

REGION 9 – HUDSON-DELAWARE

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June was wet, with normal temperatures. Rainfall for the month varied from 5.2" in Poughkeepsie to 6.6" in White Plains. Normal rainfall in these areas is around 3.8". July was very dry, putting the Region back into drought conditions. Only 1.1" of rain fell on White Plains, and Sullivan County had only 1.6" for the month. Locally heavy thunderstorms in Dutchess County on 19 and 23 July helped that county's rainfall to 3.8", but they were still short of the normal 4.7". July was quite hot, averaging 3°F hotter than normal. Some trees and shrubs started to turn yellow by the end of the month. August continued to be hot, coming in at 2° hotter than normal. Poughkeepsie had 27 days 90° or hotter for the season, with two long heat waves. One lasted for seven days, 29 July–4 August, and the other for nine days, 11–19 August. It remained dry for most of August until heavy rains on the 29th brought rainfall to near normal for the month.

The dry weather lowered many reservoirs, resulting in some good shorebird habitat. Bill Wallace found a Baird's Sandpiper in the dried-up East Branch Reservoir bed in Brewster, Putnam County on 20 August. The following day a Wilson's Phalarope appeared, along with an additional Baird's. The three birds were last reported on the 24th. I found a Semipalmated Plover with a three-colored leg band in Larchmont on 27 July. Erica Nol reported that her student, Linh Nguyen, banded this bird, an adult female, on the nest on 29 June 2002 at Akimiski Island, Nunavut, Canada.

A Lesser Black-backed Gull was found in Chelsea by Dot Fleury during the last week of June and was seen by others on 1 July. Other notable species included Least Bittern, Glossy Ibis and King Rail, all found at Marshlands Conservancy.

In Atlas work this summer, John Tramontano and others confirmed breeding for a pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers in the Town of Hamptonburg on a tract of land just purchased by the Orange County Land Trust. Dutchess County had its first breeding record for Northern Parula on Deep Hollow Road in the Hamlet of Amenia, Town of Dover. A pair was found feeding young in a nest on 14 June. This area also has breeding Blue-headed Vireo, Blackburnian Warbler, Canada Warbler and Dark-eyed Junco. Once again a **Kentucky Warbler** was at Vassar Farms in June. Two Henslow's Sparrows were at the Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge on 8 June, with one remaining on 18 June. No evidence of breeding was found. Most surprising was that both Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak were confirmed breeding in Sullivan County.

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ABBREVIATIONS

EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; GSBC – Greenwich Summer Bird Count; MC – Marshlands Conservancy; PJBC – Putnam June Bird Count, mid June; PNR – Pawling Nature Reserve; RNC – Rye Nature Center; RTWFT – Ralph T Waterman Bird Club Field Trip; SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR.

LOONS-DUCKS

Com. Loon: EGR 16 Jun (TBu).

Pied-billed Grebe: max 5 Bashakill 4 Jun.

Double-crested Cormorant: 39 PJBC.

Am. Bittern: 1-3 Bashakill thru Jun.

Least Bittern: MC 13 Jun.

Great Blue Heron: max 14 Bontecou L.

Great Egret: 8 Goshen Pds 26 Jul; 4 East Branch Res 22 Aug.

Little Blue Heron: EGR 16 Jun, 8 Aug.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: MC 31 Jul.

Glossy Ibis: 2 MC 15 Jun.

Black Vulture: 2 Hook Mt thru; 9 Thompson Pd 21 Aug; 5 PJBC; many single reports DUTC.

Brant: Beacon 28 Jun (BM, SI).

Am. Black Duck: 7 East Branch Res 22 Aug.

Blue-winged Teal: MC 17 Jun.

Green-winged Teal: Goshen Pds 16 Aug.

Com. Merganser: 2 Ten Mile Ri Dover 26 Jul.

Ruddy Duck: Six-and-a-half Station Marsh 1 Jul (MC).

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: pr at nest MC thru.

Bald Eagle: 4Jun reports DUTC; L DeForest 29 Jul (FB).

N. Harrier: 1-2 SGNWR thru.

Cooper's Hawk: 8 PJBC.

N. Goshawk: 2 PJBC; Wappinger 14 Jul.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 7 PJBC; 2 Mountainville 27-29 Jul.

Broad-winged Hawk: 9 PJBC.

N. Bobwhite: Dover 25 Jun.

Clapper Rail: MC 6 Jun; 2 MC 15 Jun; MC 8 Jul; 3 MC 13 Aug.

King Rail: MC 6, 13, 16 Jun (TBu); 4 MC 8, 12 Jul (TBu).

Sora: max 2 Bashakill Jun.

Com. Moorhen: max 3 Bashakill 13 Jun.

Am. Coot: 3 Thompson Pd 21 Aug.

Black-bellied Plover: 11 MC 27 Aug.

Semipalmated Plover: Larchmont 27 Jul see *intro*; 20 MC 27 Aug.

Am. Oystercatcher: 4 EGR 21 Jun; 5 EGR 10 Jul; 2 MC 12 Jul; MC 27 Aug.

Greater Yellowlegs: Goshen Pds 26 Jul; 6 Goshen Pds 16 Aug; 11 MC 19 Aug.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 11 MC 6, 7 Aug.

Solitary Sandpiper: Goshen Pds 26 Jul; 2 Goshen Pds 16 Aug.

Willet: Hen I 13 Jun (TBu).

Spotted Sandpiper: Bryan L 15 Jun; 2 Pulvers Corners DUTC; 2 PJBC.

Upland Sandpiper: max 7 SGNWR 8 Jun (SK).

Ruddy Turnstone: 4 EGR 3 Aug.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 220 Five Islands P New Rochelle 31 Jul; 135 MC 19 Aug.

Least Sandpiper: 3 Goshen Pds 26 Jul; 12 Goshen Pds 16 Aug.

Baird's Sandpiper: 1-2 East Branch Res 20-24 Aug (BW, JA).

Short-billed Dowitcher: 2 MC 8 Jul.

Wilson's Phalarope: East Branch Res 21-24 Aug (BW, AB).

Laughing Gull: 20 Rye 4 Aug.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Chelsea last week Jun (DF), 1 Jul (A&BM).

Com. Tern: 30 Rye 19 Jun; 30 Rye 4 Aug.

Least Tern: 4 MC 1 Jul; 2 MC 10 Jul.

Black Skimmer: Rye 13 Jun (TBu).

DOVES – WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: reports each county.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: well reported each county.

Barred Owl: 3 Mianus Ri Gorge 16 Jun (GSBC).

Com. Nighthawk: 37 Mt. Vernon 26 Aug (KJ).

Whip-poor-will: Bashakill 21 Jun; 3 PJBC.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Tivoli 1 Jun (RTWFT); Pleasant Valley 7 Jun (EP); Red Hook 14 Jul (BB); CO T Hamptonburg 3 Aug (JT).

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 61 PJBC.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: reports from DUTC, SULL, ORAN.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Harriman SP 3 Jun.

Acadian Flycatcher: Harriman SP 3 Jun; 8 PJBC; numerous reports WEST, DUTC.

Alder Flycatcher: MC 6 Jun (TBu); 6

SGNWR 8 Jun; 3 PJBC; 5 Jun reports DUTC.

Willow Flycatcher: max 15 SGNWR 8 Jun.

Blue-headed Vireo: Harriman SP 3 Jun; ad + y Amenia 12 Jun; 3 PNR 19 Jun; 2 Pound Ridge 22 Jun; 5 PJBC; Mountindale 26 Jun; Willowemoc 21 Jul.
Philadelphia Vireo: Turkey Mt P 3 Jun (AB).

Fish Crow: Wurtsboro 24 Jun..

Com. Raven: Croton Res 16 Jun; 6 PJBC; DUTC Jun, Aug reports.

Purple Martin: Rye 15 Jun.

Cliff Swallow: 30 Cross River Res 22 Jun.

Brown Creeper: Harriman SP 3 Jun ; Nannahagen Rd Pleasantville 15 Jun; 1-2 Pound Ridge 20, 22 Jun.; 4 Jun reports DUTC.

Marsh Wren: 5-7 MC thru; 12 PJBC; 4 Great Swamp Pawling 16- 17 Jul.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: Nannahagen Rd Pleasantville 15 Jun.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Fishkill Ridge 30 Aug (ES).

Hermit Thrush: reports DUTC, SULL, ORAN.

WARBLERS

Golden-winged Warbler: Vassar Farm 11 Aug (BM).

Nashville Warbler: PJBC.

N. Parula: Vanderbilt 4 Jun; Old Forge Rd Dover 6 Jun; Wurtsboro 24 Jun; 2 with y and nest Deep Hollow Rd Amenia 12, 14 Jun (BB).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: White Plains 3 Jun (DP, TBa); Harrison 18 Jun (GSBC); Pleasant Valley 19 Jun; 2 PNR 19 Jun.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Fishkill 1 Jun; Union Vale 5 Jun; 3 Union Vale 5 Jul.

Black-throated Green Warbler: 7 Mianus Ri Gorge 16 Jun; 6 Amenia 12 Jun; 6 PNR 19 Jun; 22 PJBC; 5 with 3 y Amenia 10 Aug.

Blackburnian Warbler: Amenia 12, 21

Jun; Wurtsboro SULL 24 Jun.

Blackpoll Warbler: Armonk 15 Jun (GSBC).

Cerulean Warbler: PJBC; 2 Dover 28 Jun; Dover 16-17 Aug.

Worm-eating Warbler: 30 PJBC; 10 Pound Ridge 7 Jul.

Ovenbird: 10 PNR 19 Jun; 12 Pound Ridge 22 Jun.

N. Waterthrush: Milan 22-23 Jul.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 7 Amenia 12 Jun; 5 Pound Ridge 22 Jun.

Kentucky Warbler: Vassar Farms 3, 4, 13 Jun (PR).

Mourning Warbler: Harriman SP 3 Jun; MC 6 Jun; PJBC.

Hooded Warbler: 1-2 Union Vale 5 Jun, 5 Jul; Dover 6 Jun, 26 Jul; 2 PNR 19 Jun; Pound Ridge 29 Jun; 5 Pawling 15 Jul.

Wilson's Warbler: PJBC; Bontecou L 28 Aug.

Canada Warbler: Amenia 12 Jun.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Savannah Sparrow: max 4 singing m SGNWR 11 Jun.

Grasshopper Sparrow: max 4 singing m SGNWR 11 Jun.

Henslow's Sparrow: 2 SGNWR 8 Jun (SK); SGNWR 18 Jun (SS).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow: MC 6 Jun (TBu).

Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 24 MC 6 Jun; 9 MC, Rye 15 Jun; 6 MC 19 Aug.

Seaside Sparrow: MC, Rye 1-16 Jun (TBu, GSBC); 2 MC 1, 8, 12 Jul, 23, 19 Aug (TBu).

White-throated Sparrow: Haret's Brook Preserve White Plains 10, 19 Jun (DP, TBa), not know to breed in WEST.

Dark-eyed Junco: 3 Amenia 12 Jun, with 2 y 10 Aug (RTWFT).

Bobolink: max 48 SGNWR 8 Jun.

E. Meadowlark: max 42 SGNWR 8 Jun.

Orchard Oriole: 2 Wethersfield 8 Jun; Red Hook 8 Jun; MC 13 Jun, 4, 8 Jul; SGNWR 25 Jun; Beacon 28 Jun.

Pine Siskin: few at feeder Swan L 12 Jun (AA, KC), possibly carrying nesting material; FY Horseshoe L Rd DUTC 5 Jul (KC).

Evening Grosbeak: 3 at feeder Swan L 12 Jun (AA, KC), possibly carrying nesting material; FY at feeder 23 Aug (KC).