

REGION 9—HUDSON - DELAWARE

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September was warm and dry, continuing the dry conditions from August. Normally, White Plains sees 4.7" of rain for the month, but only two and a half inches fell and most of it came in only one rain event on 10-11 September. The Region was unusually hot late in the month, with White Plains reaching 85°F on both the 25th and 26th and Poughkeepsie hitting 90° on the 26th. The month was 2.8° warmer than normal in Poughkeepsie and 2.4° warmer in White Plains. The unusual hot weather continued in October. It reached 80° and above in many parts of the Region from the 4th to the 8th, with Poughkeepsie hitting 89° on the 8th. It remained warm till the 30th when Poughkeepsie finally dipped below the freezing mark. The month was 7° to 8° warmer than average. It was also wetter than normal with White Plains having 5.4" for October compared with the normal 4.2". November was near normal in both precipitation and temperature.

A Greater White-fronted Goose was found in Pine Plains 11 November and a Cackling Goose was reported from Montgomery 21 November. Other unusual waterfowl included a Eurasian Wigeon at Rockland Lake 6 November and it stayed thru the period. Surf Scoter, Black Scoter, and Long-tailed Duck were reported inland. Both Horned Grebe and Red-necked Grebe were reported from Sullivan County. The Liberty Marsh Glossy Ibis from August remained until 1 September to make the fall report.

The area hawk watches all noticed a significant increase in Northern Harrier numbers as well as Golden Eagle sightings. Red-shouldered Hawk numbers were down. Broad-winged Hawks moved between 16-19 September, with Mt. Peter having the best numbers--1897 on the 16th and 1299 the following day.

A Wilson's Phalarope visited Liberty Marsh in the Wallkill NWR on 1 September.

Christine Guarino and Curt McDermott found a Black-legged Kittiwake on Glenmere Lake in Florida on the afternoon of 21 November, but it was not reported the next day. Two Caspian Terns visited Marshlands Conservatory in Rye on 27 September. Black Terns were reported from three locations: Denning's Point 10 September, Wallkill NWR the same day, and Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary on 27 October.

In late October, Renee Davis was informed of the presence of a hummingbird at a private feeder in Sullivan County. She, along with John Haas, finally saw the bird on 29 October. John was able to photograph the bird and post the pictures on the web. This led to the identification as an adult female or sub adult **ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD**. This represents the 2nd record for New York. The homeowners valued their privacy and did not want the bird stressed in any way. A few lucky reputable birders were allowed to come the following weekend and verified the bird as an Anna's. The bird was monitored into late

November but the temperature dipped into the low teens and the bird was found dead on 22 November. The bird was given to the American Museum Natural History in New York City, where it was examined and again confirmed to be an Anna's. It will remain in their collection as the first specimen of this species from New York and northeastern North America.

Westchester County's first record of **SAY'S PHOEBE** was found at Westchester Community College on 16 September. Unfortunately, it was not seen the next morning or subsequently.

A few Northern Shrike reports from late October into November from Sullivan, Ulster and Dutchess Counties gives hope for a good shrike year.

Two **CAVE SWALLOWS** were found by Curt McDermott at Greenwood Lake in southern Orange County on 9 November and remained until the 12th.

Connecticut Warblers made an impressive showing, with four sightings from Poughquag, Walden Cemetery, Marshlands Conservancy, and Lenoir Nature Preserve.

Clay-colored Sparrows were found in Stony Kill 20, 22 October and at Lenoir Nature Preserve 22, 23 October. The Lenoir bird was Westchester County's 6th record.

A Boat-tailed Grackle was found at Marshlands Conservancy in Rye on 13 September and possibly the same bird was there nearly two weeks later on the 25th.

It looks like it will be a good winter for some winter finches: Pine Grosbeak and Common Redpoll were found in good numbers in north east Sullivan County in a few locations in mid November, a single White-winged Crossbill visited a Dutchess County feeder on 13, 14 October, and a single Red Crossbill was in Parksville, Sullivan County 19 November. There were also a good number of scattered reports for both Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak late in the season.

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ABBREVIATIONS

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

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Pine Plains 3,11 Nov (CV).

Snow Goose: 123 Livingston Manor 23 Nov; 60 MC 29 Nov.

Brant: 2050 EGR 25 Oct; there was a notable lack of flights past inland hawk watches.

CACKLING GOOSE: Montgomery 21 Nov (CG,CM).

Wood Duck: 63 Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers 3 -15 Nov; 35 Lake Walton 6 Nov.

Gadwall: EGR 28 Oct.

Eurasian Wigeon: Rockland L 6-30 Nov (CW, GB,ET,AW).

Am. Wigeon: 6 EGR 28 Oct.

Green-winged Teal: 28 Vandenburg Cove, Hyde Park 30 Sep.

Ring-necked Duck: 40 Abel's Pond, Union Vale 27 Sep; 40 Stissing Pond 4 Nov; 280 Abels Pond, Union Vale 4 Nov.

Greater Scaup: arr 10 MC 30 Sep; 21 Neversink Res 27 Oct; 180 EGR 29 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: 20 EGR 29 Nov.

Surf Scoter: 25 MC 25 Oct; Swan L 27 Oct (JH,LV,ABO); 25 LNP 28 Oct (KB); 6 EGR 29 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: 5 Neversink Res 8 Nov (RS,RM); 18 EGR 29 Nov.

Black Scoter: 15 EGR 25 Oct; Kiamasha L, Monticello 27 Oct (JH,LV,ABO) 20 LNP 28 Oct (JO,MB).

Long-tailed Duck: arr Kiamasha Lake 28 Oct (JH,LV,ABO); 50 Neversink Res 8 Nov (RS,RM); Beckman 18,19 Nov; 60 EGR 29 Nov.

Bufflehead: arr 9 EGR 25 Oct.

Com. Goldeneye: arr Kiamasha Lake 28 Oct; 40 Yankee L 25 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: 19 EGR 31 Oct.

Red-breasted Merganser: arr 3 EGR 27 Oct; Yankee L 25, 27 Nov; Denning's Pt 29 Nov.

Ruddy Duck: arr 5 EGR 31 Oct.

Red-throated Loon: Neversink Res 28 Oct (LV); 8 EGR 29 Nov.

Com. Loon: arr 3 MC 2 Oct.

Horned Grebe: 2 Neversink Res 28 Oct (JH,LV,ABO); Denning's Pt 10 Nov (TM).

Red-necked Grebe: Kiamasha Lake 19 Nov (JH,ABO); 2 Neversink Res 30 Nov.

N. Gannet: EGR 4 Nov; 2 EGR 29 Nov.

Great Cormorant: arr 2 EGR 27 Nov.

Am. Bittern: MC 30 Oct.

Great Egret: MC 1, 27 Nov; 12 EGR 4 Nov.

Snowy Egret: EGR 8 Nov.

Glossy Ibis: Liberty Marsh, Wallkill NWR thru 1 Sep (C&KF,JH), continuing from 25 Aug or before.

Black Vulture: 6 Chestnut Ridge 13 Oct; 5 LNP 14 Oct; 75 SGNWR 31 Oct; 12 Mt Peter 6 Nov.

Turkey Vulture: 70 Chestnut Ridge 29 Oct; 45 SGNWR 31 Oct; 111 LNP 3 Nov.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: 41 LNP 15 Sep; 26 Chestnut Ridge 26 Sep; last 24 Nov.

Bald Eagle: 14 LNP 16 Sep; 8 Hook Mt 16 Sep; 5 Mt Peter 28 Oct.

N. Harrier: 10 Hook Mt 29 Sep; 10 LNP 14 Oct; numbers were up on all watches.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 135 Hook Mt 5 Sep; 140 Hook Mt 24 Sep; 121 Chestnut Ridge 29 Sep.

Cooper's Hawk: 26 Chestnut Ridge 13 Oct; 26 Hook Mt 13 Oct; 23 LNP 14 Oct.

N. Goshawk: Hook Mt 4 Sep; Chestnut Ridge 12,20 Oct; 2 LNP 20 Oct; Monticello 24 Oct; LNP 26 Oct; 4 Summitville 28 Oct; 2 Mt Peter 2 Nov; LNP 3 Nov; Chestnut Ridge 3 Nov; Horseshoe L 5 Nov; 3 LNP 10 Nov; Mt Peter 11 Nov; Chestnut Ridge 11 Nov; Rhinebeck 18 Nov.

Red-shouldered Hawk: low numbers at hawk watches; 12 LNP 14 Oct; 16 Hook Mt 16 Oct; 12 Mt Peter 28 Oct; 17 Hook Mt 30 Oct.

Broad-winged Hawk: 1223 Chestnut Ridge 16 Sep; 1736 LNP 16 Sep; 1826 Hook Mt 16 Sep; 1897 Mount Peter, Warwick 16 Sep; 1299 Mount Peter, Warwick 17 Sep; last 15 Oct.

Red-tailed Hawk: white with red tail Mt Peter 12 Sep; albino Hook Mt 25 Sep (SS); 27 LNP 28 Oct; 79 Mt Peter 28 Oct; albino Nanuet 10 Nov (ET).

Rough-legged Hawk: LNP 15 Oct; 2 Chestnut Ridge 9 Nov; Rhinebeck 30 Nov.
Golden Eagle: Spring Valley 2 Oct; Chestnut Ridge 12 Oct; Summitville Hawk Watch 13 Oct; Mt Peter 14,16 Oct; Hook Mt 22 Oct; 3 Summitville Hawk Watch 28 Oct; Amenia 4 Nov; Mt Peter 8 Nov; 2 Stissing Mt 27 Nov.
Am. Kestrel: 39 Hook Mt 5 Sep; 42 Chestnut Ridge 13 Sep; 41 Hook Mt 15 Sep; 18 LNP 14 Oct; 30 Mt Peter 28 Oct.
Merlin: 9 LNP 14 Oct; 7 LNP 20 Oct; 6 Hook Mt 21 Oct.
Clapper Rail: 1-2 MC 5,5,26 Sep; 3 MC 5 Oct.
Sora: Rhinebeck 18 Sep.
Am. Coot: MC 26 Oct.
Black-bellied Plover: 3 MC 28 Sep; 9 MC 1 Nov.
Am. Golden-Plover: 1-2 Wallkill NWR, Pine Island area 1,2 Sep (C&KF,JH); MC 12 Sep; Morningside Park 15, 22 Sep (LV, JH).
Semipalmated Plover: 6 MC 4 Sep.
Killdeer: 26 MC 12 Sep.
Am. Oystercatcher: Rye 21 Sep; EGR 29 Nov.
Greater Yellowlegs: 8 MC 30 Oct.
Lesser Yellowlegs: MC 12,27 Sep.
Spotted Sandpiper: 8 Dennings Pt 4 Sep.
Ruddy Turnstone: EGR 28 Nov.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: 12 MC 4 Sep.
Least Sandpiper: 6 MC 5 Sep.
White-rumped Sandpiper: Liberty Marsh, Wallkill NWR 1,2 Sep (JH).
Purple Sandpiper: 6 EGR 28 Nov.
Dunlin: 2 MC 16 Oct; 7 Swan L 27 Oct; 8 MC 1 Nov.
Short-billed Dowitcher: 7 MC 4 Sep.
Wilson's Phalarope: Liberty Marsh, Wallkill NWR 1 Sep (JH).
Laughing Gull: 200 EGR 27 Oct; 8 EGR 29 Nov.
Bonaparte's Gull: MC 1,16 Nov.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Monticello 24 Nov
Black-legged Kittiwake: Glenmere Lake, Florida 21 Nov (CG,CM).
Caspian Tern: 2 MC 27 Sep (TB).
Forster's Tern: 28 MC 17 Oct; 20 EGR 23 Oct; 63 EGR 4 Nov.
Black Tern: Denning's Point 10 Sep (TM); Wallkill NWR 10 Sep (RS); EGR 27 Oct (TB).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS
Short-eared Owl: 4 SGNWR 8,24 Nov; 8 SGNWR 28 Nov.

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD: SULL 29 Oct – 22 Nov (RD, JH, VF), 2nd record for NYS, found dead 22 Nov, specimen now at AMNH, *intro*.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Mt Peter 4 Sep.
SAY'S PHOEBE: Westchester Community College 16 Sep (DP), 1st WEST record.
N. Shrike: Kiamasha L, Monticello 27,28 Oct; SGNWR 31 Oct -30 Nov; Amenia 14 Nov; Neversink 18-26 Nov; Hyde Park 28 Nov.
Philadelphia Vireo: 2 Vanderbilt 12 Sep; 3 Bashakill 16 Sep; Verbank 22 Sep.
CAVE SWALLOW: 2 Greenwood Lake, Orange County 9-12 Nov (CM).
Red-breasted Nuthatch: arr early Sep.
Marsh Wren: 7 MC 6 Sep.
Am. Pipit: LNP 14 Oct; 100 Bashakill 24 Oct; 3 Neversink Res 27 Oct; 30 Callicoon Center 28 Oct; 6 CPP 17 Nov.
Cedar Waxwing: 100 MC 8,16 Nov; 110 LaGrange 21 Nov.

WARBLERS

Tennessee Warbler: Bashakill 1 Sep.
Orange-crowned Warbler: LNP 13 Oct.
Nashville Warbler: 5 Bashakill 16 Sep.
Cape May Warbler: Bashakill 2 Sep.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: Yonkers 17 Nov.
Bay-breasted Warbler: 1-2 Bashakill 1,2 Sep.
Connecticut Warbler: Poughquag 8 Sep (HT, CP); Walden Cemetery 13 Sep (CG,CM); MC 26 Sep (TB); LPN 29 Sep (PS).
Mourning Warbler: MC 5 Sep; Bashakill 16 Sep; Rye Nature Center 25 Sep; MC 27 Sep.
Wilson's Warbler: MC 12,18 Nov.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: FOS 18 Nov.
Clay-colored Sparrow: Stony Kill 20,22 Oct (SG; PB); LNP 22,23 Oct (PS, MB,JO).
Vesper Sparrow: 2 CPP 17 Nov.
Grasshopper Sparrow: Liberty Marsh, Wallkill NWR 1 Sep (RSt).
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow: MC 27 Sep; 6 MC 2 Oct; 2 MC 30 Oct; MC 1 Nov.
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: 5 MC 27 Sep.
Song Sparrow: 50 MC 15 Oct.
Lincoln's Sparrow: many reports in October
Swamp Sparrow: 30 MC 1 Nov.

White-throated Sparrow: arr 24 Sep.

White-crowned Sparrow: 10 LNP 13 Oct;
15 MC 16 Oct; 23 Bowdoin Pk,
Poughkeepsie 7 Nov; many scattered
reports, more than typical.

Dark-eyed Junco: arr 15 Oct.

Snow Bunting: Hook Mt 28,29 Oct; 3
Piermont Pier 4 Nov; 20 LaGrangeville 8
Nov; 12 Nyack 10 Nov; EGR 12,28 Nov; 5
LNP 14 Oct; 2 Neversink 18 Nov; 2 CPP 17
Nov.

Red-winged Blackbird: 1000 MC 5 Nov.

Rusty Blackbird: 2 MC 29 Oct; 6 MC 5
Nov.

Com. Grackle: 1000 MC 8 Nov.

Boat-tailed Grackle: MC 13, 25 Sep (TB).

Pine Grosbeak: 8 Neversink 17 Nov; 12
Neversink 18 Nov (LV); 9 Parksville 19
Nov (JH,ABo).

White-winged Crossbill: Clinton Corners
13,14 Oct (ABu).

Red Crossbill: Parksville 19 Nov.

Com. Redpoll: 50 Neversink 18 Nov; 150
Claryville 19 Nov; Rhinebeck 30 Nov.

Pine Siskin: scattered report starting third
week of Sep; 14 Bashakill 27 Oct; 13
Ardsley 16 Nov; 10 Claryville 19 Nov.

Am. Goldfinch: 200 MC 5 Nov.

Evening Grosbeak: 23 Summitville Hawk
Watch 28 Oct; 2 Tuxedo 28 Oct; 12
Millbrook 3 Nov; Rye Brook 4 Nov; 40
Neversink 18 Nov; 2 ROCK 16 Nov.

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