

Nov 9 to Nov 30; these birds usually appeared in small numbers; a maximum of 12 unbanded came to the feeder Nov 29; generally, they seemed to appear in bigger numbers when the weather was really unsettled. Pine Grosbeak: reports typical of a good finch year—in fair numbers and from many localities; first, two Nov 3 Taberton (PPW) and five Nov 3 Gr (CK); max 20 Nov 24 (bsh). Common Redpoll: two reports—Nov 2 and Nov 5 SL (bsh), and two Nov 16 SL (PPW). Pine Siskin: frequent reports, after very few reports for two years; first Oct 12 Gr (CK); max 20 Nov 3 Taberton (PPW).

Sparrows: Rufous-sided Towhee: last—two Oct 26 Berne (MK). Savannah: reported from only two areas; last two—Oct 10 Castleton (JC) and Oct 18 Gr (CK). Grasshopper: first fall report since 1962—to Oct 5 Castleton (JC). Vesper: throughout period. Slate-colored Junco: migrants somewhat early—first Sep 11 EG (PPW). Tree Sparrow: arr Oct 20 Scotia (EH). Chipping: to Oct 23 JL (BH). Field: last Nov 14 (MM). White-crowned: arr Sep 21 Gr (CK); last Nov 11 Gr (CK); at the VFG banding station this species “continued a four-year decline with a take of five, down from a max of 25 in 1965” (RPY). White-throated: seemed appreciably more common, the first appearing Sep 5 EG (PPW), with the max numbers the second week-end in Oct. Fox: first Aug appearance ever recorded—one Aug 10 near Nassau (MG,ER, W. Blewett); other somewhat early reports—one at a feeder Sep 21 Ghent (P&GE), and seven at a feeder in Castleton Sep 27 and remaining for a few days (JC); many last part of Oct and through Nov, to Nov 28 Gr (Alice Stevens). Lincoln's: more abundant than any previous year at banding station—31 banded Sep 14-Oct 13 VFG (RPY). Swamp: more abundant; through Oct VFG (RPY). Song: good numbers, with max 75 Oct 13 VFG (RPY). Snow Bunting: first, three Oct 27 Basic Reservoir (PPW); reported from eight areas, in flocks usually numbering approximately 50; max 75 Nov 10 TR (SBC).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE — HUDSON

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September and October were above normal in temperature, but well below in precipitation. September saw about 2½ inches, and October about 3¼ inches. November was cool, but not to extremes. There were several storms resulting in about 5½ inches of water in the form of rain and snow. The first real frost came late, Nov 1; with many plants staying green until late into the season.

The migration was better in many ways than those of recent years. Waterfowl arrived early and in good variety and numbers. Warblers were generally poor with some exceptions noted, but October brought an influx of northern finches the like of which we have not seen in several years.

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Abbreviations: RAS—Rockland Audubon Society; WBC—Waterman Bird Club.

Localities: Dutch—Dutchess Co; Oran—Orange Co; Putn—Putnam Co; Rock—Rockland Co; USMA—U.S. Military Academy at West Point; West—Westchester Co.

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: unreported. Red-throated Loon: one, Nov 10 Esopus Is. (OW, Frederic Waterman); one Cornwall Bay Nov 27 (EDT). Horned Grebe: quite numerous on the Hudson in lower Rock (RFD). Pied-billed Grebe: normal numbers. Double-crested Cormorant: one Cornwall Bay Aug 18-Sep 13 (A,BM). Great Blue Heron: better numbers than usual, especially in Rock where they have been low for several years. Least Bittern: one Sep 3 Moodna Marsh, Cornwall-on-Hudson (A,BM). Waterfowl were normal to better everywhere except Putn where very few in numbers and species were observed. Canada Goose: local breeders with young evident thru Aug; passed thru in usual numbers, peak movement Oct 20-30. Snow Goose: more reports than usual, all Nov; total 960 birds in eight flocks. Pintail: all reports Dutch—five Oct 26 Pine Plains, last report two Millbrook(EP). Green-winged Teal: first fall, two Aug 15 L Tappan, Rock (JD); peak 26 at Pine Plains about Nov 6 (VP); thru end of period at Iona Is., Rock. Am. Widgeon: 38 Nov 2 Pine Plains—an unusually high number for Region. Shoveler: always uncommon; one female or imm, L Tappan Sep 15 (RAS); four Rock L Dec 1 (RAS). Wood Duck: two unusual concentrations; 32 early Oct at Wawarshing (JCO); more than 40 at Tri-Loba Hill Sanct, Katonah (SOG). Scaup: first, a female Sep 15 at Piermont Pier, Rock (RAS); about 70, Nov 10 Rhinecliff (OW). Common Goldeneye: first, two Nov 10 Rhinecliff. Bufflehead: five Oct 26 Pine Plains, (EP). Ruddy Duck: four Piermont Pier, early date of Sep 15 (RAS).

HAWKS-OWLS: The tenth annual Hawk Watch of the Fyke Nature Association at Mt. Peter near Warwick from Sep 7-22 produced the following numbers: Sharp-shinned 85 (about average); Cooper's 11 (about average); Red-tailed 43 (largest count); Red-shouldered 12 (largest count); Broad-winged 6,645 (almost twice as many as previous high in 1964); Bald Eagle none; Marsh 26 (about average); Osprey 56 (about average); Peregrine Falcon three (same as previous high); Pigeon Hawk one; Sparrow Hawk 235 (about average); total—7,183 birds (almost twice the previous high of 4,030 in 1962). The peak movement of Broadwings was 2,928 Sep 15; 1,608 Sep 16; and 1,030 Sep 17.

Turkey Vulture: last report in Dutch, six Oct 30; lingered in Bear Mt. Pk and USMA area until Nov 21 (PJ). Goshawk: one, Oct 23 Poughkeepsie (AJ,MK, *et al*); one Nov 20 Salt Pt (Czecker Terhune); one Kripplebush, Ulst Nov 9 (FH). Sharp-shinned Hawk: only report for Dutch, three Sep 14-18, at Moore's Mills. Cooper's Hawk: only report for Dutch, two on Sep 8 and 18. Red-shouldered Hawk: no reports from Dutch; two at Wurtsboro Nov 28 (Martin Borko). Broad-winged Hawk: peaks thru entire Region from Sep 12-18; latest, two Oct 24 Pleasant Valley (MV). Rough-legged Hawk: four in Chester area of Oran thru much of Nov (Sarah Uyhelyi); one Nov 24 at Amenia, Dutch (W,TS). Marsh Hawk: passed thru in expected numbers. Peregrine Falcon: one, Nov 1 Mianus Gorge near Bedford, West (James Todd).

Ruffed Grouse: numbers poor, a few reported from most area. Bobwhite: somewhat improved from last year; 17 at Katonah Oct 10 (SOG); 16 reported thru Oct in Dutch (WBC). Ring-necked Pheasant: normal in Dutch, but low west of Hudson R. Usual few reports of Virginia and Sora rails; one Virginia Rail in the parking lot of Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern on Sep 17 appeared uninjured but was far from suitable habitat. Am. Coot: scarce. Black-bellied Plover: one L Tappan, Rock Sep 15 (RFD). Am. Woodcock: max five, Tri-Loba Hill Sanct, Katonah, Oct 7 (SOG). Common Snipe: reported thru period in small numbers; good Oct flight. Yellowlegs: Good movement of both species, peak for both Sep 25-26. **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** first Dutch record in 30 years—one adult at Fallkill Pk, Poughkeepsie (AJ,MK,EP, OW, mob) Sep 26-Oct 4. Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers normal to better. Dunlin: four, L Tappan Sep 15 (RFD). Dowitcher: eight at L Tappan, Sep 15; of four reported there Oct 21, one was noticeably browner and with bill about 25% longer than the others (RFD); one at Poughkeepsie Oct 4 (AJ,MK). **STILT SAND-**

PIPER: first record for Dutch—three from Sep 28-Oct 10, one lingered till Oct 13 at Fallkill Pk, Poughkeepsie (AJ,MK,EP,OW, *et al*). Gulls: no change, more if any. Laughing Gull: max 23 at Cornwall Bay (A,BM). Mourning Dove: better numbers than usual; max 40 Tri-Loba Hill Sanct, Katonah Nov 2 (SOG). Great Horned Owl: few more reports than usual. Barred Owl: normal.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: more migrants than usual—12 Aug 15 at Katonah; an excellent flight on Aug 23—several hundred at Wawarsing, Ulst (JCO), 70 at Poughkeepsie in one hour, 25 at Pleasant Valley; last report, 50 at Cornwall Sep 3 (A,BM). Chimney Swift: max 1,000 Sep 15 at Poughkeepsie (AJ); last report, 6 at Kripplebush Oct 16 (FH). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: scarce in most areas, dates normal; one observed chasing Tree Swallow at Katonah Aug 25 (SOG). Woodpeckers: most species normal. Red-headed Woodpecker: more reports of migrant imm than usual. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: good migration, peak Sep 22; max ten in Dutch; last Out 16. Eastern Phoebe: movement better than most years; one late bird Dec 3 at Stone Ridge, Ulst (FH). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: more reports than usual; five banded by Dave Junkin at Bedford Hills Aug 14-Sep 13; two seen and heard at Nauraushaun, Rock Aug 15 (James Demes); WBC reports three separate birds first week of Sep. Traill's Flycatcher: very scarce. Eastern Wood Pewee: normal. Swallows normal for most species. One unusual concentration of Tree Swallows at Cornwall on Sep 12 between 6:30 and 6:45 a.m. when Al Merritt estimated 100 birds every ten seconds passing him. He estimated a total of 9,000. They were still passing when he left at 7:00 a.m. but the numbers were reduced to about 50 every ten seconds. Blue Jay: large movement, peak about Sep 21; numbers lower than usual at end of period. Black-capped Chickadee: increased in all areas, local lows of last year not observed. Red-breasted Nuthatch: usual scattered reports; perhaps a few more this season, with several remaining to end of period. Brown Creeper: two banded at Bedford Hills Aug 20. House Wren: normal; one feeding young at Wawarsing as late as Aug 20 (JCO). Winter Wren: usual fall reports, numbers normal. Carolina Wren: unreported most areas; WBC reports three from Sep 28-Nov 1 in Dutch. Mockingbird populations seem to have leveled off. Thrushes: good autumn movements. Wood Thrush: very late date, Nov 13 in Dutch (M,JK). Hermit Thrush: max 5, Oct 20 Pine Plains. Veery: last Sep 21 Dutch (WBC). E. Bluebird: normally scarce; some exceptional concentrations—seven at a feeder in the middle of Mt. Kisko thru Oct and six at Katonah Oct 12; 15 at Howells, Oran Oct 28 (Peg Moon). Kinglets: Mabel Little reports excellent in the Carmel area and from the number of reports received it would look the same elsewhere. Water Pipit: fewer reports than most years. Cedar Waxwing: excellent numbers thru Region; more than 100 at Glenmere L, Oran Oct 5 (EDT). Northern Shrike: one, Oct 16 Poughkeepsie, and one Nov 23–30, Pleasant Valley.

VIREOS—SPARROWS: Yellow-throated Vireo: last report Sep 21, Dutch. Solitary Vireo: last, Sep 29, Dutch. **PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** four reported from Dutch—two Aug 31 at Poughkeepsie bird bath (M,JK), one Sep 8 Moore's Mills (HM), one Sep 21 Rochdale (EP) observed in good light at about 10 ft. Warbler flight generally poor, except at Howells, Oran where Peg Moon had a large number during the first three weeks of Oct, mostly Magnolias and Myrtles. Tennessee Warbler: one, Oct 20 rather late for Dutch (MV,EP). **ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** one, Aug 22 at Poughkeepsie bird bath (MK); one banded Oct 6 near Ellenville by Valerie Freer is a new species for Ulster Co (FH). Nashville Warbler: one, very late, Nov 30 at Cornwall (A,BM). Magnolia Warbler: at least 30 reported for month of Sep in Dutch (WBC). Myrtle Warbler: one Aug 22, in Dutch was notably early (EB). Black-throated Green Warbler: first, Aug 16; good flight thru most of Region. Canada Warbler: unusually scarce, only four reports in Dutch; last Sep 18.

Usual heavy flights of redwings, grackles and cowbirds. Bobolink: 225 in Dutch Sep 5. Scarlet Tanager: fair Sep flight.

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).

Winter Reports due by Apr 5.

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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.

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