

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 3 Jun 6 Coreys (RMc). Cedar Wax-wing: max 48 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 2 to 3 a day in most areas; down from last year. Red-eyed Vireo: max 63 Spec (DM,FS), down 18 from same census last year. Warbling Vireo: 1 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM). Black-and-white Warbler: max 8 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS), down 7 from last year; 8 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). Nashville Warbler: 4 or 5 around most bogs. Parula Warbler: 3 Jun 3 BTP (PD); 2 Jul 1 BTP (JB,FL); 1 Jul 6 Ind L (RMc). Magnolia Warbler: max 15 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 11 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Myrtle Warbler: numbers seem to be about half that of last year. Black-throated Green Warbler: max 7 Jul 2 BTP (JB,FL). Blackburnian Warbler: max 11 Spec Jun 2 (DM,FS). Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 39 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 16 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). Blackpoll Warbler: 1 late migrant Jun 3 BTP (PD). Ovenbird: max 36 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Northern Waterthrush: max 11 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Mourning Warbler: max 7 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Yellowthroat: max 28 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). Canada Warbler: max 23 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS). American Redstart: max 44 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Boblinks: several Jul 7 L P (RMc). Baltimore Oriole: 10 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 2 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM); 1 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM); 1 Aug 5 TL (RM). Rusty Blackbird: 2 Jun 3 BTP (PD,FL); 1 Jun 28 Und (AJ,HM); 4 Jul 2 BTP (JB,FL). Scarlet Tanager: 9 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 10 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM); 8 Jul 6 Ind L (RMc). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: common. Indigo Bunting: 1 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM); 1 Jul 12 TL (RM). Evening Grosbeak: 2 adults feeding 4 young Jul 6 Ind L (RMc); several nesting pairs brought young to feeder Jul 8–30 TL (RM). Purple Finch: 20 to 30 mature and immature at feeder Aug TL (RM). Pine Siskin: 3 Jun 2 Spec (DM,FS); 2 Jul 6 Cedar River (RMc). Red Crossbill: quite a few all summer in central and northern areas. Field Sparrow: 1 or 2 on most counts. White-throated Sparrow: max 42 Jun 29 New (AJ,HM). Lincoln's Sparrow: 7 Jun 3 BTP (PD,FL); 4 Jul 1 BTP (JB,FL).

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## REGION 8 HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The month of June was unusually wet as anyone who experienced the havoc caused by hurricane Agnes can testify. Luckily Region 8 escaped the extensive flooding of the lower Hudson valley, yet rain fell on 17 days of the month for a total of 6.84 inches or 3.59 inches above normal. No major flooding occurred in the upper Hudson valley, but ponds, lakes and river beds were filled to the brim making life for the shorebirds difficult indeed.

Low temperature records for the date were set on the 11th and 12th with 37° and 38° respectively and the mean deviation from normal was -3.7° for the month of June. About normal rainfall fell during the month of July (3.10 inches) with a spate of hot weather occurring on the 12th, 15th and 19th (91°). Less than an inch of rain fell the first half of August but water levels were still above normal.

Seven breeding bird surveys a massed a total of 95 species for the period same as last year save for an exotic cage bird (*Agopornis Pullaria*) which found its way into the field reports. Population declines were noticeable among the Starlings (60%), House Sparrow (40%) and Grackles (30%). Mockingbirds appear to be more scarce than last year while Black-billed Cuckoo reports were encouraging especially after being absent in the spring report.

Highlights for the period were the flocks of Pine Siskins and Red Crossbills that apparently nested in the Jenny Lake region for the first time in several years.

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Abbreviations: ADBC—Alan Devoe Bird Club; BBC—Breeding Bird Census; HMBC—Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club; WSL—West Sand Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Pied-billed Grebe: thru period Columbia Co (ADBC). Great Blue Heron: 1 reported Jul and Aug Columbia Co (ADBC). Green Heron: 4 Jun 18 Salem BBC; 2 Jun 20 Cobleskill BBC. American Bittern: 1 Jun 18 Salem BBC; 1 Jul 1 No River BBC. Canada Goose: 1 adult with 3 goslings Jun 8 Tunnel Hill Pond and 1 Jun 12 Chatham (B&HT); Canada Geese nesting in our area may be originating from stock released by Delmar Game Farm. Mallard: max 4 Jun 17 No Easton BBC. Black Duck: seen in usual locations. Blue-winged Teal: reported Jul and Aug Columbia Co (ADBC). Wood Duck: max 4 Jun 18 Salem BBC.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 Jun 22 Johnsonville (Dorothy Crumb); scattered reports thru period (ADBC). Cooper's Hawk: 1 Aug 15 N Bethlehem (WBS). Red-tailed Hawk: 2 Jun 20 Cobleskill BBC and 1 Jun 20 Duaneburg BBC. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Jun 18 Salem BBC; 1 Aug 13 Black Mtn. (REP). Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Jun 20 Cobleskill BBC; 1 Jul 1 Petersburg BBC. Sparrow Hawk: max 5 Jun 18 Salem BBC. American Woodcock: 1 freshly killed Aug 7 WSL (REP). Common Shipe: 3 Jul 16 Reichard's Lake (REP). Upland Plover: 2 Jun 7 Duaneburg BBC. Spotted Sandpiper: 2 Jun 17 Easton BBC. Mourning Doves: abundant on BBC's. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: no reports. Black-billed Cuckoo: 3 Jun 7 Duaneburg BBC; 2 Jun 17 Easton BBC; 4 Jun 18 Salem BBC; 1 Jun 20 Cobleskill BBC. Screech Owl: 1 Aug 6 E Greenbush (WG). Great Horned Owl: 1 report in Jun ADBC).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Chimney Swift: max 18 Jun 20 Cobleskill BBC. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: one reported on BBC's, yet scattered reports from ADBC and HMBC members. *PARAKEET*: a small greenish bird with red face seen feeding with grackles best fit description given of "*Agorornis Pullaria*" better known as "Red-headed Love Bird" No Easton (WG). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: no reports Eastern Wood Pewee: max 13 Jun 17 Easton BBC. Cliff Swallow: 7 Jul 1 No River BBC; 2 Jul 4 Warrensburg BBC; fl m 10 Aug 6 Tomhannock Res (REP). Purple Martin: only report 4 Jun 17 Easton BBC. House Wren: max 18 Jun 20 Cobleskill BBC. Mockingbird: only report for period 1 Jun 17 Easton BBC. Hermit Thrush: 1 Jul 4 Warrensburg BBC. Swainson's Thrush: 1 Jul 1 and 1 Jul 4 No River and Warrensburg BBC's. Veery: max 36 Jul 4 Warrensburg BBC. Eastern Bluebird: 1 Jul 4 Warrensburg BBC. Cedar Waxwing: scattered reports thru region, 8 Jul 1 No River BBC; 6 Salem BBC. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1 Jun 17 No Easton BBC; 1 Jul 4 Warrensburg BBC.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 2 Jul 1 Petersburg BBC; 1 Jul 4 Warrensburg BBC. Golden-winged Warbler: 1 Jun 7 Duaneburg BBC; 1 Jul 1 Petersburg BBC. Worm-eating Warbler: 1 Jul 1 Petersburg BBC; 1 Jun 2 Ghent (GE). Blue-winged Warbler: 1 Jun 7 Duaneburg BBC. Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 Jun 20 Cobleskill BBC. Mourning Warbler: 3 Jul 1 Petersburg BBC.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: max 49 Jun 7 Duaneburg BBC. Eastern Meadowlark: max 41 Jun 7 Duaneburg BBC. Redwinged Blackbird: slight increase over last year. Orchard Oriole: 1 Jun 18 Chatham believed to be first report from this location (H&BT). Baltimore Oriole: max 11 Jun 7 Duaneburg BBC. Indigo Bunting: max 5 Jun 17 Easton BBC. Evening Grosbeak: "scarcer than last year. Only 3 banded in July vs 21 in July—August '71. Last Jul 30 and departed quickly after young came to feeder" Jenny Lake (RPY). Purple Finch: fewer in

number than last year; 233 banded in month of July and 113 to Aug 15 Jenny Lake (RPY). Pine Siskin: apparently bred locally; first young seen at feeder Jul 6; 10 banded to Jul 15 then disappeared—Jenny Lake (RPY). *RED CROSSBILL*: flocks of 5-15 heard and seen thru Jun and Jul feeding on spruces in Jenny Lake area—scarce by mid Aug (RPY). Savannah Sparrow: max 18 Jun 7 Duaneburg BBC. Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 Jun 17 Easton BBC.

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## REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Spring continued to its end on the wet and cool side. June precipitation exceeded nine inches which is over double the mean average for that month in Ulster Co. July was dry, with slightly less than normal rainfall. There was a little over three and one half inches. Temperatures averaged near normal. The first half of August was very dry except for some shower activity in the Catskill Mountains.

The spring migration was prolonged well into June, and there was ample evidence that the cool wet weather of that month took its toll on some of the insectivores and young. Tree Swallows seemed to suffer as well as bluebirds. The Monk Parakeet continues to spread, and should pick up impetus in a few years unless something is done about it. There is ample evidence that it will be a serious pest with its love for crop plants. One can only hope that the state and national authorities are aware of this proliferating invader, and will do something about it while there is still time.

Observers cited: EB—Enid Butler; MB—Martin Borko; MBC—Mearns Bird Club; WBC—Waterman Bird Club; RD—Robert F. Deed; DG—Dick Guthrie; FH—Fred Hough; WH—William Howe; PJ—Paul Heheber; J,MK—Jim & Mary Key; AM—Al Merritt; HM—Helen Manson; JO—Jack Orth; EP—Eleanor Pink; SCAS—Sullivan Co. Audubon Society; W,TS—William & Trixie Strauss; EDT—Edward D. Treacy; MVW—Marion VanWagner; OW—Otis Waterman.

*LOONS—DUCKS*: Common Loon: usually unreported in summer; 1 June 6 Rhinebeck (DG). Double-crested Cormorant: 5 Crugers Is June 16 (DG); on 3 visits to Piermont Pier from mid-July to end of period. Bob Deed found not one, unusual for the lower Hudson. Great Blue Heron: Dutch rookery active as in past; 14 nests used; heavy rains made water levels impossible to approach; other scattered reports thru that Co; max in Cornwall area 6 on Aug 14. *CATTLE EGRET*: 1 Salt Point, Dutch June 12; another South Plank Rd, Town of Minisink, Oran June 4. Snowy Egret: 6 Cornwall-on-Hudson Jul 24; reduced to 4 at the end of period (PJ); 1 Croton Point Jul 28; inc to 11 by Aug 15. *LOUISIANA HERON*: rarely reported; 1 Aug 6 Ridge Rd, Town of Hamptonburgh, Oran (RD); another Aug 8 to 12 at Cornwall-on-Hudson (PJ). *YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON*: 1 imm in S P'kpsie Aug 10-16 (M,JK). Least Bittern: calling regularly at Thompson Pd, Dutch Jul 4 (OW); usual nesting numbers at Moodna Marsh, Cornwall thru end of period. American Bittern: reports from Amenia and Thompson Pd (W,TS). Canada Goose: usual nesters thru region; young seem down in numbers by end of period. Green-winged Teal: not expected in summer; 4 Cornwall Bay Aug 10 (AM); 3 Croton Pt Aug 14 (WH). Blue-winged Teal: very uncommon breeder; 1 Croton Pt Aug 14. Wood Duck: no marked change; good some areas and poor others. *RING-NECKED DUCK*: 1 male Thompson Pd June 6 (Elting Arnold); a pr was there thru May. Canvasback: 1 male June 16 Crugers Is (DG).

*HAWKS—OWLS*: most breeding raptors normal. Turkey Vulture: up to 11 at Stissing Mt, Dutch regularly. *BALD EAGLE*: 1 imm at Rondout Res, Sull Jul 1 (Valerie Freer); 1 ad Mongaup Res Aug 12 (SCAS). Ruffed Grouse: numbers down