

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: max two OPM 3 Sep & Delhi 10 Sep (MC); last bnd NV, ties early departure since 1961. N. Cardinal: pair FY Delhi 18 Sep (MC), late. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max five OPM 3 Sep. Indigo Bunting: last bnd NV 30 Sep. Rufous-sided Towhee: max three OPM 3 Sep. Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Delhi 1 Nov (MC), late; max four Hunts Pd 15 Nov (CC, DW, JL). Chipping Sparrow: max 20 OPM 15 Sep; last Oneonta 24 Oct (MD). Field Sparrow: max five N Colesville 11 Oct & Windsor 12 Oct; last three bnd NV 20 Oct. Vesper Sparrow: only one Truxton 28 Sep (DP), earliest departure since 1978. Savannah Sparrow: max six Norwich 4 Oct (JL), last. Fox Sparrow: arr NV 19 Oct; max & last two Delhi 1 Nov (MC). Song Sparrow: max 35 Windsor 18 Oct; last five there 22 Nov. Lincoln's Sparrow: max two bnd NV 18 Sep & 7 Oct. Swamp Sparrow: max 11 bnd NV 7 Oct; last four OPM 20 Oct. White-throated Sparrow: max 20 Windsor 18 Oct. White-crowned Sparrow: early arr Delhi 28 Sep (MC); max five NV 12 Oct. Dark-eyed Junco: max 200 Hunts Pd 15 Nov (CC, DW, JL). Snow Bunting: early arr three Oneonta 24 Oct (MD). Red-winged Blackbird: max 200 OPM 20 Oct; last Vestal Center 23 Nov (SD). E. Meadowlark: max four OPM 15 Oct; last Triangle 18 Oct (A & MD). Com. Grackle: max 100 Windsor 12 Oct; last Homer 28 Nov (BB). Brown-headed Cowbird: max 200 Franklin 18 Sep (KS); last three Delhi 21 Nov (MC). N. Oriole: max & last two OPM 3 Sep. Pine Grosbeak: arr Norwich 29 Nov (ER), only report. Purple Finch: max six Bovina 28 Oct (DR); last FHNC 22 Nov. House Finch: flocks incr into Nov. Pine Siskin: arr Truxton 16 Oct (DP); max 40 Oneonta 7 Nov (MD). Am. Goldfinch: max 57 bnd NV 18 Sep. Evening Grosbeak: arr NV 20 Oct (JB); max 100 Oneonta 27 Nov (MD).

Corrigendum: Upland Sandpiper E. Springfield (not Springville) & Salt Springville Jul 1985 not 1986.

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REGION 5 – ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

GENE HUGGINS

The fall 1986 migration became one of the worst fall migrations ever witnessed by many of our avid birders. Despite the gloom, there were a few positives for the season which included increased numbers of Common Loon and Horned Grebe and a near record high count of Wood Duck. An incursion of Snowy Owl and Northern Shrike brightened everyone's hopes for a more exciting winter. American Robin and Cedar Waxwing continued their steady increase. Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak were evident by the season's end.

Negatives for the season included: Pied-billed Grebe numbers were down. There were very few American Bittern and white herons were almost nonexistent. Populations of geese, except Brant, and most species of ducks showed low numbers. Ring-necked Pheasants continued their decline throughout the Region and, surprisingly, very few American Coots were found. The variety and numbers of shorebirds were at their lowest in recent memory. The jaeger flight off Derby Hill was not impressive as far as numbers were concerned, and numbers and variety of gulls were poor. Few white-winged gulls arrived by the end of the

season. Migrant Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, along with many other species of woodpeckers, were scarce in the Region. Low numbers and early departure dates were the rule for flycatchers, swallows, thrushes (except Am. Robins), vireos, warblers and sparrows. Horned Lark and Snow Bunting showed no major influx upon the open fields of the Region.

Approximately 215 species were reported, below average. Rarities for the season were Eared Grebe, Harlequin Duck, Sabine's Gull, Say's Phoebe and Kentucky Warbler. Other hard-to-find species reported this fall include Great Egret, Bald Eagle, Hudsonian Godwit, Western and Purple Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers, Black-legged Kittiwake, Franklin's Gull, Forster's Tern, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Connecticut Warbler.

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Abbreviations: Adk's-Adirondacks; DH-Derby Hill; LSB-Little Sodus Bay and vicinity; FH-Fair Haven; LOL-Lake Ontario littoral; NPT-northern Pompey township; SPd-Sandy Pond; SVB-Sylvan & Verona Beach, TRGMA-Three Rivers GMA.

LOONS-DUCKS: Red-throated Loon: arr 11 Oct, max 10 LOL 25 Oct. Com. Loon: arr 13 Sep, record fall max 442 there 25 Oct. Pied-billed Grebe: max 12 LOL 21 Sep. Horned Grebe: arr 11 Oct, max 136 LOL 25 Oct. Red-necked Grebe: arr SVB 18 Oct, max three LOL 8 Nov. **EARED GREBE**: single from St. Paul's Cemetery, Oswego, 22 Nov (mob). Double-crested Cormorant: max 100 LOL 28 Sep. Am. Bittern: last Clay Marsh 12 Oct. Great Egret: single LSB 1 Sep. Green-backed Heron: last 30 Sep. Tundra Swan: max six Oneida L 29 Nov. Brant: arr DH 9 Oct, max 5886 DH 30 Oct. Canada Goose: max only 1395 Beaver L 22 Nov. Wood Duck: max 2016 Toad H 28 Sep (FGS). Green-winged Teal: max 87 SPd 9 Oct, last 9 Nov. Am. Black Duck: max 318 SPd 9 Oct. Mallard: max 200 Beaver L & Clay Marsh 26 Oct. N. Pintail: max 46 DH 9 Oct. Blue-winged Teal: max 108 TRGMA 6 Sep, last LSB 1 Nov. N. Shoveler: arr Oneida L 13 Sep, last LSB 1 Nov. Gadwall: max 21 LSB 25 Oct. Am. Wigeon: max 218 DH 16 Oct. Canvasback: arr 25 Oct LSB, max 41 LOL 30 Nov. Redhead: arr 14 Sep LSB, max eight FH 28 Nov. Ring-necked Duck: arr LSB 14 Sep, max 76 LSB 1 Nov. Greater Scaup: arr LSB 21 Sep, max 423 DH. Lesser Scaup: arr Scott Swamp 9 Oct, max 196 DH. **HARLEQUIN DUCK**: female Nine Mile Pt 7-22 Nov (mob). Oldsquaw: arr DH 30 Oct, max 221. Black Scoter: arr DH 16 Oct, max 92 DH 2 Nov. Surf Scoter: arr DH 9 Oct, max 16. White-winged Scoter: arr SPd 9 Oct, max 264. Com. Goldeneye: arr LOL 25 Oct. Bufflehead: arr LOL 25 Oct. Hooded Merganser: arr LSB 11 Oct, max 77 LOL 23 Nov. Com. Merganser: arr LOL 12 Oct. Red-breasted Merganser: arr LOL 12 Oct, max 3655 LOL 22 Nov. Ruddy Duck: arr Beaver L 2 Oct.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Osprey: max six DH 9 Oct; record late 16 Nov Holland Patent (RE). Bald Eagle: im SPd 9 Oct, near Oswego 25 Oct, LOL 28 Nov. N. Harrier: max five LOL 25 Sep, 12 Oct. Red-shouldered Hawk: one LOL 16 Sep. Broad-winged Hawk: max three. Rough-legged Hawk: arr LSB 11 Oct. Merlin: five reports, most LOL, 6 Sep to 9 Oct. Virginia Rail: max two Poolsbrook 1 Sep, last 9 Sep. **SORA**: one Poolsbrook 1 Sep, last 2 Sep. Com. Moorhen: last LOL 18 Oct. Am. Coot: arr LOL 25 Sep. Black-bellied Plover: max one, low. Semipalmated Plover: max six SPd 6-13 Sep. Solitary Sandpiper: last window kill B. Burt's home Jamesville 20 Oct. Hudsonian Godwit: max nine SPd 9 Oct. Ruddy Turnstone: last SPd 15 Sep. Red Knot: to two/day, last SPd 14 Sep. Sanderl-

ing: max 43 SPd 6 Sep. Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 47 SPd 7 Sep. W. Sandpiper: two SVB 13 Sep. Least Sandpiper: max 12 Onon L 1 Sep. White-rumped Sandpiper: to two/day 6 Sep to 23 Nov, the last record late LOL (FGS). Baird's Sandpiper: max three Onon L 1 Sep, last SPd 28 Sep. Pectoral Sandpiper: max nine TRGMA 21 Sep. Purple Sandpiper: one Fairhaven 22-23 Nov. Dunlin: max 21 SPd 9 Oct, last 23 Nov. Buff-breasted Sandpiper: im SPd 6 Sep. Short-billed Dowitcher: last Onon L 14 Sep. Am. Woodcock: last 8 Nov. Pomarine Jaeger: one SVB 27 Sep-20 Oct (mob), first Oneida Lake record. Parasitic Jaeger: max five DH 6 Oct. Franklin's Gull: im LSB 14 Sep (FGS). Bonaparte's Gull: max 52 SVB 13 Sep. Iceland Gull: record early arr SVB 2 Nov (GW & MSR). Black-legged Kittiwake: im DH 23 Oct (FGS). **SABINE'S GULL**: one DH 15 Oct (DWC & KC). Caspian Tern: max 34 SPd 14 Sep. Com. Tern: max 34 SVB 13 Sep. Forster's Tern: one SPd 7 Sep.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one LOL 13 Sep only report. Snowy Owl: fifteen reports by the end of the period, apparently not lingering long at any location except Oswego H. Red-bellied Woodpecker: male FY Otisco L 18 Sep (RP). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: to seven/day 4 Sep to 7 Oct. Black-backed Woodpecker: one outlet of Stink L 29 Nov (GL).

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: E. Wood-Pewee: max 23 LOL 1 Sep. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: two reported for the period. **SAY'S PHOEBE**: one SPd 22 Oct (FGS), second Regional record. Horned Lark: max 225 SPd 15 Nov. Purple Martin: last Oneida 6 Sep. Tree Swallow: max 60 LOL 7 Sep. Barn Swallow: max 75 LOL 1 Sep. Gray Jay: max 3 T of Webb 4 Sep (FGS). Am. Crow: max 3000 SPd 9 Oct. Boreal Chickadee: one Nine Mile Pt 14 Nov (DWC). Carolina Wren: one Kirkville 24 Oct (JL), one DeWitt 11 Aug (DWC), late report. Winter Wren: arr SPd 6 Sep, last LOL 25 Oct. Marsh Wren: last SPd 12 Oct. Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr SPd 13 Sep. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr SPd 13 Sep, last LOL 1 Nov, max 150 NPT (DWC). E. Bluebird: last 18 Nov. Gray-cheeked Thrush: two reports 13 Sep and 3 Oct. Hermit Thrush: arr FH 2 Oct, last Lysander 26 Oct. Am. Robin: max 300 Lysander 26 Oct. Water Pipit: arr SPd 14 Sep, max 6 SPd 12 Oct, last 28 Nov. N. Shrike: arr LOL 2 Nov.

VIREOS-WARBLES: Philadelphia Vireo: to six/day 6 Sep to 7 Oct. Golden-winged Warbler: max 2 LOL 1 Sep. Orange-crowned Warbler: four reported 7-9 Oct. Yellow-rumped Warbler: last Oneida 2 Nov. Palm Warbler: two reported, 9 Sep and 7 Oct. **KENTUCKY WARBLER**: one NPT 11 Sep, second fall record (DWC). Connecticut Warbler: one Davis Rd woods 22 Sep (FGS). Mourning Warbler: three reported 1-16 Sep. Hooded Warbler: last LOL 21 Sep.

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