainted with some of the scarcer or more secretive species that they might otherwise have been missed through the year. Finally, and to many the most important contribution, are the records generated by the intensive effort put forth through the day. As will be shown below, many species are represented in this report only from the Century Run.

The temperature averaged below normal through the period while precipitation was well above the norm. The minimum temperature for the Region was 4° F. (-16° C.) on March 15 and the maximum was 97° F. (37° C.) on May 9. Central Rensselaer County had 13 inches of snow in April.

Highlights of the season include Snowy Egret, Gadwall, Bald Eagle, Red Phalarope, Barn Owl, Great Gray Owl, Long-eared Owl, Fish Crow, Prothonotary Warbler, and a high number of Orchard Orioles.

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Abbreviations used here include: Col—Columbia County; CR—Century Run, HR—Hudson River, NB—New Baltimore, SL—Saratoga Lake, VF—Vischer Ferry.