

REGION 9 – HUDSON-DELAWARE

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The demise of the Hudson Valley Bird Line has made my job more difficult. Hopefully another volunteer can be found to be the voice of this much needed RBA.

Hurricane Floyd hit our Region on 16 September. The storm doused us with 8-14" of rain and caused extensive flooding, but there were no related bird sightings.

The first frost didn't occur in the northern part of the Region until late

October. Rainfall, minus Floyd, was about average. There was no snow-fall except for a dusting on the Catskill peaks in late November.

For the most part, migration was below par. There were only a few notable species. Carol Weiss found a Franklin's Gull on Piermont Pier, Rockland County, 17 October. It was seen on subsequent days by others. A Boreal Chickadee at Marshlands Conservancy on 7 November was reported by Andrew Guthrie. The last time the species was seen in Westchester County was during the irruption year in the fall of 1981.

The six "Operation Migration" Sandhill Cranes stayed through September north of Parksville in Sullivan County.

Other notable species included: Eurasian Wigeon, Long-billed Dowitcher, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Prothonotary Warbler and Clay-colored Sparrow.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CPP – Croton Point Park WEST; EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary WEST; EM – Esopus Meadows ULST; GA – Galeville Airport ULST; JBNHS – John Burroughs Natural History Society; LP – Lenoir Preserve WEST; MC – Marshlands Conservancy WEST; MPHWH – Mount Peter Hawk Watch ORAN; PP – Piermont Pier ROCK; RNC – Rye Nature Center WEST; RTWBC – Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club DUTC.

LOONS – DUCKS

Red-throated Loon: Haverstraw Bay 5 Nov.

Com. Loon: arr EGR 25 Sep.

Horned Grebe: arr 30 Oct; CPP 13 Nov.

N. Gannet: EGR 30 Oct; 14 EGR 25 Nov.

Great Cormorant: Rockland Landing 7 Nov.

Great Blue Heron: max 12 MC 14 Sep.

The Kingbird 2000 March; 50(1)

Great Egret: max 22 MC 16 Sep; EGR 13 Nov.

Snowy Egret: Wappingers Creek 16, 21 Oct; max 20 MC 16 Sep.

Black Vulture: 17 MPHWH 25 Oct.

Wood Duck: max 1633 Bashakill 6 Oct.

Eurasian Wigeon: Georges I P WEST 12 Nov (LB).

Ring-necked Duck: 200 Abels Pd DUTC mid Oct.

Greater Scaup: 2000 EGR 17 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: 400 EGR 17 Nov.

Surf Scoter: 6 EGR 9 Oct; EGR 12 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: EGR 11 Sep; EGR 8 Nov.

Black Scoter: 2 EGR 9 Oct; EGR 12 Nov.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: 48 MPH 19 Sep.

Bald Eagle: 6 MPH 19 Sep.

N. Harrier: 14 MPH 19 Sep.

N. Goshawk: higher than average numbers at area hawkwatches.

Broad-winged Hawk: 3677 MPH 19 Sep.

Rough-legged Hawk: Georges I P WEST 12 Nov (LB); MC 18 Nov.

Golden Eagle: 2 LP 24 Oct; max 3 MPH 26 Oct.

Peregrine Falcon: 7 LP 24 Oct; 8 there 7 Nov.

N. Bobwhite: 5 DUTC 1 Sep.

Clapper Rail: PP 13 Oct.

Sora: MC 15, 25 Oct; 2 CPP 17 Oct.

Com. Moorhen: New Hamburg DUTC 6 Sep.

Sandhill Crane: 6 Parkville SULL thru Sep, part of "Operation Migration."

Am. Oystercatcher: 3 EGR 17 Sep, 9 Oct

Greater Yellowlegs: max 17 EGR 30 Oct.

Ruddy Turnstone: PP 12 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 EM 26 Sep.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 30 EM 26 Sep; 9 CPP 11 Oct; PP 12 Oct; MC 4, 12 Oct.

Dunlin: 5 EM 26 Sep.

Long-billed Dowitcher: calling MC 14 Sep (TB).

Laughing Gull: 40 EGR 9 Oct; last 6 Rye 25 Nov.

Franklin's Gull: PP 17 Oct (CW).

Bonaparte's Gull: arr Oct.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: PP 30 Oct.

Com. Tern: last 2 MC 1 Oct.

Forster's Tern: last 5 MC 3 Oct.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: last 20 Sep.

Short-eared Owl: PP 27 Oct.

N. Saw-whet Owl: Swan L SULL 17 Sep.

Chimney Swift: last 13 Oct.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: DUTC 1 Oct; MC 3 Oct; late.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: MC 1 Sep.

N. Shrike: CPP 1 Nov; Somers WEST 19 Nov; Kakiat P ROCK 28, 30 Nov.

Philadelphia Vireo: Sprain Ridge WEST 25 Sep.

Blue Jay: 2650 LP 2 Oct; max 2789 LP 3 Oct.

Com. Raven: Rockland Landing 28 Oct.

Tree Swallow: last 17 Oct.

Black-capped Chickadee: heavy migration on 12 & 21 Oct.

Boreal Chickadee: MC 7 Nov (AG).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: very common thru.

Marsh Wren: 3 MC Sep-Oct; MC 8 Nov.

Am. Robin: 3000 MC 5 Oct; 1177 LP 30 Oct.

Am. Pipit: 10-26 CPP thru Oct & Nov; 25 PP 12 Oct; 15 MC 25 Oct; 12 EGR 10 Oct.

Cedar Waxwing: 340 LP 30 Oct; 500 MC 5 Nov.

WARBLERS

Tennessee Warbler: last CPP 17 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: CPP 11 Oct.

Nashville Warbler: last MC 8 Nov.

N. Parula: last 27 Sep.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: last 23 Sep.

Magnolia Warbler: last CPP 17 Oct.

Cape May Warbler: last CPP 31 Oct.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: last 11 Oct.

Black-throated Green Warbler: last CPP 5 Nov.

Blackburnian Warbler: last 11 Sep.

Prairie Warbler: last MC 24 Oct.

Palm Warbler: max 30 CPP 9 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: last 12 Sep.

Blackpoll Warbler: CPP 5 Nov; Pearl River ROCK 7-8 Nov; EGR 13 Nov.

Am. Redstart: last 27 Sep.

Prothonotary Warbler: CPP 28 Sep (LB).

Yellow-breasted Chat: Sprain Ridge WEST 25 Sep; PP 14 Oct; MC 19-31 Oct, 18 Nov.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: Swan L SULL 7 Oct (KC); CPP 9 Sep (TB).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow: MC 20 Sep; 5 MC 3 Oct; last MC 31 Oct.

Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: MC 27 Sep.

Snow Bunting: PP 28 Oct.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last 23 Sep.

Indigo Bunting: last Oct.

Bobolink: last 12 Oct.

Rusty Blackbird: 4 MC 12 Sep; Andrews Farm DUTC 6 Oct; 14 Thompson Pd DUTC 24 Oct; 70 MC 5 Nov.

Com. Grackle: 20,000 MC 11 Nov.

Baltimore Oriole: last 4 Sep.

Purple Finch: common migrant in Nov.

White-winged Crossbill: Liberty SULL 10 Oct & 2 Nov; Monticello SULL 16 Nov.

Com. Redpoll: MC 7 Nov; 7 MC 18 Nov.

Pine Siskin: common migrant late Oct & Nov but not stopping at feeders in any large numbers.

Evening Grosbeak: occasional reports ULST; Poughkeepsie DUTC 28 Oct; 18 LP 30 Oct; few Cortlandt Manor WEST 12 Nov.

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