

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

Smith's summer observations at El Dorado Beach Preserve. Ruddy Turnstone had a poor flight in contrast to fair flights of most the other common shorebirds, and no White-rumped Sandpiper were found at all. Sanderling produced good late season counts. There were a few reports of Golden-crowned Kinglet and Ruby-crowned Kinglet. All of the spot-breasted thrushes were reported in small numbers from 5 Sep to 20 Oct. Twelve species of warbler were reported, the last in mid October. Other than Common Redpoll and Pine Siskin late in Nov, there were no reports of winter finches.

Reports included a total of 166 species including 29 waterbirds and waders, 15 raptors, 25 shorebirds, 21 other nonpasserines and 76 passerines. An astonishing report of six **Arctic Tern** with hordes of Common Terns at the Moses-Saunders Dam on 10 Sep is provided by a very experienced and reliable observer (BDiL). While this report might be considered tentative pending a NYSARC review, it seems highly possible from this larid hot spot. The topper from this site, however, is a report with good supporting details of a **Razorbill** seen on 27 Nov by observers (BDiL, RB) familiar with the species on the North Atlantic coast. This would be the first record for the Region and one of the few for upstate New York. Details will be submitted to the NYSARC.

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Abbreviations: EDB-El Dorado Beach Preserve; MSD-Moses-Saunders Dam; PtPen-Point Peninsula; ULL-Upper and Lower Lakes WMA; SLR-St. Lawrence River.

LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: one in Alt plumage EDB 23 Jun possibly a summering bird; arr EDB 2 Oct; max one-three per day only. scarce; one ULL 8 Oct may be lingering resident. Pied-billed Grebe: two singles only, very scarce. Red-necked Grebe: two-four per day MSD 27 Sep to 30 Oct. only reports. Double-crested Cormorant: 15-60 per day EDB to late Sep, then one to five per day there to early Nov. Cattle Egret: one Potsdam 26 Oct, unusual in fall. Black-crowned Night-Heron: one MSD 10 Sep, unusual for fall. Tundra Swan: two PtPen 15 Nov. Wood Duck: dep three Grasse R 17 Oct. Green-winged Teal: two to ten per day EDB Aug-Sep; few thereafter. Am. Black Duck: 200 Chaumont Bay 15 Nov, good count for recent years. Blue-winged Teal: EDB numbers up slightly from the disaster counts of recent years, to 40 per day Aug-Sep, max 65 on 17 Aug. Am. Wigeon: three males EDB 17 Jun are unusual. Canvasback: 47 MSD 14 Nov, excellent count away from traditional western SLR staging areas. Ring-necked Duck: 500 ULL 13 Oct. Hooded Merganser: 23 EDB 11 Nov. Com. Merganser: nine at MSD 2 Aug increased to 80 on 30 Oct, 3500 11 Nov and 10,000 on 27 Nov.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Osprey: last MSD 20 Sep. Bald Eagle: three singles Oct-Nov. N. Harrier: *intro*. Sharp-shinned Hawk: to three per day. Cooper's Hawks: to three per day. N. Goshawk: four singles. Red-tailed Hawk: 15-30 per day PtPen in Nov. Rough-legged Hawk: *intro*. Merlin: four singles, including one unusual inland sighting at Stockholm 29 Sep. Peregrine: im MSD 24 Aug possibly an Ontario hacked bird MSD (BDiL, mob); im Rensselaer Falls 2 Oct found unconscious in rat trap in barn, rehabilitated and released by Conservation Officer L. Crane (LBC). Semipalmated Plover: arr EDB 17 Jul, to ten per day to 20 Sep, last 12 Oct. Greater Yellowlegs: arr EDB 22 Jun, very early, to 30 per day in mid Aug, last 17 Sep. Upland Sandpiper: group of three to four Rice Rd, Canton, late Aug suggests breeding. Ruddy Turnstone: arr EDB 1 Aug, late; max 19 on 10 Aug, last 12 Sep. Red Knot: two-six per day EDB 30 Aug-14 Sep. Sanderling: arr EDB 17 Jul, to 100 per day late Aug-early Oct. Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr EDB 7 July; most

counts below 60 per day mid Jul to mid Sep, max 435 on 6 Aug, a light-moderate flight. W. Sandpiper: one EDB 29-31 Aug only report. Least Sandpiper: arr EDB 1 Jul, to 20 per day July-Aug, max 74 on 6 Aug, last 16 Sep, good flight. Baird's Sandpiper: arr EDB 25 Aug, max 12 high, last 7 Sep, good flight. Pectoral Sandpiper: arr EDB 18 Jul, to two per day late Jul, few in Aug, to three per day first 10 days Sep; six Pillar Pt 24 Oct. Short-billed Dowitcher: arr eight EDB 8 Jul, to three per day through Jul, few thereafter, last 17 Aug. Am. Woodcock: one on shoreline EDB 20 Aug is very unusual location; two Stockholm 21 Oct. Little Gull: one to three per day MSD 30 Aug 30 Sep (BdiL, mob), probably to be expected there in fall. Bonaparte's Gull: 31 MSD on 21 July had increased to max of 500+ by 7 Nov. Iceland Gull: arr im MSD 30 Oct, early. Black-legged Kittiwake: two im MSD 27 Nov are no longer unexpected at this mecca for gulls. Caspian Tern: max 21 EDB 6 Aug, last there 27 Sep. Com. Tern: highest numbers from eastern SLR where breeding population is most numerous with lesser counts farther west; excellent max of 450 MSD (BDiL, RB) 10 Sep; last there 19 Oct. **Arctic Tern:** *intro*. Black Tern: decline continues locally, last 30 Aug. **Razorbill:** *intro*.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Great Horned Owl: only resident owl reported. Snowy Owl: *intro*. Com. Nighthawk: four Massena 1 Sep only report. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Stockholm 16 Sep. Belted Kingfisher: last 22 Oct. Red-headed Woodpecker: two ad, one im along S Grass R Rd, Massena, 30 Aug (BDiL).

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Gray Jay: three S Colton 17 Nov. Sedge Wren: three singing males N side of S Grass R Rd, Massena, 21 July (BDiL). E. Bluebird: good numbers to 26 Oct. Bohemian Waxwing: one with 20 Cedars Henderson 1 Nov. N. Shrike: *intro*.

VIREOS-WARBLED: Bay-breasted Warbler: max 20 Henderson 16 Sep.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Pierrepont 4 Nov. Field Sparrow: one Massena 10 Oct. Vesper Sparrow: one Watertown 11 Oct. Fox Sparrow: one Massena 6 Oct, two Stockholm 20 Oct. White-crowned Sparrow: frequent reports 26 Sep to 22 Oct unusual for Fall. Snow Bunting: arr Pierrepont 27 Nov. Rusty Blackbird: three ULL 8 Oct, six Stockholm 24 Oct, 60 Henderson 25 Oct. N. Oriole: one Massena to end of period.

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Although observer activity seemed low, and there were several admissions of difficulty in maintaining fall departure records for *The Kingbird* or in sustaining weekly Operation BirdWatch reports, there were a number of rarities among the 130 species reported. In addition to the Olympic loon and other rare finds, excitement was provided by an active sprinkler and a white woodpecker. And if only the coverage of Franklin County's Indian Lake provided by Jan Trzeciak could be expanded to include all of the 50 Adirondack lakes with at least one square mile of surface area, not to mention some of the 2,700 smaller lakes and ponds! Our understanding of migrant waterfowl away from Lake Champlain seems in its infancy, given past and present coverage of this Region.