

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,

who is a birder, and they found the owl was unable to fly. Several calls were made until finally the Life Line For Wildlife was reached and Donna Tracy arrived. The owl was taken to the center. At last report it was doing well and may be released. The second rescue concerns a Wood Thrush. The bird was found 5 November in the protected area by a house. Mary Key was called and she found the bird in apparent good health, but it had no tail and could only fly a foot or two from the ground. She took it to the Millbrook School Zoo where it seems to be doing well. It is hard not to interfere when we see an animal in trouble. It is good to know there are those who care and will do something about situations such as these.

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Abbreviations: Basha - Bashakill Wetlands; EMBC - Edgar Mearns Bird Club; WBC - Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club.

LOONS-DUCKS: Com. Loon: one Washington Res 4 Nov, two Neversink Res 18 Oct, one Hunns L 26 Nov. Pied-billed Grebe: good reports throughout area. **Great Cormorant:** two imm observed at 20 yds on pilings near Conn's Hook, Hudson R, 21 Oct (ET). Double-crested Cormorant: observed throughout period along the Hudson R. Am. Bittern: two Salt Pt area 1 & 7 Sep. Great Blue Heron: many reported DUTC. Great Egret: one Netherwood through Sep-Oct, one Amenia 16 Sep. Green-backed Heron: one 23 Sep (BB). Snow Goose: max 150 over Hook Mt 4 Oct. (ET), max 250 Highland Falls 6 Oct; small flock lingered DUTC through Nov. Brant: one Monroe 16 Nov, two Cornwall Bay 5 Nov. Canada Goose: 1000s migrating, as many stay. Wood Duck: good numbers DUTC, ULST. Green-winged Teal: three Basha 20 Oct (SCAS), 15 Amenia 22 Oct (HM), ten Travers Marsh 3 Nov (MVW), Humpo Marsh 22 Sep. Am. Black Duck: six to eight several sites DUTC. N. Pintail: one Basha 3 Sep (EMBC), three Travers Marsh 15-21 Oct (MVW), one Dieterich L 16 Oct. Blue-winged Teal: three Wappingers L 26 Oct, one Hunns L 24 Nov. Gadwall: seven Wappingers L 4 Nov. Am. Wigeon: 15 Wappingers L 11 Nov. Canvasback: max 300 Cornwall Bay 28 Oct. Ring-necked Duck: max 50 Abels L Oct-Nov, 75 Hunns L 15 Nov. Greater Scaup: 50 Hunns L 25 Oct, one Kays Pd 12 Nov. Oldsquaw: one Kays Pd 3 Nov (MVW). Black Scoter: one Dieterich L 16 Oct, one near WPMA 21 Oct (ET). Com. Goldeneye: four Wappingers L 11 Nov, two Kays Pd 28 Nov. Bufflehead: four Abels L 27 Nov (BB). Com. Merganser: nine Hunns L 26 Nov. Ruddy Duck: two Kays Pd 13 Oct, one Abels L 2 Nov.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Fall hawkwatch totals:

Hawkwatch	Mt Peter	Bear Mt	Trapps
Osprey	229	64	3
Bald eagle	12	7	
N. Harrier	96	18	11
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1516	171	112
Cooper's Hawk	64	11	7
N. Goshawk	2	1	
Red-shouldered Hawk	31	3	5
Broad-winged Hawk	6515	4349	14
Red-tailed Hawk	653	13	57
Rough-legged Hawk			1
Golden Eagle	3	1	
Am. Kestrel	416	86	4
Merlin	12	2	1
Peregrine Falcon		5	1

Black Vulture: three Bear Mt 21 Oct, five 24 Oct; two Mt Peter 25 Oct. Turkey Vulture: 14 feeding on dead deer Salt Point 20-21 Oct; 12 Wiccopee 24 Oct. Osprey: one over Abels L 4 Nov. Bald Eagle: one Neversink Res 2 Sep, one Rondout Res 22 Sep, two imm Mongaup Res 15 Nov, one over East Park 31 Oct, two flying south Port Jervis 9 Nov. N. Harrier: several DUTC in Nov. Sharp-shinned Hawk: reported from feeders; two Vassar Farm 13 Nov (JMK). Cooper's Hawk: one Vassar College 14 Nov (OTW). N. Goshawk: one Pawling 11 Sep, one Claryville 22 Nov (JW). Broad-winged Hawk: max 500 Dover Plains 21 Sep (WBC). Red-tailed Hawk: 220 passing over Port Jervis lookout 3 Nov (ET). Rough-legged Hawk: only one. Golden Eagle: one Lookout Port Jervis 9 Nov. Am. Kestrel: low in DUTC, big comeback in numbers passing Mt Peter in the fall. Ring-necked Pheasant: few observed in DUTC. Ruffed Grouse: one observed drumming 24 Sep, two Brace Mt 3 Sep (BB). Wild Turkey: regularly along Palisades Parkway, becoming more common in most areas. N. Bobwhite: one Brace Mt 3 Sep. Sora: one Stissing throughout Sep and Oct. Black-bellied Plover: several Warren Sod Farms 26 Sep. Lesser Golden-Plover: max 50 Warren Sod Farms by 25 Sep. Killdeer: max 30 DUTC Airport 23 Oct. Greater Yellowlegs: one 1-2 Sep. Beaver Dam (MVW), five Cape Pond 3-8 Oct (VF) where water drained leaving mud flats. Lesser Yellowlegs: four Travers Marsh 15-16 Oct, two 21 Oct. Solitary Sandpiper: one 21 Sep (WBC), one Beaver Dam 3 Sep. Spotted Sandpiper: one Cape Pond 21 Sep. Upland Sandpiper: max 27 Warren Sod Farms 25 Aug. Semipalmated Sandpiper: one Travers Marsh 16 Oct. Buff-breasted Sandpiper: few noted in transit Warren Sod Farms (JPT). Pectoral Sandpiper: max six Travers Marsh 15-28 Oct. Com. Snipe: two Conklin Marsh 22-30 Oct (JMK). Laughing Gull: one Conn's Hook 22 Oct (ET). Bonaparte's Gull: one on Hudson R at Danskammer. Iceland Gull: imm 6 1/2 Mile Station 19 Nov. Com. Tern: two New Hamburg 5 Nov (OTW). Forster's Tern: for the second consecutive year a flock of 26 birds working the waterfront about Conn's Hook at Highland Falls 21 Oct (ET).

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: two Canoe Hill 2 Sep, two Turkey Hollow 16 Sep (MVW), one Wappingers Falls 14 Sep (BB). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: one 14 Sep Tamarack. E. Screech-Owl: one each in several places DUTC. Great Horned Owl: *intro*. Barred Owl: two mobbed by crows Vassar College, two Highland Mills, one perched in tree during the day (VF). Com. Nighthawk: one 10 Sep (JMK). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: one DUTC 25 Sep, three Forestburgh into Oct. Red-headed Woodpecker: imm Pawling 25 Oct, one Millbrook area 23 Nov. Red-bellied Woodpecker: on the increase throughout Region. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max seven DUTC in Sep, two Tivoli 5 Oct (WBC), one Callicoon Center early Nov. N. Flicker: five 26 Nov (EP).

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: two DUTC 10 Sep, one Warwaring 13 Sep (JO), one Hook Mt 23 Sep. Least Flycatcher: one 5 Oct (BM), very late. E. Phoebe: most areas well into Oct. Horned Lark: flocks Warren Sod Farms, max 50 Millbrook School 16 Nov; 12-14 Bangall Rd and Canoe Hill. Tree Swallow: max 300 6 Sep. N. Rough-winged Swallow: three 1 Sep. Bank Swallow: one 2 Sep. Cliff Swallow: three Brace Mt 3 Sep. Am. Crow: max 8000 Middletown Roost by 30 Nov, normal number; max 500 Vassar Farm 22 Oct. Com. Raven: two 12 Nov, one harassed by crows Claryville 14 Nov, five Mt Peter 29 Oct, one Port Jervis 9 Nov, three Trapps Oct. Red-breasted Nuthatch: noted in Pleasant Valley mid Sep and mid Oct. one-two several areas DUTC. Carolina Wren: fairly common in central DUTC, max five 23 Nov (MVW), pair Wurtsboro 18 Oct. Winter Wren: one Claryville 9 Nov, max six late Nov (JW), one banded 9 Oct (VF), one Kidd Lane 5 Oct (WBC). Golden-crowned Kinglet: six Flint Hill 26 Nov (HM), 12 Grahamsville 13 Nov (JW). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: three Forestburgh into Oct, one 8 Nov (MVW), few others. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: singles Angels Hill 6 Sep, 14 Sep (PF). E. Bluebird: small flocks through Nov; *intro*. Veery: one 5-7 Sep (EP), one Basha 25 Sep. Hermit Thrush: max four Depot Hill 15 Oct, two Canoe Hill 21 Oct, two Reese Park 5 Nov (WBC). Wood Thrush: *intro*. Am. Robin: max 100 Vassar Farm early Nov. N. Mockingbird: settled into winter food supply, multiflora rose hedges, bittersweet etc.

Water Pipit: arrived in large numbers Warren Sod Farms, max 50 Bangall Rd 29 Oct, ten Conklin Marsh 5 Nov. Cedar Waxwings: 100+ Separate Rd 5 Sep, ten Vassar Farm 13 Nov. N. Shrike: one singing Vassar Farm 19 Nov (JMK).

VIREOS -WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: several throughout DUTC Sep. Red-eyed Vireo: one Dennings Pt 23 Oct (WBC), record late. Chestnut-sided Warbler: two Stormville 16 Oct. Cape May Warbler: two Fishkill 28 Oct. Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 12 eating poison ivy berries 2 Oct, eight Basha 16 Oct. Black-throated Green Warbler: one Dennings Pt 23 Oct. Prairie Warbler: two Depot Hill 15 Oct. Palm Warbler: one 25 Oct. Blackpoll Warbler: two 30 Oct. Scarlet Tanager: two Montgomery Place 25 Sep. Indigo Bunting: one Stony Kill Gardens 7 Oct. Am. Tree Sparrow: three Verbank 12 Oct. Chipping Sparrow: two Flint Hill 29 Oct. Field Sparrow: reported through Oct. Vesper Sparrow: two Grape Hollow 21 Sep (SG). Savannah Sparrow: max 12 Stony Kill Gardens 4 Oct. Grasshopper Sparrow: one Stony Kill Gardens 7 Oct. Henslow's Sparrow: one Humpo Marsh 22 Sep, one Warwick 1 Oct. Fox Sparrow: DUTC and SULL early Nov. Lincoln's Sparrow: max four Stony Kill Gardens 7 Oct. Swamp Sparrow: one Stony Kill Gardens 7 Nov. White-crowned Sparrow: max ten along roadside Amenia 29 Oct. Dark-eyed Junco: appeared late Sep. E. Meadowlark: two 14 Nov. (HM). Purple Finch: common at some feeders, max 14 (FG). Pine Siskin: ten Wurtsboro 21 Oct, none DUTC. Evening Grosbeak: in flight over Monroe late Sep, two Stormville 23 Oct, also over Mt Peter late Sep, only reports,

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REGION 10 - MARINE

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After the hot weather of mid summer the Fall reverted to a somewhat more usual weather pattern. September and November were very close to normal in temperature while October was almost 5° below normal. Both September, which was normal, and October, which was cold, each produced a new record low during the month. Only one day during the entire Fall season was below freezing. Precipitation for the period was below normal for September, average for October and over double in November; and just average for the entire Fall. However, for a change, the entire migration period had a virtually unblemished record for clear weekends, affording most birders a maximum of time to be outdoors.

Reporting for the Fall Season started on 1 Sep with the CBS radio traffic helicopter reporting a pelican over Manhattan flying west. [We offer this special field report without comment]. Equally astonishing was the 10 Oct report of birders David Mizrahi and Al Bell from the Fire Island Hawk Watch. A **Yellow Rail** landed on the median strip in front of them just long enough to be identified before flying off.

With the advent of a network of "Hawk Watches" we now have information to survey raptor migration patterns in Region 10. There are marked differences between the southern barrier beaches and the mainland sites, as evidenced by differences in both species and numbers as reported by the Fire Island compared to the Pelham Bay Hawk Watch. Pelham watchers report buteos in large numbers, Turkey Vultures and fewer falcons. On the barrier beaches there are very few