

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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In terms of weather the 2017 summer season provided a little bit of everything—from cold spells to heat waves and from extreme floods to mild droughts. Taken in its entirety the season was slightly cooler than average. In Syracuse the average temperature in June was 65.9° F, about a degree cooler than normal. A high temperature of 90° was attained on 18 June. The rain total for the month was 4.69" in Syracuse, 1.38" higher than average. However, in the eastern part of the Region, rainfall totals at the end of June were far higher. The onset of July brought massive and unprecedented flooding along the Mohawk River and its tributaries. In Utica, rainfall totals between 30 June and 2 July came to 4.01". By contrast, in Syracuse rainfall for the entire month of July was 4.19", which is only a half inch above normal. The mean temperature for July was 70.3°, which is 1° below average. Vernal ponds and streams finally ran out of reprieves in August as the Region largely dried out. The total rainfall in Syracuse for August was 1.82", which is 1.77" less than normal. Average temperature for the month was 68.2°, which is 1.6° below the norm.

Major flooding events that occur during the breeding season always take a disproportionate toll on wildlife and birds, but quantifying the extent of the impact is a difficult if not impossible task. Suffice it to say it was a catastrophic event. In the greater Utica area on 1 July, upland streams swelled from ten to fifty times their normal size. Of course, the downstream effects were exponentially worse. Birds nesting on low ground alongside streams, ponds, lakes, and wetlands almost certainly lost their nests. In Utica long-standing rainfall records were easily surpassed. The local media referred to the event as the hundred-year flood, perhaps forgetting that a slightly less extreme event occurred only four years previous. Regardless, it seemed the era of extreme weather had reared its head once again.

The summer was a relatively productive one for wild food supplies. Generally throughout the Region, spruce cones were plentiful to abundant, with White Spruce perhaps out-producing the other species in most areas. Pine species, Eastern Hemlock, Tamarack, and Larch also produced high yields. Birch species were well laden, while nut and acorn production was not as good. American Beech and hickory species produced fair to moderately good crops, and the same could be said for some fruit producing trees like apple and hawthorn species. Black Cherry trees produced very little while viburnums,

mountain ash, and wild grapes brought forth bumper crops. Some observers across the Region noted the lack of birds frequenting feeding stations in August. The most plausible explanation for this is they were drawn away by the generous supply of mast. Obviously, if we experience a winter finch invasion this coming winter, we will have the cones and catkins to keep them well satiated.

As is usually the case, the spattering of reports of Snow Geese in the Region involve lame or otherwise compromised individuals. That may also have been the case with the single Brant spotted at Oswego Harbor on 21 July. The presence for three successive summers of apparently healthy Ring-necked Ducks at Woodman Pond in Madison County is curious. Unlike in previous years when there would only be a single duck, this summer as many as three Ring-necked Ducks were being seen at one time. There were only four reports of American Bittern during the summer, only one after June, which is not too surprising given the species' secretive nature, but it may also be indicative of lack of effort spent in seeking them out. The same could be said for Least Bittern. It's a shame that more birders aren't compelled to confirm the presence and breeding status of uncommon species, especially NYDEC listed species, that is, outside the structure of official breeding bird surveys. All reports of Black-crowned Night-Herons emanated from the greater Syracuse area. Bill Gruenbaum provided our only documented report of a **Black Vulture** for the season. The species was seen in the city of Herkimer on 17 June. Another report from nearby Little Falls was likely this species but no details were provided. Little Falls is also the location where the season's maximum count of Turkey Vultures occurred; 103 on 6 July. The high cliffs along the Mohawk River provide attractive nesting sites for vultures. No doubt the convergence of multiple highways, including Interstate 90, provides a reliable source of carrion.

Somewhat surprisingly, there were low numbers of Sharp-shinned Hawks and Cooper's Hawks reported this season. Considering virtually every bird feeding station features regular predatory forays by one or the other of these raptors, one would think they'd make their way into the data stream more often. We did have two reports, one each of Sharp-shinned Hawks and Cooper's Hawks breeding. Interestingly, they came from the same nature preserve in the town of Kirkland. In fact, the sites were approximately ¼ mile apart. There were few reports of Northern Goshawks. One immature was a late migrant that flew over Derby Hill on 17 June. In mid-June, amid soaring temperatures and south winds, Bill Purcell put in a few days of effort at the Derby Hill Hawk Watch. Although he wasn't rewarded with the rare kite he was hoping for, he was in line to observe a decent dispersal/migrant raptor flight. The birds that were moving primarily consisted of Bald Eagles and Broad-winged Hawks. A maximum of 29 Bald Eagles flew over on 17 June, while 25 passed over on 16 June and 21 on 18 June. The maximum for Broad-winged Hawks was 89 on 16 June. The next day 77 Broad-winged Hawks flew over and on 18 June, 47 were counted. Bald

Eagles successfully bred in several locations around the Region, including at Lake Rondaxe near Old Forge where they have nested twice before.

Five reports of Soras came from four areas. Interestingly, this surpassed the number of reports of American Coots. Unfortunately the number of summer resident coots continues to decrease in our Region. A fairly diverse range of shorebird types traversed our Region this summer, which was heartening considering one of our major shorebird habitat areas was off-line. Delta Lake was very high through the first half of the summer, and the water level was never drawn down in August. The result was a lack of mudflats available for shorebirds. Fortunately other areas came some distance in filling the void and even provided us with a few rarities. Gene Huggins reported that a vernal pond in an alfalfa field near his Tully home became habitat for a number of common shorebirds in late July and through the first week of August, after which the pond dried up. Piping Plovers were again found at Sandy Pond, but it was unclear if breeding took place. It was there that Alison Kocek reported finding two different adult Piping Plovers in mid-June. One of the rare plovers was banded. Bill Purcell saw 16 Whimbrel flying in a single line over Derby Hill on 23 August. A **Marbled Godwit** was a great find by Greg Dashnau at Oswego Harbor. In the late morning of 23 August, the rarity was observed perching on a pier along with a group of gulls. A kite surfer came by and flushed the birds, which allowed Dashnau a view of the godwit's upper wings and its dark primary coverts. The sighting is only a seventh record for Region 5. This summer, Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, Baird's Sandpiper, and Short-billed Dowitcher were all reported as were most expected common species.

A breeding-plumaged adult **Little Gull** found at Sylvan Beach on 25 July by David Wheeler and Deborah Dohne was seen several times after that. It was often observed in conjunction with Bonaparte's Gulls, which was helpful for the purpose of in-field comparisons. Subsequent visits showed how quickly it molted the full black hood it arrived with. On 6 June in a wet field in West Monroe, Scott Peterson observed a **Franklin's Gull** in near adult plumage. The rarity was found in the company of a large flock of Ring-billed Gulls and some Herring Gulls. It was relocated the next day but not seen after that. Black Terns were found in three locations. Two were reported on Oneida Lake at Constantia from 4-7 June.

Although the Utica Peregrine Falcons don't seem to discriminate regarding which cuckoo species they catch as prey, the Black-billed Cuckoo was much more commonly taken this summer. Still, several Yellow-billed Cuckoo carcasses were among the noted prey items in June. At the risk of outdoing the Peregrines, the maximum single day count for Yellow-billed Cuckoos was seven, and that report came from Howland Island on 17 June. Canastota's Ditch Bank Road was also a hotspot for cuckoos. With the exception of Barred Owl, the Region's common owl species were found in average to below average numbers. Several reports of Eastern Screech-Owls came from two of the Region's raptor rehabilitators. There was one report of Northern Saw-whet Owl.

The enigmatic species was heard calling in the early evening of 30 August in Palermo. Greg Dashnau counted a maximum number of 63 Common Nighthawks migrating over Three Rivers WMA in Lysander on 28 August. On 25 August, a single migrant Whip-poor-will was heard calling at the Woodchuck Hill Preserve in Manlius. No Whip-poor-wills were reported from the Region's traditional breeding grounds, but this may reflect a lack of effort during the period.

On 3 July, Gary Lee participated in the banding of 35 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds at Stillwater Reservoir in the Adirondacks. Of those captured, only one had been banded during a prior banding effort in May. Red-headed Woodpeckers were reported in nine locations, which is an improvement from recent summer seasons. Breeding was confirmed in at least two of those locations including at Fair Haven where an adult and juvenile frequented a feeding station. At Verona Beach State Park on 8 August, Don Bemont found a pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers feeding two juveniles.

American Kestrels would seem to be experiencing a resurgence in the Region. Gene Huggins reported a pair of Kestrels and a fledgling near his Tully residence. As it turned out that wasn't the only nest in that area. After their nest tree was cut down, two nestlings from another Tully nest were brought to Kindred Kingdom Wildlife Rehabilitation Center (KK). A removal of another nest tree, this time in Liverpool, resulted in three nestlings being brought to the same facility. Generally, the number of American Kestrels coming to wildlife rehabilitation centers around the Region was higher than normal and it suggests a better than average number of breeding pairs were active in the Region. For this period a total of 10 kestrels came into KK from six different areas, and a total of five from five different areas came into Falcon Heart Rescue in Herkimer. A total of three Merlins were brought to KK during the period. Gary Lee reported that a pair of Merlins again had breeding success in Old Forge. A pair of Peregrine Falcons successfully fledged four young from their nest in Downtown Utica this season. There is no evidence that the Syracuse Peregrines attempted to renest following a failed attempt at a new unprepared site. During the previous period the pair had resorted to an alternate nest site after their nest box was removed from the State Tower Building in downtown Syracuse. An adult Peregrine Falcon continued to be seen in the vicinity of Ditchbank Road near Chittenango. It is unknown if that individual is part of a breeding pair in the area.

One to two Acadian Flycatchers were found at their traditional breeding site at Whiskey Hollow throughout the season. Fish Crows were reported from a dozen locations, although usually only single birds were encountered. Maximum numbers of four were reported from Onondaga Lake and Phoenix.

There were only two reports of Golden-winged Warblers this period, the last of which came from Fulton and occurred on 14 June. Single "**Lawrence's**" **Warblers** were reported at Selkirk Shores State Park and at Spring Farm Nature Preserve. In both instances the birds were seen only once. Prothonotary

Warblers were not found at Howland Island this season as they were the previous summer. However, plenty of Cerulean Warblers were found at the same location, which is indisputably the last Regional stronghold for that species. A total of 18 Cerulean Warblers was reported at Howland Island on 17 June. In August, some observers stated that the first phase of warbler migration was imperceptible. Others indicated that there were some good days. On 29 July an early migrant Bay-breasted Warbler with traces of breeding plumage was spotted by Bill Purcell on his Hastings property. Leading an Onondaga Audubon Society field trip to Green Lake State Park on 17 June, Paul Richardson reported having great views of a Prairie Warbler. The bird persisted at the location until at least 4 August.

All reports of Clay-colored Sparrows originated from Spring Farm Nature Preserve in southern Oneida County, which continues to be the Region's most reliable breeding grounds for the species. A high count of six Grasshopper Sparrows in Richland on 14 July was a respectable high count for that species. A single **Henslow's Sparrow** was located singing in a meadow at Green Lakes State Park on 3 August. As usual, the bird's short but distinctive song was key to locating it. The species is exceptionally scarce or possibly absent from the Region as a breeder and rarely found during migration. What was the Green Lakes bird doing there and where did it come from?

On 14 June in Verona, Kathy Smith observed a male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** eating corn at her backyard feeding station. It was feeding alongside Canada Geese. Fortunately she was able to get good photos of the rarity before it departed later that day. This is only the second Regional record for the summer season. In the latter half of July, a few observers noted significant flocks of Common Grackles actively foraging in forests. They were seen tearing up leaf litter, uncovering beech nuts and presumably other seeds and insects. This behavior, though not unprecedented with grackles, is more commonly associated with flocks of American Crows, Wild Turkeys, and, to some extent, American Robins, although they forgo the nuts and seeds. Matt Perry remarked that seeing boisterous flocks of grackles repeatedly landing and taking off and systematically working their way across the forest floor reminded him of historical accounts of the foraging behavior of flocks of Passenger Pigeons. Beginning in late June, reports of Red Crossbills began coming in from Muller Hill State Forest in Georgetown. A maximum of six was reported on 6 July from that location. One Red Crossbill was reported near Old Forge on 18 August.

Development continues on the west shore of Onondaga Lake, mainly along the trail south of Nine Mile Creek. Deborah Dohne birded the lakeshore area throughout the spring and summer and greatly increased the known checklist, adding many common songbird passage migrants for which previous records were unavailable at the time of "A Checklist of the Birds of Onondaga Lake and Vicinity" (2009; G. Huggins, B. Purcell, P. Richardson, R. Richardson). This underscores a fundamental reality of bird record-keeping: rarities are well documented, while common species are often lost in the shuffle. Some parts of

the lake shore seemed good habitat, but Wheeler and Dohne noted that breeding-bird diversity was poor. Though mostly bad news for songbirds, some of the recovery efforts show promise. During a number of kayak trips to the southwest corner, Dohne found the recently-constructed rock jetties and the area between them attractive to gulls, herons, ducks, and shorebirds. Up through the early 2000s the lake had at least some mudflats in fall, but the best areas were eventually choked out by non-native phragmite growth. The official checklist has a whopping 33 shorebird species, the plausible limit for our area, but virtually all from the latter half of the 20th century. The west shore south of Nine Mile Creek seems, once again, to have potential shorebird habitat depending on water levels.

This season a total of 209 species and three hybrids was reported, which is three above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights included: Brant, Black-crowned Night-Heron, **Black Vulture**, Sandhill Crane, **Piping Plover**, **Whimbrel**, **MARBLED GODWIT**, Ruddy Turnstone, **Red Knot**, **Little Gull**, **Franklin's Gull**, Black Tern, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Acadian Flycatcher, "Lawrence's" Warbler, **Henslow's Sparrow**, **Yellow-headed Blackbird**, and Red Crossbill.

Summer 2017 produced 57,885 eBird records for Region 5, and these were processed by Swan Swan Hummingbird v4.02. Reports were contributed by 332 people.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADK – Adirondacks, n. HERK; BLNC – Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville; CM – Clay Marsh, Clay; Const – Oneida L at Constantia; DB – Ditch Bank Rd & vicinity, T Sullivan/Lenox; DH – Derby Hill, T Mexico; Dolge – Dolgeville, HERK; FH – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and vicinity; GLSP – Green Lakes SP, Manlius, ONON; Hast –

Hastings, OSWE; HI – Howland I, CAYU; HV – Happy Valley WMA, Parish; KK – Kindred Kingdom Wildlife Center, Pennellville; MW – McKoons Road Wetland, Colombia Center, s. HERK; OF – Old Forge; OneIL – Oneida L; OLC – Onondaga L Creekwalk; OnonL – Onondaga L; OswH – Oswego Harbor; SFNS – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; SH – Southern Highlands of Onondaga & Madison Co.; SHTF – Sky High Turf Farm, Chittenango, MADi; Skan – Skaneateles; SNC – Sterling Nature Center, Sterling; SP – Sandy Pd and vicinity; SSSP – Selkirk Shores SP; Syr – Syracuse; TR – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; UM – Utica Marsh; VB – Verona Beach SP and vicinity; WH – Whiskey Hollow; WP – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: West Monroe 6 – 8 Jun; Port Ontario 12 Jun; Jamesville 31 Jul thru, injured?.

Brant: 31 Const 6 Jun, somewhat late; OswH 21 Jul; only reports.

Canada Goose: max 280 OLC 26 Jul.

Mute Swan: 33 Sterling 2 Jul.

Trumpeter Swan: 2 TR 1 Jun – 3 Aug; 2 Palermo 3 Aug; singles at 2 other locs.

Wood Duck: 25 Cedarville 18 Jul; max 119 Palermo 30 Aug.

Am. Wigeon X Mallard (hybrid): Phoenix 14 Aug (GD).

Am. Black Duck: max 6 German Flatts, HERK 13 Jul; few reports.

Blue-winged Teal: 3 DB 3 Jun; max 6 MW 31 Jul, imms; few singles and small numbers late Aug.

N. Shoveler: HI 6 Jun, only report.

Green-winged Teal: DB 4 Jun; arr 6 SP 18 Aug; max 9 WP 25 - 29 Aug.

Ring-necked Duck: max 3 WP 1 – 17 Jun, one remained thru.

Greater Scaup: OswH 24 – 31 Aug, only report.

Lesser Scaup: WP 19 Aug, only report.

Greater Scaup/Lesser Scaup: OnonL 1 Jun.

Bufflehead: SNC 4 Jun, only report.

Hooded Merganser: max 9 HI 4 Jun; 7 Madison 8 Jun; best numbers from east half of Reg.

Com. Merganser: max 10 Dolge 6 Jun & Dville 18 Aug.

Ring-necked Pheasant: 5 reports of singles.

Ruffed Grouse: 6 OF 9 Jun; max 8 Smartville, OSWE 17 Jun, breeding.

Wild Turkey: max 18 Oswego 24 Jul; 15 Van Buren 21 Aug.

Com. Loon: 4 OF 25 Jun; max 5 Moose Lake, ADK 14 Aug.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 8 HI 17 Jun; 5 SSSP 14 Jul.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 535 SP 20 Aug.

Am. Bittern: OnonL 3 – 13 Jun; only 3 other reports of singles.

Least Bittern: 2 HI 4 – 18 Jun; 2 SSSP 12 Jun; singles in 3 other locs.

Great Blue Heron: max 54 Pennellville 7 Jun, rookery; 34 Fulton 5 Aug.

Great Egret: max 7 HI 4 Jun & 7 OnonL 22 Aug; 2 Sylvan Beach 7 Aug; 2 WP 16 Aug; 6 Liverpool 24 Aug; 6 Williamstown 20 – 22 Aug; widespread reports of singles.

Green Heron: max 20 Fulton 5 Aug.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 2 Clay 22 Jun, 2 OswH 1 -2 Aug; 2 OnonL 11 – 21 Aug; few singles thru 15 Aug.

BLACK VULTURE (R5): Herkimer 17 Jun (BG), only report.

Turkey Vulture: max 103 Little Falls 6 Jul; 73 DH 23 Aug.

Osprey: max 7 OswH 24 Jul – 18 Aug; 5 Durhamville 2 Aug; 5 DH 22, 29 Aug;

HAWKS - LARIDS

N. Harrier: max 2 Deerfield 12 Jun; singles from 14 other locs.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 3 SFNS 31 Jul, breeding; relatively few reports.

Cooper's Hawk: 2 recently fledged 8 – 31 Jul SFNS; max 3 Clay 3 Aug.

N. Goshawk: SH 2 Jun – 21 Jul (GM, SH), ad; DH 17 Jun (BP), juv.

Bald Eagle: 25 DH 16 Jun; max 29 DH 17 Jun; 21 DH 18 Jun; late spring migrants over DH; 5 HI 17 Jun.

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 2 Phoenix 24 Jun; reports from 7 other locs; none after 30 Jul.

Broad-winged Hawk: max 89 DH 16 Jun; 77 DH 17 Jun; 47 DH 18 Jun;

Red-tailed Hawk: 10 DH 18 Jun; max 42 DH 22 Aug.

Sora: HI 4 Jun; TR 18 Jun; max 2 Hamilton 23 Jul & 2 WP 20 Aug; only reports.

Virginia Rail: 6 Fayetteville 20 Jul; max 7 Hamilton 31 Jul.

Com. Gallinule: 12 HI 4 Jun; 14 West Monroe

30 Jul; max 27 Fulton 5 Aug.

Am. Coot: HI 9 Jun; max 2 Skan 27 Jul; VB 8 Aug; only reports.

Sandhill Crane: HI 22 Jun; max 5 Montezuma NWR, east 31 Aug; only reports.

Black-bellied Plover: Sylvan Beach 4 Jun; arr Fabius 1 Aug; OswH 8 Aug; FH 25 Aug.

Am. Golden-Plover: SHTF 24 Aug, only report.

Semipalmated Plover: arr 2 OswH 24 Jul; 3 Sylvan Beach 25 Jul; max SP 12 Aug; low counts.

PIPING PLOVER: 2 SP 14 – 20 Jun (AK), *intro*.

Killdeer: max 63 SHTF 27 Aug.

Spotted Sandpiper: max 12 OnonL 10 June & 12 OswH 24 Jul; 5 SHTF 9 Jul; 5 Sylvan Beach 25 Jul; 5 West Eaton 12 Aug.

Solitary Sandpiper: last Fabius 8 Jun; arr Eaton, MADI 5 Jul; max 9 Eaton, MADI 3 Aug.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr OnonL 2 Jul; 4 OnonL 13 Aug; max 14 Marcellus 22 Aug.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 4 DB 4 Jul; max 26 Fabius 30 Jul; 7 OnonL 22 Aug.

Greater Yellowlegs/Lesser Yellowlegs: max 12 OnonL 27 Jul.

Upland Sandpiper: 2 Deerfield 2 – 7 Jun; Oswego Airport 3 Jun – 14 Jul; only locs.

Whimbrel: 16 DH 23 Aug (BP), only report.

MARbled GODWIT: OswH 23 Aug (GD!, KM, ph), 7th Reg rec.

Ruddy Turnstone: arr & max 7 Const (KM); last SP 14 Jun (AK); arr FH 27 Jul (DW, DD); reports from two other locs.

Red Knot: SP 18 – 20 Aug (MM, WF), only report.

Stilt Sandpiper: arr Mexico 21 Aug; max 2 OnonL 22 Aug; only reports.

Sanderling: arr 5 SP 16 Jul; max 23 FH 31 Aug; two other locs.

Dunlin: OnonL 10 Jun, only report.

Baird's Sandpiper: arr 2 SHTF 26 Aug; FH 31 Aug.

Least Sandpiper: last 10 OnonL 10 Jun; arr HI 5 Jul; max 46 Fabius 30 Jul.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr West Eaton, MADI 24 Jul; max 4 DB 27 Jul; 4 other locs.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: last 18 SP 14 Jun; max 27 OnonL 1 Jun; arr 3 SP 16 Jul; 25 SP 12 Aug.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr SBP 27 Jul; max 2 OnonL 22 Aug; 3 other locs.

Wilson's Snipe: max 3 Deerfield 16 Jun; 2 Albion 27 Jun; few reports.

Am. Woodcock: max 6 HI 17 Jun; 2 Mexico 30 Jul.

Bonaparte's Gull: last Williamstown 13 Jun; arr 32 Sylvan Beach 25 Jul; max 224 Sylvan Beach 19 Aug.

LITTLE GULL (R5): Sylvan Beach 25 Jul – 7 Aug (DW, DD, mob).

FRANKLIN'S GULL: West Monroe 6 – 7 Jun (SP!, BP, KM, ph), 13th Reg rec & 2nd for summer season.

Ring-billed Gull: max 750 FH 7 Jun; 650 Sylvan Beach 27 Jul – 15 Aug.

Herring Gull: max 200 FH 7 Jun; 80 DH 23 Aug.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 16 Sylvan Beach 7 Aug; 15 FH 18 Aug; improved numbers over last season.

Caspian Tern: 120 Phoenix 5 – 7 Aug; 64 OLC 11 Aug; max 135 OswH 23 Aug.

Black Tern: max 2 Const 4 – 7 Jun; Port Ontario 12 Jun; SSSP 19 Jul; SP 12 – 18 Aug; only reports.

Com. Tern: 36 Sylvan Beach 4 Jun; max 80 SP 18 Aug; 36 Sylvan Beach 20 Aug.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Rock Pigeon: max 135 Syracuse 17 Aug.

Mourning Dove: 37 Fabius 13 Aug; max 61 Dolgeville 27 Aug.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 2 Belgium 10 Jun; max 7 HI 17 Jun; 2 Rome Sand Plains 30 Jul.

Black-billed Cuckoo: max 4 DB 4 Jul; 2 Hamilton 19 Jul; 2 SFNS 10 Aug.

E. Screech-Owl: 15 reports of singles.

Great Horned Owl: max 2 SH 12 Aug & 2 WP 13 Aug; only 9 other reports of singles.

Barred Owl: 2 Albion 27 Jun; 2 HI 9 Jul; 2 OF 23 Jul; Moss Lake; 2 ADK 16 Aug.

N. Saw-whet Owl: Palermo 30 Aug, heard calling in the early evening, only report.

Com. Nighthawk: 10 DeWitt 28 Aug; max 63 TR 28 Aug (GD); 26 Port Ontario 30 Aug.

E. Whip-poor-will: SH 25 Aug, only report.

Chimney Swift: 30 UM 7 Jun; max 64 Cazenovia 16 Aug; 18 TR 17 Aug.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 35 banded at Stillwater Reservoir, ADK 3 Jul (GL); max 8 OF 20 Jul; 5 Marcellus 10 – 31 Aug.

Belted Kingfisher: 4 Belgium 7 Jul – 30 Aug; max 5 HI 15 Aug; 4 Amboy 30 Jul.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 Sunset Bay Park 19 Jul; max 4 VBSP 8 – 15 Aug, pair feeding 2 juvs; singles from 7 other locs.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 6 SFNS 2 Jun; 5 GLSP 15 Jun.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 6 OF 25 Jun; max 7

HI 9 Jul; 6 SH 13 Jul.

Downy Woodpecker: 8 HI 9 Jul; max 15 SFNS 30 Aug.

Hairy Woodpecker: 7 Clay 16 Jun; max 8 OF 23 Jul.

N. Flicker: 8 TR 23 Jul; max 11 SF 30 Aug.

Pileated Woodpecker: max 3 HI 4 Jun – 5 Jul.
Am. Kestrel: max 7 Jordanville, HERK 27 Jul; 6 Fairfield 11 Aug; confirmed breeding at DB, Richfield Springs; 10 brought to KK; 5 brought to Falcon Heart Rescue (Wildlife Rehabilitation Center).

Merlin: singles 25 locs, most in Aug.

Peregrine Falcon: max 6 Utica 1 Jun – 14 Jul, 4 fledged from Utica nest; DB 3 Jun – 25 Jul, ad; FH 30 Jun; Syr 5 – 28 Jul; Waterville 24 Jul; OswH 23 Aug; Belgium 28 Aug.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr DB 13 Aug; max 2 Syr 21 – 29 Aug; singles at 6 other locs.

E. Wood-Pewee: max 18 Richland 5 Jun; 13 VBSP 8 Aug; 13 GLSP 13 Aug.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: SFNS 6 Jun; SP 15 – 18 Aug; Hast 17 – 27 Aug; Erieville 26 – 28 Aug; reports from 3 other locs.

Acadian Flycatcher: max 2 WH 19 Jul; singles WH thru 21 Aug.

Alder Flycatcher: 6 SFNS 2 – 3 Jun; max 7 Manlius 28 Jul.

Willow Flycatcher: max 9 Tully 3 Jun & 9 HI 9 Jun; 7 OnonL 17 Jun.

Alder/Willow Flycatcher: max 5 HI 15 Aug.

Least Flycatcher: max 10 Moss Lake, ADK 2 Jun, & Redfield 6 Jun; 6 DB 4 Jul; 6 SFNS 30 Aug.

E. Phoebe: 6 Fayetteville 2 Jun; max 8 WP 24 Aug.

Great Crested Flycatcher: max 8 VBSP 3 Jun; 7 HI 9 Jul.

E. Kingbird: 7 Manlius 17 Jul; max 8 WP 19 – 25 Aug.

Yellow-throated Vireo: 6 Richland 5 Jun; 6 UM 7 Jun; max 7 HI 9 Jul.

Blue-headed Vireo: max 7 OF 25 Jun; 4 SH 2 – 6 Jul; 4 Boylston, OSWE 14 – 18 Jul.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr WP 23 Aug; SP 24 Aug; SH 26 Aug; only reports.

Warbling Vireo: 12 SP 7 Jun; max 35 HI 17 Jun; 12 WP 8 Jun – 3 Jul.

Red-eyed Vireo: max 20 HI 9 Jun & 20 HV 10 Jun; 17 VBSP 9 Aug.

Blue Jay: max 16 SP 7 Jun & SFNS 30 Aug.

Am. Crow: 91 DB 27 Jul; max 446 Dolge 9 Aug; 94 Syr 30 Aug.

Fish Crow: max 4 OnonL 5 Jun – 20 Jul &

Phoenix 20 – 28 Jul; singles at 10 other locs.

Com. Raven: max 6 Fairfield 9 Jun & 6 DH 18 Aug; 4 DB 4 Jul; 4 SH 10 – 15 Jul; 4 SFNS 20 Aug.

Horned Lark: max 14 SHTF 28 Aug; small numbers at 4 other locs.

Purple Martin: 28 Const 4 Jun; 10 DH 23 Jun; max 42 Cicero 29 Jul; 14 Belgium 19 Aug.

Tree Swallow: max 300 HI 5 Jul; 50 MW 10 Jul; 50 Phoenix 25 Jul.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: 22 TR 6 Jul; max 50 HI 15 Aug.

Bank Swallow: max 35 Belgium 30 Jun – 6 Jul; 25 Phoenix 25 Jul.

Cliff Swallow: 2 Fairfield 19 Jun; max 8 Clay 21 Jun; 2 MW 2 Aug; 2 DH 29 Aug.

Barn Swallow: max 79 DB 27 Jul; 64 VBSP 9 Aug.

Black-capped Chickadee: 20 SFNS 2 Jun – 19 Aug; max 24 SH 29 Aug.

Tufted Titmouse: 7 HI 17 Jul; max 10 SFNS 19 Aug.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 8 SH 2 Jun – 9 Aug; 5 Sangerfield 16 Jul; 6 OF 26 Aug.

White-breasted Nuthatch: max 10 SFNS 2 Jun – 30 Aug; 7 HI 17 Jul.

Brown Creeper: 3 OF 25 Jun; max 4 HV 25 Jun & 4 Syr 1 Aug; 3 HI 17 Jul; 3 TR17 Aug.

House Wren: max 10 DB 30 Jun – 4 Jul & 10 Const 28 Jun; 9 Hast 5 Jul.

Winter Wren: max 5 WH 23 Jun & 5 OF 25 Jun.

Carolina Wren: max 2 Manlius 30 Jun & 2 Salina 8 Jul.

Marsh Wren: max 10 HI 17 Jun – 5 Jul; 4 Fulton 14 Jul; 4 SP 16 Jul; 6 Hamilton 31 Jul; 6 TR 3 Aug.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: max 12 HI 17 Jun; 6 DeWitt 10 Jul; 6 Belgium 14 Aug.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 5 Fabius 25 Jun; max 9 Sangerfield 13 Aug; 8 OF 26 Aug.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: OF 25 Jun, only report.

E. Bluebird: max 6 TR 28 Jul – 28 Aug, HI 30 Jul, & Manlius 3 Aug.

Veery: max 10 WH 9 Jun; 9 Frankfort 19 Jun; 9 Tully 29 Jun.

Swainson's Thrush: max 2 Redfield 6 – 7 Jun; singles at 3 other locs.

Hermit Thrush: max 10 HV 10 Jun; 6 OF 25 Jun; 4 Hillsboro, OSWE 25 Jun.

Wood Thrush: 9 HI 9 Jul; max 12 WH 19 Jun; 10 GLSP 20 Jul.

Am. Robin: 50 DB 29 Jun; max 478 Belgium 26 Aug.

Gray Catbird: 20 HI 17 Jun; 25 CM 22 Jun;

max 30 DeWitt 22 Jul.

Brown Thrasher: 4 Manlius 18 Jun; max 5 GLSP 9 Jul & 5 SFNS 23 Aug.

N. Mockingbird: 2 Fayetteville 24 Jun; 2 Syr 26 Jun; max 4 OnonL 2 – 27 Jul; most records south & west of OneiL.

European Starling: 400 UM 25 Jun; max 500 DH 18 Aug.

Cedar Waxwing: max 236 DH 18 Jun; 125 Phoenix 18 Jul; 50 TR 28 Aug.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Ovenbird: 17 Richland 5 Jun; max 27 SP 7 Jun; 20 HV 10 Jun.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 2 New Hartford 9 Jun; Frankfort 19 Jun; 2 Orwell 29 Jul; max 3 Dolgeville 22 Jul; SH 13 Aug; only reports.

N. Waterthrush: 2 BLNC 13 Jun; 2 SH 17 Jun; 3 Hillsboro, OSWE 25 Jun; 2 TR 29 Jun; max 4 SP 18 Aug.

Golden-winged Warbler: SP 9 Jun; Fulton 14 Jun; only reports.

Blue-winged Warbler: max 4 HI 18 Jun; 3 Hast 5 Jul; 4 SH 16 Jul; 3 VBSP 13 Aug.

“Lawrence’s” Warbler: SSSP 19 Jul (WF); SFNS 14 Aug (MP).

Black-and-white Warbler: max 4 Camden 21 Jun & 4 Hillsboro 25 Jun.

Tennessee Warbler: arr New Haven 26 Aug; SFNS 28 – 30 Aug; only reports.

Nashville Warbler: max 3 OF 25 Jun; 2 Mohawk, HERK 11 Aug; 2 SH 17 Aug; 2 SFNS 21 Aug; small numbers on breeding grounds.

Mourning Warbler: max 4 Hubbardville 12 Jun & 4 WH 16 Jun – 4 Jul; 3 HI 9 – 17 Jun.

Com. Yellowthroat: max 50 HI 17 Jun; 18 Pompey 28 Jul.

Hooded Warbler: 4 WH 16 Jun; max 5 SH 17 Jun & 5 SFNS 19 Jul.

Am. Redstart: max 70 HI 9 Jun (JM, LS).

Cape May Warbler: arr & max 3 SH 24 Aug; 2 SFNS 28 Aug; 2 DH 29 Aug; rep 2 other locs.

Cerulean Warbler: max 18 HI 17 Jun; most reports clustered around HI; 3 reports OneiL.

N. Parula: 2 Forestport 10 Jun; max 5 OF 25 Jun; Fulton 27 Aug, only report outside ADK.

Magnolia Warbler: max 12 Sangerfield 2 Jun, known breeding grounds; 9 Fabius 25 Jun; 6 SH 29 Aug.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr Hast 29 Jul, early; 2 WH 27 Aug; max 3 SFNS 31 Aug.

Blackburnian Warbler: 6 Sangerfield 2 Jun; 6 Smartville 6 Jun; max 8 OF 25 Jun.

Yellow Warbler: 41 SP 7 Jun; max 130 HI 9 Jun.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 6 SH 7 Jun; max 7 Orwell 21 Jun; 5 Hast 23 Jun.

Blackpoll Warbler: last SP 6 Jun; arr Hast, SH 30 Aug.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 5 Moss Lake, ADK & 5 OF 25 Jun; 4 Redfield 25 Jun.

Pine Warbler: max 8 Richland 5 Jun; 5 OF 17 Jun; 4 SH 12 Aug.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 5 OF 3 – 18 Jun & 5 SH 30 Aug; relatively poor numbers.

Prairie Warbler: Camden 17 Jun; GLSP 17 Jun – 4 Aug; only reports.

Black-throated Green Warbler: 5 Moss Lake, ADK; max 9 Redfield, OSWE 14 Jul; 3 Salisbury 3 Jul.

Canada Warbler: 3 Orwell 17 Jun; max 5 OF 25 Jun; 3 SH 25 Jun.

Wilson’s Warbler: arr Hast 25 Aug; SH 26 Aug; DH 29 Aug.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: max 9 GLSP 2 Jun; 6 SFNS 3 Jun – 30 Aug; 6 TR 1 Aug; 6 Hast 12 Aug.

Chipping Sparrow: max 18 Syr 23 Jun; 14 BLNC 23 Jun.

Clay-colored Sparrow: max 4 SFNS 31 Jul (MP), br, all reports from same loc.

Field Sparrow: 6 TR 3 Jun; 5 BLNC 20 Jun; max 10 GLSP 4 Aug.

Vesper Sparrow: Plainville 23 Jun – 12 Jul; Richland 14 Jul; MW 2 Aug; West Eaton, MADI 15 Aug; SH 24 Aug; only reports.

Savannah Sparrow: max 6 Fabius 8 Jun & 6 Deerfield 12 Jun; 4 Manlius 16 Jul; 4 DH 9 Aug.

Grasshopper Sparrow: Hast 10 Jun; 2 DeWitt 30 Jun – 6 Jul; max 6 Richland, OSWE 14 Jul (WF), good number; 4 other locs.

Henslow’s Sparrow: GLSP 3 – 13 Aug (SP, mob)

Song Sparrow: max 45 HI 17 Jun; 31 DB 27 Jul.

Lincoln’s Sparrow: 2 OF 21 Aug, only report.

Swamp Sparrow: max 15 HI 9 Jun & 15 CM 22 Jun; 14 Tully 2 Jul.

White-throated Sparrow: 2 Sangerfield 2 Jun; max 5 Eagle Bay, ADK 2 Aug; 3 SH 29 Aug.

Dark-eyed Junco: 8 OF 26 Aug; max 20 SH 30 Aug.

Scarlet Tanager: max 6 Richland 5 Jun, BLNC 19 Jun, & HI 19 Jul; 5 HV 10 Jun; 5 WH 4 Jul.

N. Cardinal: 8 SFNS 3 Jun – 30 Aug; max 10 Fayetteville 2 Aug.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 7 SP 7 Jun; 12 Fulton 11 Aug; max 17 DB 13 Aug.

Indigo Bunting: 8 HI 9 Jun; 7 Hast 7 Jul; 7

BLNC 12 Jul; max 12 DB 25 Jul.

Bobolink: 25 TR 3 Jun; 25 Holland Patent 24 Jun; 32 Fairfield 31 Jul; max 60 SFNS 30 Aug.

Red-winged Blackbird: 184 Belgium 17 Aug; max 210 SHTF 20 Aug.

E. Meadowlark: 6 Oswego County Airport 18 Jun; 6 Brookfield, MADI 9 Jul; max 7 Cazenovia 9 Jul.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: Verona 14 Jun (KS!, ph), ad m, 13th Reg rec, 2nd for summer season.

Com. Grackle: 120 VBSP 15 Aug; max 130 Fulton 20 Aug.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 20 West Monroe 8 Jun; max 26 OLC 31 Jul; 21 Syr 3 Aug; 20 Syr 30 Aug.

Orchard Oriole: 2 DB 4 Jun – 31 Jul; max 6 GLSP 28 Jun; few reports in the east.

Baltimore Oriole: max 25 HI 17 Jun; 11 Elbridge 26 Jun.

House Finch: max 8 DB 9 Jul; 7 Van Buren 18 Jul.

Purple Finch: 7 Eagle Bay, ADK 7 Jun; max 12 Dolge 29 Jul; best numbers from HERK.

Red Crossbill: arr SH 25 June; max 6 SH 6 Jul; all reports but one from same loc.

Am. Goldfinch: 40 DB 4 Jul; 31 OswH 11 Aug; max 50 SFNS 30 Aug.

House Sparrow: 45 SP 7 Jun; max 75 Syr 28 Jun.