

last Tree Swallow fledgling left its box 2 Aug (CD). Near North Hudson, both Cliff Swallows and Barn Swallows still were feeding nestlings on 19 Aug (MB). Gray Jay: adults with young, Sabattis Rd 29 June and 20 July (TL). The cattail marshes at Fort Montgomery and Monty Bay had large colonies of Marsh Wrens in July-Aug (MG). A family of Loggerhead Shrikes with two food-begging young was observed by blockbusters near Ft. Covington 22-26 June (JR, CS); this was only the second Regional Confirmed record since 1980.

VIREOS-WARBLERS: A Chestnut-sided Warbler was still feeding a fledgling on the morning of 19 Aug near Paradox (MB). Cape May Warbler: Sabattis Rd. 17 June (TL). Wilson's Warbler: transient at Tupper L 30 Aug (CD). Otherwise, there were no noteworthy sightings this summer, following the five full seasons of Atlas work.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Grasshopper Sparrow: distraction display near Moira in late June (JR, CS); this species has now been recorded in 12 regional Atlas blocks, Confirmed in three. A flock of 20 House Finches visited an Owls Head feeder 2 July-11 Aug (AH), reflecting the continued northward range expansion. At least some of the Atlas reports of crossbills and siskins date back to this past winter and spring, although sightings continued into the summer. Evening Grosbeaks were widely reported and may have nested in Champlain this summer, along the lake in the very northeastern corner of the state (J & MG).

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REGION 9 – DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Several reporters who mentioned the long-standing drought also noted frequent rains which kept lawns and foliage in excellent condition. These rains also kept fruit and seed crops at high levels even following last year's bumper yield. The drought affected water supplies, and was largely due to a lack of winter snows.

June began colder than usual and continued below normal all month. July temperatures were quite normal. August was above normal, with temperatures reaching the mid-nineties by mid-month. Precipitation was below average for June and July but well above normal for August. The August rains did not raise municipal water supplies, and the appearance of Ashokan's East Basin was worrisome to say the least. Completely empty of water for the entire season,