

Hooded Warbler: a lone report of four at Butler Sanct in mid-Sept. Am. Redstart: abundant in West where 25 were at MC on 5 Sept. Low in the Ellenville with only six banded where they had averaged 19 per season from 1972-1978.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolink: on 5 Sept more than 2,000 were counted over MC. This did not include at least ten flocks that were heard but not seen. **BLUE GROSBEAK:** a first year male obs for five minutes on 20 Sept near Middletown was the second Orange report this year (JT). Evening Grosbeak: arr most areas in mid-Oct, but very few at feeders at end of period. Nov numbers were less than Oct. Pine Grosbeak: only one reported, and that near the summit of Twin Mt. in the Catskills of Green Co. 13 Nov. Pine Siskin: movements noted in West 11 Oct. Am. Goldfinch: numbers good thru period. One feeding young 30 Oct near Verbank. White-winged Crossbill: a flock of more than 15 first obs at Carey Arboretum 8 Nov; obs again on the 13th and 14th. Sharp-tailed Sparrow: the bird of summer remained at MC thru 15 Nov. Vesper Sparrow: three at Piermont 12 Nov. Dark-eyed Junco: first at Bashakill 17 Sept. Field Sparrow: extraordinary numbers of 25 to 30 along Mine Rd 24 Oct. Eight to ten still there 28 Nov. More than 40 were at Monticello 10 Sept. White-crowned Sparrow: in good numbers thru Dutch from 5 Oct on. Max 15 at Stonykill 15 Oct. White-throated Sparrow: more than 60 along Mine Rd, USMA 17 Oct. Fox Sparrow: moving thru Rock in good numbers 13-14 Nov. Three at CB 19 Oct were early. Lincoln's Sparrow: more than usual but never common. First near Wawarsing 12 Sept. Five others there; the last 6 Oct. Snow Bunting: small flocks reported from usual locations in Ulst. during first week of Nov.

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REGION 10 — MARINE

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September and October were both colder and wetter than average, while November was normal in temperature and substantially dryer than average. On the whole the weather was uneventful, as was the fall season. Observers reported generally poor landbird migration, particularly on eastern Long Island, where banding totals were very low. An exception to the general pattern was a report from Glenn Quinn who experienced a huge flight of warblers at Sands Point on 3 October. Yellow-rumped was the most numerous. Also present in good numbers were Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, and Blackpoll Warblers. Otherwise thrushes were scarce, and warblers and sparrows were low in numbers. The Song Sparrow and Swamp Sparrow flight was almost absent, White-throated Sparrows low in numbers, Tree Sparrows late in arrival and scarce. With the exception of good numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches, "winter" birds were seen in small numbers. There were no large flocks of winter finches, no crossbills, a fair flight of siskins, average number of goldfinches, and few Evening Grosbeaks. No large hawk flights were reported but raptors moved along the beaches in modest numbers.

NEW HAWK WATCH LOCATION

North Shore birders have historically traveled south to the barrier beaches for their hawk watching. While some hawks have been noted at Garvies Point Preserve on Hempstead Harbor, Al Bell discovered that a vantage point farther north on the harbor, at the foot of Morgan's Park breakwater, gave him a lot more sky.

NORTH SHORE HAWK WATCHES

Date 1981	Wind	Hours	Loc.	Turkey Vulture	Sharp- shinned	Cooper's	Red tailed	Broad- winged	Marsh Hawk	Osprey	Peregrine Falcon	Merlin	Am. Kestrel	Unidentified	Bald Eagle
9/22	SW 12	¼	GP		1					1					
9/22		¾	MPK		96				1	1		4	2		
9/23	NW 17	¼	MPK		1									2	
9/27	SW 8	1	MPK		3					1		1	1		
9/27			SC							1			1		
9/29	NW 10	¼	MPK										1		
9/30		1	MPK		1									2	
10/2			MP		2					2		1	2		
10/3			W		10	1				2		3	3		
10/3	NW 10+		SP		2					1		1	1		
10/4	W 12+	1¼	MPK		15				2		1				
10/4		2	W		51					2		2			
10/4		1	GP		3	1				2	1				
10/5		2	W		35				1	2		1	6		
10/7	NW 20		MPK												
10/7		2½	MP		29	1	4			1			3		
10/8		¾	MPK		16					1			2	2	
10/8		3	MP		37	1	3	14		8		1	13		1
10/9	NW 15	1½	MPK		8					1			1	2	
10/9		2	MP	3	17	1	3			1			2		
10/10	NE 5	1¼	W		8										
10/11	NE 5	½	MPK		1										
10/11		2	W		2										
TOTALS				3	350	5	10	14	4	28	2	14	35	8	1

LOCATIONS: GP—Garvies Point Preserve, Glen Cove; MPK—Morgan Park, Glen Cove; MP—Muttontown Preserve; SC—Sea Cliff; SP—Sands Point; W—Welwyn Preserve, Glen Cove.

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Looking northward he made the surprising discovery that a great number of Sharp-shinned Hawks were crossing Hempstead Harbor north of Morgan's Park, instead of following the eastern edge of the harbor southward as migrating Blue Jays and other birds do. It would appear that we have been missing the greater part of the North Shore hawk migration, assuming this is a regular pattern. The accompanying table documents this interesting discovery, and includes hawk counts from the Welwyn and Muttontown preserves, mainly by Allan Lindberg. Next year an organized approach to watching at this new station may start to provide some answers to the questions raised, and shed more light on the paths hawks take along the North Shore of Long Island.

MOSES MOUNTAIN HAWK WATCH

Hawk watchers on Staten Island were treated to a first for the area on 8 Nov when a Black Vulture was spotted by Albert Peterson, who also found another Staten Island first this year, a pair of Black-necked Stilts. A Golden Eagle was seen the same day as the vulture. A Goshawk on 2 October was a first in the three years of the hawk watch's existence. The table shows totals for fall 1981:

Turkey Vulture	18	Bald Eagle (imm)	1
Black Vulture	1	Marsh Hawk	102
Unidentified accipiters	26	Osprey	206
Goshawk	1	Unidentified falcons	21
Sharp-shinned Hawk	56	Peregrine Falcon	5
Unidentified buteos	14	Merlin	25
Red-tailed Hawk	2	American Kestrel	333
Broad-winged Hawk	221	Unidentified hawks	4
Golden Eagle (imm)	1	Total Hawks	3,966

FEDERATION FALL PELAGIC TRIP

The high point of the 28 November trip 10 miles south of Montauk Point was the presence of at least six Humpbacked Whales which were very close to the boat for an extended period. Birds included 50 Gannets and 150 Black-legged Kittiwakes. No alcids were found.

Positive notes for the season included: Bald Eagle number up slightly, good Red-breasted Nuthatch flight.

Negative aspects included: Horned Grebes very low, rates of juvenal to adult shorebirds low, thrushes scarce, warbler and sparrow flights small, few winter finches.

The only rarities were: Black Vulture, "Audubon's" Warbler, and Brewer's Blackbird.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loons, Red-throated Loons and particularly Horned Grebes were in low numbers through the season. Although RA reported 24 Red-throated Loons heading west past Cupsogue 7 Nov, no Red-necked Grebes were reported. Gannets numbered in the hundreds in the Montauk area and farther west from mid-Nov through the period. An early arriving Great Cormorant was seen at Southampton 5 Sept (A. Keith). A

Snowy Egret and a Louisiana Heron lingered at Tobay 29 Nov (FF *et al.*). Five Whistling Swans, rare on western Long Island, were at Jamaica Bay 11 Nov (W. Kurau). Skein after skein of Snow Geese were moving along Fire Island 31 Oct (LJS *et al.*). European Wigeons were reported: 18 Nov Willow Pond in Hewlett Harbor (SBD), 27 Nov Hook Pond (GSR, RA); an individual in Eastport 7 Nov with "head and back of European, sides and breast of American" may have been a hybrid (RA). 48 Wood Ducks 3 Oct at VanCortlandt Park was an increase in numbers (WS). Seven female and one male Com. Eider were at Montauk 31 Oct (RA, GSR), a King Eider was found there 27 Nov (GSR, RA). Scoters were in very small numbers toward the end of the period. 24 Hooded Mergansers were at Hempstead Lake 24 Oct (SBD); two female Com. Mergansers appeared there 17 Nov (SBD), ten Com. Mergansers were at Jones Beach 30 Oct (LJS).

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Three Turkey Vultures 4 Oct in Riverdale were unusual (WS). Two 3 Oct were at Jamaica Bay, and one was there 9 Oct (KAR). 18 Turkey Vultures at the Moses Mountain Hawk watch on Staten Island was their best total (GB). A **BLACK VULTURE** there 18 Nov was a count first (A. Peterson *et al.*). An imm Goshawk was at the Fishing Station at Jones Beach 8 Nov (SBD). One was at Muttontown 8 Nov (AL). Cooper's Hawks were seen 3 Sept Muttontown (AL), 3 Oct at Montauk (GSR), Riis Park 9 Oct (GD, MD), 10 Oct Tobay (GSR), 10 Oct Riverdale (WS), 23 Oct at Hempstead Lake (SBD), and at Mill Neck 22 Nov (AB, RC). One Red-shouldered Hawk was recorded: an adult at Jamaica Bay 9 Oct (KAR). The first Rough-legged Hawk was at Cupsgogue 11 Nov (RA). The Moses Mountain Golden Eagle 8 Nov was the only report (R. Clermont). Bald Eagles were more widely reported than usual: an imm was at Pelham Bay Park 15 Sept and 7 Oct (C. Staloff). A third-year, banded bird was seen at Orient 2 Nov (AD), a similar bird seen at Setauket 26 Nov was probably the same individual. An imm was in Riverdale 8 Nov (WS). A total of 45 Marsh Hawks 9 Sept at Jones Beach was a good count (LJS *et al.*). Five Ospreys in the Bronx during Oct represented an increase (WS). While some Peregrine Falcons were reported, beach watch reports were lacking and therefore comparisons or comments are not possible. Immatures were at Jamaica Bay 9 Oct (KAR) and at Hempstead Lake 12 Sept and 24 Oct (SBD). Two were at Great Kills Staten Island (GB), one at Riverdale 24 Sept (WS). 12 Merlins were counted 9 Sept at Jones Beach while 10 Am. Kestrels were tallied (LJS *et al.*). The only Sora reported was seen at Jamaica Bay 12 Sept (RA, GSR). Seven Am. Oystercatchers lingered at Moriches Inlet, and one at Shinnecock Inlet 1 Nov (GSR). A late Semipalmated Plover was seen 31 Oct at Mecox (RA, GSR). Another was at Shinnecock Inlet 14 Nov (FF). A Piping Plover at Shinnecock Inlet 21 Nov was very late (BJS). 30 Am. Golden Plovers were present at Southampton 5 Sept (GSR); up to a high of 162 Am. Golden Plovers on 15 Sept were present on a sod farm in Riverhead from 9 Sept (34) through 14 Oct (4) (RA); 19 individuals on eight dates were seen at Jamaica Bay (THD). Mecox had 19 Am. Golden Plovers 12 Sept (GD, MD) and 14 on 19 Sept (GSR). Over 1000 Black-bellied Plovers were found at Jones Beach 16 Nov, late for so many (W. Astle); 560 were at Mecox 11 Nov (WS). Four Upland Sandpipers were at Mitchell Field 7 Sept where they persist as breeders (H. Roth). A good number, 300 Greater Yellowlegs, was counted at Hempstead Lake 3 Oct (SBD). After several weeks absence, five or six Red Knots appeared at Jamaica Bay in mid-Oct, wintering birds? (THD); 70 were at Zach's Bay 19 Nov (ML). An unprecedented number of adult White-rumped Sandpipers, 58, was seen 7 Sept at Jamaica Bay (previous maximum 20-30 birds) (THD); 52 adults were seen at Mecox Bay 25 Aug (PAB). Two Baird's Sandpipers were seen by many at Jones Beach 21-27 Sept. One was at Jamaica Bay 9 Oct (KAR). One was at Mecox 3 Oct (GSR). Dunlin were at their highest number, 920, at Jamaica Bay on 25 Oct, the last day of the survey (THD). A weekend maximum of 59 Stilt Sandpipers on 6 Sept (THD), was eclipsed by a week day count of 110-130 birds 3 Sept (T. Stiles). Small numbers of Buff-breasted Sandpipers were variously reported: five in Riverhead 14 Sept (RA), two 5 Sept at Southampton (GSR), one 5 Sept at Jamaica Bay (D. Riepe), one was at Hempstead Lake 29 Aug (SBD). The best count was 14 Buff-breasted at Sagaponack 4 Sept (AW). A late Hudsonian Godwit was found at Hempstead Lake 22 Nov (EL); 26 Nov is the record late date. One Marbled Godwit lingered at Jamaica Bay from

5 Sept-25 Oct, and a second bird was there 12-25 Oct (THD). Two Whimbrels were seen at Sagaponack 4 Sept (AW). A lone Avocet was present at Jamaica Bay 4-12 Oct (THD). A total of four to seven juvenal Wilson's Phalaropes at Jamaica Bay from 25 July to 19 Sept was low. A *maximum* of four was seen at Oak Beach Marsh 14 Aug (R. Paxton); one was at Goethal's Bridge, Staten Island 7 Sept (W & N Siebenheller). Two were at Mecox and Sagaponack 12 Sept (GD, MD). One juvenal No. Phalarope was at Jamaica Bay 30 Aug (THD). An adult light phase Parasitic Jaeger was present at Montauk 21 Nov (BJS) through 29 Nov (DWC *et al.*), where the species has been recorded in the fall for the third consecutive year. An adult Lesser Black-backed Gull was at the Central Park Reservoir 11-12 Nov (P. Post *et al.*). An Iceland Gull (Kumlien's) was at Great Kills Park 12 Sept (GB, W. Siebenheller). First year Iceland Gulls were seen at Shinnecock Inlet and Montauk Point 21 Nov (BJS). The escaped adult Andean Gull continued in the area; it was seen 5 Sept at the VanCortlandt Park Golf Course with Ring-billed Gulls (WS). A juvenal Little Gull was seen at Mecox Bay 24 Aug (PAB). Black-legged Kittiwakes were present in the hundreds toward the end of Nov. A Gull-billed Tern was seen at Sagaponack 4 Sept (AW, S. Schiff). Six Forster's Terns were late at the Jones Beach Coast Guard Station on 31 Oct (GD, MD), as was a Com. Tern at Montauk the same day (RA). Royal Tern numbers peaked at 35 at Mecox 31 Oct. Single Caspian Terns were seen 5 Sept at Mecox (GSR), 19-20 Sept at Jamaica Bay, and two were at Fire Island 24 Sept (R. Jeffers). The only alcid reported was a Dovekie 5 Dec at Montauk Point (W. Lamoureaux, M. Cooper).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: A Barn Owl was found at Cedar Beach Overlook 3 Nov, as was a Long-eared Owl and a Saw-whet Owl (K. Feustel). Saw-whet Owls were seen there on 8 Nov (W. Lamoureaux) and 15 Nov and 29 Nov at Tobay (A. Lauro). One was at the Davis Refuge, Staten Island 29 Nov. Snowy Owls were found 12 Nov at JFK Airport and a different bird was there 17 Nov (S. Chevalier). A Snowy was at Moriches Inlet 8 Nov (E. Salzman). The first Short-eared Owl of the season on Staten Island was seen 18 Oct at Crookes Pt (GB, R. Clermont). A few reports of Com. Nighthawks were received—a far cry from the 1200 reported 3 Sept a few miles across Long Island Sound in Rye (T. Burke). An imm Red-headed Woodpecker was seen 12 Sept at Jones Beach (EL), and at Mecox the same day (GD, MD). One was at the Fishing Station at Jones Beach 19 Sept, and another was found at Jones Beach 3 Oct (GD, MD).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Western Kingbirds were rather widely reported as follows: 17 Sept Fort Tilden (H. Richard), 20 Sept Tobay (R. Laskowski), two 29 Sept Riis Park, 29-30 Sept Jones Beach (EL), 29 Sept Gilgo Beach (EL), Breezy Point 12 Nov (J & P Latil), two to three birds 15-23 Nov Montauk (ML, H. McGuinness), and one at Amagansett 27 Nov (RA, GSR). An Acadian Flycatcher was netted near Manhasset on 17 Oct (J. Pion). 25-30 empidonax Flycatchers including three Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were seen 5 Sept at Lawrence Marsh. 12 Great Crested Flycatchers and two Olive-sided Flycatchers were seen there the same day (GD & MD *et al.*). A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was netted 5 Sept in Manorville (GSR). A Boreal Chickadee was a good find 19 Nov at Jones Beach (D & L Heilbrun). A good flight of Red-breasted Nuthatches was seen; a maximum of 50 was at Riis Park 19 Sept (GD, MD *et al.*). Am. Robins moved in large numbers along the North Shore 4-5 Oct (AMB) where 150 were seen in one flock over Garvies Point. A Wood Thrush was seen at the late date of 3 Dec at Jones Beach (AW). E. Bluebirds were noted in small numbers: two at Manorville 17 Oct (RA), one at Quogue 3 Oct, four there 13 Oct, two on 23 Oct, and four in Manorville 24 Oct (GSR). One No. Shrike was seen: an adult 29 Oct at Jones Beach (LJS). Loggerhead Shrikes were reported at Gilgo Beach 10 Sept (AW) and 29 Sept at Smith's Point (GSR).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: A late Solitary Vireo was present at Wading River 1 Nov (RA). A Tennessee Warbler 28 Nov at Flushing Meadow was very late (G. Tudor). Orange-crowned Warblers were reported: 3 Oct at Montauk (GSR), 24 Oct at Arbutus Beach, S.I. (W. & N. Siebenheller), 20 Oct, Fire Island (FF *et al.*), 26 Nov at Jones Beach (AW, EL, C. Ward) and 13 Dec at West End, Jones Beach (W. Lamoureaux). An "AUDUBON'S" WARBLER was

mistnetted and banded 14 Nov at Tobay (A. Lauro, R. Paxton). A female Cerulean Warbler in a flock of No. Parulas in Central Park 13 Oct was an unusual fall bird (WS). Palm Warblers of the "yellow" race were unusual in the fall: one was seen 31 Oct at Montauk (RA, GSR), four were there 27 Nov (RA, GSR *et al.*). A Kentucky Warbler was noted 12 Sept at Tobay (EL). A female Mourning Warbler was found dead in Locust Valley 29 Oct, specimen to AMNH (B. Grose). A Yellow-breasted Chat was found at Lawrence 5 Sept (GD, MD). Two Hooded Warblers 10 Sept at Muttontown were unusual fall migrants (AL), as was one 29 Sept at Jones Beach (EL, AW). A total of 175 Am. Redstarts were seen at Muttontown 8 Sept (AL), a female 28 Nov in Forest Hills was very late (G. Tudor).

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Bobolinks moved through the area in large numbers on 5 Sept: 500 were estimated in Lawrence (GD, MD). More than 100 were on the Hofstra Campus on 6 Sept (H. Roth). A female Yellow-headed Blackbird was present at Captree 28-31 Aug (W. Wilkens *et al.*); a pair was found 12 Sept at Mecox (GD, MD *et al.*). A well-described male **BREWER'S BLACKBIRD** was seen in comparison with Rusty Blackbirds and Com. Grackles in VanCortlandt Park 29 Oct (WS). A male Boat-tailed Grackle was at a feeder in Freeport 21-22 Oct (C. Ward). A female was seen 26 Nov at Springfield Gardens, Queens (H. McGuinness). A subadult male Summer Tanager 10 Oct was a rare fall sighting (J. Ash). An imm Rose-breasted Grosbeak, with limited rose on its breast, was at feeders in Islip the last week in Nov through the first week in Dec (*fide* FF). A male Blue Grosbeak was seen 19 Sept at Riis Park (R. Kelly). One was at Flushing Meadow Park 4 Oct (G. Tudor). "Winter finches" were represented by slightly better than average numbers of Evening Grosbeaks, Purple Finches, Pine Siskins and Am. Goldfinches, but no redpolls or crossbills. Several Lark Sparrows were located: one 19 Sept in Riis Park (GD, MD), one 24 Sept on Fire Island (R. Jeffers), two 24 Sept Jones Beach (LJS *et al.*), one 26 Sept at Jamaica Bay (*fide* LJS) and one 3 Oct at Montauk (GSR). Clay-colored Sparrows were recorded 29 Sept at the fishing station at Jones Beach (W. Lamoureaux) and 11 Oct at Montauk Point (W. Boyle). A Dickcissel was found at Jones Beach 5 Oct, the only one recorded this fall (C. Ward). The first Lapland Longspur of the season arrived 11 Oct at Jamaica Bay (THD). A maximum count of 400 Snow Buntings was made 5 Nov at Jones Beach (P. Gillen). More than 300 were present at Great Kills, Staten Island on 11 Nov (GB).

The pressures of professional commitments necessitate my retirement as Region 10 Editor. I wish to thank all who have contributed reports.

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