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Winter 2011-12



This Grace's Warbler was discovered by Doug Gochfeld and Andrew Baksh at Point Lookout, *Nassau*, during the Southern Nassau County Christmas Bird Count, 1 Jan 2012. Photographs © David Krauss. See pp. 128-132.



This Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch was found by David Rankin and others near the summit of Big Dome Mountain, *Greene*, 22 Dec 2011 © David Rankin. See p. 132.



This Rufous Hummingbird persisted through the winter in the gardens of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, *New York*. Photograph © Peter Post, 22 Dec 2011. See pp. 185- 194.



Western Grebes, Cayuga Lake, just north of Union Springs, *Cayuga*, 8 Feb 2012, © Jay McGowan. There was some discussion regarding whether the paler bird might have been a Western x Clark's Grebe hybrid; see pp. 157-161.



This “Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler at Sunken Meadow SP, *Suffolk* (top: 26 Feb 2012, © Doug Gochfeld; above left: 10 Feb 2012, © S. S. Mitra) was a rare vagrant from western North America. It was distinguished from the regularly occurring “Myrtle” Warbler (above right: 15 Jan 2012) by its plain face pattern, its square-shaped yellow throat, differences in the pattern of white in the tail feathers, and differences in call note.



This adult male stood out among the many Snowy Owls found in NY during winter 2011-12. First seen during the Captree CBC at Fire Island Inlet, *Suffolk* on 18 Dec (© S. S. Mitra), it appeared on the Southern Nassau County CBC on 1 Jan (© Seth Ausubel), and was recorded at Breezy Point, *Queens*, on 5 Feb (© Corey Finger).



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Mississippi Kites, Root, *Montgomery*, 20 and 28 Aug 2010. Photographs © Richard Guthrie (left) and Jesse Jaycox (right). Confirmation of the first successful nesting in NYS was obtained with this fledgling being fed by the adults in trees near the nest.



Mew Gull, Devil's Hole SP, *Niagara* 7 Jan 2010. Photograph © James Pawlicki. Careful photo documentation established this adult bird (top right) as the first example of the nominate subspecies *canus* ('Common Gull') on the Niagara River.



Barnacle Goose, Orchard Beach, *Bronx*, 27 Nov 210. Photographs © Andrew Baksh and © Jack Rothman (insets). Banded in Scotland in 2002, this is only the third record of a marked bird for North America and provides solid evidence for natural vagrancy to NYS.



Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Tonawanda WMA, *Genesee*, 11 Aug 2010. Photograph © Will Stuart. Often secretive, this was one of seven individuals recorded in NYS during the summer of 2010, evidently part of a major incursion into the Northeast.



Hermit Warbler, Sunken Meadow SP, *Suffolk*, 5 Dec 2010. Photograph © Jason Silverman. Furnishing a 1st NYS record, this hatching-year female favored an area of coastal bushes, often flying out onto a short grass lawn where it gleaned insects.



Kirtland's Warbler, Burt, *Niagara*, 18 May 2010. Sketch © Betsy Potter. This striking and distinctive male was observed briefly during a period of strong warbler migration along the shore of Lake Ontario but disappeared before it could be photographed.