

REGION 8 HUDSON-MOHAWK

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Despite warm weather in late August and early September the warbler migration appeared normal at VFWM area. October, with a mean temperature of 51° was normal for the month. A 74° on the 24th equalled the previous high for that date. November was also seasonably mild with a mean temperature of 39.8°, and only a miniscule amount of snowfall was reported (Albany Airport).

Waterfowl migration except for Canada Geese appeared spotty and boreal species were definitely scarcer than last year.

Less commonly reported species for our region were Surf Scoter, Snowy Owl, Carolina Wren, Connecticut Warbler and Lapland Longspur.

Abbreviations: M'ville-Mariaville; NWW-Niskayuna Wide Waters; RS-Reist Sanctuary; R&SL-Round & Saratoga Lakes; SE Mont Co.-SE Montgomery County; VFWM-Vischer Ferry Wildlife Management.

Observers cited are: ADBC-Alan Devoe Bird Club, DA-Doug Allen; JC-J. Cook; CMPY-refers to banders at VFWM-J. Convert, W. Merritt, R. Pantle, R. P. Yunick; MF-Mabel French; B&HG-B&H Gardina; M&AG-M&A Giddings; HMBC-Hudson Mohawk Bird Club; MM-M. Mickle; RP-R. Philion; H&HT-H-B Tullar; PRY-RP. Yunick.

LOONS-DUCKS: 4 Nov 4 R&SL (HMBC). Red-throated Loon: 1 Nov 4 R&SL (HMBC); 1 Nov 17 NWW (HMBC). Pied-billed Grebe: thru period but numbers appear down from previous years. Great Blue Heron: Aug 1-Sept 27 ADBC; 1 Oct 21 (HMBC). Green Heron: 1fm 1 Oct 21 ADBC. Snow Goose: Oct 25 Ghent (B&HG); 100 Oct 2 Selkirk (E. McCullough). Pintail: Oct 3 thru 15 Castleton Blue-winged Teal: 1 Oct 8 Castleton (JC). American Wigeon: 1 Nov 4 R&SL (HMBC). Wood Duck: 1 Sept 29 Ghent (B&HG); 1 Oct 25 Castleton (JC). Ring-necked Duck: 1 Nov 26 Chatham (MM). Canvasback: 5 Nov 4 R&SL (HMBC). Greater Scaup: 30 Nov 4 R&SL (HMBC). Lesser Scaup: 20 Nov 4 R&SL (HMBC). Common Goldeneye: 1 Nov 4 R&SL (HMBC); 25 Nov 23 Lake George (RP). Bufflehead: 5 Nov R&SL (HMBC). Oldsquaw: 3 Nov 4 R&SL (HMBC). Surf Scoter: 34 Oct 29 Queechy Lake (MM). Black Scoter: 25 between Oct 6 & 12 Fawn Lake (fide E. McCullough). Hooded Merganser: 1 Nov 4 R&SL (HMBC). Common Merganser: Oct 7 Castleton (JC); 2 Nov 23 Lake George (RP).

HAWKS-OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 Sept 8 M'ville (HMBC). Goshawk: 1 Oct 8 Castleton (JC). Cooper's Hawk: 1 Oct 27 Chatham (H&B Tullar). Red-tailed Hawk: several reports thru period. Red-shouldered Hawk: 3 Sept 8 M'ville (HMBC); 1 Sept 28 M'ville (DA). Broad-winged Hawk: 6 Sept 8 M'ville (HMBC); 1 Oct 5 Castleton (JC). Marsh Hawk: 1 Sept 15 JL (RPY); 24 Oct 21 Chatham (MM & JC); Nov ADBC. Osprey: Sept 29. American Coot: Oct 18 thru 29 Chatham & Ooms Pd (H&BT; MM); 11 Nov 10 thru 26 Ooms Pd (MM). Semipalmated Plover: 1 Sept 8 M'ville (HMBC); 1fm 1 Sept 24 M'ville (DA). American Woodcock: 1 Oct 28 Chatham (H&BT). Common Snipe: thru period, 1fm 1 Nov 10 Chatham (M&AG). Solitary Sandpiper: Sept 3 Ghent (B&HG). Greater Yellowlegs: 1fm 1 Oct 30 M'ville (DA). Lesser Yellowlegs: 1fm 1 Oct 29 M'ville (DA). Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 Oct 4 & 11 M'ville (DA). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 Sept 14 Chatham (T. Brush). Screech Owl: 3 Sept 7 and 1 caught Oct 3 JL (RPY). Snowy Owl: 1fm 1 Nov 21 Albany (Television news report). Short-eared Owl: a flight of about 150 seen at dusk Nov 27 heading south in the vicinity of Indian Ladder Drive-in Theatre (Steve

Browne to WBS). Saw-whet Owl: new max of 5 banded, 1 Oct 6 and 4 Oct 21 VFWM (CMPY).

GOATSUCKERS--STARLING: Common Nighthawk: 1 Sept 25 Loudonville (MF); late report 3 Oct 15 Castleton (JC). Chimney Swift: lfm 1 Oct 3 Averill Park (RP). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 Sept 25 Loudonville (MF); lfm 1 banded Sept 29 VFWM (CMPY). Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 Sept 11 SE Mont. Co.; 1 Oct 31 M'ville (DA). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Sept 30 Loudonville (MF). Great Crested Flycatcher: lfm 1 Oct 1 Castleton (JC). Eastern Phoebe: 2 Sept 8 M'ville (HMBC); lfm 1 Nov 15 Chatham (M&AG). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: lfm 1 banded Sept 29 VFWM (CMPY). Eastern Wood Pewee: lfm 1 Oct 1 Castleton (JC). Least Flycatcher: 1 banded Oct 6, the first October record in 10 years at VFWM (CMPY). Horned Lark: 52 Oct 24 Castleton (JC). Tree Swallow: lfm 1 Sept 20 M'ville (DA). Bank Swallow: lfm 1 Sept 15 M'ville (DA). Barn Swallow: lfm 5 Sept 15 M'ville (DA). Cliff Swallow: lfm 1 Sept 19 Chatham (T. Brush). House Wren: lfm 1 Oct 24 Castleton (JC). Winter Wren: a new max of 34 banded at VFWM (CMPY). Carolina Wren: 2 Oct 3 heard at VFWM, 1 caught but escaped Oct 13 VFWM (CMPY). Mockingbird: reported thru period. Gray Catbird: 1 Oct 30 Ghent (B&HG). Wood Thrush: lfm 1 Oct 6 Castleton (JC). Veery: lfm 1 Oct 9 Ghent (B&HG). Golden-crowned Kinglet: numerous thru period. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max 30 banded Oct 6 VFWM (CMPY). Water Pipit: max 13 Oct 19 M'ville (DA). Northern Shrike: ffm 1 Nov 7 M'ville (DA).

VIREOS--WARBLERS: Red-eyed Vireo: max 5 banded Sept 8, lfm 1 Oct 13 banded at VFWM (CMPY). Warbling Vireo: 3 banded Sept 8 VFWM (CMPY). Black-and-white Warbler: lfm 3 Sept 22 RS (HMBC). Tennessee Warbler: 2 Sept 22 RS (HMBC). Nashville Warbler: lfm 1 banded Oct 6 VFWM (CMPY). Parula Warbler: lfm 1 Sept 22 RS (HMBC). Yellow Warbler: lfm 1 Sept 29 Chatham (T. Brush). Magnolia Warbler: 1 lfm Oct 3 M'ville (DA). Cape May Warbler: max 12 Sept 21 M'ville (DA); 6 Sept 22 RS (HMBC). Black-throated Blue Warbler: lfm 1 Oct 3 M'ville (DA). Yellow-rumped Warbler: lfm 1 Nov 17 NWW (HMBC). Black-throated Green Warbler: 6 Sept 22 RS (HMBC); lfm 1 Oct 3 Castleton (JC). Chestnut-sided Warbler: lfm 1 Oct 7 Chatham (H&B Tullar). Bay-breasted Warbler: 2 Sept 22 RS (HMBC). Blackpoll Warbler: max 15 Sept 21 Loudonville (MF); 6 Sept 22 RS (HMBC). Pine Warbler: 1 Oct 4 Castleton (JC). Palm Warbler: 1 Sept 26 Ghent (B&HG). Ovenbird: lfm 1 banded Oct 6 VFWM (CMPY). Connecticut Warbler: 1 Oct 1 M'ville (DA). Mourning Warbler: lfm 1 banded Sept 28 VFWM (CMPY). Yellowthroat: 4 banded Oct 14 VFWM (CMPY). Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 banded Oct 6 VFWM (CMPY). Wilson's Warbler: 1 banded Sept 29 VFWM (CMPY). Canada Warbler: 1 Sept 28 banded VFWM (CMPY). American Redstart: 1 Sept 29 banded VFWM (CMPY).

BLACKBIRDS--SPARROWS: Northern Oriole: 1 Oct 4 Castleton (JC). Rusty Blackbird: 'captured for the first time in 4 years due to flooding of banding area' (RPY); lfm 1 Oct 21 VFWM (CMPY). Scarlet Tanager: lfm 1 banded Sept 29 VFWM (CMPY). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: lfm 1 Oct 1 Ghent (B&HG). Indigo Bunting: lfm 1 Oct 2 Ghent (B&HG). Purple Finch: total of 101 banded, max 33 on Oct 6 & 13 VFWM (CMPY). House Finch: Fall banding at JL netted total 59 highest ever (RPY). Pine Siskin: 1 flock heard Nov at JL (RPY). Evening Grosbeak: appeared at feeders early Nov but in small numbers. American Goldfinch: 'scarce at FVWM' (RPY). Red Crossbill: 1 Nov 24 Chatham (E. Powell). Savannah Sparrow: 1 Oct 3 Castleton (JC). Vesper Sparrow: 1 Oct 31 Castleton (JC). Tree Sparrow: ffm 1 banded Oct 20 VFWM (CMPY). Chipping Sparrow: lfm 1 Nov 2 Castleton (JC). White-crowned Sparrow: 1 banded

Sept 29 VFWM (CMPY); 1 Oct 31 Castleton (JC). White-throated Sparrow: abundant; 623 banded vs 520 last year VFWM (CMPY). Fox Sparrow: ffm 1 Oct 12 Castleton (JC). Lincoln's Sparrow: 2 Oct 6 VFWM (CMPY). Lapland Longspur: 4 Nov 19 M'ville (DA). Snow Bunting: more abundant this year; max 200 Nov 19 M'ville (DA).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Temperatures for the period were generally above normal, while rainfall was lower. With the exception of one or two days in Sept, killing frosts did not appear until November. There was no snow except for a trace at the highest elevation in the Catskills. Rainfall for each month was below normal with most of what did occur coming in the form of heavy rain for one or two days each month.

There was no exceptional movements reported with the exception of a good warbler wave about the third week of Sept. Most other species passed thru in an even flow probably due to the extended fair weather.

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Abbreviations: First four letters of each county; MBC—Mearns Bird Club; WBC—Waterman Bird Club; USMA—U.S. Military Academy; Pok—Poughkeepsie

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 Oct 5 L Tiorati; 8 Nov 25 Ashokan. Red-throated Loon: 4 Nov 17 Hudson off Dutch. Horned Grebe: 27 Nov 25 Ashokan. Double-crested Cormorant: 3 Aug 22-31 Hudson at Cornwall (PJ). Common Egret: 1 Aug 29 Goshen (only report). Black-crowned Night Heron: 1 Aug 19 near Wawarsing. Mute Swan: a pr raised 2 young at Iona Is; 4 Oct 6 Glenmere L. Canada Goose: usual large flocks thru Oct into Nov; several still on lakes at end of period. Snow Goose: flocks reported on Oct 16 Nyack; Nov 18 Rockland L; 200 Oct 26 Rockland L; 130 Oct 28 Dutchess Hill; 200 Nov 8; 450 Oct 29 Cornwall. Gadwall: 3 Nov 3-15 Millbrook. Pintail: a few every month in Dutch; 2 Sept 27 at Goshen, inc to 10 by 23. Green-winged Teal: a few thru Oct. American Wigeon: well reported thru region; Oct 14-Nov 25 at Rockland L. Wood Duck: an unusual concentration of 314 Oct 16 an a small pond at Lamont Geological Observatory, Palisades; continued in decreasing numbers thru end of period. Redhead: 1 Nov 2 and sev. Nov 13 near Rhinecliff Bridge. Ring-necked Duck: very few reported. Canvasback: 400 in Dutch dur Nov; all from Hudson, Hunn's L and Sylvan L; 300 near Rhinecliff Br. Nov 13; 220 Nov 25 Rockland L. Common Goldeneye: only report 35 Nov 25 Ashokan. Bufflehead: unreported till Nov when numbers were good. Oldsquaw: 4 Nov 10 Barrytown (JMK). White-winged Scoter: single birds Nov 15 at Beacon, Nov 25 Ashokan; 2 Oct 30 Cornwall-on-Hudson; 7 Nov 10 Barrytown; 1 18 Hohonk L. Ruddy Duck: Oct 12 Rockland L inc to 60 by Nov 26. Hooded Merganser: Oct 10 Rockland L remained thru Nov 26; 65 Nov 25 Ashokan.

HAWKS—OWLS: The table below shows the results of the Hook Mt. Hawk Watch sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Birds of Prey from Sept 1—Dec 3. and the Mount Peter Hawk Watch sponsored by the Highland Audubon