

REGION 9 – HUDSON-DELAWARE

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March started with wintry weather as an ice and snowstorm, which dumped 9" of snow in Dutchess County and ice further south on 8 March. A deep freeze occurred 8-10 March, with lows reaching 13°F in White Plains on the 9th and 6° in Poughkeepsie on the 10th. The rest of March remained cool, with temperatures well below average. White Plains was 4.5° colder than normal and Poughkeepsie was 3.5° below normal. Most of the month was dry. Heavy rains of over 2" on 28 March brought Poughkeepsie to near normal precipitation for the month. Heavy rains on 2-3 April brought flooding to the entire area, with Claryville receiving a deluge of 3.4". White Plains and Poughkeepsie fared better, with a little over 2" of rain. The rest of the month was dry. Warm spells occurred, with temperatures reaching the mid 70s on 6 and 7 April and the mid 80s on 19 and 20 April. Poughkeepsie averaged 3.8° warmer than normal. May was very dry and cold. Many days had northerly winds, frequently above 20 mph. Migration was lackluster. Average temperatures were 3-5° below normal. Less than 2" of rain fell over the Region. White Plains was the driest and coldest. Only 1.4" of rain was recorded, compared with the norm of 4.6". Average temperature was 54.8°, 4.5° below normal.

A male Eurasian Wigeon, found in Mamaroneck 20 March, stayed until 15 April and was joined by a second male for one day on 3 April. The "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal continued in the Tuckahoe/Yonkers area until 19 March. A Long-tailed Duck was in the Bashakill on 8 April.

A number of species usually only reported from Long Island Sound made appearances inland. The Hudson River hosted a Surf Scoter at Port Ewen Beach in mid March, a Red-necked Grebe was at Kingston Point on 13 March and a Whimbrel, along with 300 Dunlin, was found at Piermont Pier on 28 May after a heavy downpour.

Glaucous Gull and Iceland Gull continued at the Sullivan County Landfill in March, with an Iceland staying until 6 April. An additional Glaucous Gull was found at Kingston Point on 13-14 March. A Forster's Tern was up the river at Esopus Creek confluence in Saugerties 26 April and two Black Terns were found, one in Morningside Park 1 May and another in Fishkill 13 May.

The over-wintering Orange-crowned Warbler in Smithfield and a Pine Warbler in Yonkers survived, with an additional Pine Warbler found at a feeder in Mt. Vernon on 1 March. Two "Lawrence's" Warblers were found, one on Mine Road and the other in Rhinebeck, both on 21 May. There were singles of Kentucky Warbler and Prothonotary Warbler and a Yellow-breasted Chat reported, with the Kentucky from Saugerties, the Prothonotary at the Marshland Conservancy in Rye and the chat in the same location as last year in Sterling Forest.

Common Redpolls were in Ellenville and Pine Bush in March. A European Goldfinch, an assumed escapee, was coming to a feeder in Valhalla during April.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CPP – Croton Pt P; EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; MC – Marshlands Conservancy, RNC – Rye Nature Center; SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR; WRNWF – Wallkill River NWR.

WHISTLING-DUCKS — VULTURES

Snow Goose: 2 blue morph Pine Plains 22 Mar; Pine Plains 10 Apr; 300 Larchmont 16 May.

Brant: 2000 Ashokan Res 14 May; 600 Mamaroneck 14 May.

Wood Duck: 14 Pawling 5 Apr.

Gadwall: 50 Mamaroneck 20 Mar.

Eurasian Wigeon: Mamaroneck 20, 27 Mar, 10, 15 Apr (TB, SM), with 2nd m 3 Apr (TB,GB,BSh).

"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal: Tuckahoe/Yonkers 1-19 Ma (ABl,MB,KJ).

Canvasback: 34 EGR 2,5 Mar.

Redhead: Wurtsboro 7 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: 85 Tarrytown 26 Mar; 115 L Walton 1 Apr; 175 Great Vly Saugerties 5 Apr & 6 May.

Greater Scaup: 40 EGR 7 Apr.

Lesser Scaup: 60 EGR 5 Mar; 30 EGR 7 Apr.

Surf Scoter: Port Ewen Beach 12,13,20 Mar (MD, LF).

White-winged Scoter: 1-2 EGR

7,19,20,25,29 Mar; 9 EGR 27 May; 3 MC 27 May.

Long-tailed Duck: Bashakill 8 Apr (JH).

Com. Merganser: 300 Sprain Res 24 Mar; 250 Tarrytown 26 Mar.

Com. Loon: 5 EGR 20 Apr.

Pied-billed Grebe: 8 EGR 18 Apr.

Horned Grebe: 28 EGR 7 Mar.

Red-necked Grebe: Hudson Ri at Kingston Pt 13 Mar (LF); 2 EGR 21 Mar.

N. Gannet: MC 22 Mar; 2 MC 6 Apr; 3 EGR 16 Apr.

Am. Bittern: Lew Beach 20-24 Mar; White Sulfur Spring 9 Apr; Hastings-on-Hudson 5 May.

Least Bittern: 2 Bashakill 21 May; Piermont Pier 29 May.

Great Blue Heron: 12 on nests New Paltz 18 Mar.

Great Egret: arr New Rochelle 26 Mar; 2 nests L DeForest.

Snowy Egret: arr 2 EGR 6 Apr.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 20 EGR 27 Mar.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: RNC 16 Apr.

HAWKS—ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: parents feeding 1 yg DUTC May.

N. Goshawk: killed Red-bellied Woodpecker at feeder Ellenville 1 Mar; LaGrange 14 May.

Broad-winged Hawk: Pine Plains 30 Mar.

Rough-legged Hawk: Pine Plains 5 Mar; 5 SGNWR 15 Mar; Sullivan Co Airport 3 Apr.

Golden Eagle: 2-3 Stissing Mt 2,5,12,13,15 Mar (KM,BB), seen copulating on 12-13 Mar; Coleman Station 19 Mar.

Clapper Rail: 1-2 MC 19,23,27 May.

Black-bellied Plover: arr 19 May; 12 MC 23 May.

Am. Oystercatcher: 2 MC 22 Mar; 6 MC 6 Apr; 3 EGR 16 Apr.

Greater Yellowlegs: 3 EGR 27 Mar; 5 Pine Plains 29 Apr; Bashakill 1 May; 38 MC 29 Apr; 30 MC 9 May.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 2 MC 29 Apr.

Willet: MC 13 May.

Spotted Sandpiper: Bashakill 7 Apr.

Whimbrel: Piermont Pier 28 May (DC).

Ruddy Turnstone: arr 20 Apr; 8 MC 23 May.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 15 MC 27 May.

Least Sandpiper: 3 MC 29 Apr; 230 MC 27 May.

Pectoral Sandpiper: Wappingers 3 May.

Purple Sandpiper: 21 EGR 25 Mar; last 15 EGR 20 Apr.

Dunlin: 300 EGR 27 May (TB); 300 Piermont Pier 28 May (DC).

Short-billed Dowitcher: 50 EGR 27 May.

Wilson's Snipe: arr 24 Mar.

Laughing Gull: arr 20 Apr.

Bonaparte's Gull: 5 EGR 20 Mar; 8

EGR 16 Apr; Saugerties 26 Apr (RGU); L Huntington 1 May (JH).

Iceland Gull: 4 SULL Landfill 12 Mar (JH); Kingston Pt 13-14 Mar (MD); SULL Landfill 6 Apr (JH).

Glaucous Gull: SULL Landfill 12, 27 Mar (JH); Kingston Pt 13-14 Mar (MD).

Forster's Tern: Hudson Ri at Esopus Creek confluence, Saugerties 26 Apr (RGU); 6 MC 12 May.

Black Tern: Morningside P 1 May (JH); Fishkill 13 May (ES,DP).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr 11 May.

Short-eared Owl: 4 CPP 1-28 Mar; Esopus Lighthouse 26 Mar; SGNWR 17 Apr.

N. Saw-whet Owl: Ardsley 17 Mar.

Com. Nighthawk: 8 Rockland L 12 May.

Whip-poor-will: arr SULL 6 May; upper Pine Kill Rd; Harriman SP 14 May; Sharparoon 13,14 May; Clinton Corners 20 May.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Billings 15 May; Humpo Marsh, New Paltz 18 Apr.

FLYCATCHERS—WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: SULL

16 May; Sterling Forest 16 May; Doodletown 21 May; 2-3 MC 27 May.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: RNC 24 Apr.

Acadian Flycatcher: 2 Peekamoose Rd 14 May.

Alder Flycatcher: Harcourt Wildlife Sanctuary 18 May; Pawling 27 May.

White-eyed Vireo: arr 11 May.

Philadelphia Vireo: StonyKill 14 May; Hastings-on-Hudson 17 May.

Com. Raven: Staatsburg 23 Mar-4 Apr (MR), failed nesting pr.

Horned Lark: 100 Swan L 3 Apr.

Purple Martin: 20 prs New Paltz 17 Apr; 8 EGR 26 Apr.

Tree Swallow: 2 Pine Plains 30 Mar.

HouseWren: arr 21 Apr; 3 extreme n
ULST Saugerties 30 Apr.
Winter Wren: 1-2 MC May.
Marsh Wren: 6 MC 27 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: Gumaer Falls Rd
SULL 4 May; Ferncliff Forest, Rhinebeck
11 May; RNC 27,31 May.
Gray Catbird: arr n part of Reg 13 Mar.
Brown Thrasher: arr Tarrytown L
13 Apr.
Am. Pipit: Blue Chip Farm 14 May.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr 2 May.
Golden-winged Warbler: Dover 14
May; MC 16 May; Mine Rd 21 May;
8 Sterling Forest 28 May.
"Lawrence's" Warbler: Mine Rd 21
May (SB); Rhinebeck 21 May (RJo).
Orange-crowned Warbler: Smithfield
1 Mar-6 Apr (LL,BB).
Cape May Warbler: Onteora L 14 May;
DUTC 14 May.
Pine Warbler: Yonkers 1 Mar, over-
wintered; Mt Vernon 8 Mar (KJ);
Ellenville 27 Mar.
Prairie Warbler: Tarrytown L 18 Apr.
Cerulean Warbler: arr Doodletown 3
May; Ferncliff Forest, Rhinebeck 11 May.
Prothonotary Warbler: MC 23 Apr
(AG); MC 3 May (TB).
Worm-eating Warbler: arr Doodletown
3 May.
Louisiana Waterthrush: arr 6 Apr.
Kentucky Warbler: Blue Mountain Res
Saugerties 14 May (LA, JBo, SC, FM).

Mourning Warbler: Pawling 27 May;
MC 27 May; Sterling Forest 28 May.
Hooded Warbler: RNC 26 Apr; arr
Doodletown 3 May.
Yellow-breasted Chat: Sterling Forest
28 May (MB,KJ).

TANAGERS — WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: last 6 Apr.
Field Sparrow: arr 23 Apr.
Vesper Sparrow: 2 SULL Landfill 6 Apr
(JH, RD, MG, ABo).
Grasshopper Sparrow: arr 16 May.
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: MC
11,20 May; 3 MC 27 May; 2 MC
31 May.
Seaside Sparrow: MC 30 Apr.
5,9,11,13,27 May; 2 MC 12 May.
White-crowned Sparrow: 4 CPP
1-28 Mar; Red Hook 4 May;
Wappingers 6 May.
Indigo Bunting: Newburgh 3-4 Apr
(CPe); Ellenville 5 Apr (BSc).
Red-winged Blackbird: arr 5 Mar.
Rusty Blackbird: 15 Bashakill
29 Mar; 100 Saugerties 30 Apr.
Orchard Oriole: arr 28 Apr.
Purple Finch: EGR 5 Mar; 2 Pine
Plains 30 Mar; few at many
feeders SULL & DUTC Apr.
Com. Redpoll: 3 Ellenville 29 Mar
(PM); 1-6 Pine Bush 8-27 Mar (DHi).

EXOTICS

European Goldfinch: Valhalla
11-13 Apr (CF); 2 Valhalla 26 Apr (CF).

