

REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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June started off cool and wet with thunderstorms. There was a high of 90° F on 26 June and a low of 45° on 20 June. The average temperature was 67.4°, 1° below normal. There was a total of 2.45" of precipitation, 1.45" below normal. July was much warmer with a high of 97° on three dates 20-23 July and a low of 52° 10 July for an average monthly temperature of 76.2°, 2.6° above normal. There was a total of 1.25" of precipitation, 2.53" below normal. All of this made for a hot dry month. August continued the trend with a high of 99° on 4 August and a low of 51° on 13 August for an average of 76.8°, 5.1° above normal. There was a total of 1.08" of precipitation, 3.21" below normal, very hot and dry.

On 17 August, Renee Davis was invited to a friend's home to view the tremendous number of hummingbirds coming to his feeders. Renee and he were able to count a minimum of 30 birds coming, though there could have been more. This was the highest report I've received in some time.

On 8 August Patty Kiersten spotted an unusual hummingbird feeding in her garden. She took several photos and confirmed the ID on the internet. Though an attempt to band the bird failed, enough photos of its spread tail were obtained to confirm the identification. The bird proved to be a hatch year female **Rufous Hummingbird**. The bird remained through 11 August.

Jarvis Shirkey intently watched as a flock of large shorebirds circled and landed in a local pond. He had never seen these birds before but quickly identified them and realized just how rare they were. He photographed the record-setting 11 **American Avocets** and alerted a few local birders to help have the birds

confirmed, but due to their location was unable to make them further known to the public. They remained just the day.

On 23 August Linda Scrima was on the platform at Liberty Loop when many Great Egrets flew in from the New Jersey side of the refuge. She was surprised to see a large shorebird trailing the flock. As the bird neared, it became clear it was the **Marbled Godwit** that had been reported earlier on New Jersey side.

On 29 July Ari Weiss was amazed to come upon a hatch year **Piping Plover** at Piermont Pier! This is a first record for Region 9 and an outstanding find by Ari! The bird continued through 31 August.

On 2 June Ari Weiss came upon a **Willet** at Piermont Pier. This is a rare inland record for this time of year. Another Willet (a Western Willet) was found with a flock of American Avocet on 30 August in Orange County.

The author was kayaking Morningside Lake the morning of 15 August when an interesting shorebird shot past him. Thankfully, the bird returned almost immediately and proved to be a juvenile **Red-necked Phalarope**, only the second record for Sullivan County. The bird remained for two days, entertaining all who sought it out.

On 23 July the author found a **Lesser Black-backed Gull** on the Newburgh Waterfront among the Ring-billed Gulls that assemble there. Only the second July record for Region 9, the bird was seen again several days later with one additional record in August.

Once again, this summer, Caspian Terns have been reported in significant numbers along the Hudson River. There were reports from too many locations to include them all in the report.

On 23 July David Harrison spotted a Forster's Tern on the mud flats at Piermont Pier; up to three birds were seen in the next several days, an excellent find for Rockland County.

On 20 July Ari Weiss was shown a photo of a bird seen by Isaac Ruschak on Blauvelt Road in Rockland County. He identified it as an **Anhinga**. The bird was relocated by Ari the following morning, enabling many to see this extreme rarity which remained through 31 August and beyond.

The **Neotropic Cormorant** found by Bruce Nott at the end of the last period was again seen by Bruce late in the day on 1 June. The bird moved back and forth across the Hudson River between Orange and Dutchess Counties and could be difficult to find at times. It continued at least through the end of the period and was probably the most seen bird in the Region.

On 19 July Ari Weiss noticed a large white heron on the pedestrian bridge at Piermont Pier. It turned out to in fact be a Great White Heron, the white form of the Great Blue Heron, extremely rare in New York. It remained throughout the period.

On 29 August Tom Warren found a juvenile **White Ibis** at the Landing in Dobbs Ferry. Unfortunately, the bird took flight shortly afterward and was not found again.

On 10 July Ari Weiss spotted a **Glossy Ibis** on the mud flats at Piermont Pier. Robert Miller found another Glossy Ibis on Hurley Mountain Road on 22 July, a most unexpected location. There were several additional reports during the period.

On 9 June David Deleo spotted an unusual flycatcher at Stony Kill Farm EEC in Dutchess County. Barbara Michelin was notified and identified the bird as a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**. The bird continued through the following day but was not seen thereafter.

On 17 June David Warne was birding the mound at Croton Point Park when he came upon a shrike. The bird was ultimately determined to be a **Loggerhead Shrike** and continued to be seen throughout the day. It could not be located the following morning. In a remarkable follow up to the story, Larry Trachtenberg found another or perhaps even the same Loggerhead Shrike at the same location on 2 August, again present for just the day.

Marge Gorton was surprised to look at her feeders on the morning of 19 August and see a beautiful male **Evening Grosbeak** feeding on sunflower seeds. Another, or perhaps the same bird, was reported just a few miles away two days later. They are extremely rare in the summer.

On 31 August Tom Warren found a Lark Sparrow at Rockefeller State Park in Westchester County. This was the first record for the park. Though well photographed, the bird was not seen thereafter.

On 18 June Dennis Wareham made an unexpected find in his back yard, a **Clay-colored Sparrow**. He was able to alert some local birders and they viewed the bird through 20 June.

On 16 June Lisa Scheppke photographed a male **Blue Grosbeak** on the mound at Croton Point Park. Though not spotted the following day, it was seen on the 18th, but not thereafter.

On 9 June Ronnie DiLorenzo was searching for sparrows when she spotted a singing male **Dickcissel** at the Sunflower Farm in the Orange County Black Dirt Region. The bird continued through 19 June, when unfortunately, the fields were mowed.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BSWMA – Bashakill State WMA, SULL; **BW** – Beacon Waterfront, DUTC; **CPP** – Croton Pt P, WEST; **CRS** – Croton Railroad Station, WEST; **EGR** – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, WEST; **GV** – Great Vly WMA, ULST; **MC** – Marshlands Conservancy, WEST; **MF** – Muscoot Farm, WEST; **MP** – Morningside P, SULL; **NCR** – New Croton Res, WEST; **NR** – Neversink Res, SULL; **NW** – Newburgh Waterfront, ORAN; **OCBDR** – Orange County Black Dirt Region, ORAN; **OMRLMSP** – Ogden Mills and Ruth Livingston Mills SP, DUTC; **PHP** – Peach Hill P, DUTC; **PITN** – Pine I Turf Nursery, ORAN; **PP** – Piermont Pier, ROCK; **RL** – Rhinecliff Landing, DUTC; **RLSP** – Rockland L SP, ROCK; **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; **VFEP** – Vassar Farms and Ecological Pres, DUTC; **WFPF** – West Point Foundry Pres, PUTN; **WRNWR** – Wallkill R_i NWR, ORAN; **ws reps** – widespread reports.

Brant: 3 PP 7 Jun (AW_{ei}).

Gadwall: PP 28 Jul (LS).

Ring-necked Duck: WRNWR 12 Jun – 17 Jul (KK, mob).

Lesser Scaup: 28 Jun (GB_{en}, TB).

Northern Bobwhite: Maple Ridge ULST 10-11 Jun (AM_e, mob).

Ruffed Grouse: Flynn Rd SULL 3 Jun (SB); Minnewaska SP ULST 5 Jun (RM).

Common Nighthawk: CPP 5 Jun (CK); Wolf Brook SULL 7 Jun (KM_i).

Eastern Whip-poor-will: Fahnestock PUTN 4 Jun (JY); McDonald Rd SULL 6 Jun (JH_{aa}); max 2 Pine Kill Rd SULL 1-25 Jun (JH_{aa}, mob); max 7 Harriman SP 1-17 Jun (DP, mob); max 3 SFSP 8-13 Jun (RD_i, JC).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: max 30 Grahamsville SULL 17 Aug (RD_a), *intro*.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 8-11 Aug (PK, mob), *intro*.

Clapper Rail: max 6 MC 3 Jun-31 Aug (GB_{en}, mob).

Sandhill Crane: max 2 WRNWR 1 Jun-4 Aug (KK, mob); 2 Hurley Mt Rd ULST 8 Jul, 2 Aug (PS, RM); 2 SHSR 25 Aug (KA).

AMERICAN AVOCET (R9): 11 Gibson Hill Rd ORAN 30 Aug (JS, mob), *intro*.

American Oystercatcher: max 5 MC 1 Jun-2 Aug (GB_{en}, mob); max 7 EGR 1 Jun-30 Jul (GB_{en}, mob).

Black-bellied Plover: PP 29 Jul-21 Aug (BN, mob); max 4 OCBDR 6 Aug (MZ, LS); 2 Cornwall Bay ORAN 8 Aug (BN, JC); MC 8-10 Aug (SC_{am}, mob); OCBDR 22 Aug (LS).

American Golden-Plover: max 4 OCBDR 26-30 Aug (JC, mob).

Semipalmated Plover: max 11 PP 1-3 Jun (AWei); Rt 747/84 Swamp ORAN 5 Jun (BN); 4 Cornwall Bay 2 Jun (BN); CPP 5 Jun (CK); max 12 MC 26 Jul-5 Aug (GBen, mob); max 8 PP 28 Jul-5 Aug (AWei, mob); max 2 MP 3-4 Aug (JHaa).

PIPING PLOVER (R9): PP 29-31 Jul (AWei, mob), *intro*.

Upland Sandpiper: SGNWR 30 Jul (SL); OCBDR 5 Aug (MZ, LS).

Whimbrel: 2 PP 1 Aug (AWei).

Marbled Godwit: WRNWR 23, 26 Aug (LS, JC), *intro*.

Ruddy Turnstone: CPP 5 Jun (CK); PP 2, 7 Jun (KL, mob); max 4 PP 24 Jul-3 Aug (LP, mob); Cornwall Bay 25 Aug (JC, mob).

Stilt Sandpiper: PP 11 Aug (ML); PP 20 Aug (LP, CCo); Hillside L DUTC 25-27 Aug (AMa, mob).

Sanderling: max 3 28 Jul-4 Aug (LS, mob); PP 26, 30 Aug (CCo, AWei); The Landing Dobbs Ferry WEST 20 Aug (JR).

Dunlin: 2 PP 3 Jun (AWei, LP).

Baird's Sandpiper: 2 PITN 22 Aug (LS); Orange Harbor Square P WEST 26-27 Aug (LT, mob); max 2 Ossining WEST 29-30 Aug (LT, mob).

Least Sandpiper: GV 3 Jun (PS); 3 PP 3 Jun (AWei); max 25 PP 29 Jul (AWei, mob); 70 Swan L SULL 22 Aug (JHaa).

White-rumped Sandpiper: PP 7 Jun (AWei); Camel Farm ORAN 11 Jun (MZ, mob); PP 27-26 Aug (JC, mob).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: OCBDR 29-31 Aug (AWei, mob).

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 8 PP 29 Jul-1 Aug (JG, mob); max 2 Hillside L DUTC 25-27 Aug (BM, mob); ws reps.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 40 PP 14 Jul-5 Aug (AWei, mob); max 25 MC 25 Jul-5 Aug (JAm, mob).

Short-billed Dowitcher: max 6 PP 18 Jul-25 Aug (AWei, mob); EGR 13 Aug (SCam, SR); 6 MP 15 Aug (MZ, JH); 6 MC 17 Aug (LM); Pell Lane ULST 20 Aug (DWare, mob); PITN 22 Aug (RDi, mob).

Wilson's Snipe: PP 26 Jul (KL); Haverstraw ROCK 2 Aug (MG); GV 20-26 Aug (PS); MP 23-30 Aug (JHaa).

Willet: max 6 MC 1 Jun-31 Aug (GBen, mob); PP 2 Jun (AWei); CPP 2 Jun (LT); Gibson Hill Rd (JS, mob), *intro*.

Red-necked Phalarope: MP 15-16 Aug (JH, mob), *intro*.

Bonaparte's Gull: Dennings Pt DUTC 1 Jun (MM); 8 SS 15 Jul (PS); RL 24 Jul (JAs); 4 SS 31 Jul (PS); PP 1 Aug (AWei); EGR 13 Aug (SCam, SR).

Laughing Gull: max 3 PP 3-4 Jun (AWei, mob); PP 15 Jul (AWei); max 3 PP 19 Jul-1 Aug (AWei, mob); CRS 5, 8 Aug (SCam, BS); Cornwall Bay 16 Aug (BN, JC).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: NW 23,26 Jul (JHaa, BN); MacEachron Waterfront P WEST 7 Aug (JAm).

Least Tern: max 5 MC 3 Jun-31 Jul (GBen, mob); EGR 4-7 Jul (GBen, mob).

Caspian Tern: CPP 22 Jun (SP, KL); MC 30 Jun (GBen, TB); max 12 PP 18 Jul-20 Aug (AWei, mob); max 15 Cornwall Bay 6-21 Aug (MZ, mob); 2 CRS 8 Aug (SCam, BS); 3 Matthiessen P WEST 8 Aug (KMcG), *intro*.

Black Tern: max 2 BW 22 Aug (KB, DvZ); 2 Newburgh ORAN (JC).

Common Tern: 2 EGR 3-6 Jun (KMcG, mob); PP 28 Jun (AWei, TW).

Forster's Tern: max 4 MC 1-3 Jun (GBen, mob); max 3 PP 23-28 Jul (DH, mob).

Common Loon: 2 NR 1-3 Jun (JHaa, KMi); Swan L SULL 2 Jun (JHaa); EGR 3 Jun (GBen, mob); 2 CPP 5 Jun (CK); Minnewaska ULST 8 Jun (SB); max 2 KL 19-24 Jun (SG, mob); 2 Rondout Res ULST 24 Jun (SCam).

ANHINGA: Orangeburg ROCK 20 Jul through end of period (AWei, mob), *intro*.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT: NW 1 Jun-31 Aug (BN, mob), BW 1-2 Jun, 3 Aug (AMa, mob), *intro*.

American Bittern: BSWMA 1-20 Jun (JHaa, mob); max 2 WRNWR 1 Jun-31 Jul (KK, mob).

Least Bittern: max 3 GV 1 Jun-30 Jul (PS, mob); max 3 WRNWR 5 Jun-21 Jul (KK, mob); SS 8-16 Jul (RH, mob); PP 9 Jun-31 Jul (AWei, mob).

"Great White" Heron: PP 19 Jul-31 Aug (AWei, mob), *intro*.

Great Egret: max 68 WRNWR 2-31 Aug (LS, mob).

Snowy Egret: max 12 EGR 1 Jun-31 Aug (GBen, mob); max 12 MC 1 Jun-31 Aug (KMcG, mob); max 2 PP 25,30 Jul (ML, mob).

Little Blue Heron: Suffern ROCK 14 Jul (AWei); Algonquin P ORAN 21 Jul-2 Aug (KMcD, mob); Haverstraw Bay Country Club ROCK 30 Jul (AWei); Muscoot Res WEST 4 Aug (SCam, mob); PP 9 Aug (AWei); Wallkill ULST 4-23 Aug (KMB, mob); Wappingers L DUTC 13-27 Aug (DvZ, mob); max 3 WRNWR 18-31 Aug (KK, mob).
Black-crowned Night-Heron: SS 13 Jun (PS); Global Oil Terminal ORAN 7 Jun (BN); Lake Tappan ROCK 21 Jul-2 Aug (LS, mob); PP 29 Jul (AWei); max 3 EGR 6 Jun-30 Jul (JC, mob); max 5 MC 1 Jun-30 Jul (GBen, mob).
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: VanBurenville Rd ORAN 1-10 Jun (JD); Lake Tappan 16-30 Aug (KF, mob).

WHITE IBIS: Dobbs Ferry Landing 29 Aug (TW, JAm), *intro*.

Glossy Ibis: PP 10 Jul (AWei); Hurley Mt Rd 22 Jul (RM); PP 1 Aug (AWei); CPP 1 Aug (JW); Rockland Psychiatric Center ROCK 4 Aug (NB); 2 Tallman Mt SP ROCK 10 Aug (AWei).

Northern Harrier: SGNWR 1-15 Jun (LL, mob); Richards Pres WEST 12 Jun (DV); WRNWR 5 Jun (GW); 2 BSWMA 30 Aug (JHaa).

Eastern Screech-Owl: max 2 Harriman SP 1-14 Jun (LS, mob); BSWMA 1-16 Jun (SB, mob); Grist Mill Ln DUTC 4 Jun (JAs); North Castle WEST 11 Jun (DP, TB).

Red-headed Woodpecker: NCR 4 Jun (SW); RSP 5-8 Jun (CK, mob); Arcady Rd WEST 5 Jun (LO); Sedgewood Club PUTN 30 Jul-4 Aug (SCam, mob)

Monk Parakeet: max 21 Titus Mill P WEST 1 Jun-31 Aug (GBen, mob).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER: Stony Kill Farm EEC DUTC 9-10 Jun (DD, BM, mob), *intro*.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Anderson Rd SULL 1-3 Jun (SG, Mob); RSP 14 Aug (AS, mob); Glynnwood Farm PUTN 14-23 Aug (SCam, mob); Cliffdale Farm WEST 15-21 Aug (SR, mob); Clarence Fahnestock SP PUTN 21 Aug (AL, mob); SGNWR 22 Aug (KMcD); BSWMA 28-30 Aug (JHaa, SB).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Honey Hollow WEST 18 Aug (JAm); RSP 34, 28 Aug (TW, JAm); Teatown L Res WEST 25 Aug (CR);

Pinecliff Sanctuary WEST 27-28 Aug (DV, TA); Cliffdale Farm 28 Aug (SR).

Alder Flycatcher: max 2 Ward Pound Ridge Res WEST 5-6 Jun (AG, KM); MC 1-7 Jun (GBen, TB).

White-eyed Vireo: Baxter Pres WEST 1-3 Jun (TA, mob); Angel Fly Pres WEST 3 Jun (TA); Round Pd ORAN 8 Jun (BT); PHP 11 Jun (CF); Lost City ULST 11 Jun (AP); Hunt-Parker Sanctuary WEST 15 Jun (TJ).

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE: CPP 17 Jun (DWarn, mob); CPP 2 Aug (LT, mob), *intro*.

Horned Lark: max 3 OCBDR 17-19 Jul (LS, mob); max 31 OCBDR 5-31 Aug (MZ, mob).

Bicknell's Thrush: max 6 Slide Mt ULST 1 Jun-30 Jul (PM, mob).

Evening Grosbeak: Roscoe SULL 19 Aug (MG, mob); Tennenah L SULL 21 Aug (SG), *intro*.

Grasshopper Sparrow: max 10 SGNWR 1 Jun-31 Aug (SW, mob); CPP 4-11 Jun (AS, mob); OCBDR 11-18 Jun (KK, mob); NR 24 Jun (SCam).

LARK SPARROW: RSP 31 Aug (TW), *intro*.

Clay-colored Sparrow: Esopus ULST 19-20 Jun (DWare, SD), *intro*.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Andrew Haight Rd DUTC 5 Jun (JHan, JAs); max 2 Ulster P ULST 10 Jun-3 Jul (DT, mob); max 2 SFSP 18-19 Jun (SA, mob); OMRLMSP 25-26 Jun (CF, DvZ); Greta Hill DUTC 9 Jul (JHar); OMRLMSP 13 Jul (LS).

Worm-eating Warbler: max 2 WFPF 23 Jul-18 Aug (CR).

Golden-winged Warbler: max 3 SFSP 1-7 Jun (VP, mob).

Blue-winged Warbler: Clarence Fahnestock SP 21 Aug (AS, DvZ).

Tennessee Warbler: 14 Aug (SCam); Glynnwood Farms RSP 27 Aug (AS, GBer).
Nashville Warbler: Hillview Res WEST 24 Aug (SCam).

Hooded Warbler: 2 Angle Fly Pres WEST 8-23 Jul (TA).

Cape May Warbler: max 2 Hillview Res 19-23 Aug (SCam).

Northern Parula: 2 RSP 5 Jun (JW); 4 Oakland Valley Rd SULL 8 Jun (JHaa).

Magnolia Warbler: Clarence Fahnestock SP
23 Aug (AL).

Bay-breasted Warbler: Empire State Trail
DUTC 27 Aug (CCh).

Palm Warbler: West Point ORAN 22 Aug
(EH).

Canada Warbler: Cliffdale Farm 15 Aug
(SR); BSWMA 20 Aug (JC, DB).

BLUE GROSBEAK: Stony Pt ROCK 1 Jun
(LS); CPP 16-18 Jun (LS, mob), *intro*.

Dickcissel: OCBDR 9-19 Jun (RDi, mob);
CPP 15 Aug (KB); WRNWR 27 Aug (GBen),
intro.