

AFN Fall Migration.

Sept. was cool and very wet with 4.35" excess precip. There was measurable precip on 15 days and only 37% possible sunshine. Oct. had normal temp. with only 79." rain falling on 4 days. Nov. was somewhat warmer than normal, and a slight excess of moisture, although the first measurable snowfall was a slight one on the 29th. The first week of Dec. has been warm and no precip.

Loon. A common Loon on 23 Sept. was 3 weeks early.
Grebes. None but Pied-bill reported.

Ducks. A fair migration of Scaup, Ring-neck, Amer. Widgeon, and Gadwall earlier, but almost no Mallards until 5 Dec. when 4-5000 came in. This is probably more than the last couple of years, but fewer than 10 15 years ago. Very few Canvasback and Redhead and no Goldeneyes. 9 Hooded Mergansers at Reservoir on 9 Nov.

Hawks. No noticable migration, and few stragglers.

Shorebirds. Very poor.

Woodpeckers. Great numbers of Flickers seen for some time. Redheads all seem to have gone very shortly after the middle of Sept.

Swallows. No numbers seen, to mention.

Thrushes. Lots of migrating Robins. 4 and possibly a 5th Hermit seen at one time at the Ledges on 18 Oct. Swainson's and Gray-cheek seemed few. Bluebirds, no more than usual, if that.

Vireo. Very poor. Last couple of years there have been lots of Red-eyed in the warbler migration. This year almost none.

Warbler. Only a couple of unimportant waves with few of anything but Myrtles. Nashville and Tenn. may have been about normal.

Finches. Few Purple Finches compared with most years. Several flocks of Common Redpolls were rather unusual. Siskins which are usually scarce have been seen a number of times in small numbers. A flock of 7 White-winged Crossbills were seen 28 and 29 Nov. Only 1 seen subsequently. Harris', lots, ditto White-throats. I have seen but 2 White-crowned, both imm. Fox, average to below. Lincoln's, more than usual, and Swamp the same. I report of a Snow Bunting early in Nov.

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