

Amsterdam (Dorothy Adams), late. Wilson's: five reports, Sep 2 VFG (RPY) to Sep 16 EG (PPW). Canada: main movement in Aug, max four EG Aug 18 (PPW), last Sep 14 EG (PPW). Am. Redstart: no late reports, last Sep 14 EG (PPW).

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: heavy migration noted, late Aug and early Sep, max 150 plus, BR Sep 3 (PPW), last Sep 17 Old Pond (PPW). ORCHARD ORIOLE: one remained in the Castleton locality where the species has previously nested through Aug to Sep 10 (JC). Baltimore Oriole: last records in early Sep, excepting one at a feeder in Catskill to Nov 15 (*vide* JHB). Rusty Blackbird: Sep 24 Old Chatham (SBC) to Nov 12 Ballston L (PPW), many reports. Redwings, Grackles and Cowbird observed throughout period, with numerous flocks reported, especially Oct 8-20. One flock of Grackles at EG Oct 10 was counted at 12,000 individuals (PPW). Scarlet Tanager: numerous Aug and Sep reports of migrants, last Sep 18 (BRS). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: migrants noted in Aug and early Sep, last Sep 24 VFG (RPY). Indigo Bunting: several Sep reports, last Sep 30 VFG (RPY). Evening Grosbeak: very scarce, only reports—small flocks Nov 5 Gallupville (GMZ) and Nov 20 Niskayuna Wide Waters (bsh). Purple Finch: reported, generally as single or paired birds, throughout period with no concentrations. Pine Siskin: only report—two Catskill Oct 8 (BB). Goldfinches seemed fairly numerous. No other finches reported, in marked contrast to 1965.

Sparrows: Rufous-sided Towhee: reported into Oct, last Oct 16 SL (BRS). Savannah: largely missed this fall, last Nov 7 Catskill (BB). SHARP-TAILED: one banded and photographed at VFG Sep 29 (RPY), the first record for Region in several years. Vesper: main movement mid-Oct, last Oct 23 (PPW, HFB). Slate-colored Junco: migrants a little late, first Sep 28 VFG (RPY) and Sep 30 Berne (MK). Tree: very late; records appear from early Nov on. Chipping: heavy movement last half of Oct, last Nov 11 Catskill (JHB). Field: heavy movement mid-Oct, last Oct 18 (HFB). White-crowned: Oct 8, several areas to Oct 24 VFG (RPY), rather common in some areas, with groups of up to 15, while some observers saw few. White-throated: migrants reported from Sep 10 VFG (RPY) on, a few remaining into Dec. Fox: reported Oct 17-Nov 14 in small numbers by many observers. Lincoln's: fifteen banded at VFG, Sep 9 (early) to Oct 24 (RPY). Swamp and Song Sparrows observed in good numbers, especially during late Sep and Oct migration at VFG. No longspurs were recorded. Snow Bunting: first Oct 23 RL (PPW); several reports in Nov, max 60 plus, AR Nov 5 (WBS, SM, PM).

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## REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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The drought seems to be well broken with better than seven inches of rain during September and about four in each of the subsequent months of the period. Much of the damaged foliage was restored with many lawns looking more like spring than autumn. Temperatures were about normal, but killing frosts did not arrive until well into October for much of the lower elevations.

There were no major changes in the bird life. Geese were moving through in greater than usual numbers. The resident herons remained about the same, too low in numbers. Their southern allies, the egrets, did not arrive in their expected numbers. More than the usual numbers of Winter Wren and Loggerhead Shrike were reported, but the warbler movements were far less than spectacular with no unusual pushes reported. Blackbirds were normal, and perhaps the best movement in many years of White-crowned Sparrow was reported. Winter finches were almost unreported with only a few Evening Grosbeaks and Siskins found in October.

Abbreviations: RAS—Rockland Audubon Society; WBC—Waterman Bird Club; Dutch—Dutchess Co.; Oran—Orange Co.; Rock—Rockland Co.; Sull.—Sullivan Co.; West—Westchester Co.; TL—Tomahawk Lake, Town of Blooming Grove, Orange Co.; LDF—Lake DeForest, Town of Clarkstown, Rockland Co.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: more reports than usual in fall, well scattered throughout Region from mid-Oct to mid-Nov. Horned Grebe: two reports—one Oct 23 Neversink Res. Sull, and one Nov 2 Clove Valley Dutch (WBC). Usual elsewhere. Double-crested Cormorant: did not summer as last year but one at Cornwall Bay, Hudson R Aug 23 (B, AM). Great Blue Heron: completely unreported in Rock, only reports coming from Oran, West, and Dutch, max 15, Sep 24 at Tamarack Swamp, Dutch where they breed (WBC). Green Heron: numbers normal. Little Blue Heron: only report, one imm and four adults at Katonah Aug 17 & 18 (AMcW). CATTLE EGRET: usually unreported in fall; one Nov 4 East Pk, Dutch (Tom Gilbert). Common Egret: only report, one Aug 28 Katonah (AMcW). YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON: one Cornwall Bay Sep 6 (BM, PJ).

Mute Swan: two arr Sep 26 Cornwall Bay (B, AM), one shot the same day. Species could and would become established if persecution would cease. Several dozen birds constantly in the Rockland L area to the south and increasing. Canada Goose: one of the best migrations in years; 1,400 Oct 13 Oran (ME); 1,640 Sull from Oct 6 to 23 (EMcB). Heavy movement reported elsewhere in mid-Oct. Brant: rare in fall; two Nov 2 Clove Valley Dutch (WBC). Snow Goose: 150 Nov 14 at Mt. Kisco (Wm Grierson); 50 Nov 16 and 30 Dec 2 Tomahawk L Oran (ME). Green-winged Teal: sparingly reported. Blue-winged Teal: none reported. Am. Widgeon: eight Sep 21 TL (ME); four at Neversink Res. Oct 23 (JK); WBC reports 34 dur Oct and 40 dur Nov; max 28 Nov 22 Amenia. Wood Duck: more reports than usual through season, max 16 Sep 16 E. Middle Patent, West (JT). Ring-necked Duck: overlooked most areas; good numbers Dutch, 60 Nov 2, 200 Nov 17 (WBC). Canvasback: first Rockland L Nov 4 (Dr. MH); two to six from Nov 5–11 at Verbank, Dutch; about 30 on Tappan Zee Nov 24 (RAS). Scaup: about 25 reported from Dutch Nov 5; several hundred on Rockland L Nov 5 (RAS). Hooded Merganser: first, three Oct 23; max 25 Nov 2 Millbrook, Dutch (WBC). Common Merganser: first, 15 Sep 14 Mongaup (EMcB); three Oct 23; 15 Nov 8 Verbank, Dutch (WBC).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: normal; late dates Oct 22, Dutch; Oct 20 Oran. Sharp-shinned Hawk: scarce. Red-tailed Hawk: residents normal; migrants lower than usual. Red-shouldered Hawk: continues to be scarce; reported from each county except Rock and Putnam, at least two in Chester area of Oran at close of season. Early bird arr Sep 25 at Peekskill, West (RO). Bald Eagle: observed over Shawangunk Mts. near Mohonk on Oct 12 (Sheldon Spencer) and Oct 23 (RAS), unreported elsewhere. Marsh Hawk: never many reports; max seven in Dutch thru Sep. Osprey: fewer than usual. Peregrine Falcon: only two reports; one Peekskill Sep 25 (RO), and the other Salt Pt Oct 15 (EP). Pigeon Hawk: one Oct 12 Peekskill (Pat Valkenburg). Sparrow Hawk: WBC reports "scarce but better than last year." Ruffed Grouse: indications are that it's headed into cyclic decline. Bobwhite: max 20 during Oct in Dutch (WBC); one pair at North Salem, West (SG). Ring-necked Pheasant: fewer, Common Gallinule: one nesting pair near Amenia remained thru Sep (Trixie Strauss). Coot: best numbers in recent years in all areas thru Nov; max 200 Oct 23 Crugers Is, Dutch (WBC).

Semipalmated Plover: arr Aug 29 Cornwall Bay (B, AM); three LDF, Sep 24 (Dr. MH, Alma Polhemus). PIPING PLOVER: first record for Rock, two birds alongside Semipalmateds at LDF Sep 24 (Dr. MH, Alma Polhemus). Golden Plover: five, early Sep, Brown's Pond, Newburgh (PJ, B, AM); five Sep 24 Crugers Is, Dutch (JS). Black-bellied Plover: several LDF Sep 5 (EG) and Sep 22 (Dr. MH). Pectoral Sandpiper: several LDF Sep 5-6 and Sep 21-22 (Dr. MH, EG). DUNLIN: one LDF Sep 21 (Dr. MH). WESTERN SANDPIPER: one LDF Sep 21 (Dr. MH) —the fourth record in Rock for each of the latter two species. Sanderling: one Aug 29 Cornwall Bay (B, AM). NORTHERN PHALAROPE: one Sep 2 Divine Corners (PC). Great Black-backed Gull: none reported from Dutch and much lower numbers than usual on the lower Hudson R. BONAPARTE'S GULL: always unusual; one Sep 6 Cornwall Bay (PJ, BM). Black-billed Cuckoo: quite late date of Oct 23, one, Algonquin Pk Newburgh (ME). Owls: normal for most species. Screech Owl: several reports; one living in Wood Duck box, Tri-Loba Hill Sanctuary Katonah (SG). Great Horned Owl: more reported than usual; several found dead. SNOWY OWL: one Nov 24 Fosterdale, Sull (EMcB). Barred Owl: two reports, one injured at Croton Falls, later died. Saw-whet Owl: one Nov 13 at New City, Rock (Frank Steffens); another, or possibly the same bird, found dead there Nov 28 (Ruth Steffens); one at L Mohonk, Ulst Nov 18 (Virginia Smiley).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Nighthawk: two over Cornwall Bay Aug 17 (PJ); eight Tomahawk L Sep 2 (ME) and 50 Cornwall Bay Sep 5 (B, AM). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: more noted in Sep in Ulst and Oran than usual. Red-headed Woodpecker: one adult at Nanuet, Rock Oct 27 was the first RAS record in more than four years. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: numbers good although unreported from many areas; 15 Sep and seven Oct birds in Dutch (WBC). Eastern Kingbird: numbers low; one late date of Sep 24 at Washingtonville (ME). Crested Flycatcher: also low, very few reported. Phoebe: last reports Oct 22 Ulst and Sull, Nov 2 Oran Olive-sided Flycatcher: one Sep 28 was extremely late for Dutch, and the only one reported. Tree Swallow: excellent fall flight. Blue Jay: modest numbers; seemed less than last year. Crow: usual numbers. Fish Crow: three at Cornwall Sep 22 (B, AM); one at Vandervilt Estate N. of Poughkeepsie Nov 30 (WBC). Red-breasted Nuthatch: first Sep 2 in S. Nyack (RD) and one Sep 25 Rochdale, Dutch (EP); very low after last year's glut. Brown Creeper: scarcer than usual.

House Wren: one Oct 26, very late Poughkeepsie (Herb Saltford); numbers normal. Winter Wren: first Sep 25, numbers good; max thru Oct 13 TL (ME). Carolina Wren: one report, single bird Oct 6 and 26 at Poughquag (EB). Mockingbird: increasing annually, a good bird trip usually turns up one or more. Catbird: late bird Oct 23 TL (ME) & Oct 26 Dutch (WBC). Robin: larger flights than usual on Sep 21, Oct 13 and Oct 24-29. Hermit Thrush: not nearly as many reports as last year, but numbers still good. Swainson's Thrush: few, dates normal. Gray-cheeked Thrush: first one Sep 25 TL (ME); one Sep 28 Dutch; two on Slide Mt. Oct 26 (FH). Eastern Bluebird: reported up in Dutch, Ulst, Sull and Rock. Golden-crowned Kinglet: fairly good numbers most counties, low in the Shawangunks. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: normal to better; peak numbers Oct 23, late. Pipit: Dutch records all Nov, quite late; Oran records all Oct, normal. Cedar Waxwing: excellent Oct and Nov counts; max 200 Oct 29 Dutch (WBC). Northern Shrike: one Nov 17 Clove Valley, Dutch. Loggerhead Shrike: at least six reports; first, Sep 25; last Nov 27.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: one very late date of Nov 8 at Poughkeepsie (HS). Warblers: migration not spectacular, dates normal; best movement Sep 20-24 in Dutch, Sep 30 in Oran. Orange-crowned: one Sep 29 Red Oaks Mill, Dutch (MK). Yellow: one Sep 14 Rochdale late according to WBC records. Black-throated Blue: late date of Oct 23 at Middletown, Oran (Barbara Peters). Pine: rarely reported; one Mohonk, Sep 18 (Hal Flanders). KENTUCKY:

one Aug 24 singing in S. Nyack (RD). Connecticut: more reported last spring than this fall; only one, Red Oaks Mill (MK). Yellow-breasted Chat: single report, one Sep 26 Poughquag (EB). Redstart: new late date for RAS—Nov 6, one at New City (FS).

**BLACKBIRDS—FRINGILLIDS:** Blackbirds: normal; some huge mixed flocks reported, largest Oct 24, TL, passed over in a steady cloud for about ½ hour, no number estimated (ME). Baltimore Oriole: normal; late date of Dec 4 TL (ME); two imm at Millbrook, Dutch Nov 13–30 (Elsie Brown). Rusty Blackbird: good fall flight; reported from most areas. Scarlet Tanager: one very late date, Oct 20 Monticello (Ken Niven).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: good fall flight. max 8 Sep 20 Rochdale, Dutch, (MK). Indigo Bunting: none reported. Dickcissel: one at home of Libbie VanEtten in Chester, Oran Nov 15–24. Evening Grosbeak: only report, three Oct 22 Poughkeepsie (JS). Purple Finch: very scarce. House Finch: max 30 (including young) Sep 25 Rochdale, Dutch (WBC), quite far north for such numbers. Pine Siskin: none for most of Region; only two reports—flock of 25 at Mt. Kisco, West Oct 21 (Mrs. Wm Grierson), and another small flock on Slide Mt. Ulst Oct 26 (FH). Goldfinch: numbers appear to be quite low, few reported. Sparrows: most species normal; good movement Oct 23–28. Slate-colored Junco: few reported before mid-Oct, normal thereafter. OREGON JUNCO: one Poughquag, Dutch was observed thru season (WBC). Tree Sparrow: arr in Chester area of Oran third week of Oct (Sarah Uhelyi, ME); numbers normal to better by end of season. Chipping Sparrow: about 20 at Tri-Loba Hill Sanctuary, Katonah on Sep 13 (SG); movement was normal. White-crowned Sparrow: best flight in years, many reported from all areas; max 80 Oct 15 Dutch (WBC). White-throated Sparrow: usual numbers Fox Sparrow: scarce, unreported in most areas. Lincoln's Sparrow: only report from Dutch where birders counted 10 from Oct 8–22; WBC reports fewer than last year. Snow Bunting: 30 Nov 10 Netherwood, Dutch (C. Terhune).

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## REGION 10 — MARINE

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Each fall season produces some new arrival or departure dates, new high counts, invasions or absences of one or another species and an occasional rarity. This fall, as usual, observers and banders reported several species unusually early (i.e. Evening Grosbeak) or unusually late (i.e. Orchard Oriole) or in unusually high numbers (i.e. White-crowned Sparrow).

Perhaps more important were the deviations reported—the lack of cuckoos, a late movement of Veeries during early October (five bandings, one sight and one specimen report), a late movement of Scarlet Tanagers (3 bandings and one sight record, Oct 18–29), the largest fall Red-headed Woodpecker flight in recent years (one banding and 11 sight reports), the largest fall total of Blue Grosbeaks in recent years (one banding and six sight reports), the lack of “winter finches” (most notably Evening Grosbeaks, Purple Finches, Pine Siskins and Goldfinches), tremendous numbers of White-crowned Sparrows with reports of over 100 birds in a single flock and as many as 46 banded in a day, and a widespread Dovekie invasion with reports from all along the coastline and even inland at several localities.

Long Island's “Operation Recovery” banding stations have increased in number and importance since Leroy Wilcox first began his station at Tiana Beach on Sep 19, 1958. This fall we received reports from all five O.R. stations and the AMNH's research station at Huntington. Over 17,000 birds of 122 species were banded at