

Moose R and s Sagamore L, a good showing. Com. Raven: regular in Port Henry rockcuts bordering L Champlain Dec, one FCBC, max four each ECBC and SLCBC, pairs at nest sites Eagle Nest Pd and Mt Tom HAMI by end of period. Black-capped Chickadee: *intro*. Tufted Titmouse: Inlet feeder (GL) since 7 Jan a surprise. Carolina Wren: Moriah 31 Jan (GC) the only report, but not unexpected in light of at least seven in Quebec during the winter. Townsend's Solitaire: *intro*. **Wood Thrush**: one in a spring area near Inlet 7 Dec, extremely late, if correct (GL). Am. Robin: widespread, with reports of 18 FCBC, six ECBC, Moose R 12 Dec, Adk Loj 28 Jan. N. Mockingbird: new to ECBC. Brown Thrasher: new to ECBC. Cedar Waxwing: 47 FCBC, *intro*.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: White-throated Sparrow: two FCBC, one ECBC, one SLCBC a solid showing. Lapland Longspur: five CICBC a good number. Snow Bunting: max 300 Christian Rd ESSE 12 Feb. Red-winged Blackbird: two CICBC unusual in winter. **Rusty Blackbird**: new to SLCBC. Com. Grackle: two SLCBC, most unusual in Adirondacks in winter. Pine Grosbeak: max five SLCBC. Purple Finch: max nine SLCBC. House Finch: max 253 ECBC. Red Crossbill: max two Elizabethtown 16 Feb. White-winged Crossbill: max 20 FRAN 14 Jan. Com. Redpoll: max one FCBC. Pine Siskin: max 83 SLCBC. Am. Goldfinch: max 341 ECBC. Evening Grosbeak: *intro*.

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REGION 9 - DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Those of us who anticipated good winter birding were in most cases disappointed. December temperatures were normal and the only measurable snows came in mid month, resulting in only 1/2 inch of precipitation. January arrived with three inches of snow which only lasted about two days. There was no more precipitation to speak of for the rest of the month. February was a bit warmer than normal with an average temperature of 28°. Heavy rains did little to dispel the drought conditions. Some of the inland ponds and lakes had open leads kept free of ice by the many wintering Canada Geese, thus providing areas for a variety of ducks.

An invasion of winter finches did not materialize. The lack of snow made it very difficult to find longspurs and Horned Larks. The open winter provided good food sources and kept the birds well dispersed. Multiflora rose and other wild fruits were abundant this open winter. However, feeders were well populated with common visitors. There were a few exceptions that saved the winter. Bald Eagles wintered along the Hudson River and offered good views for all who took the time to look for them. Some also wintered at Rio, Neversink, and Rondout Reservoirs. Waterfowl continued to use the river, dodging the many ice floes and sometimes resting on them. It was possible to see good numbers of Canvasback and Common Merganser. The **Say's Phoebe** found on the afternoon of the Eastern Orange County Christmas Bird Count on