

burg BBC (WBS); 1 imm banded Aug 2 VFG (WDM,RPY). Yellow Warbler: migrating Aug 1 and 2 VFG (RPY). Myrtle Warbler: apparently increasing—13 on a total of three BBC's; also reported in three additional areas. Bay-breasted Warbler: late spring migrant Jun 8 W. Glenville (EH). Blackpoll Warbler: late spring migrants—Jun 1 Gr (CK); Jun 8 NWW (HHS). Prairie Warbler: reported from two areas in Jun—Gr (CK), and Karner Pine Barrens (HHS). Ovenbird: migrants banded—2 Aug 2, and 1 Aug 9 VFG (WDM,RPY). Northern Waterthrush: 1 banded Aug 9 VFG (WDM,RPY). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 Jul 19 Wolf Hollow (HHS); 1 site JL (GB). **KENTUCKY WARBLER**: 1 observed carefully and heard singing for a week in mid-June in a swampy, wooded spot in Altamont (BW, Florence Rogers). Mourning Warbler: 1 imm banded Aug 9 VFG (WDM,RPY); former nesting site at Black Pond near JL abandoned (GB). Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 Jun 12 near SCR (MLG); 1 Jul 4 Mdale (HHS). Canada Warbler: 1 early migrant banded Aug 2 VFG, and 1 Aug 15 (WDM,RPY).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: House Sparrow: total number on BBC reports down almost one-third from previous year. Orchard Oriole: Jun 18–28 Schodack (L&V Burland) and Ghent (P&GE). Baltimore Oriole: migrating Aug 2 VFG (RPY). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: migrating Aug 2 VFG (RPY). House Finch: 1 pair Jun 11–13 Nisk (Patrick Kilburn). Grasshopper Sparrow: reported from a new area—1 Jun 12 near SCR (MLG); 3 Jun 13 near SCR (HHS). Henslow's Sparrow: 1 Durham BBC (CK); 2 Medusa BBC (Jim Bush). White-throated Sparrow: 1 Jun 21 Karner Pine Barrens (HHS)—unusually late; strong evidence of breeding found at VFG, an elevation of less than 200 feet in the Mohawk Valley (RPY)—an unusual nesting situation.

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE — HUDSON

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Your reporter might better write about the birds of the world rather than the birds of southeastern New York. Most of his contributors gave glowing reports of their birding hours spent outside of the country while on vacation. Those that stayed behind were pretty much house bound with the abundance of rainy days through the month of July. Only a few usable reports were received and they, for the most part, failed to show any special trends in bird populations.

The summer was characterized by the slightly below average mean temperature for June and July, and the well above normal rainfall for the month of July. Better than seven inches for the latter month which is about double the expected total. The sun failed to shine for as much as two weeks in some locations. August was wet in the first half and generally dry for the last.

Abbreviations: Dutch—Dutchess Co; Oran—Orange Co; Rock—Rockland Co; Sull—Sullivan Co; Ulst—Ulster Co; USMA—U.S. Military Academy at West Point; West—Westchester Co.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Pied-billed Grebe: numbers good at Bashakill, Sull. Great Blue Heron: more reports this year than in any recently; as many as 4 in the Moodna Marsh area at Cornwall-on-Hudson; about 10 active nests and 22 young in rookery at Tamarack Swamp near Millbrook, Dutch (WBC). Green Heron: best year for

this species in a long time; several dozen birds observed regularly at Moodna Marsh, Cornwall, Oran. Common Egret: Only summer report 4 July 29, 30 at Poughquag, Dutch (EB). Snowy Egret: 1 June 6 Cornwall-on-Hudson; increased to 2 June 8 (A,BM). Least Bittern: observed regularly at Moodna Marsh, Cornwall-on-Hudson. American Bittern: 2 throughout period at Amenia, Dutch (W,TS). Mute Swan: excellent resident population in vicinity of Rockland Lk refuses to spread north or west from that area. Canada Goose: many reports with breeding young; several families totalling 17 birds at Queensboro Lk Bear Mt Park by mid-July (EDT). Mallard and Black Duck: numbers good on Hudson River at Cornwall by end of period; anywhere from two to three dozen birds observed. Blue-winged Teal: 2 females with young at Amenia, Dutch (W,TS). Scaup: one spent the latter half of July on the Hudson R at Cornwall (EDT).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: normal. Red-tailed Hawk: normal to less. Broad-winged Hawk: normal. Marsh Hawk: 1 July 25 at Tomahawk Swamp, Millbrook, Dutch (MVW,EP). Sparrow Hawk: normal. Ruffed Grouse: numbers continue very low; very few reports. Bobwhite: none reported. Virginia and Sora Rail: usual residents. Common Gallinule: numbers good at Bashakill; observed several times with young; a pair with 5 young observed at Amenia, Dutch (W,TS). Semipalmated Plover: several at Cornwall-on-Hudson by late July (EDT). Killdeer: 6 or more at Cornwall Bay by late July; remained through rest of period. Woodcock: 1 TriLoba Hill Sanctuary, Katonah, June 20 and Aug 10 (SOG). Upland Plover: as many as 12 individuals at Hamptonburgh, Oran, June 8 (JG). Least and Semipalmated Sandpiper: the latter outnumbered the former by 8:1 from late July thru early Aug at Cornwall-on-Hudson (EDT). Great Black-backed Gull: numbers much lower than usual, but regularly reported. Ring-billed Gull: unreported thru June and much of July; first observed July 25 at Conn's Hook, Hudson River at Highland Falls (EDT); by mid-August they outnumbered Herring Gulls by 10:1. Laughing Gull: very low through end of season; only a few reported. Common Tern: 14 July 29 Cornwall-on-Hudson (EDT). Mourning Dove: reported quite numerous in Ulst (FH). Cuckoos: both species extremely scarce; unusual since they were reported in such good numbers last spring. Great Horned Owl: heard regularly at Cornwall (A,BM); on June 25 a young bird was observed at Amawalk, West (John Kelley). Long-eared Owl: at least 3 heard near Poughkeepsie; first on June 2 and last on July 14 (M,JK).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Whip-poor-will: especially low at Kripplebush Ulst this season (FH). Common Nighthawk: numbers good in Newburgh (Carrie Carnwright). Chimney Swift: numbers remain high. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: widely scattered reports, but not at all numerous. Belted Kingfisher: residents in usual places. Pileated Woodpecker: only report one resident pair at Cornwall-on-Hudson. Red-headed Woodpecker: continues to breed well at Howells, Oran (Margaret Moon). Hairy and Downy Woodpecker: normal. Flycatchers: as a group, appeared to be down in numbers but not seriously. Eastern Kingbird: normal to less in most areas. Eastern Phoebe: normal. Traill's Flycatcher: 1 June 17 Iona Is. (JG). Least Flycatcher: normal to less. Eastern Wood Pewee: numbers good in Hudson Highlands. *OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER*: 1 Dutch June 20 (MK,HM,EB). This is a very late date; not known to breed in that county. Swallows: Most resident species in good numbers. Tree Swallow: earliest migrants observed along Palisades Interstate Parkway in Rock as early as July 24; moving in very abundant numbers by end of period. Cliff Swallow: usually 7 or 8 pairs at Upton Lk. Dutch; this year down to 3 pair (FG). Purple Martin: only active nest in Oran reported at Middlehope; has failed to recover from kill of several seasons ago; three active areas known in Dutch. Corvids: Usual residents normal. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1 observed near Poughkeepsie June 30; bird was carrying food but was not proven to be nesting. Brown Creeper: unreported from usual areas where resident. House Wren: nor-

mal. Winter Wren: numbers up at Mohonk, Ulst this season (Dan Smiley). Carolina Wren: 1 June 14 South Salem West (SOG); another Jul 28 South Nyack (Bob Deed); another last half of July at Cornwall-on-Hudson (EDT). Long-billed Marsh Wren: normal to less. Mockingbird: continues to hold its own, but does not appear to be increasing. Hermit Thrush: 1 singing June 28 Mt. Riga, Dutch (WBC). Eastern Bluebird: scattered nesting reports; Waterman Bird Club project reports 36 nesting pair, 5 pair suffered predation, 120 hatched out of 126 eggs laid. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1 June 20 in Dutch (MK,HM,EB), not known to nest in that county. Cedar Waxwing: very scarce early in the period; numbers improved by end.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: spring birds at USMA unreported during period. Yellow-throated Vireo: numbers good. Red-eyed Vireo: seemed normal most areas, but nesting numbers down in Ulst for past several years (FH). Worm-eating Warbler: more summer reports than usual; observed regularly thru late June and early Aug at USMA (JG); 1 observed feeding young on June 20 near Mohonk, Ulst (Robert Pyle); another July 11, Cornwall-on-Hudson, Oran (A,BM). Golden-winged Warbler: 1 being fed by a Blue-winged Warbler at USMA Aug 10 (EDT). Brewster's Warbler: 1 Aug 17 USMA (JG). Lawrence's Warbler: 1 Aug 2 USMA (JG). Parula Warbler: 1 very late date of June 15 USMA (JG). Cerulean Warbler: As many as 4 birds observed throughout June, July and Aug to the close of the period, at the Weyant's Pond, USMA; last report Aug 17 (EDT,JG); no nesting proven; nested as usual in Dutch; 3 June 20 in the vicinity of Pawling, Dutch might possibly mean another nesting area in that county. Chestnut-sided Warbler: numbers down in those areas where they are resident. Blackpoll Warbler: Last report, 1 June 7 USMA (JG). Prairie Warbler: observed in the Hook Mt. area of Rock from June 1 to July 4; singing in early part of period; latter date an imm—bird observed (Ed and Lana Mills). Ovenbird; numbers less than usual. Northern Waterthrush: 1 Aug 2 USMA (JG). Yellowthroat: less than usual in lowlands of Ulst; normal elsewhere. Hooded Warbler: observed regularly thru June, July and first half of Aug USMA (JG). American Redstart: normal.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: nesting numbers good this year. Orchard Oriole: one pair raised 3 or 4 young in June in Dutch (EB); suspected the same pair nested in July. Scarlet Tanager: normal. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: better than usual. Indigo Bunting: good numbers at Howells, Oran (Margaret Moon); numbers reported lower than usual in Ulst. (FH). Purple Finch: in at least 5 areas of Dutch all summer; one other bird reported from West June 15. House Finch: nesting records still reported from Poughkeepsie area, but birds still not increasing as expected. Pine Siskin: one dozen June 25, 26 Mt. Kisco (Mrs. Wm. Grierson). American Goldfinch: numbers good. Rufous-sided Towhee: normal. Grasshopper Sparrow: observed in usual places, numbers never high. Chipping Sparrow: normal. Field Sparrow: low in Ulst, but reported normal elsewhere. Swamp Sparrow: very few reports. Song Sparrow: normal.

Autumn reports due Dec 5.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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The Marine Region is certainly the most densely populated one in the State with over 10,000,000 humans now in residence. The havoc wreaked upon the environment by this multitude is immeasurable. Long Island is fast becoming that sort of sterile habitat typified by Manhattan Island.

Many human activities at all seasons work to deplete our wildlife, but it is during