

(John Fuller — JF). Northern Water-thrush: first fall migrant Aug 12 at Black Creek Marshes (EH). Connecticut Warbler: **two** late records of males seen well — one Jun 2, Meadowdale (EH) and one June 16 at Vischer Ferry (EH, PC). Mourning Warbler: one Aug 18 at Jenny Lake (GB). Yellow-breasted Chat: three Jun 2 at Meadowdale (EH) and one, from Jun 15 on, near Altamont (BW).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Orchard Oriole: one, a second year, at Catskill (JHB), and in Castleton three — a first year, a fully adult, and a female appeared (Juanita Cook — JC); after the first nest built had been abandoned, the younger male and the female raised one young bird in a new location. They were last seen Aug 18. Evening Grosbeak: two spent the summer at a feeder in Schenectady and were joined in July by a third with ruffed feathers which allowed itself to be fed (Mr., Mrs. W. T. Cooke, fide GB) — there is a possibility the grosbeaks may have nested there, but the nest was not found and this third bird could fly; four appeared Aug 7 in Troy (fide BW). Purple Finch: flocks of up to 50-60 were reported in Columbia Co. through June and July, but not so common elsewhere (ADBC). Henslow's Sparrow: one, Meadowdale, June 10 (EH) and one, Summit, July 14 (PPW); other usual species of sparrows seemed relatively common.

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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The most significant weather factor of the season was the drought. The weather bureau lists the summer of 1962 among the four showing the least amount of rainfall. As far as temperature was concerned, the season was largely normal with no exceptionally extended periods of hot weather.

The effect of the drought was not noticeable on the bird population throughout the summer, but undoubtedly it reduced the abundance of weed seeds and will surely effect the fall and winter population. Lowered reservoirs and streams lured shorebirds to their exposed flats, and the month of August saw some good "shorebirding" in an area that rarely has it.

Abbreviations used in this report are: each county — first four or five letters, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester; Reservoir — res; Waterman Bird Club — WBC; Mearns Bird Club — MBC.

Loons — Ducks: The two Common Loons reported on Highland Res. Oran. in the spring report continued on throughout the summer, and were repeatedly heard by nearby residents (Iris Dean — ID). Investigation revealed that this species has been observed there for several summers now, and there is good indication that nesting has occurred. Pied-billed Grebe: An adult with ten young at Basher Kill Jun 6 (Margaret Dye — MD). Great Blue Heron: Population generally normal, one pair nesting at Tamarack Swamp, Dutch. (WBC). Common Egret: Four birds Aug 4 Brown's Pond, Newburgh (M&JD). Snowy Egret: One bird at Cornwall Bay Jul 29 (Paul Jenneber — PJ & Ed Treacy — ET), and another at Piermont, Rock. Aug 30 (Louise and Bob Deed — L & BD). The latter was the third record for Rock. Little Blue Heron: An immature bird at Lake DeForest, Rock. Aug 4 (Dr. Marjorie Hopper — Dr. MH). Yellow-crowned Night Heron: One in Town of Ramapo, Rock. Jul 6 (Jack & Eleanor LeMaire). Fourth record for Rock and first since 1957. Least Bittern: Best year at Cornwall Bay since 1956. Seen frequently by several observers, as many as three birds at once. Whistling Swan: One at Rondout Creek near Kingston, Ulst. during early Aug. (Henry & Ilse Dunbar). Ducks: Mallard and Black Duck were normal throughout the district, but Wood Ducks seemed to be up in numbers. Green-winged Teal: One on Brown's Pond, Newburgh Aug 11 (M&JD), and a male at Pine Plains, Dutch. Jun 9 (Otis Waterman — OW). Blue-winged Teal: A pair, last seen on Jun 4 near Pine Plains, (V. Parkhurst); a male was seen several times with a male Green-winged Teal before that date.

Hawks — Owls: Most resident species of hawks were reported in normal numbers throughout Dutch., but seemed to be down in numbers in Oran. Reports

seemed to increase toward the end of the period. Four Broad-winged Hawks were observed moving in a sw direction over Tri-Loba Hill Sanctuary, West. on Aug 12. Although the years have produced Bald Eagle records for every month, summer reports are always rare. This species was observed on Aug 12 over New City; Aug 19 at Stillwell Res. USMA (FS), and at Tomahawk Lake, Oran. on Sept 5 (Martha Earl — ME). (Stan Grierson — SG) reported a "dark headed" Eagle at Katonah, West. on May 31, but could not determine whether it was the Bald or Golden species. Bob-white: All but dropped from sight; four observed in Dutch. during July (F. Germond). Virginia Rail: Reported at Todd Sanct. Katonah, West., Jun 25; and four to six nesting pairs known in Dutch., (WBC). Sora: Two observed at Hawthorne West., on Aug 30 by (Bob Augustine — BA) and (Marshall Howe — MH). Unreported elsewhere. Common Gallinule: One pair nested at Stissing, Dutch. (Paul & Theima Haight — P & TH). Killdeer: Normal to above throughout the district. Ruddy Turnstone: This species is rarely reported and yet may well pass down the Hudson Valley each August. It was found at Cornwall Bay on Jul 29 and Aug 26 (PJ & ET), and at Brown's Pond, Newburgh on Aug 11 (M & JD). Common Snipe: Reported at Brown's Pond on Jul 29 (J & MD) and again on Sept 8 (MBC). Upland Plover: One near Kripplebush, Ulst. on Jun 20 (Fred Hough — FH). May have nested but not verified. Sandpipers: Exceptionally good season, first fall flock seen in Dutch. on Aug 4 at Amenia contained Spotted, Semipalmated, Least and Solitary (William and Trixie Straus). The above species and the Pectoral were found regularly in numbers at Brown's Pond, Newburgh from late July throughout the month of August (M & JD, ET & PJ). White-rumped Sandpiper: One bird at Lake DeForest, Rock. on Aug. 5 was the second record for the county (Dr. MH). Mourning Dove: Population lower than usual. Cuckoos: Both species reported in very low numbers when compared with other years. Owls: All reports from Dutch. No Great Horned, five Screech and five Barred.

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Whip-poor-will: Well reported throughout region. Nighthawk: Began moving south on Aug 12, and a big flight occurred on Sept 1 when roughly 150 were counted along the Taconic and Saw Mill River Parkways in Rock. by Joe Malone. Resident birds seemed to be low in numbers throughout the summer. Hummingbird: Numbers normal to below normal. Kingfisher: Heavy nesting population in Dutch. Two interesting records from West; six young were unearthed by a steamshovel near Cross River Res., and a substitute hole was dug by Stan Grierson. The adults took over successfully, and within a few days the young were ready to fly. Six other young were not so fortunate in the Ward's Pound Ridge Reservation, the bank in which their nest was located slumped and they were killed (Don Whitman). Woodpeckers: All resident species normal to better. Martha Earl reports the Red-headed Woodpecker not having increased as was erroneously reported last year. She states that it has maintained good numbers over the past several years; on Aug 11 with several companions she counted over 20 birds in two and a half hours. Although this may be normal for the Blooming Grove area of Oran., it is not typical of the rest of the region where the bird is rare. Flycatchers: The Crested was the only resident species that showed reduced numbers; the rest were above normal with the Kingbird showing a marked increase. Swallows: Population of all species normal to slightly above. Cliff Swallows were scarce as usual, but were back in their nest sites of last year in about the same numbers. Purple Martin colonies are holding their own, with no marked change in breeding population. Brown Creeper: More summer reports than ever before; feeding young at Basher Kill Jun 16 (MD); one on Little Tor Mt. on Jul 15 (Dr. MH); one singing at Black Rock Forest, Cornwall on Jul 4 (MD); one during mid-June at Sterling Gardens (ME); and another in Pound Ridge Reservation, West. on Jul 27 (SG). House Wren: Reported heavy in Dutch. early in the season but unaccountably scarce later. Winter Wren: Three birds observed singing in West. during June. One of these apparently found a mate at Westmoreland Sanct. Mt. Kisco, as on Aug 16 four fledglings were observed by Scott Dearolf, naturalist at the Sanctuary. Long-billed Marsh Wren: Growing more scarce in recent years; areas which formerly supported dozens now have few. Mockingbird: One remained in the Pearl River area of Rock. for most of the summer (Emily Paulson); a new breeding site for this species was reported at New Hempstead in Ramapo Township (FS). Thrushes: Normal to slightly below. Hermit Thrush: nested near the village of Stissing (elev. 700 ft.) in June (TH); and another was heard in Washington Hollow (elev. 600 ft.) by Marion Van

Wagner on Jul 1. Both locations are in Dutch. Bluebirds remain scarce but showed definite increase in Dutch. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: One at Pocantico Lake Aug 20 (BA & MH). Cedar Waxwing: About normal, large numbers reported in the Hawthorne area of West. on Aug 15 (BA). Loggerhead Shrike: One reported in West. during Aug 23-30 (BA).

Vireos — Warblers: Resident vireos near normal. Warbling better than usual. Solitary Vireo: One at Innisfree, Dutch. Jun 16. Warblers: Generally normal, Redstarts in fewer numbers, and Prairie generally up. Lawrence's Warbler: This hybrid (accidentally omitted from last report) was discovered nesting in the Hawthorne area of West. Female was a Blue-wing who brought off three young and a Cowbird. Observed on Jun 9 by (SG, BA & MH). The Lawrence's was found again in the same area on Aug 11 and 12 (BA & MH). **Black-throated Gray Warbler:** William Russel of Katonah, West observed this species at his home near Cross River Res. on Aug 6. He has observed this species both at Cape May, N. J., and extensively in the west; and is quite familiar with the bird. BA and MH reported the following warblers in West.: Black-throated Green Aug 8, Blackburnian Aug 27, Wilson's Aug 21 and 30. Northern Waterthrush: A pair suspected nesting at Sterling Gardens in June (ME). Canada Warbler: One at Lake Waccabuc West. Aug 13 (SG).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Bobolink: Numbers up this year. **Western Meadow-lark:** A male bred with an Eastern female near Bangall, Dutch. Five young and the adults collected on Jun 26 by Dr. Wesley Langon of the American Museum of Natural History and are now being raised alive in a flight cage. Another of this species was seen and heard by Tom Gilbert on Jun 7 at East Park, Dutch. Orchard Oriole: One pair breeding at Sterling forest during June (ME). Appeared at Stone Ridge, Ulst. during June, but did not remain to breed (FH). Scarlet Tanager: Noticeably lower in numbers. Cardinal: Normally plentiful. Indigo Bunting: Lower in numbers. Evening Grosbeak: This species did forget to leave this year after all; a female was at the feeder of Mr. & Mrs. John Remensnyder in Saugerties Ulst. on Jul 11 and subsequent dates; two fed at the home of Mrs. A. P. Ziesing near Suffern on Jul 2; a female with one young bird was observed feeding at Stissing Jul 4 (TH); a male was last observed at the latter location on Jun 17. Goldfinch, Towhee, Savannah, Grasshopper and Vesper Sparrows remained usual to better in numbers. Chipping, Field, Swamp and Song Sparrows remain unchanged this season.

Addendum: The following notes were omitted accidentally from the spring report, and are mentioned here. Yellow-crowned Night Heron: One in a swamp near Hawthorne, West, on Apr 3-4 (MH & BA). Cattle Egret: Two near Neversink Dam, Sull. on May 1 (H. Wright); and another at Monticello on May 16 (Ken Niven). Pellwood Lake, Highlands Falls

REGION 10 — MARINE

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June was hot and dry. Farmlands were parched, until by early July disaster areas were about to be declared. Adequate rains on Long Island and surrounding areas, however, about this time brought relief, and the summer to the end of the period was refreshing with the coolest July since 1957 and the coolest August in 16 years.

Early June migrants were insignificant in numbers compared to other years — the stragglers, if any, passing through rapidly in the dry heat.

Both Egrets arrived early and were well on their way toward nesting by early June at Jones Beach and vicinity, where a great increase of Snowy Egrets has been noted in the past few years. The large flock of Wood Ibises and 50-60 Cattle Egrets reported this spring on Long Island went entirely unlisted later, even regarding the individuals. The Jamaica Bay Sanctuary was again prolific with breeding water birds. The early June shorebird migration terminated early. Gulls and Terns were nesting in abundance and the Herring Gull colony at Oak Beach, estimated at 1,500 birds, now occupies practically all available territory for about one-quarter mile surrounding the Cape Tree boat basin.

No doubt the most phenomenal occurrence in Region 10 was the sighting of five Brown Pelicans flying over the dunes at Bellport Coast Guard Station, Fire