

Horseheads 29 Aug. **Whimbrel**: *intro*. Short-billed Dowitcher: *intro*. Com. Snipe: no reports. Wilson's Phalarope: none. Black Tern: single report, one Elmira 29 Aug. Com. Tern: no reports!

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: abundant everywhere. Black-billed Cuckoo: infrequent but widespread all summer. **Short-eared Owl**: *intro*. Com. Night-hawk: max 50 Elmira 24 Aug. Whip-poor-will: heard Jun-Jul on Logan Road near Burdett. Chimney Swift: reported regularly in the Ithaca area; max 275 entering & exiting chimney at Belle Sherman School; also 25 to 50 flocking daily over Chemung R after 15 Aug. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: common throughout all summer. **Rufous Hummingbird**: *intro*. Red-headed Woodpecker: one WGSP June 6-8 at feeder; nest with y Carter Rd, Geneva.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: only report SWS 23 Aug. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: none. Horned Lark: present in agricultural areas, but not confirmed nesting. Am. Crow: present throughout and increasing. Fish Crow: no reports. Com. Raven: *intro*. Brown Thrasher: very few reports; are they decreasing? Loggerhead Shrike: no reports.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: singles Old 600 7 Jun, Cayuga Nature Center 25 Aug. Prairie Warbler: nesting in Pine City, only reports. N. Waterthrush: present Old 600 6 June and 1 Aug, McLean Bog 20 June. Louisiana Waterthrush: present Old 600 6 June, 4 July, and 1 Aug. Hooded Warbler: *intro*. Yellow-breasted Chat: no reports.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Grasshopper Sparrow: *intro*. Henslow's Sparrow: *intro*.
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[The Region 4 report had not arrived in time for this issue of The Kingbird – The Editor.]

REGION 5 – ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Although the season began cool, June saw its four record lows offset by three record highs. Precipitation during the month was below average. July and the first half of August were hot, with many days exceeding 90°F. Periods of heavy precipitation in July, totaling nearly two inches above average, were spaced fairly evenly during the month. August ended cool, and with below average total precipitation. Birders in the Region remember mostly the nearly eight weeks of hot, humid weather, which is reflected in lower than normal, non-Atlasing birding activity. Birds, however, seem to have been less affected. There were no reports of birds affected by the heat and only one report of nestings (near Old Forge) which failed during the early July rainy period.

The last spring migrants which dribbled through in early June included Common Loon, Brant, Osprey, five species of shorebird, a record late (but not surprising) Alder Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, Bay-breasted Warbler, Red Crossbill and Evening Grosbeaks. Following last spring's invasion, Pine Siskins lingered to late June-early July both in the Adirondacks and in the highlands on the