

HOODED WARBLER: 1 May 30 Mariaville. Wilson's: May 13 thru; 2 banded. Canada: May 13 thru; 4 banded. American Redstart: May 10 thru; 16 banded.

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: May 5 thru. Orchard Oriole: 1 May 10 M'dale; cr; 1 May 28 Col Co. Northern Oriole: May 7 thru; 6 banded. Rusty Blackbird: April 12 thru; 1 banded. Scarlet Tanager: May 11 Col Co; May 12 thru L7; cr. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: May 4 thru; 14 banded, tied record. Indigo Bunting: May 10 thru. Evening Grosbeak: last May 14; 45 banded in April, 9 in May at yard feeder (RPY). Purple Finch: abundant thru; 428 banded in April, 89 in May at feeder. House Finch: thru; 13 banded in April, 7 in May at feeder. Pine Siskin: few at Jenny Lake, no real flight. American Goldfinch: thru; 161 banded in April, 100 in May (RPY). Rufous-sided Towhee: April 19 thru. Sparrows: Savannah: April 18 thru. Grasshopper: 1 May 13 Mariaville; 1 May 17 Col Co. Henslow's: 1 May 20 M'dale. Vesper: April 16 thru. Dark-eyed Junco: thru; 1 banded May 3 VFGM, first spring banding here in 9 years; 61 banded in April at feeder. Tree: 1 April 4-17 Loudonville; thru Col Co. Chipping: April 22 thru. Field: April 22 thru. White-crowned: April 17 thru; 3 banded. White-throated: thru May; 23 banded early May. Fox: at feeders during April. Lincoln's: cr; May 17 Col Co; 9 banded. Swamp: April 19 thru; 12 banded. Song: April 4 thru; 37 banded. Snow Bunting: last 2 April 6 South of Saratoga Springs.

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REGION 9 – DELAWARE-HUDSON

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April was cool and dry, with 2.05 of 2.64 inches of rain falling on the 3rd. Snow was visible in the Catskills longer than usual. People in the Waterman Bird Club thought it was the coldest April in about 40 yrs. Winds were stronger than usual and persisted from the north west. May continued cool until about midmonth when a warming trend arrived. A rainfall of 4.35 inches was made up of several shower periods. Plant life was slightly behind schedule but not exceptionally so. Migrants were late with many unreported. The only marked movement reported was the weekend of May 10-11. There were no waves reported before or after that date.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: well reported thru region from mid-April to mid-May. Max 8 over Bedford, West. Apr. 20. 9 Croton Pt. May 17. 1 pr present Middletown Res. from May 10 thru end of period. Horned Grebe: Max 12 Apr. 24 Basher Kill. Double-crested Cormorant: not usual in spring. 3 Apr. 19 Croton Pt. 1 Apr. 25 Cornwall Bay. Great Blue Heron: Tamarack Swamp heronry active. A new heronry near Thompson Pd. discovered 2 years ago by Thelma Haight had 11 nests this spring. Cattle Egret: more than usual. 3 Apr. 19 Basher Kill; 12 May 3 Glenham. Single birds May 12 Stormville, and May 14 Salt Point. Common Egret: 1 Apr. 17 Croton Pt. 1 May 10, Beaver Dam, Dutch. Snowy Egret: 1 May 11 Wappingers Cr. 1 May 21 Croton Pt. **LOUISIANA HERON:** 1 May 25 Cornwall Bay. Black-crowned Night Heron: a few more than usual. First 1 Apr. 17 Croton Pt. 2 there Apr. 19 and May 3; 1 USMA May 17 and a single bird at Cruger's Is. Apr. 27 and

May 3. Least Bittern: first May 18 at Iona Is., Cruger's Is. and Croton Pt. **GLOSSY IBIS**: 1 May 3 Cruger's Is. (Eric Kiviat). The third record for Dutch. Mute Swan: now an uncommon but regular breeder thru much of region. Brant: very heavy movement May 19-26, with heaviest on May 22-23. More than 1200 over Dutch on May 22. Snow Goose: 1 Apr. 19-20 Croton Pt. 2 there on Apr. 27. 1 May 25 Kensico Res. American Wigeon: 1 May 31 Croton Pt. Very late. Northern Shoveler: always rare; 2 dur Apr. at Tamarack Swamp. 1 Apr. 19 Basher Kill. Ring-necked Duck: last 5 birds May 6, L. Tiorati. Canvasback: last 1 female May 18 Cruger's Is. Common Goldeneye: 14 Apr. 13 Rio Res. Bufflehead: last 5 May 6 Welsh L. Oldsquaw: "a few" May 11 Ashokan Res. Black Scoter: 14 Apr. 25 on Hudson R. off Cornwall. Hooded Merganser: Max 16 May 3 Salt Point; a female May 28 Basher Kill was either late or resident. Red-breasted Merganser: 4 Apr. 14 Cornwall Bay.

HAWKS—OWLS: Goshawk: reports continue this year. 1 at Mohonk May 11 was observed in the same area earlier on Apr. 2. 1 May 18 Pleasant Valley; 1 attacked Robert Shulz of Richmond Hills, N.Y. on Mar. 1 and again on June 14 as he hiked the Ramapo-Dunderberg Trail in Harriman St. Pk. This is the same location where he observed another of this species on Nov. 12, 1967. Sharp-shinned Hawk: Max 22 Apr. 20 HMHW. Cooper's Hawk: 1 May 17 and 24 at Middletown Res. Red-tailed Hawk: Max 75 Mar. 23 HMHW. Red-shouldered Hawk: Sev reports thru region. 1 regularly in the vic of Welsh L. Max 7 Mar. 23 & 25 HMHW. Broad-winged Hawk: Max 865 Apr. 27 HMHW. **GOLDEN EAGLE**: 1 ad Apr. 27 HMHW. Bald Eagle: Several reports from Dutch in the Rio-Mongaup area. Max 3 imm and 1 ad Apr. 13. Last report May 7 there. Marsh Hawk: single birds at Iona Is and Middletown Res May 17. 1 May 31 Croton Pt. Osprey: Max 15 Apr. 27 HMHW. American Kestrel: 19 Mar. 25 HMHW. Bobwhite: only reports Dutch, only 1 or 2 birds on 3 occasions. Turkey: all of the many reports from Sull. Doing well there. Semiplumbeated Plover: 2 May 12 Haight Marsh, Dutch. 1 May 21 Croton Pt. Black-bellied Plover: 1 May 24 Cornwall; 3 May 31 Croton Pt. Woodcock: courting behavior observed thru entire month of May on Mine Rd. USMA. Common Snipe: Max 35 Apr. 9 Croton Pt. Reduced to 25 Apr. 17. Upland Plover: 3 Apr. 27, Buttonwood Tree Farm, Hamptonburgh. Obs there again May 15. Pectoral Sandpiper: 4 Apr. 13 Monroe, only report. Dunlin: only report 1 May 17. Short-billed Dowitcher: 45 May 18, Croton Pt. only report. **NORTHERN PHALAROPE**: 2 females May 13 in full breeding plumage observed for 10 min at 15 ft. at Welsh L, Harriman State Park by Jack Orth. Birds were feeding on a species of fly on the water. This is the second report for the park, the first being on Aug. 22, 1937 in a Beaver Pond which is now L. Askoti. Laughing Gull: only report 2 May 31 Croton Pt. Bonaparte's Gull: 6 Apr. 20 Cornwall Bay; 1 May 10 Basher Kill. Common Tern: 1 Apr. 19 Basher Kill. Cuckoos: both species late and rare. Barn Owl: wintering birds in Warwick persisted thru spring. Great Horned Owl: all reports Dutch. At least 2 nests with 2 young in each. Barred Owl: 2 ad with 3 young at Forest Glen, Dutch. Short-eared Owl: as many as 10 indiv wintered at Galeville Airport, Walkill. 2 remained 'til May 17.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Whip-poor-will: first Apr. 19 Croton Pt. Common Night-hawk: poor movement thru most parts, but 350 May 21 at Croton Pt. is worth mentioning (William Howe). **RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD**: very early date of April 19-20 at Fort Montgomery. C. Flicker: 102 counted in 35 min by Al Merritt at Cornwall Bay between 6:30-7:05 a.m. Apr. 20. Red-bellied Woodpecker: regular but local now. Single birds from several areas in Dutch, Ulst and Sull. Eastern Kingbird: late. Great Crested Flycatcher: late and low. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: none reported. **ACADIAN FLYCATCHER**: 2 from May 17 on Deep Hollow Rd, Dutch. Same as last year. Willow Flycatcher: first May 10 Wawarsing. Others at Croton Pt. May 17-18. Generally late thru rest of region. Horned Lark: nest with 3 eggs flooded out on Apr. 4 in Dutch. Reported May 17 in Dutch and West. Bank Swallow: first Apr. 14 at 2 places in Dutch. Rough-winged Swallow: first Apr. 16 in Dutch. Purple Martin: arr Dutch Apr. 2. In good numbers there by end of month. At least 3 known colonies in Orange. Fish Crow: still "academically inclined;" reports from Bard Coll., Vassar Coll., New Paltz State, and Orange County Comm. Coll. House Wren: generally late. Winter

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