

REGION 10—MARINE

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The fall season was notable for almost continual beautiful weather, a stark contrast to a year ago. Most species were present in moderate to low numbers. Overall diversity was similar to most recent fall seasons and can certainly be characterized as very good. 307 species were reported, substantially enhanced by a couple of pelagic trips and records in the eBird database.

It was an exceptionally dry fall. September rainfall was about half the normal, e.g. 1.83" at Islip, 1.75" below normal. The drought really kicked in during October. Rainfall was only 0.22" at Islip, 3.57" below normal. It was the driest October on record at JFK Airport (0.33"). Dry conditions continued to late November. While rainfall totals were not greatly below normal for the month, e.g. 2.81" at Islip, 0.86" below normal, most of the rain fell in one storm on 26-27 November (2.06" at Islip). September average temperatures were generally about 1° F below normal (average 64.7° at Islip). October temperatures were over 3° above normal across the Region, e.g. 60.2° at Central Park, 3.3° above normal. November was cooler than normal, e.g. 45.3° at JFK, 2.2° below normal.

It was a poor season at the Fire Island Hawk Watch. 2187 total hawks were counted, 43% below the average of the previous 20 years. The count of Sharp-shinned Hawks, 73% below the 20-year average, and American Kestrel, 61% below the 20-year average, were consistent with their overall population declines. But the poor showing of such species as Merlin (-33%) and Cooper's Hawk (-14%), despite an effort 6% above the 20-year average hours, indicates that the weather was a significant cause of the low numbers. Conditions that typically bring good flights to the Long Island barrier beaches—southwest winds followed by northwest winds with the passage of a cold front—were infrequent. Notably, the watch recorded only its fourth Turkey Vulture and fifth Red-shouldered Hawk ever, as well as five Bald Eagles. This species made a good showing throughout the Region. Almost half of the 156 Peregrine Falcons counted for the season occurred on 5-6 October.

A pelagic trip to Block Canyon, approximately 70 nautical miles south of Montauk Point, on 6-7 September recorded eight Cory's Shearwaters, including two "Scopoli's" race; 20 Great Shearwaters; a Manx Shearwater; nine **Audubon's Shearwaters**; 390 Wilson's Storm-Petrels; two **Bridled Terns**; and five immature **Long-tailed Jaegers**. A pelagic trip out of Freeport, Nassau County on 23 November went as far as 68 miles southeast of Jones Inlet to the Bacardi wreck and recorded six **Northern Fulmars**; single Cory's, Great and Sooty Shearwaters, the latter not expected so late in fall; and 26 Black-legged Kittiwakes.

A major incursion of Snowy Owls began in our area around 21 November. At least 25 individuals were present on Long Island through the end of the

month. Irruptive finches on the other hand, were virtually absent this fall. There were small numbers of American Goldfinch and Purple Finch, as well as six reports of Pine Siskin and a single Red Crossbill.

A Philadelphia Vireo photographed on 9 November in Central Park is a new record late date for the State. There were two September reports of Louisiana Waterthrush, including an exceptionally late bird 23-24 September in Prospect Park. Late September records of Olive-sided Flycatcher and Acadian Flycatcher are notable, as is a Gull-billed Tern on 14 September and an Orchard Oriole on 18 September. A Lark Sparrow found 25 November at Floyd Bennett Field was present through the end of the month. Low water levels due to the drought allowed access to the East Pond at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge into late November. This resulted in several notable late-season shorebird records, including Least, White-rumped, Pectoral and Buff-breasted Sandpipers. An injured Hudsonian Godwit reported at Sagaponack, Suffolk County on 21 November was late and also unusual for being reported at the Hackensack Meadowlands, New Jersey for more than two weeks prior.

Common Raven was reported from all seven counties in the Region. Roughly half of the reports included two birds. Pairs have apparently been present in the Roslyn area, Nassau County; Central Islip and Hampton Bays, Suffolk County; Pelham Bay Park/Co-op City, Bronx; several locations in Staten Island; and probably elsewhere.

While numbers of many migrant passerines were lower this fall than recently, Vesper Sparrow again made a strong showing. Reports were particularly numerous from 26 Oct-2 Nov, many of multiple birds. Given the continuing decline of Vesper Sparrow breeding populations in the east, one wonders whether the origin of these migrants is further west. There was also a good showing of Red-headed Woodpeckers, particularly at Pelham Bay Park, Bronx. There were nine Western Kingbirds. Two formerly rare species, to which we have recently become accustomed, were again rare this season: There were only two reports of **Cave Swallow** and none of Razorbill. There were only three reports of Northern Saw-whet Owl and one of Long-eared Owl. While many observers are justifiably reluctant to report roosting owls, it is clear that the numbers of these species migrating through our area has declined precipitously in recent years.

The parade of other rarities was topped by a **Bell's Vireo**, seen and adroitly photographed on 16 September at Kissena Park, Queens, in the corridor section where numerous good birds have been found in recent fall seasons. A fly-by **Yellow Rail** was seen from a fishing boat three miles south of Ocean Beach, Fire Island on 28 October and well described. Sightings of this secretive species are often under such strange circumstances. Another top-of-the-list rarity was an adult **Sabine's Gull** at Mill Pond, Wantagh, Nassau County on 30 September. **Golden Eagle** sightings are becoming more regular in Region 10. There were four this season, including two birds on 4 November at Moses Mountain, Staten Island. A first-winter **Franklin's Gull** was photographed at Robert Moses State Park on 23 October. There were two long-staying **Rufous Hummingbirds**. Both were present at feeders through the end of the reporting period, one in Southold,

Suffolk County from 4 October, and the other in Annadale, Staten Island from 5 November. The season also featured three **Say's Phoebes**, two of these at the Fire Island Hawk Watch. An **Ash-throated Flycatcher** was at Jones Beach West End on 16 November. A **Western Tanager** was photographed at Prospect Park on 20 November. Photographs helped determine that immature female **Yellow-headed Blackbirds** seen at Robert Moses State Park and nearby Captree State Park on 16 September were in fact two different birds. A male **Brewer's Blackbird** was at Captree State Park on 28 October.

The season's total of 307 species includes only distinct taxa, but not exotics. Fifteen species were added to the total by reviewing eBird records, a task once again made feasible by David Wheeler's Swan Swan Hummingbird program. The author found reports of such unusual species as Cattle Egret, Alder Flycatcher, Prothonotary Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Summer Tanager, and Red Crossbill in the eBird records only. The database for Region 10 included just over 163,000 records this fall.

A 150-foot breach in the dike of the West Pond at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, caused by Hurricane Sandy, remains unrepaired. The former pond is now a tidal mudflat with little habitat value and scarce birdlife. The National Park Service is planning to conduct an environmental assessment during 2014 to evaluate alternatives for restoration of the pond, followed by construction of the selected alternative in 2015. This is a tight, if not unrealistic, schedule apparently driven by time limitations on the available funding. Among the alternatives being considered, several would not result in restoration of habitat values. For example, one alternative is to build a bridge across the breach to restore the loop trail. The Birders Coalition for Gateway, led by New York City Audubon and including the New York State Ornithological Association among others, is working with the National Park Service to assure that emphasis is given to restoring the pond to the values that made it a premier birding destination, i.e. a freshwater pond and marsh and associated open dune in the area known as Terrapin Point. It is important that birders make their concerns known and urge the Park Service to restore West Pond habitat.

The author was proud to host the 66th Annual Meeting of the New York State Ornithological Association—The New York Birders Conference—on 1-3 November, sponsored by the Queens County Bird Club. Notable birds seen on conference field trips included Cackling Goose, Blue-winged Teal, Harlequin Duck, American Golden-Plover, Pectoral Sandpiper, Royal Tern, **Pomarine Jaeger**, Parasitic Jaeger, Red-headed Woodpecker, Common Raven, **Cave Swallow**, Lapland Longspur, "**Audubon's**" **Yellow-rumped Warbler**, Black-throated Green Warbler, Vesper Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, and Common Linnet. The latter was present at Kissena Park from 9 October through the reporting period and is likely an escape. Hopefully, many future conferences will occur in Kingbird Region 10.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMA – Amagansett, SUFF; APEC – Alley Pd Environmental Center/Alley Creek, Bayside, QUEE; APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BPT – Breezy Pt, QUEE; BRY – Bryant P, NEWY; Calv – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), SUFF; CBCP – Cupsogue Beach CP, SUFF; CHP – Conference House P, RICH; CP – Central Park, NEWY; CR – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; CRSP – Connetquot R SP, SUFF; CSP – Captree 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; IHP – Inwood Hill P, NEWY; 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; PB – Pikes Beach, Westhampton Dunes, SUFF; PBP – Pelham Bay P, BRON; PP – Prospect P, KING; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; Riis – Jacob Riis P, QUEE; RPT – Rocky Pt Preserve., Rocky Pt, SUFF; Sag – Sagaponack Pd, SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock Inlet, SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; SPCP – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; TP – Timber Pt Golf Club, Great River, SUFF; VCP – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; VSSP – Valley Stream SP, NASS; WPP – Wolfe's Pd P, RICH.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Maratooka L, Mattituck, SUFF 27 Oct – 5 Nov (MMcB, JS).

Snow Goose: max 800 Jam Bay 21 Nov (AB), incl 6 blue morph.

Brant: max 5500 Jam Bay 20 Nov.

Cackling Goose: Deep Hollow, Montauk, SUFF 3 Nov (MMcB, SA, *et al*), ph; VCP 6-16 Nov (DA, NS, mob); Baisley Pd P, QUEE 10 Nov (CF); Deep Hollow 22 Nov (KF, SF); Oakland L, QUEE 24-25 Nov (SW), ph; Short's Pd, Bridgehampton, SUFF 29 Nov (BBo, DF); VCP 30 Nov (AB).

“LESSER” CANADA GOOSE: IHP 6-16 Nov (JK, JDi), ph, *Branta canadensis parvipes*; detailed report desired.

Mute Swan: max 129 MB 16 Sep (AnW); 53 Jam Bay 7 Sep (AB), many fewer since Hurricane Sandy.

Tundra Swan: 2 Hook Pd, East Hampton 29 Nov thru (DF, DT).

Wood Duck: max 35 Mt. Loretto State Forest, RICH 21 Oct (ACi).

Eurasian Wigeon: Mill Pd, Sayville, SUFF 21 Oct (KT); Mass 26 Oct – 3 Nov (RT, LSp), likely thru; Jam Bay 8 Nov thru (AB); 3 Mill Pd Sayville 9-21 Nov, 1 drake, 2 hens (DR, mob), likely thru; Patchogue L, SUFF 9 Nov (DR); fem Agawam L, Southampton, SUFF 10 Nov (MMcB); Eastport Pd, SUFF 21 Nov (M&KC); fem Jam Bay 29 Nov (DG); Tottenville, RICH 30 Nov thru (SIW).

Am. Wigeon: max 108 Patchogue L 9 Nov (DR).

Am. Black Duck: max 300 Jam Bay 17 Oct (AB).

Blue-winged Teal: FIHW 7 Oct (RJK); Rita's Stable, Montauk, SUFF 3 Nov (SA, MMcB, MN, *et al*); unusual locs.

N. Shoveler: max 187 PP 21 Nov (DG).

N. Pintail: max 27 Jam Bay 5 Nov (AB).

Green-winged Teal: max 410 Jam Bay 21 Nov (AB).

Canvasback: 4 rep; max 12 Centerport Pd, Centerport, SUFF 26 Nov (S. Bershader).

Redhead: 5 Baisley Pd P 11 Nov (SA, CF); Oakland L 28 Nov (SW); unusual locs; max 8 Coopers Neck Pd, Southampton, SUFF 29 Nov (AnW).

Ring-necked Duck: max 145 Blydenburgh CP, SUFF 28 Nov (M.J. Good).

Greater Scaup: max 950 Stepping Stones P, Kings Pt, NASS 28 Nov (SP).

Lesser Scaup: imm Sampwams Creek, Babylon, SUFF thru 6 Oct (MMcB); max 75 Jam Bay 24 Nov (AGu).

King Eider: ad m MP 25 Nov (JGi); 3 MP 30 Nov (SSM, PJL, *et al*).

Com. Eider: max 2000 MP 30 Nov (SSM, PJL), large number; few elsewhere.

Harlequin Duck: 2 JBWE 14 Oct (SSSt); fem Shinn 3 Nov (SA, *et al*); fem Shinn 29 Nov (BBo, DF); Pt. Lookout, NASS 9 Nov (BBI).

Surf Scoter: max 6000 MP 22 Nov (SF), large number.

White-winged Scoter: max 5000 MP 29 Nov (DF, BBo), large number.

Black Scoter: 1000 RMSP 7 Oct (JGI); max 12,000 MP 29 Nov (BBo); large numbers.

Long-tailed Duck: max 330 Lemon Creek Pier, RICH 29 Nov (ACi).

Bufflehead: max 200 WPP 23 Nov (ACi), low number.

Com. Goldeneye: fem Mill Pd, Bellmore, NASS 24 Nov (CF, SA), unusual loc.

Hooded Merganser: max 110 HLSP 28 Nov (MA).

Com. Merganser: 5 reports; max 3 HLSP 28 Nov (MA).

Red-breasted Merganser: max 83 Fort Pond Bay, Montauk, SUFF 22 Nov (SF).

Ruddy Duck: max 1000 Jam Bay 21 Nov (AB).

N. Bobwhite: 2 Montauk 22 Sep (SSM, PJL); sev reps CR 10 Sep – 10 Nov, max 8 there 10 Nov (ACi); only reports.

Red-necked Grebe: DOP 12-14 Oct (RBA); 4 Fort Pond Bay 22 Nov (KF, SF); MP 22 Nov (KF, SF).

N Fulmar: 6 pelagic trip from Freeport, NASS 23 Nov (DG, *et al*).

Cory's Shearwater: 8 Block Canyon, SUFF 6-7 Sep (RBA), incl 2 "Scopoli's race", *Calonectris diomedea diomedea*; 20 MP 27 Sep (DF); 3 whale watch off Rockaway Inlet, QUEE 6 Oct (CF, IG); RMSP 7 Oct (JGI); pelagic trip from Freeport 23 Nov (DG, *et al*).

Great Shearwater: 20 Block Canyon 6-7 Sep (RBA); pelagic trip from Freeport 23 Nov (DG, *et al*).

Sooty Shearwater: pelagic trip from Freeport 23 Nov (DG, *et al*), late.

"shearwater sp.": Shinn 3 Nov (MMcB, RB, *et al*).

Manx Shearwater: Block Canyon 6-7 Sep (RBA); Ama 27 Oct (AnW); Ama 2 Nov (AnW).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 9 Block Canyon 6-7 Sep (RBA).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: 390 Block Canyon 6-7 Sep (RBA).

N. Gannet: max 1012 SPCP 9 Nov (RKA); 750 JBWE 13 Nov (KF, SF); 550 pelagic trip from Freeport 23 Nov (DG, *et al*).

Great Cormorant: KP 2 Nov (EM, RD, *et al*), unusual loc.

Am. Bittern: CBCP 29 Sep (RKA); 2 Dune Rd., East Quogue, SUFF 10 Nov (MMcB); Dune Rd., East Quogue 22 Nov (RKA); Dune Rd., East Quogue 29 Nov (MMcB).

Cattle Egret: 2 MNSA 3 Sep (MF), only report.

Green Heron: Arshamomaque Pres., Southold, SUFF 27 Oct (MMcB), late.

Black Vulture: At least 2 present CR 12 Sep thru (ACi); max 4 CR 12 Sep (ACi); about five other RICH reps; 2 IHP 25 Oct (AF); 2 IHP 3 Nov (DB).

Turkey Vulture: about 20 L.I. reps incl: 5 Riverhead 5 Sep (PMP); FIHW 5 Oct (fide DP), rare on barrier island; 4 Richmond Hill, QUEE 25 Oct (JL); 17 Riverhead 18 Nov (RA); max 77 IHP 25 Oct (AF), large number.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: total 337 FIHW (*fide DP*), 2% above 20-yr average.

Bald Eagle: at least 30 reports incl: total 5 FIHW (*fide DP*); 4 Moses Mtn., RICH 10 Sep (CB, AP); 4 MLUA 9-15 Sep (IR); 12 IHP 3 Nov (JDi).

N. Harrier: total 136 FIHW, 46% below 20-yr average (*fide DP*).

Sharp-shinned Hawk: total 111 FIHW, 73% below 20-yr average (*fide DP*).

Cooper's Hawk: Total 28 FIHW, 14% below 20-yr average (*fide DP*).

N. Goshawk: Franklin Square, NASS 30 Oct (BB); Green-wood Cemetery, KING 3 Nov (PD).

Red-shouldered Hawk: Blue Heron P, RICH 21 Oct (MSh); FIHW 30 Oct (*fide DP*), rare on barrier island; 6 IHP 3 Nov (JDi); 2 Green-wood Cem. 3 Nov (PD); 2 IHP 21 Nov (AF).

Broad-winged Hawk: 31 IHP 14 Sep (NS).

Rough-legged Hawk: Edgemere, QUEE 20 Oct (CF), dark morph; Jam Bay 21 Oct (*fide AB*), same bird; FIHW 24 Oct (*fide RJK*); 2 IHP 28 Nov (NS), ph.

GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): imm KP 30 Sep (CCo, EM, *et al*), ph; 2 Moses Mtn. 4 Nov (IG); imm VCP 30 Nov (NS), ph.

YELLOW RAIL: 3-mi S of Ocean Beach, Fire I, SUFF 28 Oct (PMI!).

Virginia Rail: CP 10-11 Sep (NS, mob); Bay Terrace, RICH 25 Sep (J. Gavrity), found dead.

Sora: PP 30 Sep – 5 Oct (mob); BRY 11-16 Oct (mob); PP 12-22 Oct (RB, RJ, mob); APEC 19 Oct (SA, RK).

Am. Avocet: 3 JBWE 20 Oct (RB).

Am. Oystercatcher: max 456 JBWE 21 Sep (MMcB), large number.

Black-bellied Plover: max 250 JBWE 21 Sep (MMcB), low number.

Am. Golden-Plover: 27 Riverhead, SUFF 1 Sep (RKA, AnW, mob); Eastport 2 Sep (SA, MMcB, mob); 61 Riverhead 2 Sep (DF, MMcB); 68 Riverhead 3 Sep (PD); Marine P, KING 4 Sep (RJ, SS); 48 Riverhead 4 Sep (SyS, JGi); max 124 Riverhead 5 Sep (JGI), large number; MB 5 Sep (PMP); 39 Daniels Ln., Sagaponack, SUFF 5 Sep (PMP); 5 Riverhead 8 Sep (RKA); 17 Riverhead 11 Sep (DK, BR); 33 Daniels Ln. 11 Sep (PMP); 34 Riverhead 12 Sep (JGI); 72 Riverhead 13 Sep (MG); JBWE 13 Sep (SP); JBWE 2 Nov (LS, Clay Taylor, *et al*).

Solitary Sandpiper: A.J. Hendrickson P, Valley Stream, NASS 2 Sep (BB); 2 Jam Bay 5 Sep (AB); 3 Jam Bay 7 Sep (SW); APP 7 Sep (SA, *et al*); Jam Bay 11 Sep (AB); Jam Bay 18 Sep (AB); Sands Pt. Pres., NASS 25 Sep (SP); North Fork Pres., Northville, SUFF 29 Sep (RKA); Aquebogue Duck Farm, SUFF 27 Oct (MMcB), late.

Upland Sandpiper: Riverhead 2 Sep (MMcB, *et al*); Dune Rd, Hampton Bays, SUFF 3 Sep (KT).

Whimbrel: Cedar Beach CP, Southold, SUFF 2 Sep (Ryan Bass); 2 CBCP 8 Sep (RKA);

Tobay Beach, NASS 10 Sep (PM); MB 12 Sep (PMP, *et al*); HSP 23 Sep (AM).

Hudsonian Godwit: CBCP thru 2 Sep (AnW, RKa, mob); Sag 21 Nov (KF, SF), late, injured leg, same bird noted in Hackensack

Meadowlands, NJ for 2 ½ weeks prior (*fide* Michael Newhouse).

Marbled Godwit: 7 CBCP thru 1 Sep (AnW, AB, mob); PB 1 Sep (AB); 4 CBCP 2 Sep (RKa, ES, *et al*); 2 CBCP 4 Sep (SyS, JGi); 7 PB 5 Sep (CF); 2 CBCP 5 Sep (CF); 4 CBCP 8 Sep (RKa); JBWE 9 Sep (SP); Jam Bay 11-12 Sep (AB, CCo); 4 CBCP 14 Sep (RKa); 3 CBCP 29 Sep (RKa); 3 PB 5 Oct (AM); 3 CBCP 27 Oct (RKa); CBCP 10 Nov (RKa).

Ruddy Turnstone: few; 23 JBWE 8 Sep (SA); 20 Pt. Lookout 26 Oct (RBA); 13 JBWE 1 Nov (AB); 6 JBWE 3 Nov (DF, *et al*).

Red Knot: 80 JBWE 5 Oct (AGu); max 123 JBWE 2 Nov (MMcB).

Stilt Sandpiper: Sag 12 Sep (PMP), unusual loc; Jam Bay 20 Sep (AB); last Manhasset Valley CP, NASS 27 Oct (SP).

Sanderling: max 2500 Pt. Lookout 23 Nov (SSc), large number.

Dunlin: max 3000 Pt Lookout 23 Nov (A. Costello, C. Gordon).

Purple Sandpiper: arr 5 Coney I, KING 2 Nov (RJ, HL).

Baird's Sandpiper: Riverhead thru 4 Sep (AB, mob); Oregon Rd., Mattituck, SUFF 1 Sep (RJK); Dune Rd, Hampton Bays 5 Sep (PMP); 2 JBWE 8 Sep (SA, RK, PA); Jam Bay 10 Sep (Peter Cook); 2 Sag 12-13 Sep (PMP, MG); Jam Bay 18 Sep (AB); Jam Bay 21 Sep (KM).

Least Sandpiper: Aquebogue Duck Farm 27 Oct (MMcB); Jam Bay 8 Nov (AB); late, *intro*.

White-rumped Sandpiper: CBCP 1 Sep (AB, *et al*); Cedar Beach CP 2 Sep (R. Bass); 2 Jam Bay 5-7 Sep (AB, SW); Jam Bay 11 Sep (AB); 6 Sag 12 Sep (PMP); 2 Jam Bay 18 Sep (AB); Jam Bay 21 Nov (AB), late, *intro*.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: Shoreham, SUFF 5 Sep (DH); Riverhead 5 Sep (PMP); CBCP 5 Sep (MSch); 5 Daniels Ln 5 Sep (PMP, *et al*); 2 Riverhead 8 Sep (AnW, RKa); 3 Riverhead 10 Sep (AM); Eastport 12 Sep (JGi); 2 Riverhead 12 Sep (JGi); Jam Bay 14 Oct (KM, AB), late, *intro*.

Pectoral Sandpiper: about 15 rep, incl: 7 Riverhead 1 Sep (AnW, mob); 23 CBCP 1 Sep (AB, *et al*), large number; Jam Bay 28 Oct (RBA); HSP 1 Nov (MMcB), late; Rita's Stable 3 Nov (SA, *et al*); PP 4 Nov (DG); Jam Bay 14 Nov (AB), *intro*; CR 19 Nov (ACi).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: Jam Bay 21 Nov (AB), late, *intro*.

Western Sandpiper: Jam Bay 5 Sep (AB); 2 Jam Bay 7 Sep (AB); Jam Bay 11-12 Sep (AB, SyS, *et al*); 2 GBP 17 Sep (MSh); JBWE 22 Sep (MMcB); Jam Bay 3 Nov (AB); 2 Jam Bay 5 Nov (AB); Jam Bay 8 Nov (AB).

Wilson's Phalarope: Jam Bay 11-12 Sep (AB, SyS, *et al*); Jam Bay 6-7 Oct (KM, AB).

Pomarine Jaeger: Ama 2 Nov (AnW); Shinn 3 Nov (MMcB, RB).

Parasitic Jaeger: Block Canyon 6-7 Sep (RBA); 5 MP 21 Sep (RBA); MP 22 Sep (DF); 2 MP 29 Sep (MSh); FIHW 7 Oct (RJK); 5 Shinn 3 Nov (SA, MMcB, MN, *et al*); RMSP 3 Nov (SSM, PJL).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 5 imm Block Canyon 6-7 Sep (RBA).

Razorbill: not reported.

"large alcid sp.": FIHW 22 Sep (MN), early.

Black-legged Kittiwake: 26 pelagic trip from Freeport 23 Nov (DG, *et al*).

SABINE'S GULL (R10): ad Mill Pd., Wantagh, NASS 30 Sep (RP!).

Bonaparte's Gull: juv FBf 4 Sep (RJ, SS), early; max 250 pelagic trip from Freeport 23 Nov (DG, *et al*), low number.

Black-headed Gull: Davis P, Fire I, SUFF 14-23 Sep (RBA).

Laughing Gull: 29 pelagic trip from Freeport 23 Nov (DG, *et al*), late.

FRANKLIN'S GULL: 1st win RMSP 23 Oct (KF), ph.

Iceland Gull: Oyster Bay, NASS 13 Nov (BR); 3 pelagic trip from Freeport 23 Nov (DG, *et al*), juv, 2 cy, ad; 2 juv Montauk Harbor 26 Nov (M&KC); imm Lake Montauk 29 Nov (DF); Dune Rd., Hampton Bays 30 Nov (MMcB).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: ad MB 5 Sep (PMP); 2 Ft. Pd Bay 2 Sep (RBA); returning ad Arden Av, RICH 2 Nov thru (SIW); 2 juv pelagic trip from Freeport 23 Nov (DG, *et al*); JBSP 24 Nov (TWB, GB, AB); returning ad Napeague, SUFF 25 Nov thru (JGi); 1 yr Shinn 29 Nov (DF, BBo).

Glaucous Gull: Orient Pt., SUFF 27 Nov (JS); imm Shinn 29 Nov (DF, BBo).

BRIDLED TERN: 2 Block Canyon 6-7 Sep (RBA).

Gull-billed Tern: Norman J. Levy Pres, Merrick, NASS 14 Sep (BB), late.

Caspian Tern: JBWE 13 Sep (SP); 4 SPCP 21 Sep (MC); Tobay, NASS 22 Sep (DK, BR); CSP 22 Sep (MMcB); JBWE 22 SEP (MMcB).

Black Tern: PP 10 Sep (PD, RJ), unusual loc.

Roseate Tern: last 2 MP 22 Sep (SSM, PJL).

Royal Tern: Cedar Beach CP 2 Sep (R. Bass); 12 CBCP 4 Sep (SyS, JGi); 3 JBWE 8 Sep (RK, SA, PA); max 41 Tiana Beach, SUFF 8

Sep (RKA); 2 MB 12 Sep (PMP, et al); SPCP 21 Sep (MC); 2 RMSP 7 Oct (JGI); 2 FIHW 8 Oct (RJK); JBWE 19 Oct (SW); 24 JBWE 22 Oct (PG); 4 FIHW 23 Oct (RJK); 30 Jones Inlet, NASS 26 Oct (RBA); 13 JBWE 1 Nov (AB); 3 JBWE 3 Nov (DF, et al); 2 Shinn 3 Nov (SA, MMcB, MN, et al); PB 10 Nov (RKA).

Black Skimmer: max 500 Nickerson Beach, NASS 8 Sep (AB), large number.

PIGEONS – PARROTS

Barn Owl: Jam Bay thru.

Great Horned Owl: pr. present KP.

Snowy Owl: 1-5 JBWE 21 Nov thru incl 3 JBWE 24 Nov (PM), 5 JBWE 29 Nov (SSc, RK, mob); 2-4 Dune Rd Hampton Bays 26 Nov thru (ES, MMcB, RA); 1-3 Napeague 24 Nov thru (AnW, PMP, mob); 1-2 FBF 27 Nov thru (DG, mob); PB 29 Nov thru (DR, MMcB); 2-3 BPT 28 Nov (AnW, AB); Pt. Lookout 29 Nov (RK); 2 Nickerson Beach 29 Nov (BBI); 2 DP 30 Nov (DF); 5 Shinn 29 Nov (BBo); Overlook Beach, Babylon, SUFF 30 Nov (DF); Montauk Harbor 30 Nov (P. Henly); Dune Rd., East Quogue 30 Nov (MMcB); 2 Shinn 30 Nov (MMcB), east side of inlet; *intro*.

Long-eared Owl: Coney 1 Creek P 13 Nov (DG), only report.

Short-eared Owl: SPCP 9 Nov (RKA); Napeague 23 Nov (KF, SF); Napeague 25 Nov (PMP); JBWE 29 Nov (SP).

N. Saw-whet Owl: Tobay Beach 8 Nov (PM); CP 14 Nov (mob); JBWE 29 Nov (mob), only reports.

Com. Nighthawk: 64 Sayville, SUFF 3 Sep (DR); max 90 HSP 3 Sep (KF, SF); 15 Glen Cove, NASS 28 Sep (MN); 4 Lattingtown, NASS 4 Oct (RC), late; CP 16 Oct (RBA).

E. Whip-poor-will: CP 26-27 Sep (mob).

Chimney Swift: max 130 KP 1 Oct (CF, SA).

RUFous HUMMINGBIRD: Southold, SUFF 4 Oct thru (fide TWB); Annadale, RICH 5 Nov thru (Brian Madigan, *fide* SIW, ph IG).

Red-headed Woodpecker: appx. 25 individuals reported incl: 3 imm Owl's Head P, KING 8 Oct (AxW); multiple reps PBP 6 Oct – 23 Nov incl 2 ad, 1 imm, at least 2 thru (RAR, DBE, JRo, mob); KP 2 Nov (EM, RD, et al); imm Hauppague, SUFF 22 Nov thru (GQ), unusual loc.

Am. Kestrel: total 484 FIHW, 61% below 20-yr average (*fide* DP).

Merlin: total 916 FIHW, 33% below 20-year average (*fide* DP); max 246 FIHW 8 Oct (*fide* DP), large number; *intro*.

Peregrine Falcon: total 156 FIHW, 18% above 20-yr average, but 27% below 10-yr average (*fide* DP); max 46 FIHW 5 Oct (*fide* DP), 22 FIHW 6 Oct (*fide* DP), large numbers.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Sayville 10 Sep (DR); PP 12 Sep (TS, et al); Sands Pt Pres. 14 Sep (GQ); PP 21 Sep (*fide* PD), late; CP 24 Sep (AB); KP 26 Sep (KA); Cedar Beach, Babylon 26 Sep (DK).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: APP 4 Sep (AB, EM, et al); Kings Pt Pres, NASS 10 Sep (SP).

Acadian Flycatcher: VSSP 21 Sep (BB), late.

Alder Flycatcher: SMSP 28 Sep (SSM, PJJL).

SAY'S PHOEBE: FIHW 18 Sep (Tony Tierno, mob); JBWE 23 Sep (*fide* PP), ph; RMSP 2 Oct (SSM, DR).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: JBWE 16 Nov (SW, mob).

Western Kingbird: SPCP 14 Sep (RKA); RMSP 14 Sep (MMcB); Edgemere 27 Sep (SA, CF); FIHW 4 Oct (RJK); JBWE 6 Oct (AB, BB); CSP 9 Nov (DK, BR, DR, mob); 2 Cutchogue, SUFF 17-18 Nov (*fide* KFu); East Hampton 25 Nov (BH).

N. Shrike: JBWE 5 Nov thru (KF, RP, mob); Napeague 11 Nov (PMP); Cow Meadow P, Freeport, NASS 23 Nov (SP).

White-eyed Vireo: PBP 30 Oct (RAR); Southard's Pd, Babylon 20 Nov (Peter Morris), late.

BELL'S VIREO: KP 16 Sep (AB), ph.

Philadelphia Vireo: CHP 4 Sep (MSH); APP 4 Sep (AB, EM, et al); APP 6 Sep (DS, et al); 2 Sands Pt 14 Sep (GQ); FBF 14 Sep (AB, IG); PP 14 Sep (PD); JBWE 15 Sep (TWB, GB, mob); Ft. Totten, QUEE 15 Sep (JT); RPT 15 Sep (RKA); APP 17 Sep (SyS, et al); CP 18 Sep (JGi, et al); FIHW 25 Sep (MN); RPT 25 Sep (RKA); Welwyn Pres., Glen Cove, NASS 28 Sep (SA, et al); CLP 29 Sep (HF, et al); CP 9 Nov (Matthew Ligas), ph, record late, NYSARC report desired.

Com. Raven: Manhasset, NASS 13 Sep (SP); Jericho, NASS 17 Sep (PM); 2 Roslyn, NASS 22 Sep (SA, MN); IHP 22 Sep (JDi); 2 Blue Heron P 29 Sep (HF); Fresh Kills, RICH 29 Sep (SIW, et al); 2 Wagner College, RICH 29 Sep; 2 Eastview Dr., Central Islip, SUFF 30 Sep (BB); PBP 6 Oct (RAR); 2 Eastview Dr., Central Islip 2 Oct (BB); 2 Wagner College 7 Oct (HF); 2 Owl's Head P 8 Oct (AxW); 2 PBP 9 Oct (RAR); Forest Hills, QUEE 15 Oct (SA); Jericho 19 Oct (MN, SA); PBP 19 Oct (RAR); PBP 29 Oct (RAR); 2 CP 30 Oct (PS); 2 PBP 2 Nov (AB); 2 Hampton Bays 3 Nov (SA, et al);

2 Hempstead Plains Pres, Uniondale, NASS 3 Nov (BB, *et al*); 2 Eastview Dr., Central Islip 6 Nov (BB); Babylon 18 Nov (TD); 2 Richmond Av., RICH 21 Nov (MSh); Co-op City, BRON 23 Nov (GW); 2 Caumsett SP, SUFF 30 Nov (KF, SF); *intro*.

CAVE SWALLOW: RMSP 3 Nov (SSM); JBWE 8 Nov (AB).

Barn Swallow: Shinn 3 Nov (MMcB, *et al*), late.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: few this year; max 5 JBSP 28 Oct (SF).

House Wren: JBWE 2 Nov (MMcB); East Patchogue, SUFF 11 Nov (MMcB); late.

Marsh Wren: BRY 9 Sep (SSt); Union Square P, NEWY 11 Oct (AD); unusual locs.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Calv 2 Nov (JCJ), late.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: BRY 23 Sep (AnW); CP 28 Sep (PJ); 2 CP 29 Sep (PJ); CLP 29 Sep (HF, *et al*); Sands Pt Pres 30 Sep (SA, SP, RK); CP 9 Oct (JDi, *et al*); RPT 15 Oct (RKA), late.

Hermit Thrush: 45 VSSP 26 Oct (BB); 56 CP 26 Oct (G. Prelich); max 70 PP 26 Oct (KR); large numbers.

Am. Robin: 1604 Forest Hills 22 Oct (CF), large number.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: JBWE 2 Nov (TWB, GB); HSP 24 Nov (DR); VCP 28 Nov thru (ADr, APe, mob).

Ovenbird: several mid-Nov reps from city parks, last CP 18 Nov, late.

Louisiana Waterthrush: RPT 4 Sep (RKA); PP 23-24 Sep (*fide PD!*, mob), late.

Golden-winged Warbler: FP 19 Sep (DM, *et al*).

“Lawrence’s” Warbler: CP thru 2 Sep (mob).

“Brewster’s” Warbler: CP 5 Sep (APe).

Prothonotary Warbler: HLSP 14 Sep (J. Green, L. Ayala); Mass 14 Sep (J. Landon, W. Hansen).

Tennessee Warbler: 21 Caumsett SP 15 Sep (KF), large number.

Orange-crowned Warbler: IHP P 18 Sep (JDi); RMSP 12 Oct (RJK); DOP 15-19 Oct (RBA); KP 16 Oct (AB); Zach’s Bay, JBSP 13 Nov (KF, SF); CP 18 Nov (P. Pollock, *et al*); 2 KP 19 Nov (EM, *et al*); PP 26 Nov (SS); Oakland L 28 Nov (SW).

Connecticut Warbler: CP 3 Sep (TF, mob); ad fem PP 6 Sep (PD); IHP 7-8 Sep (NS); BRY 13 Sep (ADr); Moses Mtn. 15 Sep (MSh); Rocky Pt Pres, SUFF 16 Sep (JH); CP 22 Sep (SC); Powell’s Cove P, QUEE 24 Sep (EM,

AB); PP 25 Sep (*fide PD*); CP 26 Sep (APe, mob); PP 1 Oct (PD).

Mourning Warbler: 2 CP 6 Sep (mob); APP 7 Sep (EM, *et al*); Snug Harbor, RICH 8 Sep (IG); PP 12 Sep (TS, *et al*); PP 14 Sep (*fide PD*); CP 24 Sep GW, *et al*); Powell’s Cove P 24 Sep (EM, AB); PP 24 Sep (*fide PD*); APEC 27 Sep (EM, MN); CP 29 Sep (Louise Frazz).

Kentucky Warbler: Horton’s Pt area, Southold 15 Sep (JS).

Com. Yellowthroat: Union Square P 25-29 Nov (mob), late.

Hooded Warbler: IHP 14 Sep (JDi); PP 14 Sep (*fide PD*); RPT 15 Sep (RKA); CP 18 Sep (TF); Lakeland CP, Islandia, SUFF 23 Sep (JGl); PP 23 Sep (*fide PD*); CP 24 Sep (GW, *et al*); APP 27 Sep (SP); APP 8 Oct (EM).

Cape May Warbler: 4 JBWE 14 Sep (BB), large number.

N. Parula: KP 2 Nov (EM, RD, *et al*), late.

Yellow Warbler: Cedar B., Babylon 8 Oct (SA, RK); APP 8 Oct (EM); late.

Pine Warbler: Coram, SUFF 23 Sep (GQ), singing m.

“AUDUBON’S” YELLOW-RUMPED

WARBLER”: Francis Purcell Pres.,

Uniondale, NASS 2 Nov (SSM, *et al*).

Yellow-throated Warbler: HLSP 23 Sep (JG).

Black-throated Green Warbler: SMSP 2 Nov (MN, *et al*); KP 2 Nov (EM, RD, *et al*); PP 21 Nov (DG); late.

Yellow-breasted Chat: CP 3 Sep (TF, *et al*); APP 4 Sep (AB, EM, *et al*); PP 5 Sep (*fide PD*); PP 9 Sep (*fide PD*); CP 14 Sep (AnW); KP 24 Oct (PR, *et al*).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: Marine P 2 Sep (HL); FBF 4 Sep (RJ, SS); JBWE 15 Sep (TWB, GB); CR 21 Sep (ACi); RMSP 26-27 Sep (PJL, mob); Caumsett SP 30 Sep (PM); Marine P 3-5 Oct (IG, PD); RMSP 4 Oct (DK, RJK); CR 8 Oct (MSh); DOP 14 Oct (RBA); CP 18 Oct (TP); Riis 26 Oct (SA, CF); 2 Riis 27 Oct (IG); SMSP 4 Nov (KF, SF); SPCP 16 Nov (RKA), late; Hendrix Creek, KING 29 Nov (DG); 2 EECO Farm, Easthampton, SUFF 30 Nov (AnW, *et al*).

Vesper Sparrow: CP 4 Sep (TP); 2 Calv 11 Sep (DK, BR); RMSP 4 Oct (DK, RJK); PP 5 Oct (*fide PD*); CP 13 Oct (TP); 2 SPCP 19 Oct (RKA); Canarsie Beach P, KING 22 Oct (DG, SB); Oakland L 23 Oct (SW); 2 Muttontown Pres., NASS 26-28 Oct (SW, SA, PG); 4 VCP 26 Oct (AB, RK, *et al*); 2 Riis 27-28 Oct (IG, AB); 2 Piping Rock Club, Matinecock, NASS

28 Oct (MN, RK); 2 CSP 28 Oct (JGI); PBP 29 Oct (RAR); 2 JBWE 30 Oct (SyS, *et al*); 2 PBP 30 Oct (RAR); Soundview P, BRON 2 Nov (AB); PBP 2 Nov (AB); NYBG 2 Nov (DBe); KP 2 Nov (EM, RD, *et al*); 3 JBWE 2 Nov TWB, GB; Francis Purcell Pres., 2 Nov (SSc, *et al*); Piping Rock Club 9 Nov (SA, RK); Coney I Creek P 13 Nov (DG).

Lark Sparrow: Marine P thru 3 Sep (HL, mob); APP 3 Sep (Tom Reichert), ph; NYBG 21 Sep (DBe, *et al*); RMSP 23-27 Sep (SSM, mob); Snug Harbor 3 Oct (IG); CP 10-11 Oct (APe, mob); DOP 12 Oct (fide PD); JBWE 19 Oct (SW); Ponquogue, SUFF 22 Oct (ES, *et al*); Marine P 26 Oct (fide PD); FBF 25 Nov thru (DG, IG), late.

Grasshopper Sparrow: Calv 11 Sep (DK, BR); CP 2 Oct (IG); Riis 12 Oct (DG, SS, CF); KP 22 Oct (EM); Hempstead Plains Pres. 2 Nov (Zach Smart).

Nelson's Sparrow: 2 Oakwood Beach, RICH 26 Sep; 3 Marine P 5 Oct (PD); PBP 5 Oct (AB); max 10 Plumb Beach, KING 5 Oct (RJ); 3 PBP 14 Oct (RAR); 2 PBP 19 Oct (RAR); Riis 21 Oct (DG, SS, CF); 2 PBO 29 Oct (RAR); 5 Dune Rd, East Quogue 2 Nov (ES, MH); Coney I, KING 13 Nov (DG).

Song Sparrow: max 226 EECO Farm 26 Oct (AnW), large number.

Lincoln's Sparrow: approx. 30 reports incl: BRY 6 Sep (SSt), early; Riis 14 Sep (AB, IG); 5 APEC 27 Sep (MN, EM), large number; 4 Caumsett SP 28 Sep (SSM, PJL); Francis Purcell Pres 3 Nov (SSc, *et al*); BRY 26 Nov (BC), late.

White-crowned Sparrow: max 15 CR 20 Oct (ACi), large number.

Dark-eyed Junco: RMSP 27 Sep (SA, mob), early.

Summer Tanager: CP 12 Sep (DB); MP 14 Sep (KRu).

WESTERN TANAGER: PP 20 Nov (Ken Pearlman), ph.

Blue Grosbeak: 3 Calv 7 Sep (SSM, PJL); KP 10 Sep (CCo); East Hampton 15 Sep (KRu); PP 18-21 Sep (KR); KP 26 Sep (CF); RMSP 27 Sep (SSM, mob); 5 EECO Farm 5 Oct (AnW); CLP 8-20 Oct (HF); imm JBWE 9 Oct (RP); KP 15-17 Oct (CCo, AB).

Dickcissel: Riis 14 Sep (AB, IG); 2 RMSP 14 Sep (MMcB); JBWE 15 Sep (TWB); RMSP 16

Sep (SSM); MLUA 17 Sep (MSh); FBF 21 Sep (RJ); Marine P 5 Oct (fide PD); Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF 26 Oct (RBA); RMSP 26 Oct (RBA); CR 3 Nov (MSh); CP 13 Nov (PP).

Bobolink: max 152 JBSP 5 Sep (CF).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 16,000 migr FT 13 Nov (DG).

E. Meadowlark: max 12 Edgemere 21 Oct (CF).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: imm f RMSP 16 Sep (PPa), ph Edith Wilson; imm f CSP 16 Sep (SSM, mob); different birds.

Rusty Blackbird: Upper Francis Pd, Mill Neck, NASS 18 Sep (PG), ph, early; 51 Coney I Creek P 13 Nov (DG); max 110 KP 24 Nov (AB).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: m CSP 28 Oct (JGI), ph.

Boat-tailed Grackle: max 200 Belt Parkway, QUEE 1 Oct (SSM); 145 CSP6 Oct (MMcB); large numbers.

Orchard Oriole: RMSP 18 Sep (SSM), late.

Purple Finch: few; CP 23 Sep (NS); 2 NYBG 28 Sep (DBe); VCP 26 Oct (AB, RK, *et al*); 2 SMSP 2 Nov (MN, *et al*); JBWE 3 Nov (DF, *et al*); East Patchogue 11 Nov (MMcB); 3 JBWE 13 Nov (KF, SF); 21 FT P 13 Nov (DG); max 33 FT 19 Nov (DG, SS); 4 RPT 14 Nov (RKA); 5 CP 19 Nov (NS); 3 Deep Hollow 26 Nov (PMP).

Red Crossbill: JBWE 16 Nov (MMcB).

Pine Siskin: Six reports; KP 18 Oct (DS), first; max 20 VCP 9 Nov (NS).

Am. Goldfinch: max 736 FT 19 Nov (DG, SS).

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Budgerigar: KP Sep-Oct (mob).

European Goldfinch: KP 24 Nov (AB); KP 30 Nov (CF).

Serin: 2 FT 26 Sep (RK).

Com. Linnet: KP 9 Oct thru (SA, mob), ph EM, PR, JR.

Yellow-fronted Canary: CP 19 Oct (Ethan Goodman), ph DA.

Orange Bishop: PP 4 Sep – 5 Oct (PPa, J. Malbin, MSch).

E. Paradise-Whydah: KP 13-23 Sep (CCo).