

pr near Pkpsie were feeding young just out of the nest on Sept. 24. **BLUE GROSBEAK:** an imm male was at Dobbs Ferry Oct. 9. Indigo Bunting: last report along Mine Rd., USMA Sept. 28. Dickcissel: an imm male Oct. 9 was the second year in a row at the Dobbs Ferry Waterfront. An imm female at a feeder in White Plains Oct. 15-22. Evening Grosbeak: first report six in Dutch Oct. 18. Max 300 there Oct. 31. Most reports were of birds flying over. Very few at feeders thru period. Purple Finch: max 40 Sept. 24 Holiday Hills, Dutch. Few others reported. House Finch: everywhere! Dozens reported at every feeder. Some people have started trapping and releasing them elsewhere much as they did with House Sparrows years ago. Pine Grosbeak: two at Balsam Lake Mt. Nov. 16 was the only report. Pine Siskin: (see introductory comments). Rufous-sided Towhee: a large movement was reported thru the Bashakill on Oct. 18. Savannah Sparrow: seven at WSF Oct. 4 inc to 13 by Oct. 12. Dark-eyed Junco: first reported at Croton Sept. 15. Numbers low at end of period. Tree Sparrow: arr Nov. 1 in most areas—numbers low. Chipping Sparrow: last two Oct. 18 at Cary Arboretum. White-crowned Sparrow: an exceptionally good fall movement—reported in numbers from all areas. Lincoln's Sparrow: first at Dobb's Ferry Sept. 29. Two there thru Oct. Last one there Nov. 5. **LAPLAND LONGSPUR:** more than usual. One WSF Nov. 8 and another at Ashokan Nov. 9 and two at Blue Chip Farm, Walkill Nov. 23. One near Miller-ton Nov. 23. Snow Bunting: 35 at Upper Grand View Nov. 19. Eight at Dobbs Ferry Nov. 2. Two at WSF Oct. 21 inc to 20 by Oct. 28. Two at Ashokan Oct. 27 inc to more than 200 by Nov. 1 and 300 by Nov. 15.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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The mean temperature during most of the fall averaged three degrees below normal. After a dry period at the end of the summer, precipitation was an inch above average during October, and close to average in November. Winds were from the northwest on nine days during the period, producing modest hawk flights along the beaches on six of the days. Several days with winds from the west also produced moderate flights. No big flights occurred.

The fall passed with the familiar stages evident. Most Common Terns had left the area by the first week in September. Early September saw movements of *Empidonax* flycatchers and warblers along the beaches. Phoebees were evident by September 24th. The first Canada Geese were moving thru September 27th and 28th. The end of that month also brought the beginning of a widespread westward flight of Double-crested Cormorants moving past Great Gull Island where observers remained until November 23rd this year. Over 600 cormorants passed on September 29th, and the birds continued to be seen through October 17th when over 1,000 were seen. A minimum of 2,800 were noted during the period. Blue Jays were noted in large numbers September 24th at Spuyten Duyvil, and on October 3rd on Great Gull. October 5th brought the first influx of "Myrtle" Warblers and sparrows to Great Gull Island. Over 450 "Myrtles" and 100 Common Flickers were seen in one hour of observation at Riis Park on October 8th. An enormous flight of Pine Siskins started in early October along the beaches. On the 13th, 1,400 were counted in three and a half hours; over 1,000 were seen

November 2nd as the birds kept coming. Whatever the signal for departure is, every siskin in Canada must have heard it. Mid-October brought large flocks of geese to eastern Long Island and extensive arrival of "Myrtle" Warblers. All observers noted large numbers of White-crowned Sparrows by the end of October. Early November brought flocks of Snow Geese all day at Great Gull, the first Purple Sandpipers, the first Snow Buntings and two Common Redpolls. Huge numbers of Red-winged Blackbirds hurried westward along the Jones Beach strip. Mid-November was marked by Gannet movement westward along the beaches, and a winter storm brought six Harlequin Ducks to Great Gull November 18th, a few days before the observers departed in search of Thanksgiving dinner. By the end of November a few sea ducks had begun to congregate at Montauk and the fall seemed over. Overall it was an interesting fall season, much better than last year with more diversity to reward the field observer.

Rarities for the season include White-faced Ibis, White-fronted Goose, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Boat-tailed Grackle, and Black-headed Grosbeak.

Positive notes in an interesting fall season include a good flight of Buff-breasted Sandpipers, good numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches, siskins, and goldfinches; White-crowned Sparrows were in substantial numbers, Veeries seemed plentiful, Snow Geese in greater than usual numbers, a good Canada Goose flight peaked in mid-October, large numbers of Red-winged Blackbirds in early November, Canvasback numbers up.

Negative observations were Horned Grebes low, Swainson's and Hermit Thrushes only fair, very few Gray-cheeked Thrushes noted, few Winter Wrens and Brown Creepers, Sapsuckers low, sparrows other than White-crowned low, Tree Sparrows late and in small numbers on eastern Long Island, Vesper Sparrows continue low.

HAWK WATCHES

Three hawk watches were maintained within city limits this year: the Moses Mountain watch on Staten Island, one at the New York Botanical Gardens, and another on the beach at Breezy Point, Brooklyn. Watching at the New York Botanical Gardens offers certain advantages to local birders according to participants; it's close to public transportation, there is no hard climb to reach the top, and there are benches to sit on when you get there. Rest rooms are close by as are eating facilities and shelter, and the company is good-spirited. The watch was fully manned most days through September, October and well into November, by a congenial group who "relax, have fun, and get our share of birds." Results from these watches are in the detailed observations.

PELAGIC TRIPS FOR WHALES AND BIRDS

This summer and part of the fall, the Okeanos Research Foundation ran up to four trips a week to seek cetaceans south of Montauk Point. Their success rate during the summer was high because they used a spotter plane to help locate the whales. Usually a good number of pelagic birds and gulls are drawn by the same or related food sources that attract the whales. Finback and Humpback whales were regularly observed, sometimes almost at arm's length. Minke Whales, Spotted Dolphins, Saddle-backed Dolphins, and sea turtles were also found.

Table 1 lists the birds that were seen on trips that carried birders. The trips ranged from three or four miles to about thirty miles south of Montauk Point with an average distance of fifteen to seventeen miles.

TABLE 1
A Summary of Pelagic Birds seen on 1980 Whale Trips

Species	6/28	7/13	7/18	8/13	8/23	8/30	9/12	9/13	10/4	10/11
Northern Fulmar									1	1
Sooty Shearwater	20	40	10		4					
Greater Shearwater	100	900+	40	8	75	250	6	10	11	
Cory's Shearwater	100	100+	350	440	300	200	70	165	34	42
Manx Shearwater	3		2	2	4		1			
Audubon's Shearwater	1?	(had dark undertail coverts)								
Wilson's Storm-Petrel			500	200	625		1			
Gannet	1				1			1	1	6
Northern Phalarope				6			1			
Phalarope sp?							20			
South Polar Skua			1							
Pomarine Jaeger					1			3		
Parasitic Jaeger								1		
Black-legged Kittiwake						2 (imm)			1	1
Common Tern				3		6	4			
Arctic Tern				1 (ad)	1 (ad)					

Observers: 6/28, APC; 7/13 APC; 7/18 APC, BJS; 8/13 DWC, BJS; 8/23 DWC, BJS; 8/30 BJS; 9/12 BJS; 9/13 BJS, GSR, DL, RA; 10/4 J. Siphron; 10/11 G. and M. Dreameaux.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Both loons, and Horned Grebes seemed poorly represented in most localities. An exception was a concentration of 20 Com. Loons, one Red-throated Loon, and one Red-necked Grebe Nov. 18 at the Morton Neck Wildlife Refuge (J. Larsen). Three Cory's Shearwaters at Montauk Oct. 13 were late (DL). A small black and white shearwater seen from Jones Beach Nov. 1 seems likely to have been a Manx (EL, Soffer). Gannets moved in some numbers during Nov. with 30+ off Shinnecock Nov. 8 (DL) and 40 there Nov. 15 (JC). The first report of Great Cormorants other than the individual seen at Jamaica Bay on Labor Day weekend, was five from Glen Cove, on Long Island Sound, Oct. 11 (AL). About 30 were present at their winter location off Sands Point by Oct. 28. Thirty to eighty were around Great Gull from Oct. through late Nov. (JDiC). A breeding season report of 100 pairs of Double-crested Cormorants nesting on Fisher's Island was received (*vide* J. Bull). A Great Egret was in an uncommon location at Spuyten Duyvil Sept. 5 (WS). The last Great Egret was seen at Mount Sinai Oct. 9, and at Hook Pond Oct. 13 (DL). A Snowy Egret at Shinnecock Nov. 11 was on the late side (GSR, RA). A Yellow-crowned Night Heron at Upton Oct. 7 and 8 was the last reported (JC). At least one WHITE-FACED IBIS lingered until

Sept. 3 at Jamaica Bay (R. Lewis). A Whistling Swan at Jamaica Bay Nov. 1 was rare in that location; four were at Hook Pond Nov. 28 (DL). Brant moved into the Region around Oct. 4 (DL); their numbers built up through the period. An adult **WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE** of the western race was present at Wainscott Oct. 19 (R. Hines). An imm. was found Nov. 23 at Jamaica Bay and remained in the area through the period (DR, THD, *et al.*). Snow Geese were reported in above average numbers this fall from many locations. Max. counts included 500 at Riis Park Oct. 11 (P. W. Post), and 600 at Jones Beach Oct. 15 (L. Shore, J. & J. P. Latil), and 800+ on Nov. 3 over Great Gull (JDiC). Pintails arrived Sept. 23 at Mt. Sinai with 20 present (DL). Thirty Green-winged Teal were in the same location Sept. 10. Drake European Wigeons were reported from several locations: two were at Southaven Park Oct. 29-Nov. 15 (JC, DL, RA), where one stayed through the period. Single birds were reported from Halsey's Pond in Mecox Oct. 24, 30 (GSR), and Nov. 28 (DL). Another was in Center Moriches Nov. 13 (JC) and Nov. 15 (DL), one at Hempstead Lake Nov. 9 (S. Yeaton), and one was at Jamaica Bay in early Nov. Canvasbacks were present in better numbers this year than in recent years. Their numbers had built up to 375 at Jerome Reservoir in the Bronx by Nov. 25 (WS), and were said to outnumber Greater Scaup in most locations on eastern Long Island (DL). A drake and five female Harlequin Ducks arrived in a storm Nov. 18 on Great Gull (G. Meyer) and through Nov. 20; only one was seen Nov. 21 (JDiC). A female Harlequin was seen at Jones Beach Dec. 2 (DL). A King Eider was found at Montauk Nov. 16 (A. & T. Townsend). A high count of 385 Ruddy Ducks at Jerome Reservoir Nov. 25 surpassed numbers of recent years (WS). A good count of 58 Hooded Mergansers was made at Jamaica Bay Nov. 29 (W. Reilly, M. Stapleton, G. Dadone). Four female Com. Mergansers at Lake Panamoka on Dec. 1 were early (DL).

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vultures were reported from Poxabogue Oct. 13 (DL), Jamaica Bay the same day, and from Calverton Oct. 30 (JC). Goshawks appeared in scattered locations through the Region during the latter part of Oct. Two were at Muttontown Oct. 19 (AL). Sharp-shinned Hawks moved in good numbers along the beaches during Oct. with 331 reported from Fire Island (C. Safina); 1,522 were recorded for the season at the N.Y. Botanical Gardens watch, and 1,150 at Moses Mountain, Staten Island. Seventeen Cooper's Hawks were noted at the Botanical Gardens; 22 recorded at Moses Mountain. Five Cooper's were observed at Breezy Point, four at Fire Island (C. Safina). Single birds were at Spuyten Duyvil Sept. 24 (WS), Mecox Oct. 29 and Nov. 16 (DL). A Cooper's Hawk was banded on Fire Island Oct. 26 (D. Ford). Red-shouldered Hawks were reported from Port Washington Nov. 30 (H. Roth), and from Glen Cove Nov. 30 (AL). Six were on the N.Y. Botanical Gardens tally, two at Moses Mountain. Rough-legged Hawks were present in greater numbers than the last few winters. An early Rough-legged was seen in Calverton Oct. 13 (DL); at least two individuals were present along the Jones Beach strip (PG, GSR, *et al.*). One was at Baiting Hollow Nov. 23 (JC). An imm. Golden Eagle was reported as follows: Oct. 13 in Bellport (W. Graves), Nov. 12 at Moses Mountain (R. Claremont, RZE, *et al.*), Nov. 13 Central Islip (R. Ostrowski), one on the N.Y. Botanical Gardens Watch (SH). An adult Bald Eagle was seen at Fort Tilden Oct. 3 (H. Richard) and an imm. was at Jamaica Bay Oct. 21 (L. Shore); a total of three were on the N.Y. Botanical Gardens count. Marsh Hawks seemed in average to better than average numbers: 104 recorded at Breezy Point, 89 at Moses Mountain, 67 from the N.Y. Botanical Gardens, and 259 from Fire Island (C. Safina). A total of 270 Ospreys passed Breezy Point during the fall. Fewer Peregrine Falcons were reported than during last year's banner flight, yet numbers remained encouraging. A Peregrine trapped in Oct. by C. Safina carried a Danish band; inquiry proved that the bird was banded in Greenland as a nestling in July. Five Peregrines were reported from Jones Beach Oct. 5 (AW, H. Hirshbein), six were seen from Moses Mountain, seven at the N.Y. Botanical Gardens, eight at Breezy Point, and 19 on Fire Island (C. Safina). Single birds were at Riis Park Oct. 8 (WS), Jamaica Bay Nov. 11 and 17 (*fide* L. Shore). Merlins numbered 39 at Moses Mountain, seven at the N.Y. Botanical Gardens, 113 at Breezy Point, and 308 on Fire Island (C. Safina). They were widely reported throughout the Region particularly along the

beaches. A total of 1,531 Am. Kestrels was reported from Breezy Point, 725 at the N.Y. Botanical Gardens, 218 at Moses Mountain, and 344 from Fire Island (C. Safina). A misplaced imm. Virginia Rail was observed running down Madison Ave. near 35th St. during the evening rush hour Sept. 11 (*vide* THD). A Sora was in Sea Cliff Oct. 2 (BJS). Rails were otherwise unreported except for two or three Clapper Rails at Jamaica Bay toward the end of Nov. (*vide* L. Shore). Twelve Am. Oystercatchers were seen at Shinnecock Oct. 4 (DL), six lingered until Nov. 2 (GSR). A Whimbrel was at Jamaica Bay Sept. 14 (R. Lewis). A max of 200 Greater Yellowlegs with a few Lessers mixed in was seen at the Goethals Bridge pond on Staten Island Oct. 7 (GB). Twenty-six lingered until Nov. 27 at Hempstead Lake (EL). Three Am. Golden Plovers lingered until Nov. 23 at JFK airport (S. Chevalier); one was at Fire Island Oct. 31 (FF), two further east at Smith Point Nov. 13, and one there Nov. 20 (JC), 25 were at a sod farm at Miller Place on Oct. 31. Earlier records included 18 Sept. 1 at Riverhead (GSR). A big easterly storm brought 21 Red Knots to a Southampton driving range along with Black-bellied Plovers Nov. 28 (DL, RA). A concentration of over 100 Purple Sandpipers was present at Great Kills Park in Nov. (GB). Seven were at Shinnecock Nov. 16 and 24 at Jones Beach Nov. 27 (*vide* L. Shore). Two Baird's Sandpipers were at Jamaica Bay Sept. 13-14 (R. Lewis *et al.*), five at Mecox Sept. 19 (P. A. Buckley); one or two Baird's were at Jamaica Bay from early Oct. through Oct. 17. Three enormous flocks of over 1,000 Dunlin each were observed in the Jones Beach area Oct. 11 (BJS). Two sandpipers at Hempstead Lake Nov. 27 appeared to be Semipalmateds despite the late date (EL). A max of 200 Western Sandpipers was on the East Pond at Jamaica Bay Sept. 6 (J. Yrizarry). Better than average numbers of Buff-breasted Sandpipers were reported this year: seven were at Mitchell Field Sept. 6 (H. Roth), five at Jamaica Bay Sept. 13 (R. Lewis *et al.*), up to 13 (Aug. 30) Aug. 27-Sept. 21 at Sagaponack (AW, BJS, *et al.*), up to nine were at a sod farm in Eastport through Sept. 21 (AW), seven were at Miller Field, S.I., Sept. 1 (R. Clermont). Up to five Marbled Godwits were at Jamaica Bay in early Sept. One lingered to Nov. 30; two were at Zach's Bay on Jones Beach Sept. 25 (AW). A single Hudsonian Godwit lingered at Jamaica Bay Nov. 7 (*vide* D. Riepe). A late Am. Avocet was present at Jamaica Bay Oct. 16-19. An imm. Red Phalarope was there Sept. 27-28; another was seen on the Block Canyon pelagic trip Sept. 20. A No. Phalarope Sept. 16-17 was a rare sighting for the North Shore area (D. Thompson, H. McClure, BJS). A Wilson's Phalarope was found Sept. 13 at the Goethals Bridge pond (W. and N. Siebenheller). A max of 30 Pomarine Jaegers was observed Sept. 20 on the Federation Block Canyon trip. A Glaucous Gull in second-year plumage was reported from Jamaica Bay Sept. 13 (R. Lewis), and one was found at Great Kills S.I. Oct. 11 where it was present off and on for two weeks (GB, B. Schiefer, RZE). An adult Iceland Gull (*kumlieni* race) was at Great Kills Aug. 24 (R. Clermont *et al.*); a first year bird was at Sagaponack Oct. 29 (GSR, DL). The adult *kumlieni* returned on Dec. 7 to its Jones Beach restaurant post for the fourth successive winter. It can best be found there in the afternoon. A sub-adult Lesser Black-backed Gull was at Great Kills Park Aug. 24 (R. Clermont *et al.*). An adult was found at Montauk Oct. 23 (AJL). A high count of Ring-billed Gulls was reached Sept. 21 at Jerome Reservoir with 1,013 present. Ten percent were first year birds. A fully adult Andean Gull, a known escape, returned with the Ringed-bills (WS). An imm. Black-headed Gull was sighted at Jones Beach Nov. 29 (AJL). The high count of Laughing Gulls at Mt. Sinai Sept. 23 was 225. A small number summer here, with no evidence of nesting. Twenty were left there Oct. 25 (DL). Fewer than usual were at Jerome Reservoir Oct. 18 with 101 counted (WS). An imm. Little Gull was seen by many observers Aug. 16 at Jamaica Bay. A max of 200+ Black-legged Kittiwakes was at Montauk on Nov. 28 in a strong easterly gale (DL). A max of 25 Forster's Terns was at Poxabogue Pond Sept. 6; a late Forster's was seen at Shinnecock Inlet Nov. 1 (DL). Royal Terns were regular at Mecox and Shinnecock Inlet, but less numerous than in some recent years; 22 were at the Inlet Oct. 12 (GSR), 25 at Mecox Oct. 13 (DL); the last reported were three at the Inlet Nov. 8 (DL). A single Royal Tern was seen at Great Kills Oct. 11 (GB, B. Schiefer). An adult and an imm. Caspian Tern were seen by many at Jamaica Bay Aug. 26-Sept. 1.

Three Caspians were at Mecox Bay Sept. 9 (AJL), four at Jones Beach Oct. 12 (C. Ward). No Black Terns were "seen or heard of" on eastern L.I. (GSR), a big change from last year's numbers. Eleven Black Terns were at Prince's Bay S.I. in early Sept. (W. & N. Siebenheller).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: A Yellow-billed Cuckoo Oct. 12 at Tiana Beach was on the late side (JC). Two Barn Owls were reported at Cedar Beach Nov. 16 (WL). A single bird was there Nov. 22 (WL), and Dec. 2 (DL). A single Barn Owl was found at Jones Beach Oct. 30 (AW). Three Screech Owls were in Glen Cove: one at Garvies Point Sept. 28 (BJS), Oct. 5 (RC), and two at Welwyn Oct. 14 (AL). Snowy Owls were reported as follows: one Nov. 10 at Gilgo Beach (*fide* FF), Nov. 15 Howard Beach (D. Riepe), two Nov. 16 Great Kills Park S.I. where one remained until Nov. 29 (GB, B. Schiefer, RZE), one at Jamaica Bay Nov. 18 (*fide* D. Riepe). A Snowy was at Great Gull Nov. 20 (JDiC), a single bird was at JFK airport Nov. 21 (S. Chevalier); two different birds were found there Nov. 23 by the same observer. Many observers saw a Snowy at Jones Beach between Nov. 23-30. An individual was at Fire Island Nov. 23 (D. Ford). Sightings at Westhampton Beach Nov. 26, 27, 29 involved at least two individuals, one a very dark bird. Another Snowy was at Tobay Nov. 26 (PG), another at Shinnecock Inlet Nov. 29 (H. McGuinness) and Nov. 30 (*fide* GSR). The same day a Snowy was at Moriches Inlet (G. Tudor, *et al.*). It is likely that some duplication in these sightings exists as these owls move up and down the outer beaches. Two Long-eared Owls were found at Cedar Beach Nov. 11 (WL). Four Short-eared Owls were at the west end of Jones Beach Nov. 5 (D. Thompson, *et al.*). Two Short-eareds were seen at Jones Beach Nov. 8 (G. & M. Dremeaux), two at Jamaica Bay Nov. 16 (*fide* L. Shore), one at Tobay Nov. 17 (S. Yeaton), another there Nov. 27. A single Short-eared was at Jamaica Bay Nov. 13 (W. Reilly, M. Stapleton), and one in Cupsogue the same day (JC). Two Saw-whet Owls were banded on Great Gull, one Oct. 20 and the other Nov. 19 (JDiC). Saw-whet Owls were found along the Jones Beach strip Oct. 30 (AW), Nov. 15 (W. Reilly, G. Dadone), Nov. 23 at Gilgo (AJL), and Nov. 16 at Cedar Beach (WL). A late Whip-poor-will was banded on Great Gull Oct. 15 (JDiC). One hundred-forty Com. Nighthawks were seen at Baiting Hollow Sept. 1 (GSR). The observer mentioned that no Aug. birds were seen which was unusual. Small groups of nighthawks were seen through the middle of the month with 11, Sept. 21 at Manorville and 11 at Wading River the same day (GSR). Ten nighthawks were at Stonybrook Sept. 22 (DL) while 100 flew by in one hour on Sept. 14 at the Moses Mountain watch (BG *et al.*). A nighthawk roosting on a television antenna in Sea Cliff Sept. 19 was a treat to the observer and permitted rooftop photography (BJS). Two Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were seen at Jones Beach Sept. 7 (EL), and another at Tiana Beach Sept. 26 (DL). Over 100 Com. Flickers per hour were passing Riis Park on Oct. 8 (WS). Red-bellied Woodpeckers were widely distributed on the north shore, but one in Manorville Nov. 22 through the period was unusual (GSR). A Red-headed Woodpecker was seen on Fire Island Oct. 10 (RA); an adult was found at Jones Beach Sept. 7 (EL, AW, *et al.*). Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers seemed scarce this fall.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLING: Western Kingbirds were present in fewer numbers than in recent years: one was seen Sept. 7 at Jones Beach (CW), many saw a bird in Central Park Sept. 14-15, a report came from Jamaica Bay Sept. 24 (R. Jeffers), another from Fort Tilden Sept. 24 (H. Richard), there was a second Jones Beach report Oct. 12 (CW), and one from Fire Island Oct. 13 completed the list. Some duplication in these reports seems likely. A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was seen at Upton Sept. 9 (GSR). A late date was set for a Yellow-bellied when a bird was netted at Tobay Nov. 2 (AJL). An *Empidonax* species also seen on Nov. 2 in Glen Cove was very green-backed and appeared to be an Acadian, an impression supported by examination of museum skins (RC, BJS). A late Least Flycatcher was banded on Oct. 3 on Great Gull (JDiC). Three Olive-sided Flycatchers were seen Aug. 18 in Forest Park (G. Tudor). Single birds were reported Sept. 7 at Jones Beach (EL), and Sept. 9 at Upton (GSR). Tree Swallows gather in great numbers in our Region prior to moving further south; 5,000 were present at Great Kills Park Oct. 11 (GB *et al.*). A big flight of Red-

breasted Nuthatches developed this fall with the first arriving Aug. 23 at scattered locations. A heavy flight of Blue Jays was seen Sept. 24 at Spuyten Duyvil with 350+ observed in ten minutes over the Hudson River (WS). A very late House Wren was found Nov. 27 at Hempstead Lake (EL). An imm. Carolina Wren in Forest Park Sept. 11 was in an unusual location (G. Tudor *et al.*). A Short-billed Marsh Wren Oct. 5 at Riis Park was the only one reported this fall (R. Kelly). E. Bluebirds were reported as follows: one at Upton Oct. 1 (JC), three at Manorville Oct. 21 (GSR), nine the same day at Upton (JC) where eight remained Oct. 28; six were at Sagaponack Oct. 29 (GSR, DL). Loggerhead Shrikes were sparsely reported: one was seen Sept. 13 at Mecox (L. Shore), one Sept. 17 at Manorville (GSR), and a third Nov. 23 at JFK airport (S. Chevalier).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: A Yellow-throated Vireo was banded Sept. 20 on Great Gull (JDiC), another was seen in Glen Cove Oct. 5 (BJS). Three Philadelphia Vireos were banded on Great Gull, one Sept. 5, Sept. 11, and 13 (JDiC). Another was seen Sept. 24 at Spuyten Duyvil (WS). Two Warbling Vireos banded Aug. 28 and Sept. 7 were the first ones on Great Gull in nine years (JDiC). Late Black-and-white Warblers were seen Oct. 26 at Spuyten Duyvil (WS), Nov. 7 on Staten Island (B. Bouquie) and at Jamaica Bay Nov. 15 (G. & M. Dreameux). A rare fall report of Prothonotary Warbler was made by P. Polshek Sept. 14 at Montauk. A Worm-eating Warbler was netted in Manorville Sept. and another was seen there Sept. 7 (GSR). A female Golden-winged Warbler was seen Aug. 16 at Tobay (EL). "Brewster's" Warblers were reported Aug. 8 in S. Hempstead (EL), and Sept. 11 in Forest Park (G. Tudor). A late Tennessee Warbler was banded on Great Gull Oct. 30 where a freshly dead one was picked up Nov. 3 (JDiC). An Orange-crowned Warbler was banded on Great Gull Oct. 31 (JDiC). Another was at Mecox Oct. 29, and at Hither Hills the same day (DL). A late Yellow Warbler banded Oct. 7 on Great Gull was apparently of the eastern race, not the Alaskan race as might be suspected for a late bird. A Cape May Warbler Nov. 2 at Jones Beach was late (EL). "Myrtle" Warblers were present in great numbers on Fire Island and Jones Beach Oct. 11. Over 450 were seen Oct. 18 in one hour of observation at Riis Park (WS). A Black-throated Green Warbler Nov. 2 at Jones Beach was the latest report received (EL). A late female Blackburnian was banded Oct. 21 on Great Gull where a late Ovenbird was banded Oct. 27. The Ovenbird was still on the island Nov. 23 when the observer left (JDiC). Eight Blackpoll Warblers at Montauk Oct. 29 were on the late side (DL) as was one netted Nov. 2 at Tobay (AJL). Connecticut Warblers were reported Sept. 7 at Jones Beach (EL) and Oct. 7 at Sagaponack (AJL). A total of 14 Yellow-breasted Chats were banded on Great Gull during the fall: two Aug. 26, two Aug. 28, one Aug. 29, one Sept. 3, two Sept. 7, two Sept. 20 and one Sept. 23, Oct. 14, and Nov. 1 (JDiC). An Am. Redstart at Mecox Nov. 11 completes the list of late warblers (RA, GSR).

WEAVERS—SPARROWS: An adult male **YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD** was found at Mecox Sept. 21 (THD *et al.*); a female was there Sept. 27 (M. Cashman), and a female at Sagaponack Oct. 10 (AJL). Red-winged Blackbirds moved along the beaches and through the Bronx in large numbers in the latter part of Nov., late for the species. An adult female **BREWER'S BLACKBIRD** was found Nov. 9 in the same cow pasture in Mecox that produced the Yellow-headed Blackbirds earlier (A. Keith). Three female **BOAT-TAILED GRACKLES** were at Cow Meadow in Freeport Oct. 5 (AW) and fairly regularly thru Nov. 30 (AW, BJS, *et al.*). It is tempting to speculate that a pair bred somewhere in the area last summer? A male **BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK** was watched for several minutes Sept. 24 at Spuyten Duyvil (WS). A Blue Grosbeak was reported Oct. 12 from Fire Island where two were found Oct. 19 (R. Kelly). A max of three Dickcissels were seen at Montauk Point Sept. 21 (THD), while single individuals were reported from Jones Beach Sept. 5 (EL), and Sept. 11 (AW), and from Sagaponack Oct. 7 (AJL). Evening Grosbeaks moved along the beach in early Nov.; a max of 100 were seen at Tobay Nov. 2 (AJL). Eighteen were flying west along Fire Island Nov. 1 (GSR); groups of five or six birds were fairly widely reported at feeders on the north shore. Purple Finches were present in small numbers: 15 at Muttontown Oct. 20 (AL) and eight at Montauk Oct. 29 (DL) were the largest groups reported. Three Com.

Redpolls were banded early Nov. on Great Gull, were the only ones reported (JDiC). Pine Siskins moved in vast numbers along the south shore beaches starting about Oct. 4 and persisted through the first two weeks of Nov. flying in flocks of 15 or 20 to 75 birds. A total of 1,400 was seen in a period of three-and-a-half hours on Jones Beach and Fire Island Oct. 13 (BJS), and 1,000 moved past Tobay Nov. 2 (AJL). Siskins were much less in evidence on the north shore: 75 were seen at Muttontown Nov. 11 (AL) and 41 in Glen Cove (AL, L. Lindberg). No crossbills were reported. The first report of "Ipswich" Sparrow was one Oct. 29 at Mecox (GSR). One was banded on Great Gull Nov. 12. A well-described Henslow's Sparrow was seen in Mill Neck Oct. 27 (H. McClure). Vesper Sparrows were in very small numbers; three were at Muttontown Oct. 14 (AL), one at Upton Oct. 7 (JC). Lark Sparrows were found at Jones Beach Aug. 17 (AJL), Sept. 13 at Gilgo (R. O. Paxton), Sept. 28 at Fire Island (R. Kelly), Oct. 7 at Sagaponack (AJL), and Oct. 12 at Fire Island (WL). An imm Chipping Sparrow was at a feeder in Sea Cliff Nov. 29 (A. Bell). A big flight of White-crowned Sparrows was experienced along the Jones Beach strip with a max of 250 Oct. 24 (AJL). An adult of the Gambel's race was carefully studied Oct. 24 at Tobay (AJL). A group of 38 at Muttontown Oct. 14 was a large number for a North Shore location (AL). A few fall Lincoln's Sparrows were recorded: one Oct. 4 in Port Washington (BJS), one Oct. 23 in Upton (JC), one at Jerome Reservoir Nov. 2 (WS), and another was in the Port Washington sand pits Nov. 10. The first Lapland Longspurs on Staten Island appeared at Great Kills Park Oct. 27 (GB). Another Lapland Longspur was netted while passing through shrubby trees at Tobay Nov. 2 (AJL). Snow Buntings appeared in the Region during the last week of Oct. A count of 150 was at Smith Point on Fire Island in early Nov. (JC, DL), 100 at Jones Beach, and smaller flocks of 25 to 60 at points in between.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Endangered Species Unit of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is continuing their statewide nesting surveys of the Loggerhead Shrike and the Cooper's Hawk in an attempt to clarify their status in New York State. Information is needed on locations of nest sites (historical or presently active), reproductive success, and sightings of these species during the nesting season. Any data provided will be treated with the utmost discretion. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Please direct any information to:

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