

Sept. 13; two Robt. Moses Park Sept. 20. E. Bluebird: two Upper & Lower Lakes (no date) (*fide* K. Crowell), Sept. 27; eight Henderson Sept. 28; one Oct. 6 & 8 at Henderson. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: four Henderson Sept. 28; one Henderson Oct. 5 & 7. Water Pipit: four overhead Henderson Oct. 7; 30 Canton Oct. 19. **BOHEMIAN WAXWING**: one in flock of 50 Cedar Waxwings Nov. 6-16 (J. VanRiet); one Pierrepont Nov. 29 (K. Crowell). Cedar Waxwing: many flocks thru period—excellent wild-food crop. No. Shrike: one Massena area Nov. 16—only one reported for the period.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: one El Dorado Sept. 27. Black-and-white Warbler: one El Dorado Sept. 27. Tennessee: one El Dorado Sept. 6. Cape May: one El Dorado Sept. 6. Yellow-rumped: unprecedented numbers thru Henderson area first week in Oct.—150+ in one migratory stream Henderson Oct. 7—seen in 10 minutes; 60 Henderson Oct. 8; 20 Henderson Oct. 9; last one Henderson Nov. 15. Black-throated Green: one El Dorado Sept. 6; two El Dorado Sept. 27; three Henderson Sept. 28. Bay-breasted: one El Dorado Sept. 6. Blackpoll: one El Dorado Sept. 6. Wilson's: one male Dry Hill Sept. 13.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: four El Dorado Sept. 6. E. Meadowlark: 20 Canton Oct. 9; four Fowler Oct. 10; one Massena Town Beach Nov. 2. Red-winged Blackbird: 700 at roost Wiley Dondero Channel Nov. 1; three at Massena Feeder Nov. 30. No. Oriole: one El Dorado Sept. 6. Rusty Blackbird: one El Dorado Sept. 27. Com. Grackle: one Robt. Moses Park Nov. 29. Brown-headed Cowbird: one Pierrepont Nov. 28; one in Massena area Nov. 30; none in Henderson area—normally four to five around feeders in village. Scarlet Tanager: one El Dorado Sept. 6. Cardinal: five at feeder in Morristown Oct. 12; pair in Canton Nov. 1. Evening Grosbeak: in numbers in Henderson Oct. 29; arrival in Massena area Nov. 1—ten to 20 per day thereafter. Purple Finch: five Henderson Oct. 9; 10+ Stony Point Nov. 10; four at feeder Henderson Nov. 15; not a single bird in Massena area Oct.-Nov. House Finch: none reported. Pine Grosbeak: first on Oct. 12 Hannawa Falls (M. Crowell). three Pierrepont Oct. 13; six Nov. 8 Robt. Moses Park; two Stony Point Nov. 10; six Pierrepont Nov. 27; four Dry Hill Nov. 27. Com. Redpoll: arrival—nine Robt. Moses Park Nov. 12; eight Pierrepont Nov. 15; none in Jefferson Co. Pine Siskin: first in Henderson Oct. 7; 40 El Dorado Oct. 12; 260 in small flocks along SLR Morristown to Blind Bay. Am. Goldfinch: thru period in small flocks. Rufous-sided Towhee: four El Dorado Sept. 6. Vesper Sparrow: no reports. Dark-eyed Junco: ten Henderson Oct. 7; last date for Massena Nov. 2; one Henderson at feeder thru. Tree Sparrow: small wave in Massena area from Oct. 20 to Nov. 12; first in Henderson on Nov. 2 and increasing thru. Chipping Sparrow: last in Henderson five Oct. 14. Field Sparrow: two El Dorado Sept. 6. White-crowned Sparrow: first in Henderson ten Oct. 5; three to five a day at feeder Henderson until Oct. 19; last on Oct. 28. White-throated Sparrow: in numbers Henderson Sept. 28; 30 Henderson feeder Oct. 5-Oct. 15; last in Massena area Nov. 1; last in Henderson Nov. 6; birds at Henderson feeder were mostly tan striped polymorph. Song Sparrow: one Massena Nov. 4, the last date. Snow Bunting: first Colton Oct. 21; 50 Massena area Oct. 25; 50 Perch River Nov. 1; 16 Massena area Nov. 8.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Now that the Olympics are over we have returned to a more normal and less tropical fall season with indications of a normal winter to come. Cold weather, with frozen water and snow settled in about mid-November. This means Lake

Champlain produces most of the waterfowl records for the season and there are already some good ones.

An extensive storm on the night of October 25 broke off tree limbs at Paul Smiths and caused a considerable drop in temperature through the Region. It also seems to be responsible for two rarities, one of which stayed to be seen by many observers. Mary and Dirck Benson's hospitality is much appreciated by those who came to visit. Also appreciated is the fact that the bird chose their feeder instead of some other possibilities. A warm thank you to all three.

Geoffrey Carleton came up with a new Essex County record at Lake Champlain (with excellent details, as always) but then he outdid that with a new state record for another species.

The food crop doesn't seem to amount to much in many areas so the flocks of winter finches will probably head south of our Region for the most part. Until mid-November there were a lot of Pine Grosbeaks at Paul Smiths with many flocks headed south. Now most are gone. A few Common Redpolls were reported but they were soon gone as well. Even the Evening Grosbeaks have thinned out. (This is a blessing if you buy sunflower seed.) Bob McKinney had the high count for American Goldfinch with 15 at Indian Lake November 13, when he also had ten Pine Siskins. He reports that the Southern Tier counties have a lot of northern finches so it looks better for downstate than in the north for sighting those species this season.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Mark Gretch reports Com. Loons as quite numerous along Lake Champlain in Oct. and early Nov. MV saw five at Tupper Oct. 27 and the last inland record was one at Upper Saranac Nov. 13 (CD). A Red-necked Grebe was at Westport Nov. 18 (GC). There were good numbers of Horned Grebes on Champlain. EJ and JP had the last Great Blue Heron at North West Bay on Nov. 22. MG saw an Am. Bittern Oct. 17 at the mouth of the Great Chazy River. The Canada Goose migration was not spectacular inland, although they were reported as abundant at Lake Champlain. 24 Brant were at Essex Oct. 10 (JPa). On Oct. 3 there was one early Snow Goose with some Canadas on Lake Champlain (JY, DY). GC and NM had a subadult male Gadwall at Westport Oct. 26 and MG reports that a hunter shot a female Nov. 4 at King's Bay. A male was at the same place next day. Small flocks of Pintails were at King's Bay Oct. 18 & 25. No teal or Am. Wigeon were reported. DC reported that a hunter shot a No. Shoveler at Ti Marsh. JP lists Oct. 7, 1885 as the only other fall record for Essex Co. Two Wood Ducks were at Tupper Oct. 7 and one was at Panther Marsh near there Nov. 8. 45 Redheads and seven Canvasbacks were at King's Bay Oct. 19. Ring-necked Duck: 13 Tupper Oct. 11 (CD) and 10 Macomb Park Oct. 19 (MG). 14 Bufflehead were at Tupper Nov. 14 and only one on Nov. 17. A male and female White-winged Scoter and six Com. Mergansers were on Moody Pond at Saranac Lake Nov. 11 (MB, DB). This is noteworthy, besides being inland, due to the small size of the pond. On Oct. 22 JY and DY saw three White-winged Scoters with over 100 Black Scoters off Essex. A female of the latter was at Tupper, no date (CD). Hooded Merganser: six at Tupper Nov. 1 and several at North West Bay Nov. 22.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: five Turkey Vultures were together near Ore Bed Harbor of Lake Champlain (JP). A Goshawk was at Paul Smiths Sept. 14 (WR). CD had a Sharp-shinned

Hawk patrolling her feeder for about three weeks and a migrant rested on the summit of Discovery Mt. near Elizabethtown Oct. 17 (KM, JP). A Cooper's Hawk was at Paul Smiths Sept. 14 (WR). A few Red-tailed Hawks were seen from Indian Lake to Tupper but most were in the Champlain Valley where there were also quite a few Red-shouldered Hawks. Two kettles of ten Broad-winged Hawks each were over Tupper Sept. 15 (CD). Several sources indicate that this is a major flight year for Rough-legged Hawks. The first seen was at Wadhams Oct. 12 (PT). An imm Bald Eagle was seen perched and flying at Tupper Marsh Nov. 12-13 (CD). At least eight Marsh Hawks were reported, including one at Tupper. Two Ospreys were seen; one at Lincoln Pond and one near Split Rock Mt. near Lake Champlain. Elspeth Johnson saw a female Merlin drive away a male at Elizabethtown Sept. 13 and then watched it eat a Rose-breasted Grosbeak. The next day it was there eating another bird. MG saw one in northern Clinton Co. Oct. 5. An Am. Kestrel was seen at Tupper Sept. 23 and Oct. 5. No others reported. There are good numbers of Gray Partridge in northern Clinton Co. (MG). NM spotted a Turkey in Moriah. 14 species of shorebird were recorded at Westport. A late Semipalmated Plover was at Point au Fer Oct. 22 (MG). A Killdeer was there as late as Nov. 8. One Am. Golden Plover was at Essex Sept. 2 (EJ) and several were on the Gabriel's potato fields in early Sept. Single Black-bellied Plovers were at Westport Sept. 15 and Oct. 5. One at Tupper Oct. 29 was a first for CD at that location. A late bird was still at Point au Fer Nov. 8 (MG). Pectoral Sandpipers left Point au Roche Sept. 21. GC had a Baird's Sandpiper at Westport Oct. 3 and 5 and two Dunlins there Sept. 30. A late Dunlin was at Point au Fer Nov. 4 (MG). A late Semipalmated Sandpiper was at Point au Roche Oct. 18 (MG). JY and DY had a No. Phalarope Oct. 4 in North West Bay and two at Split Rock Point Oct. 5. The only other two Essex Co. records were in Aug. 341 Bonaparte's Gulls were at Westport Oct. 19 (PT). Two imm. Little Gulls were at Willsboro Sept. 5 (EJ, PP). SABINE'S GULL: GC spotted this imm. Oct. 25 at Port Henry just after the storm with SE winds. It had a muddy brown mantle and was sitting on the water with Bonaparte's Gulls. When it flew it showed a striking white triangle on rear of dark wing and the forked tail with wide dark band was seen. Unfortunately the flock soon left. This is the first record for Essex Co.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: A Mourning Dove was at a Tupper feeder Nov. 7. Inland birds need a feeder as winter progresses. Several Great Horned Owls were reported, mostly from the Champlain Valley. A Saw-whet Owl was banded at Elizabethtown Oct. 15 (JP, EJ, JT, DT). A few of the numerous summer Ruby-throated Hummingbirds lingered until early Sept. RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: at Elizabethtown Sept. 3. Geoffrey Carleton spotted a hummer that was larger than the nearby Ruby-throated Hummingbirds that shared the jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*) patch. It had a rich cinnamon brown crown and back, carmine central spot on throat and white belly. Bits of pink sometimes showed on the sides of the throat. Good color slides were taken by Mike Peterson and many people saw it before it left on Sept. 13. This is a state first. A late Com. Flicker was in a barn at Essex Nov. 23 (LC). Hairy Woodpecker is our commonest woodpecker and there are plenty. Downy Woodpecker is nowhere near so easy to find so ten at Indian Lake in mid-Nov. is noteworthy.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLING: a late Great Crested Flycatcher was at Tupper until Sept. 21 (CD). Single Eastern Phoebe were at Tupper until Oct. 5 and at King's Bay Wildlife Refuge until Oct. 18. No others mentioned. Three very late Cliff Swallows (square tail, dark throat) were at Tupper Oct. 11 (CD). Three Gray Jays were at Sabattis Oct. 27 (CD), and one was at a feeder in Gabriel's Nov. 2 (JY, DY). Some different places for Com. Raven were Essex and Westport. 500+ Com. Crows were at Chesterfield Nov. 22. Boreal Chickadees were widely reported. House Wren: two late birds banded at Elizabethtown Oct. 6 and a Winter Wren banded there Oct. 19, both (JP). A Gray Catbird was still at Tupper Oct. 11 and a late Brown Thrasher was there to Sept. 21, both (CD). The same observer saw, in one hour, 113 Am. Robins headed south on Oct. 21. RMc found one about Nov. 13 at Indian Lake. A Swainson's Thrush posed side by side with a Hermit Thrush Sept. 29 at Tupper (CD). This is late for the former. A late Veery was at Tupper Sept. 21. The Champlain Val-

ley had several reports of communal roosting of E. Bluebirds in nest boxes. JP banded 22 Ruby-crowned Kinglets Sept. 25-Oct. 21. EJ and JP had a leisurely look at a Bohemian Waxwing Nov. 22 at Westport. Only two No. Shrike reports: one at Tupper Nov. 7 (CD) and one Nov. 22 at Point au Roche (MG). 300 Starlings at Picketts Corners Oct. 3 reduced to 75 Oct. 7 (CD).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: a late Red-eyed Vireo was at Tupper Oct. 7 (CD). JP banded an extremely late Tennessee Warbler Oct. 19 at Elizabethtown. CD had a late Nashville Warbler Oct. 5 at Tupper. Nobody mentions Yellow Warbler although there were more than usual in the St. Regis Falls area if not elsewhere during the summer. The latest Yellow-rumped Warbler was one eating suet Nov. 2 at Tupper (CD). A Bay-breasted Warbler was at Elizabethtown Sept. 20 (JP). Palm Warbler: one Port Henry Sept. 26 was second earliest date for *hypochrysea* in Essex Co. (GC); one *palmarum* Oct. 4 and one *hypochrysea* Oct. 19 at Elizabethtown were banded (JP). A late Ovenbird Oct. 5 was in no. Clinton Co. (MG). Wilson's Warbler: one Willsboro Sept. 5 (EJ, JP); one adult male Paul Smiths Sept. 13 (TM).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: House Sparrow: all time high for Essex Co. was 150 at a Crown Point farm Sept. 26 (GC, NM). E. Meadowlark: one at Tupper Oct. 12 and last one was near Rouses Point Nov. 1. 400 Red-winged Blackbirds were migrating through Tupper Oct. 6. Two Rusty Blackbirds were at Westport Sept. 21. No others reported. A Com. Grackle with only one foot was still at the Delehanty feeder in Tupper on the last day of Nov. A high count of 25 Brown-headed Cowbirds was at the same feeder Nov. 19. Two Scarlet Tanagers were eating crickets at the same location Sept. 22. Please delete the record of this species in the summer issue 1980 on page 186. Two pairs of Cardinals were present at Tupper through the period and the last two Purple Finches left there Oct. 16. A flock of 200+ Pine Siskins stopped briefly at Tupper Oct. 21. No Rufous-sided Towhees were reported. A late Savannah Sparrow was at Tupper Oct. 8. The first Tree Sparrow arrived there Oct. 24. A Chipping Sparrow was still at Tupper Nov. 5. **HARRIS' SPARROW:** MB and DB had the bird at their feeders for ten days starting Oct. 27. It had a pinkish bill, streaked sides, black blotch on chest, sides of head light buff, and was larger than the Dark-eyed Juncos with it. It was a good imm. bird and was banded as well as photographed. A lot of people saw it. White-throated Sparrow: one still at Tupper Nov. 30 (CD); one still at Saranac Lake Nov. 30 (BH). Fox Sparrow: one Oct. 5 No. Clinton Co. (MG); one at Tupper Oct. 31. Song Sparrow: one through Nov. 30 Tupper (CD); one through Nov. 30 Saranac Lake (BH). Good numbers of Lapland Longspurs were mixed with large flocks of Horned Larks at Rouses Point Nov. 27 (MG). The first report of Snow Buntings was Oct. 25 at Keene.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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Although drought conditions continuing through the fall seriously threaten urban water supplies, the banks of our dwindling reservoirs were delightfully flooded with shorebirds. Low water levels left large expanses of flat muddy shores, attracting Am. Golden Plovers and a White-rumped Sandpiper, among other typically coastal species, to inland locations. No fewer than 22 species of ducks and 10 species of shorebirds were spotted on an October 18-19 weekend field trip to Basic Creek and Alcove Reservoirs.