

Wren: singing thru Apr. and May at Thompson Pond and at Pond Gut, Dutch. Carolina Wren: exc numbers after exc winter. Mockingbird: everywhere in excellent numbers. Gray Catbird: in Dutch from Apr. 7-20, probably a winter bird. Spring arr generally late thru region. Gray-cheeked Thrush: very few reported. Single birds in West. May 18, 25, 26 at Gedney Brook Sanct. 1 May 24, Middletown Res. Veery: first Apr. 26 in Dutch. Numbers generally low thru May. E. Bluebird: excellent numbers and breeding well in nest boxes thru Dutch. Gnatcatcher: seems to be inc. numbers exc from Apr. 23 on. **GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET**: Singing birds obs May 24 at Middletown Res. and May 10 at Kensico Res. Last year 1 found singing at Camp Sharparoon, Dover Plains. This year observed building nest there in a spruce woods May 17. Nest completed May 23. First found by Jim Fiedler, Mary Yegella, Helen Manson, and Roz Davis. Water Pipit: more May records than usual. Logger-head Shrike: 1 Apr. 15 Black Meadow Road, Chester.

VIREOS-SPARROWS: White-eyed Vireo: 1 May 25 Wawarsing; remained thru end of period. 1 May 26 on territory at Hawthorne. Philadelphia Vireo: 1 May 10 and 2 May 18 at Basher Kill. Warblers: best on weekend of May 10-11. Other than that probably the worst year ever. No unusual dates or numbers. Cerulean Warbler: obs again this year at Slabsides in West Park Ulst. 3 obs on Mine Rd. USMA from May 12 on. A male and female continually obs in the same locale there, but no nest found. Pine Warbler: from 4 locations in Dutch. All April. 2 reports in Ulst; 1 Mohonk May 11, the other Slabsides, May 14. Yellow-breasted Chat: only report, 1 May 24 to end of period at Middletown Res. **WESTERN MEADOW-LARK**: one heard clearly by E. Treacy and W. Holland at the Earl Farm in Blooming Grove, Oran on May 17. The bird sang once at about 30 ft. and then flew off. It was not heard again. This is only a few miles from the location in Hamptonburgh where one was heard several years ago. Orchard Oriole: 1 May 10-11 near Po'kpsie, 1 May 8-14 Pleasant Valley; 1 May 11 near New Paltz. Northern Oriole: 1 Apr. 25 at Palisades was the earliest spring date for that county. Rusty Blackbird: 32 Apr. 23 Iona Is. single birds May 12 and 15 at Wappingers Falls and 24 May 3 at Po'kpsie. **DICKCISSEL**: only 1 Apr. 12 Pleasant Valley, Dutch. Evening Grosbeak: numbers good in Apr. Lingered to May 3 at Monticello, and 2 flying over Middletown Res May 24. Purple Finch: many reports in early Apr. Max 200+ Apr. 14 in Dutch. Pine Siskin: Max 18 Apr. 11, no reports in May. A. Goldfinch: exc numbers in West in late Apr. 500 Apr. 19 Bedford and 500 Apr. 27 Armonk, 100 May 4 Mt. Kisco. Dark-eyed Junco: most gone by end of Apr. except for reports in usual nesting areas. Tree Sparrow: 5 Apr. 29 in Dutch. 1 May 1 in Dutch. White-crowned Sparrow: generally poor. 3 wintering birds Apr. 5 at Croton Pt. 1 still there May 3. White-throated Sparrow: good migration, last May 19 in Dutch. Lincoln's Sparrow: single birds reported May 10, 11 in Dutch. Pellwood Lake, Highland Falls, N.Y. 10928

REGION NO. 10 — MARINE

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The spring migration period could, at best, be described as fair to poor with the poorest results coming from south shore coastal areas and slightly better birding reported from inland locations. Perhaps this can be explained by the lack of deciduous cover on the coastal regions due to cool onshore winds. The prevailing air mass flow for much of the period was from northerly directions. Generally, coastal banding stations had disappointing results with

low numbers of wood warblers. "Southern" warblers were generally in poor numbers this spring. Prothonotary, Cerulean and Kentucky were reported fewer times than usual, Yellow-throated Warbler was non-existent and numbers of Worm-eating and Hooded seemed diminished. "Northern" warblers such as Tennessee, Cape May and Bay-breasted again appeared in good numbers.

The Osprey continues to make progress in recovering past reported numbers and good numbers of oystercatchers were reported from the South Shore. Large numbers of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were reported throughout the region for the second consecutive year. The highlight of the season was the first nesting record of Chuck-will's-widow.

Abbreviations used: BLSP—Belmont Lake State Park; CRSP—Connetquot River State Park; JBWR—Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge; GSBAS—Great South Bay Audubon Society.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 600+ were estimated from dawn-1130 May 26—Mecox Bay (JA) highest regional count.

Sooty Shearwater: Arrived May 22 (4) at Fire Island (R. Kelly). During a NE storm on May 25 probably 1,000+ passed E.L.I.—(JA and JC) counted 520 from 0830-1030 & 1300-1430 at Montauk Pt. & Mecox. Ken Berlin counted 325 from 1330-1430 & 1730-1800 at Shinnecock Inlet. On May 26 at Mecox, JA counted an additional 502 birds from dawn-1130. Interestingly, (AL) noted only a handful of Sooties each of these days at Democrat Point, Fire I. Manx Shearwater: May 25 Montauk Pt. (JA, JC) May 25 Mecox (JA, JC). This bird becoming regular in spring. N. Gannet: May 17, 25 immatures Democrat Point, F.I. (AL). Least Bittern: May 26 Crab Meadow, Robert St. Cyr also June 15 (BS) Breeder? Common Eider: (3) May 25, Montauk Point (JA, JC). Some interesting counts of waterfowl include: 41 Lesser Scaup on March 29, Cold Spring Harbor, John Taylor: 200 Ruddy Duck Kellis Pond Watermill (CMcK): 30 Common Merganser March 15 Hempstead Lake (SD).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture April 10 Hoyt Farm, Smithtown (RG) in AM; same date PM CRSP G. Bergin. Same individual? Sharp-shinned Hawk: (2) May 7 Muttontown Preserve (Staff). Broad-winged Hawk: April 1, Hoyt Farm, Smithtown (RG). Rough-legged Hawk: March 23 CRSP G. Bergin; April 11 Tobay Sanctuary Ann Townsend. Osprey: Good numbers (20+) were seen throughout Long Island and Dennis Puleston reported 31 active nests with 19 young on Gardiners Island as of June 23. Peregrine Falcon: Only one report—May 1 JBWR (B. Stout). Merlin: (1) March 16 Tobay (SD); (1) April 9 BLSP GSBAS.

Ruffed Grouse: Sporadic resident March 28 Wainscot (CMcK). King Rail: The individual which wintered at Tobay was still present on May 17. **PURPLE GALLINULE**: 2 Reports: Adult captured alive April 4 at Wading River, later died, specimen preserved by Carl Helms, Quogue Refuge Mgr. (Fide Aline Dove); May 14 to May 18 Brookhaven (DP) (Gil Raynor). Black Rail: Several pairs again present at Oak Beach Marsh May 25 (AL *et al.*). Am. Oystercatcher: Continues impressive expansion into western Great South Bay and South Oyster Bay and Jamaica Bay, 10 to 12 pair May 25 (AL). **SANDHILL CRANE**: Adult May 1-5 Montauk (Elbert Edwards *et al.*). Golden Plover: May 7-8 Mecox Bay (BS); May 19 (PAB). Stilt Sandpiper: May 18-19 JBWR (MOB). Long-billed Dowitcher: May 19 JBWR (PAB). **BLACK-NECKED STILT**: May 20 Jones Beach S.P. (A. M. Wilkens). Wilson's Phalarope: female May 24 Oak Beach Marsh (THD, AJL, *et al.*). Iceland Gull: 2nd year bird May 11 Tackapausha Preserve, Seaford (AL). Little Gull: sub adult May 17, Rye (Bill Howe *et al.*). **GULL-BILLED TERN**: 2 pairs May 16 onward at JBWR (MOB), pair May 18 and later at Cedar Beach (PAB, M. Gochfeld). A pair was seen copulating May 26 at JBWR but there

is no evidence of breeding as of this writing. Forster's Tern: May 24 Mecox (JA) very rare spring migrant on L.I. Caspian Tern: May 17 JBWR (J & M Yrizarry). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: (2) May 28 Muttontown Preserve (Bill Patterson) (SD). Black-billed Cuckoo: (3) May 12 Muttontown Preserve (Bill Patterson) (SD). Barn Owl: Nesting pair with (5) eggs April 8 Hoyt Farm Smithtown (RG). Great Horned Owl: The following is a nesting survey compiled by Otto Heck for 1975:

Location	Adults	Young	Dates
Cold Spring Harbor	1	0	3/13/75
Cove Neck	2	3	2/27; 3/25
Lattingtown No. 1	2	4	2/7; 3/25
Lattingtown No. 2	2	1 (& 1 dead)	3/28; 3/25
Glen Cove	2	2	3/14; 3/25
Upper Brookville	2	2	2/27; 3/25
Upper Brookville	1	0	----
South Oyster Bay	2	0	3/14
Brookville-Wheatley	2	0	mid-Feb. (Donaldson)
Muttontown	2	0	2/7
Sands Point	2	0	2/20
Brookville	2	1	3/26

Long-eared Owl: March 19-24 Muttontown Preserve (MOB).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW: Arrived May 3 at Oak Beach, nest with 2 eggs discovered May 24 (THD, JF, AL, BL, SD)—1st proven nesting record for NYS. See pg. no. 132 this issue. Arrived May 10 at Richmond Valley, S.I., still present in early June, having shifted position 1/3 mile (H. Fischer *et al.*); female May 8 Forest Park (Donald Riepe, THD *et al.*)—Photograph, copy to AMNH. May 14 Central Park (Lana Mills *et al.*). Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted): 400 to 500 were observed at Fire Island April 19 with over 100 banded (DF). Acadian Flycatcher: May 25 Sea Cliff (BS); May 25 JBWR (SD). Eastern Bluebird: (5) April 3 Muttontown Preserve (MOB); (3) April 21 CRSP (MOB). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: unusually abundant throughout region with 20 sightings to April 30 Northern Nassau (B. Connolly) and (8) on 4/29 Big Reed Pond (BS).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: May 11 Garvies Point (RC) May 16 Mill Neck (BS). Philadelphia Vireo: 12 mid-May reports exceed by far the usual season total. Prothonotary Warbler: Male April 20 Fire Island (DBF), male April 20-28 Shu Swamp, Mill Neck (BS *et al.*); singing male May 10 Poundridge Res. (AD); May 22 Forest Park (J & JP Latil). **SWAINSON'S WARBLER:** May 10 Forest Park (THD, John Carabella, Elaine Cook, MK, Michael Gochfeld, Tom Robben, SD, Dave Ewert) 5th State record, field note submitted to *KINGBIRD*. Lawrence's Warbler: May 9 Far Rockaway (HH); May 10 Greenwich Audubon Ctr. Conn. (FIDE TWB). Orange-crowned Warbler: Apr. 27 Central Park (MG, DE). Kentucky Warbler: Male May 9 Forest Park (JA *et al.*); Female May 11 Central Park (MOB); May 10 Bronx Botanical Gardens (MOB); Female May 18 Rye (TWB). Yellow-breasted Chat: Only one report—May 12 Central Park (JF *et al.*). Where have all the chats gone?

BLACKBIRDS—SPARROWS: Summer Tanager: sub-adult male May 9-10 Central Park (RP *et al.*); adult male May 11 Fire Island Light (DBF); May 12 Muttontown Preserve (Staff). Blue Grosbeak: sub-adult male May 14-17 Central Park (M & N Larsen, JF *et al.*); May 14 two adult males, Garvies Point Preserve (Anne Townsend, Florence McDonough). Evening Grosbeak: Apr. 19 (12) Nissequoque (RG); April 20 (6) Islip (Bill Macy); May 16 Tobay (AL *et al.*).

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