

REGION 9 - HUDSON - DELAWARE

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The fall season could be characterized as cold. October was slightly colder than normal but September and November were about 4 degrees below average. The only significant weather event was a mid November snow in the northern part of Region 9.

A strong cold front on 20 September failed to bring in large kettles of Broad-winged Hawks at the usual inland hawk watches. Most of the hawks were driven to the coast where 10,406 Broad-winged Hawks were counted at Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary. The site also produced 13 Bald Eagles that same day.

Valerie Freer and others reported 2216 Wood Ducks flying into the Bashakill Marsh on the evening of 2 October, 2110 on 5 October, and 2397 on 8 October.

An immature male oriole, possibly a hybrid Bullock's x Baltimore, showed up on 28 November at Rockefeller State Park. The bird had a black line going down the middle of its throat, white belly but no distinct line through the eye. More about this bird in the winter write-up.

Highlights include: Eurasian Wigeon, Marbled Godwit, Wilson's Phalarope, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Lark Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, Dickcissel, and White-winged Crossbill.

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Abbreviations: BS - Butler Sanctuary, CPP - Croton Point Park, EGR - Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, HM - Hook Mountain, LHVBL - Lower Hudson Valley Bird Line, PP - Piermont Pier, RNC - Rye Nature Center, RSP - Rockefeller State Park, RTWBC - Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club, and MC - Marshlands Conservancy,

LOONS-DUCKS

Com. Loon: 2 PP 5 Oct; 3 Ashokan Res 1 Nov.

N. Gannet: 2 EGR 22 Nov.

Little Blue Heron 1 CPP 12 Sep, 12 Oct; 1 PP most of Sep.

Cattle Egret: 4 CPP 9 Oct; 1 Dutchess 8, 18 Oct.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: 1 CPP 27 Sep - 5 Oct; 1 Bashakill 12 Oct; 1 Dutchess 14 Oct.

Black Vulture: 1 BS 20 Sep; numerous reports on west side of Hudson.

Wood Duck: 2397 Bashakill 8 Oct.

Eurasian Wigeon: 1 MC 25 Oct.

Black Scoter: 1 PP 29 Nov.

HAWKS-ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: 13 EGR 20 Sep.

Broad-winged Hawk: 2657 HM 17 Sep; 10,406 EGR 20 Sep.

Sora: 8 CPP mid Sep (HVRBA).

Am. Golden-Plover: 1 MC 10-25 Sep.

Marbled Godwit: 1 EGR 25 Oct.

Sanderling: 2 CPP 12 Sep.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 MC 25 Oct.

Stilt Sandpiper: 2 MC 14, 22 Sep.
Wilson's Phalarope: 4 Lake Evans 16 Sep.
Bonaparte's Gull: 1 CPP 12 Oct.
Iceland Gull: 1 Ellenville 25 Oct-22 Nov; 1 Walkill River 11 Nov.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1 EGR 4, 26 Oct.
Glaucous Gull: 2 Ellenville 12 Nov.
Black-legged Kittiwake: 1 Arthursburg, Dutchess 1 Nov (HVRBA).
Com. Tern: 1 Lake Evans 9 Sep.
Forster's Tern: 12 EGR 12 Oct.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS

Chimney Swift: 4 Newburgh 27 Sep, late.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 21 EGR 20 Sep.

FLYCATCHERS-WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: 1 Youngsville 27 Nov.
Philadelphia Vireo: 2 RNC 3 Oct.
Red-eyed Vireo: 1 MC 11 Nov, late.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: widely reported
Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 RNC 7 Sep.
Bicknell's Thrush: 1 RNC 4 Oct.

WARBLERS

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Orange-crowned Warbler: 2 Meyer Preserve 3 Oct (HVRBA)
Ovenbird: 1 Ulster Co. 3 Oct.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS

Lark Sparrow: 1 Vassar Farms 18 Oct (LH,CB); 1 Wappingers Falls 29 Oct - 2 Nov.
Henslow's Sparrow: 1 CPP 28 Sep; 2 CPP 12 Oct; 1 Mt. Kisco 12 Oct.
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow: few MC Oct.
Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 MC 22 Sep.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 male Swan Lake feeder 19 Oct.
Blue Grosbeak: 1 CPP 12 Sep.
Dickcissel: 1 CPP 10, 13 Oct.
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White-winged Crossbill: 1 Rye 25 Nov
Common Redpoll: 2 MC 12 Nov; 100 Thompson Pond Preserve 23 Nov.
Pine Siskin: many reports, but only numbering a few from Oct and Nov.
Evening Grosbeak: many report from late Sep to Nov.

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