

srcc. Hermit Thrush: 3 individual reported in three different locations. Eastern Bluebird: first seen 1 Mar 23 South Sch'dy (DA); 1 Mar 28 Mdale (bhs). Golden-crowned Kinglet: reported from seven or more areas, max 10 scc. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 2 srcc; 2 scc. Cedar Waxwing: few reports most in Dec, max 50 scc. Northern Shrike: scattered reports, only 1 on Christmas counts. Starlinga; apparently regained numbers over last years Christmas counts, the total for four counts was 13,139 and the highest max total of 5,262 for one year in counts for forty years for scc.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: *YELLOWTHROAT*: 2 scc, seen in separate areas; previous record 2 in 1959.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: Scattered sighting thru period, 12 srcc; migrants from Mar 14 on (DA). Redwinged Blackbird: scattered reports thru period, migrants arr 150 Mar 21 LH (hmbe). Rusty Blackbird: 1 Mar 1 Crounse's Swamp (ML&MJ). Common Grackle: a few winter residents; migrants arr Mar 15 Mville (DA). Brown-headed Cowbird: total four Christmas counts 158; first migrants Mar 12 Mville (DA); "abundant Albany downtown roost" (DA). Cardinal: generally reported in good numbers. *DICKCISSEL*: four separate reports; 1 srcc; 1 tcc; 1 TR (hmbe); female Mar 6 Alplaus (HFB). Evening Grosbeak: reported in good numbers from all areas, max 497 srcc; 1 all yellow (no black) was seen at feeder for third consecutive year on Dec 10 & regularly thru Jan Gr (CK). Purple Finch: scattered reports, max 22 srcc; daily Feb 17-Mar 31 Altamont (ML&MJ). House Finch: 3 Mar 18 Catskill (JB). Pine Grosbeak: scattered reports of small flocks, max 57 Mar 26 Mville (DA); "females outnumbered males at all times by 10-1" (DA). Hoary Redpoll: 1 Mar 11 identified at close range described as generally light overall with pure white rump (BH). Common Redpoll: generally reported over area, max 280 scc; flocks up to 75 all Feb in Troy (E. & H. Long). Pine Siskin: max 12 Jan 17 (bhs). American Goldfinch: reports from most observers, 212 srcc. Red Crossbill: larger numbers & reported from all areas especially during Jan & Feb, max 175 Feb 7 Malta (HS); 100 Mar 29 Malta (HS). White-winged Crossbill: several scattered reports, max 8 Jan 25 Mdale (BS); 1 female daily at feeder Jan 30-Feb 28 Gl (MJF). Rufous-sided Towhee: several sighting over area, 3 scc "widely separated areas," previous records 1 in 1958, 2 in 1967, 2 tcc; 1 gcc; 1 at feeder Jan 12 for 2-3 weeks Gr (fide CK); "may be a trend toward a wintering bird" (Walton Sabin). Vesper Sparrow: 1 tcc. Slate-colored Junco: generally reported. Tree Sparrow: present in usual numbers, total 2288 on four Christmas counts; 97 Feb 1 Berne (Marcia Kent). Field Sparrow: a few scattered reports; 8 tcc; 2-6 Mar 1-31 Chatham & Ghent (MM, M&A Giddings). White-crowned Sparrow: four reports; 1 scc "became #104 on the composite list" previously listed on near dates only. White-throated Sparrow: thru area, some reported as "few," max 62 scc. Fox Sparrow: a few scattered reports, 1 daily at feeder thru period Gl (MJF). Swamp Sparrow: 1 srcc; 1 scc. Song Sparrow: several reports seen daily thru period, total four Christmas counts of 121. Lapland Longspur: 2 srcc; with flock of c. 500 Horned Larks & Snow Buntings Dec Columbia County (L&VB). Snow Bunting: flocks reported thru area over period, max 248 GCC; 92 Dec 1 Berne (Marcia Kent); 213 Dec 15 Berne (Marcia Kent).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Temperatures averaged well below normal for most of the winter. March was the only month that was normal, caused not by extremes, but by consistent cold

weather. Temperatures remained below freezing for most of the period, but only occasionally went below zero. Snow fall in the higher regions in December averaged about 45 inches. There was much less in January and February. The December snows lasted thru the season due to the persistent cold. Lower elevations experienced very damaging ice storms just before Christmas. Lakes froze early and remained so thru the end of the season in higher elevations.

For the second year in a row northern finches were abundant. Pine Grosbeaks were low in number, but Evening Grosbeaks reached unparalleled highs. If any one event stands out it is the incursion of Red Crossbills and Boreal Chickadees which were reported from all areas. Most resident species showed little change in numbers. Waterfowl were good as much as ice conditions would allow. Hawks were generally excellent. Mimid populations were better than usual, but most birders spent their time looking at northern finches. There was a better than usual population of those birds that should have moved farther south, but stayed the winter. Especially noteworthy were the thrushes and migratory sparrows. The Carolina Wrens which had been increasing over the past several years might well have met with disaster this season. Spring counts will tell the tale.

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Abbreviations: BCC—John Burroughs Natural History Society Christmas Count December 28, 1969; BMCC—Bear Mountain Christmas Count January 3, 1970; FWC—Federation of NYS Bird Clubs Waterfowl Count January 11, 1970; MBC—Edgar A. Mearns Bird Club; MCC—Edgar A. Mearns Bird Club Christmas Count, Jan 3, 1970; RAS—Rockland Audubon Society; RCC—Rockland Audubon Society Christmas Count December 27, 1969, USMA—United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.; WBC—Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club of Dutchess Co. N.Y.; WCC—Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club Christmas Count December 28, 1969; Dutch—Dutchess Co; Oran—Orange Co; Putn—Putnam Co; Rock—Rockland Co; Sull—Sullivan Co; Ulst—Ulster Co; West—Westchester Co.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Mar 25 Rhinecliff (WBC). Horned Grebe: first Mar 15 Cornwall Bay (JG); another Mar 25 New Hamburg; and 2 Mar 28 Vanderburgh Cove (WBC). Pied-billed Grebe: first, 6, Mar 25 New Hamburg and Barrytown (WBC); 4 more on Dutch ponds same date; 1 Mar 27 at Bashakill (MB); a high number of 11 on FWC. Great Blue Heron: more winter reports than usual; 1 RCC makes the third time in 23 years; 3 Mar 4 Tamarack Swamp, Dutch (FG); 2 Mar 30: 1 L DeForest, Rock (RS); the other Tri-Loba Hill Sanct Katonah (SG). Mute Swan: usual large numbers in Rock, more than usual in northern part of region; 2 from March 22 to end of period in vicinity of Iona Is: 3 thru most of period Tompkins Cove; a total of 23 on FWC, and 1 on Cornwall Bay Mar 23. Canada Goose: by the end of the period most lakes had resident pairs established; as many as three or four hundred at the usual places in Rockland; from 600—300 reported from Dutch thru Dec 22; no reports Jan and Feb; many flocks reported the last 2 weeks of Mar. Black Duck: Hundreds in the vicinity of Crugers Is Mar 21 thru end of period. Pintail: all records Mar; 4 Mar 14 Dennings Pt; 4 Mar 15 Cornwall Bay; 2 Mar 21 Vanderburgh Cove; 10 Mar 28 Vanderburgh Cove and Crugers Is. Green-winged Teal: 3 FWC; 2 Mar 15 Iona Is; 2 Mar 25 Vanderburgh Cove

(AJ); 20 Mar 28 Crugers Is (WBC); in general, late arr. Blue-winged Teal: numbers good and earlier than usual; 3 Mar 18 East Park (TG); 2 Mar 21 Vanderburgh Cove (WBC); 7 Mar 25 Vanderburgh Cove (AJ). American Widgeon: 1 Jan 25 Lithgow (OW); 6 Mar 21 New Hamburg; 1 Mar 25 Rhinecliff; 5 Mar 28 Crugers Is. Shoveler: From Dec 2 thru rest of month at Lederle Labs, Pearl River (FS); 1 Mar 18 New Hamburg (WBC). Wood Duck: 1 RCC Lederle Labs, Pearl River; residents arr within a few days of each other in late Mar; first 4 birds Mar 15 Iona Is. (JO) Ring-necked Duck: first 12 Mar 14 Dennings Pt; numbers good by end of period. Canvasback fairly good Mar flight; first 9 Mar 13; max 225 Mar 25 New Hamburg to Barrytown (WBC). Greater Scaup: fewer than usual; 6 Mar 24 New Hamburg; 12 Mar 28 Vanderburgh Cove; 8 same place Mar 29 (AJ). Lesser Scaup: 1 pr Dec 12 S. Salem (SG); 4 Mar 25 Vanderburgh Cove; 3 Mar 29 same place (AJ). Common Goldeneye: numbers fair; peak Mar 21-25; reduced by end of period. Bufflehead: numbers better than usual thru end of period; max 15 Mar 21 New Hamburg. *WHITE-WINGED SCOTER*: 1 Hunns L Dutch thru Nov, found dead Dec 10 (MV); 2 Hudson R at Stony Pt on RCC (JD); first time on RCC in 23 years. Ruddy Duck: 1 Mar 15 on small pond near L Tappan (JD); 2 Mar 18 Dennings Pt; 2 Mar 23-25 New Hamburg. Hooded Merganser: many reports thru Mar, WBC reports best flight in years; max 45 Mar 21 New Hamburg. Common Merganser: good movement thru Mar; max 60 or more Mar 21-25 Hudson R in Dutch. Red-breasted Merganser: first Mar 14 Dennings Pt (WBC); max 7 Mar 29 Rhinecliff (AJ); 4 Apr 4 on Hudson R at Cornwall and 4 more on Brown's Pd Newburgh (MBC).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: unusually early arr of Feb 23-24 in both Bear Mt. Park and Dover Plains; numbers good by mid-Mar. Goshawk: more reports than usual; 1 West Nyack on RCC; 1 Dec 28 Stissing, Dutch (T,PH); 2 Jan 13 Mt. Kisco (Anthony Buzzanco); 1 Feb 12 Hopewell Jct (DF); 1 Carmel, Putn no date given (ML). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Mar 27 Katonah (SG). Cooper's Hawk: 1 Carmel no date given (ML); another Mar 15 Skidmore Valley Dutch (J,MK). Red-tailed Hawk: unusually good numbers thru season; from 20-30 observed regularly in both Dutch and Oran; breeding pairs established and observed setting by mid-Mar at Campbell Hall and USMA. Red-shouldered Hawk: still hope for this rapidly disappearing species; up from former years with several reports; 1 Apr 4 at Blauvelt seemed to be on territory (RD); 1 Jan 21 Hopewell Jct. (DF); another Mar 21 New Hamburg (WBC); 1 regularly in New Paltz area during mid-Jan (Heinz Meng); 1 Dec 7 USMA (JG). Rough-legged Hawk: usual winter reports anywhere from 3-5 from Dec thru Feb. *GOLDEN EAGLE*: 1 imm Dec 20 at Briarcliff Farms, Pine Plains (Dick Guthrie); observed regularly thru Apr 4 (mob). Bald Eagle: 2 thru Nov and Dec Hudson Highlands at USMA; last observed Dec 22 (Al Schaut); usually winters but not observed after that date; 4 Mar 27 in vicinity of Rondout Res, Sull (Bill Desmond). Marsh Hawk: 1 Mar 24 South Salem (SG); 1 Mar 26 Thompson Pd, Dutch (VP). Osprey: first 1 Mar 5 (Bob Bard) at Crugers Is about one month early; 3 Mar 27 Rondout Res (Bill Desmond). Sparrow Hawk: scarce in Dutch but normal elsewhere; a pr. in copulation Mar 8 at Blooming Grove (EDT, JG). Ruffed Grouse: numbers normal to less; only 5 reported on WCC, but 18 on BMCC. Bobwhite: 12 Dec 20 Amenia (W,TS); 7 Mar 23 Poughkeepsie (AJ); appeared for the second time in 23 yrs on RCC, 1 at Suffern. (John LeMaire). Ring-necked Pheasant: down from 109 last year to 30 on WCC. *JAPANESE GREEN PHEASANT*: being released in Dutch by N.Y.S. Conservation Dept; 1 Mar 21 on the Shunpike, Dutch (FG). Virginia Rail: 1 Jan 29 and Feb 14 Stissing (T,PH). Killdeer: usual winter reports; 3 in Jan in Dutch, and 6 in Mar; 8 Mar 15 Cornwall Bay (JG). Woodcock: first observed in courtship dance Mar 18 at South Salem (SG). Common Snipe: 1 WCC 4th winter record since 1922 (J,MK); 1 Feb 8-9 Shekomeko, Dutch (VP); 1 Mar 25-27 Bashakill (MB); 1 Mar 28 East Park, Dutch (TG).

Great Black-backed Gull: becoming nearly as common as Herring, especially 1st and 2nd year birds on the Hudson. Herring Gull: normal. Ring-billed Gull: very large numbers by end of period. *LAUGHING GULL*: 28 reported on Hudson R in RCC; 16 in the Haverstraw-Stony Point area (JD); 12 off Rockland L Landing, Hudson R same day. (Eugene Brown), Bonaparte's Gull: 2 Mar 29 Vanderburgh Cove (AJ), a little earlier than usual. Mourning Dove: normal to better. Screech Owl: very few reports; 1 Jan 21 Somers (Mrs. Schofield); another Mar 21 Rockland L Nature Center (JO). Great Horned Owl: a few more reported than usual; WBC had 3 in Mar; 1 heard calling at South Salem (David C utler); a pair at Cornwall-on-Hudson thru most of the season are probably nesting (A,BM). Snowy Owl: definitely not a flight year; WBC reports 1 on Dec 19 and 29 at Vassar College, and another at East Park dur Dec (Tony Adamp)-only reports for the entire region. Barred Owl: 1 Mar 30 Poughkeepsie (AJ); only report. Short-eared Owl: only a few were observed this year at the Galesville Airport, Ulster where last year between 30-40 were observed. (Heinz Meng, Robert Pyle); 1 Dec 7 Amenia (W,TS); another Apr 4 flying parallel to Rt 9W near Popolopen Bridge (F,RS). Saw-whet Owl: 1 Jan 7 near New Paltz (June Polatsek); 1 heard calling in late Feb at Krippelbush (FH).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Belted Kingfisher: very few reports, probably due to icing; most reported in late Mar, but had not returned to many areas by the close of the season. Yellow-shafted Flicker: 5 on WCC; 18 reports from Dutch Jan and Feb; numbers slightly increased in Mar; 1 bird prevented a complete miss of this species in the RCC-has never been missed in 23 years. Pileated Woodpecker: extremely scarce thru entire season; virtually unseen and almost unheard. Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1 from Dec 5 on and off thru Mar 2 East Park, Dutch (TG); 1 Dec 27-Jan 30 Pleasant Valley (Edith Gerhardt); 1 Jan 1 Katonah (Robert Swartz). Red-headed Woodpecker: in usual places, numbers lower than usual but not abnormally so; appeared on BCC. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: all reports Dutch; 1 thru Dec Pleasant Valley (EP); another thru Dec Millbrook (EB); 1 Jan 25 Lithgow; 1 Mar 24 Poughkeepsie (AJ); 1 Mar 25 Red Oaks Mill (J,MK). Eastern Phoebe: more winter reports than usual in spite of extreme cold; 1 thru Jan to Feb 4 at Vassar Coll; 1 on RCC is fourth record for that count; migrants generally late, did not appear till last week of Mar in most areas. Horned Lark: 2 Rockland L Nature Center most of Dec (Philip Meisner); most Christmas counts reported them in good numbers; low by end of period. Tree Swallow: on time some areas, but lateo ver much of the region; not reported in substantial number still very last days of Mar. Rough-winged Swallow: first Mar 15 Washington Hollow (HM); none reported elsewhere thru end of season. *GRAY JAY*: 1 from late Nov thru end of season at the feeder of Dorothy Schaefer in Mt. Kisco. Blue Jay: up from lows of last year, but still below average. Common Crow: lower in Ulster, but normal elsewhere. Fish Crow: from 2 to 5 from Dec thru Feb in Poughkeepsie area; 4 at Vassar Coll thru Mar (OW); 1 Mar 14 at Wappingers Falls; and 8 Mar 28 Vanderburgh Cove (AJ). *BOREAL CHICKADEE*: best year in memory; reported thru region with from 2 to 3 birds in each location; persisted thru end of period. Red-breasted Nuthatch: more reports than usual; 2 on WCC-first reports since 1963 for that count; BMCC had phenomenal count of 15; numbers persisted thru end of period. Brown Creeper: more than usual; BMCC had 7; WBC had 12 reports thru Mar. Winter Wren: numbers good in Dec and tapering off to very few by end of period. Carolina Wren: excellent numbers of last fall appear to be reduced by severe winter; especially true in the low land region where ice storms prevailed, upper elevations relatively free of ice storms and birds seem to have survived. Mockingbird: WBC in northern part of region had 18 on WCC, while Rockland to the south had 17 on their RCC; WBC started with their first bird in 1960. Catbird: WBC reports 5 in Jan but none in Feb; several were coming to feeders in West. Brown Thrasher: more winter reports than usual; 1 early in the season at New Paltz; 2 dur Dec in Dutch; 1 Dec 26-28 Cornwall. Robin:

BCC reports unusual number of 30; excellent Mar flight; thousands during last week of Mar caught by snow storm. *WOOD THRUSH*: 1 Dec 7 Red Oaks Mill (M,JK). Hermit Thrush: 1 at Kripplebush all winter (FH); 1 Feb 8 Clausland Mt, Blauvelt (Tom John). Bluebird: most reports Dutch; about 10-12 birds dur Mar. Golden-crowned Kinglet: numbers not high, but reported from most parts thru season. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Bob Deed reports a ratio of about 3 Golden to 1 Ruby-crowned in the Rock area. Water Pipit: only report 1 Mar 22 East Park (TG). Cedar Waxwing: a few reported each month in Dutch; none elsewhere. Northern Shrike: WBC reports 3 in Dec; 1 Mar 25 at Bashakill (Valerie Freer). Migrant Shrike: 1 Galeville Airport (Robert Pyle); another Jan 14 Hopewell Jet (DF).

VIREOS-SPARROWS: Myrtle Warbler: 1 Dec 28 WCC at Salt Point (Czecher Terhune). Eastern Meadowlark: very few reports thru winter; 17 on WCC. Red-winged Blackbird: better than usual; WCC had 26; RCC 56; about 500 reported Mar 7 in Dutch. *BALTIMORE ORIOLE*: only 1 Dec 17-24 Pleasant Valley, bird died (MV); Rusty Blackbird: 1 all winter at Stissing (T,PH); 1 Jan 18 USMA (JG); 1 Jan 28 and another Mar 29 at Cornwall-on-Hudson (A,BM). Common Grackle: low thru winter; WBC reports 15 thru Mar; numbers inc rapidly from Mar 20 on thru rest of region. Cardinal: RCC reports 156; MCC 140. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 Mar 26 Hyde Park (M. Brands). Dickcissel: 1 at feeder of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mole in Upper Nyack Dec 26 and 28 and into Jan; several reports from Dutch; 1 Dec 11-14 Amenia, and again on Jan 10 (W,TS); 1 Dec 22-23 Green Haven (Enid Butler); 1 Dec 8 and 22 Millbrook, and again thru month of Feb. (Mrs. Boice). Evening Grosbeak: thruout region in excellent numbers; RCC reports fourth most numerous species with a total of 549; their previous high was 125 in 1959; WCC reports 169, their highest since 1961. Purple Finch: no exceptional movements; WBC reports 50 thru Mar. House Finch: in good numbers in usual locations; WCC first reported species in 1965, this year produced 18; RCC had 45. Pine Grosbeak: 8 Dec 12-19 Dover (Helen Sweeney); MCC reports 30. Common Redpoll: thru region in excellent numbers; BMCC reports 130; hundreds Feb 8 at White Lake, Sull (MB); numbers still high at end of period. Pine Siskin: many reported thru region; numbers substantial. American Goldfinch: Normal to better; Mabel Little reports 30 in Dec to more than 75 at end of period in Carmel, Putn. *RED CROSSBILL*: in exceptionally large numbers thru entire region; almost every correspondent reported them, some in exceptional numbers. White-winged Crossbill: also widely reported but in lesser numbers than the previous species. Rufous-sided Towhee: more winter reports than usual; MCC reports 13; RCC 17. Savannah Sparrow: 1 all winter at Standordville (FG); 3 others in Dec by WBC. Vesper Sparrow: WBC reports 2 in Dec. Slate-colored Junco: numbers generally down in winter; marked increase Mar 27. *OREGON JUNCO*: 1 Dec 25 Crickettown Rd, Town of Haverstraw, an unusually bright male. (Mrs. Dormann). Tree Sparrow: numbers lower than usual, WCC had 135, lowest count since 1958. Chipping Sparrow: 1 carefully studied Jan 23 at home feeder in New City (F,RS); this is the second year in a row that this species has been reported in the region in mid-winter. Field Sparrow: unusual few wintering birds reported. White-crowned Sparrow: more than usual number of winter reports; 1 Dec 26 Stissing (T,PH); 1 Mar 29 Poughkeepsie (AJ); 1 RCC at Suffern where it was previously found in 1966 and 1967; 1 Monticello singing in mid-Mar (Ken Niven). White-throated Sparrow: WCC 109; MCC 86; best winter population in years. Fox Sparrow: usual winter reports; peak in Sull Mar 27; WBC reports excellent movement from Mar 25-31. *LINCOLN'S SPARROW*: first winter record for WBC and Dutch Co; 1 Dec 13-Jan 3 at Clinton Corners, discovered by Florence Germond, and observed by mob, verification report filed. Swamp Sparrow: usual few wintering birds. Song Sparrow: more than usual for season; WCC reports 92, double previous high in 1964. Lapland Longspur: 4 Jan 25 Pine Plains (Dick Guthrie); 1 MCC at Hamptonburgh, Oran Jan 3 (EDT).

Snow Bunting: reported less frequently than usual, but several flocks of good size; one flock at Pine Plains Jan 10-25 contained about 150 birds; another flock at Stissing in Mar contained more than 100, MCC reports 75 at Hamptonburgh Jan 3 (EDT).

Spring reports due no later than June 5.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Last fall's spectacular "winter finch" invasion was all but over by early December except for fair numbers of migrating Red Crossbills. Flocks were noted through the end of January along the outer beaches, and many persisted beyond January in coastal pine habitat. Smaller numbers were noted inland, some even visited backyard feeders.

The Christmas Counts and the month of December are best remembered for the amazing total of 16 species of shorebirds, the most notable of which were: White-rumped, Baird's, and Western Sandpipers. Captree Christmas Count (abbreviated CaCC), utilizing 48 observers in 15 parties, "racked up" 135 species on December 20, a new State high, and the second straight year this count established a state record. Other counts mentioned in this report are: Brooklyn (BkCC—87 species, Dec 28), Bronx (BxCC), Central Suffolk Co. (CSCC—114 species, Dec 27), Montauk (MkCC—108 species, Dec 27), Northern Nassau Co. (NNCC—100 species, Dec 28), Southern Nassau Co. (SNCC—125 species, Dec 28), and Queens Co. (QCC—88 species, Dec 20).

An offshore warmfront the night of March 24-25 brought a number of surprises—along with newly arrived egrets at Oak Beach was an adult White Ibis, a Louisiana Waterthrush was found at Southaven, an exhausted Prothonotary Warbler was picked up at Manorville, and a male Summer Tanager was seen searching the ground for food at North Sea.

Other rarities reported this season were: Western Grebe, Tufted Duck, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Common Murre (2), Varied Thrush, Boat-tailed Grackle, and Black-headed Grosbeak.

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LOONS—DUCKS: WESTERN GREBE: Jan 3 Shinnecock Inlet (CM)—a sight report of an accidental species by a single experienced observer. This species has occurred on four previous occasions on our Region. Greater Shearwater: found dead on beach, Dec 1 Point O' Woods, Fire Is. (S. Hopkins)—specimen to the American Museum, latest Regional record by three weeks. Common Egret: arr Mar 27 (5) at Tobay (SD). Snowy Egret: Dec 28 (SNCC) 3 at separate localities; arr Mar 27 (16) at Tobay (SD). White Ibis: adult, Mar 27-29 Oak Beach (W. Graves, R. Cohen)—its arrival coincided with that of the locally breeding egrets, the only other Long Island reports are three pre-1850 records and one seen last fall, also an adult. Whistling Swan: 4 birds were reported this season, mirroring last fall's "incursion"—one at Big Reed Pond, Montauk (mob); a pair on the lower Carmans River which remained to Mar 22 (DP) and one at E. Moriches on Jan 3 (GR). European Teal: Jan 1