

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Chimney Swift: 12 Sept. 14 (AJ, LS). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 Aug. 20 Raq L (EH); 1 Sept. 18 Essex (AJ, LS); 1 Sept. 25 (JB). Common Flicker: seemed to be fewer migrants this year. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: last 1 Oct. 10 Moriah (TB). Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 wandering bird Oct. 24 Essex (JP). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Aug. 29 Essex (JP). One late Empidonax Sept. 29 Essex (JP). Eastern Wood Pewee: latest 1 Sept. 26 West (TB). Tree Swallow: 1 very late Oct. 28 Fort Cov (JV). Barn Swallow: 3 very late Oct. 28 Fort Cov (JV). Gray Jay: 3 Aug. 17 Mad (HiPkAu); 1 Oct. 4 Keene (SMK). Common Raven: max of 3 Cascade L (many). Boreal Chickadee: good numbers. Mockingbird: 1 Nov. 3 Plat (CM). Wood Thrush: last 1 Oct. 13 Elizabethtown (GC). Swainson's Thrush: 1 very late bird Oct. 26 West (HiPkAu). Eastern Bluebird: many reports from many areas; 6 Oct. 21 Peru (CM); max 18 Sept. 30 Moriah Center (HP). A late report of 5 Blue-gray Gnatcatchers on Jun. 7 at Chazy (CM); this invasion by a bird alien to our region is unusual; the total number of individuals and total area covered may indicate we will have a breeding record some year. (See *Kingbird* July '74.) Ruby-crowned Kinglet: good numbers, 8 Oct. 4 Sar L (MK). Water Pipit: max 10 Oct. 1 Essex (JP). Cedar Waxwing: numbers began to increase about Aug. 17; max 120 Sch L (JB). Northern Shrike: 1 immature Oct. 31 Elizabethtown (GC); 1 Nov. 15 Sch L (JAB).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: good numbers. Warbling Vireo: 1 Sept. 12 Moriah (HP). Tennessee Warbler: last 1 Sept. 22 Wilm (GR). Magnolia Warbler: last 1 Oct. 6 Keene (SMK). Cape May Warbler: 1 Sept. 26 Elizabethtown (GC). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 Nov. 7 Essex (JP). Blackburnian Warbler: last 1 Oct. 6 Keene (SMK). Bay-breasted Warbler: last Sept. 29 Essex (EP). Pine Warbler: 1 Sept. 27 Essex (JP). Palm Warbler: 1 Sept. 22 Elizabethtown (GC). Mourning Warbler: 1 very late Oct. 2 Moriah (TB, NM). American Redstart: late 1 Oct. 18 Elizabethtown (GC).

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Cardinal: at least 13, chiefly from L Cham; 2 thru Nov. 7 Sar L (MK); 5 Plat (CM); a few nest each year near L Cham. Evening Grosbeak: max 1000 plus Nov. 6 Sch L (JB). Purple Finch: good numbers 10 Nov. 11 TL (RM). **HOUSE FINCH:** 1 Aug. 16 Moriah (NM, TB) "clearly saw streaks beneath." Pine Grosbeak: 1 Nov. 12 ADK Loj (JP). Pine Siskin: 5 Aug. 20 Raq L (EH); numbers increasing to end of Sept. Red Crossbill: 10 Aug. 15-20 PS (TM). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Sept. 18 LL (R & MS); sev feeder birds L Cham (HiPkAu). Dark-eyed Junco: flocks of migrants in middle of Aug. Tree Sparrow: first 1 Oct. 27 Plat (CM). White-crowned Sparrow: first 2 Sept. 23 Elizabethtown (GC); 11 Oct. 5 Sar L (MK); many Oct. 8 Essex (JP); 1 late bird Nov. 23 Elizabethtown (GC). Fox Sparrow: sev Oct. 4 Keene (SMK). Snow Bunting: 1 Oct. 18 Essex (EP); 1 Oct. 27 Keene (Betsy & Fred McCamic); 20 Oct. 27 Sch L (JB); 25 Nov. 2 West (EP).

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REGION 8 — HUDSON - MOHAWK

GLADYS SNELL

The fall period was of average temperature but the rainy weekends may have affected our bird sightings. The lack of early snow may also have been a factor in delaying the migration of large numbers of our fall visitors. The banding captures were especially affected with the take at VFWM reduced from the 3 year average of about 1 plus bird/net hour to 0.6 bird/net hour. The total catch of 847 birds of 61 species for 1420 hours showed a substantial loss (RY).

The Yellow-crowned Night Heron was an unusual sighting for this area. Records show re-

ports for 1940 and 1952 only. The Glossy Ibis is the same bird as reported in the Summer Report. The 2 Tufted Titmice banded were also unusual. These were only the 3rd and 4th captured at VFWM in 11 years. A notable decline of some species was apparent. The Cedar Waxwings were much scarcer at VFWM this year with the low banding of only 113 indicating the 5th year of decline. Also, the Robins were much reduced with only 8 bandings vs 88 last year. A Warbler wave was reported on Sept. 9 in New Baltimore but the Warbler numbers at VFWM were generally reduced as reported by RY. Not a single Purple Finch was captured at VFWM as compared to last year's 101. "Something drastic must have occurred to, from, or at this species wintering ground. It was apparent in early May that their numbers were noticeably reduced" (RY). There appeared to be a heavy fall flight of Dark-eyed Junco at Jenny Lake with 53 banded vs 24 in 1973 and his yard with 40 banded vs 2 in 1973 but only 1 banded at VFWM on Oct. 12 (RY). The capture of White-throated Sparrows was much reduced from 623 last year to 183 this year at VFWM. Also, the Swamp and Song Sparrows were 75% fewer captures.

Abbreviations: Col Co—Columbia County; EG—East Greenbush; fs—first reported sighting; HR—Hudson River; ls—last reported sighting; NWW—Niskayuna Wide Waters; RL—Round Lake; SL—Saratoga Lake; TP—thru period; VFWM—Vischer's Ferry Wildlife Management Area; RY—Robert Yunick.

Correction: The Summer Report should read: Long-billed Marsh Wren: 1 June 8 NE (WG, DA); 5 July 6 Rensselaer (PC). Short-billed Marsh Wren: only report 2 June 15 BBC Duanesburg (WS, DA).

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: Sept. 22 Queechy Lake; 3 Nov. 9 RL, SL. Pied-billed Grebe: thru Aug.-Oct. Col Co. Great Blue Heron: Aug. 17 VFWM; 1s Oct. 6 Col Co. Green Heron: 1 Aug. 17 Schodack Marsh; Aug.-Sept. Col Co; 1 Nov. 3 NWW. Great Egret: 4 Aug. 18 Cocksackie; 4 Aug. 22 HR. **YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**: 1 juvenile Aug. 17 Schodack Marsh (HMBC). Least Bittern: late Aug. Slingerlands. American Bittern: Aug.-Sept. Col Co. Glossy Ibis: Aug. 26, 29 Slingerlands. Canada Goose: Sept. 30-Nov. Col Co. Snow Goose: Nov. 10 New Baltimore. Blue Goose: 1 with Snow Nov. 10 New Baltimore. Mallard: Aug.-Nov. Col Co. Black Duck: about 20 Schodack Marsh Aug. 17; 6 Nov. 9 RL, SL. Green and Blue-winged Teal: Oct. Col Co; mixed flock of 51 Nov. 10 Cocksackie. Wood Duck: Aug.-Nov. Col Co. Redhead: 3 Nov. 9 RL, SL. Ring-necked Duck: 1 Nov. 9 RL, SL. Canvasback: 6 Nov. 9 RL, SL. Greater Scaup: 5 Oct. 28 Cocksackie. Lesser Scaup: 1 Oct. 28; mixed group of 30 Nov. 9 RL, SL. Common Goldeneye: 50 RL, SL. Bufflehead: 2 Oct. 28 Cocksackie; 7 Nov. 9, RL, SL. Oldsquaw: 2 Nov. 9 RL, SL. White-winged Scoter: 4 Nov. 9 RL, SL. Black Scoter: 1 Nov. 9 RL, SL. Ruddy Duck: 1 Nov. 9 RL, SL. Hooded Merganser: 1 Nov. 9 RL, SL. Red-breasted Merganser: 6 Nov. 9 RL, SL. American Coot: Nov. 16 Col Co.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 2 Sept. 1 New Baltimore; 1s Oct. 20 Col Co. Cooper's Hawk: TP Col Co. Red-tailed Hawk: TP Col Co and EG. Red-shouldered Hawk: Aug. 17 Schodack Marsh. Broad-winged Hawk: Aug.-Sept. and Oct. 20 Col Co. Rough-legged Hawk: fs Oct. 19 Col Co; Oct. 28 Cocksackie. Marsh Hawk: TP Col Co. Osprey: 5-8 early Sept. VFWM; Oct. Col Co. American Kestrel: TP Col Co and EG. Ruffed Grouse: TP Col Co; Nov. 3 NWW. Ring-necked Pheasant: TP Col Co; Aug. 27-Sept. EG. Killdeer: Aug. 31-Oct. EG; Oct. Col Co. American Woodcock: TP Col Co; 1 banded Sept. 6. Common Snipe: Oct. 6, 9 Col Co. Upland Sandpiper: Aug. 10 New Baltimore. Solitary Sandpiper: Sept. Col Co. Least Sandpiper: 2 Aug. 18 Coeymans. Semipalmated Sandpiper: 5 Aug. 22 Cocksackie. Great Black-backed Gull: Aug. 15 HR Col Co. Herring Gull: TP Col Co and EG. Ring-billed Gull: Aug. 17 Schodack Marsh; Nov. 9 RL, SL. Bonaparte's Gull: 3 Aug. 17 Lake George. Mourning Dove: TP. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Aug. 16, 26 Col Co. Black-billed Cuckoo: Sept. 3 Col Co. Screech Owl: Aug. 25-Nov. EG; Oct. Col Co. Great Horned Owl: TP Col Co. Saw-whet Owl: only report 1 banded Oct. 24.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLINGS: Common Nighthawk: Aug. 25 EG; Sept. 5 Saratoga

Co. Chimney Swift: Aug.-Sept. Col Co, 1s Oct. 2. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Aug.-early Sept. all areas; 44 banded Sept. 6-21. Belted Kingfisher: Aug.-Oct. Col Co. Common Flicker: TP. Pileated Woodpecker: TP Col Co; 2 Nov. 3 NWW. Red-headed Woodpecker: Oct.-Nov. RT 21 S of Muitzeskill. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Sept. 27 Loudonville; Nov. 11 Col Co. Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers: TP. Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: 1 Nov. 9 just N of Stuyvesant Plaza. Eastern Kingbird: Aug.-Sept. Col Co. Great Crested Flycatcher: Aug.-Sept. Col Co. Eastern Phoebe: Aug.-Sept. Col Co; 1s Oct. 20. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 8 banded in Sept. and 1 very late on Oct. 13. Least Flycatcher: Aug.-Sept. Col Co; 9 banded in Sept. Eastern Wood Pewee: Aug.-Sept. Col Co; 2 banded Oct. 7, 28. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Sept. 1 New Baltimore. Horned Lark: Aug.-Oct. Col Co. Tree Swallow: Aug.-Oct. Col Co, 1s Oct. 20. Bank Swallow: 1s Aug. 17 New Baltimore. Barn Swallow: 1s Sept. 6 Col Co. Boreal Chickadee: only report 1 Sept. 2 Crane Mt. W of Warrensburg (Geoffrey Carlton). Tufted Titmouse: TP Col Co and EG; 2 banded Oct. 26. White-breasted Nuthatch: TP Col Co and EG; 3 Nov. 9 RL, SL. Red-breasted Nuthatch: only report 1 Sept. 27 Loudonville. Brown Creeper: TP Col Co and EG; 4 banded in Oct. House Wren: Aug.-Oct. Col Co; 5 banded in Oct. Winter Wren: fs Oct. 10 Col Co; 16 banded Sept.-Oct. Carolina Wren: feeding young Cowbird Aug. 18 New Baltimore; 1 banded Oct. 12 TP Col Co. Gray Catbird: Aug.-Oct. Col Co; 113 banded Sept. and early Oct. Brown Thrasher: Aug.-Sept. Col Co; 4 banded in Sept. American Robin: TP; 8 banded in Sept.-Oct.; 1s 25 Nov. 3 NWW. Wood Thrush: Aug.-Sept. Col Co; 37 banded in Sept.-Oct. Hermit Thrush: 25 banded in Oct.; 2 Nov. 3. NWW. Swainson's Thrush: 35 banded in Sept.-Oct.; 1s Oct. 13 Col Co. Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 banded Sept. and 1 Oct. 26. Veery: Aug.-Sept. Col Co; 5 banded in Sept. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 2 Sept. 1, 2 Sept. 9 New Baltimore. Golden-crowned Kinglet: Oct. 12 EG; 6 banded in Oct. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 31 banded late Sept. and early Oct.; Oct. 7 Col Co. Water Pipit: flocks up to 100 Oct. 15-Nov. 25 Col Co. Cedar Waxwing: few Aug. 17 Schodack Marsh; 2 banded Sept.; 12 Nov. 3 NWW. Northern Shrike: Nov. 17 New Baltimore; Nov. 19 Col Co. Loggerhead Shrike: 1 Oct. 11 Delmar Lab.

VIREO-WARBLERS: Red-eyed Vireo: 10 banded in Sept.; 1s Sept. 30 Loudonville. Philadelphia Vireo: 1 banded Oct. 5. Warbling Vireo: Aug.-Sept. Col Co. Black-and-white Warbler: 2 banded in Sept. Tennessee Warbler: 2 banded in Sept. Yellow Warbler: Aug.-Sept. Col Co. Magnolia Warbler: 18 banded Sept.-early Oct. Cape May Warbler: Sept. 1 New Baltimore; 2 banded early Sept. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 11 banded Sept.-Oct. Yellow-rumped Warbler: Aug. 16 Berne; TP Col Co; 10 banded in Oct. Black-throated Green Warbler: Sept. 10-30 Loudonville; 1 banded Sept. 14. Blackburnian Warbler: Sept. 9 New Baltimore. Sept. 19 Loudonville. Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1s Oct. 14 Col Co. Bay-breasted Warbler: Sept. 1 New Baltimore; 6 banded early Sept. Blackpoll Warbler: 15 banded late Sept. and early Oct.; 1s Oct. 27 New Baltimore. Pine Warbler: Aug.-Oct. Col Co, 1s Oct. 14. Prairie Warbler: Aug. 16 Berne; Oct. 4 Col Co. Ovenbird: Sept. 24 at birdbath Loudonville; 8 banded in Sept. Northern Waterthrush: Aug.-Sept. Col Co; 7 banded in Sept. Mourning Warbler: 1 banded Sept. and 1 Oct. 6. Common Yellowthroat: TP; 1s Nov. 3 NWW. Wilson's Warbler: 3 Sept. 1 New Baltimore; 3 banded Sept. 14, 20. Canada Warbler: Aug. 25 Loudonville; 10 banded in Sept. American Redstart: Aug.-Sept. Col Co; 10 banded late Sept. and early Oct.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: TP Col Co. Red-winged Blackbird: TP Col Co; Nov. 3 NWW. Northern Oriole: Aug.-Sept. Col Co. Rusty Blackbird Aug.-Sept. Col Co. Common Grackle and Brown-headed Cowbird: TP. Scarlet Tanager: 1 male Sept. 22 Loudonville; 1 banded Sept. 21. Cardinal: TP. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Aug.-Sept. Col Co; 15 banded Sept. and early Oct. Indigo Bunting: many Aug. 17 Schodack Marsh; 2 banded Sept. 21, 27. Evening Grosbeak: fs Oct. 15 and TP Col Co. Purple Finch: TP; 2 Nov. 3 NWW. House Finch: Aug. 1-Sept. 31 and Nov. 11-30 Rensselaer Co. Pine Siskin: Oct. Col Co; Oct. 12 EG. American Goldfinch: TP; 2 banded Sept. 28; 12 Nov. 3 NWW. Rufous-sided Towhee: TP Col Co; 1 banded Oct. 6. Savannah Sparrow: TP Col Co. Vesper Sparrow: TP. Dark-eyed Junco: fs Oct. 4 yard feeder. Oct. 13-Nov. EG. Tree Sparrow: Oct.-

Nov. Col Co; 4 Nov. 3 NWW. Chipping Sparrow: Aug.-Oct. 20 Col Co. Field Sparrow: Aug.-Oct. Col Co; Nov. 22 EG. White-crowned Sparrow: Oct. Col Co; 1 banded Oct. 12. White-throated Sparrow: TP; 183 banded late Sept.-Oct. Fox Sparrow: fs Oct. 10 Col Co; 1 banded Oct. 26; 1 Nov. 3 NWW. Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 Sept. 1 New Baltimore; 6 banded late Sept. and early Oct. Swamp Sparrow: Aug. 17 Schodack Marsh. 17 banded late Sept. and early Oct. Song Sparrow: TP Col Co and EG; 45 banded Sept.-Oct. Snow Bunting: about 25 Oct. 23 Berne; 8 Oct. 26 and 40 Oct. 28 New Baltimore.

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REGION 9 – DELAWARE - HUDSON

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Due to space limitations imposed upon us due to rising costs, this report has been severely abbreviated. Names of observers are being omitted except in unusual cases. We hope that our local birders will continue to forward their notes to the contributors as usual.

August was near normal in temperature but considerably wetter than last year. Sept. was cooler and wetter than usual, with October being cool and dry. November was close to normal. Killing frosts came in late Sept. but were rarely observed thru the rest of the period.

Bird movements were not spectacular. Geese seemed to be up; most species of hawks were better than normal, but this could be due to more observers in the field. Most passerines were normal with the few exceptions listed in the report.

No reports were received from Orange and Westchester Cos.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 late date of Nov. 17, Rockland L; sev others earlier dur hawk watches. Horned Grebe: 5 Oct. 13 Rockland L. *WESTERN GREBE*: 1 Oct. 18 L. Tiorati (Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Wagner). *GREAT CORMORANT*: 1 imm at Piermont Pier Oct. 16 (Anthony Amos). Double-crested Cormorant: 19 Sept. 14 Piermont Pier. Little Blue Heron: 1 Sept. 24 Roosevelt Cove, Hyde Park. Cattle Egret: 1 dur July thru Aug. 9 at Pok; only 2 other reports of "white herons." Least Bittern: 1 Aug. 19 Moodna Marsh. Canada Goose: very heavy flights late Sept. thru Oct., peak Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Snow Goose: 450 Nov. 9 over West Point. 200 same date just south at Bear Mt. and north over Dutch. Gadwall: always rare, now regular on Rockland L; 2 there Nov. 30; 1 Nov. 9 Millbrook. Pintail: 4 Nov. 9 Lithgow. Wigeon: 13 Nov. 17 Iona Is. Wood Duck: many reports all areas. Redhead: 7 Nov. 23 L. Deforest. Canvasback: 9 Nov. 4 inc to 500 by Nov. 26 at Crugers I. Oldsquaw: 2 males Nov. 23 Kiamesha. Surf Scoter: 1 Oct. 5 Pawling. Ruddy Duck: 8 Oct. 13 Rockland L. Common Merganser: first 4 Nov. 9 Millbrook.

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: 1 Nov. 11 Port Jervis, late. Goshawk: many single reports thru region; 19 at HMHW was 1/4 of last year's count and less than 1/5 of 1972's high. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 2,528 at HMHW was 1/3 higher than last year. Cooper's Hawk: continues low, but 54 at HMHW was twice the count in 1973. Buteos were generally normal, Red-tails were high at most hawk watches. Rough-leg: 2 Oct. 22 at Mohonk were early. Eagles: Golden outnumbered Balds more than 2 to 1; HMHW had 3 Golden and 4 Bald; reports of Balds elsewhere were very few, but Golden were reported by several individuals and several club trips; 2 Golden obs over Anthony's nose Oct. 26 were observed an hour later over Ramapo Mt. in N. Jersey. Most other species of hawks were much like last year.