

REGION 9 - HUDSON - DELAWARE

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Few reports were received this spring. This is probably due to no Region 9 report appearing in the March issue of the Kingbird. Unfortunately there was a gap between when the last editor resigned and when I took over. I encourage everyone to send in their reports.

This spring can be categorized as cooler and wetter than average, with cold front after cold front dominating the weather pattern. Each month's precipitation was slightly above average, with a combined 11.75 inches, compared with the average of 11.18 inches. March and April's average temperatures were near normal but May was 4.9 degrees cooler than average. The only significant winter weather event occurred from 31 March to 1 April, when the Region recorded 6 to 30 inches of snow. Prior to this event, the male Indigo Bunting that remained at a Cold Spring feeder all winter continued at this site. Surprisingly, a second Indigo Bunting was found at a Lake Carmel feeder on 15 March and remained until 1 April.

There were numerous interesting reports through the season. A Least Bittern at Marshland Conservancy on 27 May was a nice find, as was a King Rail on 29 May. Waterfowl on the Hudson River included eleven Red-necked Grebes, 34 White-winged Scoters and 28 Oldsquaw on the evening of 28 April in Cornwall Bay. An impressive spring fight of hawks occurred over Hook Mountain on 26 April with 1745 Broad-winged Hawks counted. A female Wilson's Phalarope was found 19 May near Woodburne Prison in Sullivan County, providing a first county record for this species. A Glaucous Gull and up to three Iceland Gulls lingered in Ellenville behind the Fallsview Hotel well into the spring. The Iceland Gulls were last reported 23 March while the Glaucous Gull stayed until 4 May. A Common Nighthawk returned early on 14 April at Cruger's Island during a Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club trip.

The only decent fallout occurred on the weekend of 3-4 May, when the Region reported 24 warbler species. This included the arrival of Cerulean and Hooded warblers at Doodletown Road and a Cerulean Warbler at the Rye Nature Center, which is unusual for this side of the Hudson. A Yellow-throated Warbler was found on 18 May on Route 97 next to the Mongaup River on the border between Sullivan and Orange counties. The bird was singing in a grove of old sycamores and continued through the period. A second singing individual joined him there in early June. This species has been extending its range up the Delaware Valley in recent years. Mourning Warblers were well reported at the end of May.

Five birders found a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** on Iona Island 26 May. Other highlights included: Northern Gannet, Eurasian Wigeon, Golden Eagle, Summer Tanager, Ipswich Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak.

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Abbreviations: EGR-Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, LHVBL-Lower Hudson Valley Bird Line, RTWBC-Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club, MP-Milton Point, Rye, MC-Marshlands Conservancy, RN-Rye Nature Center, SRP-Sprain Ridge Park, Yonkers.

LOONS-DUCKS: **Red-throated Loon:** four EGR 5 Apr; one EGR 19 Apr. **Red-necked Grebe:** one MP 8 Mar; eleven Cornwall Bay 28 Apr (JP). **N. Gannet:** three MP 23 Mar; seven MC 24 Mar. **Double-crested Cormorant:** arr MC 2 Mar. **Am. Bittern:** one Piermont Marsh 10 May; three Bashakill 12 May. **Least Bittern:** one MC 27 May (TB). **Great Egret:** arr Rye 3 Apr. **Snowy Egret:** arr MC 30 Mar. **Green Heron:** one DUTCH 21 April. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** one RN 12 May. **Glossy Ibis:** one MC 13 May. **Blue-winged Teal:** several MC 24 May. **Eurasian Wigeon:** one MP 1-8 Mar. **Oldquaw:** 30 Cornwall Bay 28 Apr. **White-winged Scoter:** 34 Cornwall Bay 28 Apr.

HAWKS-ALCIDS: **Black Vulture:** increasingly common in ROCK and ORAN. **Osprey:** arr MC 23 May. **Broad-winged Hawk:** one Eastview 7 Apr, early; 1745 Hook Mt 26 Apr. **Golden Eagle:** one Bear Mt 10 Apr. **Clapper Rail:** one MC 30 Mar. **King Rail:** one MC 29 May (TB). **Virginia Rail:** Bashakill 10 May. **Sora:** Bashakill 10 May. **Black-bellied Plover:** arr MC 21 May. **Am. Oystercatcher:** two MP 8 Mar. **Greater Yellowlegs:** two MC 27 Mar. **Lesser Yellowlegs:** one MC 6 May. **Solitary Sandpiper:** five Yonkers 5 May. **Spotted Sandpiper:** arr MC 4 May. **Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr MC 10 May. **Least Sandpiper:** arr MC 6 May. **Com. Snipe:** one Fishkill 6 Apr. **Wilson's Phalarope:** one Woodburne Prison 19 May, first for Sullivan County. **Iceland Gull:** three Ellensville till 23 Mar. **Glaucous Gull:** one Ellensville thru 4 May. **Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr Hastings 10 May. **Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr RN 8 May.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS: **Barn Owl:** one MC 15 Mar. **Snowy Owl:** one Dutchess to 12 Mar. **Com. Nighthawk:** one Cruger's I 14 Apr (RTWBC), early. **Chuck-will's-widow:** one Fahnstock SP 20 May. **Whip-poor-will:** five Bashakill 11 May. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr 4 May.

FLYCATCHERS-STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: one SRP 19 May; one MC 21 May. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: one RN 20 May; one MC 21 May. Willow Flycatcher: arr MC 15. E. Phoebe: arr MC 22 Mar. Great Crested Flycatcher: arr RN 5 May. E. Kingbird: arr DUTCH 27 Apr. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher: one Iona Island 26 May (MR, NB, PM, JF, SB). Purple Martin: twelve DUTCH 30 Apr; ten MP 10 May. Tree Swallow: arr EGR 30 Mar. N. Rough-winged Swallow arr Croton Point 12 Apr. Com. Raven: two Stissing Mt. 5 Mar. House Wren: arr Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers 22 Apr. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: arr MC 6 Apr. Swainson's Thrush: arr 4 May. Am. Pipit: one MC 18, 27 Mar.

VIREOS-WARBLED: White-eyed Vireo: arr 3 May. Solitary Vireo: arr MC 12 Apr. Yellow-throated Vireo: arr 4 May. Golden-winged Warbler: arr Doodletown 3 May; one Katonah 21 May. Tennessee Warbler: arr 3 May. N. Parula: one SRP 15 Apr, early. Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr DUTCH 30 Apr. Cape May Warbler arr 3 May. Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 21 Apr. Blackburnian Warbler: arr 3 May. Yellow-throated Warbler: one Route 97, SULL/ORAN line 18 May (LHVBL); later two singing in early June. Pine Warbler: arr RN 29 Mar. Palm Warbler: arr Croton 5 Apr. Cerulean Warbler: arr Doodletown 3 May; one RN 4 May, unusual this side of Hudson. Black-and-white Warbler: arr 23 Apr. Worm-eating Warbler: arr 3 May. Louisiana Waterthrush: arr Kakiat CP 3 Apr, early. Kentucky Warbler: one Doodletown 17 May thru.; one Kakiat CP 27 May. Mourning Warbler: numerous sightings; arr RN 19 May. Hooded Warbler: arr 3 May. Yellow-breasted Chat: one MC 20 May thru.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS: Summer Tanager: one RN 8 May (TB). Blue Grosbeak: one SRP 10 May; one Fort Montgomery 29 May. Indigo Bunting: intro; one Cold Spring Mar; one Lake Carmel 15 Mar-1 Apr. Savannah "Ipswich" Sparrow: one Croton 12 Apr, unusual for this subspecies. Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: arr one MC 13 May. Seaside Sparrow: arr MC 11 May. Lincoln's Sparrow: one MC 15 May. Snow Bunting: one MC 18 Mar. Bobolink: arr MC 6 May.

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