

REGION 10—MARINE

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Cliff Swallows nested at Alley Pond Environmental Center in Queens, furnishing a very rare Long Island breeding record and evidence of the ecological value of this sensitive area. Other notable breeding records this season included a Gull-billed Tern nest on the beach, near the Lido Beach Common Tern and Black Skimmer colony, Brooklyn's first documented Blue Grosbeak nest, and a territorial Kentucky Warbler at Rocky Point, Suffolk County. On Long Island, Gull-billed Terns tend to nest on inaccessible marsh islands, and breeding efforts often go undetected. Blue Grosbeak has solidified its status as a breeder in the central Long Island pine barrens region, but this species was hardly expected to nest in an urban coastal park. Kentucky Warbler has always been very rare as an actual/potential breeder on Long Island (vs. demonstrably more frequent in the Lower Hudson River Valley), so the Rocky Point bird's behavior was a testament to the relative quality of the forest he

favorable. To put things in perspective for readers from mainland New York, a species as ubiquitous throughout most of its range as American Redstart is actually scarce and local as a breeder on Long Island—to the extent that it is something of an indicator of forest quality here; it was therefore fitting that American Redstarts were present alongside the Rocky Point Kentucky Warbler.

In addition to summer season staples, such as late spring migration, the breeding season, and early fall migration, we have often made special efforts to draw attention to another, more mysterious, dimension of the summer season: the extraordinarily diverse and disparate communities of non-breeding birds that regularly converge on our Region during June and July. Summer 2012 was really remarkable in this regard, and if one sought to illustrate this pattern via a single day, 2 June 2012 serves very nicely indeed.

For several independent groups of Region 10 birders, the combination of date (late spring/early summer), day of week (Saturday), and conditions (southeasterly winds) on this day made it relatively simple to decide what to do: get to the ocean and search for seabirds. Under these circumstances, a wide variety of seabirds can be anticipated, including species that breed in the Southern Hemisphere, such as Sooty Shearwaters and Wilson's Storm-Petrels; non-breeding individuals of North Atlantic species, such as Cory's and Manx Shearwaters; as well as late migrants of several species still bound for far-northern breeding grounds. The observers who began gathering at favorable vantages like Robert Moses SP and Main Beach, East Hampton were not disappointed. All of the species just named were observed, along with both species of loons, Northern Gannets, Great Shearwaters, Parasitic Jaegers, and Black Terns. Astonishingly, adult Long-tailed Jaegers were also seen at both sites. The improbability of seeing even one from land, together with the time and distance intervals (60 miles, 2:47), led some to suggest that the same individual was involved. Another remarkable report was of a Leach's Storm-Petrel, from Main Beach. Apart from a handful of old specimens of birds striking lighthouses at night, we are not aware of any prior land-based records from Long Island during spring. Even more remarkable was the report from Robert Moses of a Cape Verde Shearwater, a relative of the Cory's Shearwater, and a potential first record for New York, pending review.

Clearly, oceanic birds were on the move that day. A further indication of this trend came later that same day, when observers on the flats near Moriches Inlet found no fewer than **six** Arctic Terns, three of which were in the seldom-seen adult breeding plumage. Over the past decade, we've used these summer season reports to make the case that this historically enigmatic species occurs regularly on coastal Long Island during June and July. Taking that point as given now, this species' pattern of occurrence still seems surprisingly variable, from year to year, and even from day to day. For instance, under relatively uniform effort of observation in recent years, the number of birds recorded in a given year has varied from as few as four to more than a dozen per year, even as the frequency of multi-bird days (such as six on 2 June 2012 and five on 9 July 2006) is consistently greater than one would expect for such a scarce species. Furthermore, this species' inshore occurrence at this season shows no clear

relationship with weather. Thus, the fact that a record-setting tally of Arctic Terns occurred on the same day as a record-setting seabird flight suggests that our inshore Arctic Terns might be indicators of larger than usual aggregations of pelagic species close to shore, a hypothesis currently under analysis. If so, we might profit by re-conceiving our thoughts about the occurrence of pelagic birds near shore, by shifting from the view that these birds are displaced landward passively by the weather to a view that considers the possibility that seabird communities might, on occasion, actively utilize our inshore waters to a greater extent than generally appreciated.

The final prizes in this category of amazing seabird records came only a few weeks later: a Brown Booby seen at close range and photographed by Arie Gilbert and Derek Rogers on the Moriches Inlet flats on 5 July, and a Fea's Petrel photographed by Anthony Collerton just five miles south of Montauk on 19 June—another potential first state record, pending review. Both of these birds are remarkable not just for their rarity, but for their occurrence in places that, although seemingly grossly abnormal for the species in question, have nevertheless acquired reputations for hosting unexpected seabirds of many kinds (Fea's Petrel had been predicted to occur in New York, but over deep, warm water, far from land—not over the cool, shallow waters close to shore).

In another category were a surprising number and variety of non-breeding landbirds lingering into summer in the urban oasis of Bryant Park. These records illustrate the summer season's potential as a time to search for vagrant landbirds that stray, for a variety of reasons, from their expected haunts. As is usually the case, quite a few shorebirds lingered with us through the month of June, including immature examples of Western Willet, Dunlin, Red Knot, Western Sandpiper, and Short-billed Dowitcher. The undoubted highlight among these tweeners was a breeding-plumaged Curlew Sandpiper, found near Moriches Inlet on 14 June by Michael McBrien.

Fall arrived no later than 20 June this year, when Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs and Least Sandpiper were observed migrating westward at Moriches Inlet after long absences. Like shorebirds, swallows migrate heavily during mid-summer. This year several observers were treated to a big coastal flight on 25 July, which was highlighted by 201 Cliff Swallows near Moriches Inlet—a remarkable number at any season in Region 10. The July shorebird migration was subjected to disciplined ground and pound coverage by Andrew Baksh and others, resulting in, among other notables, no fewer than **four** Ruffs at Jamaica Bay—a major uptick in occurrence that was mirrored elsewhere in eastern North America this summer. But the excitement of July ebbed into puzzlement and disappointment in August, as very few juvenile shorebirds materialized. The extent to which this phenomenon was localized to Jamaica Bay (where it was very pronounced) or perhaps more broadly indicative of breeding success, remains to be quantified.

There were incursions of Red-breasted Nuthatch, Purple Finch, and even Red Crossbill into Region 10 before the end of August, along with early appearances by Myrtle and Palm Warblers and White-throated Sparrow, among others. As we have discussed in previous summer essays (e.g., 2007), these

phenomena occur during summers of widespread drought and appear to be correlated with irruptive movements by many kinds of forest-breeding birds during the subsequent fall seasons. Normal late summer landbird migration was also well illustrated by the flight of 28-29 August, which produced large numbers and variety across the Region.

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ABBREVIATIONS

1S – first-summer plumage; 2S – second-summer plumage; APP – Alley Pond P, QUEE; BryP – Bryant P, NEWY; Calverton – SUFF; CCP – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; CemRes – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; CHP – Conference House P, RICH; CLP – Clove Lakes P, RICH; CP – Central Park, NEWY; CRSPP – Connetquot R SP Preserve, SUFF; CVP – Calvert Vaux P, KING; Dune R – Dune Rd, SUFF; Eastport – SUFF; EH – East Hampton, SUFF; EP – East Patchogue, SUFF; EPCAL – former Grumman property, Calverton, SUFF; HSP – Heckscher SP, SUFF; HY – hatch year; JamBay – Jamaica Bay NWR, QUEE/KING; JBWE – Jones Beach West End, NASS; JBSP – Jones Beach SP; MB – Mecox Bay; Main B – Main Beach, EH; SUFF; MLUA – Mount Loretto Unique Area, RICH; MP – Montauk Pt; Mtk – Montauk, SUFF; NB – Nickerson Beach, NASS; Northville – SUFF; NYBG – New York Botannical Garden, BRON; OP – Orient Pt, SUFF; PB – Pikes Beach, Westhampton, SUFF; PI – Plum I, SUFF; PonqB – Ponquogue Bridge, SUFF; PP – Prospect P, KING; Riv sod farms – Riverhead sod farms, SUFF; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; RPt DEC – Rocky Pt DEC property, SUFF; Shinn –

Shinnecock In and vicinity, SUFF; SI – Staten I (RICH); SPCP – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; WPP – Wolfes Pond P, RICH.

WHISTLING DUCKS-VULTURES

Snow Goose: ad lingered Orient, SUFF to 10 Jun.

Brant: 1S CCP 14 Jun (MMcB).

Mute Swan: max 293 (inc 7 cygnets) JamBay 21 Jul.

American Black Duck: ad + 6 y Dune R 1 Jul (E Schwinn).

Blue-winged Teal: max 42 JamBay 24 Aug (MSch).

Common Eider: 8 imm males PI 20 Jul; 2 Shagwong Bay, Mtk 22 Jul (AnW).

Surf Scoter: ad m NB 9 Jun (PPo); 9 Shagwong Bay, Mtk 22 Jul (AnW); molting SY f Connetquot R 12 Aug, (MMcB).

White-winged Scoter: sev OP 13 Jul (North Fork Birds Report); m Asharoken Beach, SUFF 13 Jul (LI Birding), 23 Jul; 4 Gardiner's Bay, SUFF 20 Jul (LI Birding); 2 Shagwong Bay, Mtk 22 Jul (AnW); 2 males OPCP 14 Aug (MLL).

Long-tailed Duck: OP 13 Jul (North Fork Birds Report).

Bufflehead: ad f WPP 14 Jun (ACi).

Red-breasted Merganser: 3 CCP 1 Jun (MMcB).

Northern Bobwhite: Avalon Pres, Setauket, SUFF 2-3, 21, 25 Jul (LI Birding, ph); m EP 16 Aug (MMcB), only reports aside from sev release programs in LI parks and preserves.

Ring-necked Pheasant: JBWE 15 Aug (MMcB).

Red-throated Loon: 1 RMSP 2 Jun, (mob), *see intro*.

Common Loon: 31 RMSP (mob), 132 Main B (mob) 2 Jun, *see intro*; 16 RMSP 12 Jun (SSM); 3 Fort Wadsworth, RICH 17-19 Jul, molting on beach (CB).

Horned Grebe: alt Reeve's Bay, Flanders, SUFF 18-22 Jul (Tom Haskell *fide* DR, mob).

FEA'S PETREL: pelagic 5 mi se MP 19 Jun (ACo, ph), 1st state record, pending NYSARC review.

Cory's Shearwater: 21 RMSP (mob) & 77 Main B (mob) 2 Jun; *intro*; nearshore pelagic 5-10 mi s of Brooklyn 17 Jun (AG et al.); bird in Plum Gut 19 Jul cont. from "a few weeks" was prob this spec (MSch), far from ocean; 8 CCP 18 Aug (PJL).

CAPE VERDE SHEARWATER: RMSP 2 Jun (SSM, mob), reports to NYSARC; *intro*.

Great Shearwater: 5 RMSP (mob) & 10 Main B (mob) 2 Jun; *intro*; 200+ pelagic 35 s Mtk 19 Jun (ACo); 2 CCP 18 Aug (PJL).

Sooty Shearwater: 716 RMSP (mob) & 2,322 Main B (mob); *intro*; Tobay, NASS 8 Jun (PM), westernmost.

Manx Shearwater: all reports: 2 RMSP (mob) & 27 Main B (mob) 2 Jun, *see intro*; pelagic 35 mi s Mtk 19 Jun (ACo); pelagic 8-25 mi s Mtk 22 Jul (ACo); Shinn 28 Jul (DR), well inside inlet; pelagic sse Shinn 28-29 Jul, ph; JBWE & JBSP Field 6 one hour later 11 Aug (NYRBA), poss same bird.

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: pelagic 92 mi sse Shinn 28-29 Jul, ph (JSh, AnW).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: 78 RMSP (mob) & 69 Main B (mob); *intro*; 120+ nearshore pelagic 5-10 mi s of Brooklyn 17 Jun (AG); 25+ Rockaway In 15 Jul (AG); several Gardiner's Bay 14-15 Jul (BH); 74 Culloden Pt, Mtk 22 Jul (AnW); 83 e LI Sound 22 Jul (SSM); 'hundreds' a few miles s of MP 22 Jul (BH; ACo); 330 pelagic 92 mi sse Shinn 28-29 Jul, ph (JSh, AnW); 25-30 inshore pelagic (Freeport whale watch) s of Rockaway Beach, QUEE 9 Aug (K Michaels); 6 Fort Tilden, QUEE 10 Aug (ABa); JBWE 11 Aug; more numerous & widespread than usual sw LI and LI Sound.

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: Main B 2 Jun ("seen well" mob), *see intro*; 26 pelagic 92 mi sse Shinn 28-29 Jul, ph (JSh, AnW).

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 6-7 pelagic 92 mi sse Shinn 28-29 Jul, ph (JSh, AnW).

BROWN BOOBY: CCP 5 Jul (DR, AG, ph).

Northern Gannet: 13 RMSP (mob) & 17 Main Beach (mob) 2 Jun; *intro*; MB 10 Jun (MMcB); 4 RMSP 12 Jun (SSM); imm fishing boat s of Freeport 13 Jul (BBE).

Double-crested Cormorant: sb migr first noted 18-19 Aug.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R10):

JamBay 14 Aug thru (ABa; A Peltomaa, mob).

Brown Pelican: Freeport, NASS 21 Jun (NYRBA); 4 Fire I In 3 Jul (Kimberly Van Tassel *fide* SD'A); RMSP 4 Jul (KF) flying w to e; RMSP 5 Jul (LI Birding); 3 CVP 14 Jul (AIW, ph); 2 on bar JBWE 11 Aug (TWB, GB); 2 flyby JBWE 15 Aug (BAnd).

American Bittern: Dune R 7 Jul (ACo); Nissequogue R, SUFF 29 Aug (LI Birding); rare summer.

Least Bittern: MLUA, RICH 7 Jun, calling (ACi); River Road creek, RICH 14 Jul (CB).

Great Egret: 39 Arshamomaque Pd Pres, SUFF 20 Aug (G Tudor).

Snowy Egret: 74 JamBay East Pd 26 Aug (MMcB).
Little Blue Heron: William Floyd Estate, SUFF 30 Jul (MLL); 4 Captree I, SUFF 25 Aug (MMcB).
Tricolored Heron: scarce again this season at sw LI breeding locs; 2 CCP 10 Jun, farther e.
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: Dune R 7 Jul (ACo), where scarce; Avalon Pres, SUFF 6 Jul (LI Birding); 4 CVP 14 Jul (AIW); 3 young JBWE 10 Aug (MMcB); juv EP 16-23 Aug (MMcB).
Black Vulture: PP 17 Aug (PD).
Turkey Vulture: 6 Calverton 10 Jun (MMcB); 12 Northville 9 Jul (MLL); Seaford, NASS 2 Aug (MMcB); 13 Eastport 19 Aug (MMcB); 9 Northville 27 Aug (MLL); numerous reps of smaller numbers from central and e LI.

HAWKS-ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: imm Sammy's Beach, EH 24 Jun (ACo); imm Peconic, SUFF 5 Aug (LI Birding); 2 Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF 21 Jul (PM); imm JBWE 21 Aug (SyS et al).
Northern Harrier: Cedar Beach 11 Jun, former breeding loc; m Freshkills P, RICH 7 Aug (SWo); imm f Northville 17 Aug (MLL); f and imm PI 17 Aug (LI Birding).
American Kestrel: 4 CVP 14 Jul (AIW); pr EPCAL 23 Aug (RF et al).
Merlin: Riverhead sod farms 18 Aug (PJJ, SSM).
Peregrine Falcon: pr RM Twin Causeway and water tower thru.
Clapper Rail: ad, 6 y JBWE 11 Aug, rarely reported from this loc (SyS, JGi).
Black-bellied Plover: 132 JamBay 7 Aug (ABa); 58 Riverhead sod farms 18 Aug (MLL).
American Golden-Plover: arr 18 Aug, 37 ads Riverhead sod farms (DR), 51 Cutchogue, SUFF (SSM, PJJ), & 3 Floyd Bennett Field, KING (ABa); max Riverhead sod farms 104 on 19 Aug (mob) & 97 on 26 Aug.
Semipalmated Plover: ~400 JBWE 18 Aug (DF).
Piping Plover: max 30 JBWE 19 Aug.
Killdeer: max 56 Eastport 23 Aug (JT).
American Oystercatcher: 80 NB 10 Jun (BBE); max 345 JBWE 10 Aug (MMcB).
American Avocet: JamBay 16 Jul (ABa); JamBay 1-5 Aug (ABa, C Finger, mob); 2 Downs Creek, Cutchogue, SUFF 5 Aug (RBA); 4 JamBay 6 Aug (ABa); JamBay 25 Aug thru (SWa, mob).
Spotted Sandpiper: JamBay 2 Jul (ABa); 12 JamBay 22 Jul (RJK); 19 PI 20 Aug (LI Birding), high count for survey.

Solitary Sandpiper: nocturnal flight call over Manhattan 24 Jul (AF); 3 Penny's Pd, Northville 15 Aug (BAD); 3 HSP 16 Aug.
Greater Yellowlegs: 2 sb CCP 20 Jun (SSM); 14 JamBay 30 Jun & 17 there 2 Jul (ABa).
Willet *semipalmatus*: 177 CCP 10 Jul (MMcB); 20 JBWE 2 Aug (BF); *inornatus*: ad CCP 1 Jun (MMcB), 1st report; 4 CCP 14 Jul (RBA); 19 (inc 2 juv) JBWE 10 Aug (MMcB); many thereafter.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 20 Jun APP & CCP (3); 16 JamBay 30 Jun, 38 Jam Bay 2 Jul (ABa).
Upland Sandpiper: Calverton 15 Aug (HMcG); HSP 16 Aug (DLAm).
Whimbrel: arr JamBay 19 Jun (RB); max 4 CCP 24 Jul (KF) & 4-6 Cedar Beach CP, Southold SUFF 5-17 Aug (LI Birding; DR); many wudespread reps 1-3 thru.
Hudsonian Godwit: 2 JamBay 26 Aug (KaM); 26 JBWE 28 Aug (BAnd), ph, v. large number.
Marbled Godwit: CCP 28 Jun (SWa); CCP 5 Jul (AG); PonqB 27-28 Jul (JT, mob); PonqB 8-10 Aug (K Thompson, mob); JBWE 14 Aug (ACo); JBWE 23 Aug (RF et al); CCP 27 Aug (BAD).
Ruddy Turnstone: 300 Dune R 4 Jun (ACo); 100 JBWE 2 Aug (BF).
Red Knot: 2 JamBay East Pond 21 Jul, usually scarce at this loc; 105 CCP 28 Jul (MMcB); 200 JBWE 2 Aug (BF); JamBay E Pd. 4 Aug (JGi et al.); JamBay E Pd. 7 Aug (ABa), 26 Aug (KaM); 17 CCP 27 Aug (BAD).
Semipalmated Sandpiper: 4 JamBay 2 Jul, 1st report from loc (ABa); 300 JamBay 13 Jul (ABa); 1000+ JamBay 21 Jul (RJK); first juvs JamBay 21 Jul; 3,500 JBWE 2 Aug (BF); 550+ Swindler Cove P, NEWY (BC et al); down to 1000 "outie" 7 Aug (ABa); 3-400 Inwood Hill P, NEWY 12 Aug (NS).
Western Sandpiper: WPP 16 Jul (ACi); bright f JamBay 21 Jul (PJJ, JQ, A Randolfi, ph); JamBay 1 Aug (ABa); JamBay 27 Aug (ABa).
Least Sandpiper: arr CCP 20 Jun; 5 JamBay 30 Jun, 6 JamBay 2 Jul (ABa); 40 JamBay 13 Jul; first juv JamBay 21 Jul; 100+ JamBay 22 Jul (RJK); 1-200 Inwood Hill P, NEWY 12 Aug (NS); bas ad JBWE 17 Aug (ABa, ph).
White-rumped Sandpiper: a few MB 5 Jun (KF, SF); 22 MB 2 Jun (RBA); 5 JamBay 2 Jul (ABa); 7 CCP 5 Jul; JamBay 13 Jul (ABa); 2 JamBay 21 Jul.
Baird's Sandpiper: arr JamBay 19 Aug (JGI, mob); JamBay 21-25 Aug (ACo, mob); second ind JamBay 25 Aug (TWB GB).
Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 2 JamBay 9 Jul (ABa); max 6 HSP 11 Aug (MSch).
Dunlin: sev summered Moriches In, as usual; alt JamBay 24-26 Aug.

CURLEW SANDPIPER: alt m CCP 14 Jun, PB 15-18 Jun (MMcB, mob, ph).

Stilt Sandpiper: arr JamBay 8 Jul (ABa); 23 JamBay 13 Jul (ABa); max 85 JamBay 5 Aug (ABa); HSP 18 Aug (JT); first juvs 2 JamBay 19 Aug.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: arr Riv sod farms 18 Aug (SSM, PJL); ad HSP 20 Aug (DR), rarely seen plumage; Eastport sod farms 23-27 Aug (RF et al); 2-3 Riv sod farms 26 Aug; JamBay E. Pd 27 Aug (ACo); Bergen Pt Golf Course, Babylon, SUFF 30 Aug (S Jannazzo).

RUFF: four inds JamBay: molting black & white m 1-6 Jul (ABa, HL, mob, ph); rufous m 4-23 Jul (TWB, GB, SA, mob, ph); f 15-19 Jul (ABa); drab m or f 2 Aug (DR).

Short-billed Dowitcher: first sb 30 Jun CCP & JamBay (MMcB; ABa); 143 JamBay 2 Jul (ABa); 3000-3500 JamBay 13 Jul (ABa); 300 CCP 14 Jul (RBA); 300 JBWE 2 Aug (BF);

down to 500 JamBay 7 Aug (ABa); v few juvs.

Long-billed Dowitcher: JamBay 4 Jul; CCP 6 Jul (SSM, PJL); JamBay 13 Jul (ABa); JamBay 13 Jul (RJK); JamBay 26 Jul (RBA); 4 JamBay 1 Aug (ABa, HL, SWa); 2 JamBay 7 Aug (ABa); 2-3 JamBay to 17 Aug (RBA).

Wilson's Phalarope: 2 MB 3-4 Jun, one 5 Jun (HMcG, mob); 3 MB 8-10 Jun (mob); juv JamBay 30 Jul (S Blodgett); 2 JamBay 6 Aug (ACo); 3 (2 m, f) CCP 16 Aug (D Belanger); juv Flushing Meadow-Corona P, QUEE 27 Aug (KaM).

Red-necked Phalarope: MB 3-9 Jun (AnW, mob); JamBay 18 Aug (TWB, GB).

phalarope sp: pelagic 8-25 mi s Mtk 22 Jul (ACo), prob Red Phalarope.

Bonaparte's Gull: ad bas CCP 28 Jul (DR); CCP 18 Aug (SSM).

Black-headed Gull: ad JamBay 30 Jun (ABa).

Herring Gull: leucistic ad Breezy Pt, QUEE 17 Jun (AG), perhaps same ind as photographed here as subadult in 2010.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 19 imms JBSP 23 Jul (B Rossetti); many widespread reports of smaller numbers.

Glaucous Gull: 1S SPCP 21 Jun (RKA), 27 Jul (DR), 28 Jul, cont from spring.

Least Tern: 1S arr CCP 1 Jun (MMcB); ~25 pr. colony on Shelter I wiped out by raccoons (*fide* O Birol 22 Jun).

Gull-billed Tern: ads courtship-feeding & nest with egg NB 7-11 Jun, subsequently failed (J Zarudsky); many reps of 1-3 JamBay thru; alt CCP 28 Jun (SSM, DF, SWa, F Mantlik), farthest east; JBWE 15 Aug (M Goldstein).

Caspian Tern: PB 24 Jul (KF); JamBay 11 Aug (RBA); CCP 16 Aug (RBA); JamBay East Pd 22 Aug (ABa).

Black Tern: 2 RMSP 2 Jun, nb migr (mob), *intro*; CCP 2 Jun (JGL, JCu); many reps 1-5 Moriches In thru end of July; 3 Napeague Harbor, SUFF 8 Jul (DR); first juv CCP 4 Aug (MMcB); max 77 CCP 18 Aug (PJL, SSM) & 106 MB 19 Aug (AnW).

Roseate Tern: 5 RMSP 2 Jun, migr (mob), *see intro*; ad NB 9 Jun (Ppo); 4 RMSP 12 Jun (SSM); 2 MB 24 Jun (ACo); [CCP, PB, EH etc, as expected] 100 Plum Gut, SUFF 5 Jul (SSM, PJL), from Great Gull I population of approx. 1500 prs (JDi); 8 OPCP 14 Aug (MLL).

Common Tern: 400 NB 10 Jun (BBE); 170 RMSP 12 Jun (SSM), apparently migr; 1100+ PI 10 Aug, 1200 20 Aug, from Great Gull I population of approx 9500 prs.

ARCTIC TERN: 4 (2 ad-like, 2S, 1S) CCP 1 Jun (MMcB), ph; 6 (3 ad-like, 3 1S) CCP 2 Jun (mob), *intro*; 1S CCP 3 Jun (MMcB, MMcB Sr., JCu); 1S NB 9 Jun (Ppo, ph); 1S CCP 16 Jun (SA, mob); 2S CCP 4 Jul (SSM, PJL).

Forster's Tern: 4 (1 ad, 2 2S, 1S) CCP 1 Jun (MMcB); RMSP 12 Jun (SSM).

Royal Tern: arr CCP 2 Jun; 2 JamBay 7 Jul (ABa, TWB, GB); 3 Crookes Pt, SI 9 Jul (CB); 17 CCP 24 Jul (KF); JamBay e pond 9 Aug (RBA); 43 PB 18 Aug (PJL, SSM); 76 Shinn 19 Aug (AnW).

SANDWICH TERN: MB 9 Jun (ABa, HL), ph; CCP 28 Jun (F Mantlik, SSM) & 2 there 29 Jun (SSM, PJL ABa), all ph; CCP 1 Jul (ACo), ph; CCP 6 Jul (S & MB Billerman).

Black Skimmer: 600+ NB 10 Jun (BBE);

SOUTH POLAR SKUA: 26 miles south of Shinnecock Inlet 24 Jun (C. Witek), ph.

Pomarine Jaeger: 6 pelagic 35 s Mtk 19 Jun (ACo).

Parasitic Jaeger: 8 RMSP (mob), 15 Main B (mob), CCP evening seawatch 2 Jun (*see intro*); RMSP 12 Jun (SSM); 2 pelagic 35 s Mtk 19 Jun (ACo); 2 RMSP 29 Jul (JGL).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: ad RMSP 2 Jun, (mob); ad Main B (mob), poss same bird, *see intro*.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS

Mourning Dove: 316 Eastport sod farms 24 Aug (C Starace).

Monk Parakeet: pr attempted nest near Armory, RICH 23 Jun (Eva Callahan).

Black-billed Cuckoo: Sandy Pd, Calverton 16 Aug (HMcG); JamBay 24 Aug (RB, PJL).

Barn Owl: Baiting Hollow, SUFF 10 Aug (D Taggart).

Great Horned Owl: PI 10 Aug (LI Birding), first for site.

Common Nighthawk: Peter Detmold P, NEWY 16 Aug (BC), first report; roosting in pines JBWE 19 Aug (BAnd); 2-3 Massapequa, SUFF 27 Aug (P Jones); 3 CLP 28 Aug (D Jordet); 18 Silver L Reservoir, RICH 28 Aug (T & J White); 4 Malverne, NASS 29 Aug (SyS et al.); 12 Pleasant Plains, RICH 30 Aug (ACi); Northville 30 Aug (MLL).

Chuck-will's-widow:

Whip-poor-will: 4-5 calling Westhampton Dwarf Pine Plains, SUFF 5 Jun (JT); a "few" calling Mt. Sinai, SUFF 6 Jun (LI Birding); 4 Edgewood Pres DEC, SUFF 28 Jun (JT); Northville 23 & 27 Aug, calling (MLL).

Chimney Swift: 30 Bronx Community College, BRON 4 Aug (BC).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: ad f, 2 lg nestlings PP 18 Jun, cont. from spring (R Jett), rare breeder for NYC.

Red-headed Woodpecker: juv MLUA 26 Aug (M Shanley).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: CRSPP 14 Jul (PJL, A. Randolfi); Kissena P, QUEE 21 Jul (J O'Sullivan); very rare LI in summer.

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): NYBG 2 Jun & heard 10 Jun, cont from spring (D Becker).

FLYCATCHERS-WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CLP 17 Aug (CB); CHP 19 Aug (D Eib); JBWE 29 Aug (ABa); CP 29 Aug; PP 29 Aug; CLP 29 Aug (HF).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: CP 20 Aug (StS); PP 20 Aug (PD); CLP 20 Aug (HF).

Acadian Flycatcher: PP 1, 8, 15, 16, 19 Jun, two 27 Jun, 29 Jun (PD); CP 20 Aug (StS).

Alder Flycatcher: CP 19 Aug (StS et al.).

Willow Flycatcher: sev reports w LI (Levittown, Dix Hills, Meadowbrook Pres) 1-2 Jun of birds singing near recharge basins or other freshwater sources away from salt marshes (GQ, B McGrath).

Eastern Phoebe: pr nesting Peconic Dunes Camp, Southold, SUFF 8 Jun, unus loc (G Tudor).

Eastern Kingbird: max 410 EP 17 Aug (MMcB), 1-hr count of morning flight.

Yellow-throated Vireo: APP 20 Jun (SWa), unus-rare for loc and date; m Northville yard early Jun, singing on territory to 17 Jun (MLL).

Philadelphia Vireo: CP 21 & 29 Aug (StS); PP 24 Aug (PD).

COMMON RAVEN (R10): 2 Babylon, SUFF 20 & 31 Jul (T Dunn), vocalizing; PP 7 Aug (PD); E. Williston, NASS 9 Aug (BF).

Horned Lark: 4 (2 ads, 2 juvs) EPCAL 10 Jun (JGI).

Purple Martin: colony on Shelter I, SUFF 60% destroyed by raccoon(s) 20 Jun (O Birol); 5+ at martin houses Freeport 13 Jul (BBE), scarce breeder NASS; ~35 Wertheim NWR 27 Jul (DF, R Kelly); 7 PI 20 Aug.

Tree Swallow: 144 PB 25 Jul (SSM, PJL), 2-hr count; 6,200+ PI 10 Aug (LI Birding), high count for survey; "100s" JBWE 30 Aug (DR).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 3 PB 25 Jul (SSM, PJL), 2-hr count.

Bank Swallow: migr Great Gull I, SUFF 27 Jun (JDi); 152 PB 25 Jul (SSM, PJL), 2-hr count.

Cliff Swallow: 2 ads Alley Pond Env Center, QUEE 17-20 Jul (S. Perrault), fd yng; 5 there 22 Jul (T. Lowery, ph), 2 ads & 3 juvs; v. rare breeder LI; 2 Tobay, NASS 14 Jul (BBE); 201 PB 25 Jul (SSM, PJL), 2-hr count; 12 JBWE 30 Aug (DR).

Barn Swallow: 122 PI SUFF 20 Aug (LI Birding); 506 PB 25 Jul (SSM, PJL), 2 hr count; '100s' JBWE 30 Aug (DR).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: many early reports: CP 10 Jun (A Bondi, mob); 2 NYBG 23 Jun & 1 Jul; CRSPP 14 Jul (PJL, A. Randolfi); CemRes 8 Aug (ACi); Northville 17 Aug; CHP 19 Aug (R Veit); CP 20 Aug (StS); 2 Northville 23 Aug (MLL); Grymes Hill, RICH 23 Aug; 2 CLP 26 Aug (A Purcell); *intro*.

Brown Creeper: CRSPP 14 Jul (PJL, A. Randolfi), appropriate breeding habitat.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 10 CHP 19 Aug (R Veit).

Veery: nocturnal flight calls over Manhattan 24 Jul, 29 Aug (AF); BryP 30 Aug (AD); 12 CP 30 Aug (GW).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: BryP 5 Jun (GW).

Swainson's Thrush: BryP 1-5 Jun (BC, mob); NYBG 10 Jun (D Becker); CP 29 Aug (StS et al.); 4 CP 30 Aug (GW).

Hermit Thrush: NYBG 10 Jun (D Becker).

Wood Thrush: 2 CP 19 Aug (M Bryant, DF et al.).

Cedar Waxwing: max 75 PP 3 Aug (PD).

WARBLERS

Ovenbird: sev to one BryP 1-13 Jun (BC, mob).

Worm-eating Warbler: sing CP 1 Jul (D. Allen, mob); 2 Blydenburg P, Smithtown, SUFF 10 Aug (P Scully).

Louisiana Waterthrush: RPt DEC 19 Jul (RKa); CP 21 Jul (E Gaillard); CLP 21 Jul (D Jordet); CP 31 Jul (NS); Swindler Cove P, NEWY 17 Aug (BC).

Northern Waterthrush: BryP 1-16 Jun (BC, mob); PP 8 Jun (PD); CemRes 17 Jul (ACi); CP

25 Jul (E Gaillard); JamBay 25 Jul (RJK); BryP 26 Jul (BC); 5 PP 27 Jul (PD); CP 31 Jul (NS); 12 EP 22 Aug (MMcB).

Golden-winged Warbler: imm f CemRes 18 Aug (ACi, ph); PP 19-20 & 25 Aug, two there 26 Aug (PD); RPt DEC 23 Aug (TR, ph); 2 (m, f) PP 29 Aug.

"Brewster's Warbler" (Golden-winged Warbler x Blue-winged Warbler hybrid): PP 16-18 Aug (PD).

Black-and-white Warbler: CRSPP 14 Jul (PIL, A Randolfi), becoming scarce as breeders on LI.

Prothonotary Warbler: MLUA 7 Jun, singing (ACi); Hidden Pond, Hauppauge, SUFF 13 Aug (TR, ph); RPt DEC 25 Aug (TR); PP 25 Aug (PD).

Tennessee Warbler: JamBay 24 Aug (PIL, RB).

Mourning Warbler: m BryP 3-4 Jun (B Kow, C Man, mob); BryP 11-16 Jun, same ind?; JamBay 18 Aug (TWB, GB); 2 CP 19 Aug, M Bryant, DF, et al.) ; ad Riverside P, NEWY 29 Aug (TF); 2 JBWE 30 Aug (DR); imm BryP 30 Aug (AD).

Kentucky Warbler: RPt DEC 14-28 Jun, 16 Jul, 15 Aug (RKA, mob), likely bred; PP 13 Aug (PD); m CLP 20 Aug (HF); CP 25, 29 Aug (*fide* TF).

Hooded Warbler: 2 m Muttontown Pres, NASS 3 Jun, sing (J Osterlund); m SMSP 4 Jun, sing; f Calverton Ponds Pres (KF, SF).

American Redstart: ca. 100 JamBay 24 Aug (PIL, RB).

Cape May Warbler: imm f JBWE 19 Aug (BAnd, ph); PP 19-20 Aug (PD; RB).

Cerulean Warbler: PP 7 Aug (PD).

Northern Parula: EP 14 Aug (MMcB).

Magnolia Warbler: EP 14 Aug (MMcB).

Bay-breasted Warbler: PP 29 Aug (PD)

Yellow Warbler: 75-100 JamBay 24 Aug (PIL, RB).

Blackpoll Warbler: f BryP 1 Jun (BC).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: PP 27 Jun (PD).

Palm Warbler: arr RMSP 30 Aug, early.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: alt CLP 31 Aug (HF), early.

Yellow-throated Warbler: s CRSPP 7 Jun (J Quinlan) & 2 foraging together 10 Jun (B&E Wilson), cont from spring; PP 29 Aug.

Black-throated Green Warbler: PP 22 Jul (PD); APP 24 Aug (ABA, E Miller); RPt DEC 2 Aug (RKA).

Wilson's Warbler: BryP 7-15 Jun (BC, mob).

Yellow-breasted Chat: fall arr CVP 18 Aug (AIW), Balwin, NASS yard 18 Aug (SyS); 7 other widespread reports 19-30 Aug.

TOWHEES-WEAVERS

Vesper Sparrow: bred at Gabreski Airport, SUFF; one add'l report from nearby grasslands, apparently last stronghold on LI.

Lark Sparrow: 2 JFK Airport 3 Aug (S Beffre), trapped; early; JBWE 9-12 Aug (BAnd, mob), only reports.

Grasshopper Sparrow: PI 1 Jun (LIBirding); good numbers nesting at EPCAL, i.e., 16 10 Jun, inc. 2 carrying food (JGI).

White-throated Sparrow: BryP one-sev to 3 Jul, (BC, mob), one *singing* there on 23 Jun and 3 Jul; last CP 5 Jul (P Scully); BryP 30 Aug (AD), first fall report.

Dark-eyed Junco: m CemRes, singing, 11 Jun (ACi), unus date.

Summer Tanager: pr EH 24 Jun (ACo), where bred prev years.

Scarlet Tanager: 2, nocturnal calls over Manhattan 29 Aug (AF).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: CP 29 Aug (StS et al.), FOS here.

Blue Grosbeak: pr Calverton 16-18 Jun (M Lotito); m North Fork Pres, SUFF 16 Jun (C Starace); pr CVP 14 Jul & nest with chick 18 Jul; nest destroyed 21 Jul (AIW), *intro.*; sb arr RMSP 29 Aug (M Normandia, J Quinlan).

Dickcissel: arr JBWE (S Schellenger) & EP (MMcB) 14 Aug; 2 RMSP 30 Aug; JBWE 31 Aug (BAnd).

Bobolink: sb migr CemRes 23 Jul (ACi); max 302 EP 22 Aug (MMcB).

Eastern Meadowlark: 15 EPCAL 24 Jun (SSM, PIL et al.).

Orchard Oriole: 5 migr JBWE 30 Aug (DR).

Baltimore Oriole: many migr RMSP, JBWE 29, 30 Aug.

Purple Finch: HY CLP 16 Aug (HF), very early; modest diurnal flight Riverside P, NEWY 29 Aug (TF); CLP 29 Aug.

Red Crossbill: 12 CP 31 Aug (J Drucker, A Peltomaa, mob), Type 3 calls confirmed; very unusual date.

EXOTICS

Chestnut-bellied Seed-finch: CP 30 Jul (D. Allen), ph.