

arr Pennellville 4 May. Vesper Sparrow: arr LOL 3 Apr. Dark-eyed Junco: max 250 LOL 25 Apr., last migrant 10 May. Tree Sparrow: max 50 early Mar., last 9 May. Chipping Sparrow: arr NPT 14 Apr. Field Sparrow: arr NPT 30 Mar. White-crowned Sparrow: overwintering bird Syr. last seen 22 Mar., small numbers only 4-23 May. White-throated Sparrow: arr 9 Apr., max 200 LOL 9 May, last migrants 22 May. Fox Sparrow: very few 31 Mar. to 30 Apr. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 30 Apr. Song Sparrow: main arrival after 11 Mar., late. Snow Bunting: last DH 29 Mar.

DERBY HILL RAPTOR TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Last	90% Date Range	Total	
Turkey Vulture	22 Feb.	154	29 Mar.	2 Jun.	27 Mar.-10 May	1,294
Goshawk	16 Feb.	4	26 Mar.	9 May		4
Sharp-shinned Hawk	13 Mar.	833	4 Apr.	30 May	1 Apr.-9 May	7,272
Cooper's Hawk	22 Feb.	158	1 Apr.	24 May	3 Mar.-9 May	674
Red-tailed Hawk	15 Feb.	595	4 Apr.	3 Jun.	4 Mar.-9 May	5,848
Red-shouldered Hawk	27 Feb.	136	28 Mar.	10 May	23 Mar.-13 Apr.	749
Broad-winged Hawk	4 Apr.	5007	27 Apr.	3 Jun.	19 Apr.-26 May	20,032
Rough-legged Hawk	15 Feb.	165	22 Feb.	2 Jun.	16 Feb.-4 Apr.	622
Golden Eagle	26 Mar.	5	5 May	10 May		15
Bald Eagle	26 Feb.	1		26 May		10
Marsh Hawk	15 Feb.	91	4 Apr.	2 Jun.	28 Feb.-10 May	719
Peregrine	1 Apr.	2	5 May	5 May		4
Merlin	1 Apr.	5	11 Apr.	5 May		15
American Kestrel	19 Feb.	183	1 Apr.	10 May	26 Mar.-1 May	561
TOTAL (includes unidentified hawks)						39,283

90% Date Range are dates between which 90% of tallied individuals passed.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Spring of 1981 was late in coming or at least was confounding. The warm weather in February got things moving in migration overnight and many summer residents and winter visitors were on the move north.

On April 4th, Watertown set a new high temperature of 80° F. and on April 22nd the low was 15° F. Very heavy frosts occurred on May 18, 19 and 20, which caused heavy damage to vegetation which was very evident later on in the period.

Lake Ontario water levels continued to drop and rainfall for the period was behind about two inches. Indications are that we may be in for a dry summer.

Trends during the period were as follows: increase in sightings of accipiters; a drop in Marsh Hawks at nesting locations in Massena; some more expansion in St. Lawrence County Turkey release; Upland Sandpiper disappearance in Massena at former sites; Common Nighthawk still in trouble; phoebes in trouble; bluebirds improved and grassland sparrows having problems.

A few of the rarities for the period include: Bald Eagle, Willet, Black-headed Gull, Long-eared Owl, Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker, and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: two Upper and Lower Lakes May 2. Horned Grebe: none reported. Pied-billed Grebe: 13 at Wilson Hill at the end of the period—this is an increase at this location; one calling east of the Brasher Iron Works on May 30. Double-crested Cormorant: two Croil Island SLR May 24; 12 El Dorado May 12. Great Blue Heron: numbers at Sulphur Springs rookery about Mar. 26; three to four per day Lake Ontario shoreline. Green Heron: two to four per day. Black-crowned Night Heron: one at Polly's Gut-SLR May 24. Least Bittern: one Upper and Lower Lakes May 12 (K. Crowell); one calling east of Brasher Iron Works May 30 (J. VanRiet). Am. Bittern: one Perch River May 24; three Wilson Hill May 30; one heard at Allied Chemical Pond near Helena May 31; numbers remain down from what they were a few years ago. Mute Swan: one at Perch River May 24 thru (R. Brouse); this is probably the same bird that spent previous two summers at El Dorado and winters off Oswego. Canada Goose: arr Henderson Pond Mar. 3; max numbers around Mar. 20, last on Henderson Pond in numbers May 9; new nesting localities showing up around established flocks. Brant: two at Perch River May 18 (C. Devan); six at Robt. Moses Dam May 22; 66 Croil Island-SLR May 24 (J. VanRiet); seldom reported for spring period. Snow Goose: one Upper and Lower Lakes Apr. 13; one at end of period at Helena. Mallard: eight to ten per day. Black Duck: a few in Henderson with "home-grown" Mallard flock. Gadwall: pair at El Dorado at end of period—may be breeding there. Green-winged Teal: pair at El Dorado May 11. Blue-winged Teal: a pair to six per day on Lake Ontario and wetland areas. Wood Duck: in normal numbers. Redhead: one male at Wilson Hill May 23. Ring-necked Duck: a pair at Wilson Hill through May. Lesser Scaup: a male at El Dorado May 11. A pair at Wilson Hill May 23. Com. Goldeneye: 300+ at Ray's Bay near Henderson Mar. 28; last on May 24 above Robt. Moses Dam. Bufflehead: a pair at Upper and Lower Lakes Apr. 11. White-winged Scoter: one cripple above Robt. Moses Dam at the end of May; two El Dorado May 26. Ruddy Duck: two at Perch Lake Apr. 21 (S. Brown); seldom reported in spring and never at this location in spring. Hooded Merganser: a pair near Colton Mar. 28. Com. Merganser: a pair in North Branch Sandy Creek near Adams Mar. 23.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: first on Mar. 27 and increasing thru; six over Henderson Pond May 7. Goshawk: nesting near Canton Apr. 19; two nests in Indian River Lakes area both produced four young which were banded (J. Spencer). Sharp-shinned Hawk: one near Canton May 1 (K. Crowell). Cooper's Hawk: one Upper and Lower Lakes Apr. 28; one Colton May 20 (K. Crowell). Red-tailed Hawk: one to two per day thru. Red-shouldered Hawk: none reported. Broad-winged Hawk: short-flight in early May Canton. Rough-legged Hawk: 20 Chaumont-Point Peninsula Mar. 8. **BALD EAGLE:** one nearly adult (some white in wing linings), not a marked bird, present near Black Pond outlet (s. of El Dorado) May 11 and 21 (G. Smith). Marsh Hawk: many migrants reported; in Massena and vicinity, birds seem to have disappeared from last year's nesting sites except for west of Helena and at Brasher Center; areas around Watertown appear as active as last year. Osprey: singles at Canton May 1; pair at Upper and Lower Lakes May 5. Am. Kestrel: all over the place in Massena area; numbers in Canton about normal; in Watertown and vicinity increasing through period. Ruffed Grouse: abundant in Canton area—four nests found; fair numbers on Tug Hill. Gray Partridge: in Theresa on Mar. 27; a pair at Massena Center in the middle of Apr.; in Watertown and vicinity a good winter carry-over. Turkey: Fort Drum releases still remain a mystery and disappointment while the St. Lawrence Co. release is successful with birds answering in spring surveys. Virginia Rail: heard in wetland at Eisenhower Lock-SLR. Com. Gallinule: three at Wilson Hill at the end of period. Coot: Wilson Hill May 29. Semipalmated Plover: three El Dorado May 17; six El Dorado May 28. Killdeer: two to six per day. Ruddy Turnstone: one El Dorado May 26. Am. Woodcock: in normal numbers if

not up a little bit. Com. Snipe: normal numbers. Upland Sandpiper: disappeared from Haverstock Road site near Massena; four at Munson Road west of Helena; locations near Watertown where birds were seen include Rices Road, Brownville, Beaver Meadow, River Road and a pair near Mannsville and Dexter; indications are an increase from last year's excellent year. Spotted Sandpiper: six to 12 per day; 18 El Dorado May 17. Solitary Sandpiper: one May 21 others thru. WILLET: one well studied El Dorado May 16 (Steve Kahl); one El Dorado May 17 and 21 (G. Smith); previous records at El Dorado. Greater Yellowlegs: six Perch River Apr. 26; two El Dorado May 21. Lesser Yellowlegs: two Apr. 26; one El Dorado May 11 and 21. Red Knot: one El Dorado May 26; one in partial breeding plumage El Dorado May 28. Pectoral Sandpiper: 20 Baggs Corners Apr. 26. Least Sandpiper: five El Dorado May 7-17; 10 El Dorado May 21; one Wilson Hill May 21; one Wilson Hill May 23; 12 El Dorado May 28; one Upper and Lower Lakes May 29. Dunlin: 18 El Dorado May 7; 21 El Dorado May 17; 18 El Dorado May 28. Semipalmated Sandpiper: four El Dorado May 17; six El Dorado May 28. Great Black-backed Gull: reported nesting on Little Galloo Island by Canadian Wildlife Service Apr. 19; field trip to Little Galloo with CWS two to three eggs in nest; one full adult El Dorado May 26 and May 28. Herring Gull: ten to 30 per day at El Dorado mostly non-breeders thru. Ring-billed Gull: numbers in Henderson and vicinity possibly up from last year; increasing at Strachan Island-SLR 500+ nest on the eastern part of the island where none have nested there this early—total nests there for last year was 9600 from Blockpoel (J. VanRiet). **BLACK-HEADED GULL:** one Perch River May 25 (R. Brouse); the third year in a row that this bird has appeared at Perch River and then disappeared. Bonaparte's Gull: three Upper and Lower Lakes May 17 (K. Crowell); one Robt. Moses Dam May 22. Com. Tern: two per day El Dorado May 17 thru. Caspian Tern: one El Dorado Apr. 26; three El Dorado May 24. Black Tern: three to eight Upper and Lower Lakes May 6; three overhead Wilson Hill end of period; two to four per day El Dorado May.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: appears numbers are increasing on the Lake Plain. Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Black-billed Cuckoo: none reported and tent caterpillar numbers appear down from last year. Screech Owl: none reported—usually heard calling in Henderson area in Apr. Great Horned Owl: nesting at Upper and Lower Lakes. Snowy Owl: one Point Peninsula May 3; one Philadelphia May 4. **LONG-EARED OWL:** one Wilson Hill May 17 (K. Crowell). Short-eared Owl: several Chaumont-Point Peninsula area, Apr. 8; four Watertown International Airport Apr. 8; two Point Peninsula May 3; Whippoorwill: near Morley May 4; Pierrepont May 23; Massena vicinity heard at Brasher Center, but none heard at Brouse Rd. nor Winthrop area—number probably down (J. VanRiet). Com. Nighthawk: one May 24; very few heard over Watertown—numbers down. Chimney Swift: first May 4 in Henderson—numbers seem down from last years. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: first on May 5; numbers up from previous two years—good flower year. Belted Kingfisher: normal numbers. Com. Flicker: one Apr. 5; numbers seem somewhat down from last year. Pileated Woodpecker: several sightings in Canton and Russell areas. Red-bellied: seen many times during period in Henderson—possibility of two individuals but not proven. Red-headed Woodpecker: one School House Rd. and Route 54 May 17 (S. Brown); one May 26 near Watertown. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: a pair through May at Wilson Hill; not as many migrants through Henderson as usual. Hairy Woodpecker: in Henderson more than last year but still depressed. Downy Woodpecker: better improved than previous species. **BLACK-BACKED THREE-TOED WOODPECKER:** one at Winthrop May 17 (J. VanRiet); one Wilson Hill May 22 (J. VanRiet); one at Sevey's Bog May 30 (Walkers).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLING: E. Kingbird: showing up in numbers in late May—then everywhere. Great Crested Flycatcher: first May 24—late. E. Phoebe: one Apr. 26; none in Henderson until late May—very few as compared to last year. Willow Flycatcher: four per day May 17 one at El Dorado (G. Smith). Least Flycatcher: showing up in late May—more than normal numbers. E. Wood Pewee: mid-May thru—normal numbers. Olive-sided Flycatcher: one El Dorado May 24 (R. Brouse). Horned Lark: none reported. Tree Swallow: first at Henderson Mar. 28 when 20+ were seen. Bank Swallow: showed up in May. Rough-

winged Swallow: first in May. Barn Swallow: first in Henderson May 2. Purple Martin: first arrivals Apr. 26; in Henderson and vicinity—may be down? Red-breasted Nuthatch: one May 24. Few thereafter. Brown Creeper: abundant in Canton at St. Lawrence Univ. Natural Area. House Wren: very common this year even in Tug Hill sections. Winter Wren: no reports. Long-billed Marsh Wren: increasing at Wilson Hill (J. VanRiet). Short-billed Marsh Wren: no reports. Mockingbird: one El Dorado May 24 (Walkers); one Farrell Road near Evans Mills May 27 (R. Brouse). Gray Catbird: first May 8. Brown Thrasher: three May 10 Henderson—late. Am. Robin: first young of the year left nest on May 22. E. Bluebird: one near Harrisville Mar. 29 (R. Brouse); two near Mannsville-Hagen Rd. (M. Wiggins); pairs nesting in Parishville, So. Colton and No. Russell (K. Crowell). **BLUE-GRAY GNAT-CATCHER**: one Upper and Lower Lakes May 9 at close range by E. Morrison and D. Turin—only previous record in St. Lawrence Co. was at Piercefield in May 1977 by K. Crowell. Cedar Waxwing: 500 Dry Hill Mar. 9; increasing thru period. Loggerhead Shrike: none reported although last year's nesting locations were checked.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: one Thompson Park in Watertown May 23 (R. & J. Walker). Red-eyed Vireo: numbers seem down. Warbling Vireo: very, very common. Golden-winged Warbler: two Pierrepont May 17 (K. Crowell); one Macomb May 22 (K. Crowell). Nashville Warbler: May 25. Yellow: very abundant. Magnolia: May 25. Cape May: May 10 to May 27. Black-throated Blue: May 25. Blackburnian: abundant. Chestnut-sided: May 25. Bay-breasted: May 11 to May 24. Blackpoll: Upper and Lower Lakes May 17; Colton May 20. Pine: in Canton Apr. 22; one DeGrasse May 31 (K. Crowell). Ovenbird: may be a slight decrease in numbers? Louisiana Waterthrush: one at Washington Park near Adams May 15 (R. & J. Walker). Wilson's Warbler: one Canton May 14 (J. Phillips). Canada: May 25. Am. Redstart: very common.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: E. Meadowlark: numbers are down. N. Oriole: arrived May 5, numbers are up. Com. Grackle: very common. Brown-headed Cowbird: numbers in Henderson are coming back. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arrived May 6. Evening Grosbeak: over 1000 banded Mar.-May (F. Clinch); decreasing thru and last May 23. Purple Finch: increasing thru period. House Finch: three at feeder on Dry Hill Apr.-May. Pine Grosbeak: last Mar. 3. Com. Redpoll: last on Mar. 19. Pine Siskin: 197 banded Mar. 1 thru May 8; large numbers in the Henderson area May 5-14. Am. Goldfinch: in normal numbers. Savannah Sparrow: low numbers in Henderson; fair numbers in Canton and vicinity. **GRASSHOPPER SPARROW**: one Farrell Road near Evans Mills May 27 (R. Brouse). Henslow's Sparrow: one Perch River May 27 (R. Brouse); one Farrell Road near Evans Mills May 27. Vesper Sparrow: none reported. Dark-eyed Junco: a few moving thru on Apr. 5 and 25. Tree Sparrow: last on Mar. 31. Chipping Sparrow: some increase in numbers in Henderson area. Field Sparrow: returning late. White-crowned Sparrow: first on May 5; last seen on May 22. White-throated Sparrow: in numbers around May 6 increasing thru.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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There was nothing especially unusual about the weather. We had a little snow in March and the temperature often seemed to be a reasonable 26° F. at Paul Smiths. Stuart Hall, our TV weatherman, had Adirondack locations as coldest in the nation for a few April days.