

REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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The fall season was a series of ups and downs weather wise. September had a high of 93°F on the 9th and a low of 43° on the 30th; overall the month was 0.4° below normal. Precipitation was close to normal with 5.62", 0.74" above normal. October was somewhat cooler, with a high of 81° on the 10th and a low of 28° on the 26th, 1.6° below normal for the month. Precipitation was 3.4", 1.07" below normal. November had a high of 69° on the 2nd and a low of 6° on the 23rd, and the month's average was 6.7° below normal. Precipitation was 7.55", a significant 4.08" above normal. Much of the period experienced intense winds from the southwest, altering some migration patterns in our Region. Rusty Blackbirds, for example, were barely reported, sticking much closer to the coast throughout migration, seemingly pushed there by the wind.

Following two exciting seasons with some exceptional birds, fall was rather quiet. Cackling Geese came on the scene in late October and November. They are being reported much more frequently and reliably with an increase in birders experienced with the species. Sullivan County had its first long-staying individual with a cooperative bird that remained for nine days at the Bashakill State Wildlife Management Area. A Eurasian Wigeon made a brief appearance at Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge on 19 November. Clapper Rails lingered well into the season with at least two remaining into November at Marshlands Conservancy. Sandhill Cranes continued their increase in the area, seen many times throughout the period.

A Little Blue Heron was found by Bill Fiero in late August at Stewart Forest State Park and continued through the 13th of September. Sticking with waders, a Cattle Egret was found at Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge on 28 October by Matt Zeitler. It continued through 13 November.

There was one report of Snowy Owl during the period. The bird was found by Barbara Mansell at Clinton's Corners in Dutchess County and remained for four days, being seen by many observers.

The much anticipated “Winter Finch Irruption” got started in late October and November with Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak showing up Region-wide in decent numbers.

A Yellow-breasted Chat found at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge by Tom Burke and Gail Benson 30 September lingered only through the following morning. Connecticut Warblers were scarce this season with only two reported, one at Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge on 29 September and another on Clove Valley Road in Ulster County. Orange-crowned Warblers were well represented this fall with at least three in Sullivan County, one in Ulster and two in Westchester County.

Dickcissels were well represented too, with at least six reported around the Region.

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CHESTNUT RIDGE HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	13 Sep	9	5 Oct	86
Turkey Vulture	4 Sep	403	20 Oct	3414
Osprey	1 Sep	41	15 Sep	314
Golden Eagle	20 Oct	1	20 Oct	3
No. Harrier	7 Sep	8	29 Oct	103
Sharp-shinned Hawk	6 Sep	140	14 Oct	1932
Cooper's Hawk	1 Sep	37	10 Oct	346
No. Goshawk	26 Oct	1	26 Oct	2
Bald Eagle	1 Sep	13	15 Sep	159
Red-shouldered Hawk	5 Sep	45	18 Nov	272
Broad-winged Hawk	1 Sep	2389	22 Sep	4278
Red-tailed Hawk	1 Sep	43	26 Oct	454
Rough-legged Hawk	0	0	0	0
Am. Kestrel	1 Sep	72	15 Sep	446
Merlin	6 Sep	6	18 Oct	84
Peregrine Falcon	5 Sep	4	29 Sep	27
Unidentified				151
Total including unidentified:				12,071

HOOK MOUNTAIN HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture	27 Sep	16	7 Oct	127
Turkey Vulture	29 Sep	158	22 Oct	780
Osprey	31 Aug	8	12 Oct	166
Golden Eagle	18 Oct	3	25 Oct	8
No. Harrier	7 Sep	8	12 Oct	112
Sharp-shinned Hawk	9 Sep	235	5 Oct	2337
Cooper's Hawk	4 Sep	36	5 Oct	204
No. Goshawk	4 Nov	2	4 Nov	5
Bald Eagle	31 Aug	7	13 Oct	159
Red-shouldered Hawk	22 Sep	78	26 Oct	439
Broad-winged Hawk	8 Sep	1079	22 Sep	3279
Red-tailed Hawk	31 Aug	24	25 Oct	200
Rough-legged Hawk	0	0	0	0
Am. Kestrel	1 Sep	19	19 Sep	217
Merlin	4 Sep	8	19 Sep	94
Peregrine Falcon	13 Sep	5	23 Oct	37
Unidentified				3
Total including unidentified:				8,167

ABBREVIATIONS

AP – Apollo Plaza; **BSWMA** – Bashakill State WMA; **CPP** – Croton Pt P; **EGR** – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary; **EMLH** – Esopus Meadows Light House; **FPNC** – Forsythe P and Nature Center; **GL** – Glenmere L; **GV** – Great Vly WMA; **HVRT** – Harlem Valley Rail Trail; **KP** – Kingston Pt; **LM** – Liberty Marsh; **MC** – Marshlands Conservancy; **MP** – Morningside P; **MPHW** – Mount Peter Hawk Watch; **OCBDR** – Orange County Black Dirt Region; **OMRLMSP** – Ogden Mills and Ruth Livingston Mills SP; **PP** – Piermont Pier; **RLSP** – Rockland L SP; **RNC** – Rye Nature Center; **RSP** – Rockefeller SP; **SFSP** – Sterling Forest SP; **SGNWR** – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR; **SHSR** – Six and a Half Station Road; **WRNWR** – Wallkill River NWR.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 250 SGNWR 18 Nov (CSp); 850 OCBDR 18 Nov (MZe); 19 CPP 22 Nov (MRi).

Brant: 120 Hudson Highlands SP 5 Oct (KBa); 250 MPHWR 13 Oct (MZe); 66 BSWMA 15 Oct (JHaa); 95 KP 16 Oct (DWe); 600 Hudson Valley Rail Trail 16 Oct (CShe); max 300 EGR 28 Nov (NG).

Cackling Goose: WRNWR 21 Oct (LScr); SHSR 4 Nov (KA); 4 Lavalley Road, Amenia 23 Oct (CP, HT); BSWMA 13-21 Nov (JHaa, SBa, KMi, PD); Blue Chip Farms 24 Nov (PSch, DF, FM), *intro*.

Eurasian Wigeon: WRNWR 19 Nov (LScr, KD), *intro*.

Canvasback: 5 MP 20 Oct (JHaa, KMi, DB); 15 CPP 4 Nov (ASw, DvZ); Chadwick L 20 Nov (BNo); 7 EMLH 20 Nov (MD); 30 CPP 30 Nov (KR).

Redhead: Wickham L 30 Oct (MZe); 2 Chadwick L 20-22 Nov (BNo).

Surf Scoter: 2 Yankee L 23 Oct- 5 Nov (JHaa, SBa, PD); Wickham L 24 Oct (MZe); 2 EMLH 24-25 Nov (MD, mob).

White-winged Scoter: 5 Wickham L 9 Oct (LScr); Kensico Res 1 Nov (NG); EMLH 20-24 Nov (MD, mob); KP 24-25 Nov (PD, mob); max 4 EGR 24 Nov (GB).

Long-tailed Duck: 2 KP 20 Oct (FM, DF); Sylvan L 29 Oct (CP); 24 Oct EGR (GB); max 7 OMRLMSP 10 Nov (CP); 4 Neversink Res 4 Nov (JHaa, KMi); 16 Ashokan Res 10 Nov (NM); Orange L 22 Nov (BNo).

Ruffed Grouse: 3 Slide Mt. 20 Sep (MJan); Gardiner 20 Sep (LVV); Sam's Pt. 22 Oct (MC, MBow); Cooper L 28 Oct (FM); Muhlig Rd. 15 Nov (PD); Minnewaska SP 27 Nov (NM).

Horned Grebe: Swan L 20 Oct (JHaa); Yankee L 23-27 Oct (JHaa); Wickham L 24 Oct (MZe); Walton L 2 Nov (JS); 2 PP 10 Nov

(CCo); Kiamesha L 17 Nov (JHaa); EMLH 18 Nov (JY); 2 EGR 23 Nov (GB, TBu); Ashokan Promenade 25 Nov (JU, mob).

Red-necked Grebe: Swan L 20 Oct-4 Nov (JHaa, KMi, SBa, DB); max 2 Kensico Res 21 Oct- 8 Nov (NG); Wanaksink L 22 Oct (JHaa, SBa); 2 Ashokan Res 5 Nov (NM); SHSR 11 Nov (KA); Washington L 20 Nov (BNo); Lake Tappan 22 Nov (FD); Neversink Res 20 Nov (PD).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 2 BSWMA 6 Sep (JHaa); Buttercup Farm Audubon Sanctuary 23 Sep (GLE); CPP 14 Oct (SRap); Minnewaska SP 16 Oct (SBa, KA, CSp); RSP 26 Oct (VH).

Black-billed Cuckoo: Angel Fly Preserve 6 Sep (BNi); WRNWR 15 Sep (KA); CPP 20 Oct (DP); Dennings Pt. 22 Oct (SRO).

Common Nighthawk: 23 OCBDR 1 Sep (GB); 16 SGNWR 1 Sep (JJ); 9 MC 4 Sep (GB); 2 Peach Hill P 9 Sep (CCha); 2 Gibson Hill Rd 15 Sep (JS); 6 Harcourt Sanctuary 10 Oct (DWe).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: BSWMA 1 Oct (SBa).

RAILS - LARIDS

Clapper Rail: 2 MC 4 Sep (GB); 2 MC 10 Oct (GB, TBu); 2 MC 1 Nov (GB), *intro*.

Virginia Rail: GV 5 Sep (PSch); BSWMA 27 Sep (KMi); Thompon Pd Preserve 29 Nov (SRO).

Common Gallinule: BSWMA 1 Oct (JHaa); WRNWR 7 Oct (MZe); Pine Hill Rd. 14 Oct (KMi, DB); Constitution Marsh 1 Nov (CR, LG); SHSR 4 Nov (AP).

Sandhill Crane: 2 Pine Island Turf Nursery 12 Sep (KMcd); 2 WRNWR 21 Sep (KMi); 2 WRNWR 2 Oct (LScr); 12 WRNWR 10 Nov (LScr); 6 Chestnut Ridge Hawk Watch 18 Nov (TJ), *intro*.

Black-bellied Plover: OCBDR 2 Sep (FP); PP 14 Sep (LP); Sheffield Hill Rd Amenia 28 Sep

(CP, BM); 2 Ashokan Res 20 Oct (PSch, JP); GV 21 Oct (PSch, SRO).

American Golden-Plover: WRNWR 7 Sep (MOF); max 10 OCBDR 23 Sep (NH).

Semipalmated Plover: MP 23 Sep (PD, JHaa); 3 Ulster County Fair Grounds 2 Sep (GF); 3 PP 4 Sep (EE); 2 GL 4 Sep (KA); OCBDR 5 Sep (EZ); 3 WRNWR 9 Sep (MD); 8 EGR 11 Sep (GB, TBU); AP 14 Sep (NH).
Sanderling: 2 PP 27 Sep (KR); OCBDR 6 Oct and 27 Oct (MZe); GV 22 Oct (CSp).

Dunlin: CPP 7 Oct (ASw); 8 EGR 18 Oct (GB); SGNWR 19 Oct (CSp); 5 MP 18 Oct (JHaa, PD); AP 19 Oct (SBa, JHaa, KMi); 2 PP 20 Oct (TSt); 3 GL 21 Oct (MZe); 18 Glennere L 28 Oct (MZe, KL).

Baird's Sandpiper: AP 3-6 Sep (PD, JHaa, SBa, KMi, NH, MZe); max 3 OCBDR 3-9 Sep (WT, GB, mob); GV 9 Sep (PSch, RM).

White-rumped Sandpiper: MP 11 Sep (JHaa, KMi, PD); max 2 GV 19-22 Oct (PSch, mob); Ashokan Res Spillway Dam 22 Oct (FM); Malden Mini P 25 Oct (WT); Fording Place Rd 26 Oct (PSch); max 3 GL 27-28 Oct (MZe).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: max 6 OCBDR 1-15 Sep (LScr, GB, JB, KMcD, FP, KMi, mob).

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 11 OCBDR 8 Sep-19 Oct (MZe, FP, mob); max 5 Sullivan County Community College 11-29 Oct (PD, JHaa, KMi); max 10 CPP (ASw, DvZ, mob); max 7 Strever Farm 9-28 Oct (BM, CP, mob); max 25 GV 8 Sep-22 Oct (PSch, CSp, mob); max 3 Lake Carmel 26-31 Oct (AMa); max 4 Resnick Rd 16 Oct-4 Nov (JHaa, KMi); max 2 WRNWR 9 Sep (NH).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 6 GV 5 Sep-22 Oct (PSch, RM, CSp); max 4 MP 7 Sep-18 Oct (JHaa, PD, KMi); max 3 EGR 7-21 Sep (GB, TBU); max 7 CPP 19-22 Oct (BStr, SRap, MStr); 5 PP 3 Sep (CCo); 3 WRNWR 4-8 Sep (EZ, DSpan).

Short-billed Dowitcher: MP 11 Sep (JHaa, KMi); WRNWR 9 Sep (MD).

Bonaparte's Gull: 2 Swan L 20-30 Oct (JHaa, KMi, SBa); max 6 Ashokan Res 21-22 Oct (RM); 2 KP 17 Nov (FM, DF); 4 CPP 4 Nov (ASw, DvZ); PP 30 Oct (VH); 2 GL 21 Oct (KA); OCBDR 10 Nov (MZe, LScr).

Caspian Tern: max 3 PP 26 Sep-7 Oct (EE, KR, mob); 2 Yorktown Heights Rail Trail 8 Sep (BNI, TJ).

LOONS - PARROTS

Red-throated Loon: max 45 EGR 22 Oct-28 Nov (GB, mob); CPP 28 Oct (KMcGr);

Browns Pond 20 Nov (BNo); Washington L 25 Nov (BNo).

American Bittern: SGNWR 2 Sep (K.Fung); Berea Rd 11 Sep (BF); WRNWR 16 Sep-11 Nov (LScr, GB, ML, MZe, MOF); max 2 BSWMA 16 Sep-8 Oct (PD, JHaa, KMi, SBa); RSP 29 Sep (LMan); SGNWR 19 Oct (CSp); MC 2 Nov (GB, TBU); Congers L Memorial P 4 Nov (CCo); SGNWR 24 Nov (MC, CCha).

Little Blue Heron: SFSP 1-13 Sep (BF, KA, KMcD, mob); WRNWR 9 Sep (MD), *intro*.

Cattle Egret: WRNWR 28 Oct-13 Nov (MZe, ML, LScr, JHaa, mob), *intro*.

Black Vulture to Osprey: see Chestnut Ridge and Hook Mt Hawkwatch charts above.

Golden Eagle: 2 Slide Mt 10 Oct (LD); MC 24 Oct (GB); MPH 30 Oct (JCI); 2 I-84 Overlook HW (AA, LA); Mohonk Preserve HW 31 Oct (ZNS); see also Chestnut Ridge and Hook Mt Hawkwatch charts above.

Northern Harrier to Cooper's Hawk: see Chestnut Ridge and Hook Mt Hawkwatch charts above.

Northern Goshawk: Slide Mt 17 Sep (BSw); MPH 17 Oct (AA, LA); see also Chestnut Ridge and Hook Mt Hawkwatch charts above.

Bald Eagle to Red-tailed Hawk: see Chestnut Ridge and Hook Mt Hawkwatch charts above.

Rough-legged Hawk: 3 Turkey Mt P 23 Nov (SH); OCBDR 24 Nov (KA); Tanzman Rd 30 Nov (JHaa, SBa); max 3 SGNWR 31 Oct-30 Nov (SWa, DWe, PSch, mob).

American Kestrel to Peregrine Falcon: see Chestnut Ridge and Hook Mt Hawkwatch charts above.

Snowy Owl: Clinton's Corners Dutchess Co. 31 Oct-3 Nov (BM, CP, mob), *intro*.

Short-eared Owl: max 7 SGNWR 17 Oct-30 Nov (CSp, mob); CPP 28 Oct (SRap, LTr).

Red-headed Woodpecker: max 3 1 Sep-18 Nov (GL, DB, mob); 2 Catskill P 30 Sep (DO, DSpe); Rondout Res 9-10 Nov (JHaa, PD); max 5 VanNostrand Swamp 23 Nov (DB, SSi).

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Olive-sided Flycatcher: OCBDR 1 Sep (SBa); GL 3 Sep (KA); Aden Rd 14 Sep (SSu); WRNWR 15 Sep (LScr, KA).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: High Banks Preserve 9 Sep (FM); Bear Mt 15 Sep (DL); MPH 15 Sep (LScr, MZe, RHan); Peach Hill 15 Sep (AL); Crawford Walking Trail 19 Sep (TBe); WRNWR 19 Sep (AMa); MC 2 Oct (GB).

Philadelphia Vireo: BSWMA 8 Sep (JHaa, PD); High Banks Preserve 9 Sep (DF, FM, WT); SFSP 14 Sep (TBe); 2 Kukuk Lane 23 Sep (WT, MD); SHSR 24 Sep (KA); WRNWR 16 Oct (LScr).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: 2 Kukuk Lane 15 Sep (MD); Yankee L 28 Sep (JHaa); RSP 4 Oct (MGro); Whip-poor-will P 7 Oct (AMi, S. Miller); Goose Pond South 8 Oct (KA); McDonald Rd 9 Oct (JHaa, SBA); BSWMA 17 Oct (JHaa, PD); Wonder L SP 24 Oct (VH).

Swainson's Thrush: MPHWS 8 Sep (MZe); max 3 BSWMA 9 Sep-26 Oct (SBA, JHaa, mob); MC 15-17 Sep (MSt, GB, SLes); SHSR 23 Sep (KA); 3 Mohonk Preserve 30 Sep (GF, CK); Constitution Marsh 9 Oct (KBA); RSP 19 Oct (ASw); FPNC 10 Oct (MD).

American Pipit: 16 Andrew Haight Rd 4 Oct (JA); 13 RLSP 25 Oct (AW); 8 Harbour I Preserve 27 Oct (GB); 40 CPP 28 Oct (KBA, LTr, PC); 3 North Highland P 29 Oct (KBA, RB); 90 OCBDR 27 Oct (MZe); 40 BSWMA 16 Nov (JHaa, SBA); 15 Kensico Res 16 Nov (NG); 8 Fording Place Rd 17 Nov (FM, DF, RM).

Evening Grosbeak: 4 Hunt-Parker Sanctuary 11 Nov (SWr, BStr, mob); max 6 FPNC 17 Nov (DH, PSch, WT, JP); 15 Home 18 Nov (LMar); 10 BSWMA 21 Nov (SBA); 5 Brothers Rd 30 Nov (CP); 18 Tanzman Rd 30 Nov (JHaa, SBA), *intro*.

Purple Finch: 3 RSP 17 Sep (ASw, mob); 7 FPNC 18 Sep (MD); 5 RLSP 17 Oct (AW); 5 Constitution Marsh 24 Sep (KB); 13 CPP 6 Oct (KB, mob); max 38 BSWMA 15 Oct (SBA, mob); max 3 Brothers Rd 28 Oct (CP); 15 MC 31 Oct (GB); 4 Harcourt Sanctuary 10 Nov (DWe).

Pine Siskin: 8 MC 18 Oct (GB); max 240 27 Oct (SBA, JHaa, mob); 40 Mohonk Mt House 28 Oct (GL); 15 Kensico Res 2 Nov (NG); 26 RSP 15 Nov (HS); 7 Brothers Rd 17 Nov (CP), *intro*.

Lapland Longspur: max 2 OCBDR 10 Oct-18 Nov (MZe, LScr, KMi, FP); CPP 17 Nov (CR, LTr, GB, mob); max 4 Beechwoods 17-19 Nov (JHaa, SBA, PD, KMi, DB); Hillview Res 23 Nov (NG).

Snow Bunting: 14 Catskill P 28 Oct (RB); 30 Neversink Res 16 Nov (SSu); max 28 EGR 16-24 Nov (GB, mob); 20 CPP 17 Nov (GB, KMcGr); 40 Ashokan Res 18 Nov (CSp); max

25 Beechwoods 17-19 Nov (JHaa, PD, SBA); 2 Rockefeller Lane 21 Nov (ASw, DvZ, SRo); max 19 Stringham P 21-22 Nov (AMa, DK, SI).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS - CARDINALIDS

Vesper Sparrow: 2 OCBDR 1 Sep (MZe); max 5 BSWMA 18-28 Oct (JHaa, SBA, KMi, PD, KMcD); 5 SGNWR 21 Oct (MRi); max 6 CPP 17-30 Oct (ASw, BNo, KB, mob); 3 Clements Rd 25 Oct (JHaa); 5 RSP 26 Oct (VH).

Lincoln's Sparrow: max 2 BSWMA 19 Sep-8 Oct (PD, JHaa, SBA, AL); 2 Harcourt Sanctuary 20 Oct (DWe); 2 Goose Pd Mt SP 8-9 Oct (KA, BNo, AL); CPP 22 Oct (ASw, mob); 3 MC 31 Oct (DJ, GB).

Yellow-breasted Chat: WRNWR 30 Sep-1 Oct (GB, KMi), *intro*.

Rusty Blackbird: 2 SFSP 29 Oct (BF); 3 SHSR 6-11 Nov (KA); 2 BSWMA 8 Nov (KMi, SBA); 35 WRNWR 4 Nov (AL), *intro*.

Tennessee Warbler: Depot Hill 5-7 Sep (CP); 2 FPNC 20 Sep (MD); 3 BSWMA 23 Sep (KMi); 2 RSP 8 Oct (ASw, mob); MC 29 Oct (ASw, BNo, mob).

Connecticut Warbler: WRNWR 20 Sep (KA); Clove Valley Rd 6 Sep (ZNS), *intro*.

Hooded Warbler: Minnewaska SP 4 Sep (SBA, KA); 2 SFSP 8 Sep (GB); BSWMA 19 Sep (KMi).

Cape May Warbler: BSWMA 8 Sep (SBA); Yorktown Heights Rail Trail 8 Sep (BNI, TJ); WRNWR 23 Sep (LScr, MZe); MC 1 Oct (GB); SHSR 1 Oct (KA); 3 Constitution Marsh 3 Oct (KB); 2 RSP 8 Oct (ASw, mob); CPP 9 Oct (ASw). Widespread reports this season.

Orange-crowned Warbler: Clements Rd 11 Oct (JHaa); Rt 28 Kingston 11 Oct (MSche); McDonald Rd 17 Oct (PD); BSWMA 24-28 Oct (JHaa, NH); 2 MC 12 Nov (GB), *intro*.

Bay-breasted Warbler: Depot Hill 4 Sep (CP); max 4 BSWMA 16 Sep (S. Altman, JHaa, SBA); Merriwald Club & L 17 Oct (NH); RSP 19 Sep (EE); SHSR 24 Sep (KA); RLSP 4 Oct (SBA).

Dickcissel: WRNWR 17 Sep (LScr); FPNC 20 Sep (MD); CPP 28 Oct (MSt, BSt); SGNWR 29 Sep (SWa); Catskill P 30 Sep (PSch, CSp, mob); Carmel High School 3 Oct (AMa), *intro*.

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