

REGION 10—MARINE

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The fall season produced generally few birds, continuing the trend of recent years. Among an abundance of reports, there was a good showing of seabirds and some exceptional rarities.

September's mean temperature was 64.3°F, 1.5° below normal. The monthly precipitation was 2.65", 0.74" below normal. Almost half fell during the storm of 26-27 September. October's mean temperature was 53.5°, 0.8° below normal. Monthly precipitation was 5.23", 1.6" above normal. The storm of 23-24 October dropped 1.5-2" of rain across the Region. November was warm and dry. The mean temperature of 49.2° was 4.3° above normal. Monthly

precipitation at Islip was 2.93", 0.93" below normal. Other stations in the Region reported precipitation from 2-2.75" below normal.

The season was punctuated by a number of storms producing strong easterly winds and some outstanding seabird flights. On the other hand, cold fronts producing northwest winds and good land bird flights were few. A series of westerly and northwesterly cold fronts in September and October produced strong winds, exceeding 25 mph, and minimal bird movement. Conditions in November were mild and not conducive for pronounced land bird migration.

Several notable seabird flights were associated with storms in September and October. These followed a summer season during which seabirds were seen persistently and in large numbers along the ocean beaches. Over 2000 eastbound terns were observed in 20 minutes at Amagansett on 11 September by Angus Wilson. Others noted over 1000 terns gathering around Jones Inlet on 10-12 September, building to 2000 on 14 September. On 27 September, Angus noted a movement of over 100 jaegers, 88 identified as Parasitic. This flight also featured a **Northern Fulmar**, several Cory's Shearwaters, a Greater Shearwater, and a Black-legged Kittiwake. Most of these birds were seen from Main Beach, East Hampton. Flights on 3, 17, and 24 October featured, variously, good numbers of sea ducks, gulls, terns, jaegers, and tubenoses, including another Northern Fulmar.

Passerine diversity peaked on 16 September with the passage of a front producing northeast winds and cool, cloudy conditions. 25 species of warblers were noted in Central Park, with similar diversity in other city parks.

Coastal land bird flights on 5 and 10 October featured the expected species generally in low numbers, but with greater numbers of Cedar Waxwings, with a maximum of 950 noted at Ft. Tilden on 5 October. Migratory finch numbers were extremely low throughout the season. The maximum number of American Goldfinches reported on the barrier beaches was a paltry 45. Pine Siskins were virtually absent after last year's large irruption. Owls were very scarce in migration.

Populations of arctic-breeding geese have increased greatly in recent years, probably contributing to the increase in records of several species rare in Region 10. A **Pink-footed Goose** was found on 3 November by Ken and Sue Feustel at Sunken Meadow State Park (Fig. B, p. 42). Shai Mitra and Pat Lindsay went looking for the bird later that day and found a **Barnacle Goose**, too (Fig. C, p. 42). These birds were later joined by a "Richardson's" Cackling Goose, and all three birds continued to be seen in the area through late November.

Two cooperative Cackling Geese on Staten Island were among the highlights of the season. The birds were found by Seth Wollney on 16 October on grounds across from the entrance to the Mt. Loretto Unique Area. They remained there through the end of November, providing many opportunities for close comparison and photographs. One of the birds was a "Richardson's" Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii hutchinsii*), the typical subspecies seen in the northeastern United States. The other was a small, dark-breasted bird that was studied extensively and may be of the subspecies *B. h. minima*, "**Ridgway's**" **Cackling Goose** (Fig. D, p. 42). Literature reviewing the status and distribution

of Cackling Goose subspecies indicates that “Ridgway’s” Cackling Goose breeds along Alaska’s North Slope and winters from Washington State to California but mainly in the Willamette Valley, Oregon. It has seldom been observed outside of its range and never documented in New York State. It should be noted that the taxonomy of Cackling Goose subspecies is still a matter of debate, and the identification challenges are substantial. Nevertheless, this distinctive bird was one of the most interesting of the season for many birders.

Waterfowl numbers were mostly low throughout the season. Canvasback may be declining in Region 10, and several other freshwater ducks were scarce. Common Eiders were reported in large numbers from eastern Long Island ocean viewpoints early in the season and persisted in good numbers, both east and west, through November.

Two reports of Northern Bobwhite from the barrier islands, including five immature birds at Lido Beach, follow a number of reports from the barrier islands during the past two summers. As noted in the summer 2009 Region 10 report, this species is local and declining at mainland locations. Most of the few recent reports are from the beaches.

Numbers of American Kestrels and Sharp-shinned Hawks at the Fire Island Hawkwatch during the fall 2009 season continue to reflect the widespread declines in these species documented over the past 30 years or so. Numbers of kestrels, after having stabilized for the past five years, were the lowest observed in the twenty-eight years of the hawkwatch, 62% below the 20-year average. Sharp-shinned Hawks were near record low numbers, 36% below the 20-year average. Numbers of Peregrine Falcons and Cooper’s Hawks recorded at the Fire Island Hawkwatch were well above 20-year averages.

Numbers of “grasspipers” on the sod fields in Suffolk County and elsewhere in Region 10 were very low. There were only six individual Buff-breasted Sandpipers reported in the Region all season. The maximum of American Golden-Plovers was only seven, with only 30-35 birds reported all season. Astonishing numbers of several common late fall shorebirds were noted aggregating around Jones Beach State Park in late October and early November, especially on the beach near Field 6. Maxima of 9950 Dunlin on 29 October and 3200 Black-bellied Plovers and 370 Red Knots on 8 November were reported.

An unusual coastal flight of Black-legged Kittiwakes was first observed on 21 November, when Doug Futuyma noticed large numbers streaming westward at Robert Moses State Park. The word spread, and a number of observers subsequently noted the flight. Approximately 75-100 birds per hour were observed passing that morning at Robert Moses and Jones Beach State Park. Birds were also observed at a number of other locations, including Montauk Point, Sagaponack, and Mecox west to Ft. Tilden. My combined estimate of 475 birds from all locations is probably quite conservative, as several observers, myself included, noted much larger numbers of gulls offshore. Smaller numbers of Black-legged Kittiwakes were observed lingering near shore to 26 November, when five were noted at Breezy Point. The weather was quite calm and mild throughout this period. In Region 10, large numbers of Black-legged Kittiwakes are typically associated with easterly storms at eastern Long Island viewpoints.

The numbers observed along the western beaches during this flight have not previously been recorded.

Royal Terns continue to increase in Region 10. There were 45 reports involving hundreds of birds. Impressive numbers gathered in Jones Inlet, building to a maximum of 73 on 29 October. Numbers there dropped to a very respectable 46 on 2 November and thereafter only a few. Birds were reported from as far east as Ditch Plains on 24 October and as far west as Lemon Creek, Staten Island. The last report was 23 November at Robert Moses State Park.

Common Ravens continued their presence in the Region, with two or more birds in northern Nassau County likely present through the season and another two reported from Sunnyside, Staten Island, on 11 November.

Perhaps the most enjoyable rarity of the fall season was Howie Fischer's immature male **Rufous Hummingbird**, which frequented his yard in Grymes Hill, Staten Island, from 10 October through the reporting season.

A memorable **Ash-throated Flycatcher** was found by Rudy Badia, Heydi Lopes, and Richard Aracil on 22 November in a weedy lot near the subway station in South Ozone Park, Queens (Fig. H, p. 44). The bird was seen at this seemingly unlikely location through the end of November. (See article elsewhere in this issue.)

An impressive but somewhat frustrating bird was an immature gray **Gyr Falcon** (Fig. A, p. 41). It was seen by many birders and photographers on 25 October at West End, Jones Beach State Park, and was photographed feeding on and then carrying off an adult Herring Gull! However, it was thought at the time to be a Peregrine Falcon of the Arctic race, *tundrius*, and was only identified as a Gyr Falcon after Luke Ormond shared his spectacular photographs (and suspicions concerning its actual identity) with several birders. While most of the fewer than 100 New York State records of Gyr Falcon are from the winter, the species has been documented in all 12 months of the year.

There were several other notable rarities during the fall season. A **Sandwich Tern** was among the storm birds seen by Angus Wilson on 12 September at East Hampton. Two **Golden Eagles** were seen in mid-October, the first an immature in Queens by Shane Blodgett and the second an adult bird in Brooklyn by Peter Dorosh and Mary Eyster. A **Sandhill Crane** was found by Eileen Schwinn on 29 November at Dune Road in East Quogue. This follows several sightings of single birds in Region 10 recently, including Orient in June 2009 and Gabreski Airport, Westhampton, in May. Shai Mitra had a **Pomarine Jaeger** at Montauk Point on 8 November. Starr Saphir found a **Sedge Wren** in Central Park on 10 October. Sam Jannazzo and Pat Jones found a **Western Tanager** at Jones Beach West End on 26 October. Described as a male, this bird, unfortunately, did not stay long. Finally, Orhan Birol reported a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** in the marsh at his home in East Quogue on 9 October.

Among 25 or more species reported later into the season than usual, several reports approached or exceeded recently documented extreme dates in the Region, including: White-rumped Sandpiper, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Great-crested Flycatcher, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Tennessee

Warbler, Prairie Warbler, and Connecticut Warbler. Acadian Flycatcher, a bird probably continuing from spring in Valley Stream, was notable on 5 September.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BP – Breezy Pt, QUEE; CB – Cedar Beach, Babylon, SUFF; CCP – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; CHP – Conference House P, RICH; CP – Central Park, NEWY; CRSP – Connetquot R SP, SUFF; DOP – Drier-Offernam P, KING; DP – Democrat Pt, SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; FIHW – Fire I Hawkwatch, SUFF; FMCP – Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, QUEE; FP – Forest Park, QUEE; FT – Fort Tilden, QUEE; GKP – Great Kills P, RICH; Grumman – former Grumman property, Calverton, SUFF; HHSP – Hither Hills SP, SUFF; HLSP – Hempstead L SP, NASS; HSP – Hecksher SP, SUFF; Jam Bay – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; JBSP – Jones Beach SP, NASS; JBWE – West End, Jones Beach SP, NASS; KP – Kissena Park, QUEE; Mass – Massapequa Preserve, NASS; MB – Mecox Bay, SUFF; MI – Moriches In, SUFF; MLUA – Mt. Loretto Unique Area, RICH; MNSA – Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NASS; MP – Montauk Pt, SUFF; PBP – Pelham Bay P, BRON; PB – Pikes Beach, SUFF; PP – Prospect P, KING; RBA – New York Rare Bird Alert; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; RP – Riis P, QUEE; Sagg – Sagaponack Pd, SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock In, SUFF; SPCP – Smith Pt CP,

SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; VSSP – Valley Stream SP, NASS; WPP – Wolfe's Pd P, RICH. For other locations mentioned more than once below, the county is given in the first citation but not thereafter.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: SMSP 3 Nov (K&SF, mob), ph SSM; same bird Kings Park High School, SUFF 11 Nov (B. Carlson, *fide* SSM), reported in area thru Nov (mob).

Greater White-fronted Goose: no reports.

Snow Goose: arr 18 Sep; max 350 CP 19 Oct, migr.

Brant: a few continuing from summer; max 6250 Jam Bay.

BARNACLE GOOSE: SMSP 3 Nov (SSM, PJL, mob), ph SSM; same bird Kings Park High School, SUFF 11 Nov (B. Carlson, *fide* SSM), reported in area to 25 Nov (mob).

Mute Swan: max 100 Jam Bay, fewer than recent years.

“Richardson’s” Cackling Goose: MLUA 16 Oct - thru (SIW, mob): Easthampton, SUFF 31 Oct (SSM, PJL); Montauk, SUFF 8 Nov thru (AnW, SSM, mob); SMSP 7 Nov (VP), same bird Kings Park High School 15 Nov (mob), reported in area to 27 Nov; FMCP 11 Nov – thru (SA, CF).

“Ridgway’s” Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii minima*): MLUA 16 Oct - thru (SIW, mob), dark-breasted bird possibly this subspecies, *intro*.

Tundra Swan: Jam Bay 29 Nov (C. Wilkinson), ph.

Wood Duck: 16-27 PP 17-25 Oct; lower numbers otherwise.

Gadwall: max 144 Swan L, Patchogue, SUFF 6 Nov.

Eurasian Wigeon: Centerport, SUFF 4 Oct (B. Bomkamp); 2 Patchogue L, SUFF 8 Nov (SA); 3 Patchogue L 19 Nov (BY).

Am. Wigeon: max 300 Blydenburgh County P, SUFF 28 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: APP 9 Sep (PJL, *fide* EM), unusual location; max 93 Jam Bay 6 Sep.

N. Shoveler: max 415 PP 19 Oct.

N. Pintail: 35 Tobay, NASS 7 Nov; max 39 Patchogue L 19 Nov.

Green-winged Teal: max 150 Tobay 7 Nov.

Canvasback: arr 7 Nov; very scarce, only 4 reports involving 23 birds; max 14 Weld Preserve, SUFF 29 Nov (JB).

Redhead: arr 4 Nov; scarce, only 2 reports involving 8 birds.

Ring-necked Duck: max 75 Blydenburgh County P 28 Nov.

Greater Scaup: max 2600 Jam Bay 2 Nov (TFL); 2140 Jam Bay 4 Nov (R. Aracil), high.

Lesser Scaup: max 300 Jam Bay 11, 26 Nov.

King Eider: fem. Ditch Plains, SUFF 24-31 Oct (AnW); fem. Pt. Lookout, NASS 17 Nov (KF); ad. male Easthampton 28 Nov (AnW).

Com. Eider: large numbers noted; 50 MP 26 Sep (AJL); max 830 MP 17 Oct (AnW), high number, *intro*; 390 RMSP 1 Nov (SSM, PJL); 200 JBWE 8 Nov (ABi); approximately 100 lingering around Jones Inlet thru; 27 Brighton Beach, KING 15 Nov (SB), unusual location.

Harlequin Duck: arr Pt. Lookout 27 Oct (JV); 2 m Pt. Lookout 7 Nov, plus one fem 24 Nov, & 1-2 thru (mob).

Surf Scoter: JBWE 12 Sep (SA); 330 MP 17 Oct (AnW); 635 MP 27 Oct (TFL, *et al.*); max 700 Georgica Pd, SUFF 31 Oct (SSM, PJL).

White-winged Scoter: max 320 MP 17 Oct (AnW); 50 RMSP 1 Nov; 75 SMSP 4 Nov; low numbers.

Black Scoter: max 4290 MP 17 Oct (AnW); 2000 RMSP 21 Oct (RJK).

Long-tailed Duck: max 500 RMSP 10 Oct (SSM, PJL).

Bufflehead: max 305 Jam Bay 2 Nov (TFL); 279 SPCP 9 Nov.

Com. Goldeneye: arr 7 Nov; scarce; only 5 reports involving 14 birds.

Hooded Merganser: max 35 SMSP 12 Nov, low.

Com. Merganser: fem SMSP 8 Nov (C. Wood, *et al.*), only report.

N. Bobwhite: 5 imm. Lido Passive Nature Center, NASS 2 Sep (B. Berlingeri); SPCP 9 Oct (CS).

Red-throated Loon: max 110 MP 29 Nov (MI).

Com. Loon: max 150 Camp Hero SP, SUFF 21 Nov.

Horned Grebe: BPB 13 Sep (R. Aracil), very early; Patchogue L 8 Nov (SA), unusual location.

Red-necked Grebe: RMSP 25 Oct (SSM, PJL); MP 8 Nov (TWB, GB); Sheepshead Bay, KING 8-11 Nov (SN, RJ, SB); 2 Sheepshead Bay 12 Nov (SB); Captree SP, SUFF 15 Nov (SA); Jam Bay 22 Nov – thru (A. Baksh, DK, SA); Montauk 26 Nov (AnW).

N. Fulmar: Easthampton, SUFF 27 Sep (AnW); Ditch Plains 24 Oct (AnW).

Cory’s Shearwater: 9 Easthampton, 1 Amagansett, SUFF 11 Sep (AnW); 17

Easthampton, 6 Montauk 27 Sep (AnW); MP 18 Oct (AnW); 5 RMSP 23 Oct (KF); 2 Ditch Plains, 2 MP, 24 Oct, (AnW); 4 RMSP 25 Oct (SSM, PJJ); MP 31 Oct (AnW).
Greater Shearwater: MP 27 Sep (AnW).
N. Gannet: 400 RMSP 11 Nov (SSM), 30 min count of migr; 2000 MP 14 Nov (AJL); imm Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF 17 Nov (PM), unusual location.
Great Cormorant: arr Orient, SUFF 27 Sep (JSe).
Am. Bittern: KP 2 Oct (EM), unusual location.
Little Blue Heron: imm Fresh Kills P, RICH 22 Nov (SIW, *et al.*), last.
Tricolored Heron: 1 Jam Bay thru 22 Sep.
Cattle Egret: FBF 19-22 Nov (RJ, mob); Mecox, SUFF 21 Nov thru (PJJ, mob).
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: 10 Cammans P, NASS 10 Oct (SSM, PJJ); 3 DOP thru 15 Oct (AxW); last rep 24 Oct.
Black Vulture: no reports.
Turkey Vulture: approx 15 LI reports, e.g. 14 Mattituck, SUFF 17 Oct; 6 Mattituck 30 Oct (*fide* BP); migr JBWE 16 Nov (SA), rare on barrier beach.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: total 264 FIHW; Graniteville, RICH 23 Nov (RS), late.
Bald Eagle: WPP 26 Sep (SyS); 2 imm Sag Harbor, SUFF 8 Oct; 2 imm, 1 ad same loc 9 Oct; 1 imm same loc 16 Nov (HM); FIHW 16 Oct.
N. Harrier: total 181 FIHW.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: total 291, 36% below 20-yr ave.
Cooper's Hawk: total 47 FIHW, 70% above the 20-year average.
N. Goshawk: juv Montauk 17 Oct (SSM, PJJ), ph; FIHW 2 Nov; imm Fresh Kills P, RICH 22 Nov (SIW, *et al.*), only reports.
Red-shouldered Hawk: DOP 5 Sep (AxW); PP 31 Oct (PD).
Red-tailed Hawk: 3 rep from barrier beach, where rare.
GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): imm Howard Beach, QUEE 14 Oct (SB!); ad. DOP 17 Oct (PD!, ME).
Am. Kestrel: total 518 FIHW, 62% below 20-yr ave, all time low.
Merlin: total 1291 FIHW, ave number.
GYRFALCON: imm gray phase, JBWE 25 Oct (mob, ph L. Ormond, JGL, GB), id by photos, *intro*.
Peregrine Falcon: total 290 FIHW, 61% above 20-year average..

Sora: MNSA 23 Sep (SyS); MP 24 Oct (AnW); Herricks, NASS 5 Nov (B. Belford), found dead; follows a bird found dead at same location 7 Aug.
Com. Moorhen: imm Garvies Pt, Glen Cove, NASS, 21 Sep - 14 Nov (MN ph); River Rd., RICH 25 Oct (CB).
SANDHILL CRANE (R10): East Quogue, SUFF 29 Nov (E. Schwinn ph, mob), *intro*.
Black-bellied Plover: 875 JBSP 29 Oct (TFI); 1200 JBSP 1 Nov (SSM, PJJ); max 3200 JBSP 8 Nov (CW, *et al.*), very large number; 30 Shoreham, SUFF 22 Nov (JH), unusual on sod field this date.
Am. Golden-Plover: 1-2 Jam Bay thru 22 Sep (mob); 2 JBWE 10 Sep (PM); Plumb Beach, KING 13 Sep (SB); max 7 Riverhead, SUFF 18 Sep (K&SF), low; 6 Riverhead 25 Sep (AJL); 4 Mattituck, SUFF 22 Oct (*fide* PG); Plumb Beach 24 Oct (SB); JBWE 25 Oct (KF), 29 Oct (TFI); Plumb Beach 26-29 Oct (SB); JBSP 1 Nov (SSM, PJJ), last.
Piping Plover: juv. Plumb Beach 17 Oct (SB), late.
Killdeer: 32 migr FT 5 Oct (SA); 50 Goethals Bridge Pd, RICH 12 Oct (RV); 24 Spring Creek, KING 16 Nov (SB).
Am. Oystercatcher: max 450 JBSP 12 Sep (SSM, PJJ); 373 Jones Inlet, NASS 6 Oct (PAB).
Am. Avocet: 2 Jam Bay thru 1 Sep, 1 continuing thru 25 Sep (mob); Baiting Hollow, SUFF 27 Oct (*fide* AJL).
Solitary Sandpiper: DOP 5 Sep (AxW); Easthampton 4 Oct (SSM, PJJ); PP 1 Nov (PD), late.
Willet: max 6 "eastern" CCP 6 Sep (SSM, PJJ); max 60 "western" JBWE 13 Sep (SSM, PJJ); 2 "western" JBWE, 30 Oct (SA), last.
Upland Sandpiper: Dix Hills, SUFF 23 Sep (*fide* AJL).
Whimbrel: 2 JBWE 3 Sep (SyS); Tobay 8 Sep (PM); RMSP 12 Sep (SSM, PJJ); 3 JBWE 15 Sep (PJJ); RMSP 19 Sep (RJK); 2 DOP thru 18 Sep, (RJ, mob).
Hudsonian Godwit: no reports.
Marbled Godwit: JBWE 12-13 Sep (SA, mob).
Red Knot: 360 JBSP 29 Oct (TFI); 151 JBSP 1 Nov (SSM, PJJ); max 370 JBSP 8 Nov (CW, *et al.*); 120 JBWE 15 Nov (SW); large numbers.
Sanderling: max 850 BP 31 Oct.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: Plumb Beach 26 Oct (SB), last.
Western Sandpiper: 2 Jam Bay 22 Sep (TF); Plumb Beach 29 Oct (SB); 3-4 JBSP 1-2 Nov

(SSM, PJL, SA); Montauk 7 Nov (SA, DK, RM).

White-rumped Sandpiper: max 12 Jam Bay 4 Sep (SA); 6 Jam Bay 22 Sep (TF); 1 Mecox, SUFF 3 Oct (AnW); 2 Mecox 16 Oct (SSM); Montauk 16 Oct (SSM); 3 Montauk 17 Oct (HM); 5 RMSP 23-25 Oct (SSM, PJL, RJK); 2 Georgica Pd 31 Oct (SSM); Montauk 7 Nov (RK, *et al.*); 2 Oak Beach, SUFF 19 Nov (KF), late.

Baird's Sandpiper: Cutchogue, SUFF 1 Sep (RW); JBWE 7 Sep (SA).

Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 Jam Bay 15 Sep; 3 Jam Bay 4 Oct (SW); 10 Goethals Bridge Pond 12 Oct (RV); 2 Montauk 16 Oct (SSM); 2 Big Egg Marsh, QUEE 20-23 Oct (SB, A. Baksh); 2 Montauk 1 Nov (TWB).

Purple Sandpiper: arr 27 Oct.

Dunlin: max 9950 JBSP 29 Oct (TFI); 6400 JBSP 1 Nov (SSM, PJL); 5500 8 Nov (CW, *et al.*); large numbers; 12 Shoreham, SUFF 22 Nov (JH), unusual on sod field this date.

Stilt Sandpiper: max 16 Jam Bay 14 Sep (SB).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: only 6 birds reported: Cutchogue, SUFF 1 Sep (*fide* PG); JBWE 5 Sep (SSM, PJL); JBWE 9 Sep (MB); Eastport, SUFF 12 Sep (RA); Cutchogue 17 Sep (*fide* PG); Riverhead 18 Sep (K&SF).

Short-billed Dowitcher: JBWE 24 Oct, last.

Long-billed Dowitcher: 6 Jam Bay 14 Sep (SB); 4 Jam Bay 2 Oct (SSM); 8 Jam Bay 4 Oct (SW); Goethals Bridge Pd 12 Oct (RV); 2 JBWE 25 Oct (KF).

Wilson's Phalarope: Jam Bay 4-8 Sep (SA, mob).

Red-necked Phalarope: 2 Jam Bay 1 Sep (SyS, JG, KK, mob).

Black-legged Kittiwake: Easthampton, 27 Sep (AnW); 3 Ditch Plains, 1 MP 24 Oct (AnW), *intro*; coastal flight noted eastern SUFF to QUEE 21 Nov (mob), high numbers west, incl: 13 Mecox, 11 Sagg, 5 MP (SSM, PJL), 150-200 RMSP (DF), 150-200 JBSP (TWB), 40 Pt. Lookout (TWB), 35 FT (SA); continuing thru 26 Nov, incl: 30 RMSP 22 Nov (SSM, PJL); 9 Pt. Lookout, 5 JBWE 22 Nov (JGI); 12 FT 22 Nov (SA, mob); 3 RMSP 23 Nov (KF); 5 Breezy Pt 26 Nov (A. Baksh); *intro*; 8 Amagansett-Napeague 26 Nov (AnW); 28 Easthampton 28 Nov (AnW); 45 MP 29 Nov (AnW).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 300 MP 29 Nov (*fide* RBA), low.

Black-headed Gull: Owls Head Wastewater Treatment Plant, KING 10 Nov thru (SB), only report.

Little Gull: 1st winter MP 29 Nov (AnW).

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Laughing Gull: max 1700 Montauk 17 Oct; 1500 MP 8 Nov (SSM, PJL).

Ring-billed Gull: 370 Easthampton 3 Oct (AnW), migr; max 750 BP 7 Nov.

Iceland Gull: ad. Shinnecock, SUFF 27 Sep (TWB), early; Montauk 21 Nov (SSM, PJL); Jones Inlet 21 Nov (TWB, GB, RK, A. Baksh); FT 22 Nov (TF); Easthampton 27 Nov (AnW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 20 reports involving 30 birds, incl: Annadale, RICH 14 Sep thru (*fide* SIW), wintering bird returning for 3rd year, now ad; 3 Easthampton, and 1 MP 27 Sep (AnW); Ft Pond Bay, Montauk 4 Oct (SSM, PJL), ad thru; FT 20 Oct (SB), wintering ad returning.

Glaucous Gull: Caumsett SP, SUFF 1 Nov (PM), rare in Nov, only report.

Caspian Tern: GKP 4 Oct (CB); 4 RMSP 4 Oct (SSM, TWB, mob); RMSP 11 Oct (SyS); 3 Sagg 16 Oct (SSM).

Black Tern: JBWE 12 Sep (SA); RMSP 12 Sep (SSM, PJL), last.

Roseate Tern: 3 Dune Rd., Shinnecock 2 Sep (SMB); 40 Easthampton 12 Sep (AnW).

Com. Tern: 1000 Jones Inlet 10-12 Sep (SyS, SA); max 2000 Jones Inlet 14 Sep (SSM, PJL); 410 Easthampton 3 Oct (AnW); 4 MP 17 Oct (AnW); BP 31 Oct (SA, BR), Pt. Lookout 7 Nov (SW), late.

Forster's Tern: 6 Shinn 1 Nov (TWB), last; very low numbers in Long Island Sound.

Royal Tern: 45 reports along coast from eastern SUFF to QUEE, RICH; maxima late Oct, especially JBWE, incl: 3 Lemon Cr, RICH 16 Oct (SIW); 3 Ditch Plains 24 Oct (AnW); 37 JBWE 24 Oct (SA); 18 RP-FT 24 Oct (SB); 15 RMSP 25 Oct (SSM, PJL); 48 JBWE 27 Oct (TFI); max 73 JBWE 29 Oct (JV); 52 JBWE 1 Nov (SSM, *et al.*); 3 Shinn 1 Nov (TWB); 46 JBWE 2 Nov (K&SF); 2 RMSP 4 Nov (SSM, PJL); 2 JBWE 7 Nov (SW); 1 JBWE 16 Nov (DF); 2 RMSP 23 Nov (KF), last; *intro*.

SANDWICH TERN: Easthampton 12 Sep (AnW).

Black Skimmer: max 750 Nickerson Beach, NASS 2 Sep (B. Berlingeri); 415 JBWE 15 Sep (SSM, PJL); 4 Coney I, KING 15 – 26 Nov (SB), late.

Pomarine Jaeger: imm MP 8 Nov (SSM!).

Parasitic Jaeger: 2 Amagansett 11 Sep (AnW); 88 Easthampton 27 Sep (AnW, HM), also reported 16 jaeger sp; 2 FT 27 Sep (IG); 22 (16 ad., 6 juv.) Easthampton 3 Oct (AnW); 3 Easthampton 4 Oct (SSM, PJL); 2 Easthampton, 10 Oct (AnW); MP 17 Oct (AnW); RMSP 23 Oct (KF); 3 Ditch Plains, 2 MP 24 Oct (AnW); JBSP 1 Nov (SSM, PJL);

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Easthampton 1 Nov (TWB, GB); MP 7 Nov (RK, DK, SA); 9 MP 8 Nov (SSM); Amagansett 26 Nov (AnW).
Razorbill: MP 8 Nov (SSM), only report.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Monk Parakeet: numerous reports in KING, max 35 Greenwood Cemetery; sev rep from PBB; colonies locally to western SUFF.
Barn Owl: JBWE 25 Nov, only report.
Great Horned Owl: 1-2 CP 6 Nov, reported thru 21 Nov (mob), unusual location.
Snowy Owl: no reports.
Long-eared Owl: only 2 rep, JBWE and FBF.
Short-eared Owl: Smith Pt CP 6 Nov (CS), only report.
N. Saw-whet Owl: JBWE 13-14 Nov, only report.
Com. Nighthawk: 2 Silver Lake, RICH 8 Oct (AP).
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: imm m Grymes Hill, RICH 10 Oct – thru (HF, mob, ph SIW).
Red-headed Woodpecker: breeding ad Swan L, Calverton, SUFF thru 6 Oct (RM); FT 28 Sep (RK); PP 3 Oct (*fide* AJL); RMSP 4 Oct (SD, *et al.*); 8 Oct FT (*fide* AJL); KP 11 Oct (EM); Clove Lakes P, RICH 30 Nov (CB).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Clove Lakes P 5 Sep (HF); PP 14 Sep (SB); 8 Oct CP (AD), late.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: CHP 25 Sep (RV); several reports from CP, none from LI.
Acadian Flycatcher: VSSP 5 Sep (B. Berlingeri), likely same bird attempting to breed in spring.
Alder Flycatcher: Bridgehampton, SUFF 5 Sep (SSM, PJL, AB).
ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: South Ozone Park, QUEE 22 Nov thru (R. Bedia, R. Aracil, H. Lopes, mob), see article this issue.
Great Crested Flycatcher: JBWE 30 Oct (SA, KF, SSM), late.
Western Kingbird: Montauk 25 Oct - 1 Nov (M. McBrien, *fide* SSM, mob); 2 Sagaponack, SUFF 1-2 Nov (AnW, mob); 2 Montauk 8 Nov (GB, TWB); JBWE 29 Nov (SJ, mob).
Northern Shrike: no reports.
Philadelphia Vireo: APP 19-20 Sep (KOL, EM, *et al.*); several reports from CP.
COMMON RAVEN (R10): at least 2 N. NASS thru; 2 Frick Estate, Roslyn Harbor 1 Sep (PM); 2 Glen Cove 19 Sep (MN); 2 Tiffany Creek Preserve, Oyster Bay 5 Nov (RK, AL); 1 Frick Estate, Roslyn Harbor 18 Nov (PM); 2 Sunnyside, RICH 11 Nov (MS).
N. Rough-winged swallow: MP 29 Nov (AnW), late.

Barn Swallow: max 16 RMSP 14 Sep; RMSP 11 Oct (SSM, PJL), late.

Tufted Titmouse: no rep from barrier islands after incursion of small numbers last fall.

SEDGE WREN (R10): CP 10 Oct (SS, mob, ph LS).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: CRSP 4 Oct (PM); Bellmore, NASS 6 Oct (PM); several reports from CP, last 17 Oct (BC).

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: APP 14 Sep (SyS, JG, *et al.*).

Swainson's Thrush: 14 Oct JBWE (SW); CP 17 Oct (BC), last.

Hermit Thrush: Gardiner County P, SUFF 2 Sep (PJL), unusual date away from breeding areas; max 113 CP 18 Oct (AF).

Wood Thrush: CP 22 Nov (DA, mob), late.

Am. Robin: max counts 225 CP; very low numbers migr.

Am. Pipit: arr 5 Oct; max 28 JBWE 25 Oct (TWB).

Cedar Waxwing: max 950 migr FT 5 Oct (SA); 800 RMSP 5 Oct (SSM, PJL); widespread throughout.

WARBLERS

"Lawrence's" Warbler: PP 3 Sep (PD).

Golden-winged Warbler: APP 13 Sep (JR, mob); CP 23 Sep (JDi).

Tennessee Warbler: Pt. Lookout 22 Nov (JG), late.

Orange-crowned Warbler: at least 17 reports involving 20 birds; arr RMSP 6 Oct (SyS, JG, *et al.*); South Ozone Park 29 Nov thru (mob).

Nashville Warbler: VSSP 26 Nov (B. Berlingeri), late.

Yellow Warbler: max 15 Owl's Head 6 Sep; Captree SP 15 Nov (SA), late.

Cape May Warbler: <20 reports; arr Jam Bay 6 Sep (SA); 2 RMSP 14 Sep (KF); 4 PP 19 Sep (SB); last JBWE 8 Oct.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: CP 29 Nov (TF), late.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: migr arr 25 Sep; max 225 RMSP 21 Oct, low.

Yellow-throated Warbler: MP 11 Oct (BRu *fide* AnW), *dominica*.

Prairie Warbler: Westhampton, SUFF 21 Nov (JCJ), late.

Blackpoll Warbler: MLUA 7 Nov (HF), late.
Am. Redstart: CHP 25 Oct (SIW, SA, *et al.*), late.

Ovenbird: CP 22-24 Nov (mob), late.

Connecticut Warbler: FT 13 Sep (PD, *et al.*); DOP 18 Sep (SB); CP 21 Sep (DS); APP 25 Sep (EM); Montauk 4 Oct (SSM, PJL); RMSP 5 Oct (BG, *et al.*); JBWE 8 Oct (KF); CP 25 Oct (EL, mob), late.

Mourning Warbler: South Hempstead, NASS 2 Sep (SyS); East Northport, SUFF 8 Sep (VP); CP 19 Sep (DS, *et al.*); APP 19 Sep (EM); several reports from CP.

Hooded Warbler: PP 14 Sep (SB); Grymes Hill 1 Oct (HF); Montauk 4 Oct (SSM, PJJ), rare in fall eastern LI; CHP 16 Oct (SIW); several reports from CP.

Yellow-breasted Chat: FT 13 Sep (PD, *et al.*); RMSP 19 Sep (KF); MP 21 Nov (SSM, PJJ).

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: CP 10 Nov (PP, mob), late.
WESTERN TANAGER: JBWE 26 Oct (SJ!, PJ).

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Target Rock Refuge, SUFF 26 Oct.

Clay-colored Sparrow: at least 20 reports involving 25 birds; arr RMSP 5 Sep (SSM); last PP 25 Oct (mob).

Vesper Sparrow: KP 11 Oct (EM); MP 17 Oct (HM, *et al.*); KP 17 Oct (DSh); Big Egg Marsh 20 Oct (SB); Centre Island, NASS and Bayville, NASS 24 Oct (BR); PP 24-25 Oct (PD, RJ, mob).

Lark Sparrow: 2 JBWE 13 Sep (SSM, PJJ); FBF 17 Sep (RJ); Oak Beach, SUFF 11 Oct (TWB, GB, mob); JBWE 14 Oct (SW); Montauk 17 Oct (AnW, mob); PP 18-21 Oct (PD, mob); MLUA 21 Oct (TF); Montauk 21 Oct (mob).

Savannah Sparrow: "Ipswich" arr Sagg 16 Oct; 3 St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale, SUFF 5 Sep (*fide* SSM), local breeders or early migrants?

Grasshopper Sparrow: KP 6 Oct (EM).

Nelson's Sparrow: approx 15 reports, incl 1 inland; max 7 Plumb Beach 4 Oct (SB), incl 4 *A. n. subvirgatus*; *A. n. nelsoni* MLUA 12 Oct (RV); 2 *nelsoni*, 1 *subvirgatus* Plumb Beach 19 Oct (SA); *subvirgatus* PP 24 Oct (PD, ME, RJ, mob); 2 *subvirgatus* RP 26 Oct (TF); *subvirgatus* Plumb Beach 29 Oct (SB).

Saltmarsh Sparrow: 2 reports from inland locations following storms with strong south-southeast winds: CP 12 Sep (PP, *et al.*); PP 24 Oct (PD, ME, RJ).

Seaside Sparrow: max 4 Plumb Beach 23 Oct.

Fox Sparrow: arr CP 17 Oct.

Lincoln's Sparrow: at least 22 reports, but scarce on barrier beach; arr RP & FBF 19 Sep (SA, DK); FBF 6 Nov (SB), late.

White-throated Sparrow: max 35 Gilgo 11 Oct, migr numbers very low on barrier beach.

White-crowned Sparrow: imm "Gambel's" RP 10 Oct (SSM!, PJJ).

Dark-eyed Junco: arr JBWE 25 Sep.

Lapland Longspur: Centre Island 24-25 Oct (BR); 2 RMSP 25 Oct (SSM, PJJ); Lemon Cr P, RICH 22 Nov (SIW, *et al.*).

Snow Bunting: arr 24 Oct.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Mashomack Preserve, SUFF 15-28 Nov (*fide* NH); CP 29 Nov thru (DA, mob).

Blue Grosbeak: KP 2 Oct (EM); CHP 9 Oct (RV); DOP 15 Oct (AxW); Montauk, 17 Oct (HM, *et al.*).

Dickcissel: JBWE 25 Sep (BF); RMSP 29 Sep (DK); Cedar Beach 1 Oct (SSM); JBWE 5 Oct (KF); Gilgo Beach 10 Oct (SSM, PJJ), a drab bird; Gilgo Beach 11 Oct (SSM, PJJ, mob), a bright bird; 17 Oct HHSP (HM, AnW); RMSP 26 Oct (K&SF).

Bobolink: max 100 DOP 5 Sep (AxW).

Red-winged Blackbird: migr max 700 DOP 11 Nov (AxW), low numbers throughout.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (R10): imm East Quogue 9 Oct (OB!).

Rusty Blackbird: arr 24 Sep; very scarce; max 11 NEWY 14 Oct.

Boat-tailed Grackle: max 45 SPCP 22 Nov (JH).

Purple Finch: scarce; approx 20 reports, mostly singles; arr 25 Sep; max 6 SMSP 8 Nov.

Orchard Oriole: Bridgehampton 6 Sep (SSM, PJJ, AB), late.

Pine Siskin: scarce; approx 10 reports, fewer than 50 birds; arr 18 Oct; max 10 Avalon Preserve, Stony Brook, SUFF 29 Nov (JB).

Am. Goldfinch: scarce; migr 29 RMSP 4 Nov; 45 SMSP 8 Nov.

EXOTICS

Black Swan: Jam Bay thru 2 Oct.

Cape Shelduck: Belmont L SP 15 Nov, probably present thru.

European Goldfinch: FBF 19 Sep (SA, DK).