

BBS; at up to three other sites/month, max three Norwich 11 Jun & OPM 2 Jul. Com. Yellowthroat: 245/eight BBS, high. Hooded Warbler: only two males Norwich 11 Jun. Canada Warbler: one/one BBS; at up to three other sites/month, max two.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: 54/eight BBS, high. Cardinal: 55/eight BBS, high; at up to five other sites/month, max three. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 57/eight BBS, high; at up to seven other sites/month; max seven CVal 27 Aug, migrants. Indigo Bunting: 79/eight BBS, high; at up to five other sites/month, max six OPM 4 Jun. Rufous-sided Towhee: only 12/five BBS, lowest since 1985; at up to six other sites/month, max seven CVal 27 Aug. Chipping Sparrow: 144/eight BBS, highest since 1985; max 30 OPM 30 Aug. Field Sparrow: 58/eight BBS; at up to six other sites/month. Vesper Sparrow: at up to five sites/month, max five CVal 17 Aug; last OPM 25 Aug, good count. Savannah Sparrow: 48/seven BBS; at up to six other sites/month, max nine. Grasshopper Sparrow: seven/three BBS, fairly high; at up to four other sites/month, max four; last two Lisle 30 Jul (MP), good count. Song Sparrow: 260/eight BBS, highest since '85. Swamp Sparrow: 11/eight BBS, below average. White-throated Sparrow: nine/three BBS; at up to three other sites/month, max four Norwich 11 Jun. Dark-eyed Junco: 42/seven BBS, fairly high; at up to four other sites/month; max 10 CVal 27 Aug. Bobolink: 111/eight BBS, highest since '85; at up to six other sites/month, max 40 OPM 14 Jun. Red-winged Blackbird: 427/eight BBS. E. Meadowlark: 52/seven BBS. Com. Grackle: 153/eight BBS. Brown-headed Cowbird: 50/eight BBS. N. Oriole: 66/eight BBS; last four Delhi 26 Aug. Purple Finch: 10/two BBS; at up to three other sites/month, max four OPM 8 Jun. House Finch: 65/five BBS, highest since 1985. Pine Siskin: regular at four sites until 11 Jun, max two; through late Jun Truxton (BB fide BT), late. Am. Goldfinch: 73/eight BBS, lowest since 1985. Evening Grosbeak: *intro*.

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REGION 5 - ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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The fall 1988 migration is best summarized as uneventful. Just about everything we would expect to happen on an average year happened, and little more. There were almost no great rarities, few unseasonal records and few exceptional numbers or misses as well. The weather may have contributed to this. The fall was generally mild, temperatures running somewhat on the cool side but seldom cold, precipitation just below average in total and rather uniformly distributed. The first killing frost in Syracuse came late in October, extending the growing season by about 10 days at the end, and the only significant snow fall came in early November, and soon melted.

A mediocre waterbird flight continued in the same vein all fall. Shorebird numbers were very unimpressive after mid September, suggesting that many of the high arctic species that pass through this area after that date had a poor nesting season. Waterfowl numbers were low, with no large concentrations of geese reported, few big days for divers at Derby Hill, and only one rarity, a **Greater White-fronted Goose**, reported. Gull numbers were low, and the two white-winged species didn't arrive until the end of November, with single reports of each species. Single Great Egret and Cattle Egret were the only wandering herons reported. The only misses were rare but annually detected species: Hud-

sonian Godwit, Purple Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope and Black Tern, and we lost Long-billed Dowitcher because our sole October dowitchers were heard calling Short-billed Dowitcher calls.

Landbirds trickled through all three months. Most insect eaters left rather abruptly about 25 Sep and few swallows, flycatchers, vireos or warblers were reported after that date. The virtual absence of Tree and Barn Swallows along Lake Ontario after mid September was especially striking. Sparrow numbers in October were very low, and neither Vesper Sparrows nor Lapland Longspur were reported this season. Other surprising misses included N. Rough-winged Swallow, and Blue-winged, Golden-winged and Connecticut Warbler; not so surprising misses included Gray Jay and Loggerhead Shrike. There were no real rarities but a Prairie Warbler report was unusual for Region 5.

Tufted Titmouse, N. Mockingbird and Carolina Wren all appear to be benefiting from the past series of mild winters, but have not appeared far from their usual centers of abundance in our Region.

Irruptive species added nothing to the season. Only resident raptor species were reported in significant numbers, with Red-shouldered Hawk missed completely (not unusual in recent years). Two N. Saw-whet Owls were the only unusual members of their order reported, and Northern Shrike arrived late and few in number. Irruptive passerines were present in very low numbers, the passage of Red-breasted Nuthatch over early and only Pine Siskin at all widely, but sparsely reported among the finches. The only reports of redpoll and Pine Grosbeak lacked details, which seems appropriate given their virtual absence elsewhere this season, and crossbills were unreported. Most impressive by its scarcity was Evening Grosbeak; it will be a long time before it will again be feasible to list all non-Adirondack sightings in a Region 5 fall Report!

At total of 230 species were reported, somewhat below average. The only great rarity was **Greater White-fronted Goose**, the third fall record from our Region. Other notable reports included Cattle Egret, Whimbrel, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Red-necked and Red Phalaropes, Pomarine and Parasitic Jaeger, Little Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Forster's Tern, and Prairie Warbler.

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Abbreviations: DH - Derby Hill, Oswego Co.; FH - Fairhaven, Little Sodus Bay and vicinity, Cayuga Co.; LOL - Lake Ontario littoral, Oswego Co.; NPT - northern Pompey township; OneiL - Oneida Lake; OnonL - Onondaga Lake; SPd - Sandy Pond, Oswego Co.; SVB - Sylvan and Verona Beach, Oneida Co., Syr - Syracuse.

LOONS-DUCKS: Red-throated Loon: arr 11 DH 26 Oct. Com. Loon: arr SPd 19 Sep, max 63 LOL 12 Nov; last from Adirondacks on 23 Oct. Horned Grebe: arr 4 DH 26 Oct. Red-necked Grebe: arr 2 DH 5 Nov. Double-crested Cormorant: max 1043 SPd 3 Sep. Am. Bittern: last SPd 11 Sep. Great Egret: one Otisco L 3-5 Oct (RLP) only report. Cattle Egret: one n Chittenango 7-16 Nov (mob), late. Green-backed Heron: last SPd 26 Sep. Tundra Swan: only reports one FH 19 Nov, two Bridgeport 22 Nov. **Greater White-fronted Goose**: one 3.3 mi e Madison 23-24 Nov (GH, DWC). Snow Goose: only report FH 30 Oct. Brant: arr and max 1350 DH 29 Oct. Canada Goose: first counts above 100 FH 9 Sep, max 1323 on 6 Nov. Wood Duck: max 1824 Toad Harbor 25 Sep, last OneiL 15 Nov. Green-winged Teal: max 45 Delta L, SVB 1 Sep. Am. Black Duck: max 77 FH 25 Nov. Mallard: max 590 FH 25 Nov. N. Pintail: max 65 DH 26 Oct. Blue-winged Teal: last Clay

Marsh 2 Oct. N. Shoveler: one SVB 25 Sep, 3 reports Nov, max 3. Gadwall: arr 24 Sep, max 95 FH in Nov. Am. Wigeon: max 160 FH 6 Nov. Canvasback: arr Otisco L 13 Oct, max 89 Oneil 15 Nov. Redhead: two SPd 19 Sep, next report Oneil 23 Nov. Ring-necked Duck: arr SPd 24 Sep, max 25 FH 30 Oct. Greater Scaup: arr SPd 24 Sep, max less than 300, low. Lesser Scaup: arr Beaver L 21 Oct, max 195 FH 25 Nov. Oldsquaw: arr DH 5 Nov. Black Scoter: arr DH 23 Oct. Surf Scoter: arr DH 28 Sep. White-winged Scoter: arr DH 28 Sep. Com. Goldeneye: arr DH 29 Oct, max 167 FH 19 Nov. Bufflehead: arr Otisco L 13 Oct, max 58 FH 13 Nov. Hooded Merganser: arr Otisco L 29 Oct, max 78 Beaver L 24 Nov. Com. Merganser: arr SPd 24 Sep, max 1250 FH 13 Nov. Red-breasted Merganser: arr SPd 24 Sep, max 9000 FH 13 Nov. Ruddy Duck: arr Beaver L 21 Oct, max 48 there 4 Nov; up to 21 L Neatawana, Fulton, late Nov, very many for that locality.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: last Holland Patent 30 Oct. Bald Eagle: imm Oneil 15 Oct, ad there 13 Nov, imm DH 12 Nov, one Bald Mt Pd 20 Oct. Sharp-shinned Hawk: arr SVB 10 Sep. Cooper's Hawk: arr SBV 5 Sep. N. Goshawk: two reports only. Red-tailed Hawk: max nine. Rough-legged Hawk: arr W Monroe 31 Oct. Merlin: four singles 7 Sep to 5 Nov. Peregrine Falcon: imm SVB 1 Sep, female hacked Ottawa chasing Rock Doves downtown Syr late Oct. Wild Turkey: flock of 15 Minnehaha far north. Virginia Rail: last (and only) Pennelville 12 Oct. Sora: last (and only) Pennelville 12 Oct. Com. Moorhen: last FH 25 Sep. Am. Coot: arr SVB 5 Sep, max 47 FH 30 Oct. Black-bellied Plover: max 9 SVB 5 Sep. Lesser Golden-Plover: max 60 SVB 6 Sep, last SPd 11 Sep, early departure. Semipalmated Plover: max 19 SBV 5 Sep, low. Killdeer: max 200 SVB 5 Sep. Greater Yellowlegs: max 24 SVB 5 Sep. Lesser Yellowlegs: max 60 SVB 6 Sep. Solitary Sandpiper: last SPd 24 Sep. Ruddy Turnstone: last SVB 19 Sep. Whimbrel: one SPd 18 Sep (MSR). Red Knot: last SVB 19 Sep. Sandling: max 20 SPd 11 Sep, low. Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 65 SBV 5 Sep. W. Sandpiper: one SPd 3 Sep only report. White-rumped Sandpiper: last FH 16 Oct. Baird's Sandpiper: last SPd 15 Sep. Pectoral Sandpiper: max 15 SVB 5 Sep. Dunlin: arr SPd 24 Sep, max 9. Stilt Sandpiper: max 33 OnonL 4 Sep, last Clay 24 Sep. Buff-breasted Sandpiper: one SPd 8-11 Sep. Short-billed Dowitcher: last SVB 10 Sep, then two Otisco L 26-29 Oct (RLP). Com. Snipe: last SPd 24 Sep, very early. Am. Woodcock: last NPT 24 Oct. Red-necked Phalarope: a SVB 5 Sep. Red Phalarope: on FH 30 Oct, two SPd 22 Nov. Pomarine Jaeger: one Oswego 19 Oct. Parasitic Jaeger: four reports DH, max 10 on 18 Nov, last on 29 Nov, late. Bonaparte's Gull: max 71 SPd 3 Sep. Little Gull: one DH 18 Nov, three there 29 Nov. Iceland Gull: arr Fayetteville 29 Nov. Glaucous Gull: arr Fayetteville 29 Nov. Black-legged Kittiwake: two DH 29 Nov. Com. Tern: max 85 SVB 15 Sep, last only Oct report. Forster's Tern: imm SVB (where seldom found) 6 Sep, two SPd 9-15 Sep.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: four reports, last FH 25 Sep. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: three Erieville 12 Sep only report. N. Saw-whet Owl: one Old Forge 3 Oct, one found dead NPT 29 Nov. Com. Nighthawk: max 38 Syr 1 Sep, last FH 29 Sep. Chimney Swift: departure early. Red-headed Woodpecker: only report imm Deer Creek WMA 7 Sep. Red-bellied Woodpecker: one Erieville 8 Nov rather far se in Region. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 5 between 15 Sep and 13 Oct. N. Flicker: max 24 SPd 24 Sep.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLING: Olive-sided Flycatcher: last FH 25 Sep, late. Traill's Flycatcher: last Poolsbrook 3 Sep. Least Flycatcher: last Sterling 12 Sep. Horned Lark: max 300 SPd 5 Nov. Purple Martin: last SPd 8 Sep. Tree Swallow: last only report in October. Bank Swallow: last SPd 8 Sep. Cliff Swallow: last FH 9 Sep. Blue Jay: max 60 FH 25 Sep. Am. Crow: max 68 FH 6 Nov, no concentrations found. Black-capped Chickadee: max 100 FH 25 Sep. Red-breasted Nuthatch: arr SPd 3 Sep, max 20 on 24 Sep, few after late October. Brown Creeper: max 35 SPd 19 Sep. Carolina Wren: at least four reported Syr. Winter Wren: arr SPd 8 Sep, max 15 FH 25 Sep, last Beaver L 24 Nov. Marsh Wren: last Clay Marsh 2 Oct. Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr SPd 18 Sep, max 55 there 25 Sep, 16 Oct. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr SPd 11 Sep, max 80 there 18 Sep.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last SPd 5 Sep. E. Bluebird: last Erieville 8 Nov. Gray-cheeked Thrush: four reports 12 to 25 Sep. Swainson's Thrush: arr SPd 11 Sep. Hermit Thrush: arr SPd 15 Sep, last there 12 Nov. Wood Thrush: straggler S Shore Rd, Old Forge, to late Nov (GL). Am. Robin: max 85 29 Oct. N. Mockingbird: numbers up Syr area. Water Pipit: arr SPd 11 Sep, last Sixty Rd ONON 4 Nov. Cedar Waxwing: no counts above double digits. N. Shrike: arr LOL 12 Nov.

VIREOS-WARBLES: Solitary Vireo: arr FH 12 Sep. Philadelphia Vireo: last FH 25 Sep. Red-eyed Vireo: max 35 FH 12 Sep. Orange-crowned Warbler: only report Hastings 2 Oct. N. Parula: arr SPd 10 Sep. Magnolia Warbler: max 29 FH 12 Sep. Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 35 SVB 24 Sep. Pine Warbler: last SPd 24 Sep. Prairie Warbler: one Verona Beach 14 Sep (Dave Cesari, Kate Coyle *fide* DWC), seldom reported in fall. Palm Warbler: arr SPd 7 Sep, last Hastings 13 Oct. Bay-breasted Warbler: max 13 FH 9 Sep. Blackpoll Warbler: arr SPd 3 Sep. Am. Redstart: max 11 FH 12 Sep. Mourning Warbler: last NPT 12 Sep. Hooded Warbler: last Verona 15 Sep.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Am. Tree Sparrow: arr FH 30 Oct. Chipping Sparrow: last Syr 30 Oct. Field Sparrow: last FH 19 Nov. Savannah Sparrow: last Three Rivers GMA 26 Sep. Fox Sparrow: up to six between 6 Oct and 22 Nov. Lincoln's Sparrow: only reports 24-26 Sep. White-throated Sparrow: arr SPd 8 Sep, max 75 FH 25 Sep. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Clay 25 Sep, max 14 Hastings 13 Oct, last there 25 Oct. Dark-eyed Junco: arr SPd 11 Sep. Snow Bunting: arr SPd 29 Oct, max 102 FH 12 Nov. Red-winged Blackbird: almost none after mid Nov. E. Meadowlark: last Verona 15 Oct. Rusty Blackbird: arr FH 26 Sep, almost none after 6 Nov. Com. Grackle: last OnonL 10 Nov. Brown-headed Cowbird: almost none after mid Nov. Pine Grosbeak: four Holland Patent 9 Nov (RLE) only report. Purple Finch: scattered reports probably of local breeders. Com. Redpoll: only report without details, possibly House Finch. Pine Siskin: on SVB 15 Sep, a few after 5 Nov. Am. Goldfinch: max 40 DH 5 Nov. Evening Grosbeak: only reports five Erieville 2 Oct, seven Holland Patent 14 Nov, very scarce.

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REGION 6 - ST. LAWRENCE

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September was slightly cooler and drier than average, but frost came only during the last week of the month. October was decidedly cool and wet, with a significant snowfall during the third week. Ponds iced over the last of the month. In November both temperature and precipitation were above normal. Snowfall was light, with six inches falling in St. Lawrence and Lewis Counties on 2-3 November. Gale winds blew on 10 Nov and again on 17-18 Nov.

The total of 134 species sighted was down slightly from former years. Coverage of eastern Lake Ontario and the Saint Lawrence River yielded 30 species of waterbirds, including 19 ducks. There were ten species of raptors including unprecedented numbers of Red-shouldered Hawk. Bruce DiLabio's regular coverage of the waters both above and below Moses-Saunders Dam uncovered 11 larids and 17 kinds of shorebird. In addition there were 14 other non-passerines and 58 passerines, including three vireos and four warblers, reported.

Starting the larid season at Moses-Saunders Dam on 4 Sep were three Little, 1500 Bonaparte's, 1000 Ring-billed, 100 Herring and 125 Great Black-backed, along