

max eight on 9 Oct. Dark-eyed Juncos were widely abundant, with 15 at Tupper L. 12 Oct. and 16 banded near Elizabethtown 17 Oct., numbers then declining with the arrival of colder weather. A good early flurry of Snow Buntings was noted; three Collums 8 Oct., one Paradox 22 Oct. (TM), five Westport beach 29 Oct. (EJ, JP), 25 Tupper L. 18 Nov. (CD), and 25 near Elizabethtown 25 Nov. (EJ, JP). Tupper L. had 300 Red-winged Blackbirds 25 Oct., 300 Com. Grackles 6 Oct. A No. Oriole was still at Tupper L. 1 Oct. (CD), and an adult male appeared near a Keeseville feeder 28 Nov., apparently feeding on frozen apples (JG). First Pine Grosbeak was at Saranac L. 14 Nov. (GTC). Purple Finches accompanied by begging young were at Tupper L. 3 Sept., but numbers dwindled thereafter, with the last at Paradox 7 Nov. House Finch: max 15 Port Henry 12 Sept. (GC); one appeared at a Lake Placid feeder 23 Oct. (PT), although a pair that arr in Saranac L. in the spring and spent the summer left with the Purple Finches. Com. Redpolls arr Tupper L. 13 Nov. (J & RK). Small numbers of Pine Siskins were reported from Elizabethtown, Moriah, Westport, and Tupper L. An Am. Goldfinch was feeding two begging young at Tupper L. 17 Sept., and small numbers remained present thru the period near Elizabethtown, Indian Lake, Keene, Newcomb, Paradox and Saranac L. Evening Grosbeaks began to visit feeders in late Oct. with flocks of up to 75 noted thereafter

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REGION 8 — HUDSON-MOHAWK

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What is a typical Fall Season? Apparently there is none quite typical except that we begin it 1 September and end it 30 November. Some birds operate on an internal clock which rings an alarm about a certain date on which the species head south; others use the weather combined with, probably, an internal alarm governed by sexual hormones in the spring and perhaps hunger and other stirrings in the fall. Despite the pronounced vagaries of the weather this fall in the Capital District area, those species with working internal alarms kept to their schedules. The vireos and wood warblers moved out of Region Eight pretty much on time. After mid-October only the Yellow-rumped was seen. Major hawk migrations were timely, aquatic species such as ducks, geese, etc. are usually pushed by the weather, moving to keep south of freezing ponds, creeks and rivers—many of these moved southward, then apparently returned to enjoy a long Indian Summer. The list tells the story of a warm September and October and an up-and-down November. Nuts, fruits, and berries were less plentiful this year than last and lingering flocks, like the man who came to dinner, may have left the cupboard at low stock for the wintering species to follow. Only reports of the following seasons will tell.

At Scotia on 2 September, Maude and P. L. Worthington report sighting a Western Kingbird.

Abbreviations: L—lake; R—river; T/O—throughout area or season.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: Saratoga L. ten 19 Nov. Horned Grebe: 2 Saratoga L. 19 Nov. Double-crested Cormorant: Hudson R. Oct. Great Blue Heron: last reported early Nov. at Ghent and Castleton. Great Egret: reported at South Bay, Hudson 18 Sept.-14 Oct. Cattle Egret: Oct. at Castleton. Green-backed Heron: last at Castleton in Oct. Black-crowned Night-Heron: at Castleton in early Oct. Mute Swan: (probably an escape) Oom's Pond 13 Nov. Snow Goose: hundreds by many observers in Oct.; last reported in early Nov. Canada Goose: T/O area; about 950 at Oom's Pond 13 Nov. Wood Duck: last reported 15 Nov. Green-winged Teal: last in Oct. Am. Black Duck: T/O region and season. Mallard: T/O region and season. No. Pintail: 11 at Embough Bay on Hudson 26 Nov. Blue-winged Teal: Castleton in Oct. No. Shoveler: ten at Embough Bay in Hudson 26 Nov. Gadwall: 12 Embough Bay 26 Nov. Am. Wigeon: 12 Embough Bay in Hudson 26 Nov. Canvasback: 20 Embough Bay in Hudson 26 Nov. Ring-necked Duck: on Hudson in mid-Oct. Lesser Scaup: on Hudson near Germantown 41 20 Nov. Black Scoter: one at Saratoga L. 19 Nov. Com. Goldeneye: 50 at Saratoga L. 19 Nov. Bufflehead: seven at Embough Bay 26 Nov. Hooded Merganser: ten at Embough Bay 26 Nov. Com. Merganser: one Embough Bay 26 Nov.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: T/O Sept.-Oct., last seen 1 & 2 Nov. at Castleton. Osprey: Sept. at Central Bridge, through much of Col. Co. in Sept.-Oct. No. Harrier: Sept. Central Bridge, Nov. Cocksackie, Old Chatham. Sharp-shinned Hawk: last noted Nov. at Castleton. Cooper's Hawk: by several obs. Sept.-Nov. No. Goshawk: 8 Oct. at Efner L. *fide* R. Yunick. Broad-winged Hawk: one at Chrysler L. near Copake 23 Sept. Red-tailed hawk: T/O area and season. Rough-legged Hawk: earliest report Cocksackie 29 Nov. Am. Kestrel: T/O area and season. Ring-necked Pheasant: several reported Col. Co. Ruffed Grouse: fewer than usual reported T/O area and period. Wild Turkey: reported from Central Bridge, Nassau, Spencertown. Am. Coot: last report 40+ at Saratoga L. 19 Nov. Killdeer: last report 26 Nov. at Embough Bay. Solitary Sandpiper: one Sept. 24 Claverack, also Central Bridge and Ghent in Sept. Spotted Sandpiper: Churchtown 23 Sept. Com. Snipe: Oct. Ghent and Castleton. Am. Woodcock: Greenport 25 Oct. Ring-billed Gull: last reported 200 at Catskill 26 Nov. Herring Gull: T/O area and season. Great Black-backed Gull: Hudson R at Embough Bay and Castleton 26 Nov.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Rock Dove: T/O region and season. Mourning Dove: T/O region and season. Black-billed Cuckoo: Sept. 5 Col. Co. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 5 Sept. at Old Chatham. E. Screech-Owl: Sept.-Oct. Ghent, Castleton, Old Chatham. Great Horned Owl: Col. Co. through season. Barred Owl: Central Bridge Oct. Short-eared Owl: Ghent Sept.-Oct. Com. Nighthawk: in migration at Glenville 17 Sept., Sept. at Ghent & Chatham. Chimney Swift: Claverack 23 Sept.-1 Oct. at Ghent. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last at Spencertown 1 Oct. Belted Kingfisher: by many T/O region and season into Nov.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Old Chatham 30 Sept., Ghent, Spencertown; last reported Canaan Nov. Red-headed Woodpecker: Castleton Sept. Downy Woodpecker: T/O area and season. Hairy Woodpecker: T/O area and season. No. Flicker: last seen 26 Nov. at Catskill. Pileated Woodpecker: at Central Bridge in Nov., also Castleton. E. Wood-Pewee: at Claverack 25 Sept. and T/O Col. Co. most of Sept. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Claverack 15 Oct. Traill's Flycatcher: Olana 14 Sept. Least Flycatcher: at Castleton 3, 4 Sept. E. Phoebe: T/O much of Col. Co. through Oct. Great Crested Flycatcher: T/O most of Col. Co. much of Sept. E. Kingbird: Ghent, Castleton, Canaan 1-26 Sept., Central Bridge Sept. **WESTERN KINGBIRD**: one at Scotia 2 Sept. by M. & P. L. Worthington. Horned Lark: two at Oom's Pond 13 Nov. Tree Swallow: 300+ Churchtown 23 Sept., T/O Col. Co. in Sept. by many observers, also Central Bridge. No. Rough-winged

Swallow: at Canaan 2, 10 Sept. Bank Swallow: Old Chatham, Canaan 2, 5, 10, 11 Sept. Cliff Swallow: Canaan 2, 10, 11 Sept. Barn Swallow: by several observers T/O Col. Co. Blue Jay: T/O area and season. Am. Crow: T/O region and season. Fish Crow: nest found at Castleton by Paul Connor in Sept. Black-capped Chickadee: T/O region and season. Tufted Titmouse: T/O region and season. Red-breasted Nuthatch: Central Bridge Oct., at Jenny L. banded 4 in Sept.-3 Oct.; none banded after 9 Oct.; last 26 Nov. White-breasted Nuthatch: T/O area and season. Brown Creeper: scattered sparsely T/O area and season. House Wren: last at Canaan Oct. Winter Wren: Ghent, Old Chatham Nov. Marsh Wren: Old Chatham Nov. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Claverack 24 Sept., Embough Bay 26 Nov., 43 Scotia 28 Sept., one 8 Nov. Golden-crowned Kinglet: Austerlitz, Old Chatham Oct., Castleton Sept., 8 Scotia 22 Oct., one 8 Nov. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Castleton 5, 13, 15 Sept. E. Bluebird: T/O season at Central Bridge, T/O season in Col. Co. Veery: Col. Co. sparsely scattered through Sept. Swainson's Thrush: Last noted Old Chatham 17 Oct. Hermit Thrush: found dead on road at Claverack 29 Oct.; seen in Central Bridge in Nov. Wood Thrush: Castleton, Old Chatham Sept. Am. Robin: T/O region and season. Gray Catbird: T/O by most in Col. Co. Sept.-Oct. No. Mockingbird: Claverack 19 Sept.-16 Nov., T/O Col. Co. Brown Thrasher: numbers seem down. Castleton, Old Chatham 1, 6, 8, 19 Sept. Water Pipit: at Castleton (one) in Oct. Cedar Waxwing: scattered reports T/O region and season. No. Shrike: one heard by Elisabeth Grace at Old Chatham, 26 Nov. European Starling: T/O region and season.

VIREOS-WARBLED: Solitary Vireo: last seen Spencertown in early Oct. Warbling Vireo: Ghent, Castleton, Old Chatham up to 18 Sept. and in Scotia 18, 20 Nov. Philadelphia Vireo: last reported at Spencertown and Chatham 22 Sept. Red-eyed Vireo: Claverack 17 Sept., last date 7 Oct. Blue-winged Warbler: Old Chatham 5 Sept. Tennessee Warbler: last reported 2 Oct. at Scotia. Orange-crowned Warbler: seen 3 Sept. at Scotia. Nashville Warbler: Claverack 24 Sept., last seen 3 Oct. at Scotia. No. Parula: last reported 3 Oct. Glenville. Yellow Warbler: Ghent, Castleton T/O Sept., last report 1 Oct. at Scotia. Chestnut-sided Warbler: 24 Sept. at Claverack. Cape May Warbler: at Scotia 4 Sept., latest at Castleton 17 Sept. Black-throated Blue Warbler: at Scotia 2 Sept., last seen 26 Sept. at Canaan. Yellow-rumped Warbler: reported by nearly all observers but latest 26 Nov. at Embough Bay. Black-throated Green Warbler: latest 14 Oct. at Scotia. Blackburnian Warbler: latest 1 Oct. at Scotia. Pine Warbler: 9 Sept.-3 Oct. at Scotia. Prairie Warbler: 1 Aug.-5 Sept. at Scotia and Glenville. Palm Warbler: 2 Sept. at Scotia, at Old Chatham 9 Oct., at Ghent 31 Oct. (Gardinas). Bay-breasted Warbler: at Scotia Aug.-13 Sept. and 5 Oct. Blackpoll Warbler: at Castleton 5, 6, 11 Oct.; at Scotia 13 Sept., 7 Oct. Cerulean Warbler: one male at Scotia 9 Sept. Black-and-white Warbler: by most observers T/O Col. Co. T/O Sept., latest report from Austerlitz 8 Oct. Am. Redstart: almost T/O Col. Co. in Sept., Scotia 2 Sept. Ovenbird: Castleton 17 Sept.; Jenny L. (20 banded) 18 Sept. No. Waterthrush: at Ghent 7, 14, 19 Sept. Connecticut Warbler: at Scotia three in Sept. (no further date). Com. Yellowthroat: Ghent 1, 6 Sept.; Old Chatham 13 Oct. Wilson's Warbler: seen Castleton, Old Chatham, Chatham on 5, 13, 22, 25 Sept. and at Scotia 2 Sept. and 1 Oct. Canada Warbler: at Scotia 1 Aug.-1 Sept. and at Ghent, Old Chatham 5, 13 Sept.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: Castleton, Old Chatham, Spencertown Sept. nearly T/O. No. Cardinal: Central Bridge, Col. Co., Schenectady T/O areas and season; not reported in more northerly areas. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: at Claverack 24, 25 Sept. (female with fledgling on 25th). Indigo Bunting: Claverack 24 Sept. Rufous-sided Towhee: Copake 23 Sept., Olana 10 Oct., Castleton, Spencertown, Old Chatham, Canaan 1-18 Sept. Am. Tree Sparrow: first report Olana 13 Nov., Embough Bay 26 Nov. Chipping Sparrow: Castleton, Spencertown, Old Chatham 1-31 Oct., Castleton 1 & 2 Nov. Field Sparrow: Churchtown 23 Sept., Claverack 9 Oct.; Ghent 7, 17, 21 Nov. Vesper Sparrow: Ghent 6, 17 Oct. Savannah Sparrow: reported Central Bridge Sept. Fox Sparrow: Glenville one 15 Oct., Ghent, Castleton, Old Chatham 17-30 Nov., Scotia 15 Oct. Song Sparrow: Claverack Nov., 15 Oct. Ghent, Castleton 16 Nov. Lincoln's Sparrow: Ghent 1, 6, 31 Oct., one at

Claverack 25 Sept. Swamp Sparrow: Stockport 23 Sept., Claverack 24-25 Sept., 9-15 Oct. White-throated Sparrow: T/O Col. Co. area and season, also Central Bridge T/O Oct.-Nov.; arrived Schenectady 13 Sept. White-crowned Sparrow: T/O Col. Co. to 30 Oct. Dark-eyed Junco: Yunick banded 25 21-22 Oct. at feeder in Schenectady, first arrived in Schenectady on 11 Oct., banded seven in Sept. and 18 in Oct. at Jenny L. at Central Bridge through Oct.-Nov.; Embough Bay 26 Nov. Snow Bunting; five at Embough Bay 26 Nov. Bobolink: seen Col. Co. 2, 5 Sept. Red-winged Blackbird: at Castleton T/O season, last noted in higher areas 29 Oct. at Claverack. E. Meadowlark: seen Ghent 17 Nov.; Castleton 8, 10, 15, 21 Nov.; Old Chatham 6 Nov. Rusty Blackbird: four at Claverack 9, 15, 29 Oct. Com. Grackle: Claverack 30 on 24 Sept; Embough Bay 23, 24 Nov. Brown-headed Cowbird: 200± at Claverack 21 Sept.; Ghent & Castleton in Nov. No. Oriole: at Central Bridge Sept.-Nov. Purple Finch: Claverack 24 Sept., 15, 29 Oct.; Jenny L. banded 72 in Sept. and seven in Oct. (May-Oct. total of 531, an above average season); Canaan, Spencertown in Nov. House Finch: now common T/O at least southern two-thirds of region and season. Pine Siskins: two seen over Claverack 18 Sept. Am. Goldfinch: T/O area and season. Evening Grosbeak: T/O most of region to north; first appeared Col. Co. 29 & 31 Oct. House Sparrow: T/O region and season.

This is my last Regional Report. When I retired from museum work in 1983 I had hoped to have a little more time for myself, but am now busier than ever working on books, and eye trouble has slowed me considerably. Peter Feinberg, 306 Hudson Ave., Albany, New York 12210, has agreed to take over Region 8. Thank you all for the support you have given me and long and happy birding to all.

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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To the consternation of hawkwatchers forced to sit out in the sun, September was hot, hot, hot; with twelve days above 90° F. Several observers felt the temperature had much to do with the poor results obtained at locations that were manned daily. The birds seemed reluctant to fly. Temperatures in October and November were more to be expected. Although rains were not frequent, they more than made up for it in quantity. What with the heavy spring rains we are fast approaching 70 inches, more than double the annual average.

As predicted after the very wet spring and early summer, seed and fruit crops were good. The food is here if the winter residents arrive to use it. With the exception of Snow and Canada Geese, waterfowl movements were disappointing. With the exception of a few species, most diurnal raptor counts were average. A new count was started at Butler Sanctuary near Mt. Kisco, and was manned daily thru September and October. At press time only the September figures have been received from Hook Mt., but the Mt. Peter records are complete. An interesting variation introduced at Butler was the counting of *all* birds passing the lookout. It turned up some interesting information as you will see in the report. Would that we could interest other hawkwatches in the practice. Shorebird movements were poor, due largely to the brimming lakes and streams. Only a few reservoirs were drawn down far enough to expose mudflats which