

REGION 9—HUDSON – DELAWARE

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The summer season's weather can best be described as very humid. Temperatures were above normal for each month. Despite that, there were no extreme high temperatures or heat waves. Poughkeepsie's daily high never rose above the mid-nineties, but a majority of days—63%—were above normal, and there were very few unusually cool days. Very few weather systems brought

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rain. Precipitation came mainly in the form of afternoon thunder storms and showers, which led to many oppressively humid days, curtailing birding activity. The season averaged 2.7° F above normal, and precipitation was 1.5" below normal with 10.75" of rain.

The Greenwich-Stamford Summer Bird Count, which includes much of eastern Westchester County, was conducted 9-10 June and recorded 134 species. Highlights from Westchester County included a breeding-plumaged Horned Grebe, six Brant, four Willets, and a Nelson's Sparrow in Rye. Count period birds included a BLACK TERN and two Black Skimmers in Rye.

The Putnam County Summer Count in June found 110 species. Fahnestock SP had four Eastern Whip-poor-wills, two Magnolia Warblers, eight Blackburnian Warblers, and a Black-throated Blue Warbler. The count also recorded six Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, a Blue-headed Vireo, and two Canada Warblers.

A Eurasian Wigeon was found in Wurtsboro on 2 June, an unusual date. It is Sullivan County's third record. Other out of season waterfowl included Gadwall, American Wigeon, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Surf Scoter, and Ruddy Duck. A Red-throated Loon hung out in Saugerties for two weeks in mid June, and a couple of Common Loons also lingered into June.

The pair of Mississippi Kites from the spring season continued at Sterling Forest. The last report was on 1 July. No signs of young or successful nesting were reported. An American Avocet was a one day wonder at Piermont Pier on 15 June and was seen by a few lucky birders. Another lucky birder was Steven Beal, who found a Black Skimmer flying over the Cross County Parkway in Yonkers, far from appropriate water on 6 June. Another Black Skimmer was videoed inland at Piermont Pier on 4 July by Evan Mark.

Red-headed Woodpeckers are doing well at the Weston Road Swamp in the Esopus/New Paltz area, with at least three active nest cavities.

A Ruby-crowned Kinglet was reported singing at the Pawling Nature Preserve on 17 June by members of the Waterman Bird Club. This is highly unusual away from the Adirondacks at this time of year. Another was at Minnewaska SP on 14 August but could have been an early dispersal individual. An intriguing find was that of an immature Blue Grosbeak found and photographed by Suzanne O'Rourke at Twin Lakes Park in Eastchester on 22 July. Scott Baldinger found a male and female Evening Grosbeak coming to his feeder at the Bashakill on the first two days of June.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CIES – Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies ; CPP – Croton Point Park ; EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; GSSBC – Greenwich-Stamford Summer Bird Count; MC – Marshlands Conservancy; PP – Piermont Pier; PCSC – Putnam County Summer Count; RNC – Rye Nature Center; SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Brant: 6 Rye 9 Jun.

Wood Duck: 40 Bashakill 19 Jul; 100 Bashakill 2 Aug.

Gadwall: PP 25 Jul (EE).

EURASIAN WIGEON (R9): Wurtsboro 2 Jun (JH,ABO), unusual date, 3rd SULL record.

Am. Wigeon: EGR 28 Aug.

Blue-winged Teal: Great Vly WMA, Saugerties 8, 25 Aug; 6 Morningside Park 18 Aug; 5 Wallkill River NWR 23 Aug.

Ring-necked Duck: 2 m Great Vly, Saugerties 16 Jun (ABe); 2 f/imm Great Vly 8 Aug (ABe).

Greater Scaup: 6 Rye 9 Jun (AF).

Surf Scoter: Rye 9 Jun (AF).

Hooded Merganser: Mine Rd, Orange C 3 Jun; 2 juv Linear P, Wurtsboro 9 Jun; pr Bashakill 14 Jun.

Com. Merganser: 2 CIES 3,6,17 June; 1f, 9yg Willowemoc Creek 3 Jun; Saugerties Lighthouse 6,8 Jun; Millbrook 14 June; 1-2 Neversink Res 20,23 Jul; 9 Roundout Res 2 Jul.

Ruddy Duck: Sylvan Lake 2 Jun (RR).

Ring-necked Pheasant: Rye 9 Jun; Millbrook 22 Aug.

Red-throated Loon: Saugerties 6-21 Jun (FM).

Com. Loon: Rye 9, 11 Jun (AF, TB); Clarence Fahnestock SP 23 Jun (ChM); Ashokan Res 29 Aug (FM).

Pied-billed Grebe: Great Vly 25 Aug; 2 Esopus Meadows Lighthouse Park 27 Aug.

Horned Grebe: MC, Rye area 3, 5, 9,10 Jun (GM,AF,TB), alt plumage.

Least Bittern: 2 Bashakill 15, 17-18, 22 Jun; 2 Great Vly, Saugerties 16 Jun; Tivoli Bay 30 Jul; Bashakill 3,6 Jul; Saugerties 26 Aug.

Great Blue Heron: max 35 Wallkill R NWR 17 Jul.

Great Egret: 31 Tivoli Bays 10 Jun; 20 Bashakill 19 Jul.

Snowy Egret: 1 PP 23,25 Jul.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: 3 New Rochelle 12 Aug.

Glossy Ibis: 3 MC 11 Jun, 8 Aug.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1-2 Sterling Forest SP1 - 30 Jun; 2 Sterling Forest SP 1 Jul (LSc).

N. Harrier: 1-2 SGNWR Jun - Jul; Bashakill 10 Jun; Wappinger Falls 30 Jun; Millbrook 5 Jul; Lake Carmel 19 Jul; PP 10 Aug.

Broad-winged Hawk: max 19 Chestnut Ridge Hawk Watch 17 Aug.

Merlin: Sterling SF 11 Jun; Fishkill 9 Jul.

Clapper Rail: MC 5-11 Jun.

Sora: Great Vly WMA, Saugerties 5 Jun.

Com. Gallinule: max 15 Bashakill 22 Jun; 2 Great Vly, Saugerties 16, 30 Jun; 11 Great Vly 11 Aug.

Am. Coot: 6 Falling Waters, Glasco 8 Jul (MMA).

Black-bellied Plover: PP 25 Jun.

Am. Golden-Plover: 2 Skinners Lane, Goshen 26 Aug.

Semipalmated Plover: 7 MC 5 Jun; 47 MC 20 Aug.

Killdeer: 115 Skinners Lane, Goshen 14 Aug.

Am. Oystercatcher: max 31 Rye 9 Jun (GSSBC).

AMERICAN AVOCET (R9): PP 15 Jun (EE,EM,CW,DC).

Spotted Sandpiper: Sylvan Lake 2 Jun; 2 Willowemoc Creek 3 Jun; Great Vly, Saugerties

7 Jun; 2 Rye 9 Jun; Millbrook 10 Jun; Mianus River Gorge Preserve 11, 18 Jun; Lake Jefferson 21 Jun; 2 Winding Hills Park, Montgomery 30 Jun; 6 Morningside Park 7, 11 Jul; Tamarack Preserve 11 Jul; Red Hook 15 Jul; 5 Denning's Pt 27 Jul.

Solitary Sandpiper: Sterling Forest SP 3 Jun; Red Hook 20 Jul; 6 Morningside Park 23 Jul.

Willet: 1-3 Hen 1, Rye 5, 19 Jun; 4 Rye 10 Jun (GSSBC); 4, 2 juv Milton Point, Rye 29 Jun; PP 15 Jul (EE).

Upland Sandpiper: 5 Blue Chip Farm 2 Jun; 2 Blue Chip Farm 7 Jun.

Ruddy Turnstone: 4 PP 30 Jul, 3 Aug.

Sanderling: PP 15 Aug (EE).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 62 Apollo Plaza, Monticello 2 Jun; 170 MC 2 Aug.

White-rumped Sandpiper: Apollo Plaza, Monticello 2, 6 Jun (JH); 3 EGR 4 Jun (TB).

Baird's Sandpiper: Apollo Plaza, Monticello 29-31 Aug (JH).

Pectoral Sandpiper: 7 Wallkill R NWR. 29 Jul; 5 PP 21 Jul; MC 3 Aug.

Stilt Sandpiper: PP 22 Jul (DC).

Short-billed Dowitcher: 15 PP 12 Jul (EE); 2 PP 22 Jul (DC); 2 *hendersoni* MC 3 Aug; 17 MC 6 Aug; Wallkill NWR 26 Aug.

Bonaparte's Gull: Ashokan Res 18 Aug (PS).

Laughing Gull: 11 Rye 9 Jun; PP 21 Jun, 15, 25 Jul.

Least Tern: 2 MC 21 Jun; 11 MC 23, 24 Jul; PP 28 Jul (CC); 3 PP 12 Aug.

Caspian Tern: PP 10 Jun, 5, 20, 26, 29 Jul (EE, EM, CW); 2 PP 13 Aug.

Black Tern: EGR 11 Jun (BV, TB).

Forster's Tern: 3 Rye 9 Jun; PP 9 Jul (VP); MC 23 Jul; 4 PP 25 Jul (EE); 1-2 MC 13, 21 Aug.

Black Skimmer: Yonkers 6 Jun (SBe); 2 Milton Point 9, 19 Jun; 10 Milton Point 13 Jun; PP 4 Jul (EE, EM).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Mourning Dove: max 150 SGNWR 21 Jul.

Monk Parakeet: 14 Aiello P, New Rochelle 12 Aug; 4 Larchmont 20 Aug.

Barn Owl: Blue Chip Farm 9 Jun (MR).

Com. Nighthawk: 50 Town of Ulster 17 Aug.

E. Whip-poor-will: 4 Fahnestock 10 Jun (ChM, PCSC); 3 Phillipsport 2 Aug (VF, MC, RM).

Chimney Swift: max 300 Saugerties 22-31 Aug.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: max 15

Harcourt Sanctuary 21 Jul.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 1-6 Weston Rd Swamp Esopus/New Paltz thru, 3 nest cavities active.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 6 PCSC 10 Jun.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: MC 1 Jun; Sterling Forest 3 Jun; CIES 5 Aug, early; Woodstock 14, 23, 24 Aug; Minnewaska SP 21 Aug; Bashakill 31 Aug.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Harriman SP 3 Jun; Willowemoc Creek 3 Jun; Sterling Forest 30 Jun; Ward Pound Ridge 22 Aug; Bashakill 29 Aug; Rockefeller SP 29 Aug.

Acadian Flycatcher: reports from all 7 counties in Jun; 6 PCSC 10 Jun; 5 Pawling Nature Preserve 17 Jun; MC 6, 7 Jun; 2 Mianus River Gorge Preserve 11 Jun; Olive 20 Jun.

White-eyed Vireo: Muscoot Farm 10 Jun; Tivoli Bays 21 Jul; only reports.

Blue-headed Vireo: PCSC 10 Jun.

Philadelphia Vireo: Montgomery 24, 27 Aug; Pine I 26 Aug; Wallkill R NWR 26 Aug.

Horned Lark: 11 Pine Island 29 Jul.

Tree Swallow: 250 Saugerties Lighthouse 12 Jul; 1000 PP 26 Aug (DC).

Bank Swallow: max 200 Wallkill 10 Jun.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: after nearly absent in winter and spring, there was an influx into the area in June; then again in late August.

Brown Creeper: Ward Pound Ridge Reservation 10 Jun.

Winter Wren: max 5 Minnewaska SP 12, 17 Jul.

Marsh Wren: 7 MC 8 Jun; 5 Tivoli Bays 11 Jun; 6 Tivoli Bays 21 Jul; 15 MC 24 Jul; 5 Constitution Marsh 8 Aug.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Pawling Nature Preserve 17 Jun (ZS); Minnewaska SP 14 Aug (SB).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Cranberry Lake, Westchester 2 Jun (GP).

Bicknell's Thrush: 5 Slide Mt 15 Jun (BM); 3 Slide Mountain 1 Jul (SC).

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Ovenbird: max 40 Wolf Brook Multiple Use Area 13 Jun.

Worm-eating Warbler: max 8 Mianus R Gorge 3 Jun; 8 Doodletown 16 Jun.

Golden-winged Warbler: max 6 Sterling Forest 7 Jun; 2 PCSC 10 Jun; Bashakill 22 Jul.

Blue-winged Warbler: max 26 Armonk 10 Jun.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: Sterling Forest 3 Jun.

Black-and-white Warbler: max 25 Wolf Brook Multiple Use Area 13 Jun.

Nashville Warbler: Sterling Forest 17 Jun (LSc).

Mourning Warbler: Claryville 12 Aug; MC 15 Aug; Livingston Manor 19 Aug.

Kentucky Warbler: Doodletown Rd 3, 11, 16, 17, 24 Jun, 7 Jul; Ward Pound Ridge 14 Jun.

Hooded Warbler: max 15 Doodletown Rd 9 Jun; 6 Pawling Nature Preserve 17 Jun; 8 Minnewaska SP 19 Jun.

Am. Redstart: max 25 Doodletown Rd 9 Jun.

Cerulean Warbler: 3 Little Stony Point, Cold Spring 1 Jun; 10 Doodletown Rd 9 Jun; 10 PCSC 10 Jun.

N. Parula: Doodletown 3 Jun; Sterling Forest 2, 3, 7, 15 Jun; Mills-Norrie SP mid Jun (AP); Westmoreland Sanctuary 16 Jun (SRi); Wurtsboro 28 Jun (SBa); Tivoli Bay 5 Jul (SRo).

Magnolia Warbler: 2 PCSC 10 Jun;

Blackburnian Warbler: 8 PCSC 10 Jun; Pawling Nature Preserve 17 Jun; 2 Clarence Fahnestock SP 23 Jun; 2 Pawling Nature Preserve 30 Jun; handful of expected reports from SULL and ULST.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 30 Neversink Unique Area 20 Jun.

Blackpoll Warbler: MC 6 Jun; Fahnestock SP 6 Jun; max 5 Slide Mountain 1 Jul.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: PCSC 10 Jun; max 10 Minnewaska SP 3 Jul.

Canada Warbler: 2 PCSC 10 Jun; max 7 Minnewaska SP 19 Jun.

Wilson's Warbler: Sterling Forest SP 3 Jun.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Sterling Forest SP 7 Jun.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Vesper Sparrow: 2-4 Red Hook 6, 8, 15, 20 Jul (PS,SRo); Lake Tiorati 19 Jul (SRi).

Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 SGNWR 11 Jun (MBa); Red Hook 8,15 Jul (PS).

Nelson's Sparrow: MC 4 Jun.

Saltmarsh Sparrow: MC 5, 8, 11 Jun, 24, 25 Jul, 1 Aug.

Seaside Sparrow: Rye 9 Jun (AF).

Lincoln's Sparrow: Woodstock 31 Aug.

White-throated Sparrow: Doodletown 9 Jun.

Dark-eyed Junco: Kingston 4 Aug (MD), early for this loc; Eastchester 30 Aug (JB).

Blue Grosbeak: imm Twin Lakes, Eastchester 22 Jul, photo (SO).

Orchard Oriole: max 6 Wallkill RNWR 30 Jul.

Purple Finch: max 10 New Paltz 30 Aug.

Pine Siskin: 10 Parksville 2 Jun (SRa); 8 Woodbourne 7 Jun (RM,VF); at feeder Saugerties 21 Jun (FM); Bashakill 18,19,21,24.

Evening Grosbeak: 2 Bashakill 1-2 Jun (SBa,DP).

EXOTICS

Nutmeg Mannikin: PP 21, 26-27 July, 5 Aug (CW).