

## REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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The first week of the season was very warm with Poughkeepsie reaching 92° F on 6 September. The month was wet with 4.28" of rain, 0.75" above average. October was also warm with the average daily temperature 4.1° above normal. Precipitation was normal. November saw wild swings in temperature, with Poughkeepsie reaching a high of 72° on 4 November and a low of 10° on 29 November. The most notable weather event was the Nor'easter from 26 to 27 November, which dumped up to a foot of snow in the northern areas of Region 9.

An early Greater White-fronted Goose was reported from Weeping Spruce Preserve, Amenia on 2 October. Cackling Goose reports continue to increase as people are more aware of their possibility. Two Tundra Swan passed by Mount Peter on 30 October.

Red-shouldered Hawk numbers were up at area hawk watches, with record numbers passing by—136 at Mount Peter and 306 at Hook Mountain. Both Osprey and Broad-winged Hawk had late sightings in November.

A **RED PHALAROPE** was a one day wonder along the Harlem Valley Rail Trail in Amenia on 12 October.

James Coe found a **Black-headed Gull** on Premium Mill Pound, Larchmont on 28 November. It was relocated on 30 November off Five Island Park, New Rochelle. It was seen and photographed by a number of other birders. This is only the second record for Westchester County.

An empidonax flycatcher was observed at Black Creek Preserve, Esopus on 30 November by Malcolm Grant; a detailed description was given. It did not vocalize and was presumed to be Least Flycatcher. Attempts to relocate and photograph it were unsuccessful.

American Pipits numbers were more numerous this fall, and the past few years have shown more overwintering. It could be a sign that their general population numbers are up as well.

Rob Stone found a Lark Sparrow at the Wallkill NWR north of Stateline Road on 5 September, and it was observed by at least two other birders. This is Orange County's third record.

A single Red Crossbill along with a few reports of Common Redpoll and Evening Grosbeak gives hope for an interesting winter with some finches present.

Other notable species include: Western Sandpiper, Snowy Owl, Sedge Wren, Lapland Longspur, Orange-crowned Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, and Nelson's Sparrow.

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