

ghamton 13 Sep. Palm Warbler: five singles three sites to 23 Oct, good count. Bay-breasted Warbler: four singles two sites. Blackpoll Warbler: to three/day at three sites. Black-and-white Warbler: two reports. Am. Redstart: three reports. Ovenbird: at three sites. N. Waterthrush: two singles. Connecticut Warbler: singles banded Binghamton 19 & 23 Sep. Mourning Warbler: singles banded Binghamton 12 & 20 Sep.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: max five. N. Cardinal: widely reported; ad + FL Norwich 19 Sep (JL), late & doing well. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 15 OPM 1 Sep. Indigo Bunting: last singles banded NV 2 & 19 Oct. Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Vestal Center 22 Oct (SD); max nine in Nov, scarce. Chipping Sparrow: max 60 OPM 13 Oct; last singles Delhi 1 & 2 Nov. Field Sparrow: max 11 to 13 Oct; last four banded NV 16 Oct. Vesper Sparrow: max 12 Walton 3 Oct (SH); last OPM 19 Oct. Savannah Sparrow: last OPM 19 Oct. Fox Sparrow: only three singles to 26 Oct, scarce. Song Sparrow: last 14 Nov. Lincoln's Sparrow: four singles Sep, only one report Oct. Swamp Sparrow: max seven, last 24 Oct. White-throated Sparrow: max, last JCity 22 Nov (JS). White-crowned Sparrow: arr banded NV 27 Sep, one to four almost daily seven sites to 31 Oct. Dark-eyed Junco: max 100's Vestal 22 Oct (LBe); up to 25 daily many sites Nov. Snow Bunting: arr two Norwich 2 Nov (JL). Bobolink: nine NN 5 Sep, only report. Red-winged Blackbird: max 100 OPM 2 Oct; last Delhi 22 Nov. E. Meadowlark: last eight OPM. Rusty Blackbird: arr six NN 27 Sep CBC; last four there 3 Oct (JL). Com. Grackle: max 75 Vestal 17 Oct (LBe) & NCol 24 Oct; last Delhi 12 Nov. Brown-headed Cowbird: max 40 OPM 30 Oct; last Delhi 30 Nov. Purple Finch: only four singles at three sites Nov. House Finch: max 50 JCity 11 to 19 Nov, very common everywhere! Pine Siskin: arr REEC 27 Sep CBC; mas 25, reports from three sites. Am. Goldfinch: to 25/day thru Nov. Evening Grosbeak: arr two sites 18 Oct; max 90 Norwich 3 Nov (JL).

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REGION 5 — ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

GENE HUGGINS

The weather this fall was generally mild. Both precipitation and snowfall were below normal. Excellent flight days occurred at Derby Hill from 21 Oct to 8 Nov and for small passerines in southern Madison Co. on 10 and from 20 to 24 Sep.

This season observers saw encouraging numbers of migrating loons and grebes. A Pied-billed Grebe near Erieville on 30 Nov was notably late so far south. Six Great Egrets appeared at Delta Lake and a Cattle Egret was at Holland Patent on the late date of 30 Oct. There were good numbers of Brant, Northern Pintail, Oldsquaw, Common Goldeneye and Red-breasted Merganser along Lake Ontario. Despite the good news for some waterfowl, most dabbling ducks and all species of the genus *Aythya* were at record low levels. The immature male Oldsquaw from the late summer was seen again off Pleasant Point, L. Ontario, on 4 Sep. Oldsquaw peaked at 428 off Derby Hill on 25 October.

A **Sandhill Crane** was found by a Mr. Breckenridge near Duxtater Rd., Stacy's Basin, Town of Verona, Oneida Co., feeding in a pasture with horses, from 10 to 16 Oct. This is the first fall Regional report. Shorebird diversity was average, but numbers were quite low, especially those of Dunlin and Common Snipe.

The outstanding shorebird this fall was the **Marbled Godwit** found at Delta Lake on 7 Sep, the first record since 1978 and the Region's third. The passage of Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers by Derby Hill and Sandy Pond exceeded last year's total by at least ten birds. Observers noted a marked increase in Great Black-backed Gulls, especially inland on Oneida and Onondaga Lakes.

The raptor flight brought a surprising concentration of 63 Turkey Vultures heading south above the eastern shore of Skaneateles Lake on 12 Oct. This is the highest fall count for the Region. Merlins demonstrated a moderate increase but very few Northern Goshawks and Rough-legged Hawks entered our area. A subadult **Golden Eagle** along Rt. 5 near Oneida on 23 Oct was only the third modern fall Regional report. Once again, an irruption of Snowy Owls appeared along the shore of Lake Ontario. Lesser numbers of Short-eared Owls were inland near Pennellville.

Flycatchers were at an all time low, with an average maximum of just five for each of seven species recorded. Blue Jays migrated from our area in large numbers on 20-23 Sep, one observer commenting on the 100 plus passing over her home in southern Madison Co. for two days. Maxima for Winter Wren, both kinglets and Hermit Thrush were above average for the period. Despite the increased efforts of many birdwatchers, numbers for vireos and warblers were at alarmingly low levels. Yellow-rumped Warbler was the only species with a maximum of over 100 individuals, and that count came from a nesting area. Magnolia and Bay-breasted Warblers both averaged a maxima of 36 per day, but the other warbler species averaged a maximum of only seven per day. Scheider observed a Yellow Warbler at the Three Rivers Game Management Area on the very late date of 13 Nov (report to NYSARC). The most unusual species found was a Prairie Warbler. Most migrant sparrows appeared in very good numbers, but American Tree Sparrow and Dark-eyed Junco were at record low levels. An immature male Northern Oriole was at a feeder in Oneida from 1 to 4 Nov. Winter finches were virtually absent, except for an irruption of Pine Siskins and smaller numbers of Evening Grosbeaks. Half-hardy species were scarce during November, with Song and White-throated Sparrow showing up in smaller numbers.

A total of 233 species plus one hybrid were reported this fall. The very rare species included Sandhill Crane, Golden Eagle, Marbled Godwit, Long-billed Dowitcher, Sabine's Gull, the November Yellow Warbler and Prairie Warbler. In addition to these, hard-to-find species reported this fall included King Eider, Bald Eagle, Whimbrel, Hudsonian Godwit, Western Sandpiper, Purple Sandpiper, Pomarine Jaeger, Franklin's and Little Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Forster's Tern, Bohemian Waxwing and Orange-crowned Warbler.

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Abbreviations: DH-Derby Hill, Oswego Co.; FH-Fair Haven, Oswego Co.; LOL-Lake Ontario Littoral, Oswego Co.; PSS-Peter Scott Swamp, Oswego Co.; NPT-Northern Pompey Township, Onondaga Co.; OnonL-Onondaga Lake; SPd-Sandy Pond, Oswego Co.; SSSP-Selkirk Shores State Park; SVB-Sylvan & Verona Beaches, Oneida Co.; TRGMA-Three Rivers Game Management Area.

LOONS-DUCKS: Red-throated Loon: arr DH 3 Oct, max five LOL 15 Nov. Com. Loon: arr LOL 20 Sep, max 200+ LOL 8 Nov. Pied-billed Grebe: max 36 LOL 24 Oct. Horned Grebe: arr LOL 2 Oct, max 350 8 Nov. Red-necked Grebe: arr DH 25 Oct, max two LOL 29 Oct, last 15 Nov. Double-crested Cormorant: record max 500 DH 21 Oct. Am. Bittern: last PSS 17 Sep. Great Blue Heron: max 33 7 Sep. Great Egret: max six Delta L to 19 Sep. Cattle Egret: *intro*. Green-backed Heron: last SPd 22 Oct. Tundra Swan: singles TRGMA 3 Nov, Beaver L. 15 Nov, FH 19-22 Nov. Snow Goose: only report six SPd 8 Oct. Brant: arr DH 8 Oct, max 7,500 DH 21 Oct, last 14 Nov. Canada Goose: max only 1800 LOL 15,22 Nov. Wood Duck: record max 2072 LOL, Toad Harbor 26 Sep. Green-winged Teal: max 69 SPd 8 Oct, last Syracuse 28 Nov. Am. Black Duck: max 420 SPd 8 Oct. Mallard: max 503 19 Sep. N. Pintail: max 1,023 SPd 8 Oct. Blue-winged Teal: max 40 on 6 Sep, last DH 25 Oct. N. Shoveler: arr SVB 19 Sep, max 25 LOL 24 Sep, last 19 Nov. Gadwall: max 105 LOL 19 Nov. Am. Wigeon: max 704 SPd 8 Oct, last Otisco L 27 Nov. Canvasback: arr SPd 29 Oct, max 40 Beaver L 16 Nov. Redhead: arr LOL 6 Sep, max 20 FH 17 Oct. Ring-necked Duck: arr LOL 6 Sep, max 23 SPd 29 Oct. Greater Scaup: arr SPd 24 Sep, max 283 Oswego H 15 Nov. Lesser Scaup: arr LOL 26 Sep, max 151 LOL 24 Oct. King Eider: one DH 25 Oct, female LOL 22 Nov. Oldsquaw: *intro*. Black Scoter: arr SPd 1 Oct, max 79 DH 25 Oct. Surf Scoter: arr SPd 1 Oct, max 284 DH 8 Oct. White-winged Scoter: arr SPd 20 Sep, max 560 DH 8 Oct. Com. Goldeneye: arr LOL 12 Oct, max 557 LOL 15 Nov. Bufflehead: arr LOL 24 Oct, max 20 LOL 12 Nov. Hooded Merganser: arr Beaver L 6 Oct, max 110 there 15 Nov. Com. Merganser: arr OnonL 5 Sep, max 70 LOL 12 Nov. Red-breasted Merganser: arr DH 3 Oct, max 6,400 LOL 12 Nov. Ruddy Duck: arr Beaver L 6 Oct, max 24 there 16 Nov, very low.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: *intro*; last near Tassel Hill, ONEI, 24 Oct. Osprey: max nine LOL 20 Sep. Bald Eagle: im SPd 20 Sep. N. Harrier: max 11 SPd 22 Oct. Sharp-shinned Hawk: max seven T Webb 10 Sep. Cooper's Hawk: ten widely scattered reports. N. Goshawk: im SSSP 17 Sep, only report. Red-shouldered Hawk: four reports, last Tassel Hill, ONEI, 24 Oct. Rough-legged Hawk: arr SPd 22 Oct. **Golden Eagle**: *intro*. Am. Kestrel: max 21 LOL 11 Sep. Merlin: 13 reports, arr NPT and Delta L 7 Sep, record late Tassel Hill 24 Oct. Peregrine Falcon: two DH 21 Oct, one Delta L 11 Sep. Ring-necked Pheasant: only eight reports, rapidly diminishing. Wild Turkey: max 20 along Otisco V Rd 1 Nov. Virginia Rail: one Clay Marsh 22 Sep, only report. Com. Moorhen: max nine SPd 17 Sep, last 4 Oct. Am. Coot: max 181 LOL & Beaver L 24 Oct, last LOL 22 Nov. **Sandhill Crane**: *intro*. Black-bellied Plover: max three SPd 23 Sep, 10 Oct, 22 Oct. Lesser Golden-Plover: max 24 near Verona 3 Sep, last Biddlecum 31 Oct. Semipalmated Plover: max 17 SVB and Delta L 7 Sep. Killdeer: max 326 SVB & Delta L 7 Sep, last LOL 22 Nov. Greater Yellowlegs: max nine SVB & Delta L 7 Sep. Lesser Yellowlegs: max 40 SVB & Delta L 7 Sep. Solitary Sandpiper: max three 7 Sep, last 15 Sep. Spotted Sandpiper: max 17 Delta L 11 Sep. Upland Sandpiper: max and last seven near Rt 31 5 Sep. Whimbrel: one SPd 10 Sep, one FH 15 Sep. Hudsonian Godwit: one Town Isle Golf Course, Kirkville, only report. **Marbled Godwit**: *intro*. Ruddy Turnstone: max two FH and DH, last LOL 1 Nov. Red Knot: only report two SPd 17-20 Sep. Sanderling: max 215 SPd 23 Sep. Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 59 SPd 5 Sep. W. Sandpiper: max two SPd, OnonL 5 Sep, one Old Fly Marsh 8 Sep. Least Sandpiper: max 13 SVB & Delta L 7 Sep. White-rumped Sandpiper: max 13 SPd 20 Sep- 1 Oct, last FH 1 Nov. Baird's Sandpiper: max five SPd 5 Sep, last 5 Oct. Pectoral Sandpiper: max 40 SVB & Delta L 7 Sep. Purple Sandpiper: only report three Oswego H 15 Nov. Dunlin: arr SVB & Delta L 19 Sep, max 35 SPd 22 Oct, last FH 15 Nov. Short-billed Dowitcher: max four SVB & Delta L 7 Sep, last 13 Sep. **Long-billed Dowitcher**: one SPd 1 Oct, first since 1985. Com. Snipe: max eight 7 Sep, last LOL 1 Nov. Am. Woodcock: max two SSSP 18 Oct, last LOL 24 Oct. Red Phalarope: max seven DH 28 Oct, two DH 8 Oct, two DH 25 Oct. Pomarine Jaeger: one SPd inlet 8 Oct, another there 14 Nov. Parasitic Jaeger: 14 for the season migrating past DH 24 Sep-6 Nov, max ten on 25 Oct. Franklin's Gull: im DH 5 Nov. Little Gull: two SPd inlet 7-14 Sep, one DH 5 Nov. Bonaparte's Gull: max 200 DH 5 Nov. Ring-billed

Gull: max 2,400 LOL 19 Nov. Herring Gull: max 600 DH 25 Oct. Iceland Gull: singles FH to Oswego 15 Nov, DH 17 Nov. Glaucous Gull: arr LOL 12 Nov. Great Black-backed Gull: max 118 LOL 5 Oct. Black-legged Kittiwake: im DH 25 Oct, 31 Oct, five on 5 Nov. **Sabine's Gull**: one DH 25 & 31 Oct, 5 Nov, latest of eight Regional records. Caspian Tern: max 41 SPd 5 Sep. Com. Tern: max 310 SVB 13 Sep. Forster's Tern: max two SPd 7 Sep-5 Oct, one FH 17 Oct. Black Tern: one SPd 14 Sep, only report.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: max 138. Snowy Owl: two Oswego H 12-30 Nov, one SPd 14 Nov. Short-eared Owl: max ten near Pennellville 15-30 Nov. Com. Nighthawk: last Otisco L 2 Sep. Chimney Swift: max 75 SPd 5 Sep. Ruby-throated Hummingbird : max four SPd 5, 7 Sep. Red-bellied Woodpecker: one at feeder Holland Patent after 8 Oct unusually far east. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: to four/day 10 Sep to 4 Oct. Downy Woodpecker: max 21 T Lysander 11 Oct. N. Flicker: max 44 T Webb 10 Sep.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: max two and last LOL 11 Sep. E. Wood-Pewee: max 17 Syracuse 3 Sep. Least Flycatcher: max two Clay Marsh 1 Sep, 6 Sep. E. Phoebe: max nine SPd 24 Sep. Great Crested Flycatcher: max two SPd 7 Sep. Horned Lark: max 45 T Sterling 12 Oct. Purple Martin: max and last four SPd 5 Sep. Tree Swallow: max 210 SPd 11 Sep. N. Rough-winged Swallow: max and last nine SPd 27 Sep. Bank Swallow: max and last 65 SPd 5 Sep. Cliff Swallow: singles SPd 5, 11 Sep. Barn Swallow: max 800 SPd 5 Sep. Blue Jay: max 180 near Hastings 21 Sep. Com. Raven: four at a dump near Forestport 28 Nov, two T Webb 10 Sep. Tufted Titmouse: max seven T Sterling 6 Sep, three near Holland Patent. Brown Creeper: max 50 SPd 2 3 Sep. Carolina Wren: only report Syracuse 3-24 Sep. Winter Wren: max 36 SPd 24 Sep. Marsh Wren: max two until 5 Oct. Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 100 SPd 23 Sep with over 30/day from 23 Sep to 30 Oct. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max 250/day, last DH 11 Nov. E. Bluebird: max 19 near Munnsville 12 Oct, 61 birds for the season. Veery: max three/day. Gray-cheeked Thrush: max four/day. Swainson's Thrush: max ten/day. Hermit Thrush: max 15 LOL 4 Oct, last 24 Oct. Wood Thrush: max 12 near Erieville 21 Sep. Am. Robin: max 300 T Sterling 12 Oct. Gray Catbird: max 14/day. Brown Thrasher: max 5/day. Water Pipit: arr SPd 11 Sep, max 45 Stacey Basin, SVB 15 Oct, last Cicero Swamp 7 Nov. Bohemian Waxwing: two five mi w Oswego 12 Nov, only report. Cedar Waxwing: max 300 T Webb 10 Sep, scarce after mid October. N. Shrike: arr TRGMA 30 Oct.

VIREOS-WARBBLERS: Solitary Vireo: max 25 T Webb 10 Sep. Yellow-throated Vireo: max four/day. Warbling Vireo: max 11 SPd 7 Sep. Philadelphia Vireo: max five/day, last Syracuse 3 Oct. Red-eyed Vireo: max 34 T Sterling 6 Sep. Blue-winged Warbler: only report near Hastings 21 Sep, late. Golden-winged Warbler: only report T Sterling 6 Sep. Brewster's Warbler: only report T Sterling 6 Sep. Tennessee Warbler: max 11 T Sterling 13 Sep. Orange-crowned Warbler: about four reported 27 Sep to 6 Oct. Nashville Warbler: max seven/day. N. Parula: arr SPd 11 Sep, max six/day. Yellow Warbler: *intro*. Chestnut-sided Warbler: max seven/day. Magnolia Warbler: max 34 SPd 20 Sep. Cape May Warbler: arr 5 Sep, max five/day. Black-throated Blue Warbler: max eight/day. Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 120 T Webb 10 Sep, last SPd 5 Oct. Black-throated Green Warbler: max 25/day near Erieville 23, 24 Sep. Blackburnian Warbler: max five/day. Pine Warbler: three reports 4 Sep to 12 Oct. **Prairie Warbler**: one S SSP 5 Oct, latest of five modern Regional fall records. Palm Warbler: arr 13 Sep, max eight SPd 20 Sep, last 12 Oct. Bay-breasted Warbler: arr 6 Sep, max 38 T Sterling 13 Sep. Blackpoll Warbler: arr 5 Sep, max four/day. Black-and-white Warbler: max six SPd 23 Sep. Am. Redstart: max 18/day. Ovenbird: max eight/day. N. Waterthrush: max two/day. Mourning Warbler: max and last two SPd 20 Sep. Com. Yellowthroat: max 18 T Sterling 6 Sep. Hooded Warbler: max 11 T Sterling 6 Sep, last Clay Marsh 22 Sep. Wilson's Warbler: arr Clay Marsh 1 Sep, max ten SPd 17 Sep. Canada Warbler: max two/day.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: max six T Webb 10 Sep. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 22/day. Indigo Bunting: last Erieville 7 Oct. Rufous-sided Towhee: max six/day.

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr SPd 29 Oct. Chipping Sparrow: max 172 T Lysander 6 Oct, last 17 Oct. Vesper Sparrow: max ten/day, last 17 Oct. Savannah Sparrow: max 32, last SPd 12 Nov. Fox Sparrow: max 25 NPT 30 Oct. Song Sparrow: max 499 T Lysander 6 Oct. Lincoln's Sparrow: arr SPd 11 Sep, max 11/day. Swamp Sparrow: max 95/day. White-throated Sparrow: max 448/day. White-crowned Sparrow: arr SPd 24 Sep, max 135 on 11 Oct. Dark-eyed Junco: max 45/day. Lapland Longspur: arr SPd 27 Sep. Snow Bunting: arr SPd 22 Oct, max 220 LOL 15 Nov. Bobolink: max two/day. Red-winged Black bird: max 15,000/day. E. Meadowlark: max 36 Durhamville 1 Oct, last LOL 22 Nov. Rusty Blackbird: arr Clay M 22 Sep, max 38 on 11 Oct, last 22 Nov. Com. Grackle: max 10,000/day. Brown-headed Cowbird: max 2,000/day. N. Oriole: *intro*. Purple Finch : max 12/day, scarce. House Finch: max 383/day, proliferating everywhere. Red Crossbill: four widely scattered reports. White-winged Crossbill: one T Webb 10 Sep, one NPT 31 Oct, two Forestport 28 Nov. Pine Siskin: arr 6 Sep, max 212/day. Am. Goldfinch: max 164/day. Evening Grosbeak: arr 6 Sep, max 105 LOL 24 Oct.

CORRIGENDA: Vol. 37, No. 3, Page 156: *delete* (MSR) *after* Black Tern: max 11 Toad H 11 May. Whip-poor-will: arr 10 May, max seven Rome Sand Plains (MSR) *should read* near Oklahoma Gulf, T Newport, Herkimer Co. (MSR).

Yellow-breasted Chat: arr StMC 14 May, one CV 25 May *should read* arr Oakwood 14 May (C.G. Spies & MSR); ...

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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September was one of the wettest on record, but there was little or no frost until late in the month. October was unusually cold with temperatures 2-3° below normal, but most of Region 6 was spared the heavy snowfall of 4 Oct. Snow came on 12 Oct.

There were only two light snowfalls in November. Midmonth temperatures were in the 50's, and many migrants tended to linger.

Even in foothill regions, unprecedented numbers of Canada Goose frequented cornfields until the snow came in December. A few other waterfowl species were present in better numbers than typical of recent years, while numbers of Greater and Lesser Scaup, Oldsquaw, all three scoters, Common Goldeneye and Bufflehead were more typical of recent falls. Winter raptors arrived in good numbers on or ahead of schedule. After its arrival at El Dorado Beach on 2 Oct, spectacular concentrations of Rough-legged Hawk on the Pt. Peninsula reached 50 per day by late November. Similarly, Northern Harrier counts of 15-20 per day on the Pt. Peninsula in October increased to 40+ per day by late November. Snowy Owl arrived at the Pt. Peninsula on 22 Nov, and several Northern Shrike were reported in November after its arrival in Canton on 4 Oct. Counts of these mouse-eating species reflect a vole plague combined with a northern raptor incursion in that area — more in the winter report. This report includes Gerry