



REGION 10—MARINE

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The weather during the fall season was very warm and generally dry, with persistent easterly winds and few substantial cold fronts. Average temperatures in September at stations across the Region ranged from 4.9-6.4° F above historical averages reported by the National Weather Service. At the upper extreme, temperatures in Central Park averaged a balmy 74.4°. October temperatures were closer to the historical norms, for example 57.8° at JFK Airport, 0.8° above historical norms. Persistent easterly winds (see below) probably held the temperatures down. But the warmth was back in November, with temperatures about 5° above historical averages (52.5° at JFK, 5.0° above historical norms). Average precipitation in September across the Region has been approximately 3.5" historically. This September JFK received 2.58", 0.92" below normal, while 4.03" fell at Islip, 0.45" above normal. About half of the precipitation fell on 10-11 September, for example 2.3" at Islip. Precipitation in October ranged from 3.91" at Central Park (0.49" below normal), to 4.57" at Islip (0.78" above normal). November was dry. Generally, half the normal

precipitation fell (for example, 2.01" at Central Park, exactly half the normal), and about half of that fell on 19 November.

A principal factor contributing to the weather in our area this fall was a pattern called a Rex Block, in which strong high and low pressure systems occur with little west-east movement and the high to the north of the low. This results in persistent easterly winds between the two systems. In fall 2015, the low set up over South Carolina, while the high was over the Canadian Maritime Provinces, resulting in our persistent easterly winds. For example, beginning 22 September, winds were east for 18 days straight. This undoubtedly diverted many migrant land birds and raptors away from our area. Hurricane Joaquin passed well to the east of Long Island on 3 October, producing a northeast gale but no unusual seabird sightings. Despite what was generally poor weather for peak bird abundance, 306 species were recorded in Region 10 this season.

With few strong cold fronts, the fall passerine migration produced few days with any particularly impressive numbers of birds. There was no distinct peak of migrant passerine diversity during the first half of the season. More interesting was that diversity in mid-October equaled or perhaps exceeded that in September. For example, at least 14 species of warblers were noted in Central Park on 10 and 12 October. This may reflect a trend toward later migration due to climate change. Overall, at least 25 species occurred substantially later than their normal departure dates this fall. This number is similar to recent seasons. Most notable were a Louisiana Waterthrush seen by Howie Fischer on 21 October at Clove Lakes Park, Staten Island, and a Kentucky Warbler reported 9 October in Central Park. These may be new record late dates for the Region or State.

8 November brought a substantial diurnal coastal flight. Corey Finger estimated almost 43,000 Red-winged Blackbirds and 17,000 Common Grackles among more modest numbers of other common diurnal migrants, during his "Big Sit" at Ft. Tilden, Queens County. He recorded only 17 Rusty Blackbirds among the migrating flocks, consistent with the precipitous decline of this species. With the exception of moderate numbers of Purple Finches and very small numbers of Pine Siskins, irruptive winter finches were absent from Region 10 this fall. It was an exceptionally poor fall for migrant owls. For the first time in the author's memory, at least 25 years past, there were no reports of Long-eared or Northern Saw-whet Owls in Region 10.

It was another poor season at the Fire Island Hawk Watch. 2293 hawks were counted, 33% below the average of the previous 20 years. A comparison of data from FIHW with several other hawk watches in the northeast by compiler Drew Panko indicates that weather conditions and population changes affected the numbers variously for the different species. For example, American Kestrel numbers (63% below the 20-year average at FIHW) were poor at all the hawk watches examined, indicating, as expected, that a widespread population decline is continuing. Sharp-shinned Hawk (-31%) showed a similar result. However, the low numbers of Merlins (-19%) and Peregrine Falcons (-63%) at FIHW were

not reflected at the inland hawk watches examined, indicating that the weather caused the migration to shift inland. Low numbers of Northern Harriers at all the hawk watches examined (-28% at FIHW) do not reflect results in recent years, which may indicate a poor breeding year for this species.

As noted above for passerines, the FIHW results this year also indicate a shift toward later migration, possibly a result of climate change. For example, the 454 total hawks on 23 October was a record for the date and an exceptionally large number, and included notable counts for most of the species regularly seen at FIHW. There were notable counts of Merlin (201, a record for the date), American Kestrel (136), Sharp-shinned Hawk (74), and Northern Harrier (33); as well as four Cooper's Hawks and two Bald Eagles, both records for the date. Interestingly, a Broad-winged Hawk was reported at Ft. Tilden on 23 October and at Hempstead Lake State Park, Nassau County the day before, late for this species. The late migration was also evident in early November, when notable counts at FIHW occurred on several dates despite east winds. For example, a record 44 total hawks on 8 November included notable counts of 22 Sharp-shinned Hawks, seven Northern Harriers, two American Kestrels, and two Cooper's Hawks.

Consistent with the very warm weather, waterfowl numbers this season were generally very low. However, rare geese were well represented, including a **Pink-footed Goose**, a **Barnacle Goose**, and a **Ross's Goose**, the latter taken by a hunter on 28 November. There were only four distinct reports of Canvasback all season, involving no more than 17 birds in total. Baisley Pond Park in South Jamaica, Queens has become a Regionally significant location for Redhead. The maximum count there was 72. Elsewhere in the Region the greatest count was nine. Despite the generally low waterfowl numbers, a nice aggregation occurred on the East Pond of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. This included seasonal maxima of at least seven common species, plus Canvasback, Redhead, and two drake Eurasian Wigeon. Numbers of American Coots there reached an impressive maximum of 800 birds on 26 November. Also unusual for Region 10 was that the seasonal maximum of Lesser Scaup (234) exceeded that of Greater Scaup (150).

A widespread incursion of **Franklin's Gulls** occurred in the eastern U.S. on 13 November. This remarkable event followed the passage of a strong cyclone over the upper Great Lakes, producing wind vectors reaching the east coast. The event produced sightings from Portsmouth, NH south to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel and throughout the eastern Great Lakes. In *Kingbird* Region 10 there were 14 birds recorded on 13 November. But they were gone by the next day, with none found despite much searching. The Franklin's Gull incursion coincided with an incursion of **Cave Swallows**, with over 40 birds reported 13-15 November.

Regular pelagic trips to the continental shelf in recent years during late summer and fall have produced an impressive assortment of sea birds, especially warm water species. For example, John Shemilt, Derek Rogers, and Chase

Cammarota ventured to waters south of “The Claw”, about 100 miles south of Montauk, on 3 September and found three **Black-capped Petrels**, 49 **Audubon’s Shearwaters**, and nine **Band-rumped Storm-Petrels**. A See Life Paulagics trip led by Doug Gochfeld and others went to Hudson Canyon as far as 110 miles offshore on 24 October, finding eight Black-capped Petrels and one Audubon’s Shearwater. Both of these trips also found **Leach’s Storm-Petrel**, three on 3 September and one on 24 October.

This season’s rarities included quite a few one-day, one-observer, or otherwise inaccessible birds. However, one celebrity bird was perhaps seen by more people than any other bird to date in the Region or maybe even the state!

There was only one report of “**Eurasian**” **Green-winged Teal** this season, a bird found by Thomas Kernan on Mill Pond, Setauket, Suffolk County on 26 November. A photograph seen by Don Riepe showed an **American White Pelican** flying over the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge on 14 November. Then on 17 November, Ed Becher found two birds on the refuge’s East Pond. They remained in the area through the season. Klemens Gasser photographed an adult **White Ibis** flying over Prospect Park on 11 October. This bird was relocated at nearby Green-wood Cemetery the day after. Anthony Cincimino and Catherine Baron saw perhaps the same bird on 18 October at River Road, Staten Island. Single fly-by **Sandhill Cranes** were seen by Anthony at Lemon Creek Pier, Staten Island on 11 October and at Venetian Shores Park, Lindenhurst, Suffolk County on 14 November by several observers. Andrew Farnsworth found a **Red Phalarope** at Inwood Hill Park, Manhattan on 1 October. The author spotted an adult **Sabine’s Gull** flying east over the ocean at Dolphin Lane, along Dune Rd, East Quogue, Suffolk County on 21 November. The bird could not be relocated further east. A number of birders saw a **Long-tailed Jaeger** at Robert Moses State Park on 25 October. Cynthia Holden photographed a **Eurasian Collared-Dove** on 24 October at Inwood Hill Park, Manhattan. Could this be the same bird seen around the Chelsea Piers, Manhattan through December 2014? Richard Aracil saw a **White-winged Dove** at Pelham Bay Park, Bronx on 23 November. An immature female **Rufous Hummingbird** visited a feeder at a private residence in Riverhead, Suffolk County from 17 November through the season. At least three **Pileated Woodpeckers** were present in Staten Island this fall. They were seen repeatedly around the Mt. Loretto area, including North Mt. Loretto State Forest, Cemetery of the Resurrection, and the Mt. Loretto Unique Area by Seth Wollney, Anthony Cincimino and others. Anthony also found a **Say’s Phoebe** at Miller Field, Staten Island on 28 September. Alex Wilson found an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** at Calvert Vaux Park, Brooklyn on 24 October. An *empidonax* flycatcher found in Central Park was initially identified as a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, until Peter Post and others realized that it appeared to be a “**Western**” **Flycatcher** (Pacific Slope/Cordilleran Flycatcher). It was present from 18-24 November. Review of recordings of its calls may establish the specific identification. John Sepenoski saw a **Northern Wheatear** at Plum Island, Suffolk County on 25 September. An “**Audubon’s**” **Yellow-**

rumped Warbler showed up at Sunken Meadow State Park, in the same area one was found in three of the previous four years. Shai Mitra found the bird, which was seen on 22 November only. Dick Veit identified a “**Cassiar**” **Dark-eyed Junco** at Conference House Park, Staten Island on 25 November, which was seen through the season. Most of the records of this rare and poorly understood race of Dark-eyed Junco are from the winter in the Pacific Northwest. Lastly, a male **Painted Bunting** found by Kier Randall at Prospect Park on 29 November became a true New York celebrity. The bird remained around the new and beautifully planted LeFrak Center through the fall season. He was prominently featured in the New York Times, and one birder counted 92 fellows jockeying for a good viewing position during his visit.

Readers may be interested to know of a new competitive birding event in our area. The second annual Seatuck Birding Challenge was held 26 September. The 12-hour competition was sponsored by the Seatuck Environmental Association, a NYSOA member club. 47 birders scoured Long Island from Brooklyn to Suffolk. The competing teams, including seven adult teams and five high school teams, recorded a total of 148 species despite the east winds. Some of the notable species found were Eurasian Wigeon, Redhead, Common Eider, White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Ring-necked Pheasant, Great Cormorant, Bald Eagle, Clapper Rail, American Golden-Plover, Piping Plover, Pectoral Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Great Horned Owl, Monk Parakeet, Willow Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, Golden-winged Warbler, Nelson’s Sparrow, Saltmarsh Sparrow, and Lincoln’s Sparrow. The winners, “Pteam Parmageddon”, found 106 species. The top high school team was Team Mennecke, with 30 species. The event combines fun and education, and hopefully will foster interest in birds and birding. The third annual Birding Challenge next fall promises to be even better. The author’s team, the W.T Hornadays, vows to avenge our second place finish. But we would not mind if there was even more competition! For more information, visit Seatuck’s web site at seatuck.org.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APEF – Avalon Pd/East Farm Pres, Stony Brook, SUFF; APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BPP – Baisley Pd P, QUEE; BPT – Breezy Pt, QUEE; BRY – Bryant P, NEWY; CB – Cedar Beach, 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; CVP – Calvert Vaux P, KING (formerly Drier-Offerman P); 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; FKP – Fresh Kills P, RICH; 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 P, 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; SPP – Southards Pd P, West Babylon, SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; VCP – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; VSh – Venetian Shores P, Lindenhurst, SUFF; VSSP – Valley Stream SP, NASS; WPP – Wolfe's Pd P, RICH.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: Rt 105 26 Nov thru (PIL, SSM, mob).

Greater White-fronted Goose: 2 Heckscher P, Huntington, SUFF 3 Nov (RBA); APEF 14 Nov (RBA); Shorts Pd, Bridgehampton, SUFF 25-29 Nov (BBo, DF); 3 HP 28 Nov – thru (MZ, mob); 2 Belmont L SP, West Babylon, SUFF 28 Nov thru (DR).

Snow Goose: max 1000 JBWR 22 Nov (PU, DL); very few elsewhere.

ROSS'S GOOSE (R10): Calverton, SUFF 24 Nov (DR); same bird Reeves Av Buffalo Farm, Riverhead, SUFF 26-27 Nov (MMcB, TWB, GB); killed by hunter 28 Nov (RBA).

BARNACLE GOOSE: Maratooka L, Mattituck, SUFF 14-21 Nov (JSe, SA, MN); same bird Alvah's Ln, Cutchogue, SUFF 26 Nov thru (MMcB, RBA).

Cackling Goose: FMCP 29-30 Sep (CF, CCo), early; 2 BPP 24 Oct (MB); Caumsett SP, SUFF 1 Nov (RBA); HP 8 Nov (RBA); JBWE 14 Nov (TH); APEF 14 Nov (RBA); Maratooka L 14-21 Nov (JSe, SA, MN); same bird Alvah's Ln 26 Nov (MMcB); HSP 22 Nov (DR), possible *Branta hutchinsii taverneri*; Reeves Av Buffalo Farm 26 Nov (MMcB); 13 Calverton 26 Nov (MMcB), large number, 4 possible *B.h. taverneri*; 2 Centerport Pd, Centerport, SUFF 27 Nov (DR).

Mute Swan: max 200 JBWR 5 Sep (CF), population there perhaps returning to levels pre Hurricane Sandy.

Tundra Swan: Brooklyn Bridge P, KING 19 Oct (HW), ph; 4 HP 25 Nov thru (BBo, mob).

Wood Duck: max 24 FT 14 Nov (SB, DG), migr.

Gadwall: max 300 JBWR East Pd 22 Nov (JMcG, *et al.*).

Eurasian Wigeon: JBWR 26-28 Sep (JGL, *et al.*); 2 JBWR 22 Nov thru (JMcG, AB, SA, CF); 2 Mill Pd, Patchogue, SUFF 19 Oct (PU, KC); Setauket Mill Pd, Setauket, SUFF 19 Oct-

14 Nov (KC; RBA); Rt 25A, Centerport 23 Nov (RBA); fem Maratooka L 26 Nov (MMcB).

Am. Wigeon: max 350 JBWR East Pd 22 Nov (JMcG, *et al.*).

Mallard: max 640 JBWR East Pd 19 Sep (Jared Cole), large number.

Blue-winged Teal: max 50 JBWR 3-26 Sep (mob).

N. Pintail: max 32 Fresh Kills P, RICH 8 Nov (SIW), large number.

Green-winged Teal: max 250 JBWR 20 Nov (RB).

“EURASIAN” GREEN-WINGED TEAL (R10): Mill Pd, Setauket, SUFF 26 Nov (TK).

Canvasback: Centerport Pd, Centerport, SUFF 18 Nov (BBo); 5 JBWR 23 Nov (ACi, MK); 4 Seatuck Cr, Islip, SUFF 26 Nov (AC); 7 Centerport Pd 26 Nov (DR); only reps.

Redhead: 9 Santapogue Cr, Lindenhurst, SUFF 15 Nov (CCo); 9 JBWR 26 Nov (AB); max 72 BPP 27 Nov (AB), large number.

Ring-necked Duck: max 25 Lily Pd, Georgica, SUFF 28 Nov (JRo), few.

Greater Scaup: JBWE 26 Sep (JGL, TS, *et al.*), early, Seatuck Birding Challenge; max 150 JBWR East Pd 19 Nov (SSch), few.

Lesser Scaup: max 234 Mill Pd, Watermill, SUFF 28 Nov (AnW).

Com. Eider: a few from summer; max 125 MP 29 Nov (SF), few.

Harlequin Duck: fem Jones Inlet, NASS 27 Oct (KF, BA), first; 1-3 Jones Inlet 28 Oct - 29 Nov (mob); 4 Jones Inlet 30 Nov thru (mob); fem Dead Horse Bay, KING 1 Nov (HL, KR).

Surf Scoter: max 969 MP 21 Nov (AnW), otherwise much smaller numbers.

White-winged Scoter: max 1208 Goldsmith's Inlet, Southold. SUFF 31 Oct (JSe); 400-500 noted MP late Nov.

Black Scoter: 1170 MB 8 Nov (SSM, PIL, PMo); 1000 New Inlet, Fire I, SUFF 12 Nov (MLL); 1250 MP 25 Nov (BBo); max 5000 SPCP 29 Nov (AiP).

Long-tailed Duck: max 110 Shinn 7 Nov (RVa), few.

Bufflehead: max 535 VSh 25 Nov (PMo).

Comm. Goldeneye: max 25 GKP 29 Nov (ACi).

Hooded Merganser: max 142 HLSP 29 Nov (BB), large number.

Com. Merganser: PBP 20 Nov (RAr); only rep.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 83 SMSP 10 Nov (SF), few.

Ruddy Duck: max 860 Mill Pd, Watermill 28 Nov (AnW); 500 JBWR East Pd 9 Nov – thru (mob).

N. Bobwhite: Southold 11 Oct (JSe), only SUFF rep.

Red-throated Loon: Hudson Canyon, pelagic trip fr Sheepshead Bay, KING 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*), unusual loc; 476 Amagansett, SUFF 29 Nov (RBA), large number.

Red-necked Grebe: Shinn 20 Sep (RBA), early.

N Fulmar: 7 Hudson Canyon, pelagic trip fr Sheepshead Bay 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*).

BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: 3 100 mi S Montauk, SUFF 3 Sep (JSh, DR, CC); 8 Hudson Canyon, pelagic trip fr Sheepshead Bay 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*).

Cory's Shearwater: 15 100 mi S Montauk 3 Sep (JSh, DR, CC); 2 Sag 5 Sep (RBA); 3 3 mi SW MP 12 Sep (OB); 2 1 mi W Gardiner's I, SUFF 12 Sep (OB), unusual loc; 20 Great Gull I, SUFF 12 Sep (fide JDi); max 54 Ama 12 Sep (AnW); 10 Sag 13 Sep (RBA); 9 MB 13 Sep (RBA); 7 Hudson Canyon, pelagic trip fr Sheepshead Bay 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*); RMSP 25 Oct (fide SSM).

Great Shearwater: 100 mi S Montauk 3 Sep (JSh, DR, CC); 92 Hudson Canyon, pelagic trip fr Sheepshead Bay 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*).

Manx Shearwater: 2 Hudson Canyon, pelagic trip fr Sheepshead Bay 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: 49 100 mi S Montauk 3 Sep (JSh, DR, CC).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: 24 100 mi S Montauk 3 Sep (JSh, DR, CC); 21 Hudson Canyon, pelagic trip fr Sheepshead Bay 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*).

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: 2 100 mi S Montauk 3 Sep (JSh, DR, CC); Hudson Canyon, pelagic trip fr Sheepshead Bay 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*).

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 9 100 mi S Montauk 3 Sep (JSh, DR, CC).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R10):

JBWR 14-17 Nov (*fide* DRi, EB, mob); 2

JBWR 21 Nov - thru (MY, EM, *et al.*, mob).

Great Cormorant: imm Great Gull I 1-10 Sep (JDi, *et al.*; MLL); JBWR 26 Sep (SSM, PJL, *et al.*), Seateuk Birding Challenge; early.

Am. Bittern: CCP 3 Sep (RBA); SPP 17-18 Sep (PMo); CCP 7-8 Oct (RBA); Dune Rd, E Quogue, SUFF 21 Nov (SA, MN, PN).

Tricolored Heron: JBWR 12 Oct (CF), only rep.

WHITE IBIS: PP 11 Oct (KG), ph; same bird GwC 12 Oct (*fide* RJ).

Black Vulture: 4 NYBG 17 Oct (DB, *et al.*); CP 9 Nov (BK).

Turkey Vulture: max 25 Northville, SUFF 5 Oct (MLL), large number; 5 FT 23 Oct (CF, DG), migr.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: 378 FIHW, 10% above 20-yr average (*fide* DP).

Bald Eagle: 6 FIHW, 77% above 20-yr average (*fide* DP), *intro*; pr present William Floyd Estate, Mastic Beach, SUFF thru, at nest late Nov (MLL); imm Great Gull I 1-10 Sep (JDi, *et al.*, MLL); imm Sands Pt Pres 14 Sep (GQ); ad Northville 30 Sep (MLL); 2 JBWE 4 Oct (SyS); SPP 6 Oct (PMo); imm FT 10 Oct (CF); 2 Riverhead 15 Oct (MLL), ad & juv; SPP 16 Oct (PMo); 3 Greentree Estate, Manhasset, NASS 17 Oct (SP); 2 Leed's Pd, Plandome Manor, NASS 24 Oct (RBA); MLUA 24 Oct (JSt) ad HLSP 25 Oct (TH); PBP 26 Oct (Jrn, *et al.*); ad FT 8 Nov (CF, SA); MLUA 8 Nov (SIW); ad KP 16 Nov (CCo); pr present FMCP ca 20 Nov thru (MN, mob); ad EPCAL 25 Nov (SyS, JGi).

N. Harrier: 164 FIHW, 28% below 20-yr average (*fide* DP), *intro*.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 220 FIHW, 37% below 20-yr average (*fide* DP), *intro*.

Cooper's Hawk: 41 FIHW, 27% above 20-yr average (*fide* DP), *intro*.

N. Goshawk: Twin Lakes Pres, Wantagh, NASS 14 Nov (PM); CR 23 Nov (ACi); PBP 26 Nov (S. Sachs), ph.

Red-shouldered Hawk: Bellmore, NASS 27-29 Oct (PM); 5 CP 14 Nov (*fide* DA).

Broad-winged Hawk: HLSP 22 Oct (SyS, *et al.*); FT 23 Oct (CF, DG); late, rare on L.I.

Rough-legged Hawk: Tobay, NASS 24 Nov (Bill Elrick), only rep.

Virginia Rail: Rockefeller Center, NEWY 21 Sep (RBA), 49th St & 6th Av, NEWY 30 Oct (*fide* BC); unusual locs.

Sora: River Rd, RICH 20 Sep (ACi); Brooklyn Bridge P 10 Oct (HW); CP 17 Oct – 3 Nov (mob); SPP 23 Oct (PMo).

Com. Gallinule: McKay L, EPCAL 9 Sep thru (DR, DK, BR, SyS, JGi), injured wing.

Am. Coot: max 800 JBWR 26 Nov (AB), large number.

SANDHILL CRANE (R10): Lemon Creek Pier, RICH 11 Oct (ACi); VSh 14 Nov (PMo, JGI, TS, TD), in flight.

Am. Golden-Plover: few; 2 Great Gull I 2 Sep (JDi, *et al.*); 12 Bridge Ln, Cutchogue, SUFF 3 Sep (RBA); 12 Bridge Ln, Cutchogue 6 Sep (TWB, GB, RJK); 2 CCP 7 Sep (RBA); 2 Rt 105 7-8 Sep (MC, SS); 12 Rt 105 11 Sep (RBA); 10 Rt 105 12 Sep (MN); 4 Rt 105 13 Sep (SA, MN); JBWE 14-15 Sep (mob); max 35 Rt 105 20 Sep (AnW); 8 Rt 105 27 Sep (RBA); GKP 12-24 Oct (DE, ACi); appx 12 addtl reps, last 15 Nov.

Solitary Sandpiper: 10 McKay L, EPCAL 9 Sep (DR), large number.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 225 CIC 24 Sep (SS, SB); large number.

Whimbrel: JBWE 2 Sep (RT); Great Gull I 3 Sep (*vide* JDi); Plum B, KING 4 Sep (RBA); 2 Sailor's Haven, Fire I, SUFF 11 Sep (Bob Nymán, ph); CCP 12 Sep (RBA); Bellport, SUFF 27 Sep (RBA); JBWE 4 Oct (RBA).

Hudsonian Godwit: Cedar Beach CP, Southold, SUFF 1 Oct (RBA); 7 VSh 3 Oct (PMo).

Marbled Godwit: 2 JBWR 5 Sep (SW); CCP 7 Sep (RBA).

Red Knot: max 73 JBWE 25 Oct (GL, *et al.*).

Stilt Sandpiper: 2 Captree I 12 Sep (SSM, *et al.*), unusual loc; Captree I 27 Sep (RBA).

Baird's Sandpiper: Bridge Ln, Cutchogue 3 Sep (TWB, GB, RJK); JBWR 7 Sep (SW); Rt 105 7-8 Sep (AnW, SS); 2 JBWE 13-14 Sep (SA, CF, mob); JBWE 14 Sep (SyS, JGi).

White-rumped Sandpiper: 33 JBWR 2 Sep (RBA), large number; 9 JBWR 3 Sep (TH); Plum B 4-9 Oct (RBA).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: JBWE thru 3 Sep (mob); 2 Bridge Ln 3-12 Sep (JSe, RBA); Miller Field 5-6 Sep (ACi); 6 Rt 105 5-6 Sep (JGI, TWB, GB); 9 Rt 105 7 Sep (AnW); max 11 Rt 105 8 Sep (SS); 4 Rt 105 11 Sep (MN); 2 Rt 105 12 Sep (DK, BR); 6 Rt 105 27 Sep (RBA).

Pectoral Sandpiper: 7 Calverton Ponds Pres, SUFF 9 Sep (DR); max 9 Calverton Ponds Pres 10 Sep (AG); 5 Captree I, SUFF 27 Sep (RBA); 6 Miller Field, RICH 3 Oct (ACi); 7 Miller

Field 4 Oct (ACi); JBWR 18 Oct (CF), late; 2 Captree I 25 Oct (RBA); appx 5 addtl reps.

Western Sandpiper: 18 JBWR 3 Sep (TH), large number; JBWE 28 Nov (RBA), late.

Long-billed Dowitcher: Captree I 12 Sep (SSM, *et al.*); 2 Captree I 26 Sep (JGI, *et al.*), Seatuck Birding Challenge; 4 Captree I 27 Sep (RBA); Captree I 25 Oct (RBA); Santapogue Cr 30 Sep thru, max 12 on 21 Nov, 11 thru (PMo, RBA); 7 VSh 16 Nov (SSM); 1-2 present JBWR 18 Nov thru (CF, AB, mob).

Wilson's Phalarope: 2 CCP 12 Sep (RBA).

Red-necked Phalarope: 9 ind 100 mi S Montauk 3 Sep (JSh, DR, CC).

RED PHALAROPE (R10): IHP 1 Oct (AF).

Pomarine Jaeger: 3 ind 100 mi S Montauk 3 Sep (JSh, DR, CC); 2 Hudson Canyon, Pelagic trip fr Sheepshead Bay 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*).

Parasitic Jaeger: Nickerson B 26 Sep (RBA); 5 RP 3 Oct (IG); Oakwood B, RICH 3 Oct (ACi); 2 Hudson Canyon, Pelagic trip fr Sheepshead Bay 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*); 13 RMSP 25 Oct (RBA); FIHW 26 Oct (RJK); imm JBWE 27 Oct (KF, SF); Tiana B, E Quogue 21 Nov (SA, MN, PN); Ama 29 Nov (RBA).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: RMSP 25 Oct (KF, SSM, *et al.*).

Dovekie: Montauk Harbor Inlet 25 Nov (BBo).

Razorbill: Dune Rd, vic. Quogue, SUFF 25 Nov (SF); 4 MP 29 Nov (KF, SF); only reps.

Black-legged Kittiwake: 2 Hudson Canyon, pelagic trip fr Sheepshead Bay, 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*); 25 Hither Hills SP, Montauk, SUFF 21 Nov (AnW), flying east over ocean; 1st cycle Sag 25 Nov (BBo), loafing.

SABINE'S GULL (R10): ad Dune Rd, E Quogue, 21 Nov (SA), flying east over ocean.

Bonaparte's Gull: 40 Jones Inlet 25 Nov (SyS, JGi); max 110 Montauk Harbor Inlet 25 Nov (BBo).

Black-headed Gull: Norton Pt. KING 21-23 Nov (RM, DHr).

FRANKLIN'S GULL (R10): Captree I 29 Sep (AG, PU); reps 13 Nov: 2 RP (AB); 1st win Miller Field (IG); 1st win FBF (DG); ad Plum B (SB); imm Malibu Beach, NASS (BR, mob); 3 Midland B, RICH (SIW, IG), 2 1st win, ad; 1st win VSh (PMo); ad East R at 42 St, NEWY (AF); 2 Hudson R at 70 St, NEWY (JDi); *intro*.

Iceland Gull: imm MP 29 Nov (KF, SF, DF).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Great Gull I 2-3 Sep (JDi); max 33 JBWE 4 Sep (RBA); Rt 105 12 Sep (DK, BR), unusual loc; 11 JBWE 13 Sep (SA, CF); 27 JBWE 26 Sep (RBA); 29 JBWE 3 Oct (BB); 11 Tobay 3 Oct (BB); ad Northville 3 Nov (MLL); 4 Tobay 13 Nov

(BB); returning ad Arden Av, RICH 1 Oct thru; appx 10 addtl reps.

Glaucous Gull: no reps.

Gull-billed Tern: JBWR thru 12 Sep (RBA); 3 JBWR 2 Sep (RBA); 2 E Rockaway, QUEE 6 Sep (CF).

Caspian Tern: 2 Great Gull 1 2 Sep (*fide* JDi); GKP 12 Sep (RBA); MB 13 Sep (RBA); JBWE 14 Sep (mob); 3 JBWE 15 Sep (RBA); 2 RMSP 21 Sep (RBA); MB 23 Sep (RBA); FBF 2 Oct (RBA); 2 MB 4 Oct (RBA); 2 Lemon Cr Pier, RICH 10 Oct (ACi); 2 Zach's Bay, JBSP 20 Oct (KF, SF).

Black Tern: Gravesend Bay, KING 1 Sep (DG, TJ); 5 JBWR 2 Sep (RBA); 2 Lemon Cr Pier 7 Sep (ACi); 12 Nickerson B, NASS 13 Sep (TH); 2 Jones Inlet 21 Sep (RBA); CIC 24 Sep (SS, SB); 2 RP 3 Oct (IG, CF); JBWE 4 Oct (RBA).

Roseate Tern: Gravesend Bay 1 Sep (DG, TJ), unusual loc.

Com. Tern: 1324 CIC 24 Sep (SS, SB, large number); VSh 16 Nov (DK), late.

Forster's Tern: 550 Gilgo B, Babylon, SUFF 19 Sep (SSM), large number; 200 Orchard B, BRON 27 Sep (JRn, RAR, *et al.*).

Royal Tern: 13 CCP 7 Sep (RBA); 4 Patchogue 10 Sep; 9 CCP 12 Sep (RBA); 4 MB 23 Sep (RBA); 2 Plum B 23 Sep (RBA); 2 JBWE 26 Sep (MN, SA, RK, SP), Seatuck Birding Challenge; 2 Plum B 30 Sep (RBA); max 200 RP 3 Oct (IG), large number; 5 JBWE 7 Oct (RT); 2 JBWE 8 Oct (RT); 6 Zach's Bay 20 Oct (KF, SF); 40 GKP 21 Oct (DE); 11 VSh 22 Oct (PMo); 90 Midland B 23 Oct (CB); 100 Midland B 24 Oct (CB); 2 Sheepshead Bay 24 Oct (DG, *et al.*); 10 Davis Park Ferry, Patchogue, SUFF 27 Oct; 4 Davis Park Ferry 31 Oct; 7 VSh 1 Nov (PMo); 2 Bayport B, SUFF 2 Nov (JSt), last.

Black Skimmer: max 400 Rockaway B, QUEE 5 Sep (CF), downy young present where breeding not previously noted; 105 VSh 1 Oct (PMo); 84 VSh 22 Oct (PMo); 51 Miller Field 15 Nov (ACi, MK); 21 Nov, last, several locs.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: IHP 24 Oct (Cynthia Holden), ph.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: PBP 23 Nov (RAR).

Barn Owl: pr nested PBP, 4 fledglings.

Snowy Owl: FIHW 4 Nov (*fide* DP), ph.

Barred Owl: PBP 15 Nov (JRn, *et al.*).

Long-eared Owl: no reps.

Short-eared Owl: Santapogue Cr 30 Oct (PMo), migr, only rep.

N. Saw-whet Owl: no reps.

Com. Nighthawk: 7 E Setauket, SUFF 1 Sep (DF); 14 Glen Cove, NASS 3 Sep (RC); 16 Lattingtown, NASS 7 Sep (*fide* RC); max 59 E Setauket 11 Sep (DF); 13 PP 11 Sep (PD); 5 SPP 14 Sep (PMo); 10 Lattingtown 15 Sep (RC); 23 VCP 6 Oct (RAR); Bronx Park E, BRON 9 Oct (DA).

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

Chimney Swift: FIHW 8 Nov (RJK), late.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: imm fem private residence, Riverhead, SUFF 17 Nov thru (MLL, SSM, PJL), ph.

Red-headed Woodpecker: imm CP 24 Sep (RBA); Stuyvesant Square, NEWY 5 Oct (RBA); Plum I, SUFF 6 Oct (MLL); 2 imm FIHW 11 Oct (RJK); imm RMSP 14 Oct (KF, SF); ad JBWE 16-17 Oct (SyS, JGi, mob); imm JBWE 17 Oct (TH), second bird; FT 23 Oct (CF, DG); JBWE 23 Oct (SyS, JGi); imm CP 26 Oct thru (mob); 2 imm CP 31 Oct (*fide* DA); imm Willowbrook P, RICH 17 Nov (ACi); 2 Willowbrook P 21 Nov thru (MSh, mob).

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): 3 Mt Loretto area, RICH thru; 1 m present, 2 fem ph together (*fide* SIW); 2 there ca 12-17 Oct (ACi, MK); College of Staten Island, RICH 6 Nov (ACi).

Am. Kestrel: 344 FIHW, 63% below 20-yr average (*fide* DP), *intro*.

Merlin: 1064 FIHW, 19% below 20-yr average (*fide* DP), *intro*.

Peregrine Falcon: 73 FIHW, 63% below 20-yr average (*fide* DP), *intro*.

Monk Parakeet: Santapogue Cr thru, max 33 on 12 Nov (PMo).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CR 23 Sep (ACi), late.

"WESTERN" FLYCATCHER: CP 18-24 Nov (PP, mob), ph, NYSARC review pending.

SAY'S PHOEBE: Miller Field 28 Sep (ACi, mob).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: CVP 24 Oct (AxW), ph.

Great Crested Flycatcher: CP 20 Nov (SC, mob), late.

Western Kingbird: RMSP 1 Oct (KF, SF); Edgemere, QUEE 4 Oct (LS, CF); RMSP 12-15 Oct (PMo, MSch); JBWE 14 Oct (EB); Dead Horse Bay, KING 25 Oct (HL, *et al.*); Napeague 1 Nov (RBA); McAllister CP, Belle

Terre, SUFF 8 Nov (DR); SMSP 14 Nov (RBA); Edgemere 15 Nov (AB).

N. Shrike: McAllister CP 8 Nov (DR).

Blue-headed Vireo: still widespread mid-Nov; last 21 Nov.

Philadelphia Vireo: SPP 4 Sep (PMo); PP 12 Sep (SS); CR 14 Sep (ACi); MLUA 14 Sep (MSh); 2 JBWE 14 Sep (TH); SPP 14-15 Sep (PMo); JBWE 15 Sep (SyS, JGi); FP 15 Sep (CF); Garvies Pt Pres, NASS 16 Sep (*fide* RC); PBP 16 Sep (MB); PP 19 Sep (RBA); GwC 24 Sep (RBA); HLSP 26 Sep (JGI, *et al.*), Seatuck Birding Challenge; 2 addtl reps 26 Sep, Seatuck Birding Challenge.

Blue Jay: max 600 CHP 10 Oct (HF), large number.

COMMON RAVEN (R10): pr present Bush Terminal area, KING thru; pr present Chelsea area, NEWY, thru; 2 Plainview, NASS 15 Sep (PM); 4 Yaphank, SUFF 18 Sep (KC); 4 CP 20 Sep (ABu); 4 IHP 21 Sep (AF); 3 East Meadow, NASS 27 Sep (Steve Williams); 5-6 CP 10 Oct (KS, mob), large number; Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP); 3 SMSP 18 Oct (PM); 2 Roslyn, NASS 21 Oct (PM); Northville 3-8 Nov (MLL); Roslyn 4 Nov (PM); 2 New Dorp, RICH 14 Nov (ACi); 2 Moses Mtn, RICH 14 Nov (AP); Hicksville, NASS 21 Nov (DK).

Purple Martin: max60 Shelter I, SUFF 10 Sep (OB), large number.

Tree Swallow: FIHW obs generally 1000-2000, not the usual much larger flights (RJK).

N. Rough-winged Swallow: Sliver L P, RICH 11 Nov (HF), late.

Cliff Swallow: RMSP 1 Nov (SSM, PJL), late.

CAVE SWALLOW: 5 Miller Field 13 Nov (IG); 4 PBP 14 Nov (JRn); 9 Coney I, KING 14 Nov (RJ, *et al.*); 7 VSh 14 Nov (PMo, mob), 4 still present 15 Nov (PMo, PJL); 6-8 BP 14 Nov (RB); 2 Broad Channel, QUEE 14 Nov (JDi, *et al.*); 2 FT 14 Nov (JDi); Captree SP, SUFF 14 Nov (GQ); 5 Lemon Cr P 14 Nov (ACi, MK); 4 Coney I 15 Nov (KM); 2 BP 15 Nov (AB); 2 Edgemere 15 Nov (CF); 2 MLUA 15 Nov (HF); Hudson R, Midtown, NEWY (DHG); 5 Ama 29 Nov (RBA).

Marsh Wren: BRY 16 Sep (CF), unusual loc.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR: Plum I 25 Sep (JSe);

Gray-cheeked Thrush: VSh 15 Sep (PMo); PBP 16 Sep (MB); VSh 18 Sep (PMo); PP 22 Sep (PD); 4 CP 1 Oct (DM); 2 CP 3 Oct (DA, *et al.*); CP 12 Oct (DA, *et al.*); Sands Pt Pres 18 Oct (GQ), late.

Wood Thrush: CP 11 Oct (*fide* DA), late.

Am. Robin: 440 FT 8 Oct (CF), migr, "Big Sit".

Am. Pipit: 65 Hallockville, SUFF 14 Nov (MLL).

Cedar Waxwing: 491 FT 8 Nov (CF), migr, "Big Sit".

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: Plum B 26 Oct (CCo); 2 FT 14 Nov (RBA); Hallockville, 14 Nov (MLL).

Worm-eating Warbler: Sands Pt Pres 23 Sep (SP, *et al.*), late.

Louisiana Waterthrush: CLP 21 Oct (HF), poss record late date for NY State, NYSARC report desired.

Golden-winged Warbler: RMSP 15 Sep (RBA); SPP 17 Sep (PMo); CB Marina 26 Sep (SSM, PJL, *et al.*), Seatuck Birding Challenge.

Blue-winged Warbler: CP 26 Oct (DA, *et al.*), late.

Black-and-white Warbler: CP 15 Nov (JSP), late.

Prothonotary Warbler: SMSP 16 Sep (BBo).

Orange-crowned Warbler: appx 25 reps incl: Abingdon Square P, NEWY 6 Oct (AR), first; 2 JBWE 27 Nov (RBA).

Connecticut Warbler: World Trade Center, NEWY 11 Sep (AF), nocturnal obs in lights of 9/11 Memorial; KP 14-15 Sep (CCo, CF); GwC 16 Sep (RJ); APEC 16 Sep (RBA); Trinity Church, NEWY 21-22 Sep (BC, mob), unusual loc.

Mourning Warbler: Trinity Church 27 Sep (mob), unusual loc.

Kentucky Warbler: CP 9 Oct (*fide* KFu), poss record late date for Region 10, NYSARC report desired.

Hooded Warbler: appx 30 reps, many on 10 Oct, incl 5 CP 10 Oct (Jeffrey ward), large number; CP 18 Oct (SC), late.

Am. Redstart: max 21 SPP 1 Sep, large number.

Blackburnian Warbler: PBP 21 Oct (MB), late.

"Yellow" Palm Warbler: 73 Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP), large number.

"Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler: fem SMSP 22 Nov (SSM, PJL), found at loc 3 of past 4 years.

Prairie Warbler: CP 5 Nov (Fritz Mueller); EPCAL 25 Nov (SyS, JGi), late.

Wilson's Warbler: JBWR 14 Nov (JDi, *et al.*), late.

Yellow-breasted Chat: CIC 1 Sep (DG, TJ); CP 7 Sep (*fide* DA); JBWE 13-14 Sep (SA, CF, mob); 2 KP 16 Sep (RBA); CR 11 Oct (ACi); JBWE 17-18 Oct (TH); Tobay 29 Nov (RBA).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: appx 25 reps incl Great Gull 15 Sep (*fide* JDi), early; JBWE 5 Nov (BA), last.

Vesper Sparrow: fewer than last year; CP 3-7 Oct (mob); CVP 15 Oct (SS); JBWE 17-26 Oct (mob); 2 KP 17 Oct (PR, *et al.*); CP 20 Oct (ABi); KP 20 Oct (PR); Willow L, FMCP 24 Oct (CF).

Lark Sparrow: more than usual; RMSP 11 Sep (SSM); Snug Harbor, RICH 11 Sep (CB); Captree SP 15 Sep (SSM); RMSP 18-21 Sep (SSM, mob); CR 26 Sep (ACi); Brooklyn Bridge P 26 Sep (HW); FBF 28 Sep (SS); Cemetery of the Evergreen, KING 5 Oct (DM); 2 JBWE 14-17 Oct (PPa, mob); one bird continuing JBWE 18-30 Oct (mob); Six Diamonds P, KING 19 Oct (DG); Moravian Cemetery, RICH 29 Nov (DE, ACi).

Grasshopper Sparrow: EPCAL thru 12 Sep (DK, BR), incl 6 on 6 Sep (JSe); CP 26 Sep (*fide* KFu); Hillview Reservoir, BRON 5 Oct (RBA); 2 KP 18 Oct (CF); CP 3 Nov (RBA).

Nelson's Sparrow: CB Marina 26 Sep (SSM, PJJ, *et al.*), Seatuck Birding Challenge, *subvirgatus*; BRY 8 Oct (CF, mob), unusual loc; NYBG 17 Oct (DB, *et al.*), unusual loc; 4 Dune Rd, E Quogue 21 Nov (SA, MN, PN), *subvirgatus*.

Seaside Sparrow: 7 Dune Rd, E Quogue 21 Nov (SA, MN, PN), large number.

Lincoln's Sparrow: appx 30 reps 14 Sep – 16 Nov.

Swamp Sparrow: 108 Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP), large number.

"CASSIAR" DARK-EYED JUNCO: CHP 25 Nov thru (RV), *Junco hyemalis cismontanus*, NYSARC review pending.

Blue Grosbeak: few; appx 15 reps incl: EPCAL 1 Sep (RT); Governor's I, NEWY 4 Sep (BC); 2 KP 15 Sep (CF); KP 19 Sep (EM,

CF, SA, JR); CVP 19 Sep (RBA); KP 26 Sep (SA); KP 6 Oct (CF); Brooklyn Botanical Garden, KING 14-17 Oct (mob).

PAINTED BUNTING: PP 29 Nov thru (KR, mob).

Dickcissel: CIC 1 Sep (DG, TJ); captree SP 12 Sep (TWB); JBWE 12-24 Sep (BA, mob); Sands Pt Pres 14 Sep (GQ); 3 RMSP 15 Sep (SF); RMSP 18-21 Sep (JGI, mob); CP 29-30 Sep (mob); MNSA 7 Oct (SyS); HSP 8 Oct (RBA); FT 10 Oct (CF, *et al.*); PBP 10 Oct (RAR); Brooklyn Botanical Garden 14-17 Oct (W. Pollard, mob); 3 RMSP 15 Oct (SSM); CP 1-14 Nov (DA, *et al.*, mob); CHP 25 Nov (RV). **Bobolink:** max 69 CIC 1 Sep (DG, TJ); 22 PBP 14 Nov (MB), late.

Red-winged Blackbird: 42,891 FT 8 Nov (CF), large number, "Big Sit".

Rusty Blackbird: 17 FT 8 Nov (CF), migr, "Big Sit".

Com. Grackle: 16,766 FT 8 Nov (CF), large number, "Big Sit".

Boat-tailed Grackle: 100 or more regularly seen Captree I mid Sep – early Oct incl 186 on 29 Sep (BBo); max 320 JBWR 12 Oct (CF), large number; 142 SPCP 28 Nov (DR).

Brown-headed Cowbird: 345 FT 8 Nov (CF), migr, "Big Sit".

Orchard Oriole: JBWE 13 Sep (PPa, JGa), rare in fall.

Purple Finch: widespread in moderate numbers late Oct thru incl: 8 SPP 31 Oct (PMo); max 22 JBWE 8 Nov (TH); 10 FT 8 Nov (CF); 19 RMSP 8 Nov (KF); 10-15 William Floyd Estate 15 Nov (MLL); 20 CP 15 Nov (BK); 16 KP 16 Nov (CCo).

Pine Siskin: very small numbers late Oct thru; distinct max migr 8 Nov, incl; CR 11 Oct (ACi), first; GKP 20 Oct (RV); GKP 24 Oct (RV); max 8 SPCP 5 Nov (DR); 5 JBWE 8 Nov (TH); 6 FT 8 Nov (CF); 4 RMSP 8 Nov; 5 CP 8 Nov (BK).

EXOTICS

European Goldfinch: Ridge, SUFF 11 Oct (JH).