

Nov, Tomhannock 26 Nov. Marsh Wren: only report Black Creek Marsh early Sep. N. Shrike: arr Five Rivers 13 Nov, another Amsterdam 15 Nov.

VIREOS-WARBLERS: Tennessee Warbler: last was only report. Magnolia Warbler: last was only report. Cape May Warbler: only two reports. Yellow-rumped Warbler: many at L George Village 22 Sep, few Five Rivers 5 Oct, two L Taghkanic 24 Oct. Black-throated Green Warbler: numerous L George Village-Glens Falls area 11 to 22 Sep. Prairie Warbler: three reports Five Rivers 4 Sep, Schodack Center 10 Sep, L Taghkanic 27 Sep. Palm Warbler: one L Taghkanic 24 Oct. Bay-breasted Warbler: one Pine Swamp first week Sep. Blackpoll warbler: one Pine Swamp first week Sep. Am. Redstart: last was only report. Ovenbird: only two reports. Com. Yellowthroat: only two singles reported, will more show up on Christmas Bird Counts?

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: N. Cardinal: n most report Silver Bay 4 Sep. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: sightings from L George Village s to Tamarack during Sep. Rufous-sided Towhee: max four L Taghkanic 27 Sep. Am. Tree Sparrow: arr L George Village 24 Oct. Chipping Sparrow: max at Warren City late Sep. Field Sparrow: last Five Rivers 10 Oct. Vesper Sparrow: only reports Brookview 20 Oct, Staats I 28 Oct. Savannah Sparrow: last two Brookview 9 Oct. Grasshopper Sparrow: only report Schenectady Co. Airport early Sep. Fox Sparrow: arr Black Creek Marsh late Sep. Song Sparrow: only reports from s part of Region, L Taghkanic 27 Sep. Swamp Sparrow: most seen in Sep, then at Five Rivers 21 Oct. White-throated Sparrow: arr Five Rivers 14 Sep, many in Oct then few in Nov. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Amsterdam 4 Oct, last Staats I 22 Oct. Snow Bunting: three reports within one week L George, Amsterdam, Raymertown 14-22 Nov. Red-winged Blackbird: last reported W. Taghkanic 9 Sep. E. Meadowlark: last Cropseyville 29 Sep. Rusty Blackbird: max 12 Five Rivers 7 Oct. Common Grackle: last 100 W. Taghkanic 9 Sep. Purple Finch: few reported, most left Jenny L early Sep with a few remaining until Nov, small numbers seen Amsterdam 10 Oct, 12 L Taghkanic 24 Oct, six Schodack Center 20 Nov. Pine Siskin: *intro*; max 20 Five Rivers 17 Oct, 20 Tomhannock 8 Nov. Evening Grosbeak: arr Amsterdam 9 Oct, max 25 Five Rivers 16 Oct.

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REGION 9 — DELAWARE-HUDSON

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September was cool and rainy with many dreary days which made it difficult to look for fall warblers. In fact some observers found the fall migration disappointing. Hawks were missed in Dutchess County. However hawk watching at Butler, Bear Mountain, Mount Peter and The Trapps met with good results.

October brought a surprise freak storm with snow up to twelve inches deep on 4 Oct that laid waste much of central and eastern Dutchess Co. The heavy, wet snow on top of the fall foliage brought down trees and knocked out power for up to eleven days. Some woodlands will take years to recover. Some may never recover. It will be interesting to see what effects this devastation will have

on returning migrants in the spring. No doubt some areas will benefit, as tree loss will allow new growth and perhaps will be helpful to some ground nesters. During the storm birds came to feeders. It was unusual to see a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak at the feeder feeding in the snow. The rest of the October remained cool with some frost toward the end of the month. Heavy migration was noted on 5 October and again on the 16th and the 27th.

On 13 Oct at dawn there were 9000 Red-winged Blackbirds, 3000 Common Grackles, 250 Rusty Blackbirds and 80 Brown-headed Cowbirds in Croton Bay Marsh. They all left the marsh because hunters discharged shotguns there.

November was colder than normal even though it was warmer than November last year. A heavy snow on 11 Nov dumped eight inches on some parts of the Hudson Valley and brought in the first Snow Buntings. Chipping Sparrows stayed late and Tree Sparrows were late arriving.

Several notable birds were reported. The first **Forster's Tern** recorded in Dutchess County where eight were observed at the old Ferry dock in Beacon, as they perched on old pilings. They were found by Steve Stanne on 26 Oct and observed the next day by others. Ten were noted at Highland Falls on 5 Nov., ten days after the Beacon sighting. Once again Stony Kill Farm, south of Wappingers Falls, produced a good variety of sparrows. October is the time to check the gardens and weed patches. A t Warren Sod Farms in Orange County a **White-rumped Sandpiper** and other good shorebirds as well as a **Loggerhead Shrike** were found.

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Abbreviations: SCAS-Sullivan County Audubon Society, WBC-Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club.

LOONS-DUCKS: Red-throated Loon: one 15 Nov. Rhinebeck. Com. Loon: one Never-sink Res 13 Nov (MG), one Rondout Res 14 Nov, two Pepacton Res 19 Nov (SCAS). Pied-billed Grebe: one Cole L 19-22 Oct, Frost Valley, several Nov sightings DUTC. Horned Grebe: one Ashokan Res 1 Nov (SS). Double-crested Cormorant: four on Hudson R 19-20 Sep (WBC, SCAS), Greenwood L, a new locality (JT), one Cole L 4 Oct (MG). Great Blue Heron: good Nov reports from DUTC and SULL. Great Egret: one L Oniad 2-3 Oct (WBC). Green-backed Heron: singles 9 Oct and 25 Oct (WBC). Snow Goose: large flock Pine Plains 21-25 Nov. Brant: one Beaver Dam and Tamarack 6-16 Nov (MVW), one Pine Plains 22 Nov. Wood Duck: many DUTC Oct, four 4 Nov. Stissing, four Wappingers L 5 Nov. Green-winged Teal: three Wappingers L 9-20 Oct, six Pawling 25 Oct, one Tamarack 30 Oct. Am. Black Duck: good numbers DUTC, five Rondout Res 13 Nov. N. Pintail: three Dover Plains 25 Oct. Blue-winged Teal: two Claryville 10 Sep (JW) one Wappingers L 30 Oct. Gadwall: up to nine Wappingers L. Canvasback: 16 Abel's L 7 Nov (BB). Redhead: female Hunns L 26 Oct (MVW). Ring-necked Duck: many in inland ponds in DUTC in Nov. Greater Scaup: one Hunns L 30 Oct. Oldsquaw: two Rondout Res 14 Nov (SCAS), one Ashokan Res 1 Nov (SS). Black Scoter: (no number given) Ashokan 1 Nov (SS), one Hunns L 26 Oct. Surf Scoter: Ashokan Res 1 Nov (SS). Com. Goldeneye: three Wappingers L 5-16 Nov. Bufflehead: three Wappingers L 24-27 Oct, one Abel's L 5 Nov, three 8 Nov. Hooded Merganser: six Morningstar L 20 Nov (VF), one Cole L 3 Nov (MG). Com. Merganser: eighteen Rondout Res 14 Nov, one Wappingers L 13 Nov, three Cole L 15-20 Nov. Ruddy Duck: three Wappingers L 8 Nov.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Fall hawkwatch totals, excluding rarities, were:

Hawkwatch	Butler	BearMt	MtPeter	Trapps
Osprey	642	68	193	10
Bald Eagle	14	14	4	
N. Harrier	279	19	80	30
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3924	468	1613	142
Cooper's Hawk	119	27	81	3
N. Goshawk	9	3	4	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	147	10	98	2
Broad-winged Hawk	13,071	15,190	5097	451
Red-tailed Hawk	677	124	657	45
Golden Eagle	11	3	1	
Am. Kestrel	924	104	321	9
Merlin	23	7	13	
Peregrine Falcon	8	3	5	1

Black Vulture: four Trapps Hawkwatch 30 Oct. Osprey: one Dennison's Ford 9 Nov, one Wassaic 1 Oct, one Hyde Park 2 Oct. Bald Eagle: one Claryville 13 Nov, two Rondout Res 14 Nov. N. Harrier: one Tamarack 30 Oct, one Blueberry Hill 2 Nov. N. Goshawk: one Blue Hill 31 Oct. **Swainson's Hawk:** im light morph Butler Hawkwatch 5 Sep (NYSARC). Rough-legged Hawk: one Red Hook 13 Nov, one Butler Hawkwatch. Peregrine Falcon: one Minisink 6 Sep (ET). Ring-necked Pheasant: continues low in DUTC except when released for hunting. Ruffed Grouse: ad with two y Parksville, fair numbers DUTC. Wild Turkey: doing well, numbers continue on upswing throughout Region. N. Bobwhite: none reported. Com. Moorhen: three Hunns L 22 Oct. Am. Coot: one Verbank 8 Nov, one Rudd Pd 8 Nov, one Wappingers L. Black-bellied Plover: record max 21 Warren Sod Farm 13&16 Nov (ET). Lesser Golden-Plover: 20 to 50 Warren Sod Farm throughout Sep, last 4 Oct (JT ET). Killdeer: 20 Dutchess Airport 5 Sep (OW), 15 Pawling 25 Oct, 40 Warren Sod Farm 4 Oct. Greater Yellowlegs: one Tamarack 30 Oct. Spotted Sandpiper: one Mud Pd 9 Sep. **White-rumped Sandpiper:** singles Warren Sod Farm 4 Oct (GP). Amawalk Res 7 Sep. Pectoral Sandpiper: six Warren Sod Farm 1 Oct, 12 same are a 4 Oct; one Salt Point 27 Nov (MVW). Buff-breasted Sandpiper: peak twelve Warren Sod Farm 12 Sep (JT). Short-billed Dowitcher: one Croton Bay 5 Sep. Com. Snipe: three Salt Point 27 Nov (MVW) Am. Woodcock: three Blue Hill 2 Nov, one sat under a spruce tree in yard from early morning till dark 12 Nov (FG), one seen walking out from under evergreen into the snow 12 Nov (JD); the ground was not frozen. Caspian Tern: two Croton Bay 16 Sep, first fall record since 1981. **Forster's Tern:** *intro*.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: one 7 Sep (MVW). one Stony Kill 12 Oct (WBC). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one Millbrook 21 Sep, one Pleasant Val 22 Sep. E. Screech-Owl: two calling Frost Valley 28 Sep, several in DUTC. Great Horned Owl: heard regularly Pleasant Valley and Rhinebeck. Snowy Owl: one observed twice New Paltz College Campus, perched on Science Building at dusk, 3 and 12 Nov. Barred Owl: all season Poughkeepsie. Long-eared Owl: one flew across road in the evening Claryville 12 Nov (JW). N. Saw-whet Owl: one Herds Creek, Pawling, 11 Nov (SG). Chimney Swift: last Middletown 11 Oct, a week later than normal (JT), ten moving south Stony Kill 7 Oct. Ruby-throated Hummingbird: one Poughkeepsie 24 Oct, visited flowers briefly. Red-bellied Woodpecker: becoming more common throughout Region. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: one Pleasant Valley 22-23 Sep, one Hyde Park 27 Oct, two Vassar College 13 Nov.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: one 2 Sep, two 4 Sep, one 8 Sep (WBC). Horned Lark: 50 Amenia 8 Nov, 200 Red Hook 14 Nov, migrating flocks of 50 Warren Sod Farm 20 Sep. Tree Swallow: 50 on 2 Oct, seven on 17 Oct (WBC). Am. Crow: Middletown Roost up to 9500 birds by 30 Nov (JT). Com. Raven: one observed twice,

two hours apart, Bear Mt Hawkwatch 18 Oct, three Claryville 11 Nov, two feeding on deer carcass New Denman Rd 17 Nov (JW). Red-breasted Nuthatch: seem to have moved in to some feeders in DUTC, two Vassar Campus 25 Nov. Brown Creeper: seem scarce in DUTC in Sep but well reported in Oct and Nov; two Frost Valley 5 Oct-13 Nov. Carolina Wren: one at feeder Ferndale 18-19 Nov, at several feeders DUTC. House Wren: one Stony Kill 26 Oct. Winter Wren: one Buttercup Sanctuary 23 Sep, one Penny Haworth 29 Aug, almost a month early. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 15 Frost Valley 21 Oct (AJ), six on 31 Nov. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: twenty Claryville 20 Nov (JW), good numbers Mt Peter 17 Oct (JT). E. Bluebird: three Bashakill 29 Oct, 25 Stissing 28 Nov, 19 Moores Mills 30 Nov. Swainson's Thrush: one in Crabapple tree, observed for five minutes, 21 Oct (EP). Hermit Thrush: one 7 Nov, one 25 Nov (WBC). Am. Robin: good numbers moving through Frost Valley, feeding in open field and on berries, 3 Nov. Gray Catbird: one 16 Oct (MVW), one Bashakill 10 Oct. Water Pipit: two Stony Kill 31 Oct, 50 Warren Sod Farm 10-11 Oct, 30 Pine Island Turf Farm 12 Oct. Cedar Waxwing: many in Oct, few in Nov DUTC. **Loggerhead Shrike**: ad Warren Sod Farm 5 Sep (FWA), within a week of one detected there three years ago.

VIREOS-WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: one Sharpshoon 9 Sep (WBC). Philadelphia Vireo: one Bashakill 5 Sep, one Mt Kisco 20 Sep (JJ). Chestnut-sided Warbler: one Pawling 15 Oct, late. Yellow-rumped Warbler: one Bashakill 19 Oct; **Audubon's** race with Myrtle race Mt Peter 17 Oct (JT). Prairie Warbler: one 17 Sep (EP). Palm Warbler: one 18 Oct Dover Plains.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: one DUTC 29 Sep. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: *intro*. Indigo Bunting: im feeding with House Finches 28 Nov (MVW). Dickcissel: one Stony Kill 7 Oct. Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 10 Nov. Chipping Sparrow: last Rhinebeck 22 Nov, Middletown late Nov. Field Sparrow: lingered into early Nov. Savannah Sparrow: up to 20 Stony Kill throughout Oct, last Frost Valley 31 Oct. Fox Sparrow: appeared at several feeders DUTC 11 Nov. Song Sparrow: very low in DUTC. Lincoln Sparrow: one Stony Kill 7 Oct, three in mixed flock of sparrows in field below Mt Peter 11-12 Oct (JT). Swamp Sparrow: up to ten Stony Kill Oct, six in swamp Verbank 23 Oct, with mixed flock of sparrows Mt Peter 11-12 Oct. White-throated Sparrow: good numbers. White-crowned Sparrow: four Stony Kill 24 Oct, low; with mixed flock Mt Peter. Dark-eyed Junco: Valerie Freer banded the first 27 Sep, two weeks earlier than usual. Lapland Longspur: two Red Hook 14 Nov. Snow Bunting: up to 500 Red Hook 13 Nov, after first Nov snowfall. Bobolink: one Stony Kill 12 & 19 Oct. Red-winged Blackbird: up to 200 Red Hook 13 Nov. E. Meadowlark: very scarce DUTC, one 8 Nov. Rusty Blackbird: one DUTC 30 Oct. three 8 Nov. **Brewer's Blackbird**: one at feeder Andes 12 Oct, observed closely from 5-8' on and off 10 am to 3 pm (G&DW). Com. Grackle: large flock near Verbank 1 Nov, up to 50 Red Hook 13 Nov. Brown-headed Cowbird: 50 Red Hook 13 Nov. Purple Finch: came to feeders DUTC by mid Oct. Pine Siskin: few at feeders mid Oct-Nov, fifty picking gravel along roadway 28 Nov (MY). European Goldfinch: at feeder Warwick 11 Oct, origin uncertain. Evening Grosbeak: few came to feeders Oct and Nov DUTC and SULL and none seemed to stay.

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[The following report arrived too late for inclusion in the previous issue of The Kingbird – The Editor..]

REGION 4 — SUSQUEHANNA

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Summer at Binghamton was somewhat of a paradox: it was warmer with more sunny days caused by a dominant high pressure system off the Atlantic coast but also wetter than normal. The 3.82 inches of rain in June was slightly above the norm of 3.60 inches. Although rainfall came in spurts of cool weather, I recall the heat. This was the first summer since I moved here from the hotter, more humid state of Delaware that I regretted not owning an air conditioner! During June there were eighteen days with average temperatures above the norm resulting in an average monthly temperature of 64.3°F, 2.1 above the norm. July-like temperatures occurred on twelve of thirteen days from 13 to 25 Jun. The hottest day of this period, 19 Jun, on which a record breaking high of 87°F was recorded, was hot enough to melt strawberries according to our local weather wizard. In July there was more of the same. The dog days of summer melted together during 19 of the first 26 days in which the average temperature was above the norm. Despite the high average temperature for July of 71.1°F, 2.2 above the norm, few days had record breaking temperatures. On 11 Jul 88°F tied the previous high, while 88°F on 24 Jul broke the previous high of 86°F set in 1979. July was wetter than normal with 4.35 inches of rain, almost an inch above the norm of 3.48. August was cool and wet except for a period of six days from 14 to 19 Aug with above average temperatures, during which a record high of 92°F was recorded on 17 Aug. The average temperature for August was 66.1°F, 1.1 below normal. The 4.17 inches of rain was 0.87 inches above normal.

Encouraging reports of waterfowl received were Pied-billed Grebe and Blue-winged Teal. The Pied-billed Grebe was only the fourth report since 1979, and it was good to have an old friend, Blue-winged Teal, return to the list. Last summers miss was the first since 1979. There were excellent reports of Virginia Rail, Common Moorhen, and Marsh Wren. American Bittern, also the fourth reported since 1979, was another special treat this summer. These records were a direct result of the extra attention given to our limited marshland habitat in Broome and Chenango Counties. Keep up the good work!

Most reports of raptors were encouraging. There were good numbers of Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, and Broad-winged Hawk. The relative abundance of Red-shouldered Hawks continued from the Spring (see Addendum below). Unfortunately, no Goshawks and only a few Sharp-shinned and Coopers Hawks were seen. However, these species require special effort to find in breeding season because they become secretive; hence, no apparent decrease in population is suggested by their low numbers. The northward movement of Turkey Vultures continues with increasing reports from Chenango County. A report of a Golden Eagle in Tioga County on 26 Jul lacked sufficient