



Top: three King Eiders, Robert Moses SP, *Suffolk*, 20 Dec 2020, © Ernst Mutchnick;
middle: male Common Eider of the subspecies *borealis*, Robert Moses SP, *Suffolk*, 16 Dec 2020, © S. S. Mitra; bottom: male Common Eider of the subspecies *borealis*, possibly the same bird as above, Jones Beach West End, *Nassau*, 30 Dec 2020, © S.S. Mitra.



Eastern Phoebe with fish, East Hampton, *Suffolk*, 4 Mar 2021, © Alfred Ross. See note on p. 125.



Spotted Towhee, Baldwin Harbor Park, *Nassau*, 13 Feb 2021, © David LaMagna. See note on p. 126.

REGION 10—MARINE

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	Central Park			Islip		
Temp	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Dec	39.2°	37.5°	+1.7°	37.2°	35.6°	+1.6°
Jan	34.8°	32.6°	+2.2°	32.9°	30.6°	+2.3°
Feb	34.2°	35.3°	-1.1°	32.2°	32.5°	-0.6°
Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Dec	4.61"	4.00"	+0.61"	4.50"	4.06"	+0.44"
Jan	2.31"	3.65"	-1.34"	1.86"	3.64"	-1.78"
Feb	5.13"	3.09"	+2.04"	4.21"	3.26"	+0.95"

Although temperatures in Region 10 were above average in December and January, and somewhat below in February, the winter was marked by several short-lived but steep temperature declines that froze freshwater bodies, most notably on 19-20 December, 9-12 January, and 7 February. There were substantial snowfalls on 16 December, 1 February, and again on 7 February, with February totals of 26.0" in Central Park and 24.9" in Islip. Counts of many "half-hardy" species dropped substantially between January and February, although I have not compared this year's to previous years' midwinter changes.

In the early fall, reports of poor seed crops to the north fed hopes of massive incursions of fringillid finches and possibly other boreal visitors. As the Fall report will doubtless have detailed, migration watches along the south shore of Long Island, especially at Robert Moses SP (Suffolk), bore this out, as observers recorded massive numbers of American Goldfinches (as many as 1400 per hour) and many Pine Siskins (records up to 80 per hour), accompanied by modest numbers of Red Crossbills and Purple Finches and by many single-digit counts of Common Redpoll and fewer of Evening Grosbeak. Of these great numbers, few settled and lingered long into the winter. Only five Evening Grosbeaks were recorded after 30 November, one of which came to a feeder in Stony Brook (Suffolk) well into February. Common Redpolls were recorded throughout the season, especially along the north shore of Long Island, with an exceptionally high count of 80 in Caumsett SP (Suffolk) on 18 January. Pine Siskins persisted

in all counties except Bronx, with high counts of 30 in Richmond, 22 in Brooklyn, and 35 in Nassau; they continued at a Stony Brook feeder well into April. American Goldfinches persisted through the winter in unexceptional numbers. Single-digit counts of Purple Finch were reported from 12 or fewer sites in each county, except for Suffolk, with 32 site records. Especially in December but continuing through, there were many reports of Red Crossbill, mostly at coastal sites, with as many as 80 recorded on 16 January at Robert Moses SP. Based on recordings of their calls, most of those identified were Type 10, although there were also single reports of Types 1 and 13. Note, however, that the distinction between Type 10, distributed mostly in the Pacific Northwest, and Type 7, said to frequent the east, appears to be uncertain (M. Young and T. Spahn 2017, <https://ebird.org/news/crossbills>). Small numbers were recorded in February and into at least May along the Paumanok Trail in the pine barrens of Manorville (Suffolk), where apparent nesting efforts were noted in 2019. Up to 29 were recorded in December and January, with smaller numbers in February and into at least May along the Paumanok Trail in the pine barrens of Manorville (Suffolk), where apparent nesting efforts were noted in 2019. White-winged Crossbill, in contrast, was almost missing: the only reports were of a few birds in early January at Jones Beach West End (Nassau) and Heckscher SP (Suffolk).

Regarding other northern land birds, it was an irruption year for Red-breasted Nuthatch, as in winter 2018-2019 but contrasting with its paucity in 2019-2020. Lapland Longspurs were seen at Great Kills Park (Richmond) and at six other sites, mostly on the south shore from Kings through Suffolk. Snow Buntings appeared in probably average numbers, with as many as 173 counted on 7 December in Robert Moses SP. Among raptors, a single Northern Goshawk was seen at Shinnecock Inlet on 20 January, and Rough-legged Hawks were seen at 11 sites in four counties, with a maximum of three at the EPCAL grassland (Suffolk). The incidence of roosting owls is hard to judge, as many observers, wisely, are not reporting them, but at least five Barred Owls moved into Pelham Bay Park (Bronx) and three parks in Manhattan; and single Long-eared Owls were seen in Inwood Hill and Central Parks (Manhattan), JFK Wildlife Sanctuary (Nassau), and Heckscher SP and Wertheim NWR (Suffolk). Northern Saw-whet Owls were found roosting in at least three counties, and enterprising owlers reported the species from at least 28 sites in Suffolk, with as many as six heard in Napeague. Short-eared Owls were reported from nine sites in four counties, with a maximum of three at Richmond Creek (Richmond); the number of this increasingly threatened species at the EPCAL grassland (Suffolk) has dwindled year by year to a single bird this season. At least 22 Snowy Owls were recorded in the Region, at 15 sites in five counties. These included a celebrity in Central Park that continued from 4 February to at least 27 February.

This winter, like most, yielded a considerable number of vagrant, very uncommon, and downright rare species. Greater White-fronted Goose occurs annually, but one that frequented Randall's Island and visited Central Park was a first record for Manhattan (New York Co.). Only two Barnacle Geese were

recorded, in Southampton, and a single **Pink-footed Goose**, in Northport (Suffolk) was the rarest of the winter geese. King Eiders were more numerous and widespread than usual, as detailed in the species account. At least two male “**Northern**” **Common Eiders**, subspecies *borealis*, were photographed between Jones Beach and Fire Island Inlet (see p. 155). A small but growing number of documented records of this taxon south of northern New England suggests that it might be a rare, but under-detected incursive visitor to our area (S. S. Mitra, pers. comm.).

An Eared Grebe continued into December at Jamaica Bay WR. A Brown Pelican was spotted along the Hudson River from Inwood Hill Park, and a Sandhill Crane was photographed at Tobay Beach (Nassau). Black-headed Gulls were seen at four widely spaced sites between Montauk and Queens, and at least two in Brooklyn—and one seen repeatedly at Randall’s Island probably accounted also for the exceptional sighting on the Central Park reservoir. Remarkably, three “**Mew**” **Gulls** were recorded (the formal split into two species was published during the preparation of this report): an adult *brachyrhynchus* and an immature *canus* in Brooklyn and an adult at Orient Point (Suffolk), deemed indeterminate. Notable passerines included at least five **Ash-throated Flycatchers**, one Western Kingbird (Montauk), a Sedge Wren on the Captree CBC in West Sayville (Suffolk), a Lark Sparrow at Fort Tilden, two (!) **LeConte’s Sparrows**, at Wolfe’s Pond Park (Richmond) in December and Breezy Point (Queens) in February, and three **Western Tanagers**, including a single sighting in Montauk and two long-staying birds in Manhattan.

Species at the rarer end of the spectrum included a **Rufous Hummingbird** at a feeder in East Hampton (Suffolk), a **Varied Thrush** in Ridge (Suffolk), and a **Painted Bunting** near Montauk that obligingly stayed for the CBC the next day. But the **Spotted Towhee** that Shai Mitra and Patricia Lindsay found on the Southern Nassau CBC in Baldwin Harbor Park certainly takes pride of place. The towhee, a female of the *arcticus* race, frequented a large island of thick brush that both confined the bird to a searchable area and provided it plenty of opportunity to stay out of sight, frustrating some of the many birders who came for it. The last of the 129 eBird reports of the towhee was from 26 February. (If I may be allowed a personal reflection: I was very happy to see this bird, but it wasn’t my first in New York; see note, p. 126 and photo, p. 156).

Among noteworthy water birds, Tundra Swans were distinguished by their absence, other than a group of five in Staten Island (Richmond) on 5 February; the traditional East Hampton group has dwindled steadily, now apparently to zero. Blue-winged Teal was seen at five sites on Long Island, and Eurasian Wigeon at 10; a male Eurasian x American Wigeon was photographed in Brooklyn. The maximal count of Canvasback was 94 at the World’s Fair Marina (Queens); the species was almost absent from some former sites. Harlequin Ducks were reported from six sites; at Point Lookout, the most consistent site over the years the maximal count was seven, but only three continued through. One or two Barrow’s Goldeneye occurred at nine Long Island sites; in Suffolk, a male returned for the

fourth year to Crab Meadow Beach, and a female visited a freshwater pond in Setauket for about a week. The most exceptional anatid event was the abundance of King Eiders. In contrast to the usual handful of individuals, this winter featured one bird in Richmond, two in Kings, at least four in Queens, three in Nassau, and at least 10 at six sites in Suffolk. Razorbills were not unusually abundant; the star alcid this winter was Dovekie, seen by many observers from Brooklyn to Montauk, mostly from mid-December to mid-January; as many as nine were seen in single sea-watches. There were only four to five reports (each) of **Thick-billed** and **Common Murres**, none of which stayed in place for long. Due to weather, there were no pelagic trips this winter, but shore-based sea watches yielded up to 13 Black-legged Kittiwakes. Counts of as many as 940 (on 7 December) and 3418 (on 20 December) Bonaparte's Gull at Robert Moses SP were encouraging by current, although not by historical, standards. Along with goodly numbers of Iceland and Lesser Black-backed Gulls, at least 12 Glaucous Gulls were seen from Staten Island to Montauk, and there were three confirmed reports of Herring x Glaucous gull hybrids. Other notable Laridae included two Royal Terns in early December in Queens, and Black Skimmers that lingered into early January at Point Wadsworth (Richmond) and Coney Island Creek Park (Kings).

The most interesting rallid this winter was an adult Common Gallinule throughout the period at Mill Pond in Bellmore (Nassau)—interesting because an immature did the same in winter 2019-2020, so this was very possibly a returning bird. American Oystercatchers occurred in all five coastal counties, mostly in December, but one stayed until 24 February in Richmond and two until 28 February in Queens. Two Piping Plovers at Robert Moses SP on 25 February might have been early returning migrants, but the six Semipalmated Plovers at Jones Beach West End, seen 10-14 February, surely overwintered nearby, as did one in Floyd Bennett Field (Kings), seen on 10 and 4 January. There were many reports of Greater Yellowlegs through the season, and single Lesser Yellowlegs in Nassau and Richmond. Two Long-billed Dowitchers found in Oceanside on the Southern Nassau CBC (2 January) were the only report of this ordinarily scarce but dependable species, but a Short-billed Dowitcher photographed on 5 December in Amityville (Suffolk) was unexpected, as were a Spotted Sandpiper in Queens on 19 December and a Least Sandpiper seen on 19 December and 1 January in Great Kills Park (Richmond). Wilson's Snipe was seen at least 20 sites in five counties, with as many as 18 at Georgica Cove Hollow in eastern Suffolk. American Bitterns were seen in four counties, with several persisting through the winter along Dune Road (Suffolk) and at the J. F. Kennedy Sanctuary at Tobay Beach (Nassau). Great Egrets occurred at 57 sites in the Region, with numerous reports through February. Single Snowy Egret records from three fairly close sites in Suffolk, from 27 December to 16 January, might have been a single bird. A Tricolored Heron at Jones Beach SP on 2 January and a Green Heron at Hendrix Creek (Queens) on 11-12 January were the only reports of those species, while single Yellow-crowned Night-Herons were seen in Nassau (2-18 January) and at

Randall's Island (11 December to at least 10 January), a notable record for New York County.

Lingering "half-hardy" species included Osprey (20 December), Turkey Vulture (at least 50 overwintering in Riverhead), and Black Vulture ("historically rare, but decreasingly so" [Peter Paul, eBird, 26 April]), as usual in Riverhead (Suffolk), but also in Kings and Bronx Counties. Among quite a few Eastern Phoebes, one was repeatedly observed feeding on small fish at Georgica Cove Hollow on 4 March by Jane and Alfred Ross. (See note, p. 125, and photo, p. 156). Blue-headed Vireo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Wood Thrush, Veery, and Swainson's Thrush were each recorded singly. Tree Swallow was much less abundant than in some other winters, but at least six House Wrens, nearly 30 Marsh Wrens, and at least 34 Brown Thrashers were recorded. Chipping Sparrow is surely overwintering in greater numbers than before, with up to nine birds at 52 sites in six counties. Single Vesper Sparrows were recorded at Shirley Chisholm SP in Brooklyn, and at three sites in Suffolk; Dune Road yielded Saltmarsh, a "probable" Nelson's, and Seaside Sparrows, the latter also in Richmond. At least six Lincoln's Sparrows were recorded, one of which persisted well beyond this season in Central Park. There were five reports of Yellow-breasted Chat; Eastern Meadowlark was seen at 25 sites in five counties, and Baltimore Oriole at 23 sites in five counties, including several at feeders. Among the 52 sites in seven counties at which Rusty Blackbird was recorded, a count of 49 at Shu Swamp was exceptional. Large flocks of Common Grackle were noted at several sites, including 3200 at EPCAL in Suffolk; and as many as 562 Boat-tailed Grackles were recorded at a Queens park. Last in this list are a Rose-breasted Grosbeak on 9 January, and no fewer than 14 species of warblers, many of which persisted in city parks: Ovenbird (9!), Northern Waterthrush (2), Tennessee (6), Orange-crowned (10), Nashville (5), Common Yellowthroat (3), Cape May (3), Northern Parula (2), Yellow (1), Blackpoll (1), Palm (at least 21), Pine (25), Yellow-rumped (as usual), and Wilson's (2).

I close with remarks on a few species that do not fit into these several themes. Red-headed Woodpeckers, as always sporadic, were seen repeatedly at two Suffolk sites and once in Staten Island, and Pileated Woodpeckers were seen in Van Cortland P (Bronx) and at three sites in Staten Island. Common Raven has become a quotidian bird throughout much of the Region, recorded from more than 21 sites in Kings, 20 in Queens, 63 in Nassau, and more than 150 in Suffolk, extending to the end of both forks. In contrast, Northern Bobwhite and (except perhaps in Staten Island) Ring-necked Pheasant seem no longer to be self-sustaining in the Region. The numerous sightings of the pheasant in Suffolk Co. are of released birds or their immediate progeny (M. Scheibel, pers. comm.), and in its last Nassau stronghold (Hempstead Plains), it has not been recorded on the Southern Nassau CBC since 2014. It has been ecologically replaced by Wild Turkey, now abundant throughout much of Long Island, especially in the east.

To my knowledge, 220 species were recorded in the Region this winter.

It is with sadness but also many fond memories that we note the passing of Seymour (Sy) Schiff on 14 January 2021 at the age of 93. A long-time Region 10 co-editor and well-known figure among the Region's birding community, Sy was a voluble but alert, inquisitive stalwart of Nassau birding, and a role model for those of us who hope to be alert and active in our later years. A touching memoriam by his good friend and constant companion, Joe Giunta, appears in the October issue of *New York Birders*.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMNH – American Museum of Natural History; **APEC** – Alley Pond Environmental Center, Bayside, QUEE; **APP** – Alley Pd P, QUEE; **BBP** – Brooklyn Bridge P, KING; **BBYC** – Bellport Bay Yacht Club, SUFF; **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; **CroP** – Crocheron P, QUEE; **CVP** – Calvert Vaux P (aka Dreier 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; **GCH** – Georgica Cove Hollow, SUFF; **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; **WPP** – Wolfe’s Pd P, RICH.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: Max 1300 JBWE 28 Feb (CF).
Greater White-fronted Goose: Randall’s Is NEWY 20 Dec (CBC) – 12 Jan; sightings of probably same bird, CP, sporadically 15-23 Jan; Centerport SUFF 1 Dec-13 Jan (J. Klein et seq.); Riverhead sod fields 26 Jan (B. Bull); Southampton 12-24 Dec (AColl et seq.); East Hampton 10-19 Dec (B. Horwith); 3 Dix Hills 13 Jan (M. Vedder, PJJ, SSM).
Pink-footed Goose: Northport SUFF 24 Jan, 1 Mar (JG et seq.).
Barnacle Goose: 7 Southampton 1 Dec (D. Cartwright) – 24 Dec (2, J. Shemilt).
Cackling Goose: 2 Miller Field RICH 26 Dec (ACi); Governor’s Island NEWY 11 Feb (C. Weiner); 10 sites in SUFF.
Canada Goose: max 4850 VCP 16 Jan (M. Bochnik).

Tundra Swan: 5 Fort Wadsworth RICH 5 Feb (ACi).
Wood Duck: max 47 BZ 14 Feb (K. Huth).
Blue-winged Teal: Bellmore NASS 31 Dec-30 Jan (m. ob.), Captree I 13 Dec (DF); Patchogue L 31 Dec-30 Jan (K. Coyle), Eastport 31 Jan (K. Cashman).
Northern Shoveler: max 375 PP KING 13 Dec (DGo).
Gadwall: max 415 Swan Pd, Patchogue SUFF 4 Jan (G. O’Mara).
Eurasian Wigeon: Bush Term. Piers P KING 26 Feb (P. Sweet), Alley Pond P QUEE 1 Dec (L. Pisani); JBWR 3 Dec (CF); Bayswater QUEE 25 Jan (L. Scheppke); Hewlett NASS 12 Dec (B. Belford); HLSP 4-11 Dec (M. Zito); Oyster Bay NASS 6 Dec-15 Jan (BBo et seq); Fort Salonga SUFF 5 Dec-6 Feb (BBo et seq); Patchogue SUFF 12 Jan (B. Young); Mott

Lane SUFF 24 Feb (M. Scheibel); Pepperidge L SUFF 7 Dec (K. J. Klein).

American Wigeon: max 232 Gardiner's I SUFF 19 Dec (TJS).

Mallard: max 800 Horsemill La, Southampton 23 Feb (C. Tiemann).

American Black Duck: max 1484 JFK Memorial Sanctuary (Tobay) 2 Jan (S. Camillieri).

Northern Pintail: max 58, Mass NASS 3 Dec (E. Mutchnick).

Green-winged Teal: max 156 Shorts Pd SUFF 6 Feb (BBo, TJS). No reports of Eurasian.

Canvasback: mostly single-digit counts at 3 sites in BRON, 1 in NEWY, 3 in QUEE (high count 94 at World's Fair Marina 23 Jan, SP), 2 in NASS, 18 in SUFF (high counts 26 Centerport 21 Jan, S. Mutchnick; 84 North Sea 9 Jan, CG *et al.*; 160 Watermill, SUFF 13 Feb, CG; max. 210 Big Fresh Pd, Southampton 6 Feb (J. McNeill).

Redhead: max 91 Baisley Pd P QUEE 18 Dec (CF).

Ring-necked Duck: max 210 West L, Patchogue SUFF 14 Jan (K. Kleinpeter).

Greater Scaup: max 7500 HSP 10 Feb (JG).

Lesser Scaup: max 1250 World's Fair Marina QUEE 23 Jan (SP).

King Eider: Great Kills P RICH 13 Dec (M. Shanley, A. Ferino); Army Pier KING 71 Dec (R. Manian, D. Hreshowsik); Dead Horse Pt/FBF 16 Jan thru (T. Preston et seq.); Breezy Pt QUEE 12 Jan (CF); 2 FT 4 Dec (P. Sweet); 2-4 RP 6 Dec (L. LaBella, X. Vitarelli); 2 Rockaway Beach 2 Jan (J. Thorp); 2-3 JBWE 28 Dec-27 Feb (S. Billerman et seq.); RMSP 11 Dec-3 Feb, high 4 (16 Jan, MMcB); also Captree I (MMcB); Bay Shore (L. Nasta, K. Thompson), SPCP (K. Cashman); Shinn 7 Dec-18 Jan (AnW et seq.); MP 15 Feb (L. Nasta).

Common Eider: Max 1800 MP 6 Feb (BBo *et al.*).

"NORTHERN" COMMON EIDER: RMSP 16 Dec (SSM, ph.) and 20 Dec (PM), subadult male; JBWE 30 Jan (SSM et al., ph.), possibly the same as prev; RMSP 24 Dec (MMcB, ph.), different male; see p. 155; *intro*.

Harlequin Duck: 3 PL 6 Dec (T. Preston) thru; max count 7, 18 Jan (L. Sullivan); 3 MP 15 Dec (APe *et al.*); Moriches Bay 12 Dec (APe); Shinn 2 Dec-28 Jan (PD, L. Betti et seq.); 2 Orient Pt 15 Feb (JSep); Gardiner's Is 19 Dec (AnW).

Surf Scoter: max 500 Elizabeth A. Morton NWR (SUFF) 3 Jan (M. Stokowski *et al.*).

White-winged Scoter: max 2100 Cedar Pt CP 14 Jan (PJL, SSM).

Black Scoter: max 1200 Shagwong Pt SUFF 19 Dec (TH, T. Dunn).

Long-tailed Duck: max 450 MP 6 Feb (TJS *et al.*).

Bufflehead: max 439 PBP 22 Feb (R. Aracil).

Common Goldeneye: max 300 FDR Boardwalk and Beach RICH 12 Feb (J. Ramírez-Garofalo).

Barrow's Goldeneye: Kings Pt NASS 5 Dec (MMcB); East Setauket SUFF 1-15 Dec (L. Betti); CMB 4 Dec-8 Feb (BBo et seq; presumed returning male; 2 present 13 Dec, A. Gilbert); Gardiner's I 19 Dec (TJS), 7 Jan (A. Farnsworth); Goldsmiths In SUFF 28 Dec-18 Jan (A. Ratray et seq.); 2 Orient Pt 23 Dec (J. Levin); Cedar Pt CP SUFF 26 Dec-24 Jan (CG); Mashomack Pres 26 Dec (D. Cartwright); Sammy's Beach SUFF 7 Feb (AColl).

Hooded Merganser: max 240 HLSP 2 Jan (S. Meyerheinrich *et al.*); notable total 1387 2 Jan, S. Nassau CBC ("all-time high").

Common Merganser: max 81 L. Ronkonkoma 5 Jan (F. Mutchnick, S. Mutchnick); notable count 12 PBP 3 Dec ("all-time high," P. Horan),

Red-breasted Merganser: max 364 Oak Beach SUFF 20 Dec (Captree CBC: PD, L. Betti).

Ruddy Duck: max 1350 Quantuck Creek, Southampton 28 Jan (B. Young).

Ring-necked Pheasant: Ocean Breeze P RICH 24 Jan (ACi); 4 SMNC 11 Dec (A. Bacchiochi); Shirley Chisholm SP KING 16 Jan (M. Bivona); FMCP 2 Feb (K. Blouse); Rockaway Beach QUEE 14 Dec (CF); Smithtown SUFF 11 Feb (K. Chayes); multiple sites in e. SUFF probably released (*intro*).

Wild Turkey: 3 sites in BRON, ca. 20 in RICH; ca. 100 in SUFF (notable count 41, Sagaponack 22 Jan. [S. Mutchnick]); max 129 Seaview Ave RICH 19 Jan (A. Romua).

Pied-billed Grebe: at 6 sites in RICH, 1 NEWY, 2 BRON, 8 KING (max 4, PP 10 Dec, D. Halle), 6 QUEE, 9 NASS, 27 SUFF.

Horned Grebe: max. 83 GKP 14 Dec (R. Veit).

Red-necked Grebe: WPP 20 Feb (ACi); PBP BRON 11 Feb (P. Horan); 6 sites in KING, max 5 Manhattan Beach 31 Jan (HL); BPt 26 Dec (R. Serio); RP 16 Jan (BF); FMCP 8-12 Dec (D. Schulman *et al.*); PL/JBWE 24 Dec-2 Jan (R. Haimen et seq.), 10 sites in SUFF.

Eared Grebe: 1 JBWR, 3-10 Dec, continuing from Nov. (CF et seq.).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: GCH 3 Dec -4 Jan (J. Ross, AColl); likely this sp but still under review by NYSARC.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Clapper Rail: JBWR 19 Dec (DGo and R. Gochfeld); SMNC 16 Jan (H. Sullivan); Cow Meadow P NASS 2 Jan (MMcB); 15 Feb (J. Gaglione); Short Beach P SUFF 27 Dec (R. Gostic); W. Sayville 20 Dec (K. Thompson); Wading River SUFF 4 Feb (R. Gostic); Orient Beach P 26 Dec (BBo. TJS); DR multiple records to 31 Jan; Ponquogue Bridge SUFF 31 Jan (AColl).

Virginia Rail: River Rd RICH 1 Jan (ACi); 2 High Rock P RICH 31 Jan (J. Levandosky); Mass 2 Jan (S. and M. B. Billerman); 11 sites in SUFF, incl Lily Pd CP 28 Feb (PD and K. Coyle) and William Floyd Estate 27 Dec (ML Lamont).

Common Gallinule: Mill Pond P, Bellmore NASS 4 Dec (J. Landesberg)-28 Feb (*intro*).

Sandhill Crane: JFK Sanctuary, Tobay Beach NASS 26 Feb (W. Becker, ph.).

American Oystercatcher: Trapp House RICH 24 Feb (M. Shanley); 2 Plumb Beach KING 6-22 Dec (J. Salas); BPT 15-21 Dec (M. Yu. HL); 2 Rockaway Beach QUEE 28 Feb (T. Remy); 2 Silver Pt CP NASS 20 Dec (R. Dieterich); multiple records JBWE, max 12, 1 Jan (PJL, SSM), to 3 Feb (4, V. Glasser).

Black-bellied Plover: many reports in NASS, also KING, QUEE, SUFF; max 160 PL 14 Jan (T. Johnson *et al.*).

Semipalmated Plover: FBF 10 and 24 Jan (T. Preston, M. Epstein); 6 JBWE 10-14 Jan (B. Belford, M. Ventresca et seq.).

Piping Plover: 2 RMSP 25 Feb. (D. Cartwright).

Ruddy Turnstone: 26 sites in RICH, KING, NASS, SUFF; max 150 Napeague Harbor SUFF 14 Feb (P. Sweet).

Red Knot: FBF 30 Jan (T. Preston); 13 BPT 16 Feb (DGo); 4 Jamaica Bay islands 20 Dec (M. Benoit); 5 NB 3 Jan (GB); PL *thru*, max 23 31 Jan (S. Camillieri *et al.*); JBWE several dates, max 20 13 Dec (Y. Hahn); many reports Shinn to 26 Feb, max 14 10 Jan (M. Scheibel), also 19 Jan (D. Cartwright).

Sanderling: notable counts 240 BPT 14 Feb (C. Allieri); 465 Silver Pt CP NASS 20 Dec (DGo *et al.*); 300 JBWE 5 Jan (J. Lee, C. Bernlach); 250 RMSP 25 Feb (D. Cartwright); 240 Smith

Pt CP 10 Jan (K. Cashman); 1020 Gardiner's I. 19 Dec (AnW).

Dunlin: notable counts 290 BPT 16 Feb (DGo); 1500 NB 2 Jan (ABk); 2500 PL 8 Jan (J. McGowan); 300 DR 9 Feb (K&SF).

Purple Sandpiper: max 100 JBWE 25 Feb (A. Honeywood & D. Smith); records from BRON (PBP, max 3 15 Feb, P. Horan), KING (6 sites, max 28 Manhattan Beach 14 Feb, T. Preston), QUEE (9 sites, single digits), NASS (4 sites), SUFF (19 sites, max 23 Cedar Beach 17 Jan, M. Scheibel).

Least Sandpiper: GKP 19 Dec (K. Replogle), 1 Jan (E. Johnson).

Short-billed Dowitcher: Amityville Creek SUFF 5 Dec (MMcB, ph.).

Long-billed Dowitcher: 2 Oceanside, So. Nassau CBC 2 Jan (S. Walter, ph.).

Wilson's Snipe: many reports RICH, NEWY, KING, QUEE, NASS, SUFF; max 18 GCH 30 Jan (AColl) and 13 Feb (M. Doyle).

Spotted Sandpiper: Hendrix Creek QUEE 19 Dec (J. Malbin).

Lesser Yellowlegs: Goethals Bridge Pd RICH 6 Feb (R. Veit), OMNSA, So. Nass CBC 2 Jan (K. Fessler *et al.*).

Greater Yellowlegs: KING (2 sites), QUEE (8 sites), NASS (6 sites, thru), SUFF (17 sites, max 28, 5 Dec Amityville Creek [MMcB]).

Dovekie: KINGS: Plumb Beach 16 Jan (R. Manian, D. Hrehowsik); Dead Horse Pt. 16 Jan (K. Ewing et seq.); 2 Marine Parkway Bridge 16 Jan (R. Mandelbaum); QUEE: 3 Riis Landing 22 Jan (BF); FT 16 Jan (R. Bate); Rockaway Beach 25 Dec (J. Simmons); NASS: PL 16 Jan (BBE); 9 JBWE 16 Jan (P. Markee *et al.*); SUFF: 3 RMSP 15 Jan (JG); 3 RMSP 16 Jan (MMcB *et al.*; also one caught by PEFA); Cupsogue CP 15 Jan (DF); singles Shinn on 13, 15, 16, 18 Jan (K. Munroe *et al.*); Mecox Bay 18 Jan (AColl); GCH 25 Dec (CG *et al.*); Indian Wells 7 Dec (AnW); singles at MP and environs 19 Dec, 24 Dec, 1 Jan, 14 Jan (3, SSM, PJL), 17 Jan.

COMMON MURRE: Shinn 30 Dec ("graichen & recer"), 5 Jan (P. Aitken); Jones In NASS 31 Dec (S. Camillieri *et al.*); RMSP 14 Feb (KF & SF), likely same bird found dead on beach RMSP 15 Feb (BBo), seen being consumed by PEFA (SSM, PJL).

THICK-BILLED MURRE: MP 16 Dec (APe), under review by NYSARC; Jones In NASS 31 Jan (KF&SF); Coney I KING 6 Feb (R. Jett et seq.); Page Ave Beach RICH 7 Feb (S. Wollney); Noyack 12 Feb (CG *et al.*).

Razorbill: from 1 Dec (75, MP, D. Cartwright) thru; BPB 28 Feb (S. Cherry); multiple sites in RICH, KING, QUEE, NASS, SUFF; notable counts 42 JBWE 15 Jan (E. Becher), 56 RMSP 15 Jan (JG), 13 Oldfield Pt SUFF north shore 14 Jan (APe), 26 Smith Pt CP 20 Dec (K. Cashman), max 450 MP 15 Dec (APe), 86 MP 86 (AColl), 49 MP 20 Feb (DF).

Black-legged Kittiwake: SUFF only: 13 RMSP 13 Dec (SSM), 11 RMSP 9 Dec (JG), 27 Feb (1, JG), Huntington Harbor 18 Dec (unusual loc., A. Leidig), Smith Pt CP 2 Dec (K. Cashman), Shinn 11 Dec (APe), 22 Dec (B. Bull), 23 Jan (P. Markee); multiple reports MP from 8 Dec: high counts 13, 16 Dec (APe), 8, 14 Jan (PJL, SSM), 8, 20 Feb (DF, MMCB).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 2300 BPt 13 Dec (R. Mandelbaum); high counts include 180 Manhattan Beach P KING 19 Dec (J. Giunta), 300 PL 30 Dec (BBE), 940 RMSP 7 Dec (SSM), 3418 RMSP 20 Dec (PM, SSM *et al.*: Captree CBC).

Black-headed Gull: Randall's I and CP NEWY 31 Jan-21 Mar (RBA); Ditch Plains SUFF 28-30 Dec (APe); Setauket/Oldfield 14 Dec (PD), 28 Dec, 30 Dec (probable return from previous years); JBWE 29 Dec (DF), 1 Jan; 2 JBWE 9 Jan (MMCB); BPt 27 Dec (CF *et al.*); Shirley Chisholm SP 27 Feb (R. Almonte, F. Murray); 2 imm at piers and PP KING 1 Dec (ABk), thru; ad Gravesend Bay to Plumb Beach (1 Dec 20 Feb, (L. Ewing et seq).

Laughing Gull: Many reports before 15 Dec; 1 Wolfe' Pond P RICH 27 Dec (ACi); Coney I Creek KING 25 Dec (DGo);; FBF 25 Dec (DGo); Riis P (QUEE) 18 Dec (T. Remy); JBWE 24 Dec (C. Illemassene), 28 Dec (S. Billerman, M. B. Billerman); Valley Stream NASS 2 Jan (S. Blodgett); 3 HSP 30 Dec (M. Ferrara); 2 Amityville NASS 30 Dec (B. Edwards); MP 18 Dec (APe).

COMMON GULL: imm. Bush Army Terminal Pier 4 KING 7 Dec (ABk), continuing there to 28 Feb and in PP 9-25 Feb (DGo, m. ob.).

SHORT-BILLED GULL: ad Bush Army Terminal Pier 4 16 Dec (DGo).

COMMON/SHORT-BILLED GULL: ad Orient Pt SP 6 Feb (J. Sep, ph.).

Ring-billed Gull: max 2800 BBP 11 Dec (R. Gochfeld, DGo).

Iceland Gull: singletons at 4 sites in RICH, 2 NEWY (but 2 CP 13 Jan, D. Aronov), 3 KING, 4 QUEE, 2 NASS, 13 SUFF; max 3 CMB SUFF 23 Jan (JG).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 12 sites in RICH, 1 NEWY (Randall's I. 6 Jan, J. Keane), 9 KING (max 3 Plumb Beach 21 Feb, PP), 7 QUEE, 4 NASS, 24 SUFF (high counts 6 RMSP 1 Dec, KF & SF; 6 Smith Pt CP 13 Dec, (K. Cashman); 3 Ditch Plains 28 Dec (APe).

Glaucous Gull: RICH: 1 Ft. Wadsworth 24 Jan (ACi), 1 Olympic P 5 Feb (S. Wollney); KING: at least 2, multiple sites 5 Jan-13 Feb; NASS: Kings Pt 12 Jan (P. Shure);; PL/JBSP 30 Dec (K. Munroe *et al.*), 19 Jan (B. Belford); SUFF: Cedar B 20 Dec (B. Van Doren *et al.*); CMB 6 Jan (KF&SF), 25 Jan (MMCB); 1 HSP 31 Dec (L. Nasta); Cedar Beach (Brookhaven) 7-16 Feb (MMCB et seq); Cupsogue CP 12 Dec (APe); Shinn 8 Dec (APe), 16 Jan (S. Biasetti); L. Montauk In 5 Jan (H. Akçakaya); Ditch Plains 28 Dec (L. DiNapoli *et al.*).

Herring X Glaucous Gull: Flax Pd, Oldfield SUFF 23 Dec (J. Nizza and eBird reviewer); CMB 13 Feb (TJS); BBP 25 Feb (M. Yu).

Great Black-backed Gull: max 375 CMB SUFF 13 Feb (TJS).

Royal Tern: FT 11 Dec (P. Sweet *et al.*); BPt 13 Dec (HL, M. Yu).

Black Skimmer: 13 juvs Ft. Wadsworth RICH 2 Dec (CB); 3 24-29 Dec (CB); 2 Jan (M. Shikman); ad. CIC KING 12 Jan (R. Payne).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: max 250 MP 27 Dec (A. Weiss).

Common Loon: max 55 Shagwong Pt SUFF 19 Dec (T. Dunn. TH).

Northern Gannet: max 800 BPt 4 Dec (M. Yuan).

Great Cormorant: max 47 Fort Wadsworth RICH 12 Dec (ACi).

Brown Pelican: 1 IHP 16 Jan (D. Hannay *et al.*).

American Bittern: BPB 7-13 Dec (R. Aracil et seq.); Brant Pt Wildlife Sanctuary QUEE 7-8 Dec (Y. Cheng et seq.); JBWR 14 Dec (DGo); South Line I NASS 2 Jan (T. Preston, L. DeMarco); 4 Jan JBWE (WildLab); JFK Wildlife Sanctuary NASS 13-21 Feb (L. Wollerstein et seq.); Shirley Marina SUFF 26 Dec (B. Bull); Fireplace Neck Wetland SUFF 26 Feb (R. Haimes); DR 11 Jan-27 Feb (m.ob.).

Great Egret: 3 sites RICH, 1 Dec-1 Jan; Randall's I NEWY 2 Dec (E. Schwartz); 2 SMNC 8 Jan (L. Ewing), Shirley Chisholm SP KING 4 Dec-26 Jan (P. Sweet et seq.); 12 sites

in NASS, to 13 Feb; >37 sites in SUFF, many thru.

Snowy Egret: Westhampton 27 Dec (KF), Speonk 14 Jan (P. Aitken), Quogue Wetland Reserve 16 Jan (J. Rand, S. Biasetti).

Tricolored Heron: JBSP 2 Jan (TH).

Green Heron: Hendrix Creek KING 12-13 Jan (K. O'Hearn, HL, M. Epstein).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1-2 birds at 1 site in RICH, 3 in NEWY, 1 in BRON, 4 in KING, 4 in QUEE; 11 sites in NASS (high counts 17 Hewlett Bay P 30 Dec [S. Blodgett], 42 Millburn Pd P 27 Jan [J. Landesberg], 58 Cammann's Pd, Merrick 2 Jan [MMcB]; 14 in SUFF (max 20 Ketcham's Creek Wetland 14 Dec (E. Mutchnick).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: Randall's I NEWY 11 Dec-16 Jan (C. Jones et seq.); Cammann's Pond NASS 2-18 Jan (MMcB et seq.).

Black Vulture: 5 sites in BRON, to 25 Feb; 3 in NEWY (IHP 13 Feb; CP 29 Jan; 2 Tompkins Sq P 25 Feb); >20 sites in RICH (max 15 Amboy Rd 15 Dec, G. Bouquio); 3 sites in KING (to 21 Jan); 3 sites in SUFF (max 3, Riverhead 14 Feb, 3 Southampton 22 Jan).

Turkey Vulture: many sites throughout Region; max 50 Riverhead 15 Jan (J. Klein).

Osprey: Edgemere Landfill QUEE 20 Dec (CF et al.).

Northern Goshawk: Shinn 20 Jan (S. Biasetti).

Rough-legged Hawk: PBP 20 Dec (P. Horan); JBWR 21 Feb (J. Malbin); 1-2 BPT 12-14 Feb (J. Salas et seq.); Cow Meadow P NASS 2 Jan (MMcB); JBSP 27 Feb (J. Landesberg); 2 JFK Sanctuary NASS 13-26 Feb (L. Wollerstein et seq.); HSP 21 Feb (I. Thirkannad); SCFED 29 Dec (R. Shea); 3 EPCAL 17 Feb (PD et al.); 2 Shinn 17 Feb (E. Schwinn, M. Higgiston); North Fork LI 29 Dec (J. Rand); Orient 26 Dec (P. Polshek); Gardiner's I 19 Dec (ANW).

Snowy Owl: NEWY: 1 CP 27 Jan-27 Feb; KING: 3 sites; QUEE: 2 sites; NASS: JBWE (max 3, 27 Dec, V. Whitney et al.); SUFF: 11 sites (max 3, Smith Point CP 13 Dec, K. Cashman).

Barred Owl: BRON: 1 PBP 1 Dec-5 Jan (R. Aracil et al.); 1 neighborhood (eating rat) 11 Feb (S. Charles); NEWY:IHP 12 Dec-1 Jan (N. O'Reilly et seq.); Riverside Drive P 5 Dec-10 Jan (S. Chang et seq.); CP 2 Dec thru (m. ob.); 2 CP 13-17 Jan (D. Barrett, M. B. Kooper).

Long-eared Owl: IHP 13 Feb (D. Karlson et seq.); CP 15 Dec (D. B. Yelton et al.); JFK

Sanctuary NASS 2 Jan (S. Camillieri, M. Murgitroyd); HSP 9 Jan (D. LaMagna et al.).

Short-eared Owl: 3, Richmond Creek RICH 30 Dec (ACi); Shirley Chisholm SP KING 19 Dec (S. Nanz); Manhasset NASS 8-10 Feb (S. Perreault); JBWE 1-13 Jan (TJS et al.); DR 1 Jan (KF & SF et al.); Wainscott Pd SUFF 24 Feb (KF); EPCAL 31 Dec-27 Feb (m. ob.); Orient Beach SP 23-26 Dec (P. Polshek et seq.).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Governor's I NEWY 10-11 Dec (L. Beausoleil); CP 15 Feb (M. B. Kooper et al.); FBF 12 Dec (R. Payne); Mitchell's Creek NASS 3 Jan (MMcB); 3 JBWE 2 Jan (BBo, TJS); 12 Jan (A. Gilbert); 28 sites in SUFF, max 6 Napeague 19 Dec (APe).

Red-headed Woodpecker: WPP 25 Jan (S. Wollney); 1 or 2, Paumanok Trail, Manorville SUFF 2 Dec thru (m. ob.); Cedar Point CP SUFF 7 Jan-26 Feb (AColl et seq.).

Pileated Woodpecker: RICH: High Rock P (M. Shanley et seq., 23 Dec-27 Feb); Moravian Cemetery 7-23 Jan (ACi); Bucks Hollow 6 Feb (J. Ottesen); BRON: 1 VCP 16 Feb (M. Waldron). Uncommon in Region.

Monk Parakeet: 6 PBP 16 Jan (R. Aracil); 5 Bronx R Pkwy 22 Dec (BBo); Hudson Greenway NEWY 13 Dec (T. Olson), Battery P NEWY 1 Dec (T. Olson), Sixth St NEWY 22-24 Dec (L. Beausoleil); multiple sites, KING, max 30, GwC 28 Dec (P. Thompson); many sites in s NASS and sw SUFF, max 100 Merrick Rd P 23 Dec (M. Stubblefield).

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 4 Dec Conference House P RICH (A. Ferino), GwC 6-13 Dec (R. Bate et al.); Bayswater P QUEE 2-3 Dec (L. Schepke); JBWE 13 Dec (S. Whitmore et al.); Nissequoque R SP SUFF 4-9 Dec (R. Cartwright et seq.).

Western Kingbird: Montauk Downs SP SUFF 19 Dec (BBo).

Eastern Phoebe: Olympia Blvd RICH 9 Jan (ACi); Stuyvesant Town NEWY 20 Dec-10 Jan (E. Goodman et seq.); Garden City NASS 18 Dec (P. Ioannidis); 16 sites in SUFF, to 21 Feb; 1-2 GCH, thru (m. ob.), observed catching fish (J. Ross); *intro* and see p. 125.

Blue-headed Vireo: 1 JBWE 13 Dec (L. Wollerstein, S. Whitmore).

Common Raven: abundant throughout, e.g. >21 sites in KING, ca. 20 on QUEE, >63 in

NASS, >150 in SUFF; max count 20, Flax Pd SUFF 4 Dec, perhaps near roost (N. Strycker).
Horned Lark: max 500 Sagg Main St, Bridgehampton SUFF 18 Dec (J. Fitzgerald, M. Stokowski).

Tree Swallow: BPt 30 Jan (CF *et al.*); 2 Floral Park NASS 14 Feb (K. Meyfahrt); Theodore Roosevelt Mem. P NASS 13 Dec (G. Campos); 4 JBSP 24 Feb (A. McInerney); 2 Overton Pres SUFF 23 Jan (A. Jordana); East Islip SUFF 15 Feb (E. Calamasso).

Tufted Titmouse: unusually high counts in city parks, max 101 CP 20 Dec (A. Burke, R. Zucker), 42 CP 17 Feb (L. Brock), 30 GwC 13 Dec (K. O'Hearn).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: many records throughout; high counts include 30, Paumanok Trail, Manorville SUFF 2 Dec (PD); 23 RMSP 11 Jan (KF & SF); 52 JBWE 2 Jan (S. Whitmore, L. Wollerstein); 36 JBWE 10 Jan (K. Munroe).

House Wren: Ocean Breeze P RICH 12 Dec (ACi); WPP 29 Dec (V. Koczurik); SMNC 12 Dec (HL); BBP 3 Dec (H. Wolf); Nissequogue R SP SUFF 4 Dec (R. Cartwright); Stony Brook 27 Dec, 8 Jan (K. Coyle).

Sedge Wren: Greenpoint Marsh SUFF 20 Dec (MMcB).

Marsh Wren: Oakwood Beach RICH 10 Dec (ACi); PBP 7 Dec (R. Aracil); 5 sites, 2 Jan, in NASS; 15 sites in SUFF, 1 Dec-20 Feb (GCH, D. Quinn, J. Rand).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: MP 1 Dec, 13 Dec, 1 Jan (R. Cartwright).

Veery: BBP 15 Dec, 19 Dec (H. Wolf *et al.*).

Swainson's Thrush: Union Square P NEWY 8 Dec (L. Schlesinger).

Wood Thrush: Bryant P NEWY 2 Dec-16 Feb (P. Shure).

VARIED THRUSH: Ridge (SUFF) 3-10 Feb (J. Burke).

Gray Catbird: February records at 8 sites in RICH, 9 in NEWY, 4 in BRON, 5 in KING, 9 in QUEE, 28 in SUFF, ca. 105 in SUFF.

Brown Thrasher: February records at 1 site in RICH, 1 in NEWY, 2 in BRON, 1 in KING, 1 in QUEE, 1 in NASS, 27 in SUFF.

Cedar Waxwing: max 150 IHP 1 Dec (N. O'Reilly).

American Pipit: high counts, by county: 10, GKP 2 Feb (A. Ferino), 1 PBP 27 Dec (m. ob.), 8 Manhattan Beach P KING 11 Dec (HL, M. Yu), 40 Edgemere Landfill QUEE 29 Jan (L. Schepke), 11 Baldwin Harbor P NASS 11 Jan (ABk), 60 Water Mill SUFF 23 Dec (M. Stokowski).

Evening Grosbeak: Moravian Cemetery RICH 13 Feb (ACi); 2 FBF 12 Dec (M. Epstein); Montauk airport 19 Dec (TH, T. Dunn); Camp Hero SP SUFF 19 Dec (CG); Stony Brook SUFF 31 Jan-4 Feb and beyond (N. Henderson *et al.*).

Purple Finch: single-digit counts only, in 12 sites in RICH, 2 in NEWY, 3 in BRON, 7 in KING, 3 in QUEE, 12 in NASS, 32 in SUFF, throughout period.

Common Redpoll: RICH: 6 sites, high counts 15 High Rock P 10 Feb (C. Barron), 21 Goethals Bridge P 24 Feb (J. Stetson); BRON: 3 sites, 1 or 2 each; NEWY: 2 sites, 1 or 2 each; KING: 7 sites, max 32 Plumb Beach 20 Feb (HJ Kim, B. Washburn); QUEE: 4 sites, max 2 APP 25 Jan (S. Walter); NASS 11 sites, max 32 Manhasset 20 Dec (S. Perreault); SUFF 27 sites, max 80 Caumsett SP 18 Jan (KF & SF).

Red Crossbill: single-digit counts at 3 sites in RICH, 2 in QUEE; 11 Dec-10 Jan FBF, max 19, 11 Dec (HL, M. Yu); many reports JBSP 21 Dec-26 Feb, high 28, 30 Dec (S. Billerman *et al.*), 57, 30 Dec (J. Wooten *et al.*); 20 sites in SUFF, high counts 80 RMSP 16 Jan (PJL, SSM), 60 RMSP 23 Feb (L. Wollerstein); reports throughout (1 Dec-24 Feb) at Paumanok Trail, Manorville (*see intro*).

White-winged Crossbill: Manhattan NEWY 31 Dec, 5 Jan, 21 Jan (C. Michel); 5 JBWE 4 Jan (A. Andersen); 3 HSP 7 Jan (JG, K. Coyle).

Pine Siskin: mostly single-digit counts at 8 sites in RICH (max 30 Staten Island Academy 26 Jan, M. Shanley), 8 in KING (max 22 GwC 22 Jan, P. Sweet), 10 in QUEE, 13 in NASS (max 46 Hume Estate 23 Dec, S. Miller), 29 in SUFF (max 25 Northport 6 Feb, J. Panzeca).

American Goldfinch: max 400 JBWE 7 Dec (S. Walter).

Lapland Longspur: 1 GKP 16 Dec (R. Veit); Plumb Beach KING 2 Jan (M. Yu); BPt 19 Dec (M. Epstein *et al.*); 1-2 NB 11 Dec-17 Feb (m. ob); JBWE 31 Dec-14 Feb (m. ob); 3 19 Dec (S. Yale); 1 RMSP 13-21 Feb (DF et seq).

Snow Bunting: all counties, many reports along shores. High counts 110 BPt 12 Jan (CF); 85 JBWE 18 Dec (E. Becher, W. Hollweg); 100 NB 12 Feb (P. Ribolow, A. Simmons); 173 RMSP 7 Dec (SSM); 90 RMSP 10 Feb (S. Mutchnick).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

SPOTTED TOWHEE: f found 2 Jan, Baldwin Harbor P NASS, PJJ, SSM; *intro* and see p. 126.

Eastern Towhee: 5 sites in RICH, 2 in BRON, 4 in NEWY, 7 in KING, 6 in QUEE, 12 in NASS, 62 in SUFF.

American Tree Sparrow: max 110 GKP 6 Dec (R. Veit).

Chipping Sparrow: single-digit reports from 6 sites in RICH, 4 in NEWY, 9 in KING, 6 in QUEE, 9 in NASS, 17 in SUFF, through to 28 Feb (GwC, K. Toomey).

Vesper Sparrow: Shirley Chisholm SP KING 10 Dec (A. Bacchiocchi), EPCAL 11 Dec (K. J. Klein), 7 Jan (MMcB), 8 Feb (B. Bull); 1 Sagaponack 14 Feb (TJS).

Lark Sparrow: FT 30 Jan-6 Feb (CF et seq.)

LeConte's Sparrow: WPP 19 Dec (M. Shanley [ph.] and CBC team, et seq. to 2 Jan); BPt 16 Feb (DGo); 17 Feb (CF, TH).

Seaside Sparrow: RICH 19 Dec (J. Ramírez-Garofalo, R. Zucker); 3 DR 31 Jan (AColl); 2 DR 13 Feb (J. Rand, S. Biasetti); 2 15 Feb (MMcB).

Nelson's Sparrow: DR 9 Dec (APe).

Saltmarsh Sparrow: DR 31 Jan (AColl).

Lincoln's Sparrow: CP 11 Dec-28 Feb (M. B. Kooper et seq.); Bryant P NEWY 20 Dec-12 Jan (A. Burke et seq.); Union Sq NEWY 1 Dec-8 Jan (E. Goodman); BBP 1 Dec (A. Bacchiocchi, R. McGrady); FT 19 Dec, 30 Jan (P. Sweet); JBWE 21 Dec (J. Wilson), 27 Dec (R. Zucker).

White-throated Sparrow: max 296 CP 20 Dec (A. Burke, R. Zucker).

White-crowned Sparrow: single-digit records (mostly single birds) at 2 sites in RICH, 2 in BRON, 3 in KING, 2 in QUEE, 3 in NASS, 27 in SUFF (max 10, Riverhead sod farms 28 Jan, E. Goodman).

Yellow-breasted Chat: FBF 13 Feb (HL, M. Yu); Jamaica Bay QUEE 19 Dec (anon. and E. Miller); MP 8-19 Dec (APe); Smith Point P 27 Dec (MMcB); Lindenhurst SUFF 14-27 Dec (E. Mutchnick).

Eastern Meadowlark: 5 sites in RICH (max 31 Freshkills P 17 Jan, J. Ramírez-Garofalo); 4 in KING (max 9 Shirley Chisholm SP 11 Feb, DGo); 1 in QUEE (10, Edgemere Landfill 29 Jan, L. Schepke); 3 in NASS (max 6 JBSP 19 Jan, V. Glasser); 12 in SUFF (max 35 EPCAL 13 Dec, N. Strycker).

Baltimore Oriole: single birds at 5 sites in NEWY (Dec only); 4 in KING to 21 Feb (R.

Mandelbaum) and 26 Feb (P. Sweet); 1 in QUEE (Powell's Cove 20 Dec, D. Schulman *et al.*); 9 in NASS, latest New Hyde Park 28 Feb (D. Cioffi); 4 in SUFF (latest GCH 28 Feb (AColl, B. Horwith)).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 1500 Horsemill La Southampton 9 Feb (C. Tiemann).

Rusty Blackbird: 4 sites in RICH (max 25 Staten I. 18 Feb, J. Stetson); 5 in BRON (max 16 BZ 27 Dec, T. Olson *et al.*); 2 in NEWY (1 CP thru, m. ob.); 4 in KING (singles, FBF thru, HL); 4 QUEE; 8 NASS (max 49 Shu Swamp 9 Dec, J. Wilson-Pines *et al.*); 26 in SUFF (max 27, Cedar Pt CP 9 Jan, AnW).

Common Grackle: many records throughout; high counts in e SUFF include 2000 Sound Avenue Pres 3 Dec (APe), 3200 EPCAL 13 Jan (BBE), 2260 Sag Harbor 6 Feb (BBB, TJS), 3000 Water Mill 10 Feb (CG).

Boat-tailed Grackle: 6 sites in RICH, 7 in QUEE (high counts 562 Charles Memorial P 20 Dec, R. Serio, 90 JBWR 7 Feb, CF); 9 in NASS (max 120 PL 1 Jan, S. and M. B. Billerman). 8 in SUFF (max 25 Captree SP 16 Jan, DF).

Ovenbird: In NEWY: single birds in City Hall P 6 Dec (C. McRea), Union Square P 7-17 Dec (A. Deutsch), Bryant P 18-20 Dec (m. ob.), Battery P 8-13 Dec (T. Olson), CP 19 Dec (A. Cunningham), Stuyvesant Town 22 Dec (R. Lulov), Madison Square P 8 Jan (C. McRea); 1 PP 19 Dec (M. Cook); 1 FMCP 19 Jan (L. Schepke); Stony Brook SUFF 18-20 Feb, ph, in snow (E. Maas).

Northern Waterthrush: FMCP 12-20 Dec (K. Mirth, I. Reznick); 1 Glen Cove NASS 6 Feb (M. Ventresca).

Tennessee Warbler: 1 IHP 1 Dec (M. Ross), 1 Randall's I (NEWY) 12 Dec-5 Jan (P. Shure et seq.); 1 Brooklyn Botanic Garden (KING) 13 Dec (A. Pufahi); 1 Spring Creek P (KING) 1 Dec (J. Malbin); 1 SMSP 2-11 Dec (KF & SF et seq.).

Orange-crowned Warbler: 4 sites in RICH (to 20 Feb), 4 in NEWY (to 12 Jan), 6 in KING (to 20 Feb), 5 in QUEE (to 26 Dec), 2 in NASS (to 2 Jan), 5 in SUFF (to 10 Jan).

Nashville Warbler: Fort Washington P NEWY 8 Dec (M. Ross); Randall's I NEWY 8 Dec (M. B. Kooper); Pier 44 (KING) 24 Jan (R. Fleming); FMCP 13 Dec (CF); East Quogue SUFF 7 Dec (E. Schwinn).

Common Yellowthroat: Cedar Grove Beach 13 Dec (R. Veit); Swindlers Cove P (NEWY) 9 Dec (B. Bolliett); CP 8 Dec (A. Vinson); BBP 11-18 Dec (C. Allieri); Brooklyn 19 Dec (J.

Malbin); JBWR 3 Dec (CF); FMCP 12 Dec (J. Keane); World's Fair Marina QUEE 7 Dec (D. Schulman); HSP 1 Dec (V. Glasser); Hubbard SUFF Dec (J. Rand); GCH 13 Jan (B. Horwith).

Cape May Warbler: CP 6 Dec (R. Zucker), 9 Dec (A. Deutsch); IHP 6 Dec (W. Andermann); East Hampton SUFF 3-5 Dec (M. Doyle, D. Quinn).

Northern Parula: Hendrix Creek KING 13 Dec (J. Malbin); Southards Pond P SUFF 11 Dec (V. Glasser).

Yellow Warbler: BPdP 12 Dec (CF).

Blackpoll Warbler: IHP 2-6 Dec (D. Karlson et seq.).

Palm Warbler: Mill Creek RICH 1 Dec (ACi); CP 11 Dec (M. B. Kooper); CUNY NEWY 13 Dec (K. Roberts); 5 sites in KING, December, also Calvert Vaux P 26 Jan (T. Preston), SMNC 27 Jan (HL) Roy Wilkins P QUEE 12 Dec (CF); Lido Beach Passive Nature Area NASS 7 Dec (B. Belford), 13 Dec

(DF); 9 sites in SUFF (all in Dec except 1 Northville 30 Jan, ML Lamont).

Pine Warbler: Midland Beach RICH 3 Dec (ACi); KING 28 Dec (J. Thorp), KING 19 Dec (J. Malbin); FMCP 17 Jan-21 Feb (CF); BPT 23 Feb (S. Elmaghrabi); 4 sites in NASS, to 31 Jan (Hicksville, J. Purchacki); 17 sites in SUFF (to 28 Feb, GCH, B. Horwith).

Wilson's Warbler: Hendrix Creek KING 16 Dec (J. Malbin); E. 259 Street BRON 22 Jan (S. Keeton, T. Graves).

WESTERN TANAGER: Montauk 6 Dec (V. Bustamante); W. 22 Street NEWY 5-17 Dec, 24 Feb (M. B. Kooper et seq.), thru (T. Fiore); Carl Schurz P NEWY 15 Dec thru (m. ob.).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Lattitown NASS 9 Jan (S. Shore, at feeder for two weeks before).

PAINTED BUNTING: Culloden Pt (SUFF 18-19 Dec (APE et seq.)

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