

prior to 1962, including the above reports, there are now 9 spring records scattered through the month of May to as late as the 30th. White-throated Sparrow: max 2000 May 1 Jones – Captree (EL) – highest Regional count.

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WINTER REPORTS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR MAY ISSUE

REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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This had to be one of the mildest winters on record. Snowfall was far below normal with less than two inches reported from most areas in Dec., and no really big storms after that. What Dec. lacked in snow it made up for in rain; more than twice the normal. Temperatures were moderate and rarely approached the zero mark anywhere in the region. The Hudson R. froze late, and was free of ice by the first week of March.

The lack of ice and snow cover failed to concentrate many species, giving one the impression of lower numbers. A mild autumn and early winter made many of our migrants linger longer than usual and unprecedented numbers of some species remained through the season: eg. Ring-necked Duck, Green-winged Teal, Vulture, Virginia Rail, Woodcock, Sapsucker, Fish Crow, Mimids, Myrtle Warbler, Towhee.

Northern finches varied strangely. Evening and Pine Grosbeaks were in excellent numbers early, and good thru the rest of the season. Only 1 or 2 Redpolls were reported and they are doubtful. Few White-winged Crossbills were reported but a good number of Red were scattered thru theregion. Pine Siskin were reported good in some areas, but absent for the season in others. Shrikes put on the best show yet with unprecedented numbers of both species. Usually one or two are considered good.

Corrigendum: *Kingbird* XXIII, No. 1, Jan. 1973, Region report p. 65 "Snow Goose: . . . 5000 Oct 30 Pok (AJ)" should read "...550 Oct 30 Pok (AJ)".

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.

Observers cited: DF-Davis Finch; WH-William Howe; AJ-Alice Jones; JMK-Jim and Mary Key; HM-Helen Manson; A,BM-Al and Barbara Merritt; JCO-John C. Orth; B,TS-Bill and Trixie Strauss; JT-Dr. John Tramontano; MVW-Marion Van-Wagner; OW-Otis Waterman.

LOONS-DUCKS: Loon: None reported. Horned Grebe: 2 Dec 6 near Verbank, Dutch were very late. No spring migrants reported thru end of period. Pied-billed Grebe: Good numbers thru Jan. 5 Rock L. Jan 1; 3 Katonah Jan 24. *DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT*: 1 Hudson R. (PCC), no details. Great Blue Heron: RCC for 4th time in 26 counts; 10 returned Tamarack Swamp by Mar 24; earliest

Mar 6 Tamarack Swamp. Mute Swan: Sev. in north part of region; 1 Jan 16 at Bashakill, 2 there by end of period; 1 Dec 19-23 Vincent L; Dutch WC had 26; 19 of them in Rock. Canada Goose: excellent fall flights continued into winter; 300 over Hook Mt. Dec 14; more than 800 in Dutch dur Mar. Snow Goose: 1 Dec 4; 10 Dec 31 on Dutch; 1 Jan 4 Tarrytown; 2 Mar 23 Amenias. Gadwall: 5 dur Dec in Dutch; 3 on PCC were new to count. Pintail: always uncommon; 3 Mar 12 Goshen; 1 WC Beacon remained thru Feb; 2 Mar 13 Vanderburgh Cove; 2 Mar 14 Hunn's L; 3 Mar 18-24 Crugers Is. Green-winged Teal: 1 Feb 5 Iona Is; 14 Mar 23 Dover; 15 Mar 20 Smithfield; 4 Mar 24 Crugers Is; only 3 on WC; 1 Rock and 2 Oran. Blue-winged Teal: 4 Mar 24 Crugers Is. Am Widgeon: 22 Mar 14 Goshen; 2 Mar 13 Millbrook; 4 Mar 13 Kay's Pd; 12 other reports from Dutch, only 4 on Hudson. Wood Duck: only 1 reported from Putn on WC; first migrant Mar 7 Wappingers L. 27 others reported from Dutch by end of Mar. Redhead: always rare; 1 or 2 birds regularly on Cristie Pd, Clove Valley, Dutch thru period. Ring-necked Duck: wintered farther north than usual; reported from Dutch dur Dec and Jan; first migrants Mar 19 L Tiorati; 101 on WC is up from 34 of last year. Canvasback: not numerous but regular on Hudson thru period; more than 500 Esopus Light Mar 11-18; over 100 there and at Crugers Mar 24. Scaup: unusually low; 4 on WC. Common Goldeneye: numbers down, only 1 on RCC. Oldsquaw: 1 Dec 14 Crugers Is; 1 Rondout Res dur Jan. (AJ, HM) Hooded Merganser: 1 thru Dec at Rock L; 14 Katonah Jan 24 (WH); 1 Dec 15 Crugers Is; 2 Mar 23 Amenias; usual good numbers of Mar failed to materialize. Common Merganser: max 74 Feb 11 Rondout Res; numbers generally low; only 2 on RCC. Red-breasted Merganser: unreported.

HAWKS - OWLS: WBC reports 8 species of hawks dur Jan. Turkey Vulture: absent from Region only dur Jan; 1 Dec 9 Harlem Valley- 1 Feb 23 Pawling; another Feb 24 & 28 Harlem Valley; in very good numbers by second week of Mar. Goshawk: unusual invasion in Dutch; 1 Dec 10 & 30 Stissing; 2 Dec 13 near Christie Pd; 1 Dec 23 Jug Hill; 2 on WCC; an unusual event of one pursuing *BROAD-WINGED HAWK* near New City on RCC (Joe Weise). Sharp-shinned Hawk: only report 1 Jan 1 Clove Valley. Red-shouldered Hawk: any report worth noting; 1 Mar 27 Welch L. (JCO); 1 Jan 28 Pok (OW); 1 Mar 10 to end of period Hopewell Jct (DF); another pair Mar 20 Town of Washington, Dutch (JMK). *BROAD-WINGED HAWK*: (See Goshawk above). Rough-legged Hawk: numbers lower than usual; only 2 reports in Dec; 3 in Jan and 3 Feb. *GOLDEN EAGLE*: 1 Feb 15 Verbank (Dr. Robert Tillman). Bald Eagle: very few reported except in Sull where on Jan 14 Ken Niven and Marty Borko counted 14 ad and 7 imm at Rio, Mongaup and Rondout Reservoirs, birds were apparently concentrated by fish kills; Borko reports an Orange and Rockland Utility lineman found 28 earlier while flying an inspection tour of power lines; numbers slowly lessened thru Feb and were seen by mob; 12 ad and 5 imm were at Rondout Res Feb 4 (JT). Marsh Hawk: rare in winter; 1 Dec 6 Waterbury Hill, Dutch; 1 Jan 27 Amenias; 1 Mar 24 Thompson Pd. *PIGEON HAWK*: 1 Jan 27 Gretna Rd, Dutch (JMK), they report a good observation of the bird. Bobwhite: Dec 9 & 16 Stissing; reduced to 4 by Feb 25; 3 Mar 6 Hibernia. Pheasant: numbers on WCC down from high of 233 in 1962 to 21 this year; never that high in other parts of region. *CHUKAR*: Reported in Middletown at feeder and along Rt 82 in Dutch, undoubtedly released birds. Virginia Rail: 8 on PCC; 1 Dec 12 Harlem Valley, Dutch; 1 (dead) Jan 15 Standfordville. Coot; down drastically; only 2 in Dutch Mar 31. Killdeer: 3 wintered Croton Pt (WH). Woodcock: more than usual; 1 Brinton Brook Sanct Jan 1; 1 Jan 3 Dutch; 1 Feb 7 Oran; 3 on RCC, the third time in 26 counts. Lesser Yellowlegs: 1 Mar 28 in Dutch (MVW). *GLAUCOUS GULL*: 1 Feb 3 Hudson R off Dutch (DF). *LAUGHING GULL*: unprecedented record of 2 Dec 30 on Hudson R at Kingston, obs at close range at rest and in flight (Dr. Robert Pyle). Bonaparte's Gull: 4, first time on RCC, at Grassy Pt. Mourning Dove: ont high; WCC reports down to 303

from last years high of 614. Screech Owl: more than usual. Great Horned Owl: usual reports, never many. Snowy Owl: not a flight year; 1 Feb 25 Beacon (Beedy Serra). Barred Owl: JCO believes being crowded out of most areas by competing Great Horned; 1 chased by crows Jan 14 in Bear Mt Pk; sev Feb reports in Dutch and 3 Mar 29 near Pok (JMK). Short-eared Owl: only report 1 Dec 29 Malone Rd, Dutch (MVW).

GOATSUCKERS – STARLING: Belted Kingfisher: Fred Hough reports record numbers wintering in Ulst. Yellow-shafted Flicker: more than usual. Pileated Woodpecker: less than usual. Red-bellied Woodpecker: many reports; some birds remained locally thru season; RCC had 2; 1 Dec 14 Palisades; 1 Dec 17 Sneden's Landing; 1 Jan 12 New City; 1 north of Pok thru season; 1 Millbrook month of Feb; 1 Dec 27 Forest Glen; 1 Dec 10 Bard College. Red-headed Woodpecker: lower than usual but regular locally. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: several reports; 1 Dec 1 Cornwall (A,BM). 1 Pok Jan; 1 Moore's Mills Mar 17; (HM); 2 RCC first since 1963; 1 on JBCC. Phoebe: left late and arr early; 1 Dec 11 Suffern; 1 Dec 27 Dutch (B,TS); arr West Pt Mar 17 and Cornwall Mar 18; arr same dates in Dutch. Horned Lark: Probably in good numbers but missed due to lack of snow cover. Tree Swallow: 1 very early date of Mar 17 at Red Oaks Mill; reported several locations Mar 24, 26 & 28. Common Crow: WCC reported 2810 at roost north of Pok. Fish Crow: good winter numbers; 1 Forest Glen dur Dec, new for that area; 2 at Hudson R State Hosp late Jan; movement late Mar in Dutch, total 12 inc 6 Mar 21 Vassar Coll. Red-breasted Nuthatch: best numbers in years; reported from all areas thru period. Brown Creeper: best numbers in RCC ever, 23 reported. Winter Wren: 3 thru season at Croton Pt; usual singles reported through region elsewhere. Carolina Wren: good numbers made it thru season. Mockingbird: numbers cont high; 48 on RCC; 45 on WCC; first report on the latter count in 1960. Catbird: sev reports from Rock, Oran and Dutch. Brown Thrasher: wintered at Circleville & Middletown; 1 Dec 21 Wappingers reported again Jan. 28. Robin: More wintering birds than usual; big movement on Mar 15. Hermit Thrush: 1 Feb 2 Fort Montgomery; 1 Dec 29 Westmoreland Sanct, West; and 1 Jan 9 Pleasantville. Bluebird: exc in Dutch, Mr. and Mrs. Padraic French watched 7 at their feeder in New City Mar 18. Golden-crowned Kinglet: more than usual; in all areas. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 Dec 10 Stissing; 1 Dec 27 Forest Glen, Dutch; 1 Jan 27 Skidmore Sanct; 1 Hyde Park Jan 8. Cedar Waxwing: almost unreported; 10 Jan 1; 200+ at Bard Coll same date. Shrikes: largest winter numbers of both species Northern Shrike: 1 Dec 24 Suffern; 1 Dec 26 Goshen; 1 Dec 13 Clove Valley; 1 Jan 22 Dutch; 1 Feb 4 Wappingers Falls; 1 Feb 27 Rossway Rd, Dutch; 1 Feb 18 Red Hook; 1 Mar 5 Ward Rd. Dutch; 1 Mar 7 Vassar Coll; 1 Mar 10 Mabbetsville; 1 Mar 27 Crugers Is. Loggerhead Shrike: 1 Bashakill Mar 25; 1 Jan 20 Walden; 1 JBCC; 1 Jan 20,21 Dutch; LMCC Blooming Grove.

VIREOS – SPARROWS: Myrtle Warbler: many more than usual. 1 Jan 1 Blauvelt; 6 Jan 9 Pleasantville; 2 same place Jan 15; 1 Jan 25 New Paltz; 1 Dec 2 Dutch; 2 birds reported months of Jan, Feb and Mar in Dutch. PALM WARBLER: 1 Dec 24 Croton Pt. (WH); 1 PCC. YELLOWTHROAT: 1 PCC. REDSTART: a male and female Dec 24 Croton Pt. (WH); 1 PCC. House Sparrow: seems down on several Christmas counts. Icterids: large movements in late Feb and early Mar. Eastern Meadowlark: 1 Dec 30 Kripplebush. BALTIMORE ORIOLE: 1 Dec 11–23 & Dec 30 Nannet (mob). Rusty Blackbird: 3 Jan 14 Sparkill Cr; 4 Jan 26 Pleasantville; 1 Dec 3 Stissing. Common Grackle: higher winter numbers than usual especially in the northern part where they are not expected. Cowbird: seems down in Rock. Cardinal: also down in southern part; RCC had 157 compared with 341 in 1961, and 246 in 1968. Last years total was 99. DICKCISSEL: 1 Chester sporadically from Dec 1 – Feb 26, daily thereafter thru end of period. Evening Grosbeak: in excellent num-

bers early, remained good thru end of period. Purple Finch: more than usual, outnumbered House Finch at certain feeders. House Finch: continues to inc and spread. Pine Grosbeak: excellent numbers early. Redpolls: only two reported and they are doubtful. Pine Siskin: reported from some areas but not others, not many. Goldfinch: seems somewhat lower. Red Crossbill: good numbers; 20 Rondout Res Feb 3; sev Feb 1 L. Askoti; sev reported along Schwangunks dur Feb and at Lloyd Cemetery Jan 25; 4 in Dutch dur Jan; 15 Mar 25 Millbrook. White-winged Crossbill: 1 Mar 23 Moore's Mills; 8 RCC. Towhee: more winter birds than usual; at least 3 in Rock; 1 Brinton Brook Sanct Jan 1; 4 in Dutch. Savannah Sparrow: 8 Croton Pt Jan 1 (WH); 29 Piermont Marsh RCC, previous high 8 in 1958. *HEN-SLOW'S SPARROW*: 1 obs repeatedly at close range Dec 30 at Kripplebush (Fred Hough) first winter record for that county and probably the region. Vesper Sparrow: 1 Dec 16 Spring Valley. *OREGON JUNCO*: 1 Dec 27 feeder of A. Scott Warthin Jr., Vassar Coll. Field Sparrow: new high of 43 on RCC. prev high was 33 in 1960 & 1961. White-crowned Sparrow: more than usual; 1 ad Dec 11 and 1 imm Jan 30 & Feb 6 Cornwall; 3 Dec 31 Stissing; 3 Feb 18 Cary Arboretum, Dutch; 1 thru March at Amenia. White-throated Sparrow: numbers better than usual; RCC had 302 for highest number since 1961. Fox Sparrow: poor numbers of last fall continued into spring, missed by many active birders; first Mar 12 Fort Montgomery; only 1 wintered in the Pleasantville are, obs Jan 15 and Jan 29. *LINCOLN SPARROW*: 1 dur Mar at Amenia feeder (B,TS); another wintered there last year. Song Sparrow: good numbers from some locales. Snow Bunting: obs in Wallkill Valley dur Dec and Feb, numbers generally small; max 200 Dec 30 Gretna Rd, Dutch. *MONK PARAKEET*: 1 Dec 19 at Texaco Research Center, Glenham (J,MK).

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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The following rarities are included in this report: Eared Grebe, several Tufted Ducks, Sage Thrasher, Fieldfare, "Bullock's" Oriole, and "Spotted" Towhee. High counts were registered for Gannet, Snowy Egret, Common Eider, Ruddy Turnstone, Mourning Dove and Palm Warbler. Unseasonal reports included 2 Louisiana Herons, Marbled Godwit, Black-and-white Warbler, 2 Black-throated Blue Warblers, and Grasshopper Sparrow. American Oystercatcher and Semipalmated Plover set new arrival dates.

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CC (Christmas Count) abbreviations: Ca—Captree; CS—Central Suffolk; MK—Montauk; MN—Northern Nassau; SN—Southern Nassau.

LOONS — DUCKS: *EARED GREBE*: Feb 25 — Mar 18 Oak Beach (ED, SK et al) — "in winter plumage...studied in comparison to Horned." Gannet: 869 Dec 16 MKCC — highest Regional count. Green Heron: Dec 17 NNCC; Dec SNCC —