

REGION 10 - MARINE

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This winter in Region 10 began milder than usual, with temperatures in Central Park 4.9° and 2.5° F above normal in December and January respectively. Similarly, Islip recorded temperatures 4.0° and 2.5° above normal in these months. Rainfall amounts in Central Park during December and January were fairly average, with above average amounts in Islip during December (2.06") and below average amounts in January (-1.42"). Additionally, snowfall was extremely scarce, with only 1.9" recorded during the first two months of this period. Winter arrived in force in February with temperatures 1.4° below average. A blizzard trekked across the Northeast on 8-9 February, dumping 11.4" in Central Park. The largest amounts were recorded in central Suffolk, with the island-wide maximum being 33.5" recorded in Medford. Monthly snowfall totals for February were 12.2" and 31.4" in Central Park and Islip, respectively.

Following the overall development of the weather over the course of the season, numerous Neotropical migrants lingered well into the months of December and January. As seems to be the norm in recent winters, species such as Ovenbird were reported from city parks into January. Notable sightings included a Magnolia Warbler in the Wave Hill section of the Bronx during the Christmas Count, a Northern Waterthrush and a Wilson's Warbler lingering well into January at Alley Pond Park, and a Prairie Warbler staying into mid-January at Pelham Bay Park. Six Orange-crowned Warblers, fourteen Common Yellowthroats, and six Yellow-breasted Chats were reported island-wide, with very few remaining into the new year. Overall, eighteen species of warblers, as well as Rufous Hummingbird, Lincoln's Sparrow, and Indigo Bunting, were recorded across the Region, with most reports trailing off by the first week of January. Two exceptions to this observation were a Black-and-white Warbler seen on 27 January in an East Patchogue yard and a Blackpoll Warbler photographed at Jones Beach West End on 16 February. These sightings are notable in the fact that both these birds survived the freezes in late January (and the early February blizzard for the Blackpoll). With respect to these reports, the thought of what other species may have been lingering in secluded haunts in the less-birded locations leaves many possibilities to the imagination.

Continuing the trend from recent years, two **Barnacle Geese** were recorded—one in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx and the other from southwestern Suffolk. Two **Ross's Geese** were also seen. Large numbers of Greater White-fronted and Cackling Geese were reported, with the seasonal total being 19 and 18, respectively. A **"Black" Brant** was present in Marine Park,

Brooklyn in early December. On an interesting note, four different hybrid combinations were reported over the winter.

Above average numbers of Eurasian waterfowl were reported. A grand total of nineteen **Eurasian Wigeon** were seen, with six coming from the West Sayville Golf Course alone. In addition, at least two, possibly three, **Tufted Ducks** were reported from four different locations across the north-central region of Long Island, an area where this species has been seen in recent winters. On the complete opposite end of the spectrum, scoters were notably scarce, especially around Montauk Point, where in past winters it was not unusual to see upwards of one hundred thousand seaducks. A unique representation of the profound scarcity of scoters is the fact that the highest numbers of all three scoters were recorded at Smith's Point in central Suffolk, not on the South Fork. Additional trends noted were the continued decline of Canvasback across the Region, which is accompanied by the inverse climb of Redhead numbers.

Raptors made an interesting appearance this winter as well. Along the lines of the finch irruption that will be discussed later, several **Northern Goshawks** were seen, with four being recorded on the South Nassau Christmas Count. Fifteen Red-shouldered Hawks were reported. For the second year in a row, a **Broad-winged Hawk** was recorded on the Staten Island Christmas Count. On this count, the season's only **Osprey** was also seen; only the second record for that count area, with the first being seen in 1954.

A **Black Rail** was seen for the second consecutive year on the Captree Christmas Count. A **Purple Gallinule** was an interesting addition to this winter's list of birds, especially considering the fact that it was rescued by fishermen over 70 miles offshore. It should be noted that conflicting reports exist regarding the exact location where the bird was found—it may not have been picked up in New York waters. [see *Notes and Comments*, elsewhere in this issue—Ed.] An **American Golden Plover** was found at Heckscher State Park just prior to Captree Count; it did make it to count day but was not seen thereafter. Semipalmated and Piping Plovers were reported again from the south shore of Nassau County this winter, with two other reports of the former coming from eastern Suffolk County. In addition, after not being recorded for the past several winters, two Willets were reported this season, with one even being reported into February. Overall, Purple Sandpipers were somewhat scarce and often difficult to find at several traditional locations.

Black-legged Kittiwakes were reported in small numbers, even from well offshore. Seven Black-headed Gulls were seen. However, Little Gull was unreported this season. Iceland and Lesser Black-backed Gulls were well reported; two separate Lesser Black-backed x Herring Gull hybrids were seen.

There were numerous reports of interesting alcids and seabirds coinciding with a burst of strong easterlies in mid-December. Innumerable Razorbill and Dovekies were seen, especially from the South Fork. Notable were reports of a **Parasitic Jaeger**, from Robert Moses State Park during the Captree Count, as

well as a **Common Murre** and a **Black Guillemot** from Montauk on 17 December. Offshore, 437 Dovekies, 42 **Atlantic Puffins**, and five **Northern Fulmars** were seen on a trip out of Shinnecock Inlet in mid-January. Additionally, 107 Common Murres were recorded from a NOAA vessel within several miles of the south shore in mid-February. This species was present again early this winter in the Long Island Sound as seen from the Orient to New London ferry.

A **White-winged Dove** appeared briefly in a Montauk yard in early December. A few Snowy Owls were reported. Multiple Barred and Northern Saw-Whet Owls were seen mainly in city parks, with some continuing through the period. Only one report was received of a Long-eared Owl—an individual seen on Shelter Island. A **Rufous Hummingbird** continuing from the fall at a feeder in Watermill attempted to overwinter, but was last reported on 6 January.

Likely the highlight of the winter season was a gray morph, sub-adult **Gyr Falcon** discovered by Patricia Lindsay and Holly Wilson at Gilgo Beach on 17 February. This individual was very accommodating as it stayed into March, giving numerous birders, including many from out-of-state, a chance to see this arctic rarity.

Common Ravens made a good showing this season. They were reported from every county, a testament to their growing presence throughout the Region. Almost all reports were of pairs, with returning nesters in Hampton Bays and a pair that appears to be beginning to nest in Shoreham.

In addition to the lingering warblers discussed above, another profound highlight was the continuing **Virginia's Warbler**, originally found by Eric Miller this past fall at Alley Pond Park. Pending NYSARC acceptance, this represents the first New York State record. Another addition in the rare warbler category, an "**Audubon's**" **Yellow-rumped Warbler**, was seen again this December at Sunken Meadow State Park.

American Tree Sparrows made a widespread appearance; very large numbers of this recently declining species were reported at traditional locations across the Region. **Clay-colored Sparrows** continued their trend of rapidly increasing presence in New York State, with seven individuals recorded; three were present at a farm in East Hampton alone. Vesper Sparrows overwintered along Hulse Landing Road in Calverton; as many as ten were recorded here. *Ammodramus* sparrows also put in an appearance, with all three marsh sparrows being seen. Corey Finger found a **Le Conte's Sparrow** at the Edgemere Landfill in Brooklyn on 16 December. He also found a **Grasshopper Sparrow** at Jones Beach West End immediately following the blizzard in early February. Four individual Lincoln's Sparrows were reported during the winter, with one reported directly after the blizzard. A fantastic record of a **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** at Forest Park on 21 December is one of the several records of this species making it into December.

Up to three **Yellow-headed Blackbirds** were present with the enormous, but nomadic, flocks of icterids wintering around the agricultural fields in the

Calverton-Riverhead area. Multiple large flocks of Boat-tailed Grackles were reported from the south shore of Nassau County as well as from Smith's Point in Suffolk. Notable for its location was a single individual recorded on the Montauk Christmas Count in the marsh on Gardiner's Island. Even more impressive was a roosting flock of nearly 600 birds on the Queens mainland.

One of the periodic highlights of winter birding is finch irruptions, and this winter was no different. After a strong presence during the fall irruptions, Purple Finches, Pine Siskins, and Evening Grosbeaks were fairly scarce in the Region. On the other hand, Common Redpolls were evident in most traditional locations for irruptions years; a few continued through the period at feeders in Suffolk. Crossbills also put in an impressive appearance. Large flocks continued from the late fall and remained until mid January. Thereafter, the overall number of reports began trailing off towards the close of the period. As we optimistically look forward to the coming spring with thoughts of warmer weather and new arrivals, the prospect of crossbills staying to breed in the secluded reaches of the Pine Barrens seems to be a realistic possibility, with reports of both species late in the period coming from inland locations of Suffolk County.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMNH – American Museum of Natural History, NEWY; APP – Alley Pond Pk, QUEE; BLSP – Belmont Lake SP, SUFF; BBYC – Bellport Bay Yacht Club, SUFF; BPt – Breezy Point, QUEE; BBG – Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, KING; BP – Bryant Pk, NEWY; CVP – Calvert Vaux Pk, KING; CCP – Cupsgogue CP, SUFF; CSP – Caumsett SP, SUFF; COR – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; CP – Central Pk, NEWY; CRSP – Connetquot River SP, SUFF; CVP – Calvert Vaux Pk, KING; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; HSP – Hecksher SP, SUFF; HP – Hook Pond, East Hampton, SUFF;

JBWR – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; JBWE – Jones Beach West End, NASS; KP – Kissena Pk, QUEE; MI – Montauk Inlet, SUFF; MP – Montauk Pt, SUFF; NYBG – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; PBP – Pelham Bay Pk, BRON; PL – Pt. Lookout, NASS; PP – Prospect Pk, KING; Shinn – Shinnecock Bay & Inlet; SPCP – Smith Point CP, SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; VCP – Van Cortlandt Pk, BRON.

CBC codes: BKCC – Brooklyn; BWCC – Bronx-Westchester (only Region 10 highlights); CPCC – Captree; CCCC – Central Suffolk; MKCC – Montauk; NNCC – Northern Nassau; ORCC – Orient; QUCC – Queens; QWCC – Quogue Watermill; SACC – Sagaponack; SICC – Staten Island; STCC – Smithtown; SNCC – Southern Nassau.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: 5-6 Further Ln, Easthampton, SUFF thru 10 Jan; 4 SMPS 16-27 Dec (AG); 1-2 St Charles Cem & vic, SUFF & BLSP 17 Dec – 3 Feb (DR, mob); Southaven CP & vic, SUFF thru 19 Jan (DR); Great River, SUFF 17-19 Jan (DR); 2 Blydenburgh, SUFF 28-29 Jan (PS), Riverhead, SUFF 2 Feb (PPR); 2 Huntington, SUFF 7 Feb (C Turner, fide SA). **Snow Goose:** max 3500 Edgemere Landfill, QUEE 6 Jan (CF).

ROSS'S GOOSE (R10): ad Riverhead 27 Jan thru (MMcB, mob); ad Great River 2-6 Feb (DR, mob).

Ross's x Snow Goose: JBWE 1-5 Dec (D LaMagna, MMcB), present earlier in late Nov (T. Roche).

"Black" Brant: Marine Park, KING 10 Dec (DG).

Brant x Snow Goose: 2 Carnarsie Pier, KING 5 Dec (SBI, DG).

BARNACLE GOOSE: VCP, thru 5 Jan; St. Charles Cem & vic, & BLSP 15 Dec – 13 Feb (CC, DR, mob).

Cackling Goose: Deep Hollow, Montauk, SUFF, thru 5 Jan; 1-2 VCP thru 26 Jan; CSP 15 Dec (K&SF); 2 Miller's Pond, Smithtown, SUFF 23-24 Dec (BBo, DR); HP 23-30 Dec (ACW, mob); 3 SMCC 27 Dec; 1 Watermill, SUFF 1 Jan (PPR); 1-2 St Charles Cem & vic 3-29 Jan (DR, mob); 3 Eastport Pd, SUFF 6 Jan (MMcB); 2 Blydenburgh 28 Jan (PS); Riverhead 1-3 Feb (RA).

Greater White-fronted x Canada Goose: Bridgehampton 1 Jan (ACW).

Snow x Canada Goose: Easthampton 23 Dec (ACW).

Mute Swan: max 118 Sheepshead Bay, KING 23 Dec (DG).

Trumpeter Swan: 1-2 Upper Lk, Yaphank, SUFF, early Jan -2 Feb; returning pr, one shot on 11 Jan.

Tundra Swan: flyby, JBWE 31 Dec (RJK, MSch, *et al*), only report.

Eurasian Wigeon: St. John's Pond, Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF 3 Dec, 13-21 Jan (DR, DK, mob); Blydenburgh 4 Dec (PS); Rita's Stables & Deep Hollow, Montauk, SUFF 9-30 Dec (SA, CF, mob); Southaven CP thru 12 Dec; Glen Cove, NASS 12 Dec - 1 Feb (MN, mob); 2 Massapequa, NASS thru; Tottenville, RICH 15 Dec thru, returning ind (ACi, mob); Marine Pk 15 Dec; Gardiner's Is, SUFF 15 Dec (ACW); W. Sayville GC, SUFF 1m on 21 Dec, 4 (1 ad m, 1 1st cy m, 2 f) on 1 Jan, 6 (3 ad m, 1 1st cy m, 2 f) on 20 Jan thru (DR, MMcB, mob); Plum Is, SUFF 18 Jan (J.Sep); Mattituck, SUFF thru 2 Feb (J.Sep); f, FBF 10 Feb (HL, RJ).

Eurasian x Am. Wigeon: Massapequa 14-29 Dec (SB, mob).

Blue-winged Teal: CRSP 16 Dec.

N. Shoveler: 45 Hook Ck, NASS 29 Dec (RJK); 185 PP 1 Jan (PD); 120 Capri L, SUFF 24 Feb (ACW).

N. Pintail: 34 Old Place Ck, RICH 20 Jan (MK), max away from Tobay Pd.

"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal: 1-2 Smith Pond, Hempstead, NASS, returning from last yr 29 Dec thru.

Canvasback: scattered reports of < 20 ind; max 33 Eastport Pd 6 Jan (MMcB).

Redhead: 26 Baisley Pond Pk 27 Jan (AB).

Ring-necked Duck: max 213 Blydenburgh 23 Dec (BBo).

TUFTED DUCK: Huntington Harbor 17 Dec - 3 Jan (BBo, mob); St. John's Pd 13-20 Jan, 11 Feb (DK, mob); Blydenburgh 1 Feb thru (PSc, mob); Hecksher Pk, Huntington 19 Feb thru, likely same ind as Huntington Harbor bird (C Turner fide SA, mob).

King Eider: f Glen Cove 20 Dec- 22 Feb, returning from last year (MN, BR); PL 14 Jan (PJ); MP 22 Jan, 23 Feb (RA, ACW).

Com. Eider: max 203 Shinn 20 Jan (CS).

Harlequin Duck: arr 3 PL 14 Dec (SB); 3-5 PL & vic (PJ, SA, RK, ACW) until 6 on 12 Feb thru; 2 MP & Camp Hero 9 Jan, 14 Feb (SS, F Quevedo, B Blaisdell).

Surf Scoter: low numbers overall; max 300 MP 15 Dec (AG).

White-winged Scoter: low numbers overall; max 201MP 15 Dec (BVD); only larger report 1138 SMCP 27 Dec (DG, *et al*).

Black Scoter: low numbers overall; max 750 MP 15 Dec (AG); only larger report 8400 SMCP 27 Dec (DG, *et al*).

Long-tailed Duck: max 2900 Manhattan Beach, KING 27 Dec (SBI).

Barrow's Goldeneye: arr JBWR 15 Dec-18 Jan, returning ind (DG, *et al*); Cedar Pt CP, Easthampton 19 Dec (AC); 2, m& f L Montauk 2 Jan – 7 Feb (PMP, mob); f Fire Island Inlet, SUFF 16 Feb thru (SSM, mob).

Ruddy Duck: missed in JBWR on BKCC 15 Dec.

N. Bobwhite: Mastic, SUFF 1 Feb (PPR); 6 Northville, SUFF 7 Feb (JSep).

Ring-necked Pheasant: 5 KP 14 Dec (AB); 9 Fisher's Island, SUFF 18 Feb (N Pattarachanakarn).

Wild Turkey: 5 PBP 8 Dec (AB); 2 CPCC 16 Dec.

Red-throated Loon: 137 NNCC 15 Dec, record count (prev 51).

PACIFIC LOON: East Moriches, SUFF, thru 14 Dec; MP 22 Dec (ACW).

Com. Loon: 231 NNCC 15 Dec, record count (prev 59).

Red-necked Grebe: 4 MKCC 15 Dec; Old Field Pt, SUFF 18-24 Dec (PS); Setauket, SUFF 20 Dec (AGi); PBP 4 Jan, 11 Feb (RA); 2 Shinn 13 Jan (ACW, JS); SPCP, on bay 21 Jan (DR); Moriches Bay, SUFF 21 Jan (DR); Captree 18 Feb thru.

WESTERN GREBE: Montauk 9 Jan (B Hollweg, SS, mob); Shinn 13-15 Jan (TB, GB, mob).

N. Fulmar: 5 offshore Shinn 13 Jan (ACW, JS).

N. Gannet: max 712 Ft. Tilden, QUEE 5 Dec (DG).

Great Cormorant: max 22 Bpt 3 Jan (SBI); imm Eastport Pd 4-6 Jan (AC, MMcB), unusual freshwater location.

AM. WHITE PELICAN: JBWR 15 Dec (DG, *et al*); CSP 15 Dec (K&SF); Powell's Cove, QUEE 16 Dec, poss same ind as at CSP (D Schulman).

Brown Pelican: MI 1-9 Dec (AC, mob), ph revealed it was banded.

Am. Bittern: SMSP 4 Dec (P. Reisfield, fide AB); JBWR 8, 15 Dec (T Johansson, SW); 1-4 Dune Rd, Shinn 31 Dec – 14 Feb; 3 St. John's Pd 2 Jan (BF); Marine Pk 3 Feb (RB); Gilgo 24 Feb thru (RJK, DG, mob).

Great Egret: 12 SMSP 26 Dec (BBo); 16 SMCC 27 Dec.

Snowy Egret: Cow Meadow, NASS 29 Dec (MMcB).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 39 Cammann's Pond, NASS 2 Dec (BB).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: 2 juvs Cammann's Pd 11 Dec (DG), 1 thru 29 Dec (MMcB).

Black Vulture: max 5 COR 20 Dec (ACi).

Turkey Vulture: numerous reports, mainly singles, from all counties; max 14 COR 19 Jan (ACi).

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: COR 15 Dec (ACi), late.

Bald Eagle: Oyster Bay, NASS 12 Dec (MN); JBWR 15 Dec 3 Jan; SMSP 26 Dec (BBo); SNCC 29 Dec; RMSP Causeway 1 Jan (TB, GB, AB); COR 1-4 Jan; Plum Beach, KING 18 Jan (DG); Connetquot 4 Feb (JQ).

N. Goshawk: JBWE 29 Dec – 23 Jan, 19 Feb (mob); 4 SNCC 29 Dec; Flushing, QUEE 1 Feb (K. Allaire).

Red-shouldered Hawk: NNCC 15 Dec; Mt. Sinai, SUFF 24 Dec (JH); SNCC 29 Dec; JBWR 30 Dec (SS); ad JBWE 2 Jan (SyS); KP 6 Jan (ACW); imm JBWE 12 Jan (DR, CC); Massapequa 18 Jan (K&SF); Sayville 18 Jan (AC); COR 6 Jan – 26 Feb (ACi); CVP 21-26 Jan (AW); Southard's Pd, SUFF 23 Jan (K&SF); SMSP 27 Jan (K&SF); Bronx Zoo, BRON 29 Jan, 13 Feb (T. Olson); FBF & vic 2-20 Feb (HL, RJ, DG); Bayard Cutting Arboretum, SUFF 14 Feb (K&SF).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: SICC 15 Dec.

Rough-legged Hawk: 2 BKCC 15 Dec; 2 Gardiner's I 15 Dec; Tobay, NASS 29-31 Dec; Fresh Kills P, RICH 5-6 Jan (J. Stetson, T. St. Pierre, mob); Meadowbrook Pkwy, NASS 7-9 Jan (PJ, SJ); Calverton 8 Jan (AC); Mashomack 9 Jan (MSch); Northville 18 Feb (RA).

BLACK RAIL: CPCC 16 Dec (R Grover).

PURPLE GALLINULE: offshore, rescued by fishermen (fide D Taggart, ph), *intro*.

Am. Golden Plover: HSP 12-16 Dec (K&SF, mob), late.

Semipalmated Plover: BKCC 15 Dec; Shelter Island 29 Dec (MSch); 9 SNCC 29 Dec; 6 PL 12

Jan (LL, *et al*); Shinn 3, 12 Feb (L Galardi, L Ormand).

Piping Plover: 2 PL 12 Jan (LL, *et al*).

Killdeer: 100 NNCC 15 Dec.

Am. Oystercatcher: Old Field Pt 25 Dec (PS); 21 JBWE 16 Feb.

Spotted Sandpiper: Huntington Harbor 22-23 Dec (TB, GB, AB, *et al*).

Willet: “inornatus” JBWE 15 Dec (eBird, ph); Plum Beach 18 Jan (DG).

Ruddy Turnstone: Plum Beach 18 Jan (DG); max 155 Springs, SUFF 18 Feb (ACW).

Red Knot: 5 JBWE 27 Dec (BB).

Purple Sandpiper: reported in low numbers overall; max 23 PBP 16 Feb (AB).

Dunlin: max 1400 Gilgo 1 Jan (TB, GB, AB).

Wilson’s Snipe: Easthampton 7 Jan (PMP); Massapequa 10-11 Jan (JG, AGi); APP 9-18 Jan; 5 Mastic 1 Feb (PPr); 6 Easthampton 2 Feb (AB); max 9 Mastic 18 Feb (PPr).

Am. Woodcock: Northville 3 Dec (MLL); Midtown, NEWY 27 Dec (K Michael).

Black-legged Kittiwake: 12 MP 9 Dec, all ads (SA, CF); 13 MP 17 Dec (AG); 19 RMSP 16 Dec; 8 MP 21 Dec (PMP); 9 offshore Shinn 13 Jan (ACW, JS); 16 MP 8 Feb (DR, PMP).

Bonaparte’s Gull: max 334 Gravesend Bay, KING 23 Dec (DG).

Black-headed Gull: 1-2 Lk Montauk 1 Dec – 7 Feb (AC); 1-2 Setauket 8-22 Dec, imm later joined by an ad (S. Burch, mob); ad Further Lane, Easthampton 21 Dec (PMP); Gravesend Bay 22 Dec (SBI); CP 30 Jan, 19-26 Feb (K Chaya, fide K Fung, mob).

Little Gull: no reports.

Laughing Gull: imm, Eastport Pond 6 Jan (MMcB, JG).

CALIFORNIA GULL: apparent ad, West Sayville 16 Dec (MMcB, ph), identification pending review.

Iceland Gull: arr 1-2 MI 1 Dec thru (AC, mob), 1 MP 1 Dec (K&SF); reported from NASS, NEWY, RICH, and SUFF; at least 20 ind.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: returning ad Napeague thru; ad Huntington Harbor 23 Dec; 2nd w Old Field Pt 25 Dec (PS); Long Beach, NASS 26 Dec (SA, BR); COR 28 Dec (ACi); Randall’s Is 30 -31 Dec (BC); 2-3 ad Montauk 5 Jan (DR, MMcB, TB, *et al*); Arden Ave, RICH 5 Jan thru (ACi).

Lesser Black-backed x Herring Gull: 3rd yr Long Beach 26 Dec-27 Jan (SA, BR); ad BBYC 28 Dec (MMcB).

Glaucous Gull: MP 22 Dec (ACW); BBYC 28 Dec (MMcB); HP 7-10 Jan (PMP); Moriches

Bay 21 Jan (L Stocker, DR); Long Beach 5-7 Feb (GS); JBWE 11 Feb (R Proniewych, mob).

Black Skimmer: 2-4 Coney Island Ck & vic mid-Dec - 15 Jan (SBI, DG, mob).

Parasitic Jaeger: RMSP 16 Dec.

Dovekie: MI 5 Dec (AC), deceased; 6 MP 14 Dec (HM); 58 MKCC 15 Dec; 6 RMSP 16 Dec; 1 Atlantic Beach, QUEE (SA, CF) 16 Dec; 2 MP 17 Dec (AG); 4 MP 21 Dec (PMP); 21 Gravesend Bay 21 Dec (DG); 2 Coney Island 21 Dec (DG); 2 Coney Island 22 Dec (HL, RJ), 1 Huntington Harbor 22 Dec (TB, GB, AB); 1 MP 22 Dec (ACW); MP 23 Dec (M Rymkiewicz); Old Field Pt 25 Dec (PS); 2 MP 4 Jan (A Hale); MP 12 Jan (JGI, *et al*); 437 offshore Shinn 13 Jan (ACW, JS); MP 19 Jan (AC); 1-2 MP 20 Jan (A Block), 1 MP 31 Jan (PMP); Rockaways, QUEE 7 Feb (IG).

COMMON MURRE: 1+ Orient - New London ferry – NY waters, 16 Dec – 5 Jan (N Bonomo, F Mantlik, mob); MP 17 Dec (AG); 107+ offshore LI (24 mi off Jones In, NASS – 12 mi off Sagaponack, SUFF) 14 Feb (TJ, HG).

THICK-BILLED MURRE: Dead Horse Bay & vic 13-15 Jan (RJ, HL, mob); JBWE 13 Jan (PD, *et al*); Lemon Ck Marina, RICH 28 Feb (SWo, J Stetson).

Razorbill: reports from all counties except NEWY; large reports in Dec, lower numbers after New Year; max 580 MKCC 15 Dec; max in LI Sound - 7 Old Field Pt 18 Dec (PS); 33 SMCC 27 Dec.

Black Guillemot: MP 17 Dec (AG).

ATLANTIC PUFFIN: 42 offshore Shinn 13 Jan (ACW, JS); offshore South Fork 14 Feb (TJ, HG).

PIGEONS - PARROTS

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: E Lake Dr, Montauk 4 Dec (VB).

Barn Owl: 1-2 JBWR thru; COR 31 Dec, 31 Jan (ACi); Fisher’s Island 18 Feb (N Pattarachanakam).

Great Horned Owl: multiple reports; JBWE 2-3 Jan (K&SF, RJK), unusual location; prs at APP, NYBG, KP, Northville, etc.

Snowy Owl: Shelter Island, SUFF 4 Dec (O Birol); Hick’s Island, Napeague, SUFF 8 Dec – 6 Feb (JG, mob); JBWR 16 – 17 Jan (AB, mob); JBWE 20 -26 Jan (G Prelich, mob).

Barred Owl: 1-3 CP thru 9 Jan (mob); 1-2 NYBG 2 Dec – 13 Jan (DB); max 5 PBP 8 Dec, 1-4 thru 15 Feb (AB, mob).

Long-eared Owl: Mashomack 28 Jan (MSch), only report.

Short-eared Owl: MKCC 15 Dec; 2 Edgemere Landfill 16 Dec (SA, CF); JBWE 31 Dec (JGI); Brookhaven 6 Jan (MMcB).

N. Saw-whet Owl: 1-2 CP thru (mob); 2 BKCC 15 Dec; MKCC 15 Dec; Upper East Side, NEWY 23-24 Dec (fide BC); PBP mid Dec – 12 Jan; 2 Forest Pk, QUEE 29 Dec (AB); Williamsburg, KING 8 Jan (fide AC); Roslyn 19 Jan (BF).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: Watermill thru 6 Jan (JS).

Red-headed Woodpecker: Cold Spring Harbor 23 Dec (L Scacchetti).

Hairy Woodpecker: 13 MKCC 15 Dec.

Am. Kestrel: KP 10 Dec (AB); Easthampton 1-9 Jan (AC); Shinn 2 Feb (MMcB); Union Sq Pk, NEWY 13 Feb (DB); Central Islip, SUFF 26 Feb (BB).

Merlin: sev reports, most from Calverton & South Fork.

GYRFALCON: Gilgo 17 Feb thru (PJL, HW, mob).

Monk Parakeet: 14 Cammann's Pond 2 Dec (BB); 11 SNCC 29 Dec; 18-34 Old Howard Beach, QUEE 16 Dec - 16 Feb.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

E. Phoebe: Lloyd Harbor, SUFF 15 Dec (J&B Platt, K&SF); Montauk 30 Dec (L Swenson, D Taggart).

Fish Crow: "notable numbers moving N," Central Islip 13 Feb (BB).

Com. Raven: 2 APP 2 Dec (AB); 2 Jericho, NASS 5 Dec (MN); 2 PBP & vic 7 Dec – 11 Feb (RA); 2 Edgewood Preserve 16 Dec; 2 Hampton Bays, SUFF, returning nesters 7 Jan thru (MH, AC); 2 COR 22 Jan (ACi); 2 Rocky Pt, SUFF 26 Jan (RKA); 2 APP 27 Jan (AB); 2 CP 27 Jan (A Farnsworth); Greenwood Cem, KING 27 Jan, 10 Feb (M Willis, mob); 2 Central Islip 29 Jan, cont from fall (BB); 2 PP 30 Jan (M Willis); 2 Shoreham Power Plant, SUFF, nesting 11 Feb (D Heglund).

Tree Swallow: multiples attempting to overwinter at JBWE & COR, until mid Jan; max 17 COR 23 Dec (ACi); 17 JBWE 28 Dec (K&SF).

CAVE SWALLOW: Camp Hero, Montauk 9 Dec (SA, CF); BKCC 15 Dec.

Black-capped Chickadee: 4 JBWE 3-5 Dec (SyS).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 168 MKCC 15 Dec.

House Wren: 1-2 KP 3 Dec – 7 Jan (EM, AB, mob); 1 COR 12-14 Dec (ACi); NNCC 15 Dec.

Winter Wren: 27 SMCC 27 Dec.

Marsh Wren: Massapequa 29 Dec – 1 Jan; JBWR 13 Jan (AB); 2 Bay Shore, SUFF 17 Jan (DR).

Am. Robin: 760 MP, coming in off Block Is Sound at dawn 5 Jan (MMcB); "notable numbers moving N," Central Islip 13 Feb (BB).

Am. Pipit: 12-13 Northville 23-27 Jan (RA); max 109 Northville 27 Jan (MMcB).

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: BKCC 15 Dec; JBWE 26 Dec (fide K&SF); HSP 31 Dec – 1 Jan (K&SF); VCP 1 Jan (AB); CVP 2 Jan (SBI); Great Kills Pk 4 Jan (Swo, IG); JBWE 5 Jan – 10 Feb (SB, mob); 2 St. Charles Cem 27 Jan (SW).

Ovenbird: BP 17 Dec – 7 Jan (EG, JD); AMNH 10 Jan (M Gavin).

N. Waterthrush: APP 4, 28-29 Dec, 18 Jan (EM, AB).

Black-and-white Warbler: East Patchogue, SUFF 27 Jan (D Teta).

Orange-crowned Warbler: KP 3 Dec – 18 Jan (EM, mob); Flushing Meadow Corona Pk, QUEE 6 Dec (AB); Marine Pk 9 Dec – 3 Jan (HL); BKCC 15 Dec; MKCC 15 Dec; PBP 23 Dec (AB, *et al*); Glen Cove 8 Jan (SS).

Nashville Warbler: BBG 12 Dec, poss cont from late Nov (DG); CVP 14-15 Dec (AW); NNCC 15 Dec; nr PP 9 Jan (DG); Eastport 4 Jan (AC).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER: APP thru 3 Dec, 1st State record pending NYSARC acceptance.

Com. Yellowthroat: COR 2-26 Dec (ACi); APP 2-4 Dec (AB, EM); Union Square Pk, NEWY 10 Dec – 9 Jan (A Deutsch); 1-2 JBWR 15 Dec (EM, JR); Montauk 15 Dec (SSM, PJL); HSP 16 Dec (DR); KP 16 Dec; 4 SMCC 27 Dec; Baldwin 29 Dec (SSM, PJL, HW); Eastport 4 Jan (AC).

Cape May Warbler: St. George, RICH 7-23 Dec (IG).

Magnolia Warbler: Wave Hill, BRON 23 Dec (TF, K Wallstrom, ph), very rare in winter.

Blackpoll Warbler: CVP 14-15 Dec, late (AW, DG); JBWE 16 Feb, extremely late (K&SF, ph), very rare in winter, State record late.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: Greenwood Cem 15 Dec (C. Eliot).

Palm Warbler: SMSP 4 Dec (P Reisfield, fide AB); COR 5-27 Dec (ACi); MP 15 Dec (BVD); 7 Easthampton 16 Dec (HM); 2 BKCC 23 Dec; 'hypochrysea' JBWE 28 Dec - 3 Jan (DK, RJK, mob); Randall's Is 16 Dec - 9 Jan (JD, BC, mob); 2-3 Northville 29 Dec, 4 Jan (JSepp); PBP 23 Dec, 19 Jan (AB); CVP 26 Jan (AW).

“Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler: SMSP 2-27 Dec (G Herskovics, S Miller, C Miska, mob), possibly same ind as last year.

Prairie Warbler: PBP 23 Dec-19 Jan (AB, *et al*).

Wilson’s Warbler: m APP 28 Dec (fide RBA); APP 18 Jan (AB, EM).

Yellow-breasted Chat: COR 11-12 Dec (ACi); West Sayville 16 Dec (MMcB, *et al*); PP 19 Dec – 17 Jan (RJ, mob); Bronx Zoo 23 Dec; Napeague 5 Jan (AC, mob), JBWR 8 Jan (AB).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Eastern Towhee: 4 SNCC 29 Dec.

Am. Tree Sparrow: large numbers reported; 65 Great Kills Pk 22 Jan (HF).

Clay-colored Sparrow: 1-3 Easthampton 16 Dec – 1 Feb (HM, *et al*; mob); PBP 21-26 Dec (RA); Wading River, SUFF 31 Dec (RKA); HSP 7-21 Jan (AGi), Amagansett, SUFF 9 Jan (PMP).

Vesper Sparrow: 1-5 Wading River 1-27 Jan, (RKA, mob), 10 on 1-2 Feb (AB, ACW).

Grasshopper Sparrow: JBWE 10-11 Feb (CF, mob).

LECONTE’S SPARROW: Edgemere Landfill 16 Dec (CF).

Nelson’s Sparrow: JBWR 15 Dec (DG, *et al*); CSP 15 Dec (K&SF); CCP 27 Jan (RKA).

Saltmarsh Sparrow: Cedar Beach, Southold, SUFF 10 Feb (JSep).

Seaside Sparrow: 2 JBWR 15 Dec (DG, *et al*).

Fox Sparrow: max 34 PBP 23 Dec (AB).

Lincoln’s Sparrow: CP 23 Dec (EG); Easthampton 30 Dec (ACW); KP 4 Jan (AB); Bayard Cutting Arboretum 10 Feb (K&SF).

White-crowned Sparrow: 2-3 JBWE 20 Dec, 15 Feb (K&SF, AB); **“Gambel’s”** – HP 30 Dec (ACW); 12 Wading River 31 Dec (RKA); 1-3 Wading River 6 -13 Jan.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Forest Pk, QUEE 21 Dec (D Melore, mob).

Indigo Bunting: 1-2 KP 3 Dec – 18 Jan (EM, mob).

E. Meadowlark: 18-23 Eastport 19-20 Jan (DR, MSch); 2 COR 7 Feb (ACi).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1-3

Calverton 31 Jan – 6 Feb (F Quevedo, B Blaisdell, RKA).

Rusty Blackbird: 7 KP 13 Dec (C Castillo); 5 Calverton 20 Jan (JH); max 19 St. John’s Pond 4 Feb (DR).

Boat-tailed Grackle: 49 SPCP (JGI); 69 JBWR 15 Dec; 1 Gardiner’s Is 15 Dec (ACW); max 600

South Ozone Pk, QUEE 16 Dec (G Dadone, EM) [at N. Conduit Blvd x Lefferts Blvd]; 323

Baldwin 29 Dec (PJL, HW, MMcB).

Baltimore Oriole: CP 13 Dec – 5 Jan; vic of PP 7-12 Feb (J Clarke fide DG).

Purple Finch: several reports from all counties, most involving feeder birds; 4 SNCC 29 Dec.

Red Crossbill: large flock (~60-90) HSP thru 6 Jan, few thereafter; 2 Flushing Meadow Corona Pk 6 Dec (AB); 7 Montauk 9 Dec (SA, CF); 22 JBWE 11 Dec (DG); 2 PP 11 Dec (RJ); 35 Shinn 12 Dec (CS); 11 CVP 14 Dec (AW, DG); 7 PP 14 Dec (DG); 146 MKCC 15 Dec; 2 NYBG 16 Dec (DB); 43 CPCC 16 Dec; 50 HSP 22 Dec (DG); 2 NYBG 22 Dec (DB); 10 Montauk 22 Dec (ACW); 30 HSP 28 Dec (DK); 26 SNCC 29 Dec; 20 Shinn 15 Jan (DF); 6 Calverton, inland location, 19 Jan (DR); 4 JBWE 15 Feb (AB); 11 JBWE 16 Feb (K&SF).

White-winged Crossbill: flock (~25) HSP thru 6 Jan, few thereafter; ~100 SPCP (JG), 5 Flushing Meadow Corona Pk 6 Dec (AB); 20 Montauk (SA, CF); 4 Coney Island 10 Dec (DG); 25 PP 11 Dec (RJ); CSP 15 Dec (K&SF); 4 CP 15 Dec (JD); 104 MKCC 15 Dec; 16 NYBG 16 Dec (DB); 7 CPCC 16 Dec; 6 Atlantic Beach 16 Dec (SA); 16 NYBG 22 Dec (DB); 20 SNCC 29 Dec; 12 CCP 18 Jan (DF); Calverton, inland location, 19 Jan (DR), 17 Montauk 2 Feb (AB); 7 JBWE 15 Feb (AB, *et al*).

Com. Redpoll: 3 Northville 6 Dec (MLL); 1 CSP 6 Dec (K&SF); 1 PBP 7 Dec (RA); 2 KP 10 Dec (EM, JR, AB); 8 PBP (RA); 2 CP 13 Dec, 3-5 Jan, 15 Feb (EG); CVP 14 Dec (DG); 6 MKCC 15 Dec; JBWR – QUCC 16 Dec (EM); 16 Short Beach, SUFF 18 Dec (BBo); 1 NYBG 22 Dec (DB); Ridge 23 Dec thru (JH); 3 Blydenburgh 23 Dec (BBo); 5 JBWE 24 Dec (MG); 13 SNCC 29 Dec; 9 Rodman’s Nk, BRON 27 Jan (AB, *et al*); ~15 Calverton 2-7 Feb (ACW); 35 Wolfes Pd Pk 6 Feb (MS); 45 COR 7 Feb (ACi).

Pine Siskin: 40 Cunningham Pk, QUEE 16 Dec (SW); 1 SNCC 29 Dec; 7 PP thru.

Evening Grosbeak: 2 CP 15 Dec.

EXOTICS

Com. Shelduck: 3 Seaman’s Pond, Wantagh, NASS 18 Feb (eBird).

White Stork: Medford 27 Feb (R Widergren fide DR, ph).

European Goldfinch: CP 9 Jan – 14 Feb (AC, mob).