

REGION 7—ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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The spring of 2014 began with cooler than normal temperatures. March was the fifth coldest month on record in New York State (NY), and for the Region 7. Temperatures for March averaged 8.4° F below normal. Ellenburg Depot recorded the lowest temperature, -25°, across NY for the month of March. Precipitation was near normal, although there was a significant winter storm 12-13 March that dropped up to two feet of snow throughout the Region. April marked the sixth straight month of colder than normal temperatures across NY. Region 7 was on average 0.5-1 ° colder than normal. Temperatures ranged from a high of 57° in Peru to a low of 10° in Newcomb. Precipitation ranged from near normal in the Champlain Valley to 149% of normal in the St. Lawrence Valley. There was only one significant snow event, which resulted in the accumulation of several inches of snow across the Region. Melting snow and precipitation combined to create flooding across the Region during mid-April. May was the first warmer than normal month of the year for NY. Temperatures in the Region averaged 0.3-2.3° above normal. Region 7 had the highest and the lowest temperatures in NY for the month of May—92° in Massena and 25° in Indian Lake.

The average arrival date for Spring 2014 was 29 April. A Pine Warbler observed on 1 April was the only record early arrival for Spring 2014. A Caspian Tern, reported on 14 April matched its earliest recorded arrival, which was set in 2013. Numerous migrants arrived 2-4 weeks later than their respective earliest arrival date. The cool and wet spring may account for the delayed arrival of some migrants. Reports for the season do not indicate the occurrence of any major migrant fallouts.

This season marked the 39th consecutive year the Crown Point Banding Station (CPBS) operated. It opened on 9 May and closed for the year on 25 May. Temperatures were more moderate than previous years and the CPBS was frost-free for the first time in 20 years. The station banded a total of 558 individual birds of 61 species. The first bird of the season was a Least Flycatcher, which is commonly recorded later in the season. The station banded 98 Gray Catbirds, which smashed the previous record of 66. The CPBS also banded five Veery, one more than the record of four set in 2013. Highlights included one **Blue-winged Warbler** and one **Mourning Warbler**, which are not commonly banded at the station.

Highlights from Region 7 included a **Ross's Goose** reported from Cumberland Head on 4 April, a **Tufted Duck** reported from the Essex Ferry on 1 March, a **Golden Eagle** reported from Ausable Chasm on 20 April, and a **Sandhill Crane** reported from Crown Point on 22 May. The Tufted Duck

continued at the Essex ferry dock through late March, and the last sighting was reported from Crown Point on 4 April. The Ross's Goose, Golden Eagle, and Sandhill Crane were reported from the Region once. Other notable sightings included a **Lesser Black-backed Gull** reported from the Plattsburgh Marina on 2 & 3 April, two **Barrow's Goldeneyes** reported from the Essex Ferry dock on 1 March, two **Blue-winged Warblers** and one **Golden-winged Warbler** reported from Webb Royce Swamp on 25 May, and an **Orchard Oriole** reported from the old Plattsburgh Air Force Base on 4 May. Shorebird species diversity and abundance from the Chazy Riverlands was less than in previous years, perhaps due to the lack of exposed mud resulting from high water late into the season. Shorebird highlights included 16 Short-billed Dowitchers and 50 Least Sandpipers.

Except for seven Red Crossbills reported from Minerva on 26 May, there was a dearth of lingering irruptive species. There were no reports of Common or Hoary Redpolls, White-winged Crossbills, Pine Siskins, Pine Grosbeaks, or Bohemian Waxwings. The lack of irruptive species was likely the result of the abundant supply of fruit and conifer seeds throughout boreal breeding ranges. The last Rough-legged Hawk was reported from Chazy Riverlands on 14 April, the last Northern Shrike was reported from Intervale Lowlands on 12 April, and Snow Buntings were last reported from Essex on 29 March.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AC – Ausable Chasm; AP – Ausable Pt; AM – Alderon Marsh; BT – Belmont; BB – Bloomingdale Bog; BM – Blue Mountain; CF – Carpenter Flats; CM – Coon Mountain; CH – Cumberland Head; CP – Crown Pt, CR – Chazy Riverlands; Cri – Chub River; Ellen – Ellenburg; ES – Essex; EF – Essex Ferry Dock, FB – Ferds Bog; HW – Homeport Way, IN – Indian L; IL – Intervale Lowlands; IR – Ironville; KE – Keene; LA – Lake Abanakee; LF – Lake Flower; LC – La Chute; LCI – Lake Clear; LA – Lake Alice WMA; LG – Lake George; LP – Lake Pleasant; LPI – Lake Placid; MM – Maple Meadows; MB – McKenzie Brook; MRP – Malone Recreation P; MN – Minerva; MC – Morningside Cemetery; MD – Mount Defiance; PB – Plattsburgh; PM – Plattsburgh Marina; PS – Paul Smiths; PtR – Point Au Roche SP; PH – Port Henry; SL – Saranac L; SS – Shingle Shanty Preserve, SM – Snowy Mountain; TI – Ticonderoga; TL – Tupper

L; WH – Wadhams; WS – Webb Royce Swamp, WP – Westport; WM – Whiteface Mountain; WB – Whallons Bay Rd.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 500 CH 3 Mar (BK); last CH 26 May (BK).
ROSS'S GOOSE: CH 4 Apr (BK).
Canada Goose: max 400 MRP 14 Apr (JS).
Wood Duck: arr 2 LC 30 Mar (SR); max 32 CP 4 Apr (PJ).
Gadwall: arr EF 21 Mar (LH); max 50 CR 22 Apr (BK).
Am. Wigeon: arr & max 20 CH 3 Apr (AB).
Am. Black Duck: max 100 CH 4 Apr (BK).
Am. Black Duck x Mallard: arr & max 6 EF 1 Mar (SG).
Blue-winged Teal: arr 6 CR 22 Apr (BK); max 16 AM 26 Apr (JR).
N. Shoveler: arr 3 PM 2 Apr (MB); max 25 CR 22 Apr (BK).
N. Pintail: arr 4 EF 1 Mar (BR); max 20 CH 3 Apr (AB).
Green-winged Teal: arr 2 EF 29 Mar (AB); max 150 CR 25 Apr (BK).
Redhead: arr CP 7 Mar (SR).
Ring-necked Duck: max 100 EF 1 Mar (BR).
TUFTED DUCK: EF 1 Mar (SG).
Greater Scaup: max 275 EF 2 Mar (SG).
Lesser Scaup: max 180 CP 27 Mar (SR).
White-winged Scoter: EF 1 Mar (SG).
Long-tailed Duck: EF 1 Mar (BD, SG).
Bufflehead: max 59 LC 13 Apr (GC).
Com. Goldeneye: max 300 CH 15 Mar (SB).
Barrow's Goldeneye: arr & max 2 EF 1 Mar (SG).
Hooded Merganser: max 22 CH 3 Apr (BM).
Com. Merganser: max 235 CP 3 Apr (SR).
Red-breasted Merganser: arr EF 6 Mar (GC); max 11 EF 5 Apr (PJ).
Ruddy Duck: arr & max WB 1 May (PJ).
Wild Turkey: max 50 WB 29 Mar (LG).
Com. Loon: max 3 LC 13 Apr (GC).
Pied-billed Grebe: arr CH 2 Apr (BK).
Horned Grebe: max 5 PtR 3 May (JH).
Red-necked Grebe: arr CH 4 Mar (PO); max 5 PtR 3 May (JH).
Double-crested Cormorant: max 400 CP 2 May (SR).
Am. Bittern: arr CR 22 Apr (BK).
Great Blue Heron: max 30 AM 6 Mar (ZA).
Great Egret: max 6 AM 26 Apr (JR).
Green Heron: SS 25 May (JP).
Black-crowned Night-Heron: LC 27 Apr (GC, MC).
Turkey Vulture: arr 6 ES 21 Mar (LH).

HAWKS – LARIDS

Osprey: arr WB 2 Apr (PJ).
GOLDEN EAGLE (R7): AC 20 Apr (MB).
Bald Eagle: max 3 EF 3 Mar (JM).
N. Harrier: max 3 WB 29 Mar (LW, AB, TR).
N. Goshawk: BB 24 May (CF).
Red-shouldered Hawk: arr PH 15 Mar (AB).
Broad-winged Hawk: arr MC 14 Apr (JS).
Rough-legged Hawk: max 5 WB 29 Mar (AB, LG, TR), last CR 14 Apr.
Virginia Rail: arr PtR 3 May (JH).
Sora: arr CR 20 May (BK, MB).
Com. Gallinule: arr CR 7 May (BK, MB), ties Reg record early.
SANDHILL CRANE (R7): arr BM 12 Apr (LC); CP 22 May (SR).
Semipalmated Plover: arr 7 CR 12 May, max 12 CR 23 May (BK).
Killdeer: arr WB 2 Apr (PJ).
Spotted Sandpiper: arr SB 26 Apr (SR).
Solitary Sandpiper: arr 3 HW 8-9 May (PJ).
Greater Yellowlegs: arr 2 CR 26 Apr; max 10 CR 12 May (BK).
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr & max 4 CR 12 May (BK).
Dunlin: arr 2 CR 13 May; max 15 CR 23 May (BK).
Least Sandpiper: arr 6 CR 12 May; max 22 CR 20 May (BK).
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 2 CR 12 May (BK).
Short-billed Dowitcher: arr & max 16 CR 24 May (BK).
Wilson's Snipe: arr & max 4 WS 3 May (PJ).
Am. Woodcock: arr MM 26 Mar (SR).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 19 CR 22 Apr (BK).
Herring Gull: max 44 EF 21 Apr (AP).
Lesser Blacked-backed Gull: PM 3 Apr (MB).
Glaucous Gull: EF 21 Mar (LH).
Great Black-backed Gull: max 6 PB 2 Apr (MB).
Caspian Tern: arr & max 10 NP 14 Apr (PJ), ties Reg record early.
Com. Tern: arr 2 CR 12 May (BK).

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr CP 22 May (SR).
E. Screech-Owl: HW 28 May (PJ).
Snowy Owl: EL 2 Mar (MD); MB 9 Mar (MD).

Barred Owl: max 3 PS (BS).
Short-eared Owl: WB 1 May (J & PT)
N. Saw-whet Owl: PB 7 Apr (CM).
Com. Nighthawk: arr CP 15 May (PJ).
Chimney Swift: arr 5 May LF (BS).
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr MM 8 May (MM).
Belted Kingfisher: arr MB 8 Apr (PJ).
Red-bellied Woodpecker: CP 11 Mar; 2 CP 8 May (SR).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr CM 12 Apr (PJ).
Black-backed Woodpecker: MN 1 Mar (BD).
N. Flicker: arr 2 CP 9 Mar (SR).
Am. Kestrel: arr WB 29 Mar (LG).
Merlin: max 2 LCI 4 Apr (SM).
Peregrine Falcon: CR 12 May (BK).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr FB 18 May (GA).
E. Wood-Pewee: arr LA 15 May (MB).
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr BB 20 May (MS).
Alder Flycatcher: arr 2 BB 20 May (MS).
Least Flycatcher: arr LP 2 May (JM).
E. Phoebe: arr PM 2 Apr (MB).
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr LP 3 May (JM).
E. Kingbird: arr 2 CP 2 May (SR).
N. Shrike: last IL 12 Apr (LM, AB).
Blue-headed Vireo: arr ES 22 Apr (PJ).
Warbling Vireo: arr PH 1 May (SR).
Red-eyed Vireo: arr LPI 11 May; max 12 CRI 25 May (GD).
Gray Jay: max 11 BB 1 Mar (SG).
Horned Lark: last IL 12 Apr (AB).
Tree Swallow: arr PB 3 Apr (AB).
N. Rough-winged Swallow: arr LC 13 Apr (GC).
Bank Swallow: arr 3 WH 11 May (PJ).
Cliff Swallow: arr 4 CF 9 May (MB).
Barn Swallow: arr SB 17 Apr (SR).
Boreal Chickadee: max 6 BB 12 Apr (PH).
Tufted Titmouse: max 5 MM 12 Mar (SR).
House Wren: arr HW 3 May (PJ).
Winter Wren: arr SL 8 Apr (AB).
Carolina Wren: LC 13 Apr (GC, MC).
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 15 AP 15 Apr (MB).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr BB 12 Apr (PH); max 12 CP 6 May (J&PT).
E. Bluebird: max 6 LA 8 Mar (MM).
Veery: arr CF 8 May (MB).
Bicknell's Thrush: arr & max 9 WM 18 May (LM).
Swainson's Thrush: arr CP 14 May (SR).

Hermit Thrush: arr BB 19 Apr (ZA).
Wood Thrush: arr MD 7 May (GC).
Gray Catbird: arr IL 3 May (J & PT).
Brown Thrasher: arr TL 17 Apr (DE).
N. Mockingbird: PB May 4 (MB); CP 15 May (SR).
Am. Pipit: arr & max 10 KE 8 May (J & PT).
Cedar Waxwing: max 32 ES 1 Mar (SG).

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: arr CR 13 May (BK).
Snow Bunting: last & max 30 WB 29 Mar (J & PT)..
Ovenbird: arr WP 25 May (PJ).
Louisiana Waterthrush: MD 29 Apr (GC).
N. Waterthrush: arr BB 12 May (GD).
Golden-winged Warbler: WS 25 May (MM).
Blue-winged Warbler: WS 25 May (MM).
Tennessee Warbler: arr CP 15 May (SR).
Nashville Warbler: arr CP 4 May (SR).
Mourning Warbler: 3 IL 22 May (JC, MBe).
Com. Yellowthroat: arr 5 CF 8 May (MB).
Am. Redstart: arr 3 CP 9 May (PJ); max 16 IL 22 May (JC, MBe).
Cape May Warbler: arr CF 9 May (MB).
N. Parula: arr CF 9 May (MB).
Magnolia Warbler: arr PB 10 May (MB); max 27 IL 23 May (JC, MBe).
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr SM 12 May (SB).
Blackburnian Warbler: arr CF 9 May (MB).
Yellow Warbler: arr HW 8 May (PJ).
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr BT 10 May (NR); max 11 IL 22 May (JC, MBe).
Blackpoll Warbler: arr BB 15 May (RB).
Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr TI 4 May (MC).
Palm Warbler: arr SB 26 Apr (SR).
Pine Warbler: arr TI 1 Apr (GC), Reg record early.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr 2 SB 17 Apr (SR).
Prairie Warbler: arr LG 14 May (GC).
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr TI 3 May (GC).
Canada Warbler: arr CP 14 May (JA).
Wilson's Warbler: arr 2 BM 12 May (SB).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr 2 HW 12 Apr (PJ).
Am. Tree Sparrow: max 10 WB 29 Mar (LG).
Chipping Sparrow: arr LC 5 Apr (SM).
Field Sparrow: arr AC 8 Apr (MB).
Vesper Sparrow: arr 3 WB 14 Apr (PJ).
Savannah Sparrow: arr 3 WB 14 Apr (PJ).
Fox Sparrow: arr PS 2 Apr (SM).

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr HW 12 May (PJ).
Swamp Sparrow: arr IN 13 Apr (MM).
White-throated Sparrow: max 45 PK 12 May (DR).
White-crowned Sparrow: arr PtR 22 Apr (JH); max 15 PB 9 May (MB).
Scarlet Tanager: arr 2 CP 8 May (SR).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr TI 3 May (SR).
Indigo Bunting: arr PK 12 May (DR).
Bobolink: arr CP 11 May (SR); max 12 CR 12 May (BK).
Red-winged Blackbird: arr IR 3 Mar (SR).

E. Meadowlark: arr PB 5 Apr (MB).
Rusty Blackbird: arr WB 29 Mar (AB, TR); max 13 IL 11 Apr (AB, LM).
Brown-headed Cowbird: arr WB 29 Mar (AB, LG, TR).
Orchard Oriole: PB 4 May (MB); max 3 CP 22 May (SR).
Baltimore Oriole: arr HW 8 May (PJ); max 20 CP 15 May (SR).
Purple Finch: max 48 IL 20 Mar (LM).
Red Crossbill: max 7 MN 26 May (SR).
Evening Grosbeak: max 5 BT 26 Apr (NR).

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