

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Meadowlark: unreported from end of May at Wawarsing, numbers appear lower elsewhere. Baltimore Oriole: numbers good; last Nov 7 Pleasant Valley (MVW). Rusty Blackbird: several hundred at Buttonwood Tree Farm, Hamptonburgh from mid-Oct to mid-Nov. Scarlet Tanager: last Oct 31 Stissing, very late. (TH). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: numbers above normal at Wawarsing; last Oct 1 Dutch. Indigo Bunting: numbers good to Oct 3 at Wawarsing, last Oct 4. Evening Grosbeak: only report 10 Oct 21 in Dutch. Purple Finch: numbers down. House Finch: numbers up in Dutch, more than 60 reported thru season; stabilized elsewhere. White-winged Crossbill: only report 1 Sept 2 Dutch (W,TS). Savannah Sparrow: better than 40 Oct 17 Chester (EAMBC). Vesper Sparrow: normal; 3 Oct 17 Chester. Slate-colored Junco: first Sept 12, normal. Tree Sparrow: numbers down, first Oct 31. Chipping Sparrow: good migration; 20 Oct 17 Chester (EAMBC), last Nov 17. Field Sparrow: normal; 8 Oct 17 Chester. White-crowned Sparrow: several scattered reports dur Oct, last Oct 18. White-throated Sparrow: first 3 Sept 12 USMA. Lincoln's Sparrow: 3 reports from scattered areas Sept 27 and 28, last 2 Oct 13. Snow Bunting: several scattered reports, none of any large number; first in Dutch Oct 19.

Winter reports due by Apr 5.
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REGION 10 — MARINE

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This is one of the shortest fall reports we have written, due primarily to the lack of banding station reports and the numerical data their daily summaries provided. Several stations still operate, but not in the government sponsored "Operation Recovery" program, hence there is no pressure to compile statistical data.

Four incidents and/or factors contributed heavily to this fall report: 1) a heavy "kill" at the Empire State Building the night of September 27-28. Although many specimens were thrown away, several hundred forwarded to the AMNH provided 7 new maxima (see VIREOS—WARBLERS). 2) a fantastically heavy drift of migration the weekend of October 17-18. At Jones Beach the dawn of the 17th observers noted gulls "feasting" on exhausted migrants flying in from the ocean; on the 18th a station high of over 1200 birds was netted and banded at Tobay Sanctuary. Also, the winds were doubtlessly responsible for two western vagrants, both new to the Region. 3) a good November seabird flight with better than average numbers of alcids and an accidental northern procellariid. 4) the gross number of rarities, 11 accidental species were reported. The affinities were as follows—western, 5; northern, 2; southern, 2; and European, 2.

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LOONS—DUCKS. Eared Grebe: 2 Oct 20–Nov 22, JBWR (DWF, TD et al)–ninth consecutive year here, but 2 last reported in Nov 1965. Cory's Shearwater: max 400 Oct 10 Fire Isl (SH). Wilson's Petrel: 12 Jul 16–19 Staten Isl Ferry (R).

Claremont)-petrels have not been reported from New York harbor for years; they apparently passed under the Verrazano Bridge. FULMAR: a light phase bird was seen from a Nov 28 fishing boat off Jones (DS), and 3 more probables Nov 21 from Montauk Point (PB,RP)-the 4th Regional record; there are no specimens or photographs for any previous New York State record. RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD: Oct 25 Riis Park (Roger Pasquier, David Love)-"flying approximately 120 feet offshore, about 40 feet above the water . . . black line through the eye from the bill, a thick de-curved orange-red bill . . . prominent black marks on the end of the primaries, and flecks of black across the back. The tail lacked streamers but came to a long tapering point. . ." The much longer field report from which this was extracted also discusses its flight (tern-like), size (slightly shorter than a Herring Gull but slim-bodied, with narrower wings), comparison with other possibilities (Yellow-billed Tropicbird, large terns), and weather factors (quite favorable). Although this species breeds in the Lesser Antilles north to the Virgin Islands, it has been recorded on the eastern U.S. coast but once-June 10, 1963 on Long Island following a tropical disturbance of less than hurricane force. The editors feel Pasquier and Love *probably* saw a Red-billed Tropicbird but in the absence of clinching evidence, the record must remain hypothetical. Gannet: max recorded on Nov 14-400 plus at Montauk and 100 later that day at Mecox (MK). Louisiana Heron: max 11 Sep 24 Oak Beach (BC,SM)-the highest Regional count although it probably includes the pair that bred nearby this summer. Canada Goose: big movement on Oct 17 throughout Region-max noted 6500 at Bronx Park (EM, et al).

HAWKS-OWLS: Broad-winged Hawk: max 1500 plus Sep 19 Bronx Park (EM, et al). Peregrine Falcon: a total of about 15-20 was reported by the *combined* effort of all Jones-Fire Isl weekend observers this fall. Golden Plover: max counts-65 Sep 10 Watermill (PB, et al); 200 Sep 16 Orient (BC,AD,SM)-latter count extremely high. Dunlin: max 1600 Oct 24 JBWR (JY)-very high. Long-billed Dowitcher: max 70 Oct 13 Tobay Pond (DWF)-highest Regional count. Buff-breasted Sandpiper: an "invasion," with over 19 individuals reported-August 30-31 Jones (EL,CW); Sep 4-6 JBWR (mob); 3 Sep 10 Bridgehampton (PB, et al); 10 *plus* Sep 10 Watermill (PB et al)-highest Regional count; 3 Sep 16-18 Orient (AD,BC,BS,SM); Nov 1 JBWR (R. Claremont)-latest Regional record. Ruff, Jul 28 Oak Beach (BC,BS)-"still showing the lower part of its breeding ruff." American Avocet: 4 or 5 reported-adult Aug 25-Sep 20 JBWR (mob); 2 Sep 6 Tobay Pond (mob); Sep 4-Oct 15 Shinnecock Inlet (mob); imm Sep 17,23 Mecox Bay (C. McKeever et al). Parasitic Jaeger: a bird collected at Fire Isl Light Sep 24 had been banded as a nestling Jul 7, 1969 at Fair Isle, Scotland (L. Rems), max 13 Sep 27 Fire Isl (SH). Herring Gull: 274 nests containing 562 eggs and 118 chicks were counted on Swinburn and Hoffman Islands, Lower New York Bay, Jun 18 (H. Cleaves) Kittiwake: max 150 Nov 28 off Jones (DS). Common Tern: latest report Nov 22 Glen Cove (R. Cioffi). Royal Tern: 2 seen in Montauk area to Nov 21 (mob); Nov 22 Shinnecock Inlet (GR)-extremely late records SANDWICH TERN: adult Aug 22 Moriches Inlet (DWF,MK, R. Plunkett, et al)-photographed by MK. Caspian Tern: Nov 7 Jones (MK)-extremely late. Razorbill: max 16 Nov 28 Montauk Point (PB,RP). Thick-billed Murre: Nov 28 off Jones (DS). Dovekie: max 50 Nov 28 Montauk Point (PB,RP). Ringed Turtle Dove: several have been released at JBWR; on Aug 26 a nest was found (W. Norse).

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Common Nighthawk: Oct 13 Seaford (R. Wolk)-late. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: female Oct 18 Levittown (F. Neary). Great Crested Flycatcher. Nov 7 Riis Park (JY)-extremely late. SAY'S PHOEBE: belated report-Oct 12, 1969, Point O' Woods, Fire Isl (SH)-submitted with full details, 4th Regional record; a previously unpublished report is one collected by Roy Latham, Oct 9, 1933 at Montauk. Olive-sided Flycatcher: Oct 1 Jones (EL)-extremely late. Blue Jay: max 2002 Sep 27 Glen Cove (A. Bell)-"3 hour count

migrating in loose flocks across Glen Cove Creek toward Sea Cliff." Black-billed Magpie: Oct 25 Jones (A. Wollin). WHEATEAR: Sep 28 Brookhaven National Laboratory (D. Schaeffer, DP,GR)-"in winter plumage."

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Philadelphia Vireo: max 8 Sep 20 FILS-highest Regional record; 6 Sep 28 ESBK. Black-and-white Warbler: max 66 Sep 28 ESBK-highest fall count. Nashville Warbler: max 18 Sep 28 ESBK-highest Regional record Yellow Warbler: Oct 24 FILS-injured bird, collected for AMNH, latest Regional record. Magnolia Warbler: max 64 Sep 28 ESBK-highest Regional record. Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 51 Sep 28 ESBK-highest Regional record. Audubon's Warbler: imm Nov 28 Tobay Sanctuary (AL,PB,RA, et al)-photographed (PB), further details will be prepared for publication. Black-throated Green Warbler: max 32 Sep 28 ESBK-highest fall count. Ovenbird: max 85 Sep 28 ESBK-highest fall count. Louisiana Waterthrush: very rare along coast-3 netted Aug 1 Manorville (GR); imm Aug 8 FILS.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS. Yellow-headed Blackbird: imm male Oct 1 Riis Park (M. Sohmer). BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: 2 Oct 17 Point O' Woods, Fire Isl (SH)-a lengthy report was submitted to the editors with full details of this first Regional record. The observer is familiar with western blackbirds, and the two birds (male and female) were seen in direct comparison with Rusty Blackbirds and Red-wings on an open grassy field. We agree with the observer in noting that Brewer's Blackbird is perhaps more "overlooked" than rare in the northeast, especially during migration. Western Tanager: adult male collected Nov 21 FILS-specimen to AMNH. Blue Grosbeak: Sep 30 Riis Park (DWF); Oct 10 Jones (mob); Oct 25-Nov 2 Bronx Park (E. Oswald, EM, et al)-late. LARK BUNTING: Sep 16 Orient (BC,AD,SM)-"feeding with House Sparrows in a potato field."; Sep 24 Tobay Sanctuary (BC, SM)-"in changing plumage with patches of black showing"; Sep 19 FILS (TD, FH)-"probably this species-an unusual sweet, finch note called our attention to a sparrow-sized bird flying past, showing white in the wings, it settled in beach grass but flushed and disappeared from sight before we could obtain a better view."-from the 1800's to 1959 this species was recorded but five times; since 1964, there are seven occurrences, every fall except 1969. LECONTES' SPARROW: netted Oct 18 Tobay Sanctuary (ALPB,RA et al)-2nd State record, photographed (PB), further details to be prepared for publication. Oregon Junco: male Nov 3 Fire Isl (Granger Ward, RP)-seen with Slate-colored, RP is familiar with the species in west; belated report-male Nov 28, 1969, Point O' Woods, Fire Isl (SH). Clay-colored Sparrow: Sep 12 Fire Isl (TD); Sep 25 Riis Park (R. Pasquier); belated report-May 11-19 Elwood (R. Cioffi)-photographed, extremely rare in spring.

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