

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

lured visitors. Several observers reported strong nocturnal migrations of passerines especially on the nights of 13-14, 22-23, and 26-27 September. Birding was good the days following each of these nights.

Rarities in the report include: Cattle Egret, Eurasian Wigeon, Black Vulture, Baird's Sandpiper, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Forster's Tern, Boreal Chickadee and Bohemian Waxwing. Not mentioned in the report but worthy of some recognition is the escaped Red Bishop, a colorful African weaver finch that appeared on Piermont Pier about the same time one was reported on Long Island by the local Rare Bird Alert. At least there weren't any new parrots.

We welcome a new quarterly publication to the region, *The Upper Westchester-Putnam Field Notes*, which will report the findings in that region. This rich area has gone almost unreported in recent years.

Corrigendum: A correction is in order for Vol. XXXIII No. 3, page 223 line 10 which should read, "Fish Crow: usual few reported. The 3 at Wawarsing 23 Apr..." not "...30 at Wawarsing 23 Apr....".

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Abbreviations: Ashokan—Ashokan Reservoir; BS—Butler Sanctuary Hawk Watch, Mt. Kisco; EP—Esopus Point; HM—Hook Mt. Hawk Watch, Nyack; MC—Marshlands Conservancy, Rye; MP—Mt. Peter Hawk Watch; PL—Playland, Rye.

LOONS-DUCKS: Red-throated Loon: two flew over BS on 22 Oct., last at Ashokan 27 Oct. Com. Loon: one over BS 16 Sept., one at Amawalk Res. 5 Sept., max five Croton Pt. 30 Oct. Pied-billed Grebe: max 10 at EP 30 Oct. Numbers generally down thru region. Horned Grebe: max 20 Ashokan 22 Oct. Great Cormorant: a few arr at Rye toward the end of Sept., while the bulk of Double-crested left by the middle of that month. Am. Bittern: one lingered at MC having first arr 29 Sept. Little Blue Heron: one Piermont Pier 27 Sept. **CATTLE EGRET:** always rare, esp. in fall. What appeared to be a young bird was feeding on a lawn in Purchase 17 Sept. Green-backed Heron: several obs listed this species as down thru the summer and early fall. Snow Goose: first over BS 7 Oct. High counts there were 291 on 20 Oct. and 195 on 21 Oct. 59 spent 11 Nov. on Titicus Res., one flock of 18 were over MP 16 Oct., between 60-70 were at Tamarack, Dutch 6-13 Nov. Brant: eight over BS 22 Oct., six there 29 Oct., and 65 there 1 Nov. 50 were at Norrie Pt. Dutch 19 Oct. Canada Goose: thousands of feral birds resident thru region, many others noted in migration. Excellent movements the nights of 1 Oct. and 9 Oct. More than a thousand birds in 17 flocks passed over HM 7 Oct., that same date 3,558 passed BS, 710 passed Anthony's Nose, and two flocks of more than 500 each were over the Town of Thompson Park in Sull that same date. Wood Duck: max 40 at Thompson Pd. and 40 at Travers in Dutch. No. Shoveler: the five in L Tappan 8 Sept. were two days ahead of Rockland's previous early date. Their numbers inc. to 40 by 16 Oct. Gadwall: a few are now found regularly at Cornwall Bay and Iona I; single birds at Amawalk Res 6 Sept. and 13 Nov. **EURASIAN WIGEON:** one male at L Tappan 11-16 Nov., second record for Rock, previous 11 Mar 1938. Canvasback: building on the Hudson by mid-Nov. with 56 at Iona I. An early bird was on Haverstraw Bay 4 Sept.; 250 were at EP 30 Oct. Ring-necked Duck: more than 100 on Kenoza L., Ulst. 20 Oct. Oldsquaw: one at Tamarack, Dutch 13 Nov., 20 Ashokan 27 Oct. Hooded Merganser: an early male was at Amawalk Res. 25 Sept., a max of 49 spent 15 Nov. at Titicus Res. Com. Merganser: more than 30 imm and females were on Ashokan 18 Sept., continued there in smaller numbers thru period. Ruddy Duck: 26 on Kiamesha L 19 Oct. was an excellent number for Sull.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: BLACK VULTURE: two reports from Dutch, four on 1 Sept. at Pleasaant Valley (Bob Bohler) and three 16 Sept. at Allen Hill (CT). Osprey: BS total 336, one day max was 32 on 2 Sept. MP 141, max 23 on 22 Sept. HM Sept. total only was 134; max was 16 on 14 Sept. Bald Eagle: a few reported away from hawk watches. BS had four adults and two imm; max 2 on 30 Aug. MP had a new high of five over the old high of four last year, all Sept. dates except one on 8 Oct. HM had two Sept. birds. No. Harrier: BS total 190, max 22 on 14 Sept., MP total 74, max seven on 2 Oct. HM total 123, max 25 on 14 Sept. Sharp-shinned Hawk: several reports from feeding stations at end of period. BS total 2,893. Max 297 on 6 Oct. MP total 1,611, max 138 on 22 Sept. and again 14 Oct. HM Sept. total 1,767, max 323 on 25 Sept. Cooper's Hawk: BS total 28, max five on 28 Sept. MP total 38, max 12 on 16 Oct. HM total 26, max eight on 25 Sept. No. Goshawk: the usual few residents reported thru region. Hawk watch migrants were: at BS total 25, max three on 19 Oct. MP tied its 1982 record total of 12 with a max of two on 16 Oct. and again on 30 Oct. HM had no birds the month of Sept. Red-shouldered Hawk: BS had 87, with a max of 11 on 30 Oct. MP broke its 1979 record of 68 birds with 93, and broke its daily high total with a record of 23 on 16 Oct. HM had only six birds in Sept. with three on 28 Sept. Broad-winged Hawk: a mediocre season with BS having 3,161 with a max of 654 on 14 Sept. MP had 4,481 with max of 2,647 on 14 Sept. HM had 2,146 with 1,050 on 14 Sept. Red-tailed Hawk: BS total 552, max 80 on 13 Nov. MP had 448 with a max of 94 on 29 Oct. HM had only 24 in Sept. with max on 18 Sept. of 11. Neil Currie of Conn. in eight hours of watching on the Schawangunk Ridge near Port Jervis on 12 Nov. had 421 of this species; more than most observers get in an entire season. Winds were a strong 20 mph out of the west, and the birds were traveling south along the ridge. Rough-legged Hawk: BS had one bird for the period on 8 Nov. MP also had one 29 Oct., and HM had none. Golden Eagle: BS had a total of four, two adults and two imm, max two on 19 Oct. MP had three with max of one on 23, 27 Sept. and 12 Nov. HM had none during Sept., but your reporter had a striking imm there 21 Oct. The bird came to within 150 ft. of the observers. Am. Kestrel: BS total 558, max 50 on 25 Sept. MP had 201 with a max of 29 on 6 Oct. MP had 224 in Sept. with max of 32 on 15 Sept. Merlin: BS had 14 with a max of three 14 Sept. MP had only two with single bird on 3, 4 Oct. HM had two birds in Sept., one 20 Sept. and another 27 Sept. Peregrine Falcon: BS had five single birds in early to mid-Oct. MP broke its 1981 record of seven with a total of 11; max was two on 7 Sept. HM had one 25 Sept. Ruffed Grouse: numbers reported up in Dutch and appear to be good elsewhere. Wild Turkey; at least 13 birds were seen regularly in Putnam. Am. Coot: max 250 at EP 30 Oct.-30 Nov. Black-bellied Plover: 15 at Ashokan 5 Oct. Lesser Golden-Plover: max 75 at Warren Sod Farm, near Pine I. Oran 18 Sept. Killdeer: max 53 at Minisink Valley Central High School 5 Nov. Greater Yellowlegs: two at Baird Pk, Dutch 9 Nov. were very late. Upland Sandpiper: max 15 Warren Sod Farm 4 Sept. White-rumped Sandpiper: six in the company of ten Pectorals at Ashokan 6 Nov. Late for both species. **BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** one closely observed by FM and RT at Ashokan 1 Sept. was the only report. Pectoral Sandpiper: in addition to the late birds at Ashokan, nine were at Baird Park, Dutch 4 Nov. with one still there 13 Nov. Purple Sandpiper: returned to PL 5 Nov. Buff-breasted Sandpiper: max five Warren Sod Farm 18 Sept., first there 7 Sept., two at Amawalk Res. 5 Sept. and again 23 Sept. Com. Snipe: max six at Chester 31 Oct, three Baird Park 9 Nov. Bonaparte's Gull: only report one bird 25 Sept at MC. **LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL:** returned to Mamaroneck's Harbor I Pk 16 Oct. for the fourth consecutive winter. The nearby Greenwich Pt., Conn. bird returned for its sixth winter but disappeared shortly after arrival. Com. Tern: rare anywhere, and especially away from the Hudson, one at a Salt Point pond 22 Sept. **FORSTER'S TERN:** two off PL 29 Oct., three others at Croton Pt. 2 Oct., rare on the Hudson when not storm-related.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-hooded Parakeet: two obs feeding in a cornfield along Rt. 6 in Greenville, Oran 17 Nov. Barred Owl: one heard in South Salem thru end of Sept., three heard at the same time at Monticello 31 Oct. Short-eared Owl: one at Somers 6 Nov., six at Galeville by 26 Nov. Com. Nighthawk: peak movement in West was 27 Aug. when

220 passed BS and 29 Aug. when 105 passed the Rye Nature Center. The same number was at BS 2 Sept. Chimney Swift: more than 1,058 passed the BS lookout with a high of 220 on 2 Sept. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 52 passed BS which is extraordinarily high considering the poor numbers reported all summer. Red-headed Woodpecker: six passed BS during period, four of them in early Sept. Red-bellied Woodpecker: continues its slow increase thru the region. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: ten reports from Dutch.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: one at Wawarsing 25 Sept. was rather late. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: the usual few, four from West the first being 14 Aug. and the last 23 Sept. *Empidonax* flycatchers: max movement seemed near 7 Sept. with more than 15 in the Bashakill. Great Crested Flycatcher last visited MC 10 Sept. **BOREAL CHICKADEE:** one briefly at Pleasant Valley 4 Nov. Since reports are coming in of birds in Mass. and N.J. it may well be a good winter for them. Red-breasted Nuthatch: reported in good numbers from N West and Putnam during Sept. and Oct. Carolina Wren: apparently a good breeding season this spring and summer. Five along the three mile stretch of the Mine Rd. USMA on 3 Sept. Winter Wren: more than usual, at least seven in Dutch alone. Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr in good numbers in early Oct. for the best fall in several years. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr by Sept. 23, peaking in early Oct. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: one at Vassar late date of 30 Nov. E. Bluebird: 200 boxes on eight monitored trails in mid-Dutch produced 423 fledglings which Florence Germond feels is low; should have been better than 600. Gray-cheeked Thrush: only report one at BS in mid-Oct. Swainson's Thrush: exc movement from 10 Sept. on; about 30 at Rye Nature Center 23 Sept., following a heavy migration the night before. Wood Thrush: an extremely late bird at Putnam Valley 15 Nov. Am. Robin: scarce in Dutch where it is usually exc well into Nov. Gray Catbird: one late bird at Wurtsboro in early Nov., two in Dutch 20 Nov. Water Pipit: an unprecedented flock of 75-100 on the dry bed of L Tappan 16 Oct. Unreported that county since 1979, and then only a few dozen. **BOHEMIAN WAXWING:** five obs with a flock of 20 Cedars at Buttercup Sanct. near Pine Plains (MVW, HM, MV), remained only a few hours. Cedar Waxwing: more than 1,960 passed the BS lookout during Sept. No. Shrike: one frequenting a Bedford Hill feeder 17-25 Nov. Loggerhead Shrike: one in Purchase was seen only on 10 Nov. Another was at Galeville Airport 26 Nov.

VIREOS-WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: a dark-eyed young bird singing a typical song was at Wawarsing 11 Sept. Philadelphia Vireo: seven reports from West 8-24 Sept., three Dutch reports from 5-20 Sept. Tennessee Warbler: 20 along Mine Rd USMA 3 Sept. A large wave in West 23 Sept. had 27 at Rye and 20 at BS. No. Parula: also at max 23 Sept. with eight at Rye Nature Center. Black-throated Green Warbler: usually seen in small numbers, an incredible 40 passed the BS lookout on 23 Sept. Pine Warbler: two at Rye 13 Nov., another was at a Mahopac feeder 21-23 Nov. Prothonotary Warbler: one Mt. Kisco 30 Sept. Connecticut Warbler: one at BS 13 Oct., and one at Pond Gut 5 Sept. one at Kingston 17-18 Sept. Mourning Warbler: one at Bedford 23 Sept., one at Pond Gut 14 Sept. and one at Quaker Hill, Dutch 13 Oct. Hooded Warbler: one bright-plumaged male was on Mine Rd., USMA 3 Sept.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Fox Sparrow: good at feeder in Dutch in mid-Nov., gone by 24 Nov. Lincoln's Sparrow: the usual few, two at MC 24 Sept., one at Bashakill 19 Sept. and three reports from Wawarsing on 9, 28 Sept. and 3 Oct. three near IBM Plant in Kingston 18 Sept. White-crowned Sparrow: 14 were at Somers 1 Oct. Lapland Longspur: one at PL 23 Oct. and two there 20 Nov. Snow Bunting: eight at Moore's Mills 12 Nov., arr Kingston Pt. 30 Oct., and Ashokan 8 Nov. Red-winged Blackbird: most reporters found few thru summer and early fall. Large flocks finally appeared in late Oct. in Dutch; a massive flight was obs over Kingston on 25 Oct., flock was at least 5 miles long. **PINE GROSBEEK:** a single bird on Twin Mt. in the Catskills 10 Nov. Pine Siskin: exc numbers from mid-Sept. along the ridges. Evening Grosbeak: max more than 200 on Twin Mt. in the Catskills 10 Nov., feeding on beechnuts. Started passing hawk watches in mid-Oct. with 139 at BS 31 Oct. and 115 there 17 Nov.

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