

## REGION 10—MARINE

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September's mean temperature at Islip was 67.2°F, 1.4° above normal. Central Park hit 88° on the 8th, and high temperatures were recorded at Islip on the 26th (79°) and 29th (78°). Precipitation totaled 1.3", 2.08" below normal. For October, the mean temperature at Islip was 61.1°, a substantial 6.8° above normal; similarly, Central Park's 63.6° mean was 7.0° higher than normal. A recording of 88° at Islip on the 8th set a new monthly record. November's mean temperature was 43.0°, 1.9° lower than the long-term average. Precipitation totaling 3.21" was 0.65" less than usual. Tropical Storm Noel traveled up the eastern US seaboard, reaching us on 3 November. Long Island escaped major damage but was buffeted by 40 mph gusts from the NNE (higher winds were recorded offshore) and heavy rain. Seawatching from the South Shore was disappointing; however, storm-related birds recorded by Angus Wilson from north facing vantages and from sheltered ponds on the south fork included approximately 5000 Laughing Gulls, 26 Bonaparte's Gulls, and 2 Forster's Terns.

In many respects, this fall's migration was unexceptional, featuring neither surfeit nor dearth of fine mornings of birding. Most species were encountered in numbers and contexts conforming to recent norms, and the number of species for which we were unable to find any noteworthy reports was larger than usual. Scarce species for which reasonably complete data were collected include: Red-headed Woodpecker (4), Western Kingbird (8-9), Cave Swallow (8), Orange-crowned Warbler (10-13), Clay-colored Sparrow (10-19), Lark Sparrow (4), Vesper Sparrow (10), Blue Grosbeak (19), and Dickcissel (9-11). The ranges of values indicate uncertainties arising from potential duplication. More unusual, although very much in line with recent trends, was the record total of **6 Ash-throated Flycatchers**. Perhaps we will become used to tallying more Ash-throats than Lark Sparrows! Another memorable highlight of the fall migration was the big hawk flight on Fire Island on 29 September, which featured record-breaking daily totals for N. Harrier (168), Osprey (184), and Merlin (319). Still, for most waterfowl, waders, shorebirds, larids, and landbirds, fall 2007 was simply normal.

Having said all this, we must emphasize one really exceptional trend for the season: fall 2007 will be remembered for decades to come as the year when *all of the irruptive species irrupted*. It is not an exaggeration to state that almost every species ever suspected of making irruptive movements in northeastern North America was on the move this season. If one includes a few reports from beyond Region 10 and adds a dose of December's hindsight, the list of actors included: regionally unfamiliar and highly sought after species, such as Bohemian Waxwing and Evening and Pine grosbeaks; regularly occurring irruptives that are absent for years at a time, such as both crossbills, and Common Redpoll; such generally hard to find birds as Northern Goshawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Snowy Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, and Northern Shrike; our most familiar irruptives, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Pine Siskin, and Purple Finch; a suite of familiar woodland-breeding birds that many birders scarcely think of as migrating at all - Downy and Hairy woodpeckers, Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee, and White-breasted Nuthatch; even Gray Jay and Boreal Chickadee began what amounted to irruptions for them in the anemic sense of the last fifty years, but neither approached our Region closely.

The mystery and appeal of irruptive species are great, and many birders invest a lot of effort in trying to understand and predict the scope, magnitude, and distribution of these events. The traditional approach focuses on the specialized dietary requirements of some irruptive species and seeks to correlate big southward movements with a combination of generally large population sizes and poor food supply in northern areas. A more agnostic alternative model is based on the observation that the irruptions of some species, even ecologically disparate ones with widely varying diets, tend to occur in the same years. The overall fortunes of species that share similar habitats over large portions of their breeding ranges might be expected to appear linked—for instance if multiple species were to respond similarly to broad-scale factors, such as weather trends.

The irruptions of 2007 commenced with a wave of exceptionally early Red-breasted Nuthatches on Long Island during June. This observation, along with

memories of 1995, 1997, and 1999, prompted SSM to predict five correlated phenomena: 1) a notable irruption of Red-breasted Nuthatches during the fall; 2) a pulse of mid-summer molt-migrants, representing forest-breeding Neotropical migrants; 3) a larger than usual Labor Day flight of Myrtle Warblers, including birds that had not finished molting (this late Aug-early Sep flight is discrete from the "normal" arrival of fresh-plumaged birds that commences in late September); 4) a larger than usual Labor Day flight of Purple Finches (again, a phenomenon distinct from the regular Oct-Nov flights); and 5) a larger than usual coastal flight of "resident" woodland breeders: Downy and Hairy woodpeckers, Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee, and White-breasted Nuthatch.

Predictions 1 and 3-5 were verified with robust evidence. Even #2 was supported to some extent by a molt-migrant Worm-eating Warbler at Fort Tilden and a mid-summer Blackpoll Warbler in Prospect Park. The correlation of all these events involving such disparate birds suggests a regional mechanism relating to climate or whole ecological communities. In the past, these kinds of flights have tended to occur during and after dry summers in the interior.

Considering the more strictly boreal species, we read this season's forecasts by Ron Pittaway (Ontario) and Matt Young (central New York State) with great interest. Their analyses, based on detailed data concerning the abundance and distribution of particular food sources, predicted some of the fall's events very well, especially in their target regions of southern Ontario and central New York State. But these forecasts didn't really prepare us coastal observers for the series of events we observed this fall on Fire Island: our first redpolls in late October, a White-winged Crossbill on 4 November, and the first of what would be many Red Crossbills on 5 November, but a complete absence of Pine Grosbeak and no Bohemian Waxwings or Evening Grosbeaks until December, and very few even then. Although 2007 may have seen the earliest and biggest incursion ever for Bohemian Waxwings in the northeastern United States, the Pine Grosbeak flight never equaled several recent flights from a few decades ago, when flocks reached Fire Island and Block Island. From a coastal perspective, the Evening Grosbeak flight was absolutely paltry compared with what was routine here just a couple of decades ago. The Pine Siskin flight was heavy, but never rivaled that of 1999, when counts exceeded 1,000 per day at Fire Island. The redpoll flight was earlier and heavier than most years, comparable to 93-94, 97-98, 99-00, and 01-02. The main (October-November) Purple Finch flight was about normal for a good year; what was more unusual was the magnitude of the late August-early September pulse. Both crossbills, although receiving little attention ahead of time, showed better than usual along the coast, where they are usually completely absent. But numbers can't be compared with the big flights of 97-98 and 99-00 and various big flights from the late 60's and early 70's.

Another area in which this fall excelled involved vagrants. At Montauk, a version of the Patagonia Picnic Table Effect played out *ad absurdum* from 13 October right through to the CBC, an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue. A few years after discerning the state's first Pacific Golden-Plover, Andy Baldelli's keen eye added another bird to the state list: a stunning Cassin's

**Kingbird**, seen only on the date just mentioned. A beautiful **Pink-footed Goose**, discovered on 18 November and much studied through season's end and beyond, occurred under circumstances of date and location strongly suggestive of natural occurrence. It is worth noting, however, that this bird was preceded by at least two individuals of this species in Suffolk County: one at Timber Point Golf Course, Great River in the late 1970's (fide Mike Cooper) and one at Spring Lake Golf Course, Middle Island 19 January 1991 (NYSARC, *Kingbird* 43: 23). The former was evidently never reviewed; the latter was deemed "identity accepted, origin uncertain." The Committee's decision was at odds with other authorities, cf. the universally favorable views expressed for even the first modern North American record, from Newfoundland in 1980 (*American Birds* 34: 755; *AOU Check-list*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, p. 65). Furthermore NYSARC's characterization of the species as "frequently held in captivity" is inconsistent with the conclusions of other committees (e.g., The Avian Records Committee of Connecticut's determination that only some 30 individuals were held continent-wide: Eighth Report, 1998, *Connecticut Warbler* 18: 162-179). An accelerating series of records (15 by 2002, cited in the *ABA Checklist*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, p. 70, plus annual records more recently) has accrued on the heels of a major expansion of the Greenlandic breeding population (e.g., Fox et al. 1989, Population dynamics of Icelandic-nesting geese, 1960-1987; *Ornis Scandinavica* 20: 289-297).

Having completed a more or less final draft of the foregoing, SSM made a curious discovery while hunting something down in an old issue of *American Birds*. In passage after passage, Ken Able's "Changing Seasons" essay for fall 1972 presaged the main points of this fall's Region 10 report: "Nearly all regional editors reported the migration as 'average' or 'normal', noting few obvious waves or groundings of birds....The generally uneventful migration stands in stark contrast to the unprecedented eruption of boreal and montane species. Virtually every species known to stage periodic invasions took part in some area of the country this year." The parallels continue, right down to the tiniest details, such as July and August movements of Tennessee and Myrtle warblers south of their breeding areas! I include this comparison here as an invitation to students of irruptions, to look for climatic or other parallels that might provide a more general explanation of correlated invasions.

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With sorrow we note the untimely passing on 18 October of Al Ott, beloved fellow birder and staunch conservationist. Donna Schulman's touching memorial to Al appears in the previous issue, KB 57:4, pp. 286-287. Please note that the information in that article regarding donations has changed. For anyone wishing to contribute to Al Ott's efforts to preserve the Ridgewood Reservoir, checks should be made out and mailed to Highland Park Ridgewood Reservoir Alliance, PO Box 790325, Middle Village, NY 11379. We regret that in our Region 10 report in KB 57:4 we mistakenly reported the date of Al's death as 19 October.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

1W – 1st winter plumage; 1Y – 1st year plumage; APP – Alley Pond P QUEE; bas – basic plumage; BNL – Brookhaven National Laboratory, T Brookhaven SUFF; BP – Breezy Pt QUEE; CCP – Cupsogue County P SUFF; CHP – Conference House P RICH; CLP – Clove Lakes P RICH; CP – Central P NEWY; DHR – Deep Hollow Ranch, Montauk SUFF; DOP – Dreier Offerman P KINGS; EH – East Hampton SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field KING; FIHW – Fire Is Hawkwatch at RMSP Field 5, SUFF; FT – Fort Tilden QUEE; GKP – Great Kills P RICH; Grumman – former Grumman property, Calverton SUFF; HHSP -- Hither Hills SP SUFF; JBSP – Jones Beach SP NASS; JBWE – Jones Beach SP West End NASS; Jam Bay – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge QUEE/KING; KP – Kissena P QUEE; LI – Long Island; MB – Mecox Bay SUFF; MI – Moriches In SUFF; migr – migrant, migrating; MLUA – Mt Loretto Unique Area RICH; MP – Montauk Pt SUFF; Mtk – Montauk, T EH SUFF;

NYBG – NY Botanical Gardens, BRON; OMNSA – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area NASS; OP – Orient Pt SUFF; PB – Pike's Beach, Westhampton SUFF, PL – Pt Lookout NASS; PP – Prospect P KING; Riv sod fields – CR 105 & 43, Sound Av & Doctor's Path, Riverhead SUFF; RMSP – Robert Moses SP SUFF; RRes – Ridgewood Reservoir QUEE; Sagg – Sagaponack Pd SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock In SUFF; TRCP – Theodore Roosevelt CP, Mtk SUFF; VCP – Van Cortland P BRON.

#### **WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES**

**PINK-FOOTED GOOSE:** DHR 18 Nov thru (PJL, SSM!, mob), *intro*.

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** ad Maratooka L, Cutchogue SUFF 4 Nov, joined by 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 Nov, with 1 through 28 Nov (P.Gillen); 3 Grumman 11 Nov (RJK); Short's Pd, Bridgehampton SUFF 22 Nov (DN).

**Snow Goose:** arr 7 RMSP 8 Oct (K&SF).

**Brant:** a few lingered from summer, e.g., Shinn 1 Sep; 10,000 Jam Bay 28 Oct, included many young, indicating another good breeding season (AnW).

**BARNACLE GOOSE:** DHR 30 Oct thru (VB, mob!).

**Mute Swan:** 250 Jam Bay 3 Sep.

**Tundra Swan:** 2 Hook Pd, EH 11 Nov thru (HMc, mob).

**Wood Duck:** 28 Long Pd, Sag Harbor SUFF 20 Sep (HMc).

**Gadwall:** 200 Jam Bay 3 Sep.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** three reports: m PP 28-31 Oct (SN); m Jam Bay 27 Oct-17 Nov; imm m Setauket Mill Pd SUFF 18 Nov (JO).

**Blue-winged Teal:** 15-20 Jam Bay 1 Sep.

**N. Shoveler:** 50 Jam Bay 3 Sep; 230 Jam Bay 17 Nov.

**N. Pintail:** 1-2 m DHR 11 Nov thru, unus loc.

**Green-winged Teal:** 55 Hook Pd, EH 11 Nov (AnW).

**Ring-necked Duck:** 67 Duryea's Pd, Mtk 11 Nov (HMc, AnW), good count.

**King Eider:** 1Y m JBWE 23 Nov (BF), only report.

**Com. Eider:** scattered reports of small numbers from w LI vantages 8 Oct thru, continuing trend of recent yrs.

**Harlequin Duck:** arr m Ditch Plains, Mtk 23 Nov (AnW); f PL 28 Nov.

**Com. Goldeneye:** no reports; perhaps warm winter, open water north delayed arr.

**Com. Merganser:** arr 5 Hook Pd, EH 11 Nov (HMc, AnW).

**Pied-billed Grebe:** Dune Rd SUFF 25 Oct and Captree I SUFF 29 Oct, unus locs (J&GF).

**Horned Grebe:** arr 2 GKP 30 Oct (JT); EH 3 Nov (AnW).

**Eared Grebe:** cont from summer Jam Bay thru 8 Sep.

**Cory's Shearwater:** "a couple" Hudson Valley shelf pelagic 16 Sep (PGu et al).

**AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER:** 2 Hudson Valley shelf pelagic 16 Sep (PGu et al).

**Wilson's Storm-Petrel:** "modest numbers" Hudson Valley shelf pelagic 16 Sep (PGu et al).

**WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL:** Hudson Valley shelf pelagic 16 Sep (PGu et al).

**N. Gannet:** 9000 RMSP 3 Nov.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 300 Jam Bay 3 Sep; 700 JBWE 15 Sep, feeding flock; 2200 migr RMSP 3 Nov.

**Great Cormorant:** arr juv Springs EH 22 Sep (AnW).

**MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD:** L Montauk SUFF 1 Sep (fide HMc), cont from Aug?

**Am. Bittern:** arr VCP 29 Sep (YG); Dune Rd SUFF 30 Sep (S. Biasetti).

**Great Blue Heron:** 24 migr JBWE 28 Oct, many (SyS).

**Snowy Egret:** Dune Rd near Shinn 18 Nov (RG), getting late.

**Little Blue Heron:** last imm Jam Bay 28 Oct (J Ask).

**Cattle Egret:** 2 Mecox SUFF 17 Nov (JO).

**BLACK VULTURE (R10):** 2 CP 13 Oct; N Manhattan NEWY 16 Nov (YG); 6 40<sup>th</sup> Ave & 214<sup>th</sup> Pl QUEE 23 Nov (EM), very unus for LI.

**Turkey Vulture:** numerous reports thru Oct, most from e LI.

#### **HAWKS-ALCIDS**

**Osprey:** 184 FIHW 29 Sep, record one-day total; season total of 417 also a record.

**Bald Eagle:** 2 FIHW 5 Sep, 2 FIHW 7 Oct, 13 Oct, & 16 Oct, seasonal record high 6 for loc where rare; other reports: 9 CP 1 Sep-25 Oct; 8 w LI and RICH 2 Sep-8 Nov; 3-4 e LI 13 Oct-19 Nov; JBWE 28 Oct (SyS).

**N. Harrier:** 168 FIHW 29 Sep, record high; total 429 FIHW season, also a record.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** total 304 FIHW season.

**Cooper's Hawk:** total 38 FIHW season, high.

**N. Goshawk:** f OMNSA NASS 16 Sep (S. Janko); imm PP 19 – 28 Nov (SWH, mob).

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** Miller Field RICH 16 Sep (W&H Mones); FBF 28 Oct (AnW); Crookes Pt RICH 11 Nov (CB); CP 16 Nov (TF).

**Broad-winged Hawk:** 4 FT 29 Sep, uncommon on LI; 35 CP 29 Sep.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** Mtk 17 Nov (VB).

**Am. Kestrel:** 298 FIHW 29 Sep; total 731 FIHW season.

**Merlin:** 319 FIHW 29 Sep, record one-day total; total 1487, high.

**Peregrine Falcon:** 41 FIHW 7 Oct; total 236 FIHW, high.

**Sora:** Jam Bay East Pd 12 Sep & West Pd 14 Sep, cont from summer?; CCP 6 Oct (J&GF, JQ), unus date and loc.

**Com. Moorhen:** River Rd RICH 8 Sep.

**American Coot:** 50 Jam Bay 17 Nov.

**Black-bellied Plover:** 1000 JBWE 2 Sep.

**Am. Golden-Plover:** arr Riv sod fields 1 Sep; max 17 Riv sod fields 18 Sep; 8 MB 21 Oct; widespread reports of singles from other locs to 28 Oct.

**Semipalmated Plover:** 200 JBSP 1 Sep

**Piping Plover:** Sagg 20 Oct (AnW), late.

**Killdeer:** max 75-100 Riv sod fields 9-18 Sep.

**Am. Oystercatcher:** 150 Shinn 1 Sep; 300 JBWE 13 Nov, 200+ remained thru.

**Am. Avocet:** Jam Bay 15-25 Sep (LS ph, mob) & same or another intermittently 6-28 Oct.

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** MB 23 Nov (SBL, D. Gochfeld), late.

**Solitary Sandpiper:** Jam Bay 1 Sep (RJK), unus loc; 2 lingered at CP to 27 Oct, late.

**Willet:** 6 *semipalmatus* MI 3 Sep, late for so many; 49 *inornatus* & 2 *semipalmatus* JBWE 15 Sep.

**Upland Sandpiper:** Jam Bay 3 Sep (PJL, SSM, SWa), unus loc, only report.

**Hudsonian Godwit:** 2 ads Jam Bay 1-16 Sep cont from summer, 1 remained to 18 Sep; ad JBWE 14-15 Sep.

**Marbled Godwit:** Jam Bay 8 Sep (M. Mayer).

**Red Knot:** 250 JBWE 15 Sep.

**Western Sandpiper:** bas ind cont from summer CCP thru 3 Sep; 10 Jam Bay 12 Sep (P. Post, T. Lundqvist); up to 20 Jam Bay 23 Sep; 15+ JBWE 4 Oct (B. Fogarty).

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** 25 Jam Bay 3 Sep.

**Baird's Sandpiper:** 1-2 inds Jam Bay 1-3, 8, 17, 23, 24 Sep; FBF 2 Sep; 1-2 JBWE 2, 10-15 Sep; 2 Riv sod fields 9-13 Sep; MB 23 Sep; JBWE 20 Oct (KO'L), late; Mtk horse farm 21 Oct (AnW).

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** 20 MB 23 Sep; 2 Captree SP SUFF 6 Nov, getting late.

**Stilt Sandpiper:** 25 Jam Bay 12 Sep (P. Post, T. Lundqvist); last Jam Bay 6 Oct (J. Borker).

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper:** 1-7 JBWE 1 Sep-1 Oct; max 37 Riv sod fields 2-19 Sep; 2-3 Miller Field RICH 13-16 Sep (CH, mob), unus loc; JBWE 11 Oct (J&GF); JBWE 20 Oct (KO'L), late; well reported from other sod fields in mid SUFF.

**Long-billed Dowitcher:** juv 11 Sep (KF), ad 15 Sep & juv 18 Sep JBWE, unus loc; Jam Bay East Pd 8, 12 Sep; 3 Jam Bay West Pd 16 Sep (J. Ask, KL *et al*); 16 Mass 16 Oct, more than usual at this wintering spot.

**Wilson's Phalarope:** 3 Jam Bay 6 Sep, cont from summer; last 2 Jam Bay 8-9 Sep.

**Red-necked Phalarope:** juv Jam Bay 1-14 Sep, cont from summer, increased to two 15 Sep and three (all juvs) 16-17 Sep, last two 18 Sep; PP 12 Sep (RJ).

**Laughing Gull:** at least 1000 OP 19 Oct (HMc); 1250 FT 28 Oct (CW); 3000+ Accabonac Harbor, EH 3 Nov, associated with tropical storm Noel. These plus large numbers found in other sheltered spots in EH and Mtk totaled >5000 for the day (AnW); 1500-2000 Ditch Plains, Mtk 18 Nov (AnW).

**FRANKLIN'S GULL (R10):** 1W FT 28 Oct (CW!).

**Little Gull:** ad L Montauk In SUFF 28 Nov (VB).

**Black-headed Gull:** 1W L Montauk In SUFF 24 Nov (MC).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** arr 2 RMSP 18 Oct (KF); 464 Fort Pond Bay, Mtk 21 Nov (AnW).

**Herring Gull:** 3000 PL 28 Nov.

**Iceland Gull:** near ad Ditch Plains, Mtk 18 Nov (AnW); 1Y MP 23 Nov (MA, S. Billerman); 2 L Montauk In SUFF 24 Nov

(MC); 1Y Mtk 28 Nov (AnW, AG); 1Y Fort Pond Bay, Mtk 28 Nov.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** numerous and widespread reports; juv RMSP 15 Nov (PJL).

**Lesser Black-backed x Herring Gull:** Bayville NASS 25-26 Oct (RR, mob!), ph.

**Black-legged Kittiwake:** GKP 11 Oct (CH); 2 ads MP 29 Nov (PJL).

**Caspian Tern:** 13 widespread reports involving 27 inds 11 Sep-11 Oct.

**Royal Tern:** numerous and widespread reports include 44 PB 1 Sep; 25 Robbins Is SUFF 22 Oct (P. Gillen); last 2 RMSP 17 Nov (PJL, SSM).

**Roseate Tern:** 2 L Montauk In SUFF 22 Sep (AnW), only report.

**Com. Tern:** 2800 JBWE 15 Sep.

**Forster's Tern:** 500 JBWE 28 Sep; 2 Accabonac Harbor, EH 3 Nov, late, associated with tropical storm Noel.

**Least Tern:** last 2 JBWE 18 Sep.

**Black Tern:** max 12 CCP & 8 Shinn 1 Sep; last JBWE 4 Oct.

**Black Skimmer:** 400 JBWE 15 Sep, inc 60 juvs.

**Parasitic Jaeger:** 1Y MLUA 12 Sep (KW, TF); RMSP 1 Oct (KF); MP 1-5 Oct (JP); Camp Hero, Mtk 13 Oct (AnW); Maidstone Beach, EH 20 Oct (AnW); OP 19 Oct.

**LONG-TAILED JAEGER:** juv Hudson Valley shelf pelagic 16 Sep (PGu et al), also a second probable individual.

## PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

**Monk Parakeet:** pair at Tully's Market, Hampton Bays SUFF 18 Oct (OB) built nest there, yet another new loc.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** very few reports; first CP 13 Sep; Amagansett, EH 29 Sep; last Mtk 14 Oct.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** Wade's Beach, Shelter Is SUFF 7 Nov (D. Gorodnitzki, KvB), late.

**Long-eared Owl:** 1-2 JBWE 30 Oct thru.

**N. Saw-whet Owl:** many reports: arr barrier beach 13 Oct; JBWE 16 Oct, dead on roadside (SSM); CP 20 Oct (KN); CHP 26 Oct (RV); FT 28 Oct (D. Guiney); 5 Jones Strip 5 Nov; last JBWE 10 Nov (SyS).

**Com. Nighthawk:** max 11 Baiting Hollow SUFF 2 Sep (JCL, Sr.), low for this trad site; last 22 Sep.

**Chimney Swift:** large migr flocks over CP 16 Sep (TF), otherwise few reports & small numbers.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** last CP 11 Oct.

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**SELASPHORUS sp.:** 2 reports from NYBG, Bronx: 19 Sep (VB) & 10-13 Nov (MR, LF).

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** 5 reported: imm RMSP 13 Sep (SD'A et al); imm JBWE 26, 29 Sep (J&GF); FT 29 Sep (SWa); JBWE 29 Sep (DK, SyS); JBWE 5 Nov (SyS).

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** well reported 24 Sep thru, i.e. "at least a dozen" KP 15 Oct (JL et al).

**Downy Woodpecker:** many reports barrier beach.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 3 from barrier beach, where rare: 2 RMSP 30 Oct & JBWE 18 Nov; *intro*.

**N. Flicker:** 170 RMSP 14 Oct.

## FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** CP 1 Sep, cont from summer; 2 CP 13 Sep; RMSP 14 Sep (PJL, SSM, mob), rare on barrier beach.

**E. Wood-Pewee:** last Mtk 13-14 Oct.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** CHP 8 Sep, only report.

**Alder Flycatcher:** singles RMSP & Gilgo 13 Sep (PJL, SSM!), seldom confirmed in fall.

**E. Phoebe:** 50 JBWE 24 Sep (JGi); 20 RMSP 29 Sep.

**ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER:** unprecedented 6: Jam Bay 16-17 Nov (SWH ph, mob); DHR 18-25 Nov (PJL, SSM!, mob); Rita's Horse Stables, Mtk 25 Nov thru (SA, mob); MLUA 25-28 Nov (CH); Jam Bay 29 Nov-1 Dec (DR); DOP 1 Dec (TP et al!).

**Western Kingbird:** 8 or 9 reports, more than usual: CHP 6-8 Sep (JGi, ND, mob) & 11 Sep (PJL); MLUA 8-9 Sep (CH, EJ et al.); Mtk 8 Oct (VB); Glen Cove NASS 14-20 Oct (R. Cioffi, mob); Oak Beach SUFF 21 Oct (J&GF); Willowbrook P RICH 1 Nov; DHR 18-21 Nov (PJL, mob), joined by a 2<sup>nd</sup> 22-23 Nov (SSI, mob), one cont thru; MP 23 Nov (AnW), Mtk dump 23 Nov (AnW).

**CASSIN'S KINGBIRD:** West Lake Dr, Mtk 13 Oct (AB, mob! ph), first NY State record.

**E. Kingbird:** last JBWE 24 Sep.

**N. Shrike:** BNL 2 Nov (JO); KP 5 Nov (JL); imm Cedar Beach SUFF 11-25 Nov (K&SF, mob); Flax Pd Preserve, Oldfield SUFF 11 Nov.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** last CP & Shelter Is SUFF 13 Sep.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** last JBWE 11 Nov.

**Warbling Vireo:** last CP 16 Sep.  
**Philadelphia Vireo:** APP 13 Sep (A&KO); CP 16 Sep (RA); RRes 22 Sep (JL); JBWE 24 Sep (JGi); RRes 2 Oct (JL).  
**Red-eyed Vireo:** last CHP 26 Oct.  
**Horned Lark:** small numbers reported from JBWE, Mtk, FBF from mid Nov thru.  
**Tree Swallow:** 10,000 JBWE 20 Sep; 10,000 Cedar Beach, T Babylon, SUFF 20 Oct; traditional gathering spots.  
**N. Rough-winged Swallow:** Jam Bay 3 Sep, unus date/loc.  
**CAVE SWALLOW:** RMSP 8 Nov (SSM!, DF); HHSP 23 Nov (AnW!); 4 MB 23 Nov (SBI!, D. Gochfeld!); JBWE 24 Nov (S. Billerman!, PD); BP 24 Nov (A. Lazarus, P. Pollack, J. Rabi), many.  
**Barn Swallow:** last 2 JBWE 15 Sep.  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** big irruption cont from summer; 30 RMSP 16 Sep; 25 RMSP 29 Sep; *intro*.  
**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 9 recorded from 4 coastal sites 29 Sep: 6 FT (SWa), "something of a fallout, although not unprecedented as a coastal migrant, it always feels a bit unusual to see them that way;" DOP (TP), "first time I've seen it there;" JBWE (TWB, GB); RMSP (PJL, SSM); many add'l records of smaller numbers on barrier beaches, e.g., 3 RMSP 14 Oct (PJL, SSM), thru 30 Oct.  
**Winter Wren:** arr JBWE & Mtk 29 Sep.  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** arr CP 24 Sep.  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr CP 13 Sep.  
**E. Bluebird:** 40 Springs P, EH 27 Sep, 20 still present 3 Nov (KRu, BRu); last Camp Hero, Mtk 23 Nov (SBI).  
**Veery:** CP 5 Oct, getting late.  
**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr APP 13 Sep (A&KO); Northwest Woods EH 1 Oct (SH), last.  
**Swainson's Thrush:** arr Caleb Smith SP SUFF 2 Sep (JGi); 10 CHP 7 Sep (RV); last Gilgo SUFF 13 Oct (K&SF), late.  
**Hermit Thrush:** arr CP 9 Oct.  
**Wood Thrush:** last CP 24 Oct (MY).  
**Am. Robin:** 500 CHP 7 Sep (RV), many for date; 350 JBWE 8 Nov; 300+ CP 16 Nov.  
**European Starling:** 2000 migr RMSP 28 Nov.  
**Am. Pipit:** max 80 migr RMSP 28 Nov.  
**Cedar Waxwing:** 200 RMSP 29 Sep; 280 RMSP 14 Oct; 110 JBWE 16 Nov; 400 MLUA 28 Nov (RV).

## WARBLERS

**Golden-winged Warbler:** Amagansett SUFF 13 Sep (KRu, BRu).

**Blue-winged Warbler x Golden-winged Warbler:** CP 24 Sep (P. Post, mob) ph, closely resembled ad Golden-winged but with bright yellow chest.  
**Tennessee Warbler:** well and widely reported thru 14 Oct, perhaps related to Spruce Budworm increase to the north.  
**Orange-crowned Warbler:** 10-13 reported: RRes 22 Sep (JL, EM); CP 29 Sep; PP 30 Sep (J. Ascher); PP 9-10 Oct; CP 13 Oct (JS, EL, mob); FT 15 Oct (SSM, SBI, et al.); Mtk 21 Oct (AnW); CP 25 Oct; CCP 25 Oct (J&GF); KP 5 Nov (JL); Captree I SUFF 6 Nov (BB); JBWE 11 Nov (BF); Cedar Beach, T Babylon SUFF 12 Nov (JQ, PJL).  
**Nashville Warbler:** last CP 11 Nov.  
**N. Parula:** last KP 14 Oct.  
**Yellow Warbler:** last JBWE 16 Oct, late.  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** last JBWE 5 Oct.  
**Magnolia Warbler:** last KP 14 Oct.  
**Cape May Warbler:** well reported thru 9 Oct, perhaps related to Spruce Budworm increase to the north.  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** last KP 14 Oct.  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** good early Sep flight, cont from summer, e.g, JBWE 2 Sep.  
**Black-throated Green Warbler:** last CP 13 Oct.  
**Blackburnian Warbler:** last PP 23 Sep.  
**Yellow-throated Warbler:** Mtk 16 Sep (HMc), unus date.  
**Pine Warbler:** last JBWE 18 Nov.  
**Prairie Warbler:** last RMSP 19 Sep.  
**Palm Warbler:** 30 RMSP 21 Sep, all *palmarum*; 20 *palmarum* & 2 *hypochrysea* RMSP 14 Oct; last RMSP & PL 28 Nov.  
**Bay-breasted Warbler:** last JBWE 29 Sep.  
**Blackpoll Warbler:** last KP 17 Nov.  
**Black-and-white Warbler:** last CP 24 Oct.  
**Am. Redstart:** last RMSP 14 Oct.  
**Prothonotary Warbler:** Miller Field RICH 16 Sep (W&H Mones), scarce fall migr.  
**Worm-eating Warbler:** Amagansett SUFF 8 Sep (HMc); APP 30 Sep (PJL), late; scarce fall migr.  
**Ovenbird:** MP 23 Nov; downtown Brooklyn KINGS 28 Nov, both late.  
**N. Waterthrush:** last VCP 14 Oct.  
**Louisiana Waterthrush:** CP 1 Sep; CLP 8 Sep; only reports.  
**Kentucky Warbler:** m Jam Bay 23 Sep (K&SF), only report.  
**Connecticut Warbler:** 12 reports 1-29 Sep, easternmost loc Muttontown Pres NASS.  
**Mourning Warbler:** 4 reports: CP 1, 17 & 25 Sep, CHP 11 Sep.

**Com. Yellowthroat:** max 70 DOP 29 Sep (TP); imm m inside Delta Airlines terminal at JFK 16 Oct, seen by worker there for 2 weeks (SBI); last Norman J. Levy Pres NASS 29 Oct.

**Hooded Warbler:** 6 reports 16 Sep-21 Oct, all from western part of Reg.

**Wilson's Warbler:** last PP & JBWE 23 Sep.

**Canada Warbler:** last CP 29 Sep.

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** 2 ads & 2 imms banded at Tobay NASS 1 Sep were perhaps local breeders; numerous and widespread reports 1 Sep-18 Nov.

### TANAGERS - WEAVERS

**Summer Tanager:** CP 21 Sep, only report.  
**Scarlet Tanager:** last CP 9 Oct.

**Am. Tree Sparrow:** arr 2 JBWE 11 Nov.

**Chipping Sparrow:** 100+ Sparrow Rock, CP 18 Oct (DS).

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** 10-19 reported, depending on how multiple reports from JBWE, RMSP, and Mtk are treated—more than usual: JBWE 12 Sep (AO et al.); CP 13-15 Sep (TF et al.); JBWE 17 Sep (AWo, P. Jones); JBWE 24 Sep (SSM et al.); Mtk 28 Sep (VB); CP 29 Sep; RMSP 30 Sep (PJL, SSM); JBWE 1 Oct (KF); JBWE 6 Oct (SyS); Gilgo 8 Oct (J&GF, JQ); RMSP 9-10 Oct (JGi, ND); PP 18 Oct (RJ); 3 Mtk 13-14 Oct (VB, KRu, BRu); JBWE 16-21 Oct (PJL, KF); JBWE 28 Oct (John Ask); Mtk 22-25 Nov (SSi, mob); Napeague SUFF 28 Nov (AnW).

**Vesper Sparrow:** 10 reported: Mtk 29 Sep (AnW); Field 2 RMSP 10 Oct (J&GF); JBWE 13 Oct (DK); MLUA 13 Oct; VCP 14 Oct (YG); RMSP 16 Oct (PJL); JBWE 21 Oct (BF, SyS); 2 Field 5 RMSP 21 Oct (SSM); RMSP 13 Nov.

**Lark Sparrow:** 2 JBWE 2-4 Sep (CF, CG, mob); RMSP 21 Sep (PJL); JBWE 1 Oct (PJL).

**"Ipswich" Savannah Sparrow:** arr CHP 16 Oct (DE); 20 Oct JBWE (PJL, SSM); FT 28 Oct (CW); MB 19 Nov (AnW).

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** JBWE 8 & 13-14 Oct (SyS), rare in migration.

**LE CONTE'S SPARROW:** FT 13 Oct (SBI, ME, PD and SWh, mob!).

**Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow:** arr Accabonac SUFF 5-6 Oct (KRu); CCP 6 Oct (J&GF, JQ); GKP 8 Oct (CH, mob), 3 there 13 Oct, plus at least one to 30 Oct; *subvirgatus* FT 15 Oct (SSM, SBI, et al.); single *subvirgatus* & *nelsoni/alterus* Captree

I SUFF 17 Oct (PJL); 2 Gilgo marsh mid Oct (RJK).

**Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow:** well reported from marshes in small numbers, max 8 CCP 6 Oct (J&GF); one RMSP 17 Oct along weedy margin of sandy volleyball court was in an unus context (PJL).

**Seaside Sparrow:** reported from marshes in small numbers; max 8 CCP 6 Oct (J&GF).

**Fox Sparrow:** arr CP 16 Oct.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** numerous and widespread reports 13 Sep-21 Oct, nearly half of them on just two days 13-14 Oct.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 40 RMSP 15 Oct; 60 JBSP 16 Oct; leucistic ind Captree SP SUFF 19 Oct (SSM), ph.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** earlier than usual arrivals inc CP 13 Sep & two CP 16 Sep; general arrival 21 Sep.

**Lapland Longspur:** arr RMSP 14 Oct (PJL, SSM); RMSP 30 Oct (SSM, MA); RMSP 8 Nov; Tiana Beach SUFF 12 Nov (S&JBe); 2 JBWE 18 Nov (BF); FBF 24 Nov (R. Cavalieros); JBWE 27 Nov (PJL).

**Snow Bunting:** 70 JBWE 26 Nov.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** last CP 9 Oct.

**Blue Grosbeak:** at least 19 reported, more than usual: max 5 RMSP 13 Sep (PJL, SSM), 3 remained to 15 Sep and 1 to 19 Sep; Gilgo SUFF 22 Sep (ROP, SP); JBWE 23 & 30 Sep (mob); MLUA 30 Sep (TF); 2 PP 30 Sep (J. Ascher); 2 CP 9 Oct (mob); 4 Mtk 13-14 Oct (AnW, mob); 3 RMSP 13-18 Oct (KF, mob).

**Indigo Bunting:** 3 RMSP 14 Sep, outnumbered here by Blue Grosbeaks!; 5 RRES 22 Sep; 3 Mtk 24 Sep, building to 7 on 30 Sep and max 15 on 4 Oct (KRu, BRu); last 3 East Lake Dr, Mtk 8 Oct (VB).

**Dickcissel:** 9-11 reports, depending on treatment of multiple reports from JBWE and TRCP: JBWE 11 Sep (J&GF), thru 13 Sep; 3 RMSP (PJL, SSM) 13 Sep; FT 15 Sep (D. Gochfeld); JBWE 7 Oct (SyS); JBWE 13-14 Oct (mob); TRCP 14 Oct (HMc, AnW); MP 14 Oct (AB); Watermill SUFF 20 Oct (AnW); TRCP 21 Oct (AnW).

**Bobolink:** no large counts or late reports.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 1200 migr RMSP 4 Nov; 1000 migr RMSP 8 Nov.

**E. Meadowlark:** max numbers 8 RMSP & 9 JBWE 14 Oct; "nearly a dozen" JBWE 21 Oct (BF).

**Rusty Blackbird:** arr CP 29 Sep.

**Orchard Oriole:** CHP 7 Sep (RV), late.

**Baltimore Oriole:** Georgica Rd EH 18 Nov (HMc), late.

**Purple Finch:** early Sep flight cont from summer, e.g., 3 JBWE 5 Sep (PJL), small flock APP 13 Sep (AO et al); "normal" late fall flight commenced with 25 RMSP 29 Sep; 95 RMSP 14 Oct; 37 RMSP 17 Nov.

**House Finch:** migr conspicuous at RMSP - 70 on 4 Nov, 30 on 5 Nov, & 20 on 7 Nov.

**Red Crossbill:** arr 12 RMSP 5 Nov (PJL, SSM); singles and small flocks widespread thru; largest lingering flock ca. 60 at Mtk.

**White-winged Crossbill:** four singles: RMSP 4 Nov (PJL, SSM); Shirley feeder SUFF 11-14 Nov (fide ESch); CP 22 Nov; m JBWE 30 Nov (JGi, S. Jannazzo, SyS).

**Com. Redpoll:** arr 5 RMSP 29 Oct (SSM); max 15 JBWE 27 Nov; migr singles and small flocks widely reported thru; very few reports from feeders.

**Pine Siskin:** arr Shelter I SUFF 9 Oct; high counts of migrants at RMSP inc 200 on 4

Nov, 150 on 5 Nov, & 150 on 7 Nov; migr flocks of 10-20 widely reported; very few reports from feeders.

**Am. Goldfinch:** high counts of migr @ RMSP inc 500 on 4 Nov, 1000 on 5 Nov, 1500 on 7 Nov, 1800 on 16 Nov, and 3600 on 28 Nov.

**EVENING GROSBEAK (R10):** MP 11 Nov (HMc); 4 Baiting Hollow SUFF 29 Nov (AB).

### EXOTICS

**Black Swan:** Georgica Pd EH 10 Oct (HMc).

**Orange-checked Waxbill:** CP 13 Sep (RA).

**Nutmeg Mannikin:** FBF 5 Sep (C. Klein); 2 RRes 22 Sep (JL, EM).

**Saffron Finch:** CP 30 Oct-14 Nov (MG, mob).

