

REGION 10—MARINE

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June's mean temperature was normal at 68.4° F, and while 2.88" of precipitation was near normal mid-Long Island, Central Park received 6.55" of rain, 2.71" more than normal. July was 1.3° cooler than normal, at 73.3°, and rainfall was again notable at 6.50", 3.57" higher than average. Daily rainfall totals on 18 and 19 July broke records at Central Park and La Guardia airport. August's 72.9° mean temperature was normal, but a closer look reveals some interesting fluctuations hidden by the averages, such as the record daily low temps of 58°

on 11 August and 60° on 18 August recorded at both JFK and Islip airports. Continuing the wet trend of the season, rainfall in August was nearly 3" above average, with 7.20" recorded at Central Park.

Southeastern-breeding landbirds made news again this summer, following another strong spring showing. An article elsewhere in this issue is dedicated to this season's multiple nestings by Acadian Flycatchers across the Region. Other Regionally scarce breeders reported this summer included Louisiana Waterthrush, Worm-eating and Hooded warblers, and Yellow-breasted Chat. Prothonotary Warbler, Summer Tanager, and Blue Grosbeak, having moved beyond proving themselves as Regional breeders, are now in the process of establishing their summer statuses in the Region. On a more negative note, several observers described the loss or substantial diminution this year of traditional populations of Chimney Swifts in Brooklyn and Queens, and at least one also reported the loss of breeding Common Nighthawks from a site in this same area. Veteran observers have suspected for years now that Ruffed Grouse has been extirpated from Long Island. A belated report from East Quogue on 20 May is intriguing, but reached us without details. Given the significance that a proven record would hold, observers are encouraged to collect as much documentation as possible and to consider all possibilities, including young turkeys (which can fly when still very small), female pheasants, and the bewildering variety of exotic gamebirds that are encountered at large from time to time.

We were fortunate to receive a report from Mary Laura Lamont regarding her Plum Island breeding bird surveys. Among the noteworthy birds there were Common Eider (although no young were noted this year), Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk (suspected of breeding there over the years), and Tufted Titmouse. The last is a bird that is almost never highlighted as interesting by anyone anywhere, except perhaps by folks who happen to find themselves at the northern frontier of its expanding range at any particular time. In light of this species' inexorable progress northward, it remains a curious and little known fact that this species has been struggling for decades against a southeastern frontier in our Region. At places like Long Island's barrier beaches, Block Island, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket, Tufted Titmouse remains a vagrant of the rarest kind, with a local frequency of occurrence (so far) on par with Fork-tailed Flycatcher and Lark Bunting! Its presence on Plum Island, a coastal site known to host species characteristic of the interior, such as the vulture and hawk noted above, is not shocking but is nevertheless quite interesting. We must remember to ask Joe DiCostanzo whether he's ever encountered titmice on Great Gull Island.

Non-breeding waterfowl were especially well reported this summer. Traditional sites, such as Jamaica Bay and Long Island's outer beaches, had their usual share of lingering loons, brant, and ducks, but detailed reports from the East River and Great Kills Park in Staten Island were especially interesting. The motley collection of both scaup, a Red-breasted Merganser, all three scoters, and a breeding-plumaged Horned Grebe at the latter site must have been quite an odd mid-summer spectacle!

A major incursion of Red-breasted Nuthatches beginning in mid June was the earliest in memory, if not ever. This phenomenon is also treated elsewhere in this issue. On Long Island, early pushes of this species have been correlated in the past with unusual mid-summer occurrences of pre-molt woodland breeders, such as Blackpoll Warbler and others, and with August incursions of "Myrtle" Warbler and Purple Finch a month or more ahead of their main fall flights. Prior summers in which we witnessed this phenomenon include 1997 and 1999, and our prediction that 2007 would conform to this pattern was substantiated. In terms of odd molt-migrants, a pre-molt Worm-eating Warbler banded at Fort Tilden on 10 July and a Blackpoll Warbler in unknown plumage state at Prospect Park on 1 August were the most unusual.

Once again, multiple non-breeding **Arctic Terns** were documented (Fig. H, p. 324). The status of this species as a regular summer visitor to the Region's South Shore inlets can no longer be questioned. The preponderance of records from the Moriches Inlet flats over the last several years simply reflects the accessibility, and the concomitant high level of attention, currently associated with these sites. Similar runs of records were obtained from Fire Island Inlet in 1999 and 2000, when those flats were birded more intensively, and it seems very likely that the other inlets could produce their own records if inspected carefully by observers familiar with the non-breeding plumages of *Sterna* terns (e.g., as was the case at Mecox Inlet during the birding frenzy associated with 2004's Bar-tailed Godwit). Having said this, we don't mean to understate the identification challenges these birds pose, and we emphasize that photographic documentation is especially important for reports of this species. Both Laughing Gulls and Forster's Terns were observed around Moriches Inlet, well east of their known breeding sites on Long Island, in larger than usual numbers for early summer. In both cases at least a few adults in immaculate breeding plumage were observed.

Every season in Region 10 brings impressive rarities, and this summer featured Eared Grebes at Jamaica Bay, Chris Robert's **Magnificent Frigatebird** at Accabonac, a Black Vulture on the barrier beach, American Avocets at Cupsogue and Mecox, **Curlew Sandpipers** at Cupsogue (Fig. E, p. 323) and Jamaica Bay (Fig. F, p. 323), a **Sandwich Tern** at Breezy Point, Sy Schiff's enigmatic junco, likely of western North American provenance, at Jones Beach on **15 July**, and Corey Finger's **Yellow-headed Blackbird** at Jones Beach. Even so, none of these can rival Alex Wilson's discovery of New York's first **Western Reef-Heron**, an event warranting its own article if ever there was one!

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dedication and enthusiasm, a comprehensive and meaningful report would not be possible.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we report the passing on 19 October of Al Ott, one of Long Island's and New York City's finest birders and a valiant environmental advocate. His forthrightness, his fortitude, his gentle manner and infectious smile will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

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ABBREVIATIONS

1S – 1st summer plumage; 2S – 2nd summer plumage; b – banded; bas – basic plumage; BP – Breezy Pt, QUEE; CCP – Cupsogue County P, SUFF; CLP – Clove Lakes P, RICH; CP – Central P, NEWY; dm – dark morph; DOP – Dreier-Offerman P, KING; DP – Democrat Pt, EH – East Hampton, SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; FT – Fort Tilden, QUEE; GE – Grace Estate, EH, SUFF; GKP – Great Kills P, RICH; Grumman – former Grumman property, Calverton, SUFF; HG – Hunters Garden, T Brookhaven, SUFF; Jam Bay – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE/KING; JBWE – Jones Beach SP West End, NASS; LI – Long Island; lm – light morph; MB – Mecox Bay, SUFF; MI – Moriches Inlet, SUFF; MLUA – Mt Loretto Unique Area, RICH; MP – Montauk Pt, SUFF; OP – Orient Pt, SUFF; PB – Pike's Beach, Westhampton, SUFF; s – singing; PI – Plum I, SUFF; PP – Prospect Park, KING; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; Rt 51 BP – DEC Rt 51 Bikepath, Eastport SUFF;

Sagg – Sagaponack Pd, SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock In, SUFF; SSNC – South Shore Nature Center, E. Islip SUFF; terr – on territory.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Brant: summered GKP, Jam Bay & Shinn; L Montauk In SUFF 19 Jun (JP); 3 e side Shinn 5 Jul (PJL); DOP 19 Jul (DG); 3 BP 29 Jul (TF).

Am. Wigeon: Jam Bay 5 Jun.

Am. Black Duck: f w/ducklings CCP 8 Jul (SSM, PJL).

Blue-winged Teal: Massapequa Pres, NASS 1 Jun; Jam Bay 3 Jun; 5 Jam Bay 14 Jul (AG); CP 11 Aug, unus loc.

N. Shoveler: summered Jam Bay (e.g., 5 Jun & 27 Jul); Deep Hollow, Montauk SUFF 26 Aug (KR).

Greater Scaup: 2 summered GKP thru at least 21 Jul.

Lesser Scaup: Jam Bay 3 Jun; one summered GKP thru at least 21 Jul.

Com. Eider: 5 lingered at MP til 24 Jun (AnW); 13 (ad m, 12 subad m) PI 27 Jun (MLL).

Harlequin Duck: f MP 27 May (AnW).

Surf Scoter: summering birds inc 2 GKP thru at least 21 Jul & 2 PI 27 Jun (MLL).

White-winged Scoter: 2 MP until at least 24 Jun (AnW); imm m summered GKP.

Black Scoter: 77 MP until at least 24 Jun (AnW); ; PI 27 Jun (MLL); 4 summered GKP thru at least 21 Jul; f MB, f Sagg 24 Jul (AnW); 50 Ditch Plains, Montauk SUFF 4-5 Aug (VB).

Red-breasted Merganser: a few summered on the coast, as usual, inc one at GKP with several other unseasonal waterfowl.

Ruddy Duck: summered Jam Bay.

Ring-necked Pheasant: m DOP 12 Aug (DG); Flushing Airport QUEE 25, 26 Aug (GD).

Wild Turkey: f roaming streets in West Village, Manhattan 1 Jun.

N. Bobwhite: sev reports Rt 51 BP; Sebonac In SUFF 4 Jul (PJL); calling in good numbers at East Lake Dr, Montauk SUFF & Georgica Cove, EH, apparently released birds at the last site (fide CR).

Com. Loon: 2 Oak Beach SUFF 14 Jul; DOP 20 Jul; 2 MP 23 Jul, late.

Horned Grebe: alt summered GKP thru at least 21 Jul, very unusual.

Eared Grebe: 2 Jam Bay 17 Aug (PJL, SSM), ph; at least one thru.

N. Fulmar: 32 mi s of Shinn 27 May (JS ph); 12 seen 24 mi s of MP 15 Jun (JP);

injured bird recovered at an EH beach 25 Jul (P. Moser), feet appeared to have been damaged by monofilament line.

Cory's Shearwater: Shinn 3 Jun (PJL, SSM); 24 mi s of MP 15 Jun (JP); 3 CCP 16 Jun (PJL, et al.); CCP 28 Jul.

Greater Shearwater: 50 seen 24 mi s MP 15 Jun (JP); 2 CCP 16 Jun (PJL et al.); 17 mi se MP 14, 15 & 17 Jul (JP).

Sooty Shearwater: 1 mi e MP 26 May (JP); 16 MP 27 May (AnW); 36+ MP 28 May (JP); 4 Shinn & 3 PB 2 Jun (RGU et al; PJL, SSM); RMSP 5 Jun (KF); Shinn 8 Jun (S. Blodgett); 3 PB 10 Jun (PJL, SSM); Shinn 14 Jun (DK); 50 seen 24 mi s MP 15 Jun (JP); 2 MP 24 Jun (AnW).

Manx Shearwater: Shinn 2 Jun (PJL, SSM; RGU et al); 2 RMSP 5 Jun (KF); 3 PB 10 Jun (PJL, SSM); 24 mi s MP 15 Jun (JP); CCP 16 Jun (PJL et al.); dead, Main Beach EH 2 Jul (P. Paladines); 17 mi se MP 15 Jul (JP); CCP 28 Jul.

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: 50 seen 15-32 mi s Shinn 27 May (JS); 25 CCP 16 Jun (PJL et al.); 15 RMSP 17 Jun (PJL, JQ, J. Vigliotta).

N. Gannet: 25 RMSP 17 Jun; small numbers reported thru Jul.

Double-crested Cormorant: 200 East River, Manhattan 12 Jun (BC), breeding loc; 30 prs PI nesting on boulders with eggs and chicks 27 Jun (MLL).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: imm Accabonac SUFF 26-27 Aug (CR finder; J&GF, HM, PJL, SSM!, JQ); Riverhead 27 Aug (P. Paladines), prob same bird.

Least Bittern: 2 Laurel Lake, Southold SUFF 18 Jun (JB Jr, JBSr), observers note that they saw 2 ads and 2 imms here in Aug 2006, indicating breeding; at least 1 Jam Bay thru; GKP 28 Aug (JT).

Great Egret: 12 Captree I SUFF 13 Jul (JGI), high number for loc.

Snowy Egret: 25 Captree I SUFF 13 Jul (JGI), high number for loc.

WESTERN REEF-HERON: Coney I Creek at DOP 8 Jul (Alex Wilson! ph, mob! ph); last KING report 13 Aug; last RICH report 24 Aug; first NY State record, pending review.

Tricolored Heron: Jam Bay and Goethels Bridge RICH, only locs reported.

Cattle Egret: Drake P, BRON sev dates Aug (GD).

BLACK VULTURE (R10): Ocean Parkway NASS-SUFF 18 Aug (JQ, J&GF, mob), rare in Reg.

Turkey Vulture: numerous reports 6 Jun-28 Aug, all from SUFF, except Jam Bay 19 Jun (DK); notable SUFF reports inc 2 PI 27 Jun; max 10 Fresh Pd, Calverton 18 Jul; and 4 Riverhead sod farm 29 Aug, feeding on carcass.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: imm Camp Hero, Montauk SUFF 24 Jun (VB); imm CP 3 Jul (BC); ad Montauk village 22 Jul (AnW); ad CP 14 Aug.

N. Harrier: f Rt 51 fields, Eastport SUFF16 Jun (H. Maas), former breeding area.

Cooper's Hawk: Shelter I SUFF 16 Jun (O. Birol) & 11 Jul (N. Hamblet); Springs Park EH 21 Jul (KR); Eastport SUFF 6 Aug (SSM); CP 31 Aug (R. Aracil).

Red-shouldered Hawk: Napeague SUFF 6 Jun (S. Biasetti); 3 E Lake Dr Montauk SUFF 23 Jun & 28 Aug (VB); 2 Camp Hero, Montauk SUFF 24 Jun, may have bred here; imm PI 27 Jun (MLL), in freshwater swamp, birds seen in same area last season and last summer indicate prob breeding here.

Broad-winged Hawk: first 2 CP 18 Aug (TF); juv Jam Bay 31 Aug (SSM, PJL), rare on LI South Shore.

Red-tailed Hawk: "Pale Male", CP's famous bird, still present and active since 1991.

Am. Kestrel: Grumman 19 Jun (JGi), this LI grassland breeding loc is slated for development.

Merlin: first FBF 24 Aug.

Sora: Jam Bay West Pd 14 Jul (S. Billerman et al); Jam Bay West Pd 19 Aug; Jam Bay East Pd 23 Aug thru (P. Pollack, mob).

Com. Moorhen: Jam Bay East Pd 3 Jun; ad Jam Bay West Pd 15 Jun (TF).

Black-bellied Plover: max summering 55 CCP 30 Jun (SSM).

Am. Golden-Plover: arr 3 ads Riverhead sod fields 19 Aug (R&BS).

Semipalmated Plover: 10 JBWE 5 Jun, northbound.

Piping Plover: 40 (inc 8 very young) BP 15 Jun (TF), large number for one area.

Killdeer: max 45 Riverhead sod farm SUFF 23 Aug (SA).

Am. Avocet: 2 CCP 17 Jun (A. Baldelli); MB 26-29 Aug (W & G Becker).

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 200 Jam Bay 31 Jul (TF).

"Eastern" Willet: 60 ads CCP 30 Jun (SSM), first post-breeding concentration noted; 85 Oak Beach SUFF 26 Jul (J&GF).

"Western" Willet: 1S CCP 2 Jun & later (mob, ph); 4 1S CCP 30 Jun (SSM); 3 CCP 19 Jul (SSM), inc 2 alt ads; 18 JBWE 19 Aug.

Spotted Sandpiper: "quite a few" breeding Flushing airport QUEE (GD), notable as Regional breeding has greatly diminished.

Upland Sandpiper: Gabreski Airport, Westhampton SUFF 3 Jul (Bob May) & 2 there 31 Aug (M. Higgison), only reports.

Whimbrel: many reports of 1-2 inds 15 July thru; 8 Dune Rd w of Ponquogue SUFF 28 Jul; 13 Cedar Pt, Southold SUFF 5 Aug.

Hudsonian Godwit: Jam Bay 29 Aug (J. Borker), joined by a second 30-31 Aug (mob).

Marbled Godwit: CCP 5-12 Aug (K&SF, mob); Jam Bay 19 Aug; Shinn 21 Aug (SA).

Ruddy Turnstone: 4 summered CCP.

Red Knot: 150 still present CCP early Jun (R. Grover); 150 Dune Rd between Shinn & PB 8 Jun (S. Blodgett); 30 summered CCP; 85 JBWE 6 Aug (J&GF), southbound.

Sanderling: 1000 PB 2 Jun, northbound; max southbound 800+ MB 23 Jul (AnW).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 150 JBWE 5 Jun (SS), northbound; 400 MB 25 Jul (AnW); max 2,500 Jam Bay 2 Aug.

Western Sandpiper: CCP 30 Jun thru (SSM! ph, mob), winter aspect; earliest southbound MB 23 Jul (AnW) & Jam Bay 27 Jul (PJL, SSM).

Least Sandpiper: 300 MB 24 Jul (AnW); max 1000+ Jam Bay 31 Jul (TF); first juvs Jam Bay 2 Aug.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 7 JBWE 5 Jun (SS), northbound; max southbound 25 Jam Bay 30 Aug.

Baird's Sandpiper: arr FBF 23 Aug (P. Pollack).

Pectoral Sandpiper: southbound arr Jam Bay and 2 Goethals Bridge Pd RICH 14 Jul.

Dunlin: max summering 5 CCP 30 Jun (PJL, SSM).

CURLEW SANDPIPER: CCP 30 Jun-1 Jul (PJL, SSM ph, mob); Jam Bay 21-28 Jul (PJL ph, mob); distinct inds.

Stilt Sandpiper: southbound arr Jam Bay 2nd week Jul; max 30 Jam Bay 31 Jul; 2 MB 23 Jul (AnW).

hybrid Calidris: PB 2-3 Jun (TWB, GB, AG, et al.), prob White-rumped x Dunlin; ph at <http://picasaweb.google.com/tixbirdz/>.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: ad RMSP 10-13 Aug (PJL, SSM; ph, mob); ad JBWE 12 Aug (TWB, GB ph, AG, mob), ads very unusual; max 6 juvs JBWE 28 Aug (SS).

Short-billed Dowitcher: 50 CCP 2 Jun, many were bas (SSM); max 2,500 Jam Bay 2 Aug.

Long-billed Dowitcher: arr Jam Bay 27 Jul (PJL, SSM).

Wilson's Phalarope: arr Jam Bay 1 Aug (RA, mob), incr to 4 on 30 Aug.

Red-necked Phalarope: Jam Bay 30 Aug.

Laughing Gull: alt West Inlet I (MI), SUFF 1 Jun (A. Graves); 74 CCP 16 Jun, many for e LI so early.

Little Gull: 1S CCP 15 Jul (AG, AnW), Sagg 23 Jul, & MB 24-25 Jul (AnW), prob same bird.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: ad CCP 2 Jun; 1S CCP 19 Jul (AG, *et al*).

Gull-billed Tern: JBWE 3 Jun; 4 Jam Bay 5 Jun; 3 Captree I SUFF 13 Jul (JGI); 2 ads Jam Bay 9 Aug; all trad sites.

Caspian Tern: Jam Bay 2 Aug (PJL, SSM); 3 Jam Bay 4-5 Aug (DF; RJK); Jam Bay 19 Aug.

Royal Tern: 1-2 reported intermittently from PB & CCP 2 Jun-5 Aug, then numbers inc to max 40 PB 12 Aug; MB 5 Jun (JS); 3 Seatuck Creek SUFF 21-23 Aug, family group (SA).

SANDWICH TERN: BP 15 Jul (A. Helquist, ph).

Roseate Tern: max 200 MP 24 Jun (AnW); also reported DP, CCP, Shinn, OP; most breeders and roosting migrs left Great Gull I SUFF en masse night of 21 Aug (Helen Hayes fide JDi).

Com. Tern: large numbers reported from south shore inlets thru, e.g., 1000 MP 23-24 Jun (AnW) & "thousands" BP 29 Jul (TF).

ARCTIC TERN: 1S CCP 10 Jun (PJL, SSM ph); two 1S CCP 16 Jun (KO'L, SSM ph), both distinct from bird of 10 Jun; 2S CCP 17 Jun (TWB, GB, AG, RGu, mob ph); *intro*.

Forster's Tern: early season records e of main breeding areas inc 1S CCP 10 Jun thru & 5 ads CCP 17 Jun (SSM).

Least Tern: 200 Lido Beach NASS at breeding colony 2 Jul (SS).

Black Tern: modest numbers e LI thru, inc: 6 MP 23 Jun (AnW); 5 CCP 15 Jul (AG, AnW); 7 CCP 29 Jul (PJL); others inc: GKP 17 Aug (C. Hagen); max 17 JBWE 27 Aug (B. Fogarty).

Black Skimmer: 1-2 visited CP 8-18 Jun (BC, mob), unus loc; 15 MB 1 Jun (VB);

400-500 Nickerson Beach NASS 16 Jul, breeding loc (SS).

Parasitic Jaeger: 3 inc one dm CCP 16 Jun (TWB, GB, AG, mob); 1m MI 17 Jun (PJL, SSM; DK); 2 sub ads Amagansett SUFF 17 Jun (AnW); Shinn 29 Jul; 1m off Fire Is SUFF 5 Aug (JGI); dm RMSP 12 Aug (TWB, GB, AG); JBWE 30 Aug (KF).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Monk Parakeet: newly reported nesting site in Lindenhurst SUFF (fide JQ).

Com. Nighthawk: small numbers reported widely mid Aug thru; max 22 Stillwell Woods Pres, Syosset NASS 25 Aug (G. Quinn).

Chuck-will's-widow: 2-3 Westhampton SUFF pine barrens, only loc reported.

Whip-poor-will: 8-10 Westhampton SUFF pine barrens, only loc reported.

Chimney Swift: few reports, mostly negative; *intro*.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 8 CLP 22 Aug.

Red-headed Woodpecker: ad Calverton SUFF late Jun-mid Jul (M. Clements, mob), trad site.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: PP 19 Aug; CP 25 Aug, 29-30 Aug.

E. Wood-Pewee: first migr CP 15 Aug (TF).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr CP 18 Aug; PP 19 Aug (HF).

Acadian Flycatcher: breeding proven or strongly indicated at an unprecedented number of sites: Staten I, Jam Bay, PP, HG, GE; *intro*.

Least Flycatcher: arr CP 18 Aug.

E. Phoebe: 2 MLUA 26 Aug (HF), prob breeders.

Blue-headed Vireo: CP 7 Jun, very unusual date.

Yellow-throated Vireo: s SSNC 6 Jun (SSM); s GE 23 Jun (PJL), poss breeders.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr CP 19 Aug.

Horned Lark: Grumman 19 Jun (JGI).

Purple Martin: southbound migrs CP 2nd week Aug.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: apparently nesting again in the brown bear exhibit of Bronx Zoo (T. Olsen).

Bank Swallow: ads excavating nest holes in low sand bluffs CCP 17 Jun (SSM, PJL, ph), unus breeder on barrier beach.

Cliff Swallow: RMSP 21 Jul (DK et al.); 2 RMSP 15 Aug (SSM, PJJ), unus migr on barrier beach.

Tufted Titmouse: PI 27 Jun (MLL), *intro*.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: very early and large irruption from mid Jun; *intro*.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: southbound migrs CP 15 Aug.

E. Bluebird: Grumman 19 Jun (JGi), breeding loc slated for development.

Swainson's Thrush: singing CP 17-19 Jun (TF), getting late; CP 15 Aug, early.

Hermit Thrush: singing CP 17 Jun, late.

Gray Catbird: K&S Feustel note a decrease in numbers from previous breeding seasons at a few Reg locs.

Cedar Waxwing: widely and frequently reported this period.

WARBLERS

Golden-winged Warbler: f CP 15-17 Aug (TF, B. Inskeep), uncommon migr in Reg, only report.

Tennessee Warbler: arr CP 19 Aug.

Nashville Warbler: arr Jam Bay 18 Aug.

N. Parula: s m Lion Head Beach, Springs

EH 2-17 Jun (H. Maas), potential breeder: **Chestnut-sided Warbler:** becoming increasingly scarce as a breeder on south fork of LI.

Magnolia Warbler: West Islip yard, SUFF 9 Jun, getting late (R. Grover); arr CP 18 Aug.

Cape May Warbler: arr CP 15 Aug, then well reported thru.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Jam Bay 1 Aug (KF), very early; PP 18 Aug, early; *intro*.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr CP 1 Aug.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr PP 1 Aug, early.

Cerulean Warbler: no reports.

Prothonotary Warbler: Sag Harbor SUFF 5 Jun (R. Wilson); bred GE: m 26 May (PJJ, SSM); m carrying food 18 Jun & feeding a fledgling 30 Jun (JGi, B. McCully); *intro*.

Worm-eating Warbler: HG thru at least 14 Jun, potential breeder; ad b FT 10 Jul (J. Goulet, SSM), had not yet started fall molt; *intro*.

N. Waterthrush: CP 17-25 Jun, non-breeder?

Louisiana Waterthrush: HG 2 Jun, potential breeder.

Kentucky Warbler: s PP 11 Jun (E. Crowne).

Mourning Warbler: arr Jam Bay 14 Aug (K&SF).

Hooded Warbler: s persistently n BRON 8 Jun (Y. Garcia); s PP 11 Jun (E. Crowne).

Wilson's Warbler: CP 11 Jun, getting late; arr CP 18 Aug.

Canada Warbler: s CP 18 Jun.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Rt 51 BP thru at least 14 Jun; CP 25 Aug.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Summer Tanager: m HG 2 Jun.

Vesper Sparrow: no reports.

Lark Sparrow: CP 26 Aug (D. Allen, T. Lance).

Grasshopper Sparrow: 20 inc FLs Walking Dunes, Napeague SUFF 21 Jul (KR); small numbers of breeding birds hanging on at Grumman and Rt 51 BP.

White-throated Sparrow: CP thru at least 15 Jun, very unusual date; Shelter I SUFF 11-12 Jul (NH), apparent head injury could explain very late date.

Dark-eyed Junco: JBWE 15 Jul (SS ph), extraordinary date; plumage suggested poss w race or hybrid.

Blue Grosbeak: imm m Springs, EH 2-3 Jun (KR, BR); Rt 51 BP thru at least 14 Jun; 1S m terr Grumman 3 & 10 Jun (PJJ, SSM).

Bobolink: f DOP 12 Jul (A. Block), first southbound report.

E. Meadowlark: breeding near Grumman, only loc reported.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:

JBWE 5 Jul-18 Aug (C. Finger! ph, mob! ph).

Purple Finch: arr MLUA 26 Aug (HF), *intro*.

FROM SPRING

RUFFED GROUSE (R10): bird flushed near intersection of Pleasure Dr and Rt. 104, E. Quogue SUFF 20 May (J. Kuhlman), first sighting in many years, details desired.

Fish Crow: 150 Stony Brook 24 May (DF), many for date.