

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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LOONS--DUCKS: There were ten Com. Loons on Tupper Lake 26 Sept and one on 28 Sept (CD). A pair on Lake Lila still had flightless young 17 Sept (DO, KO, JP). Two Horned Grebes, one in winter and one in summer plumage, were at Ausable Point 28 Aug (TD, DD). The only Pied-billed Grebe was one at Tupper 9 Nov (CD). A Double-crested Cormorant was at Long Pond in the Floodwood area 26 Sept (TM, CA). This seemed extremely out of place. They are seen each year on Lake Champlain but not on inland lakes. Two Green-backed Herons were at Westport 28 Aug. An imm Black-crowned Night-Heron was at Westport 28 Aug (TD). The first Canada Geese migrants were two flying low down the course of the Boreas River near Tahawus 12 Sept. The main flights were 28 Sept to 7 Oct. MG saw a pair with one young at Lake Alice 20 June. A scaup was on Lower Saranac 26 Sept. Tupper Lake records include five young Ring-necked Ducks 1 Sept; seven Com. Goldeneyes 11 Nov; five Buffleheads 17 Oct; six Oldsquaws 24 Oct (MV); 22 Hooded Mergansers 27 Nov; and five Com. Mergansers 21 Sept. These are the high counts as reported by CD. Three female Buffleheads and a White-winged Scoter were at Westport 19 Nov (TD). Mark Gretch gave an interesting report on the use of 12 Clinton Co. duck nest boxes. Three on the Little Chazy River were used by Hooded Mergansers, two elsewhere near Lake Champlain were used by Com. Goldeneyes, and one at King's Bay was used by a Wood Duck. A female Com. Goldeneye with seven young was at Chazy Landing 30 June (MG).

HAWKS--ALCIDS: Two Sharp-shinned Hawks were reported and three Cooper's Hawks were seen. There were four Red-tailed Hawks but no Red-shouldered reported. An early Rough-legged Hawk passed Coot Hill 4 Oct (JB) and RP saw one at Keene 19 Oct, both are early. Bald Eagle: one adult Fish Creek 6 June (JR) and two imms at nearby Saranac Inn 18 July (GCh, EW). No. Harrier: one Ray Brook 2 Nov (TD) and one Tupper 30 Sept (CD). Fifteen Peregrine Falcon chicks were hatched in Clinton and Essex Cos. this year. JP reports one of these was caught and released at a banding station on Assateague Island. CD found a beautiful black male Spruce Grouse at Sabattis 3 Oct. It had the rusty tail band and red over the eye, and was quite tame. This is a good find. The bird has been extremely rare for a few years in this region. Three others saw all the field marks. Two Ring-necked Pheasants were at a Tupper feeder 29 Nov (MV). Two Com. Moorhens spent all summer at Chazy Landing (MG). Semipalmated Plover: one King's Bay 28 Aug (MG); one Westport 11 Sept and another Bulwagga Bay 19 Sept (GC); several Point au Fer 25 Sept (TD). Lesser Golden-Plover: several at Willsboro 17 Sept (GC, EJ); three Point au Fer 25 Sept (TD). Black-bellied Plover: two Point au Fer 19-25 Sept (TD); three Bulwagga Bay 29 Sept (GC). Ruddy Turnstone: 15 Point au Fer 25 Sept (TD). Com. Snipe continues scarce altho nine were at Bulwagga Bay 7 Oct. There were a few Solitary Sandpipers, quite a few Greater Yellowlegs (even at Paul Smiths and McColloms) and a few Lesser Yellowlegs. Four stocky gray Red Knots were at Point au Fer 25 Sept (TD). Pectoral Sandpiper: one Point au Fer 25 Sept (TD) and two King's Bay 28 Aug (MG). Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers were present in considerable numbers on a fairly large mud flat of a drained pond at McColloms. There was a single Dunlin at Point au Fer 25 Sept (TD) and three at Bulwagga 29 Sept (GC). **WESTERN SANDPIPER:** 24 in changing, to full winter plumage, noticeably longer bill with droop at tip and thicker base than other peep, 25 Sept at Point au Fer (TD). Red-necked Phalarope: one Kings Bay 26 Aug (MG); one Westport 28 Aug (TD, DD); and one on Tupper Lake, of all places, 26 Sept (CD). There were 25 early Bonaparte's Gulls at Monty's Bay 4 Aug (MG). Five Black Terns were at Chazy Landing 30 June.

PIGEONS--WOODPECKERS: A Mourning Dove was at Tupper feeder 16 Nov. There were plenty of Great Horned and Barred Owls. One of the former lives behind my house and three of the latter live across the road and behind the hill in the opposite direction. On

1 Oct Great Horned, Barred, and Long-eared Owls were calling at Tub Mills Pond (MA, CW). A No. Saw-whet Owl was calling near Elizabethtown in late Sept (EJ, JP) and thru Oct near Paradox (MB). EMcK had a late Ruby-throated Hummingbird 2 Oct at Tupper and one was still at Westport the first week of Oct (M & CR). Quite a few migrant No. Flickers passed thru the last week of Sept and there were plenty of Pileated Woodpeckers. Robert McKinney had 20 Hairy to five Downy Woodpeckers the second week of Nov at Indian Lake. A Red-headed Woodpecker was in no. Clinton Co. 13 June (MG) and CD found an imm 26 Oct at Tupper. Black-backed Woodpecker: two wandering females were at Willsboro Point 21 Sept (RM); one on Tabletop Mountain 16 Oct (TD); one along Halfway Brook 27 Oct (TD); one Osgood Pond 31 Oct (TM, DM). Three-toed Woodpecker: one female at Amper-sand Mountain 11 Oct (TD).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: a very late Great Crested Flycatcher was at Tupper 23 Sept (CD). High Peaks Audubon Newsletter for Nov 1982 has a nice write-up about the first Essex Co. **WILLOW FLYCATCHER**. It was heard and seen 18-20 July at Essex Station by CS. A Least Flycatcher was still at Tupper 2 Sept (CD). A Horned Lark was at Ray Brook 2 Nov (TD) and two were near Wadhams 9 Nov (EJ, JP). One was at Indian Lake in mid-Nov (RMCK). Gray Jays were at Halfway Brook, Sabattis, and Brandon. Practically everyone saw and heard Com. Ravens and Boreal Chickadees. Tupper Lake is usually not the place to look for a Tufted Titmouse but two came to the Delehanty feeder 29 Oct and three were there the next day. Two were still there on 30 Nov. This is only the third record CD has for this species at Tupper. There were an unusual number of White-breasted Nuthatches in late Nov. Quite a few Brown Creepers were moving thru the hardwoods on Scar-face Mountain at Ray Brook 25 Nov. A pair of Sedge Wrens spent the summer in no. Clinton Co. from 7 June to 20 Aug (MG). Four Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were at Ausable Point 29 Aug (MG). There were lots of Golden-crowned Kinglets. A late Ruby-crowned Kinglet was at Indian Lake the second week of Nov (RMCK) and CD had one at Tupper 14 Nov. There were still 30 Cedar Waxwings at Bloomingdale 5 Nov.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: A Yellow-throated Vireo was at the Great Chazy River 17 July (MG) and a very late one was at Tupper 27 Sept (CD). A Solitary Vireo was half-heartedly singing at Paul Smiths in early Oct. Another was in full song at Paradox 16 Oct (MB) and one was at Tupper 17 Oct. Two Philadelphia Vireos were at Tupper 23 Sept (CD). The same observer had the following warbler observations from Tupper: Black-and-white Warbler singing 13 Sept; Tennessee Warbler 23 Sept; Yellow Warbler 7 Sept; and Yellow-rumped Warbler 6 Nov. EJ and JP spotted a Wilson's Warbler at Elizabethtown on 9 Sept.

TANAGERS—HOUSE SPARROWS: No E. Meadowlarks were reported. There were still 12 Red-winged Blackbirds at Tupper on 30 Nov. Two Rusty Blackbirds were at Tupper 17 Oct (CD). Brown-headed Cowbirds were still at both Paul Smiths and Tupper at the end of the period. A Scarlet Tanager was at Tupper 7 Oct (CD). There were only three No. Cardinals at Tupper. Bloomingdale had one. The last Rose-breasted Grosbeak reported was one at Tupper 30 Sept (CD). By late Nov there were a few Purple Finches at one Paul Smiths feeder. Rouses Point had a pair of House Finches (MG) and a few were at Ticonderoga (WR). Pine Grosbeaks and Com. Redpolls were absent. No Pine Siskins were reported either, but Am. Goldfinches were plentiful most places. There were a few Red Crossbills at Paul Smiths but these may have been locals. There were seven at Jones Pond 23 Nov. White-winged Crossbill was absent. There was something unusual going on in the Rufous-sided Towhee department in Oct because they showed up in places where they are not to be expected. One was at Bloomingdale 11 Oct (WR); one in my back yard 12 Oct (this is unreported from Paul Smiths for at least ten years); and one at Paradox 25 Oct (MB). The first Am. Tree Sparrows were two at Tupper 1 Nov (CD). One White-crowned Sparrow arrived there 23 Sept. They were scarce. CD had two White-throated Sparrows 30 Nov; the only Fox Sparrows reported were two on 17 Oct; and a late Lincoln's Sparrow 10 July at the Gulf which is in Clinton Co. on the Canadian border. The county needs a breeding record. This area should be watched. Snow Buntings were seen at Bay Pond and Indian Lake. The first were at Saranac Lake 24 Oct (DCh, TD).

Corrigendum: The 5 March 1981 Gyrfalcon by DC should be corrected to 19 Feb.

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