

REGION 10 - MARINE

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The summer started out within near-normal ranges of temperature and precipitation in June, a bit drier toward the city than in the rest of the Region. In late June, we flipped to the warm and humid pattern that would be with us all summer. The first day of July brought a high of 95°F, recorded at Islip and in the city, with high humidity. July and August showed temperatures slightly to well above normal, respectively, and were significantly wetter than normal. Central Park got over 8.5" of rain in August, and Islip over 6", both well above normal but still illustrating how different the weather can be from east to west within the Region. Islip recorded its fourth warmest August and fifth warmest summer on record, according to a climatologist with the NE Regional Climate Center based at Cornell. There were no significant storms or weather events. (Weather data taken from the NOAA National Weather Service site.)

	Central Park			Islip		
Temp	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Jun	71.7°	71.4°	+0.3°	68.3°	68.4°	-0.1°
Jul	77.6°	76.5°	+1.1°	75.5°	73.9°	+1.6°
Aug	78.1°	75.2°	+2.9°	76.7°	72.8°	+3.9°

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Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Jun	3.11"	4.41"	-1.30"	3.81"	4.27"	-0.46"
Jul	7.45"	4.60"	+2.85"	2.98"	3.43"	-0.45"
Aug	8.59"	4.44"	+4.15"	6.15"	3.98"	+2.17"

As is often the case in Region 10 during summer, seabirds were a major source of interesting records. In addition to several highly productive offshore trips, there were major flights along the ocean beach during late June and an unusual incursion of shearwaters and jaegers into the easternmost parts of Long Island Sound during late July. This activity in the vicinity of Great Gull Island was punctuated by the appearance of a long-staying **Bridled Tern** and appeared

to be related to abundance of Menhaden and other fish in the waters off Long Island's southern and eastern shores.

Ocean vantages along the Suffolk County shore were once again very productive for migrating pelagic species. For the second time, a **Cape Verde Shearwater** was reported, seen well and described in detail by observers of a major flight of Cory's Shearwaters and other seabirds at Robert Moses State Park. Given the rarity of this taxon at the Hemispheric scale, it is understandable that reports lacking photographic support might be viewed with caution, but the observers wish to bring these observations to the attention of seabird researchers and have submitted details to NYSARC.

The offshore trips were spectacularly successful and featured such highlights as **South Polar Skua**, **Bridled Tern**, **White-faced**, **Leach's**, and **Band-rumped Storm-Petrels**, **Trindade** and **Black-capped Petrels**, and much more. The combination of well planned and executed dedicated pelagic trips and increased monitoring by seabird biologists is vastly and rapidly expanding our understanding of bird occurrence along the edge of the continental shelf break.

A major Laughing Gull colony in Great South Bay, Suffolk County, has been suspected for several years, based on the routine early arrival of adults in breeding condition and the early appearance of recently fledged juveniles in the area. The colony was confirmed this year when large creches of juveniles were discovered and photographed on a marsh island. Remarkably, this is just the second major colony on Long Island, despite the decades of persecution endured by the large colony in Jamaica Bay.

Arctic Terns were very well reported this year, after several lean years following the record-setting summer 2013. The occurrence of this enigmatic species varies greatly from year to year, apparently in part because of fluctuations in actual abundance in the Region, but also in part because of subtle variations in the condition of the ocean inlets where observers seek Arctic Terns. The Common Tern and Black Skimmer colony at Nickerson Beach, Nassau County, was particularly productive for Arctic Tern this year, and savvy observers also recorded the species as far west as Queens, as well as at several sites in Suffolk County. Clearly, there is nothing unique about Moriches Inlet in attracting this species. But despite the apparent potential for its occurrence near any ocean inlet, the species has been nearly absent in some recent years, and it is consistently mis-identified many times each year.

The Captree June Count was conducted on 9 June, for the fourth consecutive year since its resumption in 2015. This CBC-style count provided valuable data concerning many common species and breeders in southwestern Suffolk County. Common, widespread species tend to receive less attention from observers, but history proves that they often show dramatic changes in status over the decades. It is hoped that the counts generated by focused efforts such as the June Count will be more interpretable and comparable from year to year than the frequently vague counts obtained from less than enthusiastic eBirders striving to satisfy the Top 100's Complete-No-X-Checklist mandates.

Valuable surveys of breeding forest birds were conducted by Stephane Perrault at the Greentree property in Manhasset, Nassau County, and by Ken and Sue Feustel at several of the larger protected areas in Suffolk County. It may be worth emphasizing, for readers unfamiliar with the details of Long Island's ecological idiosyncrasies, that many species that are widespread and common as breeders in adjacent areas are peculiarly scarce, local, or absent as breeders on the coastal plain (South Shore) of Long Island. Eastern Phoebe and Swamp Sparrow are two obvious examples, so it was gratifying to receive data regarding potential breeding activity from coastal sites for both of these species. In this same vein, Warbling Vireo was scarce and local along the South Shore as recently as two decades ago, but this species has, for reasons that remain completely mysterious, ascended into ubiquity there (exemplified by 29 on 9 June in a small portion of southwestern Suffolk County on the Captree June Count).

Blue Grosbeaks seem to be increasing as breeders in a variety of contexts (e.g., pine-oak savannahs and brushy areas) on Staten Island and Long Island. Summer Tanager, in contrast, remains quite rare and local. Yellow-throated Warblers are now expected each year along the lower Connetquot River in Suffolk County, but birders ought to seek them at additional stations in appropriate habitat. Grassland breeders seem to be losing ground, in terms of both the number of occupied stations and the size of maximum counts. American Crow, once abundant and ubiquitous in the Region, has diminished to a degree that is shocking to long-time observers. Double-digit counts are mostly a thing of the past, except in a few favorable sites in eastern Long Island, and the species is now greatly outnumbered by Fish Crow in most parts of the Region in all seasons. At the same time, Common Raven has increased, and it is not unusual now for a field trip to detect *brachyrhynchus* last among the three *Corvus*—or even not at all.

Early flights of Red-breasted Nuthatch, Purple Finch, and Myrtle Warbler were noted widely, and even Pine Siskin was recorded in August. Experience has taught that these such events are correlated with irruptions of these and other forest breeders later in the fall. Significant waves of southbound migrants were noted at migration monitoring sites (e.g., Central Park, Coney Island Creek Park, Breezy Point, Robert Moses State Park, and Great Gull Island) on 5, 10, and 23 August, as well as other dates.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APEC – Alley Pond Environmental Center, Bayside, QUEE; **APP** – Alley Pd P, QUEE; **Bpt** – Breezy Pt, QUEE; **BRY** – Bryant P, NEWY; **BZ** – Bronx Zoo, BRON; **CB** – Cedar Beach, Babylon, SUFF; **CCP** – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; **CIC** – Coney I Cr/P, KING; **CJC** – Captree June Count 9 Jun, PJL compiler, covering Captree CBC area; **CLP** – Clove Lakes P, RICH; **CMB** – Crab Meadow Beach, SUFF; **CP** – Central P, NEWY; **CR** – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; **CRESLI** – Coastal Research & Education Society whale watch trips out of Montauk; **CRSP** – Connetquot R SP, SUFF; **CVP** – Calvert Vaux P, KING (formerly Drier-Offerman P); **DP** – Democrat Pt, Robert Moses

SP, SUFF; **EPCAL** – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), Calverton, SUFF; **FBF** – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; **FKP** – Fresh Kills P, RICH; **FMCP** – Flushing Meadows-Corona P, QUEE; **GA** – Gabreski Airport, Westhampton, SUFF; **GBB** – Goethal's Bridge Pd, RICH; **GGI** – Great Gull I, SUFF; **GKP** – Great Kills P, RICH; **G-WC** – Green-wood Cemetery, KING; **HLSP** – Hempstead L SP, NASS; **HSP** – Heckscher SP, SUFF; **IHP** – Inwood Hill P, NEWY; **Jam Bay** – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; **JBSP** – Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWE** – West End, Jones Beach SP, NASS; **KP** – Kissena P, QUEE; **Mash** – Mashomack Preserve, SUFF; **MB** – Mecox Bay/Mecox Inlet, SUFF; **MBI** – Moriches Bay and Inlet, SUFF; **MP** – Montauk Pt SP, SUFF; **MPB** – Marine P Brooklyn, KING; **NB** – Nickerson Beach, NASS; **OIn** – Old Inlet, Brookhaven, SUFF; **OMNSA** – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, NASS; **OP** – Orient Pt, SUFF; **OPCP** – Orient Pt County P, SUFF; **PBP** – Pelham Bay P, BRON; **PlumbB** – Plumb Beach, KING; **PP** – Prospect P, KING; **RMSP** – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **RSF** – Riverhead sod fields, SUFF; **SBNW** – Stone Bridge Nighthawk Watch, Setauket, SUFF; **Shinn** – Shinnecock Inlet, SUFF; **SPCP** – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; **Timber Pt** – Timber Pt Golf Course, SUFF; **VCP** – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; **Werth** – Wertheim NWR, SUFF.

WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK: 2 Nissequogue R SP 23 Jun (J. Lafferty, mob, ph.) thru 28 Jun (mob, ph.); one remained thru 14 Jul (S. Mutchnick, ph.); second SUFF record.

Snow Goose: ad Jam Bay thru (mob, ph.)

Canada Goose: 708 CJC, similar to last year.

Mute Swan: 122 CJC, similar to last two years.

Wood Duck: 2 CJC, low.

Blue-winged Teal: southbound migr arr 17 Aug BPt (A. Roman-Munoz).

Northern Shoveler: PBP 14 Jul (P. Horan), only summer rep away from Jam Bay, where a few summered; 50 arr Jam Bay 25 Aug (ACo).

Gadwall: 8 CJC.

Eurasian Wigeon: male Jam Bay 3 Jun (P. Horan, EZ, ph.).

Mallard: 193 CJC.

Am. Black Duck: 3 CJC.

Ring-necked Duck: pr FMCP 3 Jun (J. Keane, ph.); m APP—Restoration Pd 23 Jun (A. Bacchiocchi).

Greater Scaup: 3 W. Sayville, SUFF 9 Jun (CJC: BF, BBo, MMcB, TS, ph.) & 26 Jul (R. Ogden, ph.); f JBSP 6 Jul (AGu et al., ph.); m FBF 20 Jul (G. Keri, ph.); f Long Beach, NASS 22 Jul (R. Baum, D. Burton).

Lesser Scaup: pr Santapogue Creek, SUFF 9 Jun (CJC: PM) & 21 Jun (S. Mutchnick).

King Eider: Shinn 22 Jun (GB, TWB), continuing and joined by another 1 Jul (R. Zucker et al.); last date for 2 was 31 Jul (GB, TWB); one thru.

Common Eider: summered widely, inc small flocks; sites included Jones In, Moriches In, Shinn, Montauk, and GGI.

Surf Scoter: singles and duos summered more widely than usual: Oakwood Beach, RICH, W. Rockaway In, E. Rockaway In, Jones In, Fire I In, Moriches In, Shinn, Amagansett, SUFF, Fisher's I; 1 CJC.

White-winged Scoter: singles and duos reported widely: BPt, Jones In, Fire I In, OIn, Shinn, MB, Amagansett, SUFF, MP, OP, and Fisher's I; 1 CJC.

Black Scoter: many reps of 1-4 along outer coast: BPt, Jones Inlet, Fire I Inlet, Moriches Inlet, Shinn, Amagansett, SUFF, and MP.

Long-tailed Duck: 1-2 at sev sites: CVP, PlumbB, Jones In, Fire I In, OIn.

Bufflehead: GKP 9-14 Jun (K. Rossi et al.); MPB 2-10 Jun (I. Conte et al.); Werth 12 Jun (R. Shea).

Hooded Merganser: Squire Pd, SUFF 9-10 Jun (S. Mutchnick, ph.); Cold Spring Harbor, NASS 20 Jun (L. Melliny); South Fork Natural History Museum, Bridgehampton, SUFF 21 Jun (AnW); Werth 4 Jul-20 Aug (EZ et al.); BZ 1-31 Aug (T. Olson).

Red-breasted Merganser: small numbers widespread: GKP, CVP, Jam Bay, Pearsall's Hassock, NASS, OIn, Moriches In, Tiana Bay, SUFF.

Ruddy Duck: many reps Jam Bay; others PP thru; APEC 1 Jun-7 Jul (M. Ryan et al.); KP 2 Jun; CP 15 Jun (B. Elbert); Jerome Res., BRON 30 Jun (D. Karlson).

Northern Bobwhite: no convincing reports of wild birds; 1 CJC.

Ring-necked Pheasant: persistence of wild populations east of NYC doubtful, except at Fisher's I.

Wild Turkey: present RICH and BBP, then almost completely unreported east to ca. Yaphank, SUFF; one near Stony Brook, SUFF 3 Jul (E. Runnells, M. Schrimpf), a lone exception; many reports from Yaphank eastwards through pine barrens and both LI Forks.

Pied-billed Grebe: 2 Jam Bay 14 Jun; Blydenburgh P, SUFF 18 Jul (V. Pellegrino); arr CLP 16 Aug (G. Bouqio).

Horned Grebe: Agawam L, SUFF 13 Jun (F. Durso), m in breeding plumage.

Red-necked Grebe: no reports.

Rock Pigeon: max 200 CP 5 Jun (R. Ehler); 87 CJC.

Mourning Dove: single-site max 85 Rockaway Beach, QUEE 25 Aug (CF); 139 CJC.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 2 CJC.

Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 CJC.

Common Nighthawk: no reports suggestive of breeding; arr 3 SBNW (where monitored) 14 Aug (PD); 189 there 25 Aug (PD), max; other high counts: 17 HSP 23 Aug (K&SF); 19 CMB 28 Aug (TS).

Chuck-will's-widow: Quogue, SUFF thru 1 Jul, from spring; 4 Fire I Pines, SUFF 16 Jun (DF).

Eastern Whip-poor-will: all reports were from known breeding sites: Edgewood Oak Brush Plains Preserve, SUFF, CRSP, Riverhead-Westhampton pine barrens, Napeague; 2 CJC.

Chimney Swift: max 219 SBNW 27 Aug (PD et al.); 42 CJC.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 6 CJC.

RAILS-LARIDS

Clapper Rail: 4 CJC.

Virginia Rail: only three reports: High Rock P, RICH 1 Jul (CB); 2 Brookhaven Hamlet, SUFF; Arshomomaque Preserve, SUFF sev dates, traditional site.

Sora: arr Jam Bay 12 Aug (M. Passman).

Common Gallinule: Oakwood Beach, RICH 5 Jun, 7 & 26 Jul (ACi et al.), only reports.

American Coot: singles summered PP and Jam Bay.

Sandhill Crane: ca. GBP 23 Jun (P. Paul).

American Oystercatcher: 46 CJC.

Black-bellied Plover: 3 CJC; max 127 OIn 25 Aug (BBo, TS).

American Golden-Plover: arr JBWE 24 Aug.

Semipalmated Plover: max 900 NB 11 Aug (K&SF).

Piping Plover: 19 CJC; max 41 JBSP 31 Jul (EZ).

Killdeer: 22 CJC; max 57 RSF 19 Aug (EZ).

Upland Sandpiper: FBF 11 Aug (J. Malbin), only report.

Whimbrel: 1 CJC; max 13 Scallop Pd Preserve, SUFF 17 Aug (DR).

Hudsonian Godwit: GKP 16 Aug (J. Miller, ph.); Jam Bay 24 Aug thru (M. Passman, mob, ph.); JBWE 30 Aug (B. Anderson et al.).

Marbled Godwit: 3 PlumbB 12 Aug (D. Paul, P. Paul, ph.); Moriches In 16-26 Aug (S. Stewart, mob, ph.); OIn 25 Aug (BBo, TS, ph.), followed by 6 there 28 Aug (A. Perkins); JBWE 31 Aug (BF et al., ph.).

Ruddy Turnstone: max northbound 400 Shinn 2 Jun (B. Bull).

Red Knot: high counts include: 105 JBSP 25 Aug (K&SF); 248 OIn 25 Aug (BBo, TS); 107 MBI 10 Aug (JBo, C. Cady, PJL, SSM).

RUFF: HSP 22 Jul (L. Nasta, ph.), f plum.

Stilt Sandpiper: max 50 Jam Bay 25 Jul (PJL, SSM).

Sanderling: 55 CJC; max 2500 BPt 16 Aug (IG).

Dunlin: 1 CJC; singles and duos summered MBI and other favorable sites.

Purple Sandpiper: 2 JBWE 16 Aug (P. Maslow, ph.), probably summered.

Baird's Sandpiper: arr Chandler Estate, SUFF 17 Aug (A. Perkins); FBF 25-28 Aug; Yaphank, SUFF 22-24 Aug (B. Bull et al.); 2 Southold 25 Aug (M. Higgiston, E. Schwinn); MB 29 Aug (M. Grasso, DR).

Least Sandpiper: max 150 Jam Bay 6 Aug (N. O'Reilly).

White-rumped Sandpiper: max 34 MB 29 Aug (M. Grasso, DR).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: arr MB 29 Aug (M. Grasso, DR); Miller Field, RICH 30 Aug (ACi); HSP 30 Aug (PJL et al.).

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 15 Jam Bay 7 Aug (DGo, TJ).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 1 CJC; max 1500 Jam Bay 7 Aug (DGo, TJ).

Western Sandpiper: few reports by season's end and no more than 2 per site, e.g., 2 MB 29 Aug (M. Grasso, DR, ph.).

Short-billed Dowitcher: 3 CJC; max 513 CCP 20 Jul (K&SF).

Long-billed Dowitcher: arr Jam Bay 31 Jul (ABk); 1-2 there thereafter; Idlewild P, QUEE 17 Aug (E. Patterson, A. Patterson); only reps.

American Woodcock: max 3 FBF 28 Jul (H. Lopes); 3 Gilgo, SUFF 20 Jul (P. Paul, SSi).

Wilson's Snipe: arr G-WC 5 Aug; Randall's I, NEWY 12 Aug; only reports.

Spotted Sandpiper: bred GGI (JDiC, J. Layman, ph.); has declined greatly as a breeder in the Region; max 12 CMB 11 Aug (TS).

Solitary Sandpiper: max 5 MPB 19 Aug (H. Lopes).

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 60 Jam Bay 26 Aug (E. Eden), low.

"Eastern" Willet: 62 CJC; max 175 CCP 23 Jul (R. Baum, D. Burton).

"Western" Willet: 15 MBI 15 Jul (PJL, SSM, PWC), early for so many; max 18 MBI 29 Jul MMcB, PM, TS).

Greater Yellowlegs: 2 CJC; max 55 Bridge Creek, QUEE 25 Aug (CF).

Wilson's Phalarope: HSP 4 Jun (PJL, ph.); Jam Bay 21 Jul (S. Gopalakrishnan, C. McRae, M. Schoenitz, ph.), East Pd; Jam Bay 28-29 Jul (PJL, SSM), West Pd.

Red-necked Phalarope: 4 off MP 15 Aug (CRESLI); 21 Hudson Canyon 20 Aug (DGo et al., ph.).

SOUTH POLAR SKUA: Hudson Valley Shelf, SUFF 20 Jul (R. Herman, M. Fuirst, ph.).

POMARINE JAEGER (R10): Top of the Claw, SUFF 14 Jul (DR, JSh, AnW, ph.); 2 Hudson Canyon 20 Aug (DGo et al., ph.).

Parasitic Jaeger: 2 CJC (PJL et al.); max 9 GGI 12 Aug (PJL, SSM), *intro*.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER (R10): 2 The Claw 14 Jul (DR, JSh, AnW, ph.).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 2 Jam Bay 14 Jul-15 Aug.

Laughing Gull: 359 CJC; major nesting colony confirmed Great South Bay (SSM, SPe, et al., ph.), second major colony on LI.

Ring-billed Gull: 10 CJC; max 180 Randall's I, NEWY 19 Aug (J. Drucker).

Herring Gull: 249 CJC; max 614 Great South Bay, SUFF 24 Jul (SSM).

Iceland Gull: no reports.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 22 CJC, new max for count; max 36 SPCP 3 Jun (MMcB).

Glaucous Gull: OIn 17 Jul (S. Sullivan, EZ).

Great Black-backed Gull: 113 CJC; max 650 MBI 16 Aug (K&SF).

BRIDLED TERN: Hudson Canyon 19 Jul (R. Herman, M. Fuirst, ph.); GGI 3-16 Aug (JDiC,

SSi, mob, ph.), adult attending tern colony; 2 Hudson Canyon 20 Aug (DGo et al, ph.).

Least Tern: 116 CJC; max 450 OIn 26 Jun (EZ).

Gull-billed Tern: many reports traditional sites around Jam Bay and Jones In, NASS; max 4 NB 30 Jun, 6 & 22 Jul; all others: 2 CB 9 Jun (CJC, MN, S. Meyerheinrich); MBI 17 Jun (PJL, SSM, ph.) & 23 Jul (R. Baum, D. Burton); MB 23 Jun (A. Gilbert); OIn 6 Jul (EZ, S. Sullivan, ph.).

Caspian Tern: max 4 Plumb Beach 17 Aug (T. Preston).

Black Tern: max 5 CCP 28 Aug (SF).

Roseate Tern: 15 BPt 24 Jun (ABk, ph.), many for site; up to 8 per day NB, many for site; 9 DP 27 Jun (SSM); 6 CJC; 7 OIn 16 Jun (DR); up to 7 per day MBI; up to 3 per day Shinn; MB 29 Jul (SSM); 2 Amagansett, SUFF 25 Aug (AnW); no more than 3 per day ca. Montauk, low; max 2 at Sammy's Beach, SUFF 14 Jul (E. Schumann, low; many reports from OP, e LI Sound, and GGI, where colony was estimated at 4,000 (JDiC et al.); 8 CMB 2 Jul (TS), many for site.

Common Tern: 346 CJC 9 Jun (PJL et al.); colony at GGI estimated at 20,000 (JDiC et al.).

ARCTIC TERN (R10): best year since 2013; reports of ca. 26 documented individuals included here, organized by site; **BPt:** SY 12 Jun (P. Paul, ph.); SY 13 Jun (ABk, ph.); 2 SY & 2 TY 24 Jun (P. Paul, ABk, ph.); **NB:** ad 6 Jun (K&SF, ph.); different ad 10 Jun (SSM et al., ph.); different ad/TY 15 Jun (P. Paul, ph.); distinctive TY 16 Jun (SSM et al., ph.), also 19-20 Jun (A. Honeywood, Z. Schwartz-Weinstein, ph.); ad/TY 17 Jun (TH, P. Paul, M. Yuan, ph.); new ad/TY 18 Jun (J. Landesberg, ph.); SY 24 Jun (B. Elrick, G. Surya, ph.); SY 25 Jun (SSM et al., ph.); **OIn:** 2 SY 16 Jun (DR, ph.); **Moriches In:** SY 9 Jun (ABk, ph.); different SY & TY 10 Jun (PJL, SSM, PM, TS, ph.); different SY plus prev. day's TY 11 Jun (MMcB, ph.); new TY 15 Jun (KF, ph.); TY 21 Jun (EZ, ph.); 2 SY 24 Jun (PJL, SSM, PM, TS, ph.); SY 8 Jul (JGI, J. Haas, S. Baldinger, ph.); **Triton Lane, SUFF:** SY 28 Jun (DR, ph.); *intro*.

Forster's Tern: 61 CJC; max 150 MB 29 Aug (M. Grasso, DR), always a favored site for high counts, long before breeding resumed on LI.

Royal Tern: still scarce and local along western oceanfront before mid July; 2 NB 17 Jun (TH, ph.), notably early for NASS and suggestive of potential breeding; 23 Jun BPt;

max 151 OIn 28 Aug (A. Perkins), now consistently favored vs. MBI, previously the focus of high counts.

SANDWICH TERN: Triton Lane, SUFF 9 Jun (ACo), ad bas; BPT 13 Jun (ABk, ph.), ad alt; NB 19 Jun (DF et al., ph.), SY; RMSP 22 Jun SSM et al.; Moriches In 30 Jun (MMcB, ph.), ad alt.

Black Skimmer: 8 CJC; ca. 450 NB mid Jun.

LOONS-PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: 3 CJC.

Common Loon: 4 CJC.

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: max 470 Hudson Canyon pelagic 20 Aug (DGo et al.).

WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL:

Hudson Canyon 19 Jul (R. Herman, M. Furst, ph.).

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL (R10): max 6 Hudson Canyon 20 Aug (DGo et al., ph.); singles inshore Amagansett, SUFF 22 Jul (ACo) and MBI 25 Jul (EZ et al., vid.) very unusual.

BAND-RUMPED STORM-PETREL: 5+ Hudson Canyon 20 Aug (DGo et al., ph.); 7 Hudson Canyon 29 Aug (F. Durso).

TRINDADE PETREL: near Hudson Canyon 20 Aug (DGo et al., ph.).

BLACK-CAPPED PETREL: 8+ Hudson Canyon 20 Aug (DGo et al., ph.); 2 Hudson Canyon 29 Aug (F. Durso).

Cory's Shearwater: 8 CJC; max 1600 GGI 25 Jul (J. Layman); 750 RMSP 22 Jun (SSM et al.), major flight inshore.

CAPE VERDE SHEARWATER: RMSP 22 Jun (PJL, SSM, et al.), details to NYSARC, *intro*.

Sooty Shearwater: 8 CJC; max 1000 RMSP 22 Jun (SSM et al.).

Great Shearwater: max 3000 GGI 24 Jul (J. Layman).

Manx Shearwater: max 6 Amagansett, SUFF 7 Jul (AnW) & 6 e LI Sound 29 Jul (N. Bonomo, F. Gallo, P. Rusch).

AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER (R10): 2 Hudson Canyon 6 Aug (DGo, TJ); Hudson Canyon 20 Aug (DGo et al., ph.), one Hudson Valley Shelf 20 Aug (DGo et al., ph.).

BROWN BOOBY: ca. 10 mi. s Fire I Light 30 Jul, ad reported independently by M. Furst and C. Witek.

Northern Gannet: 7 CJC; max count 12 RMSP 3 Jun (DF) & 10 Sailor's Haven, Fire I, SUFF 24 Jun (E. Maitra); small numbers along ocean front thru; more notable were 1-2 e LI

Sound near GGI on numerous dates 25 Jul-25 Aug (JDiC et al.).

Double-crested Cormorant: 306 CJC; colony Argyle L, Babylon, SUFF; still a very local breeder in Region.

Great Cormorant: 1-3 various sites e LI thru; 5 MP 19 Aug (D. Auld), consistent with late Aug arrival of immes in Region.

Brown Pelican: widely reported on and near outer coast 5 Jun-11 Aug; 5 Cedar Grove Beach, RICH 17 Jul (ACi, S. Wollney), max RICH; 8 BPT 16 Jul (P. Paul), max QUEE; 2 NB 20 Jun (M. Zito) & 2 JBWE 27 Jul, max NASS; 5 MBI 29 Jul (PM, MMcB, TS), max SUFF.

American Bittern: no reports.

Least Bittern: River Rd., RICH 15, 29 Jul.

Great Blue Heron: 3 CJC; max 19 BPT 12 Aug (J. Fiorito).

Great Egret: 75 CJC; max 151 Willow Pd, Hewlett Bay P, NASS 12 Aug (BF, SpE).

Snowy Egret: 36 CJC; max 142 Willow Pd, Hewlett Bay P, NASS 12 Aug (BF, SpE).

Little Blue Heron: max 7 Oakwood Beach, RICH 28 Jul (CB) & 7 Shirely Marina, SUFF 28 Jul (EZ).

Tricolored Heron: reported from Jam Bay, Lawrence Marsh, NASS, OMNSA, Lido Beach, NASS, Captree I, SUFF, Brookhaven Hamlet, SUFF, and Shinn; almost all singles—numbers much reduced from past decades.

Cattle Egret: Timber Pt 17 Jun (mob); CR 25 Jun (ACi); GKP 7 Jul (ACi); Miller Field, RICH 25 Jul (E. Johnson); G-WC 19-21 Aug (mob).

Green Heron: 10 CJC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 5 CJC; max 22 CMB 29 Jun (TS) & 22 Jam Bay 14 Jul (CF), low.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: max 10 Old Place Creek, RICH (CB) & 10 Brookville P, QUEE (E. Becher).

Glossy Ibis: 33 CJC; max 78 Jam Bay 9 Jul (J. McManus, J. Rothman).

WHITE-FACED IBIS: Captree I, SUFF 14 Jul (PJL, SSM), ad in fading alt plum.

Black Vulture: max 4 Bucks Hollow, RICH 6 Jun (E. Johnson); CRSP 16 Jun (K. Thompson), only report east of Staten Island.

Turkey Vulture: 2 CJC, new to count; max 12 Calverton 25 Aug (J. Sep).

Osprey: 111 CJC, new count max.

Northern Harrier: a few Jun reports ca. Jones In and MBI; migr arr widely ca. 24 Aug.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: Makamah Preserve, SUFF 12 Aug (C. Klein); Southold Village,

SUFF 10 & 28 Jul (J. Sep); Shelter I, SUFF 27 Aug (M. Scheibel); only reports.

Cooper's Hawk: 4 CJC; widely reported all counties.

Bald Eagle: widely reported all counties except for Queens; no longer unexpected anywhere in Region at any date.

Red-shouldered Hawk: nested successfully ca. CRSP (CJC, KF, PJL, et al., ph.), rare breeder on LI.

Broad-winged Hawk: a few migrants PBP late Aug (R. Aracil et al.); Northport 26 Aug (N. Klein), only LI report.

Red-tailed Hawk: 15 CJC.

Barn Owl: max 3 PBP 24 Aug (R. Aracil).

Eastern Screech-Owl: 7 CJC.

Great Horned Owl: 2 CJC.

Snowy Owl: Owl's Head P, KING 5 Jun (R. Ellard, ph.), unus date; Riker's I, QUEE 1 Jul (fide Wild Bird Fund), possibly the same individual.

Barred Owl: VCP 29 Aug, only rep.

Belted Kingfisher: 1 CJC.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 5 CRSP 31 Jul (K&SF), family.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 55 CJC; max 33 Manhasset, NASS 9 Jun (SPe), high density.

Downy Woodpecker: 25 CJC.

Hairy Woodpecker: 13 CJC.

Northern Flicker: 22 CJC.

Pileated Woodpecker: sw Staten Island 5 & 29 Jun (ACi).

American Kestrel: max 6 21-22 40th Ave, NEWY 18 & 21 Jun (A. Ferlito), illustrative of the species' shift to urban settings as a Regional breeder.

Merlin: singles widely reported late Aug.

Peregrine Falcon: 1 CJC; max 5 OMNSA 1 Jun-31 Jul (M. Farina); 5 Captree I, SUFF 12 Aug (JBo, PJL, SSM).

Monk Parakeet: 10 CJC; max 40 No. Woodmere P, NASS 24 Jul (D. Lichter).

FLYCATCHERS-FINCHES

Great Crested Flycatcher: max 29 CRSP 9 Jun (KF; total 63 for CJC).

Eastern Kingbird: 29 CJC; max 80 RMSP 24 Aug (Z. Millen et al.).

Olive-sided Flycatcher: CP 2 Jun (E. Gaillard, G. Henry); CLP 7 Jun (CB); arr CP 5 Aug (J. Drucker); none e of QUEE.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: 32 CJC.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: CP 2-3 Jun; arr Captree I, SUFF 26 Aug (PJL); PBP 30 Aug (R. Aracil, J. Drucker).

Acadian Flycatcher: CP 9 Jun (J. Russell), only report.

Alder Flycatcher: CP 7 Jun (D. Soares); VCP 10 Jun (N. O'Reilly); arr CP 20 Aug (J. Drucker et al.); G-WC 22 Aug (K. Topping).

Willow Flycatcher: 38 CJC.

Least Flycatcher: arr CP 15 Aug.

Eastern Phoebe: 2 CJC, very local breeder South Shore of LI.

White-eyed Vireo: 7 CJC.

Yellow-throated Vireo: reported from 8 probable breeding sites, all NASS & SUFF.

Warbling Vireo: 29 CJC.

Red-eyed Vireo: 103 CJC.

Blue Jay: 107 CJC.

American Crow: 37 CJC; almost all reports in single digits; 17 Scallop Pd Preserve, SUFF 17 Aug (DR), max among single-site counts that we could be sure involved careful ident.

Fish Crow: 93 CJC; max 128 N. Patchogue, SUFF 28 Aug (S. Mutchnick); multiple reports 100+, with counts 10+ routine.

Common Raven: 1 CJC; widely reported form all 7 counties.

Horned Lark: all sites included: 8 JBSP 31 Aug (PD); 5 St. Charles Cem, SUFF 28 Aug (BF); 2 HSP 23 Aug (JGI); SPCP 3, 7 Jun (MMcB; K. Attinger); 3 Miller Place, SUFF 30 Jul (A. Perkins); 1-3 EPCAL many dates; 1-2 GA several dates; Scallop Pd Preserve, SUFF 10 Jun (F. Durso); 2 W. Neck Pt., Shelter I, SUFF (W. Zitek); 1-4 Orient Beach SP; 2 Cedar Pt CP, East Hampton, SUFF 9 Jun (C. Gangemi); 1-3 Sammy's Beach, East Hampton, SUFF.

Purple Martin: 72 CJC; single-site max 66 Great Pd, Southold, SUFF 10 Aug (SA, MN).

Tree Swallow: 128 CJC; max 2100 OPCP 26 Aug (J. Sep).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 5 CJC.

Bank Swallow: max 94 RMSP 18 Jul (SSM).

Cliff Swallow: 1 CJC; 8 PBP 6 Jun (L. Weir); many reps of 1-2 from diverse outer beach sites after cold fronts Jul & Aug.

Barn Swallow: 291 CJC; max 475 MBI 29 Jul (MMcB, PM, TS).

Black-capped Chickadee: 45 CJC.

Tufted Titmouse: 34 CJC.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: Far Rockaway, QUEE 21 Jun (D. Lichter), unusual date away from likely breeding sites; early southbound reports include 2 Bayard Cutting Arboretum, SUFF 6 Jul (TWB et al.); JBWE 8 Jul (J. Landesberg); Northwest Woods, East Hampton, SUFF 9 Jul (G. Zay); E. Quogue, SUFF 12 Jul (DR); FBF 14 Jul (T. Preston);

widely reported from throughout Region 23 Aug and later; *intro*.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 6 CJC; Tobay Beach, NASS 26 Aug (H. Farber), possibly on the move at season's end; also BPT 25 Jun (R. Ellard), unus date for location.

House Wren: 38 CJC.

Marsh Wren: 34 CJC; max 15 Saw Mill Cr, RICH 10 Jun (CB).

Carolina Wren: 72 CJC.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 33 CJC; single-site max 13 CRSP 9 Jun (KF); 3 RMSP 23 Aug (BBo, SSM, TS), migrants.

Eastern Bluebird: max 9 GA 5 Jul (TWB et al.).

Veery: 5 CJC; max 8 Inwood P Terrace, NEWY 31 Aug (J. Drucker, N. Souirgi), migrants.

Swainson's Thrush: Governor's I, NEWY 2 Jun (A. Barry); BRY 4-8 Jun, late.

Hermit Thrush: no reports; traditionally a scarce and local breeder in pine barrens.

Wood Thrush: max 16 Manhasset, NASS 9 Jun (SPe), a Regionally significant breeding population.

American Robin: 436 CJC; max single sites 200 CP 10 Aug; 200 FBF 29 Aug (SSM).

Gray Catbird: 362 CJC.

Brown Thrasher: 12 CJC.

Northern Mockingbird: 90 CJC.

European Starling: 657 CJC.

Cedar Waxwing: 106 CJC; max 250 RMSP 24 Aug (Z. Millen et al.).

House Sparrow: 194 CJC; max 370 Cow Meadow Preserve, NASS 31 Aug (BF), large number.

House Finch: 34 CJC; max 57 Manhasset, NASS 11 Aug (SPe).

Purple Finch: arr RMSP 23 Aug (BBo, SSM, TS); *intro*.

Pine Siskin: arr CP 25 Aug (D. Barrett, G. Henry, W. Perro), early.

American Goldfinch: 74 CJC; max single site 48 Manhasset, NASS 11 Aug (SPe).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: 167 CJC; max single site 61 CRSP 9 Jun (KF).

Chipping Sparrow: 87 CJC; max single site 30 EPCAL 3 Jun (A. Deutsch, L. Hertzog).

Field Sparrow: 5 CJC 9 Jun; max 10 EPCAL 3 Jun (A. Deutsch, L. Hertzog); 10 GKP 24 Aug (CB).

Vesper Sparrow: GA 2 Jun-8 Aug, only site, never more than one reported; formerly locally common breeder e. LI.

Lark Sparrow: 2 JBWE 18-21 Aug (mob, ph.); RMSP 18 Aug (KF, ph.), CLP 23 Aug (G. Bouquio); Accabonac Harbor, SUFF 27 Aug (DR, ph.); Randall's I, NEWY 31 Aug (J. Drucker, N. Souirgi, ph.).

Savannah Sparrow: max 10 FKP 7 Aug (ACi), important breeding site in R10.

Grasshopper Sparrow: all sites included: max 39 FKP 7 Aug (ACi), important breeding site in R10; SUFF max 12 EPCAL 9 Jun (S. Sullivan); 2 GA (JGI et al.); Shinnecock Hills GC, SUFF 17 Jun (J. Stocker).

Seaside Sparrow: 70 CJC.

Saltmarsh Sparrow: 66 CJC.

Song Sparrow: 168 CJC.

Swamp Sparrow: BRY thru 13 Jun, late; rare breeder South Shore of LI, so the following are notable: HSP 9 Jun (JGI; CJC); 2 Werth 29 Jul (EZ), singing males, one pres two prior dates.

Yellow-breasted Chat: GKP 30 Jul (ACi); CP 10 Aug (mob); GGI 29 Aug (JDiC).

Bobolink: max 21 FBF 29 Aug (SSM).

Eastern Meadowlark: reported from only 4 sites this season: max 7 EPCAL 16 Jun (J. Sep); 1-3 GA (JGI et al.); 3 Shinnecock Hills GC, SUFF 17 Jun (J. Stocker); MB 30 Jul (BF).

Orchard Oriole: 5 CJC; max 11 Manhasset, NASS 9 Jun (SPe); 2 RMSP 24 Aug (SSM), migrants.

Baltimore Oriole: 65 CJC; max 35 Manhasset, NASS 9 Jun (SPe); 13 RMSP 24 Aug (SSM), migrants.

Red-winged Blackbird: 565 CJC; max single site 470 CIC 10 Aug (DGo).

Brown-headed Cowbird: 62 CJC.

Common Grackle: 286 CJC; max 1600 Swan R Preserve, SUFF 28 Aug (S. Mutchnick).

Boat-tailed Grackle: 35 CJC.

Ovenbird: 7 CJC; 12 HLSP 13 Jun (J. Giunta), good count of breeders; first convincing southbound migr CP 10 Aug (C. McLaughlin); max 7 CP 16 Aug (J. Dean).

Worm-eating Warbler: arr 2 CP 17 Aug (D. Mullins).

Louisiana Waterthrush: arr CP 19 Jul (R. Zucker); max 2 CLP 30 Jul (CB) & Manhasset, NASS 11 Aug (SPe).

Northern Waterthrush: BRY 4 Jun; arr CP 18 Jul; high counts include 12 CIC 10 Aug; (DGo); 12 BPT 12 Aug (J. Fiorito); 7 RMSP 24 Aug (SSM).

Golden-winged Warbler: 1-2 CP 15 Aug thru.

Blue-winged Warbler: 14 CJC; max 6 HSP 9 Jun (JGI), CJC; CP & CIC 10 Aug, convincing southbound migr.

Black-and-white Warbler: max 12 CP 16 Aug.

Prothonotary Warbler: HLSP 17-18 Jun (P. Aitken).

Tennessee Warbler: arr Stony Brook, SUFF 5 Aug (D. Weber); max 2 CIC 10 Aug (DGo).

Nashville Warbler: arr Makamah Preserve, SUFF 12 Aug (C. Klein).

Mourning Warbler: CRSP 9 Jun (CJC, KF), last northbound; arr CP 5 Aug (J. Ward).

Kentucky Warbler: no reports.

Common Yellowthroat: 157 CJC; 16 Caumsett SP, SUFF 12 Jun (K&SF), breeders; 31 BPT 12 Aug (J. Fiorito), large number.

Hooded Warbler: no reps on terr; arr CP 18 Aug (R. Serio); CLP 25 Aug (CB); PP 26 Aug).

American Redstart: 8 CJC; 10 HHSP 25 Jun (E. Schumann), good count for breeders; 28 CP 18 Aug (R. Serio); 20 Manhasset, NASS 23 Aug (SPe), large numbers.

Cape May Warbler: Mt. Sinai, SUFF (2 Jun (A. Perkins); arr Werth (EZ).

Northern Parula: Mash 26 Jun (M. Grasso, historical breeding site; arr FBF 28 Jul (H. Lopes).

Magnolia Warbler: several reports thru 3 Jun; CP 1-22 Jul (G. Henry, J. Ward et al.), unus dates; arr CP 5 Aug (J. Ward).

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr CP 10 Aug.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr Werth 10 Aug (MMcB); max 2 G-WC 25 Aug.

Yellow Warbler: 264 CJC; 40 RMSP 24 Aug (Z. Millen), good flight.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr CP 5 Aug (J. Ward); max 8 CP 16 Aug (J. Dean).

Blackpoll Warbler: 2 HLSP 2 Jun (E. Becher); APEC 16 Jun; BZ 26 Jun (T. Olson); arr PP 23 Aug (D. Paul).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr 2 CP 10 Jun (D. Barrett, J. Ward).

Palm Warbler: arr G-WC 19 Aug (C. Lawrence, M Silber), early.

Pine Warbler: 22 CJC; single-site max 12 Edgewood Oak Brush Plains Preserve, SUFF 28 Jun (EZ).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Governor's I, NEWY 3 Jun (B. Cacace), last northbound; arr CLP 22 Aug (CB) and Jam Bay 25 Aug (L. Albert), early arrivals such as these correlated with irruptions of other boreal breeding species.

Yellow-throated Warbler: 1 CJC; Bayard Cutting Arboretum, SUFF various dates 3 Jun-6 Jul, from spring; 1-3 birds recorded here in summer since 2011; presumed breeding.

Prairie Warbler: 14 CJC; single-site max 11 West Meadow Wetlands Preserve, Stony Brook, SUFF 19 Jun (PD).

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 10 Aug CLP (H. Fischer).

Canada Warbler: arr CP 5 Aug (J. Ward); max 12 CP 16 Aug (J. Drucker).

Wilson's Warbler: 2 Jam Bay 2 Jun; arr CP 24 Aug (S. Passlick).

Summer Tanager: Northwest Woods, East Hampton, SUFF 9 Jun and 27 & 29 Jul (ACo), only reports.

Scarlet Tanager: 1 CJC; max 4 CRSP 8 Jul (D. Martin) & Blydenburgh P, SUFF 18 Jul (V. Pellegrino).

No. Cardinal: 124 CJC.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: all hints of breeding activity confined to the North Shore of LI except a pair of reports from IHP 3 Jun (A. Barry) and 19 Jul (N. Souirgi); southbound migr arr 16 Aug CP & Jam Bay.

Blue Grosbeak: continues to increase: 6 sites RICH; CVP 2 Jun (AxW) & 11 Jul (T. Preston); Caumsett SP, SUFF 25 Jun (K&SF); Yaphank, SUFF 25 Aug (J. Gaglione, S. Meyerheinrich); and at least three sites around the traditional breeding sites near Calverton, SUFF thru.

Indigo Bunting: 7 CJC; max 11 Manhasset, NASS 23 Aug (SPe).

Dickcissel: arr Oak Beach, SUFF 18 Aug (PJL, SSM); GGI 23 Aug (JDiC); CP 24 Aug (D. Barrett); 2 RMSP 24 Aug (SSM et al.); CR 26 Aug (ACi); all reps listed.

ADDENDUM

European Goldfinch: RMSP 11 May (SSM, TS), in morning flight with other migrants.

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