

late Mar. OREGON JUNCO: two adult males at Poughquag Dutch all winter. One at Cornwall Feb 26. (C. Klanka). Tree Sparrow: same as Slate-colored Junco, scarce thru season. Flocks few and small. Field Sparrow: reported each month during season in Dutch. Max six in Jan. Only one in Mar. White-throated Sparrow: reported every month of season. Max 36 on WBC Christmas Count. Fox Sparrow: every month in Dutch. Max nine in Dec. First migrants Mar 3 in Oran. Swamp Sparrow: two during Dec in Dutch. Song Sparrow: wintered in fair numbers. One at feeder Mohonk Lake. First record there. Many in Basher Kill area by Mar 20. LAPLAND LONGSPUR: One Feb 7 at Salt Point, Dutch. Snow Bunting: Max 50 Jan 28 Dutch. Smaller flocks Oran, Sull and Ulst.

Spring reports due no later than June 5.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Much of the data for the winter season report comes from eleven local Christmas Counts: Brooklyn (abbreviated Bk)—Dec 26, 90 species; Bronx-South Westchester (Bx)—Dec 26, 99; Captree (Ca)—Dec 28, 82; Central Suffolk Co. (CS)—Dec 27, 122; Montauk (Mk)—Dec 26, 75; Northern Nassau Co. (NN)—Dec 26, 89; Queens (Qn)—Jan 2, 87; Quogue-Watermill (QW)—Dec 29, 75; Staten Island (SI)—Dec 26, 68; Smithtown (Sm)—Dec 27, 81; Southern Nassau Co. (SN)—Jan 2, 113.

A table of 23 species, showing numbers of individuals recorded on each of the counts will provide an easy comparison with future years' counts. Most of the species chosen are important winter residents; both gulls, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee, both nuthatches, etc. Other species have shown tremendous increases in recent years, either as permanent residents (Tufted Titmouse, Cardinal or House Finch) or as winter residents (Mourning Dove, Brown Thrasher). The crossbills are included to chronicle last fall's invasion. The Pied-billed Grebe and the Belted Kingfisher were chosen as weather indicators. Usually each count's success in recording numbers of these two species depends upon mild weather which results in open water.

The table shows a fantastic number of Mourning Doves on this year's counts. The total number recorded is nearly twice the last two year's totals. Titmouse, Cardinal and House Finch showed no appreciable gains over last year's numbers. The Mockingbird continues its expansion throughout Long Island with marked increases every year. Myrtle Warblers were far below numbers, perhaps due to the poor bayberry crop.

Hérons were exceptionally good this winter. Great Blue Herons and Black-crowned Night herons were recorded in unusually large numbers on the Christmas Counts. Two Green Herons, a Yellow-crowned Night Heron and a Glossy Ibis were also recorded, all very late. The return flight of egrets and Glossy Ibis was earlier than usual.

Notable rarities included Tufted Duck, Barrow's Goldeneye and Bullock's Oriole. There were extremely late occurrences of Little Blue Heron, Glossy Ibis, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, House Wren, Parula Warbler and Northern Waterthrush. Mid-winter records also included a Least Bittern and dowitchers, probably Long-billed.

COUNTS OF SELECTED SPECIES ON THE MARINE REGION CHRISTMAS COUNTS. A DASH (—) INDICATES THAT NO INDIVIDUALS WERE RECORDED, A BLANK SPACE INDICATES LACK OF INFORMATION.

	Bk	Bx	Ca	CS	Mk	NN	Qn	QW	SI	Sm	SN	TOTAL
Pied-billed Grebe.....		3	2	7	1	—	4	—	1	6		24
Great black-backed Gull.....	1,120	240	1,000	236		48	291	123	571	148	1,171	4,948
Herring Gull.....	24,246	1,250	5,325	2,219		7,120	6,309	1,704	18,500	6,930	15,305	88,908
Mourning Dove.....	80	385		773		483	400	392		98	398	3,009
Belted Kingfisher.....	—	3	1	13	1	12		4	2	9		45
Downy Woodpecker.....	11	114		95			69	2		26	89	406
Blue Jay.....	32	440	150	1,402		422	165	74	94	165	230	3,174
Black-capped Chickadee.....	43	400	127	320		429	99	68	109	48	250	1,893
Tufted Titmouse.....	8	110	—	—	—	4	2	—	11	1	6	142
White-breasted Nuthatch.....	10	76		68	1	122	40	3	28	35	54	437
Red-breasted Nuthatch.....	3	11		10		43		3		2		72
Mockingbird.....	1	3		8	8	18	9	11	15	1	16	90
Catbird.....	—	—		2		1	3	—		2		8
Brown Thrasher.....	1	2		6		3	5	1		2		20
Myrtle Warbler.....	2		120	20		4		—	5	2	155	308
Cardinal.....	4	100	7	40		187	91	10	52	60	39	590
House Finch.....	149	388	35	86	4	572	80	127	10	47	239	1,737
Red Crossbill.....	1	—	—	20	40	—	—	9	—	—	—	70
White-winged Crossbill.....	—	—	—	3	—	7	—	12	—	3	22	47
Slate-colored Junco.....	29	670	83	258		376	93	41	198	22	422	2,192
Tree Sparrow.....	21	120		316		99		2		38	132	728
White-throated Sparrow.....	25	175	47	149		276	231	47	100	67	289	1,406
Fox Sparrow.....	17	40		60		52		15		4	213	401

Abbreviations used: JBWR—Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge; arr—arrival; CC—Christmas Count; Atl Bch—Atlantic Beach. For the following locations only the first word is used: Jones Beach State Park and Tobay Wildlife Sanctuary.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Eared Grebe: Pt Lookout Feb 7 (SS)—“in surf.” Great Blue Heron: 175 SNCC Jan 2, 108 CCCC Dec 27—highest winter counts for Region. Green Heron: Lloyd Harbor Dec 26 (S. Ruppert, J. Dayton); Center Moriches Dec 27 (D. Schaeffer)—unusual at this season, only four previous winter records. Little Blue Heron: imm, Speonk Dec 27 (WT, LW)—latest record for Region. Common Egret: Tobay arr Mar 26. Snowy Egret: to Dec 9 JBWR (WN); JBWR arr Mar 20 (LM). Black-crowned Night Heron: max 205 SNCC Jan 2; 108 CCCC Dec 27; Cedar Beach arr (40 plus) Mar 13 (TD, FB). Yellow-crowned Night Heron: adult, Jones Jan 2 (fide R. Sloss)—only five previous winter records. Least Bittern: injured bird found Seaford Feb 17 (fide A. Van Sant)—died same day, specimen now at Nassau Co. Museum of Nat Hist. Only four previous winter reports. Glossy Ibis: one present JBWR to Jan 1 (H. Johnson, et al)—latest record for Region; JBWR, arr (four) Mar 25 (H. Johnson)—earliest record for Region. Mute Swan: max 688 CCCC Dec 27. Snow Goose: Woodlawn Cemetery Mar 12–13 (WN, JH, PB)—rare in Bronx at this date. Blue Goose: adult, North Babylon late Dec thru Jan 10 (K. Malone)—only two previous winter records. FULVOUS TREE DUCK: eight East Moriches Nov 15 (LW)—belated report, two other reports last fall. Black Duck: max 2670 Tobay Pond March 13 (TD). Common Teal: drake, Hempstead L Pk Feb 19—Mar 1 (O. Dunning, et al). Blue-winged Teal: East Moriches Dec 27 (P. Stoutenburgh); Southhaven Dec 27 (DP); Bronx Zoo Dec 26–27 (E. Edler). TUFTED DUCK: male, Hudson River vicinity of George Washington Bridge, mid-Jan to end Mar (F. Lohrer, et al)—unfortunately there is no reliable way of determining whether this might be an escaped cage bird. Canvasback: max counts—1200 plus JBWR Dec 12 (FE); 600 Jerome Reservoir Dec 11 (FE). BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: drake, in bay off Wolfe's Pond Pk Dec 11—Feb 6 (F. Wolfarth, H. Cleaves, et al). Harlequin Duck: one drake wintered Pt Lookout, present to end of period (mob).

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: imm, Hillview Reservoir Dec 26 (F. Heath, et al); Pelham Jan 1 (SS)—same individual?; imm, Great Neck, Mar 1 (G. Coeleach) Red-Tailed Hawk: max counts—15 NNCC Dec 26; 20 BxCC Dec 26. Red-Shouldered Hawk: two banded Jones, Feb 20, Mar 13 (RC)—rare here. Bald Eagle: imm, Brookhaven Dec 27 (DP); imm Canarsie Pl Dec 26—Mar 13 (mob)—first NYC wintering record in years. Pigeon Hawk: seven reports—Montauk Dec 26 (PB); Moriches Dec 27 (E. Lukert); Fire Is opposite Mastic Beach Dec 27 (A. Cooley); two Mastic Dec 27 (DP et al); Captree Dec 28 (LM); JBWR Jan 15 (TD, SS). Clapper Rail: Northport Feb 4 (E. McMullen). Sora: Calverton Dec 27 (GR, et al). Common Gallinule: bird with broken wing at JBWR to Dec 26 (mob). Piping Plover: arr (eight) Mecox Bay Mar 19 (LW). Golden Plover: JBWR Dec 4 (LE, HH, FB, et al)—equals latest record. Ruddy Turnstone: three, New Rochelle Dec 26 (R. Sloss, E. Levine); 12 SICC Dec 26. Knot: three Jones Dec 11 (WN, RF). Dunlin: max 900 CaCC Dec 28. Dowitcher sp?: five Montauk Feb 20 (E. Good, H. Pemberton)—one bird which was closely examined had an exceptionally long bill and gave a keek call when flushed, typical of the Long-billed Dowitcher. There are no previous Regional records of either dowitcher in Feb. Semipalmated Sandpiper:

two Jones Dec 11 (WN, RF). Western Sandpiper: Jones Dec 11 (WN, RF). Black-headed Gull: Jerome Reservoir Dec 25 (PB)—first Bronx record. Bonaparte's Gull: max 1268 SNCC Jan 2. Razorbill: two Montauk Pt Dec 5 (LE, RS); oiled bird Pt Lookout Mar 1 (SS). Thick-billed Murre: oiled bird Midland Beach, S. I. Feb 4 (J. Stoneck, et al)—banded and released next day; Quogue Mar 2 (LW)—banded and released. Dovekie; four Shinnecock Inlet Dec 5 (M. Cashman); two Montauk Pt Dec 12 (FB, et al); East Moriches Dec 12 (LW); four Montauk Pt Dec 15 (LE, RS); Shinnecock Inlet Dec 17 (LW). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: pure white albino found injured at Arverne Nov 29, died following day (T. Eicher fide JB)—specimen at AMNH, latest record for Region. Great Horned Owl: three NNCC; two CSCC. Snowy Owl: only three reports—Dec 21 Riverhead (LW); Jones Dec 11—Jan 2 (CW, WN, et al); Kennedy Airport "sometime in Feb" (fide JB). Long-eared Owl; migrant netted at Atlantic Beach, Dec 1 (RC). Saw-whet Owl: see Field-Note elsewhere in this issue. In addition to road-killed birds mentioned in this article, ten were brought to Nassau Co. Museum of Natural History (A. Van Sant).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Mastic Dec 27 (DP); Brookville Jan 15 (A. Bell, R. Cioffi). *Myiarchus* Flycatcher: Babylon Dec 19 and 26 (D. Eckelberry)—probably a Great Crested, (although possibility of Ash-throated cannot be ruled out. Ed.) latest Regional record for a flycatcher of this genus. Eastern Phoebe: arr (six) Tobay Mar 20 (A. Dignan). Tree Swallow: flock of up to 14 birds wintered at Tobay (mob). Boreal Chickadee: Montauk Pt Feb 5 (SS). House Wren: Speonk Dec 27 (LW, WT). Winter Wren: arr Tobay Mar 20 (A. Dignan)—early. Hermit Thrush: max six NNCC Dec 26. Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 17 NNCC Dec 26. Water Pipit: one wintered at Baxter Creek Pk, Bronx (WN). Northern Shrike: Clason's Pt, Bronx Feb 17 (SS); one wintered in Port Washington area (J. Waite).

WARBLERS: Parula Warbler: an individual visited a feeder at Noyack daily to Dec 23 (LW et al)—latest record for Region. Pine Warbler: Montauk Pt Dec 26—Jan 16 (KM, MC, et al); Quogue Feb 6 (SS). Palm Warbler: Max six CSCC Dec 27. Northern Waterthrush: Mill Neck Dec 26–27 (O. Dunning, W. Astle, et al)—latest record for Region. Yellowthroat: Mamaroneck Dec 28 (R. Arbib); Calverton Dec 27 (GR).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Baltimore Oriole: Rockville Center Jan 2 to end of period (E. Denniston). **BULLOCK'S ORIOLE:** male, Woodmere Jan 23 thru period (S. Sternberg, et al)—photographed in color, second Regional record. Rusty Blackbird: max 53 BxCC Dec 26. Dickcissel: Moriches Dec 27 (D. Schaeffer, E. Lukert, et al). Evening Grosbeak: max 58 CSCC Dec 27; seven Northport Jan 26 (E. McMullen)—other scattered reports in vicinity throughout winter. House Finch: 300 banded at Atl Bch, Mar 1–27 (RC). Pine Grosbeak: JBWR Dec 16 (E. Chalif, O. Boief); seven Mill Neck area mid-Dec to late-Jan (mob). Red Crossbill: 30 Montauk Pt Jan 16 (RS, BT); 12 Mill Neck Dec 19 (A. Bell). White-winged Crossbill: 35 Cedar Beach Feb 12 (WN, PB, CW); about two dozen, Mar Tobay (mob); three JBWR Dec 1 (B. Connolly, A. Dove); 20 Glen Head Feb 5 (D. Mills); 25 Jones Mar 20 (A. Baker); 30 Brookville Mar 31 (B. Connolly). Ipswich Sparrow: max 10 CSCC Dec 27. Sharp-tailed Sparrow: max nine CSCC Dec 27. Seaside Sparrow: max five CSCC Dec 27; Vesper Sparrow: max 26 CSCC Dec 27; Field Sparrow: max 87 CSCC Dec 27. White-crowned Sparrow: Fire Is Dec 27 (A. Cooley, et al); adult QnCC Jan 2.

Corrigendum: The Sept 2 and Oct 4 records for Acadian Flycatcher in the previous fall report should be deleted.

Note: Please have spring reports in by June 7 (preferably a week earlier).

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