



REGION 10—MARINE

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September and October were warmer than average, peaking with Islip recording 3.6° F above average in October. November was an irreverent month with Central Park approaching both its all time high and low within ten degrees each, hitting 69° on the 1st and 20° three weeks later (the records were set in 1990 and 1989, respectively). September was very dry across Region 10, receiving about a fifth of its usual rainfall. November was nearly as dry, slightly above average totals in October partially offset these losses. A persistent easterly component to the wind steered many migrants inland, and so migrant volume was generally light on Long Island.

	Central Park			Islip		
Temp	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Sep	70.4°	68.0°	+2.4°	67.1°	65.6°	+1.5°
Oct	59.9°	56.9°	+3.0°	57.9°	54.3°	+3.6°
Nov	43.9°	47.7°	-3.8°	41.8°	45.1°	-3.3°
Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Sep	0.95"	4.28"	-3.33"	0.61"	3.58"	-2.97"
Oct	6.15"	40.4"	+1.75"	5.92"	3.79"	+2.13"
Nov	1.95"	4.02"	-2.07"	1.81"	3.67"	-1.81"

In September 2019 a landmark study was published in the *Journal Science*. “Decline of North American Avifauna” (Rosenberg et al.) considered many sources of data before concluding that the total population of North American birds has declined by nearly three billion individuals, or 29%, since 1970. As horrific and troubling as those numbers are, they are likely to surprise neither the ornithology nor birding communities, which understand the mounting pressures on wildlife. This will not be the last alarming study and we all must not succumb to despondency when there is plenty we can do to help the birds that remain. Hopefully more of the general public is aware of the dramatic losses we have been recording for decades.

A local-scale blight of recent years has been availability of migratory shorebird habitat. Simple yet repeated mismanagement of the East Pond of Jamaica Bay continued this year, keeping the habitat they require submerged. Shorebirds have been found in numbers at other relatively close sites, including the Jones Beach dune ponds and the Orchard Beach parking lot puddles, but these sites are not to the same scale and water levels are more variable. This season’s rising shorebirding spot was the Jerome Park Reservoir in the western Bronx. Water levels remained low through the end of September, attracting species like American Golden-Plover, Western, White-rumped, Pectoral, and Baird’s Sandpiper, and Wilson’s Phalarope (in August). County listing enthusiasts were delighted to add some very hard species in that 42-square mile urban county. One species in higher supply this year was American Avocet, which was found at multiple coastal locations in four counties, with birds at Jamaica Bay lingering for nearly two months.

There were not many procellarids to see this season, but there were some seabirding highlights. Brown Pelicans continue to increase in Region 10 waters, with up to 15 seen off Staten Island. Brown Boobies irrupted northward this year, with many showing up across the eastern half of the continent, both inland and coastal, and some even debuting in western Europe. One **Brown Booby** was spotted from a seawatch at Robert Moses State Park on 2 September. Most of these sightings seemed to be independent of the tropical storms that would usually carry this species north. Another sighting that was pretty shocking without the immediate context of a tropical system was three **Sandwich Terns** that spent a few hours on the beach by Sagaponack. Hurricane Dorian had passed well

offshore on 6 September. Several storms brought in numbers of jaegers inshore, even in to New York City waters.

Nighthawk migration was improved this year. Four Harbors Audubon launched their Goatsucker Initiative in 2017, which has included a Common Nighthawk Watch from the stone bridge in the village of Setauket. They have recorded nighthawks each evening from 27 August to 6 October every year since. This year they recorded a record 2,757 individuals, 34% more than the year before. Averaging over their 71.2 hours of effort, a nighthawk was seen every 38.6 seconds!

The Seatuck Challenge, in its sixth year of competition, took place later in September this year. The nagging easterly component to the wind kept the birding from its full potential, but four new birds were added to the running list: Lesser Scaup, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Winter Wren, and White-crowned Sparrow. 157 species were found on the day. “The Outlaws” saw 113 species on the day and took home the precious trophy. I want to thank the Seatuck Environmental Organization for making this very fun event such a hit.

Another tradition upheld was the lingering of various migrants in city parks. Bryant Park hosted a Prothonotary Warbler in October, and a Veery into mid-November. Union Square Park had a Mourning Warbler in late October (concurrent with a Saltmarsh Sparrow!). Ovenbirds were seen in eight different parks in November, and single Magnolia and Black-and-white Warblers were seen at coastal parks in the beginning of the month.

As Bald Eagles increase around the Region, the occasional Golden Eagle joins. Although regular at some hawkwatches in the East, they rarely approach the coast or cross the Long Island Sound. This season there was one seen over Staten Island and two over Suffolk. A more regular but irruptive bird of prey, Northern Shrike, was scarce this year; the only report was at Caumsett on 14 November. Other non-passerine highlights were a number of **Ash-throated Flycatchers**, a **Say’s Phoebe** seen in morning flight at Jones Beach, and a juvenile **Purple Gallinule** seen for only one day only in Central Park. A rail photographed at the Marine Nature Study Area in Oceanside appeared to be a King Rail. The site has had hybrid Clapper and King Rails in previous years (but none in the last few), and the bird’s plumage was messy, so it is hard to eliminate a hybrid, and is listed in this report under *Rallus* sp.

For rare passerines, November began with a **Painted Bunting** at the visitor center at Jamaica Bay. Individuals were also seen in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and in December, Pennsylvania as well. New individuals were found in Region 10 and the Northeast through the beginning of winter. Painted Bunting joined the eclectic irruption squad for this season featuring Brown Booby, American Avocet, and Ash-throated Flycatcher. There was one more surprise species irrupting this season, and one spent a long time in Suffolk County. Golden-crowned Sparrow had been seen in Maryland in October and then Cape May, New Jersey in the middle of November. Photos were posted online (the same day that the Cape May bird was found) showing another **Golden-**

crowned Sparrow had already been at Brookside County Park in Sayville, Suffolk County for at least a day. Between 17 and 24 November, hundreds of birders came to this narrow park along Green Creek to see the cooperative sparrow attending an easily-accessed feeding station.

303 species were reported in the Region this season.

FIRE ISLAND HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture				0
Turkey Vulture				0
Osprey	8/24	85	9/17	418
Golden Eagle				0
No. Harrier	8/24	8	9/29	113
Sharp-shinned Hawk	9/15	10	10/18	130
Cooper's Hawk	9/7	9	10/26	71
No. Goshawk				0
Bald Eagle	9/16	2	9/29, 11/13, 11/29	8
Red-shouldered Hawk				0
Broad-winged Hawk				0
Red-tailed Hawk	11/8	1	11/8, 11/16, 11/23	3
Rough-legged Hawk				0
Am. Kestrel	8/24	133	10/4	423
Merlin	8/24	193	10/4	884
Peregrine Falcon	9/7	20	9/29	103
Unidentified				4
Total including unidentified:				2162

Region 10, and indeed the entire natural history community, lost a key figure and dear friend when Rich Kelly passed away on 6 September, 2019 after a valiant battle with cancer. A wonderful, comprehensive tribute to Rich can be found in the Long Island Botanical Society's Quarterly Newsletter, Vol. 30, No. 1, containing more anecdotes and accolades than can be included here. We wish to share a sentiment from Sean Sime to Doug Futuyma, Rich's longtime CBC partner, which poignantly captures how many of us feel when we think of Rich:

“There are many reasons we choose to watch birds. For some it is the beauty of these winged jewels, for others it is the science and numbers that draw us, the chase, the community. For me it is a combination of all these things.

There is an order, and reassurance in the seasons. Cues like the first spring day our local patches are alive with sound, or the first true cold front that slips through in July, invisible to the people around us, but to the initiated, a canon blast sounding the beginning of fall migration. The CBCs and their compilation dinners are an extension of this. Walking through the front door of Otto's and hearing the din of

laughter and voices sharing in the experiences of the day...it is seared in my memory. I can close my eyes and see it whenever I choose.

It is a slice of perfection. In the simplest terms, it's the way it should be.

Each time we find a chair of a friend empty we mourn not only their loss, but struggle to reconcile our feelings of sadness—that this thing we hold so dear is temporarily tarnished. We are forced to acknowledge how fragile our slice of perfection really is.

The decades of comradery and shared history make obvious to me that no matter what brought us to birds, birds brought us into each other's lives. I want you to know that you are a part of mine. While you may not get to walk your CBC territory with Rich, you will find him in nature whenever you look."

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ABBREVIATIONS

APEC – Alley Pd Environmental Center, QUEE; **APP** – Alley Pd P, QUEE; **BBrB** – Brooklyn Bridge P, KING; **BBYC** – Bellport Bay Yacht Club, SUFF; **BPP** – Baisley Pd P, QUEE; **BPT** – Breezy Pt, QUEE; **BRY** – Bryant P, NEWY; **CB** – Cedar Beach, Babylon, SUFF; **CCP** – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; **CHP** – Conference House P, RICH; **CIC** – Coney I Cr/P, KING; **CP** – Central P, NEWY; **CR** – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; **CRSP** – Connetquot R SP, SUFF; **CVP** – Calvert Vaux P, KING (formerly Drier-Offerman P); **Ed** – Sod fields on Edwards Ave north of Route 25, Riverhead, SUFF; **EPCAL** – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), Calverton, SUFF; **FBF** – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; **FIHW** – Fire Island Hawk Watch, Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **FKP** – Fresh Kills P, RICH; **FMCP** – Flushing Meadows-Corona P, QUEE; **FP** – Forest P, QUEE; **FT** – Fort Tilden, QUEE; **FWP** – Ft. Washington P, NEWY; **GBP** – Goethal's Bridge Pd, RICH; **GBy** – Gravesend Bay, KING; **GKP** – Great Kills P, RICH; **Gtree** – Greentree Estate, Manhasset, NASS; **GwC** – Greenwood Cemetery, KING; **HLSP** – Hempstead L SP, NASS; **HP** – Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF; **HSP** – Heckscher SP, SUFF; **JBWE** – Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWE** – West End, Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWR** – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; **KP** – Kissena P, QUEE; **Mass** – Massapequa Pres, NASS; **MB** – Mecox Bay/Mecox Inlet, SUFF; **MF** – Miller Field, RICH; **MLUA** – Mt. Loretto Unique Area, RICH; **MNSA** – Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NASS; **MP** – Montauk Pt SP, SUFF; **NYBG** – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; **PBP** – Pelham Bay P, BRON; **PL** – Patchogue L, Patchogue, SUFF; **PP**

– Prospect P, KING; **RBA** – NY Rare Bird Alert, **RI** – Randall’s I, NEWY; **RMSP** – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **RP** – Jacob Riis P, QUEE; **Rt 105** – Sod fields south of Sound Av between Route 105 and Doctor’s Path, Riverhead, SUFF; **Sag** – Sagaponack Pd/Inlet, SUFF; **Shinn** – Shinnecock Inlet, SUFF; **SPCP** – Smith Pt CP/Old Inlet, SUFF; **SPP** – Southards Pd P, West Babylon, SUFF; **SMSP** – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; **TP** – Timber Pt Golf Course, Great River, SUFF; **VCP** – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; **VSh** – Venetian Shores P, Lindenhurst, SUFF; **VSSP** – Valley Stream SP, NASS; **WPP** – Wolfe’s Pd P, RICH.

WATERFOWL - HUMMINGBIRDS

Cackling Goose: 2 Arthur J. Hendrickson P, NASS 10 Nov thru (TH, mob), returning individuals; max 7 MF 11 Nov (JRG); Orient Pt, SUFF 11 Nov (JSep); Great Pd, SUFF 15 Nov (JSep); JBWE 14 Nov (MG); Brightwaters L, SUFF 22 Nov (KFe); Farmingdale State College, SUFF 27 Nov (BF).

Mute Swan: max 207 JBWR (ABK), max for fall 2018 was 156.

Tundra Swan: 1 Oak Beach, SUFF 2 Nov (PMo); 3 JBWR, 23 Nov thru (mob).

Eurasian Wigeon: JBWR 30 Sep thru (mob), sporadic reports until Nov; Mill Pd Sayville, SUFF 28-31 Oct (mob); Sayre P, SUFF 6 Nov (CG); Bush Terminals P, KING 25 Nov (ABK); Deep Hole Creek, SUFF 30 Nov (JLe, HB).

Canvasback: max 25 Eastport L, 10-26 Nov (mob); 4 Centerport, SUFF 20 Nov (BF); 2 Baisley Pd, QUEE 22-30 Nov (mob), only 1 seen after first obs; 1 Little Neck Bay, QUEE 25 Nov (“Marcia A.”); 20 World’s Fair Marina, QUEE 30 Nov (mob).

Redhead: max 27 Baisley Pd, QUEE 16 Nov (CF, SA), down from fall 2018 R10 max of 65 there.

King Eider: f Orient 29 Sep-12 Oct (mob); f RMSP 3 Nov (mob); with CANG in parking lot; imm m Shinn 18 Nov (KCa, ElG).

Common Eider: max 2000 Shinn 25 Nov (PJJ, SSM).

Harlequin Duck: Orient 21 Oct (JS); Coney I, KING 10 Nov (DHr, RoM); Jones Inlet, NASS 16 Nov thru (mob); max 5.

Northern Bobwhite: several reports in SUFF from known reintroductions only.

Ring-necked Pheasant: few individuals from 8 locations, low counts even at traditional sites.

Red-necked Grebe: Sands Pt, NASS 17 Nov (GQ); Coney I, KING 19 Nov (AxW, LW, TPp); Plumb Beach, KING 30 Nov (PPau); **Common Nighthawk:** max 281 Setauket, SUFF 5 Sep (PaD, *et al.*).

Chimney Swift: CP 26 Nov (EdG), late.

RAILS – LARIDS

Virginia Rail: mostly migrants out of habitat, Brooklyn Heights, KING 25 Sep (RyC), bird captured in subway; Abingdon Sq Pk, NEWY 28 Sep-4 Oct (mob); PBP 4 Oct (PH); RP 16 Oct (SSi, DG), deceased; Ft. Wadsworth, RICH 11 Nov (MBK); BPT 11 Nov (LiS); Point Times Square, NEWY 12 Nov (“Joe”, Twitter: @sadtragicclown), bird photographed then captured in Duane Read store and was brief internet sensation; Arshamomaque 24-26 Nov (JSep, PeL, SBi).

Sora: JBWR 3 Sep-1 Oct (mob); OMNSA 10 Sep (BiB); Madison Sq P, NEWY 30 Sep-1 Oct (mob); Saltmarsh Nature Center, KING 2 Oct (SSM, AHo); MP 9 Nov (TH), late.

Rallus sp.: 1 OMNSA 10 Sep (“Jay Koolpix”), ph, *intro*.

PURPLE GALLINULE: juv CP 2 Nov (mob).

Common Gallinule: more reports than usual: JBWR 12 Sep-1 Oct (ABK); Blydenburg P, SUFF 30 Sep, 16 Oct (SMu); HLSP 24 Oct, 20 Nov (mob); Mill Pd, Bellmore, NASS 10 Nov thru (mob); Baisley Pd P, QUEE 16 Nov (SA, CFi); Lotus L, SUFF 21-25 Nov (VG, mob).

American Avocet: many: Sagaponack Pd, SUFF 10-16 Sep (mob); max 3 JBWR 18 Sep-10 Nov (mob); MF 25-30 Oct (mob); 2 OMNSA 26 Oct (BF, PPAl, TH); Santapogue Creek, SUFF 4 Nov (mob); Mecox Inlet, SUFF 1-9 Nov (mob); 1 East Channel Islands, NASS 6 Nov (AK), likely one of the OMNSA birds.

American Golden-Plover: no major flocks in Riverhead sod farms area for second year in a row; max 3 12 Oct Eastport sod fields (MLL); max 3 Jerome Res, BRON 14-24 Sep (mob).

Upland Sandpiper: midtown Manhattan, NEWY 13 Sep (AF), predawn NFC from highrise.

Hudsonian Godwit: few: max 5 JBWR 3 Sep-10 Oct (mob); OMNSA 28 Sep-5 Oct (mob).

Marbled Godwit: NB 7 Sep (KCh); max 5 JBWE 14 Sep-19 Nov (mob); 4 CCP 14-17 Sep

(mob); JBWR 9 Oct (ACo, M. Passman, ABk); Oak Beach, SUFF 28 Sep (SSM); Plumb Beach, KING 12 Oct (mob); Big Egg Marsh area by kayak, KING 20-26 Oct (JMu, LD).

Red Knot: max 83 JBWE 4 Nov (PJL, SSM).

Baird's Sandpiper: HSP 1-4 Sep (mob); JBWR 7 Sep (mob); Nickerson Beach, NASS 7-11 Sep (mob); Jerome P Res, BRON 14-15 Sep (mob), unusual location; Mexoc Inlet, USSF 28 Sep (AnW, ACo).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: Rockaway Beach, QUEE 2 Sep (TK); Mecox Inlet 7-8 Sep (ACo, AnW, AA), Sagaponack 8 Sep (JRo, MB) JBWR 24 Sep (ACo); HSP 6-9 Sep (mob).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 87 JBWR 14 Sep (MP), low.

Short-billed Dowitcher: max 61 JBWR 1 Oct (ABk), low.

Long-billed Dowitcher: max 5 Santapogue Creek, SUFF 1 Sep-10 Oct; OMNSA 10-13 Sep, 26 Nov (mob); Gilgo Beach, SUFF 17 Sep (KFe); JBWR 18 Sep-27 Oct (mob); Captree, SUFF 28 Sep (mob); JBWE 2-3 Nov (mob); Timber Pt, SUFF 21-29 Nov (JGI, KFe)

Wilson's Phalarope: RMSP 8 Sep (SSM, PM, TS), flyby at unusual loc; JBWR 18-24 Sep (ABk, ACo); Moriches Bay, SUFF 30 Sep (MM).

Red-necked Phalarope: 6 pelagic coordinates: 40.079,-73.038, SUFF 22 Sep (mob), pelagic from Brooklyn.

Pomarine Jaeger: pelagic coordinates: 39.163,-71.737, SUFF 22 Sep (mob), Brooklyn pelagic; RP 16 Oct (DG, SSI), very rare from shore.

Parasitic Jaeger: tied max 13 RMSP 20 Oct (PJL, SSM); 13 RP 27 Oct (CF)i, rare from western LI.

Razorbill: RMSP 5 Nov (SF, KFe).

Black-legged Kittiwake: RP 16, 27, 31 Oct (mob), rare from western LI; RMSP 27 Oct, 5 Nov (PMo; SF, KFe); East Hampton Main Beach, SUFF 27 Oct (AnW).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 300 Camp Hero, SUFF 11 Nov (AnW).

Black-headed Gull: Setauket, SUFF 19, 21 Nov (KCa; PaD).

Iceland Gull: offshore Shagwong Pt, SUFF 14 Nov (F. Durso); Clifton Railway, RICH 23 Nov thru (mob); Shinn 24 Nov (PJL, SSM).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 52 RMSP 2 Nov (TH), CP 27 Nov (A. Auerbach, A. Hale), rarer in the city; Liberty Island, NEWY (S. Kellogg).

Caspian Tern: max 6 JWBR 1 Oct (ABk).

Black Tern: Great Gull I, SUFF 7-9 Sep (JD);

Orient area, SUFF 9-10 Sep (JS, SSM);

Sagaponack, SUFF 10 Sep (MSb); Shinn 14

Sep (GB); JBWE 16-17 Sep (RH, KFe);

Common Tern: dep MP, 31 Oct (KFe).

Royal Tern: max 196 RP 16 Oct (DG, SSI); dep FT 11 Nov (CF).

SANDWICH TERN: 3 Sagaponack, SUFF 13 Sep (mob), very unusual context of resting on beach without any associated with a storm.

LOONS - FALCONS

Northern Fulmar: none from shore; max 14 pelagic coordinates 39.163,-71.737 22 Sep (mob), Brooklyn pelagic.

Cory's Shearwater: offshore Montauk, SUFF 3 Sep (F. Durso); SPCP 12 Sep (K. Cashman); Sagaponack 14 Sep (KFe, ACo); offshore Gardiner's I, SUFF 14 Sep (F. Durso); multiple offshore SUFF 22 Sep (mob), Brooklyn pelagic; RMSP 12 Oct (PJL, SSM).

Great Shearwater: Cedar Beach Brookhaven, SUFF 2 Sep (APe), very rare in LI Sound; dep offshore SUFF 22 Sep (mob), Brooklyn pelagic.

Manx Shearwater: dep offshore Montauk, SUFF 14 Sep (F. Durso).

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: no reports from shore; dep Lower New York Bay, KING 6 Oct (M. Papula).

Sulid sp.: RMSP 4 Oct (SSI), consistent with ad Masked Booby (!).

BROWN BOOBY: RMSP 2 Sep (PM, TS), intro.

Great Cormorant: max 19 Orient, SUFF (AnW).

Brown Pelican: multiple inds in all counties except NEWY and BRON.

American White Pelican: JBWR 16-24 Oct (mob).

American Bittern: besides migrants at typical coastal sites, VCP 10 Sep (DK), unusual loc; GKP 25 Oct (CBa), unusual location; East Village backyard, NEWY 8 Nov (anon), very unusual loc.

Tricolored Heron: dep Cow Meadow 30 Oct (BiB).

Turkey Vulture: kettle of 53 over Riverhead 12 Oct (MLL).

Black Vulture: 2 Riverhead 2-23 Nov (mob); multiple reports in all boroughs except QUEE.

Osprey: season total 418 FIHW (mob), above average.

GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): Brookfield P, RICH 9 Nov (CBa, APu); Laurel Ridge

Setauket Woods Pres, SUFF 9 Nov (NST); undisclosed South Fork location, SUFF location, 24 Nov (CYR), imm.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: season total 130 FIHW (mob), low.

Northern Goshawk: East Hampton, SUFF (AnW), only report.

Bald Eagle: increasing, seen throughout R10, 547 eBird records.

Red-shouldered Hawk: many records in each borough, West Brook Pond, SUFF 9 Sep (VG); JBWE 6 Nov (SSi); Gardiner Co. P, SUFF 23-26 Nov (MR, RH);

Broad-winged Hawk: max 16 midtown Manhattan, NEWY 4 Oct (AF); Melville, SUFF 23 Oct (BF), only record away from NYC, late; PBP 23 Oct (PH), late.

Snowy Owl: few, Shinn 18-23 Nov (KCa, CG); JBWE 30 Nov (mob).

Barred Owl: IHP 11 Oct (SPa).

Short-eared Owl: Brookhaven, SUFF 21 Oct (RH).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: few, Fuchs Pd, SUFF 28 Sep (mob); max 3 Stillwell Woods, NASS 19 Oct (TH); JBWE 17 Nov (PaD).

Red-headed Woodpecker: reports from all counties.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: CP 5 Oct (JMu, LM), morning flight count.

Northern Flicker: max 283 RMSP 25 Sep (MMB), low.

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): few reports from BRON and RICH only.

American Kestrel: season total 423 FIHW (mob), low.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: Shore Road P, KING 28 Oct (GK), Ft. Wadsworth, RICH 11 Nov (mob); Suffolk Co. Farm Center, SUFF 15-16 Nov (mob); Bayswater P, QUEE 25 Nov (LiS); Riverhead, SUFF 30 Nov (APe).

Western Kingbird: RMSP 9 Sep (BG, PJL); Rockaway B, QUEE 14 Sep (CFi); RMSP 21 Sep (KT, JGl); Brookfield P, RICH 11-14 Oct (mob); West Meadow, SUFF 14-15 Oct (mob); 2 JBWE 2-23 Nov (mob).

kingbird sp.: CIC 19 Oct (DG); Cedar Beach Babylon, SUFF 2 Nov (PMo); likely WEKI.

Alder Flycatcher: FT 7 Sep (GL); CR 8 Sep (ACi); PP 9 Sep (JMa, PPau, GK).

SAY'S PHOEBE: JBWE 19 Oct (TH), flyby.

Northern Shrike: Caumsett SP, SUFF 14 Nov (KFe, SF); T. Roosevelt P, SUFF 29 Nov (ACo).

Common Raven: reports across all areas of all counties; max 9 JBWE (mob), single group.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: few reports this season.

Winter Wren: arr CP 13 Sep (AA, AHa).

SEDGE WREN (R10): PBP 5 Oct (RA, mob), first eBird record for BRON.

Veery: BRY thru 21 Nov (mob), late.

Hermit Thrush: CP 30 Sep (KFu), early.

VARIED THRUSH: APEC 18 Oct (EMi)

Purple Finch: few reports, max 10 IHP 19 Oct (NSo).

Pine Siskin: few reports, max 11 CCP 25 Nov (BY).

American Goldfinch: max 676 RMSP 29 Nov (SSM).

Lapland Longspur: arr RMSP 12 Oct (PJL, SSM); max 9 Riverhead, SUFF 27 Nov (PJL, SSM).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Chipping Sparrow: many lingering into beginning of winter in all counties.

Clay-colored Sparrow: multiple in each county except BRON; max 2 JBWE 18 Oct (KFe).

Vesper Sparrow: max 8 Caumsett SP, SUFF 26 Oct (NST), high count.

Lark Sparrow: 1-3 ind in each county except QUEE.

Savannah Sparrow: max 114 Caumsett SP, SUFF 23 Oct (JMi, KFe).

Grasshopper Sparrow: EPCAL 20 Sep (J. Milton), last report on breeding ground; CP 18 Oct (mob); GWC 19-24 Oct (mob).

Saltmarsh Sparrow: Union Sq P, 25 Oct-1 Nov (mob), rare out of habitat and away from immediate coast.

Song Sparrow: 185 GTree 19 Oct (SPe), large number.

Swamp Sparrow: 242 GTree 19 Oct (SPe), just shy of 258 state high count from this location last year.

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW: Brookside CP, SUFF 15-25 Nov Patty Orgera, mob), first for SUFF, first on LI since 1995 (fide SSM).

Yellow-breasted Chat: one or more inds in each county.

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WESTERN MEADOWLARK: Crab Meadow Beach, SUFF 9 Nov (TS), audio.
Rusty Blackbird: max 15 APEC 15 Nov (LiS), low.

Boat-tailed Grackle: Merrill L Sanctuary, SUFF 14 Oct (AL), rare around Gardiner's Bay; APEC 26 Oct-15 Nov (mob), late at small, disjunct breeding colony; West Meadow Pres, SUFF 16 Oct (MSb), very local along LI sound; max 350 Charles Memorial P, QUEE 19 Oct (RSe).

Ovenbird: freq overwinterer and lingerer in city parks, with Nov sightings in 8(!) microparks, with additional sightings: PP 21 Nov (KD); and NYBG 22 Nov (TO); CP thru end of period (mob).

"Brewster's" Warbler (hybrid): SPP 1 Sep (PMo).

Black-and-white Warbler: Canarsie Beach P, KING 11 Nov (PP), late.

Prothonotary Warbler: BRY 10 Oct (mob), late.

Connecticut Warbler: reports from seven locations in NYC, only reports on LI morning flight: RMSP 25 Sep (MMb); RMSP 13 Oct (mob).

Mourning Warbler: Union Square P, NEWY 27 Oct (mob), late.

Magnolia Warbler: JBWE 3 Nov (BBE), late.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: Uplands Farm, SUFF 24 Oct (RO), late.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: CP thru (mob).
Pine Warbler: max 18 Southaven Co. P 18 Sep (GQ).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 15,000 RMSP 19 Oct (SSM, PMo, TS).

Summer Tanager: singles CP 1 Sep, 1-2, 11 Oct, 15 Nov (mob); FP 15 Sep (JeL, DaL); GWC 30 Sep-1 Oct (mob).

Blue Grosbeak: at least 14 records across all counties.

Indigo Bunting: 36 GTree 30 Sep (SPe), large number.

PAINTED BUNTING: f-type JBWR 3-4 Nov (mob).

Dickcissel: reports from all R10 counties.

EXOTICS

Lined Seedeater: Charles Mem P, QUEE 7 Sep-8 Oct (mob), banded.

European Goldfinch: groups of 1-2 reported from PP and coastal Brooklyn, also Governor's I, NEWY; Northwest Harbor, SUFF 23 Nov (ACo), briefly visited feeder.

