

Hawks — Owls:

Peregrine Falcon: one Oct. 4 (Stone) and one Nov. 2 (Bartlett). Wilson's Snipe appears to be becoming more common, with several rather late records thru Nov. 2. A Northern Phalarope, rare here, was observed in shallow water at the edge of Saratoga Lake Nov. 1, and remained in the same locality thru Nov. 5 (Turrentine et al). Several flocks of Mourning Doves have been observed during the winter, including one on the Schenectady Christmas Count, Dec. 27. The latest recent record of Black-billed Cuckoo was obtained at Niskayuna Oct. 4 (Stone). One record of Snowy Owl, in late Nov.

Swifts — Shrikes:

Ruby-throated Hummingbird, record late date Oct. 9 at Loudonville (French). Belted Kingfisher reported on Troy Christmas Count Dec. 28. A Pileated Woodpecker was seen in Central Park, Schenectady on Oct. 19. Latest date for Acadian Flycatcher Sept. 29. Also latest date since 1916 for Tree Swallow, three on Oct. 4 and one Oct. 5 (Stone). Winter Wren was observed in greater numbers than usual. Long-billed Marsh Wren recorded on Nov. 1, a record late date; also ten were reported on Oct. 5. American Robin reported on Dec. 17 and Dec. 27. Bluebirds were notable by their absence. The Schenectady Christmas Count included a Ruby-crowned Kinglet; another late date for Water Pipit — Nov. 9.

Vireos — Warblers:

Vireos and warblers set new records for late migrants:
Solitary Vireo, Oct. 18, latest recent record (Hallenbeck).
Red-eyed Vireo, Oct. 6, equals record (Yunick).
Philadelphia Vireo, Oct. 3, local record (French).
Yellow Warbler, Oct. 5, latest record (Hallenbeck).
Cape May Warbler, Oct. 8, local record (Yunick).
Black-throated Blue Warbler, Oct. 8, record (French).
Black-throated Green Warbler, Nov. 3, very late; record (French).
Pine Warbler, dead immature found Oct. 12, latest recent record (Baker).
Common Yellowthroat, Oct. 19, and record late transient Oct. 26 (Stone).

Blackbirds — Sparrows:

Red-winged Blackbird and Purple Grackle reported on Christmas Census. Record late date for Indigo Bunting, Oct. 5. A Dickcissel was reported at a feeder in Amsterdam. Evening Grosbeak began arriving in late Dec., few in number. Common Redpolls on Nov. 1 were early. Twelve Pine Siskins reported Dec. 22. Late dates for Lincoln's Sparrow were Oct. 4 and 11. There have been several records of wintering Swamp Sparrows.

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After an early threat of a rigorous winter late in the fall, the weather moderated unseasonably. Many January days stayed above freezing, and some produced afternoon temperatures in the 50's. Rockland County underwent a severe but localized ice storm on Jan. 9-10 that may have extirpated Carolina wrens as in 1935-36.

Christmas counts were sensational — except for groups who chanced to pick Dec. 21, a day of rain and fog. Bear Mountain - Harriman Park set a new record of 41 species, **Rockland Audubon Society** a new high of 70 species. **Sullivan County Audubon Society** census Dec. 27 listed 26 species. Early winter was marked by unusually high number of Grebes, Ducks, Bald Eagles, Brown Creepers, Hermit Thrushes, Cedar Waxwings, Starlings, Pine Siskins, Juncos — and by relative scarcity of northern visitors.

The Kingbird

Loons — Ducks:

Common Loons very scarce along the Sound and far outnumbered by Red-throated Loons (Ken Harte). Later species on RAS Christmas count; only the third occurrence for the Rockland area. Both Horned and Pied-billed Grebes also on RAS census for the first time; late date of Jan. 3 for Pied-billed Grebe in the Bear Mountain Park area. Sullivan County had P. B. Grebe Dec. 27. Rise in winter duck population led by Ring-necked and Ruddy: 80 Ring-necks at Kensico Reservoir Dec. 28 (Harte); 200 Ruddies off Piermont (Betty Barron) through the winter. Brant recorded for only the second time in the Rockland area, off Fort Montgomery Oct. 24 (John C. Orth). Orth noted four Redheads off Stony Point Oct. 26 and two on Dec. 27. Lone female White-winged Scoter Dec. 7, Sackett Lake, Sullivan County (W. P. Carr).

Hawks — Owls:

Bald Eagles arrived in numbers at the Tappan Zee rather early, with as many as eight in early December. Ken Harte reports a Pigeon Hawk at New Rochelle on Nov. 1, Homer S. Kelsey a Broad-winged Hawk in Ramapo township (Rockland County) on Dec. 27. Ruffed Grouse are declining in the Bear Mountain - Harriman Park but seem to be holding up better in their newer territory farther south in Rockland and in Sullivan. Great Black-backed Gulls are more numerous around Nyack than ever before. From Nov. 9 till Jan. several Snowy Owl reports, one shot (Carr).

Swifts — Shrikes:

A Phoebe was found near New City on Dec. 27 (Ruth Steffens). Red-breasted Nuthatches started strong in Rockland County during October, then disappeared. Three dates are reported in December, however, from Mamaroneck (Mrs. F. J. Steinhart). Brown Creepers were unprecedentedly numerous in Rockland at census time but scarce in Westchester (Harte). RAS counted two Mockingbirds on its Dec. 27th census, one at a new site near Congers.

Vireos — Warblers:

Myrtle Warblers were far above average in abundance in suitable bayberry areas. A late Prairie Warbler turned up in Scarsdale on Oct. 10 (Harte) and a (Yellow) Palm Warbler at New City on the very late date of Dec. 23 (Ruth Steffens). Bay-breasted Warbler, Roosa Gap, Sullivan County late fall, considered heretofore rare (Carr).

Blackbirds — Sparrows:

Cardinals are unaccountably down in numbers in Rockland County. Two Dickcissels visited the feeding station of Dr. Marjorie R. Hopper in Upper Nyack from Oct. 19 through mid-January. Towhees were almost common in Rockland, including one singing his full song on Dec. 27. A Grasshopper Sparrow, probably injured but spry, was noted near Stony Point on Dec. 27 (Orth et al.), the first winter record in the area for this bird.

A flock of nine Evening Grosbeaks arrived in Sullivan County on Nov. 16 and have been noted frequently up to late January (Carr). House Finches have been seen several times in Sullivan County since last spring, most recently a male at a feeder on Nov. 26 (Carr). On its Dec. 27 Christmas census, **Sullivan County Audubon Society** came up with a real Believe-It-or-Not item: three male Rose-breasted Grosbeaks. Carr reports that all three were seen at 75 ft. and studied at length through 7x and 8x binoculars, with note of the wing markings and also the rosy bib. In Sullivan County, a Snow Bunting was picked up alive on Dec. 10 and turned over to Kenneth Nivens; it was banded and released ten days later, but no other buntings were reported. Rockland County had one or two Snow Buntings in late November, but none since.

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