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REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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In terms of temperature, the summer 2015 season was the epitome of average, with each month varying from the norm by less than a degree. June was the wettest month by far and in Syracuse nearly 10 inches of rain fell, which is over 6.5" above average for the month. Over 2.5" of precipitation came down in a

single storm on 30 June. The same weather system produced even more rain in other parts of the Region. This resulted in flash flooding which damaged property and disrupted bird habitat. After June, precipitation amounts varied somewhat across the Region with the eastern half experiencing a much drier July and August. Syracuse was also down over 1.5" of rainfall in August.

Flooding at the end of June surely must have affected breeding birds, but few specific instances of lost or damaged nests were reported. In Old Forge in northern Herkimer County, Gary Lee wrote that many Common Loons lost their nests due to flooding and most went on to re-nest. By August a mild drought was beginning to take hold, and Delta Lake in Oneida County was being drawn down. The appearance of mudflats gave rise to the perennial hope that shorebirds would come. Some did, but compared to Delta's heyday of two decades ago, the turnout could at best be described as modest. Low water levels at some other lakes and reservoirs (including Hinckley Reservoir) attracted some shorebirds, but no significant or unusual records came of it.

Wild food production was close to uniform across the Region, with most areas producing fair to good amounts of mast in deciduous forests. Beech and Red Oak weren't very prolific, while White Oak and Hickory were well laden. Birch species all seemed to be loaded with seed, as were some maple family members like Box Elder and White Ash. Both Bill Purcell and Ken Burdick referred to the White Ash in their areas (Hastings and Skaneateles respectively) as experiencing a "last hurrah", as the species succumbs to the scourge of the Emerald Ash Borer which is poised to overtake the Region and deprive it of a significant habitat tree. Cone crops were mixed across the Region, with spruce species producing fair amounts in some areas and next to nothing in others.

By contrast, the fruit crop was impressive Region-wide. Reporters spoke of a great bounty of apples, crabapples, black cherries, nannyberries, elderberries and wild grapes. The more reliably producing buckthorn and American Mountain Ash trees did especially well. This should bode well for wintering fructivores like American Robins and Cedar Waxwings. Jays and woodpeckers should also be among the beneficiaries of such a well-stocked forest pantry. Birch catkins and ash seeds should satisfy some finches, but if they turn their attention to spruces, at least in much of the Region, they are likely to be disappointed.

A novel mix of waterfowl apparently neglected their breeding grounds and were found in a variety of places across the Region. A lingering Snow Goose is hardly a surprise anymore, especially given the sizable flocks that overfly the Region in spring. A few are bound to remain due to injury, disease or advanced age. A pair of Green-winged Teal found at a pond in southern Herkimer County on 25 July were probably early fall migrants. This was not likely the case with two adult male Redheads found on the Oswego River in Phoenix. They lingered into the first half of June and one continued through the end of the period. A sighting of a Ring-necked Duck at Woodman Pond on the fourth of July shouldn't come as too much a surprise, again, given the large numbers of the

species which traverse the Region in spring. It is perhaps harder to explain the presence of the female **Black Scoter** that Sam Hough found on 21 June at a pond in West Eaton, Madison County. The interesting seasonal rarity remained at the site for two days.

Pied-billed Grebes were difficult to come by this summer, but lack of effort could be partially responsible for the low number of reports. An American Bittern nestling found in Camden on 15 July and brought to Kindred Kingdoms Wildlife Center (KKWC) in Pennellville was reportedly the sole survivor of its nest. The property owner where the orphan was found claimed the nest had been destroyed by a land predator—possibly a coyote. A single report of a Least Bittern for the period could be another example of a lack of diligence in covering marshlands. A good maximum number of 80 Great Blue Heron came from a known heronry in Richfield Springs on 4 July. Ted Buhl reported that the number broke down to about 30 adults and 50 nestlings. On 21 July during a brief stop at an obscure pond near Richfield Springs, alert birders, Louise Gomez and Lynne Vanderwater, spotted a juvenile **Little Blue Heron**. The next day at an adjacent pond, the excellent rarity was seen in the company of another Little Blue. Donning identical plumage, this was perhaps a sibling of the first bird. The two were seen again on the 23rd, but not relocated after that.

A single **Black Vulture** was reported during the period. It was in the company of a flock of Turkey Vultures at Ditch Bank Road on 23 August. No Northern Goshawks were reported for the period, but likely no one made a concerted effort to locate any either. A Bald Eagle nestling found beneath a nest at Otisco Lake on Independence Day was found to be suffering from West Nile Virus (WNV); the bird also tested positive for hepatitis and was blind (the blindness is a common symptom of WNV). According to wildlife rehabilitator Jean Soprano, the unfortunate eaglet was treated at KKWC, but didn't survive long. An unconfirmed report of a second eaglet in the same nest prompted speculation that the sick bird had been ejected from the nest by its sibling. During the summer a Broad-winged Hawk and three Red-tailed Hawks brought to KKWC were also determined to have WNV. None of the infected raptors survived. A Broad-winged Hawk nest situated in a tree only a few feet from a Mexico residence was the cause of great concern to the owners of the house. After the young birds hatched the aggressive parents would scream and swoop down at anyone coming to or leaving the house! The summer produced no meaningful raptor flights from Derby Hill, either first year birds in June or post-breeding dispersals in August. Lack of strong south wind days may have been partially responsible, as well as limited observer coverage.

Virginia Rail numbers were low, and there was only one report of a Sora for the period, which unfortunately seems to be the norm. The presence of **Piping Plovers** during the breeding season at Sandy Pond is an exciting development and the species' status as a confirmed breeder only a short distance up the lakeshore in Jefferson County (Reg. 6) is encouraging. Three birds were noted—two male siblings banded last summer in Michigan and eventually an

unbanded female bird. Whether these birds attempted to nest at Sandy Pond is unknown. On 14 June, Dave Cesari confirmed the breeding of Upland Sandpipers in the Town of Deerfield, Oneida County, where he's been monitoring a small colony for several years. There, Amish farmers' method of field cultivation is proving friendlier to grassland birds, as it allows them to complete their breeding cycles. Despite the relative abundance of good habitat, by mid-summer, shorebird numbers were low and species diversity was unimpressive. A few reports of single Whimbrels from the Lake Ontario shoreline in late August were welcome if not entirely unexpected. Kevin McGann's count of 257 Semipalmated Sandpipers at Fair Haven on 1 June, outdid the period's next highest count by almost 250 birds! On 30 August, at Oneida Lake at Constantia, Dave Wheeler spotted a Lesser Black-backed Gull, which is a good find for the summer period. Tim Lenz came up with the season's only Forster's Tern at Fair Haven on 21 June.

Had it not been for the well-documented activities of the Utica Peregrine Falcons, we would have considered cuckoo numbers to be down this summer. It's important to note that no appreciable invasion of tent caterpillars was reported in the Region, and so a lack of cuckoo sightings was not surprising. But interestingly, Utica's adult male falcon had no trouble at all finding cuckoos and securing them as prey. A breeding season total of at least 15 (mostly Black-billed) were brought to the nest and fed to the eyases. Presumably the cuckoos were taken from the riparian grove-type habitat that is part of the Mohawk River corridor, which passes within a mile of the falcons' urban nest site. The reasons why cuckoos are being disproportionately exploited as prey has been a topic of continuing speculation. Their method of flight is relatively slow and direct, and their long tails perhaps make them an easy target as they fly from one side of the river to the other. At the top of the Utica Peregrine's menu, cuckoos are only outranked by European Starling and Rock Pigeon.

Only the three common owl species were reported this period and there were precious few of them. Most of the reports of Screech Owls came from Jean Soprano, who treated several at KKWC. A fledgling screech that came into the center from Camillus on 12 June had a badly deformed leg. After examining the shape of the nest cavity the owl came from, which was deep and very narrow at its base, Soprano hypothesized that the birth defect was caused by the egg the nestling hatched from having been wedged in a crevice and not turned during incubation. She's seen similar abnormalities in waterfowl that were caused by uneven incubation. Catherine Loomis reported that a pair of nesting Great Horned Owls in south Utica successfully fledged three young. In the Town of Salisbury, Herkimer County, Larry and Barbara Hall provided the Region with a respectable count of five E. Whip-poor-wills on 7 June. Otherwise there was little encouraging data to suggest that species is turning around its fortunes.

On 20 July, outside of Baldwinsville, a Belted Kingfisher was found wrapped in fishing line and suspended above a river. With much effort, the bird, which was still very much alive, was rescued and brought to KKWC. The

miraculously undamaged bird was able to be released the next day. On the first of August another kingfisher was found in a similar state—tied up in fishing line and hanging from a bridge over the Salmon River. Fortunately this bird too had sustained little damage and was able to be released. Two other cases of fish-eating birds becoming entangled in discarded fishing line were reported this period. Obviously there needs to be more responsibility instilled in the fishing community. They should be compelled to reign in their own bad actors and institute more site clean-ups. Birders and other conservation minded people are encouraged to collect and properly dispose of abandoned fishing gear whenever possible, since it poses such a menace to birds.

Red-headed Woodpeckers appear to be persisting in two locations in Oswego County, both near lake shores. Mandi Roggie provided our Region's sole Black-backed Woodpecker report from the Adirondacks, where it is expected. American Kestrels continue to be found in good numbers in the southern half of Herkimer County, where there is still an abundance of open farmland habitat. A recently fledged Merlin brought into KKWC from Rome on 25 June indicates that the species successfully bred in that vicinity. After being treated for two weeks the Merlin was able to be released back into the wild. Both the Syracuse and Utica Peregrine Falcon nests produced young this season. Close observation of the Utica birds post-fledging, revealed interesting family dynamics; most notably there was an instance of one fledgling going out of its way to feed and care for a sibling that had been neglected by the parents.

An Olive-sided Flycatcher at Sterling Nature Center on 25 July was probably an early migrant. There were only three other reports of the species, all in August. This season the Nature Center also boasted its first breeding Acadian Flycatchers. Jim D'Angelo, the center's Director, reported finding three Acadians there on 11 July and a nest was located eight days later. At Three Rivers WMA in Lysander, Gregg Dashnau found a single Sedge Wren on 4 June. Two of the elusive species were found at the same location on 14 June, but none subsequently. Jay McGowan's high count of 16 Blue Gray Gnatcatchers on 12 June is intriguing, and it came about during his survey of a three mile stretch of swampy woodlands along the Seneca River in northeastern Onondaga County. During the course of his visit he played recordings to attract rails and Cerulean Warblers, but none responded.

Gregg Dashnau's report of five Louisiana Waterthrush at Pixley Falls State Park near Boonville is potentially significant and could be an indication of a growing population at the northern periphery of the species' range. This may be happening even as the birds' hold in the southern half of our Region seems to be steadily weakening. Dashnau suggested that a more intensive survey of the gorges in that area would result in more Louisianas being found. There were only two reports of Golden-winged Warblers this period and one was an August migrant. "Winged" warblers in general were not so plentiful this summer. However, on 13 June, Wayne Fidler observed a "Lawrence's" Warbler at Great Bear Recreational Area in Fulton. The rare hybrid was never relocated. A single

report of a **Prothonotary Warbler** came from Howland Island, which is part of the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge complex and the most likely place in the Region to find that species. A **Yellow-breasted Chat** which was brought to KKWC on 7 August defied diagnosis. The bird had been found in Pennellville and was unable to fly. It later expired.

From the beginning of the period through 22 July a maximum of four Clay-colored Sparrows were found singing on their breeding grounds at Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary in Kirkland. Until this season the small colony was limited to one early successional field; as of this summer the species has adopted another similar field about 0.5 miles away. So far only one singing male has been found at the new site, but continued occupation over a period of many weeks indicates more than a passing interest on his part. Grasshopper Sparrows were reported at five separate sites, though there was no indication of how persistent their presence was at those sites or if any breeding took place. There were a few reports of Pine Siskins during the period, and only a single report of Evening Grosbeaks. Siskins were believed to have nested in a spruce tree at Derby Hill and likely other places as well.

The editors of this report would like to acknowledge the recent passing of Dorothy Crumb. She was a committed birder and conservationist as well as a gifted artist and author. Long-time readers of this journal will remember her as a former Region 5 editor. Dorothy was always generous with her time and willing to share her wealth of knowledge with birders of all stripes and skill levels. She was a good natured mentor and her legacy continues on in the form of a heightened appreciation of birds and bird habitat in all those she encountered. She will be greatly missed.

This season a total of 206 species and one hybrid was reported, which is four above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights included: Trumpeter Swan, Redhead, **Black Scoter**, **LITTLE BLUE HERON**, Black-crowned Night-Heron, **Black Vulture**, Sandhill Crane, **PIPING PLOVER**, **Whimbrel**, Ruddy Turnstone, Stilt Sandpiper, Black-backed Gull, **Forster's Tern**, Black-backed Woodpecker, Gray Jay, **Sedge Wren**, "Lawrence's" Warbler, **Prothonotary Warbler**, and **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT**.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADK – Adirondacks, n. HERK; BLNC – Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville; Bville – Baldwinsville; CM – Clay Marsh, Clay; Const – Oneida L at Constantia; DB – Ditch Bank Rd & vicinity, T Sullivan/Lenox; DH – Derby Hill, T Mexico; DL – Delta L, ONEI; Dolge – Dolgeville, HERK; FH – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and vicinity; GB – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; GLSP – Green Lakes SP, Manlius, ONON; GSC – Great Swamp Conservancy, Canastota, MADI; Ham – Hamilton, MADI; Hast – Hastings, OSWE; HV – Happy Valley WMA, Parish; KW – Kirkland Woods, Clinton, ONEI; OF – Old Forge; OLC – Onondaga L Creekwalk, Syracuse; OneiL – Oneida L; OnonL – Onondaga L; SFNS – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; SH – Southern Highlands of Onondaga & Madison Co.; SHTF – Sky High Turf Farm, Chittenango, MADI; Skan – Skaneateles; SP – Sandy Pd and vicinity; SNC – Sterling Nature Center; Syr – Syracuse; TR – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; UM – Utica Marsh; VB – Verona Beach SP and vicinity; WH – Whiskey Hollow; WP – Woodman Pond, Hamilton, MADI.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: Mallory 1 – 6 Jun; Bville 14 Jul thru; Hast 7 Aug.
Brant: 30 SH 4 Jun (CS, BA), only report.
Canada Goose: max 250 Blossvale 24 Aug.
Mute Swan: max 7 FH 25 Jul.
Trumpeter Swan: 2 BLNC 14 Aug, only report.
Wood Duck: 38 TR 15 Jun; max 80 DL 15 Aug.
Am. Black Duck: max 6 DL 12 Aug.
Mallard: max 230 OLC 17 Jul.
Blue-winged Teal: max 15 FH 21 Aug; 4 SNC 11 Jun; 4 Richfield 16 Jun, 17, 24 Aug.
Green-winged Teal: 2 Richfield Springs 25 Jul (LG), unusual this early; max 8 WP 26 Aug;

one other loc.

Redhead: 2 Phoenix 2 – 17 Jun (GD), one remained thru.

Ring-necked Duck: WP 4 – 5 Jul; only reports.

Black Scoter: West Eaton 21 – 22 Jun (SHI, ph); unusual in summer.

Hooded Merganser: max 19 Big Moose, ADK 17 Aug; reports from a dozen locs in Jun – Jul.

Com. Merganser: max 15 OF 1 Jul, ad f. with 14 young.

N. Bobwhite: max 6 GSC 23 Aug; released at site.

Ring-necked Pheasant: singles from 6 locs.

Ruffed Grouse: max 9 Norway 29 Jun; 6 Skan 20 Jun.

Wild Turkey: max 24 North Winfield 22 Aug.

Com. Loon: 2 Const 5 – 14 Jun; 5 max Big Moose, ADK 25 Jul, 17 Aug; ad. WP 12 Jul – 5 Aug.
Pied-billed Grebe: max 5 TR 2 Aug, 5 Ham 27 Aug; relatively low counts.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 307 OnonL 28 Aug.

Am. Bittern: Camden 15 Jul (JS), nestling, intro; singles 7 other locs.

Least Bittern: SP 27 Jun, only report.

Great Blue Heron: max 80 Warren, s. HERK 4 Jul, nesting colony; Minetto 6 Aug (JS), dies from WNV.

Great Egret: 3 GSC 27 Jul; max 4 Jordan 30 Aug; 3 DL 25, 29 Aug.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (R5): Richfield 21 Jul; max 2 same loc 22, 23 Jul (LG!, ph, mob), *intro*.

Green Heron: 7 West Eaton 18 Aug; max 9 TR 23 Aug.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: Camden 12 Jul; max 3 OLC 9, 28 Aug; Jordan 27 Aug.

BLACK VULTURE (R5): DB 23 Aug (SH, GM).

Turkey Vulture: max 72 Little Falls 5 Aug; 70 DH 5 Aug.

Osprey: max 4 DH 5 Aug & VB 13 Aug.

HAWKS - LARIDS

N. Harrier: max 2 Deerfield 1 Jul; most reports from n. ONEI, HERK; relatively few reports.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 2 WP 22 Aug, 2 SFNS 26 Aug; few reports.

Cooper's Hawk: max 4 BLNC 29 Jul; 2 DH 20 Aug.

Bald Eagle: 5 SNC 11 Jun; Otisco Lake 4 Jul (JS), nestling, WNV, *intro*; max 7 DL 22 Aug.

Red-shouldered Hawk: singles at 8 locs; few reports.

Broad-winged Hawk: Mexico 10 Jul (JS), breeding; 5 Ham 16 Aug; Cleveland 1 Aug (JS), WNV; max 54 DH 19 Aug.

Red-tailed Hawk: 4 Dolge 25 Jun; max 15 DH 19 Aug; 3 die from WNV.

Virginia Rail: max 5 WP 21 Jun; 4 Madison 25 Jun; low numbers.

Sora: TR 26 Jul, only report.

Com. Gallinule: 4 Volney 20 Jul; max 6 TR 27 Jul.

Am. Coot: max 6 HI 22 Aug; singles at 2 other locs.

Sandhill Crane: 8 Loop Rd, TMontezuma 30 Jun (LH); singles DB 23 – 27 Aug.

Black-bellied Plover: Deerfield 10 Jun; FH 21 Aug; only reports.

Am. Golden-Plover: arr & max 23 SHTF 23

Aug; 10 SHTF 31 Aug; all sightings from same loc.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 18 Jul; 5 DL 15 Aug; max 8 Hinckley Reservoir 21 Aug.

PIPING PLOVER: SP 2-9 Jul (BP); max 3 SP 7 Jul (JT); 2 thru at least 29 Jul; *intro*.

Killdeer: max 175 SHTF 23 Aug; 45 SFNS 31 Aug.

Spotted Sandpiper: max 8 OLC 14 Jul & 8 SP 16 Aug.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr SFNS 13 Jul; max 8 West Eaton 24 Jul & 8 Richfield 3 Aug.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr OLC 15 Jul; max 6 OLC 23 Aug & 6 DL 15 Aug.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 SP 4 Jul; max 17 DB 19 Jul; 9 DL 29 Aug.

Upland Sandpiper: 2 Deerfield 10 -16 Jun; Deerfield 14 Jun, fledgling; 2 Oswego Airport 5 Jun.

Whimbrel: arr FH 22 Aug (DW); max 2 DH 24 Aug (DW); only reports.

Ruddy Turnstone: last & max 31 FH 1 Jun (KM); 4 FH 27 Aug (BP).

Stilt Sandpiper: DB 19 Jul, only report.

Sanderling: last & max 9 SP 2 Jun; arr SP 7 Jul; 4 DL 12 Aug.

Dunlin: last & max 3 FH 2 Jun, only report.

Least Sandpiper: arr OLC 14 Jul; max 60 DL 15 Aug.

White-rumped Sandpiper: SP 2 Jun, only report.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr West Eaton 24 Jul; singles at 4 other locs.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: last 8 Bville 11 Jun; arr DB 19 Jul; max 257 FH 1 Jun (KM), impressive number.

Wilson's Snipe: max 2 Poland 10, 16 Jun, 1 Jul, 2 Fairfield 18 Jul, 2 Richfield 4, 10 Aug; most reports from n. ONEI & s. HERK.

Am. Woodcock: 2 TR 2 - 12 Jun, 15 Aug; 2 SFNS 24 Jun; Salisbury 18 Jul.

Bonaparte's Gull: arr 2 FH 25 Jun; max 10 Const 30 Aug.

Ring-billed Gull: max 300 OnonL 23 Jul; 250 FH 30 Aug.

Herring Gull: 45 SP 1 Aug; max 87 FH 27 Aug.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Const 30 Aug (DW).

Great Black-backed Gull: 5 Const 5, 11 Jun; max 8 FH 21 Aug.

Caspian Tern: 100 Oswego 28 Jun; max 165 SP 1 Aug; good numbers.

Black Tern: 3 SP 29 Jul; max 5 FH 27 Aug. singles and small numbers at 6 other locs.

Com. Tern: 35 SB 2 Jun; max 95 SP 1 Aug.

Forster's Tern: FH 21 Aug (TL).

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Rock Pigeon: max 90 Phoenix 19 Aug; 50 Skan 21 Aug; 50 Tully 22 Aug.

Mourning Dove: max 100 Richfield 23 Aug; 38 Dolge 27, 29 Aug.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 2 BLNS 21 Jun; 2 HI 22 Jun; 2 GB 10 Jul; singles widespread.

Black-billed Cuckoo: 2 GLSP 7 Jun; 2 Hast 16 Jul; max 4 Kirkville 3 Jul; *intro*.

E. Screech-Owl: Oswego 11 Jun, fledgling; Camillus 12 Jun; fledgling; 2 SP 29 Jul, only reports.

Great Horned Owl: 2 SNC 29 Aug; max 3 s. Utica 4 Jun, all fledglings at known nest site; reports of singles from 5 other areas.

Barred Owl: 2 OF 13 Jun; 2 Vienna 16 Jun, 9 Aug; 2 Salisbury 28 Jul; 2 New Haven 13 Aug.

Com. Nighthawk: 6 TR 22 Aug; max 16 Ham 23 Aug; 5 New Haven 28 Aug.

E. Whip-poor-will: Camden 4 Jun; Const 7 Jun; max 5 Salisbury 7 Jun; only locs.

Chimney Swift: max 40 Bville 2 Aug; 58 Syr 14 Aug.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 6 WH 20 Jul; max 7 Volney 2 Aug.

Belted Kingfisher: max 5 Richfield 10 Aug; 4 SNC 22, 29 Aug; two caught in fishing line 20 Jul, 1 Aug, *intro*

Red-headed Woodpecker: Const 20 Jun; max 3 FH 25 Aug; only 2 locs.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 6 GLSP 7 Aug.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 8 Redfield 24 Jun; 4 SFNS 1, 25 Jun, 2 Jul, 30 Aug; 5 ADK 5 Jul.

Downy Woodpecker: max 8 Bville 16 Aug.

Hairy Woodpecker: max 5 Dolge 26 Jun.

Black-backed Woodpecker: ADK 19 Jul (MR).

N. Flicker: max 6 SFNS 7 Jun, 30 Aug & 6 CM 20 Jul.

Pileated Woodpecker: max 4 GLSP 7 Aug.

Am. Kestrel: max 12 Richfield 11, 21 Aug; 5 Fairfield 12 Aug; good numbers from HERK.

Merlin: Rome 25 Jun, fledgling, rehab at KKWC; 2 Waterville 16 Jun; max 3 Bville 26 Jul.

Peregrine Falcon: 3 fledged from Utica nest, 15-20 Jun, *intro*; 2 fledge from Syr nest. 5 reports of singles away nest sites.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: SNC 25 Jul, early migrant?; Redfield 13 Aug; TR 15 Aug; SNC 29 Aug; only reports.

E. Wood-Pewee: max 12 Bville 12 Jun & 12 VB 4 Aug.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr 2 Hast 14 Aug; 4 more reports.

Acadian Flycatcher: singles WH thru 10 Jul; max 3 SNC 11 Jul (JDA), new breeding loc, *intro*.

Alder Flycatcher: max 7 TR 28 Jul.

Willow Flycatcher: max 6 TR 6 Jun.

Least Flycatcher: max 7 Redfield 2 Jun.

E. Phoebe: max 11 Trenton 21 Aug.

Great Crested Flycatcher: 6 Bville 12 Jun; max 9 CM 20 Jul.

E. Kingbird: max 8 HI 14 Jun; 7 Cicero 16 Jul.

Yellow-throated Vireo: max 6 HI 14 Jun; 4 WP 5 Jul.

Blue-headed Vireo: 3 Redfield 2 Jun; max 6 OF 13 Jul.

Warbling Vireo: max 10 Camillus 6 Jun & 10 HI 14 Jun, 10 WP 5 Jul, 10 Bville 9 Aug.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr Ham 16 Aug.

Red-eyed Vireo: max 12 SFNS 3 Jun, 2 Jul; max 27 HV 10 Jun; 12 Westdale 5 Jun.

Gray Jay: Bald Mountain 5 Aug (EF), only report.

Blue Jay: max 15 SFNS 26, 31 Aug.

Am. Crow: 34 Poland 10 Jun; max 102 Dolge 1 Jul; 13 Aug Pennellville, KKWC, dies from WNV.

Fish Crow: 2 Bville 7 Jun – 27 Jul; TR 12 Jun; Cazenovia 18 Jul; OnonL 12 Aug; 2 VB 13 Aug.

Com. Raven: max 6 West Lyden 3 Jun; 5 Salisbury 23 Jun; widespread reports.

Horned Lark: 2 Tully 12 Jun; Fabius 4 Jul; 2 Waterville 3 Aug; max 8 SHTF 31 Aug; only 4 locs.

Purple Martin: max 25 Const 3 Jun; 23 Cicero 16 Jul; 15 TR 23 Aug.

Tree Swallow: max 175 GSC 7 Jun.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 20 Belgium 7 Jul, 20 Richfield 24 Aug.

Bank Swallow: 24 Mallory 30 Jun; max 60 FH 27 Aug.

Cliff Swallow: 15 Pulaski 6 Jun; max 20 Phoenix 17 Jun; 7 Fairfield 29 Jul; somewhat more widespread reports this season.

Barn Swallow: 50 FH 5 Jun; max 150 SHSF 21 Aug.

swallow species: max 400 SHTF 25 Aug.

Black-capped Chickadee: max 18 VB 4 Aug.

Tufted Titmouse: max 11 Const 27 Jun.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 7 Ham; best numbers from MADI.

White-breasted Nuthatch: max 7 Phoenix 31 Aug.

Brown Creeper: 4 HI 14 Jun; max 6 Williamstown 15 Aug.
House Wren: max 10 SFNS 10, 13 Aug.
Winter Wren: max 3 SH 14 Jul; low numbers.
Carolina Wren: 2 Manlius 11 Jul; 2 Skan 28 Aug.
Sedge Wren: arr TR 4 Jun (GD); max & last 2 TR 14 Jun.
Marsh Wren: max 5 HI 14 Jun; 4 Pulaski 27 Jun.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: max 16 Belgium 12 Jun (JM), three miles surveyed; 6 HI 14 Jun; 6 VB 14 Aug.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: 3 Cold Brook 13 Jun; max 4 Brookfield 5 Jul; 3 SH 9 Jul; singles at 5 other locs.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Ohio 11 Jul (BLH), only report.
E. Bluebird: max 5 Pulaski 6 Jun, 5 GSC 7 Jun, SFNS 10 Jun.
Veery: 8 SFNS 3 Jun; 10 TR 20 Jun; max 14 BLNC 21 Jun; 8 Cicero 22 Jun.
Swainson's Thrush: singles ADK, ADK foothills & Tug Hill 2 Jun- 25 Jul; max 2 Redfield 24 Jun; 7 reports.
Hermit Thrush: 3 Cold Brook 13 Jun; 3 HV 13 Jun; max 9 OF 5 Jul, including 6 juv; 3 SH 25 Jul.
Wood Thrush: 15 Belgium 12 Jun; 7 WH 5 Jul; 8 SFNS 2 Jul.
Am. Robin: max 100 Phoenix 29 Aug.
Gray Catbird: max 31 CM 22 Jun; 20 UM 7 Jul; 20 VB 5 Aug.
Brown Thrasher: max 4 GLSP 6 Jun & 4 Van Buren 13 Jun & 4 Dolge 9 Jul & 4 West Winfield 26 Jul.
N. Mockingbird: max 3 Cazenovia 8 Aug. 3 GLSP 8 Aug.
European Starling: max 320 TR 15 Aug.
Cedar Waxwing: max 548 DH 19 Aug; 300 TR 23 Aug.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Ovenbird: max 12 HV 13 Jun; 11 SH 17 Jun.
Louisiana Waterthrush: max 5 Boonville 3 Jun, high count for loc; 4 other reports of singles, none after 7 Jun.
N. Waterthrush: max 3 Cazenovia 10 Jun.
Golden-winged Warbler: Fulton 13 Jun; BLNC 23 Aug; only reports.
Blue-winged Warbler: max 3 Ham 15 Jun & 3 Hast 30 Jun; relatively poor numbers.
"Lawrence's" Warbler: GB 13 Jun (WF!).
Black-and-white Warbler: 2 Fulton 6 Jun; 2 VB 7 Aug; 2 Const 13 Aug; 2 Phoenix 24 Aug;

2 Hast 28 Aug.
Prothonotary Warbler: HI 14 Jun (JM), only report.
Tennessee Warbler: arr Hast 13 Aug; max 3 Hast 28 Aug.
Nashville Warbler: 2 Cold Brook 13 Jun; 2 GB 28 Aug; 2 Hast 28 Aug; 2 BLNC 29 Aug.
Mourning Warbler: max 4 WH 20 Aug, 4 Ham 16 Aug.
Com. Yellowthroat: 15 TR 14 Jun; 15 Bville 14 Jun; max 20 VB 14 Aug.
Hooded Warbler: 5 Kirkland Woods 4 Jun; 5 Pompey 7 Jun; 5 WH 11 Jun; max 8 Williamstown 21 Aug.
Am. Redstart: 9 Redfield 2 Jun; max 10 Westdale 5 Jun, 10 HI 27 Jun.
Cape May Warbler: arr Hast 22 Aug; max 4 Hast 28 Aug; singles same loc.
Cerulean Warbler: max 9 HI 14 Jun (JM); 2 Cicero 22 Jun; one other location, none after 29 Jun.
N. Parula: Cold Brook 13 Jun; OF 3, 5 Jul; Moss Lake 12, 13 Jul; only reports.
Magnolia Warbler: max 4 Cold Brook 13 Jun, 4 OF 13 Jun; 4 GB 28 Aug; 4 TR 29 Aug.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Phoenix 28 Aug, only report.
Blackburnian Warbler: max 5 Redfield 2 Jun; 3 Lake Rondaxe, ADK 13 Jul; 3 SH 20 Aug; 3 Hast 12 Aug.
Yellow Warbler: max 27 DH 25 Jul; 16 Bville 2 Aug.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 7 Hast 12 Jul & SH 14 Aug;
Blackpoll Warbler: last SFNS 2 Jun.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 6 OF 3 Jul; 3 SH 9 Jul; 3 Williamstown 23 Aug; low numbers in south half of REG.
Pine Warbler: max 4 Vienna 4 Jun & 4 Redfield 24 Jun; 3 OF 3 Jul; 3 GB 28 Aug.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 6 Lake Rondaxe, ADK 13 Jul; relatively few reports.
Prairie Warbler: HV 6 Jun (DW, MV); 2 HV Jun 10; max 3 WP 9 Jul (RW); FH 14 Aug (DW, JT).
Black-throated Green Warbler: max 6 OF 3, 19 Jul; 3 Gray 6 Aug; generally poor numbers.
Canada Warbler: max 3 Cold Brook 13 Jun & 3 SH 2 Jul; 2 TR 16 Jul; 2 Hast 28 Aug.
Wilson's Warbler: arr Phoenix 24 Aug; reports of singles from Dolge and Hast.
YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (R5): Pennellville 7 Aug (JS), brought to KKWC, expires.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: max 8 TR 1 Jul; 7 Hast 16, 27 Jul; 7 GB 3 Aug; 7 Eldridge 17 Aug.

Chipping Sparrow: max 16 Dolge 11 Aug; 15 Bville 23 Aug.

Clay-colored Sparrow: max 4 SFNS 2, 13 Jun, 6 Jul; singles TR, Const; *intro*.

Field Sparrow: 5 SFNS 3 Jun; max 9 TR 12 Jun; 6 GLSP 26 Jun; 5 Hast 10 Jul.

Vesper Sparrow: Salisbury 4 Jul; max 2 Richland 5 Jul; Fairfield 18 Jul; Dolge 8 Aug; Bville 16 Aug; only reports.

Savannah Sparrow: 7 Little Falls 5 Jun; 5 DB 24 Jul; max 8 Canastota 24 Jul.

Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 Salisbury 2 Jul; max 3 Richland 5 Jul; 2 DB 24 Jul; singles TR, Poland.

Song Sparrow: max 25 DB 6 Jul.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 2 ADK 25 Jul, only report.

Swamp Sparrow: max 12 Tully 13 Jun; 10 UM 7 Jul; max 17 CM 20 Jul.

Dark-eyed Junco: 8 New Hartford 7 Jul; max 16 OF 5 Aug.

White-throated Sparrow: 3 SH 2 Jul; max 4 Cold Brook 13 Jun; 3 OF 4, 5 Jul.

Scarlet Tanager: max 5 Kirkland Woods 4 Jun & 5 WH 11 Jun.

N. Cardinal: 10 SF 5 Jul, 26 Aug; max 11 n. Syr 6 Aug.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 5 SFNS 3 Jun, 10,

30 Aug; 6 Belgium 12 Jun; max 7 North Winfield 8 Jul.

Indigo Bunting: max 8 Hast 16 Jul; 6 Deansboro 16 Jul; 6 Van Buren 30 Aug.

Bobolink: 40 TR 18 Aug; max 58 Richfield 21 Aug; 35 SFNS 26 Aug.

Red-winged Blackbird: 150 Richfield 29 Jul; max 200 DL 21 Aug.

E. Meadowlark: max 4 Oswego Airport 20 Jul, 4 DB 24 Jul.

Com. Grackle: max 350 TR 27 Jul; 230 Hast 28 Aug.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 75 Dolge 23 Jun.

Orchard Oriole: max 6 GLSP 20 Jun; 2 Chittenango 24 Jul; 3 Dolge 27 Jul.

Baltimore Oriole: 9 Camillus 6 June; 9 Camden 12 Aug; max 10 BLNC 16 Aug.

Purple Finch: max 12 Dolge 3 Aug; most reports from east half of Reg.

House Finch: 7 Blossvale 25 Jun; max 20 Bville 9 Aug.

Pine Siskin 2 Dolge 3 Jul; 2 Ham 5 Jul; DH 20 Jun.

Am. Goldfinch: max 53 Blossvale 11 Jun; 40 SFNS 18 Aug.

Evening Grosbeak: 2 Manheim 29 Jun, only report.

House Sparrow: max 57 Const 20 Aug.