

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.

If one didn't know about the tremendous increase in hawk watching, one would think that all species of raptors were increasing beyond all bounds. Daily hawk watches were carried on in at least four locations in the region, and many watchers spent many single days at various locations in the mountains. Previous maximum records tumbled as new data was obtained. Unfortunately, complete information was not available at the time of publication.

In addition to hawks, excellent numbers of geese and passerines were observed by the "hawkers." Winter finches flooded southward through the mountains promising an excellent winter season. Boreal species such as both crossbills, Boreal Chickadee and both grosbeaks were reported along with hordes of siskins. Even a Gray Jay came down to Dutchess Co. and may stay the winter.

Ducks were normal, but shorebirds were better than usual. Warblers started with a very early movement in mid-August but settled down to expected norms in Sept. and Oct., with only a few late records of note. Both white-winged gulls made an unprecedented appearance in the region at Croton Point.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: 1 flying over Dutchess Hill Hawk Watch Sept. 15 (early); 4, Kensico Res. Oct. 27; 1 Croton Pt. Oct. 30 and another there Nov. 29. Red-throated Loon: 4-5 present Croton Pt. Oct. 21-Nov. 17. Horned Grebe: Oct. 24 Dietrich L, Dutch (MVW). 3 others in Dutch thru Nov. 15; 3 Croton Pt. Sept. 30 were very early; max. 48 Kensico Res. Oct. 27 and 23 Croton Pt. Nov. 17. Double-crested Cormorant: 1 Croton Pt. Sept. 11; 8 there Sept. 30; 32 over Hook Mt. Oct. 16. Little Blue Heron: 1 imm at Croton Pt. Oct. 21-30. Great Egret: 1 Croton Pt. Oct. 7. Snowy Egret: the 20 at Croton Pt. during Aug. reduced to 4, last seen Sept. 16. **LOUISIANA HERON:** 1 Croton Pt. late date of Nov. 17 (WH). **WHISTLING SWAN:** 2 Sept. 28 Hosner Mt. Rd. Dutch (EB). 2 observed there Nov. 4 (EF). 1 Nov. 15 on Hudson off Rhinecliff. Brant: 1 on Rudd Pd. Dutch Nov. 1 (MVW). One flock of more than 150 over Nyack Oct. 13 (RFD). 1 Croton Pt. Oct. 26-Nov. 12. Snow Geese: several reports of single birds in Oct., only flock, 60 over Hook Mt. Oct. 6. Contained 3 blue morph. Wood Duck: numbers good late Sept. 1 flock of 24 at Wawarsing Sept. 6. Redhead: an astounding 70-100 at Rudd Pd. in Nov. 9-20 (WTS). Canvasback: about 100 at Rudd Pd. and another 100 on Hudson at Beacon dur. Nov. 450-500 Croton Pt. Nov. 1, most remained thru month. Oldsquaw: 5 on Hudson in Dutch Oct. 29. White-winged Scoter: sev. Oct. 18 along Hudson at Dutch. Surf Scoter: a female at Croton Pt. Nov. 4. Black Scoter: 2 Hunn's L Oct. 24. Ruddy Duck: sev. reports during Oct. in Dutch. Max. 43 Croton Pt. Nov. 12. Common Merganser: on Hudson off Dutch Oct. 18. Max. 90 Croton Pt. Nov. 12.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: last 15 at Queensboro L. Oran Nov. 15. Goshawk: many individuals during Oct. and Nov. Red-tailed Hawk: a snowy albino remains at Verbank; max. 43 Hook Mt. Oct. 27. Broad-winged Hawk: many good flights. Waterman Bird Club had 1,591 Sept. 18 Dutchess Hill. JCO had over 2,000 at Wawarsing between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sept. 21. Max. at Hook Mt. was 4,597 Sept. 15, and 2,822 Sept. 29. More than 10,000 were counted there for the season. Rough-legged Hawk: first Oct. 12 Hook Mt., another over Bear Mt. Oct. 23. Golden Eagle: first Sept. 1 and another 3 that month over White Horse Mt. Oran. (Paul Jeheber). A single imm at Hook Mt. Nov. 1, and an ad at Mt. Peter Sept. 20. The first of 3 wintering birds arr Stissing Mt. Dutch Nov. 4 for the fifth year. Bald Eagle: 1 imm Hook Mt. Aug. 29. 2 ad Sept. 3 and an imm Sept. 28 and Oct. 2 Hook Mt. An ad over Tarrytown Res. Sept. 3 could have been one of the birds at Hook Mt. Marsh Hawk: max. 23 Hook Mt. Sept. 15. Osprey: max. 25 Hook Mt. Sept. 27. Peregrine Falcon: only report 1 Hook Mt. Sept. 27. Merlin: 2 Hook Mt. Oct. 27. Am. Kestrel: 57 Hook Mt. Sept. 27. Ruffed Grouse: numbers down in Ulster area (FH). Turkey: many re-

ported in Sull. Virginia Rail: 1 Croton Pt. Nov. 29. Sora: as many as 8 at Croton Pt. in mid-Sept. Am. Coot: 260 at Croton Pt. Oct. 26 inc. to 400 by Nov. 12. Black-bellied Plover: 2 Croton Pt. from Sept. 4-16. 1 remained till Oct. 26. Ruddy Turnstone: 1 Croton Pt. Oct. 21. Greater Yellowlegs: 1 Nov. 28 near Stanfordville was quite late. (MVW). Pectoral Sandpiper: 4 Concord Pd. Sull. Sept. 28. 2 Croton Pt. Sept. 4 inc. to max. of 75 on Sept. 25. Last there Oct. 30. White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 Croton Pt. Sept. 25. **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER**: 1 Sept. 2-5 at Croton Pt. studied as close as 5 ft. compared with the Least, Semipalmated and Western which were nearby (WH). A first for Croton Pt. Least Sandpiper: max. 25 Croton Pt. Sept. 6. Semipalmated Sandpiper: max. 40 Croton Pt. Sept. 4, 6. Last 4 there Oct. 7. **WESTERN SANDPIPER**: observed with Semis, Least and Pectorals at Croton Pt. on Sept. 3-5; 5 there on Sept. 6; 1 Sept. 10. A first at Croton Pt. Probably overlooked in other years (WH). **BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER**: The remarkable numbers observed on the sod farms of central N. J. in recent years has prompted Oran birders to check their own sod farms in the "Black Dirt" region of the county. 2 birds observed there by John Tramontano on Sept. 28. **GLAUCOUS GULL**: a first year bird at Croton Pt. from Oct. 30-Nov. 11. **ICE-LAND GULL**: 1 first year bird Croton Pt. Nov. 4 inc. to 2 Nov. 12. Bonaparte's Gull: 4 on Hudson off Dutch. Oct. 1. 4 Croton Pt. Oct. 26, inc. to 6 on Oct. 30. 6 there on Oct. 17.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: down in the Wawarsing area but normal thru rest of region. Cuckoos: none reported. **SNOWY OWL**: 1, entire day of Nov. 4 on transformers near IBM plant Poughkeepsie (mob). Saw-whet Owl: 2 reports of dead birds, 1 at Mohonk Oct. 24 (Dan Smiley), and another in Dutch with feet still clamped on branch (WC). Common Nighthawk: good movement first week of Sept. Max 300 Valhalla Sept. 8. Last 3 over Kingston Oct. 1 (FH). Chimney Swift: 100 Sept. 5 Stanfordville. Heavy movement in Dutch Sept. 20. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 8 on Dutchess Hill in Sept. Red-bellied Woodpecker: singles reported in Dutch and West. 1 Dutch bird coming to suet feeder near Salt Point. Hairy Woodpecker: Dan Smiley recovered a bird he banded 11½ years ago at Mohonk.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Wood Pewee: 3 young being fed at Pond Gut on the late date of Sept. 3, and young also being fed at Shaw Pd. Dutch as late as Sept. 7. **GRAY JAY**: 1 near Moore's Mills from Nov. 3 (MVW). Third record for Dutch since 1961. Fish Crow: flock of 6 Nov. 19 near Poughkeepsie, another flock of 30 over Kingston tidal marsh (no date). Black-capped Chickadee: VF reports 61 birds banded near Ellenville, largest number in 6 years. Average 15-20. Huge movement near Croton Pt. 75 Sept. 30, 150 Oct. 3, 150 Oct. 7. **BOREAL CHICKADEE**: scattered ones and twos from most areas. Largest numbers from West where 6 were found at Kensico Res. Nov. 28 2-3 at Tarrytown Res. Nov. 18 remained thru period (WH). Red-breasted Nuthatch: reported from all areas. Carolina Wren: good numbers. Will this be the year for a winter kill? Brown Thrasher: 1 Dutch Nov. 15 (Joan DeOrsey). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1 Wawarsing Sept. 28. Golden-crowned Kinglet: reported most areas. Cedar Waxwing: Ralph Terhune found a nest with 3 young near Salt Point on Sept. 5. Young off nest by Sept. 11. Loggerhead Shrike: 1 near Millerton Nov. 20; 1 Croton Pt. Sept. 25.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Late dates were reported for Black-and-white at Croton Pt. Oct. 26; Black-throated Blue Croton Pt. Oct. 26; Black-throated Green Warbler Traver Rd. Dutch Nov. 10; Blackpoll Dutch Nov. 18; Pine Warbler Croton Pt. Oct. 3; Yellow-breasted Chat Croton Pt. Sept. 4. VF banded 26 Tennessee Warblers between Aug. 23 and Oct. 3. Avg. is about 12. VF banded 8 Yellow-rumped Warblers, the lowest number in 6 years.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: good numbers from most regions early in period. Max. over 3,000 moving over Cruger's Is. Dutch Sept. 6 (Dennis Alwon). Scarlet Tanager: Big flight over Pleasantville the night of Sept. 25. At least 100 calls heard in 10 min. about 10 p.m. (WH). Cardinal: still feeding young in Clinton Corners Oct. 20 (Florence Germond). **DICKCISSEL**: 2 in Dutch Sept. 26 (Bob Rasmussen). Evening Grosbeak: first 16 Monticello

Sept. 29. Excellent movement in Oct. especially in the mountains. Few at feeders thru end of period. Purple Finches: few reports. Max. flock of 60 at Pleasantville Oct. 15. Most reports of 1 to a few. House Finch: continues to inc. Pine Grosbeak: only report of 4 Dutchess Hill Hawk Watch Nov. 1 (Mary and Jim Key). Pine Siskin: exc. movement thru mountains in Nov. Few at feeders. Red Crossbill: ab. 20 at Swan L, Sull Oct. 23 (Pauline Chernick) 50 Monroe Nov. 6 and 5 Mt. Peter Nov. 6 (Bill Holland). 5-6 on Mills Est. Dutch Nov. 15. Another flock at Hyde Pk. in Nov. (no date). White-winged Crossbill: 2 Tarrytown Res. Nov. 18; 13 Pleasantville Nov. 25. LARK SPARROW: 1 Pocantico Hills Oct. 10 (Tom Howe). Dark-eyed Junco: first Basher Kill Sept. 7 (EDT). Chipping Sparrow: 1 Smith Rd. Dutch Nov. 3 (MVW very late). White-crowned Sparrow: 1 ad and 1 imm at feeder of MVW Pleasant Valley Nov. 8-12. None later. White-throated Sparrow: first Sept. 16. Max. 100 Croton Pt. Oct. 7. Lincoln's Sparrow: all first half of Oct. 9 in Dutch Oct. 5-15. Snow Bunting: several reports, 8 Verbank Nov. 7; 35 Nov. 16 same area; 5 Croton Pt. Nov. 12; 4 same place Nov. 29; 8 Monticello Nov. 24.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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Weather data for the period:

	HIGH TEMP.	LOW TEMP.	RAINFALL
September	71.2°F. (21.7°C)	57.1°F (13.9°C)	0.00 Inches
October	67.0°F. (19.4°C)	51.4°F (10.8°C)	3.70 Inches
November	58.8°F. (14.9°C)	45.5°F (7.5°C)	4.33 Inches

The two most interesting bird incursions into the area during the fall season curiously came from opposite directions. Unprecedented sightings of Brown Boobies off the South Shore of Long Island was followed by a more familiar wave of Black-capped and Boreal Chickadees. Two Black Vultures were reported from opposite ends of Long Island. Two Sabine's Gulls were reported on pelagic migration at Cox's Ledge. Good numbers of hawks were reported from both inland and coastal areas. North Line Island in South Oyster Bay continues to amaze. On November 9 North Line was carpeted with late shorebirds totaling approximately 22,000 individuals. A promising winter finch migration in October disappointingly subsided by mid-November.

Hawk Migration Survey on Long Island

Members of the Hawk Migration Association of North America manned a hawk observation station two miles west of Smith Point, Long Island, during September, October and early November.

In 14 observation sorties totaling 50 hours, 1,097 hawks were counted which included 844 American Kestrels, 94 Merlins, 88 Marsh Hawks, 33 Sharp-shinned Hawks, 21 Ospreys, 6 Cooper's Hawks, 4 Peregrine Falcons, 7 unidentified species. The peak count day was September 28 with 563 birds sighted, 170 in one hour, with American Kestrels predominating.

No buteos were seen, which Mr. William Graves, the leader of the observation station, believes is explained by the lack of thermal updraft over the barrier beach. Perhaps the preponderance of "bird" hawks on the ocean front can be explained by the large number of passerine migrants which supply the migrating hawks with sustenance. Mr. Graves also believes that falcons and larger accipiters are not affected by wind conditions as much as