

reported. N. Goshawk: three reports, scarce. Broad-winged Hawk: arr Sikule Pd ALBA 22 Mar (BB, KB), early. Merlin: Delmar 28 Apr, Gallupville 13 May (BB, KB). Ring-necked Pheasant: singles Livingston 4 Mar (spm CGCC, WC), Stuyvesant 13 May (PC), L Taghkanic 27 May (WC), nearly extirpated. Upland Sandpiper: one Cambridge 9 Apr (JS), early. Dunlin: one SaraL 27 May (BB,KB). Little Gull: ad Round L 7 May (SBT,LT), first Regional record. Com. Tern: 18 Round L 2 May (SBT), large number.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: Com. Barn-Owl: one BICrM 20 May (KPA,SBT,RLH), only report. Long-eared Owl: one Troy 14 Mar (fide KM). Chimney Swift: arr Bell's Pd COLU 19 Apr (WC). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr Berne 7 May (KPA).

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Least Flycatcher: arr Hannacroix 30 Apr (WC). Fish Crow: continues to increase. Com. Raven: Thacher Pk through period; three performing acrobatics Cherry Plain 4 Mar (PC). Marsh Wren: arr Castleton 27 Apr (PC). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr Castleton 28 Apr (PC). Veery: one Hague 25 Apr (LM), very early. Wood Thrush: arr Schodack Ctr 30 Apr (PC). Gray Catbird: one Nassau 2 Apr, may have overwintered (PC).

VIREOS-WARBLERS: Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Bear Swamp ALBA 30 Apr (BB,KB), early. Red-eyed Vireo: one Hague 9 May (LM), early. Blue-winged X Golden-winged Warbler: Brewster's type Gallupville 5, 15 May (BB,KB), Lawrence's type Voorheesville 25 May (RT). Nashville Warbler: arr Albany 2 May (KPA,RLH). Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr Hague 21 Apr (LM), early; male Berne 1 May (KPA). Pine Warbler: arr Gansvoort 8 Apr (BP). Black-and-white Warbler: arr Cambridge 27 Apr (KPA). Am. Redstart: arr female Wilton 6 May (BP). Prothonotary Warbler: males SaraL 25 May (RPG), Whitehall 28 May (BP). Louisiana Waterthrush: one FiveR 14 Apr (BB,KB), early. Wilson's Warbler: one Vischer Ferry 7 May (BB,KB), early.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: male Livingston 2 May (WC), early. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: one Amsterdam 28 Apr (SD), early. Indigo Bunting: arr Gallupville 5 May (BB,KB), early. Am. Tree Sparrow: last Gallupville 18 Apr (BB,KB). Fox Sparrow: lingered Berne until 30 Apr (KPA). Orchard Oriole: ad male at feeder Berne 2 May (KPA), early, unusual locality; pair on breeding site Meadowdale for at least third year. N. Oriole: arr Albany 5 May (CO). Com. Redpoll: one Hague 6 Mar (LM) only report. Evening Grosbeak: five reports, max 15 Hague through Mar, last 27 May (ER).

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REGION 9 - DELAWARE-HUDSON

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After a very dry winter and early spring it was a relief to have the rains come, and come they did. The soggy May and June brought woe to the farmers in the Hudson Valley. It was nearly impossible to get in the crops and cut the early hay. However, it made for a lush growing season for wild plants. Even though some of the marsh birds faced loss of reproduction due to flooding, most birds produced two or three broods. The abundance of insects and worms as well as seeds and other food sources helped to feed the growing families. In the southern part of the Region there was considerable Gypsy Moth damage that

kept breeding bird populations down in that area. Late summer brought in clear cool dry days, helping the fruit and seeds to ripen and mature. The fruit, berry and seed crop is especially abundant as summer winds down. There appears to be an abundance of winter food, viburnum, dogwood, bittersweet, poison ivy; wild apple as well as weed seeds are in good supply. This plus the many well stocked feeders should see the hardy and half-hardy birds through the winter with little difficulty.

The puddle in the cornfield at the McEnroe farm in Amenia hosted some good shorebirds. Humpo Marsh in Ulster County continues to support several Great Blue Heron, Green-backed Heron, Wood Duck, Am. Black Duck and Mallard; Yellow Warbler and Common Yellowthroat nest around the edges and in the surrounding fields are Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark and Field and Savannah Sparrow. Eastern Bluebird continues on the upswing as more and more houses are put up, although some are using natural cavities and old woodpecker holes. The Bluebird Trail in Dutchess County fledged a banner crop of over 700 young. A **Yellow-headed Blackbird** arrived 3 Aug at a feeder in Pleasant Valley with a flock of Common Grackles but stayed only one day. An immature Yellow-crowned Night-Heron was seen 21-22 Aug in Dover Plains. Mixed flocks of swallows noted in many areas in late Aug. In mid August Constitution Marsh was filled to overflowing with a hundred thousand swallows. They surged over the marsh just at dusk, brushing the tops of the cattails with their wings, then disappeared into the night.

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Abbreviations: BLM - Balsam Lake Mountain; EMBC - Edgar Mearns Bird Club, WBC - Waterman Bird Club.

LOONS-DUCKS: Pied-billed Grebe: two DUTC 9 Jun, one 15 Jul. Double-crested Cormorant: one Norrie Pt 16 Jul, six Conn's Hook 6 Aug (ET). Am. Bittern: one 12 Jun Constitution Marsh (FB). Least Bittern: largely missed, one Chodikee L 17 Jun (EW). Great Blue Heron: abundant in most areas. Great Egret: seven reports from central DUTC Aug. Snowy Egret: one 29-30 Aug New Hamburg (PB), ad Conn's Hook 8 Aug, two Cornwall Bay 18 Aug (ET). Green-backed Heron: two Humpo Marsh (SS), good reports DUTC. Black-crowned Night-Heron: imm Cornwall Bay 18 Aug. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: *intro*. Glossy Ibis: one Castleton Farm, Goshen 29 Jul (BV). Wood Duck: 18 Stissing 29 Aug, these ducks had a good year and are moving into ponds and marshes. Am. Black Duck: pair with seven young, female with eight young DUTC early Jun; good reports all season. Blue-winged Teal: two Beaver Dam 7 Jul.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: Turkey Vulture: 23 n DUTC 19 Jun. Bald Eagle: imm Toronto Res 19 Jun (AJ). Osprey: one-two DUTC all period. N. Harrier: singles DUTC 2 Aug, 28 Aug. Sharp-shinned Hawk: one flying over Doodletown 29 Jun (ET), one 25 Aug (BM). Cooper's Hawk: nesting Wappingers Falls area. Broad-winged Hawk: few DUTC, one 25 Jun ULST. Am. Kestrel: well reported in Jun, fewer Jul and Aug. Ruffed Grouse: reports of families with y, always good to see. Wild Turkey: continues to increase. N. Bobwhite: reported from Pawling area only. Virginia Rail: one Dover Plains 8 Jun. Sora: one Stissing 11-15 Aug. Com. Moorhen: none reported. Semipalmated Plover: max nine Amenia 1 Aug. Greater Yellowlegs: one-two all period Amenia. Lesser Yellowlegs: one Amenia. Solitary Sandpiper: three Amenia 1 Aug. Spotted Sandpiper: observed with y DUTC. Upland Sandpiper: one Blue Chip Farm 17 Jun (SS). Least Sandpiper: max eight Amenia 1 Aug.

Short-billed Dowitcher: one 4 Jul Amenia. Am Woodcock: three reports DUTC. Wilson's Phalarope: one Amenia 1 Jun. Laughing Gull: first birds to wander up the Hudson R after breeding season two ad on pilings below Conn's Hook 1 Aug, two imm one ad 6 Aug (ET). Bonaparte's Gull: ad in Prebasic molt same location 6 Aug (ET).

PIGEON-WOODPECKERS: Black-billed Cuckoo: nesting Pleasant Val, very well reported DUTC. Yellow-billed Cuckoo: well reported Jun and Jul, one 8 Aug (BB). E. Screech-Owl: heard by many, seen by few. Great Horned Owl: regularly few areas DUTC. Barred Owl: one 1-2 Jun, one Poughkeepsie area 5 Jun, one 20 Jun Wappingers, heard in Jul. Com. Nighthawk: 52 SULL 28 May (AJ), one Pleasant Valley 20 Aug (MVW), only Aug report. Whip-poor-will: heard Verbank and Stissing through Jun, nightly SULL (AJ). Chimney Swift: plentiful, especially in Aug as they gather to depart. Ruby throated Hummingbird: still feeding end of Aug, many at feeders, no nests noted. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: one BLM 1 Jul.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Canoe Hill 25 Aug (MVW). Acadian Flycatcher: breeding usual places e DUTC. E. Kingbird: max 25 Hopewell Junction 18 Aug, departed soon after. Purple Martin: few breeding colonies DUTC. Cliff Swallow: several colonies around Res ULST, SULL. Com. Raven: few noted in ULST and SULL. Red-breasted Nuthatch: returned in good numbers late Aug. Winter Wren: observed with y Thompson Pd 25 Aug (PB), also bred Deep Hollow. Marsh Wren: six 8 Jun in large marsh Dover Plains, also noted in Millbrook Marsh and Cruger Island. E. Bluebird: *intro*. Swainson's Thrush: found at BLM 8 Jul. Hermit Thrush: found BLM, Camby Rd, and Stissing Mt. Wood Thrush: fairly abundant, many with y.

VIREO-WARBLERS: White-eyed Vireo: one Vassar Farm Jun and Jul, one Amenia 8 Jun. Solitary Vireo: nesting Mack Rd. (BB). Philadelphia Vireo: one 27 Aug, well observed (MVW). Blue-winged Warbler: nesting throughout region. Blue-winged X Golden-winged Warbler: Lawrence's type Dover Plains 11 Jun. Nashville Warbler: arr 17 Aug (BM). N. Parula: ad 29 Jun Doodletown (ET). Black-throated Blue Warbler: BLM 1 Jul, one Stissing Mt 25 Aug. Yellow-rumped Warbler: one Mack Rd 25 Jun, one BLM 1 Jul, daily SULL (AJ). Blackburnian Warbler: one Canoe Hill 25 Aug. Pine Warbler: daily Eldred, SULL (AJ). Blackpoll Warbler: one 1 Jul BLM. Cerulean Warbler: one ad, one imm Doodletown (ET). Worm-eating Warbler: one 15 Aug (HM), one 16 Aug (PB). Hooded Warbler: ad with four imm Doodletown, Bear Mt 26 Jul (ET), one Chodikee L 17 Jun (EW). Wilson's Warbler: arr 20 Aug MVW. Canada Warbler: one BLM 1 Jul, one 15 Aug (HM), one 20 Aug (EP).

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Scarlet Tanager: three in Prebasic molt in birdbath 27 Aug (JMK). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: eating Jewelweed seeds late Aug. Vesper Sparrow: one perched and singing n DUTC 19 Jun (HM, BB), several Jul WBC; always seems scarce. Savannah Sparrow: few in most grassy areas. Grasshopper Sparrow: one Woodstock Rd 8 Jul (MVW), one Blue Chip Farm 17 Jun (SS). Henslow's Sparrow: no reports. Dark-eyed Junco: juv with streaked breast Thompson Pd 24 Jun, first report of breeding there. Bobolink: late mowing may have helped them this year, ten 10 Aug, some imm (BB). E. Meadowlark: well concealed nest with eggs Galesville 17 Jun (SS). **Yellow-headed Blackbird**: *intro*. N Oriole: some still vocalizing late Aug as they fed in wild cherry trees. Purple Finch: few Jun and Aug., one BLM. Evening Grosbeak: one BLM 8 Jul (EMBC)

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