

Thrasher: Rodman 22 Nov (N. Leone). Am. Robin: Henderson in red cedar 10 Oct; flock Canton 11-12 Oct. E. Bluebird: two Pierrepont 20 Sept—normally see 8-12 (KC). Grey Catbird: Canton early Oct. BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER: Canton 1 Sept (J. Green), third sighting in eastern St. Law Co. I saw one in Piercefield 30 May 1978, and one was observed by L. Morrison and D. Turin (*vide* KC) at Indian Creek Nature Center ULLWMA 24 Apr 1981; see also *Kingbird* 31 (4): 252 (1981). Golden-crowned Kinglet: flock Henderson 11 Oct; one 7 Nov (LC). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: four in mixed flock with Brown Creeper Henderson 12 Oct. Both kinglets in Canton 4 Oct (MEH). Water Pipit: 35 Canton 26 Oct; none from Jeff Co! Cedar Waxwing: 30 EIDB 20 Sept (RB); decreasing thru (LC). No. Shrike: first Canton 13 Nov, took bird from feeder (MEH); one Henderson 30 Oct (LC); one imm 15 Nov (RB) and one 29 Nov (LC) at Pillar Pt; one Dry Hill at feeder 15 & 30 Nov (JRW).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Warbling Vireo: Canton 4 Oct with kinglets and Nashville Warbler (MEH). Yellow-rumped: first Pierrepont 19 Sept (KC); Henderson six on 10 and 12 Oct (LC). Nashville: one Canton 4 Oct (MEH). Bay-breasted: one EIDB 5 Sept (JRW).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: E. Meadowlark: many Canton-Pierrepont area 1-4 Oct; five Fargo 5 Nov (LC); one Pillar Pt 15 Nov (RB). Red-winged Blackbird: 400 Canton 25 Oct; one thru 5 Nov at feeder (MEH). Rusty Blackbird: one male Canton 29 Oct (MEH). Blackbirds: over one million—mostly Red-winged; also Com. Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Starling—left PRWMA 24 Oct (LC). Scarlet Tanager: female Pierrepont 20 Sept (KC). Cardinal: pair in Henderson at feeder thru (LC); one pair Morely 20 Nov and two to four pairs in Canton thru; family group in early Sept suggests first successful breeding in Canton; female S. Colton (J. Green) implies range extension toward Adirondack region. Evening Grosbeak: first in Jeff Co. Dry Hill 4 Oct (JRW); first in Canton two males 9 Oct; flocks of 20-30 20 Oct thru. HOUSE FINCH: pair at feeder in Canton 5 Oct, first sighting in Canton area (MEH & D. Sibley), photographed. Pine Grosbeak: four (one female, three male) Ty-lerville 4 Nov; two imm feeding on high bush Cranberry in PRWMA 19 Nov (LC). Com. Redpoll: first in St. Law Co., Clare 10 Nov. Pine Siskin: Canton 8 Oct at feeder (MEH). Am. Goldfinch: flocks of 20-40 Pierrepont 1-4 Oct. Purple Finch, Com. Redpoll, Pine Siskin and Am. Goldfinch Henderson increasing thru (LC). Rufous-sided Towhee: one in Canton thru early Oct (MEH). Dark-eyed Junco: scarce (LC); many moving thru Canton area 22-26 Oct (KC). Tree Sparrow: first Henderson 6 Oct, scarce (LC). White-crowned Sparrow: first imm 30 Sept, ad 5 Oct, max 12 Oct, dep. 15 Oct (LC). White-throated Sparrow: arr 20 Sept; max 12 Oct, last 19 Oct; small groups Canton-Pierrepont 26-28 Oct. Snow Bunting: first three in Henderson Harbor 30 Oct (LC).

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REGION 7 – ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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High lake levels from heavy fall rains covered much of the shorebird mudflats. Mark Gretch reports that Clinton County had both fewer species and numbers representing this group than usual because of high water in Lake Champlain. The same wet season was favorable for waterfowl however, and many species were present. The first migrant Canada Geese were 20 over Tupper Lake 8 October with migrant numbers of that area peaking 24 October.

Charlcie Delehanty had good warbler flights 1 and 18 September at Tupper Lake. Mark Gretch found a flight at Averill Peak in western Clinton County on 4 October that included Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, and Blackburnian Warblers.

Mid-October was the start of an increasing influx of several winter finch species such as Evening Grosbeak, American Goldfinch, Red Crossbill, and White-winged Crossbill but numbers began to dwindle in late November for all of these except the crossbills. Purple Finch and Pine Siskin numbers began increasing in September. Mrs. Delehanty had a high of 32 Purple Finches 24 September and only five 23 October. Her records for Pine Siskins went from one on 24 September to 135 on 15 October and then down to six 25 October. This trend from several areas seems indicative of a good winter finch flight that tarried in the region for two or three weeks before moving on, perhaps south.

There are still remnants of the flight plus Bohemian Waxwings, a lot of Pine Grosbeaks and Common Redpolls, and a sprinkling of Snow Buntings, but a lot of birds that were here have moved elsewhere.

Observers: Dirck Benson, Mary Benson, Helen Booth, Robert Booth, John Bruce, Geoffrey Carleton, Dean Cook, Charlcie Delehanty, John David Delehanty, Mark Gretch, Robert Hagar, Elsbeth Johnson, Harold Klein, Charles Mitchell, Dan Nickerson, Louise O'Connell, Terry O'Connell, Daniel O'Keefe, Kathryn O'Keefe, Ray Payson, John Peterson, Grace Reese, Merle Reese, William Rutherford, Mary Sheffield, Robert Sheffield, and Armand Vaillancourt.

LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: Mary & Robert Sheffield report a pair at Elk Lake that raised one young. The last reports were 10 Nov for Bay Pond and Upper St. Regis Lake near Paul Smiths as well as Tupper Lake. Two Horned Grebes were at Heart Bay on Lake George 11 Oct (DC). Moody Pond in Saranac Lake had a Pied-billed Grebe 6 Oct (MB, DB) and CD had one at Tupper 13 Oct and 3 Nov. GC saw a few Double-crested Cormorants at the end of Crown Point in mid-Sept. A Green Heron and an imm Black-crowned Night Heron were at Ausable Point 26 Sept (CM, RP). Three Great Egrets were seen at Saranac Lake in early Sept by David Dudones and two others. Snow Goose: 30 flew past Baker Mt. at Saranac Lake 3 Oct (MB, DB); one 28 Oct feeding with the local Canada Goose flock at Tupper showed its black wing tips (CD); a large flock at Ausable Point 29 Oct (RP); and about 300 at Rouses Point 1 Nov (MG). MG's Clinton Co. reports include: 300 Mallards; three Gadwalls; two Pintails; a late Green-winged Teal shot 14 Nov; 12 Am. Wigeons at Lake Alice; two No. Shovelers; two early Redheads 19 Sept, later building in numbers to 90 1 Nov; 40 Ring-necked Ducks, the first Canvasbacks were 24 Oct; 45 Greater Scaups; after mid-Nov rafts of hundreds of Com. Goldeneye were along the lake; and three White-winged Scoters. CD had one Pintail and nine Canvasbacks at Tupper. Surf Scoter is unusual in this region but there were three reports: four Heart Bay of Lake George 3 Oct (DC); one at Crown Point 6 Oct (JB); and CD had three on Tupper Lake 14-17 Oct. Hooded Merganser: 40 Lake Alice 31 Oct and 22 Little Tupper Lake 24 Nov.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Mrs. Delehanty again has a Sharp-shinned Hawk enjoying her feeder birds. The first Rough-legged Hawk arrived 18 Oct at Clinton Co. Numbers there did not increase to the high levels of last year (MG). Three migrants passed over Tupper 5 Nov and a single bird was there 26-28 Nov (CD). A Marsh Hawk spent most of Oct at Tupper and the last reported was on 7 Nov from Clinton Co. The last Osprey was seen 24 Sept at Tupper. Com. Gallinules were at the mouth of the Great Chazy River 6 Oct. Early Am. Coots were there 18 Sept. MG noted Semipalmated Plovers 9 Sept. at Kings Bay where one late bird was seen 22 Oct. RP had Black-bellied Plovers at Plattsburgh 20 Sept. JDD found a late Am. Woodcock at the edge of his Tupper Lake yard 26 Oct. Flocks of up to 25 Com. Snipes were

at Kings Bay thru Oct. A late Greater Yellowlegs was at Rouses Point 24 Oct and a late Lesser Yellowlegs was seen 14 Oct at Kings Bay. A few yellowlegs of undetermined species were passing over Paul Smiths in Sept. Five Pectoral Sandpipers were at Kings Bay 24 Sept and MG also found 15 Dunlins there 31 Oct. EJ and JP had the best shorebird with the single Sanderling at Crown Point 5 Sept. 50 Herring and 75 Ring-billed Gulls were at Tupper 19 Sept (CD). 32 Com. Terns sat on an Ausable Point duck blind 26 Sept (CM, RP).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Robert & Mary Sheffield found a Great Horned Owl at Elk Lake but no Barred Owl, which is a switch from the expected. A late Ruby-throated Hummingbird was at Westport 8 Oct (GR, MR). A Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker was at McColloms in late Nov (RH). A No. Three-toed Woodpecker was out of range at Crown Point 23 Sept (JB).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: A late Olive-sided Flycatcher was at Port Henry 18 Sept (JB). About 100 Horned Larks, all of the prairie subspecies, were seen 25 Oct in Clinton Co. The next day 40 were at Tupper Lake. A late Barn Swallow was at Kings Bay 24 Sept. Six late Cliff Swallows were at Tupper 6 Oct (CD). Com. Ravens were at Lyon Mt. and Taylor Pond in Clinton Co. There were a lot of reports from the other three counties. Boreal Chickadee was at Elk Lake, McColloms, etc. as expected but there were a lot of wandering birds reported, such as the flock in mixed woods 19 Oct at Elizabethtown reported by JP. This may be a flight year. One Tufted Titmouse was at Cadyville 29 Nov (LO, TO). Two Brown Thrashers were at Tupper until 22 Sept. They are scarce there. There was a good Am. Robin flight. 100 fed on mountain ash fruit at Tupper 16 Sept. MG had a very late Swainson's Thrush at Lake Alice 31 Oct. A 3 Oct Gray-cheeked Thrush at Crown Point was both very late and unusual as a fall migrant there (JB, *vide* GC). Six Water Pipits were in a Clinton Co. field 7 Nov (MG). 35 Bohemian Waxwings were at Plattsburgh 27 Nov (HB, RB). It is getting so that this species is to be expected near Lake Champlain in winter. The first No. Shrike was seen at Tupper 24 Oct when CD heard it singing. There were later reports of two in Clinton Co. and two at Bloomingdale.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: JP banded a late Solitary Vireo 21 Oct at Elizabethtown. A Black-and-white Warbler was still singing at Tupper 15 Sept (CD). JP banded a Tennessee Warbler 3 Sept at Elizabethtown. The same area had an Orange-crowned Warbler 15 Sept (EJ, JP). A late Yellow Warbler was at Tupper 5 Sept and a late Magnolia Warbler was there 8 Oct (both CD). The last reported Black-throated Green Warbler was one at Tupper 20 Oct. A Palm Warbler was there 6 Oct. Wilson's Warbler: two Port Henry 12-15 Sept (GC, JB); one Ausable Point 26 Sept (CM, RP).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: three migrant Rusty Blackbirds fed on an Elizabethtown lawn 2 Oct and one was on a Tupper lawn 29 Oct. A big push of Com. Grackles went thru the first week of Sept. A Rufous-sided Towhee was still at Tupper 11 Oct. **LARK SPARROW:** the best find of the fall season was at South Meadow 8 Sept where binoculars and a 15X scope clearly showed the head pattern, clear breast with central spot, and white outer tail feathers (DO, KO, JP). Heavy rain apparently encouraged the bird to move on for it wasn't there the next day. There were good numbers of Dark-eyed Juncos. Tree Sparrows were scarce. The first was seen 17 Oct. There were good numbers of White-crowned Sparrows inland in mid-Oct but few near Lake Champlain. A White-throated Sparrow was still at Tupper 25 Nov. Three Fox Sparrows were at Lake Placid 11 Oct (HK, RP) and two were at Tupper 10 Oct-4 Nov (CD).

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