

WP (R&MS); 1 Sep 14 Elk L (R&MS). Catbird: 2 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Brown Thrasher: 1 Oct 9 PS (WR). Wood Thrush: not reported; perhaps just overlooked. Hermit Thrush: last 1 Nov 1 BTP (FL). Swainson's Thrush: max 6 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Veery: 1 Aug 19 Elk L (M&IL, RMc). Eastern Bluebird: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 6 transients Oct 5 E'town (GC). Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 15 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: transients about Sep 10 several localities; last 2 Oct 4 PS (TM). Cedar Waxwing: last report 11 Sep 28 PS (TM).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL); 1 singing Sep 11 WP (R&MS). Red-eyed Vireo: max 6 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Black-and-white Warbler: 2 Aug 20 BTP (FL, RJS); 1 singing Sep 12 WP (R&MS). Tennessee Warbler: arrived Aug 15 E'town (GC); 4 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). *ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER*: 1 adult Oct 13 Wilm (GC). Nashville Warbler: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 2 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Parula Warbler: 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Magnolia Warbler: 3 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Cape May Warbler: arrived Aug 14 E'town (GC); 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 10 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 1 late bird Oct 15 E'town (GC). Myrtle Warbler: max 20 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL); last report 1 Oct 13 KV (MK). Black-throated Green Warbler: max 3 Aug 20 BTP (FL, RJS). Blackburnian Warbler: widely reported; max 3 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL); last 1 Sep 26 E'town (GC). Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Bay-breasted Warbler: arrived Aug 19 E'town (GC); 6 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Blackpoll Warbler: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 1 Aug 25 E'town (GC); 1 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Palm Warbler: 1 Oct 13 Wilm (GC). Ovenbird: 6 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). Yellowthroat: max 7 Aug 20 BTP (FL, RJS); 1 late bird Oct 16 E'town (GC). Canada Warbler: 4 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 2 Aug 20 BTP (FL, RJS). American Redstart: max 8 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 3 Aug 25 Whallonsburg (GC). Eastern Meadowlark: 1 late bird Oct 30 Malone (MK). Rusty Blackbird: 1 Sep 10 Middle SL (R&MS); 3 Oct 31 BTP (FL); 2 Sep 2 BTP (DC, FL). Scarlet Tanager: 3 Aug 17 BP (TM); 3 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 1 Sep 10 WP (R&MS). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: family groups until Aug 21 TL (RM). Evening Grosbeak: numbers increased significantly after Aug 19 at TL (RM). Purple Finch: numerous until Sep 6 at TL and then rather scarce (RM). Pine Grosbeak: over 100 Oct 28 TL (RM); 20 Oct 28 CR (RMc); 40 Nov 12 CR (RMc); 10 Nov 30 Corey's (MK). Pine Siskin: scarce; 2 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); several Sep 14 Elk L (R&MS). American Goldfinch: max 20 Oct 30 BTP (FL). Red Crossbill: widely reported thru period, usually in flocks of 15-35. Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Oct 25 TL (RM). Tree Sparrow: first arrivals Oct 15 TL (RM). Chipping Sparrow: 35 transients Sep 22 PS (TM). Field Sparrow: 1 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc). White-crowned Sparrow: 60 Oct 13 Wilm (GC); 12 Oct 13 KV (MK). White-throated Sparrow: 12 Aug 19 CR (M&IL, RMc); 1 with bad wing at feeder Nov 30 TL (RM). Fox Sparrow: 1 Oct 3 E'town (GC). Lincoln's Sparrow: arrived Aug 30 E'town (GC). Snow Bunting: first 2 Nov 4 TL (WR).

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REGION 8 HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The latter half of August was characterized by alternating high and low pressure centers which resulted in predominately cloudy conditions over Region 8, but only a trace of rain fell. A low temperature record of 41° was set on the 16th (Albany

Airport weather station). This trend continued into September when a cold front swept the area from the 21st till the 25th. Coincident with this front was a noticeable wave of thrushes, vireos and warblers cresting perhaps on the 23rd when a new low temperature record of 35° was set. Precipitation for the month was 1.99 inches compared with a monthly normal of 3.58 inches.

Thoughts of an Indian Summer dimmed in October as four new low temperature records fell and four more equalled previous low records. The mean temperature for the month was 45°, 5° below normal, while an early frost arrived on the 2nd and a hard freeze occurred on the 21st (17°). Precipitation for the month was 3.60 inches, 0.83 inches above normal with a grand total of 2.61 inches falling on the 7th. Only a trace of rain fell over the next three weeks which may have accounted for the spate of shorebird activity noted at that time.

By November the trend was well established as colder than normal temperatures prevailed and the area was greeted with its first severe winter-like storm on the 15th when a total of 17 inches of snow accumulated at the Albany airport. Along with the winter weather an unprecedented invasion of pine grosbeaks is possibly underway, but nearly absent from the landscape are the redpolls and pine siskins which inundated the region last year.

Less commonly reported species for the period include Little Blue Heron, Bald Eagle, Turkey, Monk Parakeet, White-eyed Vireo, and the first report in 13 years of a Yellow-headed Blackbird.

Observers cited are: DA—Doug Allen; WA—W. Applegate; JC—Juanita Cook; CMPY—refers to banders at VFWM—J. Covert, W. D. Merritt, R. J. Pantle, R. P. Yunick; MF—Mabel French; B&HG—B&H. Gardina; A&MG—A&M. Giddings; WG—William Gorman; EH—Esley Hallenbeck; RM—R. McCullough; MM—M. Mickle; PM—P. Mickle Jr.; RP—R. Phillion; S&RS—S&R. Silverman; H&BT—H&B. Tullar; M&WU—M&W. Ulmer.

Abbreviations: ADBC—Alan Devoe Bird Club; A&B Res—Alcove & Basic Reservoir; AP—Averill Park; HGSR—Harold G. Reist Sanctuary; HMBC—Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club; T Res—Tomhannock Reservoir.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 4 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC); 3 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC); 13 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC); 1 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Red-necked Grebe: 1 Nov 5 T Res (RP); 1 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Horned Grebe: 12 Oct 29 T Res (RP); 6 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC). Pied-billed Grebe: 4 Sept 30 Mariaville (HMBC); 2 Nov 5 Reichard's Lake (RP); 2 Nov 12 T Res (RP). Great Blue Heron: 1 Oct 21 HH (HMBC); 1 Oct 29 T Res (RP). Green Heron: Sept (ADBC); 1 Oct 16 Chatham (A&MG). *LITTLE BLUE HERON*: 1 Oct 10 and 14 seen in immature plumage on Muitzeskill Creek (JC). Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 Sept 30 ADBC Sanctuary (WA). American Bittern: 1 Oct 21 Stuyvesant (RP). Canada Goose: flocks of up to 500 toward end of October (ADBC). Snow Goose: 1 Oct 25 Hillsdale (PM Jr.). Pintail: 4 Nov 3 Mariaville (DA). Green-winged Teal: 12 Oct 29 T Res (RP). American Widgeon: 1 Oct 2, 5, 15, 21 Hudson R (JC). Wood Duck: 3 Sept 30 Mariaville (HMBC); 1 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC). Redhead: 3 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Ring-necked Duck: 12 Nov A&B Res (HMBC). Canvasback: 1 Nov A&B Res (HMBC). Scaup: Oct 15, 18 Chatham (MM); 20 Nov 24 Lake George (RP). Common Goldeneye: 8 Nov 5 T Res (RP); 1 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Bufflehead: 3 Nov 5 T Res (RP); 1 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Oldsquaw: 5 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC); 1 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Common Scoter: up to 80 Oct 15, 16, 19 Queechy Lake (MM); 3 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Ruddy Duck: 2 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC); 15 1st week of Nov Mariaville (DA); 1 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Hooded Merganser: 10 Oct 29 T Res (RP); 12 Nov 5 Res (RP). Common Merganser: Oct 5 Hudson River (JC); max 35 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Red-breasted Merganser: 12 Oct 29 T Res (RP); 4 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 Sept 5, 11, 22 Chatham & Ghent (H&BT) (B&HG); Nov (ADBC). Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 Oct 21 Hudson Highlands (HMBC); Nov (ADBC). Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Sept 6 & 29 Chatham (H&BT). Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Sept 24 Chatham (H&BT); 1 late report Nov 14 Chatham (H&BT). Rough-legged Hawk: 1 Nov 23 Easton (RP). **BALD EAGLE:** 2 adult on Hudson River above Warrensburg and an immature on Schroon River near Warrensburg (Browsers & Camerons); 1 unidentified eagle flying south on Oct 18 (MM). Marsh Hawk: 1 Oct 9, 29 Chatham & Castleton (A&MG, JC, M&WU). Osprey: lfm 1 Oct 23 Merwin Pd (M&WU). American Coot: 1 Sept 22 Chatham (H&BT); 5 Nov 16 Ooms Pond (MM). **TURKEY:** 1 Nov 28 Ghent (B&HG). American Woodcock: max 12 Oct 29 feeding on shores of Galway Lake (RM & EH). Common Snipe: thru period. Spotted Sandpiper: lfm 1 Oct 5 Castleton (JC). Greater Yellowlegs: max 13 Oct 20 Rensselaer (RP); lfm 1 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Lesser Yellowlegs: 1 Oct 19 Mariaville (DA); 3 Oct 21 Stuyvesant (RP). Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC). White-rumped Sandpiper: 1 Nov A&B Res (HMBC). Dunlin: 12 Oct 24, 29 T Res (RP); lfm 7 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC). Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 6 Oct 24 and lfm 1 Nov 5 T Res (RP). Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 banded Sept 9 VFWM (CMPY); 1 Oct 6 Chatham (M&WR). Barred Owl: 1 Nov (ADBC). Screech Owl: 1 Oct 4 Chatham (M&WR); 1 Oct 22 Ap (RP). Great Horned Owl: 1 lost from banding net on Sept 24 VFWM (CMPY); 1 Nov 12 East Greenbush (WG). Saw-whet Owl: 1 banded Oct 22 VFWM (CMPY).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Chimney Swift: 2 Aug 26 HGRS (HMBC). Common Nighthawk: 2 Sept 12 Mariaville (DA). Rubythroated Hummingbird: much scarcer at VFWM this year with 32 banded vs 96 last year; lfm 9 Sept 23 banded at VFWM (CMPY). **MONK PARAKEET:** min 2 from late summer thru Nov Niskayana; description of bird and nest given to RPY. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 Oct 10 Mariaville (DA). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 Nov 11 near Rock City Falls (Mildred D. Crory); 1 Nov 12 thru 26 Albany (LT). Eastern Kingbird: lfm 1 Oct 10 East Greenbush (WG). Great Crested Flycatcher: lfm 1 banded Sept 15 VFWM (CMPY). Eastern Phoebe: lfm 1 Nov 12 East Greenbush (WG). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: lfm 1 Sept 30 ADBC Sanctuary (WA). Traill's Flycatcher: lfm 1 Sept 9 banded VFWM (CMPY). Least Flycatcher: max 7 banded Sept 9 and lfm 1 Sept 23 VFWM (CMPY). Eastern Wood Pewee: lfm Sept 11 Chatham (B&HT). Olive-sided Flycatcher: lfm 1 Sept 15, 17 Mariaville & Thatcher Pk (DA). Tree Swallow: lfm Oct 10 Ghent (B&HG). Rough-winged Swallow: lfm 1 Sept 11 Chatham (H&BT). Cliff Swallow: lfm 1 Sept 12 Ghent (B&HG). Tufted Titmouse: reported thru period. House Wren: lfm 1 Oct 1 (H&BT). Winter Wren: "Increase noted at VFWM—30 banded vs 13 last year and max of 18 in 1969" (RPY). Brown Creeper: thru period. Long-billed Marsh Wren: 6 Sept 17 BCM (DA). Mockingbird: scattered reports thru period. Catbird: max 49 banded Sept 23 VFWM; lfm 1 banded Oct 15 (CMPY). Brown Thrasher: lfm 1 Oct 15 Chatham (A&MG). Robin: "increase over last year at VFWM" (RPY); 300 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC). Wood Thrush: "New max of 52 banded at VFWM vs 38 last" (RPY); lfm 1 Oct 15 Castleton (H&BT). Hermit Thrush: "scarcer than last year at VFWM—35 vs 60" (RPY); lfm 3 banded Oct 22 VFWM (CMPY). Swainson's Thrush: "2nd highest at VFWM 109 vs 132 last year" (RPY); lfm 6 banded Sept 30 (CMPY). Gray-cheeked-Thrush: "only 1 at VFWM vs 4 in 1971" (RPY); lfm 1 banded Sept 30 (CMPY). Veery: much reduced—only 10 banded vs 23 last year; lfm 1 Oct 9 Castleton (JC). Eastern Bluebird: best reports in years; 10 Oct 22 Mariaville (DA); max 35 Sept 17 along roadside in Glenville (RM & EH); lfm 1 Oct 30 Ghent (Stephen Scannell). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 6 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC); 8 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: "new max of 45 banded at VFWM" (RPY). Water Pipit: 1 Oct 24 S Schodack (JC); 25 Nov 2

Castleton (JC). Cedar Waxwing: "scarce at VFWM only 18 banded vs 149 in 1971" (RPY); max 50 Oct 21 Hudson Highlands (HMBC). Northern Shrike: 1 Nov 26 Ghent (B&HG).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Vireos: *WHITE-EYED*: 1 Aug 16 Hillsdale (S&RS). Yellow-throated: lfm 1 Sept 17 Altamont (DA). Solitary: lfm 2 banded Oct 15 VFWM (CMPY). Red-eyed: "greatly reduced at VFWM, only 23 banded vs 90 in 1971" (RPY); lfm 2 banded Sept 23 VFWM (CMPY) and 1 ADBC Sanctuary (WA). Philadelphia: "reduced from 15 in 1971 to 7 this year" (RPY); lfm 1 banded Sept 30 VFWM (CMPY). Warbling: 2 banded at VFWM vs 9 last year; lfm 1 Sept 16 banded at VFWM (CMPY). Warblers: Black-and-white: lfm 1 Oct 12 freshly killed West Sand Lake (RP). Tennessee: lfm 1 banded Sept 23 VFWM (CMPY). Nashville: lfm 1 banded Oct 14 VFWM (CMPY). Yellow: an unusually late date 1 Oct 13 Chatham (H&BT). Magnolia: "new max 64 vs 52 last year VFWM" (RPY); lfm 3 Oct 1 Mariaville (DA). Cape May: max 10 Sept 8 Mariaville (DA); lfm 1 Oct 3 ibid. Black-throated Blue: lfm 1 banded Sept 29 VFWM (CMPY). Myrtle: "scarcer than previous years—14 banded vs 35 1971" (RPY); max 50 Sept 30 Mariaville HMBC (DA); lfm 1 Oct 30 AP (RP). Black-throated Green: max 15 Sept 8 Mariaville (DA); lfm 1 Oct 4 Ghent (B&HG). Black-burnian: 5 Aug 26 HGRS (HMBC). Chestnut-sided: lfm 1 Oct 9 Castleton (JC). Bay-breasted: 6 Sept 8 Mariaville (DA). Blackpoll: "reduced to normal levels at VFWM—8 banded vs 208 last year" (RPY); lfm 15 Sept 8 Mariaville (DA). Pine: lfm 1 Nov 16 seen at suet feeder Castleton (JC). Prairie: reported Sept (M&WU). Palm: lfm 1 Oct 5 Ghent (B&HG). Ovenbird: "new max of 19 vs 15 at VFWM banding" (RPY); lfm 1 Oct 9 Castleton (JC). Northern Waterthrush: "36 banded at VFWM lowest in 5 years" (RPY); lfm 1 Sept 22 VFWM (CMPY). Mourning: lfm 1 Sept 30 Mariaville (HMBC). Yellowthroat: lfm 2 banded Oct 22 VFWM (CMPY). Wilson's: normal at VFWM. Canada: lfm 2 Sept 23 VFWM (CMPY). American Redstart: "scarcest in 4 years—9 banded vs 17 in 1971" (RPY); lfm 1 banded Sept 23.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: 4 Nov 30 Mariaville (DA). *YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD*: 1 Nov 27 Loudonville a female seen feeding among a flock of Brown-headed Cowbirds (MF). Baltimore Oriole: lfm 1 Sept 17 Ghent (B&HG). Rusty Blackbird: large flocks Oct 14 Chatham (H&BT). Scarlet Tanager: lfm 2 banded Sept 23 VFWM (CMPY). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 5 banded Sept 23 VFWM (CMPY); lfm 1 Oct 8 Castleton (JC). Indigo Bunting: lfm 1 Sept 26 Ghent (B&HG). Evening Grosbeak: reported from mid-September but heard continuously thru October; early Nov at many feeders. Purple Finch: "late nesting produced abundant crop by late summer—total of 633 banded; migrants appeared in mid Oct then became scarce" (RPY). House Finch: no longer considered a rarity in our region; several at feeder in Scotia Nov (DA); thru Nov Kinderhook (K. Endres). Common Redpoll: very scarce 1 report of 30 Nov 14 Chatham (MM). Pine Grosbeak: ffm 3 Nov 12 AP (RP); small numbers at Jenny Lake Nov 18 becoming more abundant thereafter (RPY). Red Crossbill: "summer's abundance dispersed by Aug, heard in modest numbers thereafter; very common in flight overhead in Nov" (RPY); ffm Sept 8 Ghent (B&HG). White-winged Crossbill: 1 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC). Rufous-sided Towhee: lfm 1 Oct 7 East Greenbush (WG). Savannah Sparrow: lfm 1 Oct 3 Ghent (B&HG). Vesper Sparrow: lfm 1 Nov 5 A&B Res (HMBC). Slate-colored Junco: early movement noted. Chipping Sparrow: lfm 1 Nov 17 at feeder Albany (LT). Tree Sparrow: ffm 2 Oct 21 HMBC. Field Sparrow: 1 Oct 21 Hudson Highlands (HMBC). White-crowned Sparrow: 1 Sept 23 ADBC Sanctuary (WA); 1 banded Oct 15 & 22 VFWM (CMPY). White-throated Sparrow: "total of 520 this year vs 844 last year but new 1 day max of 221 on Oct 14 between 3 pm and dark." (RPY). Fox Sparrow: 1 banded Oct 22 VFWM (CMPY); 1 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC). Lincoln's Sparrow:

lfm 2 banded Sept 30 VFWM (CMPY). Swamp Sparrow: "scarcest in 8 years at VFWM" (CMPY). Snow Bunting: very scarce 1 Nov 18 T Res (HMBC).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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August and September were dryer than usual, but by the time October and especially November had passed, all records for the latter month had been broken. In the Ulster area, 11.08 in. were recorded in November. The temperature cooled as expected with killing frosts coming late in September.

Precipitation came largely on the weekends keeping many birders at home. For many watchers, however, the conclusion was largely an uneventful season. Some flights were poorer than expected. Hawks were down, and most passerines were lower than usual. Certain exceptions were encountered as the report will show. The increase of House Finches in the Poughkeepsie area has led some Waterman Bird Club people to suggest a study of competition between them and the House Sparrow which seems to be down in areas common to both.

Observers cited: RFD—Robert F. Deed; FG—Florence Germond; CFH—Charles F. Hills; WH—William Howe; AJ—Alice Jones; JK—Jerome Kerner; MJK—Mary & Jim Key; HM—Helen Manson; KDN—Ken & Dan Niven; JCO—John C. Orth; EP—Eleanor Pink; RP—Dr. Robert Pyle; WTS—William & Trixie Strauss; 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; Pok—Poughkeepsie.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Oct 17 L Tiorati; 3 Oct 21 Rondout Res; 3 Sept 24 Bedford; 2 Nov 23 Croton Pt; more than usual. Horned Grebe: more than usual; first Oct 8 Kiamesha L. Double-crested Cormorant: only 1 Nov 20 Croton Pt. (WH). Great Blue Heron: numbers good late Aug; tapered off to end of period. Little Blue Heron: only 1 Sept 11 Hackensack Cr at West Nyack (Dave Hill & Eric Single); Bob Deed reports this the second record in 10 yrs for what was once "the most common of the white herons in Rock." Snowy Egret: 13 Aug 17 Croton Pt, decreased to 3 Aug 25, remained till Sept 4 (WH). Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 Sept 1 Dutch (MJK). Yellow-crowned Night Heron: 1 Aug 10–16 Pok (MJK). Mute Swan: only report 2 ad and 4 imm at Iona Is; species refuses to spread northward into Oran. Canada Goose: excellent flight starting in late Aug and continuing to mid-Oct. Snow Goose: good movement; 250 Oct 25 Wawarsing (JCO); 300 Oct 28 Millbrook; 5000 Oct 30 Pok (AJ); 95 Nov 4 Verbank; 150 Nov 6 Pok; 1 Nov 26 Millbrook. Blue Goose: an unprecedented 50 Nov 6 Pok (AJ, MJK, MVW). Gadwall: rare, 1 Nov 25 Tarrytown Res (WH). Pintail: uncommon but regular; 3 Oct 18 Tamarack Sw; 1 Oct 25 Amenia (WTS). Green-winged Teal: 1 early date of Aug 23 Croton Pt (WH); normal to better fall movement. Blue-winged Teal: summers in small numbers; 5 Aug 23 Croton Pt (WH); max 44 Sept 16 Monticello (KDN). American Widgeon: good numbers on L Tiorati from mid-Nov to mid-Dec (JCO); reported most other parts in Nov. Shoveler: only 1 Oct 1 Rockland L. Wood Duck: down in Palisades Park but normal elsewhere; max 40 Oct 19 at Norrie Pt, Dutch (HM). Redhead: always rare; only report 3 Nov 1–6 Clove Valley, Dutch. Ring-necked Duck: 21 thru Nov in Dutch, all inland from Hudson R. Canvasback: numbers good on Hudson thru Nov; nothing like the thousands of a decade or two ago; ab 100 off Iona Is and Jones Pt and