

REGION 10—MARINE

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	Central Park			Islip		
Temp	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Dec	40.1°	37.5°	+2.6°	38.1°	35.6°	+2.5°
Jan	32.5°	32.6°	-0.1°	31.1°	30.6°	+0.5°
Feb	36.2°	35.3°	+0.9°	34.4°	32.8°	+1.6°

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Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Dec	6.51"	4.0"	+2.51"	6.50"	4.06"	+2.44"
Jan	3.58"	3.65"	+0.07"	3.85"	3.64"	+0.21"
Feb	3.14"	3.09"	+0.05"	3.70"	3.24"	+0.46"

The winter of 2018-2019 was exceptionally mild in Region 10, with average temperatures slightly (in February) to considerably (in December) above average. Although precipitation was above average, it consisted mostly of rain. Snowfall in December was zero at Islip and only a trace in Central Park (cf. average 4.8"), and Central Park recorded a total of only 1.1" in January (average 7.0") and 2.6" in February (average 9.2"). Nevertheless, there were short periods of intense cold. Temperatures as low as 18° on 8 December created ice cover that surely affected freshwater waterfowl counts on some CBCs. It soon became milder, but the temperature in Central Park plunged from a high of 42° on 20

January to a low of 4° on 21 January and again to 10° on 1 February, after which temperatures fluctuated upward to a mild latter half of the month. Efforts to mount pelagic trips from Brooklyn were stymied by weather, affecting records of certain species.

For many Region 10 observers, especially on Long Island, one of the most interesting events of the season was the astonishing influx of Razorbills. The first intimations were about 11 December, with 200 counted by Keith Cashman at the Fire Island Wilderness area, and 13 December, when Ken and Suzie Feustel counted 540 at Montauk Point; the number grew to 1,898 on the Montauk CBC on 15 December, and was succeeded by Montauk area counts of 2,510 on 23 December (A. C. Wilson), **9,015** on 27 December (K. and S. Feustel), 2,500 on 6 January (R. Shriber), **4,400** on 12 January (M. McBrien) and **10,000** on 23 January, passing Montauk Village Beach from west to east at an estimated rate of 200 to 400 per minute (K. Gasser). Large numbers were seen along the south shore: up to **5,668** at Shinnecock Inlet on 13 January (R. Aracil), 2,400 at Fire Island-Old Inlet on 25 December (K. Cashman), 3,534 at Smith Point County Park on 27 December (M. McBrien), and 1,083 at Robert Moses State Park on 16 December (P. Morris). The 1,287 Razorbills seen on the Southern Nassau CBC on 29 December were a new maximum for that count, as were the 1,145 recorded on the Captree CBC on 16 December. (The previous high for this count was 12.) Further west, as many as 215 were seen at Breezy Point in Queens (13 January, D. Gochfeld). From the shores of Long Island Sound, 51 were recorded on the Orient CBC (29 December), single-digit records extended west to Crab Meadow Beach in Northport, and a single bird provided the fifth record of this species for the Bronx-Westchester CBC. Similarly high numbers were recorded along the New Jersey coast, reaching a maximum of 10,283 at the Avalon Seawatch on 9 January (eBird). This invasion exceeded the previous record-setting incursion in winter 2002-2003, in which a count of 1,200 at Montauk Point on 16 January was a record number for New York, and was bettered by the 4,000 tallied eight days later (*Kingbird*, June 2003). In a published analysis of Razorbill winter records, Dick Veit found that this species has increased fairly steadily for several decades, with short-term increases that are correlated with colder water temperature (the North Atlantic Oscillation, or NAO) that may affect the distribution of the sand lance, a major food. (R. R. Veit and L. L. Manne 2015, *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*, doi: 10.3389/evo.2015.00038). He suggested to me that this season's influx may be associated with strong fluctuations in the NAO index in December.

Four other alcid species were sighted from shore this winter, including single Black Guillemots at Montauk Point and Shinnecock Inlet and at least four sighting of Dovekies, from Montauk Point to Breezy Point, Queens. At least two **Thick-billed Murres** were spotted in Jones Inlet, one was monitored as it swam from Gravesend Bay to Veterans Memorial Pier in Brooklyn, and an extraordinarily cooperative, usually close bird resided in Shinnecock Inlet throughout January. Even better were several **Common Murres**, a species

seldom seen from shore. These included one photographed at Jones Beach West End on 2 February, one at Camp Hero State Park on 23 December, a moribund bird photographed at Robert Moses State Park 11 February, and three individuals, which Derek Rogers and others distinguished by photographs, recorded at Shinnecock Inlet in January.

Among other saltwater species were two **Pacific Loons**, one at Jones Beach on 16 February, and one close to the docks at the Sagamore Yacht Club in Oyster Bay, 3-28 February. No vagrant grebes were reported, but Red-necked Grebes were plentiful, mostly along the south shore from Montauk to Brooklyn, and singletons were spotted in the Bronx at Pelham Bay Park, and even in Manhattan at Randall's Island. There were quite a few sightings of Black-legged Kittiwakes, with as many as 91 seen from Montauk Point. A carefully described Kittiwake in Long Island Sound, seen during a nor'easter from the ferry just out of Port Jefferson harbor, was at an unusual location. At least four Black-headed Gulls were recorded, from Lake Montauk west to the Brooklyn shore, and a single Little Gull was seen at Montauk Point 10-16 February. However, a maximal count of 500 Bonaparte's Gulls (at Smith Point County Park on 3 January) was low by historical measures, and the species was missed altogether on the Montauk, Captree, Smithtown, and Southern Nassau CBCs, the latter for the first time in 67 years. Glaucous Gulls were recorded at two sites in Staten Island and at Jamaica Bay, the Bellport Bay Yacht Club, and west of Shinnecock Inlet on Dune Road, where an immature bird was fairly reliable from at least 4 December through 6 January. Multiple Iceland Gulls were seen in every county except Bronx, and Lesser Black-backed Gull showed a similar pattern, with as many as 11 tallied on the Captree CBC. Although it didn't linger for a broader audience, the star of the gull show this winter was surely the adult **Mew Gull** photographed by Andrew Baksh at Bush Terminal Piers on 3 January.

Noteworthy sea ducks included a long-staying male Barrow's Goldeneye at Crab Meadow in Northport, Suffolk County and one of each sex in the Pelham Bay area in the Bronx. Harlequin Ducks were seen at seven locations in Suffolk County, including four on the Montauk CBC, and three wandered about Jones Inlet from late December through February. As many as three King Eiders, distinguished by sex and age, were reported from Shinnecock Inlet and environs, as well as one or more from the Orient Point ferry. Common Eiders showed a striking change in distribution, to the bay north of Shinnecock Inlet (up to 5,000) from their former stronghold at Montauk Point, where most observers reported fewer than 1,000 (with exceptions, such as the 5,000 recorded on 10 February). Scoters, likewise, made a relatively poor showing in eastern Long Island. The 458 Surf Scoters on the Montauk CBC were far fewer than the 1,446 the previous year, and most reports from Montauk registered fewer than 400. Black Scoters paralleled Common Eider; the Montauk CBC recorded only 961 (vs. 2,224 in 2017), and numbers there picked up (to 2,000 or more) only in late February. But Shinnecock Inlet and environs yielded counts of nearly 2,000 in

January. Among bay ducks, high counts of the once much more abundant Greater Scaup included, in Bronx, 3,500 in Pelham Bay Park, and 4,000 in City Island; but in Suffolk, great numbers, estimated at 25,000, staged in Great South Bay before moving elsewhere. Some high counts of Lesser Scaup included 400 in City Island, 743 at the World's Fair Marina in Queens, and in Suffolk, 450 in Eastport Lake. As for Canvasback, the Captree CBC, which over its history has an average count of 267 with a high of 2,422, scored 0, even below its recent 10-year average of 2. The highest count of this long-declining species was 141 at Eastport Lake.

Among freshwater *Anatidae*, single **"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal** were recorded in two Suffolk sites, and single Blue-winged Teal were found on the Montauk CBC (15 December) and on Robinson Pond, Patchogue, where a male resided throughout February. Male Eurasian Wigeons stayed for extended periods at Bush Terminal Piers Park and at Saltmarsh Nature Center in Kings County and at Avon Lake, Amityville and Makamah Preserve, Northport in Suffolk. There were additional records from Staten Island and Halsey Neck Pond in Southampton. Single Tundra Swans were seen at the Brooklyn piers and Jamaica Bay, and four flew over Shinnecock Inlet on 31 December, but probably because of an early freeze, the Hook Pond pair was elusive, reported sporadically there and nearby from 20 January to 10 February. Single-digit counts of Northern Pintail were relieved by a few high counts, such as 92 at Massapequa Preserve and 46 at Robinson Pond, Suffolk. American Wigeon was unfortunately noteworthy for its low numbers this season. CBC counts tell the story: only 23 on Montauk, 47 on Southern Nassau (a new minimum), 35 on Bronx-Westchester (lowest in more than 60 years), 202 on the Smithtown CBC (less than half the 10-year average), and missed entirely on Captree, for the first time.

The "usual rarities" among geese were recorded once again. Only a single Ross's Goose was reported, this at a stormwater basin in Old Westbury. The same habitat, but in Lake Success, hosted the only **Pink-footed Goose**. A single Greater White-fronted Goose was spotted at Roslyn Pond, and two roamed the Riverhead sod farms and Merritt's Pond from 11 January to 21 February. A Barnacle Goose was seen in Southold on 7 and 8 December, while another (or the same?) bird frequented the Riverhead sod fields from 6 December to 25 February. Cackling Goose may not be common, but it isn't rare: it was reported from at least four sites in Staten Island, in mid-January and mid-February from Van Cortlandt Park in Bronx, once in Brooklyn, five sites in Nassau County (including Roslyn Pond and Arthur Hendrickson Park, where seen in previous years), and 11 sites in Suffolk County, harboring at least 15 individuals.

Hoped-for winter visitors from the north include land birds such as finches. Reports of poor seed crops to our north, as well as huge southbound flocks of Pine Siskins and Purple Finches along the barrier beaches in November, raised hopes, but winter finches were disappointingly sparse. The most abundant were Pine Siskin and Purple Finch; both were recorded in all counties, with single-

digit counts in multiple sites, throughout the season. The maximum count of Pine Siskin was 40 at Robert Moses State Park on 4 December, at the tail end of the southbound passage. Common Redpolls were most uncommon; they were reported at only six sites, with a maximum of five at Avalon Gardens in Stony Brook. Red Crossbills were few and mostly early, seen at only five sites up until 6 January. Evening Grosbeaks were recorded in four counties, the high count being six, at both Montauk and a residence in Commack. One or two birds were seen at six other locations in Nassau and Suffolk but none delighted as many observers as one found in Riverside Park, Manhattan, on the 16 December CBC, that persisted beyond the season to 4 April.

As for other winter visitors, only a single **Northern Shrike** was seen (on 18 February, in Mc Allister Park, Port Jefferson, Suffolk). In contrast, it was a big year for Red-breasted Nuthatch; for example, the Montauk CBC set a new high with 131, exceeding the 115 counted in 2007. (This CBC recorded only two in 2017.). This species was abundant through the season in some coastal sites, with numbers fairly typical of irruption years. The Captree CBC on 15 December registered two Lapland Longspurs; otherwise, one or two birds were found at four traditional sites on Long Island. Northern diurnal raptors were represented only by single Northern Goshawks in the Bronx and Staten Island, and by one or two Rough-legged Hawks at one site in Brooklyn, two in Nassau, and three in Suffolk. The resident Bald Eagles in our Region were greatly augmented, with reports from at least 17 locations in Staten Island, 10 in Manhattan, four in Bronx, nine in Brooklyn, five in Queens, 17 in Nassau, and ca. 75 in Suffolk; it is hard to know how many individuals were seen, but the species is clearly far more abundant than a few decades ago.

Snowy Owls were seen at eight coastal sites in Suffolk; at least two frequented the vicinity of Jones Beach West End to Nickerson Beach in Nassau (where they were mercilessly stalked by photographers), and one was seen at Breezy Point in Queens. Possibly others were seen but not “eBirded” by birders intent on minimizing disturbance. I applaud their concern, and urge birders not to broadcast reports of this and other sensitive species until well after the birds have departed. Northern Saw-whet Owls were reported from at least 38 locations in all counties except Richmond, and counts on some CBCs were high (e.g., nine on Smithtown and 13 on Montauk), owing to the skill and industry of enterprising owl-whisperers (see T. J. Sturm and B. Bomkamp, *Kingbird* 67(2):96-102, 2017). At least four Barred Owls in **Manhattan** (three of them in Central Park) and at least four in three Bronx sites were an unusually high number. Four Barn Owls were recorded in bay island nest boxes on the Southern Nassau CBC, one was flushed in Smith Point on the Central Suffolk CBC, and two continued in Gateway National Recreation Area. But *Asio* species continue to be disturbingly sparse: only four Long-eared Owls, in three counties, were reported, and only two Short-eared Owls, at the EPCAL grassland and in Napeague.

Among the rare or uncommon species not already mentioned, surely the most surprising was the **Magnificent Frigatebird** seen and photographed by Keith Cashman at about 3 p.m. on 22 December as it flew westward past the Ponquogue Bridge Coast Guard station—after having been recorded that morning on a Rhode Island CBC. Another major rarity was a **Varied Thrush** in Clove Lakes Park, Staten Island, that was seen (although sometimes only with patience) from 5 December to at least 31 January. A Brown Pelican was seen at Moriches Inlet on **4 January**, and Chris Gangemi found an American White Pelican on Mecox Bay, 12-16 January (et seq). Other uncommon species included a **Sandhill Crane** at Jones Beach West End on 9 December, a Common Gallinule at Blydenburgh Park, Suffolk, on **19-20 January**, a Clay-colored Sparrow in Quogue from **26 January to at least 11 February**, a Lark Sparrow in East Hampton **31 January-28 February**, a Dickcissel at Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area 27 February-3 March, single Red-headed Woodpeckers in Clove Lakes Park 19 January and Pelham Bay Park 19-23 December, and **Pileated Woodpeckers** (rare south of Westchester County) in Pelham Bay Park (long continuing after 13 December) and Nassau's Shu Swamp reserve (16 February).

A long list of warm-weather species lingered well into the winter. Relegating most details to the checklist, these "half-hardies" included Clapper Rail, Virginia Rail, American Oystercatcher, a single Semipalmated Plover, two Marbled Godwits (only to 2 December), American Woodcock (many reports, mostly in December and February, the latter perhaps including returning migrants), Wilson's Snipe, a single Spotted Sandpiper (only six others in eBird since 1995), Greater Yellowlegs, one Willet (nine others since 1995), Common Tern (one; one other since 1995), American Bittern, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Phoebe, Blue-headed Vireo (two in earliest December; five others since 1995), Tree Swallow, House Wren (11 sites, 10 reports in December), Marsh Wren (13 sites, 11 reports in December), Eastern Bluebird, Wood Thrush (one; one other since 1995), Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, American Pipit, White crowned Sparrow (unusually abundant), Vesper Sparrow, Seaside Sparrow (one report; eight others since 1995), Saltmarsh Sparrow (one report), Lincoln's Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, Eastern Meadowlark, Baltimore Oriole, Rusty Blackbird (a declining species, found at 34 sites, all counties), Brown-headed Cowbird, Common Grackle, and Boat-tailed Grackle. A Scarlet Tanager in the Bronx on **9 December** was the only one since 1995 (in eBird) and a Rose-breasted Grosbeak at a feeder in Suffolk was the third since then. Yellow-rumped Warblers were recorded at many locations, in all counties, but were unusually sparse on several CBCs, including Bronx-Westchester (only one bird), Captree, Montauk, and Southern Nassau (with a record-breaking low of 183). Orange-crowned Warblers were seen at 24 sites, in all counties, until at least 7 February. Less common or unusual warblers included Palm, Pine, Common Yellowthroat, Nashville, Ovenbird (12 others seen since 1995), and single Cape May (one

other), Yellow-throated (one other), Yellow (three others), and Tennessee (one other) Warblers.

Some of our species are notable for their changes in population. As noted earlier, Bald Eagle has increased greatly, and the 11 on Bronx-Westchester CBC set a new high. For this species and other diurnal raptors, it is very hard to know how the number of sites reported in eBird is related to the number of birds, but the well known increase of Peregrine Falcon is reflected by the dense sightings in Manhattan and some other NYC locations, in contrast to the “mere” 29 throughout Suffolk. In contrast, Northern Bobwhite was not reported, and may have suffered its predicted extirpation. The few (16) Red Knots on the Southern Nassau CBC might add to concern about this species’ plight, but a healthy 316 two years ago shows that any one count may provide little information. Dense reports of American Kestrel in Manhattan and a few places in Queens and Brooklyn contrast with only 11 reports throughout the much larger area of Suffolk County, with much more seemingly suitable habitat for this once abundant species. Herring and Great Black-backed Gulls plummeted in 1979 and have been fairly steady since; estimates of both species were somewhat below recent averages on some of this season’s CBCs. Ring-billed Gulls were below average on the Captree CBC and at their lowest in the last 10 years on the Southern Nassau CBC. The counts of Ring-billed (585), Herring (610), and Great Black-backed Gulls (72) on the Smithtown CBC were the lowest since 1979, 1956, and 1960, respectively (S. Duffy).

Climate warming has added a number of formerly more southern species to our fauna, an undoubtedly continuing process. Tufted Titmouse increased in the 1960s on the Bronx-Westchester CBC from a few singletons in the mid-1950s, and was recorded on the Montauk count only in 1979. This season, these counts registered 433 (a relatively high count) and 118 (about average), respectively. Numbers in Central Park were unusually high this winter. Northern Mockingbird became consistent on these counts in the mid-1960s, and stayed at about its recent average this season. Red-bellied Woodpecker was first recorded on the Bronx-Westchester CBC in 1969, and this year exceeded 200 for the sixth time, with 222. Boat-tailed Grackle, first recorded on the Southern Nassau CBC in January 1998, dropped to 12 on this year’s count from 243 the previous year, but estimates of up to 410 were reported from sites in Queens. Turkey Vulture has long been increasing in our Region, reported this season from at least 130 sites, and Black Vulture appears to be following suit, with a total of 13 individuals reported from six sites in Staten Island, Brooklyn, and the Riverhead area in Suffolk County. This bird bears watching. Conversely, we might ask if winter visitors will stay further north as climate warms. American Tree Sparrow might be a candidate. Numbers were very low on several CBCs, including Montauk, which has seen a steady decline since 1998, with only two recorded this season, and Bronx-Westchester, with a new minimum. Numbers on the Smithtown CBC have declined from triple digits several decades ago, to usually double digits recently, to zero this year, for the first time since 1938.

Introduced species should not be neglected, as they can have various impacts. Ring-necked Pheasant continues to decline in the Region; there were records (mostly of single birds) from four sites in Queens, one in Brooklyn, and 12 in Suffolk. Wild Turkeys were seen at six sites in the city boroughs and at least 70 sites in Suffolk, these stemming from releases in the early 1990s and again in 2004 (and in the 1950s on Gardiner's Island). Since 1966, the Montauk CBC has recorded over 100 several times; this season's count was 75, up from 30 in 2017. Monk Parakeets were reported from five counties, with greatest abundance in southern Nassau and southwestern Suffolk. The Montauk CBC's count of European Starling exceeded 1,200 the last four years, but this year dropped to 623, the lowest since 1960; it has dropped steadily for five years on the Bronx-Westchester count, but has shown similar fluctuations in the past. House Finches increased on the Montauk CBC from the first record in 1964 to a peak of 1,117 in 1994. That year, regional populations started to decline as a bacterial eye disease spread. This season's Montauk count recorded 101, down a bit from the last four years. Population changes recorded by the Bronx-Westchester CBC have been much the same, but this season's count of 72 was the lowest in 56 years.

Disease is also likely to be a significant factor in the population dynamics of some *Corvidae*, following the outbreak of West Nile virus (WNV) in 1999-2000, first in the New York City region and spreading widely from there. (Cf. "West Nile virus and wildlife" by P. P. Marra et al., 2004, *BioScience* 54 (5):393-402, and "West Nile virus emergence and large-scale declines of North American bird populations" by S. L. LaDeau et al., 2007, *Nature* 447 (7145):710-713.) American Crow was quickly identified as one of the most significantly affected species, at least based on the numbers of corpses reported. A paper in 2011 reported striking results of experimentally infecting American and Fish Crows with WNV: Fish Crows remained "clinically normal," but American Crows developed huge titers of virus, suffered inflammation and lesions in many organs and tissues, and rapidly died (N. M. Nemeth et al., 2011, *Veterinary Pathology* 48(6):1061-1074). Many observers have noted the decline in American Crows, compared to decades past, and some CBCs seem to bear this out. Among the CBCs I looked at, Montauk shows the least dramatic change, although numbers peaked in the late 1990s and show some decline since. Southern Nassau had 144, below the maximum (343) in the last 10 years—but compare that to the all-time high of 1,949 in 1993. Captree, similarly, had an all-time average of 535, a most-recent 10-year average of only 149, and a 2018 count of 113. The 35 recorded on the Smithtown CBC were the lowest since 1960, and a continuation of a steady decline since 2012, when the number plummeted to 251 from the 6,029 in 2011. The Bronx-Westchester CBCs show a clear presumed impact of WNV: from 1991 to 2001 averaged 2,525; from 2004 on, the average is about 390 (and only 129 this season). In contrast, Fish Crow has been much more abundant on the Bronx-Westchester CBC since 2010 than before, reaching a new high this year of 373 (almost thrice

the number of American Crows). The Southern Nassau count was 2,488 last year (a new high), and 1,237 this year (8.6 times more abundant than American Crow). On Long Island, at least one large winter crow roost that was dominated by Fish Crow, near Stony Brook, disappeared a few years ago, but Uniondale in Nassau hosts a roost of more than 1,000 Fish Crows. It seems very likely that the decline of American Crows has relieved competition and enabled growth of this WNV-resistant species' population. Perhaps the same explanation accounts for the amazing increase of Common Raven in our Region since about 2009. It was recorded from every county, ranging from three sites in Bronx to 88 in Suffolk.

For many years, I kept records of uncommon or otherwise notable species, but not of common, everyday birds. The drastic changes in crow populations (like those of common gulls years ago, when garbage dumps were capped) show that records of common species may turn out to be important in the long run.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMNH – American Museum of Natural History; **APEC** – Alley Pond Environmental Center, Bayside, QUEE; **APP** – Alley Pd P, QUEE; **BBYC** – Bellport Bay Yacht Club, SUFF; **BPdP** – Baisley Pd P, QUEE; **BPt** – Breezy Pt, QUEE; **BRY** – Bryant P, NEWY; **BZ** – Bronx Zoo, BRON; **CIC** – Coney I Creek/P, KING; **CLP** – Clove Lakes P, RICH; **CMB** – Crab Meadow Beach, SUFF; **CP** – Central P, NEWY; **CR** – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; **CroP** – Crocheron P, QUEE; **CVP** – Calvert Vaux P (aka Drier Offerman P), KING; **DP** – Democrat Pt, Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **DR** – Dune Rd, CCP to Shinn, SUFF; **EPCAL** – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), Calverton, SUFF; **et seq.** – observers who saw a bird after the discoverer (from *et sequentes*, “and persons following”); **FBF** – Floyd Bennett Field, KING;

FKP – Fresh Kills P, RICH; **FMCP** – Flushing Meadow-Corona P, QUEE; **FP** – Forest P, QUEE; **FT** – Fort Tilden, QUEE; **GBY** – Gravesend Bay, KING; **GKP** – Great Kills P, RICH; **GwC** – Green-wood Cemetery, KING; **HHCG** – Hither Hills Campground, SUFF; **HLSP** – Hempstead L SP, NASS; **HSP** – Heckscher SP, SUFF; **IHP** – Inwood Hill P, NEWY; **JBSP** – Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWE** – West End, Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWR** – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; **JFKMWS** – John F Kennedy Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary, NASS; **KCP** – Kissena Corridor P, QUEE; **KP** – Kissena P, QUEE; **Mass** – Massapequa Preserve, NASS; **MB** – Mecox Bay/Mecox In, SUFF; **Mon** – Montauk, T of East Hampton, SUFF; **MP** – Montauk Pt SP, SUFF; **MPB** – Marine P Brooklyn, KING; **Nap** – Napeague, SUFF; **NB** – Nickerson Beach, NASS; **NYBG** – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; **NYIT** – New York Institute of Technology, NEWY; **OMNSA** – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, NASS; **PatchL** – Patchogue L, Patchogue, SUFF; **PBP** – Pelham Bay P, BRON; **PL** – Point Lookout, NASS; **PlumbB** – Plumb Beach, KING; **PNS** – Pine Neck Sanctuary, SUFF; **PP** – Prospect P, KING; **RBA** – NY Rare Bird Alert; **RI** – Randalls I, NEWY; **Riv** – Riverhead, SUFF; **RMSP** – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **RP** – Riis P, QUEE; **SC** – Santapogue Creek, SUFF; **SCFED** – Suffolk County Farm & Education Center, SUFF; **Shinn** – Shinnecock In, SUFF; **SMNC** – Salt Marsh Nature Center at Marine P (KING); **SPCP** – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; **TB** – Tiana Beach, near Shinn, SUFF; **VCP** – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; **VMP** – Veterans Memorial Pier, KING.

Christmas Bird Counts: NYMK Montauk; NYNN Northern Nassau; NYSN Southern Nassau.

WATERFOWL - GREBES

Snow Goose: max 850 JBWR 13 Jan (DGo).
Ross's Goose: Old Westbury 8 Dec (SA).
Greater White-fronted Goose: 2 Riv 11 Jan (GB, A. Gilbert)-23 Feb (AnW); Roslyn Pd P 20 Jan (S. Schellenger).
PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: Lake Success 17-20 Dec (D. Martin et al.).
Brant: max 2550 SMNC 15 Dec (m.ob.).
Barnacle Goose: Riv 6 Dec-28 Feb (ACo, G. DeLalla et seq.); Southold 7 Dec (J. Sep).
Cackling Goose: at least 28 indivs in Region: BRON (2 sites); RICH (3 sites); KING (FBF); NASS (5 sites); SUFF 11 sites, inc 5 indivs in Riv 10 Feb (PJL).
Canada Goose: max 5000 Riv.
Mute Swan: max 150 Watermill 13 Jan (TH).
Tundra Swan: JBWR 3 Dec (J. Bock); 4 Shinn 31 Dec (BBo, TJS); Bush Terminal

Piers P KING 2 Feb (S. Blodgett, JMa); Georgica Pd, SUFF 10 Feb (AnW).
Blue-winged Teal: Mon CBC 15 Dec; Robinson Pd, West Patchogue 1-23 Feb (MMcB).
Northern Shoveler: max 280 PP 15 Dec (D. Smith).
Gadwall: max 225 Swan L, E. Patchogue 10 Jan (KFeu).
Eurasian Wigeon: singletons at Avon L, Amityville 11 Dec-3 Feb (EMu et seq.); Bush Terminal Piers, KING 23 Jan-24 Feb (ABk); Makamah Pres, SUFF 3 Feb (R. Young et seq.); Halsey Neck Pd, SUFF 6 Feb (D. Daniels); MPB 8 Feb cont. (m.ob.).
American Wigeon: max 117, PatchL 1 Jan (PPal).
Mallard: max 859 Marratooka L 27 Jan (J. Sep).
American Black Duck: max 2356 JFKMWS 29 Dec (S. Camillieri).

Northern Pintail: max 92 Mass 12 Dec (J. Landesberg).

Green-winged Teal: “Eurasian”: Setauket Mill Pd 27 Dec (CBC), SC 23-29 Jan (SMu).

Canvasback: RICH: 3 sites; BRON: 2 sites (max count = 10); KING: 3 sites; QUEE: 5 sites (max count = 92); NASS: 1 site; SUFF: 25 sites (max counts = 62, 98, 141, 70); *intro*.

Redhead: KING: 4 sites; QUEE: 7 sites (max counts 94 BDPd 29 Jan (ABk); 50 JBWR 29 Dec (J. O’Sullivan); NASS: 8 sites; SUFF: 20 sites, max counts 85 Avon L, Amityville 4 Jan (EMu), 45 PatchL 19 Jan (MN).

Ring-necked Duck: max 150 Southaven CP 4 Feb (KFeu).

Greater Scaup: max counts BRON: 3500 PBP 20 Dec (RAR), 400 City Island 23 Dec (A. Burke; perhaps the same flock); SUFF: **25,000** HSP 30 Dec (JGI).

Lesser Scaup: max counts BRON: 400 City Island 23 Dec (A. Burke); QUEE: 743 World’s Fair Marina 2 Jan (SP); SUFF: 300 PatchL 29 Jan (BBel), 1000 Eastport Pd 24 Feb (P. Moynahan, N. Houlihan).

King Eider: SUFF: Orient Point ferry 15 Dec (D. Provencher), 29 Dec (D. Alpeter); Southold Town Beach 29 Dec (J. Sep), f Shinn 31 Dec (BBo, TJS), male Shinn 12 Jan (PMor).

Common Eider: concentrations in SUFF at Mon: 746 15 Dec CBC; max counts 1,999 23 Jan (E. Zawatski); 5000 10 Feb (SSM, PJJ); and Shinn/Ponquogue Bridge max count 5000 31 Dec (GB, TWB, PJJ, SSM); *intro*.

Harlequin Duck: most at traditional sites; Jones In (JBWE to PL) 20 Dec-26 Feb, max 5 on 10 Feb (SP); SUFF: Mon: 4 15 Dec CBC, 4 29 Dec (P. Cohen); Shinn: 14 Dec-19 Jan (m.ob.), 3 26 Dec (KFeu); Moriches In 1 Feb, (C. Kessler); SPCP 2 Feb (KCa); Orient Pt CP: 2 5 Feb (P. Baker), 2 16 Feb (P. and M. Wolter); RMSP 18 Feb (KFeu).

Surf Scoter: max 1200 MP 23 Jan (E. Zawatski); *intro*.

White-winged Scoter: max 1905 Gardiner’s I 15 Dec (AnW).

Black Scoter: max 30,000 FDR Boardwalk and Beach, Staten Island 16 Feb (J. Ramirez-Garofalo).

Long-tailed Duck: max 1200 Sagamore Yacht Club, Oyster Bay 22 Feb (J. Cantor et al.).

Bufflehead: max 1000 SPCP 5 Feb (CLI Birding).

Common Goldeneye: max 265 Caumsett SP 22 Feb (KFeu, SF).

Barrow’s Goldeneye: 1 Mon (Camp Hero) 15 Dec (GB, TWB, ABk); singles PBP 30 Dec-9 Jan (RAR et al.); 2 PBP 1 Jan (RBA); 1 CMB 3 Jan-5 Feb (TJS et seq.); Sands Pt, NASS 13 Jan (G. Quinn).

Hooded Merganser: max 152 Baldwin NYSN 29 Dec (MMcB).

Common Merganser: max 164 L. Ronkonkoma 17 Feb (K. Kleinpeter).

Red-breasted Merganser: max 330 DR 9 Dec (KFeu).

Ruddy Duck: 1080 Eastport L 27 Dec (Vincent C).

Ring-necked Pheasant: KING: Fountain Ave landfill 15 Dec (JMa); FBF 27 Jan (J. Velozzi); QUEE: Far Rockaway 16 Dec (R. Dieterich), KP 5 Feb (J. O’Sullivan), Rulers Bar Hassock 7 Feb (J. Stiller); SUFF 13 sites, max 11 near hunt club, Eastport, perhaps locally released (S. Stewart and R. Valente 5 Jan).

Wild Turkey: RICH: 4 sites, max count 80 (L. Ewing 3 Jan); SUFF: at least 65 sites; *intro*.

Horned Grebe: max 57 Great Neck Estates P 26 Jan (SP).

Red-necked Grebe: BRON: 4 reports PBP; NEWY: 1 report; KING: 5 sites, 6 Dec-27 Feb; NASS: 4 sites; SUFF: 14 sites, 3 of them with 2 indivs, 2 with 3.

RAILS-LARIDS

Clapper Rail: RICH: Seaside Wildlife Nature P 18 Feb (ACi); sole report.

Virginia Rail: 2 Mon 15 Dec (EMu); Shu Swamp, NASS 15 Dec (E. Becher), 28 Feb (B. Garriel); West Sayville 16 Dec (K. Thompson); Cedar Point CP 29 Dec (V. Bustamante, K. Rubinstein, B. Rubinstein); 2 Arshamomaque Pres. 17 Jan, 2 Feb (J. Sep); Makamah Pres. 26 Jan (JGL).

Common Gallinule: Blydenburgh P, SUFF 26-27 Jan (PDom et seq.).

American Coot: max 80 PatchL 18 Jan (KFeu, SF).

Sandhill Crane: JBWE 9 Dec (RBA).

American Oystercatcher: RICH: 2 Huguenot Beach 15 Feb. (M. Shanley); KING: FBF 21 Jan (K. O'Hearn); NASS: 1-7 indivs. JBWE 1 Dec-11 Jan, also 1 17 Feb, 2 Atlantic Beach 26 Feb (D. Lichter), PL 16 Feb (PJL, SSM); SUFF: 5 Shinn 9 Dec (E. Schwinn, M. Higgiston), 31 Dec (AP), Nap 8 Dec (LN, K. Thompson).

Semipalmated Plover: PBP 7 Dec (M. Janssen).

Killdeer: max 12 Mill Creek RICH 1 Jan (ACi).

Marbled Godwit: 2 JBWE 2 Dec (TH).

Ruddy Turnstone: reports from 1 site in BRON, 1 in KING, 4 in NASS (max count 22 Long Beach P 14 Jan, EMu), 7 in SUFF (max counts 69 NYNN 15 Dec, 105 Gardiner's I NYMK 15 Dec, AnW).

Red Knot: BPt 31 Dec (PPau); 7 Shinn 3 Jan (CFi); 2 NB 12 Jan (L. Ewing); RMSP 15 Jan (KFeu); 6 PL 16 Feb (PJL, SSM); JBWE 23 Feb (J. Schickenrieder).

Sanderling: max 800 NB 2 Jan (KFeu).

Dunlin: max 2630 JBWE 29 Dec (TH, BFo).

Purple Sandpiper: 40 JBWE 29 Dec (BFo).

Wilson's Snipe: RICH: 4 reports 2 Dec (4 indivs)-31 Jan; BRON: PBP 23 Dec; KING: 26 Dec; QUEE: 1 Dec; NASS: singles 15 Dec, 9 Jan; SUFF: 5 sites incl Swan R Pres, Patchogue (1-3 indivs 9 Jan-19 Feb), Georgica Cove (2-4 indivs 19 Jan-10 Feb).

Spotted Sandpiper: West Meadow Beach Hist. District, Stony Brook 10 Dec-24 Feb (PDom et seq.).

Willet: "Western", Long Beach P 9-13 Jan (J. Gaglione et al.; identified to ssp. by MMcB).

Greater Yellowlegs: 1-3 indivs in 1 site in BRON 5 Dec; 1 site in KING 6 Dec-1 Feb; 3 in QUEE 15 Dec-17 Jan; 6 in NASS 1 Dec-4 Feb, where max count 6 Norman J Levy P 15 Jan (BBel); 4 in SUFF 6 Dec-19 Feb (DR, multiple reports).

Dovekie: QUEE: BPt 13 Jan (D. Paul, PPau); SUFF: Shinn 6 Jan (SSi), MP 7 Jan (J. DiCostanzo), 2 MP 26 Jan (AnW).

Common Murre: Mon (Camp Hero) 23 Dec (AnW); 3 Shinn 6-19 Jan (ph. by RAr, SMu, A. Regler); JBSP Field 6 8 Feb (SA, MN); moribund ind RMSP 11 Feb (C. Formanski, ph.), *intro*.

THICK-BILLED MURRE: Shinn 30 Dec (J & D Bohrer)-to 30 Jan (m.ob); JBWE 17 Jan (B. Anderson), 19 Jan (2 KFeu, SF); Mon 17 Jan (KFeu, SF); GBY to VMP 18 Jan (DGo et al.); PL 19 Jan (B. Filemyr).

Razorbill: Major invasion, single estimates to **9,000-10,000**; *intro*.

Black Guillemot: Mon 9 Dec (ACo); Shinn 23 Dec (A. Regler).

Black-legged Kittiwake: Mon 15 Dec-10 Feb, max counts 91 12 Jan (MMcB), 25 16 Jan (M. Scheibel), 12 Ditch Plains 12 Jan (MMcB); Port Jefferson harbor 16 Dec (N. Tepper); Shinn 24 Dec-13 Jan, max count 6 31 Dec (GB, TWB); 2 SPCP 27 Dec (MMcB); RMSP 5 Jan (SSM, PJL); JBWE 15 Jan (J. Girgente).

Bonaparte's Gull: 2 sites (RICH; 2 KING (max count 31 CIC 20 Jan (SSi, PPau); NASS: JBWE reports of 2-7 indivs 20 Dec-19 Jan, max 60 15 Jan (J. Girgente), PL 23 Dec-19 Jan, max 20 19 Jan (B. Filemyr et al.); SUFF: ca. 12 sites, high counts 246 SPCP 27 Dec (MMcB), 500 3 Jan (AP); 160 TB (L. Betti et al.), 400 Shinn 13 Jan (ACo), 187 Camp Hero 16 Feb (M. & P. Wolter).

Black-headed Gull: JBWE 6 Dec (D. Martin)-13 Jan.; singles at KING: CIC 30 Dec, 15 Jan (M. Yuan et al.), Sheepshead Bay 10 Jan-21 Feb (m.ob.), VMP 16-17 Feb (PPau et al.); Setauket 3-27 Jan (K. Kleinpeter et seq.); Lake Montauk 10-14 Feb (BBo et al.).

Little Gull: Mon 10-16 Feb (PA et al.).

Laughing Gull: 4 reports 1 Dec: RICH (ACi), NEWY (A. Farnsworth), RMSP (SSM), and 11 SPCP to Old Inlet (MLL); JBWE 8 Dec (J. Gaglione); Port Jefferson 16 Dec (N. Tepper).

MEW GULL: ad Bush Terminal Piers P 3 Jan (ABk, ph).

Ring-billed Gull: max 4000 Brooklyn Bridge P 10 Feb (SSi, DGo).

Herring Gull: max 2400 Staten I 15 Dec (S. Wollney).

Iceland Gull: SUFF: 7 sites 1 Dec-28 Feb, incl lasting indivs at CMB 23 Dec-28 Feb, Oldfield Pt 7 Dec-15 Feb; KING: 7 sites 15 Dec-23 Feb, incl lasting indivs at GBy 21 Jan-23 Feb; QUEE: 16 Dec, also BPt 15 Dec-13 Jan; NEWY: 4 sites 22 Dec-13 Feb; NASS: 4 sites 29 Dec-15 Feb; RICH: 3 sites 31 Jan-11 Feb.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: RICH: 4 sites; NEWY: 2 sites incl CP; KING: 3 sites; QUEE: 2 sites; NASS: 1 JBWE, 1 JBSP; SUFF: 13 sites 1 Dec-25 Feb, max count 5 at DP 16 Dec.

Glaucous Gull: SUFF: DR 4 Dec-6 Jan (m.ob.), Shinn 11 Jan flyby (SA, MN), BBYC 15 Jan (MMcB)-26 Feb (2, 24 Feb, LN et al.); NASS: JBWE 2 Jan (D. Martin); RICH: GKP 16 Jan (T. Gabe), Joline Ave Beach 19 Jan (ACi).

Great Black-backed Gull: max 300 Shinn 1 Dec (PA).

Common Tern: Lake Montauk 13 Dec (KFeu, SF).

Black Skimmer: Bush Terminal Piers P 2 Jan (RBA).

LOONS-PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: max 1430 Lake Montauk In 15 Dec (BBo, MMcB).

PACIFIC LOON: Sagamore Yacht Club, Oyster Bay 3-28 Feb, m.ob. (ph J. Wilson-Pines, SSM, PjL); JBWE 16 Feb (PjL, SSM, ph).

Common Loon: max 124 Lake Montauk In 15 Dec (BBo, MMcB).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: Shinn CG Station 22 Dec (KCa, ph.); *intro*.

Great Cormorant: max 55 BrP 13 Jan (DGo, H. Wolf).

American White Pelican: MB 12-16 Feb (C. Gangemi et seq.).

Brown Pelican: Moriches In 4 Jan (RBA).

American Bittern: JFKMWS 9 Dec (C. Cammarota); Cedar Beach 16 Dec (KFeu, SF); JBSP 26 Dec (E. Becher); DR 26 Dec-28 Jan (DR et seq.); SPCP 29 Dec (KCa); Orient 29 Dec, 17 Feb (P. Polshek); CLP 18 Jan-9 Feb (J. Kepler et seq.).

Great Egret: QUEE: 1-2 FMCP 1 Dec-12 Jan, World's Fair Marina 9-16 Dec, Powell's Cove P 16 Dec; BRON: 1-2 PBP 2 Dec-9 Jan; NASS: 15 indivs at 7 sites, to 17 Feb, but few past mid-Jan; SUFF: singles at 9 sites, to 17 Feb but few past mid-Jan.

Cattle Egret: Hither Hills 23 Dec (AnW).

Green Heron: Timber Point Golf Course 2 Dec (LN); Betts Creek In KING 12 Dec (JMa).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: NASS: 7 sites 1 Dec-26 Feb, max 30 Cammans Pd P 12 Jan; QUEE: 6 sites, 1 Dec-23 Jan, max count 9 FMCP; SUFF: 12 sites 2 Dec-24 Feb, max 12 Ketcham's Creek 11 Jan; NEWY: 2 sites, 3 Dec-12 Jan; KING: 5 sites, 7 Dec-28 Feb; BRON: 3 sites, 10 Dec-23 Jan.

Black Vulture: RICH: 7 sites, 1-3 indivs each; NEWY: 3 CP 1 Dec (G. Henry); SUFF: North Fork Pres 4 Jan (SSM), 1-2 Riv and environs 6-25 Feb (m.ob.), 2 Riv 10 Feb (SA, MN); KING: 2 GwC 10 Feb (K. Topping).

Turkey Vulture: max 31 Riverhead Supreme Court 8 Jan (PPal).

Osprey: SUFF: Argyle L 3 Dec (EMu), Blydenburgh CP 6 Dec (R. Gostic).

Northern Goshawk: CR 6 Dec (ACi); NYBG 23 Dec (ABk).

Bald Eagle: max 10 Wave Hill, BRON 10 Feb (The Wildlab).

Rough-legged Hawk: SUFF: 2 Gardiner's I 15 Dec NYMK (AnW), Jessup's Neck SUFF 29 Dec (MLL), EPCAL 22 Jan (KFeu, SF); KING: Canarsie Beach P 19 Jan (AnW); NASS: Loop Pkwy 16 Feb (PJL, SSM).

Barn Owl: 1-2 Gateway National Recreation Area 26 Jan-27 Feb; SPCP 27 Dec (MMcB), 4 NYSN CBC 29 Dec.

Snowy Owl: KING: FBF 20 Dec (G. Keri); QUEE: BrP 15 Dec-26 Jan (m.ob.), FT 1 Jan (CFi); NASS: 1-2 NB 29 Dec-12 Jan, JBWE 1 Dec-17 Feb; SUFF: 8 coastal sites, RMSP (1, 6 Jan, MN) east to L. Montauk In 15 Dec (BBo, MMcB); repeated sightings SPCP 23 Dec-6 Jan, 1-2 indivs DR 8 Dec-26 Feb; undetermined number of indivs at sites with repeated sightings.

Barred Owl: BZ 1 Dec-8 Feb, 2 on 26 Dec (T. Olson); 4, possibly 5 CP, throughout park, 1 Dec-18 Jan; 3 PBP 5 Dec-24 Feb (m.ob.); Fort Tryon P 4 Jan-3 Feb, IHP 17 Jan (D. Hannay et al.).

Long-eared Owl: FPF 2 Dec (JMa); Fort Tryon P 7 Dec (F. Pimentel et al.); RMSP 12 Dec (W. Mayes); Bridgehampton 23 Dec (ACo); JFKMWS 29 Dec (S. Camillieri, NYSN CBC).

Short-eared Owl: Nap 14 Dec (GB, TWB); EPCAL 19 Jan-9 Feb (PA, E. Zawatski).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: BRON: singletons at PBP, BZ; NEWY: 1-2 CP North End 20 Dec-26 Jan, (U. Mitra et al.), 1-3 or 4 CP Ramble 1 Dec-7 Feb (m.ob.); KING: PP 13 Jan-6 Feb (R. Payne et al.), 2 FBF 27 Jan (J. Velozzi); QUEE: 2 RP 15 Dec (RAR), FT 23 Dec (CFi), 22 Feb (L. Kahle), Charles

Memorial P 16 Dec (R. Serio), 1-2 FP 1-27 Jan (CFi et al.); NASS 9 sites 12 Dec-23 Feb; SUFF 27 sites, max counts 6 Oldfield 17 Dec (TJS), 5 MP 15 Dec (TJS, TH), 4 Wicks Farm Pres 26 Jan (TH).

Red-headed Woodpecker: PBP 19-23 Dec (J. Rothman et al.); CLP 19 Jan (CB et al.).

Northern Flicker: max 26 FBF 15 Dec (A. Burke, HJ Kim, J. Drucker).

Pileated Woodpecker: PBP 5 Dec-18 Feb (P. Horan et al.); CR 10 and 20 Feb (ACi); Shu Swamp Nature Pres, NASS 10 Feb (PPal et al.).

American Kestrel: numerous reports from all counties; *intro*.

Merlin: numerous reports from all counties.

Peregrine Falcon: numerous reports from all counties; *intro*.

Monk Parakeet: BRON: 8 BZ, 2 PBP, 21 Fort Schuyler; KING: 10 5th Ave, 15 GwC; QUEE: 9 121 St., 13 Hawtree Creek; NASS: 18 sites, including 105 Valley Stream, 68 Baldwin (NYSN CBC), 18 Norman Levy P; SUFF: 18 Ketcham's Creek, 27 Copiague, 35 Irmisch P, 9 sites in Lindenhurst-Amityville, Oldfield Pt 8 Dec (PDom, unusual site).

FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

Eastern Phoebe: single indivs in RICH: 2 sites, 1 Jan, 10 Jan; BRON: BZ 1 Dec-16 Jan (1-3 indivs); NEWY: 2 sites, 15 Dec-8 Jan; KING: 4 sites, 3 Dec-27 Jan; QUEE: 2 sites, 1 Dec-21 Jan; NASS: 3 sites, 15 Dec-16 Feb (TH); SUFF: ≥ 5 sites, to 21 Feb (PDom).

Northern Shrike: McAllister P, SUFF 18 Feb (TJS, J. Ortiz et seq.).

Blue-headed Vireo: Mineola (NASS) 2 Dec (BFo); PP 21 Jan (K. O'Hearn, M. Brawer).

Blue Jay: max 100 CP 15 Dec (P. Dorosh), 5 Jan (J. Ward).

American Crow: max 450 108 St., NEWY 15 Dec (PPau, M. Yuan, C. Eliot); *intro*.

Fish Crow: max 900 Hempstead Plains Pres 29 Dec (C. Eliot); *intro*.

Common Raven: approx number of reported sites: RICH 20, NEWY 14, BRON 8, KING 16, QUEE 16, NASS 30, SUFF 85; max count 5 NYBG 8 Dec (D. Mullins, T. Zahner); *intro*.

Horned Lark: max 102 JBWE 29 Dec (m.ob.).

Tree Swallow: RICH: GKP, 2 Fort Wadsworth (to 2 Jan); KING: 20 Coney I 4 Dec, 10 Manhattan Beach (to 13 Jan), 1-7 MPB (to 15 Dec), 1-11 PlumbB (to 15 Dec), FBF; QUEE: 3 Rockaway 11 Dec, 2 Edgemere 1 Dec, BrP 8 Dec-6 Feb, high counts 76 15 Dec, 45 13 Jan, 25 16 Jan, last 8 16 Feb; NASS: 6 sites incl 35 PL 1 Jan, JBWE many reports incl 115 8 Dec, 30 15 Dec, then single digit reports, last 1 31 Dec; SUFF: 9 sites incl Massapequa 12 Jan, 11 SC 17 Dec, 6 Ocean Parkway 27 Dec, 8 Overlook Beach 16 Dec and 1 on 2 Jan, 3 RMSP 31 Dec, 5 Gardiner's I 15 Dec.

Black-capped Chickadee: max 57, Mon 15 Dec NYMK (MMcB).

Tufted Titmouse: unusually abundant in CP; higher counts incl. 36 North End 19 Dec (V. Castanho); 70 Ramble 4 Feb (D. Chernack, "precise count"); 60 Ramble 13 Feb (AMNH bird group).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 23 Nap 15 Dec (M. Scheibel); *intro*.

House Wren: BZ 26 Dec (T. Olson); NYIT 15 Dec (L. DiNapoli); Marcus Garvey P, NEWY 11 Dec (T. Collins); NASS: Halfmoon Bay 15 Dec (L. DiNapoli), Roslyn Pd 15 Dec (S. Schellenger, J. Gaglione), Mass 26 Dec (J. Kepler); SUFF: Wading River 29 Dec (J. Lee), Shelter I 29 Dec (S. Stewart, R. Valente), Mecox Road 13 Jan (DF, PDom), Hidden Ponds Pres 22 Dec (ACo).

Marsh Wren: RICH: 3 River Rd 15 Dec (ACi); KING: 2 MPB, to 15 Dec (H.

Lopes et al.); QUEE: JBWR 19 Dec (C. Frome et al.), APEC 19 Jan (I. Resnick, N. Tognan, L. Tognan); NASS: Crescent Beach 16 Dec (PPal), Pearsall's Hammock 29 Dec (SP); SUFF: Mott Lane 2 Jan (M. Scheibel), Terrell River CP 27 Dec (SMu), Arshamomaque Pres 21-24 Feb (J. Sep et seq.), Sagg Main 19 Jan (AnW), Georgica Cove 10 Feb (AnW), 4 Mon 15 Dec (TJS, TH, T. Dunn).
Carolina Wren: max 35 Huntington 26 Jan (BFo, BBo).

Eastern Bluebird: NEWY: CP 2 Jan (F. Pimentel); BRON: 2 local sites 16 Feb (D. Powers); KING: 5 sites, max count 10 FBF 1 Dec (T. Preston); QUEE: APP 19 Dec (J. Landesberg); NASS: Shu Swamp Pres 6 11 Feb (MN), Caumsett SP latest 4 Feb (KFeu, SF); SUFF: 9 sites, max count 16 SMSP 27 Dec (BBo), latest 9 EPCAL 26 Feb (J. Milton).

Hermit Thrush: max 14 Mon 15 Dec NYMK (GB).

Wood Thrush: Quogue Wildlife Refuge 13-19 Jan (PA et seq.).

VARIED THRUSH: CLP 5 Dec (CB)-19 Jan (m.ob.).

Brown Thrasher: NEWY: CP 5 Dec-16 Feb, 45 St. park 4 Dec-25 Feb, Peter Detmold P 8 Jan; BRON: PBP 7 Dec, 24 Feb; NASS: 5 sites, 3 Dec-22 Feb; SUFF: 15 sites 2 Dec-27 Feb.

Bohemian Waxwing: 1 h Stillwell Woods P 1 Dec (TH).

Cedar Waxwing: max 80 CP 5 Dec (T. Winston, m.ob.).

American Pipit: max 26 Edgemere Landfill, QUEE 16 Dec (CFi); mostly 1 or 2 indivs at 1 site in RICH, 3 in KING, 2 in QUEE, 3 in NASS, 9 in SUFF.

Evening Grosbeak: NEWY: Riverside P 16 Dec thru (CBC, K. Fung), CP 12 Dec (T. Zahner et al.); QUEE: BPt area 15 Dec (P. Wilson-Camhi et al.), JBWR 2 Dec (J. Bock); NASS: 2 Baxter Estates 2 Dec (P. Maslow), 2 Bayville 2 Dec (B. Garriel), Stillwell Woods P 1 Dec (TH), 1 HLSP 3 Dec (BBel), JBWE 4 Dec (B. Anderson); SUFF: E. Northport 2 Dec (K.

SanFanandre), Mount Sinai 3 Dec (R. Adamski), 6 Mon 1 Dec (P. Rosen).
House Finch: max 80 JBWR 2 Jan (N. Tognan).

Purple Finch: mostly single-digit numbers at 8 sites in RICH, 5 in NEWY, 3 in BRON, 9 in KING, 5 in QUEE, 15 in NASS, 24 in SUFF; max 20 St. John's Pd Pres, SUFF 19 Jan (C. Cammarota, R. Taylor).

Common Redpoll: NEWY: Randall's I P 20 Jan (A. & C. Davidson-Onsgard); QUEE: 3 Breezy Pt area 15 Dec (SSi et al., CBC); SUFF: 2 SMSP 1 Dec (SSM, P.JL), ≤5 Avalon Gardens, Stony Brook 22-25 Jan (PDom et seq.), SPCP 27 Dec (C. McVoy, MMcB), Mon 15 Dec (MMcB).

Red Crossbill: KING: FBF 8 Dec (T. Preston); NASS: 4 JBWE 6 Jan (TH, PPal); SUFF: 4 RMSP 31 Dec (D. LaMagna), 6 Captree CBC East territory 16 Dec (K. Thompson et al.), 11 Cedar Beach (Brookhaven) 1 Dec (AP).

Pine Siskin: max 40 RMSP 4 Dec (DF); mostly single-digit counts in RICH (6 sites), NEWY (CP), BRON (3 sites), KING (5 sites, max count 19, PP 1 Dec), QUEE (JBWR), NASS (10 sites, max count 7 Shu Swamp 8 Dec), SUFF (30 sites, latest 28 Feb).

American Goldfinch: max 120 RMSP 1 Dec (AP, J. Ward, M. Harbison), also 4 Dec (DF).

Lapland Longspur: SPCP 11-12 Dec (KCa, B. Bull); JBWE 15 Dec (ACo); Captree CBC East territory 16 Dec (LN et al.); DP 16 Dec Captree CBC (P.JL); RMSP 27 Dec (SSM); NB 29 Dec (ABk)-8 Jan; RMSP 13 Jan (DF).

Snow Bunting: RICH: GKP 3 Dec-1 Jan, max count 17 on 9 Dec (CB); KING: 6 sites, max count 35 BPt 25 Dec (B. Klein, D. Gustafson); QUEE: 2 sites; NASS: 7 sites, all coastal, 1 Dec-26 Feb, max count 100 JBWE 11 Dec (J. Landesberg); SUFF: ca. 23 sites 1 Dec-26 Feb, mostly coastal; max count 180 DP 16 Dec Captree CBC (P.JL, SSM).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

Chipping Sparrow: RICH: 4 sites, latest 2 GKP 16 Jan (T. Gabe); NEWY: 3 sites, latest CP 28 Feb (m.ob.); BRON: 2 sites, max 7 NYBG 23 Dec (ABk); KING: 5 sites, max 5 GwC 28 Feb (T. Coughlan); QUEE: 8 sites, max 9 KP 3 Dec (C. Castillo); latest FP 17 Feb (C. Castillo); NASS: 9 sites, max 10 Manhasset 1 Jan (SP); latest 1 HLSP 24 Feb (B. Berlingeri); SUFF: 10 sites; max 6 Quail Hill, Amagansett 23 Dec (J. Giunta), latest Nissequoque R SP 27 Feb (K. Coyle).

Clay-colored Sparrow: East End Community Organic Farm, Easthampton 5 Dec (DR); Quogue 27 Jan (m.ob.) to at least 11 Feb, last report (DR).

Vesper Sparrow: Stillwell Woods P 1 Dec (BFo, SP); APP 4 Dec (J. Keane); Caumsett SP 10 Dec (SF); 4-5 SCFED 25 Jan-16 Feb (MMcB et seq.).

Lark Sparrow: TNC Center for Conservation, SUFF 31 Jan-28 Feb (DR et al.).

American Tree Sparrow: max 30 Hulse Landing Rd, SUFF 7 Feb (K. Coyle).

Seaside Sparrow: PlumbB 15 Dec (m.ob.).

Saltmarsh Sparrow: Gardiner P, SUFF 11 Dec (KFeu, SF).

Lincoln's Sparrow: NEWY: E 52 St 1 Dec (A. Farnsworth), IHP 2 Dec (N. O'Reilly), CP 3 Dec (T. Zahner), RI 9 Dec (D. Barrett); KP 8 Dec (P. Reisfeld); 1 SC 23 Feb (PMor).

White-throated Sparrow: max 230 CP 16 Dec (J. Spindel).

White-crowned Sparrow: ca. 48 sites, all counties; max 62 East End Community Organic Farm, East Hampton 10 Feb (AnW).

Dark-eyed Junco: max 100 GwC 4 Dec (K. Toomey).

Yellow-breasted Chat: Mon 15 Dec (JGI, NYMK); HHCG 27 Dec (KFeu,

SF), 17 Jan (SF); DR week of 1-7 Jan (RBA); CLP 14-21 Jan (T. Gabe et seq.).

Eastern Meadowlark: FKP 2 Dec (J. Pettibone, M. Herman); QUEE: McGuinness Blvd 17 Feb (A. Novak), 4 Edgemere Landfill 1 Dec, 4 Dec (CFi), 4 Far Rockaway 16 Dec (R. Dieterich); SUFF: Caumsett SP 4 Dec (KFeu, SF), 6 Green Pt 24 Feb (R. Ogden), Mott Lane Brookhaven 2 Jan (M. Scheibel), 1-2 SCFED 7-17 Feb (MMcB et seq.), max 22 EPCAL 26 Feb (J. Milton), 3-5 Wainscott Pd 14-23 Feb (KFeu, SF, C. Gangemi), 2 Further Lane, East Hampton 1 Dec (L. Tognan).

Baltimore Oriole: RICH: Trap House 9 Dec-17 Jan (M. Shanley), local 12 Dec (M. Shikhman); NEWY: Fort Tryon P 1 Jan, 21 Jan (T. Gray), Lenox Ave 6 Dec (T. Collins); BRON: Wave Hill 9 Dec (P. Keim); SUFF: West Babylon feeder 30 Dec (LN ph, for home owner), West Islip 23 Dec (EMu).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 1000 Reeves Ave Buffalo Farm, SUFF 25 Feb (N. Houlihan, P. Moynahan).

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 1000 SCFED 28 Jan (SK, KFeu).

Rusty Blackbird: 1 site in RICH, 2 in NEWY, 4 in BRON (high counts 42 NYBG 23 Dec (ABk); 40 VCP 3 Jan (anon), 1 in KING, 4 in QUEE (max 21 KP 23 Dec (J. O'Sullivan), 5 in NASS, max 28 Shu Swamp 24 Feb (TH), 17 in SUFF, max 35 Hidden Pond P 6 Jan (D. LaMagna).

Common Grackle: max 2000 Wertheim NWR 4 Jan (SSM); 2000 Southaven CP, SUFF 28 Jan (SF, KFeu).

Boat-tailed Grackle: RICH: 9 sites, max 58 Tysens Ln 3 Jan (ACi); QUEE: 4 sites, max 410 JBWR 3 Dec (J. Bock); NASS 4 sites (single-digit counts); SUFF: 3 sites Gilgo to RMSP, max 25 23 Dec (PPal), 3 Ponquogue Bridge 23 Feb (D. Mullins).

Ovenbird: Union Sq, NEWY 13 Dec-15 Jan (A. Deutsch et seq.); Carl Schurz P NEWY 28 Dec (E. Gaillard); BZ 15-17 Jan (T. Olson); CP 23 Jan (E. Gaillard).

Tennessee Warbler: West Meadows Wetlands Reserve, SUFF 9-23 Dec (PDom et seq.).

Orange-crowned Warbler: RICH: 7 sites, latest GKP 23 Jan (L. Ewing); NEWY: E. 52 St 1 Dec (A. Farnsworth), Morningside P 25 Dec (P. Ribolow)-9 Jan; KING: 4 sites, latest CVP 1-23 Jan (AxW); QUEE: 5 sites, latest CroP 1 Feb (J. Keane); NASS: 5 sites, latest West Babylon 7 Feb (J. Christopher); SUFF: 6 sites, latest 18 PNS 18 Jan (DR).

Nashville Warbler: SMNC 6 Dec (JMa); KCP 8 Dec (P. Reisfeld), 3 Jan (J. Keane); Bushwick In 19 Dec (A. Duvall); JBWE 29 Dec (BBo, TJS, PMor).

Common Yellowthroat: NEWY: Battery P 14 Dec (CB), Union Square P 4 Dec (A. Deutsch)-26 Feb, BRY 8 Dec (D. Gustafson)-16 Dec; HSP 1 Dec (HJ Kim, B. Washburn); Stillwell Woods P, NASS 2 Dec (PPal); Oldfield, SUFF 9 Dec (M. Schrimpf), Mon 15 Dec (PJL, SSM); Forge R, SUFF 27 Dec (MLL).

Cape May Warbler: Union Square P, NEWY 17 Dec (R. Bate)-9 Jan (m.ob.).

Yellow Warbler: 1 wastewater treatment plant, KING 15 Dec (JMa, ph).

Palm Warbler: RICH: 15 Dec (S. Wollney); NEWY: IHP 2 Dec (N. O'Reilly), Randall's I 7 Dec (J. Keane); KING: GwC 24 Dec (R. Manian), 27 Dec (J. Keane); SMNC 4 Dec (J. Salas, R. Bourque)-10 Jan; QUEE: 2 FMCP 16 Dec (C. Castillo)-7 Jan, BPdP 1 Dec (CFi); NASS: HLSP 12 Jan (BBel), JBSP 1 Dec (E. Becher), 4 Dec (B. Anderson); SUFF: Cedar Beach, Babylon 16 Dec (SF, KFeu), RMSP 4 Dec (SSM), CCP 4 Dec (G. DeLalla et al.).

Pine Warbler: NASS: Syosset 15 Feb (A. Zerling); SUFF: CRSP 30 Dec (K. Hart), Ronkonkoma 23 Feb (A. Regler, ph.), 2 Southaven CP 19 Jan (SMu, ph), 21 Feb (P. Baker, ph), East Hampton Oaks 7 Dec-3 Jan (L. Mandell, ph).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 95 JBWE 10 Feb (SP).

Yellow-throated Warbler: Baldwin, NASS feeder 29 Dec NYSN, cont from earlier in month (MMcB, PjL, SSM).

Prairie Warbler: PBP 19 Dec (J. Rothman, J. McManus, ph).

Scarlet Tanager: ad male Wave Hill, BRON 9 Dec (P. Keim and group).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: imm male Mastic, SUFF feeder (M. Michaelis, ph).

Dickcissel: OMNSA 27-28 Feb (M. Farina et al., ph).

ADDENDA

The following reports were inadvertently left out of the Region 10 Fall 2018 report (KB Vol 69, No. 1):

Western Kingbird: RMSP 4 Nov (P. Morris & JGI ph, et al.).

Northern Shrike: HSP 11 Nov (JGI), ph.



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