

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

Soc. of N.J. during Sept & Oct. Information on maximum movements was not available for Mt. Peter at the time of publication.

SPECIES	HOOK MT.			MT. PETER
	TOTAL	MAX	DATE	TOTAL
Goshawk	87	13	11/11	2
Sharp-shinned	1932	298	9/29	420
Cooper's	20	5	10/1	17
Red-tailed	462	35	11/5	206
Red-shouldered	146	40	10/22	9
Broad-winged	7762	2865	9/13	4,277
Rough-legged	2	2	11/18	0
Golden Eagle	7	1	10/1-11/15	2
Bald Eagle	3	1	9/8, 13, 22	1
Marsh Hawk	162	16	10/18	37
Osprey	206	24	9/21	92
Peregrine	2	1	9/29, 10/15	1
Merlin	9	2	10/6	0
Kestrel	354	55	10/1	176
Unidentified	162			78
Total	11,316			5,318

The above figure would indicate that numbers for most species are up this year over last; much of the increase could be due to greater numbers of observers participating in the counts, especially at Hook Mt; Red-tailed Hawks are the only species which seems to have declined, and this is borne out by the number of wintering birds established by the end of the period. Turkey Vulture: max 25 in one tree Oct 16 near Jackson's Corners Dutch; last 1 Nov 20 Amenia (WTS). Goshawk; not as numerous as last year but still well reported; 3 Oct reports in Dutch and 2 there in Nov. Broad-winged Hawk: peak movement at Dutchess Hill was Sept 17 with 1,896 and Sept 19 1,646; peak for Hook Mt. was Sept 13 with 2,865. Rough-legged Hawk: 1 in Nov at Millbrook. Golden Eagle: 1 Nov 4 Stissing Mt. (MVW). Bald Eagle: 1 Sept 28 Amenia, another Oct 26 near Dutchess Hill (Tom Gilbert); no Nov reports. Peregrine Falcon: 1 Oct 9 Goshen (JT). Merlin: 1 Oct 12 Upper Kay's Pd, Dutch (MVW). Ruffed Grouse: continues low thru region. Pheasant: severely reduced; only report 1 Hudson River State Hosp in Sept. Virginia Rail: 1 Oct 1 Rockland L. Common Gallinule: 2 ad 6 imm at Amenia in Sept (WTS). Coot: more than 500 Nov 26 at Rockland L (RFD). Killdeer: 14 Oct 4 near Goshen, 80+ Oct 7 at Plankenhorns' Dutch. Golden Plover: all reports Dutch, 1 Sept 9-12 Beaver Dam (HM) and 3 Oct 7 Plankenhorn's (AJ). Black-bellied Plover: 1 Nov 4 Piermont Pier, a new late date for Rock. Snipe: 15 Nov 25 Crugers Is (EK). Spotted Sandpiper: 1 Nov 13 Pleasant Valley (MVW), a very late date. KNOT: first record for Rock, 8 flew by the Hook Mt. Hawk Watch on Oct 6 and were observed by several watchers from the Linnaean Soc of N.Y., the birds were also heard calling as they flew by. Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 Aug 29 Cornwall-on-Hudson; 2 Sept 7 Dutch. BAIRD'S SANDPIPER: 2 Sept 9 Beaver Dam, Dutch (HM). Dunlin: 1 Nov 18 Piermont Pier, a new late date by 2 months for Rock. BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: 1 Oct 17 Thompson Rd, Dutch. (mob-mid-week field trip of WBC), second record for that county, last in 1972. Laughing Gull: best year in memory for this species; 720 at Piermont Pier Aug 15, still 200 there on Nov 4. Bona-

part's Gull: 85 Nov 18 Piermont Pier. **MONK PARAKEET**: 3 Aug 16, inc to 4 by Aug 19 at Piermont; no subsequent reports. Owls; the usual reports.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Common Nighthawk: good numbers from late Aug thru the very late date of Oct 19, the latter at Applewood, Dutch. (CT) Hummingbird: 8 Sep 26 Circleville (JT); last at Kripplebush Sept 23 and in Dutch Sept 26. Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1 dur Oct at the home of AJ in Pok; another thru Nov at Clinton Corners (FG); 1 Nov 22 Circleville (JT). Phoebe: last Nov 4 Wawarsing. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Oct 8 Monticello (K & D Niven). Empidonax Flycatchers: exc movement in Dutch Sept 11, still 1 or 2 by end of month. Pewee: still feeding young out of nest at Mohonk Sept 18. (DS) Tree Swallow: usual heavy flight in Aug and Sept. Cliff Swallow: sev Aug 18 Wawarsing. Crow: roost at Hudson River State building as early as Sept with more than 200 by end of month. Red-breasted Nuthatch: sev reports from Sept and Oct, but none in Nov. Winter Wren: 2 Oct 8 and again Oct 29 at Cornwall; 1 Nov 25-29 Fort Montgomery. Carolina Wren: 5 in a 1 mile stretch Nov 11 along the foot of Hook Mt. Robin: hundreds roosting dur Sept (AJ). Wood Thrush: exc movement Sept 9; at USMA last dates Sept 28 Dutch Oct 8 Wawarsing and Oct 18 Mohonk. Grey-cheeked Thrush: 1 Oct 4 and Oct 8 in Dutch. Bluebird: usual to less. Kinglet: both species in good numbers in Ulst thru Oct; Golden-crowned remained good thru end of period. Pipit: only report 10 Oct 12 SCCC campus (Valerie Freer). Cedar Waxwing: numbers good thru Oct. at Wawarsing. Northern Shrike: all reports Dutch, 1 Oct 17 Salt Pt; 1 Oct 28 Fishkill; 1 Nov 7. Loggerhead Shrike: 1 Nov 2 Pok:

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed: 1 seen and heard Sept 3 along Mine Rd, USMA (EDT). Philadelphia Vireo: all reports Dutch; single birds on Sept 2, Sept 3 and Oct 1. Warblers: relatively even weather did not produce any pronounced movement; the closest thing to wave occurred from Sept 25-29 when 16 species were observed at Amenia (WTS); WBC reports fall movement better than spring with many beautiful males still in spring plumage. Orange-crowned Warbler: 1 at Pok and another Pleasant Valley Oct 1; another at Pok Oct 9. Cape May Warbler: numbers better than usual. Blackburnian Warbler: 6 Sept 2 Weyant's Rd, USMA. Blackpoll: peak of 50 Sept 27 Thompson Rd. Prairie Warbler: 1 Oct 6 Hook Mt. 1 day earlier than latest Rock record. **CONNECTICUT WARBLER**, observed in Dutch on Oct 1,4,10; 1 Sept 24-28 at Beaver Dam, and 3 banded in Sept at Millbrook School; 1 Sept 18 Cornwall. **MOURNING WARBLER**: 1 Sept 16 Pleasant Valley. Yellowthroat: 1 late date of Nov 3 at Wawarsing. Redstart: 1 Nov 4 near Stone Ridge Ulst (Peter Polshek).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Redwinged Blackbird: usual fall numbers, roosting by the thousands at Hudson River State Hospital along with grackles, rusties and cowbirds. Northern (Baltimore) Oriole: last reports, 2 Sept 15 and 1 Sept 17 in Dutch. Rusty Blackbird: excellent movements in Rock on Oct 14 and 21; hundreds in Oct 25 S. Spring Valley. Cardinal: numbers strongly reduced from last year; obs feeding young Sept 1 in Dutch. Evening Grosbeak: first Oct 21, in good numbers thru Nov. Purple Finch: usual thru most of region, but reported good at Wawarsing. Pine Siskin: more than 100 Oct 13 in 2 flocks at Mt. Peter; very few for rest of season Junco: first early date of Sept 15 Weyant's Pd, USMA (EAMBC). Tree Sparrow: first Oct 28, numbers not good thru end of period. Chipping Sparrow: 3 Nov 4 Tamarack Sw, very late (JMK). White-crowned Sparrow: 5 Oct 18 on Ridge Rd, Rock. Lincoln's Sparrow: 3 Sept 22 Beaver Dam, Dutch; Sept 27 Millbrook School; 4 other Dutch records dur Oct. Snow Bunting: 2 Oct 31 on Palisades Pkwy near N.J. border; 20 Nov 17; Stone Ridge, Sull, dur Nov. in Dutch.

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