

14 (DWC), and one at Fair Haven Nov. 6 (MSR); Mockingbird: expanding with two in Rome Nov. 12 (E. Van Dresar); Gray Catbird: max 18 Chittenango Gorge Sept. 16 (MacS). Am. Robin: abundant with 500+ N. Pompey Twp. (DWC); Swainson's Thrush: max four N. Pompey Twp. Oct. 2 (DWC); Gray-cheeked Thrush: max two N. Pompey Twp. Oct. 2 (DWC); Hermit Thrush: max nine Spd. Oct. 14 (MSR); Eastern Bluebird: max 12 Holland Patent area Oct. 9 (E. Van Dresar); Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 55 No. Pompey Twp. Oct. 14; and Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max 48 N. Pompey Twp. Oct. 14 (DWC), scarce in Nov. with one to two/day; Water Pipit: max 300 Durhamville Oct. 1 (DWC) with three until Nov. 11; Cedar Waxwing: ten to 50/day; No. Shrike: very, very scarce—only two for the Fall, one at Shackleton Pt. and one at Lacona.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: one to three/day; Solitary Vireo: four/day near Sylvan B. with a late departure date of Oct. 24; Red-eyed Vireo: max 45 Spd. & SSSP Sept. 1; Philadelphia Vireo: max six N. Pompey Twp. Oct. 2 (DWC). Warbler migration: Species with low numbers/day: Black-and-white Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Nashville Warbler, No. Parula, Cape May Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Palm Warbler, Mourning Warbler, No. Waterthrush. Species with good numbers/day: Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Com. Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler. Species with late dates: No. Parula, Oct. 30; Magnolia Warbler, Oct. 20; Black-throated Green Warbler, Nov. 4; Pine Warbler, Nov. 3; Ovenbird, Oct. 20; Com. Yellowthroat, Oct. 31. Blue-winged Warbler: one at LOL Oct. 16, a late date; Orange-crowned Warbler: max five N. Pompey Twp. Oct. 2 (DWC).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: generally scarce with a max 25/day; No. Oriole: one at Spd. Sept. 22; Rusty Blackbird: max 30 mid-Sept. scarce afterwards; Rose-breasted Grosbeak: one in Clay Marsh area Oct. 18, a late date; Indigo Bunting: one in N. Pompey Twp. Oct. 14, a late date (DWC); Evening Grosbeak: two arrived Oct. 13 N. Pompey Twp. (DWC); No Pine Grosbeaks, Com. Redpolls or crossbills; the only Pine Siskins in the Region from the Ben Burt Feeder Survey were four in Utica and two in Syracuse. Am. Goldfinch: concentrated around thistle feeders with a max 285 DH Nov. 11; **DICK-CISSEL:** one in with a flock of House Sparrows, Elbridge, first week of Oct (Arlene Cronk). Savannah Sparrow: max 45 N. Pompey Twp. Oct. 3 (DWC); Vesper Sparrow: max ten Holland Patent Oct. 14 (E. Van Dresar); Dark-eyed Junco: very low with a max 90/day; Tree Sparrow: incredibly scarce with a max eight/day; Field Sparrow: max 34 Dempster Beach & DH Oct. 13; White-throated Sparrow: max 525 No. Pompey Twp. Oct. 10 (DWC); Fox Sparrow: very scarce, one to two/day; Snow Bunting: two arrv. on Oct. 20 with flocks of 15 to 95/day later on.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The Fall of 1979 was a wet one with very little snow and high winds from tropical storms David and Frederic. Maximum temperature for the period was a high of 84° F. (29° C.) on October 22nd, and a low of 12° F. (-11° C.) on November 16.

On September 14th, 2.5 inches of rain fell in Watertown and caused flooding of many small streams. Heavy rains occurred through much of October and No-

vember making up for the dry summer months. The first snowfall, which was minimal, occurred on October 25 with the maximum snow for the period about 8 inches on November 30.

Water areas remained open and another heavy wild fruit crop helped the birding. Lake Ontario water levels, even with all the rain, dropped thru the period and provided excellent shorebirding.

Positive trends for the period were: one of the best waterbird and waterfowl observation Falls in many years—the lack of very cold weather helped provide a highly varied waterfowl count; improvements in Bald Eagle and Marsh Hawk counts; a very high Ruffed Grouse population; excellent shorebirding, particularly at El Dorado and along the St. Lawrence River; a building Mourning Dove population which was decimated by Winter of 1977 and improved bluebird numbers.

Due to the relatively mild even if wet Fall, many migrants stayed later than normal and winter visitors were limited.

Negatives for the period were: low numbers of Sharp-shinned Hawk and Cooper's Hawk; still low numbers of Am. Kestrel although more than the last report; Gray Partridge still in low numbers; and Eastern Phoebe still very low. Winter finches were a disappointment, as were the winter raptors.

Rarities for the period included Red-throated Loon, Red-necked Grebe, two Merlins, two Parasitic Jaegers, a Little Gull, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and an Orange-crowned Warbler.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: max 24 St. Lawrence River (SLR henceforth) Big Isl. Oct. 16; 20 SLR Oak Point Oct. 16. **RED-THROATED LOON**: one near Chippewa Bay SLR Oct. 16; one Black Pond—El Dorado Nov. 24 (R. Brouse). **RED-NECKED GREBE**: one Coles Creek SLR between Nov. 6-20; three off Kring Point SLR Nov. 9; one Jacques Cartier State Park SLR Nov. 11. Horned Grebe: two Wescotts Beach State Park Nov. 3; three Henderson Harbor Nov. 12; three Perch Lake Nov. 14. Pied-billed Grebe: one Pollys Bay SLR Nov. 13; one Hawkins Point SLR Nov. 8, scarce. Double-crested Cormorant: six El Dorado Sept. 2, six same Sept. 9; 14 same Sept. 30; three Henderson Oct. 27; two same Oct. 28; last near Morristown SLR Nov. 9, late. Great Blue Heron: thru period in decreasing frequency—one to two/day. Green Heron: last El Dorado Oct. 14. Black-crowned Night Heron: two Hawkins Pt. Oct. 18. Am. Bittern: last El Dorado Sept. 30. **MUTE SWAN**: one El Dorado Sept. 2 thru Nov. 24 (mob). **WHISTLING SWAN**: five Perch Lake Proper—Oct. 30 (S. Brown & D. Faulkham). Canada Goose: thru period with migration beginning in mid-Sept. Brant: two SLR Massena vicinity Oct. 22; nine Coles Creek SLR Oct. 29; 17 Oak Point SLR Oct. 25; 14 El Dorado Nov. 3; 700+ Featherbed Shoals SLR Nov. 5; three Brandy Brook SLR Nov. 6; three Edgewater Creek SLR Nov. 8; one El Dorado Nov. 24. Snow Goose: five (blue phase) Wilson Hill Oct. 23. Mallard: 262 Wiley-Dondero Canal Oct. 5; as common as ever. Black Duck: 58 Wiley-Dondero Canal Sept. 8; 210 same Sept. 24; 266 same Oct. 23; 104 same Nov. 20. Gadwall: six El Dorado Sept. 2; 60 Wiley-Dondero Canal Sept. 24; 100 Wilson Hill Oct. 6; 40 Wilson Hill Oct. 13; 65 Wiley-Dondero Canal Oct. 23; 115 same Oct. 30; four Wilson Hill Nov. 24. Pintail: four El Dorado Sept. 29; 27 Wilson Hill Oct. 22; 12 Wilson Hill Nov. 3. Green-winged Teal: scarce on SLR one to four per day. Blue-winged Teal: 225 El Dorado Sept. 3; 280 American Island SLR Sept. 9; 100 El Dorado Sept.

15; 50 El Dorado Sept. 29. Am. Wigeon: 50 El Dorado Sept. 30; 900 Wilson Hill Oct. 13; 740 same Oct. 14; 650 same Oct. 22; 700 same Nov. 3; 790 Nov. 13. No. Shoveler: 41 Wiley-Dondero Canal Oct. 5; four same Oct. 17; 41 same Nov. 13. Wood Duck: normal numbers. Redhead: 520 Wilson Hill Oct. 13; 160 same Oct. 14; 850 Wiley-Dondero Canal Oct. 30; 400 SLR Wellesley Island Nov. 5; 500+ same Nov. 8; 800 Wiley-Dondero Canal Nov. 8; 850 same Nov. 10; 800 same Nov. 20, 670 Robt. Moses State Park Nov. 25; 700 same Nov. 31; Ring-necked Duck: 105 Wilson Hill Oct. 6; 300 same Oct. 13; 775 Wiley-Dondero Oct. 23; 745 Wilson Hill Nov. 3; 700 same Nov. 10; 23 Wilson Hill Nov. 24. Canvasback: 500-600 Wellesley Island Nov. 5; 7000 Burnham Pt. SLR Nov. 5; 500 Wellesley Island Nov. 8; 1500 same Nov. 11 & 12; 600 Tibbets Point Nov. 12. Greater Scaup: 2000+ Wescotts Beach State Park Nov. 3; 15,000 same Nov. 8; 3000+ Black River Bay Nov. 8; 1300 Pillar Point Nov. 8; 5000+ Featherbed Shoal SLR Nov. 8; 4000+ Wilsons Bay Nov. 8; 2000 Fox Island Nov. 8; 7500 near Cape Vincent Nov. 12. Lesser Scaup: 26 Wilson Hill Sept. 8, early; 30-70 per day Wilson Hill mid-Oct.-mid-Nov.; one Perch River Oct. 7. Com. Goldeneye: 200 El Dorado Nov. 3; 180 Hawkins Pt. SLR Nov. 17; 125 Robt. Moses Dam Nov. 20. Bufflehead: three Wilson Hill Oct. 23 & Nov. 3; 12 El Dorado Nov. 3. Oldsquaw: 10-40 per day SLR late Oct.-Nov.; in Henderson area Nov. 11. White-winged Scoter: two El Dorado Sept. 29; six same Oct. 21; five same Nov. 3. Surf Scoter: three Hawkins Pt. SLR Oct. 21 (J. VanRiet); 24 El Dorado Nov. 3 (N. Leone); two Wescotts Beach State Park Nov. 3 (N. Leone); one to two per day SLR mid-Oct.-mid-Nov. Black Scoter: one Perch River Oct. 8; 27 El Dorado Oct. 21; 40 same Nov. 3; two Wescotts Beach State Park Nov. 3; 2000 in groups of 50-800 along SLR between Morristown and Wellesley Island Nov. 11—most common scoter on the River; 100 El Dorado Nov. 24 (R. Brouse). Ruddy Duck: one American Isl. SLR Oct. 16; two Wilson Hill Oct. 23; one same Oct. 27; one Perch River Oct. 28; four Wilson Hill Nov. 3; seven same Nov. 6; three same Nov. 24. Hooded Merganser: 110 Wilson Hill Oct. 2; 80 same Oct. 19; 149 same Nov. 3; 252 same Nov. 6; 190 same Nov. 10; 180 same Nov. 13. Com. Merganser: ten Hawkins Pt. Oct. 13; 800 same Oct. 31; 1000 same Nov. 5; 4000 same Nov. 30, 3500 to 5000 per day between Robinson Bay and Robt. Moses Dam Nov. 10-Nov. 20. Red-breasted Merganser: two El Dorado Sept. 9; two Hawkins Pt. SLR Oct. 14; two Perch Lake Nov. 14.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: last Rodman Oct. 14; reports from all parts of Region. Goshawk: one imm. Robt. Moses Park Nov. 13. Sharp-shinned Hawk: one Robt. Moses Park Oct. 22; only report of the period. Cooper's Hawk: one imm. near Oak Pt. SLR Oct. 8; one sub-adult Hawkins Pt. SLR Oct. 10. Red-tailed Hawk: four to seven per day on lake plain Oct. & Nov. Rough-legged Hawk: first a light phase Oct. 26; one dark phase Henderson Nov. 5; one Perch Lake Nov. 14; very few down and scattered. **BALD EAGLE:** one adult Perch River Sept. 19 (A. Schiavone); three (two adults, one imm.) Perch Lake Oct. 4 (Harlan Hine); one imm. with wing streamer Perch Lake (H. Hine); two adults Perch Lake Oct. 31 (S. Brown); one adult Perch Lake Nov. 14 (L. Chamberlaine); two adults Perch Lake Nov. 30 (S. Brown); all are Montezuma-hacked birds with streamers. Marsh Hawk: thru period—more than in past few years—26 birds total. Osprey: last on Oct. 10—six birds reported for period. **MERLIN:** one found dead on road near Sulphur Springs Sept. 11 (Walkers); one El Dorado Sept. 11 (MacKenzie & Murray). Am. Kestrel: thru period in fair numbers. Ruffed Grouse: population is way up—road kills common—next year population will probably crash, four straight years of increases. Gray Partridge: 18 near Snell Locks Oct. 17; still in low numbers. Am. Coot: 200+ Wellesley Isl. SLR Nov. 8; 17 Henderson Nov. 11. Semipalmated Plover: 20 El Dorado Sept. 3; 12 same Sept. 23; last four same Sept. 29. Killdeer: last one Perch River Nov. 14. Black-bellied Plover: one El Dorado Sept. 3; one same Sept. 9; one same Sept. 23 and Oct. 14. Ruddy Turnstone: 25 El Dorado Sept. 3; last two same Oct. 21. Am. Woodcock: most flight birds were later than normal. Com. Snipe: last El Dorado Sept. 29. Spotted Sandpiper: one El Dorado Sept. 3; one Wilson Hill Oct. 15—late. Solitary Sandpiper: one El Dorado Sept. 22. Greater Yellowlegs: two El Dorado Sept. 3; three Perch River Sept. 8; departure two Coles Creek SLR Oct. 23. Lesser Yellowlegs: 35 El

Dorado Sept. 3; five Perch River Sept. 8; last one El Dorado Sept. 29. Red Knot: seven El Dorado Sept. 3; one same Sept. 15. Pectoral Sandpiper: three El Dorado Sept. 23; four same Sept. 29. White-rumped Sandpiper: one El Dorado Sept. 3; two near Chippewa Bay SLR Oct. 16; one El Dorado Oct. 21. **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER**: one El Dorado Sept. 22 (Walkers); one Hopsons Bay near Massena Beach SLR Oct. 5. Least Sandpiper: 15 El Dorado Sept. 3; six same Sept. 9; last five same Sept. 15; Dunlin: one El Dorado Sept. 3; 100 same Oct. 21. Short-billed Dowitcher: five El Dorado Sept. 2 & 3; one same Sept. 15. Semipalmated Sandpiper: 260 El Dorado Sept. 3; five same Sept. 9; 75 same Sept. 15; last one same Oct. 29. **WESTERN SANDPIPER**: one El Dorado Sept. 3 (N. Leone). Sanderling: 25 El Dorado Sept. 3; ten same Sept. 10; 25 same Sept. 29; last 13 El Dorado Nov. 3. **NORTHERN PHALAROPE**: one south of Main Long Sault Isl. SLR Oct. 5. **PARASITIC JAEGER**: one dark phase imm. El Dorado Sept. 15 (N. Leone & R. Long); one dark phase imm. Robt. Moses Dam Oct. 30-Nov. 4 (J. VanRiet). Glaucous Gull: one Robt. Moses Dam Nov. 18. Iceland Gull: one first year bird Robt. Moses Dam Nov. 18. Great Black-backed Gull: three El Dorado Sept. 3-Nov. 3; 24 Robt. Moses Oct. 14; 100± same Oct. 24. Herring Gull: 700± Robt. Moses Dam Oct. 24. Ring-billed Gull: 600± Robt. Moses Dam Oct. 24. Bonaparte's Gull: 42 El Dorado Sept. 15; 122 Robt. Moses Dam Oct. 21; 132 same Oct. 22—left by Nov. 30. **LITTLE GULL**: one adult Robt. Moses Dam Sept. 8, Oct. 30 and Nov. 4 (J. VanRiet). Com. Tern: 140 Robt. Moses Dam Sept. 8; 21 El Dorado Sept. 15; last four Chippewa Bay Oct. 16. Caspian Tern: 26 El Dorado Sept. 3; two same Sept. 15; one Coles Creek SLR Sept. 17. Black Tern: three Robt. Moses Dam Sept. 17.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: on the increase again. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one El Dorado Oct. 21 (N. Leone)—very late. Great Horned Owl: thru period. Snowy Owl: none reported. Short-eared Owl: one near Theresa Oct. 29 (S. Cameron). Chimney Swift: last three Watertown Sept. 5. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Sept. 23. Belted Kingfisher: thru. Com. Flicker: 34 Hawkins Point Sept. 8; one El Dorado Nov. 3. Pileated: one to two per day Chippewa Bay area. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: one Watertown Oct. 14.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: E. Phoebe: one El Dorado Sept. 9; two Rodman Oct. 14. Horned Lark: four Henderson Sept. 30; ten same Oct. 1. Tree Swallow: 3000 Chippewa Bay Sept. 24; departure 20 near Henderson Oct. 17. Barn Swallow: 200± near Henderson Sept. 15. Blue Jay: large flight moving SW along SLR in Sept.—max 500 near Oak Pt. Sept. 18. Com. Crow: heavy movement along Lake Ontario shore Oct. 7-Oct. 15; 470 migrating Wiley-Dondero Canal Nov. 10. Red-breasted Nuthatch: one Sevey's Corners Oct. 5; one Henderson Oct. 13. Brown Creeper: in migration Oct. 8; one at Pierrepont Nov. 3 & 25. **SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN**: two El Dorado Sept. 22 (Walkers). **MOCKINGBIRD**: one Clayton Center Nov. 25 (Walkers). Gray Catbird: one Stony Point Nov. 11—late. Brown Thrasher: one Perch River Sept. 8. Am. Robin: one Henderson Oct. 14; ten Stony Point Oct. 19; 28 Robt. Moses Park Oct. 22; two Henderson Nov. 11. E. Bluebird: one near Theresa, Oct. 29 (S. Cameron); five to seven in Oct. near Perch River (Irving Biggers). **BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER**: two El Dorado Sept. 1 (MacKenzie & Murray). Golden-crowned Kinglet: two Seveys Corners Oct. 5; ten Henderson Oct. 13. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: two Seveys Corners Oct. 5; six Henderson Oct. 10; 20 Henderson Oct. 13. Water Pipit: two Kring Point SLR Sept. 9; five El Dorado Sept. 23; three Hawkins Point Oct. 21. Cedar Waxwing: all over—heavy fruit crop of mountain ash; 20 Henderson Oct. 13; 30 Henderson Nov. 9. No. Shrike: first and only bird reported for period—one Stony Point Nov. 10.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: **PHILADELPHIA VIREO**: one Jacques Cartier State Park Sept. 8. Tennessee Warbler: one Haverstock Rd. north of Massena Oct. 5. **ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER**: one Wilson Hill Oct. 15. Cape May Warbler: one El Dorado Sept. 9. Yellow-rumped Warbler: 60 Haverstock Rd. north of Massena Sept. 24; one Pierrepont Nov. 29, the most common bird from mid-Sept. thru mid-Oct. to be seen this year—literally everywhere—everyday. Black-throated Green Warbler: one Dry Hill Oct. 7. Pine Warbler: last one Coles Creek SLR Sept. 17. Palm Warbler: three Haverstock Road north of Massena Oct. 6. Com. Yellowthroat: one El Dorado Sept. 9.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Rusty Blackbird: 350 Wellesley Island SLR Oct. 23. Com. Grackle: four Henderson Oct. 10. Cardinal: two-four per day Oak Point-Morristown; fairly common this year in Henderson and vicinity. Evening Grosbeak: first in Canton Oct 22; 25 Lakeview Nov. 4; 30 Henderson Nov. 29, smaller flocks at feeders thru. Purple Finch: few and far between; three Robt. Moses Oct. 22; one Robt. Moses Oct. 27. House Finch: no reports for period. Am. Goldfinch: ten Henderson Oct. 12; one Robt. Moses Oct. 27. Rufous-sided Towhee: three Henderson at feeder Oct. 9. Vesper Sparrow: one Robt. Moses Oct. 27; three Iroquois Dam area Oct. 29. Dark-eyed Junco: max 60 Henderson Oct. 13; four Henderson Oct. 20. Tree Sparrow: first Oct. 14; 25 Canton Nov. 5; not any great numbers thru period. Chipping Sparrow: eight Henderson Oct. 4. White-crowned Sparrow: 25 near Snell Lock Sept. 24; first in Henderson Oct. 4; 30 near Snell Lock Oct. 5; five Henderson Oct. 12; six Henderson Oct. 14; last Oct. 30. White-throated Sparrow: max 60 Kring Pt. Park Oct. 16; 20 Henderson Oct. 12; last in Henderson Nov. 11. **LINCOLN'S SPARROW**: five Donahue Rd. near Snell Lock Sept. 24. Swamp Sparrow: three El Dorado Sept. 29. Song Sparrow: max 225 near Snell Lock Sept. 24; singles thru period. Snow Bunting: arrival Coles Creek SLR Oct. 22; 27 Stony Point Oct. 27; many along Lake Ontario overhead Oct. 31. Box 139, Henderson, New York 13650

REGION 7 – ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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This was a remarkably warm Fall. The few snows we had starting September 16 soon melted. October 30, Snow Buntings arrived in the Champlain Valley, at Tupper Lake, Paul Smith's and Saranac Inn which made one apprehensive about the weather to the north and the weather to come in the near future but nothing nasty in the way of immediate snow or severe cold materialized. Perhaps the mild weather helps to explain a late heavy flight of Rusty Blackbirds some time after resident Rustys had departed. About 600 in an unmixed flock passed over Paul Smith's November 13 headed due south. There wasn't a grackle or red-wing in the lot. Late November storms normally would be snow, however heavy rain November 26 caused a flood at Elizabethtown that washed out roads and killed five local people. High wind accompanied that storm but there seemed to be no marked impact on bird life. All water except small ponds remained open thru the period.

There were at least four Great Horned Owls near Paul Smith's. Here they are always more scarce than the Barred. One blundered into one of my mink traps with one talon, but was released with the help of a blanket dropped over him or her. This was a slap at the bird's dignity and if looks could kill I wouldn't be here to do the Fall report. This particular bird has been **feeding on muskrats** along a stream. The stretch involved usually has about fifteen of these rodents but these seem to have been reduced to only one this season. These birds are quite efficient at their occupation and are rather fascinating creatures. It is good to have a few about. Perhaps they even get a few small house cats in places that don't need house cats.

There were more than usual Bald Eagles reported. These are always an excit-