

Cardinal: normal. *DICKCISSEL*: one adult in good plumage Nov 16 Pleasant Valley (MV). Evening Grosbeak: arr early in good numbers, with scattered flocks reported from most areas; first, Oct 14 Stone Ridge, regular thereafter thru Region. Purple Finch: WBC reports 125 in Dutch during Oct, Nov numbers much lower. House Finch: WBC reports none in Oct and only two in Nov, whereas about 30 miles south at Mt. Kisco, about 20 were feeding at the home of Mrs. John Knudsen on Nov 12. Pine Grosbeak: many small flocks thru Region; first, Nov 6 Pleasant Valley. Pine Siskin: good numbers thru Region, after absence of last year. Tree Sparrow: arr in excellent numbers; first Oct 10 Dutch. Chipping Sparrow: last, Oct 24 Pleasant Valley (MV). White-crowned Sparrow: numbers definitely up this fall; first Sep 27 Dutch (MV); max 14, Oct 12; several reported thru month of Nov. White-throated Sparrow: one imm early, Aug 31, at Little Tor, West Haverstraw (RFD); peak about Sep 18-26. Fox Sparrow: arr early Oct in Putn and were abundant in early Nov. Lincoln's Sparrow: first Sep 17, last Oct 9, total 10, all Dutch (WBC). Snow Bunting: more reports than usual; earliest, eight Oct 30 near Amenia, Dutch (W,TS); more than 100 near Ashokan Res Nov 2 (Robert Pyle).

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Pellwood Lake, Highland Falls, N.Y. 10928

## REGION 10 — MARINE

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Red-breasted Nuthatches were moving in early August, Purple Finches in early September, and "winter" finches by early October. It is evident at this writing that one of the area's largest Evening Grosbeak invasions is taking place this winter. Siskins were also reported in numbers and Common Redpolls, Pine Grosbeaks and Red Crossbills were recorded.

Hurricane Gladys contributed several exciting records even though she passed far offshore. On October 19, the hurricane was located directly over Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. It passed Long Island about 150 miles to sea on the 20th and recurved towards Nova Scotia and Newfoundland on the 21st. High numbers of Cory's Shearwaters and a possible Wilson's Petrel were reported on the 20th, a Sandwich Tern on the 22nd, and, several days later, flocks of Forster's, Royal and Caspian Terns, as well as Black Skimmers. Apparently these birds were blown at least to Nova Scotia and were recorded here in the course of working their way back south. Some Forster's and Royal Terns and Black Skimmers settled here and remained until at least late November.

Cod Fishing on Cox's Ledge off Montauk Point during the late summer months has been providing pelagic birding equal to the now famous Bluenose Ferry run between Maine and Nova Scotia. Ben and Joanne Trimble tried fishing Cox's Ledge in the summer of 1966. They caught a sackful of cod and saw a Razorbill! In 1967 they caught more cod and saw a Skua. This fall Michel Kleinbaum visited the ledge and saw all three jaegers, an unusually early Kittiwake, some phalaropes, and the by now customary "hundreds of shearwaters and petrels." He failed mention how many fish he caught.

Rarities reported this fall were Eared Grebe, Tufted Duck, Wilson's Plover, Long-tailed Jaeger, Sandwich Tern, Yellow-throated Warbler and Lark Bunting.

Abbreviations used: JBWR—Jamiaca Bay Wildlife Refuge; Only the first word is used for Jones Beach State Park, Riis Park, and Tobay (JFK) Wildlife Sanctuary.

Contributors frequently cited: PB—Paul Buckley; RC—Robert Clermont; BC—Barbara Conolly; ED—Ed Daly; HD—Harry Darrow; TD—Thomas Davis; AD—Aline

Dove; MK—Michel Kleinbaum; RP—Robert Paxton; GR—Gilbert Raynor; RR—Richard Ryan; WS—Walter Sedwitz; NW—Nick Wagerick; CW—Cornelius Ward; JY—John Yrizarry.

## PART I — SIGHT REPORTS

LOONS—DUCKS: Eared Grebe: Oct 13—?JBWR (mob)—seventh consecutive year recorded at this locality! Cory's Shearwater: 100 plus, Sep 1 Cox's Ledge (MK); max counts—300, Oct 12 Montauk (D. Salisbury *et al*); 300, Oct 20 Jones Inlet (PB)—preceding Hurricane Gladys. Greater Shearwater: 150 plus, Sep 1 Cox's Ledge (MK). Wilson's Petrel: 300 plus, Sep 1 Cox's Ledge (MK); found dead Sep 14 Riis (NW)—late, specimen at American Museum. "petrel species": Oct 20 Tobay (TD,RP)—thought to be a Wilson's and if so, would be over three weeks late. Gannet: adult, Aug 30 Amagansett (JY). Glossy Ibis: ten, Nov 23 JBWR (GR)—late. Whistling Swan: two reports—Nov 14 Jones (BC); 14, Nov 30 Bridgehampton (GR). TUFTED DUCK: drake, arrived Dec 8, Hudson R at 168th St. (WS)—fourth consecutive year at this spot.

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: imm Nov 3 Jones (CW)—extremely rare on the coast. Broad-winged Hawk: adult, Dec 1, Jones (CW,HD)—extremely late and a rare coastal migrant. GOLDEN EAGLE: imm Nov 28-Dec 1 Tobay/Jones area (CW,HD, A. Dignan *et al*, photographed by Robert Snyder)—a rare bird in our Region. CW noted "lots of gold on head and mantle with other immature field marks—white tail with big black band at end, white at base of primary and secondary feathers." Bald Eagle: adult, Aug 30 Setauket (M. Hemmerick).

WILSON'S PLOVER: belated report—Jul 1 Mecox (C. McKeever)—very rare, first occurrence since 1954. Upland Plover: to Sep 29 Mitchell Field (PB,WS). Willet: Nov 27 Hempstead Reservoir (PB)—latest regional record. Baird's Sandpiper: Sep 1 Montauk (MK)—only report!? Short-billed Dowitcher: Nov 1 Hempstead Reservoir (PB)—late. Long-billed Dowitcher: max 18, Nov 8 JBWR (PB)—"calling," four, Nov 27, Hempstead Reservoir (PB)—"some called," late. Western Sandpiper: max 50, Sep 13 JBWR (PB); two, Sep 14 Bronxville (PB)—rare inland. Buff-breasted Sandpiper: big flight, 13 individuals recorded—Aug 24 Moriches Inlet (mob); Aug 31 Riis (RC); three, Sep 7 Southampton (C. McKeever); two, Sep 9 Bridgehampton (PB); max five, Sep 10 Orient (BC,AD); Sep 22 JBWR (C. Young *et al*). Red Phalarope: Sep 1 Cox's Ledge (MK).

Pomarine Jaeger: three adults, Sep 1 Cox's Ledge (MK)—"all light-phase." Parasitic Jaeger: two adults, Sep 1 Cox's Ledge (MK)—"both light-phase," imm Aug 30 Amagansett (JY)—"chasing terns near shore," imm Sep 9 Moriches Inlet (E. Mudge)—chasing terns; two, Sep 28 Fire Island (ED, R. Grant); two, Oct 12 Fire Island (D. Salisbury *et al*). LONG-TAILED JAEGER: adult Sep 1 Cox's Ledge (MK)—"light-phase, as it passed within one hundred feet of the boat I noted very long tail . . . and only a little white in wing," very rare in our Region.

Iceland Gull: arr Oct 20 Jones Inlet (PB). Great Black-backed Gull: belated report—three nests were found this summer in the Herring Gull colony on Swinburne Island Lower New York Bay (H. Cleaves). Thayer's Gull: an adult of this probably specifically distinct form was reported sitting in the Riis Pk parking lot on Nov 3 and Nov 5 (PB,WS,TD, *et al*)—"could not be collected, must therefore remain an unofficial record . . . always the possibility of a very dark *Kumlein's*" (PB). Little Gull: adult Nov 23 Easthampton (PB,RP). Black-legged Kittiwake: imm Sep 1 Cox's Ledge (MK)—"seen with shearwaters and gulls feeding on fish scraps thrown from boat." The earliest Regional record by three weeks.

Forster's Tern: 30, Oct 26 Shinnecock (PB,RP); 20, Nov 15 Moriches (PB); ten, Nov 23 Shinnecock (PB). Royal Tern: 17, Oct 26 Shinnecock (PB,RP); two, Oct 26

Mecox (PB,RP); Oct 26 Montauk (RR); Oct 27 JBWR (C. Young); Nov 15 Shinnecock (PB); Nov 23 Shinnecock (PB,RP)—latest Regional record. *SANDWICH TERN*: "Adult in winter plumage," Oct 22 Gilgo Beach (PB)—the day after Hurricane Gladys, this is latest of only three occurrences in our Region. Caspian Tern: Oct 26 Mecox (PB,RP). Black Skimmer: max 350 plus, Nov 3 Flushing Bay (WS); two, Nov 23 Shinnecock (PB,RP)—extremely late; "eggs found at Shinnecock Bay colony on Sep 3" (L. Wilcox)—latest Regional egg date. Dovekie: only two reports, both from Montauk, three there on Oct 26 (RR) were early. Saw-whet Owl: max eight, Nov 3 Cedar Beach (A. Wollins); CW found three killed at Cedar Beach by unknown predators, and five more were killed by cars on the Meadowbrook Causeway.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Red-bellied Woodpecker: Oct 13 Jones (TD)—rare coastal migrant. Red-headed Woodpecker: 16 individuals reported Sep 1–Nov 24; 12 imm, two adults, two? Western Kingbird: five reports—Sep 21 Tobay (HD); Oct 5 Manorville (GR); Oct 26 Riis (WS); Nov 8 Montauk (BC); Nov 8 Bridgehampton (BC). Northern Shrike: imm Nov 15 Montauk (PB); Nov 21 Riis (W. Baumann, J. Doran L. Schore)—flight year?

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: Oct 20, Riis (RC,ED, *et al*)—extremely late. Philadelphia Vireo: Sep 1 Montauk (MK)—early. Black-and-white Warbler: Oct 27 Montauk (RR *et al*)—late. Worm-eating Warbler: Sep 29 Jones (A. Wollins)—late, a rare coastal migrant. Orange-crowned Warbler: four reports, Oct 5–Nov 3. *YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER*: Sep 28 Riis (RC,NW)—casual in the fall, only the sixth such occurrence. Bay-breasted Warbler: Oct 27 Montauk (RR *et al*)—very late. Blackpoll Warbler: Oct 27 Montauk (RR *et al*); Nov 5 Freeport (CW)—late. Kentucky Warbler: Sep 8 Rockaway (J. Bull)—rare fall migrant.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: adult male Sep 8 Tobay (MK, A. Dignan). Blue Grosbeak: Sep 22 JBWR (K. O'Hare *et al*); Oct 6 Old Brookville (A. Bell). Dickcissel: 17 individuals reported, Sep 28–Oct 12 and Nov 8 at Montauk (BC); max six plus, Sep 29 Gilgo–Tobay (PB,TD). Evening Grosbeak: huge flight—arr Oct 5 Jones (PB,TD); 200, Oct 30 Riis (W. & B. Baumann); 150 plus, Nov 5 Staten Island "Greenbelt" (NW); 200, Nov 11 Sea Cliff (R. Cioffi, J. Doran). Pine Siskin: big flight—arr Oct 5 (3) Jones (PB,TD); max 800 plus, Nov 3 Riis (WS). Common Redpoll: Nov 2 Jones (CW). Pine Grosbeak: imm Nov 9–14 Riis (M. Cashman *et al*); Nov 25 Brookville (BC). Red Crossbill: 11 Nov 17–23 Riis (mob). *LARK BUNTING*: imm (male?), Oct 6–14 Riis (RC,NW,WS,ED, H. Tetrault *et al*)—this accidental species is rapidly becoming a regular fall migrant in our Region. It has been recorded annually for five consecutive fall seasons. Ipswich Sparrow: max seven, Nov 17 JBWR (RC,NW). Lark Sparrow: seven individuals reported, Aug 18–Oct 25. Clay-colored Sparrow: Nov 30 Riis (JY)—latest Regional record.

## PART II — BANDING REPORTS

Data from four Long Island banding stations has been used for this report. Contributors were as follows: Atlantic Beach—Richard Cohen (2207 Birds, daily Aug 1–Oct 31, over 6000 net-hours; banding was continued in November on a near daily basis). East Moriches—Leroy Wilcox (550 birds, daily except Sundays Sep 2–27, 704 net-hours). Tiana Beach—Leroy Wilcox (2072 birds, daily except Sundays Sep 28–Oct 31, 447 net-hours). Tobay—F. Schaeffer, T. Davis, D. Cooper, T. Lauro, D. Ford, H. Farber *et al* (5534 birds of 89 species, mostly weekends Aug 3–Oct 28, 3372 net-hours). Species totals were also received from two other stations: Brookhaven—Dennis Puleston (2488 birds of 75 species in 2399 net-hours) and Manorville—Gilbert Raynor (899 birds of 46 species in 2881 net-hours).

A total of over 13800 birds of 107 species were banded at the above stations. The eleven most-banded species were (1) Myrtle Warbler—3827; (2) Slate-colored

Junco-761; (3) Song Sparrow-722; (4) Yellowthroat-650; (5) Catbird-644; (6) White-throated Sparrow-586; (7) Swamp Sparrow-517; (8) Golden-crowned Kinglet-358; (9) Brown Creeper-326; (10) Ruby-crowned Kinglet-317; and (11) American Redstart-316. These eleven species accounted for 9024 birds, 67% of the total. The most frequently mentioned peak days were Sep 28, Oct 5 and Oct 6. On the latter, Tobay netted a total of 51 species out of 610 birds, while on Oct 5, 749 netted birds yielded 50 species.

Abbreviations used: AtlB-Atlantic Beach; Mor-east Moriches.

HAWKS-OWLS: Saw-whet Owl: AtlB-16, Oct 9-Nov 4, peak Nov 4 (5); Tobay-three, Sep 29-Oct 27.

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Yellow-shafted Flicker: Tobay-63, Sep 1-Oct 27, peak Sep 28 (11). Red-headed Woodpecker: imm netted at AtlB Oct 13. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Tobay-30, Sep 14-Oct 6, peak Oct 5 (10). Hairy Woodpecker: one at Tobay Oct 12; two at Tiana Oct 1 and 21-occurs on coast only during "flight" years. Downy Woodpecker: Tobay-36, Aug 31-Oct 27, peak Sep 28 (8). Eastern Phoebe: Tobay-31, Sep 8-Oct 12, peak Oct 5 (14). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: AtlB-four, Aug 11-Sep 13. Traill's Flycatcher: AtlB-17 imm, Aug 11-Sep 14, peak Aug 27 (5); Tobay-seven, Aug 17-Sep 28. Least Flycatcher: AtlB-four imm, Aug 22-Sep 12; Tobay-five, Aug 25-Sep 28.

Black-capped Chickadee: heavy inland flight did not reach the coast. Station totals-Mor, 35; Brookhaven, 53; Tobay, 9; AtlB, 9. Brown Creeper: Tobay-106, Sep 14-Oct 27, peak Sep 28 (35); AtlB-210, Sep 14-Nov 5, peak Oct 17 (23). Catbird: Tobay-213, Aug 3-Oct 27, most between Sep 8-Oct 13, peak Sep 28 (41). Brown Thrasher: Tobay-27, Sep 2-Oct 6, peak Sep 28 (7). Swainson's Thrush: Tobay-82, Sep 8-Oct 13, peak Sep 28 (21). Gray-cheeked Thrush: Tobay-55, Sep 21-Oct 12, peak Oct 6 (15). Golden-crowned Kinglet: Tobay-108, Sep 28-Oct 27, peak Oct 13 (30); AtlB-127, Sep 23-Nov 16, 90% in Oct, peak Oct 16 (20). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: AtlB-169, Sep 22-Nov 17, peaks on Oct 20 (16) and Oct 22 (16). Cedar Waxwing: AtlB-35, Sep 13-Nov 10, peak Oct 7 (6).

VIREOS-WARBLED: Vireos: White-eyed: one at Tobay on Sep 29 Red-eyed: Tobay-78, Aug 31-Oct 6, peak Sep 28 (23); AtlB-26, Aug 27-Oct 9 and an imm on Nov 6-extremely late. Philadelphia Vireo: Tobay-five, Sep 8-28. Warbling Vireo: one at Tobay on Sep 28.

Warblers: Black-and-white: Tobay-42, Aug 18-Oct 6, peak Sep 29 (14). Worm-eating: an imm at AtlB, Aug 3. Blue-winged: one at Tiana, Oct 5-very late. Orange-crowned: one at Mor, Sep 13, very early. Yellow: Tobay-53, Aug 3-Oct 6 (late), peak Sep 21 (7). Magnolia: Tobay-41, Sep 8-Oct 12, peak Sep 29 (12). Cape May: Tobay-32, Sep 14-Oct 6, peak Sep 28 (9). Black-throated Blue: Tobay-44, Sep 8-Oct 13, peak Oct 5 (9). Myrtle: Tobay-2907, Sep 8-Oct 28, peak days Oct 12 (634), Oct 5 (422), and Oct 27 (414); Tiana-662, Sep 28-Oct 31, peak Oct 22 (91); AtlB-57, Sep 29-Oct 30, peak Oct 21 (22); Brookhaven-195; Manorville-four. Black-throated Green: Tobay-17, Sep 14-Oct 12, peak Oct 6 (7). CERULEAN: an imm at AtlB Aug 13. Blackpoll: Tobay-19, Sep 8-Oct 12, peak Sep 23 (6). Pine: Tiana-three, Sep 30-Oct 22; Tobay-one on Sep 16; AtlB-an imm on Sep 12. Palm: Tiana-91, Sep 28-Oct 31, peak Oct 15 (14).

Ovenbird: Tobay-15, Sep 21-Oct 6, peak Sep 29 (11); an imm at AtlB on Nov 4-very late. Northern Waterthrush: AtlB-107, Jul 24-Oct 9, 90% between Aug 12 and Sep 30, peak Aug 30 (7). Louisiana Waterthrush: none banded anywhere on Long Island. Connecticut Warbler: combined total-eight, Sep 14-Oct 1. Mourning Warbler: combined total-six, Aug 21-Sep 24. Yellowthroat: Tobay-186, Aug 3-Oct 27, peak Sep 28 (19); AtlB-99, Aug 8-Oct 8 and Oct 27, peak Sep 20 (8). Yellow-breasted Chat: Tobay-10, Sep 7-28, peak Sep 8 (4); AtlB-six, Aug 23-Nov 2, bird

trapped Nov 2 remained until Nov 17—late. Hooded Warbler: adult male at AtlB on Aug 27. Wilson's Warbler: imm at AtlB on Nov 3—very late. Canada Warbler: AtlB—35, Aug 8-Sep 28, peak Aug 27 (9). American Redstart: Tobay—153, Aug 10-Oct 13, peak Sep 14 (28); AtlB—100, Aug 9-Oct 12, peak Aug 27 (28).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Scarlet Tanager: Tobay—19, Aug 18-Oct 6, peak Oct 5 (11). Cardinal: migrants caught at Tobay on Oct 5 and 27. Purple Finch: Tobay—61, Sep 8-Oct 28, peak Sep 21 (20). Pine Siskin: Tiana—109, Oct 2—31, peak Oct 30 (87). American Goldfinch: Tiana—84, Sep 30-Oct 31, peak Oct 29 (36). Rufous-sided Towhee: Tobay—77, Aug 3-Oct 27, peak Oct 6 (22).

Sparrows: Ipswich: two at Tiana on Oct 24. Savannah: Tiana—56, Sep 28-Oct 31, peak Oct 14 (13). Slate-colored Junco: AtlB—268, Sep 14-Nov 13, 90% Oct 13-Nov 3, peak Oct 14 (72); Tiana—288, Sep 28-Oct 31, peak Oct 31 (62). CLAY-COLORED: an imm at Tobay on Sep 22—color photographed by H. Wellander. White-crowned: station totals—Tobay, eight; Tiana, five, none at AtlB. White-throated: Tobay—156, Sep 8-Oct 27, peak Oct 6 (50); AtlB—98, Sep 22-Nov 15, peak Oct 21 (18). Song: Tobay—125, Aug 3-Oct 28, peak Oct 5 (34); Tiana—180, Sep 28-Oct 31, peak Oct 14 (38).

Note: Please have winter reports in by April 7.

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