
REGION 10 — MARINE
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Warm weather continued through October and into the last week of November following a summer of consistent rainfall sufficient for good seed and berry crops. This condition favored the fairly large sparrow populations

with Juncos, Chipping and Field Sparrows appearing abundantly and lingering in the productive weed patches at Jones Beach and elsewhere near the coast.

The highlight of the season came after a week of unsettled weather and fog in mid-August when 13 Wood Ibises appeared over the farm of Roy Latham at Orient. Better than usual observations were made for Cory's Shearwaters, and a particularly good Jaeger flight was recorded with a nucleus off Shinnecock Inlet from early August which lasted for about a month (G. Raynor). A maximum flock of 150 Snow Geese was reported from Flushing, a dozen or so records of Peregrin Falcon and about a hundred of Pigeon Hawk came in.

Such rarities as Yellow Rail, Curlew Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper and all three phalaropes were reported. Many species of the larger land birds came through in fair numbers, but both cuckoos, Phoebe, both Kinglets, Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes, Red-eyed Vireos, Magnolia and Blackburnian Warblers, Redstarts and Scarlet Tanagers appeared down in numbers. A good flight of Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Goldfinches and Sparrows and later Snow Buntings helped fill out the migration.

Loons — Rails: Both Common and Red-throated Loons and Horned Grebes appeared regularly through Nov; no Red-necked Grebes, few petrels, no pelicans reported. Shearwaters were recorded from several locations on the South Shore of Eastern Long Island from Montauk to Moriches in Aug and Sep (mostly Cory's), and also at Jones Beach into late Oct. Although generally regarded as fewer in numbers than in former years, some 48 Common Egrets and 43 smaller white herons entered the roost at East Moriches, Aug 30 (G. Raynor). Last egrets: Common at Jamaica Bay, Nov 22; three Snowy Egrets, same location, Nov 18 (J. Mayer); also Common Egret at Gilgo, Nov 22 (Baldwin Bird Club); one or two records of Louisiana Heron in late Aug. A Cattle Egret was seen at Montauk Point on the morning of Nov 11 (P. Buckley) and before sunset, one (possibly the same bird) was found on a pasture lot 2 miles to the west with several horses and bullocks (Mrs. J. Elliott).

No Wood Ibis records west of Moriches, but on the day that 13 were seen by Roy Latham at Orient, 10 were observed at nearby East Marion (E. Morgan) and slightly further west by P. Stoutenburg; also about the same date 10 were seen flying due north a mile east of Center Moriches (B. Brady); the last record, a single bird was found at East Moriches, Aug 30 and seen by numerous observers (G. Raynor).

Glossy Ibis, Lawrence, Sep 1, one (J. Bull). Wood Duck, Northport, Sep 9, three (E. Mudge). Duck count, Jamaica Bay Sanctuary, mid-Nov: 300 Canvasbacks, nine Oldsquaw, 400 Ruddy Ducks, 14 Hooded Mergansers, five Common Mergansers (Mayer). Maximum Snow Goose, 150 at LaGuardia Field, late Nov (E. Simon); eight Snow Geese at Sagaponack, Nov 23 and six at Shinnecock Bay, Nov 20 (R. Wilcox). Red-tailed Hawk, Lloyds Harbor, Sep 28, five (J. Ricks); otherwise, Buteos rather scarce — Broad-winged at Woodmere, Sep 20 (Baldwin Bird Club). Hawk flight, Oct 13 at Jones Beach: five Sharp-shinned, one Cooper's, three Osprey, 14 Pigeon Hawks (M. Levine). About one dozen Peregrine Falcons passed through, with a maximum of three in one day, principally in Oct; another small flight at Jones Beach, Nov 1: 10 Pigeon Hawks and three Sparrow Hawks; several Gallinules reported on western Long Island. No Black Rail, but one Yellow Rail at Jamaica Bay, Nov 6 (Mayer).

Plovers — Owls: Good flight of Semipalmated and Black-bellied Plovers, no Wilson's reported. Golden Plover: Mecox, Aug 30, three, and Orient, Sep 14, 40 (G. Raynor); Moriches, Sep 1, two (A. Penberthy, M. Levine); Hook Pond, Sep 13, 18 (Queens Co. Bird Club). Six Common Snipe daily, Seaford (E. Morgan). A good flight of 18 Solitary Sandpipers, Jam Bay, early Sep (Mayer, Rose), five Willet, Jam Bay, Oct 18 (A. O. U. Field Trip); Curlew Sandpiper, Jam Bay, Sep 7, one (Bull, G. Carleton, Mayer); Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Jam Bay, Aug 29, one (Mayer, Rose); latest Pectoral Sandpipers: Lawrence, Oct 26, 10; fair flight of Hudsonian Godwits, fewer Marbled, at Jam Bay and Moriches; all three Phalaropes reported: Wilson's

early Sep into Oct; Northern, one on Oct 27; one Red, Nov 2 (Mayer), all at Jamaica Bay.

Jaeger flight of both Pomarine and Parasitic noted from Aug 2, from 10 to 20 individuals (about equal for both species) for about a month, with nucleus at Shinnecock Inlet (Raynor). Jaegers were observed a mile or two offshore for a week later than those seen on shore observation points (A. Cooley). Practically no white-winged gulls observed; good flight of Bonaparte's on South Shore; 25 at Jones Beach, Nov 22 (Baldwin Bird Club); 20 at Shinnecock Inlet, Nov 27 (Wilcox). There was a rather poor flight of Forster's Terns; one Caspian, Fire Island, Sep 18 with one Roseate and 20 Blacks (A. Alperin); one Caspian at Moriches Inlet, Sep 1 (Raynor). Practically a complete lack of hurricane disturbances, except for one deflected hurricane, resulted in no southern accidentals this fall. Maximum Black Skimmers: 300 at Jam Bay, late Sep (Mayer). One Alcids record: dead Dovekie, Moriches Bay, Nov 15 (Wilcox); very few Cuckoos reported; Barn Owl daily at Jones Beach in Nov (Queens Co. Bird Club); seven Short-eared Owls at Spring Creek, Oct 20 (Mayer). Saw-whet records: Cedarhurst, Oct 21, one picked up alive, brought to Bronx Zoo died later (Bull); Short Beach, Nov 8, one (Bull, Carleton); from Nov 1 to 15 two picked up in Massapequa and one at Oceanside brought to Tackapausha Preserve (Morgan).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Maximum Nighthawks, Sep. 13, 17 at Manorville (Raynor) latest Nighthawk, one on Nov 8 at Idlewild (Mayer); several Red-headed Woodpecker records: two at Idlewild, Sep 12 (Mayer); one at Tiana Life-saving Station, Sep 27 (Wilcox). Black-backed Woodpecker, Central Park, N. Y. C., one daily in Nov. Flight of Kingbirds at Sayville, with 75 on Sep 16 (Alperin); Western Kingbird, Woodmere, Sep 20; one at Riis Park, Nov 2, with several in between. Say's Phoebe, Gilgo, Sep 6, one (Buckley, Restivo); Crested Flycatcher, Moriches, Nov 8 (Wilcox). Red-breasted Nuthatch flight light; 12 Brown Creepers, Tiana during Oct (Wilcox). Sage Thrasher, Tiana, Oct 18, 19, second record for species east of Mississippi (Wilcox, Raynor, D. Puleston, Elliott, Ward). Several Mockingbird records. Exceptionally few wrens seen; Hermit Thrush, about 50 percent of normal; Bluebird flight meager; more Ruby-crowned than Golden-crowned Kinglets; practically no early fall Water Pipits. A few Loggerhead Shrikes were observed in early fall, but no Northern to date.

Vireos — Warblers: Red-eyed left early, no abundance; two Solitary Vireos. Jones Beach, Oct 18 (Elliott, Ward); Philadelphia Vireo, Tiana, three on Sep 27 (Wilcox). Yellow and Black and White Warblers passed through early; there was a small flight of warblers at Mastic, Aug 17 with Black and White and Canada reported (John T. Nichols). (Note: This will be the last field record for The Kingbird of this famous Long Island ornithologist who died last month). Ten species of warblers were observed at Woodmere, Sep 20 (Baldwin Bird Club). A Golden-winged Warbler was observed at Tackapausha Preserve, Sep 20 (Levine), and a Brewster's Warbler at Massapequa, Sep 6 (Elliott). The Tennessee Warbler flight was poor on eastern Long Island, as was the Nashville, Chestnut-sided, Blackpoll, Black-throated Green and Prairie. There was a good flight of Cape May Warblers. Myrtle Warblers appeared about normal; late Ovenbird at Seaford to Nov 2 (Elliott); Mourning Warbler rather scarce, one at Idlewild, Aug 30 (Mayer) Hooded Warbler was found at Tackapausha, Sep 20 and a late Prairie at Jones Beach on Nov 22 (Carleton, Levine); Canada Warbler arrived early and one lingered into late Oct at Smithtown. Latest Redstart, Jones Beach, Nov 22, one (Carleton, Levine).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Bobolinks passed through in Sep; last Orchard Oriole, one at Idlewild Sep 8 (Mayer). First Rusty Blackbird, one at Shinnecock Bay, Oct 4 (Wilcox). Scarlet Tanager scarce, no Western Tanager to date; Blue Grosbeak: Captree, Aug 19, one (Alperin); one at Idlewild, Oct 18 (Mayer, Rose); Indigo Bunting, Jones Beach, Oct 18, one (Baldwin Bird Club); one, Oct 10, Tiana (Wilcox); Dickcissel: several records, Tiana to Riis Park, Sep 20 to Oct 24; there was a large flight of Juncos, a good number of White-crowned and White-throated Sparrows and a lesser one of Field and Chipping Sparrows. The latest good record of White-crowned: Montauk, Nov 16, 12 in a flock (Morgan). Maximum Lark Sparrows: three at Jones Beach, Sep 13 (Levine) and a Lark Sparrow and two Vesper Sparrows, Oct 18 (A. O. U. Field Trip). A dead Lincoln's Sparrow was found at Baldwin, Oct 12; only record to date of Lapland Longspur, Spring Creek, Nov 3 (Mayer, Rose). First Snow Buntings: Shinnecock, Oct 31 (Wilcox). Increase to 30 at Montauk, Nov 11 (Elliott) and 42 at Short Beach, Nov 16 (Levine).

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