

(PE, GE). **Orange-cr Warbler**: one report, Sept. 21, Loudonville (MWF). **Nashville Warbler**: several mid-Sept reports; last Sept 19, Karner (PPW). **Parula Warbler**: Sept 16, Ghent (PE, GE); Sept 19, Karner (PPW); Sept 23, Loudonville (MWF). **Yellow Warbler**: most disappeared in late Aug; last Sept 6, VFG (EH), Sept 14, Castleton (JC), and Sept 17, Ghent (PE, GE). **Magnolia Warbler**: Aug 23 nr Berne where it may breed (MJ, ML); migrants reported Sept 13-Oct 3 (SBC). **Cape May Warbler**: no reports. **Black-thr Blue Warbler**: only report, one Oct 1-3, Ghent (PE, GE). **Myrtle Warbler**: throughout period to end of Oct (ADBC). **Black-thr Green Warbler**: many reports; last Oct 2, Ghent (PE, GE). **Blackburnian Warbler**: a few reports, Sept 1, Red Rock (JP, EF) — Oct 3, SCR (MJ, ML). **Chestnut-sided Warbler**: last Sept 19, Karner (SBC) and Sept 20, Catskill (JHB). **Bay-breasted Warbler**: Sept 13-19 in good numbers. **Blackpoll Warbler**: Sept 8 (PPW) — 30 (MWF). **Pine Warbler**: one at Old Chatham Sept 13 (LB, VB) — only record. **Prairie Warbler**: birds in a nesting area at Ghent last seen Sept 5 (PE, GE). **Palm Warbler**: several reports, Sept 12, VFG (DJT) — Oct 12, Vly (JHB). **Ovenbird**: reported Sept 7 (DJT) — Sept 25 (PE, GE). **Northern Water-thrush**: reported from mid-Aug, WR, (RPY) — Sept 20, Vly (JHB). **Yellow-throat**: last Oct 11, Renss Co (SBC). **Wilson's Warbler**: only reports — Ghent Sept 5, Sept 15 and Oct 2 (PE, GE). **Canada Warbler**: only reports, Ghent Sept 13 (PE, GE) and Old Chatham Sept 16-17 (HB). **Redstart**: migrants reported Sept 7 (DJT) — Sept 28 (MWF).

Blackbirds — **Sparrows**: **Bobolink**: irregular reports in Aug; last Sept 9, Meadowdale (PPW). **Orchard Oriole**: at breeding area in Castleton to Sept 12 (JC). **Baltimore Oriole**: reported to Sept 23, Catskill (JHB). Large flocks of Redwings, Grackles and Cowbirds were observed into mid-Nov. **Rusty Blackbird**: reported Sept 13 (EH), but most arr in Oct, when good numbers were seen; last Nov 4 (EH). **Scarlet Tanager**: several in Sept; last Oct 4, Delphus Kill (PPW, Paul Grattan). **Cardinal**: fewer generally reported during period. **Rose-br Grosbeak**: few, Sept; last Oct 3, Ghent (PE, GE). **Indigo Bunting**: last Sept 22, Ghent (PE, GE). **Evening Grosbeak**: virtually absent; only two reports during period away from breeding areas. **Purple Finch**: more com than in 1963; small groups reported from many areas. **Pine Siskin**: reported only from Colu Co in Nov (ADBC). **Goldfinch**: more com than last year, flocks of 10-200 appearing in all sections. No crossbills reported. **Towhee**: last reports Oct 29 (ADBC, GBCB). **Junco**: probable migrants appeared Oct 2, Westerlo (MK) and more widely Oct 11-20. **Tree Sparrow**: flocks appeared widely in early Nov. **Chipping Sparrow**: several reports, mid-Oct; last Oct 28 (JHB). **Field Sparrow**: last Oct 17 (ADBC). **White-cr Sparrow**: fair migration, Oct 3 (SBC) — Oct 18 (ADBC); max 12 Oct 11 (SBC). **White-thr Sparrow**: not many; last Nov 4-5, Loudonville (MWF). **Fox Sparrow**: first reports last week in Sept; last, early Nov. **Lincoln's Sparrow**: at least 3-4 present in a field at VFG Oct 4 (WBS). **Swamp Sparrow**: rather uncommon; last Oct 25, SL (WBS), PPW). **Snow Bunting**: Nov 14-22, SL (B-S-H).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE - HUDSON

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Although temperatures seemed to be pleasant far into November, the weather bureau reports this autumn to be slightly cooler than average. The temperature change was quite gradual from day to day so that it was far into October before the first killing frosts were reported from most areas. The drought of the past two years continued with only a few inches of rain being recorded at best. The seed and berry crop was definitely affected as predicted last summer.

The migration was largely unimpressive, due probably to the even weather conditions. No major flights were recorded, and populations slowly built up and declined as they passed through.

Abbreviations used: MBC-Mearns Bird Club; RAS-Rockland Audubon Society; WBC-Waterman Bird Club: ad-adult; Am-American; br-breasted; com-common; imm-immature; L-Lake; w-winged; Dutch-Dutchess; Oran-Orange; Rock-Rockland; Ulst-Ulster; West-Westchester.

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Loons — Ducks: Grebes: several Horned in company with Pied-billed on Rock L during Nov; the latter seemed to be up in numbers esp in Sull. **Gannet:** an imm. of this species was reported by Jim and Mary Key at Crugers Is., Dutch on Oct 7; they are quite familiar with the species having spent several days on Bonaventure Is. this past June; the bird was studied with binoculars and telescope as close as 300 ft. as it flew down the Hudson Riv. **Hérons:** numbers generally low throughout Region, but good in the Cornwall area of the Hudson; as many as seven Snowy Egrets there Sept 5 (MBC). **Am Bittern:** none reported. **Mute Swan:** as many as 42 on Rock L, Sept 23 (MH). **Canada Goose:** more numerous than usual; reported from all areas, many staying on till the end of the period. **Snow Goose:** single birds reported from Rock, Dutch, and Ulst; and three flocks observed in Oran: 80 birds over Cornwall on Nov 11, about 70 birds over the Hudson at Cornwall on Nov 13, and about 60 Nov 15 at West Point (all by PJ). **Mallard and Black Duck:** numbers normal to better. **Pintail:** arr Dutch Oct 4 and remained to the end of the period; seven to nine in number. **Teal:** both species normal in number, but restricted largely to the river due to drought conditions. **Baldpate:** numbers good esp in Rock where 15 birds on Congers L Oct 5 produced the second earliest arrival date. **Shoveler:** the fourth record for Rock; three on Rock L Nov 3 (R&LD). **Wood Duck:** numbers better than normal. **Redhead:** a pair in Dutch from Oct 23-30 was the first record for that county since 1958 (WBC); several birds of this species were on Rock L in mid-Nov (RAS). **Canvasback:** one at Lamontville, Ulst Nov 9 was unusual since it was on a small woodland pond (H&ID); a more normal environment, viz. the Hudson at Cornwall, had about 400 birds on Nov 26 (EDT), reminding your reporter of the several thousand birds that could be found on the Hudson in fall as recently as ten years ago; perhaps they're on the way back. **Bufflehead:** three birds on Tomahawk L, Oran on Oct 13 is a very early arr date; number inc to 29 by Oct 13 (ME); a female on Rock L Nov 3 made the second earliest arr date for Rock (R&LD). **Oldsquaw:** only report, 2 males and 3 females on the Hudson at Hyde Park (AJ et al). **Common Merganser:** 4 on Lebanon L, Sull on Oct 11 (KN), and 11 on Merriman Res Oct 25, are extremely early; no reports thereafter.

Hawks — Owls: Turkey Vulture: left northern part of region early; last, Oct 12 in Dutch (WBC), Oct 21 in Bear Mt. Park (EDT). **Sharp-shinned Hawk:** very few reported; one in Dutch, and three in Oran during Oct; the Fyke Nature Ass'n. totaled 116 on their hawk watch from Mt. Peter (between Greenwood L & Warwick) daily from Sept 9 to Sept 30, with a max of 15 on Sept 18. **Red-tailed Hawk:** few reports; Fyke totaled 19 birds during their count. **Red-shouldered Hawk:** unreported except for one bird in West on Oct 1; Fyke count turned up none; this species appears to be in trouble. **Broadwinged Hawk:** Fyke count produced 3,489 for Sept, a max of 2,394 on Sept 13; on the same date 1,091 over Storm King Mt. a few miles north of Mt. Peter, while the day before produced 459 (PJ & EDT). **Rough-legged Hawk:** only report for Oran, one bird at Blooming Grove Nov 16 (ME); and for Dutch on Nov 28 at Millbrook (WBC). **Golden Eagle:** one reported Sept 12 in the Storm King Mt. area (PJ). **Bald Eagle:** a total of seven birds reported; four adults on the Fyke count; one adult at Catskill on Nov 7 (M&JD); one adult at West Point on Nov 30; and an imm at Rock

Landing on Nov 28 (MH). Marsh Hawk: 16 on Fyke count; 11 from Dutch (WBC); both quite high. Osprey: numbers good; 86 on Fyke count; one on Nov 7 at Catskill was quite late. Peregrine: none on Fyke count; only report, one over Storm King Mt Sept 13 (PJ, EDT). Pigeon Hawk: two reports, one at Chester, Oran Oct 10 (MBC), and another at Congers, Rock on Oct 1 (R&LD). Sparrow Hawk: numbers normal to slightly below. Ruffed Grouse: numbers continue to be up. Bobwhite: three known coveys in Dutch, one in Oran; two birds at Hartwood, Sull on Oct 12 (GD). Pheasant: in good numbers throughout Region. Common Gallinule: numbers better than usual in fall; four reported from Sull, two from Oran and four from Rock. Coot: numbers down throughout Region, but as many as 40 birds at Crugers Is. in Dutch is a big count. Shorebirds: nothing unusual throughout most of Region, but the drainage of Congers L in Rock brought them in in unprecedented numbers. Killdeer: reported up and widespread in Dutch, but normal to below throughout the rest of Region. **Golden Plover:** a flock of 17 at Pine Plains on Oct 14 diminished to 13 by Oct 17 when they left — first Dutch record since 1921 (VP & WBC); none reported from Oran during the period, but two birds reported in early Aug were written up in the last edition of this publication. Woodcock: fewer in number; an interesting report of a bird that stayed all summer till mid-Oct, at the home of Mrs. Vail in Cornwall; the bird probed the soft ground in her lawn which was well watered daily. Snipe: many Oct birds; several in Dutch continued to end of period. Solitary Sandpiper: few reports; one late bird on Oct 24 at Shaw Pond, Dutch (JS). Yellowlegs: normal movement except at Congers L where 75 birds were found on Oct 5; at least ten of these were Lesser (R&LD). Pectoral Sandpiper: more plentiful this year; Dutch had 10 in Oct and Rock had 15 birds throughout the same month at Congers L. **Stilt Sandpiper:** Rock added a new bird to its list when two of this species were studied by Ed Gamble at Spring Valley Memorial Park on Sept 12. Gulls: normal numbers for residents. Bonaparte's Gull: one at Merriman Res, Sull on Oct 25 (MB et al). Owls: no unusual changes in resident population. **Snowy Owl:** first appeared in Dutch on Oct 30; since then two other known birds in that county; one unverified report in Newburgh, and at least six other reports which turned out to be Red-tailed Hawks. Saw-whet Owl: only one reported, Oct 19 at Wolf L Sull (KN).

Goatsuckers — Shrikes: Red-headed Woodpecker: observed in the New Paltz and Stone Ridge areas of Ulst. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: only reports from Dutch where eight birds were recorded (WBC). Flycatchers: most resident species normal. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: one near Millbrook, Dutch on Aug 29 (EP et al). Olive-sided Flycatcher: six in early Sept in Dutch (WBC); none reported elsewhere. Horned Lark: three at Naurauschaun on Oct 7 were early migrants of the northern race (R&LD). Swallows: normal numbers and dates. Tree Swallow: peak on Oct 17 at Blooming Grove (ME). Blue Jay: normal; one banded at L Mohonk in 1958 was recovered this fall. **Common Raven:** one, Sept 7 over Storm King Mt. (EDT, PJ, HP). Crow: flights considered poor in Ulst (FH), but normal elsewhere. Fish Crow: most records from the mid-Hudson region occur in spring; one Oct 6 at Poughkeepsie is most unusual (EP). Red-breasted Nuthatch: fewer in number this fall. Winter Wren: early dates of Sept 22 in Dutch and Sept 29 in Rock; numbers normal. Mimids: no unusual changes. Mockingbird: continues to increase and to remain in areas where established. Brown Thrasher: as many as five birds on the late date of Nov 1 at Bridgeville, Sull (A&MB). Thrushes: normal. Hermit Thrush: well reported with five birds in Oran. Swainson's: one very late date of Nov 11 at Highland Falls (EDT). Gray-cheeked: three Sept birds in Dutch (MK, AJ), and one from Oct 1 thru 9 at Upper Nyack, Rock (MH). Bluebirds: numbers better than usual. Golden-crowned Kinglet: four flocks (number?) at Liberty, Nov 1 (JK). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: fall numbers good. Pipit: very scarce throughout the Region; 20 at Congers L on Oct 29, and a total of 25 were reported from Dutch during the entire month of Oct. Cedar Waxwing:

numbers normal to better. Northern Shrike: two reported, one Nov 28 at Millbrook, (R&KD), another at West Point on Dec 2 (PJ). Loggerhead Shrike: one Sept 7 at Freedom Plains (HM) and another Sept 24 at Upton L (FG), both in Dutch.

Vireos — Warblers: Solitary Vireo: first on the early date of Sept 16; last on Oct 20; only a few reported. Philadelphia Vireo: 8 reported for the period; rarely more than one and often none for years at a time. Warblers: the rather even temperatures allowed these species to slip through in a constant flow; no peak dates reported although Martha Earl noticed a continual increase throughout the month of Sept, with the best movement from the 22nd to the 25th. Worm-eating Warbler: an extremely late bird at South Salem, West on Nov 11 (HW&RG). Blackburnian Warbler: one on the late date of Oct 7 at Cornwall (MD). Bay-breasted Warbler: one on the late date of Oct 10 at West Point (MBC). Blackpoll Warbler: reported in "large numbers" at West Point on Sept 26 (MD). Pine Warbler: rarely reported in fall; one bird at the home of M&JD in Cornwall from Sept 22 thru 24. Prairie Warbler: two new late dates for Rock, one Oct 5 (MH), and another Oct 7 (R&LD). Ovenbird: one bird appeared at the feeder of Mr. and Mrs. John Price at New City on Nov 19 and again on Nov 22. Connecticut Warbler: only report, one at Turkey Hollow, Dutch on Sept 16 (HM&AJ). Yellow-breasted Chat: the scarcity of this species continued through the fall migration with only one reported in Dutch on Sept 26 (HM); this was the only bird reported during the year for the entire Region!

Blackbirds — Sparrows: Bobolink: normal; one small flock at West Nyack on the new late date for Rock of Nov 15 (Mrs. Jean Kolars). Rusty Blackbird: more reports than usual; one remained at the Dye's home in Cornwall from Aug 30 thru Nov. Grackle: normal to above. Finches: almost no winter finches reported. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: a male on the late date of Oct 13 at Rochdale, Dutch (PG). Indigo Bunting: one on the very late date of Oct 14 at Rochdale (PG). Dickcissel: two Dutch records, one Oct 11 and another Oct 29; several more since the close of the period in Oran. Evening Grosbeak: only report, one flock of 14 at Millbrook, Dutch on Oct 6. Definitely not a year for winter finches. Purple Finch: very few reports, extremely scarce. House Finch: a pair at Dr. Hopper's feeder in Upper Nyack since early Aug, where they've been on and off for the past few years; a single bird at Rochdale on Oct 13 and 16 where it was found last year. Pine Grosbeak: none! Pine Siskin: only one small flock reported at the home of Carrie Carnright in Cornwall on Nov 22. Goldfinch: normal to below. Savannah Sparrow: in "large numbers" in the Chester area on Oct 31 (MBC). Grasshopper Sparrow: two at Blooming Grove on Aug 19 (MD); two at Hunn's L, Dutch on the late date of Oct 2 (WBC). Junco: first reported from West Point on Sept 25 (PJ). Tree Sparrow: first on Oct 25; normal to less this fall. White-crowned Sparrow: early date Sept 29 at Blooming Grove, and late date of Nov 3 at same town (ME); more reports than usual in early and mid-Oct. White-throated Sparrow: early date at Blooming Grove of Sept 13 (ME). Fox Sparrow: early date of Sept 24 at Blooming Grove (ME). Lincoln Sparrow: as many as twelve may have been seen in Dutch; earliest on Sept 28; "good numbers" on Nov 2 reported from Blooming Grove (ME). Snow Bunting: four reports — a pair at Grassy Point on Nov 3 (R&LD), one bird at West Point on Nov 5 (PJ); one bird at Hyde Park Nov 11 (MK).

Pellwood Lake, Highland Falls

Contributors are asked to have winter notes to your reporter by Apr. 5

REGION 10 — MARINE

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Although average temperatures for Aug, Sep and Oct were well below normal, the heating degree day is, perhaps, a better indication of temperature