

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.

The most exciting piece of news is the return of a pair of Peregrine Falcons to the Palisades of the Lower Hudson. They were observed regularly thru May by Anthony Amos, but no nest site was found. No summer observations were reported. Received too late for the spring report were notes of extensive birding in the vicinity of Piermont Pier and Piermont Marsh by Mr. Amos. The results are of such importance that they will be related in this summer report.

Observers cited: AA—Anthony Amos; EB—Enid Butler; RFD—Robert F. Deed; FG—Florence Germond; FH—Fred Hough; WH—William Howe; PJ—Paul Jeheber; AJ—Alice Jones; EK—Eric Kwiat; KM—Kevin McGuire; ABM—Al & Barbara Merritt; EP—Eleanor Pink; FAR—Forrest & Aline Romero; DS—Dan Smiley; JT—John Trip; DU—Devi Ukrain; MVM—Marion Van Wagner; DZ—Doug Zwick.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 remained at Croton Pt until Jun 5 (WH). Double-crested Cormorant: 2 Jun 5 Croton Pt. Great Blue Heron: heronry at Tamarack Swamp, Dutch about normal; 14 active nests. Green Heron: excellent numbers: *LITTLE BLUE HERON*: 1 ad East Park June 21 (AJ); an imm at Cornwall Bay Aug 6 and 13 (PJ). Great Egret: 2 Jul 21 Hyde Park. (AJ); 1 Aug 4-5 Beaver Dam, Millbrook (FG); 3 Cornwall Bay first and second week of Aug (PJ). Snowy Egret: 4 Jul 20-31 Piermont Pier (AA); 8 Aug 12 Croton Pt (WH); 1 Aug 6; 2 Aug 12 at Cornwall Bay (PJ). Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 Jun 11 Cruger Is (EK); 1 Jun 2 and Jul 14 Croton Point (WH); several from Jul 15 thru end of period at Piermont Marsh (AA). *YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS*: 1 imm May 27 and again Jun 19 at Piermont Marsh (AA). Least Bittern; numbers good at usual places; reported regularly from North Bay, Cruger Is (EK); obs Piermont May 24-27 and Jun 2 & 15, the latter date an ad with an imm, June 16, 3 ad and 5 imm and 2 others heard (AA); 4 Jul 31 Cornwall Bay (PJ); 3 Aug 12 Croton Pt (WH) American Bittern: 1 30 Briarcliff (EP). *GLOSSY IBIS*: Rockland had its 3rd record on Aug 2 when 1 appeared at Rockland Lake North (Don Deed). Blue-winged Teal: summered at Piermont Marsh, could nest three (AA); 3 Aug 12 Croton Pt (HW). *NORTHERN SHOVELER*: 1 female Aug 4 Roe Park, Highland Falls (PJ). Canvasback: 1 female Jun 20 Cruger Is, very late (EK). Scaup: a female near Piermont Pier all season (AA). Bufflehead: 1 female Jun 1 Cruger Is (EK); a male Jun 18 near Piermont Pier (AA). Ruddy Duck: 1 Jul 22 Piermont Pier (RFD) *HOODED Merganser*: either a female or an imm at Beaver Dam, Millbrook (FG, MVW) *COMMON Merganser*: a pair of adults with 7 young in tow on the Neversink R near Oakland Valley Camp, Cuddebackville, Oran, first recorded nesting. (JT)

HAWKS—OWLS: Bald Eagle: 1 imm Jul 19 Cruger Is (KM); 1 imm over Hudson R at Nyack May 4 (AA). Osprey: seen and heard at Cruger Is thru Jun and Jul (EK, DU). *PEREGRINE FALCON*: see introductory notes. Ruffed Grouse: appears down in the Ulster area (FH, DS). Turkey: 1 Aug 11 near Rio Res, Sull (JT). Virginia Rail: 2 May 9 Piermont Marsh (AA); 1 Moodna Marsh thru period (PJ); another paid at Croton Pt thru summer (WH). Sora: obs Piermont Marsh Jun 13 and Jul 3 (AA); 1 pr nested at Croton Pt (MH). Common Gallinule: 2 Aug 12 Croton Pt (WH); 1 ad and imm at Piermont Marsh Jul 6 & 31 (AA). Semipalmated Plover: 2 Jul 24, 3 Jul 21, near Millbrook (MVW); 1 Piermont Pier Jul 21 (AA); 4 Jul 31 Cornwall Bay and another there on Aug 13 (ABM). Black-bellied Plover: 2 Jun 2 Croton Pt (WH); 1 Cornwall Bay Jul 31 (PJ). Ruddy Turnstone; more reports than usual, 1 Jun 2 Cruger Is was the first report for Dutch in many years (DZ); 20 May 28; Piermont Marsh 1 same place Jul 21 (AA); 1 Jul 18 & Aug 13 Cornwall Bay (PJ). *WHIMBREL*: 1 Aug 11 Cornwall Bay (PJ, ABM). Spotted Sandpiper: excellent numbers, 14 at Cornwall Bay Aug 3 (ABM). *WILLET*: 4 Piermont Marsh May 8, birds were very noisy and agitated, first time on Rockland List. (AA) Yellowlegs: both species reported in early Jun

in Rock; return flight noted in early July. Pectoral Sandpiper: 4 Jul 31 Millbrook (MVM); 1 Jul 18 Croton Pt (WH). Least Sandpiper: excellent numbers in Dutch, Oran, Rock and West; max 23 Jul 19 at Piermont Pier (AA). Short-billed Dowitcher: ab 25 Jul 21 Piermont Pier (AA). Semipalmated Sandpiper: excellent numbers, 33 Jun 5 Piermont Pier; 250 Jul 21 same place (AA). Sanderling: 2 Jul 26-30 Millbrook (FAR). Laughing Gull: a most unusual concentration of 720 Aug 15 at Piermont Pier, continued that high thru Aug 19, largest number ever counted at one place on the Hudson above New York City (RFD). *FORSTERS TERN*: usually reported only after hurricanes; 1 Aug 13 Cornwall Bay (PJ). Common Tern: 1 Aug 12 Cornwall Bay (ABM); usual numbers of 4 or 5 reported regularly off Piermont Pier. *LEAST TERN*: also usually found on the Hudson only after hurricanes; this year 4 Jul 20, 7 Jul 29 Piermont Pier (AA); several Jul observations in Tappan Zee by Eric Single while sailing. *CASPIAN TERN*: 1 Jul 31 Piermont Pier, only 6th record for Rockland. *MONK PARAKEET*: 3 Piermont Village Aug 16; 4 there Aug 19 (Eric Single); 1 Aug 7 Bashakill (John Tramontano). Cuckoo: almost unreported; both species obs Jun 24 Cornwall (ABM). Barn Owl: one sick young given to Alice Jones in P'kpsie later died (no date). Barred Owl: heard dur late Jul at Kripplebush (FH).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: regularly reported in areas of Dutch thru season. Ruby-throated-Hummingbird: very scarce thru entire region; only a few reported. Pileated Woodpecker: fewer reported each year; only observations this season from the Middletown area. Red-headed Woodpecker: 3 ad and 3 imm at Thompson Ridge Aug 16 (JT). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Jun 15 at Claryville (RFD). *ACADIAN FLYCATCHER*: 2 pair found at Deep Hollow near Millbrook in Jun, obs thru Jul 18 by Maggie Bowman (who found them and is quite familiar with the species in the south) and sev members of the Waterman Bird Club, 1 pair built a nest and sat on it for only a few days when they unexplainably abandoned before hatching. Alder Flycatcher: obs at edge of Piermont Marsh Jun 10, 11 (AA). Least Flycatcher: numbers up in the Mohonk area (DS). Wood Pewee: also up in the Mohonk area (DS). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Jun 15 on Slide Mt. (RFD). Swallows: not obviously abundant; Tree Swallows were moving by mid-Jul and abundant by mid Aug. Purple Martin: observed at some distance from Pleasant Valley nest site indicating a possible spread in Dutch. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1 Jul 14 Pleasantville (WH), obs dur Jun and Jul at Mohonk, probably nested (DS.). Carolina Wren: continues to increase; 1 in RED backyard in S Nyack Jul 20; singing at Mohonk Aug 5 (DS), 2 thru period at Cornwall (ABM). Grey-cheeked Thrush: 1 Jun 5 Croton Pt. (WH). Veery: appears down in Ulster area (FH). Bluebird: a disappointing breeding season in Dutch, of the nest boxes obs only 11 successful broods brought off, 14 known failures, only 39 young produced: Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: obs again this summer at Kripplebush; probably nested (FH).

VIREOS—SPARROWS: White-eyed Vireo: 1 Jul 5 Stormville (EB). Red-eyed Vireo: reported down in many areas of Ulst where they were abundant (FH); not noted elsewhere. Warblers: FH reports them generally more scarce outside of the Catskills, not noted elsewhere. Lawrence's Warbler: 1 in late Jun near Rhinebeck (AJ). Kentucky Warbler: 1 singing steadily on Jun 2 in Deep Hollow near Millbrook (MVW); this is the same area where one was reported in May of this year and 2 yrs ago. Hooded Warbler: not heard as regularly at Thompson Pd, Dutch this year as in the past; some suggestion that it may have moved farther up the mountain. Sparrows: nesting population normal. House Finch: many nestings reported as well as several second broods in the Middletown and Newburgh area (John Tramontano). Grasshopper Sparrow: there is strong evidence that this species might migrate along the river front in the lower Hudson Valley. no

fewer than 5 were observed on Piermont Pier on Jun 3 (AA). *SHARP-TAILED SPARROW*: this and the next species were breeders in the marshes along the lower Hudson before the turn of the century; since that time only a few have been reported, and no evidence of breeding exists. AA observed 1 at Piermont Marsh on May 24. *SEASIDE SPARROW*: only a few reports in this century, the last in 1959, 2 June 15 at Piermont Marsh (AA). Song Sparrow: A pr nesting at Kripplebush raised two broods with a Cowbird in each.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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The Region 10 report for this period was inexplicably lost in the mail. It will be printed in the January, 1974, issue. With this issue Tom Davis and Lee Morgan are retiring as Region 10 editors, Tom after 8 years and Lee after 6. We wish to thank them for their interest in and dedication to the Federation and for their always interesting, informative and innovative reports. Hugh McGuinness will succeed them as Region 10 editor, and reports should be sent to him at 22 East 8th Street, N.Y. 10011.