

one "Pink-sided" or "Oregon" in flock of 15 Owls Head 24-25 Oct (JT). Snow Bunting: Inlet and Cedar R Nov only reports. Com. Grackle: max 300 Owls Head 15 Oct. Pine Grosbeak: Moriah feeder late Nov only report. Evening Grosbeak: extremely scarce; McKinney observed, "In 28 years of deer hunting in the central Adirondack area in November, I don't think I ever had a week without a single northern finch, including Evening Grosbeak."

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REGION 8 - HUDSON-MOHAWK

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The birding, or should I say the reporting of birding activities this fall, was scarce. Reports are scattered and few in number. September was cooler than normal but there were few rainy days to interfere with being outside, in fact, this was the driest September on a statewide basis since 1969. October followed as another cold month, again with below normal precipitation in most of the Region. Finally November was simply an average month weather wise. So with no terrible weather patterns to disrupt time spent outside there were some exciting birds seen. Golden Eagles were observed from two different locations, one at Haines Falls on 14 Oct and the other in Cherry Plain on 12 Nov. At Pinnacle, one of our hawk watching spots, Peregrine Falcons were seen on 18 Sep, 5 Oct and two were seen on 6 Oct. A Barred Owl was described as performing 'magnificently' at North Lake near Haines Falls 15 Oct. The bird was visible at fifty feet for over one half hour. Red-bellied Woodpeckers appear to have found directions to Region 8. One was seen feeding at a suet feeder in W. Taghkanic on 3 Nov, another was observed at Stockport Station on 30 Sep and, although it's early for this report, another was observed on a New Year's Celebration bird count at Five Rivers.

Arthur Long spent time on both 14 and 16 Sep at Pinnacle. During these two days he reports seeing ten different species. His totals for the two days were: Turkey Vulture: 2,1; Osprey: 7,0; Northern Harrier: 0,1; Sharp-shinned Hawk: 3,1; Cooper's Hawk: 1,1; Red-shouldered Hawk: 0,1; Broad-winged Hawk: 48,10; Red-tailed Hawk: 4,2; American Kestrel: 3,1; and Merlin: 0,1, respectively.

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LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: reported commonly from Alcove Res, Embough Bay, Hague, Saratoga L, Tomhannock Res throughout period. Pied-billed Grebe: small numbers seen Bell's Pd, Tamarac, Tomhannock Res Oct and Nov. Horned Grebe: singles Embough Bay 5 Oct, Tomhannock Res 6 Nov. Double-crested Cormorant: max 25 Embough Bay 1 Sep. Great Egret: one Churchtown 16 and 24 Sep, three Stockport 30 Sep. Green-backed Heron: last Churchtown 10 Sep. Mute Swan: single report five Embough Bay 15 Oct. Snow Goose: max 540 Pinnacle 5 Oct. Canada Goose: max 2000 plus both Stuyvesant and Tomhannock Res Nov. Wood Duck: last Embough Bay 15 Oct. Green-winged Teal: two reports, few Sikule Pond 19 Sep, eight Raymertown 6 Nov. Am. Black Duck: max 100 Embough Bay 5 Oct. Mallard: max 75 Embough Bay 15 Oct. N. Pintail: two locations, four Embough Bay 15 Oct, four Stockport Station 30 Sep. Blue-winged Teal: last six Vischer's Ferry 4 Oct. N. Shoveler: single report, two Sikule Pd 19 Sep. Gadwall: two locations, dozen Coeymans Hollow 10 Oct, two Raymertown 6 Nov. Am. Wigeon: last two Raymertown 6 Nov. Canvasback: max 30 Tomhannock Res 6 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: single report 33 Bell's Pd 15 Oct. Scaup sp: max 50 Tomhannock Res 6 Nov. Black Scoter: single report male Saratoga L 10 Nov. Com. Goldeneye: max 90 Tomhannock Res 6 Nov. Bufflehead: last eight Saratoga L 10 Nov. Hooded Merganser: single report eight Tomhannock Res 6 Nov. Com. Merganser: Schodack Landing and Mohawk River all season. Ruddy Duck: sole location 12 Basic Res 10 and 31 Oct.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: small groups through 6 Oct. Osprey: individuals seen Catskill, Eagleville, Embough Bay, Mohawk River, Schyulerville, Tomhannock Res, Warren City. Bald Eagle: two reports, imm Basic Res 31 Oct, one Stuyvesant 7 Oct. N. Harrier: Pinnacle and various locations in RENS to 27 Nov. Sharp-shinned Hawk: seen frequently at Pinnacle to mid Nov, hunting near feeder in Clarksville Sep-Oct. Cooper's Hawk: reported from Pinnacle, Rensselaer and Tamarac. N. Goshawk: single location, one Pinnacle 20 Oct, 27 Oct, 3 Nov. Red-shouldered Hawk: single location Pinnacle, *intro*. Broad-winged Hawk: single location Pinnacle, *intro*. Rough-legged Hawk: single report by Arthur Long at Pinnacle. Golden Eagle: *intro*. Merlin: single location Pinnacle; *intro*. Peregrine Falcon: *intro*. Ring-necked Pheasant: two locations, one Churchtown 3 Sep, one Taghkanic 12 Oct. Ruffed Grouse: reported from Cambridge, Churchtown, Clarksville, RENS, Schoharie, Selkirk. Wild Turkey: few reports, small flocks Cambridge, Schoharie. Virginia Rail: one Raymertown 25 Sep (PC). Killdeer: reported throughout period. Greater Yellowlegs: two locations, one Castleton 4 Sep one Basic Res 10 Oct. Ring-billed Gull: most often reported from RENS all season. Herring Gull: smaller numbers but same places and dates as Ring-billed. Great Black-backed Gull: even smaller numbers but same as above.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: single report Schodack Center 12 Sep. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: single report this year one Churchtown 3 Sep. E. Screech-Owl: two locations Clarksville and W. Taghkanic. Great Horned Owl: same as E. Screech-Owl. Barred Owl: as above plus one North L 15 Oct. Com. Nighthawk: single location nine Catskill 1 Sep. Chimney Swift: max dozens Five Rivers 12 Sep. Belted Kingfisher: seen throughout period in Clarksville, wintering bird on Onesquethaw Creek. Red-bellied Woodpecker: *intro*. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: single report two ad Black Creek Marsh 30 Sep. Pileated Woodpecker: seen commonly Clarksville all season, numerous dates at Hague.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: E. Wood-Pewee: seen frequently RENS during Sep. Least Flycatcher: single location one New Baltimore 16 Sep. E. Phoebe: small numbers from Basic Res, Cambridge, Churchtown, Clarksville, Embough Bay, Five Rivers, Hague, Raymertown. Horned Lark: single location Staats I 4 Oct and into Nov. Tree Swallow: max 200 Schodack Landing 4 Sep then throughout. Bank Swallow: last 42 Churchtown 10 Sep. Cliff Swallow: two locations two Embough Bay 1 Sep, one Brookview 8 Sep. Barn Swallow: max 80 Schodack Landing 4 Sep. Fish Crow: numerous reports, Castleton, RENS, Stuyvesant. Com. Raven: reported Thacher P n to Hague. Carolina Wren: one Stockport Station 30 Sep. House Wren: two reports, Churchtown and Schodack Center through 4 Oct. Winter Wren: three sightings, North L 15 Oct, Raymertown 23 Oct, Schodack Center 22 Sep. Marsh Wren: two locations, one Embough Bay 15 Oct, one RENS 20 Oct. Golden-crowned Kinglet: numerous Schoharie 3 Oct. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: last reported five Pine Swamp 21 Oct. E. Bluebird: greatest numbers reported from Clarksville-Onesquethaw Creek, up to two dozen throughout period. Gray-cheeked Thrush: single bird Schodack Center mid Sep. Swainson's Thrush: common nocturnal migrant in Schodack Center until 4 Oct (PC). Hermit Thrush: single report one Schodack Center 21 Sep. Wood Thrush: Schodack Center until 19 Sep. N. Mockingbird: one downy fledgling reported Churchtown 10 Sep. Brown Thrasher: last report Schoharie 4 Oct. Water Pipit: 12 East Greenbush 4 Oct. Cedar Waxwing: max 130 Pine Swamp 21 Oct.

VIREOS-WARBLED: Solitary Vireo: two locations, one Embough Bay 15 Oct, Schoharie 17 Sep through 16 Oct. Warbling Vireo: seen through mid Sep Schoharie.

Red-eyed Vireo: several Schoharie mid Sep. Golden-winged Warbler: single report, male Five Rivers 1 Sep. Tennessee Warbler: twelve plus Schodack Landing 28 Sep. Chestnut-sided Warbler: two Embough Bay 15 Oct. Magnolia Warbler: last Saratoga City 2 Oct. Black-throated Blue Warbler: one W Taghkanic 15 Sep. Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 150 Raymerton area 25 Sep. Black-throated Green Warbler: numerous in both Schodack Landing and Schoharie mid Sep. Blackburnian Warbler: single location Schoharie 17 Sep. Pine Warbler: single location Schoharie 18 Sep and 16 Oct. Palm Warbler: last ad male Schoharie 9 Oct. Bay-breasted Warbler: one W Taghkanic 21 Sep. Blackpoll Warbler: last six Schodack Landing 28 Sep. Am. Redstart: Castleton 14 Sep, Five Rivers 12 Sep. Ovenbird: Schoharie 18 Sep and 3 Oct. Com. Yellowthroat: max four Brookview 4 Oct.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: a large fledgling being fed by ad female at Schodack Landing 28 Sep (PC). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last report three W Taghkanic 21 Sep. Indigo Bunting: juv Churchtown 3 Sep. Rufous-sided Towhee: Schoharie 17 Sep through 15 Oct. Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Cambridge 5 Nov. Chipping Sparrow: last Schoharie 16 Oct. Field Sparrow: last Schodack Landing 16 Oct. Savannah Sparrow: single report one Tamarac 6 Nov. Fox Sparrow: one to four Schoharie 16 Oct through 15 Nov. Song Sparrow: max 50 Raymerton area 25 Sep. Lincoln's Sparrow: one Raymerton 25 Sep. Swamp Sparrow: last Basic Res 10 Oct. White-throated Sparrow: arr Churchtown 24 Sep, many in Schoharie by 9 Oct. White-crowned Sparrow: arr Vischer Ferry 4 Oct. Red-winged Blackbird: last Embough Bay 15 Oct. E. Meadowlark: single report Churchtown 24 Sep. Rusty Blackbird: hundreds on Tongue Mt Trail, T Bolton, 19 Oct (ER). Com. Grackle: few reported; two Churchtown 3 Sep 10 Sep, two Embough Bay 15 Oct, max 12 Hague 15 Sep. Purple Finch: max 25 Pinnacle 19 Oct. Com. Redpoll: single report two Eagleville mid Nov. Pine Siskin: one Pinnacle 19 Oct, three Hague 27 Oct.

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[This is Linda Armstrong's last Region 8 report. Her absence will make my job as Editor and these pages a little less cheerful. On behalf of the Federation, thanks Linda for the fine job you have done as Region 8 Editor. Sadly, no one has offered to fill Linda's shoes and we are without a Region 8 Editor next season.]

REGION 9 - DELAWARE-HUDSON

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A pleasant September brought relief from the long, hot summer. Fall migration is always exciting and it was good to get out birding again. The cool weather of October brought some late frost and splendid color. Rain, coming late in the month, stripped the leaves from the trees. November was a little colder than normal with some snow midmonth. Together with the coolness of October November made this the coldest fall in many years. Once again the lush weed patches of the Stony Kill Gardens provided food for many migrants well into November.

The Dutchess Bluebird Trail had a good year. From 131 boxes 609 young were fledged, of these 470 were banded by Florence Germond. This does not include all the other boxes that are scattered about the rest of the region.

A Great Horned Owl was found by a woman who is not a birder. In fact she is afraid of birds. She heard the crows mobbing something for a day or two and found the owl huddled under a tree. She called her neighbor, Barbara Michelin,