

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Philadelphia Vireo: arr 9 Aug Tug Hill Plateau, only report. **PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:** migrant female Mexico Pt. 8 Aug. (FGS) is first confirmed Regional report since 1969. Tennessee Warbler: arr 2 Aug. SP. No. Parula: arr 29 Aug. SP. Yellow Warbler: max 130 SP 2 Aug. Magnolia Warbler: arr 26 Aug. NPT. Cape May Warbler: arr 16 Aug. Tug Hill Plateau. Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr 29 Aug. SP. Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr 17 Aug. Onon. L. Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 29 Aug. SP. Cerulean Warbler: last 2 Aug. Oswego Co. Blackburnian Warbler: arr 15 Aug. SP. Bay-breasted Warbler: arr 8 Aug. SP. Blackpoll Warbler: 1 near Stillwater, Herkimer Co., 19 July, no evidence of nesting; arr 26 Aug. NPT. No. Waterthrush: arr 30 Aug. SP. Mourning Warbler: arr 2 Aug. SP. Yellow-breasted Chat: transient Lafayette early July was only report. Wilson's Warbler: arr 29 Aug. SP. Canada Warbler: arr 8 Aug. SP.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: one at Holland Patent remained to 11 June (RLE); breeding confirmed Camillus mid-July (JH). Rusty Blackbird: arr 13 Aug. SP. Evening Grosbeak: green-billed male at feeder NPT 6-7 Aug. (DWC); what was he up to? Pine Siskin: one on North Wilmot Breeding Bird Survey 24 June (FGS) and family group NPT on 14 June (DWC) were last reports from the winter season. Grasshopper Sparrow: only one report, making it scarcer than Henslow's Sparrow this summer.

Corrigenda, Kingbird Vol. 30, Fall 1980, p. 35. Sterling Township is in Cayuga, not Oswego Co.; p. 36. Peregrine: early date and eighth report was on 20 Sept.; p. 37. Pomarine Jaeger: one seen 15 Nov. was at Fair Haven, almost certainly not the bird seen 16 Nov. at SP; Bohemian Waxwing: three seen 22 Nov. were in Oswego, not Syracuse. Vol. 31, Spring 1981, p. 101. Mallard X Gadwall hybrid was at Baldwinsville, not Cayuga Lake; p. 102. Savannah Sparrow seen 31 Dec. at Howlands Island Game Management Area, not DeWitt. Vol. 31, No. 3, Summer 1981, p. 174. "Blue" Goose: last Sterling Township on 16 May (MSR); p. 175. Bonaparte's Gull: arr 5, not 6 Apr., last SP 23 May; Black-legged Kittiwake: comment should end "first spring report since 1967."; Caspian Tern: two SP on 26 Apr. and four there 10 May double the total reported; Tree Swallow: arrival date should read 26 March; p. 176, raptor table: Goshawk total is 39. The data for Osprey were inadvertently omitted; they are: arr 29 Mar., max 70 5 May, last 2 June, 90% date range 18 Apr.-26 May, total 327.

My thanks to MSR for calling these errors to my attention.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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The summer of 1981 was indeed a strange one. Temperatures were on the cool side to say the least. On 1 June a low of 38° F. was recorded followed by a 39° F. reading on 8 June. July started out warmish with some 80° F.+ readings and the temperature on 24 July was a record low for that date in Watertown.

Rainfall was lacking early in the period and semi-drought conditions developed. As the period progressed we made up for the lack of water when Watertown and vicinity experienced a four-inch rainfall on 8 August. Other sections received less rainfall but still in the half to inch range. Toward the end of the period it looked like we would make up in a hurry the lack of rain in June and July.

Atlasing activities brought out some very interesting sightings and made time afield pass all too quickly. The assignment of Gerry Smith at El Dorado on a full-time basis brought out excellent shorebird observations for that area, giving a better idea of the magnitude of shorebirds that in fact use that area.

Wild food crops, and in particular mountain ash, viburnums, honeysuckle and highbush cranberry, were unbelievable and well-visited by fruit eating species. The effects of the extreme cold after our warm February and late spring were very evident. Many trees and shrubs were killed outright, while others suffered top kill and fruit loss. Wild apples and black cherry fruits were wiped out.

Trends for the period were as follows: increased waterbird information from Little Galloo Island-Lake Ontario; decrease in American Bittern; Canada Goose production increasing; Black Ducks continue their downward trend; improved Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawk numbers; Marsh Hawks down from last year; American Kestrels everywhere; shorebird data way beyond past reports; Mourning Doves on the increase; excellent Woodpecker sightings; Loggerhead Shrikes holding their own; better than normal warbler reports and increasing House Finches.

Rarities for the period included: Yellow-crowned Night Heron; Bald Eagle; Whimbrel; Baird's Sandpiper; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; and Loggerhead Shrike.

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Abbreviations: CWS—Canadian Wildlife Service; EL—El Dorado; SLR—St. Lawrence River.

LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: three Croil I-SLR 21 June; one Murphy I-SLR same; one Iroquois dam-SLR same; two Ogdensburg Bridge-SLR same; one Colton 25 June; one Carry Falls Reservoir 17 Aug.; pair at Old Mans I-SLR near Morristown, produced one young this year (RL). Pied-billed Grebe: one adult with three young Perch River Aug. 24 (SB). Double-crested Cormorant: five Iroquois Dam-SLR 21 June; first juvenal at EL on 4 July; 13 Long Sault I-SLR 15 July; 140+ Little Galloo I. 26 Aug. (SB); max at EL for period, 17 on 30 Aug. Harold Evans reported counting 165 on one day in Aug. Little Galloo I. (*vide* FC); 416 nests Little Galloo I. (CWS). Great Blue Heron: another banner year, they were everywhere. Green Heron: nest with eggs Dennison Rd.-Massena 9 June; numbers in Henderson and vicinity up from last year. Cattle Egret: three Little Galloo I. 24 Aug. (SB); five nests Little Galloo I (CSW). Black-crowned Night Heron: three to nine per day EL 15-26 June; two adults with two juvenals in nest Perch River 20 Aug. (WG). **YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:** one adult EL 3 July (GS) submitted to NYSARC. Least Bittern: two pair Upper and Lower Lakes 13 June (KC); one Brasher Iron Works 23 June (JVR). Am. Bittern: resident breeder Upper and Lower Lakes; one Piercefield 24 June; none on Clare F & WS Breeding Bird Survey 15 June (KC); not in previous numbers in much of Jefferson and St. Lawrence Cos. Canada Goose: one at EL off and on through period; 1200 from Moses-Sanders Dam to Wilson Hill 1 July; nesting in gravel pits from Helena to Chase Mills-SLR (JVR). Brant: two near Strachan I-SLR 14 July. Snow Goose: one through period till 15 Aug. at Helena (JVR). Mallard: max at EL 15 23 Aug.; a few in Henderson and vicinity. Mallard X Black hybrid: one EL 3 July; one in "homegrown" mallard flock in Henderson. Gadwall: a pair at EL 15-20 June; seven EL 2 July; five EL 8 July; three EL 23 Aug. Pintail: a single female EL 27 June, probably a summering nonbreeder; nine EL 8 Aug; ten EL 26 Aug. Green-winged Teal: one to three per day EL 17-19 June; nine EL 21 Aug.; 17 EL 29 Aug. Blue-winged Teal: nine EL 16 July; 70 EL 8 Aug.; 310 EL 14 Aug.;

330 EL 29 Aug. Am. Wigeon: three to four males per day EL 25-27 June. Wood Duck: about normal numbers. Redhead: 120 Wilson Hill 29 Aug. Ring-neck: adult with young at Brasher Center 23 June (JVR); six Wilson Hill 29 Aug.; adult with nine young Upper and Lower Lakes in July (D. Hamelin). Greater Scaup: one at EL 8-26 Aug., probably sick or injured bird. Lesser Scaup: a pair at Wilson Hill til 14 June. Com. Goldeneye: one EL, a female in molt first seen 29 June and seen into Aug. Oldsquaw: one near Ogdensburg Bridge 21 June (JVR). Hooded Merganser: none reported. Com. Merganser: four EL 22 Aug.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: common on the lakeplain thru; two Carry Falls 18 Aug. Goshawk: one female near Helena 4 July. Sharp-shinned: one Perch River 7 June; one near Raymondville 27 June; one south of Massena 29 June; one Brasher Iron Works July; one EL 22 Aug. Cooper's: one EL 12, 13 and 16 Aug. Red-tailed: in good numbers—maybe up a little from last year. Red-shouldered: a nest with young near Massena 20 June—leaving nest on 5 July (JVR). Broad-winged: one near Waddington 4 June; nest with young near Helena 30 June; one Carry Falls Reservoir 23 July; one EL 8 Aug. **BALD EAGLE:** one imm. Carry Falls Reservoir 23 July (SB). Marsh Hawk: pair feeding young Rooseveltown; pair near Sear's Pond-Lewis Co. transferring food 8 July; many other sightings of individuals and imm toward end of period. Osprey: one Perch River 10 Aug. Am. Kestrel: a fantastic year—birds everywhere; 13 in two miles of road Perch River 10 Aug., feeding on microtus, grasshoppers and crickets. Ruffed Grouse: perhaps a little down from last year's numbers—next reporting period will tell. Gray Partridge: adult with young Robt. Moses Dam 11 July; adult with young Rices Rd. 12 July. Turkey: many reports of broods in Theresa area. Virginia Rail: still responding to a taped call at the beginning of July at Wilson Hill, Chase Mills and Brasher Iron Works (JVR). Com. Gallinule: three pairs Wilson Hill thru; adult with chicks 1 July Brasher Iron Works; adult with three chicks Beaver Meadow near Watertown 11 July; adult with four young Perch River 15 Aug. Am. Coot: pair at Wilson Hill thru. Semipalmated Plover: two EL 19 July; 25 EL 10 Aug.; 19 EL 29 Aug. Killdeer: max at EL 34 18 Aug. Black-bellied Plover: one EL nonbreeding plumage 19 and 20 June (GS); three EL 8 Aug.; one EL 17, 19, 24, 29 and 30 Aug. Ruddy Turnstone: 23 8 Aug.; 40 9 Aug. 44 10 Aug.; 23 16 Aug. all EL. Am. Woodcock: adult with four young crossing road in the two steps forward and one back step method of woodcock near Sear's Pond 8 July. Com. Snipe: one EL 8, 13 and 22 Aug. **WHIMBREL:** one EL 8 Aug (GS). Upland Sandpiper: two on Canton Pizza Hut lawn 5 June; courtship flight Pierrepont 6 June (KC); juvenal crossing State St. Rd., Canton 24 June; adult with young near Helena 30 June; pair south of Massena; other reports from Ashland near Three Mile Bay and Brownville, area of previous year's use near Sackets Harbor converted from pasture to corn; one EL 24 Aug. Spotted Sandpiper: 17 EL 7 July; 30 EL 19 July; 34 EL 14 Aug.; five EL 30 Aug. Solitary Sandpiper: one EL 14 and 15 Aug. Greater Yellowlegs: one near Rodman in Sandy Creek 27 July; one EL 22 Aug.; two EL 24 Aug. Lesser Yellowlegs: 34 EL 9 July; 46 EL 10 Aug.; 48 EL 14 Aug.; 10 EL 21 Aug.; 49 EL 24 Aug. Red Knot: one EL 16, 17, 19, 22 and 24 Aug.; two EL 18 and 20 Aug. Pectoral Sandpiper: one EL 16 July; three EL 8 Aug.; one EL 9, 16, 18, 22, 26 and 30 Aug.; four EL 29 Aug. White-rumped Sandpiper: one EL 14 Aug. (GS). **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** one EL 8, 22, 23, 29 and 30 Aug.; two EL 26 Aug. (GS). Least Sandpiper: one EL 28 June; 23 EL 8 July; 29 EL 16 Aug. 38 EL 29 Aug. Short-billed Dowitcher: two EL 4 and 19 July; four EL 14 and 16 Aug.; eight 30 Aug. Stilt Sandpiper: one EL 8-10, 13, 24-26 Aug.; two EL 27 and 30 Aug.; max three EL 29 Aug. Semipalmated Sandpiper: 60 14 July; 175 8 Aug.; 450 10 Aug.; 675 14 Aug.; 675 16 Aug.; 550 24 Aug.; 250 30 Aug. all EL. Sanderling: one EL 14 July; 20 EL 10 Aug.; max 35 EL 14 Aug.; 10 EL 30 Aug. Wilson's Phalarope: one at EL 8-12 Aug.; one EL 29 and 30 Aug. (GS). Great Black-backed Gull: one adult EL 28 June; four EL 7 July; max of seven EL 14 Aug.; six EL 22 Aug.; four nests Little Galloo I (CSW). Herring Gull: max 30 at EL 14 Aug.; 250+ nests Little Galloo I. (CWS). Ring-billed Gull: 350 EL 29 June; 435 EL 9 July; 515 EL 11 July; 280 EL 8 Aug.; 60 EL 30 Aug. 70,000 nests Little Galloo I (CWS). Bonaparte's Gull: seven 1 July; max nine EL 14 Aug.; three EL 27 Aug. Com. Tern: 14 EL 29 June; 33 EL 14 Aug.

55 EL 27 Aug.; max 76. 29 Aug.; 150 nests in small colonies from Sheik I. to the east end of Ogden I. SLR—nesting mainly on navigation markers (JVR); Bogardus I-SLR Town of Morristown completely shut out this year by the ever-increasing Ring-billed Gull. Ring-billed chick production on Bogardus and Murray I. was 300+. Adult terns present on this section of river as usual—where they nested (RL). Caspian Tern: five adults EL 3 July; six EL 9, 11 and 15 July; 35 EL 9 Aug.; max at EL 48 14 Aug. Black Tern: three Wilson Hill 22-30 June; seven EL 12 July; two EL 9 and 23 Aug.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: seems to be on the increase again in lakeplain and Tug Hill periphery. Black-billed Cuckoo: at Pierrepont 15 June; five to six pairs at EL not as many or as conspicuous this year even with large caterpillar crop. Screech Owl: none reported—usually heard in Henderson area but not this year. Great Horned Owl: numbers may be up or more reported due to atlas activities. Barred Owl: carcass (car kill) from Theresa area turned over to DEC in Aug. Long-eared Owl: one adult found dead near EL on Stony Creek Rd. in June (GS). Short-eared Owl: two Ashland near Three Mile Bay 27 June; one Watertown Airport 22 July; one Chaumont 4 and 5 July. Saw-whet Owl: confirmed nesting near Tupper Lake (*fide* RW). Whip-poor-will: Pierrepont 28 June. Com. Nighthawk: a few in Watertown. Chimney Swift: in Henderson down somewhat—mostly gone by 6 Aug. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: very common—locate columbine in your breeding bird block and wait. Belted Kingfisher: normal numbers. Com. Flicker: perhaps more than last year? Pileated Woodpecker: pair Piercefield 24 June; pair near Henderson 27 July. Red-bellied: one adult only sporadically in Henderson. Red-headed: one on Route 3 Baggs Corners on telephone pole; one Wardwell Settlement near Belleville on telephone pole 9 Aug.; one adult feeding one young near Brownville 9 Aug (SB). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: leaving nest on 30 June at Wilson Hill; a pair feeding young at Chase Mills 4 July.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: E. Kingbird: large numbers (40+) noted at Perch River 16 Aug. Great Crested Flycatcher: very common in Tug Hill sections. E. Phoebe: incubating second clutch of five eggs on 21 June—first brood fledged on 9 June (KC). Willow Flycatcher: breeds at EL—four to five pairs present June and July; one only Wilson Hill 14 June. Least Flycatcher: probably more common than many had supposed! E. Wood Pewee: very common in Henderson and vicinity. Horned Lark: in Lisbon-St. Lawrence Co. 3 June; Canton 15 June; aerial display two or more in Canton 18 June (KC). Tree Swallow: everywhere and flocking in late Aug. Bank Swallow: colonies totaling 3,600 nests between Iroquois Dam and Sparrow Hawk Point-SLR. Rough-winged Swallow: seen rather unexpectedly near Sears Pond on Tug Hill Plateau in July and Aug. (LC). Cliff Swallow: 95 nests on Iroquois Dam-SLR 21 June; no change in large numbers at Robt. Moses Dam. Purple Martin: numbers in Henderson were down from previous year. Red-breasted Nuthatch: in migration by 22 Aug. Brown Creeper: very scarce. House Wren: common even in Tug Hill sections. Winter Wren: adult with young Raymondville 27 June (JVR). Long-billed Marsh Wren: increasing at Wilson Hill, total of 12+; very common at Perch River and Lakeview. Short-billed Marsh Wren: one Wilson Hill 20 June (JVR). Mockingbird: no summer reports. Gray Catbird: fairly common. Brown Thrasher: in good numbers. Am. Robin: tremendous production this year; migrants moving daily in very large numbers in mid-Aug. Wood Thrush: normal numbers. Hermit Thrush: at McCarthy Rd., Brasher Iron Works and Eamon Rd. Brasher Center (JVR). E. Bluebird: one female Three Mile Creek near Three Mile Bay (SB). **BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:** one near Helena on 4 June, not seen again (JVR). Confirmed nesting near Chippewa Bay (*fide* B & JW). Golden-crowned Kinglet: single bird feeding a cowbird fledging near New Boston in spruce plantation—kinglet was in very ruffled state and was in constant search of food 24 June (LC). Cedar Waxwing: very very abundant—mountain ash fruit crop unprecedented and waxwings took full advantage of the fruit crop. **LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:** nest area near Watertown not active; one Chase Mill 24 June (JVR); pair feeding one begging young near Morristown Center in same field as last year on 27 June (RL); a single adult was found on Philadelphia Breeding Bird Survey on 5 July (RL); nesting area near LaFargeville was successful in raising some birds—numbers not reported (*fide* SB).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Red-eyed Vireo: very common. Warbling Vireo: very common. Black-and-white Warbler: found breeding in deciduous-conifer mixture of mature woods along SLR. Golden-winged: two resident at Pierrepont. Nashville: found breeding along SLR (RL). Yellow: very common. Magnolia: common. Yellow-rumped: adult with young Brasher Iron Works 1 July. Black-throated Green: fairly common along SLR; one at Perch Lake 7 June; three near Wilson Hill 28 June. Ovenbird: very common. No. Waterthrush: one Washington Park 11 July (B & JW). Mourning: two at Fine 16 June. Com. Yellowthroat: in some localities more than Yellow Warblers—very common on Tug Hill. Canada: breeding along SLR; adult feeding young in Massena area—only location in Massena so far. Am. Redstart: very common on Tug Hill.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: excellent production year—started south early in Aug. and still moving at end of period. E. Meadowlark: numbers seem down in many localities as compared with three or four years ago. No. Oriole: excellent production year moving south mid-Aug.; many young killed by strong winds and heavy rains (FC). Com. Grackle: in Henderson area numbers were down somewhat—perhaps due to the wet conditions birds were better able to feed along creeks and streams than normal dry late summer conditions. Scarlet Tanager: common on Tug Hill. Cardinal: increased numbers in Henderson area. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: a common species almost everywhere. Indigo Bunting: perhaps more common this year. Evening Grosbeak: showed up in Henderson two or three overhead 7 Aug.; two at Lakeview 14 Aug.; six in Henderson 22 Aug. feeding on black cherries. Purple Finch: very, very common in young spruce plantations on Tug Hill. House Finch: increasing in Watertown—twice as many as last year (FC). Am. Goldfinch: common. Savannah Sparrow: common along lakeplain. Chipping Sparrow: more than last year. Field Sparrow: numbers down in Henderson and vicinity. White-throated Sparrow: bred in Stony Point and EL cedar scrub forest. Swamp Sparrow: very, very common in the Sears Pond area on Tug Hill and in the upper elevations near Rodman. Song Sparrow: numbers seemed down in Henderson from previous years.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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There is little to be said about the weather. It was a normal summer with no outstanding weather variations.

Most notable among scarcities was the Common Flicker with a high count of three birds on each of two counts out of three Breeding Bird Surveys (BBS) counts for the federal census. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was also down even though one BBS had 15. Bluebirds were scarce and some nest failures were noted. Warbler numbers in general were good. If a species was low in one area it seemed to be high in another. Northern Parula and Mourning Warblers were an exception. These were both very scarce.

There were many positives. Two BBS surveys missed American Bittern, but one had six. Lots of Turkey Vultures were seen. At least 16 Red-shouldered Hawks, including three pairs, were seen. This species wasn't even reported in summer in some recent years. Clinton County had good numbers of Marsh Hawks hunting over farm land. The same area has plenty of Gray Partridges and