

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-WARBLED: 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

with 200 Common Tern. There was a maximum of six Little Gull (one juv, three in Basic II plumage and two ad) on 11 Sep. The count of Bonaparte's Gull decreased to 750 in Nov, while Ring-billed, Herring and Great Black-backed Gull increased to maxima of 4500, 1250 and 300, respectively, on 3 Nov. By contrast, the greatest number of gulls reported from eastern Lake Ontario was 50 Ring-billed Gull. The piece de resistance was an adult **Common Black-headed Gull** in winter plumage sighted by B. DiLabio at Moses-Saunders Dam on both 3 and 27 Nov. This appears to be the second Regional sighting, the first being in 1986. On 9 Nov, there were three juv **Pomarine Jaeger** harassing the gulls. DiLabio spent the better part of four hours confirming the identification vis-a-vis Parasitic. The larid list is topped off with arrival of Iceland Gull on 9 Nov and a Black-legged Kittiwake on 3 Nov, with a max of three, all in first winter plumage, on 9 Nov.

For the fall hawk migration, Lee Chamberlaine calls attention to the outlook at Wescotts Beach SP. Dick Brouse reports that beaver activity affecting North Country Bird Club's Joseph A. Blake Sanctuary has attracted ducks, including Am. Black Duck and the only Wood Duck reported, on 25 Sep.

Among landbird movements were reports of Common Nighthawk the first week of Sep in both Massena (five) and Brownville (eight). Lee Chamberlaine reports good flights of Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Song Sparrow and White-throated Sparrow in Henderson on 8 Oct. He observed Golden-crowned Kingbird 25 Sep, and on 1, 14 and 16 Oct. Four Brown Creeper were also seen on 8 Oct. Ken Crowell noted flocks of several hundred European Starling in Canton in mid Oct. Flocks of 100 and 200 Tree Swallow were seen at Robert Moses SP on 7 and 18 Sep, respectively. A flock of 6000 Red-winged Blackbird at Baggs Corner on 27 Oct was the largest ever seen in the fall by Lee Chamberlain. At Eldorado Beach Preserve on 24 Sep, R. Brouse sighted three Water Pipit and two **Lapland Longspur**, a species rarely reported from our Region. A Blackburnian Warbler seen in Massena on 18 Nov by Marilyn Badger is a Regional late record. Flights of White-throated Sparrow were reported for Jefferson Co. for 27 Sep to 8 Oct. The only report for White-crowned Sparrow was five WH 29 Sep.

Arrival of winter visitors was slow. A few Rough-legged Hawk were seen after 11 Nov. An early Snowy Owl in Parishville 19 Oct and another in Lisbon 16 Nov were the only reports, but there were no reports from the Pt Peninsula. The first and only Northern Shrike was an immature at Stony Pt on 25 Nov. American Tree Sparrow arrived Watertown on 1 Oct and Snow Bunting on 19 Nov, both in small numbers. There were no winter finches other than Purple Finch and Evening Grosbeak, of which only scattered sightings were reported.

Is Canada Goose down, dispersed by the mild weather, or too common to be reported? A flock of 60-80 Rock Dove is now seen regularly in Canton and flocks of 20-40 are seen in rural areas. Does this mark a trend? Mourning Dove is also up in rural areas. Lee Chamberlain reports very few Purple Finch and 40 House Finch regularly at his Henderson Feeder; similarly in Massena, Marilyn Badger 15-30 House Finch in Sep and a maximum of six Purple Finch on 20 Oct. Both Marilyn Badger and Dick Brouse report **Carolina Wren**. The first, a first sighting for St. Lawrence Co., was in Louisville 13 Nov, and the latter was in Watertown 29 Sep. These sightings may reflect the string of mild winters. The species was last reported in the Region by Brouse in Feb 1987.

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Abbreviations: EDB - Eldorado Beach Preserve; HPt - Hawkins Pt in RMSP; LOnt - Lake Ontario; PR - Perch River WMA; PtPen - Pt Peninsula, Town of Lyme; MSD - Moses-Saunders Dam; RMSP - Robert Moses SP; ULL - Upper and Lower Lakes WMA; WB - Wescotts Beach SP; WH - Wilson Hill WMA; SLR - St. Lawrence River.

LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: 22 Cranberry Lake 16 Oct (MBD); arr and max MSD seven on 6 Oct, last 21 Nov. Red-throated Loon: one MSD 6 Oct, two MSD 3 Nov. Horned Grebe: five PtPen 19 Nov. Red-necked Grebe: max four MSD 6 Oct. Double-crested Cormorant: max at MSD 150 29 Sep, last 21 Oct. **Greater White-fronted Goose**: one PRWMA 8 Oct (LBC). Snow Goose: one Pamelia 26 Nov. Canada Goose: " Heavy movement in (e LOnt) area 6 Oct"; max 350 MSD 6 Nov. Wood Duck: *intro*. Green-winged Teal: five MSD 6 Nov only report for year. Am. Black Duck: max 15 on SLR and 19 on LOnt. N. Shoveler: three PR 8 Oct only report. Am. Wigeon: max 300 PR 8 Oct. Gadwall: max 150 Ray's Bay, LOnt, 29 Nov. Canvasback: ten SLR 1 Set and 5 Nov. Ring-necked Duck: max 100 PR 8 Oct. Greater Scaup: 11 above MSD 6 Oct, unusual. Lesser Scaup: 20 ULL 10 Oct, unusual there; max 2000 e LOnt 5 Nov. Oldsquaw: several reports from MSD and LOnt; arr MSD 3 Nov, max 17 on 9; max PtPen 25 on 19 Nov. Black Scoter: arr and max four males, ten females MSD 3 Nov. Surf Scoter: arr four MSD 6 Oct. White-winged Scoter: arr 28 MSD 6 Oct. **Com. X Barrow's Goldeneye**: ad male hybrid MSD 17 Nov (BDiL). Bufflehead: arr 12 MSD 3 Nov and ten e LOnt 5 Nov only reports. Hooded Merganser: max 50 WH 12 Nov. **Com. Merganser**: max 4000 MSD 6 Nov.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: 30 WB 8 Oct. Osprey: none. Accipiters: none! Red-shouldered Hawk: three WB 8 Oct, 5 WB 19 Oct, one Pierrepont 9 Oct. Broad-winged Hawk: only two Massena 7 Sep. Rough-legged Hawk: *intro*. **Golden Eagle**: single ad 3 and 21 Nov. Peregrine Falcon: ad MSD 25 Sep. Ruffed Grouse: moderate numbers. Wild Turkey: flocks of 20 or more in Dekalb, Morely and Lisbon. Killdeer: last Pierrepont 3 Oct. **Pomarine Jaeger**: *intro*. Little Gull: *intro*. **Com. Black-headed Gull**: *intro*. Bonaparte's Gull: *intro*. Ring-billed Gull: *intro*. Herring Gull: *intro*. Iceland Gull: *intro*. Great Black-backed Gull: *intro*. **Com. Tern**: *intro*, last 20 MSD 11 Sep.

DOVES-WOODPECKERS: Great Horned Owl: several sightings from Louisville and HPt (MB); one HPt 6 Nov. Long-eared Owl: one HPt 6 Nov. N. Saw-whet Owl: one Louisville 30 Sep. **Com. Nighthawk**: *intro*.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLING: E. Phoebe: last Henderson 9 Oct. Tree Swallow: *intro*. Brown Creeper: *intro*. House Wren: one Henderson 14 Oct, late. Golden-crowned Kinglet: *intro*. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: *intro*. E. Bluebird: regular sightings from late Sep to mid Oct in Watertown and Pierrepont. Water Pipit: *intro*. N. Shrike: *intro*. European Starling: *intro*.

VIREOS-WARBLED: Yellow-rumped Warbler: *intro*. Blackburnian Warbler: *intro*.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Louisville 13 Sep. Am. Tree Sparrow: *intro*. Chipping Sparrow: last six Massena 5 Sep. **Grasshopper Sparrow**: one killed by cat Watertown 29 Oct, late and seldom reported in Region 6. Fox Sparrow: one Massena 22 Sep. White-throated Sparrow: *intro*. White-crowned Sparrow: *intro*. **Lapland Longspur**: *intro*. Snow Bunting: *intro*. Red-winged Blackbird: *intro*. Rusty Blackbird: two ULL 4 Nov. Purple Finch: *intro*. House Finch: *intro*.

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