

REGION 10—MARINE

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	Central Park			Islip		
Temp	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Dec	38.5°	39.1°	-0.6°	36.8°	37.1°	-0.3°
Jan	43.5°	33.7°	+9.8°	41.1°	31.9°	+9.2°
Feb	41.1°	35.9°	+5.2°	38.1°	33.3°	+4.8°
Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Dec	5.83"	4.38"	+1.45"	4.42"	4.71"	-0.29"
Jan	4.38"	3.64"	+0.74"	4.97"	3.66"	+1.31"
Feb	1.28"	3.19"	-1.91"	1.62"	3.29"	-1.67"

Temperatures in Region 10 reflected the new normal, and doubtless the near future, with means well above freezing in January and February. The only severe cold, owing to polar vortices, occurred on 2 December and 28 January, but lasted only briefly. The larger freshwater lakes remained largely ice-free, reflected in the continuing records of species such as Wood Duck, Pied-billed Grebe, and Common Gallinule. The only substantial snowfall (ca. 4 inches) occurred on 28 February but left little trace within three days.

Notable freshwater Anatidae this season included single Blue-winged Teal in two sites, a “Eurasian” Green-winged Teal in Suffolk, and Eurasian Wigeon at eight sites. The warm weather may have favored lingering Clapper and Virginia Rails, as well as two Soras in Suffolk, always a notable species in that region. Lingering shorebirds included many Killdeer, Semipalmated and Piping Plovers, five Marbled Godwits, Least and Western Sandpipers in early December, both yellowlegs species, a Spotted Sandpiper, a Willet, and a remarkable 140 American Oystercatchers in early December. Long-billed Dowitcher was seen at three sites in December, with a single bird still in Nassau in late February. Wilson’s Snipe was seen in five counties, lingering throughout the period. In contrast, American Woodcock was seen at many sites throughout December, but few were then recorded until late February. Warm-season herons included single Snowy Egret and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, as well as many Great Egrets, some of which persisted through the season. Single Forster’s Tern and Black Skimmer were recorded in early January, but Laughing Gulls persisted only into December.

Among notable lingering land birds were two Ospreys in December and one in late February, Eastern Phoebe until 22 February, two Blue-headed Vireos, a Barn Swallow, plentiful Chipping and White-crowned Sparrows, one or two of each of the saltmarsh-dwelling sparrows, and a few Vesper and Lincoln’s Sparrows. Other persistent passerines included several Yellow-breasted Chats, Baltimore Orioles, Eastern Meadowlarks, two Dickcissels, and a long-staying Summer Tanager at a feeder. In evidence of the changing climate, a single male Boat-tailed Grackle in January 1997 was the first record of this species on the

Southern Nassau CBC, but a roosting flock of 500 was noted in Broad Channel, Queens. During the previous four winters (2018-19 through 2021-22), the number of recorded warbler species was, successively, 13, 11, 12, and 14. Winter 2022-23 set a new high with 18 species. How high will it go?

A few permanent residents bear mention. Wild Turkey is now abundant and widespread in Suffolk and Richmond Counties, with a few in Bronx as well. Other widespread, commonly seen species include Black and Turkey Vultures, Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, and Peregrine Falcon, this especially in the metropolitan area, where it finds abundant habitat and food. Great Horned and Eastern Screech-Owls were reported from many suitable sites in Nassau and Suffolk, as well as from some city parks. An estimated 660 American Robins at Montauk Point in late January is not unusual for that area. The highest reported number of American Crows was 200 in Southampton, dwarfed by the 3000 Fish Crows at a roost in Hempstead Plains—a persisting difference in the status of these species. (See Region 10 winter reports in recent years.) Common Ravens were commonly seen in all counties, in habitats ranging from uptown Manhattan to ocean beaches. No doubt part of the previous fall's irruption, the resident Tufted Titmouse population was supplemented by an "invasion," most notably evident in Central Park where as many as 180 were reported, with up to 64 in the Ramble alone. Also notable were reports of up to five from Jones Beach throughout the winter; the species is extremely rare on the barrier beaches.

Overwintering visitors from the north included the usual geese, complemented by reports of Cackling Goose in about 25 sites, a single **Ross's Goose** in Riverhead, at least four **Greater White-fronted**, and **Pink-footed** in five widely separated sites. A report of 2000 Common Eider at Camp Hero State Park was encouraging, even if not as high as in some previous winters, and all the scoters were reasonably abundant. Among notable, but not truly rare, species were three or four **King Eiders**, as many as nine **Harlequin Ducks** at one of several sites, at least five **Barrow's Goldeneye**, three **Pacific Loons**, a **Brown Pelican** in the Bronx, a recently deceased **Great Shearwater**, and two sightings from shore of **Northern Fulmars**, complementing one seen on a pelagic outing. Red-necked Grebes were seen at more than 20 sites. Two Pileated Woodpeckers were recorded in Pelham Bay Park (Bronx), and one was sporadically seen in Forest Park (Queens), a most unusual site. A sighting of a Red Phalarope from shore was also unusual. Alcids were gratifyingly abundant. At least six reports of Razorbill were over 2000, with a maximum of 4800 at Montauk Point on 21 January. Dovekies were seen from many shore points in Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk, mostly in December and early January, and a pelagic cruise on 28 January recorded 43. Single **Common Murres** were seen at five locations, including Lake Montauk, where one was seen by many birders over several days, and **Thick-billed Murres** appeared at 14 sites, from Staten Island and Brooklyn to Montauk Point. **Black Guillemots** were seen at three locations in the Montauk area, and Atlantic Puffins were reported from several offshore sites. Seven hundred Northern Gannets were the maximum this season, in contrast to a report of 3500 in the previous winter. Great Cormorant counts ranged up to 37, contrasting with a report of 250 Double-crested Cormorants at Jones Beach State Park. A fine selection of gulls included

at least six Black-headed, two **Little**, two **Common/Short-billed**, six Glaucous, Iceland at more than 50 sites, and Black-legged Kittiwakes seen, from shore, from Queens to Montauk, where up to 325 were recorded one morning. An apparent **European Herring Gull**, likely the same one as recorded last winter, showed up at Old Field Point, Suffolk County again in mid-January. Bonaparte's Gull has been distressingly uncommon in recent years, but showed an apparent rebound this winter, with counts as high as 1200. Lesser Black-backed Gull, remembered as a rarity by some older birders, was recorded at more than 75 sites in all seven counties.

Among land birds, northern visitors included two reports of single **Northern Goshawk** and single Rough-legged Hawks at six sites in Long Island. Two Snowy Owls were seen in Suffolk, and what may have been a single bird was reported at sites ranging from Jones Beach west to Lido Beach. Although reports of roosting owls are rightly discouraged, Long-eared Owl is now certainly far less commonly found in our Region than a few decades ago: I know of only one sighting this winter. Ten Short-eared Owls were reported in Queens and Suffolk. A few dedicated nocturnal efforts showed, again, that Northern Saw-whet Owls are not uncommon in suitable habitat on Long island. A single **Northern Shrike** was recorded, near Montauk. It was a peak winter for Red-breasted Nuthatch throughout the Region, with as many as 44 reported at Jones Beach West End on 31 December. Visiting **Red Crossbills** were seen at a number of sites, with up to 25 frequenting Jones Beach West End, and 30 along the Paumanok Trail in pine barrens in Manorville. Pine Siskins were widely reported in December, but only a few remained into late February. Two **Common Redpolls**, recorded on the Smithtown CBC, were the only report of this species. Small numbers of Purple Finches were widely distributed across five counties. Lapland Longspurs, mostly singletons, were seen at a few locations from Brooklyn to Montauk Point, often in flocks of Horned Larks. Flocks of as many as 180 Snow Buntings were widely reported, mostly on or near ocean beaches.

Finally, winter in Region 10 often yields a few rare species, and the winter of 2022-2023 was no exception. A dependable **Eared Grebe** frequented Shirley Chisholm State Park (Kings) from early January thru, and no fewer than three **Pacific Loons** were seen, one on a pelagic cruise as it passed the Brooklyn shore. A male **Tufted Duck** surfaced in the Wertheim NWR, and a **Rufous Hummingbird** frequented a feeder in East Hampton. **Painted Bunting** is becoming almost expected in December; three were found this winter. A **Trumpeter Swan**, found on the Montauk CBC, was only the third record for the Region.

Among the rarest of the rare were a **Townsend's Warbler** in a park in Brooklyn; a **Crested Caracara** on Gardiner's Island; and a **Swainson's Hawk**, first recorded on the Staten Island shore, and later seen in and near the Brooklyn dock yards. For a few days in late February, birders who saw this hawk could drive less than a mile south to Bush Terminal Piers Park, to seek a **Western Meadowlark**!

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ABBREVIATIONS

AMNH – American Museum of Natural History; **BBP** – Brooklyn Bridge P, KING; **BPt** – Breezy Pt, QUEE; **BRY** – Bryant P, NEWY; **BZ** – Bronx Zoo, BRON; **CIC** – Coney I Creek/P, KING; **CP** – Central P, NEWY; **CVP** – Calvert Vaux P (aka Dreier Offerman P), KING; **DR** – Dune Rd, Cupsogue CP 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; **GI** – Gardiners I, SUFF; **GKP** – Great Kills P, RICH; **GwC** – Green-wood Cemetery, KING; **HLSP** – Hempstead L SP, NASS; **HSP** – Heckscher SP, SUFF; **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; **Mass** – Massapequa Pres, NASS; **MP** – Montauk Pt SP, SUFF; **OMNSA** – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, NASS; **PBP** – Pelham Bay P, BRON; **PlumbB** – Plumb Beach, KING; **PL** – Point Lookout, NASS; **PP** – Prospect P, KING; **RBA** – NY Rare Bird Alert; **RI** – Randalls I, NEWY; **Riv** – Riverhead, SUFF; **RMSP** – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **SC** – Santapogue Creek, SUFF; **SCFED** – Suffolk County Farm & Education Center, SUFF; **Shinn** – Shinnecock In/Bay, SUFF; **SMNC** – Salt Marsh Nature Center at Marine P (KING); **SPCP** – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; **VCP** – Van Cortlandt P, BRON.

Snow Goose: max 1300 JBWR 17 Dec (DGo *et al.*).

ROSS’S GOOSE (R10): Riv sod farms 10-11 Jan (DMcN, J. Rand).

Greater White-fronted Goose: Centerport 2 Dec thru (m. ob.); Sagaponack SUFF 16 Dec (B. Bolduc); Riv 2-21 Jan (K. Hart *et seq.*).

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: 2 Midland Beach RICH 31 Dec (C. Hagen *et al.*); 2 Glen Head NASS 18 Dec (B. Garriel); Northport and Centerport SUFF 4 Dec -24 Feb (m. ob.); Cutchogue SUFF 17 Dec (JSep).

Brant: max 10,000 JBWE 29 Dec.

Cackling Goose: singles at 5 sites in RICH, 1 in BRON, 2 in QUEE, 2 in NASS, 15 in SUFF, 1 Dec thru.

Canada Goose: many counts >2000; max 3500 Sagaponack SUFF 7 Jan (A. Cunningham, TH).

Mute Swan: max 84 E. Setauket SUFF 4 Jan (DCa), 84 Watermill 14 Jan (AColl).

TRUMPETER SWAN: Lake Montauk SUFF 17 Dec thru (BBom, m. ob.).

TUNDRA SWAN (R10): 3 GKP 15 Jan (RBA); 4 Shinn 14 Feb (J. Sehring).

Wood Duck: many sites, thru; max 9 BZ 20 Dec (T. Olson).

Blue-winged Teal: Mill Pond Pres, Wantagh NASS 1-8 Jan (m. ob.); Patchogue L SUFF 7 Jan (DCa) -18 Feb.

Northern Shoveler: max 400 CP 29 Dec (m. ob.).

Gadwall: max 300 Swan Lake, E. Patchogue SUFF 4 Jan (DF), 7 Jan (DCa). **Eurasian Wigeon:** singles at Bush Terminal P KING, 30 Jan (J Malbin); JBWR 17 Dec – 18 Feb (m. ob.); Oyster Bay NASS 8, 9 Jan (K. Golder *et seq.*); in SUFF-Lloyd Harbor 28 Jan (TH); Sayville 22 Jan (MMcB); Patchogue L 9 Jan (R. Haimes); Shirley 27 Dec – 26 Feb (MMcB); 2 Mattituck 15 Jan – 17 Feb (B. Bolduc).

American Wigeon: max 860 GI 17 Dec (TJS, AnW).

Mallard: max 400 Oyster Bay NASS 24 Jan (R. Norse).

American Black Duck: max 2100 Zachs Bay NASS 31 Dec (S. Camillieri).

Northern Pintail: max 98 JFKMWS 31 Dec (S. Rappaport *et al.*).

Green-winged Teal: max 175 Shorts Pd SUFF 3 Jan (J. Giunta); “Eurasian”, SC 24 Jan *et seq.* (RBA).

Canvasback: max 381 LGA airport QUEE 18 Feb (G. Vidal).

Redhead: max 81 Avon L, Amityville SUFF 5 Jan (PJJ, SSM).

Ring-necked Duck: 196 Great Pd, Southold SUFF 2 Feb (JSep).

TUFTED DUCK: Wertheim NWR SUFF 19-20 Dec (A. Perkins *et seq.*).

Greater Scaup: max 30,000 HSP 9 Feb (C. Kessler).

Lesser Scaup: max 1100 Eastport L SUFF 6 Jan (PJJ, SSM).

King Eider: Governors I NEWY 17 Jan (DGo); PL 19 Jan (B. Garriel *et al.*); Shinn 11 Jan – 20 Feb (m. ob.).

Common Eider: max 2000 Camp Hero SP SUFF (B. Filemyr, W. Shafer).

Harlequin Duck: 1 site in KING, 3 in NASS (max 10 JBWE 12 Feb (S. Perreault) and 9 PL 27 Jan, (S. Miller), also Jones In 27 Feb, (m. ob.); 7 in SUFF).

Surf Scoter: max 750 GI 27 Jan (A. Farnsworth).

White-winged Scoter: max 750 Goldsmith’s In SUFF 22 Jan (J. Rand).

Black Scoter: max 625 GI 16 Feb (A. Farnsworth).

Long-tailed Duck: max 1500 Great South Bay, Islip SUFF 12 Feb (AMNH Bird Group).

Bufflehead: max 315 PBP 20 Feb (R. Aracil).

Common Goldeneye: max 125 GI 16 Feb (A. Farnsworth).

Barrow’s Goldeneye: NASS: Kings Pt 5 Jan (MMcB); Glen Cove 21 Jan (J. Valo); SUFF: CMB 21 Dec thru; Fresh Pd (Fort Salonga) 7 Jan – 26 Feb (m. ob.); Mattituck 19 Dec - 13 Feb (B Bolduc); Southold 16 Jan (J. Rand).

Hooded Merganser: max 300 Mill Pd Pres NASS 31 Dec (S. Billerman).

Common Merganser: max 128 Lake Ronkonkoma SUFF 17 Jan (T. Mansfield).

Red-breasted Merganser: max 400 Tiana Beach, DR 25 Jan (P. Domeischel).

Ruddy Duck: max 2200 Speonk SUFF 13 Feb.

Northern Bobwhite: 2 SCFED 10 Jan (SSM, PJJ), possibly wild.

Wild Turkey: BZ 15 Jan (T. Olson); 20 sites in RICH, many sites in SUFF; max 63 Southold 20 Dec. (H. Lanza).

Ring-necked Pheasant: possibly wild in RICH (1 site), KING (1), QUEE (1), western SUFF (West Islip, Brightwaters).

Pied-billed Grebe: all counties, 66 sites.

Horned Grebe: all county shores, also PP (4, 1 Feb, K. Willens), CP (1, 7-8 Feb, m. ob.); max 95 Lido Pres NASS 12 Feb (BFO).

Red-necked Grebe: 7 sites in KING, 1 in QUEE, 4 in NASS, 12 in SUFF; max 4 Culloden Pt SUFF 22 Jan (T. Moran, DMcN).

EARED GREBE (R10): Shirley Chisholm SP KING 5 Jan thru (S. Barno *et seq.*).

Mourning Dove: max 240 PP 7 Dec (M. Cook).

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: East Hampton SUFF 10 Dec – 2 Jan (AColl).

Clapper Rail: single birds PlumbB to 9 Feb (HL, TP), Lido Pres NASS 25 Dec (J. Gaglione), JBSP bay islands 31 Dec (MMcB), Green Pt SUFF 18 Dec (MMcB), DR 18 Jan (KF, SF).

Virginia Rail: NASS: Mass 31 Dec (S. Billerman); SUFF: 1 or 2 birds at 8 sites, latest 7 Feb.

Sora: 1 CMB 28 Jan (TJS, P. Morris); Wertheim NWR SUFF 5 Feb (S. Clarke).

Common Gallinule: Mill Pond Pres NASS to 26 Feb (m. ob.); Mill River Pres, Mattituck SUFF 20 Jan (V. Seabrook).

American Coot: max 118 JBWR 17 Dec (DGo, R. Gochfeld).

American Oystercatcher: KING: 3 sites, max 26 JBWR 4 Dec (J. Malbin, L. DeMarco); QUEE 2 sites; NASS 8 sites max 46 JBWE 5 Dec (K. Kelly); at JBWE to 22 Feb; SUFF 4 sites.

Black-bellied Plover: multiple sites in RICH, KING, QUEE, NASS, SUFF; max 200 JBWE 12 Dec (C. Edwardson *et al.*).

Killdeer: many sites, all counties; max 23 Sunken Meadow SP SUFF 6 Jan (DF).
Semipalmated Plover: NASS: Atlantic Beach 18 Dec (M. Epstein); 3 PL 4-7 Dec (S. Harris), 3 JBSP 18 Feb (M. Epstein).
Piping Plover: 2 PL 4 Dec (S. Harris); PL 7 Feb (K. Long); 1 JBWE 1-28 Jan (m. ob.).

Marbled Godwit: 5 JBWE 2 Dec (P. Aitken *et al.*), to 14 Dec.

Ruddy Turnstone: 1 site in NEWY, 3 in RICH, 3 in QUEE, 7 in NASS, 12 in SUFF; max 130 Centre Island Town P NASS 17 Jan (B. Garriel).

Red Knot: PL 14 Jan – 11 Feb; max 6, 15 Jan (PJL, SSM); JBWE to 18 Feb; max 10, 12 Dec (T. Tsafonis); Shinn 21 Feb (SSM, PJL).

Sanderling: many sites; max 500 JBWE 28 Dec (D. Chernack).

Dunlin: many sites; max 1000 JBWE 10 Dec (C. Edwardson *et al.*).

Purple Sandpiper: many sites, all counties; high counts 42 JBWE 5 Jan (E. Becher), 50 Coney Island Beach KING 13 Feb (J. Suzuki).

Least Sandpiper: 2 JBWE 10 Dec (C. Edwardson, ph.).

Western Sandpiper: JBWR 13 Dec (R. Gochfeld, DGo); 2 JBWE 10 Dec (J. McGowan).

Long-billed Dowitcher: 3 JBWR 17 Dec (R. Gochfeld, DGo); 1-4 Smith Pd, Rockville Centre NASS 20-26 Jan (m.ob.); 2 JBWE 1-6 Dec (PJL); 3 SC 2 Dec (T. Ambrico).

American Woodcock: multiple sites, all counties, thru.

Wilson's Snipe: single sites in RICH and KING; multiple sites in QUEE (4), NASS (3), SUFF (8); max 25 Georgica Cove, Wainscott SUFF 27 Dec (M. Doyle, D. Quinn); thru in QUEE and SUFF.

Spotted Sandpiper: CVP16 Dec (R. Fleming, J. Malbin), to 16 Jan.

Lesser Yellowlegs: CVP 5 Dec (T. Mansfield).

Willet: 1 PlumbB 2 Dec (CP, ph.), to 8 Dec.

Greater Yellowlegs: 86 sites, all counties except NEWY, thru; max 130 Smith Pd, Rockville Ctr NASS 10 Dec (J. Landesberg).

RED PHALAROPE (R10): Caumsett SP SUFF 17 Dec (KF, SF).

Dovekie: 3 sightings in QUEE, 15 in NASS, >26 in SUFF; max counts from shore 7 JBWE 23 Dec (S. Billerman, M.B. Billerman), 7 MP 30 Dec (SSM, PJL), 7 MP 7 Jan (TH); 1270 count on pelagic cruise from Brooklyn 28 Jan. (S. Sime).

COMMON MURRE (R10): BPt 7 Jan (m. ob.); JBWE 8 Feb (F. Rodriguez); Shinn 28 Jan

(R.Valente, K. Rossi); Lake Montauk 21-25 Jan (m. ob.); 1 MP 22 Jan (I. Resnick *et al.*, KF, SF).

THICK-BILLED MURRE: Conference House P RICH 22-29 Jan, (m. ob.); CIC 26 Jan (S. Hildie); JBWE 21 Feb (B. Anderson); SUFF: 9 sites from RMSP to MP, also Orient Pt SUFF, 2 Jan to 20 Feb; all single birds.

Razorbill: high counts include 1976 RMSP 18 Dec (P. Morris), 3500 MP 19 Jan (PJL, SSM, R. Stoltzfus); max 4800 MP 21 Jan (MMcB).

Black Guillemot: MP 19 Jan (SSM, PJL, R. Stoltzfus *et al.*); Culloden Pt SUFF 20 Jan (K. Coyle *et al.*); Fort Pond Bay SUFF 26 Dec - 2 Jan (m. ob.).

ATLANTIC PUFFIN: 13, pelagic cruise from Brooklyn to SUFF 28 Jan (S. Sime *et al.*); 4 Hudson Valley Shelf SUFF 18 Jan (M. Brompton); 4 Atlantic Beach shelf NASS 28 Jan (M. Brompton).

Black-legged Kittiwake: 2 Riis P QUEE 29 Dec (M. Epstein *et al.*); 8 RMSP 23 Dec (M. Ackley *et al.*); 2 SPCP 27 Dec (MMcB); Gardiners Bay SUFF 9 Dec (A. Farnsworth); MP sightings 11 Dec – 12 Feb, max 325 16 Jan (E. Markee-Ratner, P. Markee).

Bonaparte's Gull: all counties; max 1200 Verrazano Bridge KING 4 Jan (S. Sime, DGo).

Black-headed Gull: NEWY: RI 23 Dec - 19 Jan (m. ob.); 2 on 23 Dec (L. Brock *et seq.*); CP 30 Dec (E. Gaillard), Governors I 5 Feb (BFO, BBom); KING: PP 17 Dec (P. Paul), Bush Terminal P 24 Dec (J. Malbin), possibly same bird other shore sites, last PlumbB 20 Feb; QUEE: BPt 4 Dec (CF); NASS: Shell Creek P 31 Dec (D. Mithauer, DF), PL 1 Feb (KF); JBWE 10 Dec-18 Jan (m. ob.); SUFF: Setauket Harbor 3 Jan – 27 Feb (P. Domeishchel *et seq.*).

Little Gull: Shinn 25 Jan (RBA); PL 19 Feb (RBA).

Laughing Gull: 11 counties, multiple sites in RICH (6), KING (10), QUEE (7), NASS (2), SUFF 18; max 1500 Fort Tilden QUEE 3 Dec (CF *et al.*); latest 5 Feb Freeport NASS (B. Berlinger).

SHORT-BILLED GULL: RI 23 Dec (A. Farnsworth *et al.*); again 3 Jan, 19 Jan); Kings Pt NASS 4 Jan (MMcB; possibly Common Gull).

Ring-billed Gull: max 5300 BBP 20 Jan (DGo).

Herring Gull: max 2500 BPt 4 Dec (CF); ad evidently European *L. a. argentatus*, Old Field Pt SUFF 16, 29 Jan and continuing into spring in alt plumage (P. Domeishchel, ph), probably same ind as here last winter.

Iceland Gull: 1 site in BRON, 4 in NEWY, 3 in KING, 6 in RICH, 2 in QUEE, 4 in NASS (2 Dec - 26 Feb), 22 in SUFF; max 4 Ditch Plains SUFF 29 Dec (S. Billerman).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1 site in BRON, 3 in NEWY, 13 in KING, 9 in QUEE, 12 in NASS, 40 in SUFF; max 7 RMSP 17 Feb (PJL).

Glaucous Gull: RI 27 Dec (M. Winter), Rockaway Beach QUEE 19 Dec (R. Aracil); JBSP 28 Dec (PJL, SSM); Peconic SUFF 15 Jan (JSep); Wainscott Pd, East Hampton SUFF 5 Feb (SF, KF); Lake Montauk SUFF 17 Dec (BBom *et al.*)

Great Black-backed Gull: max 380 West Bar, Jamaica Bay QUEE 15 Feb (L. DeMarco).

Forster's Tern: Rockaway Beach QUEE 18 Dec (R. Aracil); JBWE 4 Dec (I. Bell, J. Hirschhorn), 2 Jan (S. Billerman, M.B. Billerman).

Black Skimmer: JBWE 3 Jan (A. Pichon).

Red-throated Loon: max 350 Fort Tilden P QUEE 2 Jan (T. Preston).

PACIFIC LOON: Kings Pt NASS 4 Jan (MMcB); BPt 14 Jan (pelagic cruise, J. McGowan *et al.*); Fort Pond Bay SUFF 30 Dec (PJL, SSM).

Common Loon: max 335 BPt 17 Dec (S. Sime).

NORTHERN FULMAR (R10): RMSP 23 Dec (SSM, PJL, MMcB); Long Beach NASS 31 Dec (DF, D. Mitthauer).

Great Shearwater: SPcP 2 Dec (fresh carcass on beach) (K. Cashman).

Northern Gannet: max 7000 BPt 25 Feb (CF).

Great Cormorant: BRON: 12 PBP 15 Jan (R. Aracil); 5 sites in NEWY, 14 in RICH, 17 in KING, 18 in SUFF; max 37 MP 28 Jan (E. Inigo Elias).

Double-crested Cormorant: max 250 JBSP 6 Dec. (V. Glasser, B. Dandamundi).

Brown Pelican: PBP 16 Dec (P. Horan).

American Bittern: JFKMWS 1 Jan (R. Taylor), SC 1-2 Dec (m. ob.), Wertheim NWR SUFF 10 Feb (K. Coyle), Cupsogue Beach CP SUFF 28 Dec (M. Winter), Fort Pond, Montauk SUFF 20 Dec (A. Lustig), DR, 8 reports 2 Dec -26 Feb.

Great Blue Heron: max 19 Ponquogue Br SUFF 4 Dec (Four Harbors Audubon Soc.).

Great Egret: 3 sites in KING, 5 in QUEE, 17 in NASS, ca. 50 in SUFF; latest 22 Feb (Meadowbrook Pkwy, S. Meyerheinrich).

Snowy Egret: PBP 18 Dec (T. Blair).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 4 sites in RICH, 2 in NEWY, 6 in KING, 10 in QUEE, 18 in NASS, 22 in SUFF; max 50 Cammann's Pd P NASS 1 Dec (J. Landesberg), declining to 24 on 24 Feb (TH).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: DR 28 Jan (R. Valente, K. Rossi).

Black Vulture: 5 sites in BRON, 3 in NEWY, ca. 30 in RICH, 5 in KING, 4 in QUEE, 2 in NASS, 8 in SUFF, latest 27 Feb (Riv); max 17 GKP 6 Dec.

Turkey Vulture: many sites throughout; max 65 Riv 16 Dec.

Osprey: Bayswater Pt SP QUEE 7 Dec (T. Remy); Oyster Bay NASS 2 Dec (B. Garriel).

Northern Harrier: many sites throughout.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: many sites throughout.

Cooper's Hawk: many sites throughout.

Northern Goshawk: South Shore Nat. Ctr. NASS 18 Dec (A. Baksh); East Meadow NASS 12 Dec (J. Dowd, ph.).

Bald Eagle: many sites throughout.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 5 sites in BRON, 4 in NEWY, 15 in KING, 12 in QUEE, 9 in NASS, 14 in SUFF.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: Stapleton Waterfront P RICH 8-9 Jan (M. Seaberg *et al.*), also in GwC 2 and 26 Feb, and Brooklyn Marine Terminal 26-28 Feb (m. ob.).

Red-tailed Hawk: many sites throughout.

Rough-legged Hawk: singles, all SUFF, in Montauk 17 Dec (PJL, SSM), Napeague SP 3 Feb (CT Audubon), Riv sod farms 16 Jan (R. Valente), Calverton VOR 31 Jan (S. Miller), Cedar Beach 18 Feb (P. Osswald), Gilgo Beach 15 Jan (PJL, SSM).

Barn Owl: Montauk CBC (17 Dec); also at ca. 4 known locations.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1 site in BRON, 2 in NEWY (Inwood, CP [!]), 9 in RICH, 1 in QUEE, 13 in NASS, ca. 53 in SUFF; max 5 MP 7 Jan (TH).

Great Horned Owl: 6 sites in BRON, 5 in NEWY, 7 in RICH, 2 in KING, 3 in QUEE, ca. 22 in NASS, >100 in SUFF.

Snowy Owl: prob. 1 bird, Lido Beach to JBWE 14-30 Jan; RMSP 1 Feb (DCa), McAllen CP. Port Jefferson, SUFF 16 Feb (DCa).

BARRED OWL (R10): 2 PBP 26 Dec thru (m. ob.); in 7 NEWY parks: Battery P 21 Dec; CP 4-17 Dec, perhaps 2 birds; 5 parks in

northern Manhattan, from 11 Dec to 20 Feb; possibly 6 birds in all (K. Fung, pers. comm.)

Long-eared Owl: Ocean Parkway NASS, 28 Dec (S. Camillieri).

Short-eared Owl: Spring Creek P QUEE 18 Feb (C. Winstanley); HSP 17 Jan (JGI); SPCP 17 Jan (K. Cashman); 3 Calverton VOR SUFF Jan (S. Miller); EPCAL 6 Mar (P. Aitken); GI 17 Dec (M. Scheibel).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: 11 counties except QUEE, incl. 7 sites in SUFF; at JBWE 5 Dec thru.

Belted Kingfisher: throughout.

Red-headed Woodpecker: SMNC 20 Jan thru (m. ob.).

Red-bellied Woodpecker: throughout.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: many sites throughout.

Downy Woodpecker: throughout.

Hairy Woodpecker: throughout.

Northern Flicker: throughout.

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): 2 VCP 15 Dec, 1 6 Jan (V. Young); Forest P QUEE 22 Jan thru (m. ob.).

CRESTED CARACARA: GI early Dec, continuing from last season (*fide* A. Farnsworth).

American Kestrel: many records throughout, sparser eastward.

Merlin: throughout.

Peregrine Falcon: many records throughout, denser in west and along south shore, sparse in interior SUFF.

Monk Parakeet: 5 sites in BRON, 3 in RICH, ca. 15 in KING, ca. 22 in QUEE, ca. 40 in s. NASS and nearby SUFF; max 280 GwC 5 Jan (M. Matthews).

Eastern Phoebe: BZ 31Dec-22 Feb (A. Lahr); GwC 10-20 Dec (M. Silber *et seq.*); Farmingdale NASS 4 Dec-2 Feb (O. Alui), SMSP 25 Jan (KF); Blydenburgh P SUFF 27 Dec (DC); Hoyt Farm P 14 Dec (L. Wollerstein); Eastport 2 Dec-21 Jan (F&SM), MP 17 Dec (MMcB).

Blue-headed Vireo: PP 7 Dec (Jeff G, ph.); Canarsie Beach P KING 18 Dec (P. Paul).

NORTHERN SHRIKE (R10): Springs SUFF 31 Dec (Andrew W, ph.).

Blue Jay: abundant throughout.

American Crow: max 200 Noyac Path Bridgehampton SUFF 21 Jan (AW).

Fish Crow: max 3000 Hempstead Plains Pres NASS roost 20 Feb (BF).

Common Raven: many records throughout; max 36 Bush Terminal Piers P KING 18 Dec.

Black-capped Chickadee: throughout.

Tufted Titmouse: throughout; max 180 CP 4 Jan (K. Spack); up to 5 JBWE Dec-Feb, where rare (*intro*).

Horned Lark: BRON max 72 VCP 13 Dec (T. Graves); 6 sites in RICH, 6 in QUEE; KING max 59 FBF 6 Feb (S. Hildie); NASS max 58 PL 18 Feb (J. Gluth); SUFF: ca. 45 sites, max 18 Cutchogue 28 Feb (J. Rand).

Tree Swallow: 3 sites in RICH (n=1 in each, last 26 Feb), 1 in KING (n=2, 31 Dec, D. Paul, P. Paul), 6 in QUEE (max 35, 25 Feb, R. Goldberg *et al.*), 4 in NASS (Long Beach to JBWE, n = 1, thru); 1 in SUFF (2 Caumsett SP SUFF 11 Feb, B. Forbes).

Barn Swallow: BPt 13 Dec (R. Ellard, ph.).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: many sites throughout.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: many sites throughout; max 17 Connetquot Ri SP Pres SUFF 18 Dec (ABk).

Cedar Waxwing: many sites throughout; max 40 Wave Hill BRON 7 Jan. (A. Bueno).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: many records throughout; max 44 JBWE 31 Dec (L. Wollerstein).

White-breasted Nuthatch: throughout.

Brown Creeper: many records throughout.

House Wren: NEWY: City Hall P 3 Dec (A. Kramer); Sherman Creek 6 Dec (B. Balliett); KING: Bush Terminal P 2 Jan-27 Feb (P. Sweet *et seq.*); NASS: Manhasset 18 Dec (S. Perrault), Guy Lombardo P 31 Dec (S. Perrault), Cove Neck 17 Dec (K. Damico); SUFF: East Hampton 30 Dec (B. Moore). **Winter Wren:** records throughout, thru. **Marsh Wren:** RICH: River Road 17 Dec (ACia), Brookfield P 12-19 Feb (ACia *et seq.*); KING: PP to 26 Feb (F. Wickman), SMNC 21 Jan – 9 Feb (HL); QUEE: JBWR 1 Jan (CF); NASS: Mass 31 Dec – 2 Jan (S. Billerman); SUFF: 16 sites, some thru.

Carolina Wren: many records throughout.

Gray Catbird: any records throughout.

Brown Thrasher: NEWY: CP 6 Feb (W. Demisch); 2 sites in RICH, 2 in KING, 3 in NASS, 19 in SUFF.

Northern Mockingbird: many records throughout.

European Starling: max 1400 Southold SUFF 19 Feb (JSep).

Eastern Bluebird: 1 site in NEWY, 2 in RICH, 2 in KING, 7 in NASS (latest 15 Feb), 65 in SUFF, max 17 EPCAL 18 Feb (B. Savage).

Swainson's Thrush: Hudson Yards NEWY 1 Dec, 17 Dec (L. LaBella); BRY 13-14 Jan (A. Simmons); CIC 8 Dec (S. Hildie).

Hermit Thrush: many reports throughout; many thru.

American Robin: max 660 MP 29 Jan (KF, SF).

House Sparrow: max 474 CP 8 Dec (RZ).

American Pipit: PBP 1 Dec (R. Aracil); 7 Jan (G. Alvarez); NEWY: 3 Governors 12 Dec (M. B. Kooper); KING: 7 sites; max 21 FBF 4 Dec (A. Honeywood *et al.*); QUEE: max 40 Edgemere landfill 18 Dec (R. Aracil, m. ob.); NASS: 4 sites; max 3 NB 21 Dec (ABk); SUFF: 19 sites; max 80 Cutchogue 17 Jan. (B. Bolduc).

House Finch: many records, all counties; max 100, private home RICH, 1 Jan.

Purple Finch: 1 site in BRON, 1 in NEWY; multiple sites in other counties; max 8, JBWE 5 Dec (K. Kelly).

Common Redpoll: 2 McAllister P SUFF 27 Dec (L. Betti).

Red Crossbill: BZ 13 Jan (T. Olson); PP 7 Jan (m. ob.); GwC 10 Dec, (M. Silber); 5 FBF 16 Dec (J. Schiavone); 4 Fort Tilden 17 Dec (A. Kramer); 8 BPt 8 Jan (P. Morris, TJS); JBWE 4 Dec-29 Jan; max 40 8 Jan (m. ob.); SUFF: 12 sites 12 Dec thru; max 30 Manorville 2 Jan (J. Gluth).

Pine Siskin: 34 sites, all counties except BRON; 2 Dec thru; max 7 Southold 21 Dec (J. Grigonis).

American Goldfinch: Throughout; max 200 JBWE 4 Dec (L. Wollerstein).

Lapland Longspur: FBF 14 Feb (J. Kepke *et al.*), HSP 1 Dec (L. Wollerstein); Camp Hero SP SUFF 4 Dec (K. Rosenheim); Cedar Beach SUFF 18 Dec (BFo); RMSP 26 Dec (E. Mutchnick); Sammy's Beach SUFF 6 Jan (AColl); MP 19 Jan (PJL *et al.*); Cutchogue 4 Feb (J. Rand).

Snow Bunting: 3 sites in RICH, 5 in QUEE (1 Dec thru), 7 in NASS, 38 in SUFF; max. 130 JBWE 12 Feb (S. Perrault).

Grasshopper Sparrow: Mattituck SUFF 9-26 Feb (B. Bolduc, J. Rand).

Lark Sparrow: SMSP 4 Jan (A. Ruiz); HSP 12 Dec - 2 Jan (P. Domeischel *et al.*); Mattituck 30 Jan - 24 Feb (K. J. Klein).

Chipping Sparrow: 2 sites in BRON, 4 in NEWY, 2 in RICH, 1 in KING (GwC, thru), 1 in QUEE, 3 in NASS, 13 in SUFF (max 4 Kings Park 27 Dec, BBom).

Field Sparrow: 9 sites in NASS, 60 in SUFF, 3 in BRON, 1 in NEWY, 4 in RICH, 7 in KING, 7 in QUEE; thru; max 29 P. B. Raynor P SUFF 27 Dec (J. DeMarco).

Fox Sparrow: many sites throughout; max 27 PBP 26 Dec (M. Winter).

American Tree Sparrow: many sites throughout; max 30 North Bay Shore SUFF 19 Feb (J. Vasold).

Dark-eyed Junco: throughout; max 201 Kings Park SUFF 27 Dec (BBom).

White-crowned Sparrow: 3 sites in NEWY, 3 in KING, 1 in QUEE, 4 in NASS, 20 in SUFF; max 7 Hulse Landing Rd. Wading River SUFF 20 Feb (K. Coyle).

White-throated Sparrow: max 505 CP 18 Dec (RZ *et al.*).

Vesper Sparrow: Ferry Pt P BRON 7 Dec (T. Graves); SCFEC 16 Dec - 24 Feb (K. Coyle); Hulse Landing Rd, Wading River SUFF 11 Jan (KF, SF); Southold SUFF 19 Feb (JSep).

Seaside Sparrow: Plumb Beach KING 17-30 Dec (T. Preston); JBWE 31 Dec (C. Petrizzo).

Nelson's Sparrow: Green Point SUFF 18 Dec (MMcB).

Saltmarsh Sparrow: 2 S. Nassau CBC, OMNSA (M. Farina), 31 Dec.

Savannah Sparrow: 1 site in NEWY, 5 in RICH, 7 in KING, 8 in QUEE, 8 in NASS, 55 in SUFF; max 13, Southold 18 Dec (J.Sep); 29 on S. Nassau CBC 31 Dec included 8 "Ipswich."

Song Sparrow: Many records throughout.

Lincoln's Sparrow: BRY 2-8 Dec (B. Balliett *et seq.*); Hudson Yards KING 14 Dec (A. Drogin); Hudson Ri P NEWY 2 Dec (A. Evans); Southold SUFF 31 Dec (J. Murray).

Eastern Towhee: 5 sites in BRON, 7 in NEWY, 7 in RICH, 9 in KING, 11 in QUEE, 16 in NASS, 56 in SUFF, thru.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Riverside P NEWY 17-22 Dec (K. Fung *et seq.*); New Creek Watershed RICH 2 Jan (ACi); JBWR 4 Dec (M. Brawer); Port Washington NASS 19 Dec

(L. Sherman); Huntington SUFF 28 Jan (K. Kleinpeter *et al.*); GI 17 Dec (TJS).

Eastern Meadowlark: 2 sites in KING, 1 in QUEE, 2 in NASS, 12 in SUFF; max 37 EPCAL 5 Feb (Brian M).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK: Bush Terminal Piers P KING 18 Feb (ABk), 21-28 Feb (L. Ewing, J. Malbin *et seq.*; *intro*).

Baltimore Oriole: Union Sq P NEWY 4 Dec thru (A. Deutsch); GwC 2 Dec - 1 Jan (M. Silber); PP 2 Dec (D. Robinson, C. Crain) to 8 Jan; New Hyde Park NASS 21 Dec - 5 Jan (D. Cioffi); JBSP 7 Jan (KF); E. Northport SUFF 28 Feb (M. McCartney); L. Ronkonkoma SUFF 28 Dec - 25 Feb (A. Regler); Hampton Bays 1-4 Dec (J. Bohrer).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 1000 Oregon Rd, Cutchogue SUFF 28 Feb (J. Rand).

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 360 Gravesend Bay KING 5 Jan (S. Hildie).

Rusty Blackbird: 3 sites in BRON (max 11, thru); CP 1-26 Dec; 4 sites in RICH, 3 in KING, 2 in QUEE, 9 in NASS (max 38 Shu Swamp 20 Feb, B. Garriel *et al.*); 37 in SUFF (max 2 Arshamomaque Pres 27 Feb, JSep).

Common Grackle: throughout; max 5000 HLSP 9 Dec (A. Baker).

Boat-tailed Grackle: 1 site in RICH, 2 in QUEE, 17 in SUFF, thru to 24 Feb, Captree 1 (TH); max 500 Cross Bay Blvd QUEE 21 Jan (M. Yuan).

Ovenbird: 6 in NEWY parks, to 19 Jan; BBP to 20 Feb (C. Quayle); Skillman Ave QUEE 6 Dec (B. Lowden); Wertheim NWR SUFF 24 Dec (T. Preston).

Northern Waterthrush: BBP 9-25 Feb (C. Quayle *et seq.*);

Orange-crowned Warbler: 2 sites in BRON, 5 in NEWY, 13 in KING, 17 in QUEE, 4 in NASS, 23 in SUFF, thru.

Nashville Warbler: SMNC 2 Dec - 2 Feb (HL *et seq.*); 9 sites in QUEE; 3 in NASS (to 2 Feb, Rockville Centre, P. Aitken); also Wading River SUFF 5 Dec (S. James), Eastport 9 Dec (D. Massey).

Common Yellowthroat: 2 sites in BRON, 7 in NEWY, 4 in RICH, 7 in NASS, 3 in SUFF; most in Dec, latest 28 Feb, Silver L P RICH (ACi).

American Redstart: PP 2-9 Dec (R. Osickova *et seq.*).

Cape May Warbler: Fort Tryon P NEWY 17-20 Dec (M. Waldron), Union Square P 2-12 Dec (A. Deutsch *et seq.*).

Northern Parula: 26th Ward Wastewater Treatment Plant KING 17 Dec (J. Malbin *et al.*); 1 Norman J. Levy P NASS 13 Dec (J. Dowd).

Magnolia Warbler: CP 13 Dec (B. Rosenblum).

Yellow Warbler: CVP 5-21 Dec (A. Ferino).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: CP 7 Dec (S. Holleran), GwC 5-14 Dec (J. Malbin, M. Silber).

Palm Warbler: 1 site in NEWY (RI, to 29 Jan, L. Beausoleil), 2 in RICH, 6 in KING, 4 in QUEE, 5 in NASS (to 26 Feb) 13 in SUFF.

Pine Warbler: CP 20 Feb; 3 Smith Pd, Rockville Ctr NASS 14 Jan - 26 Feb (E. Becher *et seq.*); JBWE 17 Jan (D. Ramrattan); 3 Southaven CP SUFF 8 Dec - 28 Jan (K. J. Klein); East Hampton 18 Feb (J. Ross, M. Binion).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: any sites, all counties; max 87 Ocean Breeze P RICH 22 Feb (C. Hagen).

Prairie Warbler: Baisley Pd P QUEE 17-18 Dec (T. Winston).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: Fort Greene P KING 3-21 Dec (DGo *et seq.*).

Wilson's Warbler: East Village CBC NEWY 18 Dec (P. Merkel *et al.*); Fresh Creek P KING 12-17 Dec (J. Malbin).

Summer Tanager: private home, Islip SUFF, 2 Dec-25 Feb (B. Garriel).

Northern Cardinal: throughout; max. 48 Fisher's I SUFF 26 Feb (W. Schenck, S. Kardell).

PAINTED BUNTING: Fort Hill Cemetery, Montauk 17 Dec (MMcB, BBom); North Fork Pres SUFF 25 Dec (B. Koblmiller); OMNSA 9-21 Dec (m. ob.)

Dickcissel: Washington Cemetery KING 8 Dec (M. Lichtenstein); Southard's Pd P SUFF 19 Jan (SF, KF).

EXOTICS

European Goldfinch: 2 GwC 15 Dec-29 Jan (J. Gramm, m.ob.); 12 PP 9 Jan (E. Dropken) thru; max 18 PP 25 Feb (F. Wickman).