

REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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September seemed to be about average in temperature and precipitation. Winds were largely from the southeast and would have appeared to be largely unfavorable for any marked hawk flights, but apparently there were enough favorable winds to allow for a big push on the 12th and 21st. The latter date brought a record movement of Broad-wings through Hook Mt. Unfortunately Mt. Peter was not covered that day. Temperatures during October made it the coldest one on record for the past 25 years. November was not much better. Average temperature readings taken daily thru the month at 8 a.m. were in the mid-20° F (ca -4° C). Precipitation was moderate thru the period with no snow of any significance reported.

This report is unusual in that very few accidentals were reported. There was a good movement of waterfowl along the Hudson in Oct., with all species of scoter being reported in good numbers. Sparrow movements were quite noticeable in Dutchess from Oct. 4-7, and a huge blackbird movement occurred there in early Nov. Warblers were heaviest thru the middle two weeks of Sept., and Yellow-rumped were still in good numbers at the end of the period. An unusually strong movement of thrushes reported in the Maritime region was also felt inland.

Region 9 has recently been expanded to include all of Westchester Co. Formerly the lower half, which included the Long Island Sound area, was included in Region 10. We welcome Tom Burke who will be sending us notes from southeastern Westchester, and Berna Weissman who will report from the southwestern portion of that county. We have also received word from Fred Hough that he will no longer be able to send notes from Ulster Co. We wish to thank him for all the hours spent gathering material for this column for more than 20 years.

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Abbreviations: CB—Cornwall Bay; MC—Marshlands Conservancy, Rye; PL—Playland, Rye; first four or five letters of each county.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: good numbers thru period; strong movement noted in coastal West; max inland, 4 Ashokan Res. Nov. 6. Red-throated Loon: 1 CB Oct. 31, 1 PL Oct. 27. **RED-NECKED GREBE:** 1 Ashokan Res. Nov. 6. Horned Grebe: 1 early at Croton Pt. Sept. 28. Double-crested Cormorant: 1 CB Sept. 12; decreasing numbers thru Oct. on L.I. Sound; 120 flying south over PL Oct. 24. Common Egret: better than usual in early Sept.; 1 CB Sept. 29, 2 Croton Pt. thru Oct. 5. Snowy Egret: 1 Wappingers L. Oct. 4, late. Black-crowned Night Heron: 2 imm Kingston Pt. Sept. 26 (Frank Murphy). Least Bittern: 1 Kingston Pt. Sept. 26 (FM). Am. Bittern: 1 Verbank Nov. 13. **GLOSSY IBIS:** 1 MC Oct. 23. Mute Swan: continues to spread; 13 at Iona Is. Nov. 14. Canada Goose: very large movement 1st week of Oct.; 25 still on Ashokan, Nov. 21. Brant: 850 over Cornwall Oct. 24; more than 3000 over PL on Oct. 24; 50 Freedom Plains Oct. 27. Snow Goose: 4 CB Sept. 28. Mallard and Black Duck: more than 100 of each species at Rondout Res. Nov. 28 (VF). Gadwall: rare at any time; 3 Millbrook Nov. 4-6; 2 there Nov. 13. Pintail: 1 near Goshen Sept. 26. Blue-winged Teal: 15 Kingston Pt. Sept. 26. Am. Wigeon: 13 Iona Is. Nov. 6 inc. to 15 by Nov. 26. Wood Duck: 14 E. Dutch Nov. 11. Redhead: an unusual concentration of 30 at Millerton Nov. 4. Reduced to 1 by Nov. 27. Canvasback: good concentrations along the Hudson; 148 at Iona Is. Nov. 27; more than 300 CB Nov. 28. Scaup sp: 30 CB Oct. 24. Common Goldeneye: 4 females and 1 male on Ashokan Nov. 6. Oldsquaw: 40 Ashokan Nov. 6. White-winged Scoter: sev along coast at PL from Oct. 17; 2 on PL Lake

Oct. 11 were unusual there; 250 on Hudson at Tivoli Oct. 18. Surf Scoter: 80 Tivoli Oct. 18; 1 PL Lake last half of Oct. Black Scoter: 60 CB Oct. 18 2 there Oct. 30; 50 Ashokan Oct. 18. Hooded Merganser: c. 60 Ashokan Nov. 6. Common Merganser: inc well in Nov. Max 34 Rondout Res. Nov. 28.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: The two local Hawk Watches received at the time of this writing are as follows:

	Hook Mt., Nyack, 362 hrs (LM)	Mt. Peter, Warwick, 187 hrs (RR)
Goshawk	19 max 3, 9/24, 10/11	5 max 3, 10/17
Sharp-shinned	3,659 378, 9/25	631 68, 9/23
Cooper's	27 5, 10/6	13 3, 9/20, 10/17
Rough-legged	1 1, 10/19	2 2, 10/22
Red-tailed	165 34, 10/28	79 17, 10/22 & 23
Red-shouldered	61 17, 10/12	21 6, 10/16
Broad-winged	14,811 4,730, 9/22	4,197 1,753, 9/12
Golden Eagle	2 1, 10/17 & 19	
Bald Eagle	3 1, 9/6, 10/10 & 23	
Marsh Hawk	174 15, 9/9	37 5, 9/20
Osprey	290 37, 9/22	102 18, 9/19
Peregrine	4 1, 10/5, 11, 13 & 17	2 1, 9/18 & 20
Merlin	7 2, 10/10	2 1, 10/10 & 16
Am. Kestrel	504 92, 9/19	370 72, 9/19
Unident.	148	81
Total	19,875	5,542

Turkey Vulture: 1 unusual report of a bird colliding with auto when attempting to reach a dead rabbit at roadside in Dutch (Helen Manson). Goshawk: in addition to the usual high flying migrants, 1 imm at Rye Nature Center Oct. 14; 1 Stissing Nov. 18; eating a grouse. Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 appears to be resident near the W. Nyack Dump. Broad-winged Hawk: 1,832 over Wawarsing Sept. 12 and more than 2,000 there on Sept. 21 (JCO). Rough-legged Hawk: almost unreported on counts, 1 dark phase near Galeville Airport Nov. 14; 1 Wawarsing Oct. 22, 27; 1 quite early Sept. 29 Pawling. Golden Eagle: 1 Sept. 18 Dutchess Hill. Bald Eagle: winter birds returned to Rondout-Rio area of Sull by Nov. 28; 1 imm at Bear Mt. Park Sept. 24; 1 imm Dobbs Ferry Sept. 7 & 25; 1 imm Bedford Oct. 30. Marsh Hawk: arr Galeville Airport Oct. 31; inc. to 3 by Nov. 20. **PEREGRINE FALCON:** only 1 other than hawk watches; Oct. 13 in Dutch. Merlin: more than usual, 1 Wawarsing Oct. 27 carrying a small bird, another same place Nov. 15; 2 in Dutch Oct. 23. Turkey: 1 Sept. bird in Dutch, but 26 there near Stissing Nov. 25. Clapper Rail: 15 in the vicinity of MC thru period. Am. Coot: max 37 near Goshen Oct. 31. Semipalmated Plover: 2 continue at PL thru Oct. 15; 3 at CB Sept. 16. Am. Golden Plover: 49 at Pine Island Sod Farm Sept. 4. Black-bellied Plover: 1 CB Oct. 14 was late for that area; 1 Sept. 19-23 at Oakwood School, P'kpsie. Spotted Sandpiper: 1 late date of Nov. 3 at Staatsburg. White-rumped Sandpiper: 2, late date of Nov. 6 at Croton Pt. (KM). Dunlin: 10 Washington L. Newburgh Oct. 24; inc. to 20 Oct. 25; 20 at MC regularly thru Oct. **NORTHERN PHALAROPE:** 1 Piermont Pier Oct. 27, the 5th record for Rock, and the first outside Palisades Interstate Park (BW). Laughing Gull: last in CB Oct. 14, and at Dobbs Ferry Nov. 16. Bonaparte's Gull: first at PL Oct. 27. Common Tern: 4 CB Sept. 5 (KM).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Barn Owl: 1 Croton Pt. Nov. 26. Long-eared Owl: 2 at Garrison, Putn last week of Nov.; 1 thru Sept. at Salt Point. Common Nighthawk: last in Oran Sept. 5; 1 in Dutch late date of Oct. 4. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last observed in Wawarsing Sept. 18; in Dutch Sept. 27. Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1 fem Thompson Ridge Oct. 31; usual reports from Dutch. Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 imm at L Welch Dam Nov. 30. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Cornwall Oct. 31.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: WESTERN KINGBIRD: 1 New Paltz Oct. 19 (Bob Larsen). Eastern Phoebe: last at Wawarsing Nov. 6 and on the Vassar Campus Nov. 24. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 6 reports from Dutch Sept. 1-12. Olive-sided Flycatcher: 3 times at Wawarsing Sept. 9-18; 6 in Dutch in Sept; last there Sept. 29. Tree Swallow: last at Wawarsing 2 on Nov. 8. Purple Martin: last 3, Sept. 25 at Dutchess Hill, quite late. Fish Crow: 1 CB Nov. 11; 4 Croton Pt. Nov. 6; 1 Wappingers Falls in a new area dur Oct. Red-breasted Nuthatch: very few; an unusual conc of 12 at Ashokan Res. Nov. 6. Winter Wren: 2 CB Nov. 28 and 1 Wawarsing Oct. 13. Short-billed Marsh Wren: Oran first reported bird of last summer continued near Goshen thru Sept. 6 near Goshen (BS). Gray Catbird: last 2 Cornwall Nov. 24. Wood Thrush: last in Oran Sept. 26 and in Dutch Oct. 21. Hermit Thrush: good from mid-Oct. thru period. Swainson's Thrush: 1 Cornwall Nov. 2; the banding of 62 at Ellenville was the most in seven years (VF). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 Sept. 16 near Cornwall. Golden-crowned Kinglet: more than usual. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 57 banded at Ellenville surpassed seven previous years. Water Pipit: good in Dutch in Oct. 30 at PL Oct. 24, 58 at MC Oct. 30. Cedar Waxwing: good numbers thru first week of Nov. Northern Shrike: 1 Wawarsing Nov. 21. Loggerhead Shrike: 1 Montgomery Nov. 27; 1 Galeville Airport Oct. 31.

VIREOS-WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: 1 Weyant's Pd. U.S.M.A. Sept. 6; 2 banded at Ellenville on Sept. 22 and 24 were the first ever (VF). Solitary Vireo: more than usual; a few were regularly seen in E West thru late Oct. 1 at Hastings-on-Hudson Nov. 7. Philadelphia Vireo: 1 Weyant's Pd. U.S.M.A. Sept. 6, and 3 Bashakill Sept. 12 (ET); 1 near Cornwall Sept. 13; 3 in Dutch, the last on Sept. 16. Black-and-white Warbler: last Oct. 31 Wappingers Falls. Orange-crowned Warbler: 1 Bashakill Sept. 18, 1 Rye Oct. 16; 1 Pawling Sept. 29. Nashville Warbler: 1 very late at Wawarsing Nov. 5 (JO). Yellow Warbler: 1 at MC late date of Oct. 13. Magnolia Warbler: 1 MC Oct. 24. Cape May Warbler: about 25 obs on Mt. Peter Hawk Watch Sept. 11 (ET). 10 Wawarsing Sept. 7. Last there Sept. 21. Yellow-rumped Warbler: excellent numbers thru period; many still present at end. Blackburnian Warbler: a beautiful male at Cornwall Nov. 6 (AM). Prairie Warbler: 1 fem at Newburgh Nov. 17 (BS). Palm Warbler: at Wawarsing from Sept. 14-Nov. 5; 1 Iona Is. Nov. 6. **KENTUCKY WARBLER:** 1 Bashakill Sept. 3 (BS). Connecticut Warbler: 1 Bashakill Sept. 18, another Wawarsing Sept. 16. Mourning Warbler: 1 Cornwall Sept. 28; 1 Pond Gut, Dutch Sept. 8 and another Pleasant Valley Sept. 18-19. Com. Yellowthroat: 1 Cornwall Nov. 12. Am. Redstart: 1 fem Cornwall Oct. 28 (AM).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: 1 Dobbs Ferry Oct. 25, late. 1 MC Oct. 16. Red-winged Blackbird: more than 50,000 at North Bay, Cruger's I. Oct. 17. Northern Oriole: 1 male in spring plumage Nov. 15 at Red Oaks Mill. Brown-headed Cowbird: many, more than 1000 at Thompson Pd. Dutch Oct. 6. Scarlet Tanager: 3 in Dutch dur Oct., last Oct. 25, late. Cardinal: fledglings being fed at Pleasant Valley, Dutch in early Oct., and at Monticello in mid-Oct. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 fem at Cornwall Oct. 28, and another at Croton Pt. Nov. 6. **BLUE GROSBEAK:** 1 at Piermont in Sept. (Anthony Amos). **DICKCISSEL:** 1 P'kpsie Oct. 20. Evening Grosbeak: late and scarce, a few at feeders at end of period. **RED CROSSBILL:** 2 Cornwall Nov. 17 (BS). Savannah Sparrow: max 15 at Dobbs Ferry waterfront Nov. 20. Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 Dobbs Ferry Oct. 4. Henslow's Sparrow: 1 Rye Oct. 17. Seaside Sparrow: at least 2 at MC in late Oct. **LARK SPARROW:** 1 at Piermont in Sept. (Anthony Amos). Chipping Sparrow: 1 Nov. 14-15 near Pleasant Valley, very late (F&A Romero). White-crowned Sparrow: many in Dutch Oct. 4-7. White-throated Sparrow: arr late but in good numbers by end of period. Lincoln's Sparrow: more than usual; 1 Bashakill Sept. 12, 1 Wawarsing Sept. 15-Oct. 16, 3 there on Sept. 18 (JO), 1 Dobbs Ferry Oct. 25. 4 in Dutch dur Sept., and 3 at Beaver Dam Dutch Oct. 2; 3 Oct. 4 near Amenia. Snow Bunting: many reports, but numbers few; earliest at Piermont Oct. 27; max 37 Ashokan Nov. 6; all but 1 or 2 reports were in Nov.

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