



## **REGION 7—ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN**

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The spring of 2015 began with significantly cooler than normal temperatures. In March, temperatures for the Region averaged 2-6° F below normal. The Region was drier than normal in March. Precipitation in the Region ranged from 25% to 75% of normal, with the majority of the Region experiencing 40% of normal precipitation. April continued to be cooler than normal throughout the Region. Temperatures ranged from 1-2° below normal for the Champlain Valley to 4° below normal in the Northern Plateau. Precipitation ranged from near average to

a low of 50% of normal in portions of the Northern Plateau. May was significantly warmer than normal. Temperatures for the Region ranged from 6° above normal in the Champlain Valley and the Northern Plateau to 4° above throughout the remainder of the Region. Precipitation ranged from near normal to slightly above normal for the Champlain Valley to 50% of normal in the Northern Plateau.

The average arrival date for Spring 2015 was 28 April (27.93 April). This was about a day and a half earlier than last year's average. A Black-billed Cuckoo observed on 5 May was the only record early arrival. A Tennessee Warbler reported on 1 May matched its earliest recorded arrival, which was set in 2011. Interestingly, the cooler than normal spring did not greatly affect spring arrivals, as about two thirds of the species monitored were early relative to their 29-year averages. Reports for the season do not indicate the occurrence of any major migrant fallouts.

This season marked the 40<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the Crown Point Banding Station (CPBS) operated. The 2015 season opened on 8 May and closed on 23 May. Temperatures were more moderate than previous years. The CPBS was again surprisingly frost free. The CPBS banded a total of 672 individual birds (17 % more than 2014; 58 species). Over the last 40 years the CPBS has banded 18,604 individuals (108 species). The first six days of the 2015 season resulted in 66.6% of the total birds banded. The CPBS banded 15 warbler species, which was three less species than the 2014 season.

Highlights from Region 7 included: a **Greater White-fronted Goose** reported from Crown Point on 2 April; a **Golden Eagle** reported from Keene on 4 April; and a **Gyr Falcon** reported from Cumberland Head on 7 March. Other notable sightings included: a **Harlequin Duck** reported from Cumberland Head on 18 March; two **Barrow Goldeneyes** reported from Cumberland Head on 13 March; two **Black Terns** reported from Alderon Marsh on 31 May; a **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** reported from Noblewood Park on 26 April; and several **Orchard Orioles** reported from Crown Point between 14-18 May. Shorebird highlights from the Chazy Riverlands included five Short-billed Dowitchers and a Dunlin reported on 24 May, and a White-rumped Sandpiper reported on 28 May.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AP – Ausable Point; AM – Alderon Marsh; AT – Altona; BT – Belmont Center; BBG – Bloomingdale Bog; BP – Black Pd; CH – Cumberland Head; CP – Crown Pt, CR – Chazy Riverlands; DI – Dickinson; GMtn – Giant Mountain; IndL – Indian L; IL – Intervale Lowlands; KN – Keene; KB – Kings Bay; LkArn – Lake Arnold; LC – La Chute; LkCl – Lake Clear; LkCol – Lake Colby; LP – Lake Placid; MM – Maple Meadows; MD – Mount Defiance; MP – Madawaska Pd; NP – Noblewood P; PU – Peru; PB – Plattsburgh; PS – Paul Smiths; PtAuR – Point Au Roche SP; PH – Port Henry; SB – Sandy Beach; SL – Saranac L; TI – Ticonderoga; TL – Tupper L; WebSw – Webb Royce Swamp; WI – Willsboro; WP – Westport; WFMtn – Whiteface Mountain.

### WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

#### GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

(R7): CP 2 Apr (SR).

**Snow Goose:** max 600 DI 2 Apr (RW); last 2 CR 7 May (BK).

**Brant:** 128 IndL 25 May (MM).

**Wood Duck:** arr MM ESSE 8 Mar (SR); max 40 LC 2 Apr (SR)

**Gadwall:** arr 3 CH 2 Apr (AB).

**Am. Wigeon:** arr 2 CH 29 Mar (MBo).

**Am. Black Duck:** max 74 DI 6 Mar (RW).

**Blue-winged Teal:** arr 2 SL 22 Apr (RB); max 7 AM 29 Apr (JS).

**N. Shoveler:** arr CP 3 Apr (SR); CR 3 May (BK).

**N. Pintail:** arr CH 10 Mar (BK); max 10 AM 12 Apr (JR, JS, MF).

**Green-winged Teal:** arr 22 LC 2 Apr (SR); max 100 CR 15 Apr (BK).

**Redhead:** arr CP 7 Mar (SR)

**Ring-necked Duck:** max 125 TL 17 Apr (RB).

**Greater Scaup:** max 135 CH 13 Mar (BK).

**Lesser Scaup:** max 15 CH 13 Mar (BK).

**Harlequin Duck:** CH 18 Mar (BK).

**White-winged Scoter:** CR 19 Apr (BK).

**Long-tailed Duck:** arr & max 11 IndL 17 Apr (MM).

**Bufflehead:** max 55 AP 5 Apr (DR).

**Com. Goldeneye:** max 400 CH 31 Mar (BK).

**Barrow's Goldeneye:** arr & max 2 CH 13 Mar (BK).

**Hooded Merganser:** max 25 AT 18 Apr (KF).

**Com. Merganser:** max 56 DI 6 Mar (RW).

**Red-breasted Merganser:** arr 2 CH 12 Mar (MC, GC); max 24 WP 2 May (GCh).

**Wild Turkey:** max 80 DI 5 Mar (RW).

**Com. Loon:** max 9 NP 26 Apr (GCh).

**Pied-billed Grebe:** arr 2 AP 5 Apr (DR).

**Horned Grebe:** max 2 NP 26 Apr (GCh).

**Red-necked Grebe:** arr TI 11 Apr (MC, GC); max 8 CP 24 Apr (SR).

**Double-crested Cormorant:** max 400 CP 23 Apr (SR).

**Am. Bittern:** arr 2 IL 16 Apr (DH, DK)

**Great Blue Heron:** max 8 AP 8 Apr (BM).

**Green Heron:** CP 30 May (SR).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** max 6 AM 29 Apr (JS).

**Turkey Vulture:** arr 6 LkCl 6 Mar (SM).

### HAWKS – LARIDS

**Osprey:** arr CP 2 Apr (SR).

**GOLDEN EAGLE (R7):** KN 4 Apr (J& PT).

**Bald Eagle:** max 4 TI 17 Apr (RB).

**N. Harrier:** max 2 AM 12 Apr (JR, JS, MF).

**N. Goshawk:** BBG 1 Apr (MF, LL).

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** arr IndL 27 Mar (MM).

**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr IL 14 Apr (LM).

**Rough-legged Hawk:** max 6 DI 5 Mar (RW).

**Virginia Rail:** arr 2 WebSw 2 May (GCh).

**Com. Gallinule:** arr CR 30 Apr (BK).

**Semipalmated Plover:** arr & max 29 CR 24 May (MMd).

**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr LkCl 30 Apr (SM).

**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr PS 2 May (LM).

**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr 2 PS 3 May (MF).

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr CR 5 May (BK).

**Dunlin:** arr CR 24 May (BK).

**Least Sandpiper:** arr 2 CR 7 May (BK); max 55 CR 24 May (MMd).

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** CR 28 May (BK).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr 3 CR 28 May (BK).

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** arr & max 5 CR 24 May (MMd).

**Am. Woodcock:** arr CP 1 Apr (SR).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** max 12 CP 26 Apr (GCh).

**Herring Gull:** max 20 PB 31 Mar (BK).

**Iceland Gull:** PB 31 Mar (BK).

**Great Black-backed Gull:** max 4 SB 16 Apr (SR).

**Caspian Tern:** arr 2 SB 16 Apr (SR); max 34 NP 29 Apr (J&PT).  
**Black Tern:** 3 AM 31 May (LL, BF).  
**Com. Tern:** arr 2 AP 14 May (KM).

#### PIGEONS - PARROTS

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr MD 9 May (GCh).  
**Black-throated Cuckoo:** arr BT FRAN 5 May (W&NR), Reg. record early.  
**Great Horned Owl:** LkCl12 Mar (SM); max 2 IL 15 May (LM).  
**Barred Owl:** max 4 BP (MF, DK, JS).  
**N. Saw-whet Owl:** PS 8 Apr (BM).  
**Com. Nighthawk:** arr Indian Bay Marina ESSE 24 May (MMd).  
**Chimney Swift:** arr 4 May TI (MC).  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr TI 3 May (GC, MC).  
**Belted Kingfisher:** arr MM 3 Apr (SR).  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** TI 1 Mar (GC, MC).  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** arr KN 9 Apr (J&PT).  
**Black-backed Woodpecker:** max 2 BBG 17 May (LD).  
**N. Flicker:** arr CP 4 Apr (SR).  
**Am. Kestrel:** arr WP 29 Mar (J&PT).  
**Merlin:** max 2 LkCl10 Apr (SM).  
**GYRFALCON:** CH 7 Mar (GCh).  
**Peregrine Falcon:** PB 8 Mar (JH).

#### FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr & max 3 MP 29 May (BM, KL).  
**E. Wood-Pewee:** arr CP 7 May (SR).  
**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr 4 LkAm 20 May (JR).  
**Alder Flycatcher:** arr IL 16 May (LM).  
**Willow Flycatcher:** arr AP 14 May (BK).  
**Least Flycatcher:** arr TI 4 May (GC, MC).  
**E. Phoebe:** arr LC 2 Apr (SR).  
**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr 5 KB 7 May (BK).  
**E. Kingbird:** arr PtAuR1 May (JH).  
**N. Shrike:** last CP 10 Apr (SR).  
**Yellow-throated Vireo:** AP 10 May (MMd), only report.  
**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr 4 TI 14 Apr (GC).  
**Warbling Vireo:** arr 4 KN 5 May (J&PT).  
**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr The Notch HAMI 5 May (KC).  
**Gray Jay:** max 7 BBG 21 Mar (RWi).  
**Horned Lark:** last 4 CP 2 Apr (SR).  
**Tree Swallow:** arr 50 Rouses Pt 2 Apr (ABR).

**N. Rough-winged Swallow:** arr TI 16 Apr (MC).  
**Bank Swallow:** arr IL 6 May (LM).  
**Cliff Swallow:** arr 2 SB 24 Apr (SR).  
**Barn Swallow:** arr 2 TI 13 Apr (MC).  
**Boreal Chickadee:** max 2 GMtn12 Apr (CS).  
**Tufted Titmouse:** max 5 TI 13 Apr (MC).  
**House Wren:** arr Reagan Flats Rd FRAN (RSc, HvdZ).  
**Winter Wren:** arr LkCol 13 Apr (AB).  
**Carolina Wren:** TI 24 Mar (GC, MC).  
**Marsh Wren:** arr IL 17 April (AB).  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** NP 26 Apr (GCh).  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** max 20 BBG 27 May (NM).  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr TI 13 Apr (GC, MC).  
**Veery:** arr IL 11 May (LL).  
**Bicknell's Thrush:** arr & max 4 WFMtn26 May (NM).  
**Swainson's Thrush:** arr 2 BBG 23 May (TS).  
**Hermit Thrush:** arr MD 16 Apr (SR).  
**Wood Thrush:** arr MD 4 May (GC).  
**Gray Catbird:** arr TI 2 May (GCh).  
**Brown Thrasher:** arr KN 19 Apr (J&PT).  
**N. Mockingbird:** PS May 7 (JS, MF).  
**Am. Pipit:** arr 6 NP 7 May (GC); max 22 IL 11 May (LL).  
**Cedar Waxwing:** max 40 PH 1 Mar (SR).

#### LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

**Snow Bunting:** last & max 75 LkCl 13 Mar (JR).  
**Ovenbird:** arr 2 MD 2 May (GC).  
**Louisiana Waterthrush:** TI 19 Apr (GC).  
**N. Waterthrush:** arr Gabriels (powerline cut) FRAN 3 May (LL).  
**Golden-winged Warbler:** WP 22 May (J&PT).  
**Blue-winged Warbler:** TI 1 May (GC, MC).  
**Tennessee Warbler:** arr Rt 10 HAMI 1 May (L&BH), ties Reg record early.  
**Nashville Warbler:** arr PS 2 May (LM).  
**Mourning Warbler:** CP 12 May (GC, MC).  
**Com. Yellowthroat:** arr 5 AP 5 May (BK).  
**Am. Redstart:** arr Good Luck Lake HAMI 3 May (MBr); max 6 PU 17 May (MB).  
**Cape May Warbler:** arr MD 9 May (GC).  
**N. Parula:** arr Good Luck Lake HAMI 3 May (MBr).  
**Magnolia Warbler:** arr PS 5 May; max 20 WFMtn 26 May (NM).  
**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr MD 9 May (GCh).  
**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr TI 3 May (G&MC).  
**Yellow Warbler:** arr WP 2 May (GC).

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr PB 6 May (MB); max 8 DI 17 May (RW).  
**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr MD 15 May (GC).  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr Rt 10 HAMI 1 May (L&BH).  
**Palm Warbler:** arr LkCI13 Apr (AB).  
**Pine Warbler:** arr TI 13 Apr (MC).  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr CP 15 Apr (SR).  
**Prairie Warbler:** arr MD 9 May (GCh).  
**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr TI 1 May (GC).  
**Canada Warbler:** arr MD 15 May (GCh).  
**Wilson's Warbler:** arr CP 12 May (GC, MC).

#### **TOWHEES - WEAVERS**

**E. Towhee:** arr 10 MD 16 Apr (SR).  
**Am. Tree Sparrow:** max 14 SL 15 Mar (RB).  
**Chipping Sparrow:** arr The Nest ESSE 5 Apr (BU).  
**Field Sparrow:** arr IndL 17 Apr (MM).  
**Vesper Sparrow:** arr TI 7 Apr (GC, MC).  
**Savannah Sparrow:** arr 18 TI 9 Apr (GC).  
**Fox Sparrow:** arr SL 13 Apr (AB).  
**Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr BT 2 May (NR).  
**Swamp Sparrow:** arr LkCI18 Apr (AB).

**White-throated Sparrow:** max 50 SL 1 May (RB).  
**White-crowned Sparrow:** arr CH 5 May (BK); max 6 CP 12 May (GC, MC).  
**Scarlet Tanager:** arr MD 7 May (MC).  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr TI 1 May (MC).  
**Indigo Bunting:** arr home ESSE 8 May (GCh).  
**Bobolink:** arr CR 7 May (BK); max 18 CR 29 May (BK).  
**Red-winged Blackbird:** arr 73 DI 5 Mar (RW).  
**E. Meadowlark:** arr 4 WP 4 Apr (SR).  
**Rusty Blackbird:** arr IL 12 Apr (AB, LM); max 7 IL 17 Apr (LM).  
**Brown-headed Cowbird:** arr WP 29 Mar (J&PT).  
**Orchard Oriole:** CP 14 May (SR); max 3 CP 18 May (SR).  
**Baltimore Oriole:** arr 2 PB 6 May (MB); max 8 LC 14 May (SR).  
**Purple Finch:** max 14 IL 10 May (LM).  
**Red Crossbill:** TI 23 Mar (MC).  
**Evening Grosbeak:** max 10 WP 28 Apr (GC, MC).