

REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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The season had about average temperatures but was wetter than normal. June's temperature averaged 67.7°F, .1° above normal. There was a high temperature of 98° on 18 June and a low of 46° on 12 June, and 4.14" of rain, .29" below normal. July averaged 74.9°, 1.9° above normal. The high temperature of 94° occurred on 3 July, and the low of 51° on 7 July. There was 6.82" of rain, 2.17" above normal. August averaged 74.9°, 3.8° above normal. The high temperature for the month was 93°, recorded on 29 August and the low of 55° on 24 August. Total precipitation of 8.52" was 4.32" above normal. A significant event occurred on the weekend of 21 July when a series of fronts came through the Region from the south. These fronts brought thunder storms with high wind and heavy downpours, and the storms may be what brought several interesting birds to our area. The summer was an eventful period throughout the Region.

Two **Sandhill Cranes** were found in the Orange County Black Dirt Region by Ray Duffy on 23 June and remained in the area, being seen periodically through 11 August by many.

On 4 August Matt Zeitler found a **Whimbrel**, also in the Orange County Black Dirt Region. Though the bird remained for just the day, it was seen by many observers. On 2 August Tom Burke and Gail Benson found a **Whimbrel** at Marshland Conservancy.

Willetts were found breeding at Marshlands Conservancy and were joined on 2 August by a **Western Willet** found by Tom Burke and Gail Benson.

Late August found a series of **Laughing Gull** reports along the Hudson River well north of its usual range. A bird was found by in Wappingers Falls on 13 August by Debbie van Zyl, another 25 August in Waryas Park, Poughkeepsie by Addie Smock, and three on 26 August at the Saugerties Light House by Mary James.

On 23 July, the author found an **Anhinga** while kayaking for shorebirds at Morningside Park in Sullivan County. The bird was huddled in a tree, soaking wet from several downpours that had occurred throughout the morning. Several birders were able to view the bird before it departed late in the afternoon. Coincidentally, the bird returned on the morning of 29 July, but only remained for an hour. This was a first county record and the fourth for the state.

On 2 August the author found a first year **Little Blue Heron** at the Bashakill Wildlife Management Area. It was seen by several birders before taking off late in the afternoon. On 30 August Bill Fiero found a first year **Little Blue Heron** at Stewart State Forest which might possibly be the bird seen previously in Sullivan County.

On 26 July, Matt Zeitler found a **Glossy Ibis** at the Liberty Marsh. The bird remained in the area through 5 August and was seen by many.

A **Roseate Spoonbill** was found at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge on 21 July on the New Jersey side of the refuge. It wasn't until 29 July that the bird finally made a foray across the border into Orange County and was seen by Matt Zeitler. Several other birders were fortunate enough to see the bird in New York during its brief flights into the state. It was last seen on 5 August by Karen Miller, flying north through Orange County.

The **Henslow Sparrows** found by Joe DiCostanzo at the Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge in late May continued throughout the summer and were last seen on 31 July. The pair was observed nest building and they are thought to have bred, though no young were seen.

Shai Mitra and Pat Lindsay got word of **Yellow-breasted Chats** at Ogden Mills and Ruth Livingston Mills State Park, and reported them on 2 June. They were last reported on 26 June. A maximum of three was observed and breeding of one pair is suspected.

Finally, **Dickcissels** were found in the Orange County Black Dirt Region by Linda Scrima, the first on 14 July and the second on 20 August. One of the birds was photographed well.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AP – Apollo Plaza; **BWMA** – Bashakill WMA; **CPP** – Croton Pt P; **EGR** – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; **GV** – Great Vly WMA; **HVRT** – Harlem Valley Rail Trail; **KP** – Kingston Pt; **LM** – Liberty Marsh; **MC** – Marshlands Conservancy; **MP** – Morningside P; **OCBDR** – Orange County Black Dirt Region; **PP** – Piermont Pier; **RNC** – Rye Nature Center; **SGNWR** – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR; **SHSR** – Six and a Half Station Road; **SFSP** – Sterling Forest SP; **WRNWR** – Wallkill River NWR.

WATERFOWL – DOVES

Blue-winged Teal: LM 29 Jul (JMc, LScr).

Northern Pintail: MP 30 Aug (JH).

Ruffed Grouse: Black Rock Forest 21 Jun (AA, LA); 3 Livingston Manor Rotary P 24 Jun (AD); 2 Hartwood 9 Jun (VB); Warwarsing 19 Jun (PD); Mohonk Preserve 21 Jun (SLa, MN); Peekamoose Road 26 Aug (AMo).

Pied-billed Grebe: 2 SFSP 20 Jun (AW); Rock Tavern 29 Jun (AA); max 11 Liberty Marsh 14 Jul (VH).

RAILS - LARIDS

Clapper Rail: 2-3 MC 1 Jun-25 Aug (GB, MBo, ASw).

Virginia Rail: SHSR 3 Jun (SF, KF, GB); max 5 LM 7 Jun (JCI), mob); 3 GV 20 Jul (PSch); max 8 MP 28 Jul (JH); Dutchess Rail Trail 18 Aug (DvZ, ASw).

Sora: max 2 SHSR 3 Jun (SF, KF, mob); SGNWR 3 Jun (TP, mob); BWMA 21 Jun (MMc); 2 LM 8 Jun (LScr).

Common Gallinule: max 8 BWMA 1 Jun (JH, mob); GV 11 Jun (CSp), 5 LM 6 Jun (CP); SHSR 8 Aug (KA); 2 Harlem Valley Rail Trail 6 Aug (AMa); Pine Hill Road 14 Aug (KA).

American Coot: max 5 LM 5 Aug (DT).

Sandhill Crane: 2 LM 23 Jun (RD, mob); 10-11 Aug (MZ, LScr), *intro*.

Black-bellied Plover: max 9 OCBDR 21 Aug (LScr, SMu, mob).

American Golden-plover: max 4 OCBDR 21-31 Aug (LScr, MZ, JH, mob).

Semipalmated Plover: Strever Farm 23 Jul (CP); Kingston Pt 28 Jul (PSch); MP 29 Jul (JMc, LSa); 8 PP 1 Aug (EE); 9 CPP 25 Aug

(LT); max 10, OCBDR 25 Aug (AA, LA); AP 3 Aug (JH, SB).

Upland Sandpiper: 2 Blue Chip Farms 13-16 Jun (ASw, DvZ, mob); 2 OCBDR 18 Aug (LSc, MZ).

Whimbrel: OCBDR 4 Aug (MZ, mob); MC 2-3 Aug (GB, ASw, TB), *intro*.

Red Knot: MC 3 Aug (GB, TB).

Baird's Sandpiper: 2 OCBDR 14 Aug (MZ, LScr, mob).

White-rumped Sandpiper: OCBDR 19 Aug (MZ, LScr, mob).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 2 OCBDR 31 Aug (CSp, KMc, KA).

Pectoral Sandpiper: 9 Ulster County Fair Grounds (CK), 2 Denniston Road 22 Jul (MD); 2 MP 1 Aug (JH); PP 2 Aug (EE).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 8 MP 23 Jul (JH); 6 KP 28 July (PSch); 20 OCBDR 18 Aug (LScr); 5 CPP 27 Aug (ASw, mob).

Sanderling: 2 PP 23-24 July (EE, KR); 12 Kingston Pt 23 Jul (MD, PSch); OCBDR 13 Aug (MZ).

Short-billed Dowitcher: 4 MC 3 Aug (GB, BSt); PP 4 Aug (EE); OCBDR 14-18 Aug (MZ, LScr, mob); MP 22-23 Aug (JH, mob).

Wilson's Snipe: SGNWR 4 Jun (DO); 2 OCBDR 13 Aug (MZ); 2 GV 31 Aug (PSch).

Lesser Yellowlegs: 6 LM 14 Jul (VH); 2 Wallkill Valley Rail Trail 22 Jul (MD); Rockland Lake SP 2 Aug (CC); 2 AP 14 Aug (JH); 12 OCBDR 17 Aug (KA); Espus Meadows Light House 18 Aug (MD); 3 Sleightsburg Spit 19 Aug (DF); 2 CPP 20 Aug (LT, BSt); MP 25 Aug (JH, KMI); PP 25 Aug (LP, ME); 3 MC 30 Aug (GB).

Willet: 2 MC 2 Jun-3 Aug (GB, TB, ASw, JMo, mob); MC 2 Aug ("Western" Willet) (GB, TB).

Greater Yellowlegs: Rondout Res 1 Aug (JH); LM 3 Aug (KMcGa, KMc, IG); PP 4 Aug (EE); 2 EGR 10 Aug (GB); Esopus Meadows Light House 11 Aug (DWe); MP 13 Aug (JH); Shaupeneak Ridge 16 Aug (WT); CPP 20 Aug (LT) 3 OCBDR 17 Aug (KA).

Laughing Gull: Croton Boat Launch 8 Jun (MJa); Wappingers Falls 13 Aug (DvZ); PP 16 Aug (LB); Waryas P 25 Aug (ASm); 3 Saugerties Light House 26 Aug (MJa); 9 EGR 31 Aug (GB), *intro*.

Caspian Tern: MC 3 Aug (GB); 2 PP 29 Aug (CC, KR); KP 31 Aug (JMa).

Black Tern: CPP 1 Aug (FD); 7 OCBDR 13 Aug (MZ); 7 Esopus Meadows Light House 17-18 Aug (PSch, WT, MD, JY).

Common Tern: 18 Rye Town P 11 Jun (GB, TB); 4 EGR 1 Jul (GB, TB); 5 MC 15 Aug (DJ).

Forster's Tern: 3 (2 ad, 1 juv) MC 9 -15 Aug (GB, TB).

LOONS – PARAKEETS

Red-throated Loon: MC 5 Jun (JMo).

ANHINGA: MP 23 Jul (JH, SB, BNo, KMc, KMi, CSp, KA, RG); 29 Jul (JH), *intro*.

American Bittern: max 2 BWMA 1 Jun (JH, GL, SB); max 2 LM 3 Jun (TP, SM, mob); SFSP (TP, MBra); Hudson R 19 Jun (SRo); Pearl R 10 Jul (LSca); Saugerties 19 Jul (LVV).

Least Bittern: 2 BWMA 1 Jun (JH, SB, KMi, mob); Constitution Marsh 7 Jun (MD); SGNWR 17 Jun (PSch, CSp); Lake Oniad 21 Jul (MP) 11 John Burroughs Sanctuary 28 Jul (MD); PP 18 Aug (JT).

Great Egret: 5 EGR 1 Jul (GB); 23 Jul MP (JH); 14 BWMA 3 Aug (JH, mob); 3 Denniston Road 8 Aug (CSp); 5 Sleightburg Spit 17 Aug (DO); 3 West Point Foundry Preserve 18 Aug (RB, KB); Dennings Pt 24 Aug (AL); 3 CPP 25 Aug (LT); SFSP 25 Aug (BF); 2 Kingston Pt 26 Aug (DWe, DF); 3 Constitution Marsh 30 Aug (RB).

Little Blue Heron: CPP 29 Jul (BSt); MC 31 Jul (BNi); 2 PP 1 Aug (KR), BWMA 2 Aug

(JH, SB, KMi, AB); SFSP 30-31 Aug (BF, CSp, KA).

Glossy Ibis: LM 26 Jul-5 Aug (MZ, JMc, LSa, RG, mob), *intro*.

ROSEATE SPOONBILL: LM 29 Jul-5 Aug (MZ, AG, KMc, IG, KMi), *intro*.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Franklin Delano Roosevelt Historic Site 1-9 Jun (CF, mob); Muscoot Farm 3 Jun-2 Jul (GL, ASw, mob); 4 Weston Road Swamp 7 Jun (DWa); Lake Osiris Road 9 Jun (BF).

Monk Parakeet: 5 Aiello Park 11 Jul (SCar).

FLYCATCHERS – FINCHES

Olive-sided Flycatcher: SFSP 1 Jun (CH); Harriman SP 2 Jun (MJa); SGNSR 2 Jun (DP, EW); Thompson Pd Preserve 8 Jun (JCo); Rockefeller SP Preserve 7 Aug (VH); 2 BWMA 16-17 Aug (JH, KMi, SB); SHSR 25-27 Aug (KMi, KA); SFSP 25 Aug (SRa); SFSP 31 Aug (BF).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: SGNWR 2-3 Jun (BW, HJK, WS, JTe); OCBDR 23 Aug (KA).

White-eyed Vireo: Hunt-Parker Sanctuary 1 Jun (TJ); Nimham Mountain Multiple Use Area 2 Jun (SRI, PLe); Tamarack L 3 Jun (DK); SFSP 9 Jun (CB); North County Trailway 11-12 Jun (GB, BNi); Ulster County Fairgrounds 13 Jun (KS); SFSP 22 Jun (AA, LA); Harriman SP (FD).

OLD WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Vesper Sparrow: LM 14 Jul (VH).

Grasshopper Sparrow: CPP 1 Jun (LT); max 10 SGNWR 7 Jul (MBri, mob); CPP 29 Jul (JK); 2 OCBDR 15 Aug (LScr).

Henslow's Sparrow: 2 SGNWR 1 Jun-31 Jul (TB, GB, DK, mob), *intro*.

Yellow-breasted Chat: max 3 Ogden Mills and Ruth Livingston Mills SP 2-26 Jun (SMi, PLi, mob); SFSP 14 Jun (BF); Rock Tavern 16 Jul (AA), *intro*.

Kentucky Warbler: SFSP 14 Jun (JW).

Dickcissel: OCBDR 14 Jul (LScr); OCBDR 20 Aug (LScr), *intro*.

