

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

Black Tern Counts From Eastern Lake Ontario: On 29 July 1991 the authors had the opportunity to go out on Lake Ontario with Jerry Spaziani, New York State Conservation Officer for Region 6, on the *Searcher*, a twenty-six foot grady white. Our goal was to locate the areas where Black Tern were grouping before they migrated south. With Jerry's knowledge of Lake Ontario and a little perseverance, we were successful. Off the southwest tip of Cherry Island, Town of Lyme, we spotted a large group of Black Tern. Due to the motion of the boat, it was hard to get an accurate count, but we estimated there to be over 170 present, as well as some Common and Caspian Terns. We would have to come back on a calmer day for a more accurate count. Continuing our search along the shoreline of Lake Ontario we were pleased to find another group of Black, Common, and Caspian Terns gathered on a shoal just off the shoreline of Luff Shores Road, Town of Lyme. We estimated over 100 Black Tern to be here. On the following days, we made several attempts to return to both sites and count the Black Tern. The group at Cherry Island moved on, but the high count at the Luff Shores Road on 15 Aug 1991 was 479 Black, over 100 Common, and over 50 Caspian Terns. On 28 Aug 1991 we went to Luff Shores Road to get one last count, but the Black Tern already had departed.

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