

bers early, remained good thru end of period. Purple Finch: more than usual, out-numbered House Finch at certain feeders. House Finch: continues to inc and spread. Pine Grosbeak: excellent numbers early. Redpolls: only two reported and they are doubtful. Pine Siskin: reported from some areas but not others, not many. Goldfinch: seems somewhat lower. Red Crossbill: good numbers; 20 Rondout Res Feb 3; sev Feb 1 L. Askoti; sev reported along Schwangunks dur Feb and at Lloyd Cemetery Jan 25; 4 in Dutch dur Jan; 15 Mar 25 Millbrook. White-winged Crossbill: 1 Mar 23 Moore's Mills; 8 RCC. Towhee: more winter birds than usual; at least 3 in Rock; 1 Brinton Brook Sanct Jan 1; 4 in Dutch. Savannah Sparrow: 8 Croton Pt Jan 1 (WH); 29 Piermont Marsh RCC, previous high 8 in 1958. *HEN-SLOW'S SPARROW*: 1 obs repeatedly at close range Dec 30 at Kripplebush (Fred Hough) first winter record for that county and probably the region. Vesper Sparrow: 1 Dec 16 Spring Valley. *OREGON JUNCO*: 1 Dec 27 feeder of A. Scott Warthin Jr., Vassar Coll. Field Sparrow: new high of 43 on RCC. prev high was 33 in 1960 & 1961. White-crowned Sparrow: more than usual; 1 ad Dec 11 and 1 imm Jan 30 & Feb 6 Cornwall; 3 Dec 31 Stissing; 3 Feb 18 Cary Arboretum, Dutch; 1 thru March at Amenia. White-throated Sparrow: numbers better than usual; RCC had 302 for highest number since 1961. Fox Sparrow: poor numbers of last fall continued into spring, missed by many active birders; first Mar 12 Fort Montgomery; only 1 wintered in the Pleasantville are, obs Jan 15 and Jan 29. *LINCOLN SPARROW*: 1 dur Mar at Amenia feeder (B,TS); another wintered there last year. Song Sparrow: good numbers from some locales. Snow Bunting: obs in Wallkill Valley dur Dec and Feb, numbers generally small; max 200 Dec 30 Gretna Rd, Dutch. *MONK PARAKEET*: 1 Dec 19 at Texaco Research Center, Glenham (J,MK). Pellwood Lake, Highland Falls, N.Y. 10928

REGION 10 — MARINE

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The following rarities are included in this report: Eared Grebe, several Tufted Ducks, Sage Thrasher, Fieldfare, "Bullock's" Oriole, and "Spotted" Towhee. High counts were registered for Gannet, Snowy Egret, Common Eider, Ruddy Turnstone, Mourning Dove and Palm Warbler. Unseasonal reports included 2 Louisiana Herons, Marbled Godwit, Black-and-white Warbler, 2 Black-throated Blue Warblers, and Grasshopper Sparrow. American Oystercatcher and Semipalmated Plover set new arrival dates.

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CC (Christmas Count) abbreviations: Ca—Captree; CS—Central Suffolk; MK—Montauk; MN—Northern Nassau; SN—Southern Nassau.

LOONS — DUCKS: *EARED GREBE*: Feb 25 — Mar 18 Oak Beach (ED, SK et al) — "in winter plumage... studied in comparison to Horned." Gannet: 869 Dec 16 MKCC — highest Regional count. Green Heron: Dec 17 NNCC; Dec SNCC —

recorded with increasing frequency into late December in recent years. Great Egret: to Dec 30 (2) at JBWR (TD); arr Mar 18 at Tobay Pond (SD). Snowy Egret: to Dec 30 (4) at JBWR (TD); 14, Dec 30 SNCC – highest local CC total ever. Louisiana Heron: to Dec 16 at JBWR (J. Meyer et al); to Dec 17 at Oak Beach marsh (D. and M. Powers, TD) – previous extreme date was “to Oct 23; casual, Dec 1, 1940,” (J. Bull)! Glossy Ibis: two, Dec 17 Travis, Staten Island (M. Weingarten, R. Claremont); arr Mar 19 (35) at Bethpage St. Pk. (EL). – this species’ departure and arrival dates now closely resemble those of the Snowy Egret.

“Eurasian Green-winged Teal”: Mar 2 Hempstead Lake St. Pk. (K. Kelly). European Widgeon: two birds reported wintering on Long Island. *TUFTED DUCK*: drake Nov 25–Jan 17 Belmont Lake St. Pk. (mob); drake Feb 19 Jerome Reservoir (W. Friton); pair Feb 24–Apr 15 Bronx Zoological Pk. (mob) – free-flying birds on a pond populated with 300 birds. Some conservative birders discredit Tufted sightings, assuming they are all escapes. Recent sightings of *pairs* of Tufteds, however, at least raises the possibility that Western Hemisphere breeding is taking place (see *Kingbird* 22: 108–109, 1972). Common Eider: “large flocks off Montauk Point all winter. I have never seen so many in these latitudes.” (DP) – 581 listed on Dec 16 MKCC – highest Regional count.

HAWKS – OWLS: Turkey Vulture: Mar 16–18 JBWR (mob) – first time recorded here. Goshawk: CC totals: Ca – 4; Bronx – 1; CS – 2; SN – 3, rest – 0 – normal total for Region is one or two. American Oystercatcher: Mar 18 Shinnecock Inlet (A. Lorenzetti) – earliest Regional record. Semipalmated Plover: 10, Dec 30 SNCC – approximately triple the previous high at this season; arr Mar 18 at Oak Beach (SD) – earliest Regional record. Ruddy Turnstone: 54, Dec 30 SNCC – highest Regional wintering count by far. Least Sandpiper: Dec 30 Jones Beach St. Pk. (EL) – very rare at this season. Marbled Godwit: Jan 9–18, Moriches Inlet (DP et al) – first midwinter report for the Region. Little Gull: imm Dec 16 Montauk Pt. (DF et al); imm Dec 17 Fire Island Inlet (TD); adult Dec 30 Jones Inlet (D. Ford); adult and imm Mar 10 Captree St. Pk. (BS). Common Tern: two, Dec 15 Montauk Harbor (R. Kane et al) – very late, stormy the previous day.

Thick-billed Murre: 3, Dec 15 Montauk Pt. (R. Kane et al); Jan 15 Montauk Pt. (BS, BC). Monk Parakeet: CC totals: Brooklyn – 10; Staten Island – 10; NN – 3. Mourning Dove: 1291, Dec 26 CSCC; 1212, Dec 17 NNCC – in the 1960 CC issue, these two areas reported 156 and 104 individuals respectively. Snowy Owl: a bird that was trapped and color-marked at JFK International Airport on Nov 23, remained there at least until Dec 15. On Dec 19, it appeared at Mecox bay (over 70 miles to the east... as the owl flies), on Jan 5 it was spotted at Jones Beach, and on Jan 6 it had returned to JFK! (R. Cohen).

GOATSUCKERS – STARLING: Red-headed Woodpecker: an adult wintered at a feeder in Lynbrook (R. Sloss et al). Tree Swallow: 3, Jan 20 Hempstead Lake St. Pk. (SD – the only midwinter report this year. *SAGE THRASHER*: Jan 13–17 JBWR (Marguerite Juttner, E. D. SK, Charles Young) – 5th State record, see “Photographs of New York State Rarities” article in May issue for further details. *FIELD-FARE*: Feb 3–11 Larchmont (P. Lehman et al) – see Field Note in May issue.

VIREOS – WARBLERS: Black-and-white Warbler: Dec 26 Brookhaven National Lab (H. Halama) – seen with Chickadee flock in a pine grove, 3rd Dec record. Orange-crowned Warbler: 5 Long Island sightings, all of them on Christmas Counts. Black-throated Blue Warbler: male Dec 1–24 Brookhaven (R. Stoner, DP et al) – at feeder; male Dec 28 Greenport (DP et al) – this species has been recorded locally in Dec only 4 times previously. Pine Warbler: Jan 21 Jones Beach St. Pk. (MK) – only midwinter report this year. Palm Warbler: Christmas Count max 19, Dec 19 Quogue CC. Common Yellowthroat: female Jan 14 JBWR (TR – only midwinter report this year. Yellow-breasted Chat: Dec 1–17 Sea Cliff (A. Bell) – “in shrubbery around house”; Dec 30 SNCC.

BLACKBIRDS – SPARROWS: Northern Oriole: a female “Bullock’s” type frequented an E. Moriches feeder, early Dec – through period (B. Smith, DP, DF et al). Dickcissel: two Long Island Christmas Count reports. Rufous-sided Towhee: this year’s CC totals were well down from last year’s highs, e.g., CaCC – 7 vs. 102; MKCC – 15 vs. 88, and NNCC – 16 vs. 48; a male “Spotted” type was seen Feb 1 at Bronx Zoological Pk. (W. Conway). Grasshopper Sparrow: Dec 30 Mitchell Field (fide R. Sloss) – this species has now been recorded 9 times in our Region during December – early January, all of these reports since 1949. Lincoln’s Sparrow: a bird netted and banded on Nov 21 remained at Brookhaven to Dec 26 (DP) – well-documented reports of late-lingering Lincoln’s are few in number.

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