



REGION 10—MARINE

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Winter weather in Region 10 was dominated by the influence of El Niño, which brought some of the mildest conditions on record. Central Park's weather station recorded a mean temperature of 50.8° F in December, a profound 13.3° above normal. Similarly, Islip recorded a mean temperature of 48.4°, 12.8° above

normal. Precipitation totals for the month at these two stations were 0.72" and 1.27" above the expected.

The exceptional warmth continued into early January, with Robert J. Kurtz noting cherry blossoms blooming on 10 January. Observations like these were commonplace throughout the Region, but as the month progressed winter finally took hold. By the end of January Central Park's mean temperature had dropped to 34.5°, just 1.9° above normal, while Islip recorded a mean temperature of 33.3°, 2.7° above normal. Precipitation totals were 0.83" and 0.76" above the mean, but these slightly higher totals came at the expense of Winter Storm Jonas, which was without question the most memorable weather event of the winter season. Dubbed as one of the great blizzards of the century, the 22-23 January storm deposited record snowfall accumulations in western parts of the Region. Snow totals from the blizzard reached over two feet in certain areas, with Islip recording 25.9" and Central Park recording 27.5", the largest snowstorm recorded in NYC's history.

February did not loosen its grip on the Region. While mean temperatures from Central Park and Islip were 2.4° and 2.9° above normal, respectively, the indelible freeze-out in mid-February recorded a record low temperature of 0° at Islip's weather station on 13 February. The majority of the Region's lingering Great Egrets disappeared after this harsh event leaving many, if not all freshwater and estuarine environments completely frozen.

The record early-season warmth allowed some lingering neotropicals to thrive well into mid-January. Thirteen warbler species were recorded, many of which survived until Winter Storm Jonas. Keeping with the recently observed trend, two Ovenbirds were reported from city parks, one of which was seen through 20 January. Additional notable sightings include a Worm-eating Warbler from Forest Park on 18 December, three Wilson's Warblers, one of which was reported through 20 January at Bronx Zoo, a Prairie Warbler found at Robert Moses State Park on 20 December, and a Yellow Warbler at Floyd Bennett Field that was seen through 15 January. Up to five Common Yellowthroats were reported throughout the Region until 3 January, and, remarkably, at least twenty-eight **Orange-crowned Warblers** were reported, coming from all counties with several remaining until mid-January. After the winter blizzard, the only sighting came from a backyard in Richmond County on 26 January. Yellow-breasted Chat was scarce this winter, with a single bird found in Baldwin on 2 January during a Christmas Bird Count (CBC) and another in Montauk on 7 February. None of the neotropicals persisted through freeze-out of 13 February save for two Baltimore Orioles that were photographed at feeders during the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC).

Region 10 produced yet another exciting goose season. Highlights include at least five, possibly six, **Barnacle Geese**, two **Pink-footed Geese**, and three **Ross's Geese** found within the various goose strongholds in central and eastern Long Island. Moderate numbers of Greater White-fronted Geese and large numbers of Cackling Geese were reported during the season, with 11 and 33,

respectively. An apparent “**Gray-bellied**” **type Brant** was photographed among the abundant Atlantic Brant at Point Lookout on 29 December.

Aside from the exceptional numbers of western Palearctic geese, the Region recorded its first ever juveniles, the first being a young Pink-footed Goose found on Millers Pond in Smithtown on 1 January, likely the first juvenile ever recorded in New York State. In addition, what appeared to be a family group of three Barnacle Geese was discovered on Roanoke Avenue in Riverhead on 7 February, consisting of two adults and an immature bird. Subtle markings on the plumage indicated that this trio was also photographed on 3 January in Broad Brook, Connecticut but remained undetected until being discovered on Long Island. Subsequent efforts to relocate the trio were unsuccessful, reminding us that wintering goose flocks can wander extensively and evade detection, even in well-birded areas.

Waterfowl arrivals were somewhat delayed, undeniably the result of the record warmth experienced throughout the Region in December. Nonetheless, concentrations began filling in by late January as more northerly areas began to freeze. By early February there were tens of thousands of Greater Scaup stretched across the Great South Bay. A report on 4 February estimated 17,000 individuals from Gardiner County Park in Bay Shore with subsequent reports of at least 10,000 further east off Blue Point on 12 February. This large influx of scaup would account for at least three, probably four, **Tufted Ducks** along Central Suffolk’s south shore, the first found earlier in the season on 13 December on Lake Capri, and a probable second individual later found on nearby Santapogue Creek on 10 February. Additional Tufted Ducks were seen further east on 12 February in Blue Point and 21 February on Patchogue Lake. Noteworthy is the fact that all four of these individuals appeared to be young males. The latter three Tufted Ducks were seen during a major freeze-out event when inland *Aythya* were fleeing their freshwater haunts in search of open water on the bay. Additional Eurasian waterfowl include a total of 11 drake **Eurasian Wigeon**, with no hens detected, and three “Eurasian” Green-winged Teal.

Three **Eared Grebes** were discovered this season, all within a three-day window. The first was seen and photographed on 27 February at Oak Beach in Babylon, with the others on 28 and 29 February from Jones Inlet and Lake Montauk, respectively.

Despite an overall lack of irruptive raptor species the Region produced two exciting highlights just shortly after the start of the season. A gray morph **Gyr Falcon** was sporadically seen from the parking area at Cedar Beach Marina in Babylon from 8-10 December, a proven reliable location to find this powerful falcon of the north. The raptor highlight of the season was a **Swainson’s Hawk**, discovered soaring above a reclaimed landfill near Fresh Kills Park on Staten Island on 15 December. Restricted access to the site made for some tricky viewing, but sporadic sightings were still enjoyed by several observers through 30 December.

An injured **Common Gallinule** surviving in the Pond at EPCAL/Grumman since the fall season did not make it through the persistent freezing temperatures in early February.

Black-legged Kittiwakes were reported in modest numbers at traditional seawatch sites from Central Suffolk County east to Montauk Point, as well as during a pelagic trip out of Brooklyn. Bonaparte's Gull numbers continue to drop, with small congregations remaining at traditional wintering sites such as Jones Inlet, Gravesend Bay, etc. Once a Bonaparte's stronghold, Shinnecock Inlet produced only one report of eight individuals in mid-December. Nonetheless other rare gulls continue to be found. At least three different **Black-headed Gulls** were reported in Brooklyn, with widespread sightings of at least two first cycle individuals plus an adult. A **Little Gull** was noted off of Montauk Point on 29 February. Iceland, Glaucous, and Lesser Black-backed Gulls were reported in modest numbers, and a very early Laughing Gull was discovered in Long Beach on 20 February. The gull highlight of the season was an apparent **California Gull** photographed at Gravesend Bay on 19 January but not relocated despite some effort.

Warmer than usual ocean surface temperatures may have been a contributing factor to a small handful of shearwaters recorded from land during seawatches. These included two Sooty Shearwaters, a single seen from Shinnecock Inlet on 12 December and another from Amagansett on 18 December. The Amagansett seawatch also produced four **Northern Fulmars**, a species seldom seen from land but perhaps providing evidence of more inshore activity this season. On 9 January an organized pelagic trip out of Brooklyn, NY tallied thirteen Northern Fulmars, some of which were seen as close as 8.5 miles from land. Two Manx Shearwaters were recorded from Robert Moses State Park, a single seen on 1 December plus an additional bird during an intense coastal storm on 10 January. The latter observation date also produced a single shearwater species.

In addition to the above-mentioned tubenoses, the most unexpected report of the winter season came on 15 December when an albatross was viewed for fifteen minutes during a seawatch from Montauk Point. Days later it was concluded that this was an immature **Black-browed Albatross**, a species not previously recorded in the state. Unfortunately no photographs were obtained during the fifteen-minute viewing period; however, written descriptions have been submitted to the New York State Avian Records Committee (NYSARC).

Two **American White Pelicans** first reported in the fall continued at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge's East Pond until 7 January, when presumably the same pair were photographed circling over Fort Tilden. On 16 January two American White Pelicans, possibly the same pair again, were photographed flying west over the ocean at Jones Inlet.

As usual, Montauk Point held most of the interesting alcid activity, the highlight being a **Common Murre** photographed on 1 January. This species remains rare inshore but less so offshore, where another was found during an

organized pelagic trip out of Brooklyn on 9 January. A **Black Guillemot** was photographed on 1 January at Montauk Point, with an additional sighting on 9 January from Camp Hero probably a second individual. There were four reports of Dovekie, three of which came from Montauk Point between 19 December and 1 January. The fourth was photographed at Jones Inlet on 17 February. Four **Thick-billed Murres** were discovered, the first from Culloden Point on 9 Jan. The discovery of another individual at Montauk Inlet on 19 February followed by two more on 21 February from Ditch Plains and Coney Island indicated a small incursion of this increasingly scarce species.

Two *Selasphorus* hummingbirds were documented in Suffolk County. A **Rufous Hummingbird** on private property in the Town of Riverhead persisted through 23 January, but presumably did not survive the blizzard. A second copiously photographed **Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird** from private property in Watermill was seen through 13 December. The latter individual exhibited features suggestive of Allen's Hummingbird, a first record for New York State if accepted by NYSARC.

A well-documented **Ash-throated Flycatcher** was discovered during the Montauk CBC at a cemetery east of Fort Pond. This cooperative bird delighted many observers until shortly after the New Year. Coming off a steady fall influx, resulting from a strong movement of southwest air current, **Cave Swallows** managed to linger into the winter season and were recorded from Jones Beach West End, Montauk Point, and Smith Point County Park into mid-December. Unfortunately none were recorded during any of the CBCs.

Lark Sparrows numbers remained high following a productive fall season for this species, with an unprecedented total of six individuals, the most recorded during a winter season. Only the Jones Beach bird persisted through the season, with most of the others going undetected after the late January blizzard; likely a combination of weather and decreased effort. A **Clay-colored Sparrow** was found at Flushing Meadows Corona Park during the Queens CBC and remained until 30 January. Despite the exceptionally warm December few saltmarsh *Ammodramus* sparrows were detected this winter. Three **Nelson's Sparrows** were photographed on Dune Road on 9 December. A single Saltmarsh Sparrow was discovered during the Southern Nassau CBC on 2 January plus another from the Marine Nature Study Area in Oceanside in mid-February. No Seaside Sparrows were reported. Swamp Sparrows seem to have fared well, with many persisting, even after the noted severe weather events.

Two **Painted Buntings** were recorded. Prospect Park's famous adult male, which made news headlines putting on a colorful show for hundreds of people—birders and non-birders alike—was last seen on 3 January. An immature male/female type Painted Bunting was photographed at Caumsett State Park on 19 December and was not found again, likely in part to the site's remote access and limited relocation effort. A **Dickcissel**, Regionally rare outside of fall migration, spent most of January along the edge of the tennis courts at Southards

Pond Park in Babylon. Keeping with the common theme, this bird was not seen after late January blizzard.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Ama – Amagansett, SUFF; APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BLSP – Belmont L SP, SUFF; BRP – Big Reed Pd, SUFF; BBCP – Blydenburgh CP, SUFF; BBP – Brooklyn Bridge Pk, KING; CP – Culloden Pt, SUFF; FMCP – Flushing Meadows Corona P, QUEE; GCP – Gardiner CP, SUFF; GB – Gravesend Bay, KING; JBWE – Jones Beach West End, NASS; OMNSA – Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NASS; Mass – Massapequa Preserve, NASS; MI – Montauk Inlet, SUFF; MP – Montauk Pt, SUFF; Nap – Napeague, SUFF; PP – Prospect Pk, KING; SC – Santapogue Creek, SUFF; SPCP – Smith Point CP, SUFF; WBP – Willowbrook Pk, RICH.

CBC Codes: BKCC – Brooklyn; MKCC – Montauk; SNCC – Southern Nassau.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: juv Millers Pd, SUFF 1-11 Jan (PU, mob), ph; Riverhead 17 Jan-7 Feb (SSM, PJL); *intro*.

Greater White-fronted Goose: 11+ ind reported QUEE thru SUFF; 3 ad Hook Pd &

East Hampton vicinity thru 21 Feb (mob); Shorts Pd, SUFF 9 JAN (KR); 3 ad BLSP 3 Dec, ranging throughout area thru 17 Feb (PU, mob); Lake Success, NASS 6 Jan (SP); Lake Ronkonkoma 8 Jan (PJL); FMCP 21-28 Feb (CF); imm BLSP 16 Feb (Carlos Sanchez).

Snow Goose: multiple reps throughout Region; max migr 1445 JBWR 23 DEC (MG).

ROSS'S GOOSE (R10): Eastport Pd 12-25 Dec (KC, mob); Amityville 2 Jan-2 Feb (Ed Walsh, ph), last seen Bergen Pt GF; Massapequa 9-22 Jan (DHR, ph) ranging to BLSF and as far north as Melville; *intro*.

Brant: max 32,143 SNCC 2 Jan.

"Gray-bellied" Brant: Point Lookout 29 Dec (MMcB, ph).

BARNACLE GOOSE: 6 reps, 5+ ind all SUFF & MARA thru 28 Jan later seen side-by-side with a 2nd ind along Alvahs Lane 19 Dec (JSp); North Babylon ranging as far north as Centerport 10 Jan-16 Feb (Ethan Goodman, BBo, mob); 3 Roanoke Ave, Riverhead 7 Feb (JS, *fide* DHR, ph), 1 imm 2 ad, NYSARC; *intro*.

Cackling Goose: Uplands Farm, SUFF 1 Dec (DHR); MARA thru 11 Jan (mob); 2 FMCP 6 Dec-14 January (CF); 5 Melville 7 Dec (DHR); Oakdale 20 Dec (CPCC); 1 Babylon 30 Dec (PMo); HLLSP 31 Dec (mob); Miller Field, RICH 1-16 Jan (SWo); Eastport L 1 Jan (John Gaglione); Baiting Hollow 1 Jan (K&SF); BLSF 7 Jan (DHR); Riverhead 8 Jan (SSM, PJJ); Lake Ronkonkoma 7 Jan (PJJ); Central Islip 9 Jan (DLM & MR); 3 Melville 11 Jan (DHR); 6 Calverton 15 Jan (DHR); Centerport Pd 15 Jan (BBo); Hook Pd 16 Jan (ABk); Riverhead 7 Feb (DHR); Southaven CP 11-28 Feb (K&SF); Eastport L 28 Feb (mob). **Canada Goose:** max 5500 Riverhead 8 Jan (DHR).

Tundra Swan: max 4 ind Hook Pd thru 4 Dec; 1 pr thru (mob); 3 Mount Loretto, RICH 28 Dec (ACi); 11 Hudson River Greenway 24 Jan (Dominic Garcia-Hall).

Eurasian Wigeon: 11 drakes throughout Region, no fem; Centerport thru 17 Jan, later discovered Fort Solonga 1 Feb (BBo), persisted thru; 2 JBWR thru 22 Feb; Mattituck 6 Dec-10 Feb (JSp); Mass 6 Dec (JO); 2 Setauket 12 Dec-22 Feb (mob); BBCP 25 Dec-5 Jan (Sandra Reynolds); Bush Terminals Pier P 31 Dec (RM); Swan L, Patchogue 1-6 Jan (DHR); SMNC 14 Jan-28 Feb (Isabel Conte).

Blue-winged Teal: Bellmore, NASS 5 Dec-10 Jan (mob); 3 JBWE 6 Dec (Nathan O'Reilly).

"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal: Mass 6 Dec (JO); Smith Pd, NASS 2 Jan (EM, Nina Bai); Setauket Mill Pd, SUFF thru.

Canvasback: max 48 Centerport 7 Feb (SSM, PJJ).

Redhead: max 56 Amityville, SUFF 8 Jan (SSM, PJJ).

Ring-necked Duck x scaup sp: SC 27 Jan thru (PMo, ph).

TUFTED DUCK: Lake Capri 13 Dec-6 Jan (JSt); SC, Babylon 10-28 Feb (EM); Blue Point Ave, SUFF, 12-13 Feb (DHR, ph); Patchogue L 21-27 Feb (DHR, ph).

Greater/Lesser Scaup: max 17,000 GCP 4 Feb (KF); 10,000 Blue Point Ave SUFF 12 Feb (DHR), *intro*.

King Eider: ad male MP thru (TS); fem OP 24 Jan-27 Feb (JSp).

Harlequin Duck: max 6 Point Lookout (mob); also at traditional sites such as Montauk, Orient Pt. (OP), Jones Inlet, Long Beach Jetties; two reps RMSP.

Barrow's Goldeneye: ad m Sands Point 25 Jan-24 Feb (SP); fem FH Beach, RICH 8-9 Jan (SWo).

N. Bobwhite: increasingly scarce, most populations now introduced.

Red-necked Grebe: max 4 CP 9 Jan (SSM, PJJ); arr MP 12 Dec (ACW); additional reps from traditional coastal sites thru.

EARED GREBE (R10): 3 reps within 2 days; Oak Beach, Babylon 27-29 Feb (PMo, ph); Jones Inlet 28 Feb (PA, JG); LM 29 Feb (mob).

BLACK-BROWED ALBATROSS: Montauk Pt 15 Dec (AG, PA), reps to NYSARC, *intro*.

N. Fulmar: 4 Ama 18 Dec (ACW), very rare from land; 13 encountered in shelf waters southeast of Brooklyn 9 Jan.

Sooty Shearwater: Shinnecock Inlet 12 Dec (ABk); Ama 18 Dec (ACW).

Manx Shearwater: RMSP 1 Dec (KF); RMSP 10 Jan (SSM, PJJ, PMo).

Shearwater sp: RMSP 10 Jan (SSM, PJJ, PMo); 3 SMCP 10 Jan (DHR).

AM. WHITE PELICAN: 2 JBWR thru 6 Jan (mob, ph); 2 Fort Tilden 7 Jan (DG, SS, ph); 2 JBWE 16 Jan (TH, ph).

Am. Bittern: reps from traditional wintering locs.

Great Egret: few reps after the mid-February freeze.

Green Heron: Nap 19 Dec (CC), very late, 1st MKCC record since 1973.

Black Vulture: reps KING, RICH, BRON, NEWY; single rep SUFF, Huntington Bay 27 Feb (Jessica Donohue).

Turkey Vulture: widespread, multiple reps all counties.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: Baldwin Harbor P, NASS 2 Jan (SSM, PJJ, HW, PWC); HLLSP 12 Jan (Edward Becher); both very late.

N. Goshawk: RMSP 28 Jan (Joan Quinlan).

Bald Eagle: increasing reps all counties.
Red-shouldered Hawk: well-reported in w part of Region (RICH, NEWY, KING, QUEE); few reps NASS & SUFF.
SWAINSON'S HAWK: Freshkills P, RICH 15-30 Dec (Dick Veit & Tom Brown), ph.
Clapper Rail: single reps RICH, KING & NASS; few reps SUFF thru 20 Feb.
Virginia Rail: max 3 BRP 12 Dec thru 17 Jan (mob); RICH 1 Jan (SWo); Arsh 2 Jan (John Brush Jr.); 2 Mass 2 Jan (BF & TH); GCP 12 Jan (K&SF).
Com. Gallinule: EPCAL thru 5 Feb (mob).
Am. Oystercatcher: recorded Jones Inlet thru.
Semipalmated Plover: last JBWE 30 Dec (BA).
Greater Yellowlegs: recorded KING, QUEE, NASS & SUFF thru.
Ruddy Turnstone: recorded RICH, KING, QUEE, NASS & SUFF thru.
Red Knot: very well reported JBWE; max 319 2 Jan SNCC.
Western Sandpiper: JBWE 26 Dec (K&SF).
Long-billed Dowitcher: max 11 Babylon, SUFF thru 19 Jan (PMo, mob), plus a single rep 21 Feb (PMo); also reps from KING; JBWR thru mid-Dec; 3 Broad Channel 17 Jan (CCa).
Wilson's Snipe: single rep QUEE, FMCP 5 Dec (CF); additional reps NASS and SUFF, mostly along south shore, thru 17 Feb.
Am. Woodcock: few reps after late Dec; typical arrlate Feb.
Dovekie: 3 MKCC 19 Dec; MP 31 Dec (SC & MM); MP 1 Jan (AC); JBWE 17 Feb (Jim Pecquex, ph).
COMMON MURRE: MP 1 Jan (SC), very rare inshore, ph; single also noted in shelf waters SE of Brooklyn 9 Jan.
THICK-BILLED MURRE: CP 9 Jan (SSM, PJL); MI 19-28 Feb (EM); Ditch Plains 21 Feb (SSM, PJL); Coney Island, 21 Feb (JM); single specimen found on LI Sound, Southold (fide SSM).
Razorbill: arr mid-Dec; max 78 Ama 19 Dec (ACW).
Black Guillemot: MP 1 Jan (SC, MM); MP 9 Jan (TH).
Black-legged Kittiwake: Agawan Lake 12 Dec (DK), unusual location; Ama 13 Dec (ACW); Ama 18 Dec (ACW); 3 RMSP 20 Dec (SSM, PJL, RT); 15 shelf waters SE of Brooklyn 9 Jan (mob); 3 MP 9 Jan (SBI, MBB, NS); 2 CH 9 Jan (JG, TD); 10 SPCP 10 Jan (DHR); 5 RMSP 10 Jan (SSM, PJL, PMo); MP 17 Jan (AC); 2 CH 17 Feb (RB, RF).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 400 Fort Wadsworth 11 Jan (IG).
Black-headed Gull: at least 3 ind: sev reps 1st cycle at least 3 loc plus single ad rep; Prospect P 6 Dec (Roberta Manian, mob); BBP 2 Feb (Heather Wolf); ad Bush Terminal Piers 5 Feb (RB); Sheephead Bay 28 Feb (Kevin Topping, Nathan O'Reilly).
Little Gull: MP 29 Feb (DD).
Laughing Gull: Long Beach, NASS 20 Feb (SS).
CALIFORNIA GULL: GB 19 Jan (Daniel Frazer, ph).
Glaucous Gull: SMCP 13 Dec (DHR); Ama 13 Dec (ACW); Camp Hero 27 Dec (Rafael Campos-Ramirez); MI 9 Jan (SSM, PJL); Centre Island, NASS 15 Jan (MN); Blydenburgh CP 17 Jan (Sharon and Marc Brody); GB 21 Jan (IG); Brooklyn Army Terminal & vicinity 29 Jan thru (Josh Malbin).

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Barn Owl: Smithtown CBC Dec 27; SNCC Jan 2; Southampton 20 Feb (ABk).
Snowy Owl: small numbers traditional locs across Region.
Long-eared Owl: single rep BRON 12 Feb.
Short-eared Owl: Tobay 2 Jan; 2 EPCAL 9 Jan-28 Feb; Nap 15 Jan.
N. Saw-whet Owl: two reps; NASS 2 Jan; RICH 28 Feb.
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: present thru 23 Jan, private property, ph.
RUFIOUS/ALLENS HUMMINGBIRD: Watermill thru 13 Dec, present since 25 Nov; ph on private property, report to NYSARC.
Red-headed Woodpecker: WBP thru; BBCP 27 Dec thru (Dick & Beth Cartwright); Mashomack Preserve 27 Jan (MSc).
GYRFALCON: Cedar Beach Marina 8-10 Dec (K&SF).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

E. Phoebe: HLSP 5 Dec (BB); Mass 6 Dec (JO); JBWE 1-18 Jan (mob); Nesconset, SUFF 2 Jan (PD).
ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: Montauk 19 Dec thru 1 Jan (JGL, ph).
Com. Raven: widely reported throughout Region.
Tree Swallow: persisted JBWE thru; max 43 SNCC.
CAVE SWALLOW: JBWE 9 Dec (DHR, ph); 6 MP 12 Dec (mob); SPCP 18 Dec (DHR, ph).
House Wren: Mass 22 Jan (Eric Miller).
Marsh Wren: undetected after 2 Jan until one late Feb rep; Dune Rd, East Quogue 6 Dec

(ES); Hecksher SP 7 Dec (K&SF); BRP 12 Dec (TD, TS); OMNSA 30 Dec-2 Jan (RB, SSM, PJL); Van Cortland P 28 Feb (ACW).
Am. Pipit: 200 Southold 11 Jan (MSc), large number.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Cedar Waxwing: 300 Captree SP (K&SF), large number.
Lapland Longspur: Randalls I 31 Jan-2 Feb (Paul Bourdin, ph); Cutchogue, SUFF 11 Feb (Don Bindler, ph).
Ovenbird: BBP 5 Dec (DG); IBM Atrium, NEWY 5-20 Jan (J. Bishop).
Worm-eating Warbler: Forest Park 18 Dec (Karlo Mirth).
Black-and-white Warbler: single rep Central P thru 8 Jan.
Orange-crowned Warbler: 28+ reps from all counties; 2 PP thru 5 Jan (mob); Hook Pond 2 Dec (TS); WBP 3 Dec (ACi); at least 1 rep Central P 5 Dec-Jan 21 (mob); Pelham Bay P 6 Dec (Richard Aracil); JBWE 6 Dec (JGI); Kissena Park 9 Dec (CCA); FBF 12 Dec (Tom Preston); Richmond Ave, Marine P 14 Dec (Ronald Borque); RICH 16 Dec (DG, SS); Glen Cove 16 Dec (BB); (Canarsie Beach P 19 Dec (GW); FBF 19 Dec (DG, SS); Spring Creek P, QUEE 19 Dec (Sam Stuart, Rhys Marsh); Flushing Airport 20 Dec (CCA); RMSP 20 Dec (RT); Oakdale 20 Dec (Russ Ogden); Southards Pnd 25 Dec (SF); Swindler Cove 1 Jan (NO); JBWE 2 Jan (BF, TH); Randalls I 3 Jan (AF); Wagner College, RICH 4 Jan (IG); Mass 6 Jan (NS); Plum I 7 Jan (JSp); APP 17 Jan (mob); private res RICH 26 Jan (IG).
Nashville Warbler: 10+ ind reported thru 23 Jan throughout region.
Com. Yellowthroat: 2 reps NEWY; single reps from QUEE, KING, and SUFF 20 Dec-3 Jan.
Am. Redstart: Central P thru 4 Dec.
Yellow Warbler: FBF 19 Dec (BKCC), reported thru 15 Jan.
Palm Warbler: 6 reps SUFF; 6 reps KING, last Nap 12 Jan (Joe Giunta).
Pine Warbler: max 4 MKCC, Nap 19 Dec; 16+ reps from across Region.
Prairie Warbler: RMSP 20 Dec (PJL).

Wilson's Warbler: 3 reps from city parks; Kissena P thru 8 Jan (mob); Bronx Zoo thru 20 Jan (Todd Olson); Central P thru 7 Jan (mob).
Yellow-breasted Chat: Baldwin, NASS 2 Jan (MMcB); MP 7 Feb (ES).

SPARROWS - WEAVERS

Nelson's Sparrow: 3 Dune Road, Triton Lane 9 Dec (VC).
Saltmarsh Sparrow: SNCC during count week; OMNSA 10 February thru (Michael Farina, ph).
Clay-colored Sparrow: FMCP 20 Dec-30 Jan (CCA, mob).
LARK SPARROW: very well reported, incl three reps SUFF: Yaphank 23 Dec-13 Jan (VC); Deep Hollow 27 Dec-1 Jan (K&SF); Riverhead Jan 18; single reps QUEE: FMCP 20 Dec-17 Jan (CCA, mob); KING: East River SP 20 Dec (Adam Bradley); NASS: PL/JBWE 1 Jan thru (AW, mob), *intro*.
Lincoln's Sparrow: FBF 5 Dec (HL).
PAINTED BUNTING: bright ad m Prospect Park thru 3 Jan (KR, mob); imm m/fem Caumsett SP 19 Dec (K&SF, ph).
Dickcissel: Southards Pnd 1-22 Jan (JG, ph), rare in winter.
E. Meadowlark: max 40 EPCAL 14 Jan (ES, MH), most reps from this site; 4 additional single reps SUFF; 2 reps KING.
Rusty Blackbird: max 63 APP 15 Jan (Eric Miller); additional reps at traditional wintering grounds in all counties.
Com. Grackle: 10,000+ Northville 30 Jan (SSM, PJL).
Boat-tailed Grackle: max 139 SPcP (DG, *et al.*).
Baltimore Oriole: 8+ reps thru 6 Jan, then absent until 2 reps GBBC mid-Feb, at feeders, ph.
Purple Finch: sev reps from all counties; 14 SMSP 7 Dec (Vinny Pellegrino); 12 BBcP 11 Jan (SSM, PMo); 14 Quogue, SUFF 24 Feb (VC).
Com. Redpoll: Montauk 19 Dec (MMcB), only rep.
Pine Siskin: generally low numbers reported; max 20 Dune Road Westhampton 16 Jan (AC).