

REGION 10—MARINE

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The fall season in Region 10 was notable for several strong cold fronts passing in late October that produced memorable fall-outs of migrant land birds. For about two weeks, birds were everywhere in huge numbers. A respectable 306 species were recorded, among them a nice crop of rarities including two second state records.

September was warm and dry. The average temperature at Islip was 67.4° F, 1.8° above normal. 1.62" of rain fell at Islip, 1.96" below normal, while rainfall at Central Park was 1.21", 3.07" below normal. October was much warmer than normal. The average temperature at Islip was 57.5°, 3.2° above normal. Precipitation was near normal. For example 4.07" fell at Islip, 0.28" above normal. November was cold and wetter than normal. Average temperatures ranged from 43.9° at Islip (1.2° below normal), to 45.3° at Central Park (2.4° below normal). 4.8" of precipitation fell at Islip, 1.13" above normal.

As summer waned, 21 species of shorebirds were reported at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge on 11 September, a nice day's total. The fall land bird diversity peaked around 23 September, when, for example, 22 species of warblers were reported at Prospect Park, Brooklyn. Land bird flights were generally pronounced through much of the season but in particular in the latter half of October when several huge fall-outs occurred. While bird movement was great through the period, flights on 19 and 25 October were spectacular. Sparrows and other common migrant land birds were so abundant that it seemed the landscape was coated with birds wherever one looked at both coastal and inland sites. For example, up to 10,000 Yellow-rumped Warblers were reported at Robert Moses SP, Suffolk County on 19 October and 20,000 on 25 October. Seasonal maxima of Ruby-crowned Kinglet (8000), White-throated Sparrow (2000), Dark-eyed Junco (6000), and Pine Siskin (3600) were reported at Robert Moses SP on 25 October, all large numbers. Also interesting were observations of pronounced migration of several irruptive species not typically seen in such numbers along the immediate coast. Examples from 25 October include: 18 Red-bellied Woodpeckers, five Hairy Woodpeckers, and 28 Northern Cardinals at Robert Moses SP and 210 Blue Jays at Montauk Point.

It was a poor season at the Fire Island Hawk Watch. 2489 total hawks were recorded, 44% below the average of the previous twenty years. The weather during peak migration in September and October contributed to the low numbers. Cold fronts producing daytime northwest winds were infrequent. The impact of the weather is indicated by numbers of such species as Northern Harrier, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, and Cooper's Hawk that were lower than expected given increasing population trends. But the continuing long-term

declines in populations of American Kestrel and Sharp-shinned Hawk, historically two of the three most numerous species at FIHW, were also evident. 500 American Kestrels were counted, 55% below the 20-year average and the second lowest count ever at FIHW (the lowest count was in 2013). And the past three years have produced the three lowest counts of Sharp-shinned Hawks. 187 were counted in 2014, 71% below the 20-year average. The strong cold front on 19 October produced 576 total hawks, almost a quarter of the season's total. On the bright side, Peregrine numbers were 19% above the 20-year average. Five Bald Eagles were counted, and an immature **Golden Eagle** was seen on 2 November.

Numbers of waterfowl and other water birds were generally low, though there were some respectable maxima. Scaup numbers were very low. There were only four reports of Canvasback. 33 Tundra Swans seen at Jamaica Bay on 6 November is an exceptionally large number for Region 10. With the exception of a notable report of 239 American Golden-Plovers at Eastport, Suffolk County on 8 October, "grasspiper" numbers were low. There were few reports of pelagic seabirds near shore this season, and also few offshore reports. The latter is possibly due to limited effort and bad luck, as a scheduled November pelagic trip was cancelled due to high winds. A persistent gathering of Lesser Black-backed Gulls at Jones Beach West End reached a maximum of 46 on 18 October and lasted into early November.

Purple Finches and Pine Siskins irrupted in good numbers and were widespread in the Region during the October-November period. But the only other reports of irruptive winter finches were a single White-winged Crossbill at Conference House Park, Staten Island on 7 November and reports of **Evening Grosbeak** at Inwood Hill Park, Manhattan on 7 November and Mount Loretto Unique Area, Staten Island on 11 November, each of two birds.

At least 22 species occurred later in the season than normal including Osprey (through 30 November), Pectoral Sandpiper (20 November), Least Flycatcher (3 November), Cliff Swallow (15 November), Wood Thrush (20 November), Blue-winged Warbler (17 October), Tennessee Warbler (15 November), and Wilson's Warbler (through 30 November).

There were numerous reports of Black Vulture in the Region this season, including three reports from Long Island, where the species is rare. Among these was a report from Long Island City, Queens of six birds, a number unprecedented on Long Island. Turkey Vultures are also at unprecedented numbers on Long Island and are particularly common in the agricultural areas around the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County. Two reports from there on 27 September involved 44 birds. Common Raven reports also increased, especially in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Whereas in past fall seasons virtually all Common Raven reports had been of one or two individuals, this year there were several reports of three or more, with a maximum of five.

Northern Bobwhite was reported from only two locations in Suffolk County where they are released.

The list of rarities in the Region this season was truly remarkable. A **Common Ground-Dove** and a **Cassin's Kingbird** were both second state records. The dove was found at the Jones Beach West End Coast Guard Station on 2 November. The next day there were reports that it may have been taken by a Merlin. But the reports of its demise were premature. It was relocated in a nearby area of the West End on 8 November, where it remained through the season. Another curiosity about this bird was that on 8 November it was noticed to be lacking a tail, leading to more speculation about the Merlin encounter. However, a review of photographs from 2-3 November showed that the dove was apparently tail-less at that time and that the Merlin carried away a sparrow. The Cassin's Kingbird was found and photographed on 15 November at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn. It was not reported until late, and intensive searching by many birders the next day was unsuccessful. Seemingly a one-day wonder, it turned up on 22 November in the community garden, a short distance from where it was originally found. It was frequently seen around the community garden through the season.

Completing the rare-dove sweep, there were two each of **Eurasian Collared-Dove** and **White-winged Dove**. The former was seen at Inwood Hill Park on 3 September, and another was found around the Chelsea Waterside Park, Manhattan on 16 November and stayed there through the season. The latter was seen at Fort Tilden, Queens on 15 November and at Dune Road in East Quogue, Suffolk County on 16 November.

A **Pink-footed Goose** was seen in Riverhead on 9 November, and a **Barnacle Goose** was at Miller's Pond, Smithtown, Suffolk County on 29 November. A **Golden Eagle** was photographed at Edgemere, Queens on 19 October. Two observers spotted a juvenile **Sabine's Gull** at Montauk Point on 13 September. A **Sandwich Tern** was at Sagaponack Inlet, Suffolk County on 2 September. This species is seldom reported in the fall and then usually in association with a tropical cyclone. **Pileated Woodpecker** reports in the Region have become more frequent in recent years, and one was seen at Cemetery of the Resurrection, Staten Island on 31 October. A **Say's Phoebe** visited Edgemere on 5 October. Rounding out the flycatchers were an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** at Mt. Loretto Unique Area on 9-10 November and a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** at Sands Point Preserve, Nassau County on 19 October. A **Northern Wheatear** stayed at Plum Beach, Brooklyn from 1-7 October. Birders in the area to see the Cassin's Kingbird found a few additional rarities: a **Henslow's Sparrow** at Jacob Riis Park, Queens on 24-25 November and a **LeConte's Sparrow** at Floyd Bennett Field from 30 November thru. The former, though still a rare breeder in New York State, qualifies as a true mega-rarity in Region 10. A female-type **Black-headed Grosbeak** was seen by a single observer at Heckscher SP, Suffolk County on 8 October and well described. Finally a female-type **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was reported at Gravesend Bay, Brooklyn on 30 October.

A **Common Gallinule** was at Patchogue Lake, Suffolk County from 11-17 October. This species is now rare in Region 10. A “**Great White Heron**” (white form Great Blue Heron) was seen at Georgica Inlet, Suffolk County on 20 September. One observer’s regular evening vigils at Lattingtown, Nassau County resulted in a maximum of 121 Common Nighthawks on 15 September, a large number by the standards of the past several decades. Also noteworthy is a good list of species that are rare or seldom reported in Region 10 during the fall. These include: Gull-billed Tern, Roseate Tern, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Acadian Flycatcher, Purple Martin, Louisiana Waterthrush, Golden-winged Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, and Orchard Oriole.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BPT – Breezy Pt, QUEE; BRY – Bryant P, NEWY; CB – Cedar B, Babylon, SUFF; CCP – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; CHP – Conference House P, RICH; CIC – Coney I Cr/P, KING; CP – Central Park, NEWY; CR –

Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; CRSP – Connetquot R SP, SUFF; DOP – Drier-Offerman P, a.k.a. Calvert-Vaux P, KING; Ed – Sod fields on Edwards Av north of Route 25, Riverhead, SUFF; EPCAL – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), Calverton, 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; FWP – Ft. Washington P, NEWY; GBP – Goethal's Bridge Pd, RICH; GBy – Gravesend Bay, KING; GKP – Great Kills P, RICH; GwC – Green-wood Cemetery, KING; HLSP – Hempstead L SP, NASS; HP – Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF; HSP – Heckscher SP, SUFF; JBSP – Jones Beach SP, NASS; JBWE – West End, Jones Beach SP, NASS; JBWR – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; 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 SP, SUFF; NYBG – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; PBP – Pelham Bay P, BRON; PL – Patchogue L, Patchogue, SUFF; PP – Prospect P, KING; RI – Randall's I, NEWY; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; RP – Jacob Riis P, QUEE; Rt 105 – Sod fields south of Sound Av between Route 105 and Doctor's Path, Riverhead, SUFF; Sag – Sagaponack Pd/Inlet, SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock Inlet, SUFF; SPCP – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; VCP – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; VSSP – Valley Stream SP, NASS; WPP – Wolfe's Pd P, RICH.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: Rt 105 9 Nov (DR).

Greater White-fronted Goose: 3 HP 9 Nov (DR); 2 Maratooka L, Mattituck, SUFF 11 Nov (MM, JSe).

Snow Goose: max 400 JBWR 25 Nov (Markus Craig).

Brant: max 5600 Bay CP, NASS 9 Nov (AB).

BARNACLE GOOSE: Miller's Pd, Smithtown, SUFF 29 Nov (DL).

Cackling Goose: RMSP 19 Oct (SSM, PJL); Maratooka L, Mattituck, SUFF 10 Nov (RBA); PP 28 Nov (SS); Sound Av at Fresh Pond Av, Riverhead, SUFF 28 Nov (DR); 2 VCP 29 Nov (NS); 6 VCP 30 Nov (AB).

Mute Swan: max 119 HP 22 Nov (SSM, PJL).

Tundra Swan: 33 JBWR 6 Nov (D. Riepe, CF), large number; 2 HP 22 Nov thru (SSM, PJL).

Wood Duck: max 44 Mashomack Pres, Shelter I, SUFF 20 Oct (MSch).

Gadwall: max 208 Swan L, East Patchogue, SUFF 27 Nov (MSch).

Eurasian Wigeon: JBWR 21 Sep – 8 Oct (AB, mob); Blydenburgh CP, SUFF 14 Oct (PJL); Mill Cr RICH 1 Nov (ACi); Grant P, Hewlett,

NASS 5 Nov thru (RBA, mob); Bush Terminal P, KING 15 Nov thru (ME, PD, mob); Mill Pd, Centerport, SUFF 28 Nov (BBo).

Am. Wigeon: max 164 Mill Pd, Setauket, SUFF 5 Nov (MM).

Blue-winged Teal: max 34 JBWR 1 Sep (CF, SA).

N. Shoveler: max 275 CP 23 Nov (JN).

N. Pintail: max 30 Tobay B, NASS 8 Nov (DR).

Green-winged Teal: max 138 JBWR 5 Oct (AB).

Canvasback: 4 reps; max 17 Centerport Pd, Centerport, SUFF 28 Nov (BBo); few.

Redhead: appx 10 reps; max 35 Baisley Pd P, QUEE 29-30 Nov (CF).

Ring-necked Duck: max 290 PL 27 Nov (DR), large number.

Greater Scaup: max 93 PBP 25 Nov (RAR), few.

Lesser Scaup: max 30 Lake Capri, West Islip, SUFF 30 Nov (MM).

King Eider: drake Plum I, SUFF 9 Nov (RMc).

Com. Eider: max 1000 Montauk, SUFF 30 Nov (JDi).

Harlequin Duck: m Orient Pt., SUFF 31 Oct thru (JSe, ES, mob); 1-3 Jones Inlet, NASS 16 Nov thru (SyS, PU, mob).

Surf Scoter: max 500 MP 22 Nov (SSM, PJL).

White-winged Scoter: max 1000 MP 22 Nov (SSM, PJL).

Black Scoter: max 3000 MB 1 Nov (SSM, PJL), large number; 2000 MP 1 Nov (SSM, PJL).

Long-tailed Duck: max 124 Shoreham, SUFF 23 Nov (RKA), few.

Bufflehead: max 300 JBWR 15 Nov (Lauren Berg), few.

Com. Goldeneye: 8 reps; max 4 sev locs; few.

Com. Merganser: 1-3 CP 25 Nov thru (mob); SMSP 27 Nov (SF).

Ruddy Duck: max 650 Georgica Inlet, East Hampton, SUFF 20 Oct (AnW), large number.

N. Bobwhite: only reps from Avalon Pres, St. James, SUFF and Seatuck Pres, Islip, SUFF; releases.

Ring-necked Pheasant: max 5 Edgemere, QUEE 1 Sep (CF).

Red-throated Loon: max 150 JBWE 16 Nov (KMc, JMc).

Pied-billed Grebe: max 17 PL 29 Oct (DR), large number.

Horned Grebe: max 86 GKP 15 Nov (ACi), large number.

Red-necked Grebe: MB thru 18 Oct (RBA, AC); RMSP 3 Nov (SSM); JBWE 4 Nov (SyS, *et al.*); CIC 4-8 Nov (PD, KR); Orient Pt 10 Nov (DR); FT 15 Nov (AB); RMSP 15 Nov (SSM, PJL); CIC 28 Nov (SB).

Cory's Shearwater: RMSP 4 Oct (SSM, PJL, SF); 4 MP 1 Nov (SSM, PJL); several offshore reps.

Great Shearwater: 3 Hudson Canyon 3 Oct (ADo).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: Fire I Lighthouse, SUFF 27 Sep (B. Calderaro); 3 Hudson Canyon 3 Oct (ADo).

N. Gannet: max 3000 FIHW 27 Oct (RJK), large number.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 847 RMSP 24 Oct (SSM), large number.

Great Cormorant: juv PP 23 Sep (PD), unusual loc; max 35 PBP 30 Oct (JRn), large number.

Am. Bittern: VCP 20 Sep (NS); GwC 21 Sep (KR); CP 19 Oct (KS); Edgemere 8 Nov (CF); E 52 St, NEWY 9 Nov (AF); RP 23 Nov (RBA); unusual locs.

Great Blue Heron: Georgica Inlet, East Hampton, SUFF 20 Sep (AnW), **white form**, *occidentalis*.

Great Egret: 115 CB 27 Sep (SA, MN, JK, *et al.*), large number.

Snowy Egret: max 218 JBWR 5 Oct (AB), large number.

Tricolored Heron: JBWR 28 Sep (B. Ypsilantis).

Cattle Egret: HP 9 Nov (DR, MSh, JRo); Further Lane, East Hampton, SUFF 17 Nov (BB); same individual?

Green Heron: Ridgewood Reservoir, QUEE 26 Oct (RB); PP 2 Nov (PD), late.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 35 Cammanns Pd CP, Merrick, NASS 9 Nov (CF, SA).

Black Vulture: appx 30 reps, esp southern RICH; max 6 CR Oct (ACi); 3 L.I. reps, where rare: max 6 44th Drive, Long Island City, QUEE 2 Nov (SS); Caumsett SP 8 Nov (JGL, *et al.*); 3 FBF 28 Nov (RBA).

Turkey Vulture: max 152 FWP 2 Nov (AF), large number; numerous L.I. reps incl: 15 Northville, SUFF 13 Sep (RA); 30 Ed 27 Sep (SA, MN, *et al.*), large number; 14 Osborne Av, Riverhead 27 Sep (SA, MN, *et al.*).

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: 423 FIHW (*fide* DP), 1.4% above the 20-year average, *intro*; Swan R, E. Patchogue, SUFF 27 Nov thru (LO), late.

Bald Eagle: at least 35 reps, esp. from southern RICH and HLSP; 5 FIHW (*fide* DP); max 13 FWP 19 Oct (AF), large number.

N. Harrier: 144 FIHW (*fide* DP), 43% below the 20-year average, *intro*.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 187 FIHW (*fide* DP), 71% below the 20-year average, *intro*; 82 FT 19 Oct (DG, SS, *et al.*).

Cooper's Hawk: 34 FIHW (*fide* DP), 13% below the 20-year average; 15 Moses Mtn., RICH 16 Oct (CB).

N. Goshawk: CB 2 Nov (SSM, PJL); JBWE 2 Nov (PM); Caumsett SP, SUFF 4 Nov (SF).

Red-shouldered Hawk: 2 FBF 20 Oct (SS); Hempstead Harbor, NASS 29 Oct (PM); max 14 FWP 30 Oct (AF); 3 FBF 30 Oct (DG, SS); MLUA 2 Nov (MSh); 2 PP 3 Nov (PD).

Broad-winged Hawk: 8 L.I. reps, where rare incl: 2 Deep Hollow Ranch, Montauk, SUFF 1 Sep (AnW); 4 Birch Walk, Fire I, SUFF 15 Sep (P. Baglee); Ridgewood Reservoir 27 Oct (MN, SA).

Rough-legged Hawk: North Fork Pres, Northville, SUFF 23 Nov (JSe); Canarsie Pier, KING 29 Nov (SS), light morph.

GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): Edgemere, QUEE 19 Oct (CF), ph; FIHW 2 Nov (Barbara Saunders), ph.

Am. Kestrel: 500 FIHW (*fide* DP), 55% below the 20-year average, *intro*; 77 FT 19 Oct (DG, SS, *et al.*).

Merlin: 1010 FIHW (*fide* DP), 32% below the 20-year average, *intro*.

Peregrine Falcon: 177 FIHW (*fide* DP), 19% above the 20-year average, *intro*.

Virginia Rail: Captree I, SUFF 3 Nov (DR), only rep.

Sora: JBWR 7 Sep (SS); Zoe B. Deropp Sanctuary, East Quogue, SUFF 26 Sep (DR); Landing Lane Marsh, Accabonac, SUFF 28 Sep (AnW).

Com. Gallinule: PL 11-17 Oct (DR, mob), now rare in R10.

Am. Coot: max 400 HP 28 Nov (C. Elphick).

Am. Oystercatcher: max 478 JBWE 28 Sep (AB).

Black-bellied Plover: max 375 JBWE 19 Sep (SB).

Am. Golden-Plover: appx. 35 reps; max 239 Route 51 and Route 111, Eastport SUFF 8 Oct (PP), large number; otherwise few: 11 Rt 105 1 Sep (SA, MN); 16 Ed 1 Sep (SA, MN); 2 Rt 105 2 Sep (DF); 3 Rt 105 7 Sep (RP, *et al.*); JBWR 11 Sep (AB); 3 Rt 105 23 Sep (RA); JBWE 26-28 Sep (mob); 8 Ed 27 Sep (SA, MN, *et al.*); FBF 4 Oct (RM); FBF 11 Oct (RBA); Plum B 7 Nov (RBA).

Semipalmated Plover: max 300 Rockaway B, Edgemere, QUEE 1 Sep (CF).

Piping Plover: JBWR 1 Sep (AB, mob), unusual loc.

Upland Sandpiper: Eaton's Neck, SUFF 5 Sep (NB).

Whimbrel: 2 JBWE 1 Sep (CF); 3 CCP 1 Sep (DR); MB 1 Sep (*fide* DR); FT 13 Sep (RBA); CCP 22 Sep (LS); JBWE 7 Oct (RBA).

Hudsonian Godwit: 6 CCP 1 Sep (DR); JBWR 1 Sep (AB, mob); 2 JBWR 3 Sep (RB); 2 JBWR 6-7 Sep (mob); Plum B 6 Sep (DHr, RM); CCP 7 Sep (AB); JBWR 11 Sep (AB); 2 JBWE 17 Sep (RT); JBWE 18 Sep (RJK); JBWR 4 Oct (SA, CF, SS); juv Sag 1-10 Nov (SSM, PJL, JRo).

Marbled Godwit: MB thru 7 Sep (*fide* DR, DF); JBWR 7-11 Sep (SS, AB); JBWE 16-21 Sep (RT, SyS, AB); 2 Plum B 4 Oct (RBA); JBWE 13 Oct thru (mob); 2 JBWE 19-20 Oct (mob).

Red Knot: max 84 JBWE 19 Sep (SB).

Sanderling: max 2000 JBSP 2 Oct (SF); max 2000 Rockaway B, Edgemere 1 Sep (CF).

Dunlin: max 600 Nickerson B, NASS 9 Nov (AB).

Baird's Sandpiper: Rt 105 thru 4 Sep (mob); MB 1 Sep (*fide* DR); JBWR 1 Sep (AB, mob); 3 Rt 105 5 Sep (RA); 2 CCP 7 Sep (AB), unusual loc; Miller Field 20-21 Sep (ACi, mob); MB 28 Sep (RBA); JBWR 5 Oct (RBA); 2 JBWR 8 Oct (RBA).

White-rumped Sandpiper: max 30 MB 1 Sep (JSh); 28 JBWR 6 Sep (AB); JBWR 3 Sep (RB); Calverton Ponds Pres, SUFF 20 Sep (SW, KM), unusual loc; IHP 4 Oct (JDi), unusual loc; Cove Hollow Farm, East Hampton, SUFF 8 Nov (JRo), late.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: CCP 1 Sep (*fide* DR); JBWR 3 Sep (RB); 2 Rt 105 4 Sep (MSch); 2 JBWR 5-6 Sep (AB, SA, CF); JBWR 7 Sep (SS); Sound Av at Osborne Av 7 Sep (RA); max 5 Osborne Av, Riverhead, SUFF 9 Sep (JSh), low number; 2 Rt 105 23 Sep (RBA); Rt 105 28 Sep (RBA); few.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 26 MB 1 Sep (JSh), large number; HSP 20 Nov (JL, H. Bohne), late.

Western Sandpiper: 11 JBWR 1 Sep (AB, TWB, GB); 20 JBWR 5 Sep (CF), large number; last CR 26 Oct (ACi).

Long-billed Dowitcher: JBWR 6-7 Sep (SA, CF, SS); JBWR 13 Sep (AnW); JBWR 21 Sep (AB).

Red-necked Phalarope: CCP 2 Sep (DF, DBI) Nickerson B 13 Sep (AnW).

Pomarine Jaeger: sub ad RMSP 10 Sep (SB).

Parasitic Jaeger: 6 MP 13 Sep (PMP, J. Ash); MB 14 Sep (DK, BR, PMP); 4 RMSP 26 Oct (RBA); 2 MP 1 Nov (SSM, PJL); Montauk Village 1 Nov (SSM, PJL); JBWE 9 Nov (RBA); 3 mi S Fire I Inlet 10 Nov (PM); FT 16 Nov (AB).

Razorbill: 4 Montauk 30 Nov (JDi), only rep.

Black-legged Kittiwake: Camp Hero SP, Montauk, SUFF 19 Oct (AC); RMSP 2 Nov (SF); 3 RMSP 15 Nov (SSM).

SABINE'S GULL (R10): juv MP 13 Sep (PMP, JA).

Bonaparte's Gull: 300 RMSP 31 Oct (SF); max 550 RP 1 Nov (CF); 200 FT 16 Nov (AB); fewer thereafter.

Laughing Gull: max 1350 MP 4 Oct (AnW); 1200 MP 1 Nov (SSM, PJL).

Iceland Gull: Shoreham 25 Oct (RKA); Montauk Harbor, SUFF 28 Oct (JGi); Montauk 16 Nov (BB); Shoreham 16-27 Nov (RKA); 2 Shoreham 23 Nov (RKA).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: appx 35 reps incl: 21 SPCP 1 Sep (DR); 6 JBWE 5 Sep (SyS, *et al.*); HSP 7 Sep (JHr), unusual loc; 10 JBWE 4

Oct (SA, MN, RK, SP); 41 Pt. Lookout, NASS 10 Oct (BB); 13 JBWE 13 Oct (SyS); max 46 JBWE 18 Oct (RBA); 30 JBWE 19 Oct (RBA); Arden Av, RICH 25 Oct thru (SIW, mob), returning for 9th year; 24 JBWE 25 Oct (RBA); 15 JBWE 7 Nov (DF); 6 JBWE 8 Nov (SyS).

Glaucous Gull: Davis Park Ferry, Patchogue, SUFF 6 Oct (AD); Gardiner CP, SUFF 19 Nov (MSch).

Gull-billed TERN: 3 JBWE 2-5 Sep (PG, TS).

Caspian Tern: JBWR 6 Sep (SA, CF); MB 14 Sep (DK, BR, PMP); JBWE 16-17 Sep (RT, SyS); 11 Sag 19 Sep (DR), large number; CCP 22 Sep (LS); 4 MB 27 Sep (MC); JBWR 8 Oct (RBA).

Black Tern: 5 Napeague, SUFF 1 Sep (AnW); 2 MB 2 Sep (JSh); 2 Orient Pt. 3 Sep (JSe); Sagg Mains B, East Hampton, SUFF 6 Sep (AnW); 5 MP 7 Sep (AnW); 3 MB 11 Sep (JSh); MP 13 Sep (PMP, J. Ash); Sands Pt. Pres, NASS 14 Sep (GQ); RMSP 16 Sep (SB); few.

Roseate Tern: max 30 Napeague 1 Sep (AnW), large number.

Com. Tern: max 3000 MP 7 Sep (AnW); 50 GKP 18 Oct (SIW, DE), large number for loc/date.

Royal Tern: appx 35 reps incl: 22 Tiana B, Hampton Dunes, SUFF 2 Sep (DF, DB); 10 FIHW 10 Sep (RJK); 12 Sag 22 Sep (JRo, *et al.*); 2 CHP 6 Oct (RV), unusual loc; 8 FT 12 Oct (CF, *et al.*); Plum B 13 Oct (SS), unusual loc; 21 FT 19 Oct (DG, *et al.*); 2 Dubos Pt., Rockaway, QUEE 24 Oct (CF), unusual loc; max 23 JBWE 4 Nov (BB); 2 Patchogue 12 Nov (JHr); unusual loc; GBY 17 Nov (SS, SB), last.

SANDWICH TERN: Sag 2 Sep (AG, PU).

Black Skimmer: max 450 JBWE 15 Sep (SB); 3 CIC 17 Nov (SS, SB), late.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: IHP 3 Sep (AA); Pier 64/Chelsea Waterside Park, NEWY 16 Nov thru (Tiffany Adams, mob).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: FT 15 Nov (CF); Dune Rd., E. Quogue, SUFF 16 Nov (DK, BR).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE: JBWE 2 Nov thru (SJ, mob), 2nd state record.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: RMSP 30 Oct (SF), late.

Barn Owl: FBF 7-13 Sep (KR, mob); 2 other reps.

Great Horned Owl: JBWE 3 Nov (SyS), unusual loc.

Snowy Owl: Old Inlet, Fire I, SUFF 15 Nov (*fide* DR); Freeport, NASS 15 Nov (*fide* DL); JBWE 16 Nov thru (mob); Fire I 28 Nov (LO).

Long-eared Owl: FBF 28 Nov (RBA).

Short-eared Owl: RMSP 25 Oct (JHr); 2

Spring Creek P, KING 18 Nov (SSM).

N. Saw-whet Owl: KP 30 Oct (AB); Caumsett SP 4 Nov (SF).

Com. Nighthawk: max 121 Lattingtown, NASS 15 Sep (RC), large number; 38 Lattingtown 7 Oct (RC); 28 Lattingtown 17 Oct (RC).

E. Whip-poor-will: Cedar B Rd at Dryads Basin, Southold, SUFF 19 Sep (JSe).

Chimney Swift: max 228 KP 27 Sep (AnW); 220 FMCP 27 Sep (CF); large numbers.

Red-headed Woodpecker: juv CP 9-13 Sep (mob); ad RP 19 Sep (AB); ad CP 23 Sep (TF); juv CP 27 Sep (AP, mob); HSP 9 Oct (*fide* SSM); 2 RMSP 9 Oct (SSM); 3 RMSP 10 Oct (SF); juv GwC 12 Oct (*fide* PD); RI 17-19 Oct (RBA); juv CHP 18 Oct (SIW, DE); Randalls I, NEWY 19 Oct (AF).

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 18 RMSP 25 Oct (TS), large number for barrier island.

Downy Woodpecker: 12 RMSP 25 Oct (SSM, *et al.*), migr.

Hairy Woodpecker: 5 RMSP 25 Oct (SSM, *et al.*); JBWE 31 Oct (SyS); JBWE 4 Nov (SyS, *et al.*); rare on barrier island.

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): CR 31 Oct (ACi).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: PP 3-7 Sep (DHR, RM, MY); CP 14-15 Sep (PJ, mob); CP 22-23 Sep (PJ), late; several other reps.

E. Wood-Pewee: FT 19 Oct (CF), ph, late.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: appx 10 reps.

Acadian Flycatcher: PP 18 Sep (RBA).

Least Flycatcher: PP 2-3 Nov (RJ, SS, HL, mob), ph, late.

E. Phoebe: max 130 William Floyd Estate, Mastic Beach, SUFF 11 Oct (MLL); 94 CIC P 20 Oct (DG); large numbers.

SAY'S PHOEBE: Edgemere 5 Oct (CF).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: MLUA 9-10 Nov (DE, mob).

CASSIN'S KINGBIRD: FBF 15 Nov thru (KS, mob), 2nd state record.

Western Kingbird: DOP 20 Sep (SB, mob); MLUA 28 Sep – 2 Oct (RV, mob); St Joseph's Monastery, Glen Cove, NASS 5 Oct (RC); SMSP 17 Oct (PP); Stehli B, Bayville, NASS 20-25 Oct (J. Maddan, MN).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: Sands Pt. Pres 19 Oct (GQ).

Philadelphia Vireo: PP 5-7 Sep (*fide* PD); CP 9 Sep (NS); PP 12 Sep (mob); 2 APP 14 Sep (JR); CHP 19 Sep (RV); PP 18-19 Sep (SS); PP 23 Sep (*fide* PD); 2 RMSP 23 Sep (*fide* RJK); CP 27 Sep (PJ); KP 5 Oct (CF, SA); Poquott, SUFF 8 Oct (MM); FT 12 Oct (CF, EM, SA, *et al.*).

Blue Jay: large numbers migr, e.g.: 230 Caumsett SP 27 Sep (SF); 250 SMSP 28 Sep (JGI); max 252 CP 12 Oct (JN); 164 FWP 19 Oct (AF); 210 MP 26 Oct (JN).

COMMON RAVEN (R10): prs. present vic. Roslyn, NASS, west shore, RICH; pr building nest, West L, Patchogue 30 Nov (DR); addtl. reps widespread incl: Bellmore, NASS 8 Sep (PM); 4 Cranberry Bog Pres, Riverhead, SUFF 16 Sep (RMC); 3 71 W 23 St, NEWY 27 Sep (Brian Whipple); CLP 3 Oct (HF); max 5 IHP 5 Oct (JDi, *et al.*); JBWR 8 Oct (RBA); 2 PP 30 Oct (RM); 2 4th Av & 6th St, KING 2 Nov (RJ); GwC 2 Nov (PD, *et al.*); Hicksville, NASS 6 Nov (MN); Wave Hill, BRON 9 Nov (GW, *et al.*); Village Hall, Valley Stream, NASS 14 & 19 Nov (RJK); 4 731 Lexington Av, NEWY 19 Nov (AC).

Purple Martin: CR 11 Sep (ACi), rare in fall.

Cliff Swallow: 2 Coney I Beach, KING 2 Nov (RBA), late; FT 15 Nov (AB).

CAVE SWALLOW: no reports.

White-breasted Nuthatch: JBWE 14 Oct (SyS, JGi); RMSP 25 Oct (SSM, *et al.*); rare on barrier island.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 106 RMSP 20 Oct (SF); 105 RMSP 25 Oct.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 800 RMSP 25 Oct (RBA), large number.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR: Plum B 1-7 Oct (SB, mob).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: BRY 23 Sep (AD); CP 26-27 Sep (DA, *et al.*); PP 9 Oct (*fide* PD); Blue Heron P, RICH 19 Oct (MSh); Lido Pres, Lido, NASS 20 Oct (PM).

Hermit Thrush: 130 PBP 25 Oct (JRn); max 155 RMSP 8 Nov (SF); large numbers.

Wood Thrush: CP 29 Oct (TF), late; 1251 6th Av at 49 St, NEWY 13-20 Nov (SST, mob).

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: PP 27 Oct (RJ, SS), unusual loc; Bay P, E. Rockaway, NASS 9 Nov (RBA), unusual loc; 1-6 JBWE 21 Nov – thru (mob); 1-2 FBF 22 Nov thru (mob); Miller Field, RICH 29 Nov (SIW).

Worm-eating Warbler: APP 28 Sep (SA, MN, *et al.*), late; CP 18 Oct (RBA).

Louisiana Waterthrush: CP 2 Sep (*fide* AF), rare in fall.

Golden-winged Warbler: APP 28 Sep (SA, MN, *et al.*).

Blue-winged Warbler: KP 17 Oct (SP), late.

Black-and-white Warbler: Whitney Pd P, Manhasset, NASS 22 Nov (N. Tognan, *et al.*), late.

Prothonotary Warbler: PP 17-18 Sep (mob).

Tennessee Warbler: Dead Horse Pt, KING 2 Nov (HL), late; Orient Pt 15 Nov (JSe), late.

Orange-crowned Warbler: appr 35 reps incl: first FT 13 Sep (AnW); 2 PP 18 Oct (PD); 4 PP 19 Oct (DG); 3 CP 28 Oct (RBA); 2 CHP 4 Nov (RV).

Am. Redstart: FT 19 Oct (CF), late.

Connecticut Warbler: PP 3 Sep (DHR, SS, mob); APP 19 Sep (RBA); CP 23 Sep (DS); APP 23 Sep (*fide* PR); Madison Square P, NEWY 30 Sep (CF); KP 1 Oct (CCo); CP 1 Oct (NS, mob); Strack Pd, FP 3 Oct (D. Melore, AB); Hoyt Farm, Commack, SUFF 10 Oct (JGI); Chandler Estate, Mt. Sinai, SUFF 18 Oct (RBA); 3 CP 29 Oct (TF), large number, late.

Mourning Warbler: 8 reps incl: Springfield P, QUEE 14 Sep (AB); PP 23 Sep (PD); BRY 2 Oct (SSt).

Kentucky Warbler: CP 3 Sep (MR, *fide* AF).

Hooded Warbler: CP 5 Sep (SC, mob); E 52 St 7 Sep (AF); BRY 15 Sep (BC); GwC 22 Sep (*fide* PD); PP 23 Sep (*fide* PD); GwC 27 Sep (RJ); NYBG 2 Oct (AW); CP 10 Oct (MA).

Cerulean Warbler: Stuyvesant Town, NEWY 19 Sep (AL).

Magnolia Warbler: JBSP 8 Nov (MY); CHP 8 Nov (SIW, DE); late.

Yellow Warbler: JBWE 9 Nov (SP, MA), late.

Blackpoll Warbler: Pier 44, KING 13 Nov (RM), late.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 10,000 RMSP 19 Oct (RBA); 20,000 RMSP 25 Oct (RBA); large numbers.

Yellow-throated Warbler: HSP 4 Oct (SSM, PJL, SF, KF).

Prairie Warbler: PP 27 Oct (RB), late.

Black-throated Green Warbler: Wave Hill 9 Nov (GW, *et al.*), late.

Wilson's Warbler: KP 11 Nov thru (SP, CCo, EM, mob), late.

Yellow-breasted Chat: PP 7 Sep (*fide* PD); CHP 18 Sep (RV); CP 22 Sep (PJ); FT 25 Oct (RBA); Gilgo B, SUFF 25 Oct (RBA); CP 29 Oct – 2 Nov (TF, AA, KS).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: KP 5 Oct (SSch); Holtzville, SUFF 10 Oct (RMc); Sunset P, KING 10 Oct (*fide* PD); Shirley Marina P, SUFF 12 Oct (AG); PBP 12 Oct (JRn); JBWE 12-14 Oct (SyS, mob); RMSP 18-19 Oct (RBA); FBF 19 Oct (RJ, *et al.*); RMSP 25 Oct (KF); Cedarmere Pres, Roslyn Harbor, NASS 29 Oct (PM); Daniels Lane, East Hampton, SUFF 1 Nov (SSM, PJL); JBSP 7 Nov (DF); KP 9 Nov (CF); KP 15 Nov (SP), late.

Vesper Sparrow: appx 35 reps incl: GwC 7 Sep (*fide* PD), early; 2 FBF 13 Oct (SS); 2 KP 25-26 Oct (SA, PR); 2 Alley Pond Environmental Center, Bayside, QUEE 26 Oct (SA, MN); 4 RI 26 Oct (AD); 3 JBWE 27-29 Oct (RBA); 2 CP 29 Oct (TF); 3 PP 30 Oct (RM); 2 Caumsett SP 4 Nov (RBA).

Lark Sparrow: GwC 7 Sep (*fide* PD); RMSP 17 Sep (MN); JBWE 18 Sep (RJK); Shirley, SUFF 18 Sep (RBA); HSP 12 Oct (RBA); Marne P 24 Oct (RBA); RMSP 26-28 Oct (RBA); Daniels Lane 1 Nov (SSM, PJL).

“Ipswich” Savannah Sparrow: FBF 30 Oct (SS), unusual loc.

Grasshopper Sparrow: PP 20 Oct (*fide* PD); Brooklyn Bridge P, KING 14 Nov (Heather Wolf), ph.

HENSLOW’S SPARROW (R10): RP 24-25 Nov (PJL, mob).

LE CONTE’S SPARROW: FBF 30 Nov thru (HL, mob).

Nelson’s Sparrow: PP 9 Oct (*fide* PD); CLP 21 Oct (HF); GwC 24 Oct (PD); unusual locs.

Lincoln’s Sparrow: over 50 reps incl: first Sag 2 Sep (PU); CP 12 Sep (AnW, mob); 3 CHP 21 Sep (RV); 3 Caumsett SP 27 Sep (SF); 2 Matinecock, NASS 2 Oct (MN); 3 GwC 10 Oct (RJ); 2 PP 13 Oct (RJ, PD); 2 Sands Pt. Pres 19 Oct (GQ); 3 PP 20 Oct (RB); 2 William Floyd Estate 20 Oct (MLL); 3 FBF 21 Oct (SB); 3 DOP 25 Oct (SB); 2 KP 26 Oct (SA); 2 JBWE 28 Oct (SyS); last RMSP 22 Nov (SF).

Swamp Sparrow: 138 EECO Farm, East Hampton, SUFF 12 Oct (AnW), large number.

White-throated Sparrow: 2000 RMSP 25 Oct (RBA), large number.

White-crowned Sparrow: 14 FBF 26 Oct (KR); 13 JBSP 21 Oct (SF); several other reps exceeding 10 individuals; large numbers.

Dark-eyed Junco: 6000 RMSP 25 Oct (RBA), large number.

Summer Tanager: KP 26 Sep (DSch), rare in fall.

N. Cardinal: 28 RMSP 25 Oct (SSM, *et al.*), large number for barrier island.

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK: HSP 8 Oct (PJL!), fem-type, NYSARC report submitted.

Blue Grosbeak: 3 Eastport, SUFF 5 Sep (RA, mob); SMSP 9 Sep (VP); CP 15 Sep (mob); CP 26 Sep (mob); 2 KP 29 Sep (AB); PP 14 Oct (*fide* PD); SMSP 15 Oct (DL); CP 18 Oct (RBA); RI 19 Oct (AF); FWP 30 Oct (JDi).

Dickcissel: EECO Farm 12 Oct (KRu); RMSP 18-20 Oct (AB, SSM, PJL); Big Egg Marsh, Broad Channel, QUEE 30 Oct (AB); IHP 7-10 Nov (*fide* AP); JBWE 23 Nov (RBA).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 8000 IHP 8 Nov (JDi), large number.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: fem-type GBy 30 Oct (*fide* DG).

Rusty Blackbird: max 55 APEC 16 Nov (SP).

Com. Grackle: max 9000 IHP 8 Nov (JDi).

Boat-tailed Grackle: max 300 Captree I, SUFF 16 Nov (SSM, PJL).

Orchard Oriole: PP 2 Sep (Adam Welz), rare in fall.

Purple Finch: first 2 CR 14 Sep (ACi); widespread mid-Oct – mid Nov; 250 FIHW 27 Oct (RJK); 111 College of Staten Island, RICH 28 Oct (SSM); max 300 MLUA 11 Nov (RV).

White-winged Crossbill: CHP 7 Nov (RV).

Pine Siskin: 2 CP 23 Sep (NS); 3 RMSP 23 Sep (SF); first; 8 JBWE 27 Sep (SA, JV, *et al.*); widespread early Oct – mid Nov; 700 FIHW 10 Oct (RJK); 400 JBWE 10 Oct (SyS, *et al.*); 191 FT 12 Oct (CF, *et al.*); 125 FT/RP 19 Oct (SA, MN); max 3600 RMSP 25 Oct (SSM, *et al.*); 1750 RMSP 27 Oct (SF); 400 JBWE 27 Oct (SyS, *et al.*); 250 CHP 30 Oct (RV); 150 JBWE 4 Nov (SyS, *et al.*); 31 Northville 15 Nov (MLL).

Am. Goldfinch: max 3156 RMSP 15 Nov (SSM, PJL).

EVENING GROSBEAK (R10): 2 IHP 7 Nov (NS); 2 MLUA 11 Nov (SS), identified by flight calls.

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