

REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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Winter 2020-21 started with the first significant storm of the season on 17 December. Up to twenty inches of snow fell in parts of the Region. This storm was followed by a period of near record high temps and storms that consisted entirely of rain. The pattern continued through the month. There was a high of 65° F on 25 December and a low of -3° on 19 December. The average temperature was 42.7°, 2.4° above average. There was a total of 3.21" of precipitation, 0.32" below average. January started off with average conditions. The first snow fell on 3-4 January, about 4". Precipitation was variable with a mix of snow and rain, but snowfall overall was minimal. There was a high of 51° on 2 January and a low of 3° on 30 January. Overall temperature was 1.0° above average. There was a total of 1.3" of precipitation, 1.85" below average. February started off with a major weather event. On 1-2 February up to two feet of snow fell on most of the Region. This was followed by several lesser snow events and deep freeze conditions. Poughkeepsie had a total precipitation of 1.74", 0.92" below average, but this was not characteristic of most of the Region. There was considerable snowfall throughout the month, and the period ended with substantial snow cover in much of the Region. There was a high of 52° on 24 February and a low of 0° on 12 February, 3.9° below average.

The Greater White-fronted Goose on Bowman Avenue Pond in Rye Brook continued into December and through January. The **Barnacle Goose** with its four hybrid offspring continued into the period at the Camel Farm in Orange County. While the author and Bruce Nott searched for them on 2 December, we found a group of six Cackling Geese, and, ultimately, eight would be seen together. Both species were reported sporadically throughout the season. On 30 December, the author found a Green-winged Teal on the Rio Reservoir in Sullivan County. Seen and photographed by myself, Kevin Kreischer and Nick Hawvermale, the bird proved to be a "Common Teal", the Eurasian counterpart of our Green-winged Teal. The bird could not be relocated after 1 January. On 28 February, Wendy Tocci found an adult female Barrow's Goldeneye at Kingston Point, Ulster County.

On 24 December Larry Trachtenberg spotted a first-winter Iceland Gull at Croton Point, and likely the same bird was found three days later at McEchron Waterfront Park, also in Westchester County. On 25 December, Tom Burke and Gail Benson discovered a first-winter Glaucous Gull at Edith G. Read Nature Center in Rye. The bird was still present the following day. Bruce Nott spotted a second-winter Lesser Black-backed Gull at Newburgh Waterfront on 29 December. Continuing his efforts in the new year, Bruce found two Iceland and

two Glaucous Gulls; these birds were seen at both the Newburgh and Beacon Waterfronts and continued through February.

One of the most interesting birds of the period was an immature **Brown Pelican** found by Gerard Savaresse in Yonkers, Westchester County on 16 January. The bird was well documented as it moved up and down the Hudson River for a couple of hours before disappearing to the south. This is likely the same bird rescued in Connecticut two weeks later, rehabbed, and flown down to Florida for eventual release.

On 16 January, Linda Scrima found and photographed an unusual hawk in the Orange County Black Dirt Region. The bird was later that evening identified as an immature **Ferruginous Hawk**! Linda, Bruce Nott and the author were searching for the bird the following morning when the author relocated it on Celery Avenue in the same region. Birders arrived from all over the state and northeast to see this fantastic bird, which continued through the end of February. If accepted by NYSARC, this is the first record of this species for New York State and the easternmost record for the United States. This was without a doubt the most remarkable find of the season, perhaps even the year (time will tell).

On 26 December, the author found an adult Northern Shrike on Muhlig Road in Sullivan County. This bird is possibly the juvenile bird that frequented the same area last winter. The bird continued well into the new year but was usually difficult to find. An interesting follow up was a juvenile bird found in the same area on 26 February by Steve Sulzer.

On 26 February Charlie Roberto counted a flock of 14 Tree Swallows at Croton Point Park. By the following day they were recorded up and down the Hudson Valley. These were exceptionally early arrival dates.

The season's much anticipated winter finch irruption produced many birds throughout the period. Common Redpolls exploded on the scene the second week of December. Reports were widespread throughout the Region, increasing as the period progressed. On 10 December, the author found a single redpoll near the store in Neversink, Sullivan County. When I stopped to photograph the bird, I discovered it was a **Hoary Redpoll**. The bird was cooperative and continued most of the day. A second Hoary Redpoll was found at Croton Point Park on 21 January and seen by many people. February brought even more reports, with several present in the Region. This was the most productive season for Hoary Redpoll in many years. Red Crossbill reports were widespread throughout the early period with birds seen in almost every county in the Region. They decreased in the new year, with just a few reports by the end of the period. There were a few reports of Evening Grosbeak early in the period, but the birds ultimately vanished, leaving only a group of up to 42 remaining in the mountains of Sullivan County throughout the period.

Two great finds occurred at Croton Point Park on 20 December. Not quite unexpected was a beautiful Grasshopper Sparrow, but most unexpected was an even more striking **LeConte's Sparrow**! A group of birders found the two early, Kyle Bardwell identifying the LeConte's. Word got out quickly so many were

able to enjoy these great birds. Nice among the sparrow flock that day were two “Ipswich” Savannah Sparrows. These large pale sparrows are unique and normally only found along the coast. These birds continued for several days, with one Ipswich remaining through the period. The period produced another incursion of wintering Chipping Sparrows, though not as many as last year. Several reports of Vesper Sparrow for the winter period were notable.

On 20 February Dawn Hannay was asked to identify a bird coming to a local feeder in Rockland County. The bird turned out to be a beautiful male **Painted Bunting**! After discussing the situation with the homeowner, they decided not to open their yard for viewing of the bird.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AP – Apollo Plaza, SULL; **AR**– Ashokan Res , ULST; **BCF** – Blue Chip Farm, ULST; **BFAS** – Buttercup Farm Audubon Sanctuary, DUTC; **BMSP** – Bear Mt SP, ROCK; **BP** – Browns Pd, ORAN; **BSWMA** – Bashakill State WMA, SULL; **CFSP** – Clarence Fahnestock SP, PUTN; **CIOES** – Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, DUTC; **CMACS** – Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, DUTC; **CPP** – Croton Pt P, WEST; **DHCLP** – D and H Canal Linear P, SULL; **DR** – Doodletown Rd, ROCK; **DRT** – Dutchess Rail Trail, DUTC; **EGR** – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, WEST; **EMLHP** – Esopus Meadows Lighthouse P, ULST; **FPNC** – Forsythe P and Nature Center, ULST; **GL** – Glenmere L, ORAN; **GMP** – Glasco Mini P, ULST; **GV** – Great Vly WMA, ULST; **HS** – Harcourt Sanctuary, ULST; **HVRT** – Harlem Valley Rail Trail, DUTC; **II** – Iona I, ROCK; **KL** – Kiamesha L, SULL; **KP** – Kingston Pt, ULST; **LGC** – Laurel Grove Cemetery, ORAN; **LM** – Liberty Marsh, ORAN; **LNP** – Lenoir Nature Pres, WEST; **LR** – Larchmont Res, WEST; **MC** – Marshlands Conservancy, WEST; **MF** – Muscoot Farm, WEST; **MNSP** – Mills-Norrrie SP, DUTC; **MP** – Morningside P, SULL; **MPHW** – Mount Peter Hawk Watch, ORAN; **MRCC** – Mariondale Retreat and Conference Center, WEST; **NCR** – New Croton Res, WEST; **NR** – Neversink Res, SULL; **NW** – Newburgh Waterfront, ORAN; **OCBDR** – Orange County Black Dirt Region, ORAN; **OINP** – Oscawana I Nature Pres, WEST; **OMRLMSP** – Ogden Mills and Ruth Livingston Mills SP, DUTC; **PHP** – Peach Hill P, DUTC; **PITN** – Pine Island Turf Nursery, ORAN; **PP** – Piermont Pier, ROCK; **RL** – Rhinecliff Landing, DUTC; **RLSP** – Rockland L SP, ROCK; **RNC** – Rye Nature Center, WEST; **RR** – Rondout Res, SULL; **RSP** – Rockefeller SP, WEST; **SFSP** – Sterling Forest SP, ORAN; **SGNWR** – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR, ULST; **SHSR** – Six and a Half Station Rd, ORAN; **SS** – Sleightsburg Spit, ULST; **SSF** – Stewart State Forest, ORAN; **TBWMA** – Tivoli Bays WMA, DUTC; **THMUA** – Taconic-Hereford Multiple Use Area, DUTC; **VFEP** – Vassar Farms and Ecological Pres, DUTC; **WL** – Wickham L, ORAN; **WPPF** – West Point Foundry Pres, PUTN; **WRNWR** – Wallkill River NWR, ORAN.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 7 OCBDR 1 Dec (LS); 3 Jessup Switch Rd ORAN (KA); max 40 OCBDR 17-20 Dec (KMi, KMcD); BSWMA 24 Dec (SB); max 6 OCBDR 17 Jan-12 Feb (LS, RSt, MZ, mob);

Greater White-fronted Goose: Bowman Ave Pd WEST 1-14 Dec (GBer, SD, GBen, mob); EGR 28 Dec (GBen, TB); Bowman Ave Pd 29 Dec-30 Jan (GBen, TB, MBo, mob), *intro*.

Brant: 20 New Paltz ULST 19 Dec (NYML CBC).

BARNACLE GOOSE (R9): Camel Farm ORAN 2-4 Dec (BN, JH, LS, mob); Camel Farm 2 Jan (BN, LS, KMcD, mob), *intro*.

Cackling Goose: 6 Camel Farm 2 Dec (BN, JH); max 8 OCBDR 3 – 8 Dec (LS, YH, GBen, mob); Bowman Ave Pd 4 Dec (BT); OCBDR 28 Dec (MZ); Huguenot L WEST 3-8 Jan (SK, SC, SO, MB, mob); max 2 OCBDR 17-22 Jan (PL, JT, BMa, GBen); Sylvan L DUTC 18, 26 Jan (AM, SC, KB, mob); LR 22 Jan (GBen, TB); OCBDR 5 Feb (BN, ACh), *intro*.

Wood Duck: McDonald Rd SULL 1 Dec (JD); Madam Brett P DUTC 3 Dec (SI); Bowman Ave Pd 4 Dec (BT); MNSP 9 Dec (CV); NCR 19 Dec (MM, SC); KP 23 Dec (PS); 2 Esopus Meadows Pres ULST 24 Dec (AM); Rio Res SULL 30 Dec, 21 Jan (JH, NH); OCBDR 21-22 Jan (JH, DG, TJ); Monticello SULL 27 Jan (JH).

Northern Shoveler: max 4 Browns Pd ORAN 5-22 Dec (BN); max 42 RLSP 4-23 Dec (SB, AR, AWel, mob); MC 7 Dec (MG); max 69 Huguenot L 20 Jan (GBen, TB).

Northern Pintail: max 2 RR 1 Dec- 30 Jan (JH, LV, KMi, PD); max 11 OCBDR 3-11 Dec (BN, YH, BT, mob); 6 Goose Chase Pd DUTC 17 Dec (JAs); 3 BSWMA 11 Dec (SB, BN); 5 Ulster County Fairgrounds ULST 23 Dec (GF); Titicus Res WEST 11 Dec (SC); Lake Carmel PUTN 13-14 Dec (SC, AM); 2 Deans Bridge WEST 12-22 Jan (SC, SK, KMcG, mob).

Canvasback: max 115 PP 6 Dec - 14 Feb (LP, CW); CPP 13 Dec (KB, LT, KL, mob); max 46 Dobbs Ferry WEST 22 Jan- 12 Feb (JAm).

Redhead: 2 RLSP 4-15 Dec, 1 Jan (SB, AWei, CW, AWel, CCo); 2 EGR 8 Dec (GBen, BS, SC, KMcG); Sylvan L 2-27 Jan (CP, BMa, SJ, CF); West Branch Res PUTN 4 Feb (DSi); Steamboat Riverfront P WEST 13 Feb (JAs); 3 NCR 14-28 Feb (SC, CR, SR, mob).

Surf Scoter: EGR 6 Dec (JAm); max 2 EGR 1 Jan – 13 Feb (SR, GBen, ASw, mob).

White-winged Scoter: 4 EGR 6 Dec (JAm); PP 7 Dec (SP); max 4 EGR 1-16 Jan (GBen, SC, BS, mob); EGR 13 Feb (KB, CR, MC).

Black Scoter: Orange L ORAN 1-15 Dec (BN); 6 High Banks Pres ULST 3 Dec (MS); MRCC 10 Dec (NG); Browns P 12-13 Dec (BN); 2 EGR 1 Jan (MT); KP 20-21 Feb (PS, DH, mob).

Long-tailed Duck: max 34 EGR 1 Dec-28 Feb (GBen, MT, KMcG, mob); 7 Milton Pt WEST 7 Dec (KMcG); 8 AR 13 Dec (RM).

Barrow's Goldeneye: KP 28 Feb (WT, PS, JP), *intro*.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 52 EGR 1 Dec-28 Feb (GBen, BSt, NG, mob); CPP 1 Dec (LO); Sylvan L 1 Dec (CP); West Branch Res 5 Dec (SC, MM); Beacon Waterfront P DUTC 7 Dec (KB); NW 1,10 Jan (BN, MZ, KA); PP 19 Jan (CCo); CPP 22 Jan (SC).

Horned Grebe: max 30 AR 3-13 Dec (DO, RM, DW, mob); Rye Town P 6 Dec (JAm); max 10 EGR 1 Jan-28 Feb (GBen, BSt, KMcG); Beacon Waterfront P 15 Feb (BN).

Red-necked Grebe: NCR 2 Dec (LT); Washington L ORAN 9-10 Dec (BN); Kensico Res WEST 9 Dec (SC); Milton Pt 27 Dec (GBen, TB); NCR 9 Jan (BSt).

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

American Coot: max 17 SHSR 1-9 Dec (KMi, KA, JD); max 162 NCR 10-19 Dec (CR, LO, MB, mob); max 87 RLSP 1-19 Dec (AWel, ME, AR, mob); OCBDR 1-17 Jan (BN, LS); max 70 RLSP 1-31 Jan (CCo, ME, FD, mob); max 152 NCR 1 Jan -28 Feb (SK, LT, SC, mob).

Killdeer: max 7 EGR 1 Dec-28 Feb (GBen, JG, JAm, mob); SGNWR 5 Jan (JC); Stoney Kill Farm DUTC 11 Jan (CKo); CPP 17-22 Feb (SW, KL, mob); BSWMA 25 Feb (JH, KMi, SB, mob); Georges Island P WEST 24 Feb (GBer, ASw).

Purple Sandpiper: max 2 PP 21 Dec -28 Feb (CW, EF, TF, NB, mob); max 14 EGR 14 Dec-28 Feb (KMcG, GBen, SR, mob).

American Woodcock: Overlook P DUTC 4 Feb (SC, DC).

Wilson's Snipe: CPP 1 Dec (MG, SKa, ASw, mob); max 11 Orange L 1-12 Dec (BN); SGNWR 15 Dec (BHe, DH, mob); Phillipsport Rd SULL 4-27 Feb (JH, SB, SG, RDa, MG, mob); Tinkertown DUTC 27 Feb (JC).

Spotted Sandpiper: Forest Ave WEST 29 Dec (GBen, TB); Georges Island P 4-8 Jan (GBer, CR, SKa, mob); EGR 12 Jan (DM).

Virginia Rail: Thompson Pd Pres DUTC 4 Jan (JAs).

Razorbill: 2 EGR 31 Dec (GBen, GBer, TB).

Iceland Gull: CPP 24 Dec (LT, SR, RSI, KB); McEchron Waterfront P WEST 27 Dec (JAm, BSt, SW, mob); max 3 NW 4 Jan- 23 Feb (BN, JH, YH, RDa, mob); max 2 Beacon Waterfront P 7 Jan-16 Feb (BN, CP, MKa, mob); Verplanck WEST 10, 23-24 Feb (KB, CR, KMcG, mob).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: NW 29 Dec-28 Jan (BN, KA, KMcD, YH, mob); Beacon Waterfront P 30 Dec- 6 Feb (DC, KB, DvZ); NW 20 Feb (YH).

Glaucous Gull: EGR 25-26, 31 Dec (GBen, SR, SC, mob); Rye WEST 1 Jan (BT); NW 7 Jan -14 Feb (BN, JH, RSI, YH, mob); Beacon Waterfront P 7 Jan-14 Feb (BN, AM, CP, MKa, mob); EGR 16 Jan (CA).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: 2 AR 3 Dec (DO); NCR 12 Dec (NG); Croton Landing P WEST 19 Dec (SC); max 4 EGR 1-18 Dec (GBen, JAm, mob); MC 4-9 Dec (DW, GBen, TB); max 2 EGR 1 Jan-28 Feb (SR, SK, GBen, mob); Steamboat Riverfront P 14 Feb (CR, GBer).

Common Loon: max 2 EGR 1-19 Dec (GBen, JG, MBK, mob); West Branch Res 19 Dec (JB); Cross River Res WEST 4 Dec (GBen, TB); MRCC 2-4, 23 Dec (SR, SC, BSt); Washington L 1-10 Jan (BN, YH); Dobbs Ferry 21-22 Jan (JAm); max 5 EGR 1 Jan -28 Feb (GBen, KMcG, ASw, mob).

Great Cormorant: max 6 NCR 4 Dec-28 Feb (ASw, CR, mob); CPP 15 Dec (LT); max 6 Harbor Square P WEST 6-19 Dec (LT, SK, TS); 7 RSP 20 Dec (EG); max 8 EGR 1 Dec-28 Feb (GBen, SC, JAm, JAs); max 22 Verplanck 9 Jan-28 Feb (YH, GBer, KMcG, mob).

BROWN PELICAN (R9): Yonkers WEST 16 Jan (GS, MBo, GBen, mob), *intro*.

Great Egret: Cross River Res 9 Jan (SC, MM, MRe).

Golden Eagle: Kukok Ln ULST 6 Dec (DO); 3 184 Overlook 6 Dec (LA, AA); 4 Shaughnessy Rd DUTC 6 Dec (SC); Verbank DUTC 7 Dec (AM, SMA); Strever Farm Rd DUTC 13 Dec (DK); Deer Pd Farm DUTC 15 Dec (SMA); Walker Valley ULST 2 Jan (JH, DH); 2 River Rd SULL 8 Jan (RK); max 3 Pine Plains (general area) DUTC 4 Jan-28 Feb (DK, KB, DC, mob); RR 15 Jan (JH); Storm King Mt ORAN 16 Jan-28 Feb (MZ, GP, ME, mob); OCBDR 6 Feb (PJS, KMi, GBen, TB);

OCBDR 17 Feb (KK, RD, SK); BSWMA 25 Feb (JH, LV), widespread reports.

Northern Harrier: max 5 OCBDR 1 Dec-31 Jan (RSe, KMi, BN, mob); max 7 SGNWR 1 Dec-31 Jan (JF, MR, FP, mob); max 2 Beechwoods SULL 12-20 Dec SULL (PD, KMi, JH); EGR 17-30 Dec (NG, KMcG, JAm, mob); MC 3, 21 Jan (KK, DJ); max 2 CPP 5 Jan-28 Feb (SK, DC, SR, mob).

Rough-legged Hawk: max 4 WRNWR 1 Dec-28 Feb (KW, FP, LS); Aden Hill Rd SULL 11 Dec (JH); 2 Beechwoods 12-16 Dec (JH, KMi); max 3 OCBDR 1 Dec-28 Feb (LS, RSt, YH, mob); SGNWR 18-20 Dec (RM, FP, PS, mob); Cornwall-on-Hudson ORAN 6 Dec (AA); Minnewaska Trail ULST 17 Dec (CK); 2 Beekman DUTC 19 Dec (CP); 2 CPP 19 Dec (ASw); 2 Stony Pt SP ROCK 20 Dec (AWel); Beechwoods 14-16 Jan (JH, SB, PD); BSWMA 6 Feb (PD, MB, JD); CPP 3-6 Feb (JAm, SK, MB, mob); BSWMA 14 -16 Feb (KMi, MZ, SB, JH).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK: OCBDR 16 Jan - 25 Feb (LS, JH, BN, RSt, MZ, KMcD, CM, mob), *intro*.

Eastern Screech-owl: Wurtsboro SULL 23 Dec-15 Feb (JH); CPP 5,11 Jan (SK, CR); EGR 5 Jan (GBen, TB); BSWMA 8,11 Jan (JH, SB); Pine Plains 8-11 Jan (SJ, DvZ, DK); Maple Ridge ULST 17 Jan (AMe).

Great Horned Owl: 2 Stony Pt SP 20 Dec (AWel); CPP 4-21 Dec (ASw, SK, BSt); max 2 MC 1-25 Dec (GBen, DJ, MBK, mob); 2 Poughkeepsie DUTC 20 Dec (BL); MC 1-25 Jan (GBen, SC, SR, mob); Kendridge Farm ORAN 2 Jan (YH); OCBDR 2 Jan-6 Feb (BN, GBen, LS, mob); max 2 BSWMA 5 Jan-5 Feb (JH, SB, PD, SG, mob); max 2 CPP 5 Jan-13 Feb (SK, LT, EM, mob).

Snowy Owl: New Paltz 21 Feb (CKi).

Barred Owl: BSWMA 1 Dec, 11, 25 Jan -5 Feb (JH, SB, SG, KMi, mob); Lasdon P and Arboretum WEST 4 Dec (LT); THMUA 21 Jan (DA, SH). Widespread reports throughout period.

Long-eared Owl: SGNWR 5 Feb (GP, KMB, CM, mob); KP 16 Feb (HS).

Short-eared Owl: max 10 SGNWR 2 Dec -28 Feb (RM, JF, FP, mob); max 4 OCBDR 1 Jan-14 Feb (KMi, BN, KA, mob); CPP 24 Jan (MRo).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Magic Meadow ULST 15,21 Dec (PS); Sickler Rd ULST 15,21 Dec (PS); Sundale Rd ULST 10 Dec (PS); Sickler Rd 14 Feb (PS).

Red-headed Woodpecker: Ft Montgomery ORAN 13 Dec (CKi); Maple Ridge ULST 13 Dec (AM); Minnewaska Tr 3 Jan (CKi); New Paltz ULST 21 Feb (CKi).

American Kestrel: SGNWR 1-24 Jan (SC, KB, MRi, mob); max 2 OCBDR 1-24 Jan – 10 Feb (LS, KA, KMi, mob); max 2 Sullivan Grasslands SULL 5-24 Jan (JH).

Merlin: Lake Glenaida PUTN 2 Jan (SK, AB); OCBDR 4-22 Jan (ML, PS, LS, mob); CPP 15 Jan (LT, DV); RLSP 17 Jan (CCo).

Peregrine Falcon: max 2 OCBDR 1 Jan-28 Feb (LS, BN, GBen, mob); SGNWR 5-10 Jan, 8 Feb (AG, GS, mob); PP 1,15 Jan (CCo, KN, JM); Beacon Waterfront 25 Jan (KB); CPP 17 Jan- 20 Feb (CR, KMcG, LT, mob);

Monk Parakeet: max 12 Red Bridge Area WEST 13 Dec-31 Jan (FG, SKa, SC, mob); Five Islands P WEST 1 Jan-24 Feb (KK, BN).

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Eastern Phoebe: CPP 1 Dec (AS, SK, LT, mob); Ulster P ULST 2-3 Jan (DT); Farmers Mill Rd PUTN 7 Jan (SC); Hilltop Hanover Farm WEST 14 Jan (KMcG); WRNWR 20-31 Jan (KMB, AV); Phillipsport Rd 31 Jan (JH); EMLHP 4 Feb (FM); 2 WRNWR 21 Feb (DSa).

Northern Shrike: Muhlig/Muthig Rds SULL 26-27 Dec (JH, RDa, MG, PD, RDe); Aden Rd SULL 1-19 Jan (PD, SB, SS, KMi, mob); Aden Rd 26 Feb (SS), *intro*.

Horned Lark: max 100 OCBDR 2-27 Dec (KMcD, KA, LS, mob); max 75 CPP 1-26 Dec (CR, EG, NG, mob); max 12 Beechwoods 18-22 Dec (JH, KMi, PD); 4 Hurley Mt Rd ULST 19 Dec (DO); 40 Rockefeller Ln DUTC 22 Dec (DC); 25 Haverstraw Landfill ROCK 20 Dec (AWel); max 6 BSWMA 2-27 Feb (JH, SB, KMi, mob).

Tree Swallow: 14 CPP 26-28 Feb (CR, SR, SK, mob); max 11 NCR 27 Feb (GBen, KB, CR, mob); WRNWR 27 Feb (LS, KMi); 2 KP 28 Feb (RH), *intro*.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 5 BSWMA 1-23 Dec (SB, KMi, JH); max 11 Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery DUTC 2-20 Dec (CCh, DvZ, BN, mob); max 40 Marbletown O + W Rail Trail ULST 13 Dec (NW, DWe, MM, mob); 2 Kensico Res 23 Dec (LWel). widespread reports.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Croton Landing P 19 Dec (SC, MM); Van Cortlandt Manor WEST Dec (CR); North County Trail WEST 19 Dec (SR, RK); MRCC 26 Dec (CR); BSWMA 26,

31 Dec (SB, JH); Greenhaven WEST 27 Dec (TB, GBen, AF); Long Dock P DUTC 28 Dec (HM); Madam Brett P 4-12 Jan (HM); Lake Mahopac PUTN 21 Jan (CR); LNP 9,17 Jan (JR).

Gray Catbird: Kendridge Farm 19 Dec (AA, LA); Yorktown Bike Path WEST 4 Dec (SR); Pruyn Sanctuary WEST 9 Dec (SC); max 4 CPP 1-24 Dec (LO, LT, KB, mob); SFSP 23 Dec (EF, TF); DHCLP 25 Jan (JH); max 3 WPFP 1-26 Jan (CR, KB, NS); max 2 CPP 1-24 Jan (SL, SK, LO, mob).

Brown Thrasher: Cortland Golf Course Wetlands WEST 19 Dec (JAm, TW).

Hermit Thrush: KP 4 Dec (RM); max 4 OMRLMSP 4-11 Dec (CCh, DL, JC); Marbletown ULST 13 Dec (NW, DW, MM, mob); Mill Brook Pres DUTC 19 Dec (NM); max 2 BSWMA 19-22 Dec (SB); Kendridge Farm 19 Dec (AA, LA); 2 VFEP 21 Dec (MKa); CPP 23,27 Dec (KMa, LT).

American Pipit: max 40 OCBDR 1- 5 Dec (KMi, DC, EA); max 40 CPP 1 Dec-10 Jan (GBen, LT, AS, mob); SGNWR 18 Dec (RM).

Evening Grosbeak: 6 AR 10 Dec (MM); Somers WEST 1 Jan (KC); 2 Walkkill ULST 2 Jan (JC); max 42 Blue Hill Rd SULL 12 Jan - 21 Feb (JH, BN, KMi, mob), *intro*.

Purple Finch: MC 2 Dec (GBen, TB); 2 Pruyn Sanctuary WEST 4 Dec (AS, GBer); max 2 BSWMA 7-27 Dec (SB, JH, KMi); max 4 Quaker Bridge WEST 16-18 Dec (TS); Minnewaska Trail ULST 24-25 Dec (CKi); 5 Kendridge Farm 19 Dec (AA, LA).

Common Redpoll: 4 PHP 2 Dec (KB); 3 Stonehouse ULST 3 Dec (PMar); max 65 Deer Pd DUTC 8 Dec (SMA); max 60 Beechwoods 10 Dec (RDa); 15 Aden Hill Rd SULL 11 Dec (JH); max 17 Neversink SULL (KMi, JH, SB, PD); 2 Mountain Lakes P WEST 11 Dec (RL); 48 RR 22 Dec (JH); max 18 Brinton Brook Sanctuary WEST 26-30 Dec (GBer, JC, PC, EB); 10 Neversink SULL 1 Jan (SB, KMi, PD, mob); max 105 Lake Louise Marie SULL 4 Jan (JH, KMi); 54 Beechwoods 14 Jan (JH); max 30 CPP 10 Jan-21 Feb (AS, BSt, GBen, mob); OCBDR 20 Jan -4 Feb (MZ, ML, ACo, KA, TH, mob); max 105 BSWMA 3-24 Feb (JH, MBu, SB, mob), *intro*.

HOARY REDPOLL (R9): Neversink 10 Dec (JH, RDa); CPP 21 Jan (LT, SK, BSt, mob); CPP 28 Jan, 5 Feb (SC, AS, PH, RL); OCBDR 4 Feb (JD); 2 Poughkeepsie 17-26 Feb (KB, DC, CP); CPP 17 Feb (MS); max 2 Port Ewen ULST 22-28 Feb (FB, PD, PS, mob); Blue Hill

Rd SULL 26-28 Feb (JH, RDa, MG, KMi, mob), *intro*.

Red Crossbill: 2 Yard Patch ULST 5 Dec (PS); 2 Hilltop Acres ULST 6 Dec (PD); 3 Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery 6 Dec (DvZ, BMa); 8 Merriwald SULL 7 Dec (NH); 11 RR 11 Dec (JH); 35 Yard ULST 11 Dec (PS); 8 Forestburgh SULL 30 Dec (JH); Ulster P 1 Jan (DT); Hudson Overlook WEST 1 Jan (JAm); 2 Glynwood Farm PUTN 2 Jan (ME, LT); Statsburgh DUTC 6 Jan (JC); max 9 West Saughties Rd ULST 18-20 Jan (PS); max 2 Forestburgh 20-22 Feb (NH), *intro*.

White-winged Crossbill: Ulster P 14 Dec (AS, DT); 4 Saugauties Light House ULST 17 Jan (SC, AB); AR 21 Jan (PS).

Pine Siskin: 2 BSWMA 28 Dec (SB); 10 Gardner ULST 2 Jan (JC); max 30 Stoutenburgh Dr DUTC 1 Jan-28 Feb (DC, BMa, DvZ); 2 SGNWR 3, 10 Jan (LWei, DW); 25 Maple Ridge ULST 6 Jan (AM); max 7 Arlington DUTC 7-12 Jan (BHi); Wurtsboro SULL 26 Jan, 14 Feb (PD, JH); max 2 BSWMA 5,12 Feb (SG, KV); max 3 MC 20-25 Feb (GBen, KMcG, TB).

Lapland Longspur: OCBDR 4,12 Dec (YH, RS); max 8 OCBDR 11,18, 29 Jan, 6-14 Feb (BN, BW, BC, JH, MZ, KMi).

Snow Bunting: max 80 OCBDR 1-18 Dec (BN, KMi); max 8 Beechwoods 18-21 Dec (JH, KMi, RD, PD); 4 Nyquist-Harcourt ULST 18 Dec (NM); max 13 CPP 5-22 Dec (EG, LT, MBo, mob); 6 Kingsland Pt CP WEST 20 Dec (EG); max 11 Sullivan County Community College 10-15 Jan (KM, JH); max 120 OCBDR 29 Jan (RH, BN, MZ, JH, mob); max 110 BSWMA 4-28 Feb (JH, SB, LV, KMi, SG, mob).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Grasshopper Sparrow: CPP 20 Dec (CR, KB, SC, mob), *intro*.

LeCONTE'S SPARROW: CPP 20-22 Dec (KB, CR, SC, mob), *intro*.

Chipping Sparrow: South Salem WEST 5 Dec (JZ); Home PUTN 5 Dec (SC); Hillview Res WEST 16 Dec (SC); max 2 Dunderberg Rd ROCK 16-20 Dec, 3 Jan (AWel); WPPF 3 Jan (CR); Kingston Ave ULST 24 Jan (NW); Spring Valley ROCK 16-20 Feb (LP).

Fox Sparrow: Esopus ULST 1-17 Dec (DB); max 2 CPP 2-23 Dec (LO, LT, KB, mob); max 2 MC 2-10 Dec (GBen, TB); Ulster County

Fairgrounds 12 Dec (GF); 3 Fox Hill ORAN (AS); Stoney Pt SP 16 Dec (AWel).

White-crowned Sparrow: 2 Port Ewen ULST Dec (FB); Stoutenberg Dr DUTC 9 Dec (DC); max 9 Posquello Creek ULST 5, 11 Dec (PS); SGNWR 26 Dec (TC); 2 Stoney Kill Farm EEC 28 Dec (AL).

Vesper Sparrow: Hurley Mt Rd ULST 19, 22 Dec (PS); 2 OCBDR 30 Jan -10 Feb (MZ, RH, GBen, mob), *intro*.

"Ipswich" Savannah Sparrow: 2 CPP 20 Dec-28 Feb (KB, GBen, TB, mob), *intro*.

Lincoln's Sparrow: MC 13-14 Jan (TB, SO); CPP 26 Jan (LT, SKa).

Eastern Towhee: 2 Weston Rd Swamp ULST 1 Dec (GF); Arlington DUTC 12 Dec (BHi); Pleasantville WEST 25 Dec (NB).

Eastern Meadowlark: max 4 CPP 1-23 Dec (LT, AS, SKa, mob); max 8 SGRNWR 5-22 Dec (MDed, AD, FS, mob); max 2 CPP 2 Jan – 14 Feb (KF, LT, SK, mob); max 21 SGRNWR 7 Jan-5 Feb (SC, KB, SR, mob).

Baltimore Oriole: Wappingers DUTC 11-24 Dec (SI, BMi); Rhinebeck DUTC 12-13 Dec (MP); Hastings-on-Hudson WEST 25-26 Jan (TK).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 45 CPP 1-25 Dec (LT, JAm, AS, mob); max 11 Georges Island P 1-18 Dec (GBer); max 10 EGR 14-24 Dec (GBen, NG, KMcG, EL); 40 Stony Pt SP 16 Dec (AWel); max 35 BSWMA 25 Dec -15 Feb (KMi, JH, SB).

Rusty Blackbird: max 4 Esopus 3-17 Dec (DB); 2 Grieg Farm DUTC 15 Dec (AG); max 7 Bucolic Acres East ULST 14,17 Dec (ER); max 3 Pruyn Sanctuary 18-19 Dec (AS, KMcG, KW.); CPP 23 Dec (MW); 2 BSWMA 25 Dec (KMi, JH, SB); Putnam County Golf Course PUTN 2 Jan (NS); Ossining WEST 9 Jan (SK); Esopus ULST 15 Jan (DB); max 9 DHCLP 25 Jan-14 Feb (JH, SG, PD).

Common Grackle: 45 LNP 6 Dec (MB); max 23 CPP 14-28 Dec (LT, CR, LO, mob); 30 LNP 17 Dec (JR).

Tennessee Warbler: KP 4 Dec (RM); White Plains 11 Jan (KMcG); CPP 13-15 Jan (LT, SK, LO, mob).

Orange-crowned Warbler: Moran PL WEST 16-17 Dec (FG).

Nashville Warbler: Larchmont WEST 17 Dec (GBen, TB).

Northern Parula: Meadow and Rowley Bridge Trail WEST 1 Dec (PMac).

Pine Warbler: CPP 11 Dec (KL, LT); Monroe
ORAN 28 Dec- 26 Jan (HB); CPP 13 Jan (SK,
LT, LO, KL)

PAINTED BUNTING: Pearl River ROCK 20-
21 Feb (MKaufman, DH, JWo), *intro*.
Dickcissel: Kerhonksen ULST 17 Dec- 4 Jan
(MKZ, PS).