

REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The average temperature for the last half of August was close to normal, although the extreme temperatures varied considerably; there was virtually no rainfall. The first half of September was unseasonably warm, with a reverse trend of unseasonably cool weather from the 18th on; rainfall was only 2.06 inches—1.52 inches less than normal; three-fourths of the precipitation occurred on the 6th, 7th, and 8th. October was a little cooler than usual, and still dry, with 1.55 inches of rainfall—1.22 inches less than normal. November brought much rain and snow, with an excess precipitation of 3.01 inches, just about making up for the deficiency in September and October. (Weather data taken at the Albany Airport)

Major migration movements included September 5 and 6, when large numbers of warblers were reported, and several days beginning with September 19, when cold weather triggered considerable activity. Conditions were highly unfavorable for shorebirds—virtually no mud flats in the area, with the expected result of very few records of shorebirds, except for the unusual appearance of many Dunlin.

There were many bright spots in the fall report. Several Red-necked Grebes were reported instead of one or none as in the last three years. Waterfowl were in good supply, with a considerable increase in the numbers of Oldsquaws and White-winged Scoters. Several Goshawks and Sharp-shinned Hawks were recorded. There appeared to be a minor invasion of Boreal Chickadees. The warbler count was much higher than usual, especially for Blackpolls, Purple Finches, Common Redpolls, Slate-colored Juncos, and White-throated Sparrows were abundant, and a large flock of Red Crossbills was observed.

Of unusual note were reports on the following: Snow Goose, Golden Eagle, and Yellow-breasted Chat.

Observers cited more than once: DA—Douglass Allen; GB—Guy Bartlett; HFB—Hazel Bundy; L&VB—Lee and Virginia Burland; JB—James Bush; PC—Paul Connor; JC—Juanita Cook; RD—Roland Drowne; P&GE—Paul and Georgia Erlenbach; MWF—Mabel W. French; M&AG—Murray and Alice Giddings; WG—William Gorman; EH—Esly Hallenbeck; MK—Marcia Kent; CK—Clarissa Ketcham; RMCC—Robert McCullough; WDM—Will Merritt, Jr.; MM—Mary Mickle; PM—Philip Mickle; ER—Edgar M. Reilly, Jr.; WBS—Walton Sabin; BRS—Benton Seguin; NS—Natalie Snare; M&WU—M. and W. Ulmer; RPY—Robert Yunick; bsh—Guy Bartlett, Benton Seguin, Barrington Havens; ADBC—Alan Devoe Bird Club; HMBC—Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club.

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Abbreviations: AR—Alcove Reservoir; BC—Basic Reservoir; Cton—Castleton; CL—Collins Lake; GL—Galway Lake; Gr—Greenville; KPB—Karner Pine Barrens; Mville—Mariaville; Nisk—Niskayuna; SL—Saratoga Lake; Sch Ctr—Schodack Center; SCR—Stony Creek Reservoir; TR—Tomhannock Reservoir; VFG—Vischer Ferry Game Management Area; WPWS—Wilson M. Powell Wildlife Sanctuary.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: from Sep 28 SL (BRS) thru period. Red-throated Loon: three reports, all at SL—1 Oct 26 (HMBC); 1 Nov 8 (bsh); 2 Nov 27 (BRS). Red-necked Grebe: reported from three different lakes—1 Oct 30 CL (EH); to end of period SL with max 3 Nov 8 (bsh); 2 Nov 1 GL (HMBC). Horned Grebe: 2 Oct 18 TR (HMBC) thru period; max 30 Nov 8 SL (bsh). Pied-billed Grebe: reports from several areas—from Sep 7 Cton (JC) to Nov 30 Columbia Co (ADBC). Double-crested Cormorant: 1 Sep 19 flying north over Mville (DA). Great Blue Heron: frequent reports; max 12 Sep 26 VFG (RPY); last 1 Nov 13 SCR (EH). Green Heron: a few reports from four different areas; last Oct 5 Cton

(JC). Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 seen and 2 heard at dusk Aug 20 Mohawk R at Nisk (RPY). American Bittern: Sep 16 Ghent (P&GE); Sep 30 WPWS (ER). Canada Goose: first flock—50 Oct 1 Gr (CK); most flocks between 150 and 250, in general smaller than those of the previous year. SNOW GOOSE in unprecedented numbers; three reports for Nov 3—250 Saratoga Co (bsh), 500 Saratoga Co (*fide* MK), and 450 Rensselaer Co (*fide* MK); a spectacular flock of 1500 Nov 4 over Watervliet Reservoir (bsh); singles reported from three other areas.

Mallard: good numbers seen. Black Duck: large numbers reported, including 600 Nov 15 AR and BR (HMBC). Gadwall: 1 Oct 26 Gr (CK); 4 Nov 22 SCR (bsh); 4 Nov 27 SCR (BRS). Pintail: from 2 Sep 21 SCR (EH,RMcC) to 3 Nov 15 AR (HMBC). Green-winged Teal: 20 Sep 16 SCR (EH) thru period; max 40 Nov 15 (bsh). Blue-winged Teal: last report late—4 Nov 15 WPWS (ER). American Widgeon: in small numbers—from Sep 28 SCR (BRS) to Nov 15 BR (HMBC). Wood Duck: reports include—max 50 Sep 24—30 CL (EH); 200 Oct 25 WPWS (ER); late date of Nov 18 WPWS (ER,RD). Redhead: 1 Oct 25 SL (bsh); 2 Nov 27 SL (BRS). Ring-necked Duck: several Nov reports; max 90 Nov 1 GL (HMBC). Canvasback: 2 arr Oct 26 SL (HMBC); max 45 Nov 15 AR and BR (HMBC). Scaup: 5 Oct 18 TR (HMBC) thru period; max 175 Oct 26 SL (HMBC) and 150 Nov 15 AR and BR (HMBC). Common Goldeneye: Oct 26 SL (HMBC) thru period; max 250 Nov 23 SL (EH,RMcC). Bufflehead: 30 Oct 26 SL (HMBC) thru period. Oldsquaw: more numerous than usual; 13 Oct 26 SL (HMBC) thru period; max 30 Oct 29 SL (bsh). White-winged Scoter: 5 Oct 27 SL (BRS) thru period; max 30 Nov 15 AR and BR (HMBC). Surf Scoter: 2 Oct 18 TR and 1 Oct 26 SL (HMBC). Common Scoter: rom Oct 17 Queechy L (MM) thru period; max 26 Oct 20 Featherstonehaugh L (DA). Ruddy Duck: several scattered reports from Oct 5 SCR (BRS) thru period; Nov 1—30 Queechy L (RD). Hooded Merganser: Oct 4 WPWS (ER) to 6 Nov 28 GL (EH); max 20 Oct 29 SL (bsh). Common Merganser: 6 arr Sep 26 Hudson R in Warren Co (EH); max 50 Nov 29 SL (bsh). Red-breasted Merganser: 24 Oct 26 SL (HMBC) thru period.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: last report—3 Nov 15 WPWS (ER). Goshawk: 1 Oct 12 near Hadley (Barrington Havens); 1 Slingerlands and 1 KPB Nov 23 (WBS). Sharp-shinned Hawk: singles—Oct 7 Catskill (JB); Oct 19 (EH); Oct 25 and Nov 2 Schodack (L&VB). Cooper's Hawk: three scattered reports. Red-tailed Hawk: max —20 Nov 16 and 22 Nov 23 (bsh). Red-shouldered Hawk: 2 Aug 21 Saratoga Co (EH); five scattered reports from Sep 21 to Nov 15. Broad-winged Hawk: six reports; last Oct 5 Jewett (CK). Rough-legged Hawk: arr Oct 26 in two localities; max 4 Nov 30 Cossackie (JB). *GOLDEN EAGLE*: 1 observed at Hillsdale for four hours Oct 24 (NS); 1 found dead in the same area Nov 6, and identified at the Delmar Game Farm (ADRC). Bald Eagle: 1 observed soaring over the General Electric plant in Waterford Aug 25 (John Bradley, John Saville). Marsh Hawk: frequent reports from Sep 7 to Nov 16. Osprey: Aug 23 VFG (RPY) to Oct 9 W. Glenville (EH). Sparrow Hawk: seemed scarce. Bobwhite: reported only in Columbia Co (mob). Virginia Rail: 1 Aug 20 Mohawk R at Nisk (RPY); 1 imm Sep 3 Gr (CK). Common Gallinule: missed entirely! American Coot: arr Sep 20 Old Pond (H. Tank); small numbers thru period, with max 30 Nov 1 GL (HMBC).

Semipalmated Plover: only one—Oct 19 Sacandaga Reservoir (DA). Killdeer: widely reported; max 50 Oct 15 TR (PC); last Nov 16 (bsh,EH). American Woodcock: last—12 Oct 17 Catskill (JB). Common Snipe: max 9 Oct 30 CL (EH). Upland Plover: last at Craig School Nisk Aug 21 (RPY); last report—Sep 12 Sch Ctr (PC). Spotted Sandpiper: only two reports, both singles—Aug 24 Warren Co (EH); Nov 1 Sacandaga Reservoir (DA). Solitary Sandpiper: only one—Sep 24 Ghent (P&GE). Greater Yellowlegs: Sep 6 (CK) to Nov 8 (bsh); max 28 Oct 19 SCR (EH). Lesser Yellowlegs: only three reports—last Oct 31 (bsh). Pectoral Sandpiper: 15 Oct 5 Medusa Swamp (CK); six additional reports of 1 to 4 individuals; last Nov 1 GL (HMBC). Least Sandpiper: only two reports—2 Sep 14 Papscanee Creek

(PC) and 1 Oct 15 TR (PC). Dunlin: 4 Oct 15 TR (PC) to 4 Nov 16 GL (EH); large flocks—30 Oct 18 TR (HMBC), 30 Nov 1 GL (HMBC), and 40 Nov 8 GL (EH); four additional reports. Semipalmated Sandpiper: 2 Oct 9 GL (EH).

Bonaparte's Gull: singles—Oct 25 and Nov 3 SL (bsh). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Sep 16 and 24 Ghent (P&GE). Black-billed Cuckoo: singles Sep 20 and 27 banded VFG (WDM,RPY). Screech Owl: reported from 7 areas. Great Horned Owl: reported from 7 areas. Barred Owl: heard in Jenny Lake area (GB); 1 Oct 20 Chatham (M&AG). Saw-whet Owl: only one—banded Oct 19 VFG (WDM,RPY).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: unusual migration reports of 200+ Aug 29 Gr (CK), and 100 Sep 28 over Old Chatham (ER). Chimney Swift: max 50+ Sep 20 VFG (RPY); last Sep 28 VFG (RPY). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 54 netted VFG banding station from Aug 2 to Sep 28, a considerable increase over previous year (WDM,RPY). Belted Kingfisher:requent reports. Yellow-shafted Flicker: max 4 Nov 9 (bsh). Pileated Woodpecker: reported from at least 5 areas. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: reported from 4 areas; last Oct 18 WPWS (ER).

Eastern Kingbird: last Oct 13 Chatham (M&AG). Great Crested Flycatcher: last report—1 banded Sep 27 VFG (WDM,RPY). Eastern Phoebe: to Nov 10 Gr (CK) Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Sep 4 and 5 Loudonville (MWF); 29 banded from Aug 3 to Sep 13 VFG, a considerable increase (WDM,RPY). Trail's Flycatcher: 16 banded from Aug 1 to Sep 6 VFG (WDM,RPY), an increase recouping the loss of the previous year; 2 Sep 11 Nisk (RPY). Least Flycatcher: declined significantly at VFG banding station (RPY). Eastern Wood Pewee: last Sep 30 (EH).

Tree Swallow: last Sep 21 (EH,RMcC). Bank Swallow: last—4 Sep 28 (BRS). Rough-winged Swallow: to Sep 7 Hillsdale (NS). Barn Swallow: to Sep 21 (EH, RMcC). Black-capped Chickadee: max 50 Oct 18 TR (HMBC). Boreal Chickadee: 2 Nov 15 thru period at Mr. Pollak's feeder Nisk (*fide* RPY); 6 Nov 30 Tygert (bsh). Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 30 Oct 15 TR (PC). Brown Creeper: early migrant Aug 9 VFG (WDM,RPY). House Wren: last Oct 10 (WG), with the exception of a *very* late date of Nov 29 at Leeds (Jeffrey Carlton). Winter Wren: reported from about 10 areas. Long-billed Marsh Wren: last—1 banded Oct 5 VFG (WDM,RPY). Catbird: last—Nov 15 WPWS (ER).

Brown Thrasher: last Nov 3 Catskill (JB). Robin: max 100+ Oct 17 Mville (DA); most disappeared by Nov 7 (bsh). Wood Thrush: last Oct 5 Gr (CK). Hermit Thrush: from Oct 5 VFG (WDM,RPY) to Nov 29 Nisk (RPY). Swainson's Thrush: Sep 20 Ghent (P&GE); Sep 5—Oct 12 VFG (WDM,RPY). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 banded Sep 27 VFG (WDM,RPY). Veery: last Oct 5 VFG (WDM,RPY). Eastern Bluebird: reported thru Nov Columbia Co (RD); max—15 Oct 15 Gr (CK), and 12 Oct 18 Catskill (JB). Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Sch Ctr Oct 5 (PC). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: first Ghent Sep 11 (P&GE); throughout period. Water Pipit: reported widely; from Sep 24 Ghent (P&GE) to Nov 10 Cton (JC); max 100 Oct 24 Cton (JC). Cedar Waxwing: large flocks, including the following—147 banded in one day, Sep 27 VFG (WDM,RPY); 200 Nov 4 (bsh); 100 Nov Troy (E. and H. Long). Northern Shrike: Nov 1 GL (HMBC); 1 imm banded Nov 8 and another imm observed Nov 12 Rexford (WDM); Nov 27 Chatham (PM). Migrant Shrike: Oct 4 WPWS (ER); Nov 22 Saratoga Battlefield (bsh). In addition, a shrike (sp?) was seen on Nov 23, and one (sp?) in a different area Nov 24 (DA).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: four reports; last Sep 29 WPWS (ER). Solitary Vireo: bandings—1 Sep 20, and 2 Oct 4 VFG (WDM,RPY); also, 1 Oct 12 Chatham (M&WU). Red-eyed Vireo: last—3 banded Oct 25 VFG (WDM, RPY). Philadelphia Vireo: a pair found nesting in second-growth near open field, and observed both on and off nest Aug Ghent (P&GE); 6 banded Sep 6—28 VFG (WDM,RPY); 1 Sep 27 WPWS (ER). Warbling Vireo: last Oct 8 Cton (JC).

Black-and-white Warbler: only one report—4 Sep 6 KPB (HMBC). Tennessee Warbler: 1 banded very early, Aug 2, and other singles Sep 13, Oct 5 VFG (WDM,

RPY); 1 Oct 4 WPWS (ER). Nashville Warbler: Aug 22 Warren Co (EH) to Oct 12 E. Greenbush (WG). Parula Warbler: three singles—Sep 22 Loudonville (MWF); 1 found dead, along with other species of warblers on a foggy morning, Sep 30, at the base of the Education Building in Albany (PC); Oct 4 WPWS (ER). Yellow Warbler: marked decrease at VFG banding station, last one Aug 23, with an unusually high number of adult captures suggesting a massive breeding failure (RPY); last Sep 25 Hillsdale (R. Silverman). Magnolia Warbler: from 2 Sep 5 Sch Ctr (PC) to Oct 5 Berne (MK); max 10 Sep 6 KPB (HMBC). Cape May Warbler: more reports than usual—1 Aug 29 Sch Ctr (PC); 6 Sep 6 KPB (HMBC); Sep 16–25 Cton and Ghent (JC,P&GE). Black-throated Blue Warbler: Sep 6 Gr (CK) to Oct 8 Cton (JC). Myrtle Warbler: from Sep 6 KPB (HMBC) thru period; max 50 Oct 15 TR (PC). Black-throated Green Warbler: from Aug 30 VFG (WDM,RPY) to Oct 12 E. Greenbush (WG). Blackburnian Warbler: five reports—from Aug 26 Loudonville (MWF) to Oct 4 WPWS (ER); max 10 Sep 6 KPB (HMBC). Chestnut-sided Warbler: several reports; last Oct 5 VFG (WDM,RPY). Bay-breasted Warbler: from Sep 5 VFG (WDM,RPY) and KPB (HFB) to Sep 20 VFG (WDM,RPY); max 10 Sep 6 KPB (HMBC). Blackpoll Warbler: many reports including the following—increased very significantly at VFG banding operation, with max 30 Sep 27, and 22 Sep 28 (WDM,RPY); from Sep 10 daily to end of month, some days abundant Loudonville (MWF); arr Sep 6 KPB (HMBC); last 12 Nov 19 near Chatham (PM)—a very late record described as follows: "Definitely a warbler because of behavior, size and shape. Dull olive green, streaked pale yellow breast, two white-wing bars, white undertail coverts, pale legs and pale eye stripe. Resembled Bay-breasted Warbler, but had pale instead of dark legs, white not buffy undertail coverts. Found in woods of maples, oaks, shrubs and pines. I have seen this species many times before—in both fall and spring plumage. 5 feet to 25 feet from birds, for 10 minutes, observed with naked eye. 3:30 p.m., overcast, good light conditions." Pine Warbler: reported by one observer on several dates—5 Sep 18, 3 Sep 25–29, 1–3 Oct 3–8 Cton (JC). Prairie Warbler: 2 Sep 6 KPB (HMBC). Palm Warbler: from 3 Sep 27 WPWS (ER) to Oct 16, 17 Altamont (Florence Rogers, Beverly Waite); also, late date Nov 22 Pattersonville (DA). Ovenbird: one very late report—Oct 26 VFG (WDM,RPY). Northern Waterthrush: to Sep 28 VFG (WDM,RPY). Connecticut Warbler: 1 Sep 13 and 2 Sep 20 VFG (WDM,RPY). Mourning Warbler: an increase—6 banded Aug 8 to Sep 21 VFG (WDM,RPY). Yellowthroat: last Oct 19 VFG (WDM,RPY). **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT**: fall reports generally very rare; four records of singles as follows—Sep 6 Gr (CK); Sep 13 Loudonville (MWF); Sep 17 CL (EH,RMcC); first fall banding ever, Sep 20 VFG (WDM,RPY). Wilson's Warbler: considerable increase; from Aug 22 VFG (WDM,RPY) to Sep 29 Cton (JC); max 4 Sep 6 and 4 Sep 12 VFG (WDM,RPY). Canada Warbler: to Sep 28 Cton (JC); max 9 Sep 6 VFG (WDM,RPY). American Redstart: to Oct 6 Gr (CK).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: last Sep 13 Gr (CK). Eastern Meadowlark: thru period (bsh). Orchard Oriole: Sep 1, 3 Cton (JC). Baltimore Oriole: last Sep 20 VF G(RPY). Rusty Blackbird: abundantly reported; from Aug 28 Warren Co (EH) thru period; max 60 Nov 16 (bsh). Scarlet Tanager: to Oct 11 E. Greenbush (WG); max 25 Sep 26 Mville (DA). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: to Oct 9 Scotia (EH). Indigo Bunting: only two reports; last date unusually early—Sep 4 Gr (CK). Dickcissel: 1 at feeder Oct 21–26 in Colonie (Mrs. John Phillips, Mrs. Marjorie Gressens). Evening Grosbeak: many reports, beginning Oct 30 Mville (DA); max 52 Nov 15 AR and BR (HMBC). Purple Finch: frequent reports; large increase in banding operation, with 47 banded from Oct 11–26 VFG (WDM,RPY); max 100 Oct 19 Mville (DA). House Finch: 1 female Oct 23 Nisk (Gustave Angst); 28 taken at a feeder in a yard in Nisk and banded from Nov 5–30, with max 12 Nov 8 (same yard as similar report Nov 1968) (RPY). Pine Grosbeak: a few reports, beginning Oct 28 (bsh). Common Redpoll: arr Oct 26 (bsh); many flocks reported, with largest 150+ Mville (DA). Pine Siskin: began arriving Oct 4 VFG (RPY); max 40

Oct 15 TR (PC). Red Crossbill: Nov 11–30, with max 10 Nov 16 E. Chatham (M&WU); flock of 65 Nov 13 Cheese Hill Area, Rensselaerville (Dr. Anna Perkins). White-winged Crossbill: 6 Nov 8 (bsh); 7 Nov 27 Berne (MK); Nov 20–30, max 6 Nov 22 Chatham (RD). Rufous-sided Towhee: last Nov 3 Mville (DA). Savannah Sparrow: to Oct 25 Gr (CK). Vesper Sparrow: throughout period. Slate-colored Junco: flocks appeared Aug 31 Thacher Pk (MK); abundant last half of Oct, with 100+ Oct 17 and 300 Oct 19 Mville (DA), and 115 Oct 28 Berne (MK). Tree Sparrow: arr Oct 5 (EH). Chipping Sparrow: to Nov 18 Hillsdale (W. L. Stock). Field Sparrow: last Oct 28 Gr (CK). White-crowned Sparrow: scattered reports of small numbers; from Sep 19 Mville (DA) to Nov 20 Ghent (P&GE); 27 banded Oct 4–11 Rexford (WDM). White-throated Sparrow: increased significantly at VFG banding operation, with 167 banded Oct 5 and 91 Oct 11, with a total 510 banded Aug 9 to Oct 26 (WFM,RPY); also, there was further evidence of probable breeding at VFG (RPY); another large report, 70 Oct 15 TR (PC). Fox Sparrow: from Oct 1 Chatham (M&AG) to Nov 17 Nisk (EH). Lincoln's Sparrow: 5 banded between Sep 19 and Oct 5 VFG (WDM,RPY); Sep 20, 24, 27 Ghent and Chatham (P&GE, ER). Swamp Sparrow: to Nov 15 (bsh). Snow Bunting: arr Oct 23 Catskill (JB); reports from many areas, with flocks of up to 300 observed in Columbia Co (ADBC). R.D. 1, Box 55, Scotia, N.Y. 12302

REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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September and October were warm and dry—with October producing a little more than an inch and one half of precipitation. November was normally cool with a great increase in rainfall; more than seven inches. The warbler flight was good but no especially large flights were noted. It looks like a good year for northern visitors. By the end of the period a large number of Red Crossbills, Snow Bunting and Evening Grosbeaks were reported. Red-breasted Nuthatches were more common than usual, and a smattering of Siskins, Redpolls, and Pine Grosbeaks was noted. Most species of ducks were in good number by the end of the period. Several rarities were reported which are noted in the report.

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Abbreviations: EAMBC—Edgar A. Mearns Bird Club; FNA—Fyke Nature Association Hawk Watch, Mt. Peter, N.Y. Sept 7–29, Oct 4–26; RAS—Rockland Audubon Society; WBC—Waterman Bird Club.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 2 Oct 4 flying over Schawangunk Mts. near New Paltz (EDT); 1 Oct 24 Mianus Gorge (James Todd); 2 Nov 23 Cornwall Bay, Hudson R (JG). Red-throated Loon: 1 Nov 8 Sylvan L, Dutch (DF et al). Red-necked Grebe: 1 Nov 8 Rhinecliff (AJ). Horned Grebe: from 10–12 Nov 6–8 in Dutch. Pied-billed Grebe: generally good fall flight, last report Nov 21 at Bashakill, Sull. *GREAT CORMORANT*: first observed Oct 19 on Hudson R at Cornwall by Mrs. Barbara Merritt. Remained thru Nov 2 when shot by hunter. Many observers thru period. Specimen now at State Museum for final identification. If correct, only inland record for New York State. Double-crested Cormorant: 2 Sept 7–9 Cornwall-