

Mourning Warbler was seen during the latter days of September near Poughkeepsie (M. and J. Keyes).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: A large migration of Scarlet Tanagers was noted at Dover Plains, Dutchess County, on Sep 24 (RTWBC). Although none was seen there after that date a large flock of nearly 50 was observed on Oct 6 in South Nyack, Rockland County (Deeds). In Upper Nyack Dr. M. Hopper had a Scarlet Tanager on Oct 16, tying for the late date. Dickcissels seem to be appearing as regular visitors to this region. One was observed near Standfordville, Dutchess Co., on Oct 20 (B. Dueel, T. Haight), and one stayed around the home of Dr. M. Hopper in Upper Nyack from Oct 28 to Nov 6. Three appeared at the home of Mrs. Frances Irving in West Nyack on Nov 20. As usual the Evening Grosbeaks wandered about the region in variable numbers. The greatest concentrations seemed to be in the Dutchess County area. Although the general influx of Evening Grosbeaks occurred shortly after Nov 1, apparently some earlier flights did occur as indicated by their appearance at Moores Mills, Dutchess Co., on Oct 6 (H. Manson). No flight of Pine Grosbeaks was indicated during this period. Pine Siskins were scattered and generally uncommon.

Crossbills were either very scarce or escaped observation. The only report received was that of some Red Crossbills seen near New Paltz on Oct 29 (Ralph Johnson). A nice flock of 25 Savannah Sparrows was found at West Haverstraw, Rockland Co., on Oct 27 by Dr. M. Hopper and Eugene Brown. Up in Ulster County a Savannah Sparrow, left from the October flights, was found staying about a dry, weedy knoll near Kripplebush through most of November (F. Hough). A Field Sparrow visited a feeder in Katonah, Westchester, on Nov 16 (E. Odell), and it may be the same bird that visited this feeder last year. Another was at West Nyack, Rockland, on Nov 17 (Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weindling).

White-crowned Sparrows fell under more frequent observation this fall. They were reported as early as Sep 26 in Rockland (Jack LeMaire) and were last reported on Nov 11 at Mt. Marion, Ulster County (Sam and Helen Hayes). They were more abundant than usual during late October. White-throats were about in their usual numbers. They started arriving at the feeding station of Mrs. F. H. Lent in Katonah, Westchester, on Sep 15. The first Fox Sparrows reported were those found in Dutchess County on Oct 20 (RTWBC). Martha Earl must have a strategic position on the migration route of skulking Lincoln's Sparrows that pass through her area in Blooming Grove, Orange County. Her traps netted her seven between Sep 18 and Oct 14. Snow Buntings were reported in Ulster County (Henry and Ilse Dunbar) but not elsewhere in our region.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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A drought of major proportions extended from late August into October which dried up lawns and seriously affected crops, especially on eastern Long Island. Frequent rainfall characterized the latter part of the period, much of it falling on weekends. Fairly warm weather prevailed to the end of the period with no snow in sight.

The number of late white herons was a feature of the fall. During previous years two or three after October was regarded as exceptional. A satisfactory variety of shorebirds was recorded. Numerous warblers came through eastern Long Island, and there were fair warbler flights at Jamaica Bay on September 10 and again on September 19. There was a good White-crowned Sparrow flight.

Loons — Ducks: Loons migrated through in fair numbers in November. A Red-throated Loon in full summer plumage was seen at Brookhaven on Oct 4 (Puleston). The earliest Horned Grebe report was at Jamaica Bay Sep 27 (Norse). Fifty Gannets were noted at Montauk Nov 15 (Good, Pemberton). The maximum mixed flock of late summer egrets was some 250-300 at East Moriches (Drayton). On Nov 1 an estimated 38 Common Egrets and one Snowy Egret flew out of a pine grove at Jones Beach (Elliott), and on Nov 21 there were 13 Common and eight Snowy Egrets at Jamaica Bay Sanctuary on the west pond alone (Baldwin Bird Club). Over 50 Great Blue Herons were observed flying over the Quogue marshes on Oct 3 (Puleston). A Little Blue Heron was at Jamaica Bay Sep 14, and there

was a Least Bittern there on Sep 6. The Glossy Ibis, after maximum numbers this year, was found rather consistently in that area to Sep 7. A Glossy Ibis at Bayville on Nov 9 provided us with our latest regional record for the species (Van Sant). Although breeding abundantly on Long Island, the Mute Swan on Staten Island is sufficiently rare to be recorded, with an immature at Wolf's Pond Park Nov 7-11 (Miss Weingartner).

The Canada Goose was more common than usual this fall in Orient (Latham) and appeared on Willow Brook Pond and at Wolf's Pond Park, Staten Island, on several occasions in late October and early November. There were several reports of Snow Geese seen in western Long Island. Eight Whistling Swans alighted in Shinnecock Bay on eastern Long Island on Oct 28 (Wilcox), and two Blue Geese flew close overhead at Brookhaven on Oct 26 (Puleston).

Pintail arrived at Jamaica Bay on Sep 5, and both Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal arrived on Sep 14. Maximum American Widgeon numbers approached 5000 in November. A single European Widgeon was at Jamaica Bay on Nov 19. On the west pond at Jamaica Bay on Nov 21 were 1500 Scaup, 25 Shovelers, 10 Canvasbacks, five Common Goldeneyes, 150 Buffleheads, and at least 20 Hooded Mergansers. The Hooded Merganser increased remarkably to 100 or more by the end of the period, and there was a somewhat larger number at Smith Pond in Rockville Centre.

Hawks — Owls: The accipiter flight was reportedly light, and relatively few buteos were observed. However, several Rough-legged Hawks were reportedly present in the Meadowbrook and Jones Beach areas beginning early November (numerous observers). Several Bald Eagles were recorded. One was at Far Rockaway on Oct 19 (Bull), and there was an early September record at Jamaica Bay (Johnson). There was a fair movement of Ospreys through the area with five at Tackapausha Preserve, Seaford, on Oct 18 (Morgan), this in spite of the fact that Herring Gull depredation on Gardiner's Island reduced the banded young to six this summer where 20 years ago 75 could be banded (Wilcox). The falcon flight was excellent; 13 Peregrines were reported from Sep 25 to Oct 15 at Shinnecock, with a maximum of seven on Oct 9 (Wilcox). A Jones Beach Peregrine Falcon count was even greater, with 32 recorded from Oct 2 to Oct 12. The maximum was 18 on Oct 10 (Ward). Also seen on Oct 10 were a Cooper's Hawk, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, and 50 Sparrow and Pigeon Hawks.

According to Puleston, the Virginia Rail was scarce this year in the Brookhaven Marsh, and the Sora, scarce for several years, was reported Sep 20. The Sora was also present at Port Washington Sep 23-27 (Lyman Langdon Audubon Society), and there was one at Jamaica Bay Sep 6. Single Common Gallinules were at Quogue Oct 21 (Wilcox) and at Jamaica Bay Nov 21 (Baldwin Bird Club). Two downy young Coot were seen on Sep 10. Woodcock appeared at Jones Beach again this year with three Oct 11-18 (Garland, Julig). Three Willets, two Hudsonian Godwits, and a Wilson's Phalarope were at Moriches Inlet on Aug 22 (Raynor). Both Red and Wilson's Phalaropes were present in early fall at Jamaica Bay. The Hudsonian Godwit was found at Jamaica Bay from Oct 3 through the month, and two Avocets were there from Sep 30 through late October. A fairly good count of shorebirds taken Oct 29 at Jamaica Bay included 42 Black-bellied Plovers, three White-rumped Sandpipers, and 350 Dunlin. A maximum count of five Solitary Sandpipers was made at Northport on Sep 1 (Mudge). Purple Sandpipers put in an appearance at the Fire Island jetty, with seven being seen on Oct 16 (Darrow). The species was also present at the Long Beach jetties in late November (Baldwin Bird Club).

An Iceland Gull was at Montauk Nov 15 (Pembleton, Good), and 12 Kittiwakes were seen that same day. A fairly good flight of Bonaparte's Gulls came through with 27 at Crab Meadow Beach on Nov 29 (Mr. and Mrs. T. Below). Four late Common Terns were present at Fire Island Inlet all through October, and the species was seen again Nov 8 (Darrow). Two Caspian Terns were at Jones Beach Oct 10 (Ward). A Royal Tern was observed at Moriches Inlet on Aug 22 (Raynor), and two were there on Aug 27 (Puleston). Black Terns were uncommonly reported in comparison to some fall migrations. There were no late lingering Black Skimmers.

There were several Dovekie records. One was at Jones Beach on Nov 1 (Ward), and three oiled birds were noted at the end of the period at Quogue, Speonk, and Westhampton (Wilcox). No other alcids were reported. Cuckoos were scarce, but there was a late Yellow-billed at Babylon Oct 29 (Alperin). Snowy Owls were unreported, but the Barn Owl was recorded at Oak Beach in early November (Darrow).

at Tobay on Nov 10 (Heck), and one was at Jamaica Bay on Sep 6. On Sep 3-7 the Screech Owl was heard calling in three locations, Hampton Bays, Manorville, and Jamesport (Raynor). Several Saw-whet Owls were observed. One was at Pelham Oct 31, another was at Meadowbrook Nov 8, three were at Jones Beach Nov 14 (Heck), and one was at the William T. Davis Wildlife Refuge on Staten Island Oct 20 (Miss Weingartner).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: The Nighthawk flight peak was 40 on Sep 1 at Monorville (Raynor). A late Chimney Swift was at Wyandanch on Oct 26 (Pemberton, Good). In the Shinnecock area from Aug 25 to Oct 31 Wilcox, of Speonk, netted and banded 3,170 birds of 87 species. His first fall dates followed by maximum numbers: Red-breasted Nuthatch, Sep 12, three on Oct 13; Brown Creeper, Sep 25, nine on Oct 10; Swainson's Thrush, Sep 10, 16 on Sep 25; Golden-crowned Kinglet, Sep 25, 44 on Oct 5; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Sep 18, five on Oct 16. A tremendous Flicker flight was reported by Garland and Julig from Oct 11-18. Many Red-breasted Nuthatches and Brown Creepers and a very good flight of both species of kinglets were noted those same dates. Three Western Kingbirds were seen within a hundred feet of each other along Dune Road, Westhampton, Oct 25 (Puleston). One was at Jones Beach Oct 10 (Levine), and another was at Oak Beach Nov 11 (Darrow). On Staten Island only two Brown Creepers were seen; they have been very scarce there for two years. Mockingbird singles were at Fire Island State Park Oct 13, Oak Beach on Oct 21 (Darrow), Montauk on Oct 25, and Jamaica Bay on Sep 6. Three Water Pipits were observed at Jamaica Bay Sep 26 (Mrs. P. Messing). Blue birds were scarce, but seven were at Babylon Oct 28 (Alperin).

Vireos — Warblers: There were practically no Yellow-throated or Warbling Vireos reported. The first Solitary Vireo was at Shinnecock Sep 26. There were several records of Philadelphia Vireos, the first being Sep 4 at Shinnecock (Wilcox). A Bell's Vireo was carefully identified, banded, and released at Shinnecock on Sep 25 by Wilcox. Twenty species of warblers were banded there by Wilcox. First dates followed by maximums: Cape May Warbler, Sep 9, five on Sep 18; Myrtle Warbler, Sep 23, 84 on Oct 15; Blackpoll Warbler, first banded Sep 17, seven on Sep 25; Yellow-breasted Chat, a total of 16 banded, with a maximum of three caught on the first day, Sep 4. Ten species of warblers were seen at Jones Beach on Sep 19, at which time there was also a good flight at Jamaica Bay. A fair warbler movement was noted on Sep 10. Several Connecticut Warblers were reported on western Long Island, but the only Mourning Warbler noted was one Sep 5 at Shinnecock (Wilcox). A Pine Warbler was seen at Brookhaven Oct 16, and one of the best warbler records was a Kentucky at that locality on Aug 19 (Puleston).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Thirty-five migrant Meadowlarks, some singing, were at Orient Oct 30 (Latham), and there was a good mid-October flight at Jones Beach (Garland). A Rusty Blackbird was at Shinnecock Sep 25 (Wilcox), and there was a Sep 19 record of a Blue Grosbeak at Jones Beach (Levine, Mudge, Ward). Seven to 15 indigo Buntings were noted in a half-mile radius at Port Washington during the latter part of September (Yyman Langdon Audubon Society); one was at Babylon on Nov 8 (Alperin). There were about a half-dozen reports of Evening Grosbeaks, with a maximum of 36 at Jones Beach on Nov 21 (Levine). Large flocks of Purple Finches were present in the month of October at the Wm. T. Davis Wildlife Refuge (Miss Weingartner). The maximum Pine Siskin count was 150 at Brookhaven on Nov 11 (Puleston).

There were several records of Ipswich Sparrows at Moriches and Jamaica Bay. A good flight of Savannah Sparrows was noted along the coast. One Lark Sparrow was observed at Jones Beach Oct 2 (Levine). At Shinnecock maximum flights were noted as follows: Slate-colored Junco Oct 5, White-crowned Sparrow Oct 13, and White-throated Sparrow Oct 25 (Wilcox). There was a good flight of White-crowned Sparrows along the Fire Island coast in late October (Darrow). Single Lincoln's Sparrows were seen at Shinnecock on Sep 23, Oct 5, and Oct 7. A Clay-colored Sparrow was reported at Jones Beach Oct 18 (Garland, Julig), and another was at Short Beach Nov 20 (Carlton). Ten Lapland Longspurs were present at Jamaica Bay on Nov 21 (Baldwin Bird Club). There were several reports of Snow Buntings, with the first being at Shinnecock on Oct 22 (Wilcox); the maximum of 150 was at Short Beach Nov 21 (Levine, Ward).

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