

MS); Gray-cheeked: Sep 15 (FS, MS). Bluebird: seen widely throughout area singly or in small groups until Nov 18 (BW). Pipit: a good migration, Oct 5 (JC) — Nov 5 (PE, GE), max 35, Oct 20, Tomh Res (PPW). A Shrike was seen Sep 22 at Petersburg (PE, GE).

Vireos — Sparrows: The vireo and warbler migration seemed a good one, with pronounced waves noted by observers on Aug 18-19, Sep 8, 19, 24, and Oct 4. One observer (ER) termed it the "best in several years." Late dates for the vireos included: Yellow-thr, Oct 6, Niskayuna (HE); Solitary, Oct 21, Loudonville (MFW); Red-eyed, Oct 11, New Concord (ER); and Warbling, Sep 15, Meadowdale (PPW). A Philadelphia Vireo was reported at a birdbath in New Concord, Sep 20 (ER).

Late records for the warblers were as follows: Golden-winged, Sep 16, Castleton (JC); Tennessee, Oct 12, New Concord (ER); Nashville, Oct 19, Loudonville (MWF); Parula, Sep 24, New Concord (ER); Black-thr Green, many reported, last Oct 10 (ADBC); Magnolia, Oct 20, Ghent (AG); Cape May, Oct 10, New Concord (ER); Myrtle, Nov 11, Tomh Res (SBC); Black-thr Blue, Sep 25, New Concord (ER); Black-burnian, Oct 2, New Concord (ER); Bay-breasted, Sep 22 (ADBC); Blackpoll, Oct 15, Catskill (JHB); Pine, Sep 18, New Concord (ER); Palm, Oct 3, Westerlo (MK); Northern Water-thrush, Sep 16 (ADBC); Yellow-throat, Oct 12, Loudonville (MWF); and Wilson's, Oct 4, New Concord (ER). Surprisingly, there were no reports of Redstarts seen after late August. Three Orange-cr Warblers were at Old Chatham Oct 21 (EMR). A Kentucky Warbler was recorded Sep 25 at Ghent (PE, GE) where the species has appeared regularly in recent years, and one was at Loudonville Aug 18 (MWF). Early Rusty Blackbirds were seen at Visch Fy Sep 23 (EH) and Sep 30 (GA), when 200 were noted. A flock of Cowbirds, Grackles, and (mainly) Redwings which was so large it staggers the imagination was observed at sunrise Oct 27 just north of Tivoli along the Hudson River. The observer (DF), a state biologist, estimated the flock to be one-quarter mile wide, and 200 feet high; it took 18 minutes to pass him, literally darkening the sky. Well over 100,000,000 birds were estimated in the flock.

The last Scarlet Tanagers were observed Aug 26 (SBC), and the last Rose-br Grosbeaks were at Ghent (PE, GE) and New Concord (ER) Sep 26. Two adult male Blue Grosbeaks were seen Oct 12 in Catskill by an observer previously familiar with the bird. (Dr. W. Myers). Indigo Bunting: last Oct 6, Niskayuna (PPW). There were only three records of Evening Grosbeaks and none of Pine Grosbeaks. Pine Siskin: flocks were seen at Old Chatham (PE, GE) and at Rensselaerville (MK) early in Nov. Towhees were recorded until mid-Oct, last Oct 21, Niskayuna (HE). Savannah Sparrow: last Oct 20, Tomh (PPW). Grasshopper Sparrow: last Oct 14, northern Rensselaer County (SBC). Vesper Sparrow: last Oct 21, Schodack Center (LB). Junco: first recorded in areas where it does not breed, Oct 2, Loudonville (MWF) and in large flocks in mid-Oct. Tree Sparrows were first seen Oct 25 in Columbia Co. (ADBC) and Field Sparrows were recorded until Nov 1 at Ghent (PE, GE). There were a number of records of White-cr Sparrows, from Sep 28 (JC) — Oct 28 (HE). First White-thr Sparrows seen Sep 11 (PB). Fox Sparrows appeared Sep 28 at Ghent (PE, GE) and were recorded until Nov 24 at New Concord (ER). Lincoln's Sparrows were seen from Aug 27 (BW) — Oct 4 (ER). Swamp Sparrow: last Nov 17, Tomh Res (PPW). Snow Bunting: seen Oct 27 (RS), South Bethlehem, and flocks were seen throughout the rest of the period.

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE - HUDSON

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After a summer characterized by severe draught, this autumn was about as normal as they come. August continued dry as did September; but October and November were comparatively wet with average to below average temperatures.

Several reporters referred to the season as "unspectacular," but others called it "tremendous", especially in hawks and warblers. Undoubtedly for certain species it was a good fall migration, but the dates of big number of birds varied in different parts of the region, leading one to conclude that there were no generally widespread movements, merely local waves.

The cone and seed crop seems to be good to excellent, and acorns are to be found in good numbers.

Abbreviations used: First four or five letters of each county. MBC — Mearns Bird Club.

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Loons — Ducks: Common Loon: Unreported from most of the region. A single bird was at Highland Res., Middletown, Oran on Sep 11; and a pair on Sep 14 (ID). Grebe reports were down in numbers, but Pied-billed and Horned were reported. Snowy Egret: One reported at Dover Plains, Dutch, Sept 30 & Oct 1 (JK, MK). This is the only county record since 1929. American Bittern: Just one reported, Basher Kill, Oct 3 (MBC). Least Bittern: Two Basher Kill, Sep 22 (MBC). Canada Goose: Migration average to better; reported in numbers during early Sep; Dutch Sep 3 & 4; Oran Sep 7. Ken Niven reports the biggest flock he's ever seen in Sull — 250 at Wanaksink Lake on Oct 16. Snow Goose: Two flocks of 150 and 35 observed flying over Conn's Hook, Hudson Riv. Oran, Nov 4 (PJ & EDT). Blue Goose: Two birds of this species observed with the two afore mentioned flocks. Ducks: Reported fewer in numbers in Dutch, but normal elsewhere. Pintail: Only report that of three birds in Dutch. Green-winged Teal: Scarce throughout region, only report from Dutch (BM). Wood Duck: About 75, Basher Kill on Oct 3 (ID). The last birds of this species left the Tri-Loba Hill Sanct. on Nov 5 (SG). Canvasback: Thirteen Dutch on Nov 11 (BM). Bufflehead: Two at Pound Ridge, West on Nov 2 increased to 28 by Nov 4 (RG, SG). Common Scoter: This species, which Mearns described in the late 1800's as "very abundant during migration", and only 60 years later was described as "exceedingly rare in fall" by Griscom, appeared at Kiamasha Lake, Sull on Oct 13. Twenty birds were observed (KN). Ruddy Duck: A single bird noted on Congers Lake, Rock on the early date of Oct 3 (MI); eleven reported at Middletown, Oran on Oct 15 (BP).

Hawks — Owls: Although several observers reported good hawk movements, their migration in general could be described as poor. Turkey Vultures were numerous especially in October, and two of this species persisted at Crugers Is. until Nov 11 (BM). A few good flights of Broadwings were reported: Sep 16 saw a heavy flight over Rock (BD), and 193 were observed shortly after 6 p. m. over the USMA Reservation at West Point, Oran (BB). Rough-legged Hawk: One bird observed during Burroughs Nat. Hist. Soc. Shawangunk hawkwatch on Oct 13, and another reported from Dutchon Sep 20. Bald Eagle: Two reports from Oran; one mature bird at Arden Sept 15 (ME), and one immature at USMA Reservation (EL). One immature bird was found shot at Constitution Is. Putn and reported to (MD). Shorebirds: The excellent movement experienced in Aug continued throughout most of the region during Sep. Only Dutch reported the shorebird migration as poor. Semipalmated Plover: Reported on Sep 6 and 19 from Lake DeForest, Rock (EG). Black-bellied Plover: One Hudson River at Cornwall, Oran, Aug 19 (ET, PJ). Solitary Sandpiper: One Sep 24 at Spring Valley Municipal Park (EG); and a new late record for Rock. Two of this species were found in Greenville, Oran on Sep 29 (ID). Yellow-legs: Both species represented. Two Lesser Yellow-legs reported from Dutch at Crugers Is., Nov 11 (BM). Pectoral Sandpiper: Found in numbers throughout Oran; remained in the Mt. Hope - Greenville area till Oct 3 (ID). Dunlin: One, Pleasant Valley, Dutch, Oct 13-15 was the second record for that county. The first, a dead bird found Oct 3, 1961 at Crugers Is. Semipalmated Sandpiper: Five at Elm Pond in Greenville, Oran Sep 9; one bird persisted till Sep 29 (ID). Terns:

None reported. Owls: Only Barred reported, and one Saw-whet killed by a cat in Bedford Village, West (CD).

Goatsucker — Shrikes: Nighthawks started moving through the region on Aug 17 where they were reported from Sull as "migrating by the hundreds for several days" (KN). Small flights were observed over West on Aug 20 and 31, and over Dutch on Aug 23. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: A male reported on the late date of Oct 3 at Cornwall, Oran (RK). Pileated Woodpecker: Reports increasing in Oran, Fran and Jack Kniep observed a bird at their suet feeder in Middletown on Nov 17, and again on Nov 24; they believe it still comes but have not observed it recently; their belief is based on the rate at which the suet disappears. **Red-bellied Woodpecker:** This extremely rare visitor appeared at the suet feeder of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Jessup at Monroe, Oran, on Nov 11 and is still there at this writing. Red-headed Woodpecker: One observed at Standfordville, Dutch on Oct 23 (JG). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: One at Barrytown, Dutch, Sept 23 (BM). This is the second record for Dutch. Flycatchers: Only report that of a late crested Flycatcher for Rock, on Sept 22 at Germonds (EG). Swallows: "Thousands of Tree Swallows at Brown's Pond, Newburgh on Oct 17" (MD); seems to be a late date for such a number. A Barn Swallow approached the late date for this species in Rock when one was observed at Lake DeForest on Oct 4 (MI). Blue Jay: A good movement observed along the Schawangunks in Ulst, but no indication of a complete withdrawal as was the case last year. Raven: One reported Sep 22 by the Fyke Nature Soc. of N. J. while on a hawkwatch on Mt. Peter near Warwick, Oran. Tufted Titmouse: One observed atop Hanover Mt. in the Catskills at an elevation of 2600 ft. No date given (FH). Red-breasted Nuthatch: Observed on several occasions in Oran, West and Dutch. A good record for this erratic transient. Brown Creeper: An early fall date of Sep 7 for Rock when one was observed at West Nyack (FI). Winter Wren: Reported from Dutch, Oran, West and Putn; the latter county reported "flight was wonderful" (ML). Short-billed Marsh Wren: Rock had its first record in ten years when one was observed near New City on Oct 4 (MI). Mockingbird: Reports increasing; one from Dutch at Pleasant Valley Sep 21 (MV); one at Chester, Oran on Sep 23 (SU); a maximum of three at the home of Frad Rasmussen near Middletown, Oran on Oct 4; and two at Hawthorne, West, resident since Dec 1961 (BA). This species has been breeding in Rock for several years now. Thrushes: Usual numbers reported from Dutch, but poor movement noted in Putn. Wood Thrush: Observed Oct 31 (late) at Tomahawk Lk. Oran (BW). Swainson's Thrush: Last noted Oct 27 in Dutch (WC). Gray-cheeked Thrush: Late dates were noted Oct 24 at Brinton Brook Sanct. Harmon, West. (JM); and Oct 28 at Storm King Mt., Cornwall, Oran (MD, JD). Bluebird: Numerous reports, but no more than usual. People are all too aware of their diminishing numbers. Reports of largest concentrations came from USMA at West Point where about 40 birds were seen on Sep 21 and again on Oct 29 (PJ). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Numbers of last spring seem to have continued into the fall; one bird at Briarcliff, West on Aug 20 (BH, MH); one, at Basher Kill, Oran on Aug 27 (ID); another Sep 7 at Chester, Oran (SU). Pipit: Flocks "few and far between." Cedar Waxwing: Reported fewer than the last two years. Northern Shrike: An extremely early date of **Sept 5** at Burnside, Oran (MD).

Vireos — Warblers: Yellow-throated vireo: Late birds, Sep 26 at Lake DeForest, Rock (MI) and Oct 21, Dutch (DL). Solitary Vireo: Migrants "much fewer than last year" (OW). Red-eyed Vireo: None reported during the month of Oct. Warbling Vireo: A late bird in West on Oct 6 (BA, MH). Warblers: Fred Hough reported the warbler movements in Ulst as normal, but Mrs. Little reported them as poor in Putn. Most other observers reported excellent flights. There were no widespread fronts moving through the region however, and reports were merely of local activity. Waves were reported on Aug 22, Sep 15-29 in Dutch; Aug 16 in Oran; Sep 22 and Oct 3 in Rock; and Sep 13-26 in West. Tennessee Warbler: Five early birds reported at Pleasantville, West, Sep 9 (MH); a very late bird on Oct 3 in Rock (MI). Orange-crowned Warbler: One killed by a car near Suffern on Oct 13 (JL). Nashville Warbler: Particularly numerous in the Dutch area (OW). Magnolia Warbler: More numerous than usual. A late record of Oct 27 in Sull (KN) was topped by a phenomenal **Nov 6** date at Palisades, Rock (Dr. MH). Cape May Warbler: As in the case of the Nashville, quite common in Dutch (OW). Black-

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-