

REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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September was warm and very dry, continuing the worsening drought conditions. Less than an inch of rain fell on Poughkeepsie. The average temperature was 2.9° F above normal. October was also dry but only slightly warmer than normal. Only 2.54" of precipitation fell. Mid-month saw a warm spell, with Poughkeepsie reaching 84° on 18 October. The low for the month was 25° on 26 October. The year-to-date precipitation deficit for the Region now ranged from 8-11 inches. November started warm, reaching 71° on the 2nd and 3rd, followed by expected temperatures for most of the month. Dutchess County had two 6" snowstorms, one on the 17th followed by another on the 20th. It was finally wetter than normal, with 4.73" of rain, 1.25" more than average.

Numbers were way down at the area hawk watches, especially for Broad-winged Hawks. Data showed that they migrated further inland. Chestnut Ridge's best Broad-wing day totaled only 237 on 26 September. Hook Mt. and Mount Peter each had a little over 2200 on 21 September. Northern Goshawk numbers were up, with five passing Hook Mt. on 4 November and 19 for the season. No hawk watch reported Rough-legged hawk.

Carena Pooth and Herb Thompson found and described a RED PHALAROPE on Hunns Lake in Red Hook on 23 October. A few other observers were able to view and photograph the bird. The bird could not be located the next day. This is Dutchess County's fourth record.

An ongoing N. Saw-whet Owl banding project by the Sullivan County Audubon Society set a record with 140 owls netted, 127 banded and 13 previously banded.

Some observers noted a lack of warbler migration during the middle of September. Yellow-breasted Chats and Orange-crowned Warblers made appearances in October.

On Tuesday, 1 November, Tom Burke and Gail Benson found a **VIRGINIA'S WARBLER** at Marshlands Conservancy in Rye. This second New York State record, if accepted by NYSARC, was found feeding in goldenrod with a good gathering of other birds. It was very elusive but calling at times and occasionally flying into the widely spaced crabapple trees. The warbler was ultimately enjoyed by most of the gathered birders up through late afternoon and was active enough that at least one photo was obtained. Searches on subsequent days did not relocate the bird.

Other notable species included Hudsonian Godwit and Lark Sparrow.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CPP – Croton Pt P; EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; HVRT – Harlem Valley Rail Trail; MC – Marshlands Conservancy; RNC – Rye Nature Center; SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR.

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: Ryder P, Amenia 16, 18 Oct (JCLI, CV); Pawling 28-30 Oct (M&GD); Westchester CC 25, 26 Nov (ND, LT); Turtle Bay Rd, Black Dirt Region 30 Nov (BN).

Snow Goose: Camel Farm 2 Sep, early.

Brant: arr CPP 27 Sep.

Cackling Goose: 1-2 Amenia 11 Oct, 5, 8, 19 Nov (CP, BM, AP, CV); Wallkill 6-11 Nov (MD, KMcd, WT, JPr); Blue Chip Farm 6, 11 Nov (KMcd, MD); 2 New Paltz 19 Nov (JCLI).

Wood Duck: max 112 Bashakill 3 Sep.

Blue-winged Teal: max 34 Bashakill 9 Oct.

Green-winged Teal: max 110 Bashakill 19 Oct.

Redhead: 2 Ashokan Res 11 Oct (PS); 2 Tivoli Bays 17 Oct (SR).

Ring-necked Duck: summering bird Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, continued into September; arr Wappingers L 6 Oct.

Greater Scaup: arr Hunns L 17 Oct.

Surf Scoter: Swan L 5 Nov (JH); 2 EGR 9 Nov (TB); Ashokan Res 19 Nov (PS).

White-winged Scoter: 4 Ashokan Res 10 Oct (MD); Neversink Res 11 Oct (JH); Ashokan Res 4 Nov (MD, JPr).

Black Scoter: Ashokan Res 9 Oct (JPr, WT); 8 Neversink Res 11 Oct (MD, JH); Neversink Res 23 Oct; Swan L 5 Nov (JH); CPP 14 Nov (EM); 3 Kingston 20 Nov (MD).

Long-tailed Duck: Ashokan Res 11 Oct (PS); Saugerties 26 Nov (DFe, FM); Ashokan Res 26 Nov (JCIJ)

Red-breasted Merganser: Ashokan Res 5 Nov (MD, JPr); Sleightsburgh 8 Nov (JY).

Ring-necked Pheasant: Poughkeepsie 26 Sep; Lafayetteville MUA 28 Sep.

Ruffed Grouse: Buttercup E 5 Oct.

Red-throated Loon: Denning's Pt 2, 23 Nov (CV); 2 Ashokan Res 25-30 Nov (PS, MD, JPr, WT).

Red-necked Grebe: Yankee L 22 Oct (JH); Sylvan L 28 Oct (BM, CP); Ashokan Res 26 Nov (MD).

Great Cormorant: arr Piermont Pier 25 Oct.

Great Egret: Wappingers L 7 Nov (SJ), late for inland loc.

Little Blue Heron: Bashakill 24 Sep (SB, BN) 3rd SULL record; MC 5 Oct (TB).

Cattle Egret: Union Center Rd Ulster Park 25 Oct (KW), ph.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: CPP thru 19 Nov.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 135 Hook 11 Oct.

N. Goshawk: juv Hook Mt 3 Sep (DG), early; 1-2 Hook Mt 8, 26, 29 Sep, 15 Oct, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10-12 Nov; Livingston Manor 18 Sep; Chestnut Ridge 29 Sep, 24, 31 Oct, 1, 5, 12 Nov; Mohonk Preserve 3 Oct.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 18 Mount Peter 26 Oct; 19 Chestnut Ridge 1 Nov; 22 Hook Mt 8 Nov.

Broad-winged Hawk: low numbers at the area hawk watches. Prevailing wind sent most birds further inland. 2279 Mount Peter 21 Sep; 2212 Hook Mt 21 Sep; 237 Chestnut Ridge 26 Sep.

Rough-legged Hawk: no hawk watch rep.

Golden Eagle: Chestnut Ridge 25 Sep, 3 Oct, early; Mohonk Preserve 7 Oct; Saugerties 19 Oct; Mount Peter 29 Oct, 7 Nov; Dover 29, 30 Oct, 10, 24 Nov; 2 Hook Mt 6, 23 Nov; Hoot Mt 18 Nov; Woodstock 19 Nov; 2 Dover 30 Nov.

Com. Gallinule: max 3 Bashakill 17 Sep; HVRT, Millerton 18, 30 Sep, 2 Oct.

Sandhill Crane: Poquiello Creekside Rd, Ulster 3 Sep (PS); Minisink 25 Sep (JB); Chester 27 Sep (JS); Six and a Half Station Sanct 26-29 Oct (KA); 8 Millbrook 30 Oct (AP); 13 EGR 23 Nov (KMcG).

Am. Oystercatcher: 7 MC 3 Sep.

Black-bellied Plover: Round P Amenia 17-19 Sep; Piermont Pier 7 Oct; 2-4 Ashokan Res 12, 16, 20 Oct.

Am. Golden-Plover: 9 Black Dirt Region 2 Sep; Saugerties 1 Oct; 1-5 Ashokan Res 8, 10, 12 Oct; 17 Ashokan Res 16 Oct.

Spotted Sandpiper: Esopus Meadows 23 Oct; Larchmont Res 23 Oct.

Hudsonian Godwit: Strauss Marsh, Amenia 5-8 Nov (AP, BM, CV).

Ruddy Turnstone: EGR 16 Oct; 12 EGR 2 Nov.

Sanderling: Kingston 4 Sep; Ashokan Res 12-19 Oct.

Dunlin: 2 Bashakill 14 Oct; 6 Ashokan Res 16 Oct; Morningside P 23 Oct (JH).

Least Sandpiper: 3 Citgo Pond, Goshen 27 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: Ashokan Res 8, 12, 16-20 Oct (PS,MD,FM).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 2-3 Black Dirt Region 2, 4, 11 Sep.

Pectoral Sandpiper: Pine Plains 1 Sep; Wallkill NWR 2 Sep; 3 Ashokan Res 7 Oct; Ashokan Res 16, 19 Oct; 5 Ashokan Res 19 Oct; Morningside P 23 Oct.

Western Sandpiper: 2 Piermont Pier 11 Sep (VH).

RED PHALAROPE (R9): Hunns Lake, Red Hook 23 Oct, ph (CP, HT, SJ, MR, KMcD, BN, DK, BM), 4th record DUTC.

Bonaparte's Gull: Kingston 4, 10-11 Sep; EGR 6,19 Sep.

Laughing Gull: 200 EGR 4 Sep; 4 EGR 20 Nov.

Iceland Gull: McEnroes Compost Area. Millerton 4-30 Nov (CV, CP, HT, DK).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: McEnroes Compost Area. Millerton 20 Nov (JA).

Black Tern: 2 Esopus Meadows Lighthouse Park 10 Sep (MG).

Com. Tern: 200 Rye 6 Sep; Esopus Meadows Lighthouse Park 13 Oct, ph.

Forster's Tern: 4 Piermont Pier 10 Sep; 11 MC 9 Oct; 9 EGR 12 Nov.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Long-eared Owl: Livingston Manor 9 Nov.

Short-eared Owl: 7 SGNWR 28 Oct; Hurley 4 Nov.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 4 Mohonk 4 Oct; 5 calling in yard Willow 18 Oct; 2 Summitville 31 Oct; Bashakill 13 Nov; 140 netted SULL, record high, *intro*.

Com. Nighthawk: max 438 Stony Point 1 Sep; 40 Woodstock 9 Sep; lingered late, a few reports in early Oct.

E. Whip-poor-will: 2 Rochester 2 Sep; Bashakill 3 Sep; Rochester 4-15 Sep.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Harstdale 14 Oct (SM).

Am. Kestrel: 35 CPP 30 Sep.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CPP 10 Sep; Hook Mt 12 Sep.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Wurtsboro 4 Sep; Esopus 4 Sep; Wappingers 7 Sep.

N. Shrike: SGNWR 30 Oct (MD, KMcD); Galeville Town P 6 Nov (MD, JPr, WT); Amenia 25 Nov (AP).

Philadelphia Vireo: CPP 4 Sep (LT); Bashakill 10, 12, 17 Sep; Mabbettsville 12 Sep (AP); Minnewaska SP 13 Sep (SB); MC 15 Sep; HVRT, Amenia 28 Sep (CP); HVRT, Millerton 28 Sep (JClo, AL, BC, RaD); Ulster 1 Oct (MD).

Black-capped Chickadee: flights 18 Oct, 1 Nov; max 79 Mount Peter Hawk Watch 18 Oct.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Buttercup West 17 Sep (JCli); Kakiat P 25 Sep (CW); Minnewaska SP 27 Sep, 13 Oct (SB); Bashakill 15 Oct (JH); LaGrange 17 Oct (MK); Kingston 22 Oct (MD).

Am. Pipit: 20 CPP 24 Sep; 250 Marbletown 2 Oct; 60 Greig Farm 10, 30 Oct; 80 Bashakill 13 Oct; 60 Ulster P 2 Nov; 25 Mount Peter 6 Nov.

Cedar Waxwing: max 100 Buttercup.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: Galeville Town P 6 Nov (MD, JPr, WT); Millerton 19 Nov (JA).

Snow Bunting: Piermont Pier 24 Oct; 2 Woodstock 27 Oct; Ashokan Res 5 Nov; 31 CPP 12 Nov.

Ovenbird: 2 Rockefeller SP Preserve 4 Nov, ph.

Black-and-white Warbler: Kingston Pt 22 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: Bashakill 2 Oct; Marbletown 2 Oct; MC 8 Oct.

Nashville Warbler: last Tarrytown L 2 Nov.

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER: MC 1 Nov (TB, GBe), ph, 2nd State record pending NYSARC acceptance, *intro*.

Connecticut Warbler: Teatown L Reservation 22 Sep (LT, HS); Wallkill River NWR 23, 25 Sep, 6 Oct (MZ, JB, SB, BN, LS).

Cape May Warbler: Esopus 4 Sep; 4 Mount Peter 10 Sep; Wappingers 18 Sep; Bashakill 30 Sep.

N. Parula: Esopus Meadows 16 Oct.

Magnolia Warbler: Stone Barns Center 26 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: Nuclear L 22 Sep; Wappingers 24 Sep; Stony Kill 28 Sep.

Yellow Warbler: Bashakill 13 Oct.

Blackpoll Warbler: Rockefeller SP Preserve 31 Oct.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: Stone Barns Center 26 Oct.

Pine Warbler: Rockefeller SP 11, 19 Nov.

Canada Warbler: Congers 6 Oct, late.

Wilson's Warbler: Dennings Pt 28 Nov.

Yellow-breasted Chat: MC 11-14 Oct; MC 29-31 Oct.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Vesper Sparrow: max 5 Dover Plains 25 Oct.

LARK SPARROW: Rockefeller P 12 Oct (DHan).

Nelson's Sparrow: 4 MC 9 Oct; CPP 23 Oct; 2 MC 16 Oct; MC 17 Oct.

Saltmarsh Sparrow: MC 9 Oct.

Fox Sparrow: arr Kingston Pt 6 Oct.

Lincoln's Sparrow: max 9 Marbletown 29 Oct; Kensico Res 6 Nov.

White-crowned Sparrow: max 9 Marbletown 29 Oct.

Blue Grosbeak: MC 7 Oct (TB, GBe); MC 12 Oct (GBe).

Dickcissel: 1-3 Poquiello Creekside Rd, Marbletown 1, 2 Oct (PS, MD, DS, WT, SR, JPr, DHay, ph); Wallkill R NWR 5 Oct (BN, KA).

Bobolink: thru almost mid Oct, last Stony Kill Farm 8 Oct.

Rusty Blackbird: 50 HVRT, Millerton 28 Sep; 200 Bashakill 13 Oct.

Purple Finch: good numbers arrlast week Oct; max 43 Pruyn Sanc 28 Oct.

Com. Redpoll: West Hurley 20 Nov (MD); 2 Kingston 25 Nov (JCrr).

Evening Grosbeak: Stanfordville 12 Sep (DK); Reese P 17 Sep (KHa); Lagrangeville 18 Sep (AP). West Hurley 28 Oct (MM); 2 Woodstock 31 Oct (PS); 2 Lagrange 3 Nov (CV); 8 Mohonk Preserve 8 Nov (ZS); Rock Hill 14 Nov (TM); Newburgh 23 Nov (SW).

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