

REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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Summer began normally for the month of June, with typical temperatures and precipitation for the month. Then came July, with temperatures averaging nearly 4°F above normal for some parts of the Region and precipitation totals for the month one to two inches below average, making it the driest July since 1983, the ninth driest July on record, and the second warmest July since 1964. This was in marked contrast to July 1992, the wettest July in recorded history for the State. Above average temperatures and below normal precipitation continued through the month of August.

Noteworthy observations include 25 species of shorebirds including Whimbrel and Buff-breasted Sandpiper, **Mississippi Kite**, **King Rail**, and nesting Prothonotary Warbler.

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Abbreviations: ARd - Armitage Road, near junction with Route 89, SENE; CHWMA - Connecticut Hill Wildlife Management Area; FLNF - Finger Lakes National Forest; KHF - Kestrel Haven Farm banding station (John & Sue Gregoire); MNWR - Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, MPt - Myers Point, e shore of Cayuga L; PR - Poplar Ridge; QCM - Queen Catharine Marsh, south end of Seneca L; StP - Stewart Park, south end of Cayuga L; WG - Watkins Glen.

Summer reports: **Com. Loon:** one Cayuga L 29 Jun. **Horned Grebe:** two Seneca L thru Jul. **Double-crested Cormorant:** 22 MNWR 27 Jul, 100-150 MNWR late Aug. **Great Egret:** three MNWR 4 Jun, 11 MNWR 14 Jul, 15 MNWR 31 Jul, three MNWR 10 Aug, 17 MNWR 13 Aug. **Black-crowned Night-Heron:** one MNWR 1 Aug, three MNWR 15 Aug, two MNWR 30 Aug; probable nesting along Chemung R near Elmira. **Am. Bittern:** singles QCM 3 Jun, MNWR 12 Jun, 22 Jul, 24 Jul, 30 Aug. **Least Bittern:** one MNWR 12 Jun and 1 Aug. **Snow Goose:** three MNWR 28 Jun, one MNWR thru Aug (possibly injured); blue morph Route 31 SENE mucklands 29 Jun. **Green-winged Teal:** two MPt 21 Aug, 2 MNWR 30 Aug. **Blue-winged Teal:** two QCM Jun. **Canvasback:** successful nesting MNWR with 10-25 nestlings reported.

Com. Goldeneye: one Seneca L Jun. **Red-breasted Merganser:** nested, 4-15 y, Seneca L [details? - The Editor].

Osprey: nested MNWR, one MPt 6 Jun and 3 Aug. **MISSISSIPPI KITE:** ad KHF 9 Jul, soaring with 17 Turkey Vulture (J&SG, NYSARC). **Bald Eagle:** nested MNWR. **Broad-winged Hawk:** one FLNF 10 Jun. **Wild Turkey:** numerous reports of ad with y. **KING RAIL:** one heard Holding Pt Pd Horseheads early Jun. **Virginia Rail:** one MNWR 1 and 20 Aug, nested Corning Pd area. **Com. Moorhen:** MNWR throughout period. **Black-bellied Plover:** three MNWR 7 Aug, one MNWR 13 Aug. **Lesser Golden-Plover:** six ARd 30 Aug. **Semipalmated Plover:** five ARd 14 Jul, two MPt 4 Aug, nine MNWR 13 Aug, two MPt 18 Aug. **Greater Yellowlegs:** two ARd 20 Jul, six MNWR 13 Aug, one MPt 21 Aug. **Lesser Yellowlegs:** two ARd 27 Jun, four on 28 Jun, six on 4 Jul, four on 20 Jul, 70 on 26 Jul; 67 MNWR 13 Aug. **Solitary Sandpiper:** two ARd 28 Jun, four ARd 20 Jul; one MPt 29 Aug. **Spotted Sandpiper:** four ARd 28 Jun, ten ARd 4 Jul, five MNWR 7 Aug. **Upland Sandpiper:** two locations near Ithaca mid May through Jun; nested Horseheads; singles Enfield 5 Jun, Aurora 9 Jun, FLNF 11 Jul. **Whimbrel:** singles MPt 1 June (KD, mob), MNWR 30 Aug. **Ruddy Turnstone:** one MPt 3 Aug. **Sanderling:** two MPt 20 Aug. **Semipalmated Sandpiper:** 25-30 MPt 1 Jun, 37 MNWR 13 Aug, 60 ARd 17 Aug. **W. Sandpiper:** one ARd 28 Jun, two ARd 14 Jul. **Least Sandpiper:** six ARd 4 Jul, 20 on 10 Jul, 34 on 14 Jul, 25 on 20 Jul; 23 MNWR 7 Aug; eight MPt 18 Aug. **White-rumped Sandpiper:** singles MPt 2 Jun, ARd 10 Aug. **Baird's Sandpiper:** singles ARd 19 Jul, PR 18 Aug; two MNWR 30 Aug. **Pectoral Sandpiper:** 43 ARd 26 Jul, four MNWR 7 Aug. **Stilt Sandpiper:** four ARd 26 Jul, one MNWR 24 Jul and 13 Aug, 10 MNWR 27 Aug. **BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** three ARd 28 Jul. **Short-billed Dowitcher:** three ARd 10 Jul, one on 11 Jul, four on 26 Jul; singles MPt 2 Aug, MNWR 7 Aug. **Long-billed Dowitcher:** one MNWR 10 Aug. **Com. Snipe:** three ARd 10 Jun, 12 ARd 4 Jul, four MNWR 13 Aug. **Am. Woodcock:** one CHWMA 11 Jul. **Wilson's Phalarope:** six MNWR 27 Aug. **Red-necked Phalarope:** singles ARd 27 Jul, MNWR 27 Aug. **Bonaparte's Gull:** one MNWR 27 Jul, five MPt 31 Jul. **Ring-billed Gull:** attempted nesting near Horseheads failed, successful nesting WG. **Herring Gull:** attempted nesting WG. **Caspian Tern:** two MPt 30 Jun, one MNWR 27 Jul, three WG 29 Jul, 20 MPt 10 Aug, 17 MNWR 13 Aug, six WG 18 Aug. **Com. Tern:** singles MPt 28 Jun, MNWR 23, 27 and 30 Jul. **Forster's Tern:** n end Seneca L early June. **Black Tern:** one MNWR 23 Jul.

Short-eared Owl: probable nesting SENE 24–22 Jun. **Com. Nighthawk:** 30 Elmira 12 Aug, 15–20 Geneva 23 Aug, 75 Elmira 23 Aug, 20 Elmira 25 Aug, 50 Elmira 26 Aug. **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** nested CHWMA 5 Jul. **Red-headed Woodpecker:** one PR 2 June, nested near Naples.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: one banded KHF 17 Aug. **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** one banded KHF 26 Jul, very early. **Acadian Flycatcher:** nested KHF; singles Cayuta L outlet 3 Jul, CHWMA 5 Jul. **Tree Swallow:** 2400 ARd 21 Jul. **Bank Swallow:** 40 active nests along Chemung R between Elmira and Wellsburg. **Cliff Swallow:** nested Geneva; singles MNWR 10 Aug, PR 18 Aug. **Com. Raven:** one-three Elmira area through period.

Yellow-throated Vireo: one FLNF 14 Aug. **Philadelphia Vireo:** arr FLNF 31 Aug. **Golden-winged Warbler:** one banded KHF 2 Aug. **Tennessee Warbler:** arr banded KHF 4 Aug. **Pine Warbler:** three singing males near Ithaca 20 Jun. **Prairie Warbler:** three near Montour Falls mid-Jun, singles KHF 6 Jul, FLNF 14 Aug. **Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr two Sampson SP 29 Aug. **Blackpoll Warbler:** arr Sampson SP 29 Aug. **Cerulean Warbler:** unusually high numbers along Clyde and Seneca R. **Prothonotary Warbler:** nested, three y fledged, ARd 27 Jun–3 Jul.

Orchard Oriole: male Sheldrake thru 27 June. **Grasshopper Sparrow:** 10 FLNF 4 Jul. **Henslow's Sparrow:** two FLNF 26 Jun, nested YATE. **Red Crossbill:** one StP 2 Jul.

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