

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: max 48 Duanesburg BBS. Red-winged Blackbird: 673 total of four BBS (Cobleskill, S Berne, Duanesburg, & Medusa). Common Grackle: 101 Cobleskill BBS. Scarlet Tanager: max 11 Warrensburg BBS; also, "male feeding young cowbird" Aug. 20 (TP). Cardinal: 18 Cobleskill BBS; 10 Catskill BBS. Indigo Bunting: max 15 S Horicon BBS. Evening Grosbeak: 3 Catskill BBS; 2 Tribes Hill Aug. 17 (TP). Savannah Sparrow: max. 19 Duanesburg BBS. Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 Stuyvesant June 2-4; 1 E. Greenbush July 3 (PC). Vesper Sparrow: 1 each—Duanesburg and Cobleskill BBS; 1 thru period at Castleton (JC) and at Ghent (BHG). Field Sparrow: numbers seem down; max only 5 each—Medusa and Duanesburg BBS. Swamp Sparrow: max 20 Rensselaer July 4 (PC).

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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June was normal as far as temperatures were concerned, but was very dry. A severe hot spell covered the region during the second and third weeks of July with temperatures approaching 100° F. Rains were few and minimal, continuing the drought conditions of June. Only 3½ in. were recorded when the average for the month is 6½ in. August continued dry, but temperatures were more moderate.

Warbler movements started in early Aug. and continued well through the month. Perhaps the highlight of the breeding season was the explosion of Acadian Flycatchers in the area, with several birds reported in each of Orange, Sullivan, Westchester, and Dutchess counties. Goshawks also continue to increase, but slowly.

The new summer bird counts where local bird clubs follow Christmas Count routes in mid-June will undoubtedly add important information to our knowledge of summer residents. Only two clubs ran counts this season, but surely more will follow their lead in the future.

The discovery by Benton Seguin of Stewart Airport as a mecca for migrating fall shorebirds has local birders wondering if this is an isolated phenomenon, or was it really overlooked all these years. You can be sure it will be searched from now on.

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Abbreviations: the first four or five letters of each county; GSBD—Greenwich-Stamford Summer Bird Count, June 19 (inc portions of West. Co.); MC—Marshlands Conservancy, Rye; PL—Playland, Rye; WBC—Waterman Summer Bird Count, June 11, Dutchess Co. (Pkpsie area).

LOONS-DUCKS: Common Loon: a pr of imm summering at Ashokan Res. was a repeat of last summer (AB, FM). Horned Grebe: 1 full-plumaged bird Ashokan Res. Aug. 11 (AB, FM). Double-crested Cormorant: single birds on Hudson R at Cornwall Jun 2, Jul. 21, and Aug. 23. Common Egret: regular thru summer. Arr Kingston Pt. Marsh Jul. 28. Snowy Egret: usual few. 4 Kingston Pt. Marsh Jul. 27. Black-crowned Night Heron: 3 Kingston Pt. Marsh Jul. 27. 1 imm Cornwall Aug. 29. Yellow-crowned Night Heron: continues to breed at MC with 2 nests this year. Least Bittern: obs regularly thru season at Cruger's I. American Bittern: 1 Salt Point, Dutch and another Moodna Marsh, Cornwall Aug. 21. GLOSSY IBIS:

1 irregularly at MC dur July (TB). Brant: a late flock of 53 moving off PL Jun 16. An injured bird at MC Jun 29. Blue-winged Teal: single birds at PL Jun 15 and Jul. 17. 1 MC Jul 20. A pr nested at Stissing, Dutch dur Jun (T, PH). American Wigeon: 2 at Kingston Pt. Jul 29 are unusual in summer. (AB, FM). Wood Duck: GSBC produced 28. Common Merganser: 24 Askokan Res. Jul 30. (AB, FM). Red-breasted Merganser: 1 at PL most of June.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Goshawk: unprecedented numbers of breeding birds. At least 1 downy young was in nest at Surebridge Sw, Harriman Pk Jun. 26 (RS). 3 young in nest at Pound Ridge (NS). 1 young at Pond Gut, Dutch in Jun, and a single ad at Salt Point dur Aug. Sharp-shinned Hawk: nest discovered near Island Pd Harriman Park Jun 3 (RS). 1 imm with broken leg found on Storm King Mt. dur July and taken to Trailside Nat. Mus., Bear Mt. Pk. Cooper's Hawk: 1, Cornwall Aug. 29, obs at close range in back yard (AM). Red-tailed Hawk: in good numbers. At least 30 nests obs in Millbrook-Stamford area. Albino female nested near Verbank. Red-shouldered Hawk: only 1 report, a resident near Surebridge Sw. thru June and into July (RS). Broad-winged Hawk: nest found Jun 22 near Little Sterling L., Sterling Forest. Obs (RS) attacked by adult. Bald Eagle: 1 imm at MC Jul 3 (TB, AB). Osprey: more summer reports than ever before. Singles at Cornwall Bay Jun 4 and Aug. 21. 2 at Cruger's I. Dutch Jul. 27. There again Aug. 28. Summer residents? No evidence of breeding. 1 west end of Rondout Res. Aug. 9 (Ab, FM). Turkey: only 1 Wawarsing Jun. 12 (JO). King Rail: bird of spring at Millbrook School remained thru Jun. 8. Clapper Rail: breeding at MC but in lower numbers than previous years. Black-bellied Plover: 1 Aug. 20 Cornwall Bay. Northward migrants were gone from Westchester by June 7, and returning in small numbers by Jul. 23. Ruddy Turnstone: 2 Cornwall Bay Jul. 25. 2 Kingston Pt. Jul. 29 were still there Aug. 10. Whimbrel: 3 at MC briefly Jul. 25 (LB). Upland Sandpiper: first migrants, 8 birds at Stewart Airport Aug. 14. Inc to 22 by Aug. 28, and reduced to 6 by end of period (BS). Blue Chip Farm at Wallkill had a maximum of 5 thru the breeding season (KM). Solitary Sandpiper: 1 Washington L. Newburgh Aug. 14. Greater Yellowlegs: 1 Cornwall Bay Aug. 23. Another there Aug. 31. Lesser Yellowlegs: 5 at MC Jul. 4. Pectoral Sandpiper: 1 Pine Plains Aug. 11. Least Sandpiper: 3 Cornwall Bay Jul. 25, and 3 there again Aug. 21. Semipalmated Sandpiper: peaked at MC Jun. 4 with 110. Sanderling: single birds at Cornwall Bay Jul. 25 and Aug. 22. Laughing Gull: major influx in L.I. Sound area Jun. 17. GSBC count was 294 in contrast to only 1 bird the previous year. Bonaparte's Gull: 1 Kingston Point Light House Jul. 17 (AB, FM). **LEAST TERN:** 1 Cornwall Bay Aug. 22 (BS). Caspian Tern: 3 Cornwall Bay Jun. 1 (AM). **BLACK SKIMMER:** appeared at MC Jul. 2 with 2 more 2 days later at PL.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Cuckoos: very few reports. 1 Yellow-billed at Millbrook Aug. 6-28 (FG). Black-billed: 3 reports from Dutch in late Aug. Barn Owl: 2 ad with 3 imm at nest in Beacon Jun 21 thru period (mob). Screech Owl: 1 Cornwall Aug. 28-31. Barred Owl: bred again this year in Pound Ridge. Com. Nighthawk: excellent movement from mid-Aug. on. Max 34 Aug. 31 Pleasant Valley (MVW). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: more reports than last three years put together. M, JK had 13 Aug. 19 passing overhead at Vassar Farm. AB & FM, while canoeing thru North Bay, Cruger's I., counted 18 feeding on jewelweed and were sure that many more might have been observed in areas they did not cover. Red-bellied Woodpecker: 2 on WBC and another at Salt Point thru Jul. Red-headed Woodpecker: obs in 3 locations in Oran Jun. 12 (BS).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 on WBC, and 3 at Carey Arboretum Aug. 31. **ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:** in at least 3 different locations at Bashakill. 1 in Oran and 2 in Sull. 1 of the Sull locations had 2 ad with 3 imm being fed (BS). Dutch had 5 known nests in the Deep Hollow and Pond Gut areas in Jun., with another bird being observed at Blodgett's in Fishkill (Myrna Hemmerick). A singing bird was reported at Purchase, West Jun. 5, and other birds were obs in 3 nearby areas in Conn. 1 carrying nesting material (TB). 2 observed a half mile apart at Surebridge Sw., Harriman Park, Oran by GB on Jun. 11. 1 singing boldly under the Goshawk's nest. Willow Flycatcher: 1 Bashakill thru Jul. 23 (BS). Sev others from E West. Alder Flycatcher: 1 singing near Rye L Jul. 9.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: first Aug. 15 at Wawarsing. Obs there thru Aug. 25, with 2 present on Aug. 17. 2 Carey Arboretum, Aug. 31. Swallows: several reports of early migrating Bank and Cliff in Jul. Tree Swallow: normal. 600-700 swallows obs over Kingston Marsh Aug. 24 were mostly Bank, but all 5 species were represented (AB, FM). Fish Crow: resident family at Highland Falls from Apr. thru end of period. Red-breasted Nuthatch: first Wawarsing Aug. 10. Cornwall Aug. 28 were early migrants. 2 Sterling Forest July 20 may well have been residents (RS). Brown Creeper: 1 Sterling Forest July 20 and 1 Harriman Pk (no date). Carolina Wren: numbers near L.I. Sound low after winter kill, but normal to better inland. 8 or more observed thru period at P'kpsie (M, JK). Several reports of single birds from other locations thru region. Eastern Bluebird: FG reports 20 successful broods in 17 nests dur Jun. Still 1 nest with young at end of period. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: a pr at Pound Ridge was the only known breeding site reported in West. Numbers good for rest of region. Golden-crowned Kinglet: nest site at Kensico Res for last two years was not used this year. **WATER PIPIT:** 2 Cornwall Bay Aug. 21, and 1 there Aug. 23 were unprecedented records (BS). Extremely early migrants. **LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:** 1 Kingston Point Marsh Aug. 10 (FM, AB).

VIREOS-WARBLED: Solitary Vireo: a singing male, and a pr with female carrying nesting material at Sterling Forest Jul. 20 (RS). 1 on WBC. **PHILADELPHIA VIREO:** 1 Vassar Farm Aug. 18 (M, JK) was very early. Warbling Vireo: reappeared at Nyack's Memorial Park this summer after several years absence. A good movement of warblers was reported from Aug. 10 on with the best date Aug. 19. Worm-eating Warbler: 1 regularly at Bashakill from Jun. 16-July 17 (BS). Tennessee Warbler: first Aug. 17 at Wawarsing, with 4 there on Aug. 21 (JCO). **ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:** 1 P'kpsie Aug. 20 at bird bath, early (MJK). Nashville Warbler: first Wawarsing Aug. 18. Black-throated Blue Warbler: at least 2 singing males at Cedar Pd. area of Sterling Forest thru Jun. into July (RS). 1 pr with nest of 4 eggs along Appalachian Trail west of L Tiorati Jun. 11. Nest in Mountain Laurel at 1,250 ft. (GB). Cerulean Warbler: 1 Jun 15 Goshen was a new location (BS). Blackburnian Warbler: first migrant Aug. 15 in Dutch. Breeding pair obs Surebridge Sw. Jun. 4 (RS). Pine Warbler: only 1 Carey Arboretum Aug. 31, early. Prairie Warbler: 1 Jun. 28 Iona I. First returning migrant Wawarsing Aug. 16 (JCO). Louisiana Waterthrush: about 15 birds in the vic of Surebridge Sw. Jun. 11. Years ago Northern Waterthrush were prevalent in this area and probably bred. Mourning Warbler: male and female carrying food on Balsam L. Mt. in the Catskills Jun. 23 (AB, FM). Obs again Aug. 6. Male on West Kill Mt. in Catskills Jul. 23. 1 Dutch on WBC. Yellow-breasted Chat: a surprising 5 territorial males discovered in Jun. between Rye and Purchase in West. 2 at MC, 1 at West Co. Airport, and 2 at Manhattanville Coll. campus. Hooded Warbler: on GSBC in Bedford, and at Butler Sanc and Pound Ridge. Canada Warbler: 1 Doodletown Aug. 16, came to Screech Owl imitation (EDT). 8 on GSBC were split evenly between Butler Sanctuary in Bedford, and Pound Ridge. Dutch had 8 reports in Aug.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: House Sparrows continue to decline as House Finches continue to increase. Bobolinks: traditional Purchase breeding area down to 1 pr this year compared to 7 pr last year, and 20 the year before. Good migration obs in Dutch and Ulst last week of Aug. Eastern Meadowlark: numbers quite low in E. West. GSBC had 8 spread over 3 locations. Orchard Oriole: male and female at Walden last June continued there thru Jul. 17. No young obs. 1 at Rye dur Jun. was missed on GSBC. Grasshopper Sparrow: 4 Galeville Airport Jun. 3-16 was a new location (KM). 1 Dutchess Hill P'kpsie Aug. 20 (MVW). Sharp-tailed Sparrow: at least 3 pr in marsh at MC. **DARK-EYED JUNCO:** nest with 3 imm obs Jun 3 at Island Pd. Mt., Harriman Pk (RS).

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