

REGION 10—MARINE

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The post El Nino warmth did not persist in the northeastern U.S. and winter weather in Region 10 felt appropriate for the season, with only slightly above average temperature departures recorded at various weather stations in December. Central Park recorded a mean temperature of 38.3° F, a slight 0.8° above normal. Similarly, Islip recorded a mean temperature of 36.6°, 1.0° above normal. Precipitation totals were down with -1.11" and -0.53" recorded at these stations. Despite the slightly above average temperatures, a stark contrast to last December's profound El Nino-driven warmth, the overall warming trend continues to increase. January produced a wide range of temperatures, with a low of 4° recorded in Islip on 8 January, the coldest day of the season, only to climb to 56° on 13 January. The weather event on 8 January also produced the first significant snow totals of the season, depositing 4" and 10" in Central Park and Islip, and marked the disappearance of some of lingering neotropical migrants in the Region. The mean temperature recorded this month at Central Park's weather station was 38°, 5.4° above normal and in Islip 36.2°, 5.6° above normal. Precipitation totals for January at these two stations were 1.18" and 0.42" above the expected, providing some relief following the previous season's prolonged drought conditions. February was the warmest month of the season, recording a high temperature of 70° in Central Park on 24 February. Both

Central Park and Islip's weather stations recorded mean temperatures of 41.6° and 37.8°, a significant 6.3° and 5.0° above normal.

The coastal region continues to host an exciting array of rare and uncommon geese, with the western Palearctic specialties now becoming regular winter visitors. Four adult **Pink-footed Geese** were documented this season, one of which carried over from the fall at Arthur J. Hendrickson Park and was seen until 28 February. This individual's obliging behavior reminds us that wild geese, normally skittish in rural environs, can adapt their social behavior within larger flocks in urban areas. Additional goose highlights include two **Barnacle Geese**, both records from known strongholds in Suffolk County, and a historic number of **Ross's Goose** reports. The total number of Ross's Geese remains unclear, as the winter storm on 8 January that deposited 10 inches of snow at Islip's weather station marked the disappearance of several individuals in western Suffolk. Shortly thereafter, groups of three to four Ross's Geese were sighted further east on Long Island's north and south forks. While it's plausible that this west to east movement took place following a weather event, the large number of geographically widespread reports throughout the northeast and mid-Atlantic states suggests a heavy presence of Ross's Geese in Region 10. Low numbers of Greater White-fronted Geese and modest numbers of Cackling Geese were reported during the season, with five and twenty-six, respectively. An apparent **Greater White-fronted X Canada Goose** (hybrid) was photographed in Old Bethpage on 18 January and was later rediscovered on Elda Lake on 4 February; this hybrid combination is seldom documented.

Hook Pond in East Hampton hosted its annual pair of **Tundra Swans** early in the season, but they were only detected for a couple of days, 10-12 December. The pair went absent until 27 December when, presumably the same birds, were rediscovered during the Smithtown Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Lake Ronkonkoma on 27 December. The pair spent the remainder of the winter season at this location and were enjoyed by dozens of observers, many of whom were thrilled to have a Tundra Swan viewing option in a more accessible, central part of the Region.

Great South Bay remains the Region's stronghold for wintering *Aythya* species with regular movement and exchange between inland lakes and ponds and the open saltwater bayfront. Multiple mixed *Aythya* flocks in the five-thousand plus range were commonplace across the bay this season. The winter waterfowl highlight involved an immature male/female-type **Tufted Duck** found on 31 January within a mixed flock of scaup at Swan Lake in East Patchogue, a historic location for this species. Additional Eurasian waterfowl include twelve reports of **Eurasian Wigeon**, an American X Eurasian Wigeon hybrid, and three "Eurasian" Green-winged Teal, mostly all at historic wintering locations for these species.

Two **Eared Grebes** were discovered this season. The first was found at Jones Inlet on 1 January and the second at Fire Island Inlet, viewed from Oak

Beach on 18 February. The latter individual was seen by many observers and at times provided some great, close-range viewing opportunities.

An organized pelagic trip out of Brooklyn on 14 January rewarded a large group of observers with good views of all the expected quintessential winter birds of the north Atlantic. The highlights include four **Northern Fulmar**, one hundred sixty-three **Dovekie**, thirteen **Common Murre**, one hundred thirty-five **Razorbill**, three **Atlantic Puffin**, and a remarkable **Black-legged Kittiwake** show involving one hundred thirty-two individuals.

Bonaparte's Gulls were a bit more widespread this season, with an increase in numbers since last winter but still a mere fraction of the flocks that used to swarm the inlets and ocean fronts of the coastal region. The maximum number of individuals recorded was two hundred at Ditch Plains in Montauk on 21 February. Eight **Black-headed Gulls** were reported across the Region, and an adult **Little Gull** was found at Montauk Point on 14 February. In mid-November, a tremendous fish kill event involving hundreds of thousands of oxygen starved menhaden was documented within the locks at Shinnecock Canal. For at least a month following the event, the decaying bodies of menhaden were piled up along beaches within Shinnecock Bay and along the ocean front near Shinnecock Inlet. This in turn attracted large congregations of gulls and on 16 December produced some interesting results when two **Nelson's Gulls (Herring X Glaucous Gull)** were discovered along the beach on Dune Road in East Quogue. Additional highlights from that outing included six Lesser Black-backed Gulls, one of which was a fresh juvenile, rare this late in the season, and a first-winter **Glaucous Gull**. The latter species showing good Regional representation with at least fifteen reports likely involving twelve to thirteen individuals. The gull rarity highlight of the season was a **Mew Gull** discovered on 12 December in The Narrows off Brooklyn. Another sighting of Mew Gull, likely the same individual, took place on 27 December just slightly north off the Brooklyn Army Terminal.

Additional interesting alcid records included three **THICK-BILLED MURRES** from historic locations; two from Montauk Point on 29 December and a third record from Point Lookout on 20 January. **Black Guillemot** was detected for the second year in a row, with this season's record coming from Lake Montauk Inlet on 11 February, and it was enjoyed by many observers until 21 February.

Two **Rufous Hummingbirds** successfully spent the entire winter season in a backyard in Cutchogue, a remarkable story of survival aided by a dedicated host who tirelessly tended to her sugar feeders ensuring the hummingbirds had a constant source of food, even during the harshest weather events of the winter. An additional hummingbird highlight included a young male **Calliope Hummingbird** that persisted until 9 December in a private backyard on Long Island's south fork. The bird shunned the available sugar feeders and instead focused its foraging efforts on a few patches of *Salvia elegans*. This constitutes one of only a small handful of records for New York State.

It was an exciting year for **Red-headed Woodpecker**, with at least fourteen individuals recorded throughout the Region. The single site max involved a group of four individuals, two immature and two adults, uncovered during the Southold CBC within the vast, coastal-oak forests at Mashomack Preserve on Shelter Island.

Additional Regional rarities include two **Ash-throated Flycatchers**, one of which carried over from the fall season and was enjoyed by dozens of observers at Lido West Town Park until 4 December. A second individual was discovered at Marine Park in Brooklyn on 5 December. For the second winter in a row a **“Western” Flycatcher** was discovered in New York County, this time at Inwood Hill Park from 8-10 December. Observers carefully listened for call notes and searched for excretion samples hoping for a potential DNA extraction, similar to last year’s Central Park bird, but no such luck.

A single **Cave Swallow** made a one day appearance at Point Lookout Town Park on 13 December.

Region 10 hosted its first **Townsend’s Solitaire** since 2008 when a cooperative individual was discovered on 6 January along North Sea Drive in Southold. The bird was enjoyed by dozens of observers as it fed and occasionally vocalized within a small red cedar scrubland, where it was detected regularly throughout the remainder of the season.

Baltimore Orioles maintained a presence until the first winter storm on 17 December reduced their numbers to a few stragglers at private feeders. None persisted after the 7-8 January snow storm and cold snap. This would be the pattern followed by most of the Region’s lingering neotropical migrants, but there were certainly some exceptions. Perhaps the most remarkable record of the season came from Southard’s Pond Park where a **Northern Waterthrush** was detected on 11 and 25 February. A post winter season sighting at this same location on 7 April strongly supports overwinter survival and establishes a first documented record of this long-distance, neotropical migrant overwintering in the state. Additional noteworthy neotropical highlights include another Northern Waterthrush on 1 January at Silver Lake Park in Nassau County. And, keeping with the recent trend, at least six **Ovenbirds** were detected in various city parks in New York County, one of which continued through 27 January. **Orange-crowned Warblers** had another good showing for the second winter in a row, with at least twenty-nine individuals recorded across the Region versus last winter’s twenty-eight. Three **Nashville Warblers** were reported in the Region, none of which persisted past 27 December. Eleven **Common Yellowthroats** lingered into mid-December, but only two individuals remained after the storm on 17 December. **Yellow Warblers** also seem to be lingering later each season, with two individuals reported, one from Prospect Park on 2 December and another from Fort Pond in Montauk on 10 December. **Yellow-breasted Chat** was well reported this season, mostly from western parts of the Region with up to seven individuals. The rarest warbler sighting of the season, based on origin, came from Jones Beach State Park on 1 January where an **“AUDUBON’S”**

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER was found southeast of the nature center. This constitutes one of a small handful of recent winter records from the coastal region but increased awareness, coverage and observer effort may play a role in uncovering more of these rare visitors from the west coast.

Two *ammodramus* marsh sparrows were detected this season, both were **Nelson's Sparrows**, from Plumb Beach and Jones Beach on 17 and 20 December, respectively. Seaside Sparrow was absent for a second year in a row, and there were no reported sightings of Saltmarsh Sparrow. While it's uncommon for either of these species to linger into the winter season, their skulking behavior and habitat preference likely enables them to avoid detection during this time of year. A **Lincoln's Sparrow** spent the duration of the season in Bryant Park and provides yet another example of perseverance and survivorship exhibited by a species that normally winters well south of the Region. A second individual was discovered in Staten Island on 6 January.

Two **Painted Buntings** were recorded for the second winter in a row. The first was found on Staten Island on 13 December and was sporadically seen by multiple observers until 27 December. The second record came from a private feeder in Suffolk County on 21 December and was not seen after that date. A **Dickcissel**, regionally rare outside of fall migration, was also detected for a second winter in a row, this record coming from Midland Beach on Staten Island on 2 December and last reported on 6 January, perhaps driven out by the 8 January winter storm.

Adding to this season's private feeder rarity list, a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was photographed in a backyard in Floral Park on 9 February and did not persist past that date. A second Yellow-headed Blackbird was found just before the close of the season on 28 February at Wolfe's Pond Park in Staten Island. Also noteworthy were some fairly large flocks of Rusty Blackbirds observed across the Region. The max involved a roving flock of sixty-five individuals found at Mashomack Preserve on Shelter Island during the Southold CBC. The flock continued through 16 January. Additional high counts of Rusty Blackbird include 59 individuals at Blydenburgh County Park on 7 January and 50 individuals at Hempstead Lake State Park on 1 December. The rapid population decline of this species continues to underscore the importance of documenting their wintering and migration grounds throughout their range.

There was a modest, albeit noteworthy winter finch irruption that involved a small handful of **Red Crossbills** carrying over from the end of the fall season. A flock of six was recorded and photographed at Jones Beach West End on 2 December, and a maximum of four individuals was detected in the Midland Beach vicinity on Staten Island until 15 January. Pine Siskins were scarce this winter, with a maximum of 10 individuals recorded on 4 December at Alley Pond Park. A gorgeous, bright male **Evening Grosbeak** was photographed at a private feeder in Stony Book on 21 January.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; ARSH – Arshamomaque Preserve, SUFF; AJHP – Arthur J. Hendrickson P, NASS; BLSP – Belmont L SP, SUFF; BRP – Big Reed Pd, SUFF; BBCP – Blydenburgh CP, SUFF; BBP – Brooklyn Bridge P, KING; CHP – City Hall P, NEWY; DP – Democrat Pt, SUFF; DPM – Ditch Plains, Montauk, SUFF; DREQ – Dune Rd, E Quogue, SUFF; EL – Elda L, SUFF; FBF – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; GB – Gravesend Bay, KING; IHP – Inwood Hill P, BRON; JBSP – Jones Beach SP; JBWE – Jones Beach West End, NASS; LWTP – Lido West Town P, NASS; Mak – Makamah Preserve, SUFF; OMNSA – Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NASS; MPB – Marine P, Brooklyn, KING; MASH – Mashomack Preserve, SUFF; Mass – Massapequa Preserve, NASS; MB – Midland Beach, RICH; MI – Montuak Inlet, SUFF; MP – Montuak Pt, SUFF; OB – Oak Beach, SUFF; PLA – Pinelawn Avenue, SUFF; POB – Pelagic off Brooklyn; PBP – Pelham Bay P, BRON; PP – Prospect P, KING; RMSP – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; SP – Sagaponack Pd, SUFF; SMSP – Sunken Meadow SP; SC – Santapogue Creek,

SUFF; SPP – Southards Pd P, SUFF; SPCP – Smith Point CP, SUFF; WP – Wainscott Pd, SUFF.

CBC Codes: SNCC – Southern Nassau

WATERFOWL - VULTURES

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: AJHP thru 28 Feb (Tim Healy Sr., mob); PLA 11 Dec (CC); VCP 22-29 Dec (Tom Fiore, mob); EL 4-11 Feb (PMo, mob); *intro*.

Greater White-fronted Goose: 5+ ind SUFF; 2 imm & 1 ad Babylon vicinity thru 22 Feb (SSM, PJJ, PMo, TS, mob); Eastport Pond 1 Jan (Bill Elrick); ad East Hampton & vicinity 21 Dec-20 Feb (KR, mob).

Greater White-fronted x Canada Goose: Old Bethpage 18-19 Jan (DHR, ph), rarely documented, later rediscovered EL 4-5 Feb (PMo, mob, ph).

Snow Goose: max 595 JBWR 13 Dec (Jack Noordhuizen).

ROSS'S GOOSE: historic number of reps, unclear how many individuals involved; Southold, SUFF 4 Dec (JSp); 2 RMSP 20 Dec-2 Jan (MMcB, mob); Saint Johns Pond 20-24 Dec (RT); PLA & vicinity 31 Dec-8 Feb (MYu, BW, HJK, AR, mob); Lake Capri, SUFF 4 Jan (SSM, PJJ, mob); 3 Elda Lake, SUFF 8 Jan (SSM); Aquebogue 8 Jan (mob); 4 Cutchogue, SUFF 12 Jan (DLM); PBP 14 Jan (Richard Aracil); 2 Peconic 15 Jan (Junko Suzuki, KF); 3 Bridgehampton 21 Jan (AC); 2 Shorts Pond (ES, VC); Orient 17 Feb (JSp).

BARNACLE GOOSE: Riverhead 4 Dec (DHR); PLA & vicinity 11 Dec – 18 Feb (CC, mob).

Cackling Goose: Baldwin 2 Dec (PP, AB); 5 Riverhead 4 Dec (DR); GB 11 Dec (RM); Clove Lakes P 11 Dec-18 Jan (IG); VCP 12-31 Dec (ABk, MY); Bronx Zoo 14 Dec (TO); Oakdale 18 Dec (MMcB); AJHP 21 Dec-21 Feb (mob); 2 Calverton, SUFF 28 Dec (DR); Yaphank, SUFF 28 Dec (DR); BLSP 7-22 Jan (mob); Rockville Center 1 Jan (Deborah Martin); Brightwaters 12 Jan (KF, SF); Melville, SUFF 14 Jan (TD); 5 SP 22 Jan (DHR); Wainscott 4 Feb (TWB, GB); Watermill 18 Feb (MSc).

Canada Goose: max single flock 6000 Riverhead 4 Dec (DHR).

Tundra Swan: 2 Hook Pond 10-12 Dec (ACW); 2 Lake Ronkonkoma 27 Dec-25 Feb (DLM, MR, mob).

Eurasian Wigeon: at least 12 reps throughout Region; 1 RICH, 2 KING, 1 QUEE, & 8 SUFF.

Am. X Eurasian Wigeon: EP 6 Jan (SSM, PJJ).

Blue-winged Teal: Tobay 22 Jan (CC).

“Eurasian” Green-winged Teal: Setauket, SUFF 10 Dec-17 Feb (mob); 2 William Floyd Estate 27 Dec (MM, ph).

Canvasback: max 62 Centerport Pond 11 Feb (TS, BBo).

Redhead: max 73 Baisley Pond P, QUEE 4 Feb (ABk).

TUFTED DUCK: Swan Lake, E Patchogue 30 Jan-8 Feb (KF, SF, mob).

Greater/Lesser Scaup: large numbers scattered across Great South Bay; max single site 6000 Hecksher SP 18 Feb (DHR).

King Eider: f Orient Point thru 28 Dec (JSp, mob); m MP 29 Dec (JMc, SB); imm m Centre Island 20 Jan (RR); f 2 MP 21 Jan (SSM, PJJ); 2 DP 21 Jan (DHR, mob).

Harlequin Duck: max at traditional locs include: 9 Jones Inlet (mob); 4 Shinnecock Inlet 14 Jan (mob); 8 MP 20 Feb (Kevin Topping, Marc Passman, ph); 5 OP 21 Jan (JSp); plus one outlier found Eatons Neck, SUFF 14 Jan (BBo, ph).

Barrow's Goldeneye: ad m, Sands Point 18 Jan-21 Feb (SP, mob); f Moravian Cemetery 25-26 Jan (SWo, Dave Eib); OB 20 Feb thru (SSM, PJJ, mob).

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

Red-necked Grebe: several reps mostly at traditional locs.

EARED GREBE (R10): Jones Inlet 1 Jan (SC, mob); OB 18 Feb thru (SSM, PJJ, mob).

N. Fulmar: 4 POB 14 Jan (mob).

Am. Bittern: reps from traditional wintering locs.

Great Egret: multiple reps thru

Snowy Egret: Dune Rd 9 Dec (Lelah Cafuoco).

Tricolored Heron: Marina West, Point Lookout 1 Jan (ABk, TWB, GB).

Black Vulture: Cutchogue 16 Jan (SW).

Turkey Vulture: widespread, multiple reps all counties.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: arr DREQ 26 Feb (Erin Gettler).

N. Goshawk: imm PBP 2 Jan (ABk); imm PP 13 Feb thru (Olin Winn-Ritzenbueg, mob); imm Mass 26 Feb (Lelah Cafuoco, ph).

Bald Eagle: widespread, increasing reps.
Red-shouldered Hawk: reps from all counties.
Clapper Rail: OMNSA 7 Dec-10 Feb (MF); DREQ 29 Dec (SBI, JMc); MPB 15 Jan (Daisy Paul, Peter Paul); DREQ 4 Feb (TWB, GB).
Virginia Rail: 2 BRP 17 Dec (TS, TH); Springs, SUFF 17 Dec (HM); 1-2 ind ARSH 31 Dec thru 27 Feb (mob); Mak 4-11 Jan (TS).
Sora: Mass 1 Jan (SNCC).
Com. Gallinule: Coopers Neck Pond 10 Dec (Thomas Moran, mob).
Sandhill Crane: WP 4 Jan-8 Feb (BH, mob).
Am. Oystercatcher: max 65 JBWE 7 Dec (SP); additional reps from RICH, KING, NASS & SUFF.
Semipalmated Plover: 2 Point Lookout 3 Dec (KF).
Greater Yellowlegs: recorded RICH, KING, QUEE, NASS & SUFF
“Western” Willet: DP 21 Jan (DHR).
Ruddy Turnstone: RICH, KING, QUEE, NASS & SUFF.
Red Knot: few reps outside of Jones Inlet; max 55 JBWE 2 Dec (KF).
Long-billed Dowitcher: JBWE 2 Dec (KF, ph); SC 4 Dec (PMO).
Wilson’s Snipe: single reps QUEE & NASS; 6 reps SUFF
Am. Woodcock: typical arrival late Feb
Dovekie: 3 MP 29 Dec (JMc, SB); MP 1 Jan (AC); 163 POB 14 Jan (mob).
COMMON MURRE: 13 POB 14 Jan (mob); JBWE 20 Jan (Deborah Mullins, ph).
THICK-BILLED MURRE: 2 MP 29 Dec (JMc, SB); PL 20 Jan (MZ).
Razorbill: 140 MP 29 Dec (JMc, SB); 121 SPCP 27 Dec (MMcB); 135 POB 14 Jan (mob).
Black Guillemot: Lake Montauk Inlet 11-21 Feb (BB, mob).
ATLANTIC PUFFIN: 3 POB 14 Jan (mob).
Black-legged Kittiwake: RICH 3 Dec (Isaac Grant, ph); MP 29 Dec (JMc, SB); MP 1 Jan (AC); max 132 POB 14 Jan (mob).
Bonaparte’s Gull: max 200 DPM 21 Feb (DLM, MR).
Black-headed Gull: at least 8 reps, unclear how many individuals involved; Cammans Pond P 23 Dec-11 Feb (Bob Schmitz, mob); ad Lake Montauk Inlet 14 Jan-16 Feb (VB, mob), later refound DPM (TWB, GB); JBWE 15 Jan (AG); ad Coney Island Creek P 15 Jan (RM, ph), plus an additional sighting 28 Feb (Karen O’Hearn); SPP 22 Jan (PMo); Brooklyn Army Term. & vicinity 23-29 Jan (SS, ph); LI Sound ferry 15 Feb (Frank Gallo, Tina Green, Frank Mantlik); Mill Pond P, NASS 24 Feb (EM, ph).

Little Gull: ad MP 14-19 Feb (KF, SF, mob).
Glaucous Gull: Bush Terminal Piers 25 Dec-11 Jan (Gus Keri, mob); Maratooka Pond 21 Dec (JSp); MASH 28 Dec (William Zitek); Southaven CP 30 Dec (DHR); 1 ad & 1 imm BBYC 31 Dec (MMcB), imm thru 20 Jan; 2 imm N Bellport 6-13 Jan, 1 remaining thru 21 Jan (KC); Triton Lane 16 Dec (MMcB); SP 22 Jan (DHR); Shin Inlet 18 Dec-19 Jan (mob); Southampton 16-19 Jan (TM); BBYC 20 Jan (DHR); SP 22 Jan (DHR); Sands Point 22 Jan (TB, GB).
Nelson’s Gull (Herring X Glaucous Gull): 2 Triton Lane 16 Dec (MMcB, ph).
MEW GULL: The Narrows, KING 12 Dec (Roberta Manian, ph); refound 27 Jan off BK Army Terminal (SB, ph).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

Barn Owl: single rep SUFF; QUEE/KING.
Snowy Owl: BRON, KING, QUEE, NASS & SUFF.
Long-eared Owl: single reps NASS & SUFF.
Short-eared Owl: RICH, NASS & SUFF.
N. Saw-whet Owl: BRON, KING, QUEE; many reps NASS & SUFF, from surveys described pp. 96-102 this issue (TS, BBo).
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 2 Aquebogue thru (mob, ph).
CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD: Watermill thru 9 Dec, present since 15 Nov; photographed on private property, report submitted NYSARC.
Red-headed Woodpecker: at least 14 reps BBP thru 25 Dec (VP); Mak thru 20 Jan (BBo); 2 Jericho 5 Dec-8 Feb (Stella Miller); AJHP 19 Dec thru (mob); Kissena Park thru season (mob); Dyker Beach Park, KING 17 Dec (mob-deal with names); 3 imm, 1 ad MASH 31 Dec (DR, LSc, MSc); Central Park 7 Jan-thru; Caumsett SP 6 Feb thru (KF, SF); SMSP 8 Feb-thru (VP).

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

“WESTERN” FLYCATCHER: IHP 9 December (John Keane, ph, mob).
E. Phoebe: Francis Pond Preserve 10 Dec (JG); Oakdale 18 Dec (MMcB).
ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: LWTP thru 4 Dec (BB, mob); Marine Park 5-7 Dec (Juan Salas, mob).
Com. Raven: widely reported throughout Region.
CAVE SWALLOW: Point Lookout 13 Dec (DH, RM, Kristin Costello, mob).

House Wren: LWTP 4 Dec (PMo); MASH 8 Dec (Nick Hamblett); Manhasset 18 Dec (SP); Kissena Park 25 Dec (Peter Reisfield).

Marsh Wren: single rep RICH; 8 reps SUFF.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE: North Sea, SUFF 6 Jan thru (Aaron Virgin, mob).

Am. Pipit: max 120 Southold, SUFF 2 Jan (JSp).

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: max 11 JBSP 25 Feb (TS, BBo).

Ovenbird: 6 reps city parks; CHP thru 27 Jan (mob); Bryant P thru 6 Dec (mob); 2 IBM Atrium 16 Dec-17 Jan (mob); IHP 18 Dec (NO); E 54th St., NEWY 24 Dec (Alexis Lamek).

N. Waterthrush: Silver Lake Park, NASS 1 Jan (SSM, ph); SPP 11 Feb thru (PMo), 1st documented successful overwintering for State, *intro*.

Orange-crowned Warbler: multiple reps 29+ ind across Region.

Nashville Warbler: Randalls I 2 Dec (John Keane); Dyker Beach P 26 Dec (JM); Setauket, SUFF 27 Dec (AP, PD, LB).

Com. Yellowthroat: 11 reps; 1 BRON, 3 NEWY, 2 QUEE, 2 KING, 1 NASS, 2 SUFF; last MP, KING 15 Jan.

Yellow Warbler: PP 2 Dec (RM, ph); Fort Pond 10 Dec (TS, BBo, PMo, ph).

Palm Warbler: 15 reps 4 counties; max 7 Quail Hill F, SUFF 17 Dec (HM); additional reps NASS, QUEE, & KING.

“AUDUBON’S” YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: JBSP 1 Jan (TS, PMo).

Pine Warbler: 15+ reps across Region; no reps BRON & NEWY.

Yellow-breasted Chat: CHP thru 16 Dec (mob); Trinity Church thru 3 Dec (BC, mob); Plandome, NASS 20-25 Dec (Liz Napoli);

JBWE 10-16 Jan (RP, BA); MPB 15 Jan (Chris Laskowski, Jane Simmons); Dreier-Offerman P 15 Jan-8 Feb (Alex Wilson); FBF 25 Jan (Ronald Bourque).

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Nelson's Sparrow: Plumb Beach 17 Dec (HL); JBSP 20 Dec (KF, SF).

Saltmarsh Sparrow: no reps

Seaside Sparrow: no reps

Lincoln's Sparrow: Bryant P 18 Dec thru (GW, mob); RICH, 6 Jan (SWo).

PAINTED BUNTING: Mastic, SUFF 21 Dec (Mari Michaels, ph); Annadale, RICH 13-27 Jan (Maya Shikman, Lis Dluhos, mob).

Dickcissel: MB 2 Dec – 6 Jan (mob).

E. Meadowlark: most reps SUFF; max 30 Brookhaven 1 Jan (DHR) & 30 WP 24 Feb (TS).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: private feeder Floral Park, Nass 9 Feb (RTa, ph); Wolfe's Pond P, RICH 28 Feb (Dick Veit).

Rusty Blackbird: max 65 MASH 16 Jan (MSc); 59 Blydenburgh Co P 7 Jan; 50 Hempstead L SP 1 Dec; additional reps at traditional wintering grounds in all counties, *intro*.

Boat-tailed Grackle: max 118 Brookhaven, SUFF (DHR, ph); additional reps at known strongholds in QUEE, NASS & SUFF.

Baltimore Oriole: 14 reps all counties, none persisting past 6 Jan.

Purple Finch: all counties in modest numbers.

Red Crossbill: 6 JBWE 2 Dec (BF, ph); max 4 MB & Miller Field, RICH thru 15 Jan (IG, MS).

Pine Siskin: max 10 APP 4 Dec (Gordon Lam, ph); low numbers.

Evening Grosbeak: at private feeder, Stony Brook 21 Jan (LB, ph).

