

17 Sept, last Lysander 9 Oct. Blackburnian Warbler: last Sterling twsp 26 Sept. Pine Warbler: four SVB on 17 Sept are a rare report of migrants away from LOL, last DH 23 Sept. Palm Warbler: eight reported 26 Sept to 2 Oct. Bay-breasted Warbler: max 43 SVB 17 Sept. last Sterling twsp 7 Oct. Blackpoll Warbler: last Sterling twsp 7 Oct. Black-and-white Warbler: last LSB 1 Oct. Am. Redstart: last SP 3 Oct. Ovenbird: last LSB 1 Oct. No. Waterthrush: last Sterling twsp 26 Sept. Connecticut Warbler: one SP 16 Sept (FGS, JH). Mourning Warbler: three reported (low), last Clay on 1 Oct. Com. Yellowthroat: last Sterling twsp 7 Oct, then singles Mexico Pt. 30 Oct and Clay 1 Nov. Hooded Warbler: new region max 15 Sterling twsp 3 Sept, last there 26 Sept. Wilson's Warbler: last SP 26 Sept. Canada Warbler: last SP 3 Sept.

**TANAGERS—HOUSE SPARROWS:** Scarlet Tanager: last Clay 9 Oct. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last LSB 1 Oct. Indigo Bunting: last Lysander 2 Oct. Rufous-sided Towhee: last SVB 8 Nov. Am. Tree Sparrow: arr DH 28 Oct, scarce thereafter. Chipping Sparrow: last SP 21 Oct. Field Sparrow: last SP 30 Oct. Vesper Sparrow: arr LOL 4 Oct, max 15 Clay 7 Oct, last Clay 21 Oct, best flight since 1977. Savannah Sparrow: last LOL 22 Oct. Fox Sparrow: only one report away from DWC feeder. Song Sparrow: max 156 Sterling twsp 26 Sept. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Onon Lake 11 Sept, max 11 Clay 24 Sept, last Clay 18 Oct. Swamp Sparrow: max 28 Clay 3 Oct, last there 1 Nov. White-throated Sparrow: max 350 Clay 28 Sept. White-crowned Sparrow: arr LOL 30 Sept, max 48 Lysander 7 Oct, last SP 30 Oct. Dark-eyed Junco: arr Syr 16 Sept, max 63 LSB on 1 Oct, very low. Lapland Longspur: six reported LOL after 3 Oct. Snow Bunting: arr DH 16 Sept. Bobolink: last 18 Oct Clay (FGS), record late (except a 1971 winter specimen). Red-winged Blackbird: max 3,000 Clay 3 Oct. E. Meadowlark: last Sterling twsp 24 Oct. Rusty Blackbird: arr 18 Sept, max 100 Clay 9 Oct. No. Oriole: last LOL 11 Sept. Purple Finch: arr SP 11 Sept. Am. Goldfinch: max 300 Sterling twsp 7 Oct. Evening Grosbeak: arr Sterling twsp 24 Oct, very few all fall.

*Corrigenda to Kingbird Vol. 32:* 202-205. No. Hawk-Owl: town of Ohio is in Herkimer Co. Redhead: date for max is 18 Mar, not 18 Apr. White-winged Scoter: 27 Oswego on 15 May in addition to birds reported. Com. Gallinule (Com. Moorhen): arr 25 Apr, not 25 Mar. Tree Swallow: arr 24 Mar, not 24 Apr. White-crowned Sparrow: arr 6 May, not 6 Apr.

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## REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Perhaps due to the mild weather, there was a dearth of birds and birders. However, the few reports I received included a creditable complement of species (403) with encouraging representation of Blue Listed forms.

Temperatures were unusually warm and October was relatively dry; there was a good berry and mast crop. The first heavy frost occurred in Canton 23 October and the first and only snow (four inches) fell 6 November. Mean and extreme high and low temperatures (taken at the SUNY Canton ATC farm, as printed in *St. Lawrence Plaindealer*) were as follows: Sept—mean high 68° F (max 85°) mean low 48° (min 34°); Oct—high 58° F (max 72°), low 37° (min 20°); Nov—high 50° F (max 67°), low 35° (min 16°); Total precipitation was: Sept—3.78 in; Oct—1.9 in, one rainfall exceeding one inch; Nov—5.3 in, two rains exceeding one inch.

To summarize the fall migration: Canada Geese arrived 2 September, within one day of the arrival dates for the past two years; there was another good

Brant flight. With no report from Gerry Smith at ElDorado Beach Preserve and Joe VanRiet recouping from Atlas work in Massena, waterfowl and shorebirds were poorly reported. Coverage by Richard Brouse showed shorebirds moving through ElDorado in September and largely gone by 24 October. There were good flights of both kinglets and Water Pipit. No swallow departures, only one wren, no *Catharus* thrushes, and few warblers were reported. Sparrow flights were a week or so early.

Turning to trends, there were few reports for grebes or herons; no No. Goshawk or Merlin, only one Sharp-shinned Hawk (now deceased), but average numbers of Cooper's Hawk. No Gray Partridge, Red-bellied or Red-headed Woodpeckers, Downy Woodpeckers, nuthatches and creepers appear to be up. With regard to winter visitors, Rough-legged Hawks are in evidence, but no Snowy or other open country owls and only one shrike. Winter finches were few and far between, with no Pine Grosbeaks or Redpolls. Snow Buntings arrived 24 October, the mean date for the past three years.

Several unusual species no longer merit bold type: Bald Eagle, Black-legged Kittiwake, Black-backed Woodpecker, Common Raven, Tufted Titmouse, and House Finch now occur regularly at expected times and places. One of the duties of the Regional Editor is to exercise due skepticism, sometimes at the risk of friendships. Such was the case with first reports of Black-backed Woodpeckers from Potsdam and Lisbon last year with one turning up on the Wellesley Island Christmas Count this year, something is clearly going on! Noteworthy is the confirmed, though sadly unsuccessful, breeding of Common Barn-Owls in Jefferson County. Last winter not one but three dead Common Barn-Owls were found near Hannawa Falls by R. Matzell, DEC officer.

For true rarities, I offer Peregrine Falcon, Red-necked Phalarope, and Little Gull.

Abbreviations: EDB—ElDorado Beach Preserve; ULLWMA—Upper and Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: one Clear Pond, Clifton 2 Sept (L. King); six in winter plumage at Adams Cove 21 Nov (RB). Horned Grebe: two Adams Cove 21 Nov (RB). Double-crested Cormorant: 14 Ray's Bay, Lake Ontario 18 Sept (LC); three EDB 19 Sept; four EDB 26 Sept. Am. Bittern: two ULLWMA 26 Sept (JB). Tundra Swan: five (two adult, three imm) Chaumont Bay (LG). Mute Swan: three Perch River WMA 22 Nov (LC). Canada Goose: arr Henderson Pond 26 Sept (LC); first flocks in Canton-Potsdam area 25 Sept; strong flights on 4 Oct, then sparse thru 20 Nov; 1,000 in evening flight to ULLWMA 5 Oct. Brant: 40 Pierrepont, 100 Perch River (W. Gordon), 300 Guffin's Bay, Lake Ontario (LG)—all on 7 Nov! Mallard: 1,000 near Kendrew Corner, Dekalb 17 Nov (JG); 50 Pt. Peninsula 28 Nov. Lesser Scaup: 10,000 Black River Bay 21 Nov (RB). Com. Goldeneye: eight Pt. Peninsula 28 Nov (RJW).

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: one Clayton and three Dexter 4 Sept; singles Potsdam 24 Sept, Pierrepont 25 Sept, Canton 26 Sept (Kepes). Osprey: two Lakeview WMA 5 Sept; one Perch River WMA 5 Oct (LC). Bald Eagle: one imm Sandy Creek 19 Sept (N. Leone); three (two adult, one imm) Perch River WMA 14 Nov (B. Devan, *fide* LC). No. Har-

rier: regular sightings thru, 23 total; peak during last two weeks of Oct; max three Potsdam 12 Nov (S & VDeG) and five Chaumont 28 Nov (R & JW). Sharp-shinned Hawk: one at feeder in Canton 20 Nov thru (M & EH). Cooper's Hawk: adult harrying chickens 9 Sept and 10 Nov, imm 24 Oct all Pierrepont (KC); one Henderson 10 Oct (LC). Red-tailed Hawk: 11 of 14 sightings between 5 and 24 Oct. Rough-legged Hawk: first Pierrepont 24 Oct—seen four more times thru 19 Nov (KC); max five Hounsfield 28 Nov (R & JW). Am. Kestrel: late singles Adams Cove 21 Nov, Canton 22 Nov. **PEREGRINE FALCON**: one Watertown 10 Oct (N. Leone). Ruffed Grouse: numbers down (LC); only three thru (KC); one Potsdam (S & VDeG). Black-bellied Plover: two EDB 26 Sept. Lesser Golden-Plover: one 12 Sept (RB) and one 26 Sept EDB (R & JW). Semipalmated Plover: six to ten EDB 4 to 26 Sept. Killdeer: one to seven EDB 4 to 25 Sept, 25 EDB 24 Oct (RB); 30 Pierrepont 19 Sept, last 6 Nov (KC). Greater Yellowlegs: one EDB 4 Sept. Lesser Yellowlegs: ten EDB 4 Sept, one 25 Sept (RB). Ruddy Turnstone: one EDB 19 Sept (RB). Red Knot: one EDB 4 Sept (RB). Sanderling: 13 on 19 Sept, 35 on 12 and 19 Sept, none thereafter at EDB (RB). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 81 on 4 Sept, 100 on 12 Sept, ten 19 Sept, 30 on 25 Sept, none thereafter at EDB (RB). Dunlin: two EDB 25 Sept and 24 Oct. Am. Woodcock: one Canton 3 Oct (C. Budd); one Potsdam 28 Oct (S & VDeG); one Pierrepont 6 Nov. **RED-NECKED PHALAROPE**: one EDB 4 Sept (RB). **LITTLE GULL**: one EDB 26 Sept (R & JW & mob). Bonaparte's Gull: one EDB 19 Sept, four 26 Sept (RB); 150 Moses-Saunders Dam 9 Nov (JVR). Ring-billed Gull: common at EDB thru (RB); large flocks in Henderson area in warm weather late in period (LC). Herring Gull: three Canton 28 Sept; 50 Potsdam 8 Oct. Great Black-backed Gull: three Southwick Beach State Park 31 Oct; one Pt. Peninsula 28 Nov. Black-legged Kittiwake: ten (one adult) Moses-Saunders Dam 9 Nov (JVR). Com. Tern: 80 EDB 12 Sept—large concentration, only report (RB).

**PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS**: Mourning Dove: 17 regularly in Canton Nov (M & EH). Black-billed Cuckoo: two Clayton 4 Sept (RB). Com. Barn-Owl: three (adult and two young) found dead in silo near Perch River (S. Brown). E. Screech-Owl: one calling at Watertown 9 Sept (R & JW). Great Horned Owl: pair calling Pierrepont 25 Sept, also 2 Oct (KC); one at ULLWMA (JB). No other owls! Com. Nighthawk: four Watertown 4 Sept (RB). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: one Potsdam 3, 4, 12, 20 Sept (S & VDeG); one Langdon Corners Canton 23 Sept (C. Budd); last one Canton 30 Sept (M & EH). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: one imm Henderson 25 Sept; one Canton 30 Sept. Downy Woodpecker: three Potsdam 2 Oct; two males Pierrepont 20 Nov; pair Canton thru. Hairy Woodpecker: one Potsdam 1 and 29 Sept, 1 and 9 Nov (S & VDeG); pair Canton thru (M & EH); Black-backed Woodpecker: male Clear Pond, Clifton 2 Sept (L. King); female Potsdam 3 Oct (S & VDeG). Pileated Woodpecker: one Colton 10 Oct (C. Budd), only report.

**FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS**: E. Wood-Pewee: two Canton Sept (M & EH). E. Phoebe: two Canton Sept; one Potsdam 12 Oct; last two Pierrepont 23 Oct. E. Kingbird: five Canton Sept (M & EH). Horned Lark: 20 Pierrepont 8 Nov (KC)—only report. Blue Jay: one to two Potsdam thru; frequent sightings mid-Oct thru (KC); fewer than last year (LC). Am. Crow: increasing Sept thru early Nov; five Potsdam late Sept, 25 Potsdam 3 Oct, max 100 Potsdam 28 Oct; 1-200 Pierrepont 25 Oct to 5 Nov (KC). Com. Raven: one Sevey Corners 7 Oct (D. Crumb); 15 to 17 feeding on deer entrails south of Cranberry Lake 8 to 14 Nov (LC); three Fine 10 Nov (DS). Black-capped Chickadee: increasing thru; four to 12 at feeders. Tufted Titmouse: one (first since 18 April) Henderson at feeder 19 Sept, three 25 Sept (two banded last winter), then two thereafter (LC); two Watertown 13 Nov (R & JW). Red-breasted Nuthatch: one Henderson 25 Oct, two in Canton thru (M & EH). White-breasted Nuthatch: one to two Potsdam (DeG) and Pierrepont (KC) thru; three Potsdam 10 Nov (S & VDeG); four Canton thru (M & EH). Brown Creeper: four Henderson 26 Sept (LC); one Canton 23 Oct (CB); one Canton thru (M & EH). Marsh Wren: one ULLWMA 5 Oct (KC). Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Canton 27 Sept, six Canton 23 Oct (CB); three Henderson 25 Oct. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: three ULLWMA 5 Oct; one on 3 Oct, eight Henderson 10 Oct (LC); one Pierrepont 4 Oct. E. Bluebird: seven Pierrepont 18 Sept; one to three Pierrepont 10, 16, 17, 28 Oct (KC), only reports. Am. Robin: 40 Potsdam 3 Oct; flocking at ULLWMA 5 Oct (KC); last ten Canton 12 Nov (M & EH); one at feeder Watertown 26 Nov (RB). Gray Catbird: last Potsdam 2 Oct (S & VDeG). Brown Thrasher: one EDB 12

Sept (RB). Water Pipit: 15 EDB 12 Sept—most seen here in three years (RB); 30 Pierrepont 4 Oct. Cedar Waxwing: 40 Potsdam, 1, 7 Sept; 100 Canton 23 Oct; 200 in four flocks Henderson 25 Oct; many small flocks Southwick Beach State Park 31 Oct (LC). Shrike (sp?): one Rensselaer Falls 17 Nov (JG), only report.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Black-throated Green Warbler: 15 Henderson 25 Sept (LC). Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr Pierrepont 13 Sept, dep 10 Nov; many EDB 25 Sept, 30 at EDB 24 Oct (RB). Am. Redstart: one Canton 27 Sept (CB).

TANAGERS—HOUSE SPARROWS: No. Cardinal: one to two Potsdam 3 Sept thru 14 Oct (S & VDeG); two pair Canton thru (M & EH). Am. Tree Sparrow: two Pierrepont 7 Nov; arr Henderson 20 Nov; scarce. Chipping Sparrow: three Pierrepont 18 Oct. Fox Sparrow: one Potsdam 1 Nov (S & VDeG). Song Sparrow: movement in Canton-Potsdam area 25 Sept thru 5 Oct. Swamp Sparrow: one ULLWMA 5 Oct (KC). White-throated Sparrow: arr Pierrepont 3 Oct; rapid light movement (LC); 12 Canton at feeder Nov (M & EH). White-crowned Sparrow: also rapid flight in early Oct; five Potsdam 2 Oct (DeG); seven Canton at feeder in Nov (M & EH). Dark-eyed Junco: very few; two Potsdam 3 and 5 Oct; three Henderson 24 Oct; two Canton Nov (M & EH). Snow Bunting: arr five So. Colton 23 Oct (JG); 40 EDB 24 Oct (RB); 25 Robert Moses State Pk. 19 Nov; 30 Potsdam 27 Nov. E. Meadowlark: two ULLWMA 5 Oct. Rusty Blackbird: one ULLWMA 19 Oct (PVD); one Canton Oct (M & EH). Com. Grackle: 40 Potsdam 14 Sept. Brown-headed Cowbird: ten Canton Sept. Purple Finch: six Potsdam 1 to 10 Sept, two thru 8 Oct, one on 1 Nov (S & VDeG); eight thru in Canton (M & EH); seven Canton 7 Nov (PVD). House Finch: four thru Canton (M & EH); one Henderson 25 Sept, six to eight per day thru, max 20 Henderson 20 Nov (LC)—definitely here to stay. Pine Siskin: five Canton in Nov, only report (M & EH). Am. Goldfinch: many Canton-Pierrepont late Sept; six Potsdam early Sept, decreasing to two in mid-Oct (S & VDeG); 15 to 20 Canton thru (M & EH); increasing at feeder thru (LC). Evening Grosbeak: arr ten Canton 3 Nov; flocks of 50 to 80 later in month; 12 Henderson 27 Nov.

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## REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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The fall weather for the most part was ridiculously warm. We did have some cold nights in early November when ice formed on the quiet waters for perhaps a week to ten days, but this was followed by an unseasonably warm stretch that lasted into early December. It even fooled a few Wood Frogs (*Rana sylvatica*) into giving their mating calls at Paul Smiths when the ice thawed. This is not a sound to be expected in November, but is to be expected as the first Adirondack amphibian to be heard in spring, even preceding the Spring Peeper (*Hyla crucifer*). On 3 December the temperature was well into the fifties. This warm trend may have kept winter finches to the north, as they were rather scarce.

At the time of this writing the temperature is -22° F so more normal weather for the time of year has arrived. The inland lakes are frozen this second week of December and waterfowl are confined to moving water or have left for Lake Champlain or elsewhere. Some good summer waterfowl records are included in this report. The results of a Wood Duck box project are especially interesting. There were a few varieties, from more southern visitors, to unusual migrants for our area. The northern specialties are well-represented with even the elusive Spruce Grouse listed.

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