

Nov 6 by Mr. and Mrs. Steffens. This is Rockland's only fall record and a late one!

Blackbirds — Sparrows: In Nyack, Mrs. Hopper found a late staying BALTIMORE ORIOLE on Nov 6. GRACKLES seem to converge or concentrate in the lower Hudson area. Mrs. William Irving estimated about 8,000 of them at West Nyack on Oct 27. To date only one EVENING GROSBEEK has been reported in the whole region. A single bird was seen near the Ashokan Reservoir in Ulster, Oct 28 by Henry and Ilse Dunbar. Only a few PURPLE FINCHES have been seen. No fall flight of the PINE GROSBEEK. The only PINE SISKIN report came from Mrs. John Kelly; she saw about a dozen at Amawalk, Westchester on Oct 9. No evidence of either CROSSBILL. A lingering VESPER SPARROW was found by John Orth and RAS field trip party at Bear Mountain on Nov 17. An immature CHIPPING SPARROW remained about a feeding station at Mohonk Lake, Ulster until mid-November (Dan Smiley). WHITE-CROWNED SPARROWS were in fair numbers during the latter half of October. Mrs. Earl reports more in Orange and Bob Deed more in Rockland. FOX SPARROWS showed good November numbers for the region. Several observations on the LINCOLN'S SPARROW were recorded: Bulls' Mills, Orange Co., Sep 29 (Martha Earl); New City, Rockland Co., Oct 14 (Steffens); Kripplebush, Ulster Co., Oct 14 (Hough); Lomontville, Ulster Co., Nov 6, a late date (Henry and Ilse Dunbar). SONG SPARROWS sometimes nest late. In Ulster, near Stone Ridge a female Song Sparrow was found caring alone (the male had gone) for her nestlings which she brought off the nest on Sep 15! (Hough). This is our latest known record. The October song period of the Song Sparrow was more intensified this year in Ulster, and probably in other areas too, extending into early November (F. Hough). The first SNOW BUNTING reported in the region was seen near the Ashokan Reservoir, in Ulster on Oct 24 (Henry & Ilse Dunbar).

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Fall migration progressed gradually with practically no hurricane weather to bring infiltration of southern species into the region. With the exception of a few frosty mornings, mild weather prevailed into mid-Nov (the end of the period) which perhaps accounts for the presence of late stragglers and four or five American Egrets at Jones Beach with several present also at Jamaica Bay. The first part of Sep brought good flights of warblers, representing the "Southern Tier" counties, to Long Island. Present, on Sep 4, at Woodmere Woods were a Kentucky, a Worm-eating, numerous Canada Warblers and an estimate of 75 Redstarts (A Penberthy). Several observers, including the writer, noticed an apparent scarcity of such warblers as Nashville, Tennessee, Black-poll and Blackburnian. This aroused some speculation as to whether their ranks had been somewhat decimated by the cold spring and insect shortage. However, in Oct northeasters were prevalent and may have had an adverse effect on Long Island land-bird distribution. Apparently these winds were not sufficiently strong, however, to force Golden Plover landward on eastern Long Island and reported counts were comparatively light. Highlights of the period among pelagic and water birds were: local abundance of Cory's Shearwaters and Gannets, appearances of Kittiwakes in Nov, and late straggling sandpipers and terns to the end of the period.

Concerning land-birds, the Tree Swallow flight this fall did not appear to equal former ones. Also down in numbers were Hermit Thrushes and Red-breasted Nuthatches. The hardy Myrtle Warbler appeared in large

numbers in early Oct, especially on the outer beaches; and a remarkable flight of Snow Buntings and Lapland Longspurs moved along Fire Island beach in mid-Nov.

Loons — Ducks: Fair number of LOONS were passing through in early Nov at which time HORNED GREBES increased in numbers. An estimated 300 SHEARWATERS were milling around with about 400 GANNETS and a smaller number of BONAPARTE'S GULLS at Montauk, Oct 25 (R. Grant, Dr. and Mrs. R. Chamberlain). Included among the SHEARWATERS were some 50 CORY'S, and 30 were also counted Nov 6 along with both CORMORANTS in the same area (J. Mayer, G. Rose). An estimated 200 GANNETS an hour flew along the breaker-line Nov 3 for several hours into a stiff northeast wind at Jones Beach (Elliott, Grant). AMERICAN and SNOWY EGRETS remained late; one or two LOUISIANA HERONS, but very few LITTLE BLUES into Oct. A CATTLE EGRET appeared at Brookhaven Oct 20 and remained several days for the second record on Long Island (A. Bolt, D. Puleston); and a late YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON was noted at Jones Beach, Nov 24 (Miss M. Clark, E. Treacy). Waterfowl: six WHISTLING SWANS, Montauk, Nov 6 (Mayer, Rose); 10 SNOW GEESE, Nov 17 at Fire Island (H. Darrow); several BLUE GEESE at Jamaica Bay Sanctuary, early Nov (Brooklyn Bird Club, Linnaean Society). Among duck rarities are included three AMERICAN EIDER one HARLEQUIN DUCK, Montauk, latter Nov; and two EUROPEAN WIDGEONS at Jones Beach, Nov 3 (J. Bull). Goodly numbers of ducks were found on western Long Island, but there appeared to be a scarcity of RED-BREADED MERGANSERS and HOODED MERGANSERS in the early part of Nov.

Hawks — Owls: Buteo flight very light; several ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK reports, first, Nov 3, at Jones Beach (P. Post); a few DUCK and PIGEON HAWK records. Among rails, two FLORIDA GALLINULES at Wantagh, Oct 9 (Miss H. Sullivan, Mrs. E. W. Teale); SORA at Moriches, Oct 7 (Puleston); YELLOW RAIL at Lawrence, Nov 12 (J. Bull). Good flights of shore birds appeared, with both GODWITS present for several weeks at Moriches. Light GOLDEN PLOVER flight, maximum, Mecox, Sep. 19, four (Mrs. G. G. Fry, Mrs. M. Ingersoll, Mrs. W. Walter). Several PHALAROPE records: Northern at The Raunt, Sep 22, with two birds present and one WILSON'S, same place Aug. 25 (numerous observers). Interesting were lingering WHITE-RUMPED and BAIRD'S SANDPIPERS in three areas: three WHITE-RUMPED and two BAIRD'S at Mecox, Oct 31 (Puleston, G. Raynor); one Baird's, Jamaica Bay Sanctuary to Nov 15 (Brooklyn Bird Club); one WHITE-RUMPED, one BAIRD'S and one SEMIPALMATED at Montauk on Nov 15 (Elliott). Latest GODWIT, Jamaica Bay, Nov 10, one HUDSONIAN (Mayer, Rose); apparently the MARBLED GODWIT left in early fall.

An ambitious gull count of the Brooklyn area in early Nov totaled 23,309 HERRING GULLS, 246 RING-BILLS, 566 GREAT BLACK-BACKED, 60 LAUGHING and 55 BONAPARTE'S GULLS (P. Buckley, R. Clermont, N. Smith). A very early KITTIWAKE appeared at Mecox, Sep 16 (Mr. and Mrs. C. McKeever); 65 were counted at Jones Beach, Nov 12 (Bull), KITTIWAKES were present at Montauk, Nov 6, also Nov 15, and 12 at Riis Park, Nov 17. One KUMLIEN'S GULL was seen at Gilgo, Oct 14 (Darrow) and two CASPIAN TERNS at Fire Island, Oct 7 by the same observer. Apparently a movement of the latter passed through about that time, as Raynor and Puleston had eight at Mecox, Oct 6. A presumably sick SOOTY TERN was almost caught at Fire Island, Sep 30 by John Bull at which time he saw a LONG-TAILED Jaeger following a fishing boat inside the inlet. A POMARINE JAEGER was seen at Fire Island, Oct 7 (Darrow) and one or two other records of jaegers came in. Very late were eight COMMON, 30 FORSTER'S and three ROSEATE TERNS at Rockaway Jetty on Nov 4. No reports of alcids to date; no late cuckoo reports as of several years ago; several BARN OWL records, one from Jones Beach, one from Fire Island; two SNOWY OWL reports at Jones' Beach at end of period; singles, SHORT-EARED OWL, Fire Island, East Hampton; one SAW-WHET OWL, Far Rockaway, Nov 12 (Bull).

Swifts — Shrikes: Migrating NIGHTHAWKS came through West Hills in early Sep and were noted at Riis Park, Sep 25. There was a flight of SAPSUCKERS Sep 30 at Fire Island. Three RED-HEADED WOODPECKERS appeared at Riis Park Sep 23 (Smith); large numbers of flycatchers, Far Rockaway, Sep 3-15; most records

of OLIVE-SIDED — late Aug to Sep 5. Five or six records of WESTERN KINGBIRD, mostly from Jones Beach and Riis Park, Sep to early Nov. Six CLIFF SWALLOWS were seen at Far Rockaway, Sep 3 (Bull). The young of SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN were found Sep 15 at Brookhaven (Puleston, Raynor), and a second nesting of a MOCKINGBIRD this year, two juveniles, Mecox, July 28 (see future issues of The Kingbird for details of these). A MAGPIE was present at Montauk Sep to mid-Nov; KINGLET flight rather light. A NORTHERN SHRIKE was seen at Mecox, Nov 4 (Puleston).

Vireos — Warblers: Several VIREO reports, few of BLUE-HEADED; several records of WORM-EATING, GOLDEN-WINGED, ORANGE-CROWNED and KENTUCKY WARBLERS. One Bay-breasted, end of period at Riis Park. Early October warbler flight very light; few late CHATS; one CAPE MAY at Gilgo, Oct 20 and a late BLACK AND WHITE at Jones Beach, Nov 3 (Baldwin Bird Club, O. Dunning); MOURNING WARBLERS scarce; TENNESSEES and NASHVILLE less common than usual; two CONNECTICUT WARBLERS were found at Woodmere, Sep 15 (Elliott).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD at Mecox, Sep 19 (Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Ingersoll, Mrs. Walter); ORCHARD ORIOLE at Prospect Park, Sep 22 (Smith); one or two reports of WESTERN Tanager, western Long Island; two BLUE GROSBILLS, Riis Park, Sep 22 (numerous observers). Several DICKCISSELS, Riis Park, Sep 8; three IPSWICH SPARROWS were found at Fire Island, Nov 12 (H. Darrow). LARK SPARROW and HARRIS'S SPARROW reported at Fire Island, Sep 30 (Bull). Good flight of WHITE-CROWNED SPARROWS, early Oct, but FOX SPARROWS scarce to end of period. The CLAY-COLORED SPARROW comes off New York State's hypothetical list of birds with the capture of an immature male at Riis Park on Oct 12 (P. Buckley, N. Smith, et al). A phenomenal flight of 70 LAPLAND LONGSPURS and 400 SNOW BUNTINGS was noted at Fire Island State Park, Nov 12 by Harry Darrow, who also reported a lesser flight of 12 LONGSPURS and 120 SNOW BUNTINGS three days later.

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