

## REGION 10—MARINE

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One of the most obvious features of the 2013-2014 winter season was likely the persistent and lasting cold. Big freezes and continual bombardment by low-pressure systems were characteristic of this season. The period started with fairly average conditions in December with temperatures just slightly above the norm (+1.0° and +1.5° in Central Park and Islip, respectively). The frigid weather arrived just after the New Year with a cold Arctic blast that dropped temperatures into the single digits. From then, the cold seemed to maintain a steadfast hold on the Region until the end of the period. January saw average temperatures 4° below normal in Central Park and 2.9° below normal in Islip. Temperatures in February averaged 3.7° and 3.1° below the norm in Central Park and Islip, respectively. Snowfall amounts were considerably higher than normal. Cumulative season totals stood at 57.3" in Central Park and 57.8" in Islip.

Cold temperatures caused mass freeze outs that affected many of our Region's avifauna, especially waterfowl. Most notable was a large incursion of **Red-necked Grebes** toward the end of the period. The freezing of the Great

Lakes caused many Red-necked Grebes to flee to the south, often seeking refuge in small inland lakes where this species would not normally be found. This was surely the case in Region 10. Over the course of the season, 108 individuals were reported with the majority of these sightings occurring after mid-January. Several reports came from isolated inland ponds such as Connetquot River SP, Southard's Pond, and Oakland Lake. A count of twenty in one location along the Brooklyn coast was quite exceptional.

Scouring the goose and brant flocks proved to be a rewarding exercise this winter. A **Ross's Goose** was found on the Montauk Christmas Bird Count and stayed in the area for almost two weeks. An apparent "**Gray-bellied**" **Brant**, a rare and poorly known form, was found and photographed on 5 January among the flocks of "Atlantic" Brant at Point Lookout. A **Pink-footed Goose** was found in Riverhead on 16 January and stayed through the end of the period, giving numerous observers the opportunity to see this species. Two **Barnacle Geese** were seen—each staying only for a few days. Fourteen Greater White-fronted Geese and fifteen Cackling Geese were reported. A Snow x Canada Goose hybrid was also seen periodically among the goose flock wintering in Riverhead.

A grand total of twenty-eight Eurasian Wigeon were recorded across the Region. Two Eurasian x American Wigeon hybrids were reported as well. Continuing the trend from recent winters, Canvasback were reported in fairly low numbers. As many as four **Pacific Loons** were seen this winter, with the individual from the Plum Gut being the only individual that was reported over multiple days. A **Western Grebe** was seen in the Long Island Sound off Sands Point Preserve; additionally, an *Aechmophorus* sp. was reported from Orient Point.

Bald Eagles were well reported throughout the Region. Red-shouldered Hawks were seen in all seven counties with twenty-three being reported. Rough-legged Hawks were also well represented with reports seeming to increase towards the end of January and February.

A good number of late-season shorebirds persisted well into the winter. Several Semipalmated and Piping Plovers were reported with both species being seen into January around Jones Inlet. A "**Western**" **Willet** was also seen on several occasions in January from Point Lookout. Additionally, a **Lesser Yellowlegs** was seen in Manhasset on the Northern Nassau CBC and a **Pectoral Sandpiper** was observed at the Timber Point Golf Course during the Captree CBC.

Black-legged Kittiwakes were recorded several times over the course of the season, often only in small numbers. At least seven Black-headed Gulls were reported; only a single Little Gull was seen this season—from Breezy Point on 7 December. The larid highlight of the season was a **Mew Gull** found on 24 January at Veteran's Memorial Pier on the Brooklyn coast. It stayed for two more days giving many patient observers a chance to see it. Iceland and Lesser Black-backed Gull were widely reported. Multiple birders commented on the seemingly elevated numbers of Glaucous Gulls that were seen across Long Island. Twenty-six were reported over the course of the season; all but one were

first winter birds. A few Black Skimmers remained for the first few weeks of the season around Jones Inlet.

Two trips were taken out to the offshore shelf region for pelagic birds. The first was out of Shinnecock on 2 December. Small numbers of **Great, Cory's, Sooty, and Manx Shearwaters** as well as fourteen **Northern Fulmars** were seen on this trip. Additionally, at least two **Great Skuas** were seen and photographed on this voyage. A second pelagic trip was run by See Life Paulagics out of Freeport in early February. This trip coincided with unseasonably calm, mild conditions on the ocean. An astonishing **242 Common Murres** were recorded, crushing the previous state record. Large numbers of **Razorbills** and **Dovekies** were recorded on this trip. Seven **Atlantic Puffins**, two **Northern Fulmars**, and a **Skua sp.** were also seen. Also on the alcid front, three **Black Guillemots** were reported from land this winter.

One of the most significant ornithological events of the winter was the massive invasion of **Snowy Owls**, which began in our region just prior to Thanksgiving. With the movements of the owls up and down our shores, it is nearly impossible to enumerate the exact quantitative extent of the invasion into our Region; however, it is quite likely that it involved well over a hundred individuals. Snowies were not only reported from their classic locations along the south shore barrier beach, but also from suitable locations inland and along the Long Island Sound. Overall, Snowy Owls were reported from 56 locations across the Region, including all counties except the Bronx.

For the second consecutive winter, a gray-morph **Gyr Falcon** was seen in the marshes to the north of the Jones Beach island. This year, it seemed to be ranging much more widely than last year, with most reports coming from Gilgo and Cedar Beach.

Two **Rufous Hummingbirds** were recorded this winter, with the last reports of each coming just prior to the freezes after the New Year. A **Western Kingbird** was seen in early December in a Cutchogue farm field; this was likely one of the two kingbirds that were reported from this area in the late fall. Red-headed Woodpeckers were well reported this winter, with sightings coming from four counties. Four Northern Shrikes were seen, all of which were one-day wonders except for the individual that spent the entire winter in the dunes around Jones Beach West End. Reports of Common Ravens were received from all counties, further indicative of their expansion into our Region. Likely the rarest passerine of the winter, a **Varied Thrush** was found in Stuyvesant Town on 15 December.

Late season warblers seemed fairly scarce this winter compared with the previous two years. Eight species of warblers were reported. An Ovenbird and Lincoln's Sparrow both were seen in Bryant Park early this winter; however, both species seemed to disappear noticeably earlier than they have in the past few winters.

*Ammodramus* sparrows were remarkably well reported, especially in the marshes along Dune Road. This was likely due to the heavy snowpack reducing the area of inhabitable marshland. Additionally, a **Grasshopper Sparrow** was found at Tiana Beach on 5 January.

Four “**Gambel’s**” **White-crowned Sparrows** were seen and photographed on eastern Long Island this winter. Traditionally, in the east, this interior subspecies is fairly rare but likely relatively regular among wintering populations of White-crowned Sparrows. Clay-colored, Vesper, and Lark Sparrows each had two individuals reported over the course of the winter. In addition, an “**Oregon**” **Dark-eyed Junco** was seen at a feeder in Northville.

Among the icterids, Boat-tailed Grackles were reported in small numbers along the south shore. Several larger flocks were also reported. Interestingly, a flock of 345 in the marshes north of Ocean Parkway, between Cedar Beach and Gilgo, was apparently all females. In addition, a flock of approximately twenty females were photographed, roosting atop the Osprey platform at Cupsogue. A single female-type **Yellow-headed Blackbird** wintered among the roving flock of blackbirds in the Riverhead-Northville area. It proved to be fairly elusive, only being seen on three occasions at the Reeves Avenue Buffalo Farm. Two Baltimore Orioles wintered at the feeders in Central Park and another was photographed coming to a feeder in Huntington Station.

Winter finches were particularly scarce this winter. Purple Finches were reported fourteen times, involving nineteen individuals. Only two reports of Pine Siskins were received.

Two interesting birds were reported in the “Exotic” category. A Greylag Goose was reported several times from the goose flock in Wainscott; it was determined that this individual appeared to be of the domestic-type. In addition, a Common Linnet was found in Kissena Park. This interesting bird was seen multiple times and appeared to be wintering with a flock of juncos.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

APP – Alley Pond P, QUEE; BLSP – Belmont Lake SP, SUFF; BPt – Breezy Pt, QUEE; BP – Bryant P, NEWY; KING; CCP – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; CICIP – Coney I. Creek P, KING; CSP – Caumsett SP, SUFF; COR – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; CP – Central P, NEWY; CRSP – Connetquot R SP, SUFF; CVP – Calvert Vaux P, KING; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; HSP – Hecksher SP, SUFF; HP – Hook Pd, Easthampton, SUFF; JBSP – Jones Beach SP, NASS; JBWR – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; JBWE – Jones Beach West End, NASS; KP – Kissena P, QUEE; MI – Montauk Inlet, SUFF; MP – Montauk Pt, SUFF; NYBG – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; OMNSA – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, NASS; PBP – Pelham Bay P, BRON; PL – Pt. Lookout, NASS; PP – Prospect P, KING; Shinn – Shinnecock Bay & Inlet; SPCP – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; VCP – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; VMP – Veteran’s Memorial Pier, KING.

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; SICC – Staten Island; STCC – Smithtown; SNCC – Southern Nassau.

### WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

**Gr. White-fronted Goose:** 3-5 Easthampton, SUFF 4 Dec-20 Jan (J. Ross, mob); Southold, SUFF 22 Dec (MRM); Hempstead Lk SP, NASS 24 Dec (BB); Gerry Pd Pk, Roslyn, NASS 21 Dec (SSch); Bergen Pt GC, SUFF 12 Jan (K&SF); HSP 12 Jan (DR, mob); 4 Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF 25 Jan (DR); SMSP 4 Feb (DLM).

**ROSS’S GOOSE (R10):** Montauk Downs GC, SUFF 14 -16 Dec (JGL, mob); Deep Hollow, Montauk, SUFF 21-29 Dec.

**“GRAY-BELLIED” BRANT:** PL 5 Jan (PJL, SSM, ph).

**PINK-FOOTED GOOSE:** Riverhead, SUFF 16 Jan thru (AGi, mob).

**BARNACLE GOOSE:** BLSP 7-10 Jan (DR, mob); Randall’s Is, NEWY 25-29 Jan (A. Auerbach).

**Cackling Goose:** Deep Hollow thru 29 Dec; Easthampton 8 Dec (TB, GB); 2 BKCC 14 Dec; Ft. Wadsworth, RICH 18 Dec (IG, MS); Manorville, SUFF 19 Dec (DR); 1-3 Riverhead 22 Dec - 23 Feb (mob); Gerry Pd Pk, Roslyn 25-26 Dec (MRM, PP); Sewane GC, Hewlett, NASS 28 Dec (SS, *et al.*); Tung Ting Pd & Mill Pd, Centerport, SUFF 11-12 Jan (GS); max 6 Riverhead 2 Feb (MRM, MDM).

**Snow x Canada Goose hybrid:** Riverhead 20 Jan - 2 Feb (MRM, mob)

**Tundra Swan:** HP cont thru; flock of 30 flyover Tobay, SUFF 6 Dec (PM); flock of 10 and 11 JBSP 18 Dec (E. Becher fide AB); Riverhead 16 Jan (AGi).

**Eurasian Wigeon:** m & f HP thru 8 Dec; f Southampton thru 19 Jan; m St. John’s Pd, Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF/NASS 10-20 Dec (DR); ad m, HY f Mill Pd, Sayville, SUFF thru 9 Feb; Massapequa, NASS thru 10 Feb; 6 (3 ad m, HY m, ad f, HY f) West Sayville, SUFF 15 Dec-3 Feb (MRM, MDM, KT, *et al.*); Mill Pd, Centerport, SUFF 18 Dec - 12 Jan (DR); 1-2 Deep Hole Ck, SUFF 19 Dec-19 Jan (MLL, JSep); PBP 23 Dec; 1-2 Setauket, SUFF 26 Dec - 12 Feb; Lawrence, NASS 28 Dec (SS, *et al.*); Tottenville, RICH 4 Jan - 20 Feb; VMP 12 Jan - 4 Feb (KRa, mob); Patchogue Lk, SUFF 17 Jan (P. Uruburu); Bergen Pt GC 12 Jan (K&SF); PBP 25-26 Jan (M. Benoi); Santapoque Ck, W Babylon, SUFF 25 Jan (TD); PP 14-17 Feb (PD, mob); CSP 24 Feb (K&SF).

**Eurasian x American Wigeon:** St. John’s Pd 21 Dec (DR); Massapequa 19 Jan-10 Feb (R. Taylor, mob).

**Wood Duck:** small numbers (singles, doubles) from all counties, some larger counts - 11

BLSP 13 Dec (BB); 13 CPCC 15 Dec; 19 BLSF 11 Jan (AB, BBo); max 27 BLSF 12 Jan (PJL, SSM); 6 Setauket 24 Jan (DF).

**N. Pintail x Mallard:** BLSP 11 Jan (BBo, AB).

**Canvasback:** 52 Mill Pd, Centerport 12 Jan (BBo); max ~100 Oak Neck Ck, NASS 20 Jan (R. Taylor).

**Redhead:** max 53 Baisley Pd Pk, QUEE 4, 26 Jan (AB).

**Ring-necked Duck:** 265 Patchogue Lk 18 Jan (J. Cole).

**Lesser Scaup:** on ocean PL 5 Jan (BB, mob), unusual location.

**King Eider:** ad m 59<sup>th</sup> St, Rockaways, QUEE 14-15 Dec (IG); NNCC 21 Dec; imm m & f Orient CP, SUFF 21 Dec-23 Feb (JSep, ACW, mob); Ft. Tilden, QUEE 31 Dec - 5 Jan (IG); f Stelhi Beach, NASS (BF); 2 imm m, 3 f Shinn 1 Jan - 4 Feb, 23 Feb (TB, GB, mob); f Culloden Pt, SUFF 11 Jan (PJL, SSM); imm m Long Beach, Smithtown, SUFF 25 Jan (BBo, Sharon & Marc Brody).

**Com. Eider:** max 7000 MP 16 Feb (ACW).

**Harlequin Duck:** imm m Shinn thru 2 Dec; Plum Is, SUFF 6, 30 Dec (JSep); 3 PL 7 Dec, 5-7 there 26 Dec - 22 Feb; 3 BPt 8 Dec (JR, IG); MP 14 Dec; Orient CP 28 Dec - 5 Jan (AV, mob); 5 Neptune Ave, Long Beach, NASS (DF).

**Surf Scoter:** max 15000 MP 27 Feb (DG).

**White-winged Scoter:** max 5000 MP 1 Jan (KR).

**Black Scoter:** max 18000 MP 18 Dec (AG).

**Long-tailed Duck:** 1200 Shinn Bay, SUFF 2 Dec (ACW, DR, JSh)

**Barrow's Goldeneye:** m Sands Pt Preserve, NASS 21-26 Dec, 9 Feb; Bayville Beach, NASS 27 Dec (PP, mob); Sag Harbor ORCC 28 Dec; m & f Lk Montauk, SUFF 12 Jan thru (AC, mob).

**Com. Merganser:** max 121 Lk Ronkonkoma, SUFF 20 Jan (DLM).

**Ruddy Duck:** Shoreham on LI Sound, SUFF 5 Jan (RKA), unusual location; 15 Culloden Pt 11 Jan, unusual location (SSM, PJL).

**Northern Bobwhite:** 2-6 COR 5 Dec thru (ACi); Shelter Is ORCC 28 Dec; max 14 COR 10 Feb (ACi).

**Ring-necked Pheasant:** small numbers from all counties exc. NEWY; max 4 Soundview Pk, BRON 23 Dec.

**Red-throated Loon:** 321 CPCC 15 Dec.

**PACIFIC LOON:** ad Hobart's Beach, Eaton's Nk, SUFF 1 Dec (BBo); Plum Is 6 Dec (JSep); Orient SP, SUFF 11 Dec (GT); Orient CP 21 Dec (JSep); JBWE 1 Jan (SB); Culloden Pt 11 Jan (PJL, SSM).

**Horned Grebe:** 3 NY shelf waters off Freeport 1 Feb, unusual offshore; max 66 Springs, SUFF 22 Feb (ACW).

**Red-necked Grebe:** 108 individuals reported from all counties exc. BRON (*intro*) plus 5 NY shelf waters off Freeport 1 Feb, unusual offshore; many rep from inland lakes - 1-2 CRSP 4-12 Feb (A. McIntyre, mob); Southard's Pd, SUFF 10 Feb (PMo); Oakland Lk, QUEE 24 Feb (J. O'Sullivan).

**WESTERN GREBE:** Sands Pt Preserve 1 Jan (JR).

**AECHMOPHORUS SP.:** Orient 22 Dec (DR, DLM).

**Northern Fulmar:** 14 NY shelf waters off Shinn 2 Dec (ACW, DR, JSh); 2 NY shelf waters off Freeport 1 Feb.

**Cory's Shearwater:** 6 NY shelf waters off Shinn 2 Dec (ACW, DR, JSh).

**Great Shearwater:** 13 NY shelf waters off Shinn 2 Dec (ACW, DR, JSh).

**Sooty Shearwater:** 2 NY shelf waters off Shinn 2 Dec (ACW, DR, JSh).

**Manx Shearwater:** 2 NY shelf waters off Shinn 2 Dec (ACW, DR, JSh).

**Turkey Vulture:** max 19 Northville 1 Feb

**Black Vulture:** 3 CICIP 4 Jan; Northville 5 Jan - 15 Feb (MRM, MDM, mob)

## HAWKS - ALCIDS

**Bald Eagle:** Cold Spring Harbor 1 Dec (PM); 1-3 Hempstead Lk SP 12 Dec - 24 Feb (SSch, mob); 3 Gardiner's Is, SUFF 14 Dec; Southard's Pd 27 Dec (PMo); 2 Shelter Is, SUFF 29 Dec (O. Birol); Calverton, SUFF 29 Dec (C. Witek); Round Pd, Sag Harbor, SUFF 3 Jan (K. Dorph fide HM); imm Napeague, SUFF 12 Jan (AC); Wave Hill, BRON 12 Jan (GW).

**Northern Goshawk:** RMSP 15 Dec (SSM); Jamesport, SUFF 9 Feb (RA).

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 23 reports from all counties.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** 3 Gardiner's Is 14 Dec; Oak Beach, SUFF 14 Dec - 4 Jan (RG, mob); PBP 23 Dec; Mattituck, SUFF 1 Jan (JH); Calverton 25 Jan (RKA); Gilgo, SUFF 4 Feb (SA, MN); Dune Rd, SUFF 8 Feb (MSch); Rocky Pt, SUFF 9 Feb (RKA); Meadowbrook Pkwy, NASS 14-23 Feb (BB, mob); Terrell River CP, Moriches, SUFF 23 Feb (DR).

**Golden Eagle:** VCP 1 Dec.

**Clapper Rail:** PBP 1-3 Dec; 2 JBWR 14 Dec (DG, *et al*); Marine Pk, KING 14 Dec; 2 STCC 27 Dec; OMNSA 27-28 Dec; 1-3 Dune Rd 5-30 Jan (mob).

**Am. Coot:** max 159 Patchogue Lk 29 Jan (MRM, MDM).

**American Oystercatcher:** 20 JBWE 16 Dec (SyS); none on SNCC 28 Dec; 2 JBSP 8 Feb (JGI, *et al*); 3 BPT 23 Feb (IG).

**Semipalmated Plover:** BKCC 14 Dec; PBP 20 Dec (R. Aracil, J. Rothman); 2 PL 4 Jan.

**Piping Plover:** PL 3-4 Dec (SyS, JGI); JBWE 19 Dec (B. Anderson); PL 28 Dec - 18 Jan (SA, SBI, mob).

**“Western” Willet:** PL 4-5, 29 Jan (AB, SA, mob).

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** Manhasset 21 Dec.

**Red Knot:** 2 JBSP 7 Dec (K&SF); PL 18 Dec (SyS).

**Dunlin:** 5000 JBSP 7 Dec (K&SF).

**Western Sandpiper:** 2 JBSP 7 Dec (K&SF).

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** very late, Timber Pt GC 15 Dec.

**Red Phalarope:** 4 NY shelf waters off Shinn 2 Dec (ACW, DR, JSh).

**Black-legged Kittiwake:** 24 NY shelf waters off Shinn 2 Dec (ACW, DR, JSh); 2 RMSP 15 Dec; MP 11 Jan (PJL, SSM); MP 12 Jan (AC); 2 MP 14 Jan (PMP); 4 Shinn 18 Jan (TB, GB, AB, *et al*); 2 Shinn 25 Jan (K&SF); ~ 25 NY shelf waters off Freeport 1 Feb; 2 Shinn 19 Feb (DR); 5 MP 27 Feb (DG, L. Musher).

**Bonaparte’s Gull:** max 2750 BPT 8 Dec (SA, CF).

**Black-headed Gull:** Shinn 20 Dec (fide RBA); Sagaponack Pd, SUFF 28-29 Dec (ACW, DR); Bay Pk, NASS 28 Dec (SS, *et al*); CICP 4-11 Jan (B. Manian, mob); Ft Tilden 12 Jan (RA, *et al*); Little Neck Bay, QUEE 16 Jan (SP); imm Shinn 30 Jan (K&SF); ad Shinn 1-2 Feb (DR).

**Little Gull:** Riis Pk, QUEE 7 Dec (IG).

**MEW GULL:** VMP 24-26 Jan (SBI, mob).

**Iceland Gull:** at least 26 reports from all counties exc BRON; PP 26 Dec (DG), unusual location.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** at least 29 reports from all counties exc BRON; juv FBF 22 Dec (DG, ph); 1<sup>st</sup> cy Artist Lk, Middle Is, SUFF 12 Jan (MC); 1<sup>st</sup> cy PL 5 Jan (BB) - imm birds uncommon in winter.

**Glaucous Gull:** 1-2 1<sup>st</sup> cy Shinn thru 27 Feb; Agawan Lk, SUFF 3 Dec (K&SF); 3 imm Mecox 8 Dec; RMSP 15 Dec (PJL, SSM); 2 QCCC 15 Dec; PL 19 Dec (K&SF, E. Becher); Page Ave, RICH 21 Dec (MS, mob); 1-2 CICP 22 Dec - 13 Jan (B. Manian, D. Hrehowsik, mob); HP 22 Dec (KR); Bay Pk 25 Dec (SW); Baldwin, NASS 28 Dec (MRM, *et al*); JBSP 30 - 31 Dec (SA, MN, mob); BPT 13 Dec - 2 Jan (K. Michael, AB); RMSP 1 Jan (K&SF); Wolfe’s Pd Pk, RICH 1 Jan (C. Barron); Patchogue Lk 4 Jan (MRM); Pyribil Beach, NASS 4 Jan (MN); ad Fort Pond, SUFF 14 Jan (K&SF); Mattituck 26 Jan (JSep); Napeague 1

Feb (KR); Seguine Pd, RICH 18 Feb (ACI, MK).

**Black Skimmer:** 3 JBWE 7 Dec, 1 there on 19 Dec (K&SF).

**GREAT SKUA:** 2 NY shelf waters off Shinn 2 Dec (ACW, DR, JSh).

**SKUA SP.:** NY shelf waters off Freeport 1 Feb.

**Dovekie:** 13 MP 26 Dec (MG); Sag Harbor ORCC 28 Dec; Tobay 28 Dec; 50, 10-20 mi off Shinn 9 Jan (B. Nyman fide SA); ~ 230 NY shelf waters off Freeport 1 Feb.

**COMMON MURRE:** 242 NY shelf waters off Freeport 1 Feb, new state max.

**Razorbill:** 2 NY shelf waters off Shinn 2 Dec (ACW, DR, JSh); 55 MKCC 14 Dec; 75 MP 26 Dec (MG); 185 MP, during 1.5 hr watch 19 Jan (M. Benoi); 279 NY shelf water off Freeport 1 Feb; 177 MP 27 Feb (DG, L. Musher).

**Black Guillemot:** Shinn 13-16 Dec (TB, GB, AB); Sea Cliff, NASS 21-31 Dec (SSch); Orient 28 Dec.

**ATLANTIC PUFFIN:** 7 NY shelf waters off Freeport 1 Feb.

## PIGEONS - PARROTS

**Barn Owl:** FBF 11 Dec (RJ); 1-3 JBWR 15 Dec, 19 Jan; STCC 27 Dec; 3 SNCC 28 Dec.

**Snowy Owl:** reports coming from 56 locations in all counties exc BRON (*intro*); max 8 FBF & vic 26 Dec (DG, M. Shildkret); 11 MKCC 14 Dec; 15 BKCC 14 Dec; 14 CPCC 15 Dec; 5 QCCC 15 Dec; 2 STCC 27 Dec; 7 SNCC 28 Dec.

**Barred Owl:** NYBG 19 Jan (DB), only report.

**Long-eared Owl:** 1-3 CP 18 Dec - 24 Feb; JBWE 25-26 Jan; PBP 25-26 Jan.

**Short-eared Owl:** Napeague 15 Dec (GS); 1-2 Edgemere Landfill, QUEE 15 Dec-26 Jan; Spring Ck Pk, KING 31 Dec, 19 Jan; 2 Calverton 18 Jan (AB, PJL, SSM).

**Rufous Hummingbird:** Southold thru 28 Dec (Rich & Nancy Willott); Annadale, RICH thru 1 Jan (MS).

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** 1-3 PBP thru, up to 6 on BWCC 23 Dec; BKCC 14 Dec; CPCC 15 Dec; Greenwood Cemetery, KING 21 Dec thru; CSP 21 Dec - 9 Jan (K&SF); Calverton Pds Preserve, SUFF 31 Dec (K&SF); imm Hauppauge, SUFF thru 23 Feb (Glenn Quinn); ad KP 29 Jan -24 Feb (C. Castillo, J. O’Sullivan, mob); Dyker Beach Pk, KING 31 Jan - 7 Feb (T. Preston).

**GYRFALCON:** Cedar Beach-Gilgo 12 Dec - 12 Jan, 18 Jan, 9 Feb (RK, mob).

**Monk Parakeet:** 15 NYBG 22 Dec (Andrew Block); 8 Central Ave, Valley Stream, NASS, unusual location 18 Feb (BB).

#### FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**Eastern Phoebe:** CRSP1 Dec, 1 Jan (KT); PP 4 Dec (K. O'Hearn, ph); Silver Lk, RICH 6 Dec (C. Barron); SOFO, Bridgehampton, SUFF 7 Dec (F. Quevedo); Rocky Pt 11 Dec (RKA); Calverton 11 Dec (DR); COR 9-24 Dec (ACi); Shore Rd, Cold Spring Harbor 20-21 Dec; Orient 28 Dec (AV); Pulling Estate, NASS 1 Jan (RK); CSP 9 Jan (K&SF); HSP 18 Jan (JGI); Bayard Cutting Aboretum, SUFF 19 Jan (JGI, TD, PMo).

**Western Kingbird:** Cutchogue thru 2 Dec (GT).

**Northern Shrike:** JBWE from fall thru; Napeague 14 Dec; Startop Estate, Montauk, SUFF 29 Dec (HM, PMP); Old Town Pd, Southampton, SUFF 20 Jan (ES, MH).

**Common Raven:** reported from all counties.

**Tree Swallow:** 2 PL 19 Dec (K&SF); 1 JBWE 19 Dec (K&SF); 9 SNCC 28Dec.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** SPCP 7 Dec, 5 Jan (RKA).

**Carolina Wren:** 188 CPCC 15 Dec.

**House Wren:** APP 5 Dec (AB, EM); Shelter Is ORCC 28 Dec.

**Sedge Wren:** Dune Rd 5 Jan (MDM, MRM).

**VARIED THRUSH:** Stuyvesant Town, NEWY 15-20 Dec (Louise Fraza, Pearl Broder).

#### LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

**Lapland Longspur:** JBWE 13-21 Dec, 23-29 Jan (K&SF, mob); HSP 15 Dec; 2 FBF 18 Dec (RBA); 12 SNCC 28 Dec; Shinn 4, 11 Jan (MSch, AC); Calverton 7-8 Jan (K&SF); Riverhead 11-12 Feb (J. Clinton, mob); 5 BPT 17 Feb (SA, CF, RK).

**Ovenbird:** BP thru 5 Dec.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** Marine Pk 7 Dec; Flying Pt Rd, SUFF 8 Dec; 2 JBWR 14 Dec (DG, *et al*); FBF 14 Dec; HSP 26 Dec (SF); 2 SNCC 28 Dec; Southard's Pd 1 Jan (PMo); Tiana Beach, SUFF 5 Jan (TD, mob); PL 4-5, 27 Jan (mob).

**Nashville Warbler:** FBF 12-14 Dec; HSP 15 Dec (DF); QCCC 15 Dec; Marine Pk 21 Dec; East Lake Dr SUFF 1 Jan (BR, KR).

**Pine Warbler:** Hither Hills, SUFF 14 Dec (DR); CP 9 Feb (ACW); CP 25-28 Feb (TF).

**Common Yellowthroat:** BP thru 16 Jan; COR 1-16 Dec (ACi); PBP 1 Dec; CP 3 Dec; 2 Flying Pt Rd 8 Dec; Goldsmith's In, SUFF 13 Dec (JSep); Mecox 29 Dec (PJL).

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** COR 2 Dec (ACi); HP 7 Dec (AB, EM); Grymes Hill, RICH 28 Dec (HF); Jessup's Neck ORCC 28 Dec.

#### TOWHEES - WEAVERS

**Chipping Sparrow:** PL 4-5 Jan (AB, SA); 5 Calverton 25 Jan (RKA).

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** Easthampton 1 Dec (ACW); Page Ave 21 Dec (ACi, MK).

**Vesper Sparrow:** HSP 15 Dec; Riverhead 4-11 Feb (RA, mob).

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** Tiana Beach 5 Jan (BBo, mob).

**Nelson's Sparrow:** BKCC 14 Dec; max 6 Tiana Beach 5 Jan (BBo); 1-3 Dune Rd 5 Jan - 2 Feb.

**Saltmarsh Sparrow:** 2 Tobay 28 Dec (AB, *et al*); 1-3 Dune Rd 5 Jan - 2 Feb.

**Seaside Sparrow:** CSP 21 Dec (K&SF); 1-2 Dune Rd 5- 30 Jan ; max 5 Dolphin Ln, SUFF 17 Jan (SA, MN).

**Sharp-tailed Sparrow sp:** BKCC 14 Dec, 2 SNCC 28 Dec.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** BP thru 5 Dec.

**Lark Sparrow:** FBF thru 8 Dec; Orient 28 Dec -1 Jan (AV).

**"Gambel's" White-crowned Sparrow:** imm Orient 4-5 Jan (SSM, MRM, MDM); ad Calverton 18 Jan (SSM, PJL); ad, imm Riverhead 1-9 Feb (MRM, MDM, mob).

**"OREGON" DARK-EYED JUNCO:** Northville 30 Dec (MLL).

**YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:**

Reeve's Ave, Riverhead 7, 12 Jan, 2 Feb (K&SF, mob).

**Rusty Blackbird:** 28 St. John's Pd 20 Dec (BBo); 73 STCC 27 Dec.

**Boat-tailed Grackle:** 20 CCP, roosting on Osprey platform, all f 7 Dec (MC); 345, all f Cedar Beach/Gilgo 29 Dec (SA, MN); ~4 Dune Rd 29 Dec - 11 Jan (TD, AC, mob); Little Neck Bay, QUEE 17 Jan (SW, EM, CF).

**Baltimore Oriole:** 1-2 CP 1 Dec thru (AP, mob); Huntington Station, NASS 4 Feb (fide S. Brody, ph).

**Purple Finch:** 14 reports of 18 individuals.

**Pine Siskin:** Northport, SUFF 17 Dec (N. Klein); 1 CP 30 Jan.

#### EXOTICS

**Greylag Goose:** Wainscott 28 Dec - 12 Jan (ACW, DR, mob).

**Common Linnet:** KP cont thru 20 Dec.