

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: The Whip-poor-will was last heard in Ulster Co Sep 11 (F. Hough) and an injured one was picked up in Katonah, Westchester Co Oct 5 by G. Williams and turned over to S. Grierson. October records for this species are very scarce. Nighthawks were still migrating over Westchester Co. Sep 22 (Griersons). On Sep 16 a Red-bellied Woodpecker showed up in Mt. Kisco, Westchester Co and was seen several times by D. Orbison. Weeks later, still in the same county, Mrs. J. Coggeshall had one at her feeder in Pleasantville Nov 22 (still there). A late Kingbird was spotted by Mrs. C. Lynch Nov 9 at Balmville, Orange Co. Also, a rather late Phoebe was seen near Cornwall, Orange Co Nov 11 (The J. Dykes). Dr. R. Pyle shoved Ulster County's late date for the Wood Pewee ahead one day by the discovery of one near Lomontville on Oct 15. The Blue Jays exhibited a nice show down through the Hudson Valley during late Sep and early Oct.

The Crows, on the other hand, apparently influenced by fair weather failed to show in noticeable flights. The Fall migration brought a few Boreal Chickadees — Oct 21 at Pleasant Valley, Dutchess Co. (M. Van Wagner); Nov 10 at Hawthorne, Westchester Co. (B. Augustine); Nov 15 at West Nyack, Rockland Co. (Mrs. J. Kolars); Nov 23 at Katonah, Westchester Co. (W. Russell). The Red-breasted Nuthatches were fairly conspicuous in their flight this year. Mrs. J. Dye reports one flying into the open window of the town hall in Cornwall, Orange Co, thereby, interrupting a meeting of the local garden club. The Bluebird picture does not seem to change much and is far from being in the desirable proportion that we would like to see it. Both Kinglets seemed to be about in usual numbers during the period. No invasion of Northern Shrikes was indicated to date.

Vireos — Warblers: The Vireos and Warblers passed through under fair weather during late Sep and early Oct, consequently there was little retardment in any of their flights. There may have been some concentration in Rockland Co for B. Deed expressed the Warbler migration as "excellent". Elsewhere it was considered unimpressive. The Solitary Vireo was reported up in numbers in Dutchess and Rockland Counties. Any record on the Kentucky Warbler in this Region is interesting. The season produced one female at Naponach, Ulster Co on Oct 10 & 11 (C. Young).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Immense numbers of Blackbirds were noted in sections of Dutchess and Ulster Counties during latter Oct and early Nov. Some of these flocks ran close to a million birds but such is not unusual since this is a near regular occurrence. A late Baltimore Oriole was found at Pleasant Valley, Dutchess Co Nov 27 and stayed on until the 30th at least (M. Van Wagoner). H & I Dunbar added a new bird to the Ulster Co list, a Brewer's Blackbird in the Lomontville area Oct 25. A very late Rose-breasted Grosbeak was seen at the West Point Military Reservation on Nov 20 (P. Jeheber). The species was also found near Haverstraw, Rockland Co Oct 11 (The B. Deeds). Even this date is a little later than usual.

The only Dickcissels mentioned were the two found Nov 23 at Pine Plains, Dutchess Co (B. Deuel). Evening Grosbeaks arrived early this year with one very early flock occurring in Dutchess Co Sep 24 (RTWBC). Around Oct 5 & 6 a major flight occurred with reports coming from all over the Region. Mrs. Ramensnyder of Saugerties, Ulster Co said that this was too early and she would have to increase her sunflower seed supply to meet the demand! Purple Finches did not linger in any great numbers. The Pine Grosbeaks moved in during early Nov. Some of the reports on this flight indicate the widespread occurrence: Barrytown, Dutchess Co Nov 1 (B. Michael); Brinton Brook, Westchester Co Nov 1 (J. Jutte); Naponach, Ulster Co Nov 6 (C. Young); Sullivan Co (K. Niven); Blooming Grove, Orange Co Nov 8 (M. Earl); Upper Nyack, Rockland Co Nov 10 (M. Hopper); Ammandale-on-Hudson Nov 20 (H. Kritzler); Cornwall, Orange Co Nov 11 (M & J Dye); Mt. Kisco & Katonah, Westchester Co Nov 15 (S. Bearolf, Mrs. Ed. Kurka). Pine Siskins were not very abundant. One record of White-winged Crossbills was received — on individual near Leptondale, Orange Co (Alsdorf). A late White-crowned Sparrow was seen near Suffern, Rockland Co Nov 5 (The J. LeMaires). One might closely pinpoint the downward arrival of Snow Buntings to the date of Oct 22. On that date they were seen for the first in Dutchess Co (O. Waterman et al) and on the same day atop Mt. Beacon, Putnam Co by Mr. & Mrs. J. Malone.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Hot weather continued through latter August and into the third week of September with sufficient rainfall to continue the good seed crop among grasses predicted in the early summer. Cooler weather came in late September with occasional

days of northwest winds bringing in migrants through October. The best flight days along the Hudson flyway in upper New York City (Inwood) were Aug 16, 17, **30**; Sep 16, 17, 20, 24 and 30; Oct 5, 8, 29 and Nov 12 (W. Norse). The Gannet flight was good. Ibises were scarce. White herons lingered into the end of the period. There was a good flight of Canada Geese in October and large flocks of Brant in late November. Blue and Snow Geese were scarce. Both Godwits were fairly plentiful and among land birds Roy Wilcox and Walter Terry banded 4,038 birds of 89 species at Shinnecock Bay in Sep and Oct. High numbers were 155 Flickers, peak 16, Sep 30; Golden-crowned Kinglets 192, with a peak of 39 on Oct 10; 108 Ruby-crowns, peak 12 on Oct 10; 695 Myrtle Warblers, peak 126 on Oct 13; 164 Palm Warblers, peak 15 on Sep 27; 124 Goldfinches, peak 53 on Oct 31; 172 Savannah Sparrows, peak 22 on Oct 10; 819 Juncos, peak 158 on Oct 17; 128 White-throated Sparrows, peak 21 Oct 17; 446 Song Sparrows, peak 52 on Oct 28.

Loons — Ducks: There were five Common Loons at Cartwright Island, Aug 17 (Raynor); Cory's Shearwater: Shinnecock, Sep 10 three (Raynor); and an unidentified Shearwater was at Jones Beach, Oct 21 (Baldwin Bird Club). Large flocks of Cormorants flew over the south shore Oct 21 and 22 (BBC, H. Pembleton, E. Good). There was a good late-Oct flight of 30 Gannets along Fire Island at Smiths Point (I. Alperin). Little Blue Heron: Jamaica Bay, Sep 29, one; and a Louisiana Heron, Sep 9 (Norse, Post). There were 18 Common Egrets and one Snowy Egret in a pine tree roost at Jones Beach, Nov 5 (Elliott). Snowy Egret, Jamaica Bay, Nov 25 (BBC). Canada Goose: flock of 170 on Fire Island, Oct 19 (Alperin); big movement at night on Oct 18 at Babylon and Seaford; abundant **this** fall at Orient (Latham). European Widgeon, Babylon, Nov 15, one (R. Snyder); one, Jamaica Bay, Nov 20. Wood Ducks numbered eight at Dix Hills on Oct 2 (Pembleton, Good), and there were several other records. A flock of several thousand ducks, mostly scaup, occupied the west pond of Jamaica Bay Sanctuary Nov 25 with hundreds of Widgeons, numerous Canvasbacks, Buffleheads and a lesser number of Ruddy Ducks present. An early large Scoter count at Smiths Point, Fire Island, Oct 17 consisted of 300 Common, 500 Surf, and 1,000 white-winged, also 200 unidentified (Alperin).

Hawks — Owls: The Accipiters were rather scarce with a few reports of Cooper's Hawks; Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks were present in the interior of the island at Dix Hills and eastward. Bald Eagle: South Haven, Oct 23 (Puleston). Over 300 small falcons were seen on Oct 9 at Fire Island (Alperin) and 200 Falcons, roughly 40 Pigeon Hawks and 160 Sparrow Hawks were counted at Jones Beach, also on Oct 9 (N. Ward). 100 Sparrow Hawks were counted also at Fire Island, Oct 16 (Alperin). Peregrine: Jones Beach, Oct 9, ten (Ward); only Rough-legged Hawk record; one at Brookhaven, Oct 29 (Puleston). One or two reports of Sora among Rails; a King Rail at Brookhaven, Sep 4 and a Common Gallinule with young at Jamaica Bay, Sep 11, comprised the records of this group. No Yellow or Black Rails reported this fall. Six Golden Plover appeared at Jamaica Bay, Oct 13 (Tudor); and there were several reports of singles at Moriches and westward (Raynor). Two Oystercatchers were seen on Cartwright Island, Aug 17 (Raynor). Woodcock were present again at Jones Beach in Oct. Both Upland Plover and Whimbrel were passing through in early Sep. There was a good Sandpiper flight in early summer and a good movement of Dunlins in Oct. Four Stilt Sandpipers were present at Mecox, Aug 17 (Raynor). Buff-breasted Sandpipers were principally on western Long Island with two at Spring Creek, Sep 9-19 (Norse, Post, Buckley). Purple Sandpipers arrived early in good numbers with 85 seen at Rockaway Point, Nov 15 (Alperin). Maximum Hudsonian Godwits: nine at Moriches, Sep 9, along with five Marbled (G. Raynor). Up to several of both species were seen throughout Oct at Jamaica Bay with three Marbled Godwits on Oct 27 (Mererricks).

Northern Phalarope: Baxter Creek (Bronx), Aug 20, one (Norse); also one or two records from Jones Beach. Wilson's Phalarope: Moriches, Aug 31, one (Puleston); two at Spring Creek, Aug 27-Sep 10 (Norse, Buckley, Post). There was an Avocet at Northville, (near Riverhead) Nov 2 to 10 (Puleston, Raynor, Terry, Wilcox).

Gulls: practically no white-winged gull records; Laughing Gull was numerous along the north shore, Bonaparte's Gull put in an appearance Nov 5, with two at Jones Beach (Dignan) which increased to 400 at Short Beach, Nov 22 (Dignan, Ward). There were four Kittiwakes at Montauk, Oct 22 (Pembleton, Good). A Gull-billed Tern was seen at Shinnecock, Sep 23 (Puleston). Several Common Terns were seen on Oct 21 at Jones Beach. Royal Tern: Moriches, Sep 9, two (Raynor);

Fire Island, Oct 9, four (Alperin) and three Oct 7 at Shinnecock (Puleston). The Black Tern flight was poor this fall and the Black Skimmers left early. No hurricane exotics were reported this fall. Cuckoos were rather scarce, with no lingering reports. Among Owls there were one or two records of Barn; Screech Owl at Orient, Sep to Oct 28, two (Latham) and one at Manorville, early Sep (Raynor). A Great Horned Owl was seen at Ridge, Nov 5 (Alperin) and one heard hooting at Mill Neck, Nov 26 (O. Heck); a Snowy Owl was found at Short Beach in late Nov (Dignan, Ward). There were several records of Long-eared and Short-eared Owls from the south shore, and one of the latter landed on a trawler 10 miles off Shinnecock inlet on Oct 13, banded (Wilcox). Three Saw-whets showed up at Jones Beach, Oct 22 (R. Arbib, Jr., Ward).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Nighthawk: Northport, 55 in one hour, moving south-west on Sep 1 (Mudge); six at Baiting Hollow, Aug 22 (Raynor). Red-bellied Woodpecker: singles, Riis Park, Oct 29 (Norse) and Hewlett, Nov 12 (R. Sloss). A late Kingbird was seen Oct 8 at Riis Park and there were singles of Western Kingbird at Jones Beach, Dix Hills, Riis Park and Quogue — Sep 23 to Oct 14. 15 Northern Horned Larks appeared at Orient Nov 7 (Latham). Purple Martins left early; a Magpie was seen at Orient, Sep 29 (Latham). An increase of Tufted Titmice was reported on Long Island and in Westchester, around Scarsdale (Mrs. W. Cornell). A huge flight of Chickadees arrived in the Metropolitan New York area in mid-Aug, but didn't reach Long Island's south shore (Norse). The Winter Wren does not come up to its old numbers of a decade ago. Short-billed Marsh Wren: one at Brookhaven, Sep 9 to end of period (Puleston). Mockingbird appeared regularly; both Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes appeared in mid-Aug and were fairly common in Sep. Bluebirds were still scarce with only two or three reports of small numbers seen. Maximum pipits: Riverhead, Nov 3, 50 (Raynor); Dix Hills, Oct 29, 40 (Pembleton, Good); Cedar Waxwing, Orient, nesting Sep 7 (Latham). There were four or five reports of Shrikes (with several unidentified) Sep 7 to Nov 5.

Vireos — Warblers: There were very few reports along the ocean strip of White-eyed Vireos this summer; Red-eyed not as abundant as usual; Solitary Vireo about normal in numbers. Several Philadelphia Vireos reported: Yaphank, Sep 16 one (Puleston); Jones Beach, Sep 21, one (BBC). Worm-eating Warbler, Orient, Oct 10 (Latham); Brookhaven, Aug 29, 30, one (Puleston). Lawrence's Warbler: Inwood, Aug 30, one (Norse). Golden-winged: Northport, Sep 28, one (Mudge). Tennessee and Nashville not over abundant; several Orange-crowned Warbler records. late Parula Warbler, Jones Beach, Oct 21, (BBC). Yellow Warbler: Shinnecock Bay, Sep 6, four (Wilcox, Terry); Alaskan Yellow Warbler: identified to the satisfaction of observer through examination in hand, after hitting window in Babylon, Sep 14 (Alperin); bird held overnight, made recovery and was released next morning. One record for Cerulean Warbler: Inwood, Sep 17 (Norse). Connecticut Warbler: Shinnecock Bay, Sep 27, one (Wilcox, Terry); two at Brookhaven, Sep 13 (Puleston) Kentucky Warbler, Northport, Sep 29, one (E. Mudge). Redstart: peak of 12 at Shinnecock Bay, Sep 23 (Wilcox, Terry). An immature Black-throated Gray Warbler was seen by several observers at Jones Beach during the third week of Sep.

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Bobolink: Upton, Aug 30, 35 (Raynor); Summer Tanager, Orient, Oct 6 (Latham). Blue Grosbeak: Jones Beach, Oct 22, one (Arbib, Ward). Over half-dozen records for Dickcissel, principally in Oct. Evening Grosbeak: Hastings-on-Hudson, first seen there Nov 5 (Mrs. J. Fuller); a flock at Dobbs Ferry, Nov 8 (Mrs. M. Carpenter); on Long Island, 20 Evening Grosbeaks, Dix Hills, Oct 17 (Pembleton, Good); three at East Marion, Nov 1 (Latham).

House Finch: extension of range eastward on Long Island to Manorville with two seen, Sep 16 (Raynor). Pine Grosbeak: two at Dobbs Ferry, Nov 7 (W. Hastings); Orient, three on Nov 10 (Latham); six at Lattington, Nov 12 (Mrs. J. Lamoureux); Pine Siskin: four at Jones Beach, Oct 21 (BBC). White-winged Crossbill: Riis Park, Nov 26, one (Norse). Ipswich Sparrow arrived in early Nov; the peak of Vesper Sparrows at Shinnecock was three on Oct 27; peak of White-crowns, five on Oct 17; four Lincoln Sparrows, Sep 24 to Oct 7, and peak of Swamp Sparrows, 14 on Oct 13 (Wilcox, Terry). White-crowned Sparrow first seen, Gilgo, Sep 28 (Elliott, Ward); first Fox Sparrow report, Manorville, Sep 30 (Raynor). Lark Sparrow: Quogue, Sep 18, one (Puleston); Northville, Oct 19, one (Mudge); Shinnecock, Sep 29, one (Wilcox, Terry). There were several Clay-colored Sparrow records ranging from Oct 8 to Oct 22. Early Snow Buntings: Shinnecock Bay, Oct 24, four (Wilcox); 35 at Smith Point, Fire Island Beach, Nov 7 and 60 at Cedar Beach, Nov 13 (Alperin).

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