

pair PR D, Co Fy(?) Joe Indian Rd., Colton 10 June (KC). Black-throated Green Warbler: one 15 June (RJW); one Brasher Falls 26 June, one Clark's Bridge (JVR). Blackburnian Warbler: abundant in foothill zone (RL, KC); one on Fish Creek, Macomb in June (RL); one Highmarket 5 July (RJW). Pine Warbler: abundant in mature pines feeding young at Black Lake (RL). Cerulean Warbler: four males on territory, Bostwick Creek near South Woods Rd., Rossie 18 June; two males on tributary of Fish Creek, Macomb; one at Pleasant Lake (all RL); one singing male near Brasher Ctr. 2 July (JVR). Black-and-white Warbler: common on St. Law. lowlands at edges of mature woodland (RL). Mourning Warbler: one singing male on St. Law. R. in Morristown (RL), one to two per day (JVR); one Twin Falls, DeGrasse 2 and 12 June (KC). Com. Yellowthroat: abundant; six Coles Creek BBC (JVR); five Potsdam 16 and 18 Aug (VSDeG). Ovenbird: good shape. No. Waterthrush: one Canton 9 June (KLC). Canada Warbler: none!

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Cardinal: one to two thru, one imm 3 Aug (VSDeG); pair on Andrews St., Massena (JVR). Field Sparrow: six DeGrasse BBS 17 June vs 4 and 5 for previous two years; "rare," 4 of 30 blocks (JVR). Dark-eyed Junco: feeding young at Lake Mas-saweepe, Piercefield 8 July (JVR). Bobolink: strong movement daily 6 Aug thru (LC). E. Meadowlark: one imm Potsdam 5 July (SVDeG). Purple Finch: two Potsdam 10 June, six 11 June thru (SVDeG); common in Henderson in June, decreasing thru (LC). Pine Siskin: one to two Jeff. Co. in June (LC). Am. Goldfinch: six daily Potsdam thru (SVDeG). House Finch: max seven including four young in Henderson (LC); five at feeder Dry Hill June; successful nesting in hanging spider plant near Watertown (RJW).

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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June was such a wet month at Paul Smiths that gardens stagnated for want of sunshine. July and August reversed this trend with a drought that exposed Lake Champlain mudflats but few shorebirds arrived. Eastern Meadowlark was unreported and this includes five Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Surveys. This looks like a species with a problem. Are there really more Red-headed Woodpeckers than Eastern Meadowlarks in this region?

Several summer Ruby-crowned Kinglets were heard. Bloomingdale Bog, On-chiota, and Bay Pond should have this species singing in summer every year. Tom Dudones confirmed Spruce Grouse.

Many thanks are extended to all who shared their Atlas reports, breeding bird surveys, and other observations. Observers are rather scarce in this region.

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LOONS-DUCKS: CD found two adult Com. Loons and a juvenal on Sperry Pond near Tupper 20 July. AB and PB saw two adults on Lake Kushaqua 29 July. One young was fledged on Upper St. Regis Lake but vanished soon thereafter. DM had five young at 3 Pise-co locations. There were lots of Great Blue Herons, a few Green Herons, and Am. Bittern was listed for Newcomb, Tupper Marsh, Elk Lake, Mountain View, Chasm Falls, and Brown's

Tract Ponds. GC saw a V of 22 Canada Geese flying north over Elizabethtown on the very late date of 12 June. A few pairs of Wood Ducks were at Chubb River. Bob & Mary Sheffield had this species at Elk Lake. Ring-necked Duck was definitely scarce. A Hooded Merganser with two young was at Beaver Brook near Ferd's Bog 13 July (FL, CS). The same people had a hen Mallard on the same date with seven young at Brown's Tract Ponds. A Com. Merganser with about 40 young, probably not originally all hers, was at Piseco (DM).

HAWKS—ALCIDS: There were Turkey Vultures from Owls Head to Bay Pond and Tupper Lake on to the Champlain Valley. Good numbers of Goshawk and Broad-winged Hawk. There were a few Red-tailed and Sharp-shinned Hawks. A Brayton and P Bruns made an interesting observation. They saw an adult Sharpshin apparently teaching her young to hunt. "She seemed to be trying to get them to chase her as she flew past them with a small passerine in her talons; finally, at least one of them did." CD had a Cooper's Hawk with food for young 14 July. Floodwood and Piseco seemed to have the only Red-shouldered Hawks. I strongly suspect a few more were present but not reported. A single Marsh Hawk was at Bay Pond much of the period and one was at Tupper Marsh 29 Aug. Two adult and one imm Osprey were near Brown's Tract 13 July (FL, CS). Alice Jones found two adults on the Underwood survey in late June and a few were at the usual locations. Halfway Brook in block 5590D produced a female Spruce Grouse and young for TD. A Ring-necked Pheasant was at Tupper 6 June. A Com. Snipe was winnowing at Lake Placid 11 June and a few were at Lower St. Regis Lake and Onchiota but they were scarce. John Bruce had two Upland Sandpipers at Crown Point 16 Aug. Spotted Sandpipers were at Underwood, Goodnow Flow, Buck Pond campground, Tupper, and Elk Lake. There were several early July Solitary Sandpipers, with two at New Russia on 8 July, the earliest (DN, JP). They were also seen at Paul Smiths, McColloms, Mountain View, and Tahawus (all TM, CR). On 7 July a WILLET was at the East Branch of the Ausable River. Size and color indicate it was an adult of the large pale western subspecies (EH, IH, GC, EJ). This is the third Adirondack record. There were a few Greater Yellowlegs at Paul Smiths and McColloms in Aug. as well as a few Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers. An early Bonaparte's Gull was at Westport 6 July and seven were there 30 July (both GC). There were two Black Terns at Tupper 4 July (CD).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove numbers are up. Black-billed Cuckoo was seen at Onchiota, Chasm Falls, Brown's Tract Ponds, St. Regis Falls, and the St. Regis Canoe Area. Great Horned Owls were at Paul Smiths (TM, SM), Tahawus (TM, CR), and Piseco (DM). Barred Owls are all over. Merry Baker had a Long-eared Owl which is always a good find and she confirmed Barred for her block in addition to having a calling Saw-whet Owl. TM & SM had a Saw-whet come to within ten feet in a Duane swamp on 16 June. Whip-poor-wills were at Chasm Falls, Bay Pond, and the Champlain Valley. There were Com. Nighthawks at Tupper and Bay Ponds. There were a few Chimney Swifts and a lot of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds including an active nest at Brown's Tract 13 July (FL, CS). Com. Flicker was really scarce. Starlings don't help this bird. There were three adult Red-headed Woodpeckers all summer at Bay Pond and at least one young was raised there (BL, TM). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker numbers are low. Downy Woodpeckers are scarce. There are so many Black-backed Three-toed Woodpeckers reported that with over 20 seen it appears they are doing well. Mountain View, Paul Smiths, and Onchiota have several. Alice Jones had one at Newcomb. Ken McDermott had four together one day at Onchiota. No. Three-toed Woodpecker is not so plentiful. Tom Dudones found a female Northern feeding one young at Halfway Brook in block 5590.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: E. Kingbird and Great Crested Flycatcher were in decent numbers but E. Phoebe was very scarce. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher is doing great. The species was confirmed as a breeder at the Goodnow Flow (TM, JB) and FL & CS had seven at Shallow Lake and five at Beaver Brook. CD had one at Sabattis. High counts for Alder Flycatcher were 4 at Speculator and 3 at Underwood. Least Flycatcher still hasn't built up to where it should be. E. Wood Pewee is doing better with the high being five on the Speculator breeding survey and four on the Gabriels Survey. Olive-sided Flycatchers are all over.

This is a common bird. Gray Jay was confirmed as a breeder at Sabattis (CD) and Cranberry Pond (FL, CS). They were seen at Halfway Brook and a few of the more usual places. Common Raven is widespread. Boreal Chickadees were too numerous to detail. Two breeder surveys had high counts of seven for Winter Wren. They still need to increase. CD had two singing Long-billed Marsh Wrens at Little Tupper Lake 21 July. CD had a Mockingbird for about a month at Tupper. It left 3 June. Eight was the high count for Gray Catbird. Brown Thrasher was scarce. Am. Robin, Wood Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, and Veery averaged out to respectable numbers from the breeding surveys. Hermit Thrush with a high count of only 16 needs to build up in numbers. E. Bluebird nested successfully at Owls Head and was seen at Newcomb, Gabriels, Bay Pond, Chubb River and Tupper. Golden-crowned Kinglet was confirmed as a breeder at Newcomb (TM, JB); Sabattis (CD); and seemed in decent numbers. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: one Onchiota 30 June (TM, JB); one Newcomb 26 June (AJ, HM); one Elk Lake 16 June (R & MS); one Piseco atlas search (DM); and two Sabattis 27 June (CD). Cedar Waxwings were abundant.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Alice Jones had a Yellow-throated Vireo on the Underwood breeding count as well as two Warbling Vireos. The former is a good find in this Region. High counts were 137 for Red-eyed Vireo and 19 for Solitary Vireo. This was the St. Regis Falls breeding survey on 7 July (TM, JB). Some high counts for warblers follow: Black-and-white Warbler, eight, and two others had seven; Nashville, 16; No. Parula, four, numbers are really low; Yellow Warbler, five; Magnolia, 22—good numbers; Black-throated Blue, two reports of eight which is low; Yellow-rumped, 30 and 29 on another count; Black-throated Green, 17 and 16 are the high counts; Blackburnian, 14, 14, 13, and 13; Chestnut-sided, 28 and 23; Ovenbird, 21, 16, and 16; No. Waterthrush, two on Underwood survey and noted at Elk Lake and Piseco; Mourning Warbler, three, two, and two; Com. Yellowthroat, 39, 21, and 21; Canada Warbler, seven and four; Am. Redstart, 37 and 31. AJ and HM had a Wilson's Warbler 26 June at Newcomb but it did not stay after that date. Blackpoll Warbler: one Elk Lake 15 June (R & MS); one Speculator 14 June (RS). These could be late migrants.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: three breeder surveys tallied one each but there were at least fair numbers. A No. Oriole was on the Underwood survey and two or three were seen or heard in areas of lower elevation. CS and FL had four Rusty Blackbirds at Haymarsh Pond 21 June. A few were in the St. Regis canoe area. The Gabriel's breeder route had seven Scarlet Tanagers 30 June for the high count (TM, JB). Cardinal was in towns including a Tupper Lake nesting. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 13 on one count and two counts of 11. High count for Indigo Bunting was eight for Underwood. They were in good numbers. There were a very few Evening Grosbeaks. Purple Finch high was 14 for St. Regis Falls. The only Pine Siskins were one at Underwood and two at Tupper. Good numbers of Am. Goldfinch. AB and PB had over 20 Red Crossbills at Chubb River Swamp 30 July. No reports of Rufous-sided Towhee. Savannah Sparrow numbers were low. Vesper Sparrow was unreported except that Bay Pond had a lot of them as usual. 15 was the Dark-eyed Junco high. Chipping Sparrow was common and Field Sparrow was rare indeed. In spite of the high of 44 White-throated Sparrows on the St. Regis Falls count this species is definitely down in numbers. There were lots of Lincoln's Sparrows with a high of 11 at Beaver Brook 13 July (CS, FL). Highs for Swamp and Song Sparrow were four and 14 respectively.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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Breeding confirmation for at least thirteen new species highlights the third year of the Atlas project in Region 8. The newcomers include Cooper's Hawk,