

sites. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: very few reports, total three from BBS's. Pileated Woodpecker: well reported incl. ten from BBS's. **RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER**: one Palmer's Ravine, early June (TP & RM). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 20 No. River BBS; 13 H. Falls BBS, (both very high).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: a remarkable five singing July 10, Partridge Run (Albany Co.) (KA); also two Warren Co. reports mid-July. Cliff Swallow: a distressing 16 (low) from BBS's, compare two this year vs 11 last year on So. Berne BBS. Eastern Bluebird: five from four BBS's; reported absent from a long time nest area. Golden-crowned Kinglet: adult feeding five fledglings Aug. 24 No. River (RPG).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Warbler reports include: Pine Warbler: one each So. Horicon and Warrensburg BBS's; also one Chatham Aug. 6 (KD). Prairie Warbler: one each Catskill and So. Berne BBS's. Northern Waterthrush: none reported on BBS's, max. five So. Berne. Yellow-breasted Chat: one Berne June 24 (KA), only report. Early warbler movement came in mid to late Aug., spurring reports of many of our northerly species, such as Nashville, N. Parula, Cape May, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Yellow-rumped and Blackburnian.

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: Bobolink: max. 18 Duanesburg BBS. Purple Finch: seems more widespread than usual, reported from ten BBS's. Pine Siskin: two lingered until June 16 at Albany Pine Bush (AS). Vesper Sparrow: two each Cobleskill and Duanesburg BBS's. White-throated Sparrow: reported on six BBS's, max. 19 Warrensburg.

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REGION 9 – DELAWARE-HUDSON

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June was warm and dry, with the first appreciable rain falling on July 3-4. July was more normal, but things turned cool and somewhat wet during early August. The latter half of that month was hot and humid with very little precipitation.

The usual post-breeding invasion of herons occurred in mid-August with Great Egrets being the most numerous. Shorebirds started through in July with a continuous build-up in numbers through August. Warbler movements were in full swing by mid-August, with a good tally both of species and numbers. Perhaps the big event of the season was the number of Acadian Flycatchers reported. Birds were found in all areas of the Region, with as many as three or four on each report. Several nests were under study. Other *Empidonax* flycatchers were also well-represented, with more Willows reported than ever before. There were very few accidentals reported, but in all it was a fairly active season.

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Abbreviations: CB—Cornwall Bay; KP—Kingston Point; MC—Marshlands Conservancy, Rye; PP—Piermont Pier; PIP—Palisades Interstate Park; PL—Playland, Rye; Dutch—Dutchess

Co.; West—Westchester Co.; Oran—Orange Co.; Sull—Sullivan Co.; Ulst—Ulster Co.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: one thru June 13 in Dutch. Three obs well into July on Ashokan R. Horned Grebe: a "high-plumaged" bird remained at MC to June 3. Double-crested Cormorant: summered along the L.I. Sound coast of West. in greater numbers than usual. Two CB June 3. Numbers reduced in lower Hudson where only one was reported thru Aug. 5. Great Blue Heron: breeding birds at Stockbriar near Thompson P. in Dutch. Former location at Tamarack Swamp inactive. Little Blue Heron: one at PL Jun. 12. Great Egret: this and the less common Snowy Egret arrived in most areas in good numbers after mid-Aug. Black-crowned Night Heron: imms reported along the Hudson from KP south, dur. Aug. Glossy Ibis: two at MC June 25. Single birds at PL Jul 4 and MC Jul. 8. Mute Swan: northernmost breeders a pr at Sylvan L, Dutch thru Jun. Only one young present. Canada Goose: "Everywhere!" At least 500 flightless birds were trapped in PIP where they were fouling beaches and golf greens. They were shipped off by Fish and Wildlife personnel further south where they were released. Green-winged Teal: a male at PL Jun 9 was unexpected. Blue-winged Teal: usual few during summer, four CB, Aug. 17. One thru Aug. Buttermilk Pd. Dutch (V. Parkhurst). Wood Duck: described by JT as the most numerous duck of the summer. Greater Scaup: more than 15 at PL thru June. Reduced to a few by Jul. 31. Lesser Scaup: one pr remained at PP thru season. No evidence of breeding. Bufflehead: at PL thru Jul. 12.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Goshawk: continues to breed in previously reported areas. A pr at Pound Ridge raised four young. Cooper's Hawk: obs twice at Middletown Res. dur Jun. Red-shouldered Hawk: two ad obs in the vicinity of Bedford dur Jun. Another obs that month at Surebridge, PIP. Bald Eagle: one near L Welch Jun. 19 (RFD). Osprey: one at Inisfree, Dutch Jun. 14, and another thru entire period at CB (BS). Am. Kestrel: numbers down at Wawarsing but normal elsewhere. Bobwhite: unreported except in Dutch, where a small covey was obs near Pine Plains Aug. 6 (HM). Clapper Rail: four pr at MC thru Jun. and Jul. Common Gallinule: ten half-grown young with four ad at Goshen Sewage Ponds Aug. 5. Semipalmated Plover: last northern migrant obs Jun. 3 at E. West. A few southbound birds were back by mid-July. Three at PP first week of Aug. Ruddy Turnstone: one PP Aug. 11; one KP Jul. 30. Upland Sandpiper: four at Blue Chip Farm, Walkkill thru mid-Aug. Migrants arr at Stewart Airport July 24, and inc to 13 by Aug. 23. One at Croton Pt. Aug. 13 was a rarity for West. (EDT). Solitary Sandpiper: first migrant returned Aug. 7 at Dover. Only a few by end of period. Sanderling: one Aug. 3 at Brown's Pd. Newburgh. Great Black-backed Gull: by far the dominant gull in the mid-Hudson area. At least 75 reported regularly at CB, more than twice the number of Herrings. 96 at PP July 25 were outnumbered by 125 Ring-bills. By Aug. 11 the Black-backs inc to 410, more than twice the Ring-bill count. Bonaparte's Gull: two CB Aug. 8; one PP Aug. 11. Common Tern: two over Hudson at KP July 9. First reported lower Hudson, two at PP Aug. 2. Inc to 20 by Aug. 5. Black Skimmer: one at PL Jul. 5 made the third annual appearance there.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Whip-poor-will: numbers low thru period. Common Night-hawk: residents in poor numbers, but migration in late Aug. was excellent. 19 over Newburgh Aug. 27; 31 over P'kpsie and 43 over Wawarsing same date. Chimney Swift: more than 300 over Stanfordville, Dutch Aug. 20 (FG). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: a pr regularly at feeder of FG in Clinton Corners thru June and July. A female there with two young dur Aug. No male obs. About ten at North Bay, Cruger's Is. Aug. 27. Obs from a canoe by AB. Pileated Woodpecker: almost none reported. Numbers must be low. Red-bellied Woodpecker: four at Pleasant Valley feeder thru July. Two had much brown color on the head. Red-headed Woodpecker: one PP July 9 (V. Schwartz).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Eastern Kingbird: numbers up after successful breeding; seven appeared to be migrating together in Dutch Aug. 29. Acadian Flycatcher: numbers too numerous to mention. Appeared on ten reports, often with as many as three birds.

Several nests reported. Willow Flycatcher: both this species and the Alder had an excellent breeding record. Several birds reported on most reports. A Willow and Alder were calling from opposite sides of the road at the N end of the Bashakill in early June (BS). Eastern Wood Pewee: numbers appear down. Olive-sided Flycatcher: moved thru early. First Aug. 1 at Wawarsing, at least two weeks early. Obs regularly there thru Aug. Swallows: Migration started about Jul. 1 in West. with a few Trees reported. By Jul. 18 in one two hour period, 400 Trees, 150 Banks and 100 Barns were obs at Rye. Purple Martin: only one of three sites was active in Dutch this season. House Wren: some reports indicate numbers down locally. Winter Wren: present thru Jun. at Sterling L, Oran. Brown Thrasher: unusually scarce in Oran. Only three sightings in the Middletown area thru Jun. and Jul. Hermit Thrush: three singing vic of Huntington L, Sull dur Jun. Two imm there Aug. 29. Elev 1,200 ft (Dick Guthrie). Two singing at Pound Ridge Jul. 2. Swainson's Thrush: first mig Aug. 16 Amenia. Eastern Bluebird: FG had 75 boxes out in the Clinton Corners area of Dutch. Fledged 198 young, 26 died in boxes. One box had young as late as Sept. 1. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: max. six Aug. 19 Pleasant Valley. One there Aug. 26-28 was late. Golden-crowned Kinglet: one Rye Jun 25 was probably a late migrant. One near Woodstock July 24 (FM). Cedar Waxwing: flocking by mid-Aug. Numbers good.

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: White-eyed Vireo: one Aug. 16 Amenia. Solitary Vireo: nest with 5 eggs (one cowbird) near Tuxedo (RS). Philadelphia Vireo: three reports from the P'kpsie area, two Aug. 24 and one Aug. 26 (MJK). Warbling Vireo: five Blaauvelt Swamp, Rock June 1; three Haverstraw Marsh June 10. Warblers: numbers exc in Dutch from mid-Aug. on. Worm-eating Warbler: one singing at Esopus June 15. First migrant near Wawarsing Aug. 7; two Pleasant Valley Aug. 19. Blue-winged Warbler: eight Aug. 16 at Amenia. "Brewster's" Warbler: one near Queensboro L PIP June 14. Obs again several days later (RS). "Lawrence's" Warbler: one Silver Mine L, PIP Jun. 11 (EDT). Tennessee Warbler: from Aug. 16 on the most common migrant warbler in Dutch. Nashville Warbler: first migrant Aug. 8 at Wawarsing. Four others thru end of Aug. in Dutch. No. Parula: three Aug. 24-26 at P'kpsie (MJK). Magnolia Warbler: a singing male at Rockland, Sull Co. Jul. 2 (Tom Davis). Five near P'kpsie Aug. 22. Cape May Warbler: first four near Pleasant Valley Aug. 19 and six near LaGrange Aug. 26 and seven near P'kpsie Aug. 24. Yellow-rumped Warbler: first migrant Aug. 7 near Wawarsing. Very early. Cerulean Warbler: six singing near the Long Mt. Parking area, PIP Jun. 14 (RFD). Several reports of nesting birds in Dutch and Oran. **YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** a singing male resident at Sterling L thru first week of Jul. (RS). Blackpoll Warbler: a late bird Jun. 7 at Millbrook School. Pine Warbler: a singing bird at Cuddebackville, Oran Jun. 11 (BS, EDT). Palm Warbler: first mig Aug. 19 in Dutch, early. Mourning Warbler: a singing male near Turnwood, Ulst Jul. 3 (Tom Davis). Yellow-breasted Chat: single males found at Manhattanville Col. and Westchester Co. Airport Jun. 25. Wilson's Warbler: first mig 2 Aug. 19 Dutch. Six other birds to end of period near P'kpsie. Canada Warbler: KJM found three along road from Olive Bridge to Sundown in Ulster.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: 12 at SUNY Campus at Purchase Jun. 25 was up from the one pr found there last year. Red-winged Blackbird: flocking by mid-Jun. in Newburgh. 125 there Jun. 17. Orchard Oriole: an imm male near P'kpsie Aug. 20 and another near Queensboro L, PIP Jun. 16. Purple Finch: numbers very low. Two near Bedford Jun. 25 was the only West report. The Waterman June census had only three in Dutch as opposed to 101 House Finches. Savannah Sparrow: 12 Blue Chip Farm, Wallkill Jun. 27. Grasshopper: one Westbrookeville Jun. 18, inc. to two by Jul. 1 (KJM). Two at Galeville Airport Jul. 16 (FM, AB). Sharp-tailed Sparrow: two pr at MC in late Jun. Field Sparrow: an impressive flock of 20-25 near Welch L on Aug. 2. White-throated Sparrow: one quite late at MC on Jun. 25.

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