

REGION 8—HUDSON-MOHAWK

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June 2022 featured near-normal temperatures and a continuation of the dry conditions that had developed the month before. July was warmer than average in southern portions of the Region, with an ongoing precipitation deficit affecting the same area. August was very warm and humid, especially the first half of the month, but normal rainfall occurred, easing the prolonged dry spell.

	Albany			Glens Falls		
Temp	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Jun	67.8°	68.5°	-0.7°	63.7°	65.0°	-1.3°
Jul	75.6°	73.1°	+2.5°	69.5°	69.7°	-0.2°
Aug	75.6°	71.4°	+4.2°	70.5°	67.8°	+2.7°

Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Jun	1.98"	4.05"	-2.07"	2.31"	3.72"	-1.41"
Jul	1.45"	4.55"	-3.10"	4.45"	4.26"	+0.19"
Aug	3.84"	3.76"	+0.08"	2.96"	3.48"	-0.52"

A pair of **Mississippi Kites** was discovered in a residential neighborhood in Country Knolls, Saratoga County, on 5 June. The initial observers were residents (and birders!) gardening in their yard who took a second look at the slender raptors soaring overhead and put a scope on them. Initially reported on social media, once an eBird checklist with photographs was submitted many observers inundated the quiet development, with a generally positive relationship between homeowners and birders. The birds were observed copulating, and proceeded to build a nest, but at some point, the nest was abandoned, and no juveniles were reported. The last sighting was on 9 August.

Daniel Schlaepfer observed and photographed a **Rufous Hummingbird** at a feeder in his yard on 5 August. His partner, NYBBA III project coordinator Julie Hart, was also able to see the tiny visitor.

A farmer in Hillsdale, Columbia County called a birder-friend about a strange duck in his pond that he couldn't identify. It was an apparently healthy **White-winged Scoter**, adult male, swimming around in the company of a dozen Canada Geese, an unusual summer observation of this species. Two **Sandhill Cranes** were sighted on 28 June in the same farm fields near Broadalbin, Saratoga County, where a pair raised two juveniles last season. John Kent found a **Stilt Sandpiper** at Stanton Pond in Albany County on 27 August, and the bird was seen the next day as well. Three **Black Terns** were sighted flying around Duane Lake in Schenectady County on 21 August. An adult **Little Blue Heron** was found near a small pond in Ghent, Columbia County on 9 July. A single **Glossy Ibis** was viewed flying around the area of Lock 2 on the Champlain Canal near Mechanicville on 19 August.

A pair of **Red-headed Woodpeckers** was observed flying around a residential neighborhood in South Glens Falls, Warren County, for at least ten days. The birds were first reported on 14 June. An **Acadian Flycatcher** was briefly observed singing in Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County on 12 June. **Bicknell's Thrush**, as many as six at a time, was reported from the high peaks of the Catskill Mountains of Greene County during June and July. Slide Mountain, Plateau Mountain, Hunter Mountain, and Black Dome Mountain all recorded resident birds.

205 species were reported during the period.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APBP – Albany Pine Bush Pres, ALBA; **AR** – Alcove Res, ALBA; **BCM** – Black Creek Marsh, ALBA; **BCR** – Basic Creek Res, ALBA; **BMB** – Bog Meadow Brook Nature Trail, SARA; **CCGP** – Cocksackie Creek Grasslands Pres, GREE; **CF** – Cohoes Flats, ALBA; **CL** – Collins L, SCHE; **CRM** – Cline Rd Marsh, FULT; **FR** – Five Rivers EEC, ALBA; **FtEG** – Fort Edward Grasslands, WASH; **FV** – Franklinton Vlaie, SCHO; **HP** – Huyck Pres, ALBA; **OCA** – Ooms Conservation Area, COLU; **PRWMA** – Partridge Run WMA, ALBA; **SNHP** – Saratoga National Historical P, SARA; **TR** – Tomhannock Res, RENN; **VFNHP** – Vischer Ferry Nature & Historic Pres, SARA; **WMP** – Wilson M. Powell Wildlife Sanctuary, COLU.

Canada Goose: max 248 Lock 2, Halfmoon SARA 29 Jul.

Mute Swan: max 7 BCR 1 Jun.

Wood Duck: max 90 Carlisle SCHO 16 Aug, Stanton Pd ALBA 28 Aug.

Blue-winged Teal: max 13 Argyle WASH 31 Jul.

Gadwall: max 4 Stanton Pd ALBA 21 Aug.

American Wigeon: max 2 BMB 10 Aug.

Mallard: max 187 Rexford SARA 30 Aug.

American Black Duck: max 35 Cohoes ALBA 19 Aug.

Green-winged Teal: max 5 Stanton Pd ALBA 28 Aug.

Ring-necked Duck: Bolton Landing WARR 21 Jun.

White-winged Scoter: Hillsdale COLU 7 Jul.

Hooded Merganser: max 14 Brant L WARR 11 Jun, hen w/ 13 juv.

Common Merganser: max 31 Ashland GREE 31 Jul.

Wild Turkey: max 56 Hague WARR 29 Aug.

Ruffed Grouse: max 13 Stony Creek WARR 5 Aug.

Pied-billed Grebe: Little York Rd Wetland SCHO 5 Jun; Wilton Wildlife Pres SARA 14 Jun; Fish Creek SARA 17 Jun.

Rock Pigeon: max 200 Malta SARA 23 Jul.

Mourning Dove: max 44 Bethlehem ALBA 31 Aug.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: max 6 Inman Pd
WASH 22 Jul.

Black-billed Cuckoo: max 2 mult loc.

Common Nighthawk: 58 Ghent COLU 18
Aug; 40 Saratoga Casino SARA 19 Aug; 38
Henry Hudson P ALBA 20 Aug; 54 APBP 24
Aug; 78 Delmar ALBA 25 Aug.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: max 3 nr Stanton Pd
ALBA 15 Jul.

Chimney Swift: max 50 Burden Pd RENS 16
Jul.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: max 14 Berne
ALBA 28 Aug.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD: Delmar ALBA
5 Aug, photographed at feeder, *intro*.

Virginia Rail: max 6 Amy's P WARR 30 Jul.

Sora: Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area
COLU 6 Jun; 2 Duaneburg SCHE 3 Jul;
Clemons Marsh WASH 22 Aug.

Common Gallinule: max 8 Duaneburg SCHE
2 Aug.

Sandhill Crane: 2 Broadalbin FULT 28 Jun.

Black-bellied Plover: 5 CF 2 Jun; CF 7 Aug; 2
CF 23 Aug.

Killdeer: max 43 Stanton Pd ALBA 27 Aug;
30 The Crossings ALBA 29 Jun; 32 CF 7 Aug.

Semipalmated Plover: max 15 CF 5 Jun.

Stilt Sandpiper: Stanton Pd ALBA 27-28
Aug.

Sanderling: 2 CF 7 Jun; 2 CF 16 Aug.

Dunlin: CF 1 Jun.

Least Sandpiper: max 30 Stanton Pd ALBA
27 Aug.

Pectoral Sandpiper: CF 5 Aug.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 78 CF 5 Jun.

Short-billed Dowitcher: 2 CF 2 Jun.

American Woodcock: max 4 Dyken Pd RENS
15 Jun.

Wilson's Snipe: max 4 Ft Plain MONT 7 Jun.

Spotted Sandpiper: max 5 CF 30 Jun.

Solitary Sandpiper: max 6 FR 2 Aug.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 14 CF 7 Aug.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 6 CF 20 Aug.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 2 Bob & Betty
Cummings Mem P WASH 7 Aug.

Ring-billed Gull: max 771 CF 7 Aug, high
count.

Herring Gull: max 22 Lock 2, Halfmoon
SARA 21 Aug.

Great Black-backed Gull: 9 CF 23 Aug.

Caspian Tern: max 10 Bob & Betty
Cummings Mem P WASH 23 Aug.

Black Tern: 3 Duane L SCHE 21 Aug.

Common Loon: max 8 Garnet L WARR 24
Jun.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 60 TR 6 Jul.

American Bittern: max 2 mult loc.

Least Bittern: Knox Wetland ALBA 4 Jun; 3
BCM 8 Jun; Tygert Rd, Vly Creek Marsh
ALBA 15 Jun; CRM 20 Jul; 4 VFNHP 28 Jul;
5 Clemons Marsh WASH 22 Aug.

Great Blue Heron: max 32 VFNHP 21 Jul.

Great Egret: max 22 VFNHP 4 Aug.

Snowy Egret: Falls View P ALBA 19-31 Aug.

Little Blue Heron: Ghent COLU 9 Jul.

Green Heron: max 15 Ghent COLU 20 Jun.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: Albany ALBA
12 Jun; Clemons Marsh WASH 21 Aug; TR 27
Aug.

Glossy Ibis: Lock 2, Champlain Canal near
Mechanicville on 19 August.

Black Vulture: max 8 Coeymans ALBA 23
Jul.

Turkey Vulture: max 45 Cobleskill SCHO 31
Aug.

Osprey: max 5 Mechanicville SARA 26 Jul.

Northern Harrier: max 3 Altamont ALBA 26
Jul; Clemons Marsh WASH 27 Aug.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 2 mult loc.

Cooper's Hawk: max 3 mult loc.

Bald Eagle: max 9 Germantown COLU 16
Aug.

MISSISSIPPI KITE: pair Country Knolls,
Clifton P SARA 5 Jun- 9 Aug, *NYSARC, intro*.

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 8 Clemons
Marsh WASH 21 Aug.

Broad-winged Hawk: max 5 Summit SCHO
28 Aug.

Red-tailed Hawk: max 7 Catskill GREE 14
Jul.

Eastern Screech-Owl: max 3 Canajoharie
MONT 6 Jul.

Great Horned Owl: max 3 mult loc.

Barred Owl: max 5 Hunter GREE 11 Jun.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Ft Ann WASH 6 Jul; Hunter Mt GREE 24 Jul.

Belted Kingfisher: max 4 mult loc.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 Chatham COLU 12 Jun; 2 S Glens Falls SARA 15 Jun.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 10 Hillsdale COLU 27 Jul.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 18 HP 10 Jul.

Downy Woodpecker: max 9 Kenrose Pres ALBA 26 Jun.

Hairy Woodpecker: max 5 mult loc.

Northern Flicker: max 12 APBP 16 Aug.

Pileated Woodpecker: max 5 mult loc.

American Kestrel: max 18! Sprakers MONT 25 Jul, *high count*.

Merlin: max 5 Ballston SARA 12 Jul.

Peregrine Falcon: max 5 Riverfront P RENS 15 Jun.

Great Crested Flycatcher: max 7 Wilton Wildlife Pres SARA 6 Jun.

Eastern Kingbird: max 8 Bob & Betty Cummings Mem P WASH 8 Aug.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: max 3 Clemons Marsh WASH 21 Aug; breeding season reps confined to WARR and WASH.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: max 15 Peebles I SP SARA 27 Aug.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: max 4 Hunter Mt GREE 14 Jun.

Acadian Flycatcher: Hoosick Falls RENS 12 Jun, only report.

Alder Flycatcher: max 5 mult loc.

Willow Flycatcher: max 20 BCM 11 Jun.

Least Flycatcher: max 9 Bolton Cons P WARR 21 Jun.

Eastern Phoebe: max 9 Willie Wildlife Marsh Tr FULT 2 Aug.

Yellow-throated Vireo: max 6 BMB 24 Jun.

Blue-headed Vireo: max 7 Amy's P WARR 26 Jul.

Philadelphia Vireo: max 2 Hague WARR 14 Aug.

Warbling Vireo: max 18 Zim Smith Tr SARA 2 Jun.

Red-eyed Vireo: max 34 Hunter Mt GREE 11 Jul.

Blue Jay: max 22 APBP 24 Aug.

American Crow: max 100 Dutchman's Landing GREE 11 Aug.

Fish Crow: max 80 APBP 27 Aug.

The Kingbird 2022 December; 72 (4)

Common Raven: max 15 Charlton SARA 20 Jul.

Black-capped Chickadee: max 80 Cherry Plain SP RENS 24 Aug.

Tufted Titmouse: max 24 Woods Hollow NP SARA 30 Jul.

Horned Lark: no reports.

Bank Swallow: max 68 Bob & Betty Cummings Mem P WASH 14 Aug.

Tree Swallow: max 600 Ghent COLU 27 Jul.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: max 105 Grafton RENS 17 Jul.

Purple Martin: max 21 Saratoga Waterfront P SARA 16 Jul.

Barn Swallow: max 75 Nassau RENS 22 Jul.

Cliff Swallow: max 50 Fultonville MONT 8 Aug.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: single birds at mult loc.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 12 Plateau Mt GREE 7 Jul.

Cedar Waxwing: max 130 Wilton Wildlife Pres SARA 1 Jun.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 45 Hunter Mt GREE 8 Jul.

White-breasted Nuthatch: max 16 Shenantaha Creek P SARA 20 Aug.

Brown Creeper: max 7 Rush Pd WARR 15 Aug.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: max 6 VFNHP 21 Jun.

Carolina Wren: max 7 Henry Hudson P ALBA 20 Jul.

House Wren: max 8 mult loc.

Winter Wren: max 11 Plateau Mt GREE 7 Jul.

Sedge Wren: no reports.

Marsh Wren: max 20 BCM 6 Jun.

Gray Catbird: max 45 VFNHP 17 Jun.

Brown Thrasher: max 5 APBP 13 Jun.

Northern Mockingbird: max 11 The Crossings ALBA 25 Jun.

European Starling: max 500 Stanton Pd ALBA 28 Aug.

Eastern Bluebird: max 25 Landis Arboretum SCHO 27 Aug.

Veery: max 20 Schodack I SP RENS 20 Jun.

Bicknell's Thrush: max 4 Hunter Mt GREE 18 Jun; 4 Plateau Mt GREE 3 Jul.

Swainson's Thrush: max 19 Plateau Mt GREE 7 Jul; 19 Hunter Mt GREE 8 Jul.

Hermit Thrush: max 14 Hunter Mt GREE 8 Jul.

Wood Thrush: max 14 Schodack I SP RENS 16 Jul.

American Robin: max 100 Duaneburg SCHE 22 Aug.

House Sparrow: max 50 Curtis Lumber, Ballston Spa SARA 20 Jul.

Evening Grosbeak: max 5 Padanarum Rd WARR 13 Aug.

House Finch: max 22 Colonie Mohawk River P ALBA 14 Aug.

Purple Finch: max 4 mult loc.

Red Crossbill: max 12 Rensselaerville SF ALBA 24 Jun.

Pine Siskin: max 3 Hunter Mt GREE 8 Jul.

American Goldfinch: max 50 Landis Arboretum SCHO 27 Aug.

Grasshopper Sparrow: 3 Overmountain Cons Area East COLU 8 Jul; 3 Glens Falls Feeder Canal Tr WARR 4 Jul; 3 Michael Pitney Tr SARA 27 Jun; 2 Albany Int Arpt ALBA 12 Jun; 2 Ancram

Chipping Sparrow: max 31 Wilton Wildlife Pres SARA 28 Aug.

Clay-colored Sparrow: 3 Ft Plain MONT 8 Jul; Roeliff Jansen P COLU 3 Jun; APBP 1-2 Jun.

Field Sparrow: max 20 SNHP 25 Aug.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 20 Hunter Mt GREE 18 Jun.

White-throated Sparrow: max 7 Edinburg SARA 8 Jun.

Vesper Sparrow: max 3 Greenwich WASH 24 Jun.

Savannah Sparrow: max 14 Roeliff Jansen P COLU 29 Jun.

COLU 24 Jun; 2 Mayfield FULT 25 Jun; 2

Saratoga Co Arpt 26 Jun.

Song Sparrow: max 37 VFNHP 7 Jul.

Swamp Sparrow: max 25 VFNHP 7 Jun; 25 BCM 11 Jun.

Eastern Towhee: max 16 APBP 11 Jun.

Bobolink: max 50 OCA 14 Jun.

Eastern Meadowlark: max 11 Hoosick RENS 16 Jun.

Orchard Oriole: max 5 OCA 3 Jul.

Baltimore Oriole: max 17 Grafton RENS 2 Jul.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 1000 Schoharie Crossing Boat Launch MONT 16 Aug.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 40 Colonie ALBA 9 Aug.

Common Grackle: max 250 Glenville SCHE 14 Aug.

Ovenbird: max 29! John Boyd Thacher SP North ALBA 7 Jul.

Worm-eating Warbler: max 4 Deer Mt Nature Tr ALBA 24 Jun.

Louisiana Waterthrush: max 4 John Boyd Thacher SP Overlook ALBA 19 Jun.

Northern Waterthrush: max 3 BMB 14 Jun; 3 VFNHP 10 Jul.

Golden-winged Warbler: 2 Clemons Marsh WASH 31 Jul; one Putnam Sta WASH 4 Jun; one Whitehall WASH 10 Jun; one Schaghticoke RENS 22 Aug.

Blue-winged Warbler: max 6 Claverack COLU 20 Jun.

"Brewster's" Warbler: Queensbury Wash 19 Jun; Bob & Betty Cummings Mem P WASH 30 Jul.

Black-and-white Warbler: max 12 Swede Mt WARR 10 Jun.

Tennessee Warbler: last spring Mayfield FULT 5 Jun; first fall Bob & Betty Cummings Mem P WASH 3 Aug.

Nashville Warbler: max 5 Amy's P WARR 3 Jun.

Mourning Warbler: max 5 Silver Hollow Rd GREE 19 Jun.

Common Yellowthroat: max 29 SNHP 2 Jun.

Hooded Warbler: max 3 Overmountain Cons Area East COLE 17 Jul.

American Redstart: max 20 Schodack I SP RENS 8 Jun.

Cape May Warbler: first fall Bob & Betty Cummings Mem P WASH 7 Aug; max 2 mult loc.

Cerulean Warbler: max 4 Schodack I SP RENS 8 Jun.

Northern Parula: max 2 mult loc.

Magnolia Warbler: max 13 Plateau Mt GREE 3 Jul.

Bay-breasted Warbler: first fall Putnam WASH 20 Aug.

Blackburnian Warbler: max 14 Plateau Mt GREE 9 Jul.

Yellow Warbler: max 30 VFNHP 7 Jun.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 14
Overmountain Cons Area East COLU 8 Jul.
Blackpoll Warbler: max 21 Plateau Mt GREE
7 Jul.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 18
Edinburg SARA 8 Jun.
Palm Warbler: no reports.
Pine Warbler: max 13 Wilton Wildlife Pres
SARA 28 Aug.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 43 Hunter Mt
GREE 8 Jul.
Prairie Warbler: max 10 APBP 5 Jun.
Black-throated Green Warbler: max 13
Hunter Mt GREE 8 Jul.

Canada Warbler: max 4 Edinburg SARA 1
Jun; 4 Hague WARR 1 Jun; 4 Deep Notch
GREE 4 Jul; 4 Schaghticoke RENS 11 Aug.
Wilson's Warbler: first fall John Boyd
Thacher SP ALBA 19 Aug.
Scarlet Tanager: max 6 mult loc.
Northern Cardinal: max 19 Rexford SARA
29 Aug.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 7 Grafton
RENS 4 Jul.
Indigo Bunting: max 8 Overmountain Cons
Area East COLU 8 Jul.



Mississippi Kite, Jonesville, *Saratoga*, here 12 Jun 2022, © Jay McGowan. One of a pair which attempted nesting here; see the Region 8 report for details.



Anhinga, Lake Tappan, *Rockland*, here 21 Jul 2022, © Brendan Fogarty.