

REGION 9—HUDSON - DELAWARE

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Overall the season was unremarkable weather-wise. There were no oppressive heat waves. In fact, Poughkeepsie hit 95° F for only one day out of the summer. White Plains never made it past 93°. The season did start out somewhat wet. Westchester had over 5" of rain in June, where the normal is only 3.8". Temperatures were close to average. July came in close to normal in both precipitation and temperature. August saw precipitation below average for the northern section of Region 9, where Poughkeepsie had 3.8" of rain for the month compared to 4.3" normally. It was much drier in the southern half. White Plains saw only 1.6" of precipitation for the month.

A Little Blue Heron was found in Dutchess County in LaGrange 21 August. A Tricolored Heron appeared at Edith G Read Preserve on 6 June. Glossy Ibis were observed away from the coast at two locations: the first by Rob Denholtz in Stringham Park, LaGrange on 14 July and the second at the Wallkill River NWR on 25-31 August.

Shorebirding was rather unexciting. There was enough rain so lakes and reservoirs never developed any long lasting mudflats. Marshlands Conservancy along the Long Island Shore did record a Western Sandpiper on 28 August. The other shorebird highlight was a Wilson's Phalarope at the Wallkill River NWR on 25 and 27 August.

The Westchester County portion of the Greenwich Stamford Summer Count held 9 and 10 June located a Black Tern in Rye and Yellow-breasted Chat and a continuing Nelson Sharp-tailed Sparrow in the Marshlands Conservancy.

The peak of Common Nighthawk migration occurred on 30 August with 253 seen in the evening at the Bashakill Marsh.

The "Lawrence's" Warbler found in the spring along Mine Torne Road was again observed 3 June.

A very out of season, first summer record for New York State, adult female **Snow Bunting** was discovered at Piermont Pier, Rockland County, by Tom Dow on **20 June**. The bird remained until 25 June and was observed and photographed by a number of observers.

Westchester County's 2nd record for Boat-tailed Grackle was found at the Marshlands Conservancy in Rye on 13 August by Tom Burke.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CPP – Croton Point Park, EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, MC – Marshlands Conservancy, PNR – Pawling Nature Preserve, RNC – Rye Nature Center, SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: Wappinger Falls 18-22 Jul (PF).
Ring-necked Duck: Rhinebeck 15 Jul (RJ).
Com. Merganser: Wappingers Creek Jun-11 Jul (RB).
Ring-necked Pheasant: EGR 7 Jun.
Com. Loon: MC 9 Jun; EGR 12 Jun.
Pied-billed Grebe: 1 ad, 3y Valkill 10 Jul; 1 juv Rhinebeck 5-15 Jul.
Great Egret: 2 Bashakill 20 Aug; 63 MC 22 Aug.
Snowy Egret: 95 MC 22 Aug.
Little Blue Heron: LaGrange 21 Aug (JA,KJ).
Tricolored Heron: EGR 6 Jun (TB).
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: MC 5 Jun, 17 Aug.
Glossy Ibis: Stringham Park, LaGrange 14 Jul (RD); Walkill R NWR 25-31 Aug (CM,KM).
Black Vulture: 2 Ward Pound Ridge 9 Jun.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Clapper Rail: MC 1,7 Jun, 29 Jul.
Com. Moorhen: 2 ad, 2 imm Bashakill 29 Jul.
Black-bellied Plover: 2-3 MC 12-30 Aug.
Semipalmated Plover: 4 MC 1 Jun; 80 MC 12 Aug.
Am. Oystercatcher: 5 EGR 7 Jun; 5, 1 imm Rye 13 Jun; 2 MC 3 Jul; 2 MC 15 Aug.
Greater Yellowlegs: 7 MC 28 Aug.
Lesser Yellowlegs: 10 Morningside Park 21 Aug.
Willet: 2 Rye 10 Jun, 3 Jul; MC 28, 30 Aug.
Spotted Sandpiper: MC 21 Jun.
Upland Sandpiper: 3 Blue Chip Farm 10 Jun; 6 Blue Chip Farm 18 Jun.
Ruddy Turnstone: 30 Rye 29 Jul; 18 Rye 17 Aug.
Sanderling: Piermont Pier 31 Jul.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: 29 MC 1 Jun; 90 MC 16 Aug.

Western Sandpiper: MC 28 Aug (TB).
Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 Morningside Park 21 Aug.
Short-billed Dowitcher: MC 5 Jun; MC 6 Jul; Morningside Park 21 Aug; 18 MC 12 Aug.
Wilson's Phalarope: Walkill R NWR 25, 27 Aug (CM,KM).
Laughing Gull: 2 EGR 6 Jun; MC 2 Jul; 2 Rye 29 Jul.
Com. Tern: 120 Rye 1 Jun; 250 Rye 5 Jun; 80 EGR 6 Jun.
Least Tern: 3 MC 5 Jun.
Black Tern: Rye 9 Jun (TB).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 2 Ward Pound Ridge 9 Jun.
Com. Nighthawk: 253 Bashakill 30 Aug (JH).
Whip-poor-will: Dover 6 Jun.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Bashakill 11 Aug; 3 Bashakill 26 Aug.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: MC 22, 23 Aug.
Acadian Flycatcher: PNR 3 Jun; 3 Mianus River George 10 Jun, nest; 2 Pond Gut, LaGrange 5 Jul; Turkey Hollow, Amenia 11 Jul.
E. Kingbird: 40 MC 22, 23 Aug.
White-eyed Vireo: PNR 3 Jun (BC).
Blue-headed Vireo: Mianus River Gorge 10 Jun; 2 PNR 23 Jun; 3 Turkey Hollow, Amenia 11 Jul.
Com. Raven: 3, 1 y Ward Pound Ridge 9 Jun.
Horned Lark: 4 Greig Farm, Red Hook 7 Jul.
Marsh Wren: 8 MC 1, 7 Jun; 5 MC 3,20 Aug.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: Salt Point 19 Aug (RB), found dead.

WARBLERS

"Lawrence's" Warbler: Mine Torne Road, West Point 3 Jun (AF).

N. Parula: Hickock Brook MUA 22 Jun.

Magnolia Warbler: Nellie Hill, Dover 6 Jun; 3 Nellie Hill, Dover 4 Jul; James Baird SP 26 Jul.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 7 PNR 23 Jun.

Black-throated Green Warbler: PNR 3 Jun; Nuclear Lake 16 Jun; Turkey Hollow, Amenia 11 Jul.

Blackburnian Warbler: PNR 3 Jun; 2 PNR 23 Jun.

Cerulean Warbler: Hudson Highlands SP 9 Jun; Nuclear Lake 16 Jun; PNR 23 Jun.

Worm-eating Warbler: 8 Mianus River Gorge 10 Jun.

Mourning Warbler: Bashakill 3 Jun; MC 15 Aug.

Canada Warbler: singing male Hickock Brook MUA 22 Jun.

Yellow-breasted Chat: MC 9,10,11 Jun (TB).

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Vesper Sparrow: 3 Greig Farm, Red Hook 3 Jul (BB); 4 Greig Farm 7 Jul.

Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 SGNWR 13 Jun (BM,JG); Blue Chip Farm 16 Jun (R&BS); 2 Greig Farm, Red Hook 3 Jul (BB); 6 Greig Farm 7 Jul.

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow: MC 1-10 Jun (TB).

Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 3 MC 1 Jun.

SNOW BUNTING: Piermont Pier **20-25 Jun** (TD,AW), **first summer record for New York!**

Bobolink: 50 SGNWR 13 Jun.

E. Meadowlark: 35 Blue Chip Farm 10 Jun, 25 SGNWR 13 Jun.

Boat-tailed Grackle: MC 13 Aug (TB), 2nd Westchester County Record.

EXOTICS

Black Swan: Hudson R, Long Dock Trail, Fishkill 19 Aug (M&ML), certainly an escape.

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