

REGION 10—MARINE

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“It was one of those falls that just sneak up on you” said an astonished birder in retrospect of the fall 2011 season in *Kingbird* Region 10. The weather was weird. The mosquitos were bad. Good migrant flights were few, particularly raptors. Irruptive winter finches were almost completely absent. Yet there were a great number of interesting records and some outstanding birds including lingering hurricane birds and a slew of western land bird vagrants. 307 species were reported, the total getting a significant bump from a couple of pelagic trips.

The season was warm and generally wetter than normal. September was warm across the Region. The mean temperature at Islip was 69.0° F, 3.4° above normal. September precipitation was near normal across most of the Region. However points west received above normal precipitation, for example 9.39" in Central Park, 5.11" above normal. Much of this was attributable to a storm dumping up to 3.2" on 6 September. October temperatures were warmer than normal on Long Island, but near normal westward. The average temperature at Islip was 56.7°, 2.4° above normal. Central Park's average of 57.1° was only 0.2° above normal. October was wetter than normal. For example, 6.14" of rain fell at Islip, 2.35" above normal. November was much warmer than normal across the Region. The average temperature at Islip was 49.8°, 4.7° above normal. 2.78" of rain fell at Islip in November, 0.89" below normal. Observations were similar across the Region. The pattern of generally warmer than normal temperatures has persisted across our Region for a number of years

and likely reflects the “new normal”. In addition a pattern of more intense weather systems has been observed. An example this season was the 29 October nor'easter that dumped 2.9" of snow in Central Park and devastated many areas to our north and west with a foot or more of snow. Cold fronts this season tended to be followed by strong west or southwest winds that resulted in generally poor migrant flights but also appear to have brought a good number of western vagrants. The record rains of the summer resulted in a bumper crop of mosquitos across the Region that lasted well into October. The swarm at Jones Beach West End was so bad that at times one could not even open the car window without being assaulted.

The passage of Hurricane/Tropical Storm *Irene* through our area on 28 August produced an historic if not unprecedented fall-out of storm birds. Some notable birds lingered into the fall season. A **Bridled Tern** and a **Sooty Tern** were found dead in the Montauk area on 4 and 11 September, respectively. The Bridled Tern was described as freshly dead. Six different **Sandwich Terns** were found from 2-5 September. As many as 15 individual **Brown Pelicans** were reported this fall. It is likely the storm brought most of them north. The reports included four or five birds in the Montauk area, the last 26-27 November; three at Sagaponack Pond, Town of Southampton on 5 September; and a fly-by at Jones Beach West End on 28 November. **American White Pelicans** on 1 September in East Hampton and 3-5 September at Jamaica Bay (two birds) may be storm-blown. Another two American White Pelicans were seen on 1 October at Robert Moses State Park. There were two reports of **White Ibis** that may also be associated with the storm: an immature at Sagaponack Pond on 2-3 September, and an adult at Triton Lane in Hampton Bays on 6 September.

Pelagic birding offshore of Shinnecock Inlet on 6 November by Angus Wilson, John Shemilt, and Richard Fried, and at Hudson and Block Canyons on 10 November by Christopher Vogel resulted in the following notable records: 34 Northern Fulmars (Shinnecock), 450 Great Shearwaters (Hudson/Block), 262 **Red Phalaropes** (Shinnecock), **South Polar Skua** (Hudson/Block), **skua sp.** (Shinnecock), four Pomarine Jaegers (Shinnecock), and **Atlantic Puffin** (Hudson/Block). Angus reported a notable 307 Great Shearwaters at Montauk Point during the nor'easter on 29 October, along with over 13,000 scoters.

Shorebird numbers this season were modest and reports were fewer than usual. This is due partly to the inundation of the shorebird habitat at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. The record rains of summer played a part, as did the malfunctioning of the system allowing regulation of the water levels on the East Pond. The prompt repair or replacement of the system is a matter of utmost importance to shorebirds and birders alike. As of the writing of this report, a new valve has been installed and work is underway to replace a corroded section of pipe. Hopefully this will lead to improved conditions on the pond next season and thereafter.

The best shorebird rarity of the season was a **Black-necked Stilt** found by Heydi Lopes at Marine Park, Brooklyn on 11 September. Good numbers of Red Knots and American Oystercatchers appeared around Jones Inlet. “Grasspiper” numbers were again low. Upland Sandpiper was not reported. The maximum of

Buff-breasted Sandpipers was only four. While there were many reports of American Golden-Plover the numbers were low, the maximum being five. There were only two reports of Baird's Sandpiper.

Results at the Fire Island Hawk Watch were poor due to the infrequency of northwest winds. The total number of hawks, 2,883, was 19% below the 10-year average and 28% below the 20-year average. American Kestrel numbers were particularly low, 37% below the 10-year average and 61% below the 20-year average. After a record flight last year, Northern Harrier numbers were 46% below the 10-year average and 40% below the 20-year average. Peregrine Falcon numbers were 23% below the 10-year average and 12% below the 20-year average. The only bright spot was Cooper's Hawk, 45% above the 10-year average and 93% above the 20-year average. The period 4-6 October brought consistent northwest winds and 34% of the total hawks for the season at the Fire Island Hawk Watch, including 507 birds on 5 October. A flight on 30-31 October brought two **Golden Eagles** to Region 10, one at Riverside Park in Manhattan and the other at "Moses Mountain", Staten Island. Four Northern Goshawks were also seen during this period, the only ones this season. 128 hawks were counted at the Fire Island Hawk Watch on 30 October, a notable count for the date. Eight Red-shouldered Hawks at Moses Mountain on 30 October is notable for Region 10.

Waterfowl numbers were generally low. Canvasback and Redhead were particularly scarce. There was only one report of Common Merganser. Scaup and sea ducks were mostly fewer in number than in recent years. However, there were notably high counts of Ring-necked Duck, Bufflehead, and Ruddy Duck. There were large late November flights of Bonaparte's Gull, mostly along the western barrier beaches, and both loon species throughout. Northern Bobwhite and Ring-necked Pheasant have now virtually disappeared from our Region, and reports of migratory owls were exceptionally scarce.

A cold front on 15 October brought west-southwest winds gusting over 30 mph. Though migrants were few in number, the front brought perhaps the most outstanding rarity of the season, a **Gray Kingbird** seen and photographed at the Jones Beach Coast Guard Station by Michael McBrien. The bird quickly disappeared to the east and was not relocated to the chagrin of many searching. Michael also saw a Western Kingbird that morning at Jones Beach West End.

A good incursion of western vagrants, especially late in the season, included four *Selasphorus* hummingbirds, one identified as a female **Rufous Hummingbird** lingering in East Hampton from the summer, and another female Rufous in Staten Island; two **Say's Phoebes** in early October; an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** at Jones Beach West End; a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** and a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** at Captree State Park in late October; two other **Yellow-headed Blackbirds**, at Smith Point County Park in late September and Robert Moses State Park on 5 October; an elusive immature female **Black-throated Gray Warbler** at Central Park that was likely present for about a week before it was conclusively identified; a **White-winged Dove**; and several more Western Kingbirds. Orange-crowned Warbler, Clay-colored Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, and Dickcissel all made good showings, continuing recent trends.

White-crowned Sparrows were common this fall, with over 150 reports including several exceeding ten birds. A report of 500 Swamp Sparrows at the Mount Loretto Unique Area, Staten Island, on 24 October is an exceptional number. Cave Swallow was not reported after several years of incursions into our area.

One can hardly imagine a fall with fewer irruptive winter finches. The maxima of Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, and American Goldfinch were 10, 11, and 437, respectively. No other species were reported.

Mild conditions and a predominantly westerly or southwesterly flow may have contributed to the abundance of late migrant passerines. About 30 species were reported later than normal including at least 14 species of warblers, some in numbers. Particularly notable was the late abundance of Blackpoll Warblers, such as 13 on 22 October at Robert Moses State Park. The flight on 22 October included 18 species of warblers on Long Island. Swainson's Thrush and Ovenbird lingered through the season at Bryant Park in Manhattan. A Prothonotary Warbler present to 1 November at Sunken Meadow State Park was also notably late. There were five November reports of Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

Other notable rarities this season included a **Ross's Goose** at Floyd Bennett Field and the adjacent golf center from 21 November through the reporting period and a **Yellow Rail** at Caumsett State Park on 5 October as reported on the New York Rare Bird Alert. A **Mississippi Kite** was spotted over Central Park on 25 September by Peter Post and others. A **Northern Wheatear**, the first in the Region since 2001, was found by Karen Rubenstein at Deep Hollow Ranch, Montauk on 17 September and stayed to the 20th. A first-winter "**Nelson's**" **Gull** (hybrid Herring x Glaucous Gull) seen at Jones Beach State Park Field 6 on 13 November is notable for Region 10. A Barred Owl spent much of the season in Central Park, the first in 25 years or more.

Common Raven reports were fewer this fall than previous seasons. The reports indicate no more than 6-8 birds on Long Island. A report from the Fire Island Hawk Watch on 5 October, a major flight day, may be evidence of the dispersal of local birds. The first ever fall records of **Mitred Parakeet** included numbers similar to the maxima from previous seasons. The evidence indicates that 15 or fewer birds are residing in south-central Queens County, associating in a single flock that disperses during breeding season. The birds recently have appeared healthy, perhaps recovering from the harsh winter of 2011.

Two birding spots generated unusual excitement this fall. In addition to the birds mentioned above, birds found at Bryant Park, a square block in midtown Manhattan, included up to three Gray-cheeked Thrushes, two long-staying Yellow-breasted Chats, Saltmarsh Sparrow, several Lincoln's Sparrows, and several late warbler reports. A forest restoration project in progress at Kissena Park, Queens currently includes areas in an early successional stage, resulting in great bird habitat. Birds found over the season included three Connecticut Warblers, Golden-winged Warbler, up to six Blue Grosbeaks, four Lark Sparrows, several Philadelphia Vireos, Vesper Sparrows, Yellow-breasted Chat, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Clay-colored Sparrow. 17 species of warblers were seen there on 24 September.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMA – Amagansett, SUFF; APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BPT – Breezy Pt, QUEE; Calv – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), SUFF; 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; FIHW – Fire Island Hawk Watch; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; FMCP – Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, QUEE; FP – Forest Park, QUEE; FT – Fort Tilden, QUEE; GKP – Great Kills P, RICH; 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 Inlet, SUFF; MLUA – Mt. Loretto Unique

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Area, RICH; MNSA – Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NASS; MP – Montauk Pt, SUFF; nm – nautical miles; NYBG – NY Botanical Garden, BRON; PB – Pikes Beach, Westhampton Dunes, SUFF; PBP – Pelham Bay P, BRON; PP – Prospect P, KING; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; RP – Riis P, QUEE; Sag – Sagaponack Pd, SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock Inlet, SUFF; SPCP – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; VCP – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; VSSP – Valley Stream SP, NASS; WPP – Wolfe’s Pd P, RICH.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Deep Hollow, Montauk, SUFF 8 Oct – 30 Nov (JGi, AnW), pink-billed form; Maratooka L, SUFF 5-12 Nov (PG); VCP 10-25 Nov (*fide* MB, AB, mob); 2 Ama 12 Nov (AnW), orange billed form; Further Ln., East Hampton, SUFF 19-20 Nov (JR, SSM, PJL).

Snow Goose: max 900 Coney I. Creek P, KING 22 Nov (DG); 790 Jam Bay 29 Nov (DG).

ROSS’S GOOSE (R10): FBF & Brooklyn Golf Center, KING 21 Nov thru (DG, mob).

Cackling Goose: Baisley Pd P, QUEE 9 Oct – 25 Nov (AB); FIHW 30 Oct (JGi); Mattituck, SUFF 9 Nov (RA); MLUA 26 Nov (ACi); Deep Hollow 26 Nov (JSe); Agawam L, SUFF 27 Nov (SSM, PJL); Noyack, SUFF 27 Nov (RBA).

Mute Swan: max 90 Glen Cove, NASS 21-23 Nov (MN).

Tundra Swan: 4 Hook Pd, SUFF 19 Nov (JR); 5 Hook Pd 21-22 Nov (AC).

Wood Duck: max 21 Philips Cr/Alcott Pd, SUFF 30 Oct (ES); 13 FBF 12 Nov (MK); 14 Jam Bay 12 Nov (P. Wolter).

Gadwall: 150 Jam Bay 9 Oct (JN); max 164 Swan Lake, Patchogue, SUFF 19 Nov (WD, BP, D. Gagne); 120 CP 23 Nov (M. Daw).

Eurasian Wigeon: Jam Bay 4-12 Nov (DG, mob); Patchogue L, SUFF 13-14 Nov (AB, SA, mob); probably same bird West L, Patchogue, SUFF 19-25 Nov (*fide* SSM, SyS, JGi, mob); Coopers Neck Pd, SUFF 12-13 Nov (Jim Ash, *fide* AnW); Tottenville, RICH 13-20 Nov (SIW, DE, mob); Setauket Harbor, SUFF 29 Nov (PSc).

Am. Wigeon: max 400 Jam Bay 21 Oct (A. Fleishman).

Am. Black Duck: max 470 Jam Bay 9 Oct (JN).

Blue-winged Teal: 3 Jam Bay 20 Nov (RBA), late.

N. Shoveler: max 350 Jam Bay 29 Nov (DG).

N. Pintail: max 23 Patchogue L 14 Nov (BY), few.

Green-winged Teal: max 150 Jam Bay 6 Nov (JN).

Canvasback: only about 10 reports; max 4 Jam Bay (IG, *et al*).

Redhead: only about 15 reports; max 6 L. Capri, SUFF 19 Nov (WD, BP, D. Gagne).

Ring-necked Duck: max 414 Patchogue L 19 Nov (SSM, *et al*); *intro*.

Greater Scaup: max 2000 Jam Bay 13 Nov (MK); *intro*.

Lesser Scaup: max 54 Patchogue L 14 Nov (BY), few; *intro*.

Com. Eider: few RP, FT other western inlets from late Oct; 25 JBWE 15 Nov; max 1185 MP & Camp Hero SP 26 Nov (SF); *intro*.

Harlequin Duck: imm m FT 26 Nov (SA, MN); drake Pt. Lookout, NASS 24 Nov (*fide* SA); only reports.

Surf Scoter: max 1080 MP & Camp Hero SP 26 Nov (SF); *intro*.

White-winged Scoter: max 1500 MP 5 Nov (AnW); *intro*.

Black Scoter: max 6175 Ama 29 Oct (AnW); *intro*.

Scoter sp.: 13,252 MP 29 Oct (AnW); *intro*.

Bufflehead: max 807 Centre I Town Pk, NASS 26 Nov (BBo); *intro*.

Barrow's Goldeneye: East Marion, SUFF 25 Nov thru (*fide* HM, RBA), drake returning for 2nd yr.

Hooded Merganser: max 55 L Capri 12 Nov (P. Wolter).

Com. Merganser: FT 22 Nov (DG, SB).

Ruddy Duck: max 4580 Jam Bay 29 Nov (DG); *intro*.

N. Bobwhite: PBP 12 Nov (AB); 4 Avalon/East Farm Preserves 20 Nov (JB); only reports.

Ring-necked Pheasant: max 5 KP 1 Oct (SSc).

Wild Turkey: max 51 Seaview St. & Father Capodanno Blvd., RICH 3 Sep (MK); 25 Brookhaven National Lab, SUFF 6 Nov (RK).

Red-throated Loon: large late Nov flights; max 1594 RMSP 21 Nov (SSM); 535 RMSP 22 Nov (SF).

Com. Loon: max 285 Springs, SUFF 5 Nov (AnW).

Red-necked Grebe: Fort Pd Bay, Montauk, SUFF 12 Nov thru (AnW, AC, mob), max 8 there 26 Nov (KF, RJK), large number; Old Field Pt, Setauket, SUFF 18-29 Nov (PSc); Gardiners Bay, SUFF 19-20 Nov (KR, JGi, mob); Orchard Beach, BRON 19 Nov (AB, *et*

al); 2 MP 20 Nov (SSM, PJL); 2 RMSP 21 Nov (SSM); Lemon Cr, RICH 24 Nov (ACi); RP 27 Nov (RBA).

Eared Grebe: Jam Bay 3 Nov thru (AL, mob).
N. Fulmar: 34 offshore Shinn 6 Nov (AnW, JSh, RF); *intro*.

Cory's Shearwater: 2 RMSP10 Sep (RBA); MP 18 Sep (*fide* AnW); RMSP 24 Sep (SA); 7 offshore Shinn 6 Nov (AnW, JSh, RF); 7 Hudson/Block Canyons 10 Nov (CV).

Great Shearwater: 307 MP 29 Oct (AnW); 28 offshore SUFF 1 Nov (CV); 713 offshore Shinn 6 Nov (AnW, JSh, RF); 450 Hudson/Block Canyons 10 Nov (CV); *intro*.

Manx Shearwater: offshore SUFF 1 Nov (CV); 4 offshore Shinn 6 Nov (AnW, JSh, RF); 4 Hudson/Block Canyons 10 Nov (CV).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: RMSP 10 Sep (RBA).

N. Gannet: 4500 FT 18 Nov (DG); max 5000 RMSP 18 Nov (SSM).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R10): East Hampton 1 Sep (*fide* HM); 2 Jam Bay 3-5 Sep (SW, KM, Dri, et al.), ph; 2 RMSP 1 Oct (JGI, mob); *intro*.

Brown Pelican: Many reports, especially Montauk: Old Fort Pd, Southampton, SUFF thru 1 Sep (*fide* DF); ad Montauk Inlet/L Montauk thru 2 Sep (mob); imm Montauk Inlet/L Montauk, SUFF thru 13 Nov (*fide* AnW, mob); another imm Montauk Inlet/L Montauk 12-13 Nov (AnW); Great Gull I, SUFF 2 Sep (*fide* JDi); imm CCP 4 Sep (SW, RK); 3 Sag 5 Sep (RK); imm 11 Sep Three-mile Harbor, SUFF (AnW); Orient, SUFF 17 Sep (RBA); Sag 21 Sep (Jash); Mecox, SUFF 22 Oct (JSh); Fort Pd Bay 26-27 Nov (RJK, AC); imm JBWE 28 Nov (RP); *intro*.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 4700 RMSP 26 Oct (SSM), large number.

Great Cormorant: 4 imm Montauk Inlet 11 Sep (AnW), early.

Am. Bittern: RMSP 1 Sep (RJK); MNSA 27-30 Sep (MF); E52 St., NEWY 23 Oct (AF); Jam Bay 4-8 Nov (mob); 3 Shinn 9 Nov (MLL); Dune Rd, East Quogue, SUFF 22 Nov (DF); 2 Jam Bay 27 Nov (RBA).

Great Egret: max 44 Jam Bay 9 Oct (JN).

Tricolored Heron: CCP 10 Oct (BBo), late, unusual location.

Cattle Egret: FMCP 22 Sep (PSh); Stillwell Woods Pres., NASS 12-15 Nov (MN), ph, late.

Green Heron: Mill Pd, Setauket 18 Nov (PSc); Husing Pd Pres, SUFF 26 Nov (JSe); Bronx Zoo, BRON 27 Nov (CF); late.

WHITE IBIS: imm Sag 2-3 Sep (Jash); ad Triton Ln, Hampton Bays, SUFF 6 Sep (KT); *intro*.

Black Vulture: Fresh Kills, RICH 2 Oct (SIW, EJ); E 52 St 5 Oct (AF); Moses Mtn, RICH 15 Oct (EJ); 2 Tottenville, RICH 25 Oct (RV); E52St 25 Oct (AF), unusual location; Moses Mtn 30 Oct (AP, CB); 2 Buck's Hollow, RICH 3 Nov (DE); max 11 Moses Mtn 6 Nov (CB, AP); 3 Moses Mtn 18 Nov (TB); 3 GKP 30 Nov (MS).
Turkey Vulture: 23 Fresh Kills 2 Oct (SIW, EJ); 34 E52 St 22 Oct (AF); 40 Riverside P, NEWY 30 Oct (D. Barrett); max 75 Moses Mtn 30 Oct (AP, CB), large number; Long Island reports incl. 9 Greenwood Cemetery, KING 17 Sep (PD); 13 PP 17 Sep (RB); 3 Montauk 2 Oct (HM, *et al*); FT 30 Oct (SA, CF); 3 Brookville, NASS 9 Nov (PM); Bayshore, SUFF 19 Nov (RBA).

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Osprey: Total 294 FIHW (*fide* DP); max 142 FT 1 Oct (SW, *et al*), large number; VCP 26 Nov (MN, SA, CF), late.

MISSISSIPPI KITE: CP 25 Sep (PP, *et al*).

Bald Eagle: At least 25 reports involving ca. 30 birds, incl: Total 3 FIHW (*fide* RJK); 3 Moses Mtn. 6 Oct (AP, CB); Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF 9 Oct (Marc & Sharon Brody); imm MLUA 9 Oct (MS); ad Bush Terminal Pier, KING 6-7 Oct (*fide* PD), ph; 3yr Moses Mtn 30 Oct (AP, CB); ad Moses Mtn 6 Nov (AP, CB); Moses Mtn 18 Nov (TB); 3 Gardiners I, SUFF 19 Nov thru (AnW).

N. Harrier: Total 149 FIHW (*fide* DP); *intro*.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: Total 389 FIHW (*fide* DP); max 60 FT 22 Oct (DG, SA, GH).

Cooper's Hawk: Total 58 FIHW (*fide* DP); *intro*.

N. Goshawk: imm Moses Mtn 30 Oct (AP, CB); FT 30 Oct (SW); FIHW 31 Oct (RBA);

Richmond, RICH 31 Oct (MS); *intro*.

Red-shouldered Hawk: Northville, SUFF 30 Sep (MLL); 3 PP 26 Oct (RJ); ad Edgemere, QUEE 30 Oct (SA, CF); max 8 Moses Mtn 30 Oct (AP, CB); FT 30 Oct (SW); ad FT 18 Nov (DG); 2 GKP 30 Nov (MS); *intro*.

Broad-winged Hawk: Buck's Hollow 3 Nov (DE), ph, late.

Rough-legged Hawk: no reports.

GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): imm Moses Mtn 30 Oct (AP, CB); Riverside P, NEWY 30 Oct (D. Barrett).

Am. Kestrel: Total 538 FIHW (*fide* DP); *intro*.

Merlin: Total 1267 FIHW (*fide* RJK, DP).

Peregrine Falcon: Total 164 FIHW (*fide* RJK, DP); 4 Mecox 26 Sep (HM); 2 Edgemere 30 Oct (SA, CF); *intro*.

YELLOW RAIL: Caumsett SP, SUFF 5 Oct (RBA).

Virginia Rail: PP 17 Sep (RBA); Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH 10 Oct (ACi); Herald Square P, NEWY 24 Oct (*fide* GW), ph; FT 13 Nov (*fide* MN); South Ozone Park, QUEE 13 Nov (RBA).

Sora: CP 17-19 Sep (*fide* SC, mob); 3 Yankee Stadium, BRON 25 Sep (AF), unusual location; Morton NWR, SUFF 15 Oct (PGi).

Am. Coot: max 260 Patchogue L 19 Nov (D. Gagne), large number.

Am. Golden-Plover: Over 30 reports incl: max 5 Eastport, SUFF 3 Sep (GS); 2 FBF 29 Sep (RJ, HL); 4 JBWE 20 Oct (KF); numerous reports there thru 25 Oct; 2 Montauk Inlet 29 Oct (AnW); HSP 31 Oct (DR), last.

Piping Plover: Cedar Pt CP, SUFF 16 Oct (AC), late.

Am. Oystercatcher: large numbers Jones Inlet; max 465 JBWE 4, 17 Sep (RJK, MM, respectively); 370 JBWE 2 Nov (CF, *et al*); 220 JBWE 23 Nov (AB).

BLACK-NECKED STILT: Salt Marsh Nature Center, Marine Park, KING 11 Sep (HL).

Solitary Sandpiper: WPP 11 Oct (ACi); Deep Hollow 31 Oct (AC); late.

“Western” Willet: max 35 JBWE 9 Oct (SSc).

Lesser Yellowlegs: 15 Ocean Parkway, SUFF 15 Nov (KT); late, large number.

Upland Sandpiper: no reports.

Whimbrel: 3 CCP 2 Sep (CS); 2 Riverhead, SUFF 4 Sep (A. Murphy); HSP 1 Sep (GQ, AQ); GKP 8 Sep (JS); SPCP 16 Sep (CS, PS); 2 SPCP 24 Sep (RK); SPCP 25 Sep (RK).

Hudsonian Godwit: Jam Bay 5 Sep (TWB, GB, AB); JBWE 9 Sep (JGi, SyS); JBWE 28 Sep (AL, *et al*); 3 JBWE 2 Oct (SyS, MM, BB).

Marbled Godwit: reports JBWE thru 23 Nov incl: 3 JBWE 15 Oct (SA, mob), 2 JBWE 23 Oct - 23 Nov (mob); CCP 2 Sep (CS); max 14 CCP 3 Sep (RK, CS, DB), large number; 2 Warner I, Shinnecock, SUFF 3 Sep (JR); 11 CCP 4 Sep (RK); 5 CCP 11 Sep (RK, LO); 2 Mecox 21 Sep (*fide* AnW).

Red Knot: 105 JBWE 8 Sep (RJK); 200 JBWE 9 Sep (JGi, SyS); 187 JBWE 15 Oct (SA); 310 JBWE 1 Nov (RJK); max 330 JBWE 3 Nov (DG); large numbers.

Sanderling: max 1250 JBSP 10 Oct (SF).

Western Sandpiper: 3 Mecox 5 Sep (HM); HSP 12 Sep (RJK); WPP 17 Sep (SIW); 2 WPP 18-21 Sep (ACi mob); JBWE 20 Oct (KF); JBWE 1 Nov (RJK).

White-rumped Sandpiper: 5 Mecox 5 Sep (HM); 2 Eastport 9 Sep (CS, DB, MLL); max 12 HSP 12 Sep (KF); WPP 17 Sep (SIW); 6 WPP 18 Sep (ACi); 2 WPP 21 Sep (mob); WPP 8 Oct (MS); WPP 11 Oct (ACi).

Baird's Sandpiper: Mecox 5 Sep (HM); Eastport 9 Sep (CS, DB, MLL); only reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 20 Depot Lane, Cutchogue, SUFF 25 Sep (JSe).

Dunlin: max 3700 JBSP 30 Oct (SF), large number.

Stilt Sandpiper: Mecox 5 Sep (RK, HM); MNSA 10 Sep (MF); 2 HSP 12 Sep (RJK, KF); 2 Captree SP 7 Oct (SSM, PJL); Deep Hollow 15 Oct (AnW), late; juv Rita's Stables, Montauk, SUFF 29-30 Oct (AnW, MM), late; only reports.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: HSP 3-6 Sep (MC, mob); max 4 Eastport 3 Sep (GS); Nickerson Beach, NASS 4 Sep (SyS); 2 Eastport 4 Sep; 3 DP 10 Sep (JGi); Deep Hollow 10 Sep (VB); 3 Eastport 11 Sep (DB); SPCP 24 Sep (MC); Sag 26 Sep (HM); only reports.

Long-billed Dowitcher: 2 JBWE 23 Nov thru (AB).

Wilson's Phalarope: 3 HSP 12 Sep (PJL, RJK); HSP 15 Sep (LO).

RED PHALAROPE (R10): 262 offshore Shinn 6 Nov (AnW, JSh, RF); 150 Hudson/Block Canyons 10 Nov (CV); *intro*.

Black-legged Kittiwake: MP 18 Sep (SF), early; MP 29 Oct (AnW); offshore SUFF 1 Nov (CV); 14 offshore Shinn 6 Nov (AnW, JSh, RF); 35 Hudson/Block Canyons 10 Nov (CV); 4 MP 20 Nov (D. Gagne); Camp Hero SP, SUFF 22 Nov (DF); 3 MP 20 Nov (SSM, PJL).

Bonaparte's Gull: late Nov flight incl 275 FT 18 Nov (DG); 42 RMSP 18 Nov (SSM); 370 FT 21 Nov (DG); 550 FT 26 Nov (SA, MN); max 5600 Beach 115 St., Rockaway, QUEE to RP 27 Nov (AB, TWB, GB, *et al*), large number; 600 Coney I Creek P 28 Nov (DG); 290 RMSP 29 Nov (KF).

Black-headed Gull: ad Owl's Head P, KING 6-23 Nov (AxW), returning; imm Mill Pd, Setauket, SUFF 12-14 Nov (SBu), ph; ad RP 26 Nov (R. Fleming).

Little Gull: imm BP 26 Nov (RBA); prob same bird RP 27 Nov (RBA).

Laughing Gull: 346 FT 21 Nov (DG), large number for date; few present thru.

Iceland Gull: juv Montauk Inlet 20 Nov (WD, BP); ad Montauk 27 Nov (DG, HL).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: At least 18 reports involving at least 25 individuals. Returning ads: Lazy Pt, Napeague, SUFF 15 Oct thru; Arden Av., RICH 30 Oct – thru; Fort Pd Bay 19 Nov thru.

Glaucous Gull: 1 win BP/FT 29 Nov thru (AC, DG, AG, JL).

“Nelson's” Gull: 1 win JBSP Field 6 13 Nov (BR).

SOOTY TERN: Camp Hero SP 11 Sep (AnW), found dead, *intro*.

BRIDLED TERN: juv L Montauk 4 Sep (*fide* AnW), freshly dead, *intro*.

Gull-billed Tern: Mecox 3 Sep (AC); Sag 3 Sep (AC); CCP 3 Sep (RK, CS, DB); Plumb Beach, KING 12 Sep (RJ).

Caspian Tern: Mecox 3 Sep (AC); CCP 3 Sep (RK, CS, DB); 3 CCP 4 Sep (SW); 3 JBWE 9 Sep (JGi, SyS); DP 10 Sep (RBA); Mecox 21 Sep (*fide* AnW); 2 Mecox 22 Sep (PMP); 5SPCP 24 Sep (MC); 3 Mecox 25 Sep (HM); 2 Mecox 26 Sep (HM); FIHW 27 Sep (RJK); Jones Inlet, NASS 2 Oct (SyS); 3 SPCP 2 Oct (RK); last Watch Hill, Fire Island, SUFF 10 Oct (JO).

Black Tern: 631 Gardiner's Bay 4 Sep (AnW); max 875 Gardiner's Bay 11 Sep (AnW), large numbers; 95 Napeague 20 Sep (PMP); last JBWE 30 Sep (SyS).

Roseate Tern: Montauk Inlet 11 Sep (AnW).

Com. Tern: Captree SP 2 Nov (*fide* DG), ph; 7 Montauk 12 Nov (AnW); Montauk Inlet 22 Nov (DF); Fort Pd Bay 27 Nov (DG, HL); late.

Royal Tern: fewer than recent years; appx. 60 noted through season FIHW (RJK); other reports incl: 2 JBWE 2 Sep (SA, MN); 6 Warner I, Shinnecock, SUFF 3 Sep (JR); max 40 CCP 4 Sep (RK); Lido Beach, NASS 8 Sep (PM); DP 10 Sep (JGi); 2 CCP 11 Sep (LO); 3 Miller Field, RICH 11 Sep (SIW); JBWE 16 Sep (SyS, JGi); Mecox 21 Sep (*fide* AnW); 9 RMSP 24 Sep (SA, MN); Jones Inlet 2 Oct (SyS); 5 Mecox 8 Oct (AnW); JBWE 9 Oct (SA, et al); 2 Mecox 9 Oct (AC); 3 GKP 9 Oct (MS); Napeague 16 Oct (AC); Sag 16 Oct (AC); JBWE 22-25 Oct (mob); 7 Mecox 23 Oct (HM, PMP); 2 Napeague 27 Oct (AC); Old Field Pt, Setauket, SUFF 1 Nov (PSc); Shinn 5 Nov (JCJ); 2 Shoreham, SUFF 8 Nov (RK); 5 Northville 26 Oct – 8 Nov, 2 continuing thru 15 Nov (MLL), late; last RMSP 29 Nov (KF).

SANDWICH TERN: JBWE 2 Sep (SA, MN, PP); Great Gull I, SUFF thru 1 Sep (*fide* JDi); 2 Warner I 3 Sep (JR); CCP 4 Sep (RBA); Mecox 5 Sep (HM, RK); *intro*.

Black Skimmer: 170 Mecox 18 Sep (SA, PA), 160 juv; 104 Mecox 25 Sep (HM); 96 Mecox 26 Sep (HM); 3 Napeague 18 Oct (AC); 3 juv Coney I Cr, KING 16 Nov (DG), late.

SOUTH POLAR SKUA: Hudson/Block Canyons 10 Nov (CV).

SKUA sp: offshore Shinn 6 Nov (AnW, JSh, RF).

Pomarine Jaeger: 4 offshore Shinn 6 Nov (AnW, JSh, RF); 2 Hudson/Block Canyons 10 Nov (CV).

Parasitic Jaeger: DP 10 Sep (RBA); 2 MP 20 Sep (PMP, *et al*); 3 MP 18 Sep (*fide* AnW); 2 MP 14 Oct (PMP); max 8 JBWE 19 Nov (RBA);

2 FT 20 Nov (AB); FT 21 Nov (DG); 5 RP 27 Nov (RBA); RMSP 29 Nov (KF).

Razorbill: MP 12 Nov (AnW); 52 MP 20 Nov (AnW, *et al*); FT 21 Nov (DG); 6 RMSP 22 Nov (KF); 3 Camp Hero 22 Nov (DF); Ditch Plains, Montauk, SUFF 22 Nov (DF); 20 MP 20 Nov (SSM, PJL); JBWE 25 Nov (RK, SA, RJK); 23 MP 25 Nov (BBo); 19 MP 26 Nov (KF); 47 MP 27 Nov (DG, HL); 2 RP 27 Nov (RBA); max 66 RMSP 29 Nov (KF).

ATLANTIC PUFFIN: Hudson/Block Canyons 10 Nov (CV).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: Sheepshead Bay, KING 27-28 Nov (Avi Lewis, *fide* AF).

Monk Parakeet: 55 Greenwood Cemetery 18 Nov (DG, RB), large number; expanding s NASS & sw SUFF: Freeport & Baldwin, NASS, and Captree SP.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: JBWE 2-3 Nov (DG, CF, DF); DOP 5 Nov (TP); late.

Black-billed Cuckoo: only 15 reports.

Snowy Owl: arr Hicks I, Napeague 20 Nov (PJL, SSM, mob); Hoffman I, RICH ca. 29 Nov (*fide* Erica Sherman), ph; reported in "Sheepshead Bites" Blog.

Barred Owl: CP 30 Sep thru (Brian Moore, mob, *fide* LS); rare there.

Long-eared Owl: only one report.

Short-eared Owl: migr Midtown, NEWY 30 Oct (AF), unusual location.

N. Saw-whet Owl: only one report.

Com. Nighthawk: PP 7 Oct (GW, *et al*), late.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: fem Northwest Woods, East Hampton, SUFF thru 19 Sep (AC); fem Tottenville, RICH 11-12 Nov (*fide* SIW), ph.

SELASPHORUS sp: Southampton 23 Nov; East Hampton 23 Nov; both on private property; former present for approx one month prior, latter for approx one week prior (*fide* HM); details desired.

Red-headed Woodpecker: ad CP 7-9 Sep (mob); CLP 13 Sep (HF); 2 juv PP 17 Sep (*fide* PD); JBWE 17 Sep (MM); RMSP 24 Sep (MN, SA); CHP 24 Sep (JGi, et al); RMSP 30 Sep (SyS, JGi); imm CHP 30 Sep (SIW, DE); imm RMSP 1 Oct (JGi); JBWE 1 Oct (DF); imm CP 2 Oct thru (*fide* LS, TF, mob); RMSP 5 Oct (RJK); imm Napeague 8 Oct (AnW); imm RMSP 23 Oct (GQ); ad Montauk 4 Nov (VB).

N. Flicker: 1168 RMSP 5 Oct (SSM, PJL), large number.

FLYCATCHERS-WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CLP 4-5 Sep (CB, mob); CP 24 Sep (RBA); CP 7 Oct (Bill Benish), late.

E. Wood-Pewee: 36 CP 25 Sep (AF), large number; JBWE 25 Oct (SyS, JGi, SJ), late.

Least Flycatcher: Lido Beach 23 Oct (BB), late.

SAY'S PHOEBE: Caumsett SP 4-5 Oct (SF, mob); RMSP 7 Oct (JQ).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: JBWE 22-25 Nov (KF, SS, mob).

Western Kingbird: Gilgo Beach, SUFF 3 Oct (KF, SF); JBWE 15 Oct (MM); Old Field Lighthouse, Setauket 10 Nov (PSc), ph; BP 20 Nov (AB).

GRAY KINGBIRD: JBWE 15 Oct (MM), ph MM.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: Captree SP 21-22 Oct (KT, mob), ph Vincent Tizio.

N. Shrike: ad SPCP 12-14 Nov (RK, mob).

Blue-headed Vireo: SPCP 5 Nov (CS, *et al*); CHP 28 Nov (RV), late.

Philadelphia Vireo: PP 9 Sep (mob); Rocky Point, SUFF 10 Sep (RK); CLP 13 Sep (HF); SMSP 14 Sep (RBA); CP 17 Sep (mob); Orient, SUFF 17 Sep (RBA); Tobay, NASS 17 Sep (RBA); Garvies Pt Pres, NASS 18 Sep (PR); East Hampton 19 Sep (AC); KP 24 Sep (JR); CLP 25 Sep (IG, SA, GH); PP 25 Sep (RB); KP 1 Oct (JR, EM, *et al*).

Red-eyed Vireo: Caumsett SP 5 Nov (KF, SF), late.

COMMON RAVEN (R10): fewer reports than recent years; South Ozone Park 20 Sep (AB); 2 APP 25 Sep (TWB, GB); 2 Kew Gardens, QUEE 26 Sep (Anne Craig); 2 Rocky Pt, SUFF 2 Oct (DH); FIHW 5 Oct (RJK), rare on barrier beach; Northport, SUFF 16 Oct (GQ); 2 Bronx Zoo, BRON 28 Oct (Todd Olson); Roslyn, NASS 11 Nov (MN); 2 Roslyn 28 Nov (MN).

Tree Swallow: max 3000 FT 28 Sep (RB), large number.

Cliff Swallow: last RMSP 8 Oct (SSM).

CAVE SWALLOW: no reports.

House Wren: 21 CP 25 Sep (AF), large number.

Marsh Wren: APP 1 Oct (JR, EM, *et al*), unusual location; Mecox 27 Nov (SSM, PJL), late.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Jam Bay 7 Nov (DG); CHP 14 Nov (RV); MP 20-26 Nov (SS, *et al*, KF); Coney I Cr P 24-28 Nov (SB, DG); PBP 27 Nov (JRo); late.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR: Deep Hollow 17-20 Sep (KR, mob).

E. Bluebird: 36 Caumsett SP 5 Nov (KF, SF); 41 Caumsett SP 14 Nov (JGi); large numbers for location.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Willowbrook P, RICH 9 Sep (RBA); E52 St. 16 Sep (AF); RMSP 16-17 Sep (KF, SF, mob); CP 24 Sep (JD); 19 CP 25 Sep (AF), large number; 1-2 Bryant P, NEWY 5-18 Oct (BC, mob); Bryant P 9 Nov (BC!), late.

Swainson's Thrush: 245 CP 25 Sep (AF), large number; Bryant P 19 Nov (BC), very late, *intro*.

Am. Robin: max 4750 E52 St 31 Oct (AF).

Am. Pipit: 50 FBF 23 Oct (RJ, HL); 52 FT 30 Oct (SA, CF); large numbers.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: MP 10 Oct (BB); RMSP 30 Oct (RBA); DP 5 Nov (DR, *et al*); Northville 15 Nov (MLL); RMSP 18 Nov (SSM); JBWE 25 Nov (SA, RJK).

Ovenbird: Bryant P 2 Nov thru (BC, mob), late.

Golden-winged Warbler: fem KP 21 Sep (EM, JL, *et al*).

Blue-winged Warbler: KP 1 Oct (SSc); Caumsett SP 5 Oct (ES, DT); late.

Black-and-white Warbler: Gilgo 23 Oct (SSM); Bryant P 26 Oct (GW); last 1 at 604 Flatbush Ave, KING 2 Nov ("The Wildlab"), late.

Prothonotary Warbler: CP 1 Sep (mob); CLP 4 Sep; CP 14 Sep (SC); PP 15 Sep (*fide* PD); Mecox 25 Sep (HM); SMSP 22 Oct – 1 Nov (KF, SF, KT, mob), very late, *intro*.

Tennessee Warbler: 10 Caumsett 7 Oct (KF), large number; 2 RMSP 22 Oct (SSM); Lido Beach 23 Oct (RJK, BB); JBWE 23 Oct (SW, SA, *et al*); Pt Lookout 23 Oct (RJK, BB); KP 26 Oct (CF, EM); CP 30 Oct (SC); late.

Orange-crowned Warbler: over 30 reports, first 17 Sep.

Connecticut Warbler: College of Staten Island, RICH 13 Sep (SSM); FT 16 Sep (PD); CP 17 Sep (*fide* TF), ph; KP 24-25 Sep (EM, JR, mob); NYBG 24 Sep (mob); PP 25 Sep (RB); Snug Harbor, RICH 26 Sep (MS, IG); PP 30 Sep (RJ); 2 KP 1 Oct (JR, EM, mob), ad & imm; Greenwood Cemetery 1 Oct (RJ, *et al*); Jam Bay 2 Oct (EM, AG, *et al*); RMSP 5 Oct (SSM); Crocheron P, QUEE 6 Oct (EM).

Mourning Warbler: only about 10 reports; last CB 1 Oct (DF).

Com. Yellowthroat: Camp Hero SP 27 Nov (DG, HL), late.

Hooded Warbler: m JBWE 15 Oct (RBA); PP 17 Oct (RB); m CP 18 Oct (PJ, SC, mob); CP 30 Oct (SC), late.

Am. Redstart: Gilgo 23 Oct (SSM), ph, late.

Cape May Warbler: few; approx 20 reports; 2 Zach's Bay, JBSP 15 Oct (RJK); last RMSP 22 Oct (SSM).

N. Parula: 60 VSSP 17 Sep (BB), large number; FT 22 Oct (GH, SA, DG); NYBG 26 Oct (ABI); CHP 14 Nov (RV); late.

Yellow Warbler: RMSP 22 Oct (SSM), late.

Blackpoll Warbler: 34 CP 25 Sep (AF), large number; many late: 13 RMSP 22 Oct (SSM); 8 FT/RP 22 Oct (SA, GH, DG); 13 Pine Neck Sanctuary, East Quogue, SUFF 24 Oct (DR); 16 Caumsett SP 25 Oct (KF, SF); 2 KP 25 Oct (CF, EM); Bryant P 26 Oct (GW); Buck's Hollow 3 Nov (DE); 5 Caumsett SP 5 Nov (SF); JBWE 5 Nov (SA, *et al*); E52 St 18 Nov (AF).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 3 RMSP 22 Oct (SSM); Gilgo 23 Oct; JBSP 23 Oct (SSM); PP 1-2 Nov (PD, AxW), late.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 11,300 RMSP 22 Oct (SSM), large number.

Prairie Warbler: fem CP 26 Nov thru (mob), late.

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER: imm fem CP 17-24 Nov, identified 23 Nov (PSc), probably present from 17 Nov; *intro*.

Black-throated Green Warbler: RP 22 Oct (SA, GH, DG); RMSP 22 Oct (SSM); late.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Ft. Wadsworth, RICH 10 Sep (CB); Bryant P 16 Sep (BC); RMSP 16-18 Sep (KF, SF, mob); RMSP 16 Sep (MN); PP 17 Sep (*fide* PD); CP 24 Sep (TF); CP 29 Sep (JDi); Rocky Point 30 Sep (RK); KP 1 Oct (JR, EM, *et al*); 2 CP 1-2 Oct (PJ, TF); FBF 2 Oct (PD, *et al*); CP 4-5 Oct (*fide* TF); 2 CP 12 Oct (RBA); Zach's Bay, JBSP 15 Oct (RJK); Snug Harbor 18 Oct (MS); Gilgo 23 Oct (RPx); MLUA 24 Oct (RV); 1-2 Bryant P 26 Oct thru (BC, GW, mob), ph; Caumsett SP 5 Nov (KF, SF); Quogue, SUFF 15 Nov (OB); MLUA 26 Nov (EJ); 2 Mecox 27 Nov (SSM, PJL); CHP 29 Nov (RV).

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: PB 4 Sep (RBA), very early; CHP 24 Sep (JGi, *et al*); KP 24-25 Sep (EM, JR, mob); CLP 26 Sep (HF); APP 1 Oct (DF); RMSP 5 Oct (SSM); 2 JBWE 8 Oct (BF); JBWE 9 Oct (SA, mob); MP 11 Oct (ES, DT); Wading R, SUFF 16 Oct; 2 Gilgo 16 Oct (RBA); 1-2 JBWE 15-18 Oct (RBA, JGI, SyS); HHSP 17 Oct (AC); FT 22 Oct (DG, SA, GH); FBF 22 Oct (DG); SPCP 22 Oct (RK); Plumb Beach 23 Oct (JD, *et al*); JBWE 23-25 Oct (JD, *et al*); MP 26 Oct (PMP); SPCP 28 Oct (CS, DB); BP 20 Nov (AB), late.

Field Sparrow: 15 Lido Beach 23 Oct (RJK, BB); 10 FT 30 Oct (SA, CF); 15 FBF 26 Nov, large numbers.

Vesper Sparrow: Snug Harbor 26 Sep (MS); Caumsett SP 7 Oct (KF); FT 8 Oct (CF, SA); Caumsett SP 8 Oct (D. Furbish); 2 FT 22 Oct

(DG, GH, SA); 2 FBF 22 Oct (DG); Lido Beach 23 Oct (RJK, BB); FBF 24 Oct (SyS, JGi); 3 KP 25 Oct (CF, EM); PP 26 Oct – 1 Nov (GW, mob); 3 FT 28-30 Oct (CF, AB, SA); FT 31 Oct (DG); 2 CP 1 Nov (*fide* KFu); SPCP 20 Nov (DR, *et al*).

Lark Sparrow: at least 15 reports involving at least 18 birds: JBWE 8 Sep (RP); CP 13-15 Sep (TP, mob); 3 JBWE 16 Sep (PP, ABi); FT 16-17 Sep (PD, mob); RMSP 16-17 Sep (SSM, SF); JBWE 17-18 Sep (RBA); KP 25 Sep (PR); 2 KP 27-29 Sep (CF, mob); FBF 29 Sep (PD); KP 1 Oct (KM); Theodore Roosevelt County P, SUFF 2 Oct (HM, *et al*); PP 5 Oct (RJ); FT 8 Oct (CF, IG, SA); JBWE 9 Oct (SA, mob); FT 22 Oct (DG, SA, GH).

Grasshopper Sparrow: E52 St. 4 Oct (AF); CP 6 Oct (MR); Zach's Bay, JBSP 15 Oct (RJK).

Nelson's Sparrow: arr PP 6 Oct (RJ, RB); RP 8 Oct (CF, IG, SA); PBP 8 Oct (AB); MLUA 7 Oct (RV); max 13 Plumb Beach 9 Oct (HL); Captree I, SUFF 10 Oct (SF); CCP 10 Oct (BBo), *subvirgatus*; 8 Plumb Beach 23 Oct (JD, *et al*), all *subvirgatus*; 3 Plumb Beach 24 Oct (SyS, JGi); 6 Plumb Beach 25 Oct (JGI); Cedar Beach, Babylon 26 Oct (JSe); last Meadow Croft Estate, SUFF 19 Nov (DR).

Saltmarsh Sparrow: Bryant P 5 Oct (GW, *et al*), ph, unusual location.

Fox Sparrow: CP 11 Oct (RBA), early.

Lincoln's Sparrow: Over 35 reports incl: 3 Caumsett SP 7 Oct (KF); Northville 15 Nov (MLL), late; Bryant P 19 Nov thru (BC), late.

Swamp Sparrow: 500 MLUA 24 Oct (RV); poss State record high count.

White-crowned Sparrow: common this fall; over 150 reports incl reports of 13-15 JBWE, 16 RMSP, & max 21 JBSP 8-10 Oct.

Summer Tanager: CLP 27 Sep (HF, *et al*); Blydenburgh CP, SUFF 5 Oct (GQ).

Scarlet Tanager: PBP 19 Nov (AB), late.

Blue Grosbeak: 3 RMSP 16 Sep (MN, KF, SF); 3 SMSP 16 Sep (RBA); 2 JBWE 24 Sep (SA); 1-2 KP 24 Sep – 1 Oct (EM, JR, CF, mob); CP 25 Sep (TF); RMSP 1 Oct (JGI); 4 KP 2 Oct (AB, MM); Jam Bay 2 Oct (EM, AG, *et al*); FBF 2 Oct (PD, *et al*); 4 Snug Harbor 3 Oct (IG, MS); RMSP 5 Oct (KF, SF); KP 8-11 Oct (GH, EM, mob); CP 11-12 Oct (TP, KFu, mob); Ama 15 Oct (KRu); JBWE 16 Oct (JGI); 2 RMSP 16 Oct (JGI).

Indigo Bunting: 15 KP 1 Oct (AB), large number.

Dickcissel: RMSP 9 Sep (RBA); FBF 10 Sep (RBA); DP 10 Sep (RBA); JBWE 11 Sep (TWB, GB); CP 11 Sep (TF); FT 27 Sep (TF); Georgica, SUFF 28 Sep (N Laviola); RMSP 1 Oct (DF); MP 8 Oct (AC); JBWE 9 Oct (SA, mob); HSP

15 Oct (JGI); Zach's Bay, JBSP 15 Oct (RJK); Zach's Bay, JBSP 16 Oct (RBA); FT 22 Oct (GH, SA); JBWE 12-18 Nov (BB, SW, mob); Ditch Plains 27 Nov (DG, HL); CHP 28 Nov (RV).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 2700 FT 18 Nov (DG, RB).

E. Meadowlark: 20 Calv 24 Nov (PM), large number.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: imm m SPCP 26 Sep (CS); imm m RMSP 5 Oct (SSM); imm f Captree SP 19-22 Oct (SSM, mob).

Rusty Blackbird: arr 3 Caumsett SP 7 Oct (KF); 45 FT 22 Oct (DG, SA, GH); 35 FT 30 Oct (SA, CF); 46 RMSP 19 Nov (SSM); max 130 FT 19 Nov (DG, RB).

Com. Grackle: 6500 several locations coastal KING 17 Nov (DG), large number.

Boat-tailed Grackle: 120 Captree SP 7 Oct (SSM); 110 Captree SP 26 Oct (SSM); 400 Jam Bay 3 Nov (DG, CF), large number.

Orchard Oriole: L Montauk 2 Sep (SSM, PJL); CP 1 Oct (*fide* TF), ph, late.

Baltimore Oriole: 3 PBP 19 Nov (AB); CP 25 Nov (J. Rabi); CHP 28 Nov (RV), late.

Purple Finch: few; first 5 Oct several loc; 5 CHP 18 Nov (RV); max 10 RMSP 18 Nov (SSM).

Pine Siskin: very few; first 5 Oct RMSP; max 11 E52 St 31 Oct (AF); 6 GKP 30 Nov (MS).

Am. Goldfinch: very few; 150 RMSP 24 Nov (BBo); max 437 FT 24 Nov (DG).

EXOTICS

Mitred Parakeet: 7 Ozone Park, QUEE 1 Oct (Lisa Scheppke), ph; 11 Ozone Park, QUEE 3 or 4 Oct (Lisa Scheppke).

Great Kiskadee: Spuyten Duyvil, BRON 11 Sep (Philip & Alice Brickner), ph.

Venezuelan Troupial: Gerry Pd P, Roslyn, NASS 28-30 Nov (MN, mob), ph.

