

REGION 7—ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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The summer of 2014 began with slightly warmer than normal temperatures. In June, temperatures for the Region averaged 1-2° F above normal. The lowest recorded temperature across NY for the month of June was 36°, which was recorded in Indian Lake on 1 June. The warmest temperature in the Region was 77.5°, recorded in Peru. Wetter than normal conditions prevailed throughout the state in June. The Northern Plateau and Champlain Valley recorded their 10th and 14th wettest months, respectively. Precipitation in the Region ranged from 110% of normal in the St. Lawrence Valley to 150% of normal in portions of the Northern Plateau. July ushered in cooler than normal temperatures throughout NY. In Region 7, the Champlain Valley was 3.7° cooler than normal for the

month of July, which ranked as the eighth coolest July on record. The Northern Plateau was the only area of the state that experienced warmer than normal temperatures. Temperatures in the Region ranged from a high of 76.2° in Lake Placid to a low of 51.8° in Newcomb. July was the sixth consecutive month that NY recorded above normal precipitation, and was the 11th wettest July in 120 years. The Champlain Valley recorded its seventh wettest July on record, with precipitation that ranged from 130% to 150% of normal. All of NY experienced cooler than normal temperatures in August. Temperatures in the Region averaged 0.7-2.1° below normal and ranged from a high of 77.1° in Peru to a low of 50.7° in Newcomb. August broke the wetter than normal streak, with much of NY experiencing drier than normal conditions. Precipitation in the Region ranged from 70% of normal in the Champlain Valley to 100% of normal in the Northern Plateau.

A taxonomically diverse shorebird migration, including 21 species, was well documented throughout the Champlain Valley. Modest numbers of common plovers, long-legged waders, and peeps were reported from several premier habitats, including Chazy Riverlands, Noblewood Park, and Sandy Beach. Fall migration highlights included a **Baird's Sandpiper** and numerous **Short-billed Dowitchers** from Chazy Riverlands, an **American Golden-Plover** and three **Ruddy Turnstones** from Noblewood Park, a Ruddy Turnstone and **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** from Sandy Beach, and a **Red-necked Phalarope** from Crown Point and Chazy Riverlands.

Reported numbers of waterfowl were low for the season, which may be attributed to, at least in part, the lack of reports from Ausable Marsh. However, waterfowl diversity was on par with expectations. In addition to very common species, numerous Gadwalls, Northern Shovelers, Blue-winged Teal, and Redheads were reported from several locations within the Champlain Valley. Several reports from Noblewood Park throughout the latter half of the season documented solid numbers of terns, including 47 Caspian Terns, six Black Terns, and 84 Common Terns.

Boreal species, which are a specialty of the Region, were well documented this season. Gray Jays were reported multiple times from several locations, including Bloomingdale Bog, Ferd's Bog, and Madawaska Pond. Boreal Chickadees were reported from Saddleback, Mount Marcy, and Blue Mountain. Unlike previous years, Boreal Chickadees were not reported from Bloomingdale Bog or Ferd's Bog this season. Black-backed Woodpeckers were reported from Intervale Lowlands and Bloomingdale Bog. Olive-sided Flycatchers were reported from several locations throughout the Region, including Madawaska Pond and Ferd's Bog. Reports of Swainson's and Bicknell's Thrushes were made from Whiteface Mountain and Cascade Mountain, and Bicknell's Thrush was also reported from Algonquin Peak, Mount Marcy, and Phelps Mountain.

Perhaps the most noteworthy report this season was a **Brown Booby** that was first reported on 23 August, from Crown Point. This represents the first report of a Brown Booby in the Region, and if accepted by NYSARC, a sixth

record for the State. Other highlights included three **Little Gulls**, two reported on 25 July from the Chazy Riverlands and one reported from Noblewood Park on 31 August, and a single **Fish Crow** reported on 6 July from Consumer Square in Plattsburgh. There is growing evidence that Fish Crows are a rare summer resident in Essex County. There were several species (including the Fish Crow) reported from the Region that are at or near their northern limit, and therefore, are unique and uncommon Regional reports that deserve mention. Such reports included Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Orchard Oriole, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Yellow-throated Vireo.

I am pleased to report that the 197 species recorded for this season is one more than the previous record of 196 species set in 2011.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APk – Algonquin Peak; AF – Altona Flat Rock; AP – Ausable Pt; BT – Bellmont; BBg - Bloomingdale Bog; BluMtn – Blue Mountain; BY – Bombay; CscdMtn – Cascade Mountain; CedRiv – Cedar Ri; CP - Crown Point; CR – Chazy Riverlands; FrdBg – Ferds Bog; FerrLk – Ferris L; FshCrk – Fish Creek; HW – Homeport Way; IndLk – Indian L; IL – Intervale Lowlands; JY – Jay; LC – La Chute; LkCol – Lake Colby; LkPleas – Lake Pleasant; LostPd – Lost Pd; MadwPd – Madawaska Pd; MinwBrk – Minnow Brook; MO – Moira; MseRiv – Moose Ri; MtMar – Mount Marcy; MtCol – Mount Colden; MtDef – Mount Defiance; NW – Newcomb; NP – Noblewood P; OsgRiv – Osgood Ri; PU – Peru; PhlpMtn – Phelps Mountain; PB – Plattsburgh; PS – Paul Smiths; PtAuR – Point Au Roche SP; RollPd – Rollins Pd; SdleB – Saddleback; SabtsBg – Sabattis Bog; SB – Sandy Beach; SL – Saranac L; SL – Slant Rock; TI – Ticonderoga; VV – Vermontville; WH – Wadhams; WebSw – Webb Royce Swamp; WP – Westport; WFMtn - Whiteface Mountain; WillPd – Willis Pd; 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 Black-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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