

Pate Bog 14 Oct (MB). E. Bluebird: Crown Point, Keene Valley, New Russia, Saranac L in Oct, max 50 Peru 15 Oct suggests abundance. Water Pipit: one summit Cascade Mt (4,098') 30 Sep (B&CB).

VIREOS-WARBLERS: All are last dates at Tupper L, except as noted. Solitary Vireo: 14 Oct. Yellow-throated Vireo: 7 Sep. Red-eyed Vireo: 7 Oct. Nashville Warbler: 2 Oct. N. Parula: 1 Oct. Yellow Warbler: 6 Sep. Chestnut-sided Warbler: 21 Sep. Magnolia Warbler: 20 Sep. Cape May Warbler: 23 Sep. Black-throated Blue Warbler: 6 Sep. Yellow-rumped Warbler: 12 Nov. Black-throated Green Warbler: one giving squeaky song Paradox 24 Sep (MB). "Western" Palm Warbler: migrant in muskeg habitat Spring Pond Bog 1 Oct (B&CB,JP). Bay-breasted Warbler: 28 Sep. Black-and-white Warbler: 9 Sep. Am. Redstart: 7 Sep. Ovenbird: in full song and feeding fledglings Paradox 5 Sep, new late date for NYS fledglings (MB). Wilson's Warbler: 7 Sep. Canada Warbler: 6 Sep.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Rufous-sided Towhee: max ten L Alice 2 Nov (MG), high count. Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Four Brothers I "C" 27 Oct (TM). Chipping Sparrow: last Tupper L 6 Nov. Fox Sparrow: arr two Tupper L 19 Oct; last Tupper L 15 Nov, one Elizabethtown 26 Oct, the only other location to report. White-crowned Sparrow: Tupper L from 10 to 20 Oct. Dark-eyed Junco: max 28 Tupper L 11 Nov. Red-winged Blackbird: eight Indian L and 16 Owls Head to 10 Nov, late high counts. E. Meadowlark: one in small pasture near Blue Mt L 5 Oct (B&CB) scarce in that area. Red Crossbill: 20 Bryant's Siding, 16 Nov (JT), feeding in white pine and the only report this season. White-winged Crossbill: imm at Tupper L feeder 9 Sep, male struck window and died Elizabethtown feeder 8 Nov, only reports following the 1984-85 invasion. Pine Siskin: a few reports of flocks of up to 25 in Oct-Nov, following invasion. Am. Goldfinch: scarce but scattered reports. House Sparrow: entering Tupper L street light fixture in early Nov.

CORRIGENDUM: Gray-cheeked Thrush Moriah 22 Apr 1984 should be 22 May (GC).

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REGION 8 – HUDSON-MOHAWK

There is no Region 8 report because we have no Editor for Region 8.

REGION 9 – DELAWARE-HUDSON

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Basically this was a rather lackluster season in almost every way. There were no great weather changes with the exception of Hurricane *Gloria* and even that was a bust as far as winds and rain were concerned. Thankfully there was little damage reported, but with one or two exceptions no exotic birds were present either. Reservoir supplies were raised only slightly, and were it not for a few

good rains in November the long drought would still be with us. Mean temperatures for September and October were slightly above normal, but November was slightly below normal. September was a bit wetter than usual but October was quite dry, with less than half the rain that could be expected. November, on the other hand, approached twice its average precipitation. 16 Nov produced a trace of snow at higher elevations but there had been no real freeze in lower areas by the end of the period. Food supplies continue to be good, with excellent fruit, seed and acorn crops throughout the Region.

The only exotic to appear after Hurricane *Gloria* was a Northern Fulmar, but Piermont Pier had more Forster's Terns than usual. The Fulmar was found "spread eagle" in the middle of busy Route 120 in the Village of Chappaqua by Sue Cassone on 30 Sep, three days after the passage of *Gloria*. The bird had an injured leg. It was taken to a rehabilitation center in Stony Point, where it was identified and photographed (EDT, NYSARC). On 16 Oct it was transferred to another rehabilitation center in Surf City, NJ, for further treatment and release. A check in early December found the bird in good condition but not yet released.

Canada and Snow Geese made a better than usual showing throughout the Region. Snow Geese were reported from all hawk watches after mid-October. The most unusual report was 175 blue morphs over Monroe on 7 Oct (JY). Huge movements of Canada Geese were reported after mid-September and wintering populations are exceptionally high. Black Scoter, always unusual here, made a good showing on local lakes and the Hudson River. Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon were seen in better than usual numbers, perhaps an indication of a successful hacking season in the Northeast. At least seven Bald Eagles—one tagged and two untagged adults, two subadults, and two immatures—that summered at Rio-Mongaup Reservoir, Sullivan Co., remained there all season. Several singles were reported away from the hawk watches as well. Peregrine Falcon continues its slow increase, and several were seen away from hawk watches. One was observed regularly each evening by commuters driving over (and often nearly off) the Tappan Zee Bridge until the shortening days prevented their seeing it. Wild Turkeys are reported everywhere in the Region despite both spring and fall hunting seasons. One was killed crossing the Taconic Parkway in September. Northern Bobwhite continues to persist, but is reported only once or twice a year now. Warren Sod Farm on Pine Island was visited almost daily and had a good variety of shorebirds, although not the numbers of most years.

Resident owls were up in numbers, while flycatchers were down. Horned Larks arrived in good numbers and indications are for a large winter population. Swallows were scarce compared to most years, but kinglets and Brown Creepers were up. Most regular species of warbler were well reported, especially in Dutchess Co. The only waves reported came 17-18 and 23 Sep and 2 Oct. Again this year Stony Kill Environmental Center in Dutchess Co. was a mecca for sparrows during October. Good numbers of Song, Savannah, White-crowned and White-throated Sparrow were reported, and even the elusive Lincoln's Sparrow and Dickcissel were there. Most species of blackbird were down. The huge flocks usually reported were missed this year except in Dutchess Co., where Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles numbered in the low thousands. Pur-

ple Finch, Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak all were moving past the hawk watches on the high ridges by early October, and even Common Redpolls were reported that month. It looks like we might be in for a good winter finch year for the first time in the last five or more years.

Birds of special interest for the period were: Northern Fulmar, Greater White-fronted Goose, Swainson's Hawk, Western Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Black Skimmer, Snowy Owl, Western Kingbird, Northern Shrike, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, and Brewer's Blackbird.

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Abbreviations: BSHW-Butler Sanctuary Hawk Watch, Mt. Kisco; HMHW-Hook Mountain Hawk Watch, Nyack; MPHWH-Mount Peter Hawk Watch, Warwick; WSF-Warren Sod Farm, Pine Island; WBC-Waterman Bird Club of Dutchess Co.

LOONS-DUCKS: Red-throated Loon: arr Sterling Forest 20 Oct; two Norrie Pt, Dutc, 23 Oct; three at Tappan Zee on 30 Oct increased to five on 3 Nov and still present 24 Nov. Com. Loon: many at hawk watches all season. Horned Grebe: one Kiamasha L 27 Nov, only report. Double-crested Cormorant: one on Rondout Res 29 Sep was unusual away from the Hudson R; many over BSHW and HMHW, including 40 over HMHW on 17 Oct. Great Egret: two Rye Hill Pd, Monroe, 10-18 Sep, unusual away from the Hudson R. Little Blue Heron: im Amawalk Res to mid-Sep. **GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE**: one shot by a hunter, who thought it was an im Snow, Dutch 10 Oct (FG), no other details. Brant: one at a pond in Monroe 4 Nov remained the following week. Green-winged Teal: max>50 Amawalk Res 13 Oct. N. Shoveler: several at Rye Hill Pd, Monroe, 28 Oct-9 Nov, four Croton Res 17 Nov. Redhead: one Tamarack, Dutc, 1-2 Oct. Ring-necked Duck: arr ten Kenosia L, Ulst, 10 Oct. Black Scoter: several singles from mid-Oct to mid-Nov, max 400 Cornwall Bay 20 Oct. White-winged Scoter: arr three Tappan Zee 18 Nov. Com. Merganser: arr widespread 1 Nov, numerous by end of period. Ruddy Duck: up to 400 Piermont Pier by end of period, another 100-200 at Croton Point across the Hudson R.

Mount Peter, Warwick 1 Sep-17 Nov, 408.2 hrs.			
	Total	Maximum	Date
Turkey Vulture	*105	32	10/22
Osprey	110	12	10/6
Bald Eagle	3	2	9/28
Northern Harrier	76	9	10/27
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1343	144	10/6
Cooper's Hawk	41	8	10/6
Northern Goshawk	6	2	10/12
Red-shouldered Hawk	48	8	10/31
Broad-winged Hawk	1210	277	9/17
Red-tailed Hawk	419	117	11/15
Rough-legged Hawk	2	1	9/21,30
Golden Eagle	3	1	10/27,28,11/3
American Kestrel	167	19	9/28,10/6
Merlin	10	1	9/11-10/19
Peregrine Falcon	7	1	9/10-11/15

	Hook Mt, Nyack		Butler Sanctuary, Mt. Kisco		
	1 Sep-31 Oct		1 Sep-16 Nov, 586.3 hrs.		
	Maximum	Date	Total	Maximum	Date
Turkey Vulture	9	10/20	210	46	10/17
Osprey	14	9/25	333	50	10/6
Bald Eagle	1	9/11,10/31	8	3	9/12
Northern Harrier	28	9/23	248	17	10/6
Sharp-shinned Hawk	257	10/8	*3377	206	9/12 (early)
Cooper's Hawk	*19	9/29	*140	14	10/8
Northern Goshawk	1	9/29,10/7,11,21	*27	3	10/22,11/10
Red-shouldered Hawk	19	10/31	*188	86	10/31
Broad-winged Hawk	5108	9/12	10091	4060	9/12
Red-tailed Hawk	29	10/31	431	60	11/15
Rough-legged Hawk	None	None	*3	2	10/27
Golden Eagle	1	10/21	1	1	10/21
American Kestrel	27	9/25	*620	75	9/11,12
Merlin	7	9/22	*32	5	10/6,7,8
Peregrine Falcon	2	9/30,10/6	*12	2	10/6,7,12

* = new record

HAWKS-ALCIDS: BLACK VULTURE: one HPHW 8-9 Oct (JC, EDT), first for that count. Turkey Vulture: max 60 over Oran Co landfill, Goshen, 28 Sep. Cooper's Hawk: one through Nov at WSF. N. Goshawk: three over Port Jervis 8 Nov only report besides hawk watches. **SWAINSON'S HAWK:** im WSF 15 Sep (JS, ph, NYSARC) second Regional record, the first a female collected at Cornwall 14 Oct 1892. Red-tailed Hawk: max 252 over Port Jervis 28 Oct (NC); 135 there on 16 Oct high for so early a date, while 148 on 8 Nov were more normal. Rough-legged Hawk: one WSF 6 Oct early, another there 2-18 Nov; reports suggest a high population this winter. Golden Eagle: one with a rabbit Cimmarron Pd, Sull, 29 Aug, very early; singles Port Jervis 16 and 25 Oct, two there 28 Oct (NC). Am. Kestrel: despite BSHW's record max 620, other observers found migrants and resident birds scarce; only eight residents in Dutch in Nov (WBC). N. Bobwhite: a covey of young at Bashakill 10 Aug (JT); one Monroe 6 Sep (LD, ph). Black-bellied Plover: four Croton Pt 2 Sep, max seven WSF 21 Sep. Lesser Golden-Plover: max 110 WSF 21 Sep; last four there 12 Oct. Upland Sandpiper: last four WSF 15 Sep. **W. SANDPIPER:** two WSF 16-18 Sep (JS). Pectoral Sandpiper: max 22 WSF 4 Oct. **BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:** four WSF 4 Sep, three on 7 Sep, last on 20 Sep. Laughing Gull: last up Hudson River one Brown's Pd, Newburgh 27 Oct. Bonaparte's Gull: one Brown's Pd, Newburgh, 11 Nov only report. **BLACK SKIMMER:** one Bashakill 15 Oct observed "fishing" over the water (Al Gutche and several DEC employees), much too late to be related to Hurricane Gloria.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one Rockland L to 23 Oct, unusual considering their rarity all summer. E. Screech-Owl: reported back in S. Nyack in Sep after years of absence. **SNOWY OWL:** one Bloomingburg, Sull, 8 Nov (E. Hultslander), only report. Barred Owl: one at the parking lot in Bashakill 7 Sep; two answered Screech Owl tapes this period, one in Warwick and the other in Dutc. Short-eared Owl: one 11 Nov at WSF was later found dead (no details); one MC 23 Oct. N. Saw-whet Owl: one N. Saugerties 26 Oct, two on 20 Nov (AB). Whip-poor-will: at least two near Earl Res, Highland Mills, from 14 May thru mid-Sep. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 75 passed BSHW.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: none! E. Wood-Pewee: ad feed-ing young in Dutc as late as 17 Sep. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: three Dutc first week of

Sep, and one the second week. **W. KINGBIRD**: one near Pawling 9 Oct (JMcl, SG). Horned Lark: several hundred at WSF thru Nov. Am. Crow: more than 10,000 at Middletown roost in Nov, more than usual so early in the season. Com. Raven: a convincing but unconfirmed report of one compared with nearby crows at Sloatsburg 14 Sep. Red-breasted Nuthatch: family group S. Nyack thru period; an imm begging food from nearby ads for 10 min on 25 Oct went unrewarded. Carolina Wren: family groups S. Nyack thru period; numbers good along the Hudson R. Wood Thrush: last 25, 28 Sep Dutc. Gray Catbird: last Dutc 16 Nov. Water Pipit: max 120 WSF 3 Nov, last 20 there 15 Nov. **N. SHRIKE**: one Pound Ridge Res 15-17 Nov (Ed Kanze, mob).

VIREOS-WARBLEDERS: Solitary Vireo: one Hook Mt 22 Oct, rather late. Orange-crowned Warbler: one on goldenrod in Chester 8 Oct. Pine Warbler: one at a seed feeder in Campbell Hall 21 Nov (JFF), late. Palm Warbler: one Monroe 20 Oct, late. Connecticut Warbler: one 20 Sep Highland Mills, only report. Wilson's Warbler: last Highland Mills 11 Oct, late.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Rose-breasted Grosbeak: ♀ at feeder Rhinebeck in early Nov (Beatrice Cross, ph), late. Am. Tree Sparrow: first two Stony Kill 19 Oct, good numbers by end of period. Sharp-tailed Sparrow: a dark-plumaged bird at Piermont Marsh 14 Oct (Peter Derven), first Rock record in 10 years. Fox Sparrow: arr Dutc 3 Oct, regular after that date. White-throated Sparrow: arr Highland Mills 21 Sep, earlier than usual. White-crowned Sparrow: up to 25 singing, Stony Kill, 19 Oct. Snow Bunting: record early HMMW 20 Oct, where seen feeding 23, 24 Oct often as close as ten feet as Sharp-shins floated by only a few feet overhead; max 75 WSF 11 Nov and 40 Claryville 29 Oct. Bobolink: max 200 WSF at start of period. **BREWER'S BLACKBIRD**: two ♂ reported without details WSF 11 Nov (JT). N. Oriole: ♀ feeding on suet Monticello 16 Nov-8 Dec (D,K,N Niven), late. Pine Grosbeak: 12 Vassar Coll 27 Nov, two feeding on Crab Apples near Pawling 28 Nov. Com. Redpoll: about ten Ashokan 23 Nov; one near East Park, Dutc, 31 Oct. Pine Siskin: numerous at all hawk watches in Oct, one flock of about 90 Hook Mt Beach 5 Nov; three or four at Rock L 7 Nov; nine at Highland Mills, 21 Oct; reported at about nine feeders in Dutc in Nov. Evening Grosbeak: arr Wurtsboro 30 Aug, numerous at all hawk watches in Oct, reported at many feeders in Nov.

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REGION 10 – MARINE

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It was a mild, dry fall until November when the weather cooled off and became wetter. In September the temperature was at or above normal on 22 days. Three days of 90+° F from the 4th to the 6th were some of the hottest days of the year. The month's average of 70.5° was 2.2° above normal. Most of September was dry until Hurricane Gloria brought 3.13 inches of rain on the 27th on its pass through the Region. This put the total for the month at 4.75 in., 1.09 in. above