

REGION 9 – HUDSON-DELAWARE

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June temperatures were just above average. Heavy rains on 17 June from the remnants of Tropical Storm Allison dumped nearly 3" at Westchester County Airport and 2.5" in Liberty. This brought rainfall for June above average with over 6" in most areas; typically, the normal average is 4–4.5". The heavy rains did not produce any unusual bird sightings. July was dry and a couple of degrees cooler than normal with no heat waves. That was saved for August. July's rain was 2.5", about half of what's normally expected. A heat wave arrived on the first day of August. Temperatures peaked on the 9th when Poughkeepsie hit 103°F and White Plains 101°. As expected, the average temperature for the month was 4.5° above normal. Precipitation averages varied, with the northern half of the Region

continuing below normal, whereas the southern sections were above normal mainly due to nearly 3" of rain falling on 20 August.

Least Bitterns were found at the Bashakill Marsh, Piermont Pier Marsh and on the Putnam June Count.

A pair of Great Black-backed Gulls again nested and raised four young at the Yonkers Sewage Treatment Plant.

A Sedge Wren was found by Brian Kane and seen by Barbara Butler near State Line Road and Rudd Pond Road, Millerton, Dutchess County, on 9 and 29 June.

A Northern Parula appeared in Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers, 13 June. This bird is your typical, out of place, summer floater since this is an urban park that lacks any breeding habitat for N. Parula. Up to four Yellow-throated Warblers returned to the same site near the Delaware River on the Sullivan/Orange County border. Reports were received from 10 and 27 June.

A Henslow's Sparrow was observed in Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge (formerly Galeville Airport) on 5 June by Seldon Spencer and others while conducting a Grassland Bird Survey. Unfortunately, it could not be relocated on the other days of the count: 9, 19 and 23 June.

A belated report received from Huckleberry Island on 15 May included 455 Double-crested Cormorant nests, 22 Great Egret nests, 40 adult Snowy Egrets, 78 Black-crowned Night-Heron nests, 2 pairs of American Oystercatchers, 71 adult Herring Gulls and 51 adult Great Black-Backed Gulls. The most unusual sighting of the day was that of a Herring Gull defending a nest containing one Herring Gull and 3 Canada Goose eggs.

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ABBREVIATIONS

MC – Marshlands Conservancy, Rye, WEST; NYRBA – New York Rare Bird Alert, PJC – Putnam June Count, PP – Piermont Pier, SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR (formerly Galeville Airport).

LOONS – DUCKS

Least Bittern: 2 PJC Jun; PP 28 Jul (CW); Bashakill 31 Jul (WC).
Great Blue Heron: 6 nests Rt 55 and

292 DUTC Jun.

Great Egret: PJC Jun.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: MC 16 Jun (AG, LB, BS).

Black Vulture: North Clove 6 Jun; 3 Millertown 4 Jun.
Brant: 50 DUTC 1 Jun.
Green-winged Teal: 3 Forest L Harrison (DP, TB).
Hooded Merganser: Wurtsboro 15 Jun.
Com. Merganser: DUTC 2-6 Jun; ad, 6 yg Neversink Ri 19 Jun.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: Poughquag DUTC 8 Jun; PJC; West Park 16 Jul; Esopus Lighthouse 5 Aug.
N. Goshawk: 4 PJC; T Milan 27 Jun; 1 ad, 1 FL Horseshoe L 30 Jun.
Virginia Rail: 4 ad, 1 juv Harlem Valley Rail Trail 3 Aug.
Com. Moorhen: low numbers at Bashakill.
Am. Golden-Plover: 15 Pine I 29 Aug.
Am. Oystercatcher: 8 (1 nest with eggs) islands off and including Hen I Rye 16 Jun (AG, LB, BS).
Solitary Sandpiper: Cary Arboretum 14 Jul; Buttercup Sanctuary 14 Jul.
Spotted Sandpiper: Round Pd DUTC 9 Jun; Tamarack Preserve 18 Jul; 6 Swan L 6-8 Aug.
Upland Sandpiper: 5 SGNWR 5 Jun (SS); 5 SGNWR 17 Jun (NYRBA); 8 SGNWR 19 Jun (SS).
Ruddy Turnstone: 2 Scotch Caps 16 Jun (AG, LB, BS).
Least Sandpiper: Stanfordville 9 Jun.
Laughing Gull: 9 Rye 16 Jun (AG, LB, BS).
Least Tern: 9 Rye 16 Jun (AG, LB, BS).

DOVES – WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: many reports.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 6 Sterling Forest 3 Jun (RE, RJ); good numbers everywhere.
Long-eared Owl: Unionvale DUTC 15 Jun (BBu).
Whip-poor-will: 1-2 Dover 15, 27 Jun (CP); PJC.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Verbank 4 Jun; Harris 12 Jun.
Acadian Flycatcher: Cape Pd 12 Jun; 5 Deep Hollow Rd Lithgow 13 Jun; 2 Pawling Nature Reserve 15, 29 Jun; PJC; 3 Pawling Nature Reserve 6 Jul; Bog Hollow 7 Jul; 2 Tamarack Preserve 18 Jul.
Alder Flycatcher: 3 Sharparoon 1 Jun; Lagrangeville 1 Jun; Pawling 9 Jun; Hurds Corner 19 Jun; 3 PJC.
Blue-headed Vireo: 2-3 Pawling Nature Reserve 5, 14, 20 Jun; 2 PJC; Bashakill 31 Jul; Sharparoon 16 Aug; 4 Pond Gut 8 Aug.
Fish Crow: 6 New Paltz 28 Jul.
Com. Raven: well reported except for WEST.
Purple Martin: nesting Verbank Village Jun, Jul.
Bank Swallow: 2 Marsh Sanctuary Bedford 16 Jun; small colony Verbank Jun; 40 Pine Plains Jun.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: Meyer Preserve 16 Jun; 15 PJC; Verbank 31 Jul; Sharparoon 31 Jul; Bashakill 14 Aug.
Brown Creeper: Rye L 16 Jun; 10 PJC.
Marsh Wren: 17 MC 16 Jun (AG, LB, BS).
SEDGE WREN: State Line Rd Millerton 9, 29 Jun (BK, BBu).

WARBLERS

Golden-winged Warbler: Wurtsboro 14 Jun; PJC.
Nashville Warbler: 3 PJC; Bashakill 31 Jul.
N. Parula: Mack Rd North Clove 6 Jun; Tibbetts Brook Park Yonkers 13 Jun. This urban park lacks any habitat for breeding, typical summer floater (MB).
Magnolia Warbler: several reports at Cape Pd, Livingston Manor, Tusten, Beaverkill SULL Jun to mid Jul; PJC; 3 Nellie Hill DUTC 25 Jul.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: 2 PJC; 4 Pawling Nature Reserve 20, 29 Jun; other

reports from DUTC; at feeder Hunter L 11 Aug.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2 Mack Rd North Clove 6 Jun.

Black-throated Green Warbler: Lenoir Nature Preserve Yonkers 14 Jun late migrant (MB); 7 PJC; 3 Tamarack Preserve 18 Jul.

Blackburnian Warbler: Mack Rd North Clove 6 Jun; PJC; 2 with y Mongaup Pd Campground 12 Jul; Dover 19 Jul; Sharpshoon 31 Jul.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: 2-4 Delaware Ri at SULL/ORAN border 10, 27 Jun (VF, RD).

Cerulean Warbler: usual numbers at Doodletown; Pawling Nature Reserve 6 Jul.

Kentucky Warbler: Vasser Farm 14 Jun (AM, BM).

Com. Yellowthroat: 30 SGNWR 5 Jun; 23 Bashakill 14 Aug.

Hooded Warbler: plentiful Doodletown Rd; 3 Mack Rd North Clove 6 Jun; 10 Dover/Pawling area Jun; 4 Pawling Nature Reserve 20 Jun; 6-8 Pawling Nature Reserve 30 Jul, 2 Aug.

Wilson's Warbler: 2 Wolf Brook 3 Jun; 2 Doodletown 9 Jun, late (NYRBA).

Canada Warbler: 2 Crystal L 22 Jun; Sharpshoon 12 Jul.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Field Sparrow: 20 SGNWR 5 Jun.

Vesper Sparrow: SGNWR 5 Jun (SS).

Grasshopper Sparrow: 1-3 SGNWR 5,

6, 10, 19 Jun (MY, AM, BM, RC, SS).

HENSLOW'S SPARROW: SGNWR 5 Jun (SS).

Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 16 islands off Rye 16 Jun (AG, LB, BS); 4 MC 16 Jun (AG, LB, BS).

Lincoln's Sparrow: Horseshoe L Rd 16 Aug.

White-crowned Sparrow: PJC, late.

Dark-eyed Junco: 1 ad, 2 FL Neversink Gorge 2 Jun; Mack Rd North Clove 6 Jun; 2 Lithgow 13 Jun; PJC; 5 Tamarack Preserve 18 Jul.

Bobolink: 45 SGNWR 5 Jun (SS).

E. Meadowlark: 32 SGNWR 5 Jun (SS).

Orchard Oriole: many reports; 3 DUTC Jun.

Pine Siskin: Horseshoe L Rd 9 Jul (KC).

Evening Grosbeak: 5 Claryville 1, 3 Jul.

ADDENDUM

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Double-crested Cormorant: 455 nests.

Great Egret: 22 nests.

Snowy Egret: 40 ad.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 78 nests.

American Oystercatcher: 2 pr.

Herring Gull: 71 ad; ad defending a nest containing 1 Herring Gull and 3 Canada Goose eggs.

Great Black Back Gull: 51 ad.

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