

and PT had both races between Oct. 20 and 21 E'town. American Redstart: 1 Nov. 10 Essex (Peter Martin, JP).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Eastern Meadowlark: 12 Nov. 15 Wall (JP, PT). Indigo Bunting: 1 Oct. 7 E'town (GC). Dickcissel: 1 male Oct. 20-26 E'town with House Sparrows. Evening Grosbeak: scarce. House Finch: 1 male Aug. 17 Willsboro (William Ritchie). Pine Grosbeak: widely reported from Ind L to Paul Smiths to L Cham. Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Oct. 6 Paul Smiths (Donald Trumbull)—scarce here. Everyone here seems to agree that it was a good sparrow migration. Savannah Sparrow: 1 Nov. 29-30 E'town (GC). White-crowned Sparrow: 1 Nov. 29 Plat (PW). Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 E'town Oct. 20 (GC). Snow Bunting: arrived Paul Smiths Oct. 25.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

GLADYS SNELL

The fall period started off cold and wet with a -2.5 degree F (1.4°C) and +1.45 inch of rain departure from normal. However, October and November were warmer, especially November with +5.9 degrees F (3.3°C) above normal. Precipitation for both months was slightly above normal with only 3.6 inches of snow which soon disappeared.

A few highlights from the reports should be interesting and informative. A local hawk watching area has provided more reports. An American Golden Plover with a broken leg was seen on the Hudson High School field from November 19 thru 22. A Kumlien's Gull was seen at Lock 6 Mohawk River by B. R. Seguin. R. P. Yunick reports an early and heavy irruption of Red-breasted Nuthatches and Black-capped Chickadees at his feeders at Jenny Lake with considerable increase in bandings. Apparently most of the nuthatches are moving further south while the chickadees are staying near feeders as indicated by numerous repeat captures. It is also apparent from Dial-A-Bird reports that we have had an irruption of major proportion of Boreal Chickadees from early October thru mid-November with none apparently establishing themselves at feeders. House Finches also arrived early in September and in large numbers with 62 bandings in November by R. P. Yunick at his feeders. He also reports the unprecedented early appearance of Pine Siskins at his feeders. Normally they arrive late December or January but arrived November 8, 384 were banded in the 23 days of November, setting a record as none had ever been banded in November before.

Abbreviations: CC—Columbia County; D-A-B—Dial-A-Bird; EG—East Greenbush; HR—Hudson River; L6—Lock 6, Mohawk River; NB—New Baltimore; NWW—Niskayuna Wide Waters; RL—Round Lake; SL—Saratoga Lake; SCR—Stony Creek Reservoir; thru—thruout period; TR—Tomhannock Reservoir.

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: many reported Sept. 18-Nov. 26, max. 20 Nov. 8. Red-throated Loon: 1 Oct. 20, 31 SL; 1 Nov. 8 RL and L6; 2 Nov. 2, 10, 15, 29 TR. Red-necked Grebe: appear scarcer than usual, only 1 Nov. 19 SL. Horned Grebe: first Oct. 4 SL thru Nov., max. 30 Nov. 8. Pied-billed Grebe: many sightings of 1 or 2 Sept. 9 thru Nov. 19. Double-crested Cormorant: 3 Sept. 2, 2 Sept. 3 NWW. Great Blue Heron: 7 reports Sept. 2 thru Oct. 26, max. 9 Sept. 3. Green Heron: 1 Sept. 17 CC; 1 Sept. 27 Mariaville. Great Egret: 2 Sept. 2 NWW; 1 Sept. 3 L6. Black-crowned Night Heron: only report 1 Nov. 6 HR at NB. Canada Goose: many reports, first Sept. 4, last Nov. 23 with flocks of 200 and 300 in Oct. max. 2000 Nov. 2. Snow Goose: 200 Oct. 12 NB; 65 Oct. 21 Heldebergs. Green-

winged Teal: last Nov. 22. Blue-winged Teal: last Oct. 26. Am. Wigeon: first Sept. 18, last Nov. 29. Gadwall: only report a pair Nov. 8 SCR. Pintail: only report 2 Sept. 14 HRCoeymans. N. Shoveler: 2 Nov. 8 R&SL. Wood Duck: Sept. 7-28, Oct. 24 CC. Redhead: 2-21 Oct. 20-Nov. 19 SL, peak 21 Nov. 16. Ring-necked Duck: Oct. 29-Nov. 28, peak 70 Oct. 30. Canvasback: Oct. 27-Nov. 14, peak 40 Nov. 14. Scaup (sp): Oct. 14-Nov. 20, peak 30 Nov. 8. Com. Goldeneye: Oct. 19-Nov. 23, peak 69 Nov. 16. Bufflehead: Oct. 26-Nov. 18, peak 30 Nov. 16. Oldsquaw: 3 Nov. 14, 1 Nov. 16 HR at NB; 2 Nov. 5 TR; 2 Nov. 12, 4 Nov. 14 SL. White-winged Scoter: 1 Oct. 20, 3 Nov. 14 SL. Black Scoter: Oct. 18-Nov. 18, max. 7 Nov. 10. Ruddy Duck: Oct. 4-Nov. 8, max. 4 Nov. 7. Hooded Merganser: 1 Nov. 7 SL; 1 Nov. 25 SCR. Com. Merganser: Oct. 20-Nov. 29, max. 50 Nov. 29. Red-breasted Merganser: 2 Nov. 8 SL; 6 Nov. 29 TR.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: 4 reports Sept. 14-Oct. 26, max. 2 Oct. 26. Goshawk: 1 Oct. 21 Heldebergs. Hawks: Sharp-shinned: Sept. 14-Oct. 26, max. 7 Oct. 21. Cooper's: Sept. 13-Oct. 30, max. 6 Oct. 26. Red-tailed: Sept. 26-Nov. 3, max. 99 Oct. 26. Red-shouldered: Sept. 20-Nov. 15, usually 1 lone bird. Broad-winged: Sept. 21-Oct. 26, usually 1 lone bird. Rough-legged: 1 Oct. 26, 5 Nov. 21 CC; arrived Oct. 30 at Mariaville (D-A-B). Marsh: Sept. 21-Nov. 30, max. 5 Sept. 29. Osprey: Sept. 3-Oct. 22, max. 3 Sept. 5. Am. Kestrel: Sept. 15-Oct. 6, max. 10 Sept. 15. Ruffed Grouse: Sept. 14-Nov. 26, max. 4 Nov. 2. Turkey: only report 21 Oct. 8 CC. Sora: 1 Sept. 7 Rensselaer. Com. Gallinule: Sept. 28 CC. Am. Coot: Sept. 9-Nov. 23, max. 120 Nov. 15 TR. **AM. GOLDEN PLOVER:** Nov. 11-22 CC, uncommon this late. Killdeer: 2 Sept. 27 Mariaville; 2 Oct. 18 EG. Am. Woodcock: Oct. 12-Nov. 17 CC. Com. Snipe: Oct. 3-Nov. 22 CC. Solitary Sandpiper, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs: Oct. 1, 3, 5 CC. Gulls: Iceland: 1 Nov. 8, 22, 23, 28 with 1 KUMLIEN'S Nov. 28 L6. Great Black-backed: Sept. 4, 5, 8 CC; 3 Nov. 28 L6. Herring: 15 Nov. 8 S&RL; 20 Nov. 13 TR. Ring-billed: 5 Nov. 8 S&RL. Bonaparte's: Sept. 27-Nov. 9, max. 20 Oct. 22, increase from last year. Com. Tern: 8 Sept. 2 NWW. Black Tern: 1 Sept. 2 NWW.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: only report Sept. 1, 2, 7 CC. Owls: Screech: 4 thru, 1 banded NB; 1 Oct. 15, Nov. 19 EG; 1 dead on road Nov. 22 CC. Great Horned: 1 thru Oct. and Nov. CC; 1 Nov. 16 Schodack Center; 1 Nov. 19 EG. Barred: 1 Nov. 23 CC. Saw-whet: 1 imm Oct. 23 Colonie. Com. Nighthawk: 4 Sept. 7 Troy; 1 Sept. 7 EG. Chimney Swift: 1 Sept. 27 Mariaville; large flight Sept. 30 Heldebergs. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: many reports, max. 3 Sept. 4. Belted Kingfisher: few thru. Woodpeckers: Pileated: Sept. 1-Nov. 22, max. 3 Nov. 8. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Sept. 21 CC; 1 Oct. 3, 10 Loudonville; 2 Sept. 7 Mariaville.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Flycatchers: Great Crested: only report last Sept. 7 CC. E. Phoebe: many reports Sept. 27-Oct. 28. 1 banded Oct. 28 NB. Yellow-bellied: 1 Sept. 2 S. Saratoga Co; 1 Sept. 22 RL. Least: 3 banded Sept. 8, 9 NB. E. Wood Pewee: 1 Sept. 1 CC; 1 Sept. 7 Loudonville. Horned Lark: 2 Oct. 10 Heldebergs. Fish Crow: 1 Nov. 6 HR at NB. **BOREAL CHICKADEE:** numerous intermittent reports Oct. 9-Nov. 13. Red-breasted Nuthatch: Sept. 27-Nov. 15. Brown Creeper: a few Sept. 28 thru. **House Wren:** Sept.-Nov. 2 CC; Sept.-Oct. 3, 5 banded NB. Winter Wren: 1 Sept. 28 Loudonville; 2 Oct. 2 banded NB; 2 Oct. 14 S. Saratoga Co. Carolina Wren: 4 thru, 2 banded NB; 1 Oct. 25 Delmar; 1 Nov. 15 TR. Brown Thrasher: intermittent Sept. 1-26 CC. Am. Robin: large flocks Sept. CC; a few in Oct. in many areas; last Nov. 15 TR. Thrushes: Wood: Sept. 2-7 CC; last Sept. 25 Loudonville. Hermit: Oct. 1-Nov. 1, 13 banded NB; other areas Oct. 4-Nov. 7, usually 1 lone bird. Swainson's: many reports Sept. 12-Oct. 4, max. 8 Sept. 16; 9 banded NB. Gray-cheeked: 1 Sept. 16 Saratoga Co; 1 Sept. 29 Heldebergs; 1 Oct. 17 Loudonville. Veery: only report Sept. 1-30 CC. E. Bluebird: only report 6 Nov. 23 NB. Kinglets: reports indicate increased numbers during Nov. in CC. Ruby-crowned: many reports Sept. 27-Oct. 26. Golden-crowned: few reports Oct. 4-Nov. 15. Water Pipit: Sept. 29-Nov. 15, 2 flocks in Nov. Cedar Waxwing: thru; higher than normal numbers NB, 4 banded. N. Shrike: 1 Nov. 1 Heldebergs, 1 Nov. 22 CC.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Vireos: Solitary: Oct. 4 Huyck Preserve; Oct. 19-26 NB, 2 banded. Red-eyed: late Sept. CC and Loudonville; Sept.-Oct. 2 NB, 12 banded. Philadelphia: Sept. 20, 27 NB, 2 banded. Warblers: Black-and-white: only report Oct. 1 CC. Tennessee: 1 Sept. 4 Loudonville; Sept. 27-Oct. 17 NB, 3 banded. Magnolia: Sept. 1-17 CC; Sept. 1-Oct. 18 NB, 2 banded. Cape May: 1 Sept. 7 Schodack Center. Black-throated Blue: 1 Sept. 27 Mariaville. Yellow-rumped: many reports Sept. 1-Nov. 15; Oct. 11-Nov. 2 NB, 15 banded. Black-throated Green: many reports Sept. 1-Oct. 9. Chestnut-sided: thru Sept. CC; Sept. 1 NB, 1 banded. Bay-breasted: 1 Sept. 4, 13, 14 Loudonville. Blackpoll: Sept. 2 Loudonville; Sept. 28 CC; Sept. 16-Oct. 13 NB, 11 banded. Pine: Sept. 13, 16 Loudonville; last Oct. 17 CC. Palm: only report last Sept. 21 CC. Com. Yellowthroat: Sept. 8-Oct. 26 NB, 12 banded. Sept. 26 CC; 1 Sept. 27 Mariaville; 1 Oct. 21 Heldebergs. Wilson's: Sept. 9-28 NB, 3 banded. Canada: Aug. 17-Sept. 9 NB, 2 banded; 1 Sept. 14 EG; 1 Sept. 27 Mariaville. Am. Redstart: thru Sept. CC; 2 Sept. 8, 1 Oct. 7 Loudonville.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: E. Meadowlark: flocks of 25-50 Nov. 17-30 CC; 1 Sept. 27 Mariaville; 1 Nov. 15 TR. N. Oriole: Sept. 1-30 CC. Rusty Blackbird: first Sept. 4 CC; 35 est. Oct. 26, 36 count Nov. 2 Schodack Center. Scarlet Tanager: Sept. 2 Loudonville; Oct. 3 CC; last Oct. 5 EG. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: thru Sept. 26 NB, 4 banded; 1 Sept. 27 Mariaville; last Oct. 13 CC. Indigo Bunting: thru Sept. 18 NB, 2 banded; Sept. 21 CC. Evening Grosbeak: arrived very early, Sept. 7; flocks during Oct. and Nov. max. 100 Oct. 5. Purple Finch: Sept. 4-Oct. 24 NB, 7 banded; large flock Oct. 24 Heldebergs. **HOUSE FINCH:** early Sept. thru. Pine Grosbeak: Oct. 26-Nov. 29; large flock Nov. 12 CC. **PINE SISKINS:** many reports Oct. 19 thru. Red Crossbill: 6 Oct. 10, 1 Oct. 21 Heldebergs. White-winged Crossbill: 4 Oct. 13 Heldebergs; 2 Nov. 26 at feeder Albany (D-A-B). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Sept.-Nov. 10 CC; 1 Oct. 19, 20, 21 EG. Vesper Sparrow: Sept. 1, Oct. 3, Nov. 23 CC. Dark-eyed Junco: many reports Sept. 27 thru; large flocks Oct. and Nov.; 50 banded since Oct. 3 NB. Sparrows: Tree: many reports Oct. 12-Nov. 25; 5 banded NB. Chipping: only report last Oct. 28 CC. Lincoln's: Sept. 26-Oct. 17 NB, 10 banded; 1 Oct. 19 Schodack Center. Swamp: Sept.-Nov. 4 CC; Oct. 2-Nov. 1 NB, 8 banded; 2 Nov. 2 Schodack Center. Song: many reports Sept.-Nov. 15; peak Nov. 1-17 NB, 84 banded. Snow Bunting: many reports Oct. 30-Nov. 25, max. 100 Nov. 18.

The records committee sends thanks to all observers that sent detailed reports to the chairman so promptly after the period ended. Also, thanks to those who reported to Dial-A-Bird. Everyone please keep the reports coming to us. These reports enable the committee to have a better record of our bird population and meet the deadline for publication in *Kingbird* by the 20th of the month.

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REGION 9 - DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Temperatures thru the season were higher than average. With the exception of one mid-Sept. frost, below freezing temperatures did not arrive until November. It was one of the wettest autumns on record. It rained every weekend in Oct. except the first, and half the weekends in Nov. Since most birders ply their trade on weekends, there was much less field work than usual. Last year's heavy rainfall was surpassed by mid-November, but no snow was reported thru the end of the period.