

REGION 10—MARINE

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November was the 17th month in a row with average temperatures above the long-term average in our Region. This year average monthly temperatures were mostly 2-3° F above the long-term average, but the average temperature in Central Park in September (71.8°) was 3.8° above normal. Continuing the pattern of recent years, the fall was also drier than normal. A moderate drought lingered through most of the season following a dry summer. While November was wetter than normal in Central Park—5.41" of rain fell, 1.39" above normal—rainfall throughout the Region was otherwise below or near normal. The greatest monthly deficit was 1.49" in Central Park in September, when 2.79" of rain fell.

Post-tropical Cyclone Hermine lingered at sea south of eastern Long Island from 4-6 September, bringing tropical-storm-force winds to Long Island 5-6 September and then passing well to the east. Sea watches on eastern Long Island on 5 September were productive. Sightings at five eastern Long Island locations from Flying Point Beach and Mecox Inlet in Mecox east to Shinnecock (Tiana Beach and Shinnecock Inlet) and Amagansett produced similar results. Notably, a Black-capped Petrel seen flying east at Shinnecock Inlet by Pat Lindsay, Shai Mitra, Pete Morris, and Taylor Sturm was seen a short while later at Amagansett by Anthony Collerton. Cory's, Sooty (late), and Manx Shearwaters were seen at multiple locations as was Parasitic Jaeger. Nadir Souirgi had a Brown Booby and Great Shearwater at Flying Point Beach. Black Terns were also seen in good numbers during the storm. Much further west at Jones Beach, Shawn and Mary Beth Billerman saw a Pomarine Jaeger and Parasitic Jaeger, but there were few other seabirds reported west.

An offshore pelagic trip on 17 September to waters south of Shinnecock produced Audubon's Shearwater and Long-tailed Jaeger, among more common seabirds.

Cold front passages on 25 September and 10 October produced notable coastal flights and good concentrations of lingering birds. For example, six Red-bellied Woodpeckers, two Common Ravens, and over 10,000 Tree Swallows were noted migrating on the Nassau and western Suffolk County barrier islands on 25 September. The 10 October flight produced four Bald Eagles, two Broad-winged Hawks, 55 Rusty Blackbirds, 63 Purple Finches, a Greater White-fronted Goose, and a Cackling Goose, among good numbers of more common migrants at Ft. Tilden, Queens County. 10 October also was a good day at the Fire Island Hawk Watch, with 382 total hawks including notable counts of Merlin (215) and Osprey (17), and 110 American Kestrels, which, sadly, is a big number these days.

The 35th year of the Fire Island Hawk Watch produced 2224 total hawks, 34% below the average of the previous 20 years despite the fourth highest effort, 470 hours, over an extended season—75 count days. Only 300 American Kestrels were counted, 67% below the average of the previous 20 years. Sharp-shinned Hawks numbered 195, 44% below the 20-year average. It was also a poor year for Northern Harrier (195 counted, 30% below the 20-year average), Merlin (1016, -22%), and Peregrine (121, -37%). On the other hand, there were 55 Cooper's Hawks counted, 63% above the 20-year average. A record count of 10 Bald Eagles was 170% above the 20-year average. Two Northern Goshawks passed the hawk watch on 28 October, and FIHW's first two Black Vultures ever were counted, along with one Turkey Vulture.

As discussed in last year's Region 10 fall season report, based on an analysis of data from both inland and coastal hawk watches in the northeast by FIHW compiler Drew Panko, it is likely that the low numbers of American Kestrels and Sharp-shinned Hawks reflect population declines, while the numbers of Merlin and Peregrine reflect weather patterns that are not conducive to coastal flights. Populations of Cooper's Hawk and Bald Eagle have been increasing. Northern Harrier numbers were low for the second straight year. Further analysis might help clarify why.

Once again, there were a number of notable counts at FIHW late in the season which probably reflect later migration due to climate change. Examples include 13 Northern Harriers and 17 Merlins among 45 total hawks on 6 November, and 20 total hawks on 10 November including six Northern Harriers and nine Sharp-shinned Hawks. The shift to later migration is also evident in the passerine diversity toward the latter part of the migration. For example, at least 16 species of warblers were recorded in Central Park on 10 October, at least 12 species on 24 October, and at least 7 species on 30 October.

Waterfowl numbers were once again low. Peak waterfowl abundance in our area has shifted from late fall into the winter season over the past several years. The maxima of virtually all of our wintering species were quite low by historical standards. Scaup numbers were exceptionally low, especially given their great abundance in recent years. The maxima of Canvasback and Redhead were only six. A decent flight of sea ducks was observed in eastern Suffolk County on 23 November, with several seasonal maxima recorded. But the numbers were not particularly great. Red-throated Loons were present in good numbers, greatly outnumbering Common Loons. Wood Duck is doing well in our area, and a good number of Blue-winged Teal were present at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in September.

It was a decent grasspiper season on the sod fields in Riverhead, Suffolk County. Buff-breasted Sandpiper numbers were reasonably good, and American Golden-Plover numbers were higher than in recent years. However, the only report of Upland Sandpiper was an unusual and not particularly comforting one: a nocturnal migrant attracted to the beams of light of the "Tribute to Lights" at the World Trade Center in Manhattan.

With the exception of Purple Finch, which was present in good numbers, there were few irruptive winter finches this fall. The maximum of Pine Siskins was 16, and there were a few Red Crossbills (maximum seven). Even American Goldfinches were in low numbers, with a maximum of 908 migrating on 12 November at Robert Moses State Park, Fire Island. Surprisingly, three Common Redpolls were reported in Manhattan on 23 November, and an adult male Evening Grosbeak was seen by a few fortunate birders at Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn on 7 November. Red-breasted Nuthatches irrupted in large numbers this fall. They were birders' constant companions in the pines at the barrier beaches and many other locations beginning in early September. The maximum was 175 at Robert Moses State Park on 29 October. There were no reports of Long-eared Owl or Northern Saw-whet Owl.

Bald Eagles gathered this fall at Beaver Lake, Mill Neck, Nassau County to feed on Atlantic Menhaden that apparently had become trapped in the lake in large numbers. Many died. The eagles, a maximum of seven, were present for most of the season as reported by Barbara Connolly. This is a remarkable occurrence for Long Island.

305 species were recorded in the Region this fall. Among them were some additional rarities of note. A Pink-footed Goose, initially photographed by Tim Healy's dad, stayed at Hendrickson Park, Valley Stream, Nassau County through the season and was enjoyed by many. Todd Olson spotted a Mississippi Kite at the Bronx Zoo on 21 September. Kite sightings in our area are particularly rare in the fall. Anthony Ciancimino photographed a Franklin's Gull at Wolfe's Pond Park, Staten Island on 4 October. An immature Sandwich Tern was at Great Gull Island, Suffolk County on 7 September. The third late-October White-winged Dove in the history of the Fire Island Hawk Watch flew by on the 25th as reported by Bob Kurtz. There were three *Selasphorus* hummingbirds in the Region this fall. Two were not identified to species. The third, a Rufous Hummingbird, was photographed at the Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, Nassau County on 6 October as reported by Sy Schiff. At least two, and probably three or more, Pileated Woodpeckers are resident on Staten Island, seen mostly in the Mount Loretto area. There were three Ash-throated Flycatchers in the Region this fall. One found by Bobby Berlingeri at Lido West Town Park, Nassau County on 13 November was reliable there through the season. Another, found by Mike Shanley at Wolfe's Pond Park on 1 November, stayed until the 2nd and was also enjoyed by many. The third was at Bushwick Inlet, Williamsburg, Brooklyn on 19-20 November, a private and somewhat inaccessible location. The only Cave Swallow of the season flew by the Fire Island Hawk Watch on 6 November. That same day an "Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler was spotted at Robert Moses State Park by Taylor Sturm. Seth Wollney and Dave Eib found a gorgeous adult male Western Tanager at Conference House Park, Staten Island on 24 November. It stayed until the 28th. Cedric Duhade found another Western Tanager at City Hall Park in lower Manhattan on 22 November. It remained there through November, bringing the

additional flavor of hordes of birders looking up at the trees in this bustling location. The substantial record of rare birds found in small patches of green in Manhattan was augmented this fall by two Yellow-breasted Chats, one at Trinity Church in lower Manhattan and the other at St. Paul's Cathedral, literally within eyeshot of the Western Tanager. Both chats were present for most of November.

The teams competing in the third annual Seatuck Birding Challenge on 24 September tallied a record 168 species including Common Gallinule, American Golden-Plover, Baird's Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Parasitic Jaeger, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Caspian Tern, Royal Tern, Eastern Screech-Owl, Great-horned Owl, Common Nighthawk, Philadelphia Vireo, Clay-colored Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, and an impressive 23 species of warblers highlighted by Cape May, Canada, Blue-winged, and Wilson's. The top high school team was once again Team Mennecke. Among the adult teams, Pteam Ptarmigeddon repeated their 2015 triumph with a record 118 species. The Captree Counters finished right on Ptarmigeddon's tarsi with 117 species, and the author's team, the W.T. Hornadays, were within sight of the dense feathering on said tarsi, in third place with 110 species. The Seatuck Birding Challenge is sponsored by the Seatuck Environmental Association, a NYSOA member club. For more information, contact Seatuck through their website at seatuck.org.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; BgEg – Big Egg Marsh, Broad Channel, QUEE; BLSP – Belmont L SP, SUFF; BPP – Baisley 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; 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 – Greenwood Cemetery, KING; HLSP – Hempstead L SP, NASS; HP – Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF; HSP – Heckscher SP, SUFF; IHP – Inwood Hill P, NEWY; 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; Nick – Nickerson B, Lido B, NASS; NYBG – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; PB – Plumb Beach, KING; 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; SBC – Seatuck Birding Challenge; 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.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: Hendrickson P, Valley Stream, NASS 1 Nov thru (TH, mob).

Greater White-fronted Goose: FT 10 Oct (DG, SB, SSM), migr; BLSP 3 Nov (RBA).
Snow Goose: max 200 JBWR 26 Nov (JDi).

Brant: max 5000 JBWR 26 Nov (JDi).
Cackling Goose: JBWE 10 Oct (TH, mob); FT 10 Oct (DG, SB, SSM); IHP 23 Oct (Ryan Zucker, ph); Caumsett SP, SUFF 30 Oct (Philip Magnussen); Bronx Zoo, BRON 7 Nov (TO); Hendrickson P 13 Nov (AS) Oakleigh Av. Farm Field, SUFF 25 Nov (DR).
Canada Goose: max 2000 Riverhead, SUFF 15 Nov (SSM).
Mute Swan: max 207 MB 6 Nov (AnW).
Tundra Swan: Mill Dam P, Halesite, SUFF 20 Nov (PPa)
Wood Duck: max 51 Miller's Pd, Smithtown, SUFF 8 Oct (SSM, PJJ).
Gadwall: max 213 Patchogue L, SUFF 12 Nov (BY).
Eurasian Wigeon: JBWR 28 Sep – 26 Oct (AB, RBA); Blydenburgh CP, SUFF 8 Oct (RBA); Marine P, KING 15 Oct – 4 Nov (RBA); Miller's Pd, Smithtown, SUFF 24 Oct (RBA); Fresh Pd Rd, Ft. Salonga, SUFF 26 Oct (RBA); Frank Melville P, Setauket, SUFF 29 Oct – 4 Nov (RBA); Patchogue L, SUFF 6 Nov (KC).
Blue-winged Teal: max 78 JBWR 7 Sep (SC).
N. Shoveler: max 250 JBWR 29 Sep (John Haas).
N. Pintail: max 20 Mill Pd, Oyster Bay, NASS 28 Oct (BBo).
Green-winged Teal: max 200 HLSP 19 Oct (EB).
Canvasback: all reps: max 6 Seatuck Cr, Eastport, SUFF 6 Nov (KC); Arahamomaque Pd Pres, Southold, SUFF 12 Nov (P. Lauber); Centerport Pd, SUFF 15-20 Nov (BBo, PPa); 2 Eastport L, SUFF 25 Nov (S. Newbert, *et al.*).
Redhead: all reps: 3 HLSP 5 Nov (SSch); max 6 Patchogue L 7 Nov (JGI); 4 L Capri, W. Islip, SUFF 14-24 Nov (mob); 2 JBWR 22 Nov (T. Van Duynes).
Ring-necked Duck: max 40 Eastport L 25 Nov (S. Newbert, *et al.*).
Greater Scaup: max 86 JBWR 19 Nov (CF), low number.
Lesser Scaup: max 11 Swan L, Patchogue, SUFF 9 Nov (BY), low number.
King Eider: fem Bayville 9-16 Nov (*fide* BF); fem Orient Pt., SUFF 11-19 Nov (JSe, SA, MN).
Com. Eider: max 158 Camp Hero SP, Montauk, SUFF 23 Nov (KF, SF).
Harlequin Duck: fem Jones Inlet, NASS 31 Oct (KF, SF), thereafter 2-3 thru; fem Shinn 11-12 Nov (MC); 4 Orient Pt 24 Nov (JSe).
Surf Scoter: max 1810 MP 23 Nov (KF, SF), large number.

White-winged Scoter: max 253 Orient Pt 10 Oct (JSe).
Black Scoter: max 4325 MP 23 Nov (KF, SF), large number.
Bufflehead: max 370 PBP 26 Nov (RAR).
Hooded Merganser: max 210 HLSP 17 Nov (J. Landesberg).
Com. Merganser: 5 Dune Rd, E Quogue, SUFF 25 Nov (Bruce King), only rep.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 400 Annadale, RICH 18 Nov (SIW).
Ruddy Duck: max 250 JBWR 14 Nov (T.B. Laskowski).
N. Bobwhite: max 22 Greentree Estate, Manhasset, NASS (private) 24 Sep (SP, *et al.*); 8 Avalon East Farm Pres, Stony Brook, SUFF 30 Sep (MZ); introduced.
Red-throated Loon: max 249 Hither Hills SP, Napeague, SUFF 27 Nov (AnW), large number.
Com. Loon: max 111 Lido West Town P, Lido B, NASS 27 Nov (AnW).
Horned Grebe: max 75 Annadale 18 Nov (SIW).
Red-necked Grebe: 3 JBWE 5 Nov (M. Schrimpf); Fort Pd, Montauk, SUFF 24-25 Nov (SSM, PJJ, TM)
BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: Shinn 5 Sep (PJJ, PM, SSM, TS); Amagansett, SUFF 5 Sep (AC); same bird; intro.
Cory's Shearwater: 18 MB 5 Sep (PJJ); 5 Shinn 5 Sep (PJJ, PM, SSM, TS); 3 Tiana B, SUFF 5 Sep (PJJ, PM, SSM, TS); 2 Amagansett 5 Sep (AC); *intro*; 3 RMSP 29 Sep (RBA).
Great Shearwater: 2 Flying Pt. B, Mecox, SUFF 5 Sep (NS); 5 pelagic s Shinn 17 Sep (RBA); *intro*; 5 pelagic s Montauk 2 Nov (RBA).
Sooty Shearwater: 2 Flying Pt B 5 Sep (NS); 2 Amagansett 5 Sep (AC), late; *intro*.
Manx Shearwater: MB 5 Sep (PJJ); 4 Shinn 5 Sep (PJJ, PM, SSM, TS); Amagansett 5 Sep (AC); 3 Flying Pt B 5 Sep (NS); 4 Tiana B 5 Sep (PJJ, PM, SSM, TS); *intro*.
AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER: Pelagic s Shinn 17 Sep (RBA).
Wilson's Storm-Petrel: 12 pelagic s Shinn 17 Sep (RBA).
BROWN BOOBY: Flying Pt B 5 Sep (NS), pending NYSARC review.
N. Gannet: max 7500 RMSP 5 Nov (PM, TS).
Am. Bittern: CP 10 Sep (*fide* TF); 2 Tobay B, NASS 16 Oct (RBA).
Least Bittern: Mill Pd P, Bellmore, NASS 11 Sep (Mary Jane Russell).

Great Egret: max 176 Cedar B Marina, Babylon, SUFF 2 Oct (SSM, PJL), large number.

Tricolored Heron: Moriches Bay, SUFF 3 Sep (SSM, PJL); MNSA20 Oct (SP).

Cattle Egret: VCP 15 Oct (NS); Mt. Loretto, RICH 16 Oct (SIW); 1-2 FBF/FT/RP 22 Oct - 6 Nov (RJ, PPa, mob); Caumsett SP 29 Oct (AG, *et al.*); Yaphank, SUFF 5 Nov (EiS, MH); PBP 12 Nov (Jared Cole).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 43 Camman's Pd P, Merrick, NASS 20 Nov (DF), large number.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: max 22 Camman's Pd P 24 Sep (SA, MN, *et al.*), SBC.

Black Vulture: FIHW 4 Sep (*fide DP*); FIHW/Oak B, Babylon, SUFF 2 Oct (*fide DP*, JGI); very rare on barrier beach; 6 CP 23 Oct (TF)

Turkey Vulture: FIHW 4 Nov (*fide DP*), rare on barrier beach; 108 IHP 23 Oct (Ryan Zucker); 120 CP 23 Oct (TF); 26 Riverhead, SUFF 5 Nov (RA); large numbers.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: 349 FIHW, 1.6% above the 20-year average (*fide DP*); 101 FIHW 24 Sep (*fide DP*), large number.

MISSISSIPPI KITE: Bronx Zoo 21 Sep (TO).

Bald Eagle: 10 FIHW, 170% above 20-year average (*fide DP*); otherwise appx. 30 reps involving at least 70 individuals, incl: up to 7 present Beaver L, Mill Neck, SUFF 1-30 Oct (BCo); 6 Beaver L, Mill Neck 14 Nov (MN, SA, BCo); feeding on Atlantic Menhaden; 4 CP 29 Sep (*fide TF*); 4 CP 10 Oct (DA, *et al.*); 4 FT 10 Oct (DG, SB, SSM); max 18 IHP 23 Oct (Ryan Zucker), large number; 8 CP 28 Oct (RBA).

N. Harrier: 159 FIHW, 30% below 20-year average; 13 FIHW 6 Nov (*fide DP*); 6 FIHW 10 Nov (*fide DP*); large numbers for date.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 195 FIHW, 44% below 20-year average; 9 FIHW 10 Nov (*fide DP*), large number for date.

Cooper's Hawk: 55 FIHW, 63% above 20-year average.

N. Goshawk: 2 FIHW 28 Oct (*fide DP*); PBP 20 Nov (MB, RAR); JBWE 26 Nov (SyS, JGi).

Red-shouldered Hawk: CP 23 Oct (TF).

Broad-winged Hawk: 2 FT 10 Oct (DG, SB, SSM), rare on barrier beach.

Red-tailed Hawk: 6 FIHW, 35-year maximum (*fide DP*).

Rough-legged Hawk: Mott Lane Marsh, Brookhaven, SUFF 8 Nov (DR); Town Lane, Amagansett, SUFF 19 Nov (KRu); Sammy's Beach, East Hampton, SUFF 14 Nov (AA); JBSP 24 Nov (AnW).

Virginia Rail: CP 9-22 Sep (*fide APe*, RBA); PP 20 Oct (*fide JM*).

Sora: JBWE 13 Sep (BF); Dune Rd, E. Quogue, SUFF 18 Sep (RBA).

Com. Moorhen: 2 River Rd, RICH 3-10 Sep (ACi, IG); 2 Mass 20-24 Sep (RT, mob), 1 thru 28 Sep (RBA).

Am. Avocet: 3 North Channel Bridge, Howard Beach, QUEE 3 Sep (DF).

Am. Oystercatcher: max 800 JBWE 24 Sep (SP), large number.

Am. Golden-Plover: 64 Baiting Hollow, Riverhead, SUFF 2 Sep (RA, AC); max 70 Baiting Hollow 3 Sep (RJK); 30 Rt 105 3 Sep (RBA); 60 Baiting Hollow 4 Sep (MC); 8 Nick 8 Sep (PP); JBWR 24 Sep (SSM, PJL, *et al.*), SBC; 2 MB 25 Sep (MY); JBWE 10 Oct (TH); FT/BBF 10 Oct (DG, SB, SSM, RBA), flyover; 11 Baiting Hollow 10 Oct (RA).

Lesser Yellowlegs: 20 RMSP 9 Oct (RBA), late, unusual loc.

Upland Sandpiper: Tribute in Light Memorial at World Trade Center, NEWY 12 Sep (Ben Barkley).

Whimbrel: CCP 11 Sep (AB); 2 CCP 12 Sep (LS); GKP 1 Oct (ACi).

Hudsonian Godwit: MB 6 Sep (KF, EiS, mob).

Marbled Godwit: max 13 Old Inlet, Bellport Bay, SUFF 2 Sep (DR), large number; Nick 2 Sep (PP, ABo); Fire I Inlet, SUFF 17 Sep - 2 Oct (JGI, mob); 3 Ruffle Bar, Jamaica Bay, KING 17 Sep - 16 Oct (MB); JBWE 21 Oct (DK, mob); 2 Shinn 3 Nov (RBA); 2 Ruffle Bar 13 Nov (MB).

Red Knot: 160 Camp Anchor, Lido B, NASS 8 Sep (BF); 158 CCP 11 Sep (AB); max 250 Pt. Lookout, NASS 2 Oct (AB, RK).

Stilt Sandpiper: 3 JBWE 2 Sep (KF, SF), unusual loc; max 4 JBWR 20 Sep (SS), low number.

Baird's Sandpiper: 2 Rt 105 3 Sep (RBA); JBWE 4 Sep (RT); Sag 5 Sep (PJL); 2 BPT 5 Sep (AB); Tiana B 5 Sep (RBA); JBWR 17 Oct (SW, TWB, GB, mob), late, one-eyed, taken & shared by two peregrines.

White-rumped Sandpiper: appx 15 reps; max 11 MB 5 Sep (PJL, *et al.*); 2 MB 5 Nov (KF, SF), last.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 2 Rt 105 2 Sep (DF, RJK); 2 JBWE 2 Sep (KF, SF); 3 Baiting

Hollow 2 Sep (EiS, *et al.*); max 17 Riverhead, Edwards Ave east to Rt 105 3 Sep (KF, SF); 10 Baiting Hollow 3 Sep (RBA); 6 Rt 105 4 Sep (MC); Miller Field, RICH 5 Sep (SIW); 3 JBWE 7 Sep (BF, *et al.*); PB 10 Sep (RJ); 10 Baiting Hollow 10 Sep (KC).

Pectoral Sandpiper: 3 JBWR 28 Sep (AB); 2 FT 10 Oct (DG, SB, SSM); PB 23 Oct (RBA).

Western Sandpiper: 2 JBWE 2 Sep (KF, SF); CCP 12 Sep (LS).

Long-billed Dowitcher: Richmond Cr., RICH 3 Sep (ACi); 2 JBWR 28 Sep (AB); 2-10 Santapogue Cr., Babylon, SUFF 12-30 Oct (PM, RBA, SA, MN).

Wilson's Phalarope: Cow Meadow P, Freeport, NASS 8 Oct (GS).

Red-necked Phalarope: JBWE 7 Sep (Glen Wilson, mob); 6 pelagic s Shinn 17 Sep (RBA).

Pomarine Jaeger: JBWE 5 Sep (SMB, MBB), *intro*; RMSP 29 Sep (SSM), very rare from shore.

Parasitic Jaeger: 4 Flying Pt B 5 Sep (NS); Shinn 5 Sep (PJL, PM, SSM, TS); Ama 5 Sep (AC); 6 Tiana B 5 Sep (PJL, PM, SSM, TS); RMSP 24 Sep (SSM, PJL, *et al.*), SBC; 2 RMSP 25 Sep (KF); FIHW 26 Sep (RJK); pelagic s Montauk 2 Nov (RBA); MP 11 Nov (KF, SF).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 3 pelagic s Shinn 17 Sep (RBA).

Razorbill: Montauk, SUFF 25 Nov (KG).

Black-legged Kittiwake: 8 pelagic s Montauk 2 Nov (RBA).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 518 Ama 5 Nov (AnW).

Little Gull: 1st win MP 23 Nov (KF, SF).

Laughing Gull: max 3500 FT 10 Oct (DG, SB, SSM); 3000 PB 25 Oct (SSM).

FRANKLIN'S GULL (R10): WPP 4 Oct (ACi), ph.

Iceland Gull: PBP 20 Nov (MB, RA).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Appx 30 reps incl: 8 JBSP 5 Sep (BF, SMB); 8 RMSP 19 Sep (SSM), 1 juv, 2 1st sum/2 win, 5 imm; 10 JBWE 20 Sep (SyS); Pt Lookout 24 Sep (SA, MN, *et al.*), SBC; 15 barrier beach RMSP to JBWE 29 Sep (SSM), all imm; max 40 barrier beach, Pt. Lookout to RMSP 30 Sep (RBA); 2 Randall's I, NEWY 9 Oct (RBA); 15 JBSP 9 Oct (RBA); 6 JBWE 31 Oct (KF, SF).

Glaucous Gull: Lido B 13 Nov (BF, TH).

Gull-billed Tern: JBWE 4 Sep (RJK); Black Wall Marsh, Jamaica Bay, KING 10 Sep (MB).

Caspian Tern: 2 JBWE 4 Sep (RT); MB 5 Sep (PJL); 2 BPT 5-14 Sep (AB); JBWR 8 Sep (SC); 4 JBWR 20 Sep (RBA); MB 25 Sep

(MY); WPP 2 Oct (SIW); 2 JBWE 4 Oct (TH); 2 RMSP 9 Oct (RBA); GKP 31 Oct (RV), late.

Black Tern: MB 5 Sep (PJL); 7 Shinn 5 Sep (PJL, TS, PM); max 20 Tiana B 5 Sep (RBA); 16 Flying Pt B 5 Sep (NS); *intro* JBWE 28 Sep (BF); FT 10 Oct (DG, SB, SSM), late.

Roseate Tern: JBSP 5 Sep (SMB, BF).

Royal Tern: appx 40 reps incl: 17 Davis P, Patchogue, SUFF 6 Sep (JHr), unusual loc; 96 CCP 17 Sep (RBA); 3 Black Wall Marsh 10 Sep (MB), unusual loc; max 234 Old Inlet, Bellport Bay 11 Sep (AnW, DR); 2 JBSP 24 Sep (SA, MN, *et al.*), SBC; 3 HSP 24 Sep (SA, MN, *et al.*), SBC; 38 Midland B, RICH 28 Sep (CB); 14 Goldsmith's Inlet, Southold, SUFF 25 Oct (RBA), unusual loc; 88 PB 25 Sep (SSM); 25 FT/RP 29 Oct (SA, CF); 2 Iron Pier, Northville, SUFF 6 Nov (KC); GKP 14 Nov (TF), last.

SANDWICH TERN: imm Great Gull I, SUFF 7 Sep (RBA).

Black Skimmer: max 350 B 59th St., Rockaway, QUEE 5 Sep (CF).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: FIHW 25 Oct (RJK).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: DOP 4 Nov (RBA), late.

Snowy Owl: JBWE 23-27 Nov (mob).

Long-eared Owl: No reps.

Short-eared Owl: BPT 21-22 Nov (R. Ellard, IG), only rep.

N. Saw-whet Owl: no reps.

Com. Nighthawk: appx 20 reps incl: 13 Greentree Estate 1 Sep (SP); max 86 Cow Harbor P, Northport, SUFF 8 Sep (PPa); 39 Greentree Estate 7 Sep (SP), noted both feeding and migr; 25 Wading R, SUFF 7 Oct (DK); 60 Mill Pd, Setauket, SUFF 8 Oct (JT, *et al.*).

E. Whip-poor-will: EPCAL 3 Sep (AnW).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: MNSA 6 Oct (*fide* SyS), ph.

RUFIOUS/ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD: RMSP 23 Oct (BBo, TS); Aquebogue, SUFF 22 Nov thru (*fide* EiS), present for appx one month prior.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Greentree Estate 7 Sep (SP); CP 12-18 Sep (SC, mob); 2 CP 18-28 Oct (*fide* DA, TF, RBA), ad & imm, imm thru 11 Nov; MLUA 23-30 Oct (HF, mob); imm JBWE 31 Oct (KF, SF); ad KP 31 Oct thru (CCo, mob); RMSP 2 Nov (RBA); Owl's Head P, KING 4 Nov (RBA); imm KP 6 Nov (CF);

ad Blydenburgh CP, Smithtown, SUFF 18-26 Nov (VP, TM); imm SMSP 19 Nov (RBA).
PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): CR/Mt. Loretto thru incl 2 CR 24 Nov (ACi).
Am. Kestrel: 300 FIHW, 67% below 20-year average (*fide* DP).
Merlin: 1016 FIHW, 22% below 20-year average (*fide* DP); 17 FIHW 6 Nov (*fide* DP), large number for date.
Peregrine Falcon: 121 FIHW, 37% below 20-year average.
Monk Parakeet: max 52 Valley Stream Village Hall P, Valley Stream, NASS 13 Nov (RJK).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: PP 8 Sep (RBA); Mass 21 Sep (RT), late.
Alder Flycatcher: Uplands Farm Pres, Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF 20 Sep (DR).
“EMPIDONAX SP.” FLYCATCHER: CP 28 Oct (mob), ph DA.
ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: WPP 1-2 Nov (MSh, mob); Lido West Town P 13 Nov thru (BB, mob); Bushwick Inlet, Williamsburg, KING 19-20 Nov (*fide* PS).
Western Kingbird: JBWE 19 Nov (KF, mob), only rep.
N. Shrike: no reps.
White-eyed Vireo: CP 24 Oct (L. Hertzog, ph), late.
Philadelphia Vireo: at least 15 reps involving at least 21 ind incl 4 CP 15 Sep (*fide* TF), large number.
Com. Raven: widespread reps thru, mostly 1-2 birds; FIHW 11 Oct (RJK); RMSP 12 Sep (KF, SF); 2 FIHW 25 Sep (RJK); rare on barrier beach; pr present Bloomfield, RICH noted 1 Oct (DE); pr present Sands Pt Pres, NASS 25 Sep – 31 Oct (GQ); pr present Bush Terminal Piers P, KING thru; 3 Queens Hospital Center, Flushing, QUEE 17 Oct (CF); max 7 SMSP 26 Oct, large number.
Purple Martin: max 12 Great Gull I 1 Sep (JDi).
Cliff Swallow: Orient Pt 20 Nov (JSe), late.
CAVE SWALLOW: FIHW 6 Nov (RBA), only rep.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: widespread irruption noted from early Sep; max 175 RMSP 29 Oct (TS), large number.
Marsh Wren: 2 Greentree 11 Oct (SP), unusual loc.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: CP 16 Oct (JSp); Randall’s I 28 Nov (TF); late.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: appx 15 reps 7 Sep – 19 Oct, max 2.
Gray-cheeked/Bicknell’s Thrush: 6 reps 10 Sep – 25 Oct.
Am. Pipit: max 122 RMSP 31 Oct (KF, SF).

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: JBWE 30 Oct (*fide* JV); 2 JBWE 31 Oct (KF, SF); 3 JBWE 3 Nov (RP); max 6 JBWE 8-24 Nov (mob); 2 FBF 17 Nov (IG); Miller Field 19 Nov (ACi, MK).
Louisiana Waterthrush: CLP 2-3 Sep (HF, G. Boquoio); PP 8 Sep (K. Toomey, G. Keri); Dam Pd, E. Marion, SUFF 11 Sep (JSe), rare on eastern L.I., late.
Golden-winged Warbler: CP 3-4 Sep (TF); PBP 5 Sep (JRo); Oakland L, Bayside, QUEE 6 Oct (Irene Bareis).
Orange-crowned Warbler: appx 20 reps, first PP 8 Sep (RBA), early.
Connecticut Warbler: APP 2 Sep (*fide* PR); CP 6 Sep (JSp, mob); CP 9 Sep (*fide* TF); PP 15 Sep (SS); PBP 21 Sep (MB); CP 21 Sep (JRo, *et al.*); World Trade Center, NEWY 22 Sep (BC, mob); Garvies Pt Pres, Glen Cove, NASS 23 Sep (*fide* BF); CP 24 Sep (RBA); CP 28 Sep (RBA); MLUA 3 Oct (JSt); Trinity Church, NEWY 11 Oct (BC).
Mourning Warbler: JBWE 22-23 Oct (KC, TH), ph, late.
Hooded Warbler: appx 10 reps incl fem MLUA 3 Oct (RV), late.
“AUDUBON’S” YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: RMSP 6 Nov (TS).
Yellow-breasted Chat: 16 reps incl: Trinity Church 3 Nov thru (BC, mob); St. Paul’s Cathedral, NEWY 8-28 Nov (SS, PP, mob); unusual locs.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: appx 15 reps, fewer than recent years, incl: KP 24 Sep (RBA); Greentree Estate 6 Oct (SP); 2 JBWE 14-15 Oct (MZ, RC); RMSP 29-30 Oct (MN, SA), last.
Vesper Sparrow: CP 25 Sep (*fide* TF); CP 4 Oct (*fide* TF); KP 16 Oct (PR); JBWE 25-26 Oct (DK, MZ); 3 KP 30 Oct (PR, JR, *et al.*); PP 5 Nov (RBA); KP 5-6 Nov (PR, CF); JBWE 5-11 Nov (TH, BF, MZ); Willow L, Flushing, QUEE 11-27 Nov (CF, SA); Caumsett SP 17 Nov (RT).
Lark Sparrow: more than usual: RMSP 2 Sep (SSM); GWC 17 Sep (JM); FIHW 18-22 Sep (MN, RBA); Gilgo B, Babylon, SUFF 2 Oct (RPx); CP 4 Oct (*fide* TF); GWC 13 Oct

(RBA); JBSP 15 Oct (KF); Garden City, NASS 2 Nov (RBA).

Grasshopper Sparrow: Ft. Wadsworth, RICH 11-13 Oct (IG).

Nelson's Sparrow: max 9 PB 11 Oct (SB); 3 Greentree Estate 11 Oct (SP); GWC 7 Nov (SS); unusual locs.

Song Sparrow: 214 Greentree Estate 11 Oct (SP), large number.

Lincoln's Sparrow: appx 40 reps incl: CP 3 Sep (TF), early; Greentree Estate 24 Sep (SP, *et al.*), SBC; 2 Greentree Estate 6-11 Oct (SP); World Trade Center 17 Oct (BC), unusual loc.

Summer Tanager: JBWE 26 Sep (RBA), ph; CP 9 Oct (RBA).

Scarlet Tanager: CP 26 Oct (*fide* TF), late.

WESTERN TANAGER: City Hall P, NEWY 22 Nov thru (Cedric Duhade, mob), ph; ad m CHP 24-28 Nov (SIW, DE, mob).

Blue Grosbeak: appx 15 reps incl: 5 MLUA/CHP 13 Sep (RV), large number; 2 Greentree Estate 15 Sep (SP); 3 Greentree Estate 11 Oct (SP).

Dickcissel: more than usual: RMSP 8 Sep (RBA); JBWE 12 Sep (TH); RMSP 12 Sep (KF, SF); RMSP 25 Sep (P JL, SA, mob); CHP 1 Oct (ACi); JBWE 4 Oct (TH); Greentree Estate 11 Oct (SP); JBWE 15 Oct (KF); Chandler Estate, Mt. Sinai, SUFF 26 Oct (Aidan Perkins); Mill Dam P, Huntington,

SUFF 28 Oct (PPa); RMSP 29 Oct (RBA); CP 30 Oct (RBA); Coney I Cr, KING 4 Nov (RBA); WPP 19 Nov (ACi).

Rusty Blackbird: max 55 migr FT 10 Oct (DG, SB, SSM).

Boat-tailed Grackle: max 180 Captree I, SUFF 2 Oct (SSM, P JL).

Orchard Oriole: CP 14 Sep (*fide* TF); Barrett B, Fire I, SUFF 25 Sep (DR); late.

Purple Finch: widespread in good numbers thru; over 40 reps incl: 3 RMSP 2 Sep (SSM); max 63 migr FT 10 Oct (DG, SB, SSM); 20 MLUA/CHP 30 Oct (RV); 20 migr JBWE 31 Oct (SA); 15 CHP 5 Nov (RV).

Red Crossbill: a few migr late in the season: FIHW 17 Nov (RJK); JBWE 18 Nov (BF); 5-6 JBWE 19 Nov (RBA); Lido B 23 Nov (Menachem Goldstein); 7 JBWE 27 Nov (SSch).

Com. Redpoll: 3 E 52 St., NEWY 23 Nov (AF), unusual loc.

Pine Siskin: migr in very small numbers, e.g. 4 RMSP 25 Sep (SSM, *et al.*); MLUA 26 Oct (RV); 3 JBWE 31 Oct (SA); 3 JBWE 5 Nov (TH, BF); max 16 RMSP 23 Nov (BBo); JBWE 27 Nov (SW).

Am. Goldfinch: max 908 RMSP 12 Nov (SSM).

EVENING GROSBEEK (R10): ad m GWC 7 Nov (SS, *et al.*).

