

1,000,000 DH on 20 Mar. Northern Oriole: arr DH 9 Mar. Orchard Oriole: two pairs returned to Minoa 15 May (*fide* KC). Rusty Blackbird: last 17 May. Com. Grackle: arr. Syr. 9 Mar., max. 50,000 DH on 20 Mar. Brown-headed Cowbird: arr. Syr. 14 Mar. Scarlet Tanager: arr. DH 11 May. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr. StMC 6 May. Indigo Bunting: arr. Camillus 15 May. Evening Grosbeak: scarce, last 24 May. Purple Finch: arr. 10 Apr., max 40 LOL 11 May. House Finch: record max 120 Syr. early Mar., outliers from Eaton, Holland Patent, Oswego, Pompey, and Rome. Pine Siskin: single StMC (Onon. Aud. Soc.) late Apr. only report. Red Crossbill: two Big Moose on 1 Mar. (MS) and two Labrador on 24 Apr. (DWC) only reports. Rufous-sided Towhee: arr. DH 20 Mar., low numbers all Spring. Grasshopper Sparrow: only report 22 May, late and low! Henslow's Sparrow: only report 18 May, likewise. Tree Sparrow: last LOL 29 Apr., early. Chipping Sparrow: arr. DH 20 Apr. Field Sparrow: arr. DH 10 Apr. White-crowned Sparrow: arr. Syr. 6 May, last LOL 20 May, scarce. White-throated Sparrow: migrants *ca.* 15 Apr. to 20 May, no concentrations. Lincoln's Sparrow: migrants LOL 10-24 May. Swamp Sparrow: arr. Scott Swamp 10 Apr. Lapland Longspur: three reported, last DH 1 Apr. Snow Bunting: last DH 1 Apr.

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## REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Spring 1980 tended to be similar to the winter, that is, it was hard pressed to determine what it was going to do from day to day. Temperature extremes were -30° F to the mid-80's. On March 14th a total of seven inches of snow fell in the Watertown area. April was a cool month and a fairly wet one, while May was cool and dry with lake levels in Lake Ontario dropping through the period.

Trends for the period which were very evident were: Improvement in Sharp-shinned Hawk but Cooper's still low; Bald Eagles still improving; Marsh Hawk showing a vast improvement; Black Terns seemed to be holding their own on selected large wetlands; Mourning Doves are building to pre-winter 77-78 numbers; Short-eared Owls seem to be popping up all over the Lake plain; Common Nighthawks continue in trouble; Red-bellied Woodpeckers continue to tease the local birders; Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were down from their normal numbers; Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers continue to come back; Eastern Phoebe's are building back; Red-breasted Nuthatches continued scarce; Loggerhead Shrikes improved near Watertown—but none were seen in Massena; Warblers and sparrows moved through and never bothered stopping.

Increased coverage of the St. Lawrence River by VanRiet indicated migration along the river in a magnitude not suspected except by a few.

Rarities for the period included Cattle Egret; Barrow's Goldeneye, Spruce Grouse, Black-headed Gull, Tufted Titmouse, and Louisiana Waterthrush.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: one Wilson Hill Apr. 21 to May 17; two Perch River

May 21; many individual reports. Red-necked Grebe: one Morristown, St. Lawrence River (SLR) Apr. 26; a pair at Coles Creek SLR Apr. 26 (J. VanRiet). Horned Grebe: 48 Morristown-SLR Apr. 26; 11 Coles Creek-SLR same date; three Point Peninsula May 9; considerable improvement. Pied-billed Grebe: six heard calling Wilson Hill May 1; one Brasher State Forest May 3; seven heard Upper and Lower Lakes May 7; improvement from last year. Double-crested Cormorant: one Henderson Harbor Apr. 21; one Point Peninsula May 9; 17 El Dorado May 18; 14 El Dorado May 21; numbers seem to be still increasing. Great Blue Heron: first on Mar. 23, numbers are way up and production appears very high. Green Heron: about in normal numbers. **CATTLE EGRET**: one Sherwin's Bay May 9; one Point Peninsula May (Walkers). Great Egret: one near Lakeview Apr. 26 (N. Leone); two Wilson Hill May 12 (J. VanRiet). Black-crowned Night Heron: a few in Henderson Harbor. Am. Bittern: first Wiley Dondero Channel Apr. 8. Canada Goose: perhaps arrival in numbers a little behind but not by much. Brant: one El Dorado May 21 (L. Chamberlaine). Snow Goose: one Perch River Apr. 19 (R. Cerwonka), one Robt. Moses Dam May 30 (J. VanRiet). Mallard: broods of young all over the lake plain. Black Duck: 12 Hawkins Point Mar. 7; still decreasing. Gadwall: two Point Peninsula May 9; 73 Wilson Hill May 12. Pintail: six Sulphur Springs Mar. 23; 20 SLR Apr. 9; one Point Peninsula May 9; one Wilson Hill May 12. Green-winged Teal: two pair Wilson Hill May 1. Blue-winged Teal: about as common as ever. Am. Wigeon: eight Perch River Apr. 5; six Perch River Apr. 12; 12 Wilson Hill May 12; four Wilson Hill May 21. No. Shoveler: six Perch River Apr. 5; VanRiet saw none during the period on SLR. Wood Duck: numbers seem down from previous two years? Redhead: two Hawkins Point-SLR Mar. 7; four Wilson Hill Apr. 23; three males May 24. Ring-necked Duck: 40 max. Apr. 19; last date May 10 Wilson Hill. Canvasback: May 10 at Upper and Lower Lakes; VanRiet saw none for the period which is unusual. Greater Scaup: four Wilson Hill Apr. 23. Lesser Scaup: max. 13 on May 5; last date one bird Wilson Hill May 21. Com. Goldeneye: 464 Robt. Moses Dam Mar. 3; seven Wilson Hill May 10; last date four Wilson Hill May 12. **BARROW'S GOLDENEYE**: one female Robt. Moses Dam Mar. 4 (J. VanRiet). Bufflehead: max. 16 on May 1; eight on May 5; last date May 12. Oldsquaw: two in Morristown area—only report for period. White-winged Scoter: mixed flock of 35 with Surf Scoter Perch Lake-Perch River May 17 (S. Brown). Surf Scoter: one Sherwin's Bay May 9 (Walkers). Hooded Merganser: one Robt. Moses Dam Mar. 4; one Three Mile Point Mar. 23; 11 Wilson Hill Apr. 11; six Wilson Hill May 5; two May 12. Com. Merganser: 113 Robt. Moses Dam Mar. 4; six Wilson Hill May 10; one Wilson Hill May 12. Red-breasted Merganser: two Perch River Apr. 12; 15 Robt. Moses Dam May 8; two May 8 last date.

**HAWKS—ALCIDS**: Turkey Vulture: one near Depauville Mar. 4; still increasing—a common species on the Lake Ontario plain. Goshawk: a pair over Robt. Moses Park Apr. 8. Sharp-shinned: one Henderson Apr. 6; three Canton May 6; one Pierrepont May 20; over 40 migrants for the season in Massena area (J. VanRiet); a vast improvement and encouraging. Cooper's: one Canton Apr. 25 (K. Crowell). Red-tailed: not in the numbers that occurred last year. Red-shouldered: one near Littlejohn, Town of Worth-Tug Hill May 24 (Walkers); six migrants through Massena area for period (J. VanRiet). Broad-winged: three Upper and Lower Lakes Apr. 22; 47 Canton Apr. 26 (*vide* K. Crowell); 400 in 90 minutes along highway (NY 37) Massena to Ogdensburg area (J. VanRiet); with each passing year and increased coverage it is becoming more evident that movement along the SLR is much heavier than any of us had imagined. Rough-legged: three Robt. Moses Park Mar. 2; three Hawkins Point Mar. 7; 23 Point Peninsula Mar. 8; three Pillar Point-Point Peninsula Mar. 23. Bald Eagle: one ad. Polly's Gut-SLR Mar. 17 (J. VanRiet); one adult Hedgehog Rapids-Raquette River Apr. 4-6 (*vide* S. Brown); three (ages unknown) Carry Flow Reservoir Apr. 24—soaring to great heights and then spiralling down over Catamount Mountain (L. Wallace); one near Pierrepont Manor on I-81 sitting on dead tree in wetland (A. Schiavone). Marsh Hawk: many, many observations—individuals and pairs—very encouraging. Osprey: one Potsdam Apr. 11; two Lakeview Apr. 20; one Colton Apr. 21; eight Massena Apr. 26; six Canton May 6; one near Littlejohn May 24. Am. Kestrel: more common early in period

and decreasing as nesting time starts; broods hatched toward end of period; 16 pairs resident in Massena area. **SPRUCE GROUSE**: one at close range Sevey's Corners May 12 (C. Paine & F. Shaw); this location is a known habitat. Ruffed Grouse: appears to still be in abundant numbers. Gray Partridge: 12 Point Peninsula Mar. 8; two pair in Massena area March and April—holding on in St. Lawrence Co. Turkey: five ad. females and five juvenile females released in St. Lawrence Co., Town of Macomb, Mar. 5 (L. Chamberlaine). Virginia Rail: one Brasher State Forest May 3; three Robt. Moses Park May 13; one Brandy Brook May 29. Sora: three Grantville May 20; one Brasher Center May 27. Com. Gallinule: three Wilson Hill May 1; five Upper and Lower Lakes May 7; more than usual numbers at Perch River. Am. Coot: one Upper and Lower Lakes May 7. Semipalmated Plover: max. eight El Dorado May 26. Killdeer: returned Henderson area Mar. 20 and Massena area Mar. 23. Black-bellied Plover: one El Dorado May 26 (Walkers). Am. Woodcock: Apr. 1 through. Com. Snipe: arrived Massena area Apr. 9; many in courtship flight Perch River Apr. 12. Upland Sandpiper: first near Brownville May 18; one near Watertown on May 27; one only in Massena area Haverstock Rd. May 31. Spotted Sandpiper: one May 15 near Sears Pond. Lesser Yellowlegs: six Perch River Apr. 13. Glaucous Gull: 39 Robt. Moses Dam Mar. 4; 20 same Mar. 19; one—last date same Mar. 27 (J. VanRiet). Iceland: three Robt. Moses Dam Mar. 4; two same Mar. 19; one same Mar. 27. Great Black-backed: 60 Robt. Moses Dam Mar. 19. Herring Gull: 147 Robt. Moses Dam Mar. 10; three same Apr. 17. Ring-billed: arrived in Massena Mar. 10; thousands over Henderson on Apr. 4 heading toward Little Galloo Island. **BLACK-HEADED GULL**: one ad. Perch River near Perch River Village May 18 & 22 (Walkers & N. Leone); a bird of similar description was seen at this same location last year but identification was not firm in everyone's mind; therefore it was not reported last year. Bonaparte's Gull: 14 SLR Apr. 15; four SLR Apr. 17; five imm. Robt. Moses Dam middle of May. Com. Tern: arrival in Massena area five Apr. 26; there were 82 nests with three eggs each (one had five) on navigation marker no. 54 SLR (J. VanRiet). Caspian Tern: one Sherwin's Bay May 9; one El Dorado May 18. Black Tern: one Wilson Hill May 7—only bird here for period; six Perch River May 19; four Lakeview May 20, two El Dorado May 21; six Lakeview May 21.

**PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS**: Mourning Dove: still building to pre-winter 77-78 numbers. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one Dry Hill May 31. Black-billed Cuckoo: one heard Dry Hill mid-May. Screech Owl: none reported. Great Horned Owl: nest Upper & Lower Lakes Apr. 3—fledged young May 17. Snowy Owl: one Three Mile Point Mar. 8; one at Robt. Moses Dam till Mar. 20. Short-eared Owl: three Point Peninsula Mar. 8; two Chaumont May 9. Whip-poor-will: May 2, Pierrepont; May 15 Pierrepont; May 17 Dry Hill; May 22 Pierrepont and May 23 Pierrepont; a seldom-reported species. Com. Nighthawk: one only Henderson May 23; one heard Watertown May 28. Chimney Swift: first in Henderson May 7. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: only two sightings during May. Belted Kingfisher: one Henderson Mar. 5; arrived in Massena Apr. 6. Com. Flicker: arriving Massena Mar. 24; 12 West Stockholm Apr. 25. Pileated: one Pierrepont Mar. 30; pair Robt. Moses Park Apr. 8; one Wilson Hill May 1; one Sevey's Corners May 9; pair at Coles Creek-SLR end of period. Red-bellied: one at Watertown feeder till Mar. 28; one at Henderson till Apr. 10. Red-headed: one May 20 Colwell Pond-Lakeview; one Dry Hill May 21. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: one Polly's Gut SLR Apr. 8; one Louisville Apr. 21; one Wilson Hill May 1; one Louisville May 9; not seen in normal numbers. Hairy: 13 for the period in Massena area; some improvements in the Henderson area. Downy: 19 for the period in Massena area; some improvement in this species also in Henderson vicinity.

**FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS**: E. Kingbird: arrived Upper & Lower Lakes on May 7 and in numbers Point Peninsula May 9. Great Crested Flycatcher: arrived in Massena area May 7. E. Phoebe: more than last year—recovering well. Alder Flycatcher: returned to Massena by May 26; many near Littlejohn tract May 24. Willow Flycatcher: one near Watertown May 31; none in Massena area for period. Least Flycatcher: May 5 Watertown; returned in Massena May 7. E. Wood Pewee: first heard in Massena May 26; a few days earlier in Water-

town. Olive-sided Flycatcher: one Bonaparte Lake Bog May 21 (T. Carrolan). Horned Lark: a poor ten for the season in Massena area Mar. 15; Watertown and vicinity even poorer. Tree Swallow: eight Massena Apr. 5; first in Henderson Apr. 6; 200 Robt. Moses Dam Apr. 15. Rough-winged Swallow: returned in Massena vicinity by Apr. 22. Barn Swallow: returned Robt. Moses Dam Apr. 15. Cliff Swallow: returned Apr. 15, abundant in the Massena area—nesting on dams and barns. Purple Martin: arrived Apr. 20. **GRAY JAY**: one Sevey's Corners May 9 (*fide* K. Crowell). **TUFTED TITMOUSE**: one at Watertown feeder Mar. 7 to Mar. 15 (Dot Nagel). White-breasted Nuthatch: some improvement from last year in Henderson. Red-breasted Nuthatch: two Washington Park May 21; one Brasher Center May 27. Brown Creeper: at four locations in Massena area; one Apr. 18 & 22 Jefferson Community College (JCC). House Wren: first Apr. 30; first in Massena May 8. Winter Wren: no reports. Carolina Wren: no reports. Long-billed Marsh Wren: one Wilson Hill May 7—early. Mockingbird: one Potsdam May 25 (R. Cerwonka). Gray Catbird: arrival May 8. Brown Thrasher: arrived Apr. 30. Am. Robin: very, very common—nests everywhere in May. Wood Thrush: first heard at Wilson Hill on May 7. Hermit Thrush: resident at Wilson Hill on Apr. 26. Swainson's Thrush: one Thompson Park-Watertown May 17; one Canton May 22. Veery: arrival May 11. E. Bluebird: only one for season in Massena area at Chase Mills; two birds heard Brownville Mar. 26; pair Pierrepont Apr. 29; single male Pierrepont May 7; two pairs near Black River May; a pair near Watertown May; one bird near DePauville; pair with five young near Munns Corners late May; nesting pair Carthage mid-May; single Sears Pond-Salmon River Rd. May 28 (Lucille Grant & Steve Priervo). Golden-crowned Kinglet: in Massena area only six migrants for the period; two Henderson Apr. 6; one JCC Apr. 18. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: numerous migrants in Massena area; one JCC Apr. 21. Water Pipit: seven on May 7—only ones for season. Cedar Waxwing: increasing in number toward end of period—more than last year. Loggerhead Shrike: one near Brownville May 4 (Walker); same May 18 and 19 (Walker and Carrolan).

**VIREOS—WARBLERS**: Yellow-throated Vireo: one Upper and Lower Lakes May 17 (T. Goss & K. Crowell). Solitary Vireo: one Blake Sanctuary May 17 (Walkers). Red-eyed Vireo: returned May 15. Philadelphia Vireo: seen at close range and recorded at Canton on May 22 (K. Crowell). Warbling Vireo: first heard first week in May—very abundant. Black-and-white Warbler: returned May 7. Golden-winged: individuals heard near Canton on May 17, 20 and 24; one near Littlejohn on May 24. "Brewster's" Warbler: one VanBrocklin Rd. near Diamond May 24 (Walkers & Leone). Tennessee: one Point Peninsula May 9; only about six migrants for the season in Massena area. Nashville: two or three residents per day in Massena. Yellow: in about normal numbers; arrived at Coles Creek-SLR May 7. Magnolia: one near Littlejohn May 24; only one migrant in Massena area. Cape May: one JCC May 20. Black-throated Blue: one only for the season in Massena area at Brasher State Forest May 27, near Littlejohn on May 24. Yellow-rumped: one Apr. 17; 30 Wilson Hill Apr. 29; nesting at Brasher State Forest and Wilson Hill. Black-throated Green: in Massena one only Wilson Hill May 26; moved through rapidly. Blackburnian: in Massena area one only Wilson Hill May 17. Bay-breasted: two Blake Sanctuary May 17; one near Littlejohn May 24. Black-poll: Pierrepont May 24 & 25. Pine: one JCC Apr. 21-24; pair Wilson Hill May; four Brasher State Forest May 3; one at St. Lawrence University area Canton May 22-27, possibly a resident (W. Chaisson & K. Crowell). Palm: one JCC May 6; none seen in Massena area. No. Waterthrush: one Brasher Center May 27—rather rare in Massena area. **LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH**: one Washington Park (Tug Hill transition) May 21 (Walkers). Mourning: probably nesting at Brasher Center and Coles Creek-SLR (J. VanRiet). Com. Yellowthroat: arrived in Massena May 11. Wilson's: one only in Massena area near Grantville May 20; one near Littlejohn May 24; Canada: one Blake Sanctuary May 26; one Coles Creek-SLR May 26. Am. Redstart: arrival May 7—very abundant.

**WEAVERS—SPARROWS**: Bobolink: arrived Upper and Lower Lakes May 7—very abundant this year. E. Meadowlark: arrived in Massena area Mar. 22. Red-winged Blackbird: arrived in Henderson Mar. 20; in Potsdam Mar. 28. Scarlet Tanager: on time in normal num-

bers. Cardinal: five males, two with females in Canton; one in Massena Apr. 11. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arrived at Robt. Moses Park May 8. Indigo Bunting: arrived late at very end of period. Evening Grosbeak: 300 Robinson Creek-SLR Apr. 5; 300 Polly's Gut-SLR Apr. 8; last on May 13. Purple Finch: decreasing through period in Massena—increased through period in Henderson. House Finch: a few (up to 4-5) at a time all through period at Clinch residence in Watertown (F. Clinch). Am. Goldfinch: regularly at feeders and small flocks in early May. Red Crossbill: two Brasher State Forest May 3. Savannah Sparrow: arrived Massena area Apr. 17; more common in Henderson area. Vesper Sparrow: a total of ten in Massena area—in twos mainly Apr. 15-Apr. 26—poor (J. VanRiet); three Three Mile Point May 4; none in Henderson area. Dark-eyed Junco: max. in Massena 40 on Apr. 26; decreasing through. Tree Sparrow: three to six per day in Massena area Mar. 9 to Apr. 21; last May 15—very late. Chipping Sparrow: arrived Apr. 25—very numerous this year. Field Sparrow: passing through Massena area on Apr. 18—a rather rare breeder in Massena area (J. VanRiet); somewhat increased in Henderson vicinity from last year—common in this area. White-crowned: arrived in Henderson May 7—only in numbers along eastern Lake Ontario shore and inland for a mile; last on May 14—very rapid migration through Region. White-throated: arrived Apr. 8; some improvement in numbers from last year. Fox Sparrow: 20 Canton May 6; none seen in Massena area or Watertown. Swamp Sparrow: very common at Lakeview and vicinity. Song Sparrow: arrived Mar. 6 in Henderson; Mar. 21 in Massena area. Snow Bunting: max. 40 on Mar. 15—last seen Apr. 6.

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## REGION 7 – ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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There were no unusual weather conditions to affect birds, being quite an ordinary spring with conditions milder than usual. Some early arrival dates were noted. The ice went out of Lower St. Regis Lake late during the day on April 19 with loons arriving the next day.

The bare road policy for the Winter Olympics meant thousands of tons of salt on roads that are ordinarily very lightly salted and sanded. The plows threw salt spray up to thirty feet high, which killed foliage on roadside conifers. Large trees should recover but small ones are dead. Birds probably will not be harmed by this, and some woodpeckers may even benefit by new feeding or nesting sites if they are not hit by traffic. The highway departments will probably remove some trees, hopefully before they age enough to be actually occupied by cavity nesting species.

An excellent hawk watch at Coot Hill on April 19 recorded 102 hawks of eleven species. Braddocks Bay and Derby Hill make this look rather insignificant but we just do not have such concentrated flights as those locations.

Clinton County is receiving better coverage now. An adult male Golden-winged Warbler was at Lake Alice near Chazy. Six Blue-gray Gnatcatchers near Ausable Marsh were among the more southern rarities noted.

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