

REGION 9—HUDSON - DELAWARE

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March started cold with Poughkeepsie dipping to 3° on the 4th, but then warmed up nicely into the sixties on the 7th and 8th. Overall temperatures were near normal. The ice cleared off the Ulster/Dutchess region of the Hudson River around mid March. The month was extremely dry. White Plains recorded only 0.49" of rain, more than 4" below normal. Poughkeepsie recorded 1.8". Dry conditions continued into April. Poughkeepsie recorded 1.9", half the normal amount. The month ended on a warm spell reaching 90° and 91° on 25, 26 and 28 April. May was wet but never very warm. Poughkeepsie recorded 6.3" of rain where the norm is 4.7". Temperatures never rose above 88° for the month and there were only four days that reached the 80s.

Mark DeDea found a Tufted Duck on the Hudson River at the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse Park in Ulster County on 22 March. The drake Tufted Duck was with a mixed flock of scaup, Ringed-necked Ducks, and Canvasbacks. The bird remained until the 25th. On the 26th, Chet Vincent found the Tufted Duck at Mills Mansion on the Dutchess side of the river; Chet watched it for over an hour for Dutchess County's first record. A scoter watch Saturday evening 9 May at Playland Park in Rye produced an immature male King Eider arriving with some White-winged Scoters and Surf Scoters. Although Cruickshank mentions it is casual on the Sound off Westchester in his *Birds Around New York City* (1942), this is only the third record for King Eider in Westchester and the first since 1995. All three records are from this area in Rye. Some scoters were found inland in April. Surf Scoters were found in Kiamesha Lake and White-winged Scoters in Neversink Reservoir and in Woodstock. A Red-necked Grebe was in Yankee Lake 22 April.

Great Cormorants are being found further up the Hudson River with sightings from Rhinecliff on 17 March and at Mills Mansion on 28 March. Great Cormorants were first reported away from LI Sound in 1987 and now commonly winter on the lower part of river. On 19 May Curt McDermott was leaving the Stewart Forest in Montgomery, Orange County, when he noticed an **Anhinga**, soaring toward him from the west. The bird came almost directly overhead and continued to soar in circles before flapping twice and heading north. It continued to soar northward until it was out of sight. Lance Verderame observed a flyover Glossy Ibis at Bashakill 18 April; it is only the fourth record for Sullivan County. The only Cattle Egret report was an odd one. Bill Robinson found it at the Pawling Middle School 22 April in the parking lot sitting on top of a car. Bald Eagles are now nesting as far south as Irvington in lower Westchester County. Tom Burke found a **Ruff** coming into full breeding plumage at Marshlands Conservancy on Saturday afternoon 25 April. The Ruff stayed on

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the tidal flats of Milton Harbor through Tuesday afternoon. This is Westchester's second record, with the first also at Marshlands Conservancy, in July 1989.

Twenty-five Eastern Phoebes were found hunkered down in cold wind with occasional flurries at the Bashakill Marsh 8 April. A Sedge Wren was reported from Bashakill 2 May. A number of groups and individual birders reported a Cerulean Warbler singing a Hooded Warbler song near the reservoir on Doodletown Road in May (see *Notes and Observations*, this issue). A Prothonotary Warbler was found in Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers on 25 April. This is the third record for the City of Yonkers. The first was in 1895 by Eugene Bicknell and was the first state record outside Long Island at the time (*Auk* Vol. 12). Another Prothonotary Warbler was found at Bashakill 25 and 26 April, Sullivan County's fifth record. Kentucky Warblers were reported from Bashakill, Rye Nature Center and Doodletown Road, with the latter staying past May.

White-winged Crossbill reports continued through the period with most from Cooley Bog in Parksville. Three were reported there on the last day of May. Five Common Redpolls were in Stanfdville 2-3 March. Pine Siskins were common and widespread through April with a few hanging on into early May, and pairs at feeders until the end of May.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CPP – Croton Point Park; DCMC – Dutchess County May Census 13 May; EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; MC – Marshlands Conservancy; RNC – Rye Nature Center; RTWBC – Ralph T Waterman Bird Club; SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: 150 Neversink Res, flyovers 7 Mar; 181 Bashakill, flyover photo, incl 3 Blues 8 Mar.

Brant: 600 Mount Vernon 11 May; 530 overhead Westbrookville 12 May; 700 DCMC 13 May; 300 over Bashakill 23 May.

Wood Duck: 75 Bashakill 14 Mar.

American Wigeon: 40 Bashakill 14 Mar.

Blue-winged Teal: Bashakill 9 Apr.

Northern Pintail: 125 Bashakill 14 Mar.

Green-winged Teal: 75 Bashakill 14 Mar; 30 Pine Plains 10 Apr.

Ring-necked Duck: 97 Baird P 9 Mar; 432 Bashakill 12 Mar; 576 Yankee L 29 Mar.

Tufted Duck: Esopus Meadows Lighthouse Park 22-25 Mar (MDe, CM); Mills Mansion, 26 Dec (CV).

Greater Scaup: 3 Bashakill 15 Mar; 7,000-10,000 EGR 14-15 Mar; 200 EGR 5 Apr.

Lesser Scaup: 10 Bashakill 15 Mar; EGR 17 Apr.

King Eider: Playland Park 9 May (TB).

Surf Scoter: - 3 Kiamesha L 2 Apr; 1 Kiamesha L 3-18 Apr (JH, RD, SB); 16 EGR 17 Apr; 11 EGR 9 May.

White-winged Scoter: 32 Rye 15 Mar; 1 m Neversink Res 11 Apr (LV, JH, ABo); 22 EGR 17 Apr; Kenneth Wilson SP, Woodstock 28 Apr (PS); 28 EGR 9 May; 8 MC 25 May.

Long-tailed Duck: 310 EGR 5 Mar; CPP 8 Mar (CR); Neversink Res 9 Apr (JH, ABo); 3 Yankee L 11 Apr (JH); 120 EGR 17 Apr.

Bufflehead: 20 EGR 5 Apr.

Hooded Merganser: 60 Bashakill 1 Mar; 7 Cary Arboretum-IES 20 May.

Common Merganser: 8 DCMC 13 May.

Red-breasted Merganser: Norrie Point 10 Mar; 2 Cape Pond 19 Mar; 3 Kauneonga L 4 Apr; Kiamesha L 5 Apr; Wappinger 10 Apr; Neversink Res 11 Apr; Morningside 13 Apr; 12 EGR 17 Apr.

Ruddy Duck: 60 Larchmont Res 5 Apr.

Ring-necked Pheasant: MC 20, 31 Mar, 25 Apr, 28 May; 14 Tamarack Lake 1 Apr; Hopelands Pk, Staatsburg 10 Apr; Cary Arboretum-IES 6, 16, 20, 29 May.

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Ruffed Grouse: Locust Grove 3 Apr; and a number of reports from SULL.

Red-throated Loon: EGR 5 Apr; 2 EGR 17 Apr.

Common Loon: 6 Kiamesha L 2 Apr; 2 EGR 17 Apr; EGR 11 May.

Pied-billed Grebe: Bashakill 14 Mar.

Horned Grebe: 30 EGR 14 Mar; Yankee L 19 Mar; 28 EGR 4 Apr; 2 Ashokan Res 9 May.

Red-necked Grebe: Yankee Lake 22 Apr (JH).

Northern Gannet: EGR 29 Mar; EGR 12 Apr; 2 EGR 17 Apr.

Great Cormorant: Rhinecliff 17 Mar (RJ); Mills Mansion 28 Mar (AJ); 3 EGR 11 Apr.

ANHINGA: Stewart Forest, Montgomery 19 May (CM).

American Bittern: Bashakill 15 Apr-1 May, 2 on 9 May; DeBruce Knickerbocker Rd 27 Apr; Neversink 28 Apr; Callicoon Center 29 Apr; 3 Bashakill 6 May.

Least Bittern: Bashakill 9 May.

Great Egret: arr EGR 5 Apr.

Snowy Egret: 2 EGE 11 Apr; 10 MC 25 Apr.

Cattle Egret: Pawling Middle School 22 Apr (in parking lot sitting on top of a car) (BR).

Green Heron: arr Bashakill 26 Apr.

Glossy Ibis: Bashakill 18 Apr (LV, JH, ABo); 40 MC 26 Apr.

Black Vulture: reports from each county.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: arr MC 15 Mar.

Bald Eagle: 6 DCMC 13 May.

Northern Goshawk: Westbrookville 25 Mar; Yankee L 24 Apr (JH).

Red-shouldered Hawk: 7 Hook Mt 8 Mar.

Broad-winged Hawk: first Napanoch Dean Rd 5 Apr.

Rough-legged Hawk: Parksville 8 Mar (JH).

Golden Eagle: Wappinger L 19 Apr (KH).

American Kestrel: arr 10 Mar Sull.

Merlin: Route 17, exit 112 25 Apr; Neversink Res 8 May.

Peregrine Falcon: Bashakill 24 Mar.
Clapper Rail: 4 MC 26 Apr.
Virginia Rail: 4 Bashakill 8 Apr; 4 Thompson Pd 23 Apr.
Sora: Bashakill 19 Apr; 2 May.
Common Moorhen: arr Bashakill 26 Apr.
American Coot: Bashakill 8 May.
Black-bellied Plover: arr MC 11 May; 4 MC 11 May.
Semipalmated Plover: 3 Woodbourne 30 May; 2 Monticello 30 May, Morningside 31 May.
American Oystercatcher: 2 EGR 15 Mar; 7 EGR 17 Apr; 3 MC 27 Apr; 2 MC 1,15 May; 5 EGR 9 May.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr EGR 12 Apr; Pine Plains 18 Apr; Bashakill 19, 24 Apr; 14 MC 28 Apr.
Lesser Yellowlegs: Red Wing Park, East Fishkill 7 Mar (CV) early; Bashakill 22 Apr; 4 Woodbourne 8 May.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr Doodletown 25 Apr.
Spotted Sandpiper: arr Yonkers 25 Apr; Bashakill 25 Apr; 5 Bashakill 2 May.
Upland Sandpiper: 2 Blue Chip Farms 25 May; 5 Blue Chip Farms 25 May.
Ruddy Turnstone: 2 EGR 15 Mar; 16 EGR 5 Apr; MC 15 May.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: 8 Rhinebeck 23 May.
Least Sandpiper: arr MC 30 Apr; 14 Woodbourne 10 May.
Purple Sandpiper: 5 EGR 15 Mar; 12 EGR 5 Apr; 2 EGR 20 Apr; 5 EGR 25 May.
RUFF: MC 25-28 Apr (TB), see intro.
Wilson's Snipe: 2 Bashakill 21 Mar.
American Woodcock: arr MC 1 Mar.
Laughing Gull: 2 MC 30 Apr; 6 EGR 24 May.
Bonaparte's Gull: Yankee Lake 27 Mar; Swan Lake 2 Apr; 11 EGR 12 Apr; Neversink Res; 19, 25 Apr; 3 Wappinger 4 May; 19 EGR 9 May; Morningside 31 May.
Iceland Gull: EGR 12-16 Apr; 2 EGR 17 Apr.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Monticello 11 Mar (JH, ABo); 2 ad EGR 15 Mar (TB).
Common Tern: arr MC 8 May; 300 MC 21 May.
Forster's Tern: 2 MC 25 Apr; 5 MC 25 Apr; 4 MC 1, 12 May.
Least Tern: 2 MC 27 Apr, 12, 15 May.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: arr MC 7 May.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: arr 6 May; 3 Doodletown 22 May.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: hooting Ludlow Woods 26 Apr (DKr).
Common Nighthawk: arr 3 Bashakill 9 May.
Whip-poor-will: arr Bashakill area 26 Apr; 2 Bashakill 2,9 May;
Chimney Swift: 30 Rhinebeck 17 Apr.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: arr 26 Apr.
Red-headed Woodpecker: Stony Kill EEC 19-24 Mar; Greenfield Park 5 Apr; Liberty Golden Park 8 May; Bashakill 9 May; Blue Chip Farm 31 May.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 3 Doodletown 16-18 May; Bashakill 17, 18 May; Wappingers 22 May.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: arr RNC 7 May.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Bashakill 17 May; Linear Park 25 May.
Acadian Flycatcher: RNC 7 May; 3 DCMC 13 May; Mine Road 31 May; Nuclear Lake 20 May; 2 Bashakill 24-31 May; 2 Pawling Nature Reserve 25 May K&CF; 2 Deep Hollow 30 May.
Willow Flycatcher: arr MC 21 Apr.
Least Flycatcher: arr Bashakill 25 Apr.
Eastern Phoebe: arr MC 15 Mar; 25 Bashakill 8 Apr hunkered down in cold wind with occasional flurries (RD MG VF).
Great Crested Flycatcher: arr Bashakill 26 Apr; 149 DCMC 13 May.
Eastern Kingbird: arr 25 Apr.
White-eyed Vireo: arr MC 26 Apr.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr MC 1 Apr;
Yellow-throated Vireo: arr Doodletown 25 Apr; 9 Doodletown 16 May.
Warbling Vireo: arr Yonkers 25 Apr; 173 DCMC 13 May.
Philadelphia Vireo: 1 Dennings Pt 27 May (RTWBC).
Red-eyed Vireo: arr Bashakill 1 May.
Purple Martin: arr Bashakill 6 Apr.
Tree Swallow: Bashakill 1 Mar.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: arr EGR 5 Apr.
Bank Swallow: arr 9 May.
Barn Swallow: Bashakill 9 Apr.
Cliff Swallow: arr 7 May.
House Wren: arr MC 23 Apr.
Sedge Wren: Bashakill 2 May (JCI).
Marsh Wren: arr MC 8 May; 4 MC 8 May.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Bashakill 18 Apr.
Veery: arr Pawling Nature Reserve 28 Apr; 24 Pawling Nature Reserve 25 May.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: Bashakill 13 May; Linear Park 13 May; 2 Bashakill 18 May.
Bicknell's Thrush: 4 Slide Mt 23 May.

Swainson's Thrush: arr RNC 2 May.
Wood Thrush: arr RNC 28 Apr.
Gray Catbird: arr Bashakill 26 Apr.
Brown Thrasher: arr 19 Mar.
American Pipit: 30 Hunter Rd, SULL 2 May.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: arr Doodletown 25 Apr.
Golden-winged Warbler: Bashakill 6 May; Linear Park trail 15 May; 1-2 Mine Road 18,20, 31 May.
Brewster's Warbler: Mine Road 18,20 May; Doodletown 22 May (VP).
Lawrence's Warbler: Cary Arboretum-IES 29,30 Apr, 1-2 May (W&LS,GL); Tivoli Bays 11 May (RMA); Millbrook School 13 May (RTWBC).
Tennessee Warbler: arr Reese Park 10 May.
Nashville Warbler: arr Doodletown 25 Apr.
Northern Parula: arr 27 Apr.
Yellow Warbler: arr Thompson Pd 22 Apr.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr Peach Hill 28 Apr.
Magnolia Warbler: arr 27 Apr.
Cape May Warbler: Ashokan Reservoir 9 May; Linear Park Trail 9 May; Doodletown 15 May; Mt. Taurus May 15; Doodletown 17 May.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: 3 arr Pawling Nature Reserve 28 Apr.
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 26 Apr; 20 Pawling Nature Reserve 28 Apr.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr Bashakill 25 Apr.
Pine Warbler: arr Rye 6 Apr.
Prairie Warbler: arr Bashakill 4 Apr.
Palm Warbler: 10 Bashakill 12 Apr.
Bay-breasted Warbler: 2 Ferncliff Forest, Rhinebeck 10 May; Poughkeepsie 11 May K&CF; RNC 13,19,24 May; Mt Taurus May 15; 3 Bashakill 15-16 May; Doodletown 20 May; 2 Nuclear L 19 May.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr Nyack Memorial P 27 Apr.
Cerulean Warbler: arr Doodletown 25 Apr; Bashakill 28 Apr; RNC 6 May; Bashakill 13 May; Mt. Taurus May 15; 13 Doodletown 16 May; Nuclear L 20 May; one singing a Hooded Warbler song Doodletown 23, 30,31 May (mob).
Black-and-white Warbler: arr 21 Apr.
American Redstart: arr Doodletown 25 Apr.

Prothonotary Warbler: TibbitsBrook Park, Yonkers 25 Apr (K&MB); Bashakill 25-26 Apr (SD, SB), 5th Sullivan Co record.
Worm-eating Warbler: arr Pawling Nature Reserve 28 Apr.
Ovenbird: arr Poughquag 26 Apr.
Northern Waterthrush: arr RNC 28 Apr.
Louisiana Waterthrush: 2 Saugerties 11 Apr; 5 Pond Gut 18 Apr.
Kentucky Warbler: Bashakill 9 May (GP,CW); Doodletown 13-31 May (BL); Rye Nature Center 12, 24 May (TB).
Mourning Warbler: Ferncliff Forest, Rhinebeck 11 May; Doodletown 15 May; RNC 19, 21 May; MC 31 May; Mine Road 31 May.
Common Yellowthroat: arr 25 Apr.
Hooded Warbler: arr Doodletown 25 Apr; 8 Pawling Nature Reserve 28 Apr; Neversink Gorge 2 May (JH); 16 Doodletown 16 May.
Wilson's Warbler: arr Bashakill 2 May.
Canada Warbler: arr Doodletown 2 May.
Yellow-breasted Chat: Mine Road 16-31 May.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: arr Pond Gut 27 Apr.
Chipping Sparrow: arr Rye 11 Apr.
Field Sparrow: arr Westbrookville 22 Mar.
Vesper Sparrow: Westbrookville 9 Apr; Bashakill Nature 17 Apr; Hunter Rd 20 Apr; 4 Hunter Rd 22 Apr; McDonald Rd 1 May; 2 DCMC 13 May.
Savannah Sparrow: arr 3 Mar.
Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow: MC 11,25 May.
Seaside Sparrow: MC 26, 30 Apr, 1 May (TB).
Lincoln's Sparrow: Bashakill 2 May.
White-throated Sparrow: 2 RNC 30 May.
White-crowned Sparrow: 3 Amenia 7 Apr; 2 Amenia 20 Apr; Bashakill 27 Apr; Lagrange 1 May DG; 4 McDonald Rd 2 May; Verbank 8-12 May; 4 Bashakill 9 May; Bashakill 13 May; 3 DCMC 13 May; Millbrook School 13 May.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: arr Claryville 27 Apr.
Indigo Bunting: arr 4 May.
Bobolink: arr 4 May.
Eastern Meadowlark: EGR 14 Mar; 5 Monticello 24 Mar.
Rusty Blackbird: 15 Bashakill 28 Mar; 4 Kauneonga L 5 Apr; 3 Bashakill 8, 18 Apr & 3; 6 Monticello landfill 9 Apr; 2 Swan L; 1 Westbrookville deli fields; 20 Bashakill Rt 209 Boat Launch.

Orchard Oriole: arr 3 Yonkers 25 Apr.

Baltimore Oriole: arr Yonkers 25 Apr.

White-winged Crossbill: 6 Thompson Pd area 4 Mar; 20 Vanderbilt 7 Mar; 30 Bard College 9 Mar; 60 Cooley Bog, Parksville 22 Mar; 27 Cooley Bog 11 Apr; 5 Cooley Bog 18 Apr; 18 Cooley Bog 26 Apr; 3 Cooley Bog 31 May.

Common Redpoll: 5 Stanfdville 2,3 Mar (DK).

Pine Siskin: common and widespread thru April with a few hanging on into early May with pairs at feeder till the end of May; 21 DCMC 13 May; 2 RNC 19 May; Cooley Rd Bog 30 May.