

## REGION 10—MARINE

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Average temperatures were below normal during December and January, while precipitation, especially snow, was well above normal. At one point in late January, the Region had suffered weekly nor'easters for six successive weeks. Three storms dumped huge amounts of snow: the 26-27 December storm dumped 20" on New York City, the 11 January storm left 17" on Long Island, and the 27 January storm deposited another 16". Although February started off cold, it was slightly warmer than normal during the final two weeks. Monthly precipitation was also slightly above normal in February. As one long time observer put it, "The weather this season was %\$^! crazy!"

One result of the cold temperatures and the snow that completely covered the ground from late December through mid-February was that many of the more fragile half-hardy species disappeared after early January. For example, 19 Orange-crowned Warblers were reported in December, ten in January (with the latest on the 10<sup>th</sup>), and only one in February. Species such as Great Egret, American Oystercatcher, Willet, Tree Swallow, Pine Warbler, and Chipping Sparrow, which have regularly overwintered during the past decade, had largely disappeared by the second weekend in January.

The population trends of several wintering species continued this season, despite the brutal weather. About 15 different Greater White-fronted Geese were discovered in four different counties. This species has become increasingly common in the Region and in the last five years it is increasingly being found on western Long Island and in New York City. Apparently two **Barnacle Geese** were present near Belmont Lake State Park, as observers noted one with leg bands and one without. An individual found at the Glen Cove Golf Course in late February may have been one of the previous individuals. Cackling Geese were found in several locations in Suffolk Co. All three of these species have been regular winter visitors to the Region for at least a decade.

In December a pair of Trumpeter Swans returned to Upper Lake in Yaphank for the third winter in a row and then apparently moved around the area once the lakes froze. A third individual, with wing tag 'A 60,' was found at Lake Agawam in Southampton on 11 December by Willy Becker, but then dead on the ice on 4 January, having been last reported on 31 December. Angus Wilson reports, "A60 was a female that was hatched in 2009 by two tagged swans (981 and E51). She was banded at Hillsburg ON (northwest of the Lake Ontario shoreline) on 7 October 2009 and then re-sighted at several locations within southeastern Ontario during the following winter, spring, and summer. In July of this year, A60 was found injured in Rosemount ON, taken into rehab,

and then released a short while later near Mansfield ON. There had been no additional reports of this bird until now.” Formerly a rare species in the Region, three Barrow’s Goldeneye were found on Long Island, all of which appear to be birds present at the same locations in prior years.

Wild Turkey continued to expand in the Region, with reports of a flock from the highly suburban Northern Nassau CBC and a lone individual in lower Manhattan. Nine Black Vultures were reported from Manhattan to Montauk during the period continuing the trend of recent years. Bald Eagles were found throughout the Region with reports from almost every county. American Kestrel continued its precipitous decline as a winter resident in the Region, with the EPCAL property in Calverton the only reliable place to see more than a single individual.

Common Ravens continued to spread through the Region, being reported from all seven counties and slowly working their way east on Long Island as far as Calverton. Startled observers on the Queens CBC watched two ravens copulate, and several western Long Island nest sites appeared to be active by the end of the period.

One of the most impressive spectacles of the winter was the size of the sea duck flock, comprised mainly of all three scoter species and Common Eider, at Montauk Point. Observers familiar with Montauk Point’s “recirculation issue,” whereby birds are drifted off the feeding grounds by the tides and thus have to fly back continuously giving the appearance of on-going migration, estimated the total number of sea ducks at forty- to sixty-thousand individuals, with the maximum numbers occurring in mid-January. The highest counts came on 17 January when Angus Wilson and I, aided by several boats that flushed the flock at varying distances from the Point, estimated the flock to contain 56,000 birds. At one point we watched a distant flock rise off the ocean and estimated more than 20,000 in the air in a 10-minute period and at considerable distance from the large flocks sitting just offshore.

Two pelagic trips, one on 11 December that went about 35 miles south-southeast of Shinnecock Inlet and the other on 23 January that spent most of its time 20 miles south of Jones Beach, produced noteworthy results. **Common Murre** and **Atlantic Puffin** continued to be found offshore once warmer waters were reached, and the number of Dovekies wintering off Long Island can be astounding. Angus Wilson and John Shemilt counted over 2,000 off Shinnecock on 11 December, a number that contrasts sharply with the four reports from land during the period.

Out of season species not normally recorded in the Region during winter included Little Blue Heron, Green Heron, Osprey, Semipalmated Plover, White-rumped Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Black Skimmer, Western Kingbird, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, and Lincoln’s Sparrow, all of which are covered in the species accounts. The precarious nature of attempting to winter this far north is indicated by the fact that ten of these records were from December, four were from January, and one was from February.

Several species appeared to arrive earlier than normal when the warmer weather appeared in late February. These included an Osprey in Cutchogue on

12 February, American Oystercatcher at three different locations on 18 February, Eastern Phoebe in Bridgehampton on 18 February, and Tree Swallow at Great Kills Park on 19 February.

In the rarity department, a **Ross's Goose** was found in Bridgehampton on 13 February by Doug Gochfeld, Shane Blodgett, and Heydi Lopes. Although it remained in the area for nearly two weeks, it was incredibly difficult to locate. Three separate "**Eurasian**" **Green-winged Teals** were reported in the Region. A **Tufted Duck**, the first in the Region in several years, was found at Cold Spring Harbor on 4 January by Gary Straus but only remained until the 7th. There were three reports of **American White Pelican** between 29 December and 8 January (the last found dead), and these may have represented the same individual. Shane Blodgett pointed out that coincidentally a flock of five was reported from Westport CT on 28 December, Charlestown RI on 29 December, and Jamestown RI on 5 January, with singles in MA in early January.

Two **Thick-billed Murres** were found during the period, one dead at Montauk and another off Jones Beach on a pelagic trip. The **Loggerhead Shrike** found at the Jones Beach Nature Center in November continued into early December. A **Townsend's Solitaire** found on the Orient CBC on 1 January was not relocated subsequently. Two **Varied Thrushes** found in November were seen during the period, with the one in Central Park continuing into March. A **Hermit Warbler**, the first record for New York, was found at Sunken Meadow State Park on 4 December by Vinnie Pellegrino and stayed until the 8<sup>th</sup> to the delight of hundreds of observers. Tom Burke and Gail Benson found a **Le Conte's Sparrow** on the EPCAL property on 8 January, and a few lucky observers were able to re-find it the following day. This constitutes the first January record for NYS and the second winter record (one was found in Battery Park, Manhattan on 15 Mar 1996). A wintering Lark Sparrow was also at EPCAL for three weeks from mid-December to early January. Vicki Bustamante found an adult male **Western Tanager** at her feeder on 31 December. It remained until 22 February and was viewed by many observers.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

BLSP – Belmont Lake SP, SUFF; CP – Central Park, NEWY; CRSP – Connetquot River SP, SUFF; DPMK – Ditch Plains, Montauk, SUFF; EPCAL – EPCAL property, Calverton, SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; GKP – Great Kills P, RICH; HP – Hook Pond, East Hampton, SUFF; JBWR – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE-KING; JBNC – Jones Beach Nature Center, NASS; JBWE – Jones Beach West End, NASS; Marra – Marratooka Lake, Mattituck, SUFF; MP – Montauk Point, SUFF; NYBG – New York Botanical Gardens, BRON; PBP – Pelham Bay Park, BRON; POJB – Pelagic trip off Jones Beach; PL – Point Lookout, NASS; PP – Prospect P, KING; Shinn – Shinnecock Bay & Inlet; SPCP – Smith Point CP, SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF. For other locations mentioned more than once below, the county is given in the first citation but not thereafter.

Christmas Bird Counts referred to below: BKCC – Brooklyn; CPCC – Captree; CCCC – Central Suffolk; MKCC – Montauk; NNCC – Northern Nassau; ORCC – Orient; QUCC – Queens; QWCC – Quogue Watermill; SACC – Sagaponack; SNCC – Southern Nassau.

### WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** HP thru 18 Feb; max 6 HP 15 Jan (K&BRu); Van Cortland P, BRON 11-12 Dec (AB); Marra 17-23 Dec (PG); Tung Ting Pd, Centerport 24 Dec (BBk); Wading River 30 Dec (RK); SNCC 1 Jan; 4 Pinelawn Cem, BLSP & vicinity 11 Jan-14 Feb (GS); RICH 27 Feb (C Barron).

**Snow Goose:** 1522 BKCC 18 Dec; max 3000+ JBWR 27 Feb (AB).

**ROSS'S GOOSE:** Bridgehampton 13-19, 27 Feb (SB, DG, HL).

**“Black” Brant:** FBF 11 Dec (SW).

**BARNACLE GOOSE:** Pinelawn Cem, BLSP & vicinity 6-19 Jan (WB), likely two present on 11 Jan, *intro*; Glen Cove GC, NASS 15-22 Feb.

**Cackling Goose:** HP thru 19 Feb; max 2 HP 12 Dec (HDM, ACW); Marra 4 Jan (PG); CRSP 6 Jan (KF); Sagaponack 6 Jan (TJ); Wading River 8 Jan; BLSP 8 Dec-17 Jan (KF); max 2 on 17 Jan (J Gluth).

**Trumpeter Swan:** pr returned to Upper Lake, Yaphank SUFF 28 Nov thru; also Artist’s Lake SUFF 26 Feb & Patchogue Lake SUFF 22 Jan, prob same birds; Lake Agawam, Southampton SUFF 11-31 Dec (WB), bird marked A60, found dead on 4 Jan, *intro*.

**Tundra Swan:** Marra 18 Dec (JSp); 2 SNCC 1 Jan; Sagaponack 13-16 Feb (DG, SB, HL).

**Wood Duck:** max 16 BLSP 19 Dec (BB).

**Eurasian Wigeon:** Patchogue Lake 4 Dec (RRK); Marine Park, KING 7 Dec (P Dorosh); East Setauket 29 Dec (PSc et al.); Cooper’s Neck Pd, Southampton SUFF 1 Jan (JSh); Massapequa Lake NASS 3-5 Jan (K&SF).

**N. Shoveler:** max 744 BKCC 18 Dec.

**N. Pintail:** max 772 BKCC 18 Dec.

**“EURASIAN” GREEN-WINGED TEAL:** HP 20 Feb (MM); JBWR 27 Feb thru (SA, CF); Hendrix Creek KING 27 Feb.

**Canvasback:** max 400 BKCC 18 Dec.

**Redhead:** max 92 Capri Pond, West Islip SUFF 26 Feb (SA, CF).

**Ring-necked Duck:** max 153 Blydenburg Co P SUFF 23 Dec (BBk);

**TUFTED DUCK:** Cold Spring Harbor 4-7 Jan (GS).

**Greater Scaup:** max 20,758 NNCC 18 Dec.

**Lesser Scaup:** max 4000 Bayard Cutting Arboretum SUFF 20 Feb (K&SF).

**King Eider:** Ft Tilden 18-24 Dec; MP 18 Dec thru 20 Feb; max 5 MP 17-30 Jan; 6 MP 6 Feb (TWB); 8 MP 20 Feb (DF).

**Com. Eider:** huge numbers at MP, but good numbers elsewhere; 450 Shinn 11 Dec (SA, GH, SM); 250 WEJB 17 Dec (KF); 3000 MP 4 Dec; 6000+ MP 17 Jan (ACW, HDM).

**Harlequin Duck:** 3 JBWE 2-11 Dec (LS, *et al.*); 1 Montauk Inlet 2 Dec (VB); 1 MP 3 Dec (PS); Ft Tilden 18 Dec- 6 Jan; max 3 Ft Tilden 24 Dec; 6 MKCC 18 Dec; Clearwater Bch, East Hampton 25 Dec-9 Jan (KRu); Pt Jefferson 29 Dec (HDM); 4 CCCC 30 Dec; 6 PL 1 Jan thru; max 8 PL 26 Feb (SA, CF).

**Surf Scoter:** high counts 7500 MP 18 Dec; 20,000 MP 17 Jan (HDM, ACW).

**White-winged Scoter:** high counts 12,000 MP 17 Dec (HDM); 10,000 MP 18 Dec; 12,500 MP 17 Jan (HDM, ACW).

**Black Scoter:** 2591 BKCC 18 Dec; 17,500 MP 17 Jan (ACW, HDM).

**Long-tailed Duck:** max 5100 Coney Island Pier 17 Jan (DG, SB).

**Bufflehead:** max 2595 CPCC 19 Dec.

**Barrow's Goldeneye:** East Marion 18 Dec-1 Jan (fide JBJ); Long Beach, Noyac SUFF 19 Dec-20 Feb (ACW & AG); JBWR 23 Feb thru.

**Hooded Merganser:** max 974 SNCC 1 Jan.

**Com. Merganser:** max 120 CRSP 14 Jan (KF); 202 CRSP 4 Feb (K&SF).

**N. Bobwhite:** CRSP 14-16 Jan (KF); max 8 CRSP Jan 15 (R Fried).

**Wild Turkey:** Battery Park NEWY 11 Dec (JD, L Fried); 9 NNCC 18 Dec; 75+ Three Mile Harbor SUFF 16 Jan (KRu).

**Red-throated Loon:** max 800 Napeague-Southampton 6 Jan (DG, TJ).

**Red-necked Grebe:** reported throughout Region in small numbers.

**AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN:** East Setauket 29 Dec (PSc et al.); FBF 6 Jan (SB); 1 dead Bellport 8 Jan (fide N Carrao).

**Double-crested Cormorant:** max 155 CPCC 19 Dec.

**Great Cormorant:** max 100 BKCC 18 Dec.

**Am. Bittern:** max 4 Shinn 4 Dec (M Liotto), wintered.

**Great Egret:** 2 CPCC 19 Dec; SNCC 1 Jan; Southold 1 Jan (JSp).

**Little Blue Heron:** JBWR 13 Dec (RB), late.

**Green Heron:** NNCC 18 Dec, late.

**Black Vulture:** Montauk 5-29 Dec (D Johann & VB); 2 FBF 9 Jan (RJ, HL); 3 PP 13 Jan (RB); CP 27 Jan (fide TF) & 29 Jan (L Karim); Sagaponack 20 Feb (RRK).

**Turkey Vulture:** wintered on the North Fork; max 13 Mattituck 6 Jan (JBS).

## HAWKS - ALCIDS

**Osprey:** CRSP 18 Dec-6 Jan (PJM; KF); arr Cutchogue 12 Feb (R & L Kedenburg).

**Bald Eagle:** 15 reports from 6 of the 7 counties.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** max 34 SNCC 1 Jan.

**Cooper's Hawk:** max 24 SNCC 1 Jan.

**N. Goshawk:** Tobay NASS 2 Dec (PJM); Moravian Cem, RICH 4 Dec (H Fisher); imm JBWE 16 Jan; imm Northville 25 Jan-4 Feb (MLL).

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 10 rep, mostly imm birds through Region.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** East Hampton 9 Dec (HDM); 10 Dec, 19 Dec SPCP (CS); 2 QWCC 18 Dec; 4 Gardiner's Island 18 Dec; RICH 21 Dec (T Brown); Captree SP 30 Dec; 2 EPCAL 5 Jan-27 Feb (CS); 4 Jones strip 11-29 Jan (mob); Riverhead 13 Jan (L Ormand); Marine Park KING 29 Jan (RJ, HL).

**Am. Kestrel:** scarce; regular at EPCAL.

**Semipalmated Plover:** QUCC 19 Dec; Tobay 3 Jan (PJM), late dates.

**Am. Oystercatcher:** 3 BKCC 18 Dec; 4 QUCC 19 Dec; Zach's Bay, Jones Bch NASS 31 Dec (PJM); 29 SNCC 1 Jan; arr 11 PL 18 Feb (J Turner); 7 Fire Island Inlet SUFF 18 Feb (SSM); 2 GKP 18 Feb (JSt).

**Spotted Sandpiper:** Goldsmith's Inlet, Peconic 8-9 Jan (JBS, et al).

**Willet:** Pt Lookout 17 Dec; QWCC 18 Dec.

**Red Knot:** Nap 11 Dec (AC); 3 QWCC 18 Dec; 8 JBNC 1-8 Jan (HDM, TWB et al.); 1 JBNC 27 Feb.

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** late QUCC 19 Dec.

**Purple Sandpiper:** max 199 BKCC 18 Dec.

**Dunlin:** max 4762 SNCC 1 Jan.

**Long-billed Dowitcher:** 2 Bridge Creek, RICH 31 Dec (SIW).

**Wilson's Snipe:** max 9 Georgica Pond 29 Jan (TWB).

**Am. Woodcock:** 10 FBF 28 Feb (DG).

**RED PHALAROPE:** 8 offshore SE of Shinn 11 Dec (ACW, JSh).

**Black-legged Kittiwake:** 20+ MP 12 Dec (HDM, ACW); 10 MP 17 Dec (HDM); 21 POJB 23 Jan (ACW, et al)

**Black-headed Gull:** PL 11-17 Dec (BB, RK); ad Owl's Head Wastewater Plant, KING 15 Dec-9 Jan (SB), joined by 1<sup>st</sup> yr 24 Dec-17 Jan (SB); East Hampton 19 Feb (CS); 1<sup>st</sup> yr Hither Hills SP SUFF 20 Feb (ACW).

**Little Gull:** ad MP 22 Jan.

**Laughing Gull:** GKP 1 Dec.

**Ring-billed Gull:** max 10,000+ FBF 17 Jan (DG, SB).

**Iceland Gull:** At least 14 records, many lingering in same location for much of the winter, scattered through Region.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** small numbers throughout the Region.

**Glaucous Gull:** 2<sup>nd</sup> win Orient Point thru; 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Shinn 7 Dec (JSh); Marra 3 Jan (PG); 1<sup>st</sup> yr DPMK 9 Jan (ACW); 1<sup>st</sup> yr POJB 23 Jan (ACW et al.); West Meadow P SUFF 6 Feb (J & P Horman); ad Southampton 6 Feb (RK); imm Lake Agawam, Southampton 18 Feb (SA); 2<sup>nd</sup> yr GKP 19 Feb (SIW, ACI); 1<sup>st</sup> yr Bayshore 20 Feb (SW).

**Black Skimmer:** 3 Coney Island 18 Dec.

**Dovekie:** High Rock P, RICH 2 Dec, injured & taken to rehabber; 2139 offshore SE of Shinn 11 Dec (ACW, JSh); 1 DPMK 11 Dec (SSM, PJL); Jones Inlet 3 Jan (S Janazzo), found alive and soon died; Ditch Plains 6 Jan (DG, TJ).

**COMMON MURRE:** 31 POJB 23 Jan (ACW, et al), intro.

**THICK-BILLED MURRE:** 1 POJB 23 Jan (ACW, et al); dead DPMK 26 Feb (ACW).

**Razorbill:** 100 MP 2 Dec (VB); 150 MP 4 Dec; 350 MP 11 Dec (SA, GH, SM); 72 MP 13 Feb (DG, SB, HL); 27 POJB 23 Jan (ACW, *et al*); numbers reduced after mid-Jan.

**Black Guillemot:** MP 4-12 Dec (J Collins, C Resch).

**ATLANTIC PUFFIN:** 35 offshore SE of Shinn 11 Dec (ACW, JSh).

### PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

**Monk Parakeet:** 50 BKCC 18 Dec; 12 QUCC 19 Dec; up to 3 Massapequa 4 Jan-16 Feb (DK); 8 Baldwin 1 Jan; 6 Amity Harbor SUFF 6 Jan (RJK); 9 West Islip 9 Jan (R Grover).

**Mitred Parakeet:** 12 Forest Hills QUEE 10 Jan (SA).

**Barn Owl:** 3 QUCC 19 Dec; dead Gilgo Beach 22 Dec (RC); 5 SNCC 1 Jan; JBWR 27 Feb (SA, CF).

**E. Screech-Owl:** CP 17 Feb.

**Great Horned Owl:** in NYC a few found regularly in all boroughs except Manhattan.

**Snowy Owl:** Napeague 31 Jan (K&SF).

**Barred Owl:** BPB 3 Jan-17 Feb (R Aracil).

**Long-eared Owl:** up to 5 BPB 23 Jan-17 Feb (B Benish, R & G Prelich); up to 3 CP 29 Jan-20 Feb (fide DA); up to 4 Inwood Hill NEWY 29 Jan-12 Feb (Suzanne Abbott); found dead Gilgo Beach 4 Feb (RC); 2 NYBG 19 Feb (DB).

**Short-eared Owl:** 1 BKCC 18 Dec; JBWE 1-14 Jan, 23 Feb, 2 on 14 Jan; Shinn 3 Jan-20 Feb (ES), max 2 Shinn 6 Feb (SA, RK, AB).

**N. Saw-whet Owl:** Northville, SUFF 6 Dec (MLL); Tobay 10 Dec & 25 Feb (PJM); 2 Northwest Woods, E Hampton 19 Dec (BK), 20 Feb (DF); West Bronx 26 Dec; Bronx Zoo 10 Jan-4 Feb (TO, *et al*); NYBG 15 Jan-19 Feb (DB), max 2 on 22 Jan (DB); BPB 29 Jan-14 Feb.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** imm CP 11 Dec thru (mob).

### FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**E. Phoebe:** CRSP 19 Dec-15 Jan (K&SF); Bridgehampton 18 Feb (ES).

**W. Kingbird:** Tottenville, RICH 5 Dec (SIW).

**LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:** JBNC thru 6 Dec.

**N. Shrike:** Napeague 11 Dec-27 Feb (AC); Christie Estate South NASS 17 Feb (RK, A Lindberg).

**Fish Crow:** max 190 CPCC 19 Dec.

**COMMON RAVEN:** Frick Estate, Roslyn 15 Dec-22 Feb (PJM); NNCC 18 Dec, may be same as previous record; FBF 18 Dec; EPCAL 19 Dec-12 Feb (CS & D Belanger); QUCC 19 Dec; 2 Forest Hills, QUEE 26 Dec (SA); up to 2 Rocky Pt SUFF 4 Jan-11 Feb (D Heglund); 2

RICH 31 Jan (A Purcell); Forest P QUEE 7 Jan (J Loscalzo) & 7 Feb; CP 27 Feb (TF).

**Horned Lark:** max 100 Cutchogue 11 Dec (JBJ); 125 FBF 26 Jan (SB).

**Tree Swallow:** 2 SNCC 1 Jan; ORCC 1 Jan; arr 3 GKP 19 Feb; 7 ORCC 24 Feb (ACi).

**House Wren:** SGCC 19 Dec, late.

**TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE:** Greenport 1 Jan (JBS, R McGinness).

**VARIED THRUSH:** CP thru; East Marion thru 5 Dec (B Singer).

**Am. Pipit:** high counts: 97 BKCC 18 Dec; 49 SGCC 19 Dec; 42 Fresh P, Amagansett SUFF 1 Jan (KRu); 66 SNCC 1 Jan; 90+ SI 10 Jan (SIW).

### LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

**Lapland Longspur:** small numbers; max 3 Jones strip, FBF, & GKP mid-Dec thru.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** Riverside P, NEWY 3 Dec; Eltingville, RICH 15 Dec (JSt); Massapequa 17 Dec-1 Jan (DK); 6 BKCC 18 Dec; NNCC 18 Dec; QWCC 18 Dec; Heckscher SP 19 Dec; QUCC 19 Dec; up to 2 JBWE 24 Dec-1 Jan (SW, RJK, KF); 3 Smith Point Co P 30 Dec (DG); 3 SNCC 1 Jan; 3 ORCC 1 Jan; 2 Sequine Ave, RICH 8-10 Jan (SIW, D Eib); JBNC 7-13 Feb.

**HERMIT WARBLER:** SMSP 4-8 Dec (VP, mob), 1<sup>st</sup> NYS record (see p. 132 & p. 149).

**Pine Warbler:** 2 BKCC 18 Dec; SI 28 Feb (ACi).

**Ovenbird:** CPCC 19 Dec, late.

**N. Waterthrush:** Kissena Park QUEE 19 Dec, late.

**Com. Yellowthroat:** QWCC 18 Dec, late.

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** CP 3-4 Dec (A Burdo); Gardiner's I 18 Dec (R Prum); Massapequa 1 Jan; Shelter Island 1 Jan (J Clinton Jr, *et al*).

### TOWHEES - WEAVERS

**Chipping Sparrow:** up to 6 EPCAL 17 Dec-10 Jan; 6 SACC 19 Dec.

**Vesper Sparrow:** 3 SACC 19 Dec.

**Lark Sparrow:** EPCAL 17 Dec-11 Jan (VP).

**"Ipswich" Savannah Sparrow:** 11 SPCP 30 Dec (DG).

**LE CONTE'S SPARROW:** EPCAL 8-9 Jan (TWB, GB, *et al*), intro.

**Nelson's Sparrow:** Shinn 15 Jan.

**Saltmarsh Sparrow:** max 3 Shinn 6 Jan (DG, TJ).

**Seaside Sparrow:** max 9 Shinn 9 Jan (ACW, HDM).

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** Riverside P NEWY 16 Dec (G Nuelle); BKCC 18 Dec; NNCC 18 Dec;

Camp Hero, Montauk 18 Dec (TWB et al.); PBP 14 Jan (DA, R DeCandido); late dates.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** small numbers; max 10, scattered throughout Region.

**WESTERN TANAGER:** ad male Montauk 29 Jan-22 Feb (VB, *et al.*).

**Dickcissel:** Massapequa, NASS late December (fide SSM).

**Red-winged Blackbird:** max 2007 SACC 19 Dec.

**Rusty Blackbird:** max 40 Bronx Zoo 11 Dec (TO); 38 BWCC 26 Dec.

**Com. Grackle:** max 7220 SACC 19 Dec.

**Boat-tailed Grackle:** max 74 SPCP 30 Dec (DG).

**Baltimore Oriole:** RICH 11 Dec (ACi).

**Purple Finch:** scarce: max10 SACC 19 Dec; 11 Sag Harbor 27 Feb (HDM).

**Red Crossbill:** BKCC 18 Dec; 2 Northwest Creek, E Hampton 19 Dec (BK).

**White-winged Crossbill:** JBWE 11 Dec (S Billerman); JBWE 17 Jan; SMSP 13 Dec (VP);

HP 19 Dec (HDM, FJM); MP 18 Jan (KF); CRSP 20 Jan-4 Feb (ES, M Higgiston); E Hampton 21-24 Jan (P D'Andrea); Montauk 29 Jan (TWB); JBWE 26 Feb.

**Com. Redpoll:** numbers building after Dec and especially in late Feb; 4 BRON 26 Dec; 12 SNCC 1 Jan; 50 JBWE 17-18 Feb (KF, *et al.*); 45 Orient Beach SP 19 Feb (JBJ); 119 Hither Hills SP 20 Feb (ACW); 55 Shinn 20 Feb (MM); 60+ Cupsogue Co P 20 Feb (RRK); 50 Montauk 22 Feb (PS); 130 RMSP 23 Feb; 340 JBWE 23 Feb; 100 SPCP 24 Feb; 85 JBWE 26 Feb (BB).

**Pine Siskin:** small numbers; max 21 ORCC 1 Jan; 8 CP 27 Feb (TF).

## ADDENDA

**Yellow-headed Blackbird:** ad m Southold 23 May 2008 (Rick Kedenburg, ph).

**Forster's Tern:** Mecox SUFF 18 Dec 2009 (AG).

