

Veerys in Sept. Both Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets were observed at Palmer's Ravine 11 Oct; the banding ratio was two to four. Water Pipit: at least 100 Cocksackie 10 Oct; one Palmer's Ravine 5-9 Oct; Schoharie Res 24 Oct. Cedar Waxwing numbers decreasing thru period at Palmer's Ravine and Central Br; 13 banded in Sept, three in Oct. European Starlings observed in winter flocks of several hundred by 13 Nov Selkirk. Yellow-throated Vireo: one Palmer's Ravine 6 Sept. Vireo banding records for Sept-Oct include four Solitary, 49 Red-eyed, 14 Philadelphia and one Warbling. Warbler banding included one Black-and-white Sept, six Tennessee Sept, six Nashville Sept-Oct, ten Magnolia Sept, two Black-throated Blue Oct, 20 Yellow-rumped Oct, 15 Black-throated Green Sept-Oct, four Chestnut-sided Sept, one Blackpoll Sept (down significantly), two Palm Sept-Oct, four Ovenbirds Sept, two Mourning Sept, 16 Com. Yellowthroats thru, five Wilson's Sept, six Canada Sept and six Am. Redstarts Sept. In addition, a Yellow Warbler was observed at the Embough 12 Sept and a Prairie Warbler was found dead on the road in Westerlo in early Sept to bring the warbler count to 18 (23 in 1981, 18 in 1980).

TANAGERS—HOUSE SPARROWS: House Sparrow: Central Br, Palmer's Ravine and Claverack thru. Bobolink: Palmer's Ravine 6 Sept. More than ten reports of E. Meadowlark thru 10 Oct. Red-winged Blackbird: three banded in Sept. A No. Oriole has been visiting a Sand Lake feeder since 28 Nov. Rusty Blackbird: six Catskill 1 Nov (LB). Com. Grackle reported thru 18 Sept Resist Sanctuary. Brown-headed Cowbird: Palmer's Ravine Sept. Scarlet Tanager: 14 banded in Sept; feeding young at Jenny L. 6 Sept. No. Cardinal: four banded Oct-Nov. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks left in Sept when 30 were banded and four Evening Grosbeaks were in Braumanville by 28 Oct. Purple Finches arrived at Featherstonhaugh L on 11 Oct. House Finch: Palmer's Ravine feeder thru. Pine Siskin: one Amsterdam 5 Oct. Am. Goldfinch: 24 banded; local breeders still feeding young at New Baltimore 9 Oct. Rufous-sided Towhee: one banded Oct. More than 20 Savannah Sparrows found at Cocksackie 10 Oct. 23 Dark-eyed Juncos banded beginning 5 Oct. The earliest Am. Tree Sparrow banded was 27 Oct followed by four in Nov. Four Field Sparrows banded thru. An adult and an imm White-crowned Sparrow were found in a Cocksackie field edge 10 Oct; one Palmer's Ravine 2 Oct. Other sparrows banded include 211 White-throated with 30 max on 5 Oct; seven Fox in Oct, two in Nov; two Lincoln's in Sept; one Swamp in Sept, five in Oct and 20 Song thru. Three Lapland Longspurs were found among the pipits in Cocksackie 10 Oct. The first Snow Bunting report of the season is 12 Nov from the Niskayuna landfill.

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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The New York Weather Bureau reported September as the coolest in seventeen years, making the warm days to come in October and November unexpected. Killing frosts did not come to the lowlands until late October, and katydids and crickets continued to call far into November. At this writing in late December, the Hudson River and lakes of the region are still unfrozen. Precipitation was well below normal for the period, bringing a return to the drought conditions of the past several years. Reservoirs again returned to dangerously low levels for the communities they serve, but were excellent for shorebirds, especially in northern Westchester. No appreciable amount of snow fell and fruit and seed production was good. Perhaps similar conditions of food and weather prevailed farther north, for winter finches and other northern migrants were well

below expectations. Only a few reports of Evening Grosbeaks came in and then only one or a few birds. Waterfowl movements were good, but numbers of most hawk species were down. Broad-wings apparently went through over a broad front and disappointing numbers were reported at all hawk watches, even those with increased man-hours. The report of the Hook Mountain Hawk Watch was not available at this writing. Shorebird movements were fair to good as mentioned before, but warbler movements were only average. Several reporters said species were good but there were no large numbers. Frank Murphy reported excellent night flights heard on 1, 7 and 24-25 September, whereas Bob Deed had the same experience in Nyack on 22 and 24 September. Peak warbler movements were observed in Dutchess on 6-7, 12 and 24 September.

Rarities for the period include: Red-necked Grebe, Great Cormorant, Tricolored Heron, Baird's Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Am. Avocet, Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, California Gull, Snowy Owl, Com. Raven, No. Shrike, "Lawrence's" Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Dickcissel and Lapland Longspur.

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Abbreviations: Ashokan—Ashokan Reservoir; BSHW—Butler Sanctuary Hawk Watch, Mt. Kisco; CB—Cornwall Bay; EP—Esopus Point; MC—Marshlands Conservancy, Rye; MPH—Mount Peter Hawk Watch, Warwick; PL—Playland, Rye; WSF—Warren Sod Farm, Pine Island; the first four or five letters of each county.

LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: exc. movement reported thru period. First two adults and one imm feeding within three feet of each other on Ashokan 5 Sept. Max more than 50 there 24 Oct; gone by 28 Nov. As many as three on Orange L from 19 Oct-20 Nov. **RED-NECKED GREBE:** one Ashokan 19 Oct, inc to two 23 Oct (AB); last there 24 Oct (FM). Horned Grebe: first at PL 5 Oct. Exc numbers on Ashokan till 28 Nov. Pied-billed Grebe: more than 20 at EP 2 Nov. Great Cormorant: three moving over MC 18 Sept were in the company of 15 Double-crested Cormorants, for which there were more reports than ever on the Hudson and nearby fresh water lakes. Max 106 at Piermont Pier 1 Oct, equaled the previous high there of 28-29 Sept, 1978. One remained at Croton Pt thru 31 Oct; last at CB 14 Nov; 17 were at Kingston Point 1 Sept, nine at Vanderberg Cove 10 Oct, and three on the Hudson there 20 Oct. Great Blue Heron: 22 roosting regularly at PL in mid-Oct. Little Blue Heron: one at MC 29 Sept remained there with another bird thru Oct. Great Egret: one Rockland L 31 Oct was only four days short of their latest record in 1956. One at Washington L Newburgh 20, 21 Nov was very late for Oran. Snowy Egret: last at Croton Point 21 Oct. **TRICOLORED HERON:** an adult at CB 12, 13 and 19 Sept (Lewis & Eliz Dumont). Black-crowned Night-Heron: two imm at CB 19-25 Sept. Glossy Ibis: one near Goshen 30 Aug, and three near Galeville Airport in mid-Nov (JT). Mute Swan: inc to 89 at CB by 28 Nov. Canada Goose: an excellent migration thru much of the period, with resident numbers still up by end of period. Max 1,500 over Mohonk 10 Oct. Brant: more than 20 over BS, Mt. Kisco 14 Oct. Fifty over Norrie State Pk, Dutch 10 Nov. Snow Goose: 80 over Bear Mt. 29 Sept. 95 over Hook Mt. 30 Sept, and a flock over Nyack the night of 1 Oct were all early dates. 14 including two Blue Morphs were over Mt. Peter 3 Oct. 200 over Pleasant Valley and 100 over the Hudson in Dutch on 8 Oct. One was with many Canadas at Amenia 6 Nov. 100 were in a farm field at LaGrange 15 Nov, and 39 at Pine Plains 5 Nov. No. Pintail: one at Stony Pt. 27 Nov was unusual for Rock. Green-winged Teal: max 25 Ashokan 28 Oct. Am. Wigeon: more than 20 at CB thru Sept until hunters drove them out; 25 at Iona I 19 Nov. Wood Duck: exceptional numbers at Bashakill. More than 80 there 12 Sept, 28 at Iona I 24 Oct. Redhead: always rare. Two males at the end of Piermont Pier 20 Nov. A male at EP 27 Oct inc to five 4 Nov and six 25 Nov; gone 28 Nov. Ring-necked Duck: fall migra-

tion never as good as spring, but more than 200 at Abel's in Dutch 14 Nov. Canvasback: arr 13 Nov, and rapidly reached more than 5,000 at CB 21 Nov. Smaller flocks to 200 each were farther north and south on the Hudson. Greater Scaup: numbers to 2,000 at PL after mid-Oct. Lesser Scaup: 13 at Orange L 19, 20 Oct and CB 13 Nov. Oldsquaw: four males at Rondout Res 9 Nov, and a single male at CB 10 Nov. White-winged Scoter: three at CB 10 Nov. Surf Scoter: one at Newburgh 5 Nov and one early bird on Kiamiesha L 17 Oct. Black Scoter: 75 at CB 10 Nov; eight Ashokan 14 Nov and 30 at EP 13 Nov. Ruddy Duck: more than 300 on the Hudson at Piermont 20 Nov where they probably will winter; remained on Orange L 19 Oct-5 Nov with a max of 28 on 25 Oct. Eight were at EP 2 Nov inc to a max of 14 21 Nov, a very high number for the upper Hudson. Hooded Merganser: 12 at CB 14 Nov. Com. Merganser: two females at CB 9 Oct were very early, but the 15 on Rondout Res 29 Aug are truly extraordinary (JO). Red-breasted Merganser: a max of 40 at PL 24 Oct.

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Results from only two hawk watches were received; one from Butler Sanctuary near Mt. Kisco, and the other from Mount Peter near Warwick. Some of their findings are included here. Turkey Vulture: most gone by first week of Nov, rarely reported thereafter. No. Goshawk: three at Mt. Peter 14 Nov broke the daily record there, as did the total of 12 for the season. BSHW had 11 for their season. Sharp-shinned Hawk: the 1,445 at MPHWH was on the low side of normal. Cooper's Hawk: MPHWH had 34 for the season which was about half their record high of last year. BSHW had 32 with a max of nine 25 Sept. Red-tailed Hawk: MPHWH broke its record high of 163 last year with 196 9 Nov. Their total for the season was 708. Red-shouldered Hawk: MPHWH had a total of 54. Movement seemed to peak 23 Oct when nine were observed there. Broad-winged Hawk: very disappointing numbers. Max at MPHWH was 1,013 19 Sept. The total for the year was 5,223, only half of last year. Rough-legged Hawk: only one at MPHWH 14 Oct was it for the region hawk watches. Three others were observed over Haight Hill in Dutch 2 Oct. Golden Eagle: missed completely at MPHWH, but two 15 Oct on BSHW. One was over Mohonk, 16 Oct, and an imm was at Tamarack Swamp Dutch 25 Nov. Bald Eagle: four on MPHWH tied their previous record of 1970. BSHW had three for the season. There were several scattered reports of individual birds elsewhere in the region. No. Harrier: the 95 on MPHWH was well above average and just below their record of two years ago. Osprey: numbers generally down from last year, but not bad, 148 on MPHWH was average, BSHW had 145. Max passage was during the last two weeks of Sept. Three were obs in the same tree beside the Sprain Brook 17 Oct. Peregrine Falcon: the six on MPHWH was one less than last year's high. Three were on BSHW. Merlin: six on MPHWH and four on BSHW. Am. Kestrel: an all time low for recent years was 211 on MPHWH. Record high last year was 592. BSHW had 226 in half the observer hours as Mount Peter. No. Bobwhite: was confirmed breeding in Mt. Kisco in June. First in West in many, many years. Wild Turkey: continues to inc in Dutch. Four obs 8 Nov at Amenia, and two at Pleasant Valley 19 Nov. Sora: only report, one imm at Iona I 6 Sept. Am. Coot: excellent movement this fall. More than 400 were at CB 13 Nov, and 400 at EP 2 Nov. 200 were still at EP 28 Nov. Lesser Golden-Plover: an adult at Amawalk 8 Sept was joined by five more 9 Sept. More than 70 were at WSF 12 Sept, and five were last reported there 20 Nov. Black-bellied Plover: at WSF from 22 Sept-7 Nov, max six 24 Oct. A breeding-plumaged adult was at Amawalk 17 Aug. Com. Snipe: only report four 1 Nov at Travers Marsh, Dutch. Pectoral Sandpiper: more reports than in recent years. Obs in N. West from 16 Aug thru 3 Nov. Also in small numbers at Ashokan from Sept thru 2 Nov. White-rumped Sandpiper: exc numbers from Aug thru early Nov in West, plus several reports of other birds in Oct, and seven near Goshen 20 Oct. **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** an adult and an imm were at Amawalk 3-7 Sept. Dunlin: only report five at Croton Pt 31 Oct. Stilt Sandpiper: one at Amawalk 5 Sept and another there 15 Sept. One at Washington L Newburgh 18 Oct and two there the next day. **WESTERN SANDPIPER:** one at Amawalk 15-20 Aug and another there 6 Sept.. **BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** only reports two 4 Sept and two 10-12 Oct at WSF. Sanderling: one would expect them to be reported more frequently along the Hudson, but the only report was three at Kingston Point 4 Sept. Am. Avocet: what appears to be a new record for eastern Westchester was a single bird preening at the lake at PL 6 Sept. Terns: none reported from the lower Hudson where they are usually obvious. Only report was of one Com.

Tern flying around Purdy's Sta, West during the last week of Aug. **ICELAND GULL**: one at Ulst landfill, Rt 9W, Town of Ulster 25 Nov (Bob Terwilliger). **LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL**: an adult at Croton Point 31 Oct and again 14 Nov. On 6 Nov one returned to Harbor I Park, Mamaroneck for the third year. **CALIFORNIA GULL**: the fall visitor at Rockland L since 1978 failed to appear this year. Bonaparte's Gull: only report inland was one at Newburgh 15 Nov.

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one late bird at MC 8 Oct was a good find. Snowy Owl: what with the dearth of visitors from the north, two of this species were not expected. One sat on a chimney in P'kpsie the entire day of 19 Nov and was pictured in the local newspaper, but no birders were notified in time to see it. Another was at Vista, West 29 Nov (Kaye Anderson). Com. Nighthawk: the good flight of Aug continued into Sept, the last being three very late birds over Monroe 10 Oct (L. Holland). Max were 118 over MC 11 Sept and more than 200 over Middletown 31 Aug. Pileated Woodpecker: never many and even less this period. An adult with three young were at Red Oaks Mill daily during Sept. Red-bellied Woodpecker: continued its slow increase in all areas. FM is now reporting them from the Ashokan area where they were not reported before. They are also being reported from three new areas in Dutch.

FLYCATCHERS—STARLING: Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: numbers good, single bird reported at MC 4, 5 and 18 Sept; two at Rye Nature Center 11 Sept. One was at Bashakill 4 Sept and another at Iona I 11 Sept. Four were at Bashakill 7-16 Sept. Olive-sided Flycatcher: exc late Aug and early Sept movement especially in the valley of the Bashakill; last there one 24 Sept. Horned Lark: numbers down, very few reports thru end of period. Tree Swallow: exc movement thru Sept into Oct, and then an abrupt end. FG reports fewer young raised in bluebird boxes in central Dutch. Barn Swallow: one at Croton Point the late date of 14 Nov. Blue Jay: one of the largest movements ever reported along the Hudson in late Sept. Estimates of 1,500 to more than 5,000 per hour moving south in the period 22-26 Sept. **COM. RAVEN**: in almost 30 years of watching, the MPHWS had its first on 22 Oct (Judy Cinquina). Am. Crow: for the second year more than 3,000 are roosting near Nanuet. By the end of the period more than 1,500 were roosting at the Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Center in P'kpsie. Fish Crow: two were heard at the Middletown roost during the period, most uncommon away from the Hudson. Red-breasted Nuthatch: back to the low numbers of a few years ago, very few reports. Brown Creeper: an unusual concentration of six at Croton Point 21 Nov. Winter Wren: always a joy to find. One was found on and off thru Sept and Oct in the Bashakill. Another was at Cruger's I 11 Nov. Carolina Wren: never many, and what few we had were even further reduced by last April's blizzard. Only a few reported, mostly along the Hudson. Golden-crowned Kinglet: numbers up, best numbers the last week of Nov. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: small bands of six or seven along the Hudson in late Nov. Water Pipit: first 15 Sept at Stewart Airport thru 7 Nov at WSF. Max about 100 at WSF 24 Oct. Am. Robin: of interest was a nightly roost at Purchase in late Oct attracting more than 20,000. Another 200 were found in the Newburgh area 2 Oct, and more than 300 were feeding on honeysuckle at the WKNY tower in Kingston 12 Sept. Wood Thrush: gone by last week of Sept. Hermit Thrush: an exc year. BSe found them on 24 days 7 Sept-4 Nov. Max all in the Bashakill, were 18 5 Oct, 21 7 Oct, and 19 on 19 Oct. Swainson's Thrush: also a good year. Obs on nine days 7-28 Sept. Max five 16 Sept and again 20 Sept at Bashakill. Gray-cheeked Thrush: three at Bashakill 11 Sept and one there 2 Oct. E. Bluebird: in spite of the April blizzard which killed off many birds, FG came up with more than 260 fledglings in the mid-Dutch trail she has created. The species is found regularly in Dutch and in all the surrounding counties. Cedar Waxwing: AB reports more than a thousand feeding on grapes and honeysuckle near the WKNY tower in Kingston 17 Oct. **NO. SHRIKE**: Chuck Harten found one at Piermont Pier 20 Nov and Edward Pollock saw the same bird one hour later; first record for Rock since 1978. Loggerhead Shrike: one at Galeville Airport 7 Nov was still there at this writing in late Dec.

VIREOS—WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: only report was of one imm along the Mine Rd, USMA 26 Sept. Solitary Vireo: BSe observed this species on 15 occasions 11 Sept-3 Nov, mainly in the Bashakill; max there was ten 2 Oct. Philadelphia Vireo: two at MC 11

Sept; two at MC 12 Sept and one Iona I 18 Sept. Single birds were found by BSe at the Bashakill 11, 16, 20, 24 Sept and 7 Oct. Blue-winged Warbler: an imm was found at a bird bath in Red Oaks Mill on the late date of 24 Sept and again 29 Sept. "LAWRENCE'S" WARBLER: one Bashakill 5 Sept. Tennessee Warbler: max about 30 birds along River Rd., Cornwall Bay. ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: one at Croton Point 21 Nov and another at a field in Purchase 4 Oct. Magnolia Warbler: BSe found them in good numbers 4-28 Sept with ten to 15 birds obs on several of those days. Black-throated Green Warbler: an excellent fall movement; better than spring. Blackpoll Warbler: BSe reported only one at Warren Sod Farm 10 Oct; this after almost daily birding thru the period. Palm Warbler: last Galeville Airport 14 Nov. Connecticut Warbler: one at Rye Nature Center 4 Sept, one 5 Sept and another 8 Sept, both in Pleasant Valley. One at Red Oaks Mill 4 Oct, one Bashakill 5 Sept and another there 7 Oct. Mourning Warbler: one Rye Nature Center 4 Sept and another at Red Oaks Mill 15 Sept. Yellow-breasted Chat: missed in Dutch, only report one Iona I 11 Sept. Canada Warbler: eight were at MC 4 Sept and gone by mid-month. Am. Redstart: almost abundant at times, more than 30 at MC 4 Sept.

TANAGERS-HOUSE SPARROW: Scarlet Tanager: lower than most years. DICKCISSEL: only report an imm female at Dobbs Ferry 5 Oct. Savannah Sparrow: more than 30 at WSF 3 Oct, and more than 250 there 15 Oct. Sharp-tailed Sparrow: two at MC 18 Sept. Vesper Sparrow: one at WSF 6 Sept and another on Mine Rd USMA 23 Oct. Dark-eyed Junco: first report one Mine Rd, USMA 18 Sept. Am. Tree Sparrow: first report two Mine Rd USMA 23 Oct; very early. Numbers well up by end of period. Chipping Sparrow: one adult at Croton Point 14 Nov. White-crowned Sparrow: numbers low; only one to two reported by most observers. White-throated Sparrow: first at Bashakill 11 Sept. Lincoln's Sparrow: more than usual, mentioned in seven out of 16 reports. First at MC 5 Sept, and there again 18 Sept; last at PL 24 Oct. LAPLAND LONGSPUR: only report two at Croton Point 14 Nov. Snow Bunting: good numbers at end of period. First 30 bathing at Ashokan 30 Oct, inc to 50 there by 6 Nov. Two reports from Dutch during Nov. Red-winged Blackbird: numbers low compared to most years, only real numbers at Cruger's I 10 Oct where "thousands" were found roosting. Rusty Blackbird: a pair foraging on the edge of Rockland L 16 Nov, and from seven to 16 were at Stissing 4-20 Nov where they winter every year. Seven were feeding at the WKNY tower in Kingston 31 Oct. Com. Grackle: usual spectacular movement obs; max over 2,000 passing Hook Mt 20 Oct. White-winged Crossbill: five in Middletown 30 Oct. Evening Grosbeak: almost none. A few reports observed one or two for the season. Max was a flock of 22 at Monticello 14 Oct. This was the only report of double digit numbers.

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REGION 10 – MARINE

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The uneventful fall weather contributed strongly to a rather quiet fall migration. September was dry with temperatures staying pretty much near normal. The average temperature for September was within a tenth of a degree of normal but the total rainfall of 1.77 inches was only 53% of the normal rainfall. There were very few fronts accompanied by the northwest winds that usually produce the best fall birding along the coast. Weak fronts on 3-6 September and 17 September produced some movement of birds, including a bit of a hawk flight along the barrier beaches on the latter day. October continued in the same vein as September. October averaged only two tenths of a degree below normal and its