

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Chipping Sparrow: max 61 n Herk 28 Jun. **CLAY-COLORED SPARROW**: singing male NPT 5-7 July (mob). Savannah Sparrow: max 16 per day, very low. Grasshopper Sparrow: one near N Willmurt 25 Jun, only report. Henslow's Sparrow: very scarce, only three sites reported, max three. Lincoln's Sparrow: max 15 Wood's L Bog, n Herk 28 June. Bobolink: max 60, last 31 Aug. **WESTERN MEADOWLARK**: one near Amboy Center, Oswego, 29 Jun- 16 Jul (JR, mob). Orchard Oriole: male near nest CV 14-15 Jun. House Finch: max 102 per day. Red Crossbill: one near N Willmurt 25 Jun, two near Penn Mt & Echo L 5 Jul. Pine Siskin: one at a feeder Hastings 17 Jun. Am. Goldfinch: max 88 per day.

CORRIGENDA: Vol. 37: No. 3; p. 153; "two adult **Sandhill Cranes** flew by Derby Hill on 16 Apr." should read: one adult **Sandhill Crane** flew by Derby Hill on 15 April with two additional birds on 16 April, appearing there for the third consecutive year.

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REGION 6 - ST. LAWRENCE

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June weather continued the trend of warm temperatures from the spring. Temperatures in the Region averaged a degree or two above normal, with the lowest readings in the upper 30's occurring on 6 June. With the exception of northern St. Lawrence Co., precipitation was about an inch above normal. July was hot and humid with mean temperatures about two degrees above normal. Because of localized showers, rainfall varied from below normal in Watertown to well above normal in Canton, where 4 inches fell on July 12. Although statewide this was the hottest and wettest August of the century, both temperatures and rainfall were generally below normal in the North Country, with fields looking parched by the end of the month. Lee Chamberlaine reports that birds were restricted by the hot dry weather but that the fruit crop is excellent. Departure dates and comments indicate that the fall migration started two weeks early.

K. Griffith reports relative numbers of waterfowl from Upper and Lower Lakes and Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Areas, respectively: Canada Goose: 150, hundreds continued increases!; Wood Duck: 40, 25; Mallard: 125, many; Blue-winged Teal: 25, 0; Gadwall: 0, 6; Am. Widgeon: 2, 12; Redhead: 0, 10; and Ring-necked Duck: 8, 0.

Lower water levels in the Great Lakes produced better conditions for shorebirds than have existed for several years but, according to Gerry Smith, the flight was only slightly above average. His detailed observations at Eldorado Preserve will be deferred to the Fall Report. However, a Parasitic Jaeger there on 23 August deserves mention. Other rarities for the season were a Merlin and a nesting Short-eared Owl.

Fewer species were observed on both the Parishville and Waddington BBS; numbers of Common Snipe and Killdeer were up, and Common Crow, European Starling and House Sparrow also were up on the latter. In Parishville in late June, KG turned up a good warbler list, including six Nashvilles, eight Yellows, three Chestnut-sideds, two Magnolias, 12 Yellow-rumpeds, six Black-throated Greens, four Blackburnians, two Pines, six Black-and-whites, eight Am. Redstart, six Ovenbird, six Common Yellowthroat, and three Canadas a nice list, but no Waterthrush!

With regard to species expanding their ranges, only one observer bothered to mention Northern Cardinal or Turkey Vulture. House Finch is abundant in Jefferson Co, but its increase seems to have slowed in St. Lawrence Co. Red-bellied Woodpecker and Tufted Titmouse show no change and are probably limited by winter conditions.

No Endangered species were reported. Four of the six Threatened species in the state were reported, with numbers of Northern Harrier strong. Among Special Concern species, Common Loon and Upland Sandpiper and Eastern Bluebird were stable; Short-eared Owl may be increasing; Black Tern seems weak; Com. Nighthawk was down, and there were no reports of grassland sparrows other than Savannah.

The Regional Editor is pleased to include reports from both transient and summer resident birders as the numbers of resident observers has been depleted severely in the past year. A total of 132 species including 17 waders and waterfowl, 14 shore and marsh birds, 11 raptors, 15 other non-passerines and 75 passerines was reported.

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Abbreviations: EDB - El Dorado Beach Preserve; LV - Lakeview WMA; PR - Perch River WMA; ULL - Upper and Lower Lakes WMA; WH - Wilson Hill WMA; SLR - St. Lawrence River.

LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: two ULL and two ad plus two im WH on 3 Jul (KG); apparent nesting at WH and ULL suggests that loons are shifting to more productive lowland areas. Pied-billed Grebe: 15 ULL 3 Jul is encouraging in light of the new management regime of lower water levels. Double-crested Cormorant: 400 at barrier beach of LV 20 Jul; one Cranberry Lake 26 & 29 May (WG) indicates dispersal from breeding areas in St. Lawrence Valley. Am. Bittern: singles from ULL and WH seem low. Great Blue Heron: very few nests remain in formerly large colony at ULL. Mute Swan: 13 PR all summer is astonishing!

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Osprey: pair carrying fish between Morley and Woodbridge Corners, Canton (BW). N. Harrier: many ims in Jeff. Sharp-shinned Hawk: one Parishville 29 Jun. Red-tailed Hawk: nest on Rte 81, Watertown appears intact, but nesting tree used for several seasons on US 11 in LeRay was cut. **MERLIN**: female Town of Fine 1 Aug (TL, MT, JW). Ruffed Grouse: a good brood year. Upland Sandpiper: numbers up, but much habitat near Watertown for sale due to Fort Drum expansion -- a frightening spectacle. Am. Woodcock: may have suffered from Aug drought. Parasitic Jaeger: *intro*. Ring-billed Gull: on increase throughout region. Com. Tern: seven WH 3 Jul. Black Tern: only three ULL 3 Jul; "still holding on but down at LV, about same at PR, also in Black River Bay -- nesting?" (LBC).

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: contrast "not in expected numbers with the number of tent caterpillars" (LBC) with one Clifton and one Colton 1 Aug, "I didn't see any cuckoos in my 2 months of working on Atlas in 85" -- are you having a tent caterpillar outbreak? (TL); M. Badger observed one of each species of Cuckoo in Louisville in June. Barred Owl: one Parishville 29 Jun, interesting in this foothill location. Short-eared Owl: nesting pair fledged one y on Grenadier I., SLR (GAS); also one Chaumont late Jun suggests breeding in this traditional wintering ground. Com. Night-hawk: none breeding on rooftops of Clarkson University, Potsdam, for second year; crows on roofs in good numbers probably destroy eggs and young (SC); only one or two in Watertown; three Massena 29 Aug; last Potsdam 23 Aug. Chimney Swift: down 50% in Jeff. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: abundant throughout. Red-bellied Woodpecker: just one Watertown all summer.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLING: E. Wood-Pewee: six Parishville 29 Jun is a good count. Willow Flycatcher: two WH 3 Jul (KG) is a significant sighting. E. Phoebe: numbers back up. E. Kingbird: down from last year (LBS); last Louisville 29 Aug. Horned Lark: pair rte 56 near Massena 18 Jun and 20 Aug, an uncommon breeder in StLa Co. Purple Martin: 30 Louisville 12 Jun; down in Henderson; last mid Aug, early departure. Tree and Barn Swallows: last Massena 27 Aug. Cliff Swallow: good numbers at Louisville and Potsdam shopping center all summer. Tufted Titmouse: three Henderson entire period. Brown Creeper: eight Kendrew Corners in Beaver flow. Golden-crowned Kinglet: four Parishville 3 Jul. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: one Louisville 23 Aug, early migrant? Hermit Thrush: three Louisville 17 Jun, two Parishville 29 Jun, an uncommon breeder. Wood Thrush: abundant. Cedar Waxwing: "everywhere".

VIREOS-WARBLED: MB reports Yellow Warbler, Ovenbird and Com. Yellowthroat "everywhere."

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Indigo Bunting: none Parishville BBS, but two Parishville 29 Jun (KG). Dark-eyed Junco: 20 Parishville late Jun, surprising at this elevation. Bobolink: overhead in late Jul, migrating? N. Oriole: a productive season. Am. Goldfinch: a good year with bumper thistle crop. White-winged Crossbill: male S. Colton 1 Aug. Evening Grosbeak: two males and six females eating grit in Cranberry Lake Inn parking lot 1 Aug.

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REGION 7 - ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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A long-awaited shorebird, interesting open-country species, and a disproportionate number of tantalizing secondhand reports marked the summer of '87. The season was generally warm and dry, with several hot spells in midsummer. The first heat wave started 9 July and the continuing Bermuda high pushed thermometers to 91°F at Plattsburgh on 13 July, but by 15 July temperatures in the same city had dropped to 63°F. In the midst of this heat wave, Anne Hungerford and Jan Trzeciak found two *Stilt Sandpipers* in Basic plumage on a mudflat