

REGION 10—MARINE

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The devastation of Hurricane *Sandy* irrevocably altered so many human lives that it seems trivial to discuss birding. And while *Sandy* will surely be remembered most, Fall 2013 was an outstanding season of birding. An astonishing 323 species were recorded in the Region, well exceeding any previous seasons.

September temperatures and precipitation were close to historical norms around the Region. October was warmer and dryer than normal with substantial

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variation in temperature. The average temperature at Islip was 57.9° F, 3.6° above normal, while the average in Central Park was 58°, 1.1° above normal. October precipitation at Islip was 2.08", 1.71" below normal. November was cooler and dryer than normal. The average temperature at Central Park was 43.9°, 3.6° below normal. Precipitation at Islip was representative for the Region at 1.91", 1.76" below normal. While average weather conditions were generally unremarkable, the weather extremes were unprecedented. Hurricane *Sandy* slammed into the Region on 29 October with winds gusting to 90 mph and storm surges exceeding 13 feet, causing widespread damage in coastal areas. A nor'easter followed on 7-8 November dropping over 4" of snow in western portions of the Region, an historical record snowfall for November.

In addition to the human suffering and property damage caused by these storms, substantial damage to natural habitats occurred. The combination of *Sandy* and the November snow on limbs still bearing leaves resulted in heavy tree damage, dramatically reducing canopy coverage in many areas. *Sandy* produced very little rain to dilute its maritime winds. As a result, coniferous trees with low salt tolerance suffered burn on their seaward sides even miles inland. White Pines seem to be most severely affected. *Sandy* leveled primary dunes along the barrier beaches, transporting huge amounts of sand offshore and into coastal bays and marshes. But the dunes probably prevented much wider devastation of the barrier islands. The barrier islands were breached in three places. One of these, on Fire Island, may be left open to the potential benefit of water quality in Great South Bay. Another, at Cupsogue County Park, has been closed. Both the East and West Ponds at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge were breached. The breaches on the East Pond were closed to restore subway service, but the pond was flushed with salt water. A 100-foot wide breach remains on the West Pond with no plans for repair. At low tide the pond is now a tidal mudflat, clearly a detriment to shorebird and waterfowl habitat. However, overall, the long-term impacts of these changes remain to be seen, and some may be beneficial.

Another unfortunate legacy of *Sandy* is the enormous amount of waste and debris generated. For example, as of this writing, some 30,000 damaged automobiles are stockpiled on the runways at the Calverton Grasslands, Suffolk County. This may have a negative impact on the habitat and groundwater resources. There are hundreds or thousands of derelict boats in waterways and marshes. If not removed they may present an environmental hazard by leaking oil and other substances. An enormous amount of debris of all kinds has washed onto shorelines and into marshes. *Sandy's* floods damaged wastewater treatment plants around the Region causing the discharge of raw and inadequately treated sewage, for example at the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant in East Rockaway, Nassau County. As of this writing repairs are not completed.

Access to key birding areas on the barrier islands was impossible after *Sandy*. Fire Island remained off limits at the end of the reporting period, as did Jones Beach Island east of the water tower at Jones Beach State Park and Ft. Tilden and Riis Park, Queens.

Despite enormous constraints on travel in the days following *Sandy's* passage, including a complete lack of access to the barrier islands, intrepid birders found a good number of displaced birds on 30-31 October. The species seen were mostly our typical shorebirds and waterbirds displaced inland, or seabirds typical of the North Atlantic in season. This is not surprising given that *Sandy* interacted with a strong low-pressure system that formed over the eastern U.S, becoming a hybrid storm and gaining immense power and size. Thus the air mass impacting our Region was extra tropical.

While the only reports of tropical seabirds were a *Pterodroma* petrel reported from eastern Long Island Sound off Baiting Hollow, Suffolk County, and a tropicbird sp. reported from Gravesend Bay, Brooklyn, other pelagic seabird reports were numerous from the few birders who were able to access the waterfront. For example, around the New York Harbor area, reports were highlighted by a *skua* sp. photographed flying over Cemetery of the Resurrection, Staten Island. Three Leach's Storm-Petrels were seen in Gravesend Bay, and single birds were seen in the Hudson and East Rivers off Manhattan, at Montauk, and inland at Bellport Bay, Suffolk County. A Red Phalarope was seen along the Spuytin Duyvil in northern Manhattan. A Cory's Shearwater and a couple of late Wilson's Storm-Petrels were also seen at Gravesend Bay. Reports of Pomarine Jaeger were widespread as were Parasitic Jaeger, less expected at this time of year. Another Cory's Shearwater and an unidentified shearwater were seen at Bellport Bay, along with a Northern Gannet and 17 Black Scoters. The absence of pelagic seabirds in western Long Island Sound, despite searching by several parties, was notable.

Also following the storm there were several reports of late Common Terns, including a notable 20 at Glen Cove, Nassau County. A late Black Tern was at Orowoc Lake, Islip, Suffolk County, and six Bonaparte's Gulls wound up inland at Baisley Pond, Queens County. Finally, a Surf Scoter, an American Oystercatcher, and an American Avocet were found inland at Meadow Lake in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Queens. One wonders what else may have been found had access to the barrier islands been possible.

It was an outstanding season for irruptive finches. Pine Siskins were particularly abundant. An early trickle of birds in mid-September turned into a flood in October. For example over 1800 were counted passing through Robert Moses SP on the early date of 7 October; 20,275 were counted there on 21 October, a record. Both White-winged and Red Crossbills were also seen in good numbers, with the former generally more abundant. Following a few early reports including 12 at Central Park through 1 September, the main Red Crossbill flight began in mid-November. The White-winged Crossbill flight began in early November, and reports were numerous through the season. Maxima of both occurred on 23 November, with 200 White-winged Crossbills reported at Smith Point CP, Suffolk County and 82 Red Crossbills at Jones Beach West End. Both species were widespread and easily viewable at coastal locations such as Jones Beach and Montauk. A review of recordings indicated that the dominant Red Crossbill type was Type 3 with a few Type 10 birds mixed in. There were fifteen or more reports of Evening Grosbeak in November.

Reports from Cemetery of the Resurrection far exceeded elsewhere in the Region. For example, 31 birds were reported there on 11 November. This species has been exceptionally rare in Region 10 in recent years. Purple Finch reports were widespread beginning in the summer and included a maximum count of 200 birds on 21 October at Jones Beach West End. Small numbers of Common Redpolls occurred in November.

Many other irruptive species were on the move this fall. For example, an unusual coastal flight of several species of woodland birds normally rare on the barrier beaches was observed on 5 October. The species involved included Red-bellied Woodpecker, White-breasted Nuthatch, and Blue Jay. Red-breasted Nuthatch was abundant, with a maximum of 209 at Robert Moses SP on 8 October. 85 House Finches were observed migrating in East Patchogue on 4 November.

The Cave Swallow incursion into our area this season was greater than ever. After widespread sightings of a few birds on 4 November, an unprecedented incursion began on 17 November and lasted until 25 November. Birds were seen daily during this period. Numbers were particularly great in southern Staten Island, where they peaked at about 80 at Cemetery of the Resurrection on 18 November.

With a few exceptions, waterfowl numbers were low this season. The season's total count of Canvasback was only five and Redhead only nine. Numbers of Greater Scaup, all three scoters, Common Eider, and Common Goldeneye were low relative to recent norms. The maximum count of Snow Goose was only 104. At least ten individual Eurasian Wigeon were found in the Region this season, a good showing. These included five at two ponds in Sayville, Suffolk County.

456 hawks were counted at the Fire Island Hawk Watch on 10 September, the season's maximum. The count included 234 American Kestrels. The 380 hawks on 16 October was a record for the date. The 176 Sharp-shinned Hawks recorded for the season was a 30-year minimum, 52% below the 10-year average. Cooper's Hawk continued to be recorded in good numbers. The 40 birds recorded in 2012 were 56% above the 30-year average and 5% above the 10-year average. A Broad-winged Hawk was seen on 12 October, only the thirteenth in the 30-year history of the hawk watch. A count of 41 Peregrine Falcons on 5 October was notable.

Drought conditions affecting much of the continent may have contributed to the finch irruption and also to the appearance earlier than normal of generally small numbers of several common migrants in our area. For example, Yellow-rumped Warblers were present from the summer and small numbers continued in early September. Palm Warblers were fairly numerous in early September, also being reported in late summer. A few White-throated Sparrows and Clay-colored Sparrows were reported from 1 September and Winter Wren on 4 September. Ruby-crowned Kinglets arrived 10 September as did Lincoln's Sparrow. Dark-eyed Junco was reported 14 September, American Pipit 17 September, and Fox Sparrow 8 October.

More than forty species occurred in the Region substantially later than historical norms. These included Little Blue Heron on 23 November, Osprey on 30 November, Olive-sided Flycatcher (two on 27 September, one on 5 October), Great Crested Flycatcher on 3 October, Northern Rough-winged Swallow (two on 11 November), Cliff Swallow (two on 2 November may be a new record), Louisiana Waterthrush (one on 17 September and one on 19 September, also possibly a new record), Blue-winged Warbler on 11 October, Mourning Warbler on 18 October, Bay-breasted Warbler on 12 November, and Orchard Oriole on 5 October.

There were excellent showings of a number of typically uncommon passerines. Blue Grosbeak numbers have been increasing, and there were at least 35 reports this season, including up to three birds at Kissena Park from September into November. There were about 30 reports of Vesper Sparrow and over 30 of Clay-colored Sparrow, including many reports of multiple birds. Lincoln's Sparrow has become a common bird. There were at least 50 reports. There were no fewer than 23 Connecticut Warblers reported and about 25 Philadelphia Vireos. Increased birding effort certainly has an impact on the sightings of these desirable species, and misidentification may play a role, in particular with the latter species.

Common Raven sightings were numerous in Staten Island, but elsewhere in the Region were fewer than recent seasons. Seventeen Turkey Vultures were counted in Eastport, Suffolk County on 30 November, a record count for Long Island.

The season produced a truly exceptional assortment of rarities. Eric Miller found New York's first Virginia's Warbler on 31 October at Alley Pond Park, Queens, where it remained through the season. While present for a long period, the bird foraged over a wide area of woods with dense thickets, leading to many long and fruitless searches. There were numerous reports of Northern Lapwing in eastern North America this season, including a bird photographed by parks department staff at the closed Robert Moses SP on 8 November. This would have been frustrating to many birders had not two shown up at Deep Hollow Ranch in Montauk on 10-14 November, providing opportunity for all to see. Four Audubon's Shearwaters and a Leach's Storm-Petrel were among the birds seen on a pelagic trip to Hudson Canyon out of Freeport, Nassau County on 16 September. A juvenile Thayer's Gull was photographed at Robert Moses SP on 19 October and well described by Shai Mitra. A White-faced Ibis was found at Jamaica Bay on 30 September. An American White Pelican stayed at Jamaica Bay through 11 October. There were three Barnacle Geese, two Pacific Loons, and three Golden Eagles. A White-winged Dove was seen at the Fire Island Hawk Watch on 23 October. *Selasphorus* hummingbirds made another good showing in the Region. There were five birds; the three identified to species were Rufous Hummingbirds. One of these was an adult male. A *Myiarchus* flycatcher at Rita's Stable in Montauk on 10 November was not identified to species. A Say's Phoebe was observed for 15 minutes as it hawked insects around the lighthouse at the Fire Island National Seashore, Suffolk County on 22 October. It then disappeared, not to be seen again. The season featured both a

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher and a Fork-tailed Flycatcher, the former at Sunken Meadow SP, Suffolk County on 11 November and the latter, an adult male, at the Marine Nature Study Area in Oceanside, Nassau County on 19 September. A Sedge Wren was reported at Pelham Bay Park, Bronx on 12 October. A LeConte's Sparrow was at Floyd Bennett Field on 6 October. There were two Painted Buntings. An adult male was photographed at a private feeder in Port Jefferson, Suffolk County on 11 October, and a female type was seen by many at Alley Pond Park on 25-26 November, another find by Eric Miller. A Yellow-headed Blackbird was reported at Smith Point CP on 7 October. Sharp-eyed Michael McBrien found a female Brewer's Blackbird at Rita's Stable in Montauk on 11 November. It was seen by many that day but was gone the next. Pileated Woodpecker was once again reported from the New York Botanical Garden. A Canada Goose present at Deep Hollow Ranch on 11-12 November and photographed may be a "Dusky" Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis occidentalis*). These birds breed in a limited range in southeast Alaska and winter mostly in the Willamette Valley, Oregon. An unusual *Passerina* bunting with characteristics of both Lazuli and Indigo Bunting was seen and photographed at Conference House Park, Staten Island on 4 November. It is hoped that the observers will submit additional documentation.

An immature White-eyed Vireo at the Mt. Loretto Unique Area, Staten Island on 11-12 September provided some excitement when it was mistaken for a Bell's Vireo. Despite observations by many experienced birders, it took more than a day for this exceptionally difficult identification to be made correctly through digital photos posted on the Internet and an ensuing discussion on the NYSBirds listserv. The incident is yet another example of how electronic media have transformed our challenging pastime.

There are more than 147,000 records in the eBird database for *Kingbird* Region 10 this fall season. The author used the output of a new program called "Swan Swan Hummingbird" developed by David Wheeler of North Syracuse, New York, to help incorporate the data into the Region 10 report. The program performs various sorting and logical functions, for example providing a summary of first and last reports and maxima for reported species within a specified geographic area and date range. The program makes use of the huge volume of data much more manageable.

The author wishes all those in the birding community affected by *Sandy* a speedy recovery and much good birding in your future.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMA – Amagansett, SUFF; APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BPT – Breezy Pt, QUEE; BRY – Bryant P, NEWY; Calv – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), SUFF; CR – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; CCP – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; CHP – Conference House P, RICH; CP – Central Park, NEWY; CRSP – Connetquot R SP, SUFF; DOP – Drier-Offerman P, a.k.a. Calvert-Vaux P, KING; DP – Democrat Pt, SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; FIHW – Fire Island Hawk Watch, Robert Moses SP, SUFF; FMCP – Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, QUEE; FP – Forest Park, QUEE; FT – Fort Tilden, QUEE; GBP – Goethal’s Bridge Pd, RICH; 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/Mecox Inlet, SUFF; MLUA – Mt. Loretto Unique Area, RICH; MNSA – Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NASS; MP – Montauk Pt, SUFF; NYBG – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; 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: 5 East Hampton, SUFF 11-24 Nov (DR, SA, mob); Mattituck, SUFF 23-24 Nov (DR, TM); Southaven CP, SUFF 28 Nov (DR).

Snow Goose: max 104 Jam Bay 28 Oct (AB), low number; imm blue morph FMCP 25 Oct (CF, DS), ph.

BARNACLE GOOSE: PP 24-26 Oct (AxW, mob); Inwood Hill P, NEWY 11-13 Nov (D. Barrett, AP); prob. same bird VCP 24 Nov thru (fide BC, AB, mob); Maratooka L, Mattituck, SUFF 10-25 Nov (JSe, DR, TM, mob).

Cackling Goose: Northville, SUFF 10 Nov (MLL); Maratooka L 10-25 Nov (JSe, SBu); East Hampton 11 Nov (AnW); Deep Hollow, Montauk, SUFF 11-12 Nov (MMcB, mob); VCP 29 Nov thru (CF, mob).

"Dusky" Canada Goose: Deep Hollow 11-12 Nov (SA, mob), ph; *intro*.

Mute Swan: max 160 Jam Bay 2 Sep (BBc), fewer than recent years.

Tundra Swan: not reported.

Wood Duck: max 23 NYBG 1 Sep (D. Becker); 21 Mashomack Preserve, SUFF 22 Oct (MSch).

Eurasian Wigeon: Lotus L, Sayville, SUFF 13 Oct (DR), 2cy m; same bird continued Mill Pd, Sayville thru mid-Nov (fide MMcB, KF, SF, JT); Mass 3-13 Nov (KF, SF, JT); 3 Mill Pd, Sayville 18 Nov (MMcB), 2 ad m & 1cy m; 2 Mass 19 Nov thru (RK, mob); Tottenville, RICH 21-22 Nov (DE, PJ); ad m Mill Pd, Sayville 23 Nov (MMcB); fem Lotus L 23 Nov (MMcB); Southaven CP 28 Nov (DR); Dosoris Pd, Glen Cove, NASS 30 Nov thru (SA, RK, MN); *intro*.

Am. Wigeon: max 75 Patchogue L, SUFF 16 Oct (BY).

Blue-winged Teal: max 76 Jam Bay 1 Sep (SSM, PJJ).

N. Shoveler: max 344 PP 28 Nov (RJ), large number.

N. Pintail: max 24 GATX Property, RICH 25 Oct (M. Rehman), large number.

Canvasback: Eastport L, SUFF 21 Nov (RKA); 2 Centerport Pd, SUFF 21 Nov (DR); Fort Pd, Montauk 26 Nov (DG); Maratooka L, Mattituck, SUFF 27 Nov (JSe); only reports.

Redhead: 5 Baisley Pd P, QUEE 18 Nov (AB); 4 Baisley Pd P 23 Nov (AB); only reports.

Ring-necked Duck: max 125 Patchogue L 23 Nov (BY).

Greater Scaup: max 500 GKP 30 Nov (CB), low number.

Lesser Scaup: max 450 SPCP 22 Nov (RKA), large number.

King Eider: 5 Montauk 28 October (SSM, PJJ).

Com. Eider: a few fr summer; much fewer than recent years; 12 MP 17 Oct (PMP); 23 MP 12 Nov (BB); max 90 MP 17 Nov (AnW); 55 MP 26 Nov (DG, TJ); 21 Shinn 29 Nov (CS).

Harlequin Duck: 2 fem Napeague, SUFF 14 Nov (AC); 2 Pt. Lookout 24-25 Nov (BF, SSc); 3 Pt. Lookout 30 Nov (PM).

Surf Scoter: Dead Horse Bay, KING 8 Sep (RJ); Bellport Bay, SUFF 30 Oct (MMcB); FMCP 30 Oct (SA, CF), unusual loc; max 150 MP 3 Nov (AC), low number; *intro*.

White-winged Scoter: max 1146 Goldsmith's Inlet CP, SUFF 25 Oct (JSe).

Black Scoter: 17 Bellport Bay 30 Oct (MMcB), unusual loc; max 1150 SPCP 27 Nov (BY); *intro*.

Com. Goldeneye: max 14 Plum I, SUFF 30 Nov (JSe), low number.

Com. Merganser: fem Avalon Park & Preserve, Stony Brook, SUFF thru 13 Oct (SBu); SMSP 21 Nov (BBc); Stony Brook Mill Pd., Stony Brook, SUFF 21-30 Nov (M.J. Good, RG).

Ruddy Duck: max 500 Jam Bay 16 Oct (KT), low number.

N. Bobwhite: Uplands Farm Preserve, SUFF 19 Sep (JGa), introduced; 2 Ridge, SUFF 29 Sep (RKA); 3 Avalon Park & Preserve 13 Oct (SBu), introduced; Ridge 24 Oct (RKA); 10 Greentree Estate, Manhasset, NASS 24 Oct (MN, *et al*), introduced; 2 Ridge 17 Nov (RKA); only reports.

Red-throated Loon: max 95 MP 26 Nov (TJ, DG), large number.

PACIFIC LOON: MP 24-26 Nov (DR, TJ, DG); East Moriches, SUFF 26 Nov thru (CS, MS, JGI, mob).

Red-necked Grebe: Montauk Inlet 23 Nov (AC); Hook Pd, East Hampton 24 Nov (AnW).

PTERODROMA SP.: Baiting Hollow, SUFF 30 Oct (DF), pending NYSARC review, *intro*.

Cory's Shearwater: Shinn 8 Sep (TWB, GB); 2 CCP 9 Sep (MC); 5 Hudson Canyon 16 Sep (PG, *et al*); MP 25 Sep (PMP); 2 MP 5 Oct (AC); Gravesend Bay, KING 30 Oct (SB); Bellport Bay 30 Oct (MMcB); *intro*.

Great Shearwater: 350 Hudson Canyon 16 Sep (PG, *et al*); 4 MP 23 Sep (AC); 4 one mi S.E. MP 24 Sep (OB).

Manx Shearwater: MP 22 Sep (AC); 2 MP 29 Sep (AnW).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 4 Hudson Canyon 16 Sep (PG, SA, BVD, *et al*).

shearwater sp.: Bellport Bay 30 Oct (MMcB), unusual loc, *intro*.

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: 175 Hudson Canyon 16 Sep (PG, *et al*); 2 Gravesend Bay 30 Oct (SB), 2 Orient Pt. 30 Oct (PJL, SSM, JSe), *intro*.

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: Hudson Canyon 16 Sep (PG, *et al*); Bellport Bay 30 Oct (MMcB); 3 Gravesend Bay 30 Oct (SB); W 54 St., NEWY 30 Oct (AF); Riverside P, NEWY 30 Oct (AP); East Lake Dr., Montauk 31 Oct (AC); details desired; *intro*.

TROPICBIRD SP.: Gravesend Bay 30 Oct (SB!), *intro*.

N. Gannet: Bellport Bay 30 Oct (MMcB), unusual loc, *intro*.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R10): Jam Bay thru 11 Oct (mob).

Brown Pelican: 2 Mt. Loretto, RICH 20 Oct (SIW, ACi); Orient Point 30 Oct (PJL, SSM, JSe); Gilgo Beach, SUFF 2 Nov (RBA).

Double-crested Cormorant: max 4840 RMSP 6 Oct (SSM); 3185 Shinn 24 Oct (BY); large numbers.

Am. Bittern: CP 9-20 Sep (mob); MLUA 12 Sep (ACi); Jam Bay 17 Oct (JOS); Gerritsen Cr., KING 26 Oct (PD); Jam Bay 31 Oct (RB); East Patchogue 4 Nov (MMcB); 3 Dune Rd. East Quogue 13 Nov (DR).

Snowy Egret: 158 Jam Bay 11 Oct (AB), large number.

Little Blue Heron: 4 Jam Bay 23 Nov (SA), late.

Cattle Egret: 2 Mecox, SUFF 23 Oct (PMP); 2 Belt Pkwy, KING 31 Oct (SB); 2 Sag 7 Nov (AC).

Green Heron: VCP 11 Nov (SSt), late.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 93 Jam Bay 6 Oct (AB), large number.

WHITE-FACED IBIS: Jam Bay 30 Sep (AB, SA).

Black Vulture: reported only from southern RICH; 5 Moses Mtn. 9 Sep (AP); MLUA 11-12 Sep (HF, ACi); 2 MLUA 13 Sep (ACi); 2 CR 14 Sep (ACi); 3 MLUA 17 Sep (AB); 2 CR 23 Sep (ACi); 2 Mt. Loretto State Forest 27 Sep (ACi); 2 CR 1 Oct (ACi); CR 10 Oct (MSh); 4 CR 18 Oct (ACi); 2 CHP 3 Nov (SIW).

Turkey Vulture: 12 LI reports involving appx. 38 birds incl: 17 Eastport, SUFF 30 Nov (AM);

max 54 E 52 St, 3 Nov (AF); 11 CP 23 Nov (JSu).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: Cedar Beach, Babylon, SUFF 30 Nov (BB), late.

Bald Eagle: pr present, Mill Neck/Oyster Bay, NASS thru (fide MN); 6 Moses Mtn. 9 Sep (AP); 2 CP 10-12 Sep (TF, mob); 2 ad CR 15 Sep (ACi); ad Yaphank, SUFF 20 Sep; 3 Moses Mtn. 30 Sep (CB); imm MLUA 1 Oct (RV); HLSP 1 Oct (M. Wohl); Eltingville, RICH 7 Oct (DE); 2 FIHW8 Oct (RJK); 2 Camp Hero, Montauk 8 Oct (KR, *et al*), juv Wave Hill, BRON 8 Oct (GW, *et al*); 2 FT 11 Oct (DG); ad & imm PBP 14 Oct (J. Rothman); Wave Hill 15 Oct (GW, *et al*); CP 16 Oct (StS, *et al*); imm PBP 21 Oct (SA, CF); Inwood, NEWY 30 Oct (NS, *et al*); 2 CR 4 Nov (SIW, *et al*); Greenwood Cemetery, KING 4 Nov (RJ, HL); 3 PBP 6 Nov (RAR); imm Lakeview, NASS 15 Nov (MF); 2 ad Northville, SUFF 17 Nov (MLL).

Sharp-shinned Hawk: total 176 FIHW, 30-year min; *intro*.

Cooper's Hawk: total 40 FIHW, *intro*.

N. Goshawk: E 52 St. 21 Oct (AF); Tobay, NASS 26 Oct (PM); ad Wagner College, RICH 27 Oct (HF); imm Patchogue, SUFF 30 Oct (PJL, SSM); Wantagh, NASS 4 Nov (PM); imm JBWE 24 Nov (fide SA), ph; Bellmore, NASS 26 Nov (PM), details desired.

Red-shouldered Hawk: GKP 30 Sep; imm William Floyd Estate, Mastic Beach, SUFF 12 Oct (MLL); FT 22 Oct (SW); CHP 1 Nov (SIW, MSh); 2 CHP 3 Nov (SIW); max 19 Greenwood Cemetery 4 Nov (RJ, HL), large number; 18 E 52 St. 4 Nov (AF); 2 CR 4 Nov (SIW, *et al*); CP 4 Nov (SSt).

Broad-winged Hawk: 350 CP 10 Sep (TF), large number; PP 5 Oct (CCa); FT 11 Oct (DG); KP 11 Oct (JOS); FIHW 12 Oct (RJK).

Rough-legged Hawk: Pt. Lookout 30 Nov (PM), details desired.

GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): juv 123 St, NEWY 31 Oct (James O'Brien), ph; Westhampton, SUFF 9 Nov (DR); E 52 St. 4 Nov (AF).

Virginia Rail: Windsor Terrace, KING 24 Sep (fide PD); Gerritsen Cr. 27 Oct (PD); unusual loc.

Sora: 2 Jam Bay 9 Sep (RBA); Mt. Loretto State Forest 17 Sep (ACi); MNSA 20 Sep (RJK); Mt. Loretto State Forest 29 Sep (ACi); Pine Neck Sanctuary, East Quogue, SUFF 5 Oct (MSh).

Com. Gallinule: MNSA 19 Sep (MF); Mill Pd, Bellmore, NASS 1 Nov (Bob Anderson).

NORTHERN LAPWING: RMSP 8 Nov (fide Anne McIntyre), ph; 2 Deep Hollow 10-14 Nov (J. Ake, PMP, mob).

Am. Golden-Plover: max 53 Riverhead 1 Sep (JC); 49 Riverhead 2 Sep (JSe); Riverhead 3 Sep (JGI); Miller Field, RICH 4 Sep (HF); Manorville 6 Sep (RJK); 12 Riverhead 6 Sep (RJK); 2 Manorville 7 Sep (PPR, CS, D. Belanger); 21 Riverhead 8 Sep (RF); Manorville 8 Sep (RF); 26 Riverhead 9 Sep (CF); Jam Bay 9 Sep (RBA); Rita's Stable, Montauk 23 Sep (AC); Plumb Beach, KING 28 Sep (SB); JBWE 2 Oct (KF); JBWE 5 Oct (AB); Pt. Lookout 21 Oct (AB).

Am. Oystercatcher: 350 JBWE 22 Sep (JGI); 238 JBWE 21 Oct (AB); max 355 JBWE 24 Oct (SF); FMCP 30 Oct (DS), unusual loc, *intro*; 210 JBWE 16 Nov (AB).

Am. Avocet: Jam Bay thru 3 Sep (mob); 2 Seaford, NASS 16-23 Sep (A. Brzezinski, fide AnW), ph; MNSA 26-27 Sep (MF); FMCP 30 Oct (SA, CF), *intro*.

Solitary Sandpiper: Caumsett SP, SUFF 18 Oct (KF, SF); Grace Estate, Northwest Harbor, SUFF; late.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 11 Jam Bay 28 Oct (AB), late for number; FMCP 30 Oct (SA, CF), late.

Whimbrel: HSP 4 Sep (KT); CCP 13 Sep (JGI); SPCP 16 Sep (RKA); CCP 17 Sep (fide JGi); 2 Shinn 23 Sep (SA, *et al*); Shelter I, SUFF 28 Oct (fide OB), late.

Hudsonian Godwit: Jam Bay 15 Sep (GL, GC)

Marbled Godwit: 3 CCP 11-17 Sep (CS, DB, JGi, mob); JBWE 15 Sep (AC).

Red Knot: max 35 JBWE 14-15 Sep (AGu, AC).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: Jam Bay 28 Oct (AB), late.

Western Sandpiper: 3 JBSP 4 Sep (SF); 2 JBWE 14 Sep (AC); JBWE 18 Sep (AC); JBWE 2 Oct (KF).

Least Sandpiper: 2 Jam Bay 17 Oct (AB), late.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 6 Jam Bay 1 Sep; 1-2 Riverhead 6 Sep (RJK); max 15 MB 19 Sep (DR); Jam Bay 22 Sep (SW); JBWE 2 Oct (KF); 2 Jam Bay 12 Oct (AB); juv MLUA 30 Oct (ACi!); Rita's Stable 11-12 Nov (MMcB, BB, mob), late.

Baird's Sandpiper: FBF 1 Sep (M. Yuan); FBF 4 Sep (RJ); 2 Riverhead 6-7 Sep (DR, mob); MB 29 Sep (JSh); MB 19-20 Oct (RBA), late.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 14 Riverhead 6 Sep (JSe).

Stilt Sandpiper: few; 2 Jam Bay 22 Sep (SW); max 5 Jam Bay 25 Sep; 2 Jam Bay 21-28 Oct (AB), late.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 6 Riverhead 1-3 Sep (JC, JGI); Miller Field 4 Sep (HF); FBF 4-5 Sep (RJ, mob); max 21 Riverhead 6 Sep (DR, AC, mob); 9 Riverhead 7 Sep (CS, DB); 2 HSP 7 Sep (PJI, SSM); 15 Riverhead 8 Sep (RF); 5 Riverhead 9 Sep (CF).

Long-billed Dowitcher: few; Jam Bay 22 Sep (SW); Jam Bay 25 Sep (AB); Jam Bay 21 Oct (AB); Jam Bay 28 Oct (AB); 3 Bergen Pt., KING 30 Oct (RBA).

Wilson's Phalarope: FBF 3 Sep (PD, *et al*); HSP 7 Sep (J. Heidecker, PJI, SSM).

Red-necked Phalarope: 3 Hudson Canyon 16 Sep (PG, *et al*)

Red Phalarope: Spuytin Duyvil, Inwood Hill P, NEWY 30 Oct (JDI, NS, JK); *intro*.

Black-legged Kittiwake: 5 ad MP 24 Nov (AC, DR).

Bonaparte's Gull: very few; 6 Baisley Pd P 30 Oct (SA, CF), unusual location, *intro*; max 64 Horton Lane Beach, Southold, SUFF 25 Nov (JSe).

Black-headed Gull: Randall's I, NEWY 22-24 Sep (ADr); 1 win Hook Pd 8 Nov (PMP); 2 Randall's I 21 Nov (JD, *et al*).

THAYER'S GULL: juv RMSP 19 Oct (SSM!), ph.

Iceland Gull: 24th St. Hudson R 30 Oct (SSt); imm MP 25 Nov (MC); 2 Montauk Inlet 25 Nov (AnW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: about 25 reports involving about 100 birds, incl: 11 HSP 5 Sep (PJI), near ad; 20 RMSP 5 Sep (SSM), ad and older imm; 3 Hudson Canyon 16 Sep (PG, *et al*); 17 JBSP 18 Sep (AC); max 27 RMSP to JBSP 18 Sep (MMcB); Napeague, SUFF 29 Sep - thru (AnW), returning ad; 6 juv 1 ad RMSP 19 Oct Arden Av, RICH 27 Oct - thru (SIW), returning ad.

Glaucous Gull: imm SPCP thru 23 Nov (mob).

Caspian Tern: 2 Fort Pd, Montauk 7 Sep (AC); PB 11-12 Sep (CS, DB); JBWE 18 Sep (AC); juv Jam Bay 12 Sep (AB); max 8 FIHW 19 Sep (JGI); 4 SPCP 27 Sep (GS); JBWE 29 Sep (DF); 4 RMSP 5 Oct (SSM, PJI); FIHW 7 Oct (RJK).

Black Tern: 7 BPT 3 Sep (SB, IG, PD, *et al*); max 138 Plum I 7 Sep (JSe), large number; 2 East Lake Dr, Montauk 7 Sep (AC); 3 CR 10 Sep (ACi); Hudson Canyon 16 Sep (PG, *et al*); 8 BPT 24 Sep (SB); Orowoc L, Islip, SUFF 30 Oct (JGI), late, *intro*.

Com. Tern: Canarsie Pier, KING 30 Oct (SA, CF); 20 Glen Cove 30 Oct (MN!); 5 24 St. Hudson R 1 Nov (SSt); JBWE 17 Nov (SA); late; *intro*.

Forster's Tern: 7 East Patchogue 5 Nov (MMcB).

Royal Tern: 40 Shinn 7 Sep (TWB, GB); max 70 PB 9 Sep (MC); 37 PB 11 Sep (CS, DB); 25 PB 13 Sep (JGI); 20 Robins I, SUFF 16 Sep (Paul Gillen); 3 SPCP 23 Sep (SA, *et al*); 10 Shinn 23 Sep (SA, *et al*); 2 JBWE 29 Sep (SyS, *et al*); RMSP 29 Sep (DF); 2 MB 29 Sep (JSh); 4 SPCP 7 Oct (RKA); 3 FIHW 7 Oct (RJK); 2 WPP 13 Oct (SIW); 6 MB 15 Oct (PMP); 9 SPCP 16 Oct (CS); 4 JBWE 20 Oct (PD); 8 JBWE 21 Oct (AB); 2 Dead Horse Bay, KING 21 Oct (M. Wills); 19 JBWE 22 Oct (PM); GKP 27 Oct (SIW); 2 JBWE 27 Oct (SyS, *et al*); CCP 28 Oct (RKA); 6 East Patchogue 29 Oct (MMcB), unusual loc; Randall's I 29 Oct (AF), last.

Black Skimmer: 300 Nickerson Beach 8 Sep (PM); max 615 JBWE 18 Sep (MMcB), large number; 220 JBWE 26 Sep; 300 JBWE 27 Sep (RJK), half HY; 600 JBWE 28 Sep (AB), large number; 175 JBWE 2 Oct (SF); 48 JBWE 20 Oct (PD), mostly juv; 58 JBWE 21 Oct (AB). **SKUA SP.:** CR 30 Oct (ACi, TS), ph ACi, *intro*.

Pomarine Jaeger: ad Shinn 8 Sep (TWB, GB); 3 Hudson Canyon 16 Sep (PG, *et al*); ad FBF 10 Oct (AC), ph, unusual loc; 5 East R at 58 St, NEWY 30 Oct (AF); Southold Town Beach, SUFF 30 Oct (SSM, PJJ, JSe); 5 Orient Pt, SUFF 30 Oct (DF, SSM, PJJ, JSe); 3 Ft. Wadsworth, RICH 30 Oct (IG); ad 24 St Hudson R 30 Oct (StS), ph; *intro*.

Parasitic Jaeger: Shinn 8 Sep (TWB, GB); Hudson Canyon 16 Sep (PG, *et al*); 2 MP 22 Sep (AC); MP 15 Oct (PMP); 6 Gravesend Bay, KING 30 Oct (SB); 4 Southold Town Beach 30 Oct (DF, SSM, PJJ); 4 Orient Pt. 30 Oct (DF, SSM, PJJ); 11 Ft. Wadsworth 30 Oct (IG), *intro*.

jaeger sp.: 2 Inwood Hill P 30 Oct (NS, JK); 8 Orient Pt. 30 Oct (DF, SSM, PJJ, JSe); *intro*.

Dovekie: Montauk Inlet 24 Nov (AC, DR).

Razorbill: 9 Montauk Inlet 23 Nov (AC); 40 MP 24 Nov (AnW); max 85 MP 26 Nov (TJ, DG); Shinn 29 Nov (CS).

PIGEONS - PARROTS

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: FIHW 23 Oct (MN).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: FT 14 Oct (DF); E 52 St. 1 Nov (AF); late.

Black-billed Cuckoo: APP 10 Sep (PJJ); APP 11 Sep (SyS, JGi); Rocky Pt Preserve, SUFF 1 Oct (RKA); 2 Montauk 7 Oct (AnW); CCP 28 Oct (RKA).

Great Horned Owl: prs present KP, CP; JBWE 17 Nov (SA, *et al*).

Barred Owl: Long Island Expwy Exit 18, QUEE 30 Nov (PP); up to 3 present CP 3 Nov thru; NYBG 17 Nov (D. Becker).

Long-eared Owl: CP 17 Oct; only report.

Short-eared Owl: Eastport, SUFF 11 Nov (JA, *et al*), only report.

N. Saw-whet Owl: CP 4 Nov (mob); APP 10 Nov (SS, mob); KP 19 Nov (CF); APP 22 Nov (SA, BB).

Com. Nighthawk: 2 FIHW 10 Sep (RJK); max 21 Meadow Croft Estate, SUFF 11 Sep (DR), low number; 3 Manorville 23 Sep (MN, SA, *et al*), flying mid-day; KP 27 Sep (CF, AB); 6 KP 3 Oct (EM), unusual loc; JBWE 5 Oct (AB), late.

E. Whip-poor-will: CP 15-19 Sep (JD, APe, mob).

Chaetura sp.: Orient Pt 31 Oct (PJJ, SSM!, H. Wilson), unus. date.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Pleasant Plains, RICH 12-16 Oct (ACi), ph, late.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: Pleasant Plains, 3 Oct (ACi, SIW), ph; ad m Ft. Tryon P, NEWY 11-12 Nov (SSt), ph; CP 13-19 Nov (NS, mob).

RUFIOUS/ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD: imm f CP 17 Sep (StS, *et al*); Jamesport, SUFF ca. 2-8 Nov (fide DT).

Red-headed Woodpecker: ad RMSP 15 Sep (SSM); MP 25 Sep (PMP); CR 26 Sep – 1 Oct (ACi); JBWE 5 Oct (AB); 2 Camp Hero 7 Oct (AnW); SPCP 13 Oct (CS); imm CP 11 Nov (PS).

Red-bellied Woodpecker: RMSP 25 Sep (DF); 2 RMSP 5 Oct (SSM); FT 11 Oct (DG); rare on barrier beach.

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): NYBG 15 Sep (DB, *et al*).

Peregrine Falcon: 41 FIHW 5 Oct (RJK), large number.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CLP 7 Sep (HF); CP 17 Sep (AD); CP 21 Sep (RBA); Weesuck Creek, East Quogue, SUFF 26 Sep (ES), late; East Quogue 27 Sep (DR), same bird?; PP 27 Sep (Maureen Matthews); JBWE 5 Oct (AB). **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** CP 11 Oct (JDi), late.

Acadian Flycatcher: JBWE 2 Sep (BB, JV)!; KP 3 Sep (SA, CF); rare in fall.

Alder Flycatcher: MLUA 12 Sep (SSM, PJJ).

Willow Flycatcher: JBWE 2 Sep (BB!).

SAY'S PHOEBE: Fire I National Seashore,

SUFF 22 Oct (MN!, RJK).

"MYIARCHUS" FLYCATCHER SP.: Rita's Stable 10 Nov (J. Ake).

Great Crested Flycatcher: Dyker Beach P, KING 24 Sep (J. Preston); CP 2-3 Oct (SC, JGi, *et al*), late.

Western Kingbird: 2 RMSP 16 Sep (SSM); JBWE 16 Sep (KF, SF); BPT 12 Oct (AB, AC); PP 17 Oct (RJ); JBWE 27 Oct (SW); FT 27 Oct (SA, IG, PA, EiM); 34 St and 3 Av., NEWY 5 Nov (SSt), unusual loc; Caumsett SP 15 Nov (JGi); William Floyd Estate 18 Nov (MLL).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: SMSP 11 Nov (Beth & Jerry Platt, fide NK), ph.

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER: MNSA 19 Sep (MF, KF, mob), ph KF.

N. Shrike: HSP 27 Oct (JQ, SSM, mob), early; Caumsett SP 11-15 Nov (Ben Weinstein, JGi); Napeague 12 Nov (RJK).

White-eyed Vireo: imm MLUA 11-12 Sep, mistaken for Bell's Vireo; *intro*.

Warbling Vireo: singing m 9 Sep APP & KP; 2 Whitney Pd P, NASS 2 Oct (SP); CP 16 Oct (LSw, *et al*), late.

Philadelphia Vireo: about 25 birds reported, incl: CLP 1 Sep (GBo, SIW, DE); CP 4 Sep (JDi), early; 2 CLP 16 Sep (HF); RMSP 12 Oct (TWB), late; *intro*.

Red-eyed Vireo: APP 3-6 Nov (SW, EM, SA, mob), late.

Blue Jay: 15 FIHW 5 Oct (RJK), rare on barrier beach.

COMMON RAVEN (R10): pr present Jericho, NASS (fide MN, SA) and vicinity PBP; numerous reports RICH, only a few elsewhere: Eastview Drive, Central Islip, SUFF 7 Sep (BB); Central Islip, SUFF 7 Sep (RBA); 2 Goose I, BRON 16 Sep (RAR); CR 17 Sep (ACi); Wagner College 19 Sep (HF); Pleasant Plains 19 Sep (ACi); 2 CP 20 Sep (RAR, mob); 2 Eastview Drive, Central Islip 25 Sep & 7 Oct (BB); Snug Harbor, RICH 26 Sep (CB); Jackson Heights, QUEE 27 Sep (Peter Capainolo); CR 29 Sep (ACi); 2 PBP 30 Sep (JRo); Snug Harbor 1 Oct (EJ); Kings Point P, NASS 2 Oct (SP); 2 West Hills CP, SUFF 3 Oct (SP); 2 Snug Harbor 3 Oct (MSh); Bucks Hollow, RICH 5 Oct (fide SIW); 2 Castleton Av., RICH 7 Oct (AP); CLP 12 Oct (GBo); 2 Ft. Wadsworth 21 Oct (GBo); Rocky Point Preserve, SUFF 20 Oct (DH); 2 PBP 11 Nov (RAR); Hicksville, NASS 29 Nov (MN).

Purple Martin: last 4 Sep.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: RMSP 5 Oct (SSM), late; RMSP 21 Oct (SSM); Montauk 11 Nov (AC); CR 11 Nov (ACi).

Bank Swallow: 15 CCP 8 Sep (MSc), large number.

Cliff Swallow: 2 Coney I 2 Nov (DG), poss record late.

CAVE SWALLOW: MP 30 Oct (AC, PMP); 58 St., NEWY 2 Nov (AF); Dyker Beach P 4 Nov (T. Preston); E. Patchogue 4 Nov (MMcB); 30 CR 17 Nov (SIW); 4 JBWE 17 Nov (EM, SA, mob); 3 Camp Hero 17 Nov (AnW); max 80 CR 18 Nov (IG, mob); 24 CR 19 Nov (ACi); 16 CR 20 Nov (AP); 40 CR 21 Nov (IG); large numbers; 8 CR 22 Nov (SA, mob); CR 23 Nov (ACi); 3 GKP 23 Nov (RG); 10 Montauk 24 Nov (AnW); 4 JBWE 24 Nov (SW); Arden Av 24 Nov (SIW); 8 Pt. Lookout 24 Nov (fide TWB); 4 Pt. Lookout 25 Nov (AG, mob); Montauk 25 Nov (MC); *intro*.

Barn Swallow: 5 Coney I 2 Nov (DG); 3 CR 11 Nov (ACi), late.

Black-capped Chickadee: 12 DOP 2 Nov (DG), unusual loc.

Tufted Titmouse: DOP 2 Nov (DG), unusual loc.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: good numbers thru; 105 RMSP 10 Sep (KF, SF); 49 RMSP 5 Oct (SSM); max 209 RMSP 8 Oct (MMcB), large number; 73 RMSP 21 Oct (SSM).

White-breasted Nuthatch: 3 RMSP 5 Oct (SSM); FT 11 Oct (DG); 3 JBWE 13 Oct (JGa); several other reports JBWE; rare on barrier beach.

House Wren: last CP 18 Nov, late.

Winter Wren: CP 4 Sep (AC), early.

SEDGE WREN (R10): PBP 12 Oct (David Burg, fide PD).

Marsh Wren: CP 24 Sep (StS, *et al*); CP 25-29 Sep (MR, PJ); 2 KP 29 Sep (PR, *et al*); KP 30 Sep (SSc, SA, mob); FT 13 Oct (IG, CF, *et al*); unusual loc.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 10 Sep, early.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: FT 11 Oct (DG); Mass 4 Nov (KF, SF), late.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: JBWE 16 Sep (DR, SA, mob); max 19 E 52 St., NEWY 15 & 19 Sep (AF); Ama 22 Sep (RBA); 2 CLP 24 Sep (CB); JBWE 24 Sep (CC); Stuyvesant Town, NEWY 24 Sep (ALa); Rocky Pt. 1-3 Oct (RKA); BRY 4 Oct (GW, *et al*); Stuyvesant Town 11 Oct (ALa); CP 11 Oct (JGi, *et al*).

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: Green-wood Cemetery, KING 20-21 Oct (RJ, HL, RB).

Am. Pipit: 2 DOP 17 Sep (SB), early; 45 Caumsett SP 12 Oct (JT), large number.

LONGSPURS-WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: RMSP 5 Oct (SSM); DOP 3 Nov (AxW); Montauk Inlet 24 Nov (AC, DR); 2 MP 24 Nov (DR).

Louisiana Waterthrush: CLP 15 Sep (DE!); BRY 17 Sep (APe, mob)!; CLP 19 Sep (GBo), poss record late date.

N. Waterthrush: 44 RMSP 16 Sep (SSM), large number.

Golden-winged Warbler: CP 19 Sep (PS); CP 30 Sep (John Sheehy), ph.

Blue-winged Warbler: PP 3-4 Oct (RJ, *et al*); PP 11 Oct (PD), late.

Prothonotary Warbler: CP 20 Sep (RBA).

Tennessee Warbler: APP 1 Nov (DG, IG); PP 4-6 Nov (DG, mob), late.

Orange-crowned Warbler: few; CP 29 Sep (TF); 2 SPCP 7 Oct (RKA); Zach's Bay 11 Oct (PM); CP 14 Oct (fide TF); VCP 20 Oct (AB, *et al*); Southards Pd, Babylon, SUFF 26 Oct (Peter Morris); Ft. Wasdworth 26 Oct (CB); CP 31 Oct (SSt); KP 4 Nov (JR); APP 10-12 Nov (EM, SW).

Nashville Warbler: APP 29 Nov (mob), late.

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER: APP 31 Oct – thru (EM, AB, mob); first State record when accepted.

Connecticut Warbler: PP 1 Sep (MR, TPr); MLUA 1 Sep (DE); CP 4 Sep (AC); Garvies Pt. Preserve, Glen Cove, NASS 7 Sep (MN); APP 8 Sep (AB); APP 9 Sep (EM, SA, *et al*); KP 9 Sep (CF); 2 JBWE 9 Sep (BBE); DOP 9 Sep AxW; PP 10 Sep (PD); CLP 15 Sep (DE); APP 15-16 Sep (PR); CP 16 Sep (RBA); BRY 17 Sep (MR, mob); CP 21 Sep (Mikkel Thorup); CLP 23 Sep (HF); CP 23 Sep (JSu); All Faiths Cemetery, Middle Village, QUEE 23 Sep (DC); CLP 24 Sep (GBo); Stuyvesant Town 25-29 Sep (ALa); KP 27 Sep (AB); FBF 28 Sep (SB); Gardiner's CP, Bayshore, SUFF 5 Oct (CC); *intro*.

Mourning Warbler: FBF 5 Sep (SyS, JGi, *et al*); PP 11 Sep (PD); CP 15 Sep (fide JD); CLP 15 Sep (DE), singing; City Hall P, NEWY 1 Oct (NS); CP 5 Oct (JSu, mob); KP 8 Oct (CF), ph; FP 9 Oct (JOS); CP 13-14 Oct (PJ), late; CP 15-18 Oct (mob), noted as one-legged; Stuyvesant Town 16 Oct (ALa).

Com. Yellowthroat: APP 27 Nov – thru (EM, AB), late.

Am. Redstart: APP 31 Oct – 1 Nov (EM, mob), late.

Cerulean Warbler: CLP 4 Sep (GBo!).

N. Parula: APP 31 Oct (EM); 2 APP 1-6 Nov (SA, CF, mob), late.

Magnolia Warbler: PP 3 Nov (MY), late.

Bay-breasted Warbler: Forest Hills, QUEE 10-12 Nov (KM, AM), ph, late.

Yellow Warbler: Coney I 2 Nov (AxW, DG); Mass 9 Nov (KF, SF), late.

Blackpoll Warbler: less abundant than last fall; max 28 RMSP 5 Oct (SSM, PJL), large number.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: BRY 9 Nov (BC), late.

Palm Warbler: early migr fr sum; 2 KP 3 Sep (SA, CF), early; *intro*.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: early migr fr sum; Jam Bay 2 Sep (RAr); JBWE 3 Sep (TWB); early; 15,670 RMSP 21 Oct (SSM); large number, *intro*.

Black-throated Green Warbler: Edgewood Preserve, SUFF 27 Oct (JGI); DOP 31 Oct (AxW), late.

Yellow-breasted Chat: 2 CP 5 Sep (PS); APP 6 Sep (EM); PP 10-11 Sep (fide PD); 2 CR 17 Sep (ACi); PP 22 Sep (RC); Zach's Bay, JBSP 28 Sep (AB); SPCP 29 Sep (RKA); KP 27 Oct (JR); South Ozone Park, QUEE 30 Oct (AB); Oyster Bay, NASS 11 Nov (PGi); South Ozone Park 16 Nov (AB); PP 26 Nov thru (PD, RJ, mob).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: 43 Rocky Pt. 6 Oct (RKA), large number.

Clay-colored Sparrow: over 30 reports incl: 2 RMSP 1 Sep (RBA), early; 2 Matinecock, NASS 17 Sep (MN, SA); 2 CR 26 Sep (ACi); 2 FBF 29 Sep (CF); 2 RMSP 5 Oct (KF, SF); 4 SPCP 7 Oct (RKA), large number; 2 Montauk 7 Oct (AnW); 2 JBWE 7 Oct (TWB); Greentree Estate 24 Oct (MN, *et al*); KP 17 Nov (FP), ph, late; APP 28 Nov (EM).

Vesper Sparrow: about 30 reports incl: arr JBWE 24 Sep (RBA); 2 Caumsett SP 8 Oct (KF, SF); 3 All Faiths Cemetery 14 Oct (KM, AM); 3 Upland Farms Sanctuary, Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF 19 Oct (DR); 4 Calv 23 Oct (DR); Greentree Estate 24 Oct (MN, *et al*); 3 JBWE 25-27 Oct (SyS, mob); Randall's I 25 Oct (P. Pollock); 5 SMSP 26 Oct (SSM), large number; 2 KP 4 Nov (SA, CF); Caumsett SP 15 Nov (JGI), last.

Lark Sparrow: fewer than recent years; FT 19 Sep (SB); CSP 22-23 Sep (DR, MSc); FIHW 23 Sep (RJK); RMSP 25 Sep (DF); KP 1 Oct (EM); RMSP 2 Oct (AC); Theodore Roosevelt CP, Montauk 8 Oct (KRu, PMP); EECO Farm, East Hampton, SUFF 17 Oct (Jim Ash, *et al*); Caumsett SP 17 Nov (ERH).

Grasshopper Sparrow: CP 29 Sep (fide TF); APP 21 Oct (EM, fide AB); PP 3-6 Nov (MY, mob); Montauk 9 Nov (AC); KP 9 Nov (CCo), ph.

LE CONTE'S SPARROW: FBF 6 Oct (RJ, *et al*).

Nelson's Sparrow: Plumb Beach 28 Sep (SB); Pine Neck Sanctuary, Quogue, SUFF 3-4 Oct (DR, MSc); Plumb Beach 8 Oct (PD); Coney I Creek P 10 Oct (DG, SB); PP 11 Oct (PD); 1-5 Randalls I 13-27 Oct (ADr, AF, PJ, mob)

Fox Sparrow: first 8 Oct, early.

Lincoln's Sparrow: > 50 reports, incl: PP 10 Sep (PD), early; APP 11 Sep (AB); MLUA 11 Sep (HF); CP 11 Sep (PS); Rocky Pt. 11 Sep (RKA); Matinecock 12 Sep (MN, RK); 5 JBWE 8 Oct (AB); 3 Camp Hero 8 Oct (KRu, *et al*); 4 DOP 13 Oct (RJ, HL); Greentree Estate 24 Oct (MN, *et al*); 2 KP 4 Nov (SA, CF, JR); Westerleigh, RICH 8 Nov (EJ), last; *intro*.

White-throated Sparrow: a few from 1 Sep, early; *intro*.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr 29 Sep; about 20 reports.

Dark-eyed Junco: CP 14 Sep; KP 30 Sep (SA, GH); early.

Summer Tanager: East Hampton 8 Sep (AC); Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge, SUFF 24 Sep (MSch).

Blue Grosbeak: At least 35 reports, incl: arr Matinecock 12 Sep (MN, RK); 2 Matinecock 17 Sep (SA, MN); All Faiths Cemetery 21-23 Sep, 9 Oct (DC), unusual loc; 1-3 KP 19 Sep – 8 Nov, last; *intro*.

Indigo Bunting: 15 Matinecock 17 Sep (SA, MN); 16 KP 1 Oct (CCo); large numbers.

Passerina bunting sp.: CHP 4 Nov (SIW, IG, *et al*), ph; possible Indigo/Lazuli Bunting hybrid; details desired.

PAINTED BUNTING: ad m Port Jefferson, SUFF 11 Oct Bill Walsh, fide DT), ph; fem type APP 25-26 Nov (EM, AB, mob).

Dickcissel: MP 1 Sep (AC); DOP 2 Sep (AxW); JBWE 2 Sep (BB); RMSP 2-3 Sep (RBA); 2 KP 2 Sep (RBA); RMSP 16 Sep (KF, SF); FIHW 23 Sep (RJK); 3 RMSP 5 Oct (KF, SF, PJL); Ama 7 Oct (KRu, *et al*); 2 SPCP 7 Oct (CS, SSw); RMSP 7 Oct (MC); Theodore Roosevelt CP 8 Oct (KRu); 3 SPCP 13 Oct (CS); 2 EECO Farm 17 Oct (PMP); CR 26 Oct (ACi).

E. Meadowlark: 12 Caumsett SP 18 Oct (KF, SF), large number.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: SPCP 7 Oct (CS, SSw, BY).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: fem Rita's Stable 11 Nov (MMcB, mob).

Orchard Oriole: RMSP 5 Oct (SSM), late.

Purple Finch: a few fr summer; widespread throughout; over 65 reports incl: 6 RMSP 10 Sep (KF, SF); 6 MLUA 11 Sep (IG, SA); 60 CHP 7 Oct (HF); 7 Wading River, SUFF 13 Sep (DR); 160 FT 11 Oct (DG); max 200 JBWE 21 Oct (AB); 20 KP 8 Oct (SA, CF).

House Finch: 85 migr East Patchogue 4 Nov (MMcB).

Red Crossbill: good coastal flight, mid-Nov thru; at least 35 reports incl: 12 CP thru 1 Sep (JD, mob), Type 3; FIHW 28 Oct (SA, *et al*);

20 Camp Hero 15 Nov (AC); 30 HSP 16 Nov (KF, SF, JGI); 60 HSP 17 Nov (DR, JGI); 25 CR 17 Nov (SIW); 80 JBWE 17-18 Nov (TWB, SA, mob); 30 Green-wood Cemetery 18 Nov (PD); max 82 JBWE 23 Nov (BBo); 8 Montauk 23 Nov (AC); 77 JBWE 25 Nov (SA); fewer thereafter; *intro*.

White-winged Crossbill: widespread early Nov thru; at least 55 reports, incl: 9 South Ozone Park 4 Nov (AB); 4 East Patchogue 4 Nov (MMcB); 6 Sayville, SUFF 4 Nov (DR); 10 Old Field Pt., SUFF (DF); 30 Green-wood Cemetery 4 Nov (RJ, HL); 2 Flax Pd, Setauket, SUFF 4 Nov (PS); 25 Green-wood Cemetery 10 Nov (RJ); 30 Kirk P, Montauk 11 Nov (SA, EM, mob); 34 CR 11 Nov (ACi); 5 HSP 11 Nov (KT); 43 JBWE 16 Nov (AB); 20 HSP 17 Nov (JGI, DR); 70 JBWE 17-18 Nov (SA, TWB, mob); 60 SPCP 22 Nov (RKA); max 200 SPCP 23 Nov (DR); 16 PP 23 Nov (fide PD); 6 JBWE 25 Nov (SA, *et al*); 6 APP 30 Nov (PS).

Com. Redpoll: 5 William Floyd Estate 1 Nov (MLL); Hallockville SP, SUFF 3 Nov (DR); 2 APP 6 Nov (SA, CF); 2 Flax Pd 6 Nov (PS); Montauk 16 Nov (PP, ABi); JBWE 18 Nov (JV, SyS, *et al*); Huntington, SUFF 18 Nov (PGi); 4 APP 22 Nov (BF); JBWE 24 Nov (JGa); Pt. Lookout 25 Nov (BF); MP 26 Nov (TJ, DG).

Pine Siskin: record flight; over 100 reports, incl: RMSP 16 Sep (KF, SF), early; 307 RMSP 5 Oct (SSM); 276 Montauk 7 Oct (AnW); 200 FBF 7 Oct (IG); 400 SPCP 7 Oct (RKA); 1884 RMSP 7 Oct (SSM); 1840 FIHW 11 Oct (SSM), one hour obs; 3500 FIHW 12 Oct (RJK); 2000 FIHW 16 Oct (MN); 600 SPCP 16 Oct (CS); **max 20,275** RMSP 21 Oct (SSM), record number; 4500 JBWE 21 Oct (AB); 75 Greentree Estate 24 Oct (MN, *et al*); scattered reports thereafter.

Am. Goldfinch: max 1896 RMSP 21 Oct (SSM).

EVENING GROSBEEK (R10): CR 2 Nov (ACi); 13 South Ozone Park 3 Nov (AB); 6 Beach 113 St., Rockaway, QUEE 3 Nov (CF); 18 CR 4 Nov (ACi); 2 CP 4 Nov (SSt); 20 CR 5 Nov (ACi); Old Field Pt. 5 Nov (DF); CP 10 Nov; max 31 CR 11 Nov (ACi); 6 Montauk 11 Nov (AC); South Ozone Park 14 Nov (AB); fem PP 16-20 Nov (AxW, mob); m PP 29 Nov (RJ); *intro*.

EXOTICS

Orange Bishop: FBF 7 Oct (AB, CF), ph.

European Goldfinch: APP 6 Sep (EM); PP 10 Sep (RJ).