

REGION 7—ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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After a warmer than average May, June was at or below average except in the north of Region 7, where it was no more than 1°F above average. Precipitation for the months varied from 3 to 4 inches in Hamilton and Essex Counties, a departure from normal of from 1 to 2 inches. In Franklin and Clinton Counties, the northern half of Region 7, precipitation ranged from 4 to 5 inches, which represented a departure of up to two inches more than normal. July was dry throughout Region 7. Rain totals, up to two inches below normal, did not exceed

three inches anywhere. The month was also unusually warm, registering temperatures from 3° to 5° above normal everywhere except in the high peaks area, where it was only 1° to 3° above normal. At least one area of Clinton County recorded a departure of +6°. The unusually warm and dry weather continued throughout August. Precipitation totals did not exceed three inches anywhere in the Region, at least an inch below average. Once again the average temperatures were from 3° to 5° above normal throughout except in the high peaks region, where the range was only 1° to 3° hotter.

The water level of Lake Champlain began the season at a little more than 97.6 feet. At this level the mudflats at the Chazy Riverlands were flooded. They remained underwater until the very end of the spring shorebird migration, when a small, newly exposed area attracted a smattering of peeps on 9 June. From that time on the lake level dropped through the entire season in a nearly perfect curve that at the end of August approached 94.2 feet almost asymptotically. This perfectly reflected the dry months of July and August and exposed the mudflats at the Chazy Riverlands precisely at the wrong time between the spring and fall migrations. By early August, most of the mudflat area was dry and by the end of the month the grasses were ankle high. These lake levels at Noblewood Park were, if anything, an improvement. Most of the shorebird activity of the early fall migration occurred there.

A female **Spruce Grouse** with five chicks was found on Keese Mills Road in Franklin County, one of the only spots where this species is known to breed in Region 7. **Sandhill Crane** bred for the third year in a row at Saranac Lake. A **Brown Booby** landed on the mast of Tom Whitney's sailboat and "stayed for a really long time" while posing for photos and videos. A **Common Loon** survey by Gary Lee in Hamilton County found successful pairs on at least eight lakes, with as many as three on Raquette Lake. The discovery of a **Red-bellied Woodpecker** pair feeding young in a nest cavity was the first confirmation of breeding of this species in Clinton County.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AP – Ausable Point; **BG** – Bloomingdale Bog; **BM** – Blue Mt Rd; **BR** – Bull Rock Rd; **Con** – Constable; **CH** – Cumberland Head; **CP** – Crown Pt; **CR** – Chazy Riverlands; **CZ** – Chazy; **ET** – Elizabethtown; **GM** – Giant Mt; **HB** – Hoisington Brook; **KB** –

Kings Bay; **KV** – Keene Valley; **KM** – Keese Mill Rd; **LA** - Lake Alice; **LC** – La Chute; **LCI** – Lake Clear; **LL** – Long L; **LM** – Lyon Mt; **LPd** – Long Pd; **MF** – Miner Flat Rock; **MM** – Maple Meadows; **MR** – Moose R Plains, **MtD** – Mt Defiance; **NP** – Noblewood P; **PB** – Plattsburgh; **PC** – Putts Creek WMA; **PH** – Port Henry; **PtF** – Point au Fer; **PtR** – Point Au Roche SP; **PU** – Peru; **SB** – Stevenson Bay; **SC** – Scomotition Creek; **SLB** – Silver L Bog; **SR** – Saranac R Mouth; **TL** – Tupper L; **TMa** – Ti Marsh; **WF** – Whiteface Mt.

WATERFOWL- HUMMINGBIRDS

Canada Goose: 6ad, 11y AP 8 Jun (BK), CO-FL.
Wood Duck: 50 TMa 20 Aug (GC); 40 LA 23 June (SR), CO-FL.
Blue-winged Teal: CR 29 June; NP 13 Aug (CV).
Gadwall: CR 29 Jun.
Am. Wigeon: CR 7 Jun.
Am Black Duck: 4 Ti 21 Aug (TB).
Green-winged Teal: 4 SC 31 Aug (NO).
Ring-necked Duck: 2 Essex 7 Aug (CV).
Lesser Scaup: CR 9 Aug (SR).
Com. Goldeneye: 2 AP 26 Aug (VH).
Hooded Merganser: 2SR 31 Aug (CV).
Com. Merganser: 1a, 12c CH 14 Jul (SJ), CO-FL.
Red-breasted Merganser: 10 NP 18 Aug (MM).
Ring-necked Pheasant: 2 Essex 7 Aug.
Ruffed Grouse: 7 LA 23 June (SR), CO-FL.
SPRUCE GROUSE: 6 KM 19 Jul (PM), CO-FL.
Wild Turkey: 20 BR 26 Aug (MC).
Pied-billed Grebe: AP 8 Jun.
Red-necked Grebe: SB 13 Aug (SR), early.
Black-billed Cuckoo: KM 19 Jul (PM); CP 8 Aug (G&MC).
Com. Nighthawk: 2 MF 20 Aug (NO).
E. Whip-poor-will: 6 MF 20 Aug (NO).
Chimney Swift: 4 TMa 11 Aug (GC), 16 Essex 21 Aug (SR).
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: CH 16 Jul (NO); CH 17 Jul (BK), CO-FL.

RAILS - LARIDS

Virginia Rail: 2 AP 8 Jun (BK); 3 TMa 11 Aug (GC), CO-FL.
Com. Gallinule: CR 9 Jun.
SANDHILL CRANE (R7): 2ad, 2y TL 30 Jun (AR); 2ad, 2y TL 23 Jul (GB), CO-FL, ph.
Black-bellied Plover: 4 NP 18 Aug (MM).
Am. Golden Plover: NP 18 Aug (MM).
Semipalmated Plover: 2 CP 9 Aug (SR).
Ruddy Turnstone: 7 NP 25 Aug (AB).

Sanderling: NP 13 Aug (CV); 8 NP 25 Aug (GC).
Baird's Sandpiper: NP 27 Aug (LM).
Least Sandpiper: 2 CP 12 Jun; 3 CP 9 Aug (SR).
Pectoral Sandpiper: HB 20 Aug (ED).
Semipalmated Sandpiper: 30 CR 9 Jun.
WESTERN SANDPIPER: HB 20 Aug (ED).
Short-billed Dowitcher: NP 21 Aug (SR).
Am. Woodcock: 2 PB 5 June (TS).
Wilson's Snipe: 3 AP 8 Jul (J&PT).
Spotted Sandpiper: 7 CP 9 Aug (SR).
Solitary Sandpiper: NP 21 Aug (SR).
Lesser Yellowlegs: 12 NP 13 Aug (CV).
Greater Yellowlegs: CR 9 Jun.
Red-necked Phalarope: CP 16 Aug (SR).
Bonaparte's Gull: 198 NP 21 Aug (SR).
Little Gull: NP 13 Aug (SR).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: CP 13 Aug (SR).
Great Black-backed Gull: SR 31 Aug (CV).
Caspian Tern: 27 CP 9 Aug (SR).
Com. Tern: 20 NP 25 Aug (AB).

LOONS - PARROTS

Com. Loon: 4 CH 30 Aug (SJ); RL 3/5 pair CO-FL.
BROWN BOOBY: LL 25 Aug (TW), ph.
Double-crested Cormorant: 125 CP 16 Aug (SR).
Am. Bittern: CR 5 Jun.
Least Bittern: SC 26 Jun (NO); 2 AP 2 Aug (SR).
Great Blue Heron: 23 TMa 11 Aug (GC).
Great Egret: 5 TMa 11 Aug (GC).
Green Heron: 8 TMa 11 Aug (GC).
Black-crowned Night-Heron: AP 8 Jun.
Black Vulture: 4 PC 25 Aug (SR).
Turkey Vulture: 19 TMa 20 Aug (GC).
Osprey: 5 CR 28 Jul (BK), CO-NY.
Bald Eagle: TMa 20 Aug (GC).
N. Harrier: 2 LA 23 June (SR).
Sharp-shinned Hawk: SC 10 Aug (NO).
Cooper's Hawk: BR 29 Aug (MC).
N. Goshawk: ET 19 June (GC); KM 19 Jul (PM).
Red-shouldered Hawk: 2 PH 12 June (DT).

Broad-winged Hawk: SC 10 Aug (NO).
Red-tailed Hawk: TMa 20 Aug (GC).
E. Screech Owl: CP 9 Aug (SR).
Great Horned Owl: AP 8 Jun.
Barred Owl: 3 Chazy 9 Jul (GR), CO-FL.
N. Saw-whet Owl: MF 20 Aug (NO).
Belted Kingfisher: 6 SC 8 Jun (NO).
Red-bellied Woodpecker: AP 9 Jun (SR, ED), CO-FY, CLIN first.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 2 BR 2 Aug (MC), CO-FL.
Hairy Woodpecker: AP 8 June (BK), CO-FL.
Black-backed Woodpecker: BM 25 Aug (JM).
N. Flicker: 9 Con 30 Jun (TL).
Pileated Woodpecker: 2 BR 2 Aug (MC), COFL.
Am. Kestrel: SC 11 Jul (NO).
Merlin: SC 10 Aug (NO).
Peregrine Falcon: WF 19 Aug (KW).

FLYCATCHERS - SNOW BUNTING

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 2 Essex 11 Aug (DM).
E. Wood-Pewee: CH 18 Jun (NO).
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 7 LM 16 Jun (JS).
Alder Flycatcher: 2 Con 30 Jun (TL).
Willow Flycatcher: 2 AP 21 Jun.
Least Flycatcher: 3 Con 30 Jun (TL).
E. Phoebe: CH 26 Jun (NO), CO-NY.
Great Crested Flycatcher: SC 8 Jun (NO).
E. Kingbird: 5 Con 30 Jun (TL).
Yellow-throated Vireo: CP 16 Aug (SR).
Blue-headed Vireo: 2 BM 25 Aug (JM).
Philadelphia Vireo: MR 11 Jun (KS).
Warbling Vireo: 8 Con 30 Jun (TL).
Red-eyed Vireo: 4 NP 31 Aug (MM).
Canada Jay: 10 KM 19 Jul (DM).
Blue Jay: 6 PtR 4 Aug.
Fish Crow: Peru 5 Aug (CV).
Com. Raven: MM 24 Aug (SR).
Purple Martin: 7 CP 2 Aug (SR).
Tree Swallow: 5 AP 8 Jun, CO-FY.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: 2 CP 13 Aug (SR).
Bank Swallow: 59 CP 16 Aug (SR).
Cliff Swallow: CR 8 Jun (CW).
Barn Swallow: 31 CP 13 Aug (SR).
Boreal Chickadee: WF 19 Aug (KW).
Tufted Titmouse: 6 Chazy 18 Jul (BP).
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 3 MM 24 Aug (SR).
White-breasted Nuthatch: 2 MM 24 Aug (SR); AP 21Jun, CO-FL.
House Wren: 4 Chazy 9 Jul (GR).
Winter Wren: 7 LM 17 Jun (JS).
Marsh Wren: 3 AP 13 Jun.

Carolina Wren: PB 5 June (TS).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: TMa 20 Aug (GC); 2 CP 25 Aug (SR).
Golden-crowned Kinglet: SPB 15 Jul (PA).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 2 KM 19 Jul (DM).
Veery: 9 Con 30 Jun (TL).
Bicknell's Thrush: 4 WF 12 Aug (SG).
Swainson's Thrush: WF 12 Aug (KW).
Hermit Thrush: BR 2 Aug (MC).
Wood Thrush: Con 30 Jun (TL).
Am. Robin: LA 23 Jun (SR), CO-FL.
Gray Catbird: Keene 26 Aug (J&PT).
Brown Thrasher: WM 25 Aug (GC).
N. Mockingbird: CP 2 Aug (SR).
Cedar Waxwing: 5 Chazy 4 Aug (GR).
Evening Grosbeak: Kees 18 Jun (JP).
Purple Finch: 2 KM 19 Jul (DM).
Red Crossbill: 2 KV 16 Jun (TK).
White-winged Crossbill: 2 GM 12 Jun (DT).
Pine Siskin: NP 31 Aug (MM).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS - CARDINALS

E. Towhee: 3 MF 25 Jun (KA).
Chipping Sparrow: 4 CP 16 Aug (SR), CO-FY.
Field Sparrow: BR 2 Aug (MC).
Savannah Sparrow: CR 4 Aug (GR).
Lincoln's Sparrow: WF 12 Aug (SG).
Swamp Sparrow: 4 AP 2 Aug (SR).
White-throated Sparrow: 3 SLB 11 JUL (SF).
Bobolink: 23 CR 7 Jun.
E. Meadowlark: CR 11 Aug.
Baltimore Oriole: CP 16 Aug (SR).
Brown-headed Cowbird: WF 25 Aug (KC).
Rusty Blackbird: Ap 4 Aug (GR).
Com. Grackle: AP 8 Jun, CO-CF.
Ovenbird: MM 24 Aug (SR).
Louisiana Waterthrush: 2 MM 12 Aug (SR).
N. Waterthrush: SC 11 Jul (NO).
Blue-winged Warbler: WR 12 June (RB).
Black-and-white Warbler: CH 16 Aug (NO).
Tennessee Warbler: 3 CP 1 Aug (SR).
Nashville Warbler: 5 LM 16 June (JS).
Mourning Warbler: 2 FR 26 June (SR).
Com. Yellowthroat: NP 25 Aug (GC); 4 BR 2 Aug (MC), CO-CF.
Am. Redstart: PC 25 Aug (SR).
Cape May Warbler: 2 MM 24 Aug (SR).
N. Parula: PC 25 Aug (SR).
Magnolia Warbler: CP 16 Aug (SR).
Bay-breasted Warbler: 3 MM 24 Aug (SR).
Blackburnian Warbler: CP 22 Aug (MC).
Yellow Warbler: 3 AP 10 Jun.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: MM 24 Aug (SR).

Blackpoll Warbler: 2 WF 12 Aug (SG).
Black-throated Blue Warbler: CP 8 Aug
G&MC).

Palm Warbler: 12 BB 10 Jul (AB).

Pine Warbler: MM 24 Aug (SR).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 4 FR 26 June (SR).

Prairie Warbler: MtD 19 June (DD).

Black-throated Green Warbler: 15 LM 15
Jun (HM).

Canada Warbler: WF 12 Aug (SG).

Wilson's Warbler: BR 26 Aug (MC).

Scarlet Tanager: MM 24 Aug (SR).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: CP 8 Aug
(G&MC); 4 BR 2 Aug (MC), COFY.

Indigo Bunting: CP 25 Aug (SR).