

REGION 6 – ST. LAWRENCE

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The period was characterized by relatively warm temperatures and low precipitation during September and October, followed by a blast of record-setting cold during the last ten days of November. With no dramatic frontal movements, migrants drifted through and were hard to find. The number of birds at feeders was lower than usual during the period, likely due to an abundance of natural food available throughout the Region.

Highlights included a **Black Vulture** 25 September with several Turkey Vultures over I-81 5 miles south of Adams Center in the Town of Ellisburg, Jefferson County. This was the third report for Black Vulture in the Region over the past four years. An adult **Golden Eagle** was seen at Grass Pond near Low's Lake on 9 and 10 September, along with what appeared to be two immature Bald Eagles. **Great Black-backed Gulls** continue to increase in numbers during fall and winter, and this species now nests on the St. Lawrence River in New York.

Although weather may have contributed to fewer than normal birds in the Region, there seems to be fewer than normal reporting birders in the Region as well!

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ABBREVIATIONS

BR – Black River JEFF/LEWI; BRB – Black River Bay JEFF; CB – Chaumont Barrens Preserve, T Clayton JEFF; CV – Cape Vincent (T or Village) JEFF; ED – El Dorado Shores Preserve, T Ellisburg JEFF; FrCWMA – French Creek WMA, T Clayton JEFF; GR – Grass River; GRL – Grass River, T Louisville; GRM – Grass River, T Massena STLA; Hen – T Henderson JEFF; HenH – Henderson Harbor JEFF; KC – Kelsey Creek, Watertown; Lou – T Louisville STLA; LWMA – Lakeview WMA JEFF; Mas – T Massena STLA; PiPt – Pillar Pt, T Brownville JEFF; PRWMA – Perch River WMA JEFF; PtPen – Pt Peninsula, T Lyme JEFF; PtSa – Pt Salubrious JEFF; SH – Sackets Harbor JEFF; SLR – St. Lawrence River; TH – Tug Hill JEFF/LEWI; WB – Wilson Bay, T Cape Vincent JEFF; WBM – Wilson Bay Marsh; WBSP – Wescott Beach SP, T Henderson JEFF; WHWMA – Wilson Hill WMA STLA

LOONS – DUCKS

Com. Loon: 2 WHWMA 14 Sep, 15 Oct; SLR Mas 28 Oct; 17 PiPt. 9 Nov.

Horned Grebe: 7 PiPt 9 Nov; PtPen 15 Nov.

Double-crested Cormorant: WB 13 Sep; 2 WB 26 Sep; 4 HenH 2 Oct; 4 WHWMA 10 Oct; 2 PiPt 9 Nov.

Great Blue Heron: Lou 1 Sep; 1-2 CV daily Sep; Mas 22 Sep, 15 Oct, 28 Oct, 3 Nov; KC 25 Sep, 6 Nov; PiPt 9 Nov.

Great Egret: Mas Sep.

Green Heron: WBM 11 Sep; 2 KC 25 Sep, 29 Sep.

Turkey Vulture: 1-15 Watertown 1-28 Sep; 2 Mas 19 Sep, 11 Oct; 3 Harrisville 1 Oct; 7 ED 2 Oct; 4 KC 12 Oct.

BLACK VULTURE: T Ellisburg JEFF 25 Sep (JBol).

Canada Goose: 60-225 CV thru Sep; hundreds Mas late Sep; 82 KC 25 Sep; 75 WHWMA 15 Oct; 45 SH 2 Nov; 160 GRM 3 Nov; 92 KC 6 Nov; 3000+ PRWMA 15 Nov; 2000+ PtPen, PRWMA 15 Nov; 500 CV 18 Nov; 53 PtSa 20 Nov; 153 CV 24 Nov.

Wood Duck: FrCWMA 6 Sep; 5 KC 25 Sep; 8 Mas 14 Oct.

Gadwall: 4 SLR CV 26 Sep; 200+ PRWMA 15 Nov; 11 PtPen 15 Nov.

Am. Wigeon: 3 WHWMA 30 Sep; 200+ PRWMA 15 Nov.

Am. Black Duck: 6 WBM 6 Sep; 25 WBM 26 Sep; 2 Mas 14 Oct; 30 PiPt 9 Nov; 10 PtPen 15 Nov; 41 PiPt 20 Nov; 19 CV 24 Nov.

Mallard: 2 Lou 1 Sep; WBM 7 Sep; SLR 15 Sep; 3 WBM 24 Sep; 9 KC 25 Sep; 45 ED 2 Oct; 4 WHWMA 11 Oct; Lou 12 Oct; 6 Mas 3 Nov; 24 KC 6 Nov; 2 Mas 9 Nov; 99 PiPt 9 Nov; 90 PtPen 15 Nov; 99 PtSa 20 Nov; 41 PiPt 20 Nov; 2 PRWMA 24 Nov; 101 CV 24 Nov; 50 SLR CV Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: 24 Mas 19 Oct.

N. Shoveler: many WHWMA Oct.

N. Pintail: 25 PRWM 15 Nov.

24 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: 100 WHWMA 30 Sep.

Greater Scaup: 3000+ PiPt 9 Nov; 5000+ PtPen 15 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: 50 WHWMA 30 Sep.

White-winged Scoter: CV 24 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: SLR Mas 28 Oct.

Bufflehead: 22 PiPt 9 Nov; 2 Mas 13 Nov; PtPen 15 Nov.

Com. Goldeneye: 9 GRM 30 Oct; GRM 3 Nov; 2 PiPt 20 Nov; 3 CV 24 Nov; 20 SLR CV 29 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: GRM 14 Oct; 2 GRM 30 Oct; 3 GRM 3 Nov; 15 KC 6 Nov.

Com. Merganser: 2 KC 25 Sep; 7 ED 2 Oct; 7 GRL 15 Oct; 11 PiPt 9 Nov; 3 PtPen 15 Nov; PiPt 20 Nov; CV 24 Nov.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: 3 T Clifton STLA Sept 10; 2 PtSa 20 Nov.

N. Harrier: CV Sep-Nov; 2 SLR Mas 10 Oct; KC 20 Oct; Chaumont 15 Nov; PtSa 20 Nov.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 2 SLR Mas 18 Oct; KC 25 Oct; PRWMA 24 Nov.

Cooper's Hawk: Lou 10 Oct; Watertown 24 Oct; PRWMA 24 Nov.

Red-tailed Hawk: 3 CV 6 Sep; CV 13 Sep; 3 CV 20 Sep; 2 Lou Sep-Oct; 26 Watertown Sep-Nov; Mas 14 Oct.

Rough-legged Hawk: 2 Chaumont 28 Oct; Lou 30 Oct; Chaumont 5 Nov; PiPt 9 Nov; CV 24 Nov; PRWMA 24 Nov.

Golden Eagle: Low's L STLA 10 Sep; CV 14 Oct.

Am. Kestrel: 6-12 CV daily Sep; 2 Champion 27 Sep; Harrisville 2 Oct; Lou 24 Oct; 2 CV 24 Nov.

Gray Partridge: 2 CV 13 Sep; 5 SLR CV 23 Oct.

Ring-necked Pheasant: Lou 15 Oct; Champion 3 Nov.

Ruffed Grouse: 10 Lou 10 Sep; Harrisville 1 Oct; 3 WHWMA 15 Oct;

CB 31 Oct; Clayton 25 Nov.
Wild Turkey: 6 Lou 3 Sep; 11 CV 7 Sep; 3 CV 20 Sep; 2 WBM 20 Sep; Harrisville 1 Oct; 10 Watertown 4 Oct; 11 Lou 24 Oct; 21 Mas 3 Nov; 13 PtPen 5 Nov; 29 Burrville 20 Nov; 6 PRWMA 24 Nov; 6 CV 24 Nov.
Com. Moorhen: 4 WBM 14 Sep; 3 WBM 15 Sep; 2 WBM 24 Sep; 2 Mas 14 Oct.
Black-bellied Plover: SLR Mas 30 Sep.
Am. Golden-Plover: SLR 30 Sep.
Killdeer: 6 CV 27 Sep; 2-3 Mas Sep-Oct.
Greater Yellowlegs: 2 PtSa 27 Sep; SLR Mas 28 Oct.
Lesser Yellowlegs: Sherwin's Bay 9 Oct.
Spotted Sandpiper: 3 SLR Mas 7 Sep.
Ruddy Turnstone: 5 SLR Mas 7 Sep.
Com. Snipe: 5 Sherwin's Bay 9 Nov.
Am. Woodcock: 6 Mas 14 Oct.
Bonaparte's Gull: 2 ED 2 Oct; 14 PtPen 15 Nov; PtSa 20 Nov; 2 PiPt 20 Nov.
Ring-billed Gull: 30 GRM 4 Sep; 12 ED 2 Oct; 32 GRM 3 Nov; 175 Watertown 15 Nov; 345 PtPen 15 Nov; 7 PtSa 20 Nov.
Herring Gull: 4 WHWMA 9 Sep; ED 2 Oct; 6 PtPen 15 Nov; 14 PtSa 20 Nov; 3 PiPt 20 Nov.
Great Black-backed Gull: WBM 2 Sep; WB 13 Sep; 3 CV 14 Sep; WB 25 Sep; 64 SLR Mas 1 Oct; ED 2 Oct; 10 WHWMA 12 Oct; 3 PiPt 9 Nov; 6 PtPen 15 Nov; 2 PtSa 20 Nov; PiPt 20 Nov, CV 24 Nov; 12 CV 29 Nov.
Caspian Tern: WB 2 Sep; WB 4 Sep; Chaumont 8 Sep; Three Mile Pt 24 Sep.
Com. Tern: 30 Lou 30 Sep.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Mourning Dove: 22 Mas 20 Sep; 2 CV Sep-Nov; 2 Mas 10 Oct; 49 Lou 30 Oct; 10 PiPt 9 Nov; 7 PtPen 15 Nov; 8 Mas 23 Nov; 17 CV 24 Nov.
E. Screech-Owl: CV 11 Oct; CV 16 Oct; CV 25 Oct.

Great Horned Owl: CV Sep; Lou 23 Sep; CV 25 Oct.
Snowy Owl: SLR CV 29 Nov.
Barred Owl: 2 Lou 15 Sep.
Short-eared Owl: 5 CV 25 Oct.
Chimney Swift: 2 Mas 1 Sep.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 2 Mas 1 Sep; 2 WBM 3 Sep; Lou 13 Sep; 2 CV 15 Sep; CV 23 Sep; CV 25 Sep; CV 26 Sep; CV 11 Oct.
Belted Kingfisher: WBM daily Sep; GRM 1 Sep; KC 25 Sep; SH 2 Oct; WHWMA 16 Oct; Raymondville 29 Oct; KC 8 Nov.
Red-headed Woodpecker: Mas 27 Sep (MB); now very rare in Region.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 3 CV 24 Sep; 3 KC 25 Sep; WBM 26 Sep; 2 CV 27 Sep; 4 CV 29 Sep; CV 13 Oct.
Downy Woodpecker: 6 CV Sep-Nov; 3 Mas 22 Nov.
Hairy Woodpecker: CV 7 Oct, 13-14 Oct, 24 Nov; 25 Mas and Lou 22 Nov.
N. Flicker: CV 3 Sep; Mas 9 and 21 Sep; CV 13-26 Sep, 11 Oct; 4 KC 26 Sep; KC 21 Nov.
Pileated Woodpecker: CV 22 Sep; Lou 23 Sep; KC 26 Sep; 2 Lou 8 Oct, 28 Oct, 9 Nov

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CV 19 Sep.
E. Wood-Pewee: CV 13 Sep, 19 Sep.
E. Phoebe: CV 6-26 Sep; KC 25 Sep; Harrisville 1 Oct.
Great Crested Flycatcher: Lou 8 Sep.
E. Kingbird: 4 La Fargeville 25 Sep.
N. Shrike: Limerick 15 Nov; PtPen 15 Nov; CV 24 Nov; Clayton 26 Nov.
Blue-headed Vireo: 2 Lou 2 Oct.
Red-eyed Vireo: Lou 23 Sep.
Blue Jay: many CV 24 Sep; 2 CV 13 Oct; 3 CV 23 Nov; 32 Watertown Oct-Nov.
Am. Crow: 2 CV Sep-Nov; 3 CV 1 Sep; 10 WBM 7 Sep; 18 Mas 25 Sep; 12 Mas 30 Oct; 116 Watertown 15 Nov thru.

Com. Raven: 2 Mas 15 Sep.
Horned Lark: 13 PiPt 20 Nov; 15 PRWMA 24 Nov; 7 CV 24 Nov.
Tree Swallow: 36 WBM 14 Sep; many CV 14 Sep; few CV 19 Sep; WBM 26 Sep.
Black-capped Chickadee: 4 CV Sep-Nov; 2 WBM Sep-Nov; 5 KC 25 Sep; 6 KC 17 Oct; 6 ED 2 Oct; PtPen 15 Nov.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: CV 1 Sep, 19 Sep; 3 CV 22 Sep; CV 23 Nov; 2 Lou Sep-Nov.
White-breasted Nuthatch: 2 CV 3 Sep; 2 CV 22 Sep-Nov; 3 KC 25 Sep; 10 Lou Sep-Oct.
Brown Creeper: CV 12 and 18 Oct, 16, 22 and 24 Nov; 2 CV 23 Nov; 4 Lou Sep-Nov.
House Wren: KC 30 Sep; 2 ED 2 Oct; 2 KC 17 Oct.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: 6 ED 2 Oct; 6 Mas 5 Oct; 21 Mas 16 Oct; 2 KC 19 Oct; Mas 2 Nov; Lou 2 Nov.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: KC 4 Oct; 15 Lou 5 Oct; 11 KC 8 Oct; 30 Lou 9 Oct; 5 Lou 14 Oct; 12 KC 17 Oct; 8 KC 19 Oct.
E. Bluebird: 5 BR 26 Sep; 6 Harrisville 1 Oct; 2 Lou 12 Oct.
Veery: Mas 4 Sep.
Wood Thrush: 2 Lou 3, 6, 7, 22 Sep.
Am. Robin: 6 CV 3 Sep; 12 Mas 4 Sep; CV 15, 22, 27 Sep; 10 Mas 21 Sep; 100+ WBM 30 Sep; 100+ KC 4, 17 Oct; 12 CV 11 Oct; 10 Lou 14 Oct; 4 Lou 20 Oct; 9 Lou 28 Oct; 28 Lou 1 Nov; 8 Lou 15 Nov; 12 PRWMA 15 Nov.
Gray Catbird: 2 Lou 3 Sep; KC 18 Sep; 4 Lou 21 Sep; CV 22 Sep; 5 FrCWMA 22 Sep; 2 Mas 23 Sep; 2 KC 24 Sep; 6 KC 25 Sep; CV 26 Sep; KC 30 Sep; KC 4 Oct; KC 17 Oct.
N. Mockingbird: CV Sep-Oct; Lou 4 Sep.
Brown Thrasher: KC 25 Sep; ED 2 Oct.
Am. Pipit: PiPt 20 Nov.
Cedar Waxwing: 20 Mas 1 Sep; CV 4 Sep; 8 Lou 7 Sep; 12 CV 15 Sep; 4 Mas

21 Sep; 6 WHWMA 15 Oct; 20 KC 17 Oct; 5 KC 18 Oct; 20 KC 1 Nov; 4 Lou 3 Nov; 4 Lou 21 Nov.

WARBLERS

Tennessee Warbler: Lou 5 Oct.
Nashville Warbler: CV 22-24 Sep; Lou 27 Sep.
N. Parula: Mas 21 Sep.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: 2 Mas 5 Oct.
Magnolia Warbler: CV 15 Sep; 3 CV 20 Sep; KC 24 Sep.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: Mas 2, 5 Oct.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: CV 24 Sep; 15 WBM 24 Sep; 20 WBM 26 Sep; 3 Lou 29 Sep; 2 WBM 30 Sep; 10 Harrisville 1 Oct; ED 2 Oct; KC 17 Oct.
Black-throated Green Warbler: 15 CV 15 Sep; Lou 2 Oct.
Blackburnian Warbler: Lou 2 Oct.
Pine Warbler: CV 15 Sep; 2 CV 22 Sep; Mas 2 Oct.
Blackpoll Warbler: Lou 5 Oct.
Black-and-white Warbler: Lou 1 Sep.
Ovenbird: Lou 21 Sep.
Com. Yellowthroat: 3 KC 18 Sep; 2 Lou 29 Sep; 2 KC 17 Oct.
Wilson's Warbler: CV 12-15 Sep.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: 2 Mas 21 Sep.
E. Towhee: KC 4 Oct.
Am. Tree Sparrow: 5 Mas 14 Nov; 4 KC 24 Nov; 6 PRWMA 24 Nov; 6 Depauville 24 Nov.
Chipping Sparrow: 15 Mas 1 Sep; 18 Mas 11-13 Sep; 25 CV 13 Sep; 6 Mas 21 Sep; 36 CV 12 Oct.
Field Sparrow: 3 ED 2 Oct.
Vesper Sparrow: 2 Mas 11 Sep; 6 Lou 12 Sep; CV 19 Sep; 2 Lou 14 Oct.
Fox Sparrow: 2 KC 24 Sep; KC 2 Oct.
Song Sparrow: Mas 7 Sep; 6 Mas 12 Sep; 1-3 CV 14-19 Sep; 2 Mas 14 Oct.
Swamp Sparrow: Lou 1 Sep.
White-throated Sparrow: 4 Lou 12-13

Sep; 25 CV 15 Sep; 6 Lou 22 Sep; 12 CV 24 Sep; 20 Harrisville 1 Oct; 21 Mas 5 Oct; 6 Mas 14 Oct; 5 CV 14 Oct; 5 KC 12 Nov; KC 24 Nov.

White-crowned Sparrow: Mas 5 Oct.

Dark-eyed Junco: Lou 14 Oct; 5 CV 14 Oct; 15 Mas 15 Oct; 6 KC 5 Nov; 7 KC 8 Nov; 5 KC 15 Nov; CV 23 Nov; 7 KC 24 Nov.

Snow Bunting: 8 CB 21 Oct; 25 Mas 2 Nov; 50 Three Mile Pt 3 Nov; Limerick 15 Nov; 45 PtPen 15 Nov.

N. Cardinal: 3 CV daily Sep; 6 Mas 4 Sep; 6 Lou 14 Nov; 8 Mas 14 Nov; 2 CV 23 Nov; 3 Lou 23 Nov; 8 Mas 24 Nov.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Mas 8 Sep.

Red-winged Blackbird: 5 Mas 20 Sep; WBM 24 Sep; CV 15 Oct; Mas 20 Oct; 6 Lou 31 Oct; Lou 3 Nov; KC 20 Nov; CV

23 Nov.

E. Meadowlark: 2 CV 14 Sep; 30 CV 27 Sep; 4 CV 28 Sep; Brownville 4 Oct.

Rusty Blackbird: 9 Lou 24 Sep; 3 KC 26 Oct.

Com. Grackle: 6 CV 1 Sep; 29 CV 3 Sep; 85 CV 4 Sep; CV 14 Sep.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 20 Rutland 8 Oct; 5 Mas 15 Oct.

Purple Finch: 4 Mas 1 Sep; Mas 2, 29 Nov; 10 Lou 29 Nov.

House Finch: 2 CV 19 Sep; 5 Lou 15 Oct; 5 Lou 14 Nov; 22 Mas 22 Nov; 10 CV 23 Nov; 10 Lou 29 Nov.

Am. Goldfinch: 5-10 CV Sep; 4 Mas 1 Sep; 15 Mas 15 Sep; 50 CV 24 Sep; 4 KC 25 Sep; 6 WHWMA 1 Oct; 5 Rutland 8 Oct; CV 23 Nov.