

PREVIEW OF 2002 KINGBIRD ISSUES

The NYSARC report for 1999 will appear in the March 2002 issue.

A definitive article by John Fritz and Shai Mitra, on the Great White Herons (*Ardea (herodia) occidentalis*) which occurred in Region 10 during the fall of 2001, including comparative photos of the two different individuals seen and a summary of all historic records north of Florida, as well as some theoretical musings.

An account, by its discoverers John Fritz and Doug Futuyma, on the latest addition to the New York State checklist, the Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondi*), with photographs. When vetted by NYSARC, the official total will be 459 species.

Spotted Towhee? Eastern Towhee? Eastern x Spotted hybrid? A detailed study by Michael Stubblefield of the possibilities. Accompanied by photographs of the individual seen in Central Park 22 Apr 2001, as well as photographs of specimens from the AMNH skin collection.

A comprehensive guide by Rex Stanford on taking bird photographs through your telescope, using both conventional SLR or digital equipment.

Rebecca Creshkoff's account of the passerine migrant mortalities occurring each year in Manhattan, NYC and what should and can be done to decrease or eliminate these fatalities. With photographs.

A study of the status of Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*) in northern New York State and its continuing and evidently losing struggle to maintain its numbers in the southernmost breeding area of its range in eastern North America

The *Selasphorus* sp. hummingbird has seemingly become a regular feature of New York birding. Shai Mitra will document its historic occurrence in New York and surrounding areas. The article will be accompanied by photographs.

In 1983 and again in 1994, *The Kingbird* invited some acknowledged New York pundits to predict the next ten species that might be added to the New York State official checklist. Such an article will appear again in 2002, with a summary of the past two articles, so that one might assess the status and accuracy of the previous predictions.

Derby Hill is one of the most exciting birding spots in the state. It has been twenty-three years since *The Kingbird* devoted space to this locale and then the emphasis in the article had to do with hawkwatching. Derby Hill has much more to offer, which aspects will be presented in a forthcoming article.