

(Katherine D. Dienemann), Bear Mountain area on Nov. 20 (Franklin V. Cross), and Nyack on Nov. 22 (Dr. Hopper).

Red Crossbills were even earlier — Oct. 2, Oct. 7, Oct. 9 in Rockland County (Hill, Dow, Bloor) and Oct. 22 at Lomontville, Ulster (the Dunbars). Two Rockland reports of White-winged Crossbills — Oct. 18 at Grand View (Bloor, Hill, Dow) and one trapped accidentally in a cage at Bear Mountain on Nov. 21 (Orth).

A Grasshopper Sparrow on Oct. 19, a month late (Dow, Hill) in Rockland County. Oregon Junco positively identified in Nyack for the first time on Oct. 19 by Dr. Hopper (tentatively identified three years ago by Mrs. Irving). Tree Sparrow arrived very early at Carmel, Putnam County, on Sept. 9 (Mrs. Little). Two Lincoln's Sparrow reports from Westchester, Sept. 22 and Oct. 1, both by Dr. Andrew Weir and Stanley Grierson. Many White-crowned Sparrows from Oct. 3 on.

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REGION 10 — LONG ISLAND

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In the fall migration, birds came through rather regularly in late summer and about on time. A few warblers came south in late July, and on August 14, 11 species were recorded at Far Rockaway (J. Bull). A tremendous influx of rarities came with hurricanes Carol and Edna, but Hazel, on October 15 apparently produced very few unusual species, although a marked flight of both species of Cuckoos may have been the result of the latter disturbance. There was a noted increase of birds October 5-12 and again around October 20.

During the nights of October 5 and 6, an unusual meteorological condition caused the death of over 100 birds at the Empire State Building, more than 230 at Mitchell Field, and about 2,000 at Westhampton Air Base, the latter reported by Roy Wilcox who collected 596 and saved 100 of the best specimens for the American Museum of Natural History to be made into skins and skeletons. The weather was warm into November, and during late October and early November numerous late dates for birds in this region were shattered. An early influx of winter finches arrived by the middle of November when small flocks of both Red and White-winged Crossbills, Evening Grosbeaks and a few Pine Grosbeaks and Redpolls were reported. Unlike last year, there was a good flight of Red-breasted Nuthatches beginning in late August.

LOONS — DUCKS: Good numbers of loons, cormorants and gannets were reported into November; three European Cormorants at Montauk, November 2; late Cory's Shearwater at Montauk, November 2 (J. Mayer, G. Rose). Last record of American Egret, The Raunt, November 6; Snowy Egret, Jones Beach November 13 (G. Carleton, Brooklyn Bird Club). There was a good early fall flight of white herons, several Louisiana Herons and one or two records of Least Bittern.

Ducks arrived early, Ring-necked and Ruddy Ducks were seen in mid-July at Babylon and the latter at Mecox at about the same date. At Jones Beach August 23 were five Green-winged Teal, two Blue-winged Teal and one Shoveller. First Hooded Merganser, Idlewild, September 5 and European Widgeon, Jones Beach, September 12. Irwin Alperin, aloft in a sea plane saw numerous Scoters of all three species on the Sound and South Shore with none west of Smith's Point on the south and Eaton's Neck on the Sound. This sharply cut line of demarcation tends to show that the scoter flight down the coast had not grossly reached western Long Island.

HAWKS — OWLS: There were no spectacular hawk flights reported, not even among falcons, and Buteos were practically non-existent; maximum Pigeon Hawks, September 19, ten; Jones Beach, six; The Raunt, four (Mayer, Rose). No records of more than two Duck Hawks in one day; no Goshawks and no Gyrfalcon records

to date. Several reports of Virginia Rail and Sora; very few of Black Rail and none of Yellow Rail came in. Florida Gallinules still at Lawrence where King Rail was reported nesting this summer.

Shore bird records are largely tied in with hurricanes Carol and Edna, although previously a survey of the Moriches area, August 17, by the Queens County Bird Club, showed 500 Black-bellied Plover, 100 Turnstone, one Willet, 100 Knot, one Pectoral Sandpiper, three Marbled and six Hudsonian Godwits, one Royal Tern, 15 Black Terns and 150 Black Skimmers. Maximum unusual southern birds after Hurricane Carol, September 4, Moriches to Shinnecock: three Wilson's Plovers, three Oyster-catchers, 32 Royal Terns and 17 Caspian Terns. Other shore bird records: 19 Golden Plover, Shinnecock, September 12 (Wilcox); also five at Moriches same date (Darrow); six Wilson's Plover, Baldwin, November 14 (Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Teale) and seven at Seaford, same date (E. Morgan); a few Buff-breasted Sandpipers and two flocks of Willet reported, but practically no Wilson's Phalarope; one record of Ruff, Jones Beach, August 27 (Mayer).

Departures of southern birds: Wilson's Plover, The Raunt, October 2; Oyster-catcher, Point Lookout, September 26 (Mayor, Rose). Phalarope records: 17 Red, 30 miles south of Fire Island Inlet, September 11 (Darrow); two Northern, Idlewild, September 18. There were 100 Kittiwakes at Montauk, November 20 and one Black Tern at Mecox, same day (Raynor). A good flight of Laughing Gulls came through, fewer numbers of Bonaparte's, and estimates ran up to 1,000 Black Skimmers, principally around the south shore inlets. A great flight of yellow and Black-billed Cuckoos came through very late. Two Snowy Owl records to date; few reports of Barn and Short-eared; Saw-whet Owl came through in late October.

SWIFTS — SHRIKES: Western Kingbird, Jones Beach, September 25, one (R. Arbib, Jr.), four in mid-November, Riis Park (numerous observers). Late Eastern Kingbird, November 14, same place; Olive-sided Flycatcher, Massapequa, August 14 (J. Elliott, A. Penberthy); Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Far Rockaway, same date (Bull). A large flight of Chickadees arrived; some were even seen migrating down avenues in New York City; two Brown-headed Chickadees, North Hills, November 11 (Mr. and Mrs. Bull); The Red-breasted Nuthatch, practically absent last year, arrived in numbers; first, Far Rockaway, and Massapequa, August 22. There was also a good flight of Kinglets, but practically no Gnatcatchers, a few Pipits, scarcity of Horned Larks and only one or two Short-billed Marsh Wrens. Several Mockingbirds were reported and over half a dozen Migrant Shrikes.

VIREOS — WARBLERS: There was a late Blue-headed Vireo at Riis Park, November 8 and Red-eyed, November 9; early warblers, Inwood Park, N. Y. City, all non-breeding species: July 24, two Worm-eating, singles Black and White, Yellow and Redstart; August 7, singles, Nashville, Black-throated Blue and Ovenbird. The greatest number of birds killed of one family at Mitchel Field and at Westhampton Air Base were warblers. Of these the Black-poll was the greatest sufferer, as very often is the case. Of 596 of the estimated 2,000 killed at Westhampton, Wilcox reports 114 Blackpolls; at Mitchel Field, 230 birds picked up by Raynor contained 49. The second greatest fatalities were also among warblers: 63 Northern Yellowthroats at Westhampton and 22 Myrtle Warblers at Mitchel Field. There were numerous late-dates after warm October weather, with singles of Black and White at Baldwin, November 2; Worm-eating, Prospect Park, October 17; Cape May, Montauk, October 28; Black-throated Blue and Hooded, Northport, November 13; Ovenbird, Riis Park, November 7.

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: Western Tanager reported at Riis Park, mid-November and among winter finches Redpoll, November 13, five Red Cross-bills, November 11, 14 White-winged Cross-bills, November 14 (Arbib, numerous observers); increases of these winter finches showed up at Jones Beach and in city parks with all appearances of a flight year on hand. There were also several reports of Evening and Pine Grosbeaks. The Ipswich Sparrow came through in fair numbers. There were half a dozen Dickcissel reports and several of Blue Grosbeak around the city parks. European Goldfinch: Welfare Island, two birds present from August 3 through September (H. and V. Bauer). There was a good White-crowned Sparrow flight and fair numbers of Fox Sparrows at the present time. Snow Buntings at Short Beach in mid-November and 30 at Montauk, November 20.

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