

REGION 9 - HUDSON - DELAWARE

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The very wet spring was followed by a summer that was quite dry. June did have its normal rainfall, but July was very dry; less than an inch of rain fell for most of Region 9. Average rainfall for July is normally 4.0 inches. August came in with 2.2 inches where normal is 3.7. Temperatures in June averaged 2 degrees below normal, but in July and August were right on target. There were no major hot or cold spells for the period.

After a disappointing spring, summer was not much better. The only exceptional sightings included: Clay-colored Sparrow, found in Sullivan County in August for a first county record, and a few White-winged Crossbills and Pine Siskins which lingered into the summer. The crossbills were at a feeder in Pound Ridge, Westchester Co. in early June, and there were three reports of siskins from Ulster and Sullivan counties. In addition, a Yellow-breasted Chat spent most of June at Vassar Farms.

Winter Wren reports were up. They are apparently increasing in numbers.

The Greenwich-Stamford Summer Bird Count covers parts of Westchester Co. and included many late birds usually found only in the colder months. A Red-necked Grebe stayed as late as 21 June off Marshland Conservancy and waterfowl found on the count included Brant, Greater Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Oldsquaw and Red-breasted Merganser. A Blue-winged Teal and Gadwall were found in Dutchess Co. in July.

The Putnam County Summer Bird Count included five new species. The most unusual was a Mourning Warbler found in Fahnestock. The other new species were Bald Eagle, Alder Flycatcher, White-eyed Vireo, and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, the latter being well reported elsewhere in Region 9, indicating numbers are increasing.

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Abbreviations: , Ash. R.-Ashokan Reservoir, BCF - Blue Chip Farm, CPP-Croton Point Park, EGR-Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, GA-Galeville Airport, GSSBC-Greenwich-Stamford Summer Bird Count, HSP-Harriman State Park, JBNHS-John Burroughs Natural History Society, KP-Kakiat Park, LHVBL-Lower Hudson Valley Bird Line, MC Marshlands Conservancy, MRG-Mianus River Gorge, PCSBC-Putnam County Summer Bird Count, PP-Piermont Pier, RNC-Rye Nature Center, RTWBC-Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club, SHSRM-Six and Half Staion Road Marsh.

LOONS-DUCKS

Horned Grebe: 1 Ash. R 9 Jun (LHVBL).
Red-necked Grebe: 1 MC 13-21 Jun (GSSBC, LHVBL).
Double-crested Cormorant: 12 Norrie Pt 10 Jun.
Am. Bittern: 1 Bashakill 20 Jun (VF).
Great Blue Heron: 14, 12 young Buttercup 24 Jun; 8 nests Bearsville ULST Jun.
Little Blue Heron: 1 MC 13-14 Jun; 2 SHSRM 8 Aug.
Tricolored Heron: 1 PP 30 Aug (LHVBL).
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: 1 MC 13-14 Jun (GSSBC).
Black Vulture: few reported from each county except WEST.
Brant: flock Rye 13-14 Jun (GSSBC); 1 PP 19 Aug (LHVBL).
Blue-winged Teal: 1 DUTC 10 Jul (MV).
Gadwall: 1 DUTC 10 Jul (MV).
Greater Scaup: 4 Rye Beach 13-14 Jun (GSSBC).
Com. Goldeneye: 2 Rye Beach 13-14 Jun (GSSBC).
Oldsquaw: 2 Rye Beach 13-14 Jun (GSSBC).
Red-breasted Merganser: 1 Rye Beach 13-14 Jun (GSSBC).

HAWKS-ALCIDS

Osprey: nesting pair Bashakill 7 Jun (LHVBL); 2 Eldred 15 Jul (DN); 1 Wappinger's Creek Jul (EP,JD).
Bald Eagle: 1 Constitution Marsh Jun (PCSBC); 2 y banded Swan Lake, SULL 10 Jun (PN).
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1 MC 13-14 Jun (GSSBC).
N. Goshawk: 1 HSP 6 Jun (LHVBL); 7 PUTN Jun (PCSBC).
Broad-winged Hawk: 1 Ferncliff 5 Jun; 1 Sharparoon 19 Jun.
Virginia Rail: 1 Bashakill 7 Jun; 14 Great Swamp Jun (PCSBC).
Sora: 4 Great Swamp Jun (PCSBC).
Upland Sandpiper: 1 BCF 6 Jun.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: 2 PP 1-12 Jun.
Dunlin: 2 PP 1-12 Jun.
Caspian Tern: 2 PP 1-12 Jun (LHVBL).
Com. Tern: 2 PP 1-12 Jun (LHVBL).

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS

Long-eared Owl: 1 DUTC 12-13 Aug (TG).

Com. Nighthawk: few MC 21 Aug.

Whip-poor-will: 1 Phillipsport 19 Jun (VF,LM).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Patterson Jun (PCSBC); 1 Peekamoose Mt. 5 Jun (LHVBL); 1 Deep Hollow 3 Jun; 1 Tymor 9,17 Jun; 13 on Jun SULL count.

FLYCATCHERS-WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 MC 21 Aug; 1 Tivoli Bays 30 Aug.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 Purchase 13-14 Jun (GSSBC).

Acadian Flycatcher: 3 Deep Hollow 3 Jun 4 Peekamoose Mt. 5 Jun (LHVBL); 1 MRG 13-14 Jun (GSSBC); 1 Pound Ridge 13-14 Jun (GSSBC); 8 DUTC 18 Jul.

Alder Flycatcher: 3 CPP 5 Jun (LHVBL); 1 MC 13-14 Jun (GSSBC); 1 New Castle 13-14 Jun (GSSBC); 1 Purchase 13-14 Jun (GSSBC); 1 Sharparoon 19 Jun; 1 Pawling 26 Jul.

Blue-headed Vireo: 3 Peekamoose Mt. 5 Jun (LHVBL); few MRG 13-14 Jun (GSSBC); 6 SULL 20-21 (RD); 3 DUTC 22 Jul.

Philadelphia Vireo: 1 Ash. R 9 Jun (LHVBL).

Com. Raven: reported from each county.

Purple Martin: few Rye 13-14 Jun; 1 DUTC 20 Jun; 6 Verbank 12 Jul; 2 Verbank 19 Aug.

Bank Swallow: few EGR 13-14 Jun; 1 DUTC 5 Aug.

Winter Wren: 5 Peekamoose Mt. 5 Jun (LHVBL); few MRG 13-14 Jun (GSSBC); 12 PUTN Jun (PCSBC); many other reports, numbers are increasing.

Hermit Thrush: 1 MRG 13-14 Jun (GSSBC); 1 DUTC 20 Jun (EA,RN); 17 SULL 20-21 Jun.

WARBLERS

Golden-winged Warbler: 2 HSP 6 Jun (LHVBL).

Nashville Warbler: 1 DUTC 27 Aug.

N. Parula: 1 North White Plains 13-14 Jun (GSSBC).

Magnolia Warbler: 1 HSP 6 Jun (LHVBL); 2 White Plains 13-14 Jun (GSSBC).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1
Peekamoose Mt. 5 Jun (LHVBL); 1 Pawling
13 Jun.

Black-throated Green Warbler: 1
Peekamoose Mt. 5 Jun (LHVBL); few MRG
13-14 Jun (GSSBC); few reports from
DUTC early Jun.

Blackburnian Warbler: 1 Peekamoose Mt.
5 Jun (LHVBL); 1 DUTC 3 Jun.

Pine Warbler: 1 Peekamoose Mt. 5 Jun
(LHVBL).

Blackpoll Warbler: 1 DUTC 2 Jun.

Cerulean Warbler: 1 Bashakill 7 Jun
(LHVBL); 1 Kitchawan Preserve 13 Jun
(LHVBL); 1 DUTC 4 Jun (BB,SG); usual
numbers at Doodletown.

N. Waterthrush: 26 PUTN Jun (PCSBC);
increasing in number.

Mourning Warbler: 1 Ash. R 9 Jun
(LHVBL); 1 Fahnestock Park 21 Jun
(PCSBC).

Hooded Warbler: 1 HSP 6 Jun (LHVBL);
good numbers at Doodletown; few reports
from DUTC.

Canada Warbler: 1 Peekamoose Mt. 5 Jun
(LHVBL); 1 New Castle 13-14 Jun
(GSSBC); 1 DUTC 3 Jun; 1 SULL 20 Jun
(RD,RS,KC).

Yellow-breasted Chat: 1 Vassar Farms 1-
28 Jun (CV).

TANAGERS-WEAVERS

CLAY COLORED SPARROW: 1 SULL
20,25 Aug (LHVBL), first county record.

Vesper Sparrow: 1 DUTC 4 Aug.

Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 BCF 6 Jun
(LHVBL); 1 Ellenville 13-15 Jun (VF).

Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 6 MC
13-14 Jun (GSSBC).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 1 MC 13-
14 Jun (GSSBC).

White-crowned Sparrow: 1 DUTC 10 Jun
; 1 MC 13-14 Jun (GSSBC), very late.

Dark-eyed Junco: 2 Fahnestock Jun
(PCSBC), breeding; 6 DUTC 3 Jun; 1
DUTC 20 Jun (EA,RN); 4 Deep Hollow Rd.
DUTC 18 Jul (RTWBC).

E. Meadowlark: 1 CPP 5 Jun (LHVBL).

Orchard Oriole: 2 CPP 5 Jun (LHVBL); 1
Pt. Ewen 6 Jun (LHVBL); 1 DUTC 28 Jun
(PR); 1 DUTC 14 Jul; 1 DUTC 12 Jul.

White-winged Crossbill: few at feeder
Pound Ridge (LHVBL), early Jun.

Pine Siskin: 1 Claryville 14 Jun (JW); 1
Cape Pond 10-17 Jul (VF); 1 Lake Katrine
ULST 14 Aug (LHVBL).

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