

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.

Only 2 Peregrines were reported at HMHW, same as last year. Merlin: down to low of 6 compared to 9 in '73. Kestrel: up 1/3 to 479 at HMHW. King Rail: 1 Sept. 20 near Lithgow. Coot: 45 on Neversink Res Oct. 8-11. Shorebirds made a good show at Piermont Pier. 2 Semipalmated Plover, many Black-bellied Plover, a Short-billed Dowitcher on Sept. 14 and Sanderling Aug. 25. 2 Pectoral Sandpipers at Kiamesha Oct. 27. Great Black-backed Gull: outnumbered Herring at Piermont Pier by 10 to 1 at start of period. Laughing Gull: 450 at Piermont at start of period dropped to 65 by mid-Sept. **BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE**: 1 imm again this year for second record for Dutch; 1 Sept. 5 Roosevelt Cove, Hyde Park. (Helen Manson, Alice Jones). Owls: reports usual to better. Fred Hough reports Barred very noisy last winter and spring but quieted dur summer when Horned Owls took over calling and continued thru the fall. Long-eared Owl: 1 Sept. 7 Stormville. Short-eared Owl: 1 Sept. 29 Iona Is, 5th record for Rock.

GOATSUCKERS-STARLING: Common Nighthawk: many reports from late Aug. to the last 2 Oct. 6 Pleasant Valley. Red-bellied Woodpecker: continues to hold in Rock where 5-7 can be found in the Clarkstown area, and 5 at Staatsburg, Dutch. Flycatchers: Phoebe continues well thru Oct. with the last in Dutch Nov. 18. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Aug. 21 and another Sept. 4 Moore's Mills. Olive-sided Flycatcher: Good, last 1 Oct. 5. Tree Swallow: usual large movements from mid-July thru mid-Oct. Cliff Swallow: 2 ad feeding 4 full grown young at Piermont Aug. 25 (Bob Deed). Common Raven: 1 Oct. 9 over Mohonk (Dan Smiley). Common Crow: usual large concentrations by end of season. Fish Crow: usual 3 or 4 in Dutch. Red-breasted Nuthatch: all reports Dutch in Sept.; none later. Winter Wren: more than usual. Catbird: 1 Nov. 29, Rock; 2 from Nov. 4 to end of period, Dutch. Wood Thrush: 1 found dead Nov. 2 Wappingers Falls; very late. Swainson's Thrush: 1 killed in Dutch Oct. 20. Kinglets: good late Sept. movements for both species. Pipit: good numbers, last 50 Nov. 12-15, Amenia. Waxwing: well reported, max 100 Nov. 20, S. Nyack. Northern Shrike: 1 Nov. 20, Millbrook. Loggerhead Shrike: 1 Nov. 9 Millbrook.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Most species of vireos and warblers were normal. Red-eyed Vireo: 1 Oct. 27 Mohonk, late. Good warbler movements were reported on Sept. 6, 25, 27 Oct. 3, 6. Black-and-white Warbler: 1 Nov. 6 and again Nov. 17 at Red Oaks Mill. Orange-crowned Warbler: reported in the Willow area of Ulst (no date). Pine Warbler: more than usual; 2 dur Sept. at New Paltz; 2 Aug. and 2 Sept. records in Dutch. Palm Warbler: 1 Oct. 18 was last. Connecticut Warbler: 1 Oct. 12 Spring Valley ties late date for Rock. Yellow-throat: last Oct. 22 Monticello. Redstart: last Nov. 3 Kripplebush.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: well reported Sept. 7-15 at Wawarsing. Northern Oriole: last Oct. 30 in Dutch. Rusty Blackbird: very few; last 2 Nov. 11 Fort Montgomery. Common Grackle: large flocks continue to end of period at Highland Falls, very unusual there in such numbers so late. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 Oct. 11 Pleasant Valley, very late. **PAINTED BUNTING**: 1 male Nov. 22-28 at the feeder of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ostergren, Town of Montgomery, Oran. (fide Dr. John Tramontano), bird had no band or signs of captivity, in excellent plumage. Evening Grosbeak: observed "everywhere" first weekend of Nov. and then tapered off to rare by end of month. Savannah Sparrow: 20+ at Spring Valley Oct. 10, unusually high for that area; higher counts are common east of there on the Hudson at Piermont Pier. Grasshopper Sparrow: last 4 Sept. 29 Pleasant Plains. White-crowned Sparrow: excellent numbers all areas late Sept. thru Oct.; a few remained thru Nov. Lincoln's Sparrow: 2 in Dutch Oct. 4-7 & 9-11. Snow Bunting: well reported in Oct. in northern part of region, a large flock in Pleasant Valley Dutch thru second week of Nov.

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