

REGION 10 – MARINE

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If the winter of 2018-2019 was “exceptionally mild in Region 10,” as I noted last year, the winter of 2019-2020 was even more so. In 2018-2019, the deviation of the monthly mean temperature at Central Park was +2.6, -0.1, and +0.9 for December, January, and February respectively, whereas the parallel values for 2019-2020 were +0.8, +6.5, and +4.8. Precipitation was above average, overall, but snowfall was slight, amounting to a total of 4.8" in Central Park, with a maximum depth of one inch; no snow fell in February, in either Central Park or Islip. Low temperatures of 17° on 19 December, 16° on 22 January, and 13° on 15 February were registered at Islip, and slightly higher at Central Park. These freezes reduced numbers of fresh-water ducks on some CBCs and thereafter. For the second winter in a row, pelagic excursions were cancelled due to foul weather.

Regional birders enjoyed some attractive rarities this winter, starting with an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** on 1 December in Staten Island and another in Far Rockaway, Queens, on 8 December. **Brown Pelicans** were seen at four coastal sites in December, and an **American White Pelican** frequented ponds in Sayville (Suffolk) from 24 to 26 January. A **Pink-footed Goose** was recorded in Mattituck on 7 December, but not enjoyed because it was shot. The specimen is now in the

	Central Park			Islip		
Temp	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Dec	38.3°	37.5°	+0.8°	36.8°	35.6°	+1.2°
Jan	39.1°	32.6°	+6.5°	37.3°	30.6°	+6.7°
Feb	40.1°	35.3°	+4.8°	38.2°	32.8°	+5.4°

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Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Dec	7.09"	4.00"	+3.09"	8.01"	4.06"	+3.95"
Jan	1.93"	3.65"	+1.72"	2.19"	3.64"	-1.45"
Feb	2.54"	3.09"	-0.55"	3.38"	3.26"	+0.12"

AMNH. Other sightings included a **Rufous Hummingbird** on 16 December, single Yellow-headed Blackbirds near Riverhead (10 December to 15 January) and East Hampton (2 February), a **Summer Tanager** on the Orient Point CBC on 28 December, a Regionally rare **Golden Eagle** at the Riverhead sod fields on 15 December, and a **Sedge Wren** at the Arshamomaque Preserve on Long Island’s North Fork, discovered on 25 December and enjoyed by many observers in early February. Rarer still were a **Western Grebe** at Point Lookout on 1 January, a **Townsend’s Solitaire** in Three Mile Harbor from 9 to 21 February, and a **Varied Thrush** in Prospect Park from 30 December until at least 25 February. The northeast witnessed a remarkable influx of **Painted Buntings**, including at least seven in Region 10, in four counties. The individuals at Jones Beach State Park from 28 December to 22 January and at Brooklyn Bridge Park from 29 December to 23 February were seen by many observers. The rarest of the rare was undoubtedly a male **Townsend’s Warbler**, discovered at an obscure neighborhood park on the Southern Nassau CBC on 28 December and seen over the course of five days. Wintering visitors from the north conspicuously did not include fringillid finches: three reports of single Purple Finches and a single reported Pine Siskin are the sum total (in eBird). Red-breasted Nuthatches were very sparse, in contrast to last winter’s irruption. Only three Northern Shrikes were reported, all from Suffolk. One or two Lapland Longspurs were reported, some repeatedly, from three coastal sites. This northern visitor has declined in recent years, as has American Tree Sparrow, which approached or reached record low counts (including zero) in several CBCs. As I suggested last year, these species might tend to stay north of us as winter climate has changed. About eight Rough-legged Hawks were seen, including one that coursed along Ocean Parkway for two months. Five Snowy Owls were reported at coastal sites, and Short-eared Owls, likewise, were reported from five sites, repeatedly in two of these. There were only three records of the once much more abundant Long-eared Owl. On the other hand, Northern Saw-whet Owls were reported from 17 sites in Suffolk

alone, including counts of 10 on the Montauk CBC and six on the Central Suffolk CBC; these high numbers surely result not from population increase, but from increased effort and skill. This also accounts for the all-time high count of 52 Eastern Screech-Owls on the Montauk CBC and 45 on the Smithtown CBC—a much more common species than meets the eye.

Among waterfowl, at least 11 Greater White-fronted Geese were seen in Bronx and Suffolk, a “Black” Brant was seen at Floyd Bennett Field, Barnacle Goose at three sites, and Cackling Goose was reported from 21 sites in four counties. Several interesting geese, thought to be hybrids, were photographed, including apparent hybrid Snow X Ross’s at two sites in Nassau (Brendan Fogarty, Michael McBrien), two Snow Goose X Brant in Brooklyn (Peter Paul, Joshua Malbin), and Greater White-fronted X Canada, including one at Hook Pond (Bruce Horwith, Christopher Gangemi) and two at a farm near Calverton (Brendan Fogarty), both in Suffolk. (Many waterfowl species, even in different genera, can form viable hybrids after as many as 10 million years of separation from their common ancestor (T. Price, *Speciation in Birds*, Roberts & Co., 2008).) Other than a single flyover at Heckscher SP, only a single pair of Tundra Swan was seen, wandering about the Hamptons from late December until mid-February. Single Blue-winged Teal were seen at three sites, and numbers of Eurasian Wigeon were about average. Although Canvasback in our Region has declined greatly in recent decades, fair numbers were seen at the World’s Fair Marina in Queens (115) and in Suffolk at Centerport (58), Eastport (42), Big Fresh Pond in North Sea (81), Agawam Lake (170), and Water Mill (381). At least three King Eider were seen, and Common Eider was again most abundant in the bay at Shinnecock Inlet, less so in its former Montauk stronghold. Surf and Black Scoters remained abundant in the Montauk area, the greatest numbers being reported from Culloden Point, a few miles to the west. The usual scattering of Harlequin Ducks on Long Island was complemented this winter by a long-staying immature male in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, a highly unusual site and habitat. It was a good winter for Barrow’s Goldeneye, reported from 10 sites, including Crab Meadow Beach in Northport, to which a male returned for a third winter.

Other than the Western Grebe, no exceptional species or numbers of loons or grebes were reported. Razorbills were seen from Staten Island to Montauk along the south shore, and along the north shore of LI as far west as Fort Salonga, in good numbers that nonetheless paled in comparison to 2018-2019. The Montauk CBC, for example, recorded a healthy 184, but far fewer than the 1,898 on the 2018 CBC. The most exceptional flight, with 603 tallied, was at Robert Moses SP on 15 December, in the midst of which the only **Common Murre** of the season was seen, as well as a **Thick-billed Murre**—one of eight this season. There were six reports of single Dovekies, from Jones Beach West End to Montauk, and there were two offshore reports, of 300 on 11 January in Suffolk waters, and “many” just east of New Jersey waters on 9 February. The most enviable alcid report was of two **Atlantic Puffins** at Montauk on 16 December, with single birds listed also in the two offshore reports. There were only a few reports of Black-legged

Kittiwakes, with a maximum of 37 at Montauk Point on 8 February. Black-headed Gulls were seen at about 12 sites; Bonaparte's Gull numbers were again generally low; the maximum was 267 in Gravesend Bay, Brooklyn, on 2 January, but the Montauk CBC recorded only two. A fair number of Laughing Gulls lingered into December, and one into January. Seven Glaucous Gulls were recorded, ranging from Staten Island to eastern Suffolk, while both Iceland and Lesser Black-backed Gulls were seen at many sites. The most surprising larid was probably Black Skimmer, four of which lingered at Coney Island until 15 December. Among marine species, finally, are Northern Gannet, with a maximum of 2,500 estimated at Breezy Point Tip on 29 February, and a Northern Fulmar, observed well offshore.

Among shorebirds and marginally aquatic species, a Common Gallinule frequented Mill Pond, Bellmore (Nassau) throughout, where a Sandhill Crane was seen briefly on 5 December. Great Egrets were seen at many locations throughout the winter, but a Snowy Egret on 14 December in Staten Island was less expected. Single Yellow-crowned Night-Herons lingered into December on Randall's Island in Manhattan and in Stony Brook, and American Bitterns were seen at Tobay in Nassau, Dam Pond in Orient, and Dune Road in central Suffolk. Some American Oystercatchers lingered into late February, and the usual overwintering shorebirds were complemented by two Semipalmated Plovers (in Bronx and Nassau), a Piping Plover on the Orient CBC, a Western Sandpiper at Jones Beach on 27 December, two Lesser Yellowlegs that day in Staten Island, and most surprisingly, an American Avocet at Jamaica Bay WR on 8 December.

Noteworthy land birds included several Red-headed Woodpeckers, Pileated Woodpeckers at three sites in Staten Island, an all-time high count of 2,508 American Robins on the Montauk CBC, and a count of 540 Boat-tailed Grackles, notable for a relative newcomer to the New York avifauna. Rusty Blackbird numbers were unexceptional in most areas, but 44 in Shu Swamp (Nassau) were higher than usual, and the Bronx-Westchester CBC tallied an astonishing 195 in the west Bronx, the highest in 46 years. Common Raven was at least as abundant as last year; setting new high counts on the Montauk CBC (12) and Southern Nassau CBC (16). Maximal eBird counts for American and Fish Crows were 500 and 400 respectively, but Fish Crows greatly predominate at a roost at Hofstra University in Nassau, where there may be as many as 1,000 birds (B. Fogarty, pers. comm.).

Given the permissive weather, more than the usual numbers of lingering warm-weather species were to be expected. There were abundant records of Turkey Vultures; Black Vultures were seen at 20 sites in Staten Island, four in Manhattan, one in Bronx, four in Brooklyn, and three in Suffolk; and an Osprey was still in Prospect Park on 2 December. Tree Swallows persisted throughout the period at coastal sites, with a maximum of 100 at Breezy Point on 29 February. Other expected species included House and Marsh Wrens, Eastern Meadowlark (many), Field Sparrow, and Chipping Sparrow, which is increasingly abundant in winter and set a record high count of 49 on the Montauk CBC. This count also

registered new highs for Swamp (90) and Song (882) Sparrows. Less expected species included two Blue-gray Gnatcatchers at Camp Hero SP on 14 December, Veery and Wood Thrush in Manhattan parks, two Lincoln's Sparrows in early December, single Grasshopper and Clay-colored Sparrows in Staten Island, a Seaside Sparrow in Suffolk, and at least seven Vesper Sparrows. Yellow-breasted Chats were more than usually abundant, with four on the Montauk CBC alone. Goodly numbers of Orange-crowned and Pine warblers (24 of the latter on the Montauk CBC!), were complemented by quite a few Common Yellowthroats and Nashville Warblers, several Ovenbirds and Black-and-white Warblers, Prairie and Wilson's Warblers, and the first winter record of American Redstart outside New York City.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMNH – American Museum of Natural History; **BPdP** – Baisley Pd P, QUEE; **BPt** – Breezy Pt, QUEE; **BRY** – Bryant P, NEWY; **BZ** – Bronx Zoo, BRON; **CBC** – Christmas Bird Count; **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; **CVP** – Calvert Vaux P (aka Drier Offerman P), KING; **DP** – Democrat Pt 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; **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; **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; **Mass** – Massapequa Preserve, NASS; **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; **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 MPB (KING); **SMSP** – Sunken Meadow SP (SUFF); **SPCP** – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; **VCP** – Van Cortlandt P, BRON.

WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: max 1300 JBWR 8 Dec (PP).
Greater White-fronted Goose: single birds in PBP 6 Dec (PH), VCP 25-27 Jan (K. Jarzik et al.), Half Hollow P, Melville NASS 12 Jan (MMcB), Schmitt's Farm Melville NASS 6-12 Dec (BF), and at least 7 sites in SUFF: Centerport 24 Dec (BBo), SMSP 30 Jan (KF & SF), Short's Pd 27 Jan – 8 Feb (F. Durso, K. Klein) and Riv area 7 Dec- 20 Jan (AColl et seq.).

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: shot by hunter, Mattituck area SUFF 7 Dec, brought to AMNH (P. Sweet).

Brant: max 12,000 PL 28 Dec (ABk).

BLACK BRANT: FBF 30 Jan (RBA).

Barnacle Goose: Belmont L SP SUFF 3 Dec (SSM) to 23 Feb.; Riv area 15 Jan (B. Filemyr) – 20 Jan; perhaps same bird at Hulse Landing Rd, Calverton SUFF 23 Jan (A. Perkins).

Cackling Goose: at 1 site in BRON, 6 in RICH, 2 in NASS, 11 in SUFF.

Canada Goose: max 5000 Riv sod fields 19 Jan (PJL et al.).

Mute Swan: max 142 Hayground Cove, Water Mill SUFF 10 Feb (A. Virgin).

Tundra Swan: HSP 22 Dec (SF), 2 Sagaponack Pd 26 Jan-1 Feb (mob), 2 Hook Pd 21 Jan (KF & SF), 2 Water Mill 13 Feb (A. Virgin); probably same pair throughout.

Wood Duck: max 41 BZ 19 Jan (L. Mleczo).

Blue-winged Teal: Mill Pd P, Belmore, NASS 1-2 Jan (mob), 1 Mill Pd, Sayville SUFF 26

Jan (B. Belford), 1 Swan L, Patchogue and vicinity SUFF 5 Jan – 2 Feb (J. Watson et seq.).

Northern Shoveler: max 617 CP 10 Jan (J. Wooten).

Gadwall: max 268 Swan Pd SUFF 5 Jan (MMcB).

Eurasian Wigeon: single birds Bush Terminal Piers P KING 5-25 Jan (ABk et seq.), Mill Pd P, Bellmore NASS 1 Jan (J. Schickenrieder), Cold Spring Harbor Lab NASS 18 Dec (BBo), Centerport 1-26 Jan (mob), Coopers Neck Pd, Southampton 15 Dec (T. Moran et al.).

American Wigeon: max 100, Eastport L 11 Jan (E. Schwinn).

Mallard: max 2000 Oregon Rd, Southold SUFF 13 Feb (C. Tiemann).

American Black Duck: 2100 Zachs Bay NASS 28 Dec (S. Camillieri).

Northern Pintail: 74 Zachs Bay NASS 28 Dec (S. Camillieri).

Green-winged Teal: 51 Hendrix Creek KING 20 Feb (PP).

Canvasback: max 381 Water Mill 23 Feb (PJL, SSM).

Redhead: max 99 Avon L, Amityville SUFF 2 Jan (E Mu).

Ring-necked Duck: max 150 PatchL 18 Dec (KF & SF).

Greater Scaup: max 2200 Venetian Shores, Babylon SUFF 5 Jan (TD).

Lesser Scaup: max 1083 World's Fair Marina QUEE 18 Jan (SP, M Klein).

King Eider: Kirk P, Mon 21 Dec (MMcB), Shinn 11 Jan – 22 Feb (C Gangemi), 2 Culloden Pt SUFF 9 Feb, 1 23 Feb (RBA), Orient Pt 7-24 Feb (JSep et seq.).
Common Eider: max 5000 Shinn 29 Dec (J. Bohrer & D. Bohrer).
Harlequin Duck: Sheepshead Bay KING 5-19 Jan (mob; unusual loc), 2-5 at PL-JBWE 12 Dec-29 Feb (mob), Shinn 2-20 Jan (mob), East Hampton 21 Dec (B. Kane, H. McGuinness), MP 6 Jan (KF & SF), 5 Orient Pt CP 20 Dec-29 Feb (mob).
Surf Scoter: max 900 Culloden Pt SUFF 17 Feb (KF & SF).
White-winged Scoter: max 850 BPT 7 Jan (DG, SS).
Black Scoter: max 2100 Culloden Pt SUFF 17 Feb (KF & SF).
Long-tailed Duck: max 1800 Montauk & Camp Hero SP 17 Feb (KF & SF).
Bufflehead: max 300 World's Fair Marina QUEE 29 Dec (P Ribolow).
Common Goldeneye: max 229 Callahan's Beach, Smithtown SUFF 14 Jan (BBo).
Barrow's Goldeneye: single birds King's Pt NASS 22 Jan (MMcB); SUFF locs: CMB 3 Jan-2 Feb (TJS et seq), Orient Harbor 28 Jan (A. Virgin, N. Tepper), Sag Harbor Cove 27 Jan (F. Durso), Sammy's Beach 1-3 Feb (AColl), Gardiner's I 21 Dec (TJS), Fort Pond Bay 21 Dec – 12 Jan (CBC), L Montauk 17-24 Feb (R. Mandelbaum).
Hooded Merganser: max 275 HLSP 28 Dec (C. Braut).
Common Merganser: max 82 L. Ronkonkoma SUFF 27 Dec (M. Rath, D. LaMagna).
Red-breasted Merganser: max 391 Atlantic Beach (NASS) 21 Jan (A. Swaim).
Ruddy Duck: max 675 Eastport L SUFF 18 Dec (KF & SF).
Northern Bobwhite: 5 East Marion SUFF 1 Dec (JSep), 5 Camp Hero SP SUFF 22 Feb (K. Kleinpeter, B. LaGois). (Perhaps released stock.)
Ring-necked Pheasant: Brookfield P 18 Feb RICH (AC), Oakwood Beach 23 Feb RICH (AC), Bush Terminal Piers P KING (H. Kim, B. Washburn); Fountain Ave Landfill KING (M. Yuan et al.); 12 sites in SUFF.
Wild Turkey: 8 sites in RICH (max 46, S. I. University Hosp, 15 Jan, L. Ewing); >80 sites in SUFF, max 67 Southold 21 Jan (H. Lanza).
Pied-billed Grebe: max 7 Twin Lakes Pres, Hempstead NASS 28 Dec (T. Preston, L. DeMarco).

Horned Grebe: max 100 Staten I RICH 27 Dec (M. Shanley).
Red-necked Grebe: RICH 1 site, QUEE 3 sites, NASS 3 sites, SUFF 7 sites 1 Dec-8 Feb.
WESTERN GREBE: PL 1 Jan (J. Drucker, mob).
Mourning Dove: max 200 SCFED 13 Dec (G. Quinn).
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: Southard's Pond P SUFF 16 Dec (C. Cammarota, PJL).

RAILS-TROPICBIRDS

Clapper Rail: Springs SUFF 21 Dec (B. Kane, H. McGuinness).
Virginia Rail: in SUFF, Makamah Pres 4 Dec (TJS), South Shore Nat Ctr 15 Dec (ABK), Springs (2 and 4 birds, 20-21 Dec, H. McGuinness et al.), Big Reed Pd 21 Dec (3, DF), Mon 21 Dec (DF), Fort Pond, Mon 4 Jan (SSM, PJL), Morton NWR 4 Feb (T. Hoffman, J. Hoffman), Arshamomaque Pres 25 Feb (KF).
Sora: Halsey Neck Pd, Southampton SUFF 24 Jan (J. Shemilt).
Common Gallinule: Mill Pond P, Bellmore NASS 7 Dec-26 Feb (BF, mob); 1 Water Mill 4 Jan (J. Haas).
American Coot: max 90 BPdP QUEE 5 Dec (A. Williams).
Sandhill Crane: Mill Pd P, Bellmore NASS 5 Dec (P Dom, DF, R. Proniewych).
American Avocet: JBWR 6-8 Dec (DP, PP).
American Oystercatcher: 5 Big Egg Marsh QUEE 10 Dec (N. Howard), JBWE 4 Dec-16 Feb; max 13, 16 Feb (T. Ambrico); 6 PL 22 Feb (S. Billerman), 2 OMNSA 27 Feb (M. Farina).
Black-bellied Plover: max 98 PL 28 Dec (SA & MN).
Semipalmated Plover: PBP 27 Dec – 11 Jan (P. Horan), 1 PL 3 Feb (K. Horn, R. Horn).
Piping Plover: Cedar Point CP SUFF 28 Dec (Orient CBC).
Killdeer: max 25 Wolfe's Pd P RICH 5 Feb (A. Romua).
Ruddy Turnstone: max 115 Gardiner's Bay, East Hampton 15 Jan (A. Farnsworth).
Red Knot: max 9 NB 4 Jan (L. Verderame).
Sanderling: max 550 Lily Pond, East Hampton 22 Jan (M. Scheibel).
Dunlin: max 2500 JBWE 11 Jan (L. Verderame, J. Haas).
Purple Sandpiper: in RICH (3 sites), KING (3, max 31 Veterans Memorial Pier 26 Dec, PP), QUEE (4), NASS (3, max 45 24 Dec, R. Leimbach), SUFF (7, max 16 Georgica Beach 22 Jan P. Aitken et al.).

Western Sandpiper: JBWE 27 Dec (J. Girgente et al.).

Long-billed Dowitcher: SC, Captree CBC 15 Dec (B. Grover et al.).

American Woodcock: RICH 5 sites; NEWY 4 sites (incl 1 BRY, 3 Dec thru); KING 4 sites, count of 6 Bergen Beach 14 Dec (PP et al.); QUEE 4 sites, multiple dates at JBWR to 15 Feb; NASS 3 sites; SUFF 5 sites, last 29 Feb.

Wilson's Snipe: Hendrix Creek KING 7 Dec-6 Jan (J. Malbin et al.); 2 Spring Creek P QUEE 12 Dec; 2 FMC P 27 Dec; Xpressions Adult Store, Bohemia SUFF 15 Dec (TJS, BBo), Swan River Pres 5 Jan-15 Feb (mob); Georgica Cove Hollow, East Hampton 1 Dec-24 Feb, max 22 on 24 Jan (J. Ross, M. Binion), 5 other SUFF locs.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 2 Goethals Bridge Pd RICH 14 Dec (AC, CB).

Greater Yellowlegs: 1 site in RICH, 3 in KING, 5 in QUEE, 9 in NASS, 8 in SUFF; max count 5 Stony Brook SUFF 3 Jan (PDom).

Dovekie: single birds JBWE 11 Jan (MZ); SPCP 14 Jan (A. Perkins), Shinn 12 Jan (P.JL, SSM, KF, SF); Nap 10 Jan (M. Wolffsohn), Mon 21 Dec (CBC), MP 23 Dec; 300 offshore (39.8160, -72.7687) 11 Jan (C. Sayers), "many" offshore (32.9377, -73.0431) 9 Feb (J. Collision), *intro*.

COMMON MURRE (from shore): RMSP 15 Dec (SSM, P.JL, PMo).

THICK-BILLED MURRE: PBP 26 Jan (RBA), JBSP 1 Feb (P. Martin), RMSP 15 Dec (SSM, P.JL, PMo), Port Jefferson 25 Jan (A. Perkins), Ponquogue Beach 1 Feb (D. Picard), Georgica Beach 13 Dec (AColl), MP 2-24 Feb (AColl et seq.).

Razorbill: max 603 RMSP 15 Dec (PMo, P.JL, SSM); *intro*.

Black Guillemot: MP 24 Feb (RBA).

ATLANTIC PUFFIN: 2 MP 16 Dec (H. McGuinness, P. Polshek, B. Kane); single birds offshore (39.8160, -72.7687) 11 Jan (C. Sayers), offshore (32.9377, -73.0431) 9 Feb (J. Collision).

Black-legged Kittiwake: RMSP 18 Feb (KF), 3 MP 26 Dec (A. Perkins), MP 25 Jan (A. Perkins), 16 MP 9 Feb (SA), MP 17 Feb (AColl); max. 37 MP 8 Feb (PMo).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 267 GBy 2 Jan (ABk); other high counts 87 JBWE 29 Dec (BBo, TJS), 65 PL 2 Jan (KF & SF).

Black-headed Gull: 5 sites in KING, incl Sheepshead Bay 15 Jan - 29 Feb; in QUEE, BPt 31 Dec (PP), RP 7 Feb (SS), 29 Feb (D. Mullins); in NASS JBWE 28 Dec-15 Jan (TH),

Phillip Healy Beach 2 Jan (mob); in SUFF, Setauket area 25 Dec - 18 Jan (P. Scully et seq.), West Meadow Reserve, Setauket 10 Dec (L. Nasta); Sagaponack Pd 28 Jan (B. Bull), Georgica Cove Hollow 9 Feb (SSM, P.JL).

Laughing Gull: singles at CIC KING 1-4 Dec (T. Preston, K. Toomey), GBy KING 13 Dec (DG, SS, SSM), Beach Channel QUEE 14 Dec (S. Blodgett), Rockaway Beach QUEE 4 Jan (R. Mandelbaum), Milburn Pd P NASS 6 Dec (3 birds, F. Pimentel), SMSP 27 Dec (M. Pannott), Hampton Bays 15 Dec (E. Schwinn), Shinn 15 Dec (B. Young).

Ring-billed Gull: max 4150 Brooklyn Bridge P KING 2 Jan (DGo).

Herring Gull: max 1000 Shinn 1 Jan (SSM, P.JL).

Iceland Gull: mostly singletons in RICH (9 sites), NEWY (5 sites), KING (11 sites), QUEE (4 sites), NASS (5 sites), SUFF (18 sites).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: mostly singletons in RICH (7 sites), NEWY (2 sites), BRON (1 site), KING (2 sites), QUEE (7 sites), NASS (6 sites), SUFF (19 sites).

Glaucous Gull: CR RICH 28 Jan (AC); JBWR 12 Jan (R. Mandelbaum); Kings Pt NASS 22 Feb (MMcB); JBSP 1 Jan 9 (S. Billerman, M. B. Billerman); first winter Ponquogue Beach SUFF 4 Jan (M. Cooper et al.), band return showed this bird was born in Coats I, Nunavut; Shinnecock Canal SUFF 30 Jan (AColl); Shinn 25 Jan (P. Aitken, A. Perkins).

Great Black-backed Gull: max 395 Shinn 8 Feb (J. McGowan, D. Weber, J. Curtis).

Black Skimmer: 10 CIC 8 Dec (A. Honeywood, Q. Zhu), 4 15 Dec (R. Manion, D. Hrehowsik).

LOONS-PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: max 172 Kirk P Mon 21 Dec (MMcB).

Common Loon: max 60 PL 18 Jan (S. Meyerheinrich).

Northern Fulmar: offshore (39.8779, -72.6511) 11 Jan (C. Sayers).

Northern Gannet: max. 2500 BPt 29 Feb (D. Mullins).

Double-crested Cormorant: max 85 Hunter's Pt QUEE 29 Jan (M. Murphy).

Great Cormorant: max 25 BPt 9 Feb (CF).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R10): Mill Pd, Sayville SUFF, later Sans Souci CP, 23-26 Jan (R. Kaufmann et seq.).

Brown Pelican: Ft. Wadsworth RICH 27 Dec (RBA), Battery P NEWY 10-11 Dec (R.

Danelle, L. Beausoleil); The Narrows KING 1 Dec (T. Preston), 2 Mon 14 Dec (AnW, RBA). **American Bittern:** Tobay NASS 28 Dec (S. Camillieri, M. Murgittroyd), Dam Pd, Orient SUFF 11 Feb (JSeP), Ponquogue Br SUFF 28 Jan (G. Benson), 1-2 DR SUFF 3 Jan- 9 Feb (T. Moran et al.)

Great Blue Heron: max 19 SC 25 Dec (EMu).

Great Egret: in RICH (1 site), KING (1), QUEE (3), NASS (6), SUFF (22), thru.

Snowy Egret: Neck Creek Pres RICH 14 Dec (CB, AC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: all counties; max 33 Camman's Pd P NASS 3 Jan (J. Landesberg).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: RI 6 Dec-16 Feb (D. Barrett), West Meadow Wetlands Reserve, Setauket SUFF 12-16 Dec (PDom).

Black Vulture: mostly single birds, in RICH (20 sites), NEWY (4 Fort Tryon P 15 Dec, M. Waldron; 1 CP 17 Feb, K. Topping; 11 IHP 19 Jan, N. O'Reilly; 29 Feb, M. B. Kooper), BRON (1 VCP 26 Jan, K. Janik), KING (4 Dykes Beach P 19 Jan, T. Preston, L. DeMarco), SUFF (1 Patchogue 12 Jan, KF; 2 Dwarf Pine Barrens 8 Feb, SA & MN, 2 Riv 9 Feb, JG).

Turkey Vulture: many reports throughout, max 32 Riv 6 Jan (K. Coyle, B. Young).

Osprey: PP 2 Dec (SS).

GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): Riv sod fields SUFF 15 Dec (AColl).

Northern Goshawk: JBWR 9, 14 Dec (DGo), Quogue-Water Mill CBC 12 Jan (RBA).

Bald Eagle: many reports throughout, max 5 Bayard Cutting Arboretum SUFF 31 Jan (J. Quinlan).

Rough-legged Hawk: single birds Gilgo to JBSP NASS 5 Dec-21 Feb (mob), EPCAL 5 Jan (MMcB), 1 Feb (R Valente), Riv sod fields 19-24 Jan (S. Stewart, R. Valente), E. Moriches 12 Dec (S. Biasetti), DR 5 Dec (S. Biasetti), Orient Beach SP 30 Jan (N. Henderson), Mon 26 Dec (TH).

Eastern Screech-Owl: max 4 Avalon P Stony Brook SUFF 27 Dec (L. Betti et al.), 4 Caumsett SP 26 Jan (SF & KF); 52 Montauk CBC.

Great Horned Owl: max 4 Setauket site SUFF 7 Dec (PDom).

Snowy Owl: single birds JBWR 5 Jan (SS), BPt 10 Jan (J. Salas), Garden City NASS 2 Dec (K. Yoshida), NB and JBWE 22 Dec-28 Feb (mob), Shinn 3 Dec-29 Feb (mob, mostly east side).

Long-eared Owl: CP 22 Dec (mob), JBWE 7 Dec (S. Jannazzo, S. Meyerheinrich et al.), *intro*.

Short-eared Owl: SMNC 19-20 Feb (SBI), Edgemere Landfill QUEE 15 Dec (A. Auerbach et al.), 29 Feb (CF, L. Scheppeke), SPCP SUFF 3 Jan (K. Cashman, MMcB), DR 4 reports 24 Jan – 16 Feb, Deep Hollow Ranch, Mon 21 Dec (C. Gangemi, M. Stokowski).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: FBF 18 Jan (T.Preston), 24 Feb (J Malbin); FT 24 Dec (P. Sweet et al.), 21 reports from 17 sites in SUFF, mostly on CBCs, e.g. 6 Central Suffolk CBC 27 Dec, 10 Montauk CBC 21 Dec.

Belted Kingfisher: max 5 Bayard Cutting Arboretum SUFF 29 Feb (PJJ, SSM).

Red-headed Woodpecker: CP 3 Dec-29 Feb, PBP 18 Dec-2 Feb (J. Rothman et seq.), FP 24 Dec-22 Feb (C. Hampton et seq.), Long Pd Greenbelt SUFF 2 Jan – 26 Feb (C. Gangemi).

Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 36 Shu Swamp Section, Northern Nassau CBC 21 Dec (BBE).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 5 CP 3 Dec (A. Burke).

Downy Woodpecker: max 27 CP 24 Jan (S. Chang).

Hairy Woodpecker: max 11 Shu Swamp Section, N Nassau CBC 21 Dec (BBE).

Northern Flicker: max 25 Eastport SUFF 27 Dec (S. Biasetti).

Pileated Woodpecker: in RICH, Conference House P 1 Dec (AC), Bloomingdale P 13 Jan (AC), 2 High Rock P 2 Feb (AC).

American Kestrel: in RICH (10 sites), NEWY (dense reports), BRON (8 sites, max 4 PBP 22 Dec, mob), KING (dense reports on coast), QUEE (ca. 35 sites), NASS (12), SUFF (23).

Merlin: in RICH (9 sites), NEWY (15), BRON (2), KING (15), QUEE (15), NASS (ca. 28), SUFF (ca. 57).

Peregrine Falcon: in RICH (ca. 15 sites), NEWY (dense reports throughout; max 5, E. 52 St 1 Jan, A. Farnsworth), BRON (12), KING (ca. 22), QUEE (ca. 30), NASS (ca. 30), SUFF (ca. 46).

Monk Parakeet: 2 Hylan Blvd RICH 29 Feb (AC), 2 St. Nicholas Pl NEWY 15 Dec (J. Drucker), 24 GwC 28 Dec (C. Engel), 11 Avenue N KING 23 Feb (PP), 11 sites in QUEE, most near Hamilton Beach; clusters in southern NASS, Captree CBC, SUFF 15 Dec; max 54 North Woodmere P 28 Dec (SS).

FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER:

Conference House P RICH 1 Dec (AC, R. Veit), Far Rockaway QUEE 8-12 Dec (L. Scheppke et al.).

Eastern Phoebe: in RICH (4 sites, to 25 Feb, R. Veit), KING (4 sites, 1 Dec-29 Feb), QUEE (3 sites), NASS (8 sites, max 3 HLSP 28 Dec, J Giunta), SUFF (14 sites, overwintering Bayard Cutting Arboretum 15 Dec (ABk) to 29 Feb (SSM & PJL)).

Northern Shrike: HSP 13-14 Dec (JGs, mob); Hook Pd SUFF 23-26 Jan (J. Milton et seq.); Montauk CBC 21 Dec.

Blue Jay: max 61 Area 6, N Nassau CBC 21 Dec (SP, KF).

American Crow: max 500 Holy Rood Cem NASS 3 Feb (D. Cioffi).

Fish Crow: 400 Hempstead (NASS) 23 Jan (BF).

Common Raven: in RICH (ca. 18 sites), NEWY (ca. 22), BRON (9), KING (ca. 23), QUEE (ca. 25), NASS (ca. 48), SUFF (ca. 88); max 7 Wertheim NWR 27 Dec (SM & EM); high count of 12 on Montauk CB (*intro*).

Horned Lark: max 113 Hulse Landing Rd SUFF 29 Dec (PMo, TJS, BBo).

Tree Swallow: multiple sites in 5 counties, to 28 Feb RICH, 22 Feb KING, 29 Feb QUEE, 23 Feb NASS, 4 Feb SUFF; max 175 BPt 7 Dec (PP).

Black-capped Chickadee: max 57 southern sector Smithtown CBC 27 Dec (M. Rath, D. La Magna); unusually sparse in CP.

Tufted Titmouse: max 50 Hidden Ponds Trail East Hampton 1 Dec (AColl); unusually sparse in CP, contrast to unusual abundance winter 2018-19.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: one or two birds in BRON (VCP, NYBG), KING (GwC, PP), QUEE (FP), NASS (5 sites), SUFF (13 sites), max 3 Nissequoque R SP 8 Dec (K. Coyle).

White-breasted Nuthatch: max 11 Area 6 N Nassau CBC 21 Dec (SP, KF).

Brown Creeper: max 9 southern sector Smithtown CBC 27 Dec (M. Rath, D. La Magna).

House Wren: single birds PP 14 Dec (K. McKiernan), FBF 14 Dec (R. Alderson), Cedar Creek P NASS 28 Dec (JG), Manhasset NASS 15 Dec (SP), Orient Pt SUFF (28 Dec (P. Polshek).

Winter Wren: max 10 Mass 28 Dec (S. Billerman).

SEDGE WREN(R10): Arshamomaque Pres SUFF 25 Dec, 1-8 Feb (JSep et seq, *intro*).

Marsh Wren: in RICH (4 sites, to 28 Feb), KING (SMNC 21 Dec H. Lopes), QUEE (FMCP 12 Jan CF, L. Scheppke), NASS (JBWE 28 Dec BBo, TH), SUFF (12 sites, to 28 Feb Arshamomaque Pres J. Milton).

Carolina Wren: 37 Kings Park Psych Ctr, Smithtown SUFF 27 Dec (BBo).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 2 Camp Hero SP SUFF 14 Dec (C. Gangemi).

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 12 NYBG 11 Jan (J. Palmer).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max 5 JBWR 14 Dec (DGo, R. Gochfeld).

Eastern Bluebird: max 18 Calverton Cem SUFF 18 Dec (E. Schwinn).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE: Three Mile Harbor SUFF 10-21 Feb (B. Horwith et seq.).

Veery: BRY 14 Dec-18 Jan (F. Pimentel et seq.).

Hermit Thrush: max 17 Old Montauk Hwy SUFF 21 Dec (GB, TWB, A. Guthrie).

Wood Thrush: NEWY: Bella Abzug P 4-13 Dec (L. LaBella), Hudson Yards 5-11 Dec (S.Beal), CP 24 Jan-20 Feb (E. Yamaguchi, M. Wolfe), BRY 4 Dec ("Mike T").

American Robin: max 650 Pussey's Pd East Hampton SUFF 21 Dec (B. Kane, H. McGuinness).

VARIED THRUSH: PP 30 Dec-27 Feb (T. Muth, N. Silad-Muth et seq.).

Gray Catbird: max 8 BRY 16 Dec (T. Gray).

Brown Thrasher: in RICH 3 sites, NEWY 3, BRON 3, KING 2, QUEE 6, NASS 7, SUFF 20.

Northern Mockingbird: max 29 JBSP 28 Dec (BBE).

European Starling: max 1400 IHP 15 Dec (D. Karlson).

Cedar Waxwing: max 70 Hook Pd SUFF 29 Dec (J. O'Brien).

House Sparrow: ax 400 CP 23 Dec (eBird).

American Pipit: mostly singletons in RICH (Wolfe's Pd P 7 Dec, AC; Freshkills P 14 Dec, JRG; Graham Blvd 5 Jan, AC); NEWY (4, RI 12 Dec, Anon.); KING (4, SMNC 13 Dec, HL; 5 FBF 14 Dec, R. Alderson; 16 Shirley Chisholm P 12 Dec, J.. Malbin); QUEE (Bayswater P 8 Dec, L. Scheppke); NASS (JBSP 28 Dec, PMo, TJS; JBWE 22 Feb, TH); SUFF (Shinn 8 Dec, S. Biasetti; 5 Gardiner's I 15 Jan, A. Farnsworth; 1 Orient Pt 1 Dec, JSep).

House Finch: max 123 BPt 13 Jan (ABk).

Purple Finch: Bayswater P QUEE 8 Dec (L. Schepke, E. Becher); Sag Harbor SUFF 27 Dec (H. Sullivan); Theodore Roosevelt CP SUFF 14 Dec (F. Durso), *intro*.
Pine Siskin: West Babylon SUFF 15 Feb (R. Gelarde).
American Goldfinch: max 40 DP 15 Dec (P.JL, SSM), 40 Hillside Ave RICH 25 Feb (H. Fischer).
Lapland Longspur: BPt 14 Dec (P.JL, SSM, W. Macha), RP 14 Dec (P. Sweet et al.), 7 Feb (SS); 1-2 NB 18 Dec-28 Feb, 1 JBWE 2-19 Jan (E. Becher), *intro*.
Snow Bunting: max 240 Moriches Inlet/Westhampton Dunes (S Stewart, C. Taldone).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS:

Eastern Towhee: max 11 Caumsett SP SUFF 14 Dec (SF).
American Tree Sparrow: max 40 GKP 19 Jan (M. Shanley), *intro*.
Chipping Sparrow: RICH (6 sites), BRON (3), NEWY (ca. 8), KING (9), QUEE (10), NASS (ca. 22), SUFF (ca. 38); max 44 Quail Hill, East Hampton SUFF 21 Dec (H. McGuinness, B. Kane, P. Polshek), *intro*.
Clay-colored Sparrow: GKP 19 Jan (M. Shanley), Moravian Cem RICH 2-17 Feb (AC, M. Shikhman).
Field Sparrow: max 34 Manhasset NASS 15 Dec (SP).
Vesper Sparrow: 1-2 RI 8-20 Jan (F. Pimentel et al.); PP 22 Dec (M. Elfassy); 2 SCFED 13 Dec (G. Quinn)-19 Feb; 2 HP 17 Dec (V. Glasser); Fire Island Wilderness East SUFF 3 Dec (B. Bull); Northville SUFF 4 Jan (A. Virgin).
Savannah Sparrow: max 60 Freshkills RICH 14 Dec (JR-G).
Grasshopper Sparrow: Mt Loretto RICH 7 Dec (S. Wollney, H. Smith); Freshkills P 14 Dec (JR-G).
Seaside Sparrow: DR 14 Jan (KF & SF).
Fox Sparrow: max 15 Spring Creek P QUEE 14 Dec (J. Malbin, C. Eliot).
Song Sparrow: max 147 Manhasset NASS 10 Jan (SP).
Lincoln's Sparrow: Bella Abzug P NEWY 4-5 Dec (L. LaBella, T. Gray); Brooklyn Bridge P KING 13-14 Dec (H. Wolf, K. Toomey).
Swamp Sparrow: max 44 JBWR 14 Dec (DGo, R. Gochfeld).
White-throated Sparrow: max 333 BZ 14 Dec (T. Olson, G. Surya).

White-crowned Sparrow: 11 Riv sod fields (Reeves Ave) 24 Jan (MN & SA).
Dark-eyed Junco: max 129 NYIT 21 Dec (L. DiNapoli).
Yellow-breasted Chat: single birds in RICH: 1 CR 17 Feb (AC); 1 GKP 16 Feb (C. Barron); KING: PP 19 Dec (A. Duvall); QUEE JBWR 22 Feb (E. Chapman); NASS: 1 Dec – 1 Jan Mill Pond P, Bellmore (TH et seq.); SUFF: Ketcham's Creek 14 Jan (EM), Ft. Salonga 26 Jan (N. Tepper), William Floyd Estate 27 Dec (K. Kleinpeter), Quail Hill, East Hampton 21 Dec (B. Pfeiffer et al.), Gardiner's 121 Dec (TJS), MP 21 Dec (A. Guthrie; one of 4 on CBC), 17 Feb (R. Mandelbaum).
Yellow-headed Blackbird: Lewin's Farm, Riv 10 Dec -10 Feb (B. Bull et seq.), also Reeves Ave area 15 Jan (A. Perkins); Stephen Hands Path, East Hampton 2 Feb (AColl).
Eastern Meadowlark: in RICH (1 site), KING (3), QUEE (1 site, max 7 Edgemere Landfill 29 Feb, L. Schepke & CF), NASS (3 sites), SUFF (19 sites, max 19 EPCAL 12 Dec, B. Young).
Baltimore Oriole: single birds in NASS in Plainview 19 Dec (S. Brody), North Baldwin 2 Feb (D. Carter), and undisclosed feeders 19 Jan (2 birds) and 16 Feb; in SUFF at Cedar Beach 21-27 Dec (N. Henderson), Georgica Cove Hollow 25 Jan (J. Rand).
Red-winged Blackbird: max 3000 East Hampton 10 Feb (P.JL, SSM).
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 2500 Lewin's Farm, Riv (SUFF) 11 Dec (DF).
Rusty Blackbird: all counties, noteworthy counts of 44 Shu Swamp NASS 19 Jan (EM), 22 St John's Pond Sanctuary SUFF 21 Dec (J. Taylor, R. Taylor), 195 west Bronx 22 Dec, *intro*.
Common Grackle: max 5000 Willowbrook P RICH 5 Dec (SSM), 5000 Northville SUFF 15 Feb (ML Lamont).
Boat-tailed Grackle: in RICH (6 sites, max 47 Tyson's Cove 5 Jan, AC); NEWY (1 CP 29 Dec-18 Feb, mob (unusual loc.); QUEE (9 sites, max 540 Charles Memorial P 15 Dec, R. Serio); NASS (8 sites, max 100 JBSP 20 Dec, V. Glasser); SUFF (6 sites, >100 Captree SP 20 Jan, V. Glasser).
Ovenbird: single birds Bella Abzug P NEWY 4-13 Dec (L. LaBella), BRY 2-10 Dec (T. Gray), CP 8 Dec (M. Janks), Brooklyn Br P KING (H. Wolf), Spring Creek P QUEE 14 Dec (M. Yu).

Black-and-white Warbler: Wagner College RICH 16 Dec (H. Fischer); Canarsie Beach P KING 9-14 Dec (DGo et al.); HSP 8 Dec (SF).

Orange-crowned Warbler: in RICH 4 sites, to 18 Feb; NEWY 2 (Dec); KING 3 (to 19 Feb); QUEE 7 (to 3 Feb); NASS 5 (to 16 Feb); SUFF 17 (to 29 Feb).

Nashville Warbler: Swindler's Cove P NEWY 18 Dec (T. Gray); 2 Ft. Washington P NEWY 15 Dec (T. Gray, M. Waldron); Morningside P NEWY 15 Dec (J. Drucker); RI 4 Jan (J. Keane); CVP KING 1 Feb (Alex Wilson); Hendrix Creek P 5 Dec (DGo), 29 Jan (DGo, T. Johnson); Lofts Pd P NASS 28 Dec (P JL, SSM); Tobay Beach P NASS 2- Dec (LN).

Common Yellowthroat: single birds BRY 3-6 Dec (M. Wolfe), Hudson R Greenway NEWY 11 Dec (A. Auerbach), VCP 22 Dec (N. O'Reilly, G. McGee), 18 Jan (M. Bochnik); FT 23 Feb (G. Lam), Manhasset NASS 15 Dec – 2 Jan (SP), Quogue Wetlands Pres SUFF 31 Jan (R. Ogden), South Fork Natural History Museum 7 Jan (A. Virgin), 24 Feb (S. Biasetti), Shelter I. 29 Dec (S. Stewart).

American Redstart: Captree SP 8 Dec, 15 Dec (MMcB), *intro*.

Palm Warbler: one or two birds at 1 site in RICH, 3 in KING (to 25 Feb, SMNC, G. Keri), 3 in QUEE (to 26 Feb, FMCP, CF), 3 in NASS, 20 in SUFF (to 21 Feb, Water Mill, C. Gangemi; max 5 SCFEC 11 Jan, MMcB).

Pine Warbler: in RICH (4 sites, to 20 Jan CLP, CB); NEWY (2 sites, Dec); BRON (2 sites, Dec); KING (3 sites, to 29 Feb FBF, T. Preston); QUEE (4 sites, max 4 27 Feb Cross I Pkwy, J. Fitzgerald, 4 29 Feb FMCP, J. Keane); NASS (6 sites, max 6, 21 Dec Whitney Pd P, J. Wilson-Pines); SUFF (20 sites, to 16 Feb Paumanok Trail, M. Scheibel; max 5 21 Dec Hither Hills SP, A. Perkins); max 11 Manhasset NASS 31 Dec (SP).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 131 FBF 19 Dec (R. Alderson).

Prairie Warbler: Mon 21 Dec 9 (MMcB, MDMcB), Cedar Point CP 28-29 Dec (C. Gangemi).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: Philip B. Healey Beach, Massapequa, NASS 28 Dec-1 Jan (J. Gluth et seq.), *intro*.

Wilson's Warbler: PP 4 Dec-18 Jan (S. Burckhardt et seq.).

Summer Tanager: Sag Harbor 28 Dec (Orient Pt CBC; at feeder “apparently here for a month”).

Northern Cardinal: max 55 Quail Hill East Hampton SUFF 21 Dec (B. Kane, P. Polshak, H. McGuinness).

PAINTED BUNTING: CR 16 Feb (AC); Brooklyn Bridge P KING 28 Dec-23 Feb (H. Wolf, C. Quayle, mob); Canarsie Beach P 16 Feb (PP); JBSP 28 Dec-22 Jan (PMo, TJS, mob); Amityville SUFF 21 Dec (J. Gobetz, feeder); DR 1 Jan (T. Moran); East Lake Dr, Mon 21 Dec (TH et seq), *intro*.

