

Hawks, and 22 Sharp-shinned Hawks.

3. Ruffed Grouse -- now resident -- Hook Tor Ridge and Bear Mt. Park -- Brown.

4. Nighthawks -- At Grassy Sprain on Sept. 2nd over 900 Nighthawks were observed.

5. Landbirds:

At Grassy Sprain on Sept. 4th--300 Tree Swallows were observed in migration. Sept. 6th at Bronx Park 1 Cape May Warbler, 1 Olive-sided Flycatcher on Sept. 13th. Good land bird migration was observed on both dates. Other dates for good land bird migrations were Sept. 17th, Oct. 5th, Oct. 11th, and Oct. 12th.

On Oct. 15th at Bronx Park and in Bear Mt. Region (Brown) at least 800 Myrtle Warblers, 250 Chipping Sparrows, and 50 Hermit Thrushes were observed also at Bronx Park.

A late Veery was recorded Oct. 16th at Bronx Park, and a Tufted Titmouse was seen at Van Cortlandt Park on Oct. 18th. Lincoln's Sparrow was recorded at Central Park on October 15th and a Grasshopper Sparrow was observed at a feeder at Ward's Poundridge Reservation on October 22nd.

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Other records too late to be included with the above are as follows:

Red-headed Woodpecker--Aug. 24, Sept. 5th at Washingtonville, first since 1938.

Wilson's Warbler--Sept. 25, Brown, Upper Nyack

Scarlet Tanager--Oct. 3, Brown, Hook Mt., Nyack

Coot--Oct. 14, Hopper, Sickels, Brown, Congers Lake

Gt. Black-backed Gull--Oct. 14, Hopper, Sickels, Brown, Haverstraw.

White-crowned Sparrow--Oct. 14, Grassy Point.

REGION 8--LONG ISLAND

The southern movement began early with Northern Water-

Thrush observed on western Long Island, July 21 and goodly numbers of shore birds in July and early August. Later the land bird flight was slowed by southerly winds and in late August and early September an influx of southern species was noted after hurricane disturbances at sea. Later in September a lack of prevailing westerly winds caused a poor warbler flight with rarities only found on extreme western Long Island. The easterly winds apparently aided in the September off-island movement and the woodlands were destitute of bird life until the October drift of Hermit Thrushes, Kinglets, Creepers, Myrtle Warblers and Sparrows flooded the countryside.

Loons, Grebes:

First Common Loons, two at Jones Beach, September 7; not abundant to end of period. Red-throated Loon first seen at Jones Beach also, two on October 7; Horned Grebe, one Idlewild, October 15; very few since.

Shearwater, Petrels:

A few summer records of Greater and Sooty, but mostly Cory's; maximum 20 at Montauk, October 14; records range westward to Jones Beach; several miles offshore, eastern Long Island, seven on August 9. Same area, August 8, 15 Wilson's Petrels; other Petrel records in and about New York Lower Bay.

Hérons, Egrets:

Maximum American Egret, 72 on September 30 at Jones Beach; species less abundant than in 1949; last record, two at Jones Beach, October 21. Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron regular in several locations, but also less abundant than in 1949; Little Blue left early; Snowy Egret still at Jones Beach October 21.

Geese, Ducks:

Large flight of Canada Geese passing over, week of October 8 to October 15; one Snow Goose at Jones Beach, September 30 to October 8. 110 Baldpate at Jones Beach, September 30; first arrivals (all at Jones Beach) Pintail, Green-winged Teal, August 27; Shoveller, September 12; Ruddy Duck, October 14. Hooded Merganser: first arrival, Mastic, October 8.

Hawks, Eagles:

Fair Falcon flight along the south shore; maximum hawk count, Far Rockaway, on September 24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 51 Sharp-shinned, 3 Cooper's, 2 Red-tailed, 6 Red-shouldered, 40 Broad-wing, 5 Marsh Hawks, 10 Ospreys, 1 Duck Hawk, 15 Pigeon Hawks and 23 Sparrow Hawks; 5 Hawks unidentified. Four adult Bald Eagles migrated over Jamaica Bay, September 19.

Rails:

King Rail seen at Idlewild, September 17; a few Florida Gallinules present along south shore; one or two records of Black Rails; no Yellow Rails reported; several Sora records came through in early October.

Shore birds:

First Golden Plover, two on September 4 at Idlewild, followed by scattered reports of about a dozen individuals throughout the period to October 21. Upland Plover was passing over western Long Island on August 6. Shore bird count, August 12 at Idlewild: 125 Black-bellied Plover, 80 Ruddy Turnstone, 1 Knot, 3 White-rumped Sandpiper, one Baird's and 15 Western Sandpiper. Two Buff-breasted Sandpipers were seen at Moriches, September 2; 1 at Idlewild, September 10. First Marbled Godwit, Idlewild, August 27 both Godwits and Wilson's Phalarope fewer than in past two years with only one record of the latter, Jamaica Bay, September 10. Very few coastal reports of Northern Phalarope except for several miles offshore with four reported off the Hamptons, August 14.

Gulls, Terns:

One late summer record of Kumlein's Gull on Jamaica Bay; 3 early Bonaparte's Gulls, same place, August 13; movement of Laughing Gulls, 70 at Fire Island Inlet, September 30. A Gull-billed Tern was seen after a southerly storm at Long Beach, August 20; a Royal Tern appeared off Moriches, flying over mouth of Moriches Inlet, September 4, and 2 Caspian Terns were observed on a sandbar, September 2, following a southerly storm. Maximum numbers of Roseate Terns were seen at Montauk with an estimated 500 passing through August 21. Three large post-breeding flocks of Black Skimmers of about 150 to 200 each were seen Sep-

tember 2 to September 4 at Jones Inlet, Moriches and Shinnecock.

Jaegers:

Both species were observed along the south shore August 21--one or two Pomarines and several Parasitics. Other reports following consisted of Parasitic only with no abundance noted in this species.

Nighthawk through Swallows:

Maximum Nighthawk flight, September 4; Whip-poor-will seen into mid-October, Prospect Park, Brooklyn. Several Red-headed Woodpecker reports in September (this species is rare on Long Island in recent years). Arkansas Kingbird, one record, Quogue, September 22. Large Phoebe flight, September 24 and lesser one October 21. Estimated 200,000 Tree Swallows at Jones Beach, September 24, following good fall flight; early Cliff Swallow, July 22 at Idlewild with very few seen later.

Wrens to Vireos:

Slight comeback of Carolina Wren after severe snows of several winters ago. First Winter Wren noted, at Syosset, September 22; early Mockingbird, Far Rockaway, July 15 to July 20; Wood Thrush left early; Hermit Thrushes came through in large numbers, October 14, 15; first Olive-backed Thrush, September 3 at Massapequa and first Gray-cheeked Thrush, September 6 at Idlewild. Kinglets came through in numbers in mid-October; first Pipit seen with 30 at Orient, October 8. Several Migrant Shrike records came in from eastern Long Island, early to mid-September and one or two from Jones Beach area. First Blue-headed Vireo seen, Jones Beach, October 1; one or two Philadelphia Vireo reports.

Warblers:

First Worm-eating Warbler, Far Rockaway, September 2. Golden-winged, Hooded and Canada were fewer than in recent years. Tennessee Warbler first arrived August 21; Bay-breasted, August 22; Mourning Warbler also August 22, all these from Far Rockaway; Black-throated Blue, Wilson's and Nashville, all reported, same place, September 23. Warbler flights were poor over eastern Long Is-

land with one or two Orange-crowned records in mid-October; a tremendous flight of Myrtle Warblers and numbers of Palm and Yellow Palm Warblers observed. There appear to be few records of stragglers coming in late October.

Blackbirds to Sparrows and Finches:

Large flight of Red-wings and Grackles, October 22 with large flocks singing in leafy treetops, Seaford, Wantagh. Scarlet Tanager left early; few Cardinal reports as fall advanced; one record, Blue Grosbeak, Westhampton, September 2; records of Dickcissel in mid-September to mid-October, Jones Beach and Montauk. First Junco, Freeport, September 15; first White-throated Sparrow, Idlewild, September 17; maximum White-crowned Sparrow, 40 at Montauk, October 14. Acadian Sharp-tail Sparrow present at Jones Beach, October 14. Two records, one of Clay-colored Sparrow at Jones Beach, September 24 and one of Brewer's Sparrow, Montauk, October 14, were claimed by two different groups of observers. The first and only Lapland Longspur record comes from Jones Beach with one individual on October 8.--John S. Elliott, 3994 Park Ave., Seaford, L. I., New York.

REGION 9--CENTRAL

Fall migration has been quite spotted and varied possibly as a result of unusual weather conditions. Small numbers of Horned Grebe are now in evidence as are Pied-billed Grebe and an occasional Holboell Grebe as of October 22. Great Blue Heron were also present on above date. American Egret were still present in small numbers at Montezuma Marsh on September 30.

A noticeable increase in southward movement of several species of birds such as Grackles, Red-wing Blackbird, Robin Bluebird, and Canada Geese were noted following the first hard freeze about October 15. Canada Geese are now present in fairly large numbers, the first flock being noted October 8. There are still many Grackles, and Red-winged Blackbirds present in the Cayuga and Seneca Lake area. One small flock of Rusty Blackbirds was seen October 22.