

REGION 10—MARINE

Brendan Fogarty

20308 42nd Ave, Bayside, NY, 11530

bnf25@cornell.edu

The period's weather started out dangerously with remnants of Hurricane *Ida* pummeling the city and causing its first ever Flash Flood Emergency, which left over a dozen people dead as basements, subways, and other low-lying areas flooded. Precipitation totals in the city and Long Island were resultingly high in September, but a nor'easter on 26 October bumped those stats up as well. Temperatures in September and October averaged over 4 degrees warmer than normal. November was slightly colder and dryer than normal.

	Central Park			Islip		
Temp	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Sep	70.3°	69.2°	+1.1°	69.6°	66.9°	+2.7°
Oct	62.0°	57.9°	+4.1°	61.2°	55.7°	+5.5°
Nov	46.2°	48.0°	-1.8°	44.6°	45.6°	-1.0°

Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Sep	10.03"	4.31"	5.72"	5.22"	3.60"	+1.62"
Oct	5.26"	4.38"	0.88"	6.81"	3.97"	+2.84"
Nov	1.22"	3.58"	-2.46"	0.71"	3.41"	-2.70"

Of the expected migrants to pass through Region 10 this season, a few did so at unusual times, or in unusual locations, or both. Black-legged Kittiwake is a quintessential November species that is sometimes seen from the shore during storms. Yet on the morning of 4 September, an immature **Black-legged Kittiwake** was seen working its way south over Astoria, Queens. Oddly enough, possibly the same bird was seen twelve hours later flying west (interestingly) over the breakers at Nickerson Beach in Nassau County. An unusual maxima was a count of **25 Whimbrel** in a loose flock of varying size that remained at Fort Tilden for a while in late September. Although this species is seen staging in numbers greater than this in the Northeast, Region 10 tends not to see flocks quite this big.

30 September brought the peak day for **Broad-winged Hawks** in the Region, with over 1,200 recorded going over Central Park. Conditions were so ideal in the area that kettles of raptors were rather easily spotted on the radar. Kettles were noticeably collecting along the Connecticut coastline and moving into Westchester and the Bronx. Groups did not all take the same

headings, some angling more west and others due south right through the heart of the city. There were relatively few sightings of large groups even in the Bronx and Manhattan, demonstrating that even a major raptor movement could be hard to detect from the ground as birds took narrow routes between thermals and likely remained very high. Birds at great altitude were photographed at a few locations. A few groups of hawks crossed the East River into western Queens, but there were only two sighting in that county that day, both to the East. None were reported from Nassau or Suffolk. There was only one report of that species on Staten Island that day, near its southern tip at Conference House Park, which was not far from where a **Swainson's Hawk** had been seen briefly earlier in that week.

September rarity highlights included a **Say's Phoebe** at Cupsogue, a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** at Nickerson Beach, a **Western Tanager** at Coney Island Creek, and a decently cooperative **Townsend's Warbler** at Green-Wood Cemetery. Staten Island repeatedly flexed its might this season: a **Brown Booby** spent some time near the Outerbridge Crossing, and Staten Island birders added a pending second state record of **Tropical Kingbird** followed by a **Northern Wheatear**, which was during the expected narrow window in which they often appear near the end of September.

Cattle Egrets made a push northeast this fall, with our first appearing on 20 October. Individuals were observed at two locations on Staten Island, one in Brooklyn, one in Nassau, and eight in Suffolk, with a maximum of four birds seen near Orient. Individuals were also seen at nearby points in New Jersey, Westchester, and truly the rest of the Northeast, with birders in Newfoundland encountering them at seven different locations, including one just a few miles from Labrador!

Sandhill Crane observations are still rare in our area as this species increases in the East. To demonstrate this point, an observer notes in an eBird checklist that he very closely avoided damaging some vehicles and pedestrians while observing one fly over Midtown East in mid- October. Although they were not recorded within our area, a remarkable group of 145 was noted flying southeast on 23 November from coastal Westchester in Region 9. A group of three were noted from Manhattan a few days later.

A few interesting hybrid individuals passed through New York City this season. A **White-throated Sparrow x Dark-eyed Junco** was seen in Prospect Park, but was outdone by a **Clay-colored x Field Sparrow** in Central Park. Clay-colored Sparrows are still extremely local in the East but they are doing well and have broad contact with their *spizella* cousins, so this pairing is not too shocking, but encountering one is! The last hybrid of note was a **Dunlin x White-rumped Sandpiper** which was at Jamaica Bay briefly. Uncooperative October miscellanea seen briefly included an **Eared Grebe** at Shinnecock Inlet, a **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum, and a **Varied Thrush** at Sands Point in northern Nassau.

Early goose watching in Bridgehampton, Suffolk turned up a **Pink-footed Goose** in November. This species has become an expected vagrant in the Northeast, where it has been showing up occasionally for decades, but very consistently since the beginning of the millennium. These geese were finally noticed in the tristate area in 2008, and Region 10 has hosted at least one for nearly every year since then.

It was not a spectacular season for seabirds, but there were some highlights. Dedicated seawatching at Robert Moses turned up a **Northern Fulmar**, which is expected offshore but very unusual inshore. NOAA transects turned up a **White-faced Storm-Petrel** in mid October, which is late relative to other records but there have never been many observers at the shelf edge at that time of year. The Orient Point ferry is a risky bet for pelagic birds, but an observer documented a **Brown Booby** in early November.

For landbirds, November didn't produce a ton of exceptional passerines. There was nearly no northern finch flight, and only two **Ash-throated Flycatchers** in contrast to the many last year. Although individuals were seen in September, both **Western Tanager** and **Say's Phoebe** were spotted again in November. The tanager seemed to be a bird returning to Carl Schurz Park in Manhattan, where it had spent the prior winter. Say's Phoebe is often seen in active migration, so it was remarkable that the bird at Caumsett State Park in Suffolk was seen for 27 days. The phoebe's cooperation was upstaged not in length but in quality by a **Gray Kingbird**, another slippery diurnal migrant, that stayed at Great Kills in Staten Island for ten days, and another which more typically vanished soon after being discovered at the Fire Island Lighthouse on 13 October.

303 species were reported in the Region this fall, down from 319 last autumn.

CONTRIBUTORS

Meryl Ackley, Robert Adamo, Patricia Aitken, Deborah Allen, Trevor Ambrico, Bob Anderson, Richard Aracil, George Armistead, Dmitry Aronov, Anya Auerbach, Seth Ausubel, Alan V. Bacchiolo, Andrew Baksh, Brad Balliett, Dana Barbato, David Barrett, Catherine Barron, Trudy Battaly, Rob Bate, Debbie Becker, Ed Becher, Bill Bedford, Jennifer Beirne, Chris Bell, Matthieu Benoit, Gail Benson, Bobby Berlingeri, Luci Betti, Steve Biasetti, Mary Beth Billerman, Shawn Billerman, Magda Binion, Orhan Birol, Acacia Blanchard, Sierra Blazer, Shane Blodgett, Hank Bohne, Ben Bolduc, Brent Bomkamp, Ardith Bondi, Christopher Braut, Robert Brenn, Brenda Bull, Adrian Burke, Thomas W. Burke, Nick Butterini, Ben Cacace, Sean Camillieri, Chase Cammarota, Rafael Campos-Ramirez, Ryan Candee, Jack Carlson, Dick Cartwright, Keith Cashman, Cesar Castillo, Steve Chang, Lela Chapman, Fedjy Charles, Mike Chen, David Chernak, Kas Chmielinski, Joanna Christopher, Anthony Ciancimino, Hailey Clancy, Anthony Collerton, Mary Beth Cooper, Mike Cooper, Kathleen Coyle, Margaret Coyle, Chad Cremer, Adam Cunningham, Jeremy Cushman, Emmett Daly,

Andrew Dasinger, Richard & Gaylee Dean, Anthona deLuca, Louis DeMarco, Joseph DiCostanzo, John Diesch, Patrice Domeischel, Peter Dorosh, Alan Drogin, Katherine Duckworth, Tim Dunn, Frank Durso, Dave Eib, Kristin Ellington, Max Epstein, Rose Erin, Linda Ewing, Mike Farina, Gerry Farley, Andrew Farnsworth, Anthony Ferino, Cara Fernandes, Ken Feustel, Suzy Feustel, Corey Finger, Tom Fiore, Howie Fischer, Richard Fleming, Brendan Fogarty, Richard Fried, Karen Fung, Doug Futuyuma, Kyle Gage, Edward Gaillard, Christopher Gangemi, Leonora Gangemi, Miachesca Gangemi, Eliot Gann, Arie Gilbert, Paul Gildersleeve, John Gione, Nick Giordano, Joe Giunta, Vincent Glasser, John Gluth, Doug Gochfeld, Menachem Goldstein, Richard Gostic, Mike Gottlieb, Isaac Grant, Maryanne Grey, Carole Griffiths, Richard Haimes, Alex Hale, Dawn Hannay, Tim Healy, Natalie Heer, John Heidecker, Philip Hendon, Mike Higgiston, Matt Holquist, Adelia Honeywood, Patrick Horan, Joel Horman, Daniel Horvath, Dennis Hrehowsik, Sam Jannazzo, Phil Jeffrey, Rob Jett, Ed Johnson, Tom Johnson, Jennifer Kalb, Danny Karlson, John Keane, Jennifer Kepler, Gus Keri, Tom Kerr, HJ Kim, Marie King, Kathryn Klecan, KJ Klein, Mary Beth Kooper, Amber Krauss, Linda LaBella, Gordon Lam, David LaMagna, MaryLaura Lamont, Joseph Landesberg, Jenny & Daniel Landsman, Peggy Lauber, Fred Leff, Enrico Leonardi, Jody Levin, Ernie Lewis, David Lichter, Patricia J. Lindsay, Paige Linden-Brahms, John Loch, Heydi Lopes, Aimee Lusty, Ethan Maitra, Joshua Malbin, Paul Maldonado, Ryan Mandelbaum, Roberta Manion, Patrick and Elias Markee, Peter Martin, Michael McBrien, Joseph McManus, Calista McRae, Stacy & Kurt Meyerheinrich, Laura Meyers, Alissa Milillo, Eric Miller, Stella Miller, Joel Milton, Hannah Mirando, Karlo Mirth, Shaibal S. Mitra, Ursula Mitra, John Mohlin, Christine Montalbano, Thomas Moran, Pete Morris, James Muchmore, Michael Mulqueen, Luke Musher, Ernst Mutchnick, Farah & Stefan Mutchnick, Lisa Nasta, Sally Newbert, Mary Normandia, Russ Ogden, Todd Olson, Karen O'Hearn, Nathan O'Reilly, Patricia Orgera, Bill Ostrander, David Pace, Patrick Palladino, Drew Panko, Sky Pape, Marc Passman, Peter Paton, Peter Paul, Robert Paxton, Richard Payne, Aidan Perkins, Tom Perlman, Stephane Perrault, Nicole Peyrafitte, Nicole Pietrunti, Tracey & Greg Plowman, Peter Post, Thomas Powell, Tom Preston, Robert Proniewych, Anne Purcell, Joan Quinlan, Caroline Quinn, Dermott Quinn, Glen Quinn, Alice Raimondo, Jose Ramirez-Garofalo, Jay Rand, Mike Rath, RBA – NYC Rare Bird Alert, Eleanor Ray, Peter Reisfeld, T. Remy, Ian Resnick, Phil Ribolow, Jeff Ritter, Diego Rodriguez, Derek Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Raina Cayla Iris Roses, Jane Ross, Bobby Rossetti, Jack Rothman, Karen Rubinstein, Ben Sadock, Lynne & Mike Scheibel, Steve Schellenger, Lisa Schepke, Michael Schrimpf, Jessica Schuler, Donna Schulman, Evan Schuman, Eileen Schwinn, Peter Scully, John Sepenoski, Ryan Serio, Mike Shanley, Robin Shea, John Shemilt, Patrick Shure, Sean Sime, Wallace Snyder, Nadir Souirgi, David Speiser, Craig Standridge, Noah Stryker, Taylor Sturm, Junko Suzuki, Deborah Swamback, Robin & Lowell Taubman, Robert Taylor, Russell Taylor, Nick Tepper, Ken Thompson, Kathleen Toomey, John Turner, Phil Uruburu, Rosemary

Valente, Richard Veit, Joe Viglietta, Aaron Virgin, Steve Walter, Bob Washburn, Joanna Watson, Steven Weiss, Alan Wells, Kyle Werner, Gabriel Willow, Alex Wilson, Jennifer Wilson-Pines, Christina Wilkinson, Angus Wilson, Cole Winstanley, Charles Witek, Lisa Wollerstein-Whitmore, C. Wodinsky, Seth Ian Wollney, Janet Wooten, Catherine Yellen-Rebennack, D. Bruce Yolton, Byron Young, Michael Yuan, Terence Zahner, Dawn Zappone, Michael Zito, Ryan Zucker.

ABBREVIATIONS

APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; **Bpt** – Breezy Pt, QUEE; **CHP** – Conference House P, RICH; **CP** – Central P, NEWY; **FIHW** – Fire Island Hawk Watch, Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **FKP** – Fresh Kills P, RICH; **FMCP** – Flushing Meadows-Corona P, QUEE; **FT** – Fort Tilden, QUEE; **GKP** – Great Kills P, RICH; **GwC** – Green-Wood Cemetery, KING; **HSP** – Heckscher SP, SUFF; **IHP** – Inwood Hill P, NEWY; **JBSP** – Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWR** – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; **MF** – Miller Field, RICH; **MLUA** – Mount Loretto Unique Area, RICH; **MP** – Montauk Pt SP, SUFF; **OMNSA** – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, NASS; **OP** – Orient Pt CP, SUFF; **PBP** – Pelham Bay P, BRON; **PtL** –Point Lookout, NASS; **PlumbB** – Plumb Beach, KING; **PP** – Prospect P, KING; **RanI** – Randall’s I, NEWY; **RMSP** – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **Shinn** – Shinnecock In, SUFF; **VCP** – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; **WPP** – Wolfe’s Pd P, RICH.

FIRE ISLAND HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
Black Vulture				0
Turkey Vulture				0
Osprey	9/2	73	9/10	501
Golden Eagle	11/19	1	11/19	1
No. Harrier	9/3	29	9/30	232
Sharp-shinned Hawk	9/19	17	9/30	106
Cooper’s Hawk	9/18	3	10/23	32
No. Goshawk				0
Bald Eagle	9/3	1		8
Red-shouldered Hawk				0
Broad-winged Hawk				0
Red-tailed Hawk				0
Rough-legged Hawk				0
Am. Kestrel	9/2	210	9/30	880
Merlin	9/3	93	9/26	886
Peregrine Falcon	9/13	8	10/14	116
Unidentified				4
Total inc unidentified				2767

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-

DUCK: Bayard Cutting Arboretum, SUFF 31 Oct (P. Orgera, JGI, LiN).

Greater White-fronted Goose: none.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: Bridgehampton, SUFF 28-29 Nov (KFe, SFe, PJJ, SSM).

Cackling Goose: many singles, max 3 Reeves Ave, SUFF 24 Nov (N. Tepper).

Mute Swan: max 180 JBWR (CFi), down slightly from fall R10 max 207 in in 2019.

Tundra Swan: only report: 2 Brookhaven, SUFF 25 Nov (MScb), flyovers.

Eurasian Wigeon: JBWR 24 Oct thru end of period (mob); Mill P Oyster Bay, NASS 27 Oct thru end of period (mob); West L and Patchogue L, SUFF 8 Nov thru end of period (mob); Great Pd, SUFF 13 Nov (J. Levin, H. Bohne).

Canvasback: singles arr 14 Nov, only reports from traditional sites at Flushing, QUEE, and Eastport, SUFF.

Redhead: max 20 Baisley Pd, QUEE 25 Nov (CFi), continued decline, down from fall 2018 R10 max of 65 there. Singles elsewhere in KING, QUEE, SUFF.

King Eider: Midland Beach, RICH 30 Sep thru end of period (C. Barron, mob); Napeague SP, SUFF 5 Oct (mob); L. Montauk 30 Oct thru end of period; Shinn 28 Nov (JRan).

Harlequin Duck: arr PtL 15 Nov (mob); only other 1 at Ditch Plains Beach, SUFF, 27 Nov (H. Mirando, J. Deitsch).

Northern Bobwhite: several reports in SUFF from known reintroductions but some in historical areas; 1 N Hempstead residential area, NASS 12 Nov (J. Wolf), unknown origin.

Wild Turkey: Cedarhurst, NASS 8 Oct (C. Wodinsky), unusual loc.

Ring-necked Pheasant: individuals from KING, QUEE, and SUFF only.

Red-necked Grebe: only VCP 27 Oct (D. Karlson); RMSP 28 Oct (PJJ, SSM).

EARED GREBE (R10): Shinn 13 Oct (K. Gage).

Common Nighthawk: max 169 Stone Bridge Nighthawk Watch, SUFF 5 Sep

(PDom, *et al.*), season total of 1,819, 199 fewer than the previous season low in 2018.

nighthawk sp.: APP 8 Nov (MChu), intriguing sight report.

Sora: dep Cedar Beach, SUFF 21 Oct (MMcB).

SANDHILL CRANE (R10): Manhattan, NEWY 19 Oct (AFa), *intro*; CP 27 Nov (W. Snyder), photos.

American Avocet: none.

American Golden-Plover: no major flocks in Riverhead sod farms area for fourth year in a row: max 8 Southold, SUFF 14 Sep (KJK); numerous individuals in all counties except BRON and NEWY.

Upland Sandpiper: Rockaway Beach, QUEE 6 Sep (CFi, mob).

Whimbrel: max 25 FT 24 Sep (mob).

Hudsonian Godwit: 4 Shinn 26 Sep (BBu); 4 JBWR 16 Oct (ABk); 4 RMSP 17 Sep (ChC).

Marbled Godwit: 4 Ned's Creek, NASS, 7 Sep (J. Mohlin).

Red Knot: max 64 Lido B, NASS 14 Oct (JWP).

Baird's Sandpiper: more than previous fall, all counties except NEWY and BRON; max 4 Oregon Rd, Cutchogue, SUFF 3-9 Sep (mob).

DUNLIN X WHITE-RUMPED

SANDPIPER: JBWR 2-7 Oct, 6 Nov (ABk, JMal),

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 2 Oregon Rd, Cutchogue, SUFF 2-6 Sep (mob); FIHW 3 Sep (SSM), flyby; Smith Pt, SUFF 3 Sep (PAtk); 3 Eastport, SUFF 5-13 Sep; HSP 5 Sep (R. Valente); JBSP 6 Sep (N. Heer, J. Cushman); PlumbB 9 Sep (DHr, R. Manian); MF 11-17 Sep (mob); Sammy's B, SUFF 28 Sep (ACol).

Long-billed Dowitcher: max 14 Amityville Ck, SUFF 6 Oct (MMb).

Wilson's Phalarope: JBWR 5 Sep (JMal); JBWR; HSP 11, 15 Sep (mob).

Red-necked Phalarope: PP 9 Sep (E. Ray, mob); JBWR 9-10 Oct.

Red Phalarope: pelagic coordinates 39.45059, -72.19959, SUFF 15 Oct (S. Weiss).

Razorbill: arr MP 28 Nov (SFe, KFe).

Black-legged Kittiwake: Astoria P, QUEE 4 Sep (TH), *intro*; Lido B, NASS 4 Sep (BF), *intro*; IHP 14 Nov (NSo, NOR), unusual loc; max 32 RMSP 29 Oct (SSM).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 23 Bush Terminals Piers P, KING 16 Nov (ABk).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 310 RMSP 26 Oct (SSM).

Caspian Tern: away from immediate coast: IHP 2 Sep (mob), remnants of Hurricane *Ida*; Riverside P NEWY 2 Sep (JDr); 4 FMCP 16 Sep (CFi); PP 25 Sep (C. Winstanley) Chelsea Waterside P, NEWY 6 Oct (ACun).

Black Tern: 5 RMSP 2 Sep (SSM), remnants of Hurricane *Ida*; Rockaway B, QUEE 3 Sep (MNo, CFi); Mecox In 5 Sep (E. Eden); Bayswater Pt SP, QUEE. 6 Sep (T. Remy); JBWR 6 Sep (MBen); BPt 11 Sep (RZ); MP 25 Sep (F. Leff).

Royal Tern: dep Midland Beach, RICH 22 Nov (C. Barron).

Norther Fulmar: RMSP 29 Oct (SSM), very rare from shore.

Wilson's Storm-Petrel: dep pelagic coordinates (40.391, -72.352), SUFF 9 Nov (NSt).

WHITE-FACED STORM-PETREL: pelagic coordinates (39.9972, -72.697) 16 Oct (T. Johnson), late.

Sooty Shearwater: Culloden Pt, SUFF15 Nov (AnW), late.

BROWN BOOBY: Outerbridge Crossing, RICH 11-19 Sep (D. Barbato, mob); RMSP 5, 9, 13 Oct (mob); from Orient Pt ferry SUFF 2 Nov (R. Shea).

Northern Gannet: IHP 26 Nov (DAR, ABu), unusual loc; max 10,000 GKP 30 Nov (PJL, SSM).

Little Blue Heron: dep OMNSA 19 Nov (mob).

Cattle Egret: many, OMNSA 20 Oct (M. Farina); Shirley Chisholm SP, KING 23 Oct (L. Chapman); Saw Mill Ck Marsh, RICH 31 Oct (ACi); MF 28 Oct – 4 Nov (AFe, mob); Hawley's L/Bergen Pt Golf Course,

SUFF 1 Nov (D. Cartwright/MMcB, mob); Cutchogue, SUFF 2 Nov (B. Bolduc); Cedar Beach, Babylon SUFF 4 Nov (MMcB, mob); Hook Pd, SUFF 10 Nov (SFe, KFe); Orient, SUFF, 1 Nov (PPo); Eastport, SUFF 21-24 Nov (S. Biasetti, mob); Riverhead, SUFF 25 Nov (KKI), *intro*.

Black Vulture: many BRON, NEWY, RICH, otherwise mostly near traditional overwintering group in Riverhead, SUFF, and a new group in Bellerose, QUEE.

GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): singles, IHP and FIHW, 19 Nov (mob).

Sharp-shinned Hawk: season total 106 FIHW (mob), low and only two-thirds of 2020 season total.

Northern Goshawk: none reported.

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 24 IHP 24 Nov (ABu, DAR), NEWY high count on eBird of 28 was set here by ABu last season.

Broad-winged Hawk: max 1222 CP 30 Sep (D. Bruce Yolton), *intro*; JBSP 10-14 Oct (mob), same imm, ph; Sag Harbor, SUFF 17 Oct (D. Quinn, M. Coyle).

SWAINSON'S HAWK: WPP 24 Sep (ACi).

Rough-legged Hawk: one, Bay Shore, SUFF 18 Oct (A. deLuca).

Great Horned Owl: CP 3 Oct (R. Serio, mob), record early arrival for the park.

Snowy Owl: modest flight beginning on Suffolk beaches, arr 5 Nov, also RanI 28 Nov (M.B Cooper, mob).

Barred Owl: PBP 7-9 Nov (H. Clancy); Rocky Pt State Pine Barrens Pres, SUFF 21 Sep (B. Bolduc).

Long-eared Owl: none reported.

Short-eared Owl: FKP 20 Oct (JRG); Ferry Pt Pk, BRON 22 Oct, 18 Nov (RAR).

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): several locations in RICH, VCP 25 Sep (C. Standridge).

American Kestrel: max 255 FT 26 Sep (ABk, SWa).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: JBSP 3-5 Nov (mob); Bayswater P, QUEE 20 Nov (EMi).

TROPICAL KINGBIRD: MLUA 26 Sep (Rve, mob); see article pp. 2-8.

Western Kingbird: MLUA 19 Oct (ACi); Cedar Beach, Babylon, SUFF 20 Oct

(MMcB); HSP 4 Nov (P JL); Elizabeth Morton NWR, SUFF 6 Nov (E. Daly); Caumsett SP, SUFF 3-9 Nov (SFe, KFe, mob).

GRAY KINGBIRD: RMSP 13 Oct (EiS, mob); GKP 29 Nov thru end of period (N. Pietrunti, C. Cremer, mob).

SAY'S PHOEBE: Cupsogue Beach, SUFF 11 Sep (L. Musher, mob); Caumsett SP, SUFF 14 Oct – 9 Nov (SFe, KFe, mob).

Northern Shrike: Caumsett SP, SUFF 23 Oct (P. Shure); Prybil B, NASS 28 Oct (mob).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: max 115, 10 Sep (SSi, DG).

SEDGE WREN (R10): 2, FKP thru 25 Sep (mob), carrying food.

VARIED THRUSH: Sands Pt Pres, NASS 25 Oct (mob).

NORTHERN WHEATEAR: MF 29 Sep (ACi, mob).

Evening Grosbeak: none this year after several years of encouraging flights.

White-winged Crossbill: JBSP 29 Oct (V. Glasser), ph; RMSP 25 Nov (P JL, SSM, BBom).

Pine Siskin: few, max 21 OP 7 Nov (JSep).

Lark Sparrow: multiple in each county except BRON and RICH: max 3 RMSP 4 Sep (mob).

Clay-colored Sparrow: multiple in each county.

CLAY-COLORED x FIELD SPARROW: CP 30 Oct (T. Zahner), *intro*.

DARK-EYED JUNCO x WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: 1 PP 3 Nov (J. Kalb).

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

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (R10): PtL 1 Sep – 25 Oct (mob).

Blue-winged Warbler: dep CP 11 Oct (DHo).

Rusty Blackbird: max 20 St. Francis Pd Pres, NASS Nov (T. Powell), low.

Boat-tailed Grackle: nowhere away from South Shore locs.

Prothonotary Warbler: OMNSA, 16 Oct (mob), late.

Connecticut Warbler: many, over 20 reports in all counties.

Cerulean Warbler: CHP 19 Sep (Rve, ACi).

Northern Parula: max 292 PP (C. Winstanley), morning flight.

Magnolia Warbler: JBSP 11 Nov (SAu), late.

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: GwC 9-10 Sep (DG, G. Armistead, C. Bell, mob).

Summer Tanager: Astoria P, QUEE 11 Sep (The); PP 11-14 (mob); GwC 22 Sep (C. Griffiths); MLUA 26 Sep (Rve, mob).

Scarlet Tanager: Hudson Ri P, NEWY 22 Nov (anonymous eBirder), ph, late.

WESTERN TANAGER: Coney I Creek P, KING, 26 Sep (RyM, MY); Carl Schurz P, NEWY 24 Nov thru end of period (mob), returning wintering bird. **Dickcissel:** reports from all counties: max 5 RMSP 3 Sep (SFe, KFe).

EXOTICS

European Goldfinch: only reported from PP, trad site.

