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REGION 10—MARINE

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The summer was pleasant and dry—even drought-like by the end of the season. Perhaps due to an increasingly strong El Nino system building in the Pacific, there were no hurricanes this season, and tropical storms stayed well to the south. June's mean temperature at Central Park was 71.2° F, just 0.2° below average. The warmest temperature of the month was 90°, recorded at Central Park on 23 June. Precipitation was 4.79", 0.38" above normal. July's mean was 78.8°, 2.3° above average, with precipitation totaling 3.98", only slightly below normal at Central Park despite a 1.95" rainfall on the 30th, but just 1.74" at Islip, 1.69" below average. Temperatures in the 90s were recorded on five days in July, but never lasted more than a day or two. August was hotter and drier than normal. Central Park's mean temperature was 3.8° above average at 79°, and

precipitation was 2.09" below average at 2.35". Islip recorded even drier conditions, with precipitation at 1.48", 2.50" below normal.

The breeding season provided a number of positives, including a new station for Common Eider, at Great Gull Island (see note by Joe DiCostanzo elsewhere in this issue). Joe also reported a Manx Shearwater at Great Gull. Whereas this species is highly pelagic and very seldom reported from land in New Jersey and elsewhere to our south, Long Island has enjoyed a strong pattern of inshore occurrence for decades. It is conceivable that this bird was prospecting a potential nesting site, as has been suspected for Leach's Storm-Petrels netted at Great Gull in the past. The ongoing increase in Bald Eagles, including confirmed nestings, is one of the most heartening developments of recent years. An article summarizing recent nestings can be found elsewhere in this issue. Another exciting development involves Cliff Swallows nesting near Pelham Bay Park. Black Vultures are now quite regular in the westernmost counties of Region 10 (Richmond, New York, and Bronx), and Pileated Woodpeckers continue to be reported regularly from Staten Island.

Sea watching from shore was generally lackluster, but a series of highly productive offshore trips were the excitement of the summer. John Shemilt and associates made several runs out to the shelf break, recording a **Fea's Petrel** on 18 August, a **White-faced Storm-Petrel** on 21 August, and **11 (!) Black-capped Petrels** on 29 August. See Life Paulagics bracketed the summer season with two spectacular overnight trips out of Brooklyn: 31 May to 1 June (aptly nicknamed "Skua-palooza" as at least 5 **South Polar Skuas** were observed closely) and 30-31 August (**60 Band-rumped Storm-Petrels**, **5 (!) Black-capped Petrels**, and much more).

Jamaica Bay's West Pond remained breached and sterile, but at least a plan is in place for restoring this regionally critical freshwater feature. More disturbingly, staff once again failed to properly monitor the water level on the East Pond, and shorebirds were basically absent through July. It wasn't until Andrew Baksh once again lit a fire under NPS that faulty equipment was discovered, and emergency repairs were undertaken. By the time water levels finally dropped in early August, shorebird migrants began using the area, but the numbers of Lesser Yellowlegs, Stilt Sandpipers, Short-billed Dowitchers, and other species that traditionally feed as well as roost on the East Pond remained alarmingly low.

On a much more positive note, the flats and bars associated with the recent breach at Old Inlet are developing into superb habitat for shorebirds, terns, and other species. There was some informal discussion that this newly attractive site might have drawn off some abundance and diversity from the nearby Moriches Inlet flats, but verifying such an effect poses many analytical problems. It seems just as likely that multiple high quality sites in an area might enhance each other's productivity. The Moriches Inlet flats enjoyed at least one day of stunning variety on 14 June, when Derek Rogers and many others enjoyed an

eight-tern-species day, including Sandwich, Arctic, and the scarce-in-context Caspian, but lacking the expected Royal. Although we believe there have been previous 8-tern days, the particular combination of 14 June 2015 was surely unique.

Apart from some of the pelagic species mentioned above, the rarest birds of the season by far were two **Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks** at Nickerson Beach 21 July. In the not really rare, but seldom seen from land category, a Pomarine Jaeger was photographed sitting on the beach at Jones Beach West End 24-25 August, and a female Red Phalarope in full breeding plumage visited the West End swale ponds two weeks in mid July. Photos revealed that this was an individual lacking one foot that had been present earlier at Plum Island, Massachusetts.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APP – Alley Pond P; BNL – Brookhaven National Laboratory; BP – Breezy Pt; CCP – Cupsogue County P, SUFF; CemRes – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; CICrP – Coney I Creek P, KING; CLP – Clove Lakes P, Staten I; CP – Central P, NEWY; CRESLI – Coastal Research & Environmental Society of Long Island; CRSP -- Connetquot R SP, SUFF; EPCAL – former Grumman property, Calverton, SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field; FkP – Freshkills P, RICH; GGI – Great Gull I, SUFF; G-WCem – Green-Wood Cemetery, KING; HudCan – Hudson Canyon, pelagic; JamBay – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE/KING; JBWE – Jones Beach SP West End, NASS; JBSP – Jones Beach SP, NASS; LCPier – Lemon Creek Pier, RICH; LI – Long Island; MP – Montauk Pt, SUFF; NB – Nickerson Beach, NASS; NYRBA –NY Rare Bird Alert; PlumB – Plum Beach, KING; Plum I – Plum I, SUFF; PP – Prospect P, KING; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; RPNWMA -- Rocky Point Natural Wildlife Management Area, SUFF; Shinn – Shinnecock Inlet; SLP – SeeLife Paulagics trips; TPt – Timber Pt County Marina, Great River, SUFF.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 2 NB 21 Jul (R. Longiaru, mob; ph).

Mute Swan: max 160 JamBay 27 Aug.

American Wigeon: Mill Pd, Centerport, SUFF 31 Jul, first southbound report.

Blue-winged Teal: TPt 31 Jul, first southbound report.

Northern Shoveler: 5 JamBay 13 Aug, first southbound report.

Northern Pintail: JamBay 29 Aug, first southbound report.

Green-winged Teal: LCPier 28 Jul first southbound report.

Ring-necked Duck: CRSP 28 Jun, unusual date.

Greater Scaup: sev reports of singles around the Brooklyn waterfront during Jun and Jul, and at Captree I, SUFF 5 Aug.

Common Eider: 2-20 present GGI all season as usual in recent yrs; f with 6 ducklings here 1 Jul, first NY record away from Fishers I (JDI); see note elsewhere in this issue; sev reports of small numbers from south shore and North Fork of LI Jun-Aug, max 26 Shinn 11 Jul & 61 MP 16 Aug.

Surf Scoter: sev reports of 1-2 birds Jun-Aug from south shore and north fork LI.

White-winged Scoter: a few reports of small numbers from south shore and north fork LI; max 14 Sound View Dunes P, Southold 2 Jun, 11 Amagansett, SUFF 6 Jun.

Black Scoter: numerous reports of small numbers from south shore and north fork LI, Plum I, GGI; max 328 MP 6 Jun, 52 Democrat Pt, SUFF 6 Jun.

Long-tailed Duck: lingering inds CICrP 10 Jun; 2 PlumB 12 Jun; Shinn 14 Jun; Calvert Vaux P, KING 20 Jun-10 Jul; Little Creek, Cutchogue, SUFF 3 Jul.

Bufflehead: Great Kills Park, RICH 28 Jun, only report.

Hooded Merganser: 2 Terrell R CP, SUFF 13 Jun; Wertheim NWR, SUFF 19, 20, 29 Jun, 16 Aug; only reports.

Red-breasted Merganser: 7 widespread reports of 1-2 birds Jun-Aug.

Ruddy Duck: lingerers Marine P, KING 2-6 Jun; PP 4 Jun; 1-3 JamBay 17 Jun-15 Aug.

Northern Bobwhite: singles Mattituck, SUFF 15 Jun; Planting Fields Arboretum, NASS 19, 21 Jun; Uplands Farm Preserve, SUFF 20 Jun,

poss 2 here 22 Jun; MP 4 Jul; 2 Gardiner's I, SUFF 14 Jul.

Red-necked Grebe: alt Page Ave Beach, RICH 6 Jun (ACi, M. King).

BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: 11 offshore SUFF 29 Aug (JSh, RF, AnW); 5 SLP trip to HudCan 31 Aug (mob).

FEA'S PETREL: Rabbit Ears, offshore SUFF 18 Aug (JSh, ph).

Cory's Shearwater: 310 SLP trip HudCan 1 Jun (mob); typically 1-15 from south shore LI seawatches 1 Jun-1 Jul, but 129 RMSP 28 Jun (TWB, GB, ABk) and 61 RMSP 30 Jun; 50 local CRESLI Whale Watch trip 26 Jul (PU); singles CCP and Old Inlet, Bellport Bay, SUFF 23 Aug; 81 SLP trip HudCan 31 Aug (mob); present around GGI end Aug (JDi).

Great Shearwater: 70 SLP trip HudCan 1 Jun (mob); typically 1-9 from south shore LI seawatches 1-30 Jun; Tiana Beach, SUFF 18 Jul (S. Newbert), only report from land after Jun; 33 SLP trip HudCan 31 Aug (mob).

Sooty Shearwater: 465 SLP trip HudCan 1 Jun (mob); typically 1-6 from south shore LI seawatch 1-28 Jun.

Manx Shearwater: 9 SLP trip 1 Jun (mob); singles BP 10 and 14 Jun, RMSP 16 and 27 Jun, CCP 24 Jun; max from land 5 RMSP 28 Jun (TWB, GB, ABk) and 30 Jun (P. Morris); GGI 8 Jul, possibly first record for the island (JDi), *intro*.

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 5 SLP trip 1 Jun (mob); 3 offshore SUFF 21 Aug (JSh); 19 SLP trip to HudCan 31 Aug (mob).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: 215 SLP trip 1 Jun (mob); low numbers from south shore LI seawatches mainly through Jun, fewer reports Jul-Aug, with max 37 RMSP 28 Jun (TWB, GB, ABk); 75 local CRESLI Whale Watch trip 26 Jul (PU); 260 SLP trip HudCan 31 Aug (mob).

WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL: Fishtails 21 Aug (JSh).

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: 26 SLP trip 1 Jun HudCan (mob); 4 Rabbit Ears, offshore SUFF 18 Aug (JSh); 6 The Claw, offshore SUFF 29 Aug (JSh, AnW, RF).

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: at least 4 McMaster Canyon, offshore SUFF 29 Aug (JSh, AnW); 60 SLP trip HudCan 31 Aug (mob).

Brown Pelican: no reports.

Least Bittern: ad Arshomomack Pres, Southold, SUFF 6, 19, 21 and 26 Jun (JSep), bred here previously; 1-2 (ad, juv) River Road, RICH 24 Jun -27 Aug (mob).

"GREAT WHITE HERON": JFK Sanctuary, Tobay, NASS 16 Jul (PMA); decent description of this mega-rarity, but no photos.

Tricolored Heron: much scarcer than formerly, needs monitoring.

Cattle Egret: Shore Pkwy, KINGS 3 Jun (J. Collins); JamBay West Pd 30 Jul (R. Kelly).

WHITE-FACED IBIS: ad Captree I, SUFF 18 Jun-14 Jul (A. Gilbert, PU, mob).

HAWKS-LARIDS

BLACK VULTURE (R10): Southards Pd P, SUFF 24 Jun (P. Morris); 2 Fort Washington P, NEWY 13 Aug (A. Farnsworth), poss same 2 seen at CP during same week.

Bald Eagle: 30+ reports from 20+ locations NYC to MP; breeding records for season incl fledging of one eaglet at William Floyd Estate, SUFF (MLL, ph); yg confirmed Wertheim NWR, SUFF; 3 yg confirmed Mashomack Pres, Shelter I, SUFF; failed attempt Bayard Cutting Arboretum, SUFF; ads present on Gardiners I, SUFF where nest active for several yrs but access is restricted. See article this issue.

Northern Harrier: ad male Teddy Roosevelt Nature Center, JBWE 11 Jul vocalizing and carrying moss in talons, (A. Bondi), interesting behavior, though late for an active nest.

Broad-winged Hawk: 2 CP 3 Jun (S. Knox); CemRes 2, 3, 22 Jul (ACi); 2 Manhattan 23 Jul (E. Rosati); juv Plum I 14 Aug (JSep); Bronx Zoo 21 Aug (T. Olsen); 2 Inwood Hill P, NEWY 30 Aug (E. Gaillard); Goethel's Bridge Pd, RICH 29 Aug (ACi).

Sora: JamBay East Pd. 30 Aug (mob), only report.

Common Gallinule: River Rd, RICH 4 Jul (ACi).

SANDHILL CRANE (R10): 2 Napeague SP, SUFF 7, 8 Jun (R. Winter, mob, ph).

BLACK-NECKED STILT: Shirley Marina CP, SUFF 6-7 Jun (M&L Scheibel, mob).

American Avocet: JamBay East Pd 12-21 Aug (ABk, mob).

American Oystercatcher: max 360 JBWE 30 Aug (A. Guthrie); 20 Old Inlet 28 Aug & 28 CCP 29 Aug.

Black-bellied Plover: 54 Old Inlet 21 Aug & 125 CCP 29 Aug.

American Golden-Plover: arr RMSP 22 Aug (K&SF); Cedar Beach CP 22 Aug (J. Kosovsky); Shelter I 23 Aug (HMcG); Mattituck 25-27 Aug (K. Cashman); Southold 26 Aug (M. Scheibel), all SUFF.

Semipalmated Plover: max JBSP 450 21 Aug; max JamBay 405 15 Aug; max BP 285 4 Aug;

max CCP 135 29 Jul ; max Old Inlet 73 14 Aug (DR).

Piping Plover: 24 Old Inlet 5 Aug (DR) & 17 CCP 5 Aug (B. Young).

Spotted Sandpiper: 6 broods during survey Richmond Ave mound at FkP 16 Jul (RRV).

Greater Yellowlegs: 17 Old Inlet 5 Aug & 27 CCP 23 Aug.

Willet: 60 Old Inlet 13 Jul (DR) & 76 CCP 5 Aug (B. Young); max inornata 8 CCP 10 Aug (K&SF).

Lesser Yellowlegs: very low numbers, i.e: JamBay East Pd max just 40 on 16 Aug (CF), whereas 100s are expected in this context; *intro*: 15 CCP 5 Jul (SSM), large number for this site.

Whimbrel: 22 CCP and Moriches In, SUFF 21 Jul (NYRBA); 4 Old Inlet 5 Aug (DR).

Marbled Godwit: JamBay 14 Aug (TWB, GB, mob); PlumB 14 Aug (S. Blodgett, H. Lopes); Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF 22-25 Aug (P. Aitken, mob); Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF 23 Aug (J. Gluth); CCP 26 Aug (S. Walter).

Ruddy Turnstone: 700-800 JBWE 9 Aug (RJK), very large number; 55 Old Inlet 5 Aug & 20 CCP 9 Aug.

Red Knot: 36 Old Inlet 23 Aug & 32 CCP 9 Aug

Stilt Sandpiper: arr TPt 28 Jul, JamBay 30 Jul; very low numbers, i.e: max 20 JamBay East Pd 15 Aug (J. Kent, T. Lowery); *intro*.; 8 other reports of 1-5 inds from other sites 29 Jul-30 Aug.

Sanderling: est 2000-3000 BP 4 Aug (DG); 1750 roosting on shore at JBWE 2 Aug (RJK); 416 Old Inlet 2 Aug & 100 CCP 23 Aug.

Dunlin: 4 CCP 16 Jun, 3 SY; 2 SY persisted there thru.

Baird's Sandpiper: ad PlumB 3-6 Aug; juv PlumB 8 Aug, unusually early, (mob); JBWE tidal pools 17-22 Aug (mob); JamBay East Pd 22 Aug; Twin Lakes, Wantagh, NASS 29 Aug (PMA).

Least Sandpiper: 125 JamBay 12 Aug, approx. half juvs; 43 Old Inlet 24 Jul & 80 CCP 25 Jul.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 5 Old Inlet 23 Aug & 5 CCP 9 Aug.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: JBWE 30 Aug (BAn), 2 here 31 Aug (mob); CCP 31 Aug (L. Stocker, J. Cullen, D. Belanger, DR).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 1600 JamBay 12 Aug (SSi), fewer than 50 juvs; 243 Old Inlet 24 Jul & 200 CCP 25 Jul & 29 Aug.

Western Sandpiper: arr JamBay 15 Aug, mult reports thru at this loc with max 33 30 Aug (DG, D. Weber, T. Johnson); PlumB 21 Aug, 2

25 Aug; JBWE 21-23 Aug; 2 Sagaponack Pd, SUFF 21 Aug (HMcG).

Short-billed Dowitcher: very low numbers, i.e: 40 max 200 JamBay Terrapin Pt 8 Aug (J. Malbin); just 15 JamBay East Pd 17 Aug (A. Burke); *intro*; 303 Old Inlet 24 Jul & 155 CCP 5 Jul.

Long-billed Dowitcher: TPt (PJJ, SSM); ad PlumB 11 Aug (S. Blodgett, W. Pollard); CCP 29 Aug (PJJ, SSM).

Wilson's Phalarope: JamBay 14 Aug (TWB, GB), only report.

Red-necked Phalarope: 2 CRESLI whale watch trip from Montauk 26 Jul; JamBay East Pd 8 Aug (I. Grant), 27 Aug (CF); 4 SLP trip to HudCan 31 Aug (mob).

RED PHALAROPE (R10): alt f JBWE 10-24 Jul (BAn, mob), missing left foot.

SOUTH POLAR SKUA: 5 SLP trip HudCan 1 Jun (mob, ph), another distant bird was most likely this sp as well.

Pomarine Jaeger: 1 SLP trip HudCan 1 Jun (mob); JBWE 24-25 Aug, on beach (R. Taylor, BAn, ph); 11 SLP trip to HudCan 31 Aug (mob).

Parasitic Jaeger: small numbers (1-2 birds) reported from south shore LI seawatches RMSP to Shinn throughout Jun; GGI 13 Jun (J.Di); Sagaponack Pd, SUFF 21 Aug (HMcG).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 2nd calendar yr ind SLP trip HudCan 1 Jun (mob); Amagansett, SUFF 6 Jun (AnW); BP 16 Jun (SSi, DG, ph), first record for QUEE and NYC; 3 SLP trip to HudCan 31 Aug (mob).

SABINE'S GULL (R10): imm BP 18 Jun (SSi, DG (ph, video).

Bonaparte's Gull: imm Old Inlet 28 Aug (DR).

Laughing Gull: 3 fresh juvs Great South Bay, SUFF 30 Jul (SSM), early so far east, relative to fledging at JamBay this year. For years breeding has been suspected in the area of Captree, Sexton, and East & West Fire Islands. Confirmation has not yet been obtained, but it is worth keeping in mind.

FRANKLIN'S GULL: cont from spring PlumB, last seen 2 Jun (DG).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 30 shorefront Tobay to JBSP Field 6 7 Aug (PMA); 12 SLP trip to HudCan 31 Aug (mob); GGI 31 Aug, spotted by David Sibley, second record for loc (JDi).

BRIDLED TERN: HudCan pelagic 18 Aug (JSh); 5 HudCan pelagic 29 Aug (JSh, RF, AnW).

Least Tern: 2 well offshore, SLP trip to HudCan 31 Aug (mob); 175 Old Inlet 2 Aug & 47 CCP 25 Jul, incl 1 Juv, 3 SY, & 3 TY.

Gull-billed Tern: many reports of 1-3 around JamBay thru, incl 2 ads with juv at end of period; many reports 1-2 s NASS; Napeague Harbor, SUFF 6 Jun (J, Noordhuizen), unusual e of Jones Inlet.

Caspian Tern: Riis P, QUEE 8 Jun (DG); CCP 14 Jun (DR, mob), both unus dates and locs; Old Inlet 9 Aug (DR).

Black Tern: 96 Old Inlet 23 Aug & 18 CCP 29 Aug.

Roseate Tern: 11 Old Inlet 21 Aug & 2 CCP 11 Jul; getting scarcer central & western SUFF.

Common Tern: max 5000+ BP 4 Aug (DG); 650 Old Inlet 21 Aug & 370 CCP 11 Jul.

ARCTIC TERN: at least 4 SLP trip to HudCan 1 Jun (mob, ph), very few documented records from NYS' offshore waters; 2 ad/near ad CCP 7 Jun (PJL, SSM, ph); 1st summer NB 8 Jun (RJK, J. Viglietta, mob, ph); 1st summer NB 9-10 Jun (BAN, S Schiff); 1st summer CCP 11 Jun (SSM, ph); 2 (ad, 1st summer) CCP 13 Jun (ABk); ad CCP 14 Jun (DR (ph), mob); 2 CCP 15 Jun (J. Haas); 2 CCP 25 Jun (TWB, GB, ABk), 1st & 2nd summer; CCP 28 Jun (HJ Kim, B. Washburn, M. Yuan); private property Jamesport, SUFF 4 Jul (DG), very unusual on North Fork LI.

Forster's Tern: 29 CCP 29 Aug (SSM), large number for site and date.

Royal Tern: GGI 29 Aug (JDi), notable for site; late arriving on ocean coast and numbers low, e.g., 24 CCP 29 Aug.

SANDWICH TERN: CCP 14 Jun (DR (ph), mob); Ponquogue Bridge at Shinn 20 Aug (HMcG).

Black Skimmer: max 500 NB 25 Aug; 470 BP 13 Jun.

PIGEONS-PARROTS

Barn Owl: 1-3 JamBay nest box 7 Jun-4 Jul (mob); 2 BFB 30 Aug (H. Lopes).

Common Nighthawk: singles 3 Jun CP, Peconic, SUFF, and 6 Jun Southold, SUFF; widespread but sparse reports of 1-5 inds 13 Aug thru.

Chuck-will's-widow: singles Quogue 8 Jun; Watch Hill, Fire I 17 Jun; BNL 18 Jun; RPNRMA 18 Jun, all SUFF.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: reports 4 Jun-8 Jul from Edgewood Pres, Brentwood, (1), CRSP (2), Ridge Conservation Area (3), RPNRMA (2-7), Dwarf Pine Barrens, Westhampton (8), Flanders 8 Aug, all SUFF.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER: ad BNL 30 Jun (A. Rice, T. Green).

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): CemRes 23, 26 Aug (ACi, ph).

Monk Parakeet: cont to increase as breeders along s shore LI; numerous reports from all counties east to West Islip, SUFF.

FLYCATCHERS-WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Swindler

Cove/Sherman Park, NEWY 14 Aug; CP 15-28 Aug; Forest P, QUEE 16 Aug; Meadow Croft Estate, Sayville, SUFF 17-19 Aug, rare this far east; CLP 24 Aug; CP North End 26 Aug; PP 27 Aug.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: CP 3 Jun; GGI 16 Jun (JDi); fall arr PP, Pelham Bay P, BRON, G-W Cem 22 Aug; GGI 26 Aug (JDi).

Acadian Flycatcher: CP 5 Jun (K. Topping, S. Chang); 2 Cunningham P, QUEE 6 Jun (CF, S. Perreault); Mt. Loretto P, RICH 19 Jun (ACi); Norman Levy Pres, NASS 30 Jun (B. Berlinger).

Alder Flycatcher: Orient, SUFF 2 Jun (JSep); Seatuck NWR, SUFF 6 Jun (D. Futuyma); CP 27-28 Aug (J. Drucker, mob).

Great Crested Flycatcher: GGI 23 Jun, late migr (JDi).

Eastern Kingbird: 223 migr Heckscher SP, SUFF 25 Aug, in groups up to 30 (K&SF).

Yellow-throated Vireo: CRSP 3 Jun; APP 7 Jun; 17 Jun Caumsett SP, SUFF; FBF 13 Aug, likely all migrs, no evidence of breeding reported.

Blue-headed Vireo: worn individual Plum I 14 Aug (JSep), early migr.

COMMON RAVEN (R10): reports continue to increase Reg.-wide, i.e. around 30 reports of 1-3 birds from around the 5 boroughs; 15+ reports of 1-3 birds Nassau Co. east to Hampton Bays, SUFF with known nesting sites at Hampton Bays and BNL.

Purple Martin: SLP trip to HudCan 1 Jun (mob), approx. 8 mi from shore; 2 GGI 1 Jul, unus date for loc (JDi); 6 GGI 31 Aug, high number for loc (JDi et al).

Cliff Swallow: max 12 bridge near Pelham Bay P, BRON 7 Jun-10 Aug, incl nests with young, (M. Benoit, R. Aracil); active nest Orchard Beach, BRON discovered 12 Jul (B. Keogh), near one damaged and one empty nest in abandoned bath house; widespread reports of single migrs 27 Jun-29 Aug.

Barn Swallow: 2 SLP trip to HudCan 1 Jun (mob), 75 mi from closest point of land.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: Stony Brook, SUFF 29 Aug (L. Somer), only report.

House Wren: family group GGI 25 Aug, first nesting record for loc (JDi).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Brooklyn Bridge P, KING 19 Aug (H. Wolf); CICrP 27 Aug (DG).

Swainson's Thrush: arr 2 CP 13 Aug (J. Spindel), early.

Hermit Thrush: Brooklyn Bridge P, KING 24 Jun (H. Wolf); CP 8 Aug (E. & Elena Gaillard), very early; imm retaining some juv feathers River Rd, Calverton, SUFF 8 Aug (JSep).

LONGSPURS-WARBLEDERS

Worm-eating Warbler: CP 18 Jul, Van Cortland P, BRON 23 Jul, first southbound reports.

Louisiana Waterthrush: CLP 18 Jul, first fall report.

Northern Waterthrush: Lily Pond P, Nesconset, SUFF 3 Jun, last northbound report; Kings Point P, NASS 22 Jul, first fall rep.

Golden-winged Warbler: CP 12 Aug (T. Perlman); Hempstead L SP, NASS 21 Aug (B. Belford); f G-WCem 27 Aug (I. Grant).

Black-and-white Warbler: SLP trip to HudCan 31 Aug (mob).

Prothonotary Warbler: CRSP 3-5 Jun (K&SF, mob); Trout Pond P, Noyack SUFF 22 Aug (HMcG); f G-W Cem 27 Aug (NYRBA).

Tennessee Warbler: CP 6 Aug, PP 9 Aug, early southbound arrivals ahead of bulk of reports starting third week Aug.

Nashville Warbler: PP 15 Aug, first southbound report.

Mourning Warbler: Peter Detmold P, NEWY 5 Jun, last "summer" report; Wagner College, RICH 17 Aug, first southbound report.

Hooded Warbler: private loc near Manhasset, NASS 17 Jun, last "summer" report; f CP 9 Aug, first southbound report.

American Redstart: SLP trip to HudCan 31 Aug (mob).

Cape May Warbler: Lido Beach Natural Area, NASS 13 Aug, first southbound report, ph.

Northern Parula: PP 20 Jun, last summer report; PP 8 Aug, first southbound report.

Magnolia Warbler: JamBay West Pd 7 Jun, last "summer" report; CP 14 Aug, first southbound report.

Bay-breasted Warbler: G-WCem, CICrP 27 Aug, first southbound reports.

Blackburnian Warbler: PP 13 Aug, first southbound report.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: Uniondale, NASS 1 Jun; CRSP 4 Jun, only Jun reports; apparently absent now from former breeding areas; PP 8 Aug, first southbound report.

Blackpoll Warbler: CP, Bronx Zoo 9 Jun, last "summer" reports; CP, G-WCem 29 Aug, first southbound report.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: PP 7 Aug, first southbound report.

Palm Warbler: "Eastern" JamBay 16 Aug, first southbound report.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Babylon, SUFF backyard 7 Jun, only "summer" report; JBSP 13 Aug, first southbound report.

Yellow-throated Warbler: 3 CRSP 7 Jun-16 Aug, two singing males and a presumed female; PP 8-9 Aug.

Black-throated Green Warbler: PP 2 Jun, last northbound; CP 15 Aug, first southbound.

Canada Warbler: RMSP 6 Aug, first southbound report.

Wilson's Warbler: CP 3 Jun, only Jun report; CP 15 Aug, first southbound report.

TOWHEES-WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: Captree SP, SUFF 28 Aug (SSM ph, PJL, mob), slightly early.

Vesper Sparrow: 1-3 Gabreski Airport, SUFF 4-27 Jun, only breeders reported in Region; JBSP 21 Jul (A. Swaim), migr; JBWE 2 Aug (J. Gaglione), migr.

Lark Sparrow: RMSP 21-23 Jul; RMSP 22, 26 Aug; CICrP 29 Aug (DG, T. Preston).

Savannah Sparrow: "hundreds" during survey Richmond Ave mound at FkP 16 Jul incl ~200 fledglings (RRV).

Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 Gabreski Airport, SUFF 6 Jun (D. LaMagna); multiple reports from EPCAL area 6 Jun-10 Aug, with max 27 8 July (B. Berlingeri); 60 during survey Richmond Ave mound at FkP 16 Jul incl 25+ singing males, 20+ fledged juvs (RRV).

Lincoln's Sparrow: Bryant P, NEWY 3-5 Jun (A. Drogen, mob), unus date and loc.

White-throated Sparrow: singles lingering at Bryant P, NEWY to 4 Jul and at CP to 14 Jul.

Summer Tanager: ad m Planting Fields Arboretum, NASS 7 Jun-1 Jul (D. LaMagna, ph, mob); m 20 Jun. Blueberry Farm, Manorville, SUFF 5 Jul (J. Poblete, ph).

Blue Grosbeak: pair EPCAL, 27 Jun-9 Aug, presumed breeding; ad m Eastport Conservation Area, SUFF 9 Jun; CemRes 26 Jun, 24 Jul; BNL 1-30 Jul (3 here 30 Jul incl recently fledged juv); ad m CRSP 5 Jul; ad m RPNRMA 8 Jul; 4 Richmond Ave mound at FkP 16 Jul

(RRV); LCPier 20 Jul-19 Aug; Governors I, NEWY 31 Jul.

Dickcissel: RMSP 23-24 Aug (D. Futuyma, mob), this or another also reported 27-28 Aug; Kissena P, QUEE 27 Aug (C. Castillo, mob); CICrP 28 Aug (SSi, DG, L. Musher).

Eastern Meadowlark: max 8 EPCAL 17 Jun-10 Aug, only known breeding area in Region.

Boat-tailed Grackle: East River Pier #11, NEWY 17 Jul, poss juv m, unus loc (B. Cacace).

EXOTICS

Budgerigar: Sound Beach, SUFF 15 Aug (M. Schrimph, E. Runnells).



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