

throated Blue Warbler: A total of 20 birds seen on Sep 21 at Hawthorne, West (BA). Myrtle Warbler: Normally plentiful. Black-throated Green: Numbers seem to be up. Bay-breasted Warbler: The low numbers of last spring returned to normal this fall. Black-poll Warbler: "In numbers uncountable" (OW) and generally concurred in by other reporters from most counties; extremely late date of **Nov 8** at Hawthorne, West (BA). Pine Warbler: This bird is usually rare in any season, but **22** were reported during the month of Sep in Dutch; Rock had one report on Sep 7 in Upper Nyack (Dr. MH); and one reported from Mt. Kisco, West (AM). Prairie Warbler: 16 reports from Dutch in Sep with the last report on Sep 21. Palm Warbler: Last found in Dutch on Oct 22; made an early appearance on Sep 3 at Hawthorne, West (BA). Connecticut Warbler: This rare fall migrant was well reported by Bob Augustine in West last year, and his report of five this year brought his two year total to fourteen; this is more than most local birders can hope to see in a life time. Three birds of this species were reported from Dutch on Sep 19, 23 & 24 (JK, MK, PG); and three birds were reported from Rock on Sep 20, 22 and 26, of the latter birds, two were at Bardonia (RC) and one was killed by a cat near there (MI). Mourning Warbler: Rock has its first fall record this year on Sep 22 at Haverstraw (RC, MI); reports of single birds on Sep 21 and 22 at Hawthorne, West (BA).

Yellow-breasted Chat: None found in Dutch this fall, and none reported from any place but West were one was observed on Sep 8 (BA). Hooded Warbler: Rock tied its late date of Sep 22 with a single bird at Rockland Lk. (RC, MI).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Bobolink: Flocks of about 50 birds each were at Hawthorne, West on Aug 20 and Sep 15 (BA). Rusty Blackbird: Reports fewer than other years. Most other blackbirds seem to be up in numbers if that's possible. Northern Finches did not make an appearance this fall and except for a few sporadic reports of Evening Grosbeak, there probably will be no major influx. Indigo Bunting: one Oct 7, Hawthorne, West (BA), and the other in Dutch Oct 8 (MV), both late dates. Dickcissel: Reported Sep 2 & 3 at LaGrangville, Dutch (RW) and Oct 25 & 29 at Pleasant Valley, Dutch (MV). One bird at Hawthorne, West, from Sep 25 thru Oct 26 (BA). Evening Grosbeak: Few reports from Sull and Oran; Sep 18 (early) at Cornwall, Oran (CJ). Purple Finch: Scarce all summer and fall. House Finch: Two pair at Upper Nyack, Rock feeder from Nov 5 through to this writing (DR., MH); the third reliable record for the county. The first record for Oran was a single bird at Cornwall Oct 25 (MD). Redpoll: A single bird at Sugar Loaf, Oran Nov 3 (SL). Pine Siskin: Several birds were catching moths on a porch at Cornwall on Nov 6 (CC). Sparrows: Migration generally good throughout region particularly White-crowned. Slate-colored Junco: Very early birds reported at Balmville, Oran on Sep 7 (BH); from Warwick, Oran on Sep 8 (HA); general influx average to better. Tree Sparrow: Early dates in Oran and Ulst; Sep 26 in the former (RK) and Sep 29 in the latter (WC). Reported as low in numbers in Putnam (ML) but normal elsewhere. White-crowned Sparrow: One of the better years for this species. White-throated Sparrow: Appeared early in West at Cross River on Sep 13 (MH). Fox Sparrow: Well represented throughout region, but not as good as some years. Lincoln Sparrow: Six reports in Dutch and two in West. Snow Bunting: No reports thru Nov 15.

Pellwood Lake, Highland Falls

REGION 10 — MARINE

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Regular rains throughout the period, provided sufficient moisture for a good growing season. Moderate temperatures continued with few interruptions and unusual warm weather was recorded in mid-October and early November. One approaching late-summer hurricane veered off to the northeast. It was reportedly unproductive of southern rarities.

Flooding of the marshes occurred several times with extreme high tides which, along with cold northeast winds, cleared out any abundance of lingering marsh birds, Sharp-tailed and Seaside Sparrows. Small land birds came through in several good September flights with numerous warblers reported. The Northern Water-thrush, however, generally arriving in early August, was sparingly reported even by mid-

August and the Olive-sided Flycatcher, another early August bird, slipped through practically unseen. Great flocks of Snowy Egrets again were dominant along the south shore of western Long Island and a lesser number of Common Egrets. The Little Blue Heron remains comparatively scarce to a decade ago. As for the Louisiana Heron, a flock of four, October 13 at Jones Beach, (J. Elliott, C. Ward) undoubtedly provides a maximum figure for this rare species of 10 years ago. Peculiarly, enthusiastic reports of flocks of Cattle Egrets last spring on eastern Long Island died away almost completely with the scarcity or absence of this species since.

An interesting story comes from Richard Cohen, of the Queens County Bird Club, of a Yellow Rail found under the Manhattan bridge in New York City as it tried to hide in a tiny grass patch. Found by a friend, it was brought to Cohen who cared for it during the day and released it at evening at the Jamaica Bay Sanctuary, where it ran off and hid.

Regarding the Bluebird, a slight increase has been noted on eastern Long Island, and the Hermit Thrush has been noted again in one or two areas from which it had disappeared, apparently affected by the spraying program of several years ago. An interesting late pelagic report: 20 to 25 Cory's Shearwater and several thousand Wilson's Petrels, south of Ambrose Lightship, Aug 27 (E. Mudge).

Abbreviations used below are as follows: JB — Jones Beach; JBS — Jamaica Bay Sanctuary.

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Loons — Ducks: Common Loon: Captree, 50 on Oct 9 (IA). Eared Grebe: JBS, during Nov (many observers). Shearwater: two, 30 miles offshore, Aug 18 (Tu). Gannet: JB, estimated 250, Oct 27 (CW). Double-crested Cormorant: JB, Nov 6, generally distributed over ocean surface (JE); Fire Island, Oct 15, 1,000 (IA). Herons: Little Blue Heron: JB, Aug 18, four (SY). Latest White Herons at JB, singles, Snowy, Common, Nov 6 (JE); Peak at JBS, 150 Snowy, Oct 2 (WN). Glossy Ibis: nest found at JBS in 1962 (PP); still present into Nov (WN). Whistling Swan: JB, Nov 12, five (Max) (CW). Canada Goose: 650 at Fire Island, Oct 15 (IA). Brant: first large flock over ocean numbering 2,000, Nov 22 at Moriches (IA); early individual at Shinnecock, Aug. 28 (GR). Snow Goose: 150-200 at JB, Nov 5, also two Blue Geese (CW) European Widgeon: Hempstead, Nov 18, one (ML). Shoveller, late Aug brood at JBS, (PB, WN); also three seen at Moriches, Aug 18 (many obs.). Wood Duck, Manorville, Sep 13 five (GR); Mill Neck, four in late Aug (JE). American Eider, JB, one on Nov 24 (SY). Scoter flock, Oct 15, Fire Island, 2,000 unidentified, 250 White-winged and 500 Common (IA). Duck count, JB, Nov 20, 1,000 Black Ducks, 200 American Widgeon, 25 Pintails, two Shovellers, one Redhead, 15 Scaup (BBC).

Hawks — Owls: See Field notes for hawk records, as a special report for Region 10 is included there by Cornelius Ward. King Rail: flushed on Sep 14, JBS (WN). Common Gallinule: good nesting season with over 30 young, JBS; some still present till end of period (WN). Yellow Rail: Manhattan, Oct 18, one, released at JBS, same day (RC). Killdeer: very scarce at Orient, only one record all summer and fall (RL). Golden Plover: Orient, Sep 10 to Oct 7, three to five birds (RL); Eastport, two, Oct 7 (GR). Black-bellied Plover, Short Beach, Oct 11, also 300 Dunlin (AD). The Black-bellied Lingered very commonly into late Nov. Oystercatcher: Moriches, Aug 14, four (many obs.), present to Sep 30 (DP, GR). Woodcock: Alley Pond, Nov 11, one (SY); common in Greenport woods, Aug 16 (RL). Meager Upland Plover flight: first Orient, Aug 16 (RL). Willet: six in Moriches, Aug 18 (Q); one at Orient, Sep 10 (RL). There was a fair flight of Knot, Pectoral Sandpipers, White-rumped and one or two records of Baird's. Purple Sandpiper, Montauk, Nov 10, 16 (GR). Buff-breasted Sandpiper: Jamaica Bay, Sep 28, one (KM); Oct 1, one dead (JB). Marbled Godwit, Moriches, Aug 18, one (numerous observers); three or four at Jamaica Bay in Oct. Hudsonian Godwit: Moriches, Aug 18, 10. Wilson's Phalaropes: 3, Aug 18, Moriches (Q).

Very few records of white-winged gulls; an abundance of summer plumaged Herring and Ring-billed Gulls as adults. Bonaparte's Gulls increased at the end of the period. Generally, Common Terns left at their regular time, but stragglers continued on into Oct. Several Caspian Terns were reported, and two Royal Terns at Moriches, Sep 1 (GR). Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Babylon, Oct 31, one caught by cat (IA). Several records of Barn and Great Horned Owls and also of Saw-whet, with one of the latter dead, Wantagh Causeway, Nov 17 (JE).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Nighthawk: good flight at Babylon with 30 on Sep 19 (IA); eight at Manorville, Aug 30 (GR). Red-headed Woodpecker recorded with singles, Captree, Sep 19 (IA); Oct 10, Tobay (IA); Inwood, same day (WN); Dix Hills, Oct 25 (EG). Off-shore flight of Cliff Swallows, Barn Swallows and other small birds seen in Aug (LBT). Flycatchers: Western Kingbird, Manorville, Sep 8, one (GR); Northport, Sep 26, also Nov 7 to 16 (EM). Phoebe: rare on eastern Long Island on the north fork, only record for Orient, one, Sep 26 to 28 (RL). There was a fair flight of Empidonax with Yellow-bellied reported at Manorville, Aug 19 (GR) and several records on western Long Island in Sep. The Olivated-sided went practically unreported. Northern Horned Lark was late. Orient: Nov 1-3, first seen (RL). Bank and Rough-winged Swallows passed through early. Great flocks of Tree Swallows lingered at JB with estimated 15,000 to 20,000, Oct 6 (JE, CW). Magpie: daily at Greenwood Cemetery to end of period (EW). Several records of Tufted Titmouse, two at Tackapausha Preserve, Nov 9 (EM). There was a very poor flight of Red-breasted Nuthatches — first, Aug 16, Inwood (WN). Winter Wren appeared in fair numbers and a Short-billed Marsh Wren was noted at Inwood, Sep 19 (WN). Increase of Hermit Thrush on eastern Long Island; two on breeding ground, Coram, Aug 24 (JE); still scarce migrant at Orient (RL). Bluebird: Manorville, Sep 8 to Oct 14: maximum 10, Sep 29 (GR), several other records. Gnatcatcher: Far Rockaway, Aug 22, one (JB); latest Orient, Sep 21 (RL). First Pipits at Orient, Sep 7 (RL). Bohemian Waxwing, one at Roslyn, latter Nov (ADo). Migrant Shrike: five records, Aug 23 to Sep 19.

Vireos — Warblers: Yellow-throated Vireo, Sep 7, Manorville (GR). Three or four records of Philadelphia Vireo; JB Sep 8, one (JE, Tu). Warblers came through in several good flight days in Sep and one or two good days in late Aug. Prothonotary Warbler, Kentucky, Mourning and Connecticut reported in one day at JB (num. obs.). A Yellow Warbler hit the Empire State Bldg. and was picked up dead Nov 11 (late) (JB). First Northern Water-Thrush was seen at Orient, Aug 16 (RL); there were several records of Mourning Warblers at Manorville, JB; a late Hooded Warbler at JB, Oct 14 (CW); a fairly early Wilson's Warbler at JB, Sep 8 (Tu). The Canada Warbler went through rather early with other southern tier county species. Late Redstart, Riis Park, one on Nov 9 (WN); one, Nov 10-14 at Seaford (NE). Late Chat at JB, Nov 12 (SY).

Blackbirds — Sparrows: There was a fair flight of Bobolinks; several reports of Rusty Blackbirds in mid-Nov. Grackles left early, but Red-wings lingered and a late Orchard Oriole was seen at Inwood, Aug 23 (WN). Blue Grosbeak: Orient, Sep 1 (RL); also one at Gilgo, early Sep, (CW). Dickcissel, two early, Aug 17, JB (CW). House Finches coming to feeder in Westchester (Mrs. MC). Redpolls arrived with Siskins and Goldfinches, Nov 16 at Babylon with 25 at feeder and small flock seen at JB, Nov 19 (IA). Ipswich Sparrow: several early Nov records at Jamaica Bay; one Nov 10, Montauk (GR). Lark Sparrow: singles, Riis Park, Sep 21 (WN); Sep 26 (KM); Baxter Creek, Sep 23 (PB). Oregon Junco: JB, Oct 28, one (AD, JE and SW). There was a good flight of Chipping, Field and Swamp Sparrows; several Clay-colored records: White-crowned not overly abundant; Fox Sparrow appeared at the end of the period; Lincoln Sparrow was fairly numerous on western Long Island with five or six seen on the North Shore (ADo). Lapland Longspur appeared in late Nov, but first Snow Buntings came through with 25 at Fire Island, Oct 22; 55 at Oak Beach on Nov 2; 150 at JB, Nov 19, and 60 at Smith's Point (IA).

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