

on one BBS yet four other areas had 16 or 17 in a day and other reports were positive. Perhaps the species was present but just not singing in the poorly-represented area on that date for some reason. A Bay-breasted Warbler was singing near the Bog River 16 June (CD). Blackpoll Warbler: good numbers; one near summit of Burgess Mountain near Indian Lake 3 July (M & BMcK); one at 2555 feet on Mt. Morris at Tupper 7 July (CD); six to eight at Sagamore Lake 28 June-12 July, unusual because not especially high elevation if they were breeding (JJH, FLA, CS). Several Pine Warblers were near Rouses Point 21 June (MG). A few No. Waterthrushes, lots of Canada Warblers and Am. Redstarts.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Unusual locations for Bobolink were one at Tupper Marsh and one 27 June at the Uncas estate. No. Oriole numbers continue good, plus the odd bird at different inland areas such as Indian Lake and Tupper. Six Rusty Blackbirds at Ferd's Bog 11 July. Scarlet Tanager counts were usually four to 11 in a day. This seems a bit low. A cat was probably the cause of a maimed juvenile Cardinal at Tupper. Blue Grosbeak: Dr. Hyla Walters at Tupper on 1 June had an Evening Grosbeak-sized blue bird with brown wings and grosbeak bill but it didn't stay long enough to be confirmed by others, which is unfortunate. Indigo Bunting was low in some areas such as Tupper, but high along Champlain. Evening Grosbeak was very scarce and there were no reports of Pine Siskin. There were about 20 Red Crossbills at Paul Smiths and one at Tupper. A White-winged Crossbill fed at a Tupper feeder 15-19 Aug. (AV, CD, Gordon Meade, M. Kingsbury). Single Rufous-sided Towhees were at Tupper, Rouses Point, and Speculator. 18 reports of Field Sparrow; Lincoln's Sparrow doing well and reported from Tupper, Ferd's Bog and Gabriels with breeding proved for Newcomb.

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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July was wet for a change, according to the local American Meteorological Society, with almost five inches of rain for the month. Temperatures averaged cool with July's minimum at 42° F. in Fulton County and maximum at 98° F. in Columbia County. The average cooler temperatures were probably no consolation to the many forest species trying to avoid the heat and drying of direct sunlight in their gypsy moth denuded woodlands. However, the winter-like landscape was indeed conducive to nest spotting. Some Broad-winged Hawk breeding confirmations were a direct result of this arthropods appalling appetite.

Cuckoo populations have responded to this larval abundance to the point that road kills have offered breeding confirmation. A female Yellow-billed Cuckoo with an egg in her oviduct was found near Columbia-Greene Community College where she opted to reside as a permanent member of the study skin collection. One of her drawer mates, also recently enrolled in the club, is a Common Flicker of apparently eclectic breeding since she is adorned with several red feathers in her tail and wings. Her exact origin remains a mystery since she arrived at CGCC via an unidentified bumper.

The Breeding Bird Atlas "green sheets" received by regional coordinator Dick

Guthrie, about 75 in number from nearly 40 observers, have supplied a majority of the data for this report. He points out that most of the work was done by individuals who are not active club birders and is pleased with this "grass-roots" support.

At least fourteen of the species missed in the confirmed category last year made it this year. They include Green Heron, Turkey Vulture, Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Screech Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Wood Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Horned Lark, Common Raven, Brown Creeper, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Mourning Warbler, and Savannah Sparrow.

Common Ravens were confirmed by separate observers while on U.S. Fish & Wildlife Breeding Bird Survey routes in Warren County. Dorothy McIlroy recorded FY (food for young) on the Speculator BBS and Dick Guthrie recorded FY on the North River BBS. He also recorded FL (fledged young) for Mourning Warbler the same day after detecting food calls.

The tendency to be remote makes confirmation of Turkey Vulture cause for excitement. Two downy young were found by George Gilmore on Rossman Hill in Schoharie County. He told Don Cooper on 5 July and Don found them still there on 12 July.

Species that still have eluded confirmation include Least Bittern, Cooper's Hawk, Bobwhite, Alder Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo, Henslow's and Swamp Sparrows. Observations of a pair of Ospreys on the Hudson River have Dick Guthrie hoping that they are nesting in Greene County. Confirmation of this species in our Region would be a significant highlight.

To the delight of rare bird watchers, a quiet residential neighborhood around East Park in Glens Falls hosted a Yellow-headed Blackbird this summer. According to local residents, he could be found on lawns periodically through much of July. He was last seen on the ides of August and attempts to relocate him on the sixteenth failed.

A correction for the last issue was pointed out recently. Ron LaForce's sighting of Connecticut Warbler was on 24 May at Little Bear Swamp.

Good Birding and may the Hoary Redpolls at your feeder refrain from harassing that lonely shrike on the fence row.

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Abbreviations: BBS—U.S. Fish & Wildlife Breeding Bird Survey; CO—Confirmed breeding; PR—Probable breeding; PO—Possible breeding from the Breeding Bird Atlas project. County names are also abbreviated.

LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: PR Ful. Co.: a bird migrating through Coxsackie on 23 Aug., two months ahead of schedule, didn't live to go any farther. Dick Guthrie speculates that acid rain resulting in too little food prompted this early and unsuccessful migration. Horned Grebe: s. Rens. Co. June (JC). Pied-billed Grebe: PO Wash. Co. Double-crested Cor-

morant: PO Gn. Co. Great Blue Heron: CO in Schn. and Scho. Cos. Green Heron: CO in Ful. and Mont. Cos. Great Egret: two Cossackie 2 Aug.; earliest report from Ghent 29 July. Black-crowned Night Heron: two imm. New Baltimore 18 Aug. Am. Bittern: PO Warn. and Wash. Cos. Mute Swan: one Hudson South Bay 13 Aug. (AD). Canada Goose: CO in Col. Co. Mallard: CO in ten counties, all but Rens. Co. Black Duck: CO in Ful. and Wash. Cos. Gadwall: PO Gn. Co. Pintail: PR Wash. Co. Green-winged Teal: PO Gn. and Wash. Cos. Blue-winged Teal: CO in Wash. Co. Wood Duck: CO in Alb., Gn., Warn. and Wash. Cos. Hooded Merganser: CO in Gn., Ful., Mont. and Wash. Cos. Com. Merganser: CO in Gn., Ful., Scho., Warn. and Wash. Cos.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: CO in Schoharie Co. town of Fulton with two downy young by George Gilmore 5 July (DC). Goshawk: CO in Alb. and Ful. Cos. Sharp-shinned Hawk: CO in Alb. and Scho. Cos. Cooper's Hawk: Ghent 15 July (B & HG); Rens. Co. Aug. (JC). Red-tailed Hawk: CO in all but Sar. Co. Red-shouldered Hawk: Speculator BBS in Warn. Co. 23 June (DM). Broad-winged Hawk: CO in Col., Gn., Ful. and Sar. Cos. Rough-legged Hawk: PR Scho. Co.; Chatham 24 July (V & BA). Marsh Hawk: PR Ful. and Schn. Cos. Osprey: PR Gn. Co. Am. Kestrel: CO in Alb., Gn., Ful., Mont., Rens., Schn. and Wash. Cos. Ruffed Grouse: CO in Alb., Gn., Ful., Mont., Warn. and Wash. Cos. Bobwhite: Rens. Co. (JC). Ring-necked Pheasant: CO in Alb. Co. Turkey: CO in Alb. and Gn. Cos. Virginia Rail: PO Alb. Co. Com. Gallinule: PR Alb. Co. Killdeer: CO in Alb., Col., Gn., Ful., Schn., Warn. and Wash. Cos. Am. Woodcock: CO in Alb. and Ful. Cos. Com. Snipe: CO in Ful. Co. Upland Sandpiper: PO Gn., Mont. and Wash. Cos.; ten observed migrating through Mont. Co. 3 Aug. (TP). Spotted Sandpiper: CO in Alb., Gn., Ful. and Mont. Cos.; fledglings were banded at Cossackie Res. and Embough Bay 5 July (RPG). Lesser Yellowlegs: Ghent 21 July; Res. Co. Aug. Pectoral Sandpiper: Taghkanic 25 July (KD & EG). Great Black-backed Gull: PO Gn. Co. Herring Gull: PO Gn., Ful. and Warn. Cos. Ring-billed Gull: PO Gn. and Mont. Cos.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Rock Dove: CO in Alb., Gn., Ful., Mont. and Schn. Cos. Mourning Dove: CO in Alb., Col., Gn., Rens., Schn., Warn. and Wash. Cos. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: CO in Col. Co. Black-billed Cuckoo: PR in seven cos. Barn Owl: PO Gn. and Wash. Cos. Screech Owl: CO in Alb., Gn. and Scho. Cos. Great Horned Owl: CO in Alb., Ful., Schn. and Scho. Cos. Barred Owl: PR in five cos. Saw-whet Owl: PO Sar. Co. Whip-poor-will: CO in Ful. Co. Com. Nighthawk: CO in Scho. Co. Chimney Swift: CO in Alb. and Gn. Cos. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: CO in Gn. Co. Belted Kingfisher: CO in Alb., Col., Gn., Ful., Mont., Rens. and Warn. Cos. Com. Flicker: CO in Alb., Col., Gn., Ful., Mont., Schn. and Wash. Cos. Pileated Woodpecker: CO in Alb., Col., Sar. and Schn. Cos. Red-headed Woodpecker: CO in Gn. and Mont. Cos. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: CO in Alb., Gn., Ful. and Warn. Cos. Hairy Woodpecker: CO in Alb., Ful., Mont., Sar. and Warn. Cos. Downy Woodpecker: CO in Alb., Gn., Mont., Sar., Schn., Warn. and Wash. Cos.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: E. Kingbird: CO in all but Sar. and Wash. Cos. Great Crested Flycatcher: CO in Alb., Mont. and Warn. Cos. E. Phoebe: CO in all but Scho. and Schn. Cos. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: PR Gn. Co. Willow Flycatcher: CO in Mont. Co. Alder Flycatcher: CO in Mont. Co.; two North River BBS 28 June. Least Flycatcher: CO on Alb. and Ful. Cos.; 19 North River BBS 28 June. Horned Lark: CO in Sar. Co.; one Mont. Co. 13 July. Tree Swallow: CO in all but Sar. and Scho. Cos. Bank Swallow: CO in Col., Gn., Mont., Rens., Schn. and Warn. Cos. Rough-winged Swallow: observed with fecal sac on Schoharie Creek at Toepath Mt. (DC). Barn Swallow: CO in all but Rens., Sar. and Schn. Cos. Cliff Swallow: CO in Gn., Ful. and Warn. Cos. Purple Martin: CO in Wash. Co. Blue Jay: CO in all but Sar. and Scho. Cos. **COM. RAVEN:** CO in Warn. Co. (RPG & DM). Com. Crow: CO in all but Sar. and Scho. Cos. Fish Crow: New Baltimore June. Black-capped Chickadee: CO in all but Rens., Scho. and Wash. Cos. Tufted Titmouse: CO Alb., Gn., Schn., and Warn. Cos. White-breasted Nuthatch: CO in all but Sar. and Scho. Cos. Red-breasted Nuthatch: CO in Schn., Sar. and Warn. Cos.; present thru the summer at the Powell Sanctu-

ary in Old Chatham (KD & EG). Brown Creeper: CO in Ful., Mont., Sar. and Schn. Cos. House Wren: CO in Alb., Col., Gn., Ful., Mont., Rens. and Warn. Cos. Winter Wren: PR Ful. and Warn. Cos. Carolina Wren: occasionally heard in its preferred tangle in New Baltimore. Long-billed Marsh Wren: one Embough Bay Catskill 20 June (RPG). Mockingbird: CO in Alb., Col., Rens., Mont., Schn. and Wash. Cos. Gray Catbird: CO in all but Sar., Scho. and Wash. Cos. Brown Thrasher: CO in Alb., Col., Gn., Ful. and Wash. Cos. Am. Robin: CO in all but Sar. Co. Wood Thrush: CO in Alb., Col., Ful., Mont., Rens., Warn. and Wash. Cos. Hermit Thrush: CO in Ful. and Warn. Cos. Swainson's Thrush: Old Chatham 24 Aug. (KD & EG). Veery: CO in Alb., Mont. and Warn. Cos. E. Bluebird: CO in all but Col., Sar. and Scho. Cos. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: CO in Alb. and Saratoga National Historical Park 13 June. Golden-crowned Kinglet: PR Scho. Co. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: PO Wash. Co. Cedar Waxwing: CO in all but Sar., Scho. and Wash. Cos. Starling: CO throughout the Region.

VIREOS-WARBLED: Yellow-throated Vireo: PR Scho. and Wash. Cos. Solitary Vireo: PR Ful. and Scho. Cos. Red-eyed Vireo: CO in Col., Alb. and Mont. Cos.; very low numbers at New Baltimore but 55 on North River BBS. Philadelphia Vireo: Pair of birds reported in Cole Hollow Scho. Co. 7 June (DC); Ghent 28 Aug. (B & HG). Warbling Vireo: CO in Alb., Col. and Warn. Cos. Black-and-white Warbler: CO in Gn. and Warn. Cos. **WORM-EATING WARBLER:** two near Cairo 20 June (RPG). Golden-winged Warbler: CO in Gn. Co. Blue-winged Warbler: CO in Alb., Col., Gn., Mont. and Schn. Cos. Tennessee Warbler: Ghent 18 Aug (B & HG). Nashville Warbler: one North River BBS 28 June. No. Parula: one North River BBS 28 June. Yellow Warbler: CO in all but Scho. and Wash. Cos. Magnolia Warbler: singing male Speculator BBS in Warn. Co. Black-throated Blue Warbler: CO in Warn. Co. Yellow-rumped Warbler: CO in Sar. Co. Black-throated Green Warbler: CO in Alb. Co. **CERULEAN WARBLER:** five singing males on Bouck's Island in Schoharie Co. on 22 May. Last heard 12 July. No nest seen since 1977 (DC). Blackburnian Warbler: PR Ful., Scho. and Warn. Cos. Chestnut-sided Warbler: CO in Alb., Gn., Ful., Mont. and Warn. Cos. Prairie Warbler: CO in Col. Co. Ovenbird: CO in Ful., Mont., Rens. and Wash. Cos.; numbers reported up greatly in Greene Co. No. Waterthrush: CO in Ful. Co. Louisiana Waterthrush: CO in Alb., Schn. and Warn. Cos. **MOURNING WARBLER:** CO in Warn. Co. Com. Yellow-throat: CO throughout the Region. Canada Warbler: CO in Sar. Co.; ten max. North River BBS. Am. Redstart: CO in Gn., Ful., Mont. and Warn. Cos.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: House Sparrow: CO throughout the Region; Bud Melick of New Baltimore captured an all white juvenal and plans breeding experiments to artificially produce a white population. Bobolink: CO in Alb., Gn., Mont. and Wash. Cos. E. Meadowlark: CO in Alb., Gn., Mont., Schn., Scho. and Wash. Cos. **YELLOW-HEADED BLACK-BIRD:** Glens Falls July-Aug. Only two others ever reported in our Region. Red-winged Blackbird: CO throughout the Region. No. Oriole: CO throughout the Region. Rusty Blackbird: PO Warn. Co. Com. Grackle: CO throughout the Region. Brown-headed Cowbird: CO Ful. and Scho. Cos. Scarlet Tanager: CO in Alb., Col., Gn., Mont., Sar. and Warn. Cos. Cardinal: CO in Alb., Col., Gn., Mont., Sar. and Warn. Cos. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: CO in all but Gn., Scho. and Wash. Cos. Indigo Bunting: CO in Alb., Col., Mont., Sar., Scho. and Wash. Cos. Evening Grosbeak: PR Warn. and Wash. Cos. Purple Finch: CO in Ful., Sar. and Warn. Cos.; RY banded 743 Apr.-Aug. and observed FY as late as 16 Aug. House Finch: CO in Alb., Col., Mont., Rens., Schn. and Warn. Cos. **PINE SISKIN:** Hagle Hill 6-21 June (V & BA); Jenny Lake 28 June (RY); Warn. Co. 8 July. Am. Goldfinch: CO in Alb., Gn., Ful., Warn. and Wash. Cos. **RED CROSSBILL:** PO Schn. Co.; Jenny Lake Sar. Co. 28 June. Warn. Co. 8 July. Rufous-sided Towhee: CO in Alb., Gn., Ful., Rens. and Schn. Cos. Savannah Sparrow: CO in Gn., Mont., Rens. and Schn. Cos. Grasshopper Sparrow: PR Gn. Co. Vesper Sparrow: CO in Wash. Co. Dark-eyed Junco: CO in Alb., Ful., Rens., Sar., Schn., and Warn. Cos. Chipping Sparrow: CO in Alb., Col., Gn., Ful., Mont., Warn. and Wash. Cos. Field Sparrow: CO in Alb., Col., Gn., Ful., Rens., Schn. and Wash. Cos. White-throated Sparrow: CO in Ful., Rens., Warn. and Wash. Cos. Lincoln's Sparrow: Ghent 18-23 Aug. (B & HG). Swamp Sparrow: PR Rens., Sar. and Gn. Cos. Song Sparrow: CO in all but Sar. and Scho. Cos.

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REGION 9 – DELAWARE-HUDSON

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June entered warm and humid, but by mid-month temperatures had moderated, and July and August temperatures were below normal. There was enough rainfall during the summer to offset the dryness of the past several years, but not enough to really break the drought.

The serious defoliation of early June was quickly mended due to adequate rainfall and warm temperatures. Most trees were back in full leaf by the end of June. It remains to be seen what damage occurred to the bird population. Although the leaves returned, the larvae and eggs harbored by the old first crop were not there to sustain the insectivorous birds. Defoliation had nests and young exposed to the sun's heat, and they were easy to find in the bare tree-tops. The forest floor was supporting greenery not usually seen in typically shaded woods. Only next spring will tell what trees will make it thru the winter. Drought and defoliation for several years in a row should take their toll.

Once again the shorebird migration was strong with the exposure of so many reservoir bottoms. Warblers started flooding thru on the 18th of August and were in excellent numbers thru the end of the period. Waterfowl started building on the Hudson in July, and were in excellent numbers on all the weedy bays. Resident sparrows put on a good show at Galeville Airport where two colonies of Henslow's Sparrows were discovered and enjoyed by many birders. Rarities for the period include Louisiana Heron, Whimbrel, Western Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Blue Grosbeak and Henslow's Sparrow.

For some time now we have not been receiving notes from Sullivan, Putnam and most of Westchester counties. These areas deserve to have their birds recorded. Can someone out there help?

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Abbreviations: The first four or five letters of each county; BP—Brown's Pond, Newburgh; CB—Cornwall Bay; MC—Marshlands Conservancy; PP—Piermont Pier; PR—Pound Ridge Reservation; PL—Playland, Rye; USMA—United States Military Academy, West Point; WSF—Warren Sod Farm, Pine Island.

LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: arr on the East Basin of Ashokan 23 July. Pied-billed Grebe: rarely reported away from the usual nesting areas in summer. One Cross River Reservoir 17 July, and another at Esopus Pt. 26 July. Rock had its first breeding record when an adult with four downy young was reported on a clay pit pond in West Haverstraw 12 June (RFD). Double-crested Cormorant: still no evidence of breeding, but numbers continue