

may reflect nesting in the Highlands nearby; the species is known to breed there. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kurka observed a Carolina Wren in Katonah, Westchester, on Nov. 15. A Mockingbird at Carmel, Putnam County, on Sept. 3 is reported by Paul DeLaura, who is familiar with this bird in the South. James Todd recorded a rather late Brown Thrasher in Bedford on Oct. 18.

At Sparkill, Rockland, David and William Hill watched two birds they believe to have been Ravens, on Nov. 11. They studied the birds perched and in flight and noted the shaggy throat and wedge-shaped tail. This species had never been recorded in Rockland County.

Robins moved in flocks of 1,000 or more. In mid-October, two complete albinos and one partial albino attracted attention in Rockland County.

A young Cedar Waxwing, not yet able to fly well, was found at Kripplebush, Ulster, on the late date of Sept. 2 (Hough). In the same area on Nov. 20, a Gray (Northern) Shrike persistently chased a Tree Sparrow (the Dunbars, Samuel and Helen Hayes, Hough, Pyle). A Migrant (Loggerhead) Shrike was seen near New City, Rockland, on Sept. 1 (Hopper).

VIREOS — WARBLERS: A Solitary (Blue-headed) Vireo at New City on Nov. 3 (Stiffens) was rather late. David Hill and Tom Dow recorded Rockland County's second Philadelphia Vireo on Sept. 28 near Piermont.

A Parula Warbler on Nov. 1 (Dow, Hill) was 20 days late for Rockland County. Even more spectacularly tardy was the Magnolia Warbler on Nov. 27 feeding on sluggish flies at Fred Hough's home in Kripplebush, Ulster County. David Hill listed a new late date for Rockland County for the Black-throated Blue Warbler — Oct. 29. Nashville Warbler had extremes of Aug. 20 (Hopper) and Sept. 3 (Treacy) in the Rockland-Orange area. Treacy found three Bay-breasted Warblers at Cornwall on Sept. 3; Frances Irving noted one at West Nyack, Rockland, on Aug. 27. This species is not often reported in fall. Neither is the Black-capped (Wilson's) Warbler that David Hill saw on Sept. 9. Hill and Dow also scored a November date for the American Redstart.

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: Fantastically large flocks of redwings and grackles attracted attention in Rockland County through most of October and November.

A male Dickcissel turned up on Nov. 1 at the feeding station of Shirley Towbis in Millwood, Westchester. Evening Grosbeaks have arrived in substantial numbers, beginning with a flock of 50 at Arkville, Sullivan County, on Sept. 7 (Wilber P. Carr); Oct. 21 at Kripplebush, Ulster (Hough); Nov. 10 at Carmel, Putnam County (Mrs. George Little); Nov. 13 at Bear Mountain, Orange-Rockland (Peter Smith, John Mead); Nov. 23 in Westchester and Rockland (Grierson and John M. Price).

Rockland County had its first House Finch on Nov. 13 through 17 (Mrs. John M. Price). Pine Grosbeaks appeared in Palisades Interstate Park (Orange-Rockland) on Nov. 16 (John Kenney). A late Towhee was at Hartwood, Sullivan, on Nov. 12 (Dimock).

An early Slate-colored Junco arrived in Katonah on Sept. 19 (William Russell), with the big flocks reaching northern Westchester on Oct. 3. First juncos in Rockland were on Sept. 21 (Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. Steffens). Treacy studied an Oregon Junco at Camp Buckner, West Point, on Nov. 19. Several White-crowned Sparrows were noted in Rockland and Ulster. Ruth and Stanley Grierson saw a Lincoln's Sparrow in Katonah on Oct. 12, and Fred Hough found one in his rose garden at Kripplebush, Ulster, on Sept. 25. A Snow Bunting was seen near New City on Nov. 12 (Mr. and Mrs. Steffens) and a flock of 33 at Waccabuc, northern Westchester, on Nov. 23 (Grierson, Dr. Andrew Weir).

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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During early, hot, dry August, the woods appeared almost birdless. Resident species barely moved and the early-August warbler migrants were largely missing. The rather dependable Northern Water-Thrush appeared August 5 at Great River and August 6 at Massapequa, although there was extreme hot weather. This is close to its 10 year average appearance. Late August produced a few species of southbound land birds, and by the first week in September the gradual fall flight was on. This slowed somewhat for a few weeks after late September until large numbers of Ruby-crowned Kinglets

appeared around October 20, and on October 22 the countryside, especially along the south shore of Long Island, was flooded with a large movement of Flickers, Robins, Hermit Thrushes, Juncos and White-throated Sparrows.

The water birds passed through regularly with few exceptional records. There was a heavy flight of Black Terns, however, this year, with 1,500 seen off Jamaica Bay, September 6; 400 on September 7 and 300 at Bellport on September 3. After the hurricane weather, few southern rarities turned up, and Wilson's Plover was practically unreported. A few species of ducks appeared early, but numbers were down until mid-November. Pelagic birds did not show off-shore to any extent and the hawk flight was rather poor, except for a few falcon reports.

LOONS — DUCKS: Both Common and Red-throated Loons were found sparingly until recent weeks; eight Cory's Shearwaters were observed at Montauk, September 4 (E. Mudge), and the first Gannet at Shinnecock, September 10 (R. Wilcox). There was a fair flight of white egrets, with 62 American Egrets at East Moriches, September 16. Three lingered into late October at Jones Beach and a straggler was seen December 3 at Hempstead Lake (D. Guthrie). A few Louisiana Herons appeared this year on the south shore and one at Orient, September 12 (R. Latham). The last Double-crested Cormorants were seen flying over Jones Beach on November 20. At South Haven on November 8 was a close flock of 101 Mute Swans; nine Snow and two Blue Geese were seen at Jones Beach, November 20 (R. Arbib, A. Penberthy), and 40 Snow Geese at Far Rockaway, November 15 (Mrs. J. Bull). European Widgeon was seen at several eastern Long Island locations. The Ring-necked Duck, Canvas-back, Scoters and the Red-breasted Merganser were fairly abundant in late November. Hooded Mergansers were scarce, as in the past few years. During October and November European Widgeon, Gadwall, Pintail, Shoveller and Canvas-back were reported at Central Park, N. Y. C., and a White-winged Scoter (a first record) was present there into December (Mrs. P. Messing). Eight species of hawks, mostly singles, were seen at Orient, September 17, the time of the nation-wide count (Latham). The best falcon record was 10 Sparrow and 35 Pigeon Hawks in one hour at midday, September 21, Westhampton to Shinnecock (Wilcox). Only one early fall record for Duck Hawk; September 22, in the Shinnecock area. The usual number of Common Rails, with eight Virginia at Brookhaven, late November (D. Puleston) and a dead King Rail found at Merrick in late November. Very few reports of Black Rail and none of Yellow Rail.

PLOVERS — OWLS: There were few rare sandpipers reported this fall. The Oyster-catcher was missing; Golden Plover was reported about the first half of September. The Upland Plover passed through principally at the same time. Buff-breasted Sandpiper was recorded in September from Moriches and lower Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn. The Stilt Sandpiper was not common; a Woodcock spent about three weeks in a thicket at Jones Beach into early November, and five Wilson's Snipe were seen at Tackapausha at that time. There were five Wilson's Snipe seen at Tackapausha at that time. There were five Willet, 100 Knot and 20 Red-backed Sandpipers at Moriches, August 28; and on August 14 one Marbled, three Hudsonian Godwits and four Bonaparte's Gulls. Very few rarer gulls have been reported to date. Very dissimilar to last year's influx of southern shore birds and terns, there were only a few Royal Terns in late July and one in September. The Caspian Tern passed through almost unrecorded; however, mid-August records of the Sooty Tern, following hurricane Connie, were phenomenal, with three reported from the 69th St. Ferry, Brooklyn, August 13 and one on the Staten Island Ferry, August 15; also there were four or five records from Jones Beach eastward (numerous observers).

No Alcid records to date; a fair flight of Mourning Doves showed up on eastern Long Island. A dove found dead at Hicksville, and rushed off November 16 to Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Md. by Curator Morgan of Tackapausha Museum, Seaford, was reportedly dead from a severe infection with *Trichomonas* in the esophagus according to Carlton M. Herman, Wildlife Pathologist. Last record of Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Brookhaven, October 28 (Miss J. Puleston). No Snowy Owls to date; two Short-eared at Spring Creek, November 6; four or five records of Saw-whet, maximum, two at Jones Beach, November 24.

SWIFTS — SHRIKES: There was a small flight of Nighthawks at Manorville, September 16; Red-headed Woodpecker appeared at Central Park, October 10 and a Red-bellied Woodpecker at Cutchogue, November 19, 20. Half-dozen records of Western Kingbird, maximum, Mastic, September 10, three (J. T. Nichols). A

good flight of flycatchers came through Woodmere woods, September 7. Among swallows: 100 Purple Martins were present at Yaphank, September 2; 15,000 Tree Swallows at Jones Beach, October 7, and Barn Swallows were migrating through until November 8 at Moriches. There was a good flight of Brown Creepers in early October and Red-breasted Nuthatches around mid-November. Carolina Wren was recorded as far west as Mill Neck. Several Mockingbird reports from late October; both Gray-cheeked and Olive-backed Thrushes were seen into late October. Shrikes came through in September with few records since October 8.

VIREOS — WARBLERS: The last Red-eyed Vireo: Brookhaven, October 29; Philadelphia Vireos were scarce; Blue-headed Vireo was present at Mastic, with two on October 22. Orange-crowned Warbler appeared at Riis Park and Gilgo, November 22. The Warbler migration was straggling. Tennessees and Cape Mays were less common than usual; small flocks came through into late October. Several late Yellow-breasted Chats were reported, with one at a Floral Park feeding station, November 29. Connecticut Warbler was seen at Central Park, September 23 (Mrs. Messing). Late dates: Prairie, Hempstead, Nov. 1; Hooded, Jones Beach, October 23 (A. Penberthy); Black-throated Blue, Jones Beach, November 8. (W. Larrabee).

BLACKBIRDS — SPARROWS: Maximum grackles: Mastic, October 23, 2,000; Western Tanager at Far Rockaway, October 3, and an earlier record at Great Neck; there were half dozen reports of Dickcissel on western Long Island; Evening Grosbeak, November 20 at Riis Park; a good flight of Siskins and Goldfinches, White-throated and White-crowned Sparrows. Purple Finches were normal; Pine Grosbeaks and Redpolls absent to date; one or two records of European Goldfinch in mid-summer. One record of Red Crossbill: Jones Beach, November 13, flock of 12 (Lyman Langdon and National Audubon Societies); only White-winged Crossbill records, three at Gilgo, November and although Longspurs were lacking, several good flocks of up to 50 Snow Buntings were seen.

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