

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

ADDITIONS TO THE NEW YORK STATE CHECKLIST

The New York State Avian Records Committee (NYSARC) has voted to add three species to the New York State Checklist under the new ‘accelerated review’ policy (NYSARC 2009, *Kingbird* 59(3): 235). The three additions are:

1. **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) on the basis of three separate sightings that were part of a larger incursion into the northeast: five individuals, Oneida Lake, Onondaga, May 2010, one individual at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, Queens, Jul-Aug 2010, and one individual at Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area, Genesee, Aug 2010.
2. **Common Ground-Dove** (*Columbina passerina*) on the basis of a bird from Captree State Park, Suffolk, Oct-Nov 2010.
3. **Hermit Warbler** (*Dendroica occidentalis*) based on a first-fall female at Sunken Meadow State Park, Suffolk in Dec 2010.

Full details of these exciting records will be published in the 2010 NYSARC Annual Report, as is customary, but it is worth mentioning that all of these individuals were thoroughly documented with excellent color photographs and written reports from multiple observers. With these inclusions, the NYS list now stands at 478 species.

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