

REGION 10—MARINE

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The summer weather was warm to hot and largely uneventful. The highest temperature recorded for the period was 98° in Central Park on 18 July, and the Region was not directly impacted by tropical storms.

June's mean temperature was 69°, 1.5° above normal. Precipitation totaled 8.15" in Islip, and 10.10" in Central Park, 3.88" and 5.69" more than normal, respectively. About 5" of that fell in the 24 hour period 7-8 Jun. July's mean temperature was 78.0°, 4.1° higher than normal. Precipitation was 1.09" below normal, at 2.34". August cooled off a bit, with the mean temperature 72.3°, 0.5° lower than normal. August continued dry, with just 2.72" of rain, 1.26" below normal. (Data are for Islip unless otherwise noted, taken from the NOAA weather site.)

Following this year's abysmal spring migration, observers were curious to gauge the breeding populations of various Neotropical-migrant landbirds. In the absence of rigorous data collected via controlled effort, few conclusions could be drawn, at least in our Region. We heard from a number of careful observers that Wood Thrushes and Baltimore Orioles seemed scarcer than usual this June. Conversely, Chimney Swifts, which have declined in parts of the Region in recent years, seemed to be conspicuous everywhere this summer. The undoubted highlight of the breeding season was Long Island's much anticipated first confirmed breeding of Yellow-throated Warbler, at Connetquot River State Park Preserve. Other notable breeding events included a nesting attempt, apparently failed, by Bald Eagles along the Carman's River in the Wertheim NWR, and another nesting by Turkey Vultures in Suffolk County, this one documented by DEC workers via a nest cam in the dwarf pine plains—an area where the conspicuous presence of adults in recent summers had raised suspicions of nesting by this very difficult to confirm species.

Inshore seabird activity seemed much reduced compared to recent years. In particular, Wilson's Storm-Petrels were very scarce and the species was unrecorded from the eastern Long Island Sound, where it is usually regular in summer. The number of Sandwich Tern reports (about 8) was only slightly higher than usual, and these conformed to the very stereotyped pattern that has emerged in recent years, at least in the absence of hurricanes: scattered reports of one-two birds around ocean inlets (this year Jones, Moriches, and Mecox) from early June to late July (this year 22 Jun-27 July). It was within this window that a Cayenne Tern showed up back in 2000, and it was probably not a coincidence

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that this period yielded another stellar tern record this year: New York's first **Elegant Tern**, pending review. Found by Andy Guthrie and Andrew Baksh at Cupsogue on 3 July as they investigated the hybrid *Calidris*, this bird proved very difficult to chase. It eluded all observers the next day until dusk, when Brett Gleitsman re-found it miles to the east at Tiana Beach. It was seen several more times through 8 July, at Tiana Beach, on the intervening oceanfront, and back at Cupsogue.

Among the commoner shorebird species, numbers of juveniles were noted as lower than usual by several observers, particularly at Jamaica Bay. As usual, however, there were several notable shorebird records, including a **Black-necked Stilt**, a **Curlew Sandpiper**, two **Ruffs**, and a photogenic **Dunlin x White-rumped Sandpiper hybrid**. Beyond these, one shorebird quest was so astounding that it deserves some narration. On 29 Jun, Andrew Baksh traveled from Queens to Newburyport, MA, in search of a **Red-necked Stint** that had been present there, missed it, and made the long drive home. When Tom Burke related this story to Shai Mitra that evening, the latter replied, "Well, I wouldn't worry about him too much—he'll probably be calling us with one of his own one of these days." Tom's reply, "Maybe even this same one!" proved remarkably prescient. It was, in fact, the very next day that Andrew and John Gluth found a Red-necked Stint at Cupsogue. What's more, photographic analysis showed it to be the very bird Andrew had chased unsuccessfully the day before!

Summer 2013 was, by far, the best to date for early summer **Arctic Terns**. The surge in records was surely partly due to increased effort, awareness, and skill among observers, but the writers can offer fairly robust controls for these variables, having studied the issue since 1999, with relatively uniform effort and knowledge since 2005. It was our experience this year that this species was difficult to miss in the appropriate contexts, with multiple individuals very often present, throughout June and early July.

Cold fronts 5 August and 14-15 August produced large flights of swallows and other early migrants along the barrier beaches, and the latter front also brought a major wave of warblers and other migrants to the city parks.

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ABBREVIATIONS

1S – first summer plumage; 2S – second summer plumage; Amag – Amagansett, SUFF; APP – Alley Pond P, QUEE; BP – Breezy Pt, QUEE; CCP – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; CR – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; CLP – Clove Lakes P, RICH; CP – Central Park, NEWY; CRESLI – Coastal Research and Education Society of LI; CRSP – Connetquot R SP, SUFF; EH – East Hampton, SUFF; East Patchogue – SUFF; EPCAL – former Grumman property, Calverton, SUFF; FT – Fort Tilden, QUEE; FOS – first of season; GB – Georgica Beach, EH, SUFF; JamBay – Jamaica Bay NWR, QUEE/KING, east pd unless otherwise noted; JBWE – Jones Beach SP West End, NASS; JBSP – Jones Beach SP, NASS; LBMCA – Lido Beach Marine Conservation Area, NASS; Marine P – KINGS; migr – migrant, migrating; MB – Mecox Bay; MLUA – Mount Loretto Unique Area, RICH; MP – Montauk Pt; Mtk – Montauk, SUFF; NB – Nickerson Beach, NASS; NYBG – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; OMNSA – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area – NASS; PB – Pikes Beach, Westhampton, SUFF; PonqB – Ponquogue Bridge, SUFF; PP – Prospect P, KING; RBA – NY Rare Bird Alert; Riv sod farms – Riverhead sod farms, SUFF; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; RPt DEC – Rocky Pt DEC property, SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock Inlet and vicinity, SUFF; SI – Staten I (RICH); SOFO – South Fork Natural History Museum, Bridgehampton, SUFF; SPCP – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; TB --Tiana Beach, T Southampton, SUFF; WPP – Wolfes Pond P, RICH.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Snow Goose: Lemon Creek P, RICH 14-16 Jul, cont from spring, poss injured (RBA).

Wood Duck: f & 5 chicks Wading R Ponds, Brookhaven /Riverhead T 6 Jun (L. Ormond, A. Graves).

Blue-winged Teal: arr 18 Jul JamBay (ABa) & Sagg (B. Moore).

Northern Pintail: arr JamBay 16 Aug (W. Rocky).

Green-winged Teal: 5 Gardiners I 26 Jun (MSch); 6 arr JamBay 8 Jul (ABk).

Greater Scaup: 3-4 Dead Horse Bay, KING, thru (R. Jett, H. Lopes, et al.); imm Babylon 17 Jun (T. Dunn) & 25 Jun (MMcB), with imm Lesser Scaup.

Lesser Scaup: imm Babylon 17 Jun (T. Dunn) & 25 Jun (MMcB), with imm Greater Scaup, rare in summer.

Common Eider: widely rep in small numbers from Jones Inlet, Fire I Inlet, Moriches I, Shinn, Montauk, and Orient Pt.

Surf Scoter: widely rep in small numbers from Jones Inlet, Fire I Inlet, Moriches I, Shinn, and Montauk; max 14 Shinn 21 Jun (DR).

White-winged Scoter: widely rep in small numbers from Jones Inlet, Fire I Inlet, Shinn, Montauk, and Orient Pt; max 15 Shinn 14 Jun (DR).

Black Scoter: exceptionally widespread and numerous this summer, with reports from the Hudson R opposite mid-town Manhattan, Coney I Cr, KING, inside JamBay, and many sites along the LI ocean-front; a flock of >100 summered around Jones Inlet, NASS, and 50+ were off TB 8 Jul (SSi).

Long-tailed Duck: 2 reps: Dead Horse Bay 2 Jun (C. Bowman); Napeague Harbor, SUFF 25 Jun (J. Frye).

Bufflehead: one rep: Forge R 11 Jun (B. Young).

Hooded Merganser: 3 reps of singles: JamBay 16 Jun (J. Corcoran); APP Restoration Pd 7 Aug (S. Perrault), Whitney Pd P 13 Aug (S. Perrault).

Red-breasted Merganser: pr Carmans R 1 Jun, molting (LO); several other reps along coast.

Ruddy Duck: a few summered JamBay where regular; more unusual were singles Marine P, KING 1 Jun (mob), Central Park 2 Jun (E. Gaillard) and across many dates PP (mob).

Northern Bobwhite: TB 7 Jul (MMcB, MikeMcB); Mtk 8 Jul (JT); Flanders, SUFF 28 Jul (LO).

Ring-necked Pheasant: JBSP 8 Jun (SSchi, B. Anderson), absent here for yrs.

Red-throated Loon: migr w to e post storm Amag 8 Jun (AnW).

Common Loon: 412 migr w to e post storm Amag 8 Jun (AnW).

Pied-billed Grebe: arr 15 Aug Flushing Meadows Corona P (E. Mertz).

Horned Grebe: alt Downs Farm Pres, SUFF 1 Jun (JS), unus date.

Northern Fulmar: near Block Canyon 17 Jun (TJ, ph).

Cory's Shearwater: well reported from ocean coast, incl the following selected reps: 12 CCP 15 Jun (ABa, mob); 230 w to e in 45 min GB 12 Jul (NBo); 105 CRESLI pelagic 12.5 mi s Mtk 21 Jul; 324 MP 9 Aug (AnW); 35 RMSP 17 Aug (M. Britt, MFr); 20 MB 24 Aug (GB, TWB).

Great Shearwater: a few inshore reports and 2 good counts offshore: 6 CCP 4 Jul (RBA); 500+ CRESLI pelagic 11-17 m s Mtk 7 Jul (AK); GB 9 Jul (NBo); 500 CRESLI pelagic off Mtk 14 Jul (AGi); 59 MP 9 Aug (AnW).

Sooty Shearwater: poorly reported inshore: a few CCP 1 Jun (S. Walter et al); 33 migr w to e post storm Amag 8 Jun (AnW); 4 RMSP 14 Jun; 4 CCP 4 Jul (RBA); 3 MP 9 Aug (AnW); several modest counts offshore: 85 CRESLI whalewatch 11-17 m s Mtk 7 Jul (AK); 50 CRESLI pelagic off Mtk 14 Jul (AGi); 26 CRESLI pelagic 12.5 mi s Mtk 21 Jul.

Manx Shearwater: well reported along SUFF oceanfront: 3 migr w to e post storm Amag 8 Jun (AnW); RMSP 13 Jun (SSM); CCP 22 Jun (GB et al); CCP 4 Jul (PJL); CRESLI pelagic 11-17 mi s Mtk 7 Jul (AK); 4 GB 12 Jul (NBo); 5 CRESLI pelagic 12.5 mi s Mtk 21 Jul; 4 RMSP 4 Aug (M. Britt, MFr); MP 9 Aug (AnW); RMSP 17 Aug (M. Britt, MFr).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: very poor showing inshore: single ind migr w to e post storm Amag 8 Jun (AnW); just a handful of reports of one to a few RMSP, CCP, Shinn; only 2 CRESLI pelagic 11-17 m s Mtk 7 Jul (AK); "slow trickle" GB, near shore w to e in fog 13 Jul (NBo); 12 CRESLI pelagic off Mtk 14 Jul (AGi); **1700** CRESLI pelagic 12.5 mi s Mtk 21 Jul, only notable count.

WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL: Block Canyon 80 mi s Shinn 20 Aug (private fishing boat).

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: pelagic off south shore LI 14 Jul (RBA).

Northern Gannet: 103 migr w to e post storm Amag 8 Jun (AnW).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R10): Stony Brook Harbor, SUFF 16 Jun (LI Birding w ph).

Brown Pelican: 5 off Mtk Harbor 21 Jul (SA); Riis Park, QUEE 10 Aug (IG).

Least Bittern: ad f LBMCA 21 Jun (JGI); Old Place Creek area, RICH 26 Jul (RBA).

Tricolored Heron: Little Reed Pd, Mtk 8 Jun (AnW), rare eastern LI; LBMCA 16 Jun (C. Castillo), continues scarce overall.

Cattle Egret: Southampton 4 Jun (J. Shemilt) and Mecox Dairy, Bridgehampton 5 Jun

(MSch); Marine P 4 Jun (B. Manian); Marine P 29 Jul (RBA).

WHITE-FACED IBIS: ad JamBay 12 Jun (IG, M. Shanley), prob same elusive ind observed in spring.

Turkey Vulture: 16 EPCAL 14 Jun (M. Cooper); pair of recently hatched young in culvert pipe Dwarf Pine Plains early Aug (fide C. Hamilton).

HAWKS-ALCIDS

MISSISSIPPI KITE: sub ad CR 6-24 Jun (A. Ciancimino, mob), associated w 17 year cicada event.

Bald Eagle: continues to incr.; pr nest Carmans R, SUFF, failed, *intro*; imm over Bronx R 8 Jun (D. Becker); ad MLUA 21 Jun (M. Lester); imm NB 14 Jun (KFeu, SFeu, ABa); ad Bayville 17 Jun, present in May also (P. Aitken, ph); ad Jamaica Bay near Rockaway, QUEE 30 Jun (G. Willow); ad Peconic R, SUFF 19 Aug (RBA).

American Golden-Plover: 13-17 Riv sod farms 30 Aug (E. Schwinn et al); JamBay 31 Aug (S. Walter).

Semipalmated Plover: 750 BP 9 Aug (IG).

BLACK-NECKED STILT: CCP 18 Jun (SSM, ph).

American Avocet: JamBay 8-12 Jul (ABa); Flushing Meadow-Corona P, QUEE 21 Jul (K. Mirth); JamBay 27 Jul (K. Michael, mob); JamBay 30 Jul (ABa); JBWE 3 Aug (B. Anderson); 2 Timber Point Golf Course, Great River SUFF 3 Aug (M. Vedder); PonqB, SUFF 8 Aug (A. Murphy); JamBay 14-23 Aug (ABa, mob).

Greater Yellowlegs: 6 migr CCP during heavy westward movement of shorebirds 8 Jul (SSM); first juv CCP 4 Aug (SSM).

Willet: 1S *inornata* CCP 1 Jun, FOS (SSM); withdrawal of *semipalmata* 27-Jul-3 Aug; first juv *inornata* CCP 4 Aug (SSM).

Lesser Yellowlegs: 7 migr CCP during heavy westward movement of shorebirds 8 Jul (SSM); first juv CCP 4 Aug (SSM).

Solitary Sandpiper: morning flight surveys produced many records of migrants, e.g., 9 on 4 dates 6-23 Aug RMSP (SSM et al.) & 7 on 5 dates 17 Jul-15 Aug E. Patchogue (MMcB).

Upland Sandpiper: Edgemere Landfill, QUEE 23 Jun; EPCAL 4 Jul (SA, RKe, MN), suitable breeding area; Cutchogue, SUFF 10 Aug (J. Sepinoski, J. Wittenberg); JBWE 11 Aug (K. Fung); migr E. Patchogue 10 & 15 Aug (MMcB), migr; CCP 17 Aug (RKa, mob).

Whimbrel: arr 4 JBWE 2 Jul (H. Taylor); max 5 Cedar Beach CP, Southold, SUFF 24 Jul (P.

Palladino) & 5 CCP 3 Aug (L&MSch); numerous reps of small numbers migr along outer coast; almost all moved through quickly, as is usual, and the Southold site was the only one attracting lingering birds.

Hudsonian Godwit: 6 BP/FT 1 Aug (RBA), migr; JBWE 9 Aug (DR); JamBay 31 Aug (ABa).

Marbled Godwit: TB 11 Jul (JA); BP/FT 25 Jul-4 Aug, (mob); juv CCP 4 (SSM); 1-2 CCP/PB 10-21 Aug (mob), joined by third 22 Aug, then 6 on 24 Aug; Dune Rd. SUFF 25 Aug (AP).

Red Knot: 26 CCP 4 Jun (LS, JC), summering.

Sanderling: 2000 BP 9 Aug (IG).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: first juv JamBay 5 Aug (ABa).

Western Sandpiper: relatively few reports JamBay, JBWE, Timber Pt, CCP; max 4 JamBay 31 Jul (ABa); winter aspect CCP 27 Jul (SSM).

RED-NECKED STINT: ad alt CCP 30 Jun-4 Jul (JGL, ABa, mob), *intro*.

Least Sandpiper: heavy westward movement CCP 8 Jul (i.e., 920 during peak movement + 200 on ground (SSM); first juv JamBay 28 Jul; winter aspect CCP 4 Aug (SSM), seldom seen in Region 10.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 7 JamBay 5 Aug, first fall push (ABa); 15+ JamBay 7 Aug (ABa, KFeu).

Baird's Sandpiper: molting ad JamBay 20-21 Jul (ABa, mob), ads rarely seen; juv Bayard Cutting Arboretum, SUFF 10 Aug (JGL); MB 18 Aug (JA); JBWE 22-25 Aug (DR, mob); Riv sod farms 29-31 Aug (LS, JC, mob).

Pectoral Sandpiper: small numbers in the usual places.

Dunlin: migr cont through early Jun; a few summered Jam Bay, Jones Inlet, & Moriches Inlet; others incl Whitney Pd P 21 Jul (SP) & 2 Merrill L Sanct 10 Jul (DR).

Dunlin x White-rumped Sandpiper hybrid: PB & CCP 3-8 Jul (mob, ph).

CURLEW SANDPIPER: MB 18-24 Aug (JA, mob), fading alt plumage.

Stilt Sandpiper: arr CCP 5 Jul (B. Bomkamp); max 54 JamBay 21 Jul (ABa); 4 juvs JBWE 22-25 Aug (KFeu), in freshwater rain pools; joined by one ad here 25 Aug.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: arr 29 Aug JBWE (C. Cammarota).

RUFF: JamBay 19-21 Jul (ABa); 2nd ind JamBay 27 Jul (J. Schlickenrieder).

Short-billed Dowitcher: ad alt *hendersoni* CCP 16-18 Jun (MMcB, mob); heavy westward movement CCP 8 Jul (i.e., 660

during peak movement + 200 on ground (SSM).

Long-billed Dowitcher: JamBay 17 Jul (IG); alt JamBay 25, 26, 28 Jul (ABa); JamBay 2 Aug (RBA); ad JamBay 7 Aug (KFeu); OMNSA 25 Aug (M. Shanley).

Wilson's Snipe: flyover PB 11 Aug (RKa).

Wilson's Phalarope: JamBay 7 Aug (fide SSI, mob); JamBay 17-20 Aug (K. Fung, ABa, mob); JBWE rain pools 23 Aug (D. Teta, EM). **Red-necked Phalarope:** f Shinn 1 Jun; m PB 20-23 (also at CCP 23 Jun) Jun (M. Higgiston, E. Schwinn, mob); Hudson R, NEWY 18 Aug (W. Laufer, mob); 5 s of Mtk 22 Aug (private fishing boat).

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

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

Herring Gull: 650 w to e in 45 min GB 12 Jul (NBo), and still going strong after.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: numerous and widespread, but no large groups this summer; 5 imm JBWE 8 Jun; 3 CCP 8 Jul (S. Blodgett et al); 3 2nd cycle NB 10 Jul (BF); 3 JBSP 4 Aug (SSM); 3 Democrat Pt, FI 7 Aug; 4 (ad, 2 2S, 3S) BP 9 Aug (IG); 3 JBWE 22 Aug (ABa, MMcB).

BRIDLED TERN: 2 Block Canyon 11 Aug (private fishing boat).

Least Tern: 3 1S CCP 18 Jun (SSM), FOS.

Gull-billed Tern: many reps of 1-2 JamBay 1 Jun through 31 Jul (m.ob.); 2 Lawrence Marsh, NASS 4 Jun (A. Starke); many reps NB 10 Jun to 6 Aug, incl ad fd juv 26 Jul and max 4 on 6 Aug (BF, mob); many reps 1-4 JBSP CCP 4 Jun-9 Aug (KFe, mob); 2 Tobay 4 Jun (J. Gaglione); 30 Jun (ABk, JGI et al.) rare e LI.

Caspian Tern: 3 past WPP 11 Aug (RBA); 2 WPP 20 Aug (RBA).

Black Tern: first juv CCP 3 Aug (SSM, PJI); max 46 Napeague, SUFF 9 Aug (AnW).

Roseate Tern: many reps NB 10 Jun to 6 Aug, max 9 on 28 Jul (BF, mob); many reps DP 4 Jun to 15 Aug, max 13 on 8 Aug (SSM, mob); many reps CCP through period, max 14 on 16 Jun (HMc, mob); many reps further e.

Common Tern: 160 w to e in 45 min GB 12 Jul (NBo), and still going strong after.

Arctic Tern: reps of 1-5 almost daily Moriches Inlet 1 Jun to 11 Jul, incl max 7 on 15 Jun (ABa, mob), mostly 1S, but also @S and ad-like inds; ad RMSP 6 Jun (DR), well described on close views; 1S NB 11, 18 Jun (BF, ph).

Royal Tern: 3 arr 1 Jun Amagansett (AnW); many reps Moriches Inlet and elsewhere on e LI from 16 Jun (SSM, mob); 2 NB 6 Aug (R.

Longiaru), loafing at tern colony; max 35 Tiana Beach 25 Aug (AP, B. Padden, R. Aracil), low.

ELEGANT TERN: first state record, pending review: CCP 3 Jul (A. Guthrie, ABa, MSch); Tiana Beach 4 Jul (B. Gleitsmann, ph), 5 Jul (J. McGowan et al.; PJI, SSM) & 6 Jul (TWB, mob); CCP 7 Jul (MMcB, MikeMcB); CCP 8 Jul (S. Camillieri); possibly present CCP as early as 27 Jun (AGi et al.).

SANDWICH TERN: ad alt CCP 22 Jun (TWB, GB); 2 CCP 27 Jun (AGi et al); winter plumaged PB 8 Jul (SSM); NB 10 Jul (BF); ad MB 13 Jul (NBo); MB 20 Jul (DS); ad PB & Moriches In 24 Jul (LS, JC); CCP 27 Jul (PJI).

Pomarine Jaeger: ad NB 11 Jun (BF et al, ph.); 2 pelagic 11-17 m s Mtk 7 Jul CRESLI whalewatch trip (AK); likely this sp; GB 11 Jul (NBo); 2 MP 9 Aug (AnW).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: sub ad migr w to e post storm Amag 8 Jun (AnW); probable RMSP 14 Jun (RBA); near ad MB 13 Jul (NBo); 2 s of Mtk 22 Aug (private fishing boat).

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS

Common Nighthawk: single bird Hauppauge, SUFF 20 Aug (G. Quinn), first report; widespread reports of 1-3 birds 27-31 Aug; no notable counts.

Chuck-will's-widow: calling birds rep from Quogue and Watch Hill area, Fire I, trad sites.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Bronx Zoo 19 Jun (RBA); ad APP 20 Jun (EM, mob).

FLYCATCHERS-WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CP 10, 18, & 31 Aug (AP, mob); Massapequa Pres 14 Aug (J. Gaglione); one or more PP 6 dates 15-31 Aug (mob); CLP 23 Aug (H. Fischer, M. Shanley); CR 27-29 Aug (A. Ciancimino).

Acadian Flycatcher: singing CRSP 12 Jun (KFeu).

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER: East Hampton Airport 25 Jun (TS, ph).

Eastern Kingbird: 34 migr E. Patchogue 15 Aug (MMcB).

Yellow-throated Vireo: mult reports inc singing male APP 3 Jul, prob breeding (S. Perreault).

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

COMMON RAVEN (R10): 4 Hampton Bays water tower 8 Jul (RA), where they nested again this year.

Purple Martin: 74 migr RMSP 14 Aug (SSM).

Tree Swallow: 948 migr RMSP 14 Aug (SSM).

Bank Swallow: 59 migr RMSP 5 Aug (SSM); 45 migr RMSP 14 Aug (SSM).

Cliff Swallow: 20 migr RMSP 5 Aug (SSM).

Barn Swallow: 6,121 migr RMSP 14 Aug (SSM).

Swainson's Thrush: CLP 6 Aug (H. Fischer), early.

WARBLERS

Louisiana Waterthrush: RPt DEC 18 Jul (RKa).

Northern Waterthrush: 9 RMSP 5 Aug, first fall push (SSM).

Golden-winged Warbler: PP 12 Aug (R. Jett); f APP 31 Aug (DK); rare in fall.

"Lawrence's Warbler" (Blue-winged Warbler x Golden-winged Warbler hybrid): PP 12 Aug (R. Jett), seen simultaneously with Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers; CP 12 Aug (RBA); CP 30-31 Aug (E. Gaillard, mob).

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

Mourning Warbler: PP 1 Jun, cont from spring; Inwood Hill P, BRON 19 Aug (N. Souirgi), early.

Kentucky Warbler: m singing RPt DEC 11 Jun, where m was present during summer last yr; not seen subsequently (RKa).

American Redstart: 18 inc 16 singing males APP 3 Jul; fall arr JamBay refuge 4 Aug, (A. Bondi) and 3 CP 5 Jul (E. Gaillard).

Cape May Warbler: APP 26 Jul (EM), early.

Cerulean Warbler: CLP 21 Aug (IG), scarce migr in Reg.

Northern Parula: singing CRSP 12 Jun (KFeu).

Yellow Warbler: 49 RMSP 5 Aug, first fall push (SSM).

Yellow-throated Warbler: territorial m CRSP, cont from spring (RBA); singing m and separate pr CRSP 12 Jun (KFeu); singing m CRSP 21, 26 Jun & 6 Jul (RA, A. McIntyre et al); ad feeding 2 fledglings here 14 Jul (A. McIntyre), first breeding record for LI; CLP 11 Aug (IG), w/ mixed flock of warblers.

Yellow-breasted Chat: PP 18 Aug (RBA).

TOWHEES-WEAVERS

Vesper Sparrow: JBSP 28 Jul (DK).

Lark Sparrow: Marine P 31 Aug (RBA).

Grasshopper Sparrow: 32 EPCAL 4 Jul (SA, RKe, MN), spared from development one more year.

Fox Sparrow: Ridge, SUFF feeder 18 Aug (J & P Horman), very unusual date.

White-throated Sparrow: Bryant P, NEWY 16 Aug (A. Drogin), unusual date.

Summer Tanager: m FP 4 Jun (RBA).

Blue Grosbeak: m Line Rd., Calverton, SUFF 6 Jun (SFeu); m and f here 8 Jun (M. Cooper); pr MLUA 8 Jun, f carrying nest material (ABa, ph.); m MLUA 14 Jun (SSi); imm m CRSP 19 Jun (SSM); ad and imm m singing CR 25 Jun (RBA); 2 singing males EPCAL 4 Jul (SA, RKe, MN); SOFO 11 Jul (HMcG); ad, 2 immms Vets Memorial P, Calverton SUFF 30 Aug (J. Horman).

Bobolink: first migr 2 E Patchogue 16 Jul; widespread in small numbers 28 Jul thru.

Eastern Meadowlark: 23 EPCAL 4 Jul (SA, RKe, MN).

Orchard Oriole: 8 MLUA 14 Jun (SSi), high single loc count; 6 RMSP 5 Aug (SSM).

EXOTICS

Ringed Turtle-Dove: Isham Park, BRON 30 Aug (N. Souirgi).



Summer 2013 was the best yet for Arctic Terns on Long Island. These two first-summer birds (center) interacted with each other and with a first-summer Common Tern (left) at Cupsogue CP, Suffolk on 18 Jun. © S. S. Mitra.