

during June BBS; 1 New Baltimore June 23. Cape May Warbler: 5 Schodack Center Aug 31. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 8 during June BBS; 1 New Baltimore Aug 17; 1 RWSanct Aug 23. Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2 North R. June 28. Black-throated Green Warbler: 9 during June BBS; 2 RWSanct and 1 New Baltimore Aug 23. Cerulean Warbler: 1 male Montgomery Co June and July. Blackburnian Warbler: 1 RWSanct Aug 23; 4 Mariaville thru. Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 New Baltimore Aug 17; 1 RWSanct Aug 23. Blackpoll Warbler: Lock 7 June 3; 1 Petersburg June 7; 1 New Baltimore Aug 21. N. Waterthrush: 1 Ballston L. June 19; 4 Mariaville thru. Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 Cobleskill June 10. Mourning Warbler: 1 North R. June 28. Wilson's Warbler: 1 New Baltimore Aug 19.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: EVENING GROSBEAK: 1 female New Baltimore Aug 15. **PURPLE FINCH:** 14 during June BBS; 2 RWSanct Aug 23; banded 270 vs 146 in 1974, 563 in 1973, 377 in 1972, 473 in 1971 Jenny L. (RPY). Red Crossbill: singles in flight Jenny L. Aug 9 and 10. Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 N. Easton June 21; 4 Montgomery Co during July. Henslow's Sparrow: 1 Meadowdale June 18; 1 S.E. Montgomery Co June 28; 1 Dennison Rd. July 24. Vesper Sparrow: 4 Salem June 29; 2 New Scotland July 29. **DARK-EYED JUNCO:** 1 Saratoga June 9; 7 Warrensburg June 26; banded only 12 vs 72 in 1974, 47 in 1973, 36 in 1972, 42 in 1971 Jenny L. (RPY).

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REGION 9 - DELAWARE-HUDSON

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June and July temperatures averaged near normal. June was drier than usual, with less than 4 inches of rain which fell largely in the first half of the month. July was dry until mid-month when rains brought the total 9.09 in. at Bear Mt. which was well above average for the month.

There were no marked changes in the resident breeders for the period. A few species were up and a few down. Most interest centered around the excellent Aug. migration with marked warbler waves on Aug. 12 in Dutchess Co. and 16, 17 and 25 in Rockland Co. Cedar Waxwings, which were non-existent early became commonplace by the end of the season. Rockland Co. and Westchester Co. reported exceptional shorebird movements on Aug. 16 and for the rest of the month.

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LOONS-DUCKS: COMMON LOON: 2 ad thru Jul 12, Middletown Res (JT). Double-crested Cormorant: 1 West Branch Res. near Rt. 6 Carmel thru first week of Aug (Mabel Little). Another Aug 31 Cornwall Bay (J, DB). Great Blue Heron: At Tamarack Heronry, Jun 2, R. Pyle reports 8 of 9 nests occupied with 13 adults and 11 young. High at Cornwall Bay was 8, Aug 28. Cattle Egret: none. Great Egret: several reports thru season, max 12 Piermont Pier Aug 10. Far less common than Snowy. Snowy Egret: first at Piermont Pier

Aug 7, inc to 19 by Aug 10 and slowly decreased to 3 by Aug 22 (AA). J, DB had a mixed flock of Snowy and Great Egrets numbering 38 fly over their house at Cornwall Aug 3. Black-crowned Night Heron: well reported along the Hudson. Ad and imm reported thru Aug. Least Bittern: usual few, max 4 Aug 16. American Bittern: 1 near Kripplebush Jun 22. First summer record in many years (FH). Glossy Ibis: 4th record for Rockland Co, 1 Piermont Pier Aug 9-13. 4 Croton Pt Aug 17, 3 over Tappan Zee Bridge same day. 1 Aug 24 Dutchess Co. Canada Goose: excellent nesting record. More than 3 doz yg and ad at Queensboro L. dur July. 14 ad and 18 imm at Tamarack, Dutchess Co. 12 at Green Haven and 25 at Netherwood Pd Dutchess Co. Green-winged Teal: very rare in summer, 1 Croton Pt Aug 17. Blue-winged Teal: usual few summered; max 8 Croton Pt Aug 15. In lesser numbers thru end of period. **RING-NECKED DUCK**: 2nd summer record for Dutchess Co. 1 male July 9 (TH). **LESSER SCAUP**: 1 male, Piermont Pier July 6, inc to 2 pr by late July. Reduced to 1 female by Aug 10 (AA). AA states a pr were present thru summer of '74.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: COOPER'S HAWK: 1 undetailed and unverified report of a nesting near Poughkeepsie in June (EK). Broad-winged Hawk: numbers down in Palisades Interstate Park, but normal elsewhere. Osprey: more summer reports than usual. Some probable early migrants in Aug. Am. Kestrel: 1 male harassing from 12-15 flickers in the same tree; United States Military Academy Aug 31 (EDT). Ruffed Grouse: low thru region. Bobwhite: singles at Pleasant Valley, Green Haven and Stissing, Dutchess Co. in Jun. 2 Green Haven Aug 1. Rails: only Virginia and Sora reported. Virginia Rail: at least 12, July 21 Croton Pt. marsh. Sora: 2-3 at Croton Pt. from Aug 16 on. Semipalmated Plover: 1st July 27 Croton Pt. Max 8 there Aug 16. **AM. GOLDEN PLOVER**: 1 Aug 24 Croton Pt. (WH, Berna Weissman). Upland Sandpiper: 4 June 14 Ulster Co (A, BM). Black-bellied Plover: thru end of Aug. Max 6 Aug 17 at Cornwall and again at Croton Pt. Ruddy Turnstone: 13 Aug 16 Croton Pt. Solitary Sandpiper: Max 5 Aug 15 Croton Pt. **RED KNOT**: 1 Croton Pt. Aug 16 and another Piermont Pier same date. The latter 2nd record for Rockland Co. 2 Aug 16 at Cornwall (A, BM). Pectoral Sandpiper: 8 Croton Pt. Aug 16. Single remained thru Aug 29. White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 Piermont Pier Aug 21, seventh Rockland Co. record (DSD). Least Sandpiper: 4 Piermont Pier July 4. Either the last of the spring or the first of the fall. Max 35 Croton Pt. Aug 16. Short-billed Dowitcher: Aug 16 seems to be big date with 8 at Cornwall and 45 at Croton Pt. **LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER**: 1 in bright plumage carefully studied at Piermont Pier July 14 (AA). Semipalmated Sandpiper: Max 150 Aug 16; 1 with breast dyed orange appeared Croton Pt. Aug 15 and remained thru Aug 28 (WH). Whimbrel: 1 Croton Pt. Aug 17 (WH, Berna Weissman). Sanderling: Max 40 Aug 16 at Cornwall (A, BM). Great Black-backed Gull: exploding in the lower Hudson Valley where 507 were counted in the Tappan Zee June 28, 280 July 14 and 350 Aug 21. During this time the Herring Gulls were in the low dozens and there was only a sprinkling of Laughing Gulls (AA, RFD). Laughing Gull: did not arrive in the mid-Hudson region till after mid-August and good thereafter. **BONAPARTE'S GULL**: very rare in summer. 1 ad plumage Aug 7 and an imm Aug 16 and Aug 23 at Piermont Pier. First summer record for Rockland Co. since 1956. 3 ad observed from Hudson Riv. Day Line at New Hamburg Aug 13 (EDT). Common Tern: absent from lower Hudson till Aug 24 when 1 was observed that date; singles at Cornwall July 28 and Aug 31. Least Tern: only 1 report from Rockland Co, 3 at Piermont Pier, July 13. For the past 3 years they have appeared at Croton Pt. This year there were 2 on July 13, 5 on Aug 10, and 4 on Aug 15. Last 1 left on Aug 16. Black Tern: 3 Croton Pt. Aug 16.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: Excellent numbers this season; max 41 Aug 25 Cornwall. **MONK PARAKEET**: only report, 1 July 6, Piermont Pier being harassed by grackles (AA). Cuckoos: both species quite low. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: in good numbers toward end of season. Migrants at Piermont Pier Aug 22, 24. Fred Hough reports them in good numbers in Ulster Co. Red-bellied Woodpecker: A family of 5 near Pocantico Hills July 10. 1 at intervals in Dutchess Co. in June.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Great Crested Flycatcher: nested in box in FG's

home at Clinton Corners. Willow Flycatcher: good numbers. 1 remained thru Aug 3 at Wawarsing. Max 4-5 heard June 7 at North Bay, Cruger's Is. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Aug 29 Pond Gut (MVW *et al.*). ACADIAN FLYCATCHER: 1 June 7 Deep Hollow (FG). 1 July 22 Fishkill (EK) and for several days thereafter (mob.). E. Wood Pewee: feeding 3 young Aug 29, Shunpike (MVW). Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 Aug 15 Shunpike was very early (MVW). 1 Aug 29 Pond Gut. Tree Swallow: not observed in migration till Aug. Late, but in good numbers. EP reports less nesting in bluebird boxes than any previous year. Cliff Swallow: good numbers at Wawarsing Aug 16, and at Travers Swamp Aug 17. Purple Martin: At least 2 houses full in Pleasant Valley (MVW). Fish Crow: 3 at Vassar Hospital and 3-4 at Hudson River State Hospital (AJ). Red-breasted Nuthatch: 3 in Dutchess Co. 1 Aug 9, 2 Aug 21, and 3 Aug 23. Observed during breeding season at Mohonk L, and a pair during July at north end of Kensico Res. Brown Creeper: An excellent count of 5 in Surebridge Sw. area of Harriman Park Jun 18 (ERB). 1 Jul 24 Fishkill (M, JK). Winter Wren: 1 singing vigorously at Bard Coll Field Station at end of June (EK). Carolina Wren: continues increase. Excellent numbers by end of season. Short-billed Marsh Wren: first record in more than 12 years for Rockland Co. 1 Rockland L May 29 (Phil Meissner). Hermit Thrush: only 1 at Surebridge Sw area where 9 were reported last year. Swainson's Thrush: single birds Aug 23 Shunpike, Aug 25 Pleasant Valley. Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 near Poughkeepsie Aug 21 (M, JK). Eastern Bluebird: scattered reports. FG had at least 20 pr in nest boxes during June. Many of these nested unsuccessfully the first time. Re-nesters had clutches of 4-5 eggs. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: observed more frequently than usual in summer. GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: nest reported last time observed again May 29, June 19, 21 with no activity noted (Helen Manson). This species discovered July 2 at north end of Kensico Res. 8 counted on July 5. A group of 5 appeared to be immes. (WH). No actual nesting observed. Loggerhead Shrike: 1 Rockland L Nature Cent. Aug 29 (Phil Meissner).

VIREOS-WARBLED: White-eyed Vireo: JO was scolded by this species at his home in Wawarsing on June 21, 22. Observed feeding dark-eyed fledglings June 22. Nest location not observed due to heavy cover. Adults were in area from May 25 thru July 12. 1 observed June 4 singing at Cruger's Is. (EK). Solitary Vireo: 5 inc a pair carrying food at Surebridge Sw. June 18 (ERB). Red-eyed Vireo: numbers still down over former years. Philadelphia Vireo: 1 Rockland L Nature Cent. Aug 31 (DSD). Warblers: no major changes in residents. Migrants started thru very early. First wave Aug 12. Others on Aug 16, 25, and 27. Worm-eating Warbler: 1 Surebridge Sw. June 18. A strange Canadian zone setting for this species. Tennessee Warbler: 1 Aug 24 Harriman Park, earliest record for that area (EDT). Another Aug 31, Mine Rd, USMA. Nashville Warbler: 4 Surebridge Sw. June 18. 1 Aug 24, Harriman Pk (EDT). 1 singing June 25 at Pawling Nature Conservancy Sanctuary. Magnolia Warbler: 1 Aug 29 Wurtsboro (MB). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 Aug 31 Rockland L was the earliest Rockland Co. record by nearly 2 weeks. Other early birds were 1 Tamarack Swamp Aug 23, and 1 Croton Pt Aug 24. 6 at latter location Aug 29. Black-throated Green Warbler: 3 Aug 31 Mine Rd USMA (EDT). Cerulean Warbler: 1 early June L. Kanawauke, 1 Surebridge Sw June 18. Usual reports from Dutchess Co. Blackburnian Warbler: 1 singing Pleasant Valley June 6. 2 Harriman Pk Aug 24. Blackpoll Warbler: 1 Aug 31 Rockland L. earliest Rockland Co. record by more than 1 week. Wilson's Warbler 1 Dunderberg Mt. Aug 21 is 2 days later than earliest record set in 1952 (EDT). Canada Warbler: 1 USMA Aug 31 (EDT).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: excellent breeding season. 2 Rockland L Aug 3. 3 Croton Pt. Aug 12. 62 Piermont Pier Aug 24. 50-70 present at Croton Pt during last week of Aug. Orchard Oriole: 1 East Park June 3. Indigo Bunting: well reported. House Finch: increasing in numbers in Dutchess Co. 6 daily with young at feeder in Green Haven (Enid Butler). Savannah Sparrow: heard daily at Salt Point. 2 daily at Dover High School. 2 Gretna Rd. Dutchess Co. July 18, singing in same area July 25. Grasshopper Sparrow: single birds in June at Potters Bend, Dutchess Co. and in July at Dutchess Hill. 4 near Unionville, Orange Co. July 22. SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 1 Croton Pt. Aug 29 (WH). LARK SPARROW:

new bird to Rockland Co. List. 1 bright plumaged ad Aug 23 Piermont Pier (AA). Dark-eyed Junco: 3 Surebridge Sw. June 18 (ERB). 1 June 20 Deep Hollow, Dutchess Co. (AJ). Chipping Sparrow: numbers reported down in Palisades Park, but not changes elsewhere.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Record rainfall of 22.4 inches for the three month period, June, July, August and low average monthly temperatures of 70.3° F., 75.6° F. and 74.4° F., respectively, apparently did not adversely affect breeding success for most species, although the spirits of some observers and most home gardeners were dampened.

NORTH LINE ISLAND: The peak event of the summer was the discovery of the first **LONG-BILLED CURLEW** reported in our area since 1938. The bird was found on North Line Island, about one mile south of Wantagh, Long Island. News of the bird's presence quickly spread. The bird was seen and photographed by many birders during its three weeks' stay in the area. The curlew was last reported on July 30. As North Line Island became the mecca of local birders its reputation for number of rarities and abundance of individuals grew. High counts of two, possibly three, Ruffs, three Marbled Godwits, 15 Hudsonian Godwits, 2 Whimbrels, 40 Willets, 38 American Oystercatchers, 1500 Red Knots, 300 Ruddy Turnstones and 2000 Short-billed Dowitchers with a total of 28 species of shorebirds were reported by various observers during July.

The birding productivity of North Line Island, as well as of adjacent Middle Line Island and South Line Island was, apparently, created by the construction of a sewer outfall line which resulted in the formation of sandy areas and tidal pools on these normally grassy islands. The creation of the attractive habitat was a beneficial aspect of a project of the Nassau County Department of Public Works, an agency not accustomed to receiving kudos from birders and environmentalists.

Other rarities reported during the period included Sooty Tern, Curlew Sandpiper, Purple Gallinule and a probable Bridled Tern.

NEW STATE BREEDING RECORDS: Two first state breeding records were established this summer. Among breeding terns and skimmers on a South Oyster Bay island were two nesting pairs of **GULL-BILLED TERNS** (PAB, FB, MG, THD *et al.*). While one nest containing two eggs appeared to suffer from human interference, two young were fully fledged (BS, BC). Breeding was suspected but not proven at JBWR with at least one adult Gull-bill remaining until July 13. A pair of **CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOWS** fledged two young at Oak Beach (THD *et al.*) for another first state breeding record. See *The Kingbird*, vol. XXV, no. 3, pp. 132-137, July, 1975, for details.

JUNE COUNTS: A census was made of three Region 10 Christmas count areas in June; Northern Nassau (2nd year), Central Suffolk (1st year) and Captree (3rd year). In addition, a street by street count of the "square mile" village of Sea Cliff, Northern Nassau Co. was made to survey closely a largely residential area. Count totals for the three areas were similar, with Central Suffolk reporting 133 species (15,006 individuals), Northern Nassau 130 species (11,679 individuals) and Captree 129 species. The Central Suffolk compiler believes 112 species were breeding within the area; 7 more might be and 14 were definitely