

REGION 10—MARINE

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In reflecting on this summer's weather in Region 10, one event stands before all others: the passage of Tropical Storm *Irene* through the Region on Sunday 28 August. This storm affected the Region's birdlife in many ways, and the species accounts below are much longer and more detailed than usual. For a discursive analysis of these impacts, please see the summary article on pages 293-298 of this issue.

An eBird report of a Black-headed Gull from Brooklyn on 24 July caught reviewer Doug Gochfeld's eye, despite the existence of many summer records of that species over the years. His query yielded a photograph, which in turn precipitated one of the most bizarre and memorable birding events of recent years: a **Gray-hooded Gull** (*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*) on the Coney Island boardwalk! This South American and African species had been recorded just twice previously in North America, in Barbados and in Florida, and needless to say the Brooklyn bird drew huge numbers of geared up ornithophiles into the midst of the mid-summer boardwalk scene.

Ironically, this gull was only the second gray-hooded novelty of the season, coming several weeks after a **Hooded Crow** (*Corvus cornix*) at Great Kills Park, Staten Island. Whereas many observers and commentators could easily envision natural mechanisms for the gull's arrival in New York (e.g., vagrancy to the Caribbean followed by entrainment among migrating Laughing Gulls), an unnatural provenance seemed rather more likely for the crow. Even so, it seems worth emphasizing the distinction between an escaped pet and a ship-assisted wild bird. Ship-assisted dispersal has become a "natural" part of the biology of many wild birds, notably Indian House Crows (*Corvus splendens*), but also European Hooded Crows, which regularly reach Iceland and have even occurred in Greenland.

A **Fea's Petrel** reported by researchers aboard a NOAA vessel near Hudson Canyon would be another potential first state record—this one anticipated by four participants in the most recent round of "Predictions of species to be added to the New York State Checklist" (*The Kingbird* 60: 301-310). It is earnestly hoped that details of this observation will be forthcoming.

It was another good summer inshore for the four common shearwaters, with some locally large aggregations of Cory's Shearwater. One such aggregation off of Robert Moses SP, Suffolk County, attracted a **South Polar Skua** on 11

July—at least the third time this species has been seen from land at this well-watched site. Two Brown Pelicans were reported prior to *Irene*, about average for recent summers, but there was nothing average about this species' status here after 28 August! Three **White Ibises** were reported from two sites during mid August, as the incursion that began during spring continued. In contrast, Tricolored Herons continued to be very scarce and local, with very few reports.

Rare to scarce gulls and terns were once again impressively numerous and diverse through early summer. Indeed, the dizzying upward trend in the occurrence of Lesser Black-backed Gulls in Region 10 shows no signs whatever of slowing down. The statewide high count for this species, a rapidly moving target in recent years, was emphatically bested again this summer with a careful count of **70** individuals at Nickerson Beach, Nassau County, on 10 July. This remarkable aggregation consisted of 56 first-summer (= yearling) birds and 14 older immatures; similarly aged birds were more widely distributed this summer than ever, not only as singles, but in groups as large as four, five (two sites) and six. Other young gulls lingering south with us this summer were at least one Iceland Gull, two Glaucous Gulls, and small numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls. Among the terns, no fewer than five Arctic Terns, four Sandwich terns, and up to five Black Terns per day were recorded during June and July—long before we ever heard of *Irene*. Among the flocks of loafing larids near Moriches Inlet were a yearling Roseate Tern (an age class very rarely documented in the Northeast) and a second-summer type Common Tern tentatively identified as belonging to the Siberian subspecies *longipennis*—another example of which was reported from Tuckernuck Island, Massachusetts around the same time (R. Veit, pers. comm.).

Failure of the water-control apparatus at Jamaica Bay's East Pond resulted in dismal conditions for migratory shorebirds and a corresponding paucity of notable counts for many species. Stilt Sandpiper, for example, is generally one of the most highly localized of Region 10's common migrants, and the East Pond ordinarily accounts not only for high counts but also for a very large proportion of all reports. Curiously, reports of this species were much more widespread than usual this summer. Other shorebird highlights not associated with *Irene* included a new statewide max of **14** Marbled Godwits at Cupsogue and an adult Buff-breasted Sandpiper at Democrat Pt on 5 August.

Suffolk County's first breeding record of Common Raven came to light when a near-fledgling came into care at a Westhampton rehabilitator. The rest of the family, including at least three fledged juveniles, were seen and photographed by many near the nest site (on a water tower) in Hampton Bays. Others were noted again this summer on Staten Island and in Queens and Nassau County. Blue Grosbeak was recorded on territory in Eastport again, and Anthony Collerton recorded what was almost certainly a successful nesting by Summer Tanagers in East Hampton. A male Yellow-throated Warbler was recorded on 4 June in potential breeding habitat at Connetquot River State Park Preserve, and two mid-late June reports of Acadian Flycatcher were suggestive of territorial birds.

A Western Kingbird at Deep Hollow, Montauk on 14 August was very early but at arguably the best site in the state for this species. Three late August Lark Sparrows were about average. There was a very heavy landbird flight on 23 August on Long Island's outer beaches. Observers at Robert Moses SP recorded some very impressive numbers: 199 Eastern Kingbirds, **10,800** Barn Swallows, 35 Northern Waterthrushes, and 27 Northern Mockingbirds actively migrating.

Space precludes a more detailed discussion of summer 2011's birds in Region 10; please be sure to read the species accounts and the summary of *Irene's* impacts statewide, on pages 293-298.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CCP – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; CP – Central Park, NEWY; CRSP – Connetquot River SP Pres, SUFF; Caumsett – Caumsett SP, SUFF; DP – Democrat Pt, SUFF; EH – East Hampton, SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; FT – Fort Tilden, QUEE; GA – Gabreski Airport, SUFF; GKP – Great Kills P, RICH; HSP – Heckscher SP, SUFF; JamBay – Jamaica Bay NWR, QUEE, KING;

JBWE – Jones Beach West End, NASS; MB – Mecox Bay, SUFF; Mtk – Montauk; NYBG – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; PB – Pike's Beach, SUFF; PP – Prospect P, KING; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; Sagg Pond – Sagaponack Pond, Bridgehampton, SUFF.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: lingered JamBay to 2 Jun+.

“Atlantic” Brant: 2 Caumsett 7 Jun (K&SF); 2 CCP 3 Jul.

Mute Swan: 200 + JamBay east pond throughout, new cygnets well into Aug.

Gadwall: CCP 3 & 10 Jun.

Blue-winged Teal: east pond JamBay 14 Jun (ALa et al).

N. Pintail: JamBay 31 Jul.

Green-winged Teal: JBWE 8 Jul (BBE).

Greater Scaup: 4 GKP 19 Jun (SWo); 3 males JamBay to 15 Jul+.

King Eider: 2 m E. Marion SUFF 1 Jun (J Sep, RA ph).

Com. Eider: 27 E. Marion SUFF 1 Jun (J Sep, RA); 15 Shinn 5 Jun (SSM, PJJ); 2 (imm m, f) Jones Inlet NASS 10 Jun (M&SB); 54 MP & 6 Montauk Harbor 19 Jun; 5 Jones Inlet 29 Jun (PM); near-ad Nickerson Beach NASS 3 Jul (BBE); 74 Montauk Pt 7 Aug (NYRBA); f Captree 11 Aug.

Surf Scoter: 5 CCP 5 Jun; Fire Island Pines 9 Jun (DF); 2 Riis P/FT 12 Jun (SA, CF, MN); f GKP 19 Jun (SWo); Montauk Pt 7 Aug (NYRBA).

White-winged Scoter: 2 CCP 4 Jun; 7 CCP 5 Jun; Camp Hero, Mtk 14 Aug (MMcB).

Black Scoter: 2 Riis P/FT 12 Jun (SA, CF, MN); RMSP 14 Jul (MN, A Gilbert).

Bufflehead: m JamBay to 2 Jun+.

Red-breasted Merganser: MB 29 Jun (SSM, PJJ).

Ruddy Duck: 7 lingered JamBay to 30 Jul at least, molting into alt.

N. Bobwhite: Cutchogue SUFF 19 Jun, 7 here 26 Jun, 3 calling here 9 Jul; release programs at CRSSP and Seatuck Environmental Center.

Ring-necked Pheasant: f, 5 chicks Cemetery of the Resurrection RICH 14 Jun (ACI); JBSP 10 Aug (RJK), unus loc.

Com. Loon: alt CCP 4 Jun to 3 Jul at least, poss injured.

Pied-billed Grebe: CRSP 3 Jun, calling (K&SF).

FEA'S PETREL: Hudson Canyon 14 Jun from NOAA vessel (T Pusser et al, fide CV), first state record pending review.

BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: MB 28 Aug (AnW et al., ph).

Cory's Shearwater: small numbers mid Jun, e.g. 2 RMSP 11 Jun (KF) & “a few” Hudson Canyon 14 Jun (fide CV); larger more inshore early Jul-early Aug, e.g., 80 CCP 3 Jul (PJJ), 150 RMSP 11 Jul (JBo, PJJ, SSM), & 265+ MI to Shinn 7 Aug (GB, TWB); much reduced by late Aug, only 2 reps 28 Aug during *Irene*: MB (AnW) & Riverdale, BRON (PAB).

Great Shearwater: at least 1 RMSP 11 Jun (KF); “a few” Hudson Canyon 14 Jun (fide CV); CCP 25 Jun (TWB, GB et al.); 2 CCP 30 Jun (R Bate); 400 CRESLI boat out of Montauk 3 Jul; 2 RMSP 10 Jul (SSM, JBo) 2 RMSP 11 Jul (SSM, PJJ, JBo); 4 birds 20 mi s of Montauk 31 Jul (ACo et al); 2 CCP 5 Aug (SA et al.); 3 DP 5 Aug (SSM, PJJ et al); 1 CCP 14 Aug; 1-2 CCP 19 Aug (NYRBA); v few rep 28 during *Irene*, e.g., one Vets Memorial Pier (SBL, DGo, HLo).

Sooty Shearwater: 2 CCP 18 Jun (PJJ, SA, MN, ABA, TWB, GB); 1 CRESLI boat out of Montauk 3 Jul.

Manx Shearwater: CCP 18 Jun (PJJ); RMSP 10 Jul (SSM, JBo); RMSP 11 Jul (PJJ, SSM, JBo); CCP 5 Aug (SA et al); DP 5 Aug (SSM, PJJ, C Wood et al); CCP 14 Aug.

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 4 Hudson Canyon 14 Jun (fide CV); Riverdale, BRON 28 Aug (PAB).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: scarcer inshore than in most recent summers, max 40 CCP 29 Jun (SA, CF); 18 FT 3 Jul (IG), many for so far west; 3 reps from protected waters prior to *Irene*: 2 e LI Sound 17 Jun (SSM), 4 Culloden Pt 24 Jun (AnW), & e LI Sound 26 Aug (SSM); rep from all counties except for QUEE 28 Aug during *Irene*, inc 12+ **Fort Schuyler, BRON** and 7+ **Hudson R, NEWY**; rel few along ocean-front: 6+ Jones Inlet (SSM et al.); 1 Fire Island Inlet (John Gluth); 4 MB (AnW et al).

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: 7+ reps 28 Aug during *Irene*: Riverdale, BRON (PAB); 2-4 Fort Schuyler, BRON (PAB); 2+ Hudson R, NEWY (AF, JDr, Lila Fried, Rich Fried); 4 Vets Memorial Pier, KING (SBL, DG, HL); 3+ Jones Inlet (DF, K&SF, PJJ, mob); 8 MB (HMc, P. Polshek, MMcB, et al); Fort Pd, Montauk (AnW).

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 2 reports 28 Aug during *Irene*: Jones Inlet (PJJ, SSM, et al); Fort Schuyler, BRON (PAB).

WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD: 3+ rep 28 Aug during *Irene*, plus 2 more later of deceased birds: ad Hudson R, NEWY (A. Bondi, D. Dancis, P. Post, S. Stuart ph); imm Hudson R, NEWY (N. Sourigi, J. Knox); ad Pt Lookout, NASS (SWa ph); deceased Rockaway Beach, QUEE, date unknown (NY RBA); deceased E. Marion, SUFF, date unknown (J. Sep).

N. Gannet: small numbers of imms present along ocean coast thru: 25 CCP 18 Jun (PJJ); 15 CCP 3 Jul (PJJ et al); 6 RMSP 11 Jul (SSM, PJJ, JBo); 5 DP 5 Aug (SSM et al); Camp Hero 14 Aug (MMcB); 2 Culloden Pt, Mtk 24 Jun, unus site for date; essentially no *Irene* reps.

Great Cormorant: arr Lake Montauk Inlet 29 Aug (SSM, PJJ).

BROWN PELICAN: two reps prior to *Irene*: CCP 5 Jul (SWa) & Sagg Pond 21 Aug (J. Ash); 7 reps during and immediately after *Irene*: imm Lake Montauk 28 Aug+ (AnW, mob); Great Gull I 29 Aug (JDi); Patchogue R jetty 29-30 Aug (J. Davis et al.); Old Fort Bay, Southampton, SUFF 30 Aug (fide DF); Nickerson Beach, NASS 30 Aug (D. Krauss); JBWE 31 Aug (R. Bate); Tiana Beach, SUFF 31 Aug (E. Schwinn).

Am. Bittern: CCP 21 Jun (NYRBA); CCP 24 Jul (MC).

Least Bittern: Brookhaven Hamlet SUFF 16 Jun & 17 Jul (fide LO); m Massapequa Pres 17 Jul (JTU), ad feeding juv here 20 Jul (DS, H Maas), 4 juvs and ad 24 Jul (JTU, DKl), last rep.

Little Blue Heron: East R, NEWY 28 Aug (AF), unus loc, during *Irene*.

Tricolored Heron: scarce even at JamBay all season, max 3 on 13 Aug (RJK); ad & juv North Line Is NASS 29 Jul (SSM, PJJ, JZ).

Cattle Egret: 4 Arthur Kill Rd cemetery RICH 2 Aug (HF).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: 2 Sammy's Beach EH 4 Jul (ACo), unus eastern SUFF; CCP 3 Aug (SSM), unus loc; juv Captree Is 10 Aug (JGl), unus loc; ad CCP 20 Aug (RKA); juv CCP 30 Aug (A Murphy fide CS).

WHITE IBIS: flyby RM Causeway 10 Aug (C. Cammarota fide DR); 2 juvs JamBay 11 Aug (SBl).

Black Vulture: 2 Staten Is 29 Jul (C Hagen).

Turkey Vulture: 2 Plum Is 17 Jun (SSM); Hampton Bays 26 Jun (PJJ); NW woods EH 3 Jul (ACo), scarce here; near Muttontown NASS 16 Jul (JL); 9 Eastport 19 Aug; Mtk 23 Aug (ACo); 5 Shoreham sod fields 28 Aug during *Irene* (DH).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: imm Brookville SUFF 14 Jun (PM); 3 imms Cutchogue SUFF 17 Jul (MN); imm Deep Hollow Mtk 28 Aug (MMcB).

N. Harrier: f Captree 11 Aug; f Tobay 12 Aug (SSM).

Cooper's Hawk: 8 nests NASS & SUFF (TT).

Broad-winged Hawk: Cemetery of the Resurrection RICH 15 Jun & 2 near here 11 Jul (ACi); JamBay 12 Aug (SWa), rare here.

Am. Kestrel: pr w two chicks in nest box at St. Charles Cem SUFF 4 Jun.

Peregrine Falcon: 1-2 Robt Moses twin causeway bridge thru Jun; pr nested successfully w fledglings in Jun atop Fed Courthouse, Central Islip SUFF.

Clapper Rail: 17 brought to rehabber in NASS 28-30 Aug, most from south shore homeowners' yards; all but 2 released (fide BHor).

Sora: ind from OMNSA brought to rehabber in NASS 29 Aug, released (fide BHor).

Piping Plover: Eastport sod fields 28 Aug (PJJ, SSM), v unus loc.

Am. Golden-Plover: 6 Deep Hollow Mtk 28 Aug (MMcB, ACo, PDe); 3 e side Hook Pond, SUFF 28 Aug (AnW); 5 Eastport sod fields 29 Aug (CS).

Semipalmated Plover: 130+ JBWE 10 Aug (RJK); ~300 JamBay 12 Aug (RJK).

Am. Oystercatcher: 235 JBWE 11 Aug (K&SF); 250+ JBWE 16 Aug (R Kopitsch).

AMERICAN AVOCET (R10): JBWE 28 Aug (CF, mob), during *Irene*.

Spotted Sandpiper: Edgewood Pres 17 Jun (PJJ), where they bred last yr; DP 22 Jun (PJJ, SSM), former breeding site.

Solitary Sandpiper: CLP 3 Jul (CB); 2 JamBay 2 Aug (NYRBA).

Greater Yellowlegs: JamBay 14 Jun (ALa et al); CCP 20 & 26 Jun.

"Eastern" Willet: 75 ads CCP 3 Jul; 120 (2 juvs) CCP 21 Jul (SSM, PJJ), ganging up post-breeding.

"Western" Willet: PB 5 Jun; singles PB, CCP 10 Jun & 20 Jun (SSM); 1S JBWE 3 Jul (MMcB); Ponquogue Bridge 3 Jul (MMcB); 2 CCP 3 Jul (SSM et al.); 18 Willets JBWE 20 Jul were mostly Western (KF); alt CCP 21 Jul (SSM); 6 CCP 24 Jul, 1 SY, 5 alt; 14 Moriches In 3 Aug (PJJ, SSM).

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr CCP 26 Jun; 6 CCP 3 Jul; poorly reported because of dismal conditions at JamBay.

Whimbrel: arr Cedar Pt Park, Southold 10 Jul, peak of 11 here 28 Jul (J Sep); max 14 MB 23 Jul (ACo); many reports from barrier beaches hence.

Hudsonian Godwit: JamBay 24 Jul-2 Aug (ABa, RJK, mob); JBWE 9 Aug (G. Straus); 2 JamBay 11-13 Aug (SBl, mob); JBWE 11-13 Aug (K&SF, mob); JBWE 20 Aug (SyS); 3 reports 28 Aug clearly related to *Irene*:

Gravesend Bay, KING (SBl, DGo, HLo); **10** FBF (SBl, DGo, HLo); 4 Hobart Beach, SUFF (BBo).

Marbled Godwit: CCP 12 Jul-7 Aug (RA, TM, mob); 2 JamBay 5-13 Aug (ABa, mob); 1-2 JBWE 12-31 Aug (mob); 5 CCP 13 Aug (DR), then 6 on 17 Aug (CS, DBel, mob), 8 on 21 Aug, and **14** on 30 Aug (CS, DBel); Sagg Pond 16 Aug (ES); Hobart Beach 28 Aug (BBo), unus loc; Maidstone GC, East Hampton, SUFF 28 Aug (MMcB), unus loc; 2 DP 30 Aug (K&SF). **Ruddy Turnstone:** influx of 450 CCP 3 Jun (SSM).

Red Knot: 70 (30 SY) CCP 3 Jun (SSM); flagged alt ad CCP 10 Jun; 15, most alt, JBWE 10 Jun; 45, most alt, CCP plus 7 PB 15 Jun (SSM); 20 JBWE 16 Aug (R Kopitsch); 28 CCP 20 Aug (RKA); 108 ads JBWE 8 Aug (RJK). **Sanderling:** 170 PB 10 Jun, none left on 15 Jun (SSM); arr ads CCP around 20 Jun.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: PB ~ 600 most alt 10 Jun, 150 most alt 15 Jun, 120 PB 20 Jun (SSM, PJL); 421 CCP 25 Jul (SSM); ~400 JamBay 30 Jul (RJK); 2 juvs JBWE 23 Aug, first juvs, late, very few noted this season

Western Sandpiper: CCP 3 Jul (AGu et al.); JamBay 15 Jul (RJK); CCP 21 Jul (NYRBA); JamBay 22 Jul (ABa); worn ad PB 23 Jul (ABa, SA); bas CCP 24 Jul and 3 Aug (PJL et al); worn ad PB 24 Aug (ABa, SA); juv DP 30 Aug (K&SF); more reports later, as normal.

Least Sandpiper: 3 CCP 20 Jun (SSM, PJL), arr or non-breeders?; 6 CCP 3 Jul, arr?

White-rumped Sandpiper: 9 alt PB 10 Jun, 15 PB 15 & 18 Jun (SSM); 5 JamBay 19 Jun; MB 3 Jul (MMcB); singles PB and CCP 23 Jul (ABa, SA); poorly reported southbound because of dismal conditions at JamBay.

Baird's Sandpiper: RMSP 19 Aug (K&SF); Heckscher SP 24-27 Aug (K&SF, mob); FBF 26 Aug (SBl); 2 Deep Hollow, Mtk 28 Aug (ACo, PDe; MMcB); FBF 28 Aug (DG, SBlo; PDo et al.); Heckscher SP 31 Aug (KF et al.).

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 2 CCP 9 Jul (mob); 2 JamBay 22 Jul (ABa); CCP 24 Jul (K&SF); a few JamBay 25 Jul (KF); 22 FBF 15 Aug (RJ); 7 Deep Hollow, Mtk 28 Aug (ACo, PDe); 13 Pt Lookout 29 Aug (SA, ABa).

Dunlin: a few non-breeders Moriches In, e.g. 3 PB 18 Jun, one to 3 Aug+.

Stilt Sandpiper: arr 31 JamBay 22 Jul (ABa); 41 JamBay 25 Jul (ABa); 9 near Ponquogue Bridge 7 Aug (TWB, GB); 14 JBWE 8 Aug (RJK), many for site, and 16 here 14 Aug (K&SF); 2 Mecox 14 Aug (MMcB); 2 Deep Hollow, Mtk 28 Aug (ACo, PDe); *intro*.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: ad DP 5 Aug (Nate Senner, C Wood, J Barry, et al.); Plum Beach

KING 28 Aug (DG, SBlo, HL); 2 DP 29 Aug (AMcl); FBF 29 Aug (SA, ABa).

Short-billed Dowitcher: 150 CCP 18 Jun, mostly SY; *hendersoni* CCP 20 Jun; arr 250 (130 alt) CCP 1 Jul, migrating; *hendersoni* CCP 3 Jul (MMcB; AGu et al); 5 *hendersoni* PB 21 Jul (PJL SSM); 230 inc 4 *hendersoni* CCP 21 Jul (SSM, PJL); 300 CCP 24 Jul; 400 Egg Is NASS 29 Jul (SSM, PJL, JZ); ~600 JamBay 30 Jul (RJK).

Long-billed Dowitcher: 2 JamBay 22 Jul (ABa); JamBay 24 Jul (RJK); bas JamBay 12 Aug (SWa); Mecox 22 Aug (ACo).

Wilson's Snipe: Deep Hollow Mtk 28 Aug (MMcB).

Wilson's Phalarope: f, 2 m JamBay west pond 19 Jun (CF, mob), 22 Jun (fide SyS); 2 CCP 21 Jul (ES et al); juv JamBay 8 Aug (NYRBA); Heckscher SP 26 Aug (BBo).

Red-necked Phalarope: 2 rep prior to *Irene*: FBF 15 Aug (SBlo); bas Napeague 27 Aug (AW); major impact from *Irene* 28 Aug; 39 Riverdale (PAB); 4 Fort Schuyler (PAB); 2 Hook Pond (ACo, PDe, AnW); "large flock" MB (HMc, P. Polshek); 50 Eaton's Neck (BBo); 115 Vets Memorial Pier (SBl, DG, HL).

Bonaparte's Gull: SY Tiana Beach 5 Jun (PJL, SSM), cont from spring; 6 Crooke's Pt, RICH 29-30 Jun (SWa), 13 here 3 Jul (MMcB) and 11 on 8 Jul (NYRBA), unseasonal; imm Great Gull I 29 Aug (JDi et al), day after *Irene*.

Laughing Gull: 91 imms PB 15 Jun, feeding on horseshoe crab eggs; first ind juv JBWE 3 Jul (BBe).

Ring-billed Gull: first juvs (2) Coney Is 29 Jul.

Herring Gull: first juv RMSP 20 Jul.

Iceland Gull: SY RMSP 12 Jul (PJL, ph), present earlier also; imm Nassau Beach NASS 30 Aug (RJK).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: unprecedented numbers of imms summered: many reports from Jones Inlet area, capped by **28** Jones Beach to RMSP 1 Jun (R. Rossetti), **43** Nickerson Beach 3 Jul (GB, TWB, AGu, BBe; 36 1S), & **70** Nickerson Beach 10 Jul (SSM, PJL, JBo; 56 1S); many others elsewhere, e.g., 6 DP 9 Jun (PJL); 5 PB 15 Jun (SSM); 4 Coney I, KING 29 Jun (SSM), during storm; 5 Tiana Beach 7 Aug (TWB); first ads arr Great Gull I 28 Aug (JDi, HH, AS, M. Billings) & Fort Pond Bay 29 Aug (RA, JGi, B. McCulley).

Glaucous Gull: Orient Pt 17 Jun, cont from last year w/ injured leg; CCP 11-13 Jul (ES et al.), 23 Jul, 24 Aug (mob).

GRAY-HOODED GULL: ad Coney Is KING 24 Jul-3 Aug (Sara Burch, Jacob McCartney, mob), first State record (see note p. 305).

SOOTY TERN: major impact from *Irene*, all 28 Aug & ads except as noted: Fort Schuyler (PAB); 2+ Hudson R, NEWY (P. Post, mob); 2 East R, NEWY (AF); 2 (ad & juv) Gerritsen Ave/Plumb Inlet, KING (SBL, DGo); 1+ Jones Inlet (MC, CF, mob); Ocean Parkway, e of Jones Beach Tower (PJL, SSM ph early am; later T. Dunn, S. Schellenger); Fire Island Inlet (GB, TWB, AGu); 3+ MB (HMc, P. Polshek, MMcB); 3+ Hook Pond (AnW, ACo); 2 Lake Montauk (MMcB); 9 Great Gull I (JDi, HH, AS, M. Billings); 2 Eaton's Neck (BBo).

BRIDLED TERN: major impact from *Irene*, all 28 Aug & ads except as noted: 2 Fort Schuyler (PAB); foot of Hylan Blvd, RICH 29 Aug (IG, Mike Shanley); Vets Memorial Pier (SBL, DGo, HLo), plus 2 there 29 Aug (SBL, DGo, AF); 3+ Jones Inlet (PJL, SSM, mob); Ocean Parkway at West Gilgo Beach (PJB, SSM ph); Cedar Beach Marina (K&SF); MB (HMc, P. Polshek, MMcB); Sagg Pond (AnW); 5+ Hook Pond (AnW, MMcB); 3 Further Lane (AnW, ACo, PDe); 7 Fort Pond Bay (AnW, ACo, PDe).

Onychoprion species: Eaton's Neck 28 Aug (BBo); West Meadow Beach, Stony Brook 28 Aug (B. Weinstein).

Least Tern: SY PB 10 Jun, first for age class; TY CCP 10 Jun, first for age class (SSM); notable influx CCP 9 Jul, 50 inc 3 1S and 2 2S; 30 Napeague 27 Aug (AW); several *Irene*-related reports 28 Aug: 10 Fort Schuyler (PAB); Hudson R, NEWY (S. Stuart); Great Gull I (where rare; JDi, HH, AS, M. Billings).

Gull-billed Tern: Nickerson Beach, NASS 9 Jun (A Bondi, ph) 2 ads JamBay 14 Jun (ALa, L. Fraza); Nickerson Beach 29 Jun (NYRBA), 1 Jul (P. Post); 2 Nickerson Beach 3 Jul (AGU, TWB, GB), diving on and pirating fish from COTE at tern colony; 2 JBWE 8 Jul (BBe), prob same birds as Nickerson; 2 JBWE 10 Jul (TWB, GB et al); 3 JBWE 20 Jul (KF); 5 (3 juv, 2 ad) JBWE 23-24 Aug (K&SF, mob); ad and 2 juvs Plum Beach, KING 27 & 28 Aug (DG); Napeague 29 Aug (AnW), unus loc, *Irene*.

Caspian Tern: 2 New Suffolk, SUFF 10 Aug (NYRBA); major impact from *Irene*: Hudson R 23rd-24th St Pier (S. Stuart); Plum Beach (SBL, DGo, HLo); 2 FBF (SBL, DGo, HLo); ad and juv Flushing Meadow-Corona P, QUEE 27-28 Aug (CF, P. Shen, DSch); Fire Island Inlet (PJL, SSM), plus 4 there 30 Aug (AMcI, K&SF); ad & juv MB 29-30 Aug (JGL, mob); Mattituck Inlet (RA).

Black Tern: 3 CCP 18 Jun (PJL et al.), inc SY, first for age class; many reports CCP thru, inc 5 on 9 & 25 Jul (SSM); ad alt JamBay 26 Jun (Menachem Goldstein); 3 Amagansett & 5 Napeague 6 Aug (AnW); southbound migr

evident by late Aug, e.g. 30 migr CCP 21 Aug (NY RBA) & inc rep of 1-4 inds along ocean front, DP to Sagg Pond 21-24 Aug; two rep away from coast during this pre-*Irene* period are noteworthy: 3 Alley Pond Env Center 23 Aug (SWa) & HLSP 25 Aug (SyS); 62 ca. Napeague 27 Aug (AnW) consistent with regular autumn build-up there, but poss rel to impending arrival of *Irene*; major impact, or at least displacement, during *Irene* 28 Aug, with reps from all counties, the most noteworthy being: 7 Riverdale (PAB); 7 Fort Schuyler (PAB); 7 East River (AF); 2 Swan L, Patchogue (Derek Rogers); 10 E Landing Rd, Hampton Bays (Luke Ormand); FBF (SBL, DGo); 7 Flushing Meadow P (Arie Gilbert, Jean Loscalzo); 10 Shoreham sod fields (Dan Heglund et al); 173 Mecox-Montauk (AnW); 300-400 West Meadow Beach, Stony Brook (B. Weinstein).

Roseate Tern: 30 Orient Pt 30 Jun; small numbers at DP, CCP, & Sammy's Beach EH as usual; first summer type CCP 9 Jul (DF, SSM et al), seldom-seen plumage, ph.; 50 Napeague 6 Aug (NYRBA); 100+ Napeague 27 Aug (AW).

Com. Tern: 570 CCP 10 Jun, inc 6 SY & 6 TY (SSM); 7 SY DP 24 Jun; SY type CCP 25-26 Jun resembled Siberian subspecies *Sterna hirundo longipennis*; 300+ Napeague 27 Aug (AW); some impact from *Irene*, inc reports from Hudson R and other unus sites; most notable storm report "several thousand" West Meadow Beach, Stony Brook (B. Weinstein).

ARCTIC TERN: 5 identifiably different immes CCP 15 Jun-9 Jul: SY 15 Jun (SSM ph); 2 SY 29 Jun (SA ph, CF ph), one more advanced, poss TY; SY CCP 30 Jun (SWa, et al ph), prob same as one of the 29 Jun birds; SY 3 Jul (SSM et al ph); SY 9 Jul (BBo et al ph); 2 reports 28 Aug during *Irene*, neither supported by photos: ad Mattituck Inlet (RA) & 2 ads Riverdale (PAB); a very high level of documentation is desirable for this difficult to identify species, especially in contexts other than its well-established pattern of early summer inshore occurrence.

Forster's Tern: SY CCP 3 Jun, first for age class e LI; impacts from *Irene* not very well reported until after summer season.

Royal Tern: arr 2 CCP 18 Jun (PJL, SSM) & 2 DP 22 Jun (PJL, SSM); max 68 Moriches Inlet 7 Aug; 20 Robins I 19 Aug (Paul Gillen); only modest impacts 28 Aug during *Irene*, with no reports of large numbers from ocean front; the most notable locations 28 Aug were: Hudson R at 70th St (A. Bondi et al) & 23rd St (S. Stuart); 2 East River (AF); 2 Vets Memorial Pier (SBL, DGo, HLo); 5 FBF (SBL, DGo, Peter Dorosh); 3 Hobart Beach (BBo); 10 Mattituck Inlet (RA).

SANDWICH TERN: 4 individually identifiable birds at ocean inlets 25 Jun-11 Jul: ad CCP 25 Jun (RKA, mob ph), nearly alt plum; ad alt CCP 29 Jun (SSM et al ph); MB 3 Jul (DSch ph); CCP 11 Jul (ABa ph); unprecedented incursion during and after *Irene*, alt 28 Aug except as noted: Hudson R @ 55th St (AF); FBF (SBL, DGo); Riis Landing (P. Sweet); imm & 1+ ad Jones Inlet (SSM ph, mob); ad Jones Beach Field 10 (PJJ, SSM ph); 2 Tobay Beach (DF, B. Proniewicz); DP 29-30 Aug (AMcl, K&SF); 7+ MB (MMcB ph, mob), 6 still there 29 Aug (K&SF ph, mob); Hook Pond (AnW); Napeague 29 Aug (K&SF); 2 Fort Pond Bay (AnW, ACo, PDe); Lake Montauk Inlet 29 Aug (PJJ, SSM ph); Hobart Beach (BBo); 3 Great Gull I 29 Aug (JDi, HH, AS, M. Billings).
Black Skimmer: at least 150 prs Nickerson Beach 13 Jun (SyS); 50 JBWE 25 Aug (RA); 783 (132 juvs) Nassau Beach, Nickerson Beach NASS 30 Aug (RJK).

SOUTH POLAR SKUA: RMSP 11 Jul (SSM, JBo), among large feeding flock of shearwaters; 3 reps 28 Aug during *Irene*: Sea Cliff, NASS (fide A. Bondi, ph), exhausted on beach, to rehab & rel 29 Aug; JBWE (BBo), sitting in parking lot; 2 Hook Pond (AnW ph).

POMARINE JAEGER (R10): 2 (lt morph, imm dk morph) 20 mi s Montauk 31 Jul (ACo et al); imm Hook Pond 28 Aug (AnW ph), only rep during *Irene*.

Parasitic Jaeger: handful of mid-summer reps: CCP 3 Jul (RF et al); imm RMSP 11 Jul (SSM, PJJ, JBo), wrangling with South Polar Skua; PB 6 Aug (K&SF); Amagansett 6 Aug (AnW); several reps 28 Aug during *Irene*: 2 MB (MMcB); 6 Sagg Pond (AnW); 2 Hook Pond (AnW, MMcB); Further Lane (AnW).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: juv Hampton Bays 28 Aug (fide V. Frati ph), to rehab.

jaeger species: Jones Inlet 28 Aug (mob), likely Parasitic; Eaton's Neck 28 Aug (BBo).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Monk Parakeet: Gilgo 29 Aug (SA, ABa), unus loc.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: CRSP 3 Jun (K&SF); Rocky Pt, SUFF 9 Jul thru (RKA).

Black-billed Cuckoo: PP 10 Jun; JamBay 26 Jun (MG); Rocky Pt 26 Jun (RKA), only reports.

E. Screech-Owl: several reports e LI of vocalizing owls 20-23 Aug.

Great Horned Owl: Massapequa Pres 3 Aug (JTU), scarce in NASS; Caumsett 7 Jun (K&SF); 2 Rocky Pt 15 Jun (RKA).

Com. Nighthawk: PP 11 Jun, formerly more numerous and presumed breeding here (RJ); 3 over Snug Harbor 26 Jun (SINaturalist); 2 Staten

Is 6 Jul (E Callahan); 2 Staten Is 15 Jul (ACi); migr Mt Sinai SUFF 17 Aug (DH); 4 AP Environmental Center, QUEE (SWa); EH 23 Aug (ACo); Verrazanno Narrows 23 Aug (SSM); 6 Heckscher SP 24 Aug (K&SF); Great Gull I 28 Aug, day of *Irene* (JDi et al); ~75 Wading River Beach SUFF 29 Aug (Byron Young, fide RA); 9 EH 30 Aug (ACo).

Chuck-will's-widow: 3 Sunken Forest & 1 between Cherry Grove and Fire Is Pines, Fire Is 8 Jun (DF); absent from many traditional sites.

E. Whip-poor-will: NONE on survey of CRSP 3 Jun (K&SF), first time missed over decades of surveys; usual numbers heard around Westhampton & Rocky Pt mid June.

Chimney Swift: 150 migr RMSP 23 Aug (K&SF); ~170, 175 entering NYS Armory chimney RICH 26, 28 Aug (CB).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: EH feeder 30 Aug thru to fall (ACo, ph).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Hoyt Farm Pres, SUFF 23 Aug (NYRBA); CP 29 Aug (MR).

Acadian Flycatcher: CP 1 Jun (TF); FP 2 Jun (KM); CRSP 3 Jun (K&SF), prob same bird 12 Jun (JGI); Caumsett 7 Jun (K&SF); s High Rock P RICH 4 Jun (SIN); Hourglass Pd RICH 4 Jun & 14 Jun (SIN); Rocky Pt 1-22 Jun (RKA).

Willow Flycatcher: noted as scarcer than usual central LI (RKA).

Least Flycatcher: arr RMSP 11 Aug (K&SF).

Great Crested Flycatcher: 31 CRSP 3 Jun (K&SF).

WESTERN KINGBIRD: Deep Hollow, Mtk 14-19 Aug (MMcB, mob), early.

E. Kingbird: 199 migr RMSP 23 Aug (K&SF, SSM).

Fish Crow: max 68 Heckscher SP 28 Aug.

Com. Raven: Wagner College RICH 29 Aug (HF); carrying food Metropolitan & Selfridge Aves, QUEE 16 Jun (JL); 2 115th St x 85th Ave, QUEE 27 Aug (JL); 2 Plainview NASS 30 Jul (PM); 2 Frick Estate, Roslyn NASS 4 Jun (PM); nest w/ young Hampton Bays: 5 on 3 Jul (PG) and 4 on 9 Jul, first SUFF breeding; Wildwood SP, SUFF 5 Jul (JH).

Yellow-throated Vireo: arr RMSP 30 Aug (K&SF).

Tree Swallow: 300 migr RMSP 23 Aug (K&SF).

N. Rough-winged Swallow: nesting in seawall Governor's I NEWY 12 Jun (RJ), first breeding record for this ATLAS block area and third confirmed block in NYC.

Bank Swallow: robust colony in dirt mounds at construction site in Farmingville SUFF, 4 mi from nearest body of water (JTU, fide LO).

Cliff Swallow: 3 migr RMSP 23 Aug (SSM); “a few” Blue Heron P RICH 27 Aug (JTr).

Barn Swallow: 10,800 migr RMSP 23 Aug (K&SF, SSM); counted 7:00-10:00 but more cont afterwards.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: Grymes Hill RICH 1 Jul (HF).

Carolina Wren: several reps suggesting scarcity: just 1 CRSP 3 Jun, on 5 mi survey (K&SF); **none** Caumsett 7 Jun, on breeding survey (K&SF).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: migr RMSP 23 Aug (SSM).

Swainson’s Thrush: arr Bryant Park NEWY 30 Aug (BC).

Wood Thrush: conspicuously absent from many woodlands, especially east, this season.

Am. Robin: 345 migr RMSP 23 Aug (K&SF).

Gray Catbird: 70 CRSP 3 Jun (K&SF).

N. Mockingbird: 32 migr RMSP 23 Aug (K&SF).

Cedar Waxwing: 128 migr 23 Aug RMSP (K&SF).

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Louisiana Waterthrush: Rocky Pt 14, 19 Jul (RKA).

N. Waterthrush: arr CLP 26 Jul (CB); 3 JamBay 27 Jul (ABa); Rocky Pt 29 Jul (RKA).

Golden-winged Warbler: EH 23 Aug (ACo); PP 23-24 Aug (P. Pane, mob), first here since 2009 fide PDo.

Tennessee Warbler: EH 23 Aug (ACo); Rocky Pt 24 Aug (RKA).

Mourning Warbler: PP 1 Jun (ECr); arr f PP 23 Aug (KR).

Com. Yellowthroat: 32 CRSP 3 Jun (K&SF).

Hooded Warbler: 2 terr males: sing Rocky Pt 11 dates 10 Jun-7Jul (RKA); CRSP 3 Jun (K&SF) & 4 Jun (JGl); arr 2 PBP 23 Aug (ABl).

Am. Redstart: 20 on one road, Caumsett SP breeding survey 7 Jun (K&SF).

Cape May Warbler: arr RMSP 24 Aug.

Magnolia Warbler: CP 5 Jun (JSu).

Yellow Warbler: 55 Caumsett SP breeding survey 7 Jun (K&SF).

Blackpoll Warbler: Greenwood Cem, KING 13 Jun (eBirdNYC); last Bay Shore SUFF 18 Jun (PJL).

Yellow-throated Warbler: CRSP 4 Jun (JGl); Teddy Roosevelt CP, Mtk 29 Aug (SSM, PJL).

Black-throated Green Warbler: last ad m Riverside P, NEWY, singing; 15 Jun (JDr).

Canada Warbler: arr Bryant Park 8 Aug (BC); Rocky Pt 12 Aug (RKA).

Yellow-breasted Chat: arr CP 26 Aug.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: 36 CRSP 3 Jun (K&SF).

Vesper Sparrow: bred at GA and in nearby field to the north.

Lark Sparrow: Edgemere Landfill, QUEE 26 Aug (SA, ABa, CF); RMSP 29 Aug (AMcI); CHP 29 Aug (DJ).

Savannah Sparrow: many Edgemere Landfill QUEE 12 Jun (SA, CF, MN).

Grasshopper Sparrow: EPCAL (former Grumman property), Rt 25 radar tower, and Gabreski Airport are still breeding strongholds; Napeague 23 Jul (ACo et al.); juv ph at EPCAL 21 Aug (GB, TWB), seldom detected after fledging.

Saltmarsh Sparrow: 2 Sammy’s Beach EH 12 Jun (ACo).

White-throated Sparrow: arr CP 28 Aug (eBirdNYC).

Summer Tanager: f CP 3 Jun, cont from spring (TF); FP 3 Jun (fide JL); NYBG 4 Jun (DBec); f Great Gull Is SUFF 24 Jun (JDi); pr East Hampton 4-26 Jun+; m seen 1, 2 & 4 Jul; juv seen nearby 24 Jul & 23 Aug (ACo).

Blue Grosbeak: m Eastport (TWB et al) & pr Bridgehampton thru Jun (fide HMcG); ad m sing Southampton 14-15 Jul (HMcG); 2 (first summer m, f) EPCAL 16 Jul (ES, AMcI).

Indigo Bunting: Four Sparrow Marsh, KING 26 Jun (MW).

Dickcissel: RMSP 23 Aug (RJK).

Bobolink: displaying m, f, Edgemere Landfill QUEE 12 Jun (SA, CF, MN); first mig RMSP 11 Aug (K&SF); 62 migr RMSP (K&SF); 2 Caumsett SP 18 Aug (PM), migr?

Red-winged Blackbird: 755 migr RMSP 23 Aug (K&SF).

E. Meadowlark: 2 Caumsett SP 5 Jun thru, on territory (PM; K&SF); 15 EPCAL, former Grumman property 8 Jul, only reported locations for breeders.

Boat-tailed Grackle: CP thru 9 Jun, from spring (TF); v rare away from coast.

Baltimore Oriole: 70 migr 23 Aug RMSP (K&SF).

Provenance Uncertain or Unnatural

GREAT KISKADEE: Hudson R near the USS Intrepid, NEWY 31 Aug (fide ABl), provenance highly suspect.

HOODED CROW: GKP 20 Jun- 9 Jul (SWo, mob); poss pres earlier; provenance uncertain.

Pin-tailed Wydah: Crooke’s Pt RICH 3 Jul (EM), exotic.