

REGION 10-MARINE

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Although the National Climatic Data Center reported that New York State as a whole had its warmest June on record, our Regional average temperatures were near normal in both June and July at 69.4°F and 73.9°F, respectively. A 2.29 inch deficit in June's precipitation was partially recouped in July, when the Region received 4.03 inches of rain, 1.08 inches above average. August, though, was another story. With temperatures averaging 4.1° above normal and with rainfall at record lows for many locations, e.g. 4.46 inches below normal at Islip near the center of Region 10, we saw the grasses and forbs along the parkways shrivel and turn to various shades of brown and rust. The parched landscape did have one benefit for birders: mosquitoes were nearly non-existent in some normally infested areas. Local exceptions to August's drought included an exceptional downpour of 3.1 inches, a new daily maximum, at Central Park on 14 August, bringing that area a bit closer to average for the month. The Atlantic experienced an extremely active first half of the hurricane season, with twelve storms named by the end of August. But we felt little effect in Region 10. The remnants of Hurricane Katrina, one of the strongest ever to hit the US, brushed by us to the

west on the last day of August, bringing a gusty wind and some showers but no storm-driven birds. Yet, with the images of Gulf Coast destruction still fresh in our minds, the storm offered a sober reminder of just how powerful and devastating these weather events can be.

Migration and dispersal are conspicuous features of the summer months in our Region. In most years, a modest set of pelagic species can be seen from land at this season with a modicum of patience and dedication. This summer featured more seabird reports than usual, involving unusually large numbers of individuals and species inshore. As is usually the case, small numbers of Parasitic Jaegers were seen through June and July by observers training their scopes seaward along the South Shore. Small numbers of Black Terns are often reported locally in late spring and early summer, but this season they were unusually numerous and widespread throughout the month of June, with reports from Breezy Point, Democrat Point, Cupsogue County Park, and Mecox Bay. There was a single-site maximum of 11 birds at Cupsogue on 18 June. The significance of their presence during this period is unclear, but it might, as in the case of some of the shorebird species described below, reflect aborted or failed breeding efforts.

Even after the demise of the Cedar Beach tern colony around 1996, Roseate Terns have remained dependably present around Fire Island Inlet each summer. Local observers have assumed that small numbers must have continued breeding in the area, most likely with Common Terns on the marsh islands of western Great South Bay. This speculation was confirmed this summer by Brian Zitani, who reported six pairs of Roseates on Goose Flat just north of Gilgo (*fide* R. Paxton). Two very large colonies of Black Skimmers, ca. 500 adults at Lido Beach (near Pt. Lookout) and ca. 1,000 adults at Breezy Pt., nested very late this summer. Very small young were present at both sites at the end of August.

Although mid June is typically the nadir for Arctic-breeding shorebirds on Long Island, both abundance and diversity remained high throughout the month. Although noteworthy counts such as 15 White-rumped and 200 Semipalmated sandpipers at Pike's Beach on 11 June might be attributable to late northbound migrants, 16 and 80 of these species, respectively, were still present there a week later. Similarly, repeated counts on the order of 100 each of Red Knot and Short-billed Dowitcher around Moriches Inlet on 11, 18, and 29 June probably indicate over-summering. Indeed, a color-banded Red Knot seen at Cupsogue County Park on 29 June had been banded on Delaware Bay on 2 June (P. Atkinson, pers. comm.). Finally, 14 Black-bellied Plovers on 29 June were more than one would expect at this date, and the presence of at least half a dozen Dunlin around Moriches Inlet throughout June and July this year, in plumages ranging from pure basic to high alternate, provides further evidence that many shorebirds simply did not make the last big jump to the breeding grounds this year. Although not really rare on Long Island in mid summer, Dunlin are genuinely scarce at this season, often with only one or two reported Region-wide

between early June and late August.

The most unusual breeding record of the season was contributed by Steve Walter, who found and photographed a newly fledged Golden-crowned Kinglet at the Christie Estate South near Muttontown Preserve on 16 July. This bird of the northwoods has shown a tendency to nest in spruce plantings well to the south of its normal range at low elevations in southern New England, New Jersey, and western, central, and southeastern mainland New York State, but this is likely the first breeding record from Long Island since 1963 (Bull 1964: p. 348).

The intense coverage accorded Maple Swamp in late spring abated somewhat during the summer, but nevertheless yielded a number of interesting records from this large and complex Long Island woodland. As noted in this essay a year ago, the outlook is not good for woodland-breeding birds in our Region, as many once widely distributed species are quietly retiring from traditional stations. An early June survey in the heart of Easthampton's Grace Estate yielded mostly bad news. Black-and-white Warbler was unrecorded for the third straight year, and, for the first time in memory, not even one Scarlet Tanager was detected. Single Veery and Wood Thrush were slightly less discouraging but far fewer than the numbers routinely recorded at this site and date in previous years.

This summer's list of vagrants is rather long and varied. A Barnacle Goose present at Gilgo through July and August raised suspicions of captive origins, although such doubts were not attached to four Surf Scoters also summering there, nor to a group of seven similarly unseasonal Brant a few miles to the west at Jones Beach. Several reports of single Brown Pelicans during July constituted a more or less average year by recent standards. Much more unusual were one or more frigatebirds, presumably Magnificent, reported from eastern Long Island 28 July and 7 August. Howie Fischer and companions found an adult Mississippi Kite over Pouch Lake, Staten Island on 11 June. A Wilson's Plover at Tobay Beach 23 June deserves written documentation; this report could provide additional evidence of a very good year for this species in the Northeast. A one-year old Arctic Tern near Moriches Inlet, seen and described in detail by several observers in early July, conformed to a pattern observed in recent years, when roughly seven immature birds of this species have been found in as many years around favorable ocean inlets during the period late May through early July. A series of Sandwich Tern reports from late July and August extend a similar pattern, in which this formerly exceedingly rare vagrant, once almost unknown in our area except after hurricanes, has been appearing more regularly along our shores. Despite the perception of an upturn in this species' status in the Region, it remains on the NYSARC review list, and all reports deserve careful documentation.

Max and Nellie Larsen found a Say's Phoebe on the morning of 23 June at the Jones Beach West End boat basin (US Coast Guard Station). Seen by several more observers moving slowly eastward, the bird disappeared around noon and defied the efforts of a dozen or so birders for several hours. Ultimately it was

re-found in the evening by Marcia Specht, Ann Marie Pozzini, and Kevin O'Leary at the original location, where it spent more than an hour feeding from the construction fencing and adjacent signs and posts immediately west of the comfort station. Although this was the first June record for this species in New York State, landbird vagrants from western North America have appeared at this season surprisingly often over the years. A partial list of landbird vagrants to New York, during the period mid May to mid July, includes White-winged Dove, Lewis's Woodpecker, Williamson's Sapsucker, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Cave Swallow, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Bewick's Wren, Townsend's Warbler, Western Tanager, Bachman's Sparrow, LeConte's Sparrow, Chestnut-collared Longspur, and Painted Bunting. Impressive on its own, this list is almost certainly a gross underestimate of actual rates of vagrancy because the scrutiny applied to landbirds at the most favorable locations, along the outer beaches and on eastern LI, is typically minuscule at this time as breeding landbirds and various kinds of waterbirds attract the bulk of birders' attention. A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher found by Rich McGovern at Mount Loretto Park, Staten Island, on 5 June delighted many birders that day but was not seen thereafter.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APP — Alley Pond P; bas — basic plumage; BBG — Brooklyn Botanical Garden; BNL — Brookhaven National Laboratory; BP — Breezy Pt; CCP — Cupsogue County P; CHP — Conference House P, Staten I; CLP — Clove Lakes P, Staten I; CP — Central P; CSP — Caumsett SP; dm — dark morph; DP — Democrat Pt; EEB — East End Birds email summary; FBF — Floyd Bennett Field; FP — Forest Park; GA — Gabreski Airport; GE — Grace Estate, Easthampton; HLSP Hempstead L SP; HSP — Hecksher SP; JBWE — Jones Beach SP West End; JBWR — Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge; LI — Long Island; MB — Mecox Bay; mi — miles; MI — Moriches Inlet; migr — migrating; MLP — Mt Loretto P, Staten I; MP — Montauk Pt; MS — Maple Swamp; OMNSA — Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area; OP — Orient Pt; PB — Pike's Beach, PP — Prospect Park; RMSP — Robert Moses SP; Shinn — Shinnecock Inlet; SPCP — Smith Pt County P; VCP — Van Cortland P; WNWR — Wertheim NWR; WSP — Wildwood SP.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Brant: Shinn 16 Jun (OB); 3 Riverdale 30 Jun; 2 JBWE 29 Jul; 7 JBWE 15 Aug thru.

BARNACLE GOOSE: Gilgo thru (RP); origins suspect?, *intro*.

Wood Duck: hen with 4 y Brightwaters 3 Jul (RG), noteworthy breeding site; 7 JBWR 20 Jul (PL).

Am. Wigeon: JBWR 2 Jul.

Blue-winged Teal: m Sore Thumb 10 Jun (SM *et al*).

N. Shoveler: a few JBWR thru.

N. Pintail: JBWR 2 Jul.

Greater Scaup: m JBWR thru Jun.

Com. Eider: 5 MP 1 Jun (CM), continuing from last season.

Surf Scoter: pr Staten I fishing pier 18 Jun (CN *et al*); Montauk 27 Jun (JJ).

Black Scoter: f Oyster Pond, Montauk 13 Jun (VB).

Long-tailed Duck: Sore Thumb 10 Jun (SM *et al*).

Bufflehead: 2 Sore Thumb 10 Jun (SM *et al*).

Hooded Merganser: arr JBWR 7 Aug.

Red-breasted Merganser: Sore Thumb 10 Jun; 2f JBWE 10 Jun (SM *et al*); f reported from JBWE thru.

Wild Turkey: 5 former Grumman property 11 Jun (SM *et al*); f Morningside

P 30 Jun and several days prior (*fide* NY RBA); f with poults Sunrise Highway, just n of WNWR 18 Jul (JG).

N. Bobwhite: Rt 51 Bike Path, Pilgrim State Hospital property (J&GF, JQ) & HSP (PL).

Red-throated Loon: 5 off Shinn 4 Jun (AB); JBWE 10 Jun (GC *et al*); DP 10 & 15 Jun (PL *et al*); Shelter I 21 Jun (NH).

Com. Loon: 8 migr DP 4 Jun; small numbers present off South Shore thru.

Pied-billed Grebe: arr JBWR 27 Jul.

N. Fulmar: 25 out 25mi s MP 6 Jun (JP, *fide* NY RBA); 1 out 25mi s MP 17 Jun (JP, *fide* NY RBA).

Cory's Shearwater: arr Shinn 29 Jun (BrC, PL, SM); 250 RMSP/DP 24 Jul (AG *et al*); RMSP 29 Jul (JQ); 71 DP 30 Jul (PL); 76 Shinn 30 Jul (TWB, GB); 15 DP 3 Aug (PL); generally smaller numbers thru Aug.

Greater Shearwater: 5 on 6 Jun and 50 on 17 Jun 25 mi s MP (JP, *fide* NY RBA); 'many' 75 mi s Shinn 19 Jun (*fide* NY RBA); 2 RMSP 24 Jul (PL, SM); RMSP 29 Jul (JQ); 'several' MP 29 Jul (AK); RMSP 31 Jul (RK).

Sooty Shearwater: small numbers from shore RMSP to MP thru; offshore max 50 out 25 mi s MP 17 Jun (JP).

Manx Shearwater: 2 off CCP 4 Jun (GB, TWB); 3 out 75 mi s Shinn 19 Jun (*fide* NY RBA); RMSP 24 Jul (SM); 2 JBWE 29 Jul (AO); RMSP 29 Jul (JQ). **Wilson's Storm-Petrel:** 30 off Shinn 4 Jun (AB); 16 e LI Sound, n of Great Gull I 18 Jun (SM); 'many' 75 mi s Shinn 19 Jun (*fide* NY RBA); 90 DP 22 Jun (PL, SM); 2 Shinnecock Bay, n of inlet, 9 Jul (ES), unusual location; n of Great Gull Is 19 Aug (SM); small numbers off RMSP thru Jul and Aug.

N. Gannet: eastbound flight continued into early Jun; small numbers present off South Shore thru, e.g. the following counts from DP: 110 migr on 4 Jun, 15 on 10 Jun, 9 on 22 Jun, 10 on 24 Jul; 10 on 30 Jul; 5 on 7 Aug.

BROWN PELICAN: MI 11 Jul (AB); NY Bight 16 Jul (TB); RMSP 31 Jul (RK).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: Bellport 28 Jul (*fide* MSch); Montauk 7 Aug (M&MWo).

Least Bittern: JBWR 27 Jun (SWo, *et al*); PP 13 Aug (AWi) and 24 Aug (*fide* NY RBA).

Little Blue Heron: Shinn 6 Jun (S&JBe).

Tricolored Heron: e side Shinn 5 Jun (JS); CCP 18 Jun (AB).

Cattle Egret: Staten I 8 Jun (MSa); present JBWR thru; Mecox Rd. 11 Jul (KG); 2 Drake P 13 Jul (GD).

Green Heron: 3 juvs, 2 ads CP12 Jun, nested here.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: Shinn 19 Jun (JGi).

Turkey Vulture: Rocky Pt 22 Jun (JHo); 2 Rt 51 Bike Path 4 Jul (DF, PL); Southold 22 Aug (JQ); Staten I 24 Aug (JQ); 3 Eastport 28Aug (SBI).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

MISSISSIPPI KITE: ad Pouch L, Staten I 11 Jun (HF! *et al*).

Bald Eagle: Mashomack 9 Jun (KC); imm OP 13 Jun (S&JBe); imm Oyster Pd, Montauk 13 Jun (VB) and 26 Jun (TBo); Meadowbrook Parkway 19 Jun (TBa);

imm Riverhead 22 Jun (BA); JBWR 28 Jul (MSh); 2 immes Inwood Hill P (MB), hacking program birds.

N. Harrier: pr interacting Sore Thumb 13 Jun, but not seen subsequently (PL).

Red-tailed Hawk: two resident prs CP, one pr fledged young.

Am. Kestrel: Rt 51 Bike Path 18 Jun (BM); bred former Grumman property (TS); sev breeding locations Manhattan inc CP.

Merlin: CP 22 Jul (BC).

Peregrine Falcon: Mashomack 4 Jun (ES); pr RMSP Twin Causeway thru.

Virginia Rail: Big Reed Pond, Montauk 25, 28 Jun (VB *et al*).

Sora: arr e LI at Aquebogue 8 Jun (AB); OMNSA 18 Aug; juv JBWR 28 Aug.

Com. Moorhen: JBWR 18 Aug (PJ) thru at least 28 Aug (mob).

Black-bellied Plover: 14 PB 29 Jun, many for date.

Am. Golden-Plover: arr Riverhead 23 Aug (AB); Cutchogue 25 Aug (*fide* NY RBA); 9 Bridgehampton 30 Aug (AB).

WILSON'S PLOVER: Tobay Beach 23 Jun (LL).

Piping Plover: 15 ad PB 21 Jul (PL), habitat stress here increasing.

Am. Oystercatcher: 250+ JBWE 16 Aug (PL).

Lesser Yellowlegs: 350 JBWR 22 Jul.

Willet: 29 Oak Beach bar 19 Jul (PL); 70 Shinn 27 Aug, mostly *semipalmatus* (SM, PL *et al*).

Upland Sandpiper: GA 23 Aug (*fide* NY RBA); Riverhead 28 Aug (AB).

Whimbrel: arr Napeague 29 Jun; many reports of small numbers migr along outer beaches thru.

Hudsonian Godwit: arr JBWR 6 Aug (J&GF, mob), thru at least 10 Aug.

Marbled Godwit: arr JBWE 9 Aug (SJ), thru at least 12 Aug; DP 17 Aug (PL, SM); JBWR 17 Aug (LS, KK); PB 19 Aug (*fide* NY RBA) and 24 Aug (SA), presumably same bird reported from CCP and PB thru (AB, PL).

Red Knot: 50 PB 11 Jun (DS *et al.*); 65 CCP and 44 PB 29 Jun (PL, SM); ca. 100 around MI thru Jun, *intro*.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 200 PB 11 Jun (DS *et al.*); 1200 PB 23 Jul (SM, PL); 2000 JBWR 27 Jul (SM, PL).

Western Sandpiper: arr PB 9 Jul (*fide* NY RBA); arr JBWR 18 Jul (SB).

Least Sandpiper: arr PB 12 Jun; 15 MB 28 Jun (*fide* EEB).

White-rumped Sandpiper: 15 PB 11 Jun (DS *et al.*); 16 PB 18 Jun (PL, SM); 4 MB 22 Jun; 15 MB 30 Aug (AJL).

Baird's Sandpiper: Oyster Pond, Montauk 27 Aug (AB); 2 JBWR 27 Aug (DK, mob), at least one remaining thru.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr Aquebogue 15 Jul (J&GF *et al.*).

Dunlin: 6 MI thru Jun, typically scarce at this season, *intro*.

Stilt Sandpiper: arr JBWR 15 Jul (DF).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: arr JBWE 11 Aug; 8 Riverhead 24 Aug (SA), high; 8 JBWE 30 Aug (SB, RJ), high; 2 Oyster Pond, Montauk 27 Aug (AB); unusually high number of reports from throughout the Region.

Short-billed Dowitcher: ca. 100 around MI thru Jun, probably summered here, *intro*; 1500 JBWR 31 Jul; 500 PB 23 Jul (SM, PL).

Long-billed Dowitcher: bas CCP 18 Jun (PL, SM), calling, unusual date; arr JBWR 23 Jul (SA, RK *et al.*).

Wilson's Phalarope: JBWR 25 Jul (TF); ad JBWR 6 Aug (SA, mob); juv JBWR 11 Aug (SSi *et al.*); Setauket Mill Pond 26 Aug (CK); JBWR 26 Aug (Wada *et al.*); ad JBWR 27 Aug (LS, DSp), diff from juv also being seen.

Red-necked Phalarope: PB continuing from May; last reported 4 Jun; juv JBWR 26 Aug — at least 28 Aug (MSh, SWo).

Red Phalarope: CCP 27 Jul (BrC, JaG, SM!), unusual date and location.

Parasitic Jaeger: ad dm DP 15 Jun (PL, SM); DP 22 Jun (PL, SM); 2nd summer DP 24 Jul (AG *et al.*); DP 30 Jul (PL); 2

RMSP 31 Jul (RK); Amagansett 20 Aug (AW); Shinn 30 Aug (AB); RMSP 30 Aug (SB, RJ).

Bonaparte's Gull: arr MB 28 Jun (HM, PP).

Ring-billed Gull: 2 fresh juvs JBWE 24 Jul (AG), early.

Herring Gull: first independent juvs 30 Shinn 23 Jul (SM).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: ad MB 30 Aug (AJL).

Gull-billed Tern: Great Kills Flats, Staten I 10 Jun (JT); 1-3 ads JBWR thru Jun and Jul; first juvs 6 Aug among 9 total, a large number.

Caspian Tern: OMNSA 21 Jun (MF); Peconic R 7 Jul; JBWR 23 Jul; ad JBWR 30 Jul (RK); ad & imm JBWR 17 Aug (LS, KK, DR); ad & juv OMNSA 31 Aug (MF).

Royal Tern: alt Shinn 11 Jun (GC, PL, SM, DS); a few MI-Shinn late Jun-early Jul, numbers building mid Jul thru; max 42 PB 24 Aug (SA); JBWR 31 Jul (*fide* NY RBA), unusual location.

SANDWICH TERN: MB 21 Jul (SSa); CCP 22 Jul (AB); ad and begging juv Breezy Pt 31 Aug (SB).

Roseate Tern: reported from BP, DP, MI, Shinn, MB, OP, and Napeague thru.

Com. Tern: 6000-8000 BP 31 Aug (SB).

ARCTIC TERN: MI 3 Jul (PL!, SM!); MI 6 Jul (DF); MI 12 Jul (RJ, SB, SSi!), 1-2 birds 1st summer plumage.

Forster's Tern: Captree I 10 Jun (PL, SM), first summer plumage; 100 MB 30 Aug (AJL).

Black Tern: unusually numerous and widespread Jun-early Jul; smaller numbers present mid Jul thru; *intro*.

Black Skimmer: 1000 BP 31 Aug (SB); 500 Lido Beach; *intro*.

Dovekie: 25 mi s MP 6 Jun (JP).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Monk Parakeet: VCP 9 Jul (PG); Shinn 27 Aug (SM, PL).

Black-billed Cuckoo: GE 2 Jun (PL).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 4 GE 2 Jun (PL).
E. Screech-Owl: 6-7 CP thru; nested here early spring.

Barred Owl: CSP 21 Jul (DB), very unusual location.

Com. Nighthawk: Kissena P 1 Jun (EM); CP 1 Jun (BC); CP 25 Aug (BC); 8 WSP 28 Aug (JC), noted as worst start to migr season in years.

Chuck-will's-widow: 4 calling Westhampton 11 Jun (HM); at least two heard thru Jun here (mob); calling Napeague 15 Jun (CR).

Whip-poor-will: 9 calling Westhampton 11 Jun (HM); 3 Westhampton 26 Jun (JGi); Captree I 1 Jul, new location (RK).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: flight display GE 2 Jun (PL); Dune Rd 18 Jun (SM, PL).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr CP 4 Jun (GD); arr CP 16 Aug (TF).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: JBWE 16 Aug (JQ); Riverside P 25 Aug (*fide* NY RBA).

E. Phoebe: pr carrying food GE 2 Jun (PL).

SAY'S PHOEBE: JBWE 23 Jun (M&NL, mob!), *intro*.

E. Kingbird: 12 RMSP 26 Aug (PL), notable start of migr for this species.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: MLP 5 Jun (RM, mob!).

Red-eyed Vireo: ad feeding y CP 7 Aug (RD); listed as occasional breeder here, but last record found by DA was 1956.

Horned Lark: breeders present at many sites on the outer beach, from BP to Shinn and at Calverton and GA.

Purple Martin: several active colonies in Westhampton area, both bayside (e.g., Apacuck and Aspatuck creeks) and on the barrier beach, e.g. 12 pr Dune Rd colony (*fide* JQ).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: JBWE 24 Jun, unusual date.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: newly fledged young ph near Muttontown Preserve,

Nassau Co. 16 Jul (SW), likely the 1st LI breeding record since 1963, *intro*.

E. Bluebird: breeding sites include WNWR (JG).

Swainson's Thrush: Shelter I 1 Jun (NH); arr CP 25 Aug (*fide* DA).

Hermit Thrush: arr CP 25 Aug (*fide* DA).

Am. Robin: 530 peak count CP 29 Aug, going to roost (BC).

Cedar Waxwing: widespread and conspicuous LI thru.

WARBLERS

Golden-winged Warbler: CP 18 Aug (TF); FP 18 Aug (JL); PP 26 Aug.

"Lawrence's" Warbler: CLP 27 Aug (DE); CP 28 Aug (PJ).

Tennessee Warbler: sev reports from NYC parks 18 Aug thru.

N. Parula: singing m GE 2 Jun (PL), in same general area as in past five or so years.

Yellow Warbler: migr PB 23 Jul.

Magnolia Warbler: arr CP 18 Aug (*fide* DA).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: CP 19 Aug (DA), very early.

Black-throated Green Warbler: Montauk 5 Jun (VB *et al.*).

Pine Warbler: bred New York Botanical Garden (RD).

Blackpoll Warbler: singing m BBG 3 Jul and CP 9 Jul (RD); arr CP 18 Aug (*fide* DA).

Black-and-white Warbler: notably absent from some former breeding areas eastern LI.

Prothonotary Warbler: Pleasure Drive, Flanders 5 Jun (ES); CP 16-17 Jun (SB, TF); arr CP (m) 28 Aug (JM *et al.*).

N. Waterthrush: arr CP 23 Jul (*fide* DA).

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr CP 22 Jul (*fide* DA).

Kentucky Warbler: Riverside P 4, 12 Jun; PP 16 Aug (DG).

Mourning Warbler: APP 1 Jun (EM); FP 2 Jun (EM, JL); 1 banded Mashomack 6 Jun (MS); CP 12 Jun (SB); Riverside P

20 Jun (*fide* NY RBA); fall arr CP 14 Aug (*fide* DA).

Hooded Warbler: Mashomack 2 Jun (TD); CP 12, 23 Aug (*fide* DA).

Canada Warbler: arr CP 24 Jul (*fide* DA).

Yellow-breasted Chat: Montauk 2 Jun (CM); Riverside P 21 Aug (*fide* NY RBA).

TANAGERS-WEAVERS

Summer Tanager: f FP 1 Jun (EM); CP 1 Jun (TF); Sag Harbor 7 Jun (HM); BNL 27 Jun (EL, TG); Riverside P 29 Jun (*fide* NY RBA); CP 24 Aug (CMc).

Lark Sparrow: JBWE 23 Aug (SJ, AW).

Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 former Grumman property and 3 Rt 51 Bike Path 11 Jun, known breeding areas (DS *et al*).

White-throated Sparrow: JBWR 19 Jul (SB); Sag Harbor 20 Jun (JH); unusual dates; arr CP 18 Aug (*fide* DA).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: singing m GE 2 Jun (PL).

Blue Grosbeak: 2 m Rt 51 Bike Path thru 4 Jun (GB, TWB) 2 m singing 11 Jun (DS *et al*); 1 still present and singing 4 Jul (DF, PL).

Indigo Bunting: many breeders e-central LI; f feeding y GE 2 Jun (PL); 2 MS 5 Jun (B&ESi); MLP 6 Jun; CHP 6 Jun; HLSP (JGi); m Rt 51 Bike Path 11 Jun (DS *et al*).

Dickcissel: 2 m FBF 3 Jul (SB *et al*), apparently on territory.

Bobolink: ad m VCP 9 Jul (PG), early migrant/dispersant.

Com. Grackle: 259 peak count CP 25 Aug, going to roost (BC).

Boat-tailed Grackle: 2 Captree I 10 Jun (PL, SM); present thru at usual breeding areas: JBWR, Dune Rd, CCP, Cedar Beach Marina.

Orchard Oriole: 1 CHP and 3 MLP 6 Jun (PL, SM); Rt 51 Bike path 4 Jul (DF, PL); nest with young CP 21 Jun.

Purple Finch: JBWE 23 Aug (SM).

EXOTICS

Ringed Turtle Dove: JBWE 15 Jul - 16 Aug (M&NL, SS, mob!).

Budgerigar: 2 CP 21 Jul.

