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Spring 2013



Summer Tanager, Tobay Beach, *Nassau*, 30 May 2013, © Mike Vedder.



“Audubon’s” Yellow-rumped Warbler, Stewart Park, Ithaca, *Tompkins*, 18 Apr 2013, © Jay McGowan.



Smith’s Longspur, Shawangunks Grasslands NWR, *Ulster*, 30 Apr 2013, © Lloyd Spitalnik.



Ruffs, Great River, *Suffolk*, 24 Apr 2013, © S. S. Mitra.



Left: Cedar Waxwing, Queensbury, Warren, 24 Mar 2013, © Denise Hackert-Stoner.
Right: Bohemian Waxwing, Queensbury, Warren, 24 Mar 2013, © Scott Stoner.



Left: Say's Phoebe, Prospect Park, Kings, 27 Apr 2013, © Ryan J. Bass.
Right: American Avocet, Geneva, Ontario, 13 Apr 2013, © Jay McGowan.



Tricolored Heron, Savannah, *Wayne*, 5 May 2013, © Jay McGowan.



Pink-footed Goose, Montezuma NWR, *Seneca*, 26 Mar 2013, © Jay McGowan.



"Black" Brant, Great River, *Suffolk*, 25 Apr 2013, © Derek Rogers.

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Furnishing a 1st record for New York State and 2nd record for the US and Canada, this adult Gray-hooded Gull, seen here with two Laughing Gulls, spent its summer 2011 vacation on the iconic beach and boardwalk at Coney Island, Brooklyn, *Kings*. Photograph © Mark S. Szantyr.



Discovered on 26 Dec 2011, this immature female Mountain Bluebird frequented a large field in Calverton, *Suffolk*, remaining into early Jan, 2012 to the delight of many local birders able to add it to their 2011 and 2012 year lists. Photograph © Tom B. Johnson.



This Great Kiskadee made a surprise appearance at the window of a Spuyten Duyvil, Bronx, apartment on 11 Sep 2011. Its provenance is unknown but a possibility is that it traveled aboard one of the cruise ships that regularly run between New York City and Bermuda, where the species is an abundant introduction. Photograph © Alice Brickner.



(Left) White-tailed Tropicbird was the signature species of Tropical Storm Irene, and this adult was propelled far up the Hudson River coming to ground in an exhausted and moribund state near Stephentown, Rensselaer, on 29 Aug 2011 Photograph © Bernice Gawron. (Right) A handful of lucky observers were on hand to witness this Wood Stork as it soared over Hamlin Beach SP, Monroe, 28 Oct 2011. Photograph © Brad Carlson.



Five Black-bellied Whistling Ducks flying over Oil City Road, Pine Island, *Orange*, on 26 May 2011. Part of broader influx into the northeast, these birds regularly flew back and forth across the NY-NJ state line. Photograph © Angus Wilson.



On 6 Aug 2011, this Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, the 1st photographed in NYS, briefly joined a mixed feeding flock of Wilson's and Leach's Storm-petrels off Long Island at a chum slick laid out on water 350 fathoms (2100 ft) deep. Photograph © John Shemilt.



Although of uncertain origin, this Hooded Crow caused continent-wide interest. Great Kills Park, Richmond, 24 Jun 2011. Photographs © Angus Wilson & © Morgan Tingley.



Arguably the most familiar raptor in North America, Red-tailed Hawk comprises several subspecies subdivided into three groups: Eastern (*borealis*), Western (*calurus*) and Harlan's (*harlani*), each of which shows considerable plumage variation. In the East, dark morphs are not known as breeding birds and rare examples in NYS are presumed to be vagrants of western origin, nominally *calurus*. This individual was found on Gaines Basin Road near Albion, *Orleans*, on 1-2 Apr 2011. Photographs © Willie D'Anna.



When first discovered on 8 Dec 2011, this adult Slaty-backed Gull was asleep on the rock shelf off Goat Island, *Niagara*, just above the Niagara Falls. After waking it tussled with neighboring Herring Gulls allowing the distinctive wing tip pattern to be studied before flying out towards the middle of the river. Photograph © James Pawlicki.