

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: 1 Sept 9 Castleton (JC). Baltimore Oriole: last 1 Sept 7 Loudonville (MF). Rusty Blackbird: 1st Sept 29 Maria-ville (DA); last 1 Oct 20 Ghent (GE). Scarlet Tanager: max 10 Sept 18 VFWM (HMBC); last Oct 11 Loudonville (MF). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 21 Sept 18 VFWM (HMBC); 2 reports Oct 2 VFWM & ADBC. Indigo Bunting: 2 banded Sept 25 VFWM (RPY). Evening Grosbeak: small flocks migrating south starting Oct 17; max of 12 at feeder Jenny Lake thru summer (RPY). Purple Finch: 548 banded at Jenny Lake during summer to early Sept (RPY); "Greatest flight at VFWM in 8 years between Aug 10 and Aug 20" (RPY). *HOUSE FINCH*: several reports Oct and Nov from Schenectady but locally less abundant than in recent years — last Nov 20 Schenectady (RPY). Pine Grosbeak: max 12 Nov 12 Taborton and 4 Nov 24 Taborton (PC). Pine Siskin: a Sept 18 report from ADBC Sanctuary; 8 Nov 27 Schodack Ctr (PC). Rufous-sided Towhee: last 1 Oct 25 Castleton (JC). Savannah Sparrow: 1 Oct 22 Ghent (GE). Vesper Sparrow: 6 Nov 20 Castleton (A. Hallenbeck). Slate-colored Junco: 1 Sept 18 VFWM (HMBC). Tree Sparrow: 2 Nov 7 Tomhannock Res. (RP). Chipping Sparrow: last Oct 26 Ghent (GE). Field Sparrow: 1 banded Oct 3 VFWM (RPY). White-crowned Sparrow: only 1 report Oct 23 Castleton (JC). White-throated Sparrow: 10 Sept 18 VFWM (HMBC); max 206 banded Oct 2 VFWM (RPY); 2 Nov 14 Castleton (RP). Fox Sparrow: 1st banded Oct 15 — last 7 Oct 24 VFWM (RPY); 1 report in Nov (ADBC). Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 Sept 17 Sacandaga Res. (DA); 1 Sept 18 VFWM (HMBC); last banded Oct 24 VFWM (RPY). Swamp Sparrow: last banded Oct 2 VFWM — very scarce (RPY). Song Sparrow: very scarce at VFWM banding stations (RPY). Snow Bunting: 1st Nov 7 Alcove and Basic Res.; max 25 Nov 14 Stockport (RP).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Your reporter does not have access to records, but feels that this must be the warmest autumn on record. Killing frosts did not come to the uplands until Nov 5, and many species of trees kept their leaves well into that month. Some, like the Norway and Sugar Maples had their leaves killed by freezing while still green, and finally lost them while still green in mid-December. Precipitation was much above normal at the end of August to near normal for Sept, Oct and November. The only appreciable snow fell on November 25, when parts of Sullivan and Ulster counties got as much as 20 inches. Due to the unusually warm temperatures it disappeared within a day or two, and none was reported for the rest of the season.

Along with the lingering foliage, the insects remained high well into November. Bird migration flowed regularly and seemed spread well throughout the period. The mild weather probably accounts for the many late dates (some record lates) reported. Northern visitors came in as usual, with only a few species late. From the number and species listed it looks like we may have a good year for winter finches.

November 2 seemed a peak date for waterfowl movements in the area. Al Merritt had a great day along the Hudson at Cornwall when he reported 30 Ruddy Ducks; 1 Pied-billed Grebe; 64 Whistling Swans; 4 Snow Geese; 340 Scaup; 57 Canada Geese; 10 Buffleheads; 52 Horned Grebes; 64 White-winged Scoters; 2 Oldsquaw

and 1 Common Loon A number of other waterfowl were reported this same date throughout the region.

Two daily hawk watches have done much to improve the reporting of these species in the region; and one, the Mt. Peter Hawk Watch, broke all records for the region in their Broad-wing count. Ed and Lana Mills' lonely observations from Hook Mt. were organized this year into a major Hawk Watch thru the efforts of Stiles Thomas, Regional Director for the Society for the Preservation of Bird of Prey. Their constant surveillance produced 5 Bald Eagles and 4 Golden Eagles.

Observers cited: BA—Bob Augustine; EB—Enid Butler; JD—Jeff Daley; RFD—Robert F. Deed; DF—Davis Finch; FG—Florence Germond; SOG—Stanley Oliver Grierson; FH—Fred Hough; TH—Tom Howe; PJ—Paul Jeheber; AJ—Alice Jones; J,MK—Jim and Mary Key; ML—Mabel Little; HM—Helen Manson; A,BM—Al and Barbara Merritt; E,LM—Ed and Lana Mills; JCO—John C. Orth; EP—Eleanor Pink; RP—Robert Pyle; B,TS—Bill and Trixie Strauss; CT—Czecher Terhune; JT—John Tramontano; EDT—Edward D. Treacy; MVW—Marion VanWagner;

Abbreviations: mob—many observers; Dutch—Dutchess Co.; Oran—Orange Co.; Rock—Rockland Co.; Sull—Sullivan Co.; Ulst—Ulster Co.; West—Westchester Co. WBC—Waterman Bird Club; HMMH—Hook Mt. Hawk Watch sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Birds of Prey from Aug 29 daily thru Oct 31, and Nov 6, 9, 12–14; MPH—Mt. Peter Hawk Watch daily from Sept 9–26, and weekends in Oct. sponsored by Society for the Preservation of Birds of Prey, and the Highlands Audubon Society of New Jersey.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: more reports than usual from Sept thru mid-Nov; max 7 Oct 31 Croton Pt; 8 Nov Rhinecliff. Red-throated Loon: 1 Nov 13 Croton Pt (BA); an unprecedented 7 on Nov 1 Rhinecliff (MK, AJ, HM). Horned Grebe: 52 Nov 2 Cornwall-on-Hudson (A, BM). Pied-billed Grebe: 1 fairly early date of Sept 11 Rock; not known to breed there (RFD). Double-crested Cormorant: many more reports than usual, but strangely missing from the Piermont area of Rockland where they are usually observed; all observations well up river in Oran and Dutch; last report 1 Nov 1 Rhinecliff. Great Blue Heron: numbers usual; all too few. Common Egret: only report 1 Aug 19 East Park, Dutch (MK). Least Bittern: other than the usual breeding birds at Cornwall-on-Hudson, the only report was 1 Aug 28 at Piermont Pier (RFD). American Bittern: 1 Oct 23–29 Green Haven, Dutch (EB). Mute Swan: 2 ad raised 3 young at Iona Is, Rock. *WHISTLING SWAN*: a flock of 64 Nov 2 on Hudson R at Cornwall (A, BM), 7 remaining thru Nov 3. Canada Goose: usual very large flights; first reports mid-Sept; unusually large movements thru Oct. Brant: two flocks on Oct 25 with more than 200 birds in each flying east over Wawarsing in fog about 100 ft above the ground (JCO); 1 Nov 13 Pleasant Valley, Dutch (MK, MVW). Snow Goose: many more reports than usual, probably due to observations during hawk watches; Nov 2 found 98 with 2 imm Blue Geese on L. Gleneida, Carmel (ML); 4 same date on Hudson off Cornwall (A, BM); some were reported Oct 31 on Ashokan Res; and a very large flock of 299 was observed Oct 31 over Hook Mt, Nyack (E, LM); 43 more were observed same date at Croton Pt, these latter were possibly included in the Hook Mt count; 50 more same date at L Walton, Dutch (Bob Merritt). Gadwall: always rare; 2 Aug 17 near Bannerman's Is, Hudson R, Dutch (DF); 1 Oct 17 Rockland L (JCO). Pintail: more reports than usual; no more than 2 at any one time or location from mid-Sept to late Nov. Green-winged Teal: more numerous than usual on L Tappan, Rock. Blue-winged Teal: Aug 17 on Hudson R off Bannerman's Is (DF); very uncommon in summer. American Widgeon: more reports than usual, but no large numbers. Shoveler: often unreported; 3 reports this season, 1 from Rock, 2 from Dutch. Wood Duck: not widely reported; max 60 thru Sept and Oct at Tri-Loba Hill Sanct, Katonah, left Nov 3, 4 (SOG); last reported Nov 28 Croton Pt (BH). Redhead: 3 from Oct 23 thru period Tarrytown Res (BH); 2

Oct 28 at Verbank, Dutch (MVW). Ring-necked Duck: very few reports, numbers definitely down the last few years. Canvasback: 65 Nov 16 Hudson R at Beacon (MK, MVW, CT). Greater Scaup: better thru Nov than Lesser Scaup; about 75 Nov 2 on L Gleneida, Carmel (ML). Lesser Scaup: 8 Nov 1 Staatsburgh. Common Goldeneye: first Nov 13 Tarrytown Res; no appreciable numbers thru end of period. Bufflehead: arr usual dates and numbers; max 25 Nov 2 Verbank (mob). Oldsquaw: more reports than usual; first, 7 Oct 28 Verbank (HM); the rest the first half of Nov; max 31 Nov 1, and 15 Nov 2 Hudson R in Dutch. (HM). White-winged Scoter: sev reports, all Nov 1, 2; max 64 Nov 2 Cornwall-on-Hudson (A, BM). Surf Scoter: always rare; 1 Nov 16 Hudson R at Beacon (MK); 1 Nov 28 Croton Pt (BH). Common Scoter: all reports Nov; first Nov 1 Rhinecliff (MK); 10 Nov 7 Barrytown (EP); 1 Nov 7 Croton Pt (BH). Ruddy Duck: fewer reports than usual, but numbers still good. Hooded Merganser: very uncommon in recent years; 1 Nov 11 Rockland L; 4 Nov 24 Millbrook; an unusual concentration of 10 Nov 14 at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorn (BH). Common Merganser: first reports 4 Nov 1 Beacon (MK). Red-breasted Merganser: 3 Nov 21 Cornwall-on-Hudson (A, BM).

HAWKS—OWLS:

Hawk Watch Data:

	<i>HMHW</i>	<i>MPHW</i>
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2,095	246
Cooper's Hawk	37	13
Red-tailed Hawk	315	57
Red-shouldered Hawk	76	11
Broad-winged Hawk	3,295	10,944
Golden Eagle	4	0
Bald Eagle	5	0
Marsh Hawk	200	57
Osprey	256	70
Peregrine Falcon	4	0
Pigeon Hawk	7	1
Sparrow Hawk	623	232
Unidentified	102	38
Hours manned	410	142.5
<i>Grand Total</i>	7,019	11,779

Turkey Vulture: remained very late in Dutch area; 5 reported dur Nov, the last Nov 21 (JD). Goshawk: 1 Oct 5 at Wawarsing; 1 Nov 27 Stissing Mt (Ed Briggs); another Nov 29 near P'kpsie (AJ); 1 Nov 17 and another Nov 24 at Hook Mt after official watch ended (E, LM). Sharp-shinned Hawk: an unusual number of 99 Sept 19 Mt. Aspetong, Bedford, West (BA, BH); this is an unusually large number for such an early date, but the peak movement thru the area continued from this date thru the following week. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Aug 4 at Knoll Creek Farm, Dutch, where it was observed again in July. (DF) Broad-winged Hawk: best year ever; the 10,944 reported at Mt. Peter is about 4,000 above the previous high; on Sept 21, your reporter along with Trixie Strauss, the official counter, and Dick Rogers, the director of the count, counted 6,658 individuals of this species; this one day count exceeds numbers for previous entire seasons; an unusually good count was made Sept 19, when 2,213 were observed; peak at Hook Mt, Nyack came on Sept 22 with 1,455. Golden Eagle: more reports than usual; 1 imm Nov 4 at Letchworth Village, Stony Pt. (EDT); none reported at Mt Peter, but 5 reported from Hook Mt: adults on Sept 18, Oct 5 and 29; and imms on Nov 14 and 24, the latter was not included in official hawk watch (Walter Friton). Bald Eagle: 1 Sept 18

Croton Res; another Oct 11 Croton Pt (BA). Marsh Hawk: 19 Sept 19 Mt Aspetong. Osprey: 57 Sept 19 Mt Aspetong (BH). Peregrine Falcon: 1 Sept 27 Croton Pt (BH), could be the same bird that was reported in the nearby Hook Mt area thru summer and early fall. Pigeon Hawk: 1 observed Aug 24 buzzing a Broadwing at Hackensack Swamp, Blauvelt; only other Aug record is a specimen taken Aug 10, 1889 at Nyack cited by A.K. Fisher in 1893. (RFD) Sparrow Hawk: 59 Sept 19 Mt Aspetong (BH). King Rail: 1 Sept 11 Piermont Pier (RFD). Virginia Rail: 1 Nov 16 Tarrytown Res (TH); another Sept 11 Piermont Pier (RFD). Sora: 1 Oct 17 Croton Pt; and another Sept 11 Piermont Pier (RFD). Coot: 10 Oct 13 at Iona Is; numbers good Oct 17 at Rockland L. Semipalmated Plover: 2 Aug 19 Piermont Pier; 2 Sept 16 Clinton Corners (MVW). Killdeer: highs of 74 Sept 27 Croton Pt and 94 Oct 25 same location (BH). Black-bellied Plover: 1 in spring plumage Sept 10 at Piermont Pier (Tony Amos); 30 Sept 18 flying over Westmoreland Sanct, West (BA). Common Snipe: more fall reports than usual; 1 Nov 13 Croton Pt (BH); 11 Oct 6 Thompson Pd, Dutch; 2 Oct 26 Dutch (CT); 1 Nov 6 Pine Plains (MVW). Least Sandpiper: 20 Aug 19 Piermont Pier; 40 Sept 11 same place (RFD). Dunlin: 3 Sept 11 Piermont Pier (RFD); 1 Nov 13 Croton Pt (BH). *ICELAND GULL*: 1 early date of Oct 31 Croton Pt (BH). Bonaparte's Gull: 1 Oct 9 North Tarrytown; 1 Nov 7 Croton Pt (BH); 1 Nov 20 Piermont Pier (RFD). *BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE*: a second record for Dutch, the first being Nov 21, 1969, 1 imm Oct 17 flying south over Hudson just south of P'kpsie, all field marks noted by two very experienced birders (J, MK). Terns: on Aug 28 as tropical storm Doria broke up, RFD and son Donald were at Piermont Pier and found 4 *Forster's*, 65 Common, 2 *Roseate*, and 2 *Sandwich Terns*, all species observed in flight and at rest on nearby rocks. Mourning Dove: numbers continue good. Owls: usual species and reports. Screech Owl: at winter box by Oct 29 in Dutch (EP). Great Horned Owl: a few more reported than usual. *SNOWY OWL*: 1 Nov 27 reported by school boy in Katonah, bird was on roof of house being pestered by crows (SOG); 1 imm Nov 1 P'kpsie (MK).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: numbers down thru summer, but good migration in early Sept; max 112 Sept 3 Cornwall-on-Hudson; several very late reports: 1 Sept 30 near Kripplebush (FH); 1 Oct 2 Kensico Res.; another Oct 23 Hawthorne (BA, DH). Chimney Swift: more than 30 Sept 30 over High Falls; more same date over New Paltz; last report there Oct 7 (RP); 2 Oct 13 Middletown (JT). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 Oct 9 and another Oct 12 in Dutch (B, TS); last observed in the New Paltz area Oct 4 (RP). Red-bellied Woodpecker: rare and accidental till now, presently 1 or 2 reported every season; 1 Oct 11 Mt Aspetong; and another Nov 14 Irvington (BA); 1 at Tom Gilbert's home in East Park observed off and on from Aug 25 thru Nov, bird was hoarding hickory nuts in trees. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: a few more than usual; numbers good in Dutch. Eastern Kingbird: last, 1 Sept 18 Upton L Rd, Dutch (MVW). *WESTERN KINGBIRD*: observed and photographed from Oct 9-17 in Pleasantville, West by BA and BH. Empidonax Flycatchers: 1, species undetermined, Nov 7 at Croton Pt (BH). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 4 Sept 11 Thompson Pd, Dutch (EP). Olive-sided Flycatcher: first Aug 29 in Cornwall, and Aug 31 at Pond Gut; last report Sept 8 in Dutch. Horned Lark: excellent numbers thru Oct in Dutch. Tree Swallow: good numbers of Aug continued thru Oct. Barn Swallow: 1 late bird Sept 20 Kripplebush (FH). Cliff Swallow: numbers good at Wawarsing (JCO); last, 6 Sept 25 Dutch (EP). Purple Martin: last Aug 18 near nest site in Pleasant Valley (MVW). Blue Jay: even better than usual. *COMMON RAVEN*: 1 Oct 8 Mt Peter (Don Vail, John Mann). Common Crow: returned to winter roosts by end of Oct; more than 3,000 by end of Nov at Hudson R State Hospital. Fish Crow: 2 thru Aug and Sept downtown P'kpsie (MK). Black-capped Chickadee: numbers excellent; 88 Oct 15 observed in Dutch (MVW). *BOREAL CHICKADEE*: 1 Oct

18 Dutch (MVW). Red-breasted Nuthatch: more than usual from all areas; most noticeable in Sept. House Wren: 1 very late date of Nov 9 (MVW, CT). Winter Wren: more reported than usual. Carolina Wren: numbers good, especially along the Hudson. Long-billed Marsh Wren: 1 Nov 13 Croton Pt (BH). Mockingbird: "Everywhere in north West" (SOG); "Common in Bear Mt Pk" (JCO). Brown Thrasher: JCO reports numbers down in Bear Mt Pk and at Wawarsing in Ulst. Thrushes: all species reported uncommonly scarce in Rock. Robin: generally excellent; hundreds reported most areas dur mid-Oct. Wood Thrush: 1 Oct 21 in Dutch, was very late (CT). Swainson's Thrush: numbers good thru mid-Oct. Grey-cheeked Thrush: 2 Sept 5 and 2 Sept 11 near P'kpsie (J, MK). 1 Oct 6 and 2 Oct 8 in Dutch (AJ). Eastern Bluebird: low but normal. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: not commonly reported in fall; 1 Oct 11 Mt Aspetong (BH); 1 Aug 29 S Nyack was only the 4th fall record for Rock. Kinglets: good numbers for both species. Pipit: between 200-500 dur Oct in the Pleasant Valley area of Dutch; 27 Nov 14 Pound Ridge, West a late date for that number. Cedar Waxwing: virtually absent last spring; numbers improved thru summer until abundant this fall; many reports of large numbers from all areas. Northern Shrike: 1 Nov 18 West Point (PJ) Loggerhead Shrike: 1 Nov 22 Pleasant Valley (MV, CT). Starling: thousands reported at the Hudson R State Hosp roost, P'kpsie (AJ).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: rare in fall; 1 Sept 6-8 Amenia (TS). Yellow-throated Vireo: several reports but numbers low. Solitary Vireo: more than usual, most in Oct; 1 very late date of Nov 6 at Millbrook (FG, MVW). Red-eyed Vireo: last, Oct 9 in West and Dutch. Philadelphia Vireo: 2 Sept 6 P'kpsie; and 1 Sept 7 same area (J, MK); 1 Sept 11 Bashakill (Mearns BC); 1 Sept 15-16 in Dutch (MVW). Warbling Vireo: well reported thru Sept; 1 very late date Oct 2 in Dutch (EB). Blue-winged Warbler: 1 Oct 3 Green Haven (EB). Tennessee Warbler: 1 Oct 8 near Wawarsing (JCO). *ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER*: 2 Sept 3 near P'kpsie (J, MK). Nashville Warbler: Oct 30 near Mohonk (RP). Parula Warbler: 1 Oct 16 Dutch (FG). Magnolia Warbler: 1 Oct 9; 1 Oct 13 in Dutch (CT). Cape May Warbler: 2 Aug 24 (J, MK); 2 Aug 30 (MVW); last, 1 Nov 3-6 Pleasant Valley (MVW). Myrtle Warbler: 2 Aug 24 (J, MK); very common thru Oct; WBC reports 3 records in Nov. Black-throated Green Warbler: 1 Aug 23 (J, MK); 1 late date of Oct 23 (MVW). Blackburnian Warbler: first Aug 24; last Sept 27. Pine Warbler: 3 reports from West; 1 Sept 27 Hawthorne; 1 Sept 29 Pleasantville; and another Sept 30 Pocantico (BH); 1 Sept 18 Dutch (J, MK). Ovenbird: last, 1 Oct 2 and 2 Oct 6 in Dutch. Connecticut Warbler: 1 Sept 16 in Dutch (MVW). Mourning Warbler: 1 Sept 13 Amenia (TS). Yellow-breasted Chat: not common in fall; 1 Oct 3 and again Oct 10 Wawarsing (JCO); 1 Oct 23 Tamarack Pd (FG). Canada Warbler: first Aug 26 (MK). Redstart: lingered very late in Dutch; 1 Oct 25 and another Nov 12 and 25 at Salt Point (CT). Hooded Warbler: 1 late date of Sept 23 in Dutch (CT).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 1 Oct 14, late for Dutch (B, TS). Meadowlark: numbers down in farm country. Orchard Oriole: 1 Sept 6 near P'kpsie (J, MK). Baltimore Oriole: numbers good; 1 very late date of Nov 28 near P'kpsie (J, MK). Common Grackle: peak number of 11,400 Oct 8 at roost near Middletown (JT). Scarlet Tanager: 1 very late date of Oct 22 in Dutch (MK). Cardinal: always in excellent numbers, but reported reduced in several areas. Indigo Bunting: numbers generally low; only Sept report from Dutch with 4 between Sept 2 and 18. *DICKCISSEL*: only 1, Oct 18 in Dutch (MVW). Evening Grosbeak: first 7, Oct 7 in Dutch; arr in moderate numbers in most areas the first and second weeks of Nov. Purple Finch: numbers much better than usual. House Finch: explosive increase in Middletown area; JT reports avg of 22 daily at feeder; max 52 on Nov 20. Common Redpoll: only report 6, Nov 11 Lithgow (MK). Pine Siskin: 1 Oct 25 Croton Pt; 40 Nov 24 Pleasantville; 2 Nov 26 S Nyack. Savannah Sparrow: 4 late

birds Nov 27 Salt Point. Vesper Sparrow: several reports in Oct from West; and 2 Nov 7 at Croton Pt (BH). Slate-colored Junco: first reports from Oran and Dutch Sept 17; numbers excellent as usual thru end of season. Tree Sparrow: arr late and in very sparse numbers; first Oct 27 in Dutch; no real numbers until late Nov. Chipping Sparrow: last, Nov 7, 4 at Croton Pt. White-crowned Sparrow: first, 2 Sept 20 Amenia (TS); several others reported the first two weeks of Oct. Fox Sparrow: first, Oct 13; good numbers thru rest of month esp in Dutch and West. Lincoln Sparrow: 1 Oct 3 Wawarsing; 1 Oct 7 Croton Pt; 2 Pleasantville and 1 Hawthorne Oct 9; 1 Oct 5 and another Oct 6-7 in Dutch (B,TS). Song Sparrow: continues high but lower than last year. Snow Bunting: first Oct 31 Piermont Pier (RFD); several Nov 16 West Point; 26 Nov 19 Kensico Res; 12 Nov 24 Pleasant Valley.

Winter reports due no later than Apr 5

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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This will be one of our longer introductions to any seasonal report we have yet written for the *Kingbird*. We feel it is time to leave the stilted structure which results from merely recording sightings. Our future impetus will be toward more editorial analyses, and in attempting to present meaningful statements out of the ever-increasing supply of raw data fed to us by the burgeoning ranks of Region 10 birders. Our remarks below regarding the Monk Parakeet invite further discussion and, we hope, action. The records resulting from Hurricane Doria and a Cox's Ledge pelagic trip, instead of being presented in traditional, rigid AOU order, have been isolated to better highlight significant meteorological influences. A short summary of a migration field project undertaken by a group of birders, advertises what can be accomplished by the more curious observer, especially when joined by others of his (or her) kind.

The Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*) is fast becoming established in our area as a result of an undetermined number of escapes. (see John Bull, 1971, Monk Parakeets in the New York City Region, *Linnaean News-Letter*, 25 (1).) This year there were three instances of young being raised in the New York City area: 1) Lordship, Conn. (*American Birds*, 25 (5): 839); 2) Staten Island (H. H. Cleaves, 1971, The Monk Parakeet Invades Staten Island. *Proceedings of the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences*, 26 (2): 53-57.) and 3) Valley Stream, Nassau County, NY (verb. comm. John Bull). This species is native to South America to 40° south latitude (R. M. deSchaunsee, 1966, *The Species of Birds of South America and their Distribution*, Livingston Publishing Company, Narberth, Penna.). In the temperate zone of Argentina, it is considered a severe agricultural pest and bounties are paid to control its numbers (verb. comm. Dr. Michael Gochfeld). Cleaves (op cit) comments that these parakeets have been observed feeding on pears and apples on Staten Island. New York State does not need another introduced pest species, no matter how exotically interesting it may be. Your editors herein urge the elimination of all free-flying Monk Parakeets before their increasing numbers rate them as economic and ecological pests. Let's not wait until they become too difficult to eliminate — or even control — as in Argentina.

Hurricane Doria swept inland into North Carolina on August 28. Five hundred miles further north, on coastal Long Island, southerly winds reaching a maximum of 40 M.P.H. were recorded. Being on the outer fringe of the storm, few exotics