

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

in Ulst (FH); normal to less elsewhere. Bobwhite: completely unreported. Turkey: 1 hen with 7 imm Jul 30 Wurtsboro (Arlene Borko); another hen with 6 imm at nearby Bashakill Aug 8-11, could be the same group. Virginia Rail: usual reports from Amenla (W,TS). Semipalmated Plover: only report 1 Croton Pt Aug 14-15 (WH). Black-bellied Plover: 1 Cornwall Bay Aug 14; and another Croton Pt same date. Ruddy Turnstone: 3 Cornwall Bay Aug 8-9. Solitary Sandpiper: 1 Croton Pt Aug 2 and Aug 14; another Cornwall Bay Aug 10. Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 Croton Pt Aug 14. Least Sandpiper: 2 Jul 29 in Dutch; 1 Cornwall Bay Aug 10; and 5 Croton Pt Aug 15. Semipalmated Sandpiper: 1 Croton Pt June 1; 150 there on Aug 2; 100 on Aug 14. Sanderling: Cornwall Bay 1 Aug 7. Great Black-backed Gull: 50 or more near Piermont Pier Aug 12; far outnumbered any other species in the area. Laughing Gull: unreported from the mid-Hudson area until mid-Aug, and then the majority were imm. Terns: also absent from the lower Hudson thru Jul and early Aug; 1 Common Tern at Cornwall Aug 8-9. Caspian Tern: 1 Cornwall Bay Jul 7 (EDT). Mourning Dove: numbers continue high. *MONK PARAKEET*: continues to spread; first Oran record at Buttonwood Tree Farm, Hamptonburgh, Aug 6 (RD); 2 Aug 13 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lynam, Green Haven, Dutch (opposite Stormville Airport), they had been there since Aug 8, feeding on sweet corn (M,JK; HM). Cuckoo: continues scarce, but somewhat improved from lows of last spring. Owls: usual few reports, and perhaps a few more. Great Horned Owl: resident near the home of JO at Wawarsing. Saw Whet Owl: heard at mid-day on 2 occasions in June on Slide Mt. (FH)

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: last northbound mig reported from Dutch on June 1, 2, 3; first southbound migrants, 2 Aug 14 (EP). Pileated Woodpecker: numbers seem down in the vicinity of Wawarsing; normal in Bear Mt Pk (JO). *RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER*: 2 ad with 3 young at the feeder of Mrs. Arfmann in Ridgebury, Oran (Iris Dean). Red-headed Woodpecker: absent from usual haunt on Ridge R, Town of Hamptonburgh for last 2 years; reappeared there on Jul 29, and again with 2 imm on Aug 6 (RD). Traill's Flycatcher: obs in 2 or 3 new areas of Dutch this season; another at Wawarsing thru period calling "fitz-bew" (JO); a pr at the nest in Moodna Marsh Aug 8 (EDT). Olive-sided Flycatcher: last spring migrant June 2 near Millbrook (MVW). Swallows: WBC reports good numbers of nesting Tree, Barn and Bank with the usual few Rough-wings; they had no known nesting of Cliff Swallow for second summer; no inc in Purple Martins, some former nest sites were abandoned, and 1 or 2 new sites found; Cliff Swallows appeared in expected numbers at Wawarsing after the nesting season had ended. Fish Crow: no reports on the "college birds" of last spring, but at least 1 pr nested at Croton Pt where 8 were found on Jul 28 (WH). Red-breasted Nuthatch: resident at Kripplebush thru nest season (FH), as was the Brown Creeper. Carolina Wren: heard singing in the Creek Locks area of Ulst thru Jul; numbers continue to improve thru region. Mockingbird: at Mohonk Jul 12, first in many years (Dan Smiley). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 Aug 20 near P'kpsie (M,JK). Eastern Bluebird: Florence Germond's Bluebird nesting project covering a 5 mi radius in central Dutch produced 41 nests of which 18 successfully brought off 70 young, 16 were unsuccessful and 7 unknown; Tree Swallows were no problem since weather delayed their arrival until bluebirds had nested; of those that were unsuccessful, Wrens destroyed a few nests, but most were undisturbed—merely abandonones. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: highest ever in Ulst this year; widely scattered throughout that county. Cedar Waxwing: low numbers of last spring improved greatly by the end of summer; this seems to be a yearly occurrence.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: 1 June 17 Stormville (EB) was the only report. Red-eyed Vireo: less in Ulst but normal elsewhere. Warbling Vireo: 3 pr nested at Croton Pt; 3-4 pr in Pleasantville mostly along Saw Mill River. Warblers: M,JK report last north movement June 3-5; a southern movement re-

ported in Dutch Aug 14 and 20. Nashville Warbler: 1 singing continuously at Mianus Gorge, West June 14 (WH); a nest discovered at Bashakill Jun 3 by MBC contained 4-5 young on Jun 12 (MB). Parula Warbler: 1 Jun 16 Stormville (EB) not known to nest. Cape May Warbler: first Aug 16 at Greenville, Oran (Iris Dean). Blackburnian Warbler: a few nest at higher elevations; 1 Jun 16 Dutch (M,JK). Prairie Warbler: a good year in Dutch; many reports. Pine Warbler: 1 Aug 14-20 Red Oaks Mill, Dutch (M,JK). Waterthrushes: both species nested at Bashakill (MB).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: failed to return to sev expected areas; 1 Jun 11-13 Millbrook was the only summer record. Baltimore Oriole: reported less successful nesting in Ulst (FH). *BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAKS* 1 ad male Jun 29 at Middletown, feeding on Mulberries, obs about 5 min (Dr. John Tramontano). *EVENING GROSBEAK*: 1 adult male New Paltz Jul 1 first summer record for Ulst (Dr. Robert Pyle). House Finch: continues to spread in numbers and area thru Dutch. *RED CROSSBILL*: 6 young and 4 ad feeding on spruce cones at Glen Spey, Sull Aug 12 (SCAS). Rufous-sided Towhee: nested again on the summit of Slide Mt. (FH). Grasshopper Sparrow: 4 on Cosh Rd, Town of Minisink Jun 4 (EDT). Slate-colored Junco: 1 Harriman sect of Bear Mt Park Jul 20 (Malcolm Gardner). White-throated Sparrow: 1 Jul 24 at Spring Valley (Mrs. Fred Heckel); 2 Mohonk L gave strong indication of nesting (Dan Smiley); 1 singing near Rhinebeck Jun 10 was first record for that month (OW, Florence Germond).

Fall reports due Dec 5.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Colonial Nesting Data

Hurricane Agnes was the most prominent feature of this year's breeding season. Her high winds and torrential rainfall swept across Long Island during the peak of colonial nesting activity on June 22. Terns were hardest hit of all, as the following shows:

I. Heron Colonies

No reports received.

II. Gull Colonies

1. Northside of Loop Causeway, near Pt. Lookout (TD,DF): Great Black-backed Gull, 1 pr.; Herring Gull, 250-400 prs.
2. Captree State Park (DF): Great Black-backed Gull, 36 prs.; Herring Gull, 2200 prs. — more than double the last 2 years' totals.

III. Tern Colonies

1. Breezy Point, Queens Co. (F. Heath): an early July visit found only about 6 prs. of Commons nesting in an area populated by 1500-2000 prs. the past 2 years. The nesting area "appeared to have recently been breached by high seas."
2. Jones Beach State Park, west end (DF): Common Tern, 200 prs.; Black Skimmer, 30 prs.