

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,

Red-shouldered Hawk, Bobwhite, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-throated Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Nashville, Magnolia and Pine Warbler, Grasshopper and Swamp Sparrow. Confirmation for many of the northern species was due to "blockbusting" efforts into the more remote mountainous areas of the region as well as more extensive coverage by residents of Fulton, Warren and Washington Counties. Data summarized in this report come from the first 103 green sheets received by regional coordinator Dick Guthrie. Of 158 species recorded for breeding evidence this year, 120 have confirmed status. The season's total of 172 is six more than last summer.

Birds still needing confirmation include Com. Loon, Least Bittern, Sora, Alder Flycatcher, Short-billed Marsh Wren (I hope all of you Atlas participants asked Santa for hip boots this year), Barn Owl, Fish Crow, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Northern Parula, Cerulean Warbler and Henslow's Sparrow.

Bob Yunick reports four new state records for late fledging dates and speculates that the weather may have been the cause. June was reported wet and July hot, but the summer could generally be described as cooler than usual and dry. Fledging in several species appeared delayed; fewer young were noted in June and July and the following record late dates were recorded:

Species	Late Date (Bull, 1974)	New Record
Blue Jay	31 July	18 August
Black-capped Chickadee	3 August	13 August
Red-breasted Nuthatch	18 August	22 August
Yellow-rumped Warbler	17 August	6 September

Yellow-breasted Chat appears on the Regional roster for the first time since the 1980 Century Run with probable breeding evidence in Wilton, Warren Co., submitted by Linda Morzillo. Loggerhead Shrikes, last reported in April 1981, were found in Fran Vosburgh's Gloversville Atlas block and Mike Crevier's Princetown block.

Janet Carroll confirmed breeding for Blue-gray Gnatcatcher in Warren Co. near the northern edge of its range. Four reports of Saw-whet Owl on Atlas sheets are also worthy of note.

Dick Guthrie, whose birding ability leads his companions to suspect that he sews rare birds into his shirt sleeves before field trips, hosted a fourth of July spectacle on his back porch overlooking the Hudson River. A Turkey Vulture relaxing on a perch across the river was inconsiderately displaced by an immature Bald Eagle, whereupon an Osprey immediately flew into a territorial defense against the eagle.

From Hagel Hill comes a report of an albino House Finch on 16-17 July following a 4 January report from Ghent perhaps five miles away. Hybridization possibly accounts for the unusual plumages noted for Scarlet Tanager, Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warbler.

The Alan DeVoe Bird Club mourns the loss of Elsie Powell who died on 7 September.

Good Birding and a reminder to put lemmings on your winter feeder shopping list.

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Abbreviations: CO—Confirmed breeding; PR—Probable breeding; PO—Possible breeding. County names are also abbreviated.

LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: PO Ful Co. is probably a late migrant; Queechy L. 26 July (MM). Pied-billed Grebe: PR Grn. Co.; Castleton 15 June. Double-crested Cormorant: Stockport 3 July. Great Blue Heron: CO Col., Grn., Ren. and Wsh. Cos. Green Heron: CO Alb., Col., Ful., Ren. and Scn. Cos. Black-crowned Night Heron: PO Ful. Co. Am. Bittern: PR Col. Co.; PO in four counties. Canada Goose: CO in five counties. Mallard: CO in eight counties. Black Duck: CO in six counties. Pintail: PO Buck Mt. Wrn. Co. (LH). Green-winged Teal: PR Alb. and Col. Cos. Blue-winged Teal: CO Wsh. Co.; Castleton 8-18 June. Wood Duck: CO in seven counties. Canvasback: Castleton 8 June (JC). Hooded Merganser: CO Ful. and Wrn. Cos. Com. Merganser: CO Ful. Co. and twice in Wrn. Co. Red-breasted Merganser: PR New Baltimore Grn. Co. (RG); pair at Jenny L. thru 27 June (RY).

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: PR Alb., Col., Wrn. and Wsh. Cos. Goshawk: PO Scn. and Wsh. Cos.; adult Middlegrove 11 July; Chatham 20 July. Sharp-shinned Hawk: PR Ful. and Scn. Cos.; two Jenny L. 14 Aug; Canaan 20 July. Cooper's Hawk: CO Scn. Co. Red-tailed Hawk: CO in seven counties. Red-shouldered Hawk: CO Wsh. Co.; PR Ren. and Wrn. Cos.; PO Alb., Ful., Grn. and Scn. Cos. Broad-winged Hawk: CO Col., Ful., Ren. and Wrn. Cos. A GOLDEN EAGLE has been reported by an Atlas worker in the Adirondacks. Bald Eagle: an imm spent the fourth of July weekend in New Baltimore (RG). Marsh Hawk: PR in five counties. Osprey: PR New Baltimore Grn. Co. 4 July (RG); adult Jenny L. 26 June first summer record (RY). Am. Kestrel and Ruffed Grouse CO in eight cos. Bobwhite: CO in Sar. Co.; Hollowville 1 June; Castleton 3 June. Ring-necked Pheasant: CO Col. and Sar. Cos. Turkey: CO Alb., Col., Grn. and Wsh. Cos. Virginia Rail: PR Alb. Co. Sora: PR Saratoga Springs (David Smith). Com. Gallinule: PO Col. and Ful Cos. Killdeer: CO in nine cos. Am. Woodcock: CO Col., Scn. and Wsh. Cos. Com. Snipe: PR Alb., Col., Sch. and Wsh. Cos. Upland Sandpiper: PO Selkirk Alb. Co. (JCa). Spotted Sandpiper: CO Alb. and Wrn. Cos. Solitary Sandpiper: one Howes Cave July (WC). Great Black-backed Gull: 50 Mohawk R. 16 June eating dead herring. Herring Gull: 14 Mohawk R. 16 June. Ring-billed Gull: three Mohawk R. 16 June. Black Tern: ad Vischer's Ferry 16 June.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Rock Dove: CO in eight cos. Mourning Dove: CO in nine cos. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: CO Col., Ful. and Scn. Cos. Black-billed Cuckoo: CO Col., Ren. and Scn. Cos. Screech Owl: CO Alb., Grn. and Scn. Cos. Great Horned Owl: CO in seven cos. Barred Owl: PR Ful., Grn., Scn., Wrn. and Wsh. Cos.; Queechy L. July; Sacandaga Res. Aug. Saw-whet Owl: PO Col., Ful., Sco. and Wrn. Cos. Whip-poor-will: PR Sar., Wrn. and Wsh. Cos.; Castleton 2-30 June. Chimney Swift: CO Alb., Col., Sar., Scn. and Wsh. Cos. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: CO Col., Grn. and Wrn. Cos. Belted Kingfisher: CO in seven cos. Com. Flicker: CO in all but Sco. Co. Pileated Woodpecker: CO Ren., Sar. and Wrn. Cos.; five other reports. Red-headed Woodpecker: CO Mon. Co. (TP); PR Scn. Co.; one Central Br. July; Ghent 1 June; Ren. Co. 19 June. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: CO Alb., Scn. and Wrn. Cos. Hairy Woodpecker: CO in seven cos. Downy Woodpecker: CO in eight cos.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: E. Kingbird: CO in all but Sco. Co. Great Crested Flycatcher: CO in six cos. E. Phoebe: CO in all 11 cos. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: PR Ful. and Grn. Cos.; one banded New Baltimore 17 Aug. Willow Flycatcher: CO Alb., Col. and Scn. Cos. Alder Flycatcher: PR Ful., Scn., Wrn. and Wsh. Cos. Least Flycatcher and E. Wood Pewee: CO in five cos. Olive-sided Flycatcher: CO twice in Wrn. Co. Horned Lark: PR Wsh. Co. All six swallows confirmed breeders with Purple Martin in Sar. and Sco. Cos. Blue Jay: CO in all but Sco. Co.; late fledging Jenny L. 18 Aug. Com. Raven: CO Tongue Mt. Wrn.

Co. (JCa). Com. Crow: CO in eight cos. Fish Crow: PR Grn. Co. Black-capped Chickadee: CO in nine cos.; late fledging Jenny L. 13 Aug. Tufted Titmouse: CO Alb., Col., Ful., Scn. and Wsh. Cos. White-breasted Nuthatch: CO in nine cos. Red-breasted Nuthatch: CO Ful., Scn. and Wrn. Cos.; late fledging Jenny L. 22 Aug. Brown Creeper: CO in four cos. House Wren: CO in all 11 cos. Winter Wren: PR Ful. and Wrn. Cos. Carolina Wren: PO Mon. Co. (TP). Long-billed Marsh Wren: CO Ren. and Wrn. Cos. Short-billed Marsh Wren: PO Thatcher Park Alb. Co. (RL). Mockingbird: CO Alb., Col., Grn., Sar. and Scn. Cos. Gray Catbird: CO in all but Sco. Co. Brown Thrasher: CO in eight cos. Am. Robin: CO in all 11 cos. Wood Thrush: CO in five cos. Hermit Thrush: CO in the four no. cos. Swainson's Thrush: PR Alb. Co. may be a migrant. Veery: CO in five cos. E. Bluebird: CO in all but Ren. and Scn. Cos. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: CO Alb., Ren. and Wrn. Cos. Golden-crowned Kinglet: CO Ful. and Wrn. Cos. Cedar Waxwing: CO in eight cos. **LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE**: PO Ful. and Scn. Cos. Starling: CO in all 11 cos.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: CO Alb., Col. and Wrn. Cos. Solitary Vireo: CO Ful., Sco. and Wrn. Cos. Red-eyed Vireo: CO in seven cos. Philadelphia Vireo: CO Silver Bay Wrn. Co. (Cindy McCrannels); PR Glenville Center Scn. Co. (Shirley Schadow). Warbling Vireo: CO Ren., Sco. and Wsh. Cos. Black-and-white Warbler: CO Col., Ful., Grn. and Wrn. Cos. Prothonotary Warbler: PR Alb. Co. (RL). Worm-eating Warbler: PR Scn. Co. (MC). Golden-winged Warbler: PR Ful., Ren. and Wrn. Cos.; one with yellow wash on breast banded New Baltimore 31 July. Blue-winged Warbler: CO Alb. and Scn. Cos.; one with yellow wing bars banded New Baltimore 1 Aug. "Brewster's" Warbler: one banded New Baltimore July (RG). Tennessee Warbler: two Jenny L. 31 Aug. Nashville Warbler: CO Ful. Co. Yellow Warbler: CO in all but Mon. and Sco. Cos. Magnolia Warbler: CO Ful. Co. Black-throated Blue Warbler: CO Ful., Scn. and Wrn. Cos. Yellow-rumped Warbler: CO Ful., Scn. and Wrn. Cos.; late fledging Jenny L. 20 days after Bull's (*Birds of New York State*, 1974) late date. Black-throated Green Warbler: CO Ful., Scn. and Wrn. Cos. Cerulean Warbler: PO Thatcher Park Alb. Co. and Duanesburg Scn. Co. (RL). Blackburnian Warbler: CO Ful. and Wrn. Cos. Chestnut-sided Warbler: CO Alb., Col., Ful. and Grn. Cos. Bay-breasted Warbler: late migrant Ful. Co. Blackpoll Warbler: late migrant Duanesburg Wrn. Co. 10 July (JG). Pine Warbler: CO with fledglings located on Crane Mt. Wrn. Co. (F. Greene). Prairie Warbler: CO Alb., Grn. and Scn. Cos. Ovenbird: CO in five cos. No. Waterthrush: CO Grn. and Wrn. Cos. Louisiana Waterthrush: CO in Mon. and Sco. Cos. Mourning Warbler: PR Ful. Co. Com. Yellowthroat: CO in all but Mon. and Sco. Cos. **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT**: PR Wilton Sar. Co. (Linda Morzillo). Wilson's Warbler: one New Baltimore 30 Aug. Canada Warbler: CO Ful. Co.; an early migrant banded in New Baltimore 12 Aug. Am. Redstart: CO in five cos.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: House Sparrow: CO in all but Sco. Co. Bobolink: CO in six cos.; PR in all the rest. E. Meadowlark: CO in six cos. Red-winged Blackbird, No. Oriole and Com. Grackle: CO in all cos. Orchard Oriole: PR Alb. and Ful. Cos. Brown-headed Cowbird: CO in five cos. Scarlet Tanager: CO in seven cos.; one with wingbars banded in New Baltimore 14 Aug. Cardinal: CO in eight cos. including Wrn. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: CO in eight cos. Indigo Bunting: CO in five cos. Evening Grosbeak: PR Sar. and Wrn. Cos. Purple Finch: CO Col., Ful., Grn. and Wrn. Cos.; 492 captured as most abundant feeder bird at Jenny L. House Finch: CO in nine cos. Pine Siskin: PR Scn. and Wrn. Cos. Am. Goldfinch: CO in all but Mon. and Sco. Cos. Rufous-sided Towhee: CO Alb., Col., Ful., Scn. and Wrn. Cos. Savannah Sparrow: CO Col., Grn. and Scn. Cos. Grasshopper Sparrow: CO Crum Church Cem. Col. Co. (KD) and Princetown Scn. Co. (MC). Henslow's Sparrow: PO Altamont Alb. Co. (RL). Vesper Sparrow: CO Col. Co. Dark-eyed Junco: CO Grn., Sen., Sco. and Wrn. Cos.; poor breeding season at Jenny L., first juv. late 10 July, banded only 13 (21-90 range for past 11 years). Chipping Sparrow: CO in all 11 cos.; only two banded at Jenny L. as population declines over 12-year period. Field Sparrow: CO in five cos. White-throated Sparrow: CO Ful., Wrn. and Wsh. Cos. Swamp Sparrow: CO Alb., Scn. and Wrn. Cos. Song Sparrow: CO in all 11 cos.

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