

Oct. Am. Crow: numbers seem up; max 300 at roost near Sacket's Harbor 17 Oct; two flocks of 60-100 near Canton on both 20 Oct and 19 Nov. Tufted Titmouse: two at feeders were the first near Massena (Chase & Ashley, *vide* JVR). House Wren: last Canton 4 Oct. Swainson's Thrush: one RMSP 20 Oct, unusual locale. Hermit Thrush: one Henderson feeding on Nannyberry 14 and 17 Oct. E. Bluebird: good numbers in Pierrepont 1 Sep to 6 Oct, max 5, last 3 Nov. Water Pipit: arr two EDB 18 Sep. Eur. Starling: flocks of 100+ south of Canton 19 and 27 Oct. Is this species increasing?

VIREOS-WARBLED: Yellow-rumped Warbler: many mid-Oct; max and last 20 WI 20 Oct. Chestnut-sided Warbler: one 4 Sep. Black-throated Green Warbler: one 29 Sep. Blackburnian Warbler: one 11 Oct. Pine Warbler: one singing Canton 19 Sep.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Canton 11 Oct, late. Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Dekalb 6 Nov. Chipping Sparrow: last two Canton 4 Oct. Field Sparrow: one Massena 15-19 Oct. Vesper Sparrow: one WH 26 Sep; two RMSP 20 Oct (JVR). Savannah Sparrow: last RMSP 27 Oct, late! Fox Sparrow: one Massena 26 Sep; one EDB 3 Oct; three RMSP 20 Oct. White-throated Sparrow: only small flocks Henderson 28 Sep; last Massena 20 Oct. White-crowned Sparrow: two RMSP 20 Oct, three Canton 23 Oct. Dark-eyed Junco: max 17 Canton 19 Nov. Snow Bunting: arr EDB with 10-25/day to mid-Nov, fewer thereafter. Rusty Blackbird: four Helena 15 Oct (JVR); 60 feeding on Gray Dogwood fruit WI 20 Oct, unusual. Purple Finch: two imm, one ad ♂ Pierrepont 29 Sep; "very few" Henderson (LBC), one 29 Nov. House Finch: "increasing through period, attracting raptors" at feeder in Henderson (LBC). House Sparrow: most in two years in spite of increasing House Finch.

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REGION 7 – ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Weather was exceedingly dry much of the season, producing few grounded migrants, yet exceptionally wet when rain did fall. Newcomb, for example, had 4 inches of rain overnight on 5-6 Sep. The dam at Mountain View, Franklin Co., was released early this year on 24 Sep, and Champlain beaches were exposed by lower lake levels, providing a total of 16 shorebird species. The weak passage of Hurricane *Gloria* the afternoon of 27 Sep was wet and windy, but produced no significant fallout, except perhaps for the Rock Doves wearing bands with the CU prefix of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union that turned up at Crown Point and Ticonderoga in following days. Coot Hill hawk watch was visited only on 11 Oct, a clear, sunny day of W-NW winds that provided 11 birds of six species, plus 50 Canada Geese and four Common Ravens. By 9 Nov there was snow on the mountains, and on 16 Nov temperatures fell to 10°F at Newcomb, with up to 3½ inches of snow at Paradox the same day, pushing birds into

feeders. At season's end, lower elevations were dusted with snow, while higher elevations were covered with several inches.

The most significant migratory event of the season was lepidopteran, rather than avian. From the Champlain islands to the summits of the High Peaks, Monarch Butterflies moved southward through September and October, with a few present into November and observers judging this the best flight in memory. This brightness was dimmed by raptor injuries and deaths. Open-baited leghold traps led to the death of an eagle and crippling of an owl. The adult, female GOLDEN EAGLE was found 14 Nov in a trap near Elk L., Essex Co., by hunters, and released. Still present the following day and unable to fly, the eagle was taken by N.Y. State Police to Dr. Robert Lopez in Westport, but it died 18 Nov of infection, according to the necropsy by NYS Wildlife Pathologist Ward Stone. The Barred Owl was caught in a deer hunter's set for dogs or coyotes near Elizabethtown, Essex Co., released by the trapper Thanksgiving Day, and has twice undergone surgery on a badly broken leg by Dr. Lopez and Dr. Craig Russell at Westport. An Osprey found shot and Common Raven found injured, both near Lewis, Essex Co., were transported to NYS DEC veterinarian Dr. Edward Becker in Delmar, but did not survive. On a happier note, the orphaned Great Horned Owl that was transported to the Vermont Raptor Center when its Altona nest tree was logged in May was successfully released in September near Woodstock, VT. High Peaks Audubon has formed a task force committee that includes the DEC, local vets, and area wildlife rehabilitators to study bird rehabilitation in the Region, with attention to facilities and funding, and special emphasis upon raptors.

A cliff site along L Champlain north of Westport with a long and lively history of Bald Eagles, plus a site-attached pair of Peregrine Falcons in 1984, was visited by the DEC in June, who saw two adult falcons, but no sign of a nest. On 31 Oct, representatives of the DEC and Adirondack Conservancy who visited the site in the Audubon boat reported two immature Bald Eagles and a group of four to five Peregrine Falcons. This year the peregrine eyrie near Wilmington produced two young, that near Keene Valley three young.

The wild food crop was extremely poor, except for good production of eastern hemlock cones and perhaps of weed seeds. The prospect of a starvation winter didn't discourage Arctic arrivals. After the first Rough-legged Hawk appeared in northern Clinton Co. 10 Nov, there were numerous reports from the plains of Franklin Co. and lake corridor of Essex Co. The 45 Bohemian Waxwings at L Alice 2 Nov. provided a new early arrival date for NYS (MG). Then the Bohemian invasion began: 25 at Tupper L on 15 Nov (AV); 110 at L ALice on 17 Nov was the highest count; one at Tupper L on 19 Nov, six there on 21 Nov (CD), and a few there 26 Nov., and 35 along Teboville Rd., Franklin Co. on 22 Nov (JT), with only a few Cedar Waxwings seen. An early N. Shrike arrived at Owl's Head 21 Oct (JT), followed by sightings at L Alice, Tupper L, and Westport. The first three Snow Buntings appeared on the outskirts of L Placid on 26 Oct (PT) with small flocks of up to 17 birds subsequently at the Four Brothers Islands, Chilson, n. Clinton Co, Paul Smiths, Hogansburg, Moriah, Newcomb, Wadhams, and Westport. Pine Grosbeaks were at Hogansburg by 1 Nov (HW) and increased to

25 at L Alice by 24 Nov, with reports from all four counties. They were seen feeding on buckthorn, flowering crab, highbush cranberry, honeysuckle, mountain ash, sumac, and tamarack. Three Com. Redpolls arrived on Island D of the Four Brothers on 27 Oct (TM,JP) and Bryant's Siding, Franklin Co., had the highest count of 200 on 17 Nov, with other reports from Essex and Franklin Counties.

Six yellow-collared Canada Geese were among the flock at L Alice this fall. One goose, No. J47P, has been observed four times since April 1984, appearing 24 Oct last year, returning 20 Oct this year, and still present on 17 Nov. A Tennessee Warbler netted on Crown Point Peninsula 15 May, 1985, had been banded 16 Sep, 1984, near Hutton, Maryland, in the Allegheny Mountains. On 18 Oct a male Evening Grosbeak was retrapped near Elizabethtown at the same station where it had been banded on 14 Nov, 1980.

The *Birds of Clinton County, New York, Supplement* by Mark Gretch is a much-needed continuation of Philip Warren's 1979 compilation, containing a county map showing all Atlas blocks, additions to the annotated list, and a table of extreme dates and breeding status. Cost is \$1.50. Copies of Phil Warren's *Birds of Clinton County* also are available, and both can be purchased together for just \$4.00. Make checks payable to Northern Adirondack Audubon Society and send orders to: Mark Gretch, P.O. Box 748, Champlain, NY 12919. On 22 Sep, Gretch noted the first Clinton Co. **BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER** at King's Bay Campsite, bringing the county list to 264 species.

Another regional rarity was the **ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER** reported without details from Tupper L on 7 Sep (CD). Perhaps the most notable miss of the season was Broad-winged Hawk, not mentioned by any observer, but undoubtedly present. Other birds not mentioned, but surely somewhere within the four northeastern counties were Ring-necked Pheasant, Spruce Grouse, E. Screech-Owl, N. Saw-whet Owl, Three-toed and Black-backed Woodpecker, Gray Jay, Tufted Titmouse, N. Mockingbird, and a number of other possibilities. In spite of the misses, observers are commended for putting together a seasonal list of some 150 species, up from 130 in both 1983 and 1984.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Red-throated Loon: one in basic plumage Indian L, Fran, 3-12 Nov (AH,JT), about twelfth Regional record. Com. Loon: max three Tupper L 22 Nov. Pied-billed Grebe: arr two Tupper L 12 Oct, max nine L Alice 20 Oct, last North West Bay 13 Nov. Horned Grebe: arr 20 Oct n Clin, max eight n Clin 9 Nov. Double-crested Cormorant: record max 400-500 Island A, Four Brothers I on 1 Sep (EJ,JP). Am. Bittern: last imm Monty Bay 1 Sep. Great Egret: last L Alice 2 Sep (CD). Green-backed Heron: two pairs

Monty Bay 1 Sep. Black-crowned Night-Heron: last three Monty Bay 1 Sep. Snow Goose: max 100+ Essex 5 Oct, last Moriah 12 Oct. Brant: arr Indian L 27 Oct (JT), last 12 Westport beach 13 Nov (EJ,JP). Canada Goose: max 2,000 headed s. Crown Point penin 3 Oct. Wood Duck: last Penfield Pd 20 Sep. Green-winged Teal: last three King's Bay 8 Sep. Am. Black Duck and Mallard: showed 1:5 ratio L Alice in Nov. Blue-winged Teal: last 14 King's Bay 8 Sep. Gadwall: female arr Westport 16 Oct, skeletal remains male and female found dead Four Brothers I "C" 27 Oct, perhaps the mated pair that nested there. Redhead: 30 arr King's Bay 31 Oct (MG). Ring-necked Duck: max 145 L Alice 6 Oct (MG), pair Tupper L 22 Sep built to 34 by 8 Nov. Greater Scaup: arr Moody Pd 27 Oct, max 200 King's Bay 31 Oct. Lesser Scaup: arr Moody Pd 29 Oct, with up to 15 scaup (sp) 13-19 Nov, last 20 Nov. Oldsquaw: arr Indian L 11 Nov (JT), last changing male Moody Pd 15 Nov (D&MB). Black Scoter: arr female Indian L 11 Nov (JT). White-winged Scoter: arr two L Champlain, Clin, 20 Oct (MG), imm Raquette Pd 21 Oct (CD) unusual inland, max 40-45 Indian L Fran, 10-11 Nov (AH,JT) also unexpected. Hooded Merganser: max 12 Mountain View/Indian L 1-12 Nov. Com. Merganser: max flocks of 50-60 L Champlain. Red-breasted Merganser: arr Mt. View L 26 Oct.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: max three Coot Hill 11 Oct. Osprey: migrant Coot Hill 11 Oct. Bald Eagle: one ad arr Tupper L Marsh 27 Nov (CD). N. Harrier: migrant Cascade Mt 30 Sep. Sharp-shinned Hawk: migrant Coot Hill 11 Oct, also Tupper L and Witherbee feeders. Cooper's Hawk: last Crown Point penin 16 Sep. N. Goshawk: one taking cats Crown Point penin 20 Sep, max five circling Owl Pate Pd 25 Sep (MB), two migrants Four Brothers I 26 Oct. Red-shouldered Hawk: single migrants Coot Hill and Crown Point penin 11 Oct. Red-tailed Hawk: two migrants Coot Hill 11 Oct, one migrant Four Brothers I 27 Oct. Am. Kestrel: single migrants Four Brothers I on 1 Sep, Cascade Mt 30 Sep. Peregrine Falcon: arr Crown Point penin 20 Sep (JB). Gray Partridge: max 15 Chazy Landing 3 Nov. Wild Turkey: two New Russia 12 Oct, four Witherbee 23 Nov show continued inland penetration w of Champlain lowlands. Virginia Rail: max two Monty Bay Marsh 1 Sep. Sora: last imm Monty Bay Marsh 1 Sep. Com. Moorhen: last Chazy Landing 8 Sep. Black-bellied Plover: arr King's Bay 18 Sep, max 9 King's Bay and 20+ Four Brothers I 27 Oct. Semipalmated Plover: arr 1 Sep, max five 18 Sep, last 2 Oct King's Bay; also at Westport. Killdeer: max 27 King's Bay 29 Sep. Greater Yellowlegs: arr King's Bay 8 Sep, max five King's Bay 22 Sep, four Bryant's Siding, Fran, 26 Sep-8 Oct unusual inland; one Essex 26-27 Oct usual extreme; last Hogansburg marsh off Salmon R 8 Nov (HW) unusually late. Lesser Yellowlegs: arr King's Bay 8 Sep, max six King's Bay 8 & 29 Sep, last King's Bay 10 Oct; also at Crown Point. Solitary Sandpiper: to 3 Sep Westport, last Bryant's Siding 8 Oct (AH,JT). Spotted Sandpiper: one King's Bay to 8 Sep. Ruddy Turnstone: one Rouses Pt 7 Oct (WE,RL,NM), only report. Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr King's Bay 1 Sep, max 5 on 5 Oct, last 6 Oct; also Westport. Least Sandpiper: max eight Westport 3 Sep, last King's Bay 2 Oct. Pectoral Sandpiper: King's Bay 18 Sep-6 Oct, max five on 22 & 25 Sep (MG). Dunlin: arr King's Bay 2 Oct, max 10-12 Hogansburg 24 Oct (HW). Short-billed Dowitcher: three King's Bay 2 Oct only report. Com. Snipe: King's Bay 8 Sep-10 Oct, max 14 on 8 Sep. Am. Woodcock: in flight song Paradox 24 Oct (MB). Bonaparte's Gull: 100+ Westport to 1 Sep, also Four Brothers I and Willsboro Bay late Oct. Great Black-backed Gull: max six Four Brothers I on 1 Sep.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Long-eared Owl: calling Witherbee 17-31 Oct, rarely reported. Whip-poor-will: last Witherbee 6 Sep (CW). Red-headed Woodpecker: last Hogansburg Sep. Pileated Woodpecker: eating dogwood berries Paradox 3 Oct.

FLYCATCHERS: STARLINGS: Least Flycatcher: last Tupper L 7 Sep. Horned Lark: arr eight Tupper L munic. park 21 Oct, max flocks of 75 and 150 n Clin 29 Nov. Com. Raven: 2 feeding on red berries summit Cascade Mt 8 Sep (SH). Boreal Chickadee: Cascade Mt and Spring Pond Bog: two Newcomb feeder for fifth year. Brown Creeper: in song Owl

Pate Bog 14 Oct (MB). E. Bluebird: Crown Point, Keene Valley, New Russia, Saranac L in Oct, max 50 Peru 15 Oct suggests abundance. Water Pipit: one summit Cascade Mt (4,098') 30 Sep (B&CB).

VIREOS-WARBLERS: All are last dates at Tupper L, except as noted. Solitary Vireo: 14 Oct. Yellow-throated Vireo: 7 Sep. Red-eyed Vireo: 7 Oct. Nashville Warbler: 2 Oct. N. Parula: 1 Oct. Yellow Warbler: 6 Sep. Chestnut-sided Warbler: 21 Sep. Magnolia Warbler: 20 Sep. Cape May Warbler: 23 Sep. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 6 Sep. Yellow-rumped Warbler: 12 Nov. Black-throated Green Warbler: one giving squeaky song Paradox 24 Sep (MB). "Western" Palm Warbler: migrant in muskeg habitat Spring Pond Bog 1 Oct (B&CB,JP). Bay-breasted Warbler: 28 Sep. Black-and-white Warbler: 9 Sep. Am. Redstart: 7 Sep. Ovenbird: in full song and feeding fledglings Paradox 5 Sep, new late date for NYS fledglings (MB). Wilson's Warbler: 7 Sep. Canada Warbler: 6 Sep.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Rufous-sided Towhee: max ten L Alice 2 Nov (MG), high count. Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Four Brothers I "C" 27 Oct (TM). Chipping Sparrow: last Tupper L 6 Nov. Fox Sparrow: arr two Tupper L 19 Oct; last Tupper L 15 Nov, one Elizabethtown 26 Oct, the only other location to report. White-crowned Sparrow: Tupper L from 10 to 20 Oct. Dark-eyed Junco: max 28 Tupper L 11 Nov. Red-winged Blackbird: eight Indian L and 16 Owls Head to 10 Nov, late high counts. E. Meadowlark: one in small pasture near Blue Mt L 5 Oct (B&CB) scarce in that area. Red Crossbill: 20 Bryant's Siding, 16 Nov (JT), feeding in white pine and the only report this season. White-winged Crossbill: imm at Tupper L feeder 9 Sep, male struck window and died Elizabethtown feeder 8 Nov, only reports following the 1984-85 invasion. Pine Siskin: a few reports of flocks of up to 25 in Oct-Nov, following invasion. Am. Goldfinch: scarce but scattered reports. House Sparrow: entering Tupper L street light fixture in early Nov.

CORRIGENDUM: Gray-cheeked Thrush Moriah 22 Apr 1984 should be 22 May (GC).

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REGION 8 – HUDSON-MOHAWK

There is no Region 8 report because we have no Editor for Region 8.

REGION 9 – DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Basically this was a rather lackluster season in almost every way. There were no great weather changes with the exception of Hurricane *Gloria* and even that was a bust as far as winds and rain were concerned. Thankfully there was little damage reported, but with one or two exceptions no exotic birds were present either. Reservoir supplies were raised only slightly, and were it not for a few