

(RMc, LM); 1 Jun 25 MooBBS. Mourning Warbler: 1 Jun 2 Bobsled Run, LP (MK); 4 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 1 Jun 22 Ind L (RMc, LM); 1 Jun 25 MooBBS; several Jun 25 Wilms (RMc, LM). Canada Warbler: max 17 Jun 6 SpecBBS. American Redstart: 48 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 32 Jun 28 NewBBS.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: 8 Jun 1 Averyville, LP (BB). Rusty Blackbird: max 4 Jun 1 ADK (MK); 1 Jun 23 Hi Pk (RMc, LM); 1 Jun 28 NewBBS; 1 Jul 15 Raq L (EH); 1 Aug 18 Ind L (RMs). Brown-headed Cowbird: numbers very high. Scarlet Tanager: max 14 Jun 6 SpecBBS. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 27 Jun 6 SpecBBS; scarce in other areas. Indigo Bunting 1 pair all summer PS (TM); 2 Jun 26 Blue Ridge RMc, LM); 1 Jun 28 UndBBS. Purple Finch: many all summer TL (RM); 12 Jun 6 SpecBBS; 8 Jul 13 PL (DMc). Pine Siskin: 3 all summer SL (MK); 15 Jun 2 PS (TM); 5 Jun 6 SpecBBS. Red Crossbill: 60 Jun 1 Schraon River (BB); flock Aug 14 LP (JT). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Jun 27 Jay (RMc, LM); 2 Jun 27 UndBBS. Dark-eyed Junco: numbers down. Field Sparrow: max 5 Jun 27 UndBBS. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 banded Aug 18 Ind L (RMc).

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The summer has been a long one this year with hot humid weather arriving in early June and sending temperatures to a high of 92° on the 11th. Precipitation for the month was 7.4 inches or 4 inches above normal. July and August were also warm but a dry trend developed in early August.

Heavy infestation of cherry trees with tent caterpillars may have been responsible for the numerous reports of Yellow-billed and Black-billed Cuckoos in our region.

The only usual species for the period was the Hooded Warbler seen at close range in Mariaville.

Observers: PC—Paul Connor; B&HG—B&H Gardina; WG—William Gorman; RP—Richard Philion; BW—Beverly Waite; RPY—Robere P. Yunick.

Abbreviations: ADBC—Alan Devoe Bird Club; BBC—Breeding Bird Census; JL—Jenny Lake; VFWM—Vischer Ferry Wildlife Management.

LOONS—DUCKS: Cattle Egret: 7 Jun 7 Altamont (BM) mob. American Bittern: 1 Aug 4 Meadowdale (WG). Least Bittern: 1 Jul 4 Rensselaer (PG). Canada Goose: reported in Columbia County (ADBC). Green-winged Teal: 10 (9 immature) Jul 8 Rensselaer (PG). Blue-winged Teal: reported Jun and Jul Columbia Co. (ADBC).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: Jun and Jul Columbia Co (ADBC). Red-tailed Hawk: several reports thru period. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 Jun 6 & Jul 16 Cherry Plain (PC); 1 Aug 5 Rensselaer (PC). Broad-winged Hawk: several reports. Bobwhite: 1 Jun 2 Altamont (BW). 1st report in several years. Virginia Rail: max 8 including young Jul 4 Rensselaer (PC); 1 Aug 4 Meadowdale (WG). Common Gallinule: 20 Jul 4 Rensselaer, max 30 Jul 8 & 7 Aug 12 including immature Rensselaer (PC). Common Snipe: 1 Jul 8 Rensselaer (PC). Upland Sandpiper: 1 Aug 12 Schodack Center (PC). Spotted Sandpiper: 2 Jun 3 No Easton BBC. Solitary Sandpiper: 1 Aug 4 & 12 Stony Pt (PC). Lesser Yellowlegs: 5 Aug 12 Stony Pt (PC). Greater Yellowlegs: 1 Jun 3 No Easton BBC.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Jun 3 & 7 Schodack Center (PC); Jul 3-23 intermittent N.W. Columbia Co (R. Drowne); 1 Aug 12 Rensselaer (PC). Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 Jun 3 No Easton BBC; 1 Jun 7 & 28 Schodack Center (PC); 1 Jun 19 Ghent (B & HG); several Jul reports; 1 Aug 14 VFWM (RPY). Screech Owl: 1 Aug 2 E Greenbush (WG). Barred Owl: 2 Jun 11 Cherry Plain (PG); 1 Jun 20 Altamont (BW).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: 5 mid Jul Troy (RP) Ruby-throated Hummingbird: present at feeders in normal number Jenny Lake (RPY). Traill's Flycatcher: 1 25 Altamont (BW); 2 Jul 8 & 1 Aug 5 & 12 Rensselaer (PC). Winter Wren: 4 Jul 7 Black Mtn (HMBC); 1 Jul 28 Cherry Plain (PC). Long-billed Marsh Wren: 5 Jul 4 & 20 Jul 8 Rensselaer (PC). Mockingbird: scattered reports. Eastern Bluebird: 2 Jun 8 & 4 Jul 6 Pine Bush (PC); 2 Jul 10 Spencertown (E. Mansell). Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2 Jul 16 Cherry Plain (PC).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: 2 Jul 28 Cherry Plain (PC). Warbling Vireo: 4 June 26 Salem BBC. Golden-winged Warbler: 1 Jun 26 Salem BBC. Nashville Warbler: 1 Jul 16 Cherry Plain (PC). Black-throated Blue Warbler: 3 banded Aug 10 JL (RPY). Blackpoll Warbler: 1 Jun 3 Schodack Center (PC). Prairie Warbler: several Jun 1 & 1 Pine Bush (PC). Northern Waterthrush: 1 banded Jul 29 JL (RPY); 1 Jul 23 Schodack Center (PC) Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 June & Jul 30 Barberville (PC). Mourning Warbler: 1 Jun 26 Salem BBC.

HOODED WARBLER: 1 male seen and heard singing mid-June Mariaville (Bob Marx); last reported in Region 8 in 1957.

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: 1 Jul 1 & 3 Chatham (H & B Tullar). Evening Grosbeak: "none heard or seen thru period" JL (RPY). Purple Finch: "more numerous than ever at feeder" total of 490 banded thru period JL (RPY). Pine Siskin: "none seen or heard thru period" JL (RPY). Red Crossbill: "totally absent at JL" (RPY); 2 Jun 3 Schodack Center (PC); 3 Jun 5 Duaneburg BBC. Savannah Sparrow: 7 June 26 Salem BBC. Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 Jun 26 Salem BBC. Vesper Sparrow: 3 Jun 26 Salem BBC. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 Jun 2 Cobleskill BBC, an unusually late date.

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REGION 9 — HUDSON-DELAWARE

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Summer temperatures were to be expected. June was warm but quite wet with over 8 inches of rainfall. July was warm with slightly less than the precipitation mean of 4.71 inches. August was warm and relatively dry.

As usual summer reports are quite scarce, but sufficient information was received to put together a report. The season was quite normal. Few fluctuations of nesting species were noted. There was an excellent influx of southern herons in July and August, and several species of ducks lingered into the summer far past the time when they should have left. Hawks were normal—too few. Shorebirds were excellent, probably due to better than usual coverage and the fact that a washed out dam near Millbrook, Dutch, left considerable mud flat exposed upon which they could feed. Several unusual species of tern were reported from the lower Hudson, while Passerines were generally what we have come to think of as normal over the last decade.