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## January 2002 Records

Cold enough during the first 2 weeks to freeze up most ponds and streams. During the last week, temps hit 60. What little snow cover there was disappeared.

Some common species are omitted.

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 3/19 Sylvan Lake CP; 1/12-16 Abel's Pond BB

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 4/12 & 6/21 River White's Marina BAM; sev/9 river at Chelsea from Dot Fleury BB; 1/10 sitting on buoy at Waryas Pk CV

**Great Cormorant** - 6/21 on river at White's Marina, saw a white lower belly, whiter than DC cormorant's BAM

**Great Blue Heron** - 1/2 Rte 55 west of 216 P'quag CP; 2/13 Wapp Cr at 2 places CV; 1/15 Rt 82 N of Pine Plains CV; see every day now that more water in the creek EP; 1/14 creek along Noxon Rd. BAM

**Black Vulture** - 1/1 Rombout Rd, 5/16 Rt 22 in Dover Plains CV; 3/16 Holiday Hills FT; 1/1 PCBC

**Turkey Vulture** - 2/28 Fishkill CP; 2/1 PCBC

**Snow Goose** - 4/6 river by Pok bridge from Russ O'Malley BB; 1 imm/27 Upper Kays from Jeff Lucas; 3/10 Pok Rural Cemetery, flying over, 1/27 Twin Island Lk CV

**Canada Goose** - 3000/19 Sylvan Lake CP; 300+ all month at Upper Kay's Pond LM; 150+/22

**Mute Swan** - 3-5 all month on Upper Kay's Pond LM; 10/21-31 Lk. Onaid, 1/8 over yd. while shoveling 4" snow BAM; 2/all Abel's Pond BB; also at Clove Branch Rd pd, Norrie Pt and Sylvan Lk

**Wood Duck** - 10/8 Wapp Lk, 2/27 Twin Island Lk CV

**American Black Duck** - 40+/26 Upper Kay's Pond LM; 20/1 Whaley Lake CP; 41/25 Round Pond CV; also at Abel's Pond, Lk Onaid, Southlands, creek in Pleasant Valley; 188/1 PCBC

**Mallard** - up to 40 each at Lk Onaid, river at Waryas Pk, New Hamburg and Norrie Pt, Nuclear Lk, Sylvan Lake, Holiday Hills, Upper Kays, Abel's Pd, creek at Pleasant Valley; 228/1 PCBC

**Northern Pintail** - up to 4/8-25 Round Pond CV; 1/26 male, Upper Kay's Pond LM

**Ring-necked Duck** - 1/1 Whaley Lake, 36/19 Sylvan Lake CP; up to 11/15-27 Round Pond CV; 12/26 (11male, 1 female) Upper Kay's Pond LM; 50/29 Abel's Pond BB

**Hooded Merganser** - 3/26 females on Upper Kays LM; 2/29 (pair) on Fishkill Creek BAM; 1m/29 Abel's Pond BB

**Common Merganser** - 32/30 Norrie Point FT; 8/21 River White's Marina, 18+/29 along crk rd/Wapp. Ck BAM; up to 13/10-29 Round Pond CV; 9/26 (7 male, 2 female) Upper Kays pond LM; 1/18 to 6m, 1f/26 and since then, everyday, creek EP; plus others

**Ruddy Duck** - 22/19 Sylvan Lake CP

**Bald Eagle** - 6 reports of 1-2 at various places along river; 1/15 Craft Pond CV; 1/29 imm eating pigeon City of Pok from John Balint; 1/16 top of College Lane, Millbrook MF

**Northern Harrier** - 1/12 over river at Tivoli BB; up to 3/25-27 Stissing Mtn (2 birds were in mating flight) CV; 5 others

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 6 reports of individuals; 4/1 PCBC

**Cooper's Hawk** - 2/15 Craft Pond and others CV; several times in yards BAM, CP, JA/KJ, MP; also Holiday Hills, Buttercup; 2/1 PCBC

**Northern Goshawk** - 1/count week PCBC

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/9 Chelsea Rd from Dot Fleury FT; 1/10-12, 30 2/14-20 often see them together flying and hunting Tree Tops Ln MK

**Red-tailed Hawk** - 13/15 Craft Pond (sitting all over, no hunters around) CV; 4/1 Poughquag CP; 8 other reports of 1-3 from all over; 28/1 PCBC

**Golden Eagle** - reported by Hudson-Mohawk trip to Stissing Mtn on the 5th; 1/9 Thompson Pd from 10:30-11am LF; 1 adult/25 Round Pond, 2adults/27 one carrying stick Stissing Mtn CV

**American Kestrel** - 1/1 PCBC; 1/10 Overlook Drive-in, 1/14, 22, 28 Domin Farm CV; 1/23 standing on top of bird feeder KS; 1/all mo around Terhune Orchard in Pleasant Valley RB

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/12 Pok RR Bridge CV

**Wild Turkey** - 143/25 Domins Farms on Mtn Rd & Rombout Rd CV; 6/1, 30/6 Green Haven CP; 15 in yard BAM and 6/16 yard MK, 59/1 PCBC; plus others

**American Coot** - 107/19 Sylvan Lake CP; 12/29 Abel's Pond BB; 1 at Hunns' Lk and Lk Oniad

**Ring-billed Gull** - 177/12 on River CV; 76/21 Wapp Creek & many @ Malls BAM; and some at Lk Oniad and Whaley Lk; 13/1 PCBC

**Herring Gull** - 2/12 River CV; 4/30 Norrie Point FT; 7/21 Wapp Creek BAM

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 6/12 River CV; 3/12 Tivoli BB; 6/30 Norrie Point FT; plus others along river; 1/12 Lk Onaid BAM

**Rock Dove** - 3/26 Southlands FT; 119/1 PCBC

**Mourning Dove** - 80/1 PCBC; 90/17, 30-60 daily yd Poughquag CP; 12/26 Southlands FT; up to 10 in yards BB, BAM, KS, JA/KJ, MK

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/1 Grape Hollow Rd Pawling CP; 1/20 found dead on N Clove Road, Verbank BB; daily, mostly mornings and evenings in box across creek EP

**Great Horned Owl** - 3/1 PCBC; 2/18 heard am BB; 2/19 heard at 6:45am CV; 1/28 Ruth Greenwood heard it; JD saw one early one morning eating a squirrel in yard, Creek Rd Pleasant Valley

**Long-eared Owl** - 1/1 Red Hook TG

**Barred Owl** - 2/1 PCBC; 1/5 trying to catch birds roosting in pine bushes on Ring Road LM

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/12 river cove @ White's Marina BAM; 1/30 Norrie Point FT; EP has one

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 21/1 PCBC; 7/1 Rombout Rd and Domins Farm CV; 4/30 Norrie Point FT; 4-6/all Rhinebeck MP; most reports have 1 or 2

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 6/1 PCBC; 1/10 Rombout Rd CV; 1/16 Holiday Hills FT; 1 imm/reg at Carrie Grey's feeder; 1/24 yard Salt Point RB; 1/5, 14 Red Hook TG; 1/31 Bog Hollow Dot Fleury

**Downy Woodpecker** - 41/1 PCBC; 6-10/all yd Rhinebeck MP; 4-6/all yd Poughquag CP; 3/30 Norrie Point FT; 4 daily MK; 1-2 on most reports

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 9/1 PCBC; 4-6/all yard Rhinebeck MP; CP, CV, EP, JD, BAM, and LM have 1-2; 1/29 Abel's Pond BB; 1/1 Rombout Rd CV

**Northern Flicker** - 4/1 PCBC; 5/1 Rombout Rd, seen/heard often CV; 1/14-20 & 28 yd. & 1/16 & 19 Top O Hill Rd. BAM; 1/26 Southlands FT; 1/30 Norrie Point FT; 1/3 now daily MK

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 2/22 Rombout Rd, seen and heard often during Jan CV; 9 others reported

**Northern Shrike** - 1/23 Baird Park FT



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**Blue Jay** - 132/1 PCBC; reported from most feeders and trips; most: 10-18 daily yd Poughquag CP

**American Crow** - on 25th at roost area in Pok, 1000's, too many to count CV; 100+/26 Southlands, a "river" moving south late afternoon FT; JA/KJ and MK see 100s going to roost each evening from Lagrange and Red Oaks Mill; 5-15 from most yards and trips

**Common Raven** - 2/1 Nuclear Lake CP; rest of reports from Stissing Mtn: by Hudson-Mohawk trip on the 5th; 2/9 over the ridge LF; 2/15 also thru the 27th CV

**Horned Lark** - 200/2 Greig's Farm FT; 20-25/27 Greig's Farm CV

**Black-capped Chickadee** - 5-15 on trips; 10-12 MP; 2-8 at feeders; CP and BER say fewer than recent winters; 211/1 PCBC

**Tufted Titmouse** - 12/30 Norrie Point FT; 10-12 MP; 2-4 on most other yard and trip reports

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** - 1/19,31 feeder Alvin Ct CV; 1/1-31 feeders yard BAM; 1/31 yard MK

**White-breasted Nuthatch** - 66/1 PCBC; 7/30 Norrie Point FT; 10-12 MP; 4 daily MK; 1-3 on most reports; more than in recent winters BER; fewer than other yrs CP

**Brown Creeper** - 1/1 PCBC; 1/1 yard Alvin Ct CV; 1/29 near home BB; 2/30 Norrie Point FT; 2-3 daily MK; 1 most of month yard, Rhinebeck MP

**Carolina Wren** - 1/1 PCBC; 3/30 Norrie Point FT; widespread reports of 1-2

**Marsh Wren** - 1/1 PCBC

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** - 10/1 PCBC; Hudson-Mohawk trip to Buttercup on the 5th; 2/29 near home BB

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** - 2/1 PCBC

**Eastern Bluebird** - 49/1 PCBC; 13/26 Southlands FT; 8 each at Baird Pk, Rombout Rd, BAM's yard; lots of other reports!

**Hermit Thrush** - 1/1 PCBC

**American Robin** - 20-25/31 must be wintering Dutchess birds MK; small flocks all over

**Northern Mockingbird** - 15/1 PCBC; 6/10 max on Rombout Rd CV; many reports of 1-2

**European Starling** - 197/1 PCBC; 200/26 Southlands FT; lots more

**Cedar Waxwing** - 6 flocks reported 15-30 each

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 8/25 HVRT also often along Rombout Rd CV; 2/26 Southlands FT

**American Tree Sparrow** - 90/1 PCBC; 30/2 Greig's Farm FT; 15/29 Scenic Hudson prop N of Mills SP, plus others, low for me in Jan CV; 9 other reports of up to 8

**Chipping Sparrow** - 1/1 PCBC; 1 solitary winter adult all month, window feeder, took photos CP

**Fox Sparrow** - 1-2/1-21,31 yd Poughquag CP; 1/22 Vassar Farm, 1/29 Scenic Hudson prop N of Mills SP CV

**Song Sparrow** - 11/1 PCBC; 5/9 StonyKill FT; 4/15 Thompson Pond, also from 10-29, low counts for me CV; 4 others

**Swamp Sparrow** - 2/15 Thompson Pd, heard and seen CV

**White-throated Sparrow** - 104/1 PCBC; up to 20 EP; 10-15/all yd Poughquag CP; 8/16 Holiday Hills FT; 8/29 Scenic Hudson prop N of Mills SP CV; several report 1-5 in yards

**Dark-eyed CBC**; 21/25 Baird Pk CV; 25/all yard BB; 10-20/all yd Poughquag CP; good reports from other yards and trips

**Snow Bunting** - 1/2 Greig's Farm FT

**Northern Cardinal** - 49/1 PCBC; 11/1 Rombout Rd, normal rest of mo CV; 10-15 daily yd Poughquag CP; most trips and yards have several

**Red-winged Blackbird** - 200/15 Craft Pond and later in Pine Plains CV; 2/15 over yd. BAM

**Eastern Meadowlark** - 8/3 Shaughnessy Rd UnionVale CP

**Common Grackle** - 1/3 PCBC (Count week)

**Brown-headed Cowbird** - 50/all feeder BB; 150-200/15 Pitcher Lane/ Greig's Farm with starlings and robins, also earlier in mo CV; 20+/30 yd. BAM

**Purple Finch** - 7/1 PCBC; 1/9,10,13 at Alvin Ct feeder, with bad eye as in house finches CV; Hudson-Mohawk trip to Buttercup on the 5th

**House Finch** - 64/1 PCBC; 15/9 StonyKill FT; 15+ EP,JD; 10-15 all month in yard LM; more than in recent winters BER; others have 10 or less

**Common Redpoll** - 1/2 at Alvin Ct feeder, only time seen and only one bird CV

**Pine Siskin** - 3/1 PCBC; 1-2/all yard BB

**American Goldfinch** - 64/1 PCBC; 10-20 all month in yard, peak 30/21 LM; daily at feeder 24/10 max Alvin Ct CV; at other feeders and on trips

**House Sparrow** - 29/1 PCBC; 6/1-10 yd Poughquag CP; 10/26 Southlands FT; 6/27-31 yd BB; 6 EP

#### **Addition to December Records:**

**Saw-whet Owl** - 1/31 PCBC count week

**Observers:** Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**); Robert Bowler (**RB**); Barbara Butler(**BB**); Jeff Daley(**JD**); Lin Fagan (**LF**); Misha Fredericks (**MF**); Tom Gilbert (**TG**); Mary Key (**MK**); Liz Martens (**LM**); Barbara & Allan Michelin(**BAM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Eleanor Pink(**EP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Barry & Edith Rosen (**BER**); Kay Sisson (**KS**);Field Trip (**FT**; see list below); Chet Vincent (**CV**)

**Field Trips (FT):** 5th Millbrook School, 8th Shawangunk Grasslands NWR (Galeville Airport), 12th Verbank, 19thVanderbilt Mansion, 26th Vassar Farm

**Note:** Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club is from the Albany area.

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## February 2002 Records

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/18 Wapp. Ck Salt Pt RB; 2/6 Sylvan Lk BAM; 1/23 FT

**Great Blue Heron** - 1/6 Sylvan Lk BAM; 1-2 mo. (not standing & feeding as usual) Pleasant Valley EP

**Black Vulture** - 2/15 Green Haven CP; 2/24 Old Camby Rd JW; 3/8 Rte 44 with 1 TV CV

**Turkey Vulture** - 1/8 Taconic JA/KJ; 2/17 & 11/25 Dover CP; 2/12 Millbrook JW; 1/8 Rte 44, 8/28 Stissing Mt CV; 1/23 FT

**Snow Goose** - 1/12 Gretna Rd & 1/23 Upper Kays Pd BB; 1/7 Hunns Lk CV

**Canada Goose** - more than 20 reports of flocks all over, pairs forming & #'s 8 up to 400/6 Sylvan Lk BAM

**Mute Swan** - 1-5 usual places with 11/6-9 Lk Oniad, & 16/26 Wapp Lk,

**Wood Duck** - 10/7 Wapp Lk BAM; 2/7 Pine Plains CV

**American Wigeon** - pr/26 Wapp Lk BAM

**American Black Duck** - 2-5 usual areas & 16/19 Rombout Rd CV

**Mallard** - many reports, incl: 30 to 60+ Wapp. & Hopewell Jct BAM

**Northern Pintail** - 2/7 Wapp Lk BAM; 5/7 Mashomak Pd CV

**Green-winged Teal** - 1 m/26 Wapp Lk BAM

**Canvasback** - 1 f/6 Sylvan Lk, 1 m/6 & 7 Lk Oniad BAM

**Ring-neck Duck** - 4-6 most lakes; 15/23 Upper Kays Pd BB;

**Hooded Merganser** - 2pr/6 Sylvan Lk, 6/26 Wapp Lk BAM; 1m & 1f/7 Stissing Lk CV; 1/23 FT

**Common Merganser** - pr/23 Upper Kays Pd BB; 3/6 Sylvan Lk, 6/7 Lk Oniad, 6/26 Wapp Lk, 6/26 Wapp Ck BAM; 6 -12 & 1pr. later & fewer than usual Pleasant Valley EP; 4/7 Dennings Cove ES; 16/8 Round Pd CV; 10/23 FT

**Ruddy Duck** - 1/1 Sylvan Lk CP & 30/6 Sylvan Lk BAM; 1/24 Twin Is Lk CV

**Bald Eagle** - 3-5/15 Cruger's Is DA; 1 imm/10 Butts Hollow Rd WJ; 3/13 FT; 1/23 FT

**Northern Harrier** - 1/18 Carey Arboretum RB; 1/7 Mashomak, 1/24 Stissing Mt CV

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 9 reports 1 each betw. 11th & 28th

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/2, 3 & 15 Hennessey Ln JA/KJ; 1/13

Vassar Rd, 1/24 Old Camby Rd BB; 1/27 Salt Pt RB; 1/26 Wapp. Falls BAM; 1/10 Vassar Fm CV; 1/20 FT

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/8 Salt Pt RB

**Red-tailed Hawk** - very well reported with 1/26 albino Jackson Rd bridge BAM

**Golden Eagle** - 1/7, 24 & 28 Stissing Mt CV

**American Kestrel** - 1/2 & 25 Rombout Rd CV

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/7 & 21 Pok RR bridge - sitting on 7th, soaring on 21st CV

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 1f/22 Millerton JA/KJ; 1f/14 Bedell Rd CV (no released birds known in these areas)

**Wild Turkey** - 30/13 Sheafe Rd BB; 15/1 with 2m fanning tails, 33/26 yd. BAM; 35/19 Rombout Rd CV

**American Coot** - 12/23 Abel's Pd BB; 90/6 Sylvan Lk, 1/6-9 Lk Oniad BAM; 1/7 Hunns Lk CV

**American Woodcock** - 1/24 heard at dusk, not seen - Millet's Tree farm Old Overlook Rd JA/KJ

**Ring-billed Gull** - 16-17/19 & 20 Millerton School - resident flock that has grown all winter JA/KJ; 40+/6 Sylvan Lk, 70+/7 Wapp Lk BAM; 1/23 FT

**Herring Gull** - 13/6 Sylvan Lk BAM; 4/13 FT; 5/23 FT

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 2/6 Sylvan Lk BAM; 2/10 Waryas Pk, 2/21 Norrie Pt CV; 4/13 FT; 2/23 FT

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/25 Salt Pt RB; 1 mo. in nest box Pleasant Valley EP

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/12 Billings RG; 1 mo. Pleasant Valley EP; 1/20 & 21 Alvin Ct CV

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/3 Clove Valley BB; 1/26 Wapp Lk BAM; 1/13 FT

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 7/16 Rombout Rd CV; 4/27 FT; many reports with 1-3

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/16 & 1/19 Rombout Rd CV

**Downy Woodpecker** - 1-4 most reports with 8/16 Rombout Rd CV

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 1-3 mo. P'quag CP; 3/1 & 2 mo. Alvin Ct CV; JA/KJ, BAM, EP, FT had 1-2

**Northern Flicker** - 1 by BB; BAM; CP; FT & 6/10 Vassar Fm CV

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 2/22 Old Camby Rd BB; 1/6 Sylvan Lk BAM; 1/27 P'quag CP; 4/16 Domin Fm being harassed by a young Sharp-shin CV; 1/23 FT

**Blue Jay** - 31/16 Rombout Rd CV; well reported at feeders and on trips, up to 12 at feeders

**American Crow** - 1-8 by JA/KJ, BB, BAM, EP, CP, ES; & 100+/20 FT; 15/27 FT

**Fish Crow** - 1/25 K Mart, 1/27 Stop & Shop CV

**Common Raven** - pr late in mo. Butts Hollow Rd WJ; 2/17 Stissing Mt, 2/24 & 28 Pine Plains - on & off nest 28th CV; 2/13 FT

**Horned Lark** - 45/9 Greig Fm CV

**Black-capped Chickadee & Tufted Titmouse** - well reported at feeders and on trips; 1-7 at feeders

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** - 1/1-10 yd. BAM; 1/1 & 19 yd. CV

**White-breasted Nuthatch** - 1-3 seen most areas

**Brown Creeper** - 1/15 Cruger's Is DA; 1 occ. Pleasant Valley JD; 2-3/26 town/Wapp. BAM; 1/7 & 19 yd. CV

**Carolina Wren** - 1-2 by BB, RB, BAM, EP; CP; CV

**House Wren** - 1/16 Salt Pt RB

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** - 2/9 Thompson Pd DA

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** - 1/15 Cruger's Is DA; 1/7 Dennings Pt ES

**Eastern Bluebird** - Many reports of 1-5 in yds; 2+ mo. around nest box Pleasant Valley EP; 18/16 Rombout Rd. CV

**Hermit Thrush** - 1/13 FT Bowdoin Pk

**American Robin** - 25+/15 1/16 Hennessey Ln JA/KJ; 25/17 Dover CP; 75 - 80 P'keepsie, 13-25 & 19-50 Pleasant Valley EP; 250/10 Vassar Fm CV; 50/27 FT

**Gray Catbird** - 1/16 Rombout Rd CV

**Northern Mockingbird** - 1 mo. P'quag & 1/17 Dover CP; 1/7 Dennings Pt ES; 7/16 Rombout Rd. CV; 1/13 & 2/20 FT

**European Starling** - 100+/7 Dennings Pt ES; 60/20 FT; many reports with 1-8 in most places

**Cedar Waxwing** - 20/28 yd. BAM; 75/17 Dover CP; 200+/16 Vassar Fm CV; 70/20 FT; smaller groups seen by JA/KJ, JD

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 1/16 Hennessey Ln JA/KJ; 7/8 Rail Trail, seen often Rombout Rd CV

**American Tree Sparrow** - 14/2 Rombout Rd, none seen anywhere after 19th CV; only 4 reports of 1-4

**Chipping Sparrow** - 1 mo. Poughquag CP

**Fox Sparrow** - 1 mo. Poughquag CP

**Song Sparrow** - 2 mo. EP; 1 mo. yd. CP; 2/25 & 1 occ mo. Rombout Rd - started singing 19th CV



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**White-throated Sparrow** - 1-3 by JA/KJ; BAM; 15+ mo. EP; 10 mo. yd. CP; 10+/7 Dennings Pt ES; 8/10 Vassar Fm CV

**Dark-eyed Junco** - well reported - 15-20 BB; BAM; EP; CP; & 15/8 Rail Trail CV

**Northern Cardinal** - 1-5 by JA/KJ; BB; BAM; 10+ mo. EP; 12 - 15 mo. yd. CP; 9/16 Rombout Rd CV

**Red-winged Blackbird** - 1-5 mo. after 11th Hennessey Ln JA/KJ; 1/1 male - 50 end of month, 2f/27 Old Camby Rd BB; 2/26 singing Wappingers BAM; 2/11 increasing to 230/27 P'quag CP; 18/16 Rombout Rd, 1st seen 8th CV; 10/20 FT

**Rusty Blackbird** - 14/20 Rail Trail CV

**Common Grackle** - 1/23 Hennessey Ln JA/KJ; 1/24 more later in mo. Old Camby Rd BB; 2/17 Wingdale, 1/26 & 30/27 P'quag CP; 15/25 Rombout Rd CV; 4/20 FT

**Brown-headed Cowbird** - 5 mo. Old Camby Rd BB; 40/5 High View Rd BAM; 10/27 Poughquag CP; 1/8 Rail Trail CV; 5/13 FT

**Purple Finch** - 1/11 Hennessey Ln JA/KJ; 2/10 Vassar Fm CV

**House Finch** - 15-20 by JA/KJ; BB; EP; FT; other 8 or fewer

**Common Redpoll** - 3/11 & 2/24 Old Camby Rd BB

**American Goldfinch** - many reports of 1-8 feeders; 12/10 Vassar Fm CV

**Notes:**

- 10th Spring Peeper calling - RB

- Wappingers Creek seems low on fish, doesn't see the usual feeding - EP

- 16th the first day we heard birds singing in the early morning - JA/KJ

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**Field Trips (FT):** 13th Bowdoin

Park, 20th Verbank, 23rd Norrie Point, 27th Vassar Campus

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## March 2002 Records

Continuing drought meant streams and ponds lacked the normal heavy spring flow. There was some rain, but no snow melt.

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/6 Norrie Point FT; 1/19 Wappingers Lake BAM

**Great Blue Heron** - 2/8 Wappinger area BAM; 11/12 Taconic Pkwy heronry CV; several sightings after that

**Black Vulture** - 3/1 Rte 55 Pawling CP

**Turkey Vulture** - 50+/11 circled in large groups - 4 groups in all going east MK; also at Stissing Mtn, Pawling, Millbrook and other places

**Snow Goose** - 30/22 flying over house, Tamarack Hill Dr, Poughkeepsie KCF

**Canada Goose** - 200-300/7 first flock of true migrants TG; residents all over

**Mute Swan** - up to 18 on Wappingers Lk; 5-6 Lk Oniad BAM; reports of 1-3 from 8 other places

**Wood Duck** - 12/8,20/19-21 Wappingers Lk; 8/23 Buttercup west FT; also at Norrie, Mills Mansion, Madam Brett's, Rombout Rd, creek at Pleasant Valley.

**Gadwall** - 3/7 Round Pond CV; 1m2f/6 Wappinger Lake, pr/19-30 Lake Oniad BAM

**American Wigeon** - 5/7 Round Pond CV; 3-7/5-14 Wappingers Lake BAM

**American Black Duck** - 12/11 Rombout Rd CV; up to 7 Lk Oniad and Lk Walton BAM; also at Buttercup, Baird Park, creek in Pleasant Valley

**Mallard** - From BAM: at Lake Oniad up to 84/25, Wappingers Lake up to 120+/19, Lake Walton up to 43/6; widespread reports in smaller numbers

**Northern Pintail** - 2/3 Buttercup DLG; 1m/6 & 8 Wapp. Lk (east cove); pr/19-27 Lk. Oniad BAM

**Green-winged Teal** - 10/23 Buttercup west FT; 3/21 HVRT KCF; 2/11 Madam Brett ES; pr/27 Dennings Pt FT; 2/8 Conservancy Pd off Rombout Rd CV; 1/13 Baird Park FT; 1m/21 Lk Oniad BAM

**Canvasback** - 3/16 Mills Mansion FT

**Ring-necked Duck** - 125/7 Round Pond CV; 100/21 Round Pond KCF; 14/31 Pells Road, Rhinebeck MP; up to 44 Lk Walton, up to 27 Lk Oniad BAM; a few in other places

**Lesser Scaup** - 1/29 Abel's Pond BB

**Bufflehead** - 1m/5 Wapp. Lk BAM; 20/27 Dennings Pt FT

**Hooded Merganser** - 1/6 Norrie Point FT; 18/7 Rudd Pond CV; 7/5, 2/6, 8/8 Wappingers Lk BAM

**Common Merganser** - 150/7 Round Pond CV; 100/21 Round Pond KCF; also at Wappingers Lake (10-20), Norrie, Madam Brett's, Lk Walton, Hillside Lk; EP,JD say fewer than usual in Wappingers Creek at Pleasant Valley

**Ruddy Duck** - 1/7 Round Pond CV; 4/21 (2m,2f) Round Pond KCF; 1/25-30 Lk Oniad BAM

**Bald Eagle** - 1 adult/6 Vassar Rd & Rt 9 from Chuck Martinez; 1/15 immature flying over Vassar Farm CV; 1/27 Dennings Pt FT

**Northern Harrier** - 1/23 Buttercup west FT; 1/7 Crestwood Rd Red Hook TG

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/5,12,15 Alvin Ct CV; 1/16 Rt. 9 Hyde Park, 1/17 near Vassar Campus BAM; 1/29 Vassar Farm KCF

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/2,10 yard Verbank BB; 1/3 yard Lagrange JA/KJ; 1/25 Rombout Rd (adult) CV

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 2/16 Mills Mansion FT; 2+ seen every other day, seen near old nest once, but not nesting MK; 1/24 over back yard BAM; 1/6 Wiccopee, 1/29 Stanfordville Barry Haydasz

**Red-tailed Hawk** - 4/29 3/31 Southlands Farm, Rhinebeck MP; many reports of 1-2; on the 10th JD found an albino on Ward Road. Barb Mansell found it on Allen Road on the 28th - both in the Town of Clinton; CP/HT found 3 different nests with Red-tails sitting on them on the 31st (2 in Dover and one on the HVRT north of Coleman Station Rd)

**Golden Eagle** - 2/14 Stissing Mtn, 1 sitting, 1 flying CV

**American Kestrel** - 2/all month Crestwood Rd Red Hook TG; 1m,1f/29 Vassar Farm KCF; 4 others.

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/1 Pok RR Bridge from Waryas Park, feeding on prey CV

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 1/8 heard Humeston's field Wapp Fls BAM

**Wild Turkey** - 60/5 Green Haven CP; 41/1 Domin Farm Rombout Rd, 56/13 Dandenau Farm Freedom Rd CV; big #'s now all in one group EP; 20-30 at feeder sev times BAM; several other groups

**American Coot** - 15-20/all Abel's Pond BB; 125/24 Sylvan Lk CP/HT; 1/2 Lk Oniad BAM

**Killdeer** - 2/2 4/29-31 Southlands Farm, Rhinebeck MP; 1/8, 2/14 Pawling CP; 3/13 Baird Park FT; 4/15,25 Vassar Farm CV; 1/14 near yard JA/KJ; 2/23 Lk Oniad BAM

**Common Snipe** - 1/13 Baird Park FT; 1/3 Buttercup DLG; 3/21 HVRT KCF; 1/24 home Salisbury Tpk, Rhinebeck MP

**American Woodcock** - 1/11 near Abel's Pond, flew in front of car at 6:30pm BB; 2/23 Crestwood Rd Red Hook TG; 1/15, 2/30 heard near yard Lagrange JA/KJ

**Ring-billed Gull** - 100+ Wapp Lk BAM; 50/all 44 Plaza BB; 6-8/16 Mills Mansion FT; sev/27 Dennings Pt FT

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 1/6 Wapp Creek BAM; 2/6 Norrie Point FT; 1/27 Dennings Pt FT

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - last seen in box on 10th - hole in roof - but back 21st & steady ever since EP

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/8,11 on nest off Rombout Rd CV; 1/8 Pawling CP; 1/21 HVRT, 1/29 Vassar Farm KCF; 1/all Pleasant Valley JD; on 28th nest with adult & 2 young Vassar area Lee Schaffer

**Barred Owl** - 2/31 Field Rd, Milan DLG

**Belted Kingfisher** - 7 reports - including Norrie, Dennings Pt, Round Pd; EP says "almost never" at the diminished flow Wappingers Creek

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 7/1 Rombout Rd CV; 1-3 on all outings; at most feeders, BAM have 2 pair.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/2 at home, Salisbury Tpk, Rhinebeck MP; 1/6 Norrie Point FT; 1/7 1/15 Tree Tops MK; 1/27 Dennings Pt FT

**Downy Woodpecker** - 6-8/all home Rhinebeck MP; 6/7 HVRT 6/7 HVRT; 2-5 on trips and at feeders

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 4-6/all home Rhinebeck MP; 3/14 Thompson Pond CV; 1-2 feeders CV,MK,CP,BAM; on sev field trips

**Northern Flicker** - 2/7 HVRT CV; 2/16 Mills Mansion FT; 2/27 Dennings Pt FT; 8 others

**Pileated Woodpecker** - a pair/13 Baird Park FT; also at Buttercup, Thompson Pd, and others



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**Eastern Phoebe** – 1/15-31 yd Poughquag CP; 1/20 daily now MK; 5 others later

**Blue Jay** – 6 daily, getting nesting twigs, Tree Tops MK; 8-12/all yd Poughquag CP; at least a few everywhere

**American Crow** – reports of groups up to 10-15; no mention of large roosts- dispersing?

**Fish Crow** – pr/27 Dennings Pt nesting FT; 1/1, 1/27 Dutchess Shopping Center CV; 1/7 1/12 1/25 same bird or more? I don't know MK

**Common Raven** – 3/14 Stissing Mtn CV

**Black-capped Chickadee** – up to 10 on field trips; up to 8 at feeders

**Tufted Titmouse** – up to 6 on field trips; up to 5 at feeders

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/26 feeders Alvin Court CV; 2-4/all at home Salisbury Tpk, Rhinebeck MP; occasionally at feeders BAM

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – on most trips and at feeders; MP has 6-8, Rhinebeck

**Brown Creeper** – 2 daily Tree Tops MK, 1-2/all home Rhinebeck MP; 1/14-31 EP,JD; 5 other reports.

**Carolina Wren** – 2/all, finished nest on the 31st in garage, Red Hook TG; 3-4/27 Dennings Pt FT; on all field trips and some yards (CP,BB,MK,BAM)

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 1/6 Norrie Pt FT; 2/13 Baird Pk FT; 3/14 Thompson Pd CV; 3/27 3/31 Tree Tops MK; 3/29 Crestwood Rd Red Hook TG

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 2/30 Tree Tops MK, early!

**Eastern Bluebird** – 8/11 Rombout Rd CV; 6-8 all month Red Hook TG; 8 Southlands Farm, Rhinebeck MP; many others around - widespread, lovely!

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/25 Rombout Rd CV; 2/27 Dennings Pt FT; 4/29 Vassar Farm KCF

**American Robin** – 200+/1 Rombout Rd flying to roost CV; 120/3 HVRT Coleman CP/HT; many others around

**Gray Catbird** – 1/7 HVRT CV

**Northern Mockingbird** – 6/25 Rombout Rd CV; 5/13 Baird Park FT; other reports of 1-2

**European Starling** – 100/3 HVRT Coleman CP/HT; other reports of flocks 20-35

**Cedar Waxwing** – 100/3 HVRT Coleman CP/HT; 35/25 Rombout Rd CV; 5 other reports

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 5/7 HVRT CV

**American Tree Sparrow** – 6-8/all yard, 6/29-31 Southlands Rhinebeck MP; 2-4/all yard Verbank BB; 1/3 HVRT & 1-2/1-10 yd CP; 2/7 HVRT, very scarce for me all month CV; 5 other reports.

**Chipping Sparrow** – 1/1,5 yd Poughquag CP, this one's been there most of the winter.

**Fox Sparrow** – 5/13 Baird Park FT; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP; 6 other reports, mostly mid-month

**Song Sparrow** – increasingly abundant and vocal thru the month; 11+/27 Dennings Pt FT.

**White-throated Sparrow** – 10/all yd Poughquag CP; 8+/1 Dennings Pt. ES; most trips and yards have up to 5 each

**Dark-eyed Junco** – 20-30/all yd Poughquag CP; 20/all yard Verbank BB; many other smaller groups

**Northern Cardinal** – BAM have up to 7; 2-10/all JA/KJ; 10-12/all CP; others have several each; up to 5 on field trips.

**Red-winged Blackbird** – flocks of 40 or more all around the county

**Rusty Blackbird** – 7/5 Rombout Rd feeding in shallow stream CV; 60/31 Buttercup Dick Gershon and Steve Oresman

**Common Grackle** - around in large flocks of 20 or so

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – large flock all month in yard BB(Verbank), MP(Rhinebeck); a few other reports

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 2 Southlands Farm, Rhinebeck MP

**House Finch** – up to 10 at most feeders

**Common Redpoll** – 1/7-31 thistle feeder, off and on, Verbank BB

**Pine Siskin** – 2/29 yard, Verbank BB; only ones

**American Goldfinch** – seem down; CP has 6-12, CV has up to 15, few other reports

**House Sparrow** – only 4 reports

#### Notes:

Mink -- 2/9 1/24 1/27 at home, Rhinebeck MP

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**Field Trips (FT):** 6th Norrie Point, 13th Baird Park, 16th Mills Mansion, 20th Buttercup (West) , 23rd Buttercup (West), 27th Dennings Point

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## April 2002 Records

April was very dry to start out, temps soared in the middle of the month sending many plants into bloom; however toward the end of the month temps came back down to normal with the addition of some much needed rain.

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1 / 3 Tamarack FT, Stissing Lake CV  
**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1/16 Onaid EA  
**Great Blue Heron** - 2/4 Glassworks CV, 7/19 Rt. 55 Pawling CP, 2/26 Taconic nest BER  
**Black Vulture** - 1/4 Stissing Mtn. CV, 1/20 Stissing Lake LRG, 2/3 Tamarack FT,  
**Turkey Vulture** - 2/1 Rt. 55 BAM, 23/4 Stissing Mtn. CV, 8/5 Dover CP, 8/24 Sharparoon FT  
**Snow Goose** - 1/3 Tamarack FT, 2/8 Dominion Farms CV  
**Canada Goose** - Numerous reports  
**Mute Swan** - 3/3 Tamarack FT, 10/4 Lake Oniad  
**Wood Duck** - 10/9 Wappingers BAM, 15/9 Rombout Rd. CV, 6/12 Millbrook HA, 2/14 Crestwood Rd. TG  
**Gadwall** - 6/5 Round Pond CV, 2/9 Lake Oniad BAM  
**American Wigeon** - 56/5 Round Pond CV  
**American Black Duck** - 4/14 Thompson Pond CV, 1/28 Frost Mills TG  
**Mallard** - Numerous reports  
**Blue-winged Teal** - 2/17 Millbrook HA  
**Green-winged Teal** - 2/3 Tamarack FT, 18/5 Round Pond CV  
**Canvasback** - 1/4 Glassworks Pond CV  
**Ring-necked Duck** - 230/5 Round Pond CV, 11/5 Lake Onaid BAM, 20/15 Pells Rd MP  
**Greater Scaup** - 1/5 Stissing Lake CV  
**Common Goldeneye** - 4/3 Tamarack FT  
**Hooded Merganser** - 2/3 Tamarack FT  
**Common Merganser** - 2/12 Deefere Lake HA, 1/29 Pleasant Valley EP/JD  
**Ruddy Duck** - 1/3 Tamarack FT, 2/12 Abels Lake  
**Osprey** - 3/23 Alvin Ct CV, 2/24 Sharparoon FT, 1/28 Pleasant Valley EP/JD  
**Northern Harrier** - 1/6 Crestwood Rd TG  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 2/9 Rombout Rd CV, 2/9 HiView Rd BB, 2/24 Sharparoon FT  
**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/9 Rombout Rd CV, 1/21 yard BB, 1/all month BDL  
**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 2/all month nest Tree Top Lane MK  
**Broad-winged Hawk** - 6/23 Alvin CT CV, 1/24 Old Camby Rd BB, 1/30 yard KCF  
**Red-tailed Hawk** - 4/all month Southlands MP, 4/all month Tree Top Lane MK, also BAM, BB, CV  
**American Kestrel** - 1/10 Crestwood Rd TG, 1/10 Cove Valley Rd HA, 2/12 Southlands MP, also CV  
**Ruffed Grouse** - 1/5 Wilbur Flats Rd CP/BB  
**Wild Turkey** - 6/5 Berkshire Rd CP, 25/10 Ehmel's RD BAM, 12/18 Rombout Rd CV  
**American Coot** - 25/3 Tamarack FT, 2/5 Round Pond CV, 20/6 Able's Pond BAM, 10/12 Abel's Pond HA  
**Killdeer** - 7/2 Rombout Rd CV, 5/10 Tymor Park FT  
**Common Snipe** - 1/5 H.V.R.T. CV, 1/6 Carey Arboretum BB, 8/11 Southlands MP  
**American Woodcock** - 3/9 Rombout RD CV, 10/6 Carey Arboretum BB  
**Mourning Dove** - Numbers OK

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/all month EP/JD, 1/ 2-20 Rombout Rd on nest CV  
**Barred Owl** - 1/3 Tamarack FT on nest, 1/7 Buttercup LRG, 2/13 Pond Gut's FT heard  
**Chimney Swift** - 5/30 home KCF  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 1/29 Verbank HA  
**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/all month home EP, 2/3 Poughquag CP, 2/24 Sharparoon FT  
**Red-headed Woodpecker** - 1/12 Milan BB  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - Well reported  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/9 Rombout Rd CV, 1/19 Pawling CP, 1/24 Sharparoon FT  
**Downy Woodpecker** - Well reported  
**Hairy Woodpecker** - Well reported  
**Northern Flicker** - 10/2 Rombout CV, 1/8 Southlands MP, 4/9 yard BAM, also CP, BER  
**Pileated Woodpecker** - 2/all month MK, 2/9 Rombout RD CV, 1/15 yard BAM  
**Eastern Phoebe** - 2/all month JD, 10/9 Rombout Rd CV, 2/9 Wappinger BAM, also CP  
**Great Crested Flycatcher** - 1/29 yard BB  
**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 1/21 Vassar CV, 1/24 Sharparoon FT, 1/26 Tree Top Land MK  
**Blue-headed Vireo** - 1/27 Milan LRG, 1/29 yard BB  
**Blue Jay** - Well reported  
**American Crow** - Well reported  
**Common Raven** - 2/4 Stissing Mtn. CV, 1/24 Sharparoon FT  
**Purple Martin** - 1/17 Melewood Rd at box HA  
**Tree Swallow** - 15/5 Thompson Pond CV, 12/6 Traver Pond JD, 8/12 Southlands MP  
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** - 1/12 Verbank HA, 1/21 Vassar CV, 4/24 Sharparoon FT  
**Barn Swallow** - 1/18 Rombout RD CV, 2/20 Hosner Mtn Rd. BER, 1/24 Sharparoon FT  
**Black-capped Chickadee** - Well reported.  
**Tufted Titmouse** - Well reported.  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch** - 1/all month home JD, 1/16 feeder BER, 1/19 yard BB, also CV  
**White-breasted Nuthatch** - Well reported  
**Brown Creeper** - 2/all month Tree Top Lane MK, 1/all month JD, 4/3 Tamarack FT, 1/19 Pawling CP  
**Carolina Wren** - 1/all month home EP, 2/all month yard CP, 1/10 Crestwood Rd on nest TG, 1/30 feeder BER, also CV  
**House Wren** - 1/6 Crestwood Rd TG, 1/15 home BER, 1/17 Pleasant Valley HA, 1/26 Tree Top Lane MK also CV  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet** - 2/10 Tymor Park FT, 8/23 Tamarack FT  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** - 1/19 Crestwood Rd TG, 1/12 Clove Valley HA, 2/21 Southlands MP also CV  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** - 1/13 Pond Gut's FT, 1/18 yard BB, 4/24 Sharparoon FT  
**Eastern Bluebird** - Well reported  
**American Robin** - Well reported  
**Northern Mockingbird** - 1/ all month home BB, 1/3 Clove Valley Rd CP, 1/9 Wappingers BAM, also CV  
**Brown Thrasher** - 1/18 Rombout Rd CV  
**Cedar Waxwing** - 4/all month home EP, 9/23 Alvin Ct CV, 20/24 Sharparoon FT  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 2/9 Rombout Rd CV, Tymor Park FT  
**Black-throated Green Warbler** - 1/30 yard DE, 1/25 Sharparoon FT



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**Pine Warbler** – 3/9 Dominion Farm CV, 1/9 home JD, 3/20 Tree Top Lane MK, 2/24 W Clove Mtn Rd HA  
**Palm Warbler** – 1/3 Tamarack FT, 6/9 Rombout Rd CV, 1/10 Tymor Park FT  
**Black-and-white Warbler** – 1/17 Bowdin Park FT  
**Louisiana Waterthrush** – 1/17 home BB, 1/25 yard CV  
**Common Yellowthroat** – 1/13 Pond Gut's FT, 1/19 Milan LRG  
**Eastern Towhee** – 1/5 Berkshire Rd. Dover CP, 1/15 Mack Rd HA, 1/18 Salisbury Tpk MP, 3/22 home BB, also TG  
**American Tree Sparrow** – 4/1-9 yard BB, 1/18 Salisbury Tpk MP, 1/25 Crestwood Rd TG  
**Chipping Sparrow** – 1/all month feeder EP, 2/5 feeder BAM, 2/ all month feeder CP, also MK, HA, BER, BB  
**Field Sparrow** – 2/3 Tamrack FT, 1/all month yard BB, 1/12 Verbank Club Rd HA, 4/18 Rombout Rd CV  
**Vesper Sparrow** – 1/21 Rombout Rd CV  
**Savannah Sparrow** – 2/21 Vassar Farm CV  
**Fox Sparrow** – 1/6 Wilbur Flats FT, 1/10 Tymor Park FT  
**Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco** – Well reported  
**Swamp Sparrow** – 2/4 Wilbur Flats Rd BB/CP, 2/4 Thompson Pond CV, 3/17 Carey Arboretum HA  
**Lapland Longspur** – 1/ 2 Rombout Rd CV  
**Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird** – Well reported  
**Eastern Meadowlark** – 1/all month Clove Valley HA, 3/10 Tymor Park FT, 3/12 Southlands MP  
**Rusty Blackbird** – 12/2 Rombout Rd CV, 3/20 Buttercup LKG  
**Baltimore Oriole** – 1/30 yard BB  
**Purple Finch** – 4/3 yard CV, 5/13 yard CP, 4/17 yard BER, 3/22 Crestwood Rd TG  
**Common Redpoll** – 1/3-7 feeder BB  
**Pine Siskin** – 2/28 feeder BER  
**Evening Grosbeak** – 2/18 yard BM

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**Field Trips (FT):** 3rd Tamarack, 6th Lafayetteville MUA, 10th Tymor Forest, 13th Pond Gut , 17th Bowdoin Park, 24th Sharparoon, 27th Bashakill

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(in haste, if I missed anybody sorry!!)





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## May 2002 Records

May weather was unusual. We had a wet snow on the 18th and then 3 nights of frost (20th-22nd), plus rainy days. As a result, many early nestlings were lost in bluebird boxes and likely those not in boxes. But many have survived. You'll see some new places mentioned, thanks to Atlasers exploring new places and finding some are quite birdy!

**Common Loon** - 1/16 Deep Hollow Rd flying over BB  
**Double-crested Cormorant** - 3/4 Cruger Island FT; 2/29 Tamarack FT; 7/30 high up circling Vassar Farms BJM, DE  
**Great Blue Heron** - heronries on Taconic N of Rt44, Rt 55 Pawling, and large one (40 nests) off E Kerley Corners Rd, Red Hook; seen all over in ones and twos  
**Green Heron** - 1/4 Cruger Island FT; 1-2/8-31, home MP; 1/14 Traver Pond DE; 1/22 & 2/30 1st pond Vassar Farms BJM; 1/15 Hillside Lk. BAM  
**Black Vulture** - 2/4 Ramah Rd Dover CP; 2/14, 1/27 yard flew over, 2/16 near Wassaic BB; back in Verbank HA  
**Turkey Vulture** - 18/4 Ramah Rd Dover CP; 6/22 Thompson Pond FT; 4/1 Nuclear Lake FT; many others in ones and twos  
**Snow Goose** - 3/5 Cary Arboretum ES  
**Canada Goose** - Everywhere. Lots of young ones.  
**Brant** - "I went out to lock up the garage on May 30th at 11:00 pm, and heard the unmistakable barking of brant migrating overhead. This is the second time I have gotten brant "in" our yard migrating in late May." AJP  
**Mute Swan** - most (6-9) at Tamarack, Wappingers Lake and Lake Weil (Dover); 1-2 on several other ponds; most with young.  
**Wood Duck** - 6/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 6/4 Cruger Island FT; 6/22 (5m/1f) swamp BBtrail BAM; pairs with up to 7 young in several other places.  
**American Black Duck** - 1/22 Thompson Pond FT only report  
**Mallard** - 25/8 Wapp Lk. BJM; 20/29 Tamarack FT; 2 doz daily at Lewis Farm pond JA/KJ; a pair or 2 on many small ponds.  
**Common Merganser** - pair/1 Overlook Rd KCF; 1m6f/4 Cruger Island FT; 1f & 4young/21, pr with no yg on 27th creek EP; We've been getting May records for several years, but this is the first breeding evidence for the county.  
**Osprey** - 2/4 Cruger Island FT; 1/11, 14 Traver Pond, 3/14 Forest Valley Drive. DE  
**Bald Eagle** - 2/4 Cruger Island FT; 1ad/11 circling New Hamb & up creek AJM; 1ad/14 Bowdoin Pk flying N/S over Hudson AJM  
**Northern Harrier** - 1/11 Southlands MP  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/1&4 Tamarack Dr KCF; 2/14 Forest Valley Drive. DE; 1/17 Vassar Farm AJM  
**Cooper's Hawk** - 3/14, 1/19, 1/20 Forest Valley Drive. DE; 7 others reported.  
**Northern Goshawk** - 1/29 Cary Arboretum FT; 1/14 Forest Valley Drive. DE  
**Red-shouldered Hawk** - pair all month yard Clinton Corners AJP; 1/8 Ferncliff FT; 2/14 Forest Valley Dr. DE; 1/25 Pawling Nature Reserve FT  
**Broad-winged Hawk** - 1/4 Tamarack Dr KCF; 1/8 Ferncliff FT; 4/14, 1/20, 1/29- (killed chipmunk in yard) Forest Valley Dr DE; 1/22 Thompson Pond FT

**Red-tailed Hawk** - Pair regular Forest Valley Drive. Max 5 together 14th. DE; 4/16 Bangall Amenia Rd KCF; 1-2 many places.

**American Kestrel** - 1/16 WassaicBB; 1/16 Bangall Amenia Rd, 1/18 Rt 199 Pine Plains KCF; 1f/30 Vassar Farms BJM, DE

**Peregrine Falcon** - nesting on the Mid-Hudson Bridge, hatched mid-May AJM

**Wild Turkey** - reports of 1-5 from all over, not just in the rural areas. EP has a female that comes to eat corn and "is so tame I can sit in chair and she just keeps on feeding."

**Virginia Rail** - 2/27 HVRT SharonStaRd CP

**Sora** - 1/27 HVRT SharonStaRd CP

**Killdeer** - 12 reports, most (6-8) at Tamarack FT and Southlands (4 chicks) MP; sev nests

**Greater Yellowlegs** - 1/4 Cruger Island FT

**Solitary Sandpiper** - Southlands MP; 2/7 Quaker Hill CP; 4 other reports of 1 each

**Spotted Sandpiper** - 2/7 Quaker Hill CP; 2/22 Airport Ind. Rd. BJM; 3 others.

**Least Sandpiper** - 3/18 Rt 199 Pine Plains KCF

**Ring-billed Gull** - 11/8 Wapp Lk. BJM

**Rock Dove** - 6 reports from around large farm buildings

**Mourning Dove** - get a few each time out and up to 10 in many yards

**Black-billed Cuckoo** - 1/10 Poughquag CP; pr/12 Vassar Farm AJM; 1/14 RockLedge Dr KCF; 4 more after that

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - 1/8 Ferncliff FT; 1/15 Forest Valley Dr. DE; 1/17 Vassar Farm AJM; 5 more later

**Great Horned Owl** - JD has daily EP

**Barred Owl** - Calling nightly Forest Valley Dr DE; 1/4 Wappingers BAM; 2/7 yard Clinton Corners AJP; 1/19 calling at 4am - home BB; 2/h/30 ans each other 9am Vassar Farms BJM, DE

**Common Nighthawk** - 2/22 over fields along the causeway to Cruger Island DA, 1/26 Rombout Road, 1/27 Forest Valley Drive. DE

**Chimney Swift** - 50+/6-7 Page's at Manchester Bridge on Rt 55 KCF; 10-20 over village daily, but not like years ago EP; also in numbers at Wappingers village/lake and Vassar Farms; 1-4 several other places

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - lots of reports at flowers and feeders, but EP had one feeding on end of evergreen

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1-2 daily at home MP; 2/19 New Hackensack ES; 10 others

**Red-headed Woodpecker** - 1/23 at nest hole off E Kerley Corners Rd, Red Hook BB

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - now as abundant as Downies; 2-6 in yards and up to 4 or 5 on many trips

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 4/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 1/9-31 yd Poughquag, CP; 4/24 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 6 other reports of 1-2

**Downy Woodpecker** - up to 6 in yards; 1-4 on trips

**Hairy Woodpecker** - some have 1-2 in yards; 1 or 2 on most trips

**Northern Flicker** - some have 1-2 in yards; 1 or 2 on most trips

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 2/16 Bangall Amenia Rd KCF; 2/24 Butts Hollow Rd BB; 2/25 Burgess Rd Pawling CP; 2/25 at nest Field Rd DLG; lots of other singles plus this-- "Several days 1 m came to reflection in window & tapped so hard I had to cover." EP



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**Olive-sided Flycatcher** – 1/25 Buttercup East DLG; 1/27 Forest Valley Drive. DE

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** – first ones on Census; 2/15 W Clove Mtn Rd HA; 3/16 Pawling CP; 5/17 Ferncliff BB/BC/DE/SS; good numbers rest of month

**Acadian Flycatcher** – 1/16 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/25 Pawling Nature Reserve FT

**Alder Flycatcher** – 6/23 off E Kerley Cors Rd BB; 1/25 Burgess Rd Pawling CP; 1/h/30 Vassar Farms BJM DE

**Willow Flycatcher** – first 1/22 Thompson Pond FT; 2/23 Nannick Farm BB; 2/27 HVRT SharonStaRd CP; 3/30 Stringham Rd pond by soccer fields BB; 3/30 Sprout Creek Farm BB; 3 others

**Least Flycatcher** – 2/4 Cruger Island FT; 3/15 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 4/16 Stanford KCF; , 4/27 HVRT Amenia CP; 9 others

**Eastern Phoebe** – 5/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 6/18 Rt 199 Pine Plains KCF; lots more - nesting

**Great Crested Flycatcher** - 8/8 Ferncliff FT; 8/31 FDRNHS CP; 1-4 from most outings

**Eastern Kingbird** – 4/16 Stanford KCF; 5/22, 4/30 Vassar Farms BAM; 4/25 Burgess Rd, Pawling CP; other reports of 1 or 2

**White-eyed Vireo** - 1/27 HVRT SharonStaRd CP

**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 1/6 first 5+ hear them WCloveMtn, Clove Valley, our woods HA; 4/8 Ferncliff FT; 3/16 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 5/22 Thompson Pond FT; 10 others from the 1st on.

**Blue-headed Vireo** - 3/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 3/4 Cruger Island FT; 1/6 RockLedge Rd KCF; 3/8 Ferncliff FT; 2/16 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/24 Tower Hill Rd BB

**Warbling Vireo** - 3/8 Ferncliff FT; 5/22 Thompson Pond FT; 4/27 HVRT Amenia CP; hear 1 or 2 many places all month.

**Red-eyed Vireo** - first 1/5 Reese town pk. BAM; 1/8 Ferncliff FT; 10/17 Ferncliff BB/BC/DE/SS; then many, all over HA

**Blue Jay** – Up to 10 in yards; 10/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 25/4 Cruger Island FT (moving thru?); then 2-3 on trips

**American Crow** – family groups of 5 or so seen all over

**Fish Crow** – 2/4 Cruger Island FT

**Common Raven** – 2/1 - seen in Salt Point, 3 times throughout the day and evening. I had seen them a few weeks earlier in same area, but not seen since. RB; 1 on most field trips, not just at Thompson Pond

**Purple Martin** – 3-4 pr nesting Pondview Farm, Milewood Rd at Verbank Rd HA

**Tree Swallow** – 30/4 Cruger Island FT; 20/4 Weil Rd Dover; then smaller numbers sighted all over, nesting.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – 100/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 20/4 Cruger Island FT; 20/21 GlenFarmRd Pawling CP; up to 5 from Thompson Pd, Ferncliff, Wapp Lk, Verbank

**Bank Swallow** – 6/16 Benson Rd Wassaic BB; Regular at Traver Pond. DE; 2/22 & 30 by dirt pile holes Vassar Farms BJM

**Cliff Swallow** – 3/4 Cruger Island FT; 3/21 Traver Pond. DE

**Barn Swallow** – 10-20 near barns, 1-4 other places, nesting

**Black-capped Chickadee** – several from every yard and trip, nesting.

**Tufted Titmouse** – several from every yard and trip, nesting

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/4 Cruger Island FT; 1/4 yard Clinton Corners AJP; 1/8 Ferncliff FT; 1/17 Ferncliff BB/BC/DE/SS; 1, but doesn't always see daily JD

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – 5/1 Nuclear Lake FT; abundant all month BER; up to 3 from all

**Brown Creeper** – 1/17 Ferncliff BB/BC/DE/SS; 1/14 Buttercup building nest Janet Allison; 1/all, probably nests JD

**Carolina Wren** – 8/5 Madam Bretts park BAM; 4 yg in nest 5/1, fledged on 13th Red Hook TG; 12 reports of 1-2

**House Wren** – 3 pr, one pr in bluebird box Red Hook TG; lots with many at nest boxes

**Marsh Wren** – 2/4 Cruger Island FT; 2/5 Madam Bretts park BAM with Rosa Corbeels

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 4/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 5/4 Cruger Island FT; 1/5 Madam Bretts BAM; 1/8 Ferncliff FT; 1/15 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 12/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 6/4 Cruger Island FT; 5/8 Ferncliff FT; 1-2 from 10 other places

**Eastern Bluebird** – many, lost a lot of first young, 2 boxes fledged HA, many others had the same experience

**Veery**– 10/8 Ferncliff FT; 8/22 Thompson Pond FT; 10/25 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; many others

**Swainson's Thrush** – 2/15 WCloveMtn Rd, watched them in road & bushes "Beautiful" HA; 2/18 Finkle Rd Pine Plains KCF; 1/24 Tower Hill Rd BB; 1/25 heard in Hopewell Jct AJP

**Hermit Thrush** – 2/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 2/16 Deep Hollow Rd BB

**Wood Thrush** – 10/8 Ferncliff FT; 7/25 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; singing in many other places

**American Robin** – All over county CP; up to 10 reported from field trips

**Gray Catbird** – 10/15 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 10/22 Thompson Pond FT; 15/29 Tamarack FT; abundant

**Northern Mockingbird** – 1 or 2 many places, except deep woods

**Brown Thrasher** – 2/7-31 Red Hook TG; 1-2/13-31 yd Poughquag CP; 7 others

**European Starling** – Need we discuss this? CP everywhere

**Cedar Waxwing** – 16/22 Vassar Farms BJM,DE; 5/22 Cruger Island DA; 15/27 HVRT SharonStaRd CP; Regular in yard Forest Valley Drive.max 30/29 DE; lots of other small flocks

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 6/4 Cruger Island FT; 5/17 Vassar Farm AJM; 4/16 Stanford KCF; 1-3 in 15 other places

**Tennessee Warbler** – 1/8 Ferncliff FT; 1/16 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 2/17 Ferncliff BB/BC/DE/SS; 1/22 Thompson Pond FT

**Nashville Warbler** – 4/8 Ferncliff FT; 1/10 yard BB; 1/10 yd (morning) BAM; 1/15 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 1/16 Tracy Rd Pawling CP; 1/16 Deep Hollow Rd BB

**Northern Parula** – 1/7 Salt Point RB; 3/8 Ferncliff FT; 1/15 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 1/16 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/16 Hunn's Lake KCF; 1/17 Ferncliff BB/BC/DE/SS; 1/19 New Hackensack ES; 2/22 Vassar Farms BJM

**Yellow Warbler** – 1/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 10/22 Thompson Pond FT; 12/29 Tamarack FT; 8/16 Stanford KCF; up to 6 all over

**Chestnut sided Warbler** – 2/6 first, several, Mack Rd, WCloveMtn Rd HA; 6/15 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 6/29 Tamarack FT; 11 pther places

**Magnolia Warbler** – first 1/8 Ferncliff FT; 4/15 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 3/16 Deep Hollow Rd BB; last 1/26 Field Rd, Milan DLG; with 9 others in between

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 15/8 Ferncliff FT; 1/11 Forest Valley Drive DE; 3/16 Tracy Rd Pawling CP; 3/16 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 2/25 Pawling Nature Reserve FT



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**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 30/8 Ferncliff FT; good numbers thru mid-month

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 2/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 4/4 Cruger Island FT; 15/8 Ferncliff FT; 2/16 Tracy Rd Pawling CP; 6/16,2/24 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 5 others

**Blackburnian Warbler** – 5/8 Ferncliff FT; 3/16 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/17 Ferncliff BB/BC/DE/SS

**Pine Warbler** – 1/25 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; often all mo, WCloveMtn Rd HA

**Prairie Warbler** – 2/4 Weil Rd Dover, 3/27 HVRT SharonStaRd CP; 3/15 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 2-4/all month, Southlands MP; 6 others

**Palm Warbler** – 10/1 Nuclear Lake FT

**Bay-breasted Warbler** – 2/16 Tracy Rd Pawling CP

**Blackpoll Warbler** – first 2/8 Ferncliff FT; 3/25 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; last 1/30 Vassar Farm BJM,DE; 12 others in between

**Cerulean Warbler** – 3/8,2/17 Ferncliff FT; 2/19 VanWyck Ln, Fishkill ES

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 1/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 5/4 Cruger Island FT; 10/8 Ferncliff FT; then many other places

**American Redstart** – first 5/4 Cruger Island FT; most 12/29 Tamarack FT; lots of places after mid-month

**Warm-eating Warbler** – 1/21 TracyRd Pawling CP; only one?

**Ovenbird** – first 1/1 Nuclear Lake FT; 10/14 Dover CP; 10/25 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; good numbers in woods

**Northern Waterthrush** – 1/4 Cruger Island FT; 1/5 Cary Arboretum ES

**Louisiana Waterthrush** – 2/4 Cruger Island FT; 2/8 Ferncliff FT; 7 others

**Kentucky Warbler** – 1/22 & 30th singing Vassar Farms BJM; 1/24 Vassar Farm Paul Sutura

**Mourning Warbler** – 1/19 Buttercup West DLG

**Common Yellowthroat** – first 2/4 Cruger Island FT; most 10/22 Thompson Pond FT; good numbers

**Hooded Warbler** – 1/6 Mack Rd, 1/24 WCloveMtn Rd HA; 1/14 SE MtnRd Dover, 1/25 Burgess Rd Pawling CP; 1+/25 Pawling Nature Reserve FT

**Wilson's Warbler** – 1/23 WCloveMtn Rd - saw dark cap, yellow under & darker back HA; 1/19 Allen Road Salt Point BMA

**Canada Warbler** – 2/10 back yd BAM; 1/22 Thompson Pond FT

**Yellow-breasted Chat** – 1/19 Allen Rd Salt Point BMA

**Scarlet Tanager** – 1/6 Red Hook TG; 8/17 Ferncliff BB/BC/DE/SS; a few others early, most reports from mid-month on

**Eastern Towhee** – 6/15 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 5/27 HVRT Amenia CP; lots around

**Chipping Sparrow** – 10/16,24 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 6/31 FDRNHS CP; lots more

**Field Sparrow** – 6/25 Burgess Rd Pawling CP; 5/16,2/24 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 5/29 Tamarack FT; 8 other reports or 1 or 2

**Savannah Sparrow** – 8-10/3- 31 all month, Southlands MP; 3/10 3/12 in yard eating dandelion seeds HA

**Song Sparrow** – 2-6 from every outing

**Swamp Sparrow** – 10/22 Thompson Pond FT; 3/5 Madam Bretts park BAM; 6 other places

**White-throated Sparrow** – most 12/8 Ferncliff FT; last 1/17 Ferncliff BB/BC/DE/SS

**White-crowned Sparrow** – 4/16 Stanford KCF; 1-3/4-22 Red Hook TG; 6 others

**Dark-eyed Junco** – sev/1-22 Dot Fleury's feeder still there BB

**Northern Cardinal** – 6/4 Cruger Island FT; several in most yards and on trips

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 6/8 Ferncliff FT; 5/25 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; plentiful all month BER

**Indigo Bunting** – first 1/3 yard BB; 5/22 Bard College DA; 7/25 Pawling, 3/30 Vanderbilt, 4/31 FDRNHS CP; 10 other places

**Bobolink** – 1/4 in hay field HA; 3/4 first date Buttercup DLG; all month, many, at Southlands, males arrived about 10 days before females MP; also 10 other places

**Red-winged Blackbird** – abundant all over

**Eastern Meadowlark** – all month at Southlands; about 6-10 MP; several in hay field all month HA; 4 other places

**Common Grackle** – 5-15 most places

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 5-15 most places

**Orchard Oriole** – 1/29 Crestwood Rd, Red Hook TG

**Baltimore Oriole** – 10/8 Ferncliff FT; 7/15 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 5/27 HVRT Amenia, 5/31 FDRNHS CP; some everywhere

**Purple Finch** – 1/12 Tamarack Hill Dr, 1/16 Stanford; 3/18 (2m chasing each other over 1 f)Rt 199 Pine Plains KCF; at least 2/18 home Stormville BER; 2f/19 feeder BB; 1/30 at feeder DE

**House Finch** – several in most yards

**Pine Siskin** – 6/2 at thistle feeder Poughquag CP; 4/4, Salt Point RB

**American Goldfinch** – 12-18/all still at thistle feeders, quite unusual CP; pretty and more again now EP

**House Sparrow** – 2/all yard BB; 2/30 Vassar Farms BJM,DE

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**Field Trips (FT):** 1st Nuclear Lake, 4th Cruger Island, 8th Ferncliff, 15th Flint Hill/Cascade Mtn. Roads, 22nd Thompson Pond, 25th Pawling Nature Reserve, 29th Tamarack/Bontecou Lake

**Abbreviations:** FT - Field Trip, HVRT- Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Amenia to Millerton)

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## June 2002 Records

We saw average temperatures for June with little rainfall. Many surprises were found and young reported for many species.

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 2/21 immatures Dennings Pt in arrow arum, Tom Lake.

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 2/27 1 imm. @ Beacon Landing property & 1 river Beacon RR Station, BJM,SI; 1/9 Abel's Pond immature bird BB; 7/1 Vanderbilt CP.

**Great Blue Heron** - many reported with most 60/1 East Kerley Corners Rd FT.

**Green Heron** - 11 reported throughout county by KCF,BB,FT,CP& BJM.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** - 1ad/28 Denning's Pt., BJM,SI; 1 adult/17 Chelsea from Dot Fleury BB; 1/11 FDRNHS CP.

**Black Vulture** - 1/8 Overlook Rd., DE; 2 reg. with 6 TV's Leedsville Rd., Amenia, Herb Eschbach; 1/11 over home BB.

**Turkey Vulture** - 1-2 reported by most and 6 reg. Leedsville Rd., Amenia, Herb Eschbach.

**Canada Goose** - many throughout county reported with young.

**Brant** - 1ad/28 Hudson River shoreline @ Beacon Landing BJM,SI.

**Mute Swan** - pr.+ yg. Traver pd. all mo., DE; 5/3 pr+3cygnets, KCF; 2/3 Clove Cemetery BB; 30/19 Mills State Park, 2 Morgan Lk, SG; pr/1-30 + 3 cygnets Kent Rd. & pr/7 + 9 cygnets Wapp. Lk. BJM.

**Wood Duck** - 2-3 pair reg. Traver pd. all mo.,DE; 5/2 1f/4yg Traver Rd., KCF; 5/12 Deep Hollow FT; 1f/4 +8-9yg 1st pond Vassar farms BJM; pr feeding in yard EP.

**American Black Duck** - 9/3 1f+8yg Overlook Rd., KCF.

**Mallard** - good numbers throughout county with most 25/28 cove Beacon train station BJM.

**Osprey** - 1/4 FDRNHS CP; 2/29 Hudson River below Pok. bridge, Pat Gabel.

**Bald Eagle** - 1/10 mobbed by Red-tail, Forest Valley Rd., DE; 1adult/14,15,16 feeding on road kill in corn field on Leedsville Rd., Amenia, Herb Eschbach;1/18 flying N. over Hudson River AJM;1/19 Mills State Park, SG.

**Northern Harrier** - 1/11 Southlands MP

**Cooper's Hawk** - 9 reported 1 each by DE,BB,TG,FT,ZM; 1/13 & 25th Vassar Farms-chased by kingbird, BJM.

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/11 Humeston's farm BJM; 2/16 pr. display over house for 1/2 hr., DE; 2ad/3yg Tree Tops Ln, MK.

**Broad-winged Hawk** - 1/4 Vassar farms BJM; 1/18 over house, DE; 1/8 Sprout Creek Farm/Stringham Rd/etc FT; 1/22 Pecksville block FT; 1/1 over Middlebush Rd., 2/18 low over Kelly Ln & Channingville Rd. AJM.

**Red-tailed Hawk** - well reported with no young noted.

**American Kestrel** - 1/4 carrying food to young IES (Cary Arb) CMF; 1f/8 on wires, jct. Sleight Plass & Overlook Rd., DE; 1f/4 on wire & in nest box, pr/13 & 25th, 1/20 Vassar farms, 1/9 & 25th New Hack Cem/Rt. 376 BJM.

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 2/19 1f&1yg jct. Cooper & Smithtown Rd., Fishkill BER.

**Wild Turkey** - well reported with poults noted by ZM,BAM.

**Northern Bobwhite** - 1/25 AppTrl Dover CP.

**Virginia Rail** - 3-4/23 (family?) seen & heard Lake Rd., Thompson Pd. DG; 1/11 FDRNHS CP.

**Killdeer** - 1-5 most reports and pr+4 yg/3 Overlook Rd., KCF.

**Spotted Sandpiper** - 2/3 Overlook Rd., KCF; 1/8 Stringham Rd FT.

**Ring-billed Gull** - 1/1 Vanderbilt CP; several all mo. Wapp Lk. & malls, BJM.

**Herring Gull** - 3/28 Hudson River, Beacon, BJM,SI.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** - 1 river last week of mo. Chelsea Yacht Club, Dot Fleury.

**Rock Dove** - 8/5 Andrews Farm/Mack Road FT; 6/8 Sprout Creek Farm/Stringham Rd/etc FT; sev/22 Pecksville block FT; 2+/13 thru mo Vassar Farms BJM.

**Mourning Dove** - well reported with 4ad/3yg feeders yard MK.

**Black-billed Cuckoo** - 2/1 East Kerley Corners Rd FT; 1/28 heard Beacon Landing, BJM,SI; 1/5 River Rd Pawling, 1/10 Poughquag CP.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - 1/21 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/8 yd. Red Hook, TG; 1/1 Vanderbilt CP.

**Great Horned Owl** - 2/5 Mack Road FT; 1/8 Stringham Rd FT; see or hear daily home, JD.

**Barred Owl** - 2/13 Fledglings, KCF; 1/22 maybe 2 calling middle of night home, Evelyn Stevenson; pair calling reg. in woods below yard, DE; 1/1 home heard in middle of night BB.

**Chimney Swift** - 1-5 on most reports and most 13/10 3 over Kohl's store & 10 over Wapp village.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 1-2 reported by Evelyn Stevenson, SG,CP,ES,BAM,FT and BB reports 1/21 Deep Hollow Rd sipping at sapsucker holes; no young noted.

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/3 Clove Cemetery BB; pr/3 Vassar Farms, Peter Relson; 1/5 River Rd Pawling, 1/11 FDRNHS CP; 2/13 New Hackensack 1-flying; 1-dead nr. road ES; 1/4, 20, 25th & pr/13 1st pd & nest hole dirt pile Vassar farms BJM.

**Red-headed Woodpecker** - 1/1 East Kerley Corners Rd FT; 1m/7 near son's house Rossway Rd. & Parkway EP.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - well reported with young noted by JAKJ & BAM.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 4/21 Deep Hollow Rd, 2/23-25 yard BB; 2/19 Pawling Nat. Res. FT; 1/all drumming yd Poughquag, 1/4 Pawling, 1/6, 5/28 Dover CP.

**Downy Woodpecker** - well reported with young noted by MK & BAM.

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 20+ reported including 1-2 daily at home (nesting in dead tree) MP, no young noted.

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 11 reports of 1 each and 3/25 (adult w/2 young) Dover CP.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - 1-4 reported by DE,KCF,BB,BAM,FT; and 2ad/1yg yard MK.

**Acadian Flycatcher** - 2/21 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 2/12 Deep Hollow FT; 1/2 SE Mtn Rd, 1/6 DuellHollowRd Dover CP.

**Alder Flycatcher** - 1/3 Bedell Rd., 1/13 Stanford, KCF; 2/1 East Kerley Corners Rd FT; 1/6 Rte55 at Hoyt Rd Dover CP; 1/8 heard Reese Town Pk. AJM.

**Willow Flycatcher** - 28 reported including 4/8 Sprout Creek Farm FT & 9/13 Vassar farms BJM with no young noted.

**Least Flycatcher** - 12 reported - 1-2 each including 3/2&28 SE Mtn Rd Dover CP with no young noted.

**Eastern Phoebe & Great Crested Flycatcher** - well reported with no young noted.

**Eastern Kingbird** - well reported including pair with nest yd., DE; Pr/4 both building nest in tree/Gifford House parking lot IES CMF; 2/3 m/f to nest site Reese farm, 4/13(1 chased Cooper's Hawk) AJM.

**White-eyed Vireo** - 2m/14 poss.3 singing Widmer Rd. BJM,DE.



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**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 17 reported - 1 each by BB, CP, FT including 4/21 Deep Hollow Rd, BB; 4/19 Pawling Nat. Res. FT.

**Blue-headed Vireo** - 1/21 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1ad & 1yg/12 Deep Hollow FT; 3/19 Pawling Nat. Res. FT.

**Warbling Vireo** - 31 reported with 1-4 each by KCF, BB, FT, CP, BAM, BJM/SI with no young noted.

**Red-eyed Vireo** - well reported throughout county with no young noted.

**Blue Jay** - well reported with 2+ad/3yg feeder & bath yard MK; 8/13(incl ad fed 2 yg) Vassar farms BJM.

**American Crow** - well reported with lots of families making funny crow noises CP; sev./3yg very active & loud yard MK; 30+/4 most of mo. noisy on hill ridge, (pr/1-2 yg) Vassar farms, BJM.

**Fish Crow** - 1/13 Vassar Farms BJM; 2/28 Denning's Pt. & 1/28 Beacon Landing BJM/SI.

**Common Raven** - 1/21 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/22 Pecksville block FT; 1/25 AppTrl Dover CP; 3/23 Amenia, DG.

**Tree Swallow** - well reported throughout county with nesting reported by BB, BAM, CP, MP.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** - 2/22 Pecksville block FT; 1/25 Glen Arden Farm Rd Pawling CP.

**Bank Swallow** - 2/13, 1/20 Vassar Farm ? nesting in dirt pile, BJM, KCF; 2+/26 Vassar Farm ES.

**Barn Swallow** - good numbers throughout county .

**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse & White-breasted Nuthatch** - well reported with young noted.

**Brown Creeper** - 1/21 Deep Hollow Rd BB; has & probably nests home, JD; 1/5 Mack Road FT; 1/12 Deep Hollow FT; Pr/4 both carrying nesting material IES CMF.

**Carolina Wren** - 26 reported including 2nd nesting yd. Red Hook, TG.

**House Wren** - well reported throughout county with nesting and young.

**Winter Wren** - 1/21 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 6/12 Deep Hollow FT; 2/19 Pawling Nat. Res. FT.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** - 2/25 Old Forge Rd Dover CP; 1/3 & 18 Humeston's farm BJM

**Eastern Bluebird** - well reported throughout county including nesting and young in yards, and on BB trails.

**Veery** - good numbers everywhere including plentiful and vocal, especially later in month with young CP.

**Hermit Thrush** - 2/21 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 2/12 Deep Hollow FT; 1/19 Pawling Nat. Res. FT.

**Wood Thrush** - good numbers everywhere including 6/20 (incl 1 yg), Vassar farms, BJM.

**American Robin** - Normal numbers everywhere with young noted.

**Gray Catbird** - Normal numbers everywhere with 2ad/1yg bath yard MK.

**Northern Mockingbird** - numbers better this year with 38 reported of 1-2 each.

**Brown Thrasher** - 3/13 Stanford, 2/15 Pulvers Corners, KCF; 1/all yd, CP; 1/4 IES, CMF; 1/3 Humeston's farm, BJM

**European Starling** - many reported everywhere with young @ Vassar Farms.

**Cedar Waxwing** - well reported with large flock yd.- max. 20 birds DE; 10/21 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 10/27 FDRNHS Pawling CP.

**Blue-winged Warbler** - 37 reported including pr. feeding yg. Forest Valley Rd., DE; 2ad fed 3yg/20 Vassar Farm BJM, KCF.

**Northern Parula** - 2/12 Deep Hollow taking food to nest FT; 2/14 Deep Hollow Rd pair feeding yg in nest BB; 1/4 Vanderbilt, 1/6 Old Forge Rd Dover, 1/6 Duell Hollow Rd Dover CP; first record of nesting for Dutchess Co..

**Yellow Warbler** - well reported throughout county with most: 9/5 Pawling, CP; no young noted.

**Chestnut sided Warbler** - 37 reported with most 6/5 Andrews Farm/Mack Road & 6/19 Pawling Nat. Res FT; no yg. noted.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** - 1/19 Forest Valley Rd., DE; 2/19 Pawling Nat. Res. FT.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 1/5 Andrews Farm/Mack Road FT; 1/1 Fishkill ES.

**Black-throated Green Warbler** - 2/14, 5/21 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 6/12 Deep Hollow FT; 6/19 Pawling Nat. Res. FT; 1/11 FDRNHS, 3/25 AppTrl Dover, 2/28 SE Mtn Rd Dover CP.

**Blackburnian Warbler** - 1/12 Deep Hollow FT; 1/21 Deep Hollow Rd BB.

**Pine Warbler** - 1/3 Clove Cemetery heard BB; 1/5 Mack Road FT; 3/19 Pawling Nat. Res. FT.

**Prairie Warbler** - 27 reported throughout county by KCF, BB, FT, CP, CMF, BJM, DE; no young noted.

**Cerulean Warbler** - 2/28 SE Mtn Rd Dover CP.

**Black-and-white Warbler** - 18 reported of 1-2 each with most: 6/12 Deep Hollow FT; no young noted.

**American Redstart** - good numbers everywhere - most: 12/19 Pawling Nat. Res. FT; no young noted.

**Worm-eating Warbler** - 1/19 Pawling Nat Res FT; 3/1, 2/4 Vanderbilt, 1/2 SE Mtn Rd Dover, 1/4 Berkshire Rd 1/8, 11 FDRNHS, 1/9 Valkill CP.

**Ovenbird** - good numbers everywhere - most: 10/19 Pawling Nat. Res. FT; no young noted.

**Northern Waterthrush** - 1/22-23 singing Field Rd, Milan, DG.

**Louisiana Waterthrush** - 21 reported of 1-4 each by KCF, BB; low because of drought?, CP + most: 7/12 incl. yg. Deep Hollow FT .

**Kentucky Warbler** - 1/3 Vassar Farms, Peter Relson; 1m/4 & 13 singing & chasing Common Yellowthroat - last date heard or seen Vassar farms BJM.

**Common Yellowthroat** - well reported - plentiful as usual CP & most: 7+/20 Vassar Farm BJM, KCF with no young noted.

**Hooded Warbler** - 1/5 Andrews Farm/Mack Rd. FT; 2/19 Pawling Nat Res FT; 1/5 Dewey La Pawling, 1/6 Leather Hill Rd Dover, 1/4 Berkshire Rd Dover CP.

**Canada Warbler** - 1/12 Deep Hollow FT.

**Scarlet Tanager** - good numbers everywhere; seem normal CP.

**Eastern Towhee** - good numbers everywhere with most: 6/21 Deep Hollow Rd, BB; 7/5 Andrews Farm/Mack Road FT.

**Chipping Sparrow & Song Sparrow** - good numbers throughout county; on most reports.

**Field Sparrow** - 34 reported of 1-4 on many reports with most: 6/21 Deep Hollow Rd BB.

**Savannah Sparrow** - 1/2 Mountain Rd., 1/7 Wethersfield KCF; 2/19 Halls Corners Rd - Dover in 2 places BB; 6-8 daily all month Southlands MP.

**Swamp Sparrow** - 1/1 East Kerley Corners Rd FT; 2/8 Sprout Creek Farm/Stringham Rd/etc FT; 1/5 River Rd Pawling, 2/27 Burgess Rd Pawling CP.

**Dark-eyed Junco** - 3/12 Deep Hollow FT; 2/14 Deep Hollow Rd adults scolding & 3 young in nest BB/CP.

**Northern Cardinal** - well reported everywhere with young noted on most reports .



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**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – well reported of 1-5 on most reports & 2/18 fledgling Bowdoin Pk AJM.

**Indigo Bunting** – 41 reported with 1-2 most reports no young noted.

**Bobolink** – 2/15 Pulvers Corners, KCF; 3/5 Andrews Farm FT; 7/8 Ehmers Noxon Rd FT; 1/4 BerkshireRd Dover CP; 5+/19 Ehmer's farm BJM; many all month Southlands MP.

**Red-winged Blackbird** – Good numbers everywhere & no young noted.

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 1/15 Pulvers Corner, KCF; 1/5 Andrews Farm FT; 1/4 BerkshireRd Dover CP; 5-7 all month Southlands MP.

**Common Grackle**– Good numbers everywhere pr feeding 5 yg Airport Ind. Rd. & ad/21 feeding 1juv @ feeders yd. BAM.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – Everywhere; bad numbers everywhere CP

**Orchard Oriole** – 2/7 Wethersfield, KCF; 1/3 Clove Cemetery BB; 1/8 on & off all mo. yd., Red Hook, TG; 1f/28 on nest Beacon Landing BJM/Sl.

**Baltimore Oriole** – Good numbers everywhere; pr/3 feeding at nest Reese farm AJM; pr/28 fed 1 yg Beacon Landing BJM/Sl

**Purple Finch** – 1m/18-26 yard BB; 1/25 Old Forge Rd Dover, 1/28 SE Mtn Rd Dover CP.

**House Finch** – numbers coming back up since eye disease with young noted; most: 5-12/all yd, young at feeders CP.

**American Goldfinch** – good numbers everywhere with no young noted 2 - 5 all month, males doing arial battles, courting behavior with females, fun to watch JAKJ -- look for nesting in July and August.

**House Sparrow** – 19+ reported by KCF, FT, CP, ES, BAM; most: 7 yard SG.

#### Special Notes:

**Mink** - 4 baby/20 playing near bridge in Vallkill (they were about a foot long, nose to end of tail, very black & seemed to be afraid of the water. I had seen adults there 3 times this past winter with fish in their mouths, Carrie Grey

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**Field Trips (FT):** **5th** Andrews Farm and Mack Road, **12th** - Deep Hollow, **19th** Pawling Nature Reserve, **26th** Poet's Walk

**Blockbusting Trips:** **1st** - East Kerley Corners Rd (northwest block); **8th** - Sprout Creek Farm, Stringham Rd, Maloney Rd, etc; **15th** - Pulvers Corner; 22nd - Pecksville area

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## July 2002 Records

The weather was cool, hot, and extremely hot / humid, as far as these reporters could tell, since they were in Florida for the most of the month (you don't want to know what the weather was like there!).

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/29 Stnfdvl KCF.

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1/11 Clove Cemetery flew in and landed on pond BB.

**Great Blue Heron** - 1/6 & 25-27 Humeston's farm (in swamp) BJM; 1/9, 19, 22; 3/12/ Pawling CP; 2/10 Nellie Hill FT; 15/14 E Kerley Corners Rd some on nests BB; 1/17 Locust grv FT; 1/25 Jekoce Lake BJM; 1/29 Wingdale Mtn Rd BB; 5/31 1 Sprout Creek & 4 Hillside Lk. BJM; 1/daily PIVly EP.

**Great Egret** - 3/21 Quaker Hill Pawling CP; 1/26 Salt Pt JD.

**Green Heron** - 1/6 Sprout Crk BL; 1/11 & 2/26 Weil Rd Dover, 1/17 Gr Swamp Pawling CP; 2/25 Pulvers Corner KCF; 1/29 Wingdale Mtn Rd BB; 2/29 Quinlan Rd off Wingdale Mtn Rd BB; 3/31 1ad/1juv Hillside Lk. & 1 Lk Walton BJM.

**Black Vulture** - 1/10 Nellie Hill FT; 1/10 N Clove Rd near Waterbury Hill Rd BB; 1/21 Quaker Hill Pawling CP; 2/29 Rt 82 Lagrangeville BB.

**Turkey Vulture** - 1/2 New Hackensack Rd/over Dut. Co. Airport BJM; 2/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 4/4 perching on fence posts! Berkshire Rd Dover CP; 2/5 Mack Rd BB; 1/6 over Myers Corner Rd. BJM; 3/10 Nellie Hill FT; 2/24 Cary FT; 2/25 yd JAKJ; 1/25 Airport Ind. Rd. BJM.

**Canada Goose** - 10/17 Locust Grv FT; 15/27 Pecksville BL; 8 groups of over 12 in other places.

**Mute Swan** - 2/6 Jekoce Lake/St. Nicholas Rd. BJM; 4/17 Locust Grv FT; 8/31 1ad/3 cyg. Lk. Walton & 1ad/3cyg Hillside Lk BJM; pr/3cygnets all mo. Kent Rd. BAM.

**Wood Duck** - 4/6 1f + 3 yg Sprout Crk BL; 1f & 2yg/6 & 2/25 Jekoce Lake/St. Nicholas Rd. BJM; 11/11 (f & 10 yg) LWeil Dover CP; 5/12 River Rd Pawling CP; 2/25 Pulvers Corner KCF; 5/27 Pecksville BL; 5/29 1f + 4 yg Stnfdvl KCF; 12/31 Lk. Walton BJM.

**American Black Duck** - 13/29 2a + 11 yg Stnfdvl KCF; 1/31 Pond Gut FT.

**Mallard** - 2/12 Holiday Hills Pawling BB/CP.

**Common Merganser** - 2/26 adlt/chk Ten Mile River Dover CP.

**Bald Eagle** - 1/14 Town of Wappinger TL.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 2/29 2 yg Tam HI Dr. KCF; 1/31 Pond Gut FT.

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/5 Mack Rd BB; 1/10 Nellie Hill FT.

**Northern Goshawk** - 1/14 Town of Wappinger TL.

**Red-tailed Hawk** - 2/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 3/6 adult pair + 1 yg Sprout Crk BL; 3/9 Andrews Farm 2 ad & 1 yg BB; 1/25-31 1juv + 2/31 over yd. BAM; many reports of singles, pairs.

**American Kestrel** - 1/10 Nellie Hill FT; 1/14 E Kerley Corners Rd Red Hook BB; 4/25 2a + 2 yg Pulvers Corner KCF; 2juv/2 on wire near nest box Vassar Farms BJM.

**Wild Turkey** - 4/2 New Hackensack Cem. BJM; 1/6 Sprout Crk BL; 18/17 3 adults+15 yg Locust Grv FT; 7/22 Aikendale Rd Pawling CP; 1/26 Berkshire Rd Dover CP; 20/25 3a + 17 yg Pulvers Corner KCF; 8/20 2ad 6 yg yd JAKJ; 12/2, 4 & 6 2f/10 poults 16/26 4f/12poults, 10/28-30 2f/8poults yd. BAM.

**Virginia Rail** - 1/16 Great Swamp Pawling CP.

**Killdeer** - Airport Ind. Rd. & 3/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 3/6 Sprout Crk BL; 2/9 Game Farm Rd Pawling CP; 2/9 Andrews Farm BB; 1/ near Wingdale Mtn Rd BB; 42/31 Stringham Park, Stringham Rd. BJM.

**Spotted Sandpiper** - 2/25 Pulvers Corner KCF.

**American Woodcock** - 1/10 Nellie Hill FT; 1/15 Holiday Hills Pawling CP.

**Ring-billed Gull** - 2/17 Locust Grv FT.

**Herring Gull** - 2/17 Locust Grv FT.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** - 1/1 river Chelsea Yacht Club, BAM, DF, Gary & Adrienne Zyluski, Steve Golladay.

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 1/17 Locust Grv FT.

**Rock Dove** - 4/6 Sprout Crk BL; 2/12 Holiday Hills Pawling BB/CP; 2/19 Sand Hill Rd Dover CP; 20/29 near Wingdale Mtn Rd BB.

**Mourning Dove** - Lots of reports.

**Black-billed Cuckoo** - 1/14 E Kerley Corners Rd BB.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - 1/2 yd tree AJM; 1/2 Strawberry Hill Pawling CP; 1/3 yard BB; 1/24 Cary FT.

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/24 Red Hook TG; 1/30 Poughquag BC.

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/daily PIVly JD.

**Barred Owl** - 1/2 calling Bog Hollow DF; 2/3, 4, 5, & 6 yd DT; 1/4 Berkshire Rd Dover CP; 1/6, 7, 11, 26 home calling BB.

**Chimney Swift** - 2/2 yard BB; 4/2 Vassar Farms BAM; 2/10 Nellie Hill FT; 1/11 Clove Cem. BB; 2/27 Pecksville BL; 15/27 Mlbrk and some in PIVly EP.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 1/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 1/10 Nellie Hill FT; 1/10 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/24 Cary FT; 1/27 Pecksville BL; 1/31 Pond Gut FT; 1/all month yd JAKJ; 2/all yd Poughquag CP; 2m1f/1-7 & 2m/25-31 & 3/26-31 2m/1f feeder yd BAM.

**Belted Kingfisher** - 3/2 Vassar Farms 2nd pd. BJM; 1/2, 22, 23, 2/12 Pawling CP; 2/11 Clove Cem. BB; 1/18 Dover CP; 1/24 Cary FT; 1/25 Pulvers Corner KCF; 1/29 Wingdale Mtn Rd BB; 2/27 Pecksville BL; 1/31 Pond Gut FT.

**Red-headed Woodpecker** - 1/14 E Kerley Corners Rd Red Hook BB.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 3/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 2/2, 12, 3/19 Pawling CP; 2/4, 5, 1/18 Dover CP; 1ad & 1yg/6 Humeston's farm BJM; 1/6 Sprout Crk BL; 1/10 Dover Cemetery BB; 1/17 Locust Grv FT; 1/24 Cary FT; 4/27 Pecksville BL; 1/29 Quinlan Rd off Wingdale Mtn Rd BB; 2/31 Pond Gut FT; adults feeding young on 7th Wapps Falls MK; 1-2 and some yg/all month yd JAKJ; 4/1-7 & 4/25-31 1ad fed 2juv+1juv-1ad/30 fed 1juv yd BAM; 2/all yd Poughquag CP.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 5/2, 4/9, 23 Pawling CP; 1/2, 8, 11 yard BB; 4/5, 1/18 Dover CP; 1/11 Clove Cem. BB.

**Downy Woodpecker** - 1-3 found on almost every trip; adults feeding young on 10th Wapps Falls MK; 1-3 and some yg/all month yd JAKJ.

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 1/4, 5, 18, 19 Dover CP; 1/6 Sprout Crk BL; 1/9, 23 Pawling CP; 2/14 E Kerley Corners Rd BB; 1/17 Locust Grv FT; 1/29 Quinlan Rd off Wingdale Mtn Rd BB; 3/31 Pond Gut FT; 2/all yd Poughquag CP.

**Northern Flicker** - 1/2, 7/9 Pawling CP; 1/4, 3/26 Dover CP; 3/6 Sprout Crk BL; 4/14 E Kerley Corners Rd Red Hook BB; 4/17 Locust Grv FT; 1/24 Cary FT; 2/27 Pecksville BL; 1/all yd Poughquag CP; several other observations.



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**Pileated Woodpecker** – 1/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 1/5 Mack Rd BB; 2/9 Game Farm Rd Pawling CP; 1/14 E Kerley Corners Rd BB; 1/22 Glen Arden Farm Rd Pawling CP; 1/26 yard BB; 1/28 yard BAM.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** – reported from most wooded areas.

**Acadian Flycatcher** – 1/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 3/10 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/31 Pond Gut FT.

**Alder Flycatcher** – 1/3 Bedell Rd., 1/13 Stanford, KCF; 2/1 East Kerley Corners Rd FT; 1/6 Rte55 at Hoyt Rd Dover CP; 1/8 heard Reese Town Pk. AJM.

**Willow Flycatcher** – 1/h/2 Airport Ind. Rd. BJM; 3/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 5/6 Sprout Crk BL; 2/16 Great Swamp CP; 1/22 Glen Arden Farm Rd Pawling CP.

**Least Flycatcher** – 2/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 2/5 Mack Rd BB.

**Eastern Phoebe** – many reports 6/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 10/24 Cary FT.

**Great Crested Flycatcher** – 2/2 Airport Ind. Rd. & 1/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 1/4 Red Hook TG; 1/6 Humeston's farm BJM; 3/6 Sprout Crk BL; 2/9 Game Farm Rd Pawling CP; 1/10 Nellie Hill FT; 1/14 E Kerley Corners Rd Red Hook BB; 3/17 Locust Grv FT; 1/19 Ramah Rd Dover CP; 1/29 Stnfdvl KCF.

**Eastern Kingbird** – 2/6 Sprout Crk BL; 2/6 yard BB; 2/9 Andrews Farm BB; 3/11 Clove Cemetery BB; 2/14 E Kerley Corners Rd BB; 6/27 Pecksville BL; 1/29 near Wingdale Mtn Rd BB; lots around.

**White-eyed Vireo** - 1/12,15 Holiday Hills Pawling CP; 1/19,26 Berkshire Rd Dover CP.

**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 1/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 3/5 AppTrail Dover CP; 1/5 Mack Rd BB; 1/11 Clove Cem. BB; 1/12, 2/15 Holiday Hills Pawling CP; 1/27 Pecksville BL; 1/29 Quinlan Rd off Wingdale Mtn Rd BB.

**Blue-headed Vireo** - 2/10 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/24 Cary FT.

**Warbling Vireo** - 1/2,22, 2/9,12 Pawling CP; 2/6 Sprout Crk BL; 1/11 Clove Cem. BB; 1/14 E Kerley Corners Rd BB; 1/19 Dover CP; 1/25 Pulvers Corner KCF; 1/27 Pecksville BL.

**Red-eyed Vireo** - 2/8 yard BB; 2/10 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 6/10 Nellie Hill FT; 8/27 Pecksville BL; widespread.

**Blue Jay** – 4/6 Sprout Crk BL; 4/17 Locust Grv FT; 7/24 Cary FT; 6/27 Pecksville BL; 5/1-7 & 5/25 +1juv/29-31 bath & feeders BAM; lots around.

**American Crow** – 6/2 incl 2 yg Vassar Farms BJM; family/5 Mack Rd BB; 4/6 Sprout Crk BL; 4/17 Locust Grv FT; 1/24 Cary FT; 3/1-7 & 25-31 yard & bird bath incl 1 juv BAM; family/all yard BB; lots around.

**Common Raven** – 1/4, 2/26 Dover CP; 1/9 Pawling CP; 1/11 Clove Cemetery BB; 1/24 Cary FT.

**Tree Swallow** – 2/2 Airport Ind. Rd. & 4/2 Vassar Farms BJM; pr/2 nest box broken & 5 yg gone yd BAM; sev/11 Clove Cem. BB; 12/22 Glen Arden Farm Rd Pawling CP; 2/29 Quinlan Rd off Wingdale Mtn Rd BB; 3/25 Humeston's farm BJM; 7/25 yd JAKJ.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – 8/11 LWeil Dover CP; 2/22 Glen Arden Farm Rd Pawling CP.

**Bank Swallow** – 2/6 Sprout Crk BL; 1/10 Wassaic MUA along Rt22 BB; 1/29 Stnfdvl KCF;

**Cliff Swallow** – 2/19,26 on nest Sand Hill Rd Dover CP.

**Barn Swallow** – 4/2, 8/9, 6/12 Pawling CP; 15/4, 5/18, 1/19 Dover CP; 2/5 Mack Rd BB; 10/6 Sprout Crk BL; many/10 Wassaic BB; 4/27 Pecksville BL; 5/25 St Nicholas Rd. BJM; 4/29 Wingdale Mtn Rd BB.

**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse & White-breasted Nuthatch** – lots around, several report young.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/12 Holiday Hills Pawling BB/CP.

**Brown Creeper** – 1/5 Mack Rd BB; 1 heard periodically PIVly JD.

**Carolina Wren** – 2/10 Nellie Hill FT; 3/12 fledglings Red Hook TG; 1/17 Locust Grv FT; 1/24 Cary FT; 3/27 Pecksville BL; 2/6-31 yard BB; several other reports.

**House Wren** – 3/6 Sprout Crk BL; 10/27 Pecksville BL; many reports of 1-3 each all over, and yg.

**Winter Wren** – 1/18 SE Mtn Rd Dover CP.

**Marsh Wren** – 4/16,17 Great Swamp Pawling CP.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 1/15 Holiday Hills Pawling CP; 1/26 Berkshire Rd Dover CP; 2/27 Pecksville BL; 3/31 Pond Gut FT.

**Eastern Bluebird** – 10pr/2 nesting + 12 fledged + 14 yg BBTrail Wapp. area BJM; 6/2 incl 2 juv Vassar Farms BJM; 2/2 yard & bird bath BAM; 2/6 Sprout Crk BL; 8/24 Cary FT; 1/15 & 25 yd JAKJ; 4/all yd (now on 2nd nesting) CP; lots around.

**Veery**– 1/h/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 6/2,12, 4/9, 5/15 Pawling CP; 6/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 5/5 Mack Rd BB; 10/5, 4/4, 2/18 Dover CP; 1/10 Nellie Hill FT; 3/10 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/14 E Kerley Corners Rd Red Hook BB; 2/all yd Poughquag CP.

**Hermit Thrush** – 2/5 AppTrail Dover CP; 1/26 Berkshire Rd Dover CP; 2/31 Pond Gut FT.

**Wood Thrush** – 1/2 Airport Ind. Rd. & 6/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 1/31 fledgling Reese Sanctuary AJM; many heard or seen on all field trips and throughout county.

**Gray Catbird** – 4-5/all yard eating raspberries BB; lots everywhere !

**Northern Mockingbird** – 1/4, 2/19 Dover CP; 4/6 Sprout Crk BL; 1/14 E Kerley Corners Rd BB; 2/15 Pawling CP; 1juv/25 New Hackensack Cem. BJM; 1/all yard BB; 1/all yd Poughquag CP; lots seen in county JAKJ.

**Brown Thrasher** – 1/4 Berkshire Rd Dover CP; 1/12,15 Holiday Hills Pawling CP; 1/14 E Kerley Corners Rd Red Hook BB; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP..

**Cedar Waxwing** – flocks of them in many places, always at least 2; 2/3 on nest Tamarack Pr FT; 6/24 Cary FT; 8/27 Pecksville BL.

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 5/2 incl 2 juv Vassar Farms BJM; 1/6 Sprout Crk BL; 4/10 Nellie Hill FT; 6/15 Pawling CP; 2/19 Dover CP; 5/24 Cary FT; 3/27 Pecksville BL.

**Yellow Warbler** – 1/2 Airport Ind. Rd. & 3/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 1/2,15, 4/9 Pawling CP; 4/6 Sprout Crk BL; 1/6 & 1/25 Humeston's farm BJM; 2/11,19 Dover CP; reports of up to 3 from other field trips and around county.

**Chestnut sided Warbler** – 2/4, 3/18 Dover CP; 4/5 Mack Rd BB; 3/15 Holiday Hills Pawling CP; 1/26 yard in spring plumage BB; 1/29 Pugsley HI Rd KCF.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 3/5 Mack Rd BB.

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 1/5 App Trail Dover CP; 1/10 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/24 Cary FT.

**Pine Warbler** – 1/12,15 Holiday Hills Pawling BB/CP.

**Prairie Warbler** – 2/4 Berkshire Rd Dover CP; 1/5 Mack Rd BB; 2/15 Holiday Hills Pawling CP; 1/24 Cary FT; 2/27 Pecksville BL.

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 3/4, 2/18 Dover CP; 2/9,12, 4/15 Pawling CP; 1/10 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/20-31 yard heard BB; 1/25 Pulvers Corner KCF; 3/27 Pecksville BL; 5/31 Pond Gut FT.

**American Redstart** – 2/4,19 Dover CP; 1/5 Mack Rd BB; 1/9,22 Pawling CP; 5/27 Pecksville BL; 1-4 from other places.





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**Worm-eating Warbler** – 4/4, 6/5, 2/19 Dover CP; 6/15 Holiday Hills Pawling CP.

**Ovenbird** – 6/2, 2/9 Pawling CP; 2/6 Sprout Crk BL; 8/5, 1/18, 2/19 Dover CP; 2/27 Pecksville BL.

**Louisiana Waterthrush** – 1/2, 23, 2/9 Pawling CP; 1/3 home Bog Hollow DF; 1/18, 26 Dover CP; 1/10 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 4/24 Cary FT; 1/26 & 27 swamp Humeston's farm BJM; 2/31 Pond Gut FT.

**Kentucky Warbler** – 1/3 Vassar Farms, Peter Relson; 1m/4 & 13 singing & chasing Common Yellowthroat - last date heard or seen Vassar farms BJM.

**Common Yellowthroat** – widespread reports of 1-6. Abundant in suitable habitat.

**Hooded Warbler** – 2/5 Mack Rd BB; 5/4, 1/26 Berkshire Rd Dover CP; 1/10 Nellie Hill FT; 5/15 Holiday Hills Pawling CP.

**Scarlet Tanager** – 3/2, 15, 4/9, 2/12 Pawling CP; 6/5, 1/18 Dover CP; 1/5 Mack Rd BB; 2/17 Locust Grv FT; 4/24 Cary FT; 1/25 heard Humeston's farm BJM; 3/27 Pecksville BL; 1/all yd Poughquag CP; singing Wapps Falls MK.

**Eastern Towhee** – 2/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 2/15 yd JAKJ; 1/25 Humeston's farm BJM; 1-4 reported on this month's field trips and around county.

**Chipping Sparrow** – 5/6 Sprout Crk BL; 6/24 Cary FT; 4/all yd Poughquag CP; many widespread reports.

**Field Sparrow** – 2/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 3/5 Mack Rd BB; 2/6 Sprout Crk BL; 2/8 yard BB; 6/10 Nellie Hill FT; 1/11, 19, 26 Dover CP; 2/15 Holiday Hills Pawling CP; 2/24 Cary FT; 3/27 Pecksville BL; 1/15 yd JAKJ; 1juv/25 Humeston's farm BJM.

**Savannah Sparrow** – 2/4 Berkshire Rd Dover CP; 1/6 Sprout Crk BL.

**Song Sparrow** – ubiquitous in good numbers.

**Swamp Sparrow** – 1/6 Sprout Crk BL; 2/11 Clove Cemetery BB; 3/14 E Kerley Corners Rd Red Hook BB; 6/16 Great Swamp Pawling CP; 1/27 Pecksville BL; 2/29 Quinlan Rd off Wingdale Mtn Rd BB.

**Dark-eyed Junco** – 2/3 Tamarack Pr FT.

**Northern Cardinal** – 3/6 Sprout Crk BL; 4/27 Pecksville BL; everyone has some, many with young.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 1/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 1/10 Dover Cemetery BB; 1/14 E Kerley Corners Rd Red Hook BB; 2/24 Cary FT; 4/27 Pecksville BL; 3/31 Pond Gut FT; 1m/1-7 & pr on 7th & 1m/31 yard & feeder BAM; 3m/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 2-3/all yd Poughquag CP; many other reports.

**Indigo Bunting** – 1m/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 2/4, 26 Dover CP; 1/5 Mack Rd BB; 1/11 Clove Cemetery BB; 1/14 E Kerley Corners Rd Red Hook BB; 1/15 Pawling CP; 1/17 Locust Grv FT; 4/24 Cary FT; 6/27 Pecksville BL; 1/daily PIVly JD; 3/25 Pulvers Corner and 3/29 Stnfdvl KCF.

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 4/4, 1/26 Berkshire Rd Dover CP; 4/25 Pulvers Corner KCF.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 1/2, 12, 3/9 Pawling CP; 2/2 Vassar Farms BJM; 1/3 Tamarack Pr FT; 3/6 Humeston's farm BJM; 3/6 Sprout Crk BL; 2/10 Deep Hollow Rd BB; 1/18 Dover CP; 1/24 Cary FT; 2 all month yd JAKJ.

**Orchard Oriole** – 3/12 Holiday Hills Pawling BB/CP.

**Baltimore Oriole** – 2/4, 1/19 Dover CP; 4/6 Sprout Crk BL; 1/9, 3/12, 4/23 Pawling CP; 3/10 Nellie Hill FT; 4/25 Pulvers Corner KCF; 2/3 1/14 yd JAKJ; 2-6/all yd Poughquag CP.

**Purple Finch** – 1/5 Mack Rd BB; 1/9, 12, 2/23 Pawling CP; 1/11 Dover CP; 2/occ yd Poughquag CP..

**House Finch** – 5/1-7 feeders & 5/25-31 yd BAM; 3/2, 15, 2/22, 6/9 Pawling CP; 3/11, 2/19 Dover CP; 2/24 Cary FT; 6/25 Humeston's farm BJM; 6/27 Pecksville BL; 6-12/all yd Poughquag CP; 2-3 all month yd JAKJ.

**American Goldfinch** – 15/27 Pecksville BL; 1-10 on other field trips, lots around.

**House Sparrow** – 1/6 Sprout Crk BL; 6/9, 20/12 Pawling CP; 6/19 Dover CP; 2/27 Pecksville BL; 1/occ yd Poughquag CP.

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**Field Trips (FT):** 3rd Turkey Hollow aka Tamarack Preserve, 10th - Nellie Hill, 17th Locust Grove, 24th Cary Arboretum (IES), 31st Pond Gut

**Blockbusting Trips:** 6th - Sprout Creek Farm, Stringham Rd, Maloney Rd, etc; 27th - Pecksville area

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## August 2002 Records

Several spells of hot, humid days in the 90s. Scattered thunderstorms. Areas missed by the thunderstorms were quite dry. Heat broke on the 20th, after which it was almost fall-like. Some rain on the 24th and 2 inches or more on the 29th. Weather in Florida was perfect, contrary to the July report.

There were no outstanding records, but a Golden-winged warbler at Vassar was a rarity, though one was there in May too. There were Great Egrets around, but almost no shore birds. A few migrating fall warblers appeared during the last week of the month.

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 17/2 New Hamburg BM  
**Great Blue Heron** - 14 Tamarack FT; 22 others reported.  
**Great Egret** - 3/21 3/17 Webutuck CP, 1/10 Hunns L. TG, 1/31 Hyde Park KCF  
**Green Heron** - 5 various FTs, 6 KCF, 1 MP, 2 BJM  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron** - 3/30 Wapp Creek ES  
**Black Vulture** - 1/7 Wethersfield FT, 9/21 Thompsons P. FT  
**Turkey Vulture** - 16 various FTs, over 20 others  
**Canada Goose** - plenty around I guess, but not many listed  
**Mute Swan** - 3/21 Thompsons P, FT, 5/28 Tamarack FT  
**Wood Duck** - Plenty around, but they escaped this report.  
**American Black Duck** - 10/21 Thompsons P. FT; 1/7 Tamarack BB, 5 ES  
**Mallard** - 28 various FTs  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/23 Pok. KCF; 1/28 Tamarack FT  
**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/16, 1/22 Lagrange JAKJ; 1/11 yd. BJM  
**Broad-winged Hawk** - 1 imm./15 Dover CP; 1/11 Vassar F. BJM  
**Red-tailed Hawk** - only 6 reported, must be more around  
**American Kestrel** - 0 FTs; 1 TG; 4 KCF, 2 BB  
**Pheasant and Grouse** - none reported  
**American Coot** - 3/21 Thompsons P. FT  
**Killdeer** - 3/7 Wethersfield FT, 1/28 Tamarack FT  
**Solitary Sandpiper** - 1/25 Rhinebeck MP  
**Spotted Sandpiper** - 1/7 Wethersfield FT; 1/21 Thompsons P. FT  
**Gulls** - none listed.  
**Cuckoos** - none  
**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/2-12 Red Hook TG  
**Great Horned Owl** - 1/7 Wethersfield FT; 1/all Pleasant Valley JD  
**Barred Owl** - 13 Coburn Dr. Pok Doreen Tignanelli  
**Chimney Swift** - 1/17 Pond Gut FT; 1/31 Ferncliff KCF  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - listed on all reports over 30  
**Belted Kingfisher** - 11 reported  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 13 various reports  
**Pileated Woodpecker** - 3/21 Thompsons P. FT; 1 Rhinebeck MP; 3 Pok DT; 2 BJM  
**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - 38 various FTs; 20 others reported  
**Acadian Flycatcher** - 2/10 Deep Hollow FT  
**Least Flycatcher** - 1/28 Tamarack FT; 1/16 Dover CP  
**Eastern Phoebe** - many reported  
**Great Crested Flycatcher** - 2/17 Pond Gut FT; 1/19 Buttercup KCF; 1 BJM  
**Eastern Kingbird** - 14 reported  
**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 14 reported  
**Blue-headed Vireo** - 1/10 Deep Hollow FT; 1/17 Pond Gut FT

**Warbling Vireo** - 1/28 Tamarack FT  
**Red-eyed Vireo** - over 60 reported by all  
**Common Raven** - 1/10 Deep Hollow FT; 3/21 Thompsons P. FT  
**Tree Swallow** - 122 various FTs  
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** - 2/7 Wethersfield FT  
**Barn Swallow** - 100 plus reported; "left early" TG  
**Brown Creeper** - only one/all mo. JD  
**Carolina Wren** - 13 individual reports  
**Winter Wren** - 1/30 Fishkill ES  
**Marsh Wren** - 2/3 Great Swamp Pawling CP  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** - 1/30 Fishkill Ridge-yd ES  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** - 12 individual reports. more every year.  
**Eastern Bluebird** - only 10 reported. There has to be more. See nesting report.  
**Veery** - only 10 reported  
**Wood Thrush** - also only 10 reported  
**American Robin** - normal. late nesting on 31st TG  
**Brown Thrasher** - 2/15 Red Hook TG; 1/3 nested Poughquag CP  
**Blue-winged Warbler** - nine reported  
**Golden-winged Warbler** - 1/11 Vassar Farm BJM. Reported there in May, but not in June or July  
**Tennessee Warbler** - 1/20 Fishkill Ridge-yd ES  
**Nashville Warbler** - 1/28 Tamarack FT  
**Yellow Warbler** - last 1/21 Thompsons P. FT  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler** - 3/7 Wethersfield FT; 2/17 Dover CP; 2/31 Ferncliff KCF  
**Magnolia Warbler** - 1/10 with young Deep Hollow FT/BJMB.  
**Black-throated Green Warbler** - 5w3yg/10 Deep Hollow FT; 1/17 Dover CP, 6/31 Ferncliff KCF  
**Blackburnian Warbler** - 1/28 Tamarack FT  
**Prairie Warbler** - 1/31 Cary Arb. KCF  
**Blackpoll Warbler** - 1/14 Rockefeller Inst. FT. Unusual date for this species  
**Cerulean Warbler** - 1/16, 17 SE Mt.Rd. Dover CP  
**Black-and-white Warbler** - 15 reported.  
**American Redstart** - 34 reported. incl 10/11 Vassar BJM  
**Worm-eating Warbler** - 1ad 1yg /21 Thompsons P. FT; 1/11 Vassar BJM; 2/15 Dover CP  
**Ovenbird** - 18 reported  
**Louisiana Waterthrush** - 5 reported  
**Common Yellowthroat** - 17 reported incl imm/8 JAKJ  
**Hooded Warbler** - 1/6 Duell Hollow Dover CP  
**Wilson's Warbler** - 1/28 Tamarack FT  
**Canada Warbler** - 1/21 Thompson Pond FT  
**Scarlet Tanager** - 14 various reports  
**Field Sparrow** - 2/2 Pulvers Cors. KCF; 1/11 Vassar Farm BJM  
**Savannah Sparrow** - 1/7 Wethersfield FT  
**Swamp Sparrow** - 6/21 Thompson pond FT  
**Dark-eyed Junco** - 3ad 2yg / 10 Deep Hollow FT  
**Indigo Bunting** - 11 various reports  
**Eastern Meadowlark** - 10/2 Pulvers Corners KCF  
**Common Grackle** - normal, but EP has over 200 a day at her feeder !!!  
**Purple Finch** - 2/23 home Poughquag CP



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**Field Trips (FT):** **7th** - Wethersfield, **10th** - Deep Hollow, **14th** - Rockefeller University Field Station, **17th** - Pond Gut, **21st** - Thompson Pond Preserve, **28th** Tamarack (Bontecou Lake)

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## September 2002 Records

Migration has started with temperatures for September rather mild. A few surprises found were Virginia Rail & Sora at Sharparoon; 3 Least Sandpipers on a Wednesday field trip; a few Solitary Sandpipers and Philadelphia Vireo at Vanderbilt Mansion. Eighteen species of warblers were reported but few sightings in general of most warblers as they move south.

**Double-crested Cormorant** - sev/4 Vanderbilt FT; 1/28 river, Pok. Cem. BAM,KCF; 1/1 & 24 Lk Onaid, 1/16 Wapp. Lk. BJM.

**Great Blue Heron** - 25 reported of 1-2 from most observers; most 5/16 Wapp. LK.

**Great Egret** - 1/7 Hunn's Lake Rd., TG; 1/16 Wapp. Lk, BJM; 2/11 Buttercup West FT; 2/23 1 Twin Is. Lk 1 Rt. 65, PR; 2/28 1 Amenia, 1 Stanfordville, JD; 1/14 Ten Mile River Webutuck CP.

**Green Heron** - 3/23 1 Twin Is Lk 2 Tamarack Lk. PR; 1/16 & 25th Hillside Lk , 1/16 Wapp. Lk. BJM.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** - 8/1 Dennings Pt ,Sue Infante; 1/19 Wapp. Creek, AJM;

**Black Vulture** - 1/7 Wethersfield FT, 9/21 Thompsons P. FT4/18 Buttercup East FT;3/29 Quaker Hill CP

**Turkey Vulture** - reports of 1-10 by JAKJ,CP,BAM, BB,&FT; most 75+/10 may incl. BLTV Fishkill Prison, ES.

**Canada Goose** - many reports of 25-55 throughout Co.; most 100/30 Abel's Pond first for fall migration BB.

**Mute Swan** - 2-5 Wapp. area & Hillside LK. by BJM; most 16/16 Wapp Lk., BJM & 12/23 Tamarack Lk, PR.

**Wood Duck** - 86 reported of 10-20 @ Wapp. Lk, Lk. Walton & Hillside Lk. by BAM; 20 @ Buttercup West FT; 1 other by EP.

**American Black Duck** - 8/12 Buttercup West KCF; 4/23 Tamarack Lk, PR; 1/25 Tymor BJM.

**Mallard** - reports of 4-30 throughout Co.; most 110+/16 Wapp. Lk. BAM.

**Osprey** -1/18 Buttercup East, FT; 1/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**Bald Eagle** - 1/23 Rt. 82&44 PR.

**Northern Harrier** - 2/29 Rombout Rd., CV.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1/3 Vassar Farms, 1/17 Tamarack Hill Dr., KCF; 1/28 yd. JAKJ.

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/5, 1/13 Crestwood Rd., TG; 1/22,25 yd. BAM; 2/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1/23 Dut. Co., PR; 1/7 yd., ES.

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 2 all mo. Tree Tops Ln-like to perch at top of old cedar tree and scream & hunt, MK.

**Broad-winged Hawk** - 1/1 Rt 82 near Waterbury Hill Rd BB, 5/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**Red-tailed Hawk** - 24 reported of 1-4 by MP,KCF,BAM,

**American Kestrel** - 1/12 Waterbury Hill Rd BB; 2/10-23 Crestwood Rd., TG; 2/18 Buttercup East FT; 4/14 Cricket Hill all on same tel. wires CP

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/14 Rte 9 Wappingers above Greer Toyota, CP.

**Wild Turkey** - none reported

**American Coot** - well reported throughout Co. with 1-20 by most observers & yg/10 Chelsea Yacht Club from Dot Fleury

**Virginia Rail** - 1/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**Sora** - 1/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**Killdeer** - 1/22 Crestwood Rd., TG; 1/3 Vassar Farms KCF; 1/29 Rombout Rd., CV; 1/14 Ketcham High Sch, BJM.

**Solitary Sandpiper** - 3/4 Vanderbilt FT; 1/12-14 yd around pond BB.

**Least Sandpiper** - 1/7 3/11 Buttercup West, FT.

**Ring-billed Gull** - 1/4 Vanderbilt FT; 6/28 river from Pok. Cem. BAM,KCF.

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 1/28 river, Pok. Cem. BAM,KCF.

**Mourning Dove** - usual numbers of 1-10 by ES,JAKJ, CP,KCF,BER,BAM; most 20/28 Pok. Cemetary BAM,KCF.

**Great Horned Owl** - 1 all mo. yard, JD.

**Barred Owl** - 1/9 calling 1am, 1/19 calling 12:45am & 1/28 calling in tree outside by deck yd. JAKJ.

**Common Nighthawk** - 3/7 over Millbrook Winery BAM; 20/9 Chestnut Ridge Rd 6:30pm from Kevin Harrington BB; 5/27 high over yd. ES; 2/9 flying over yd Poughquag CP

**Chimney Swift** - 8/19 over Reese Town park, AJM; 3/28 Pok. Cemetery BAM,KCF.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 21 reported of 1-2 at feeders by TG,MP,BER,ES,JAKJ,CP,BAM, & FT; last date 2 daily thru 27th, no feeders up & not many flowers in yd, MK.

**Belted Kingfisher** - 9 reported of 1-2 by BAM,PR,KCF & FT; most 3/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 31 reported of 1-2 by KCF,BB,JAJK,ES,BAM & FT; most 8/29 Pawling Nat. Res. CP

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 2/25 Sharparoon, FT; 2/29 Pawling Nat. Res. CP; 1/29 yd BAM.

**Dowry Woodpecker** - well reported throughout Co.

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 10 reported of 1-2 by BB,ES,CP & FT-seem low.

29 reported of 1-4 by BB,KCF,MK,

**Northern Flicker** - CP,ES,BAM & FT; most 8/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 11 reported of 1-2 by BB,MK,ES,MP,BAM,& FT.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - 2/3 Vassar Farms KCF; 2/4 Vanderbilt FT; 4/3 W Clove Mtn Rd BB; 1/8 yd BB; 9/23 yd. ES.

**Eastern Phoebe** - 43 reported of 1-6 by PR,BB,ES,CV,CP,BAM & FT; most 9/24 New Hackensack ES.

**Great Crested Flycatcher** - 1/3 Vassar Farms KCF; 1/4 Vanderbilt FT.

**Eastern Kingbird** - 14 reported

**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 1/9 yard BB; 1/11 Buttercup West FT.

**Blue-headed Vireo** - 1/18 Buttercup West KCF; 1/23 Tamarack Lk., PR; 1/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1/26 yd BAM; 1/29 Pawling Nat. Res. CP.

**Warbling Vireo** - 1/3 W Clove Mtn Rd BB.

**Philadelphia Vireo** - 1/4 Vanderbilt FT.

**Red-eyed Vireo** - 21 reported of 1-3 by BAM,CP,KCF & FT; most 4/3 Vassar Farms KCF.

**Blue Jay** - well reported throughout Co. by most observers.

**American Crow** - well reported throughout Co.; most 200 fly over daily am & pm Tree Tops Ln, MK.

**Tree Swallow** - 30/18 Buttercup East FT.

**Barn Swallow** - many/1-9 then limited & not seen from weekend of 21st. MP.

**Black-capped Chickadee & Tufted Titmouse** - well reported by all observers & FT's.

**White-breasted Nuthatch** - 29 reported of 1-3 by BB,BER,MK,CP,BAM,ES & FT; most 6/29 Pawling Nat. Res. CP.

**Brown Creeper** - 5 reported 1 each by JD,CP,CV & FT.

**Carolina Wren** - 29 reported of 1-3 by BB,PR,TG,KCF,Mk,JAKJ,CP,BAM & FT; seem to be making a comeback



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**House Wren** – 1/3 Vassar Farms KCF; 1/14 yd BAM; 1/18 Buttercup East FT.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 2/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1/29 Rombout Rd., CV; 1/29 yd BAM; 10/29 Pawling Nat. Res. CP; 1/30 yd BB.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 2/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1/29 Rombout Rd., CV; 5/29 Pawling Nat. Res. CP; 1/29 yd BAM.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 1/4 Vanderbilt FT.

**Eastern Bluebird** – 47 reported of 1-8 by BB, PR, BAM, KCF, ES, MP & FT; most 12/23 Bean River Rd., PR.

**Swainson's Thrush** – 1/26 Stony Kill Farm ES; 1/29 Pawling Nat. Res. CP.

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/23 yd., ES.

**Wood Thrush** – 1/7 yd Poughquag Herb Thompson.

**American Robin** – 24 reported of 1-10 by ES, CP, KCF, BAM & FT; fledged on 3rd, Crestwood Rd., TG. Seems low.

**Gray Catbird** – well reported throughout Co. by most observers.

**Northern Mockingbird** – 2/all Abel's Pd BB; 1/25 yd, BAM; must be more around but not reported.

**Brown Thrasher** – 1/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1/3 Vassar Farms, 1/12 Buttercup West KCF.

**Cedar Waxwing** – 12/2 yard BB; 6/4 Vanderbilt FT; 5/11 Buttercup West FT; 10/18 Buttercup East FT; 12/23 Tamarack, PR; 100/25 Sharparoon, FT; 10/3 Vassar Farms KCF; 2/7 & 10/8 yd., ES; 1/29 Pawling Nat. Res. CP.

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 1/3 Vassar Farms KCF; 1/4 Vanderbilt FT.

**Nashville Warbler** – 1/3 Vassar Farms, 1/18 Buttercup West KCF.

**Northern Parula** – 1/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – 3/3 W Clove Mtn Rd BB; 1/18 Buttercup West KCF; 1/23 Tamarack, PR; 1/23 yd., ES

**Magnolia Warbler** – 1/11 Buttercup West FT; 4/18 Buttercup East FT; 2/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1/18 Buttercup West, 1/20 Tamarack Dr. KCF; 1/29 Pawling Nat. Res. CP; 126 & 29th yd BAM.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 1/19 Tamarack Hill Dr., KCF.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 1/17 Buttercup East FT; 35/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1f/29 Rombout Rd., CV; 1/19 yd., 4/24 New Hackensack Cem., ES; 10/29 Pawling Nat. Res. CP; 3+26 & 6-8/29 yd BAM.

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 1/17 yd BB; 25/25 Sharparoon, FT; 6/3 Vassar Farms, 2/18 Buttercup W. KCF; 2/28 Pok. Cem. BAM, KCF; 1/28 yd & bird bath MK; 1/22, 2/25, 4+26 & 1/27 yd & bird bath BAM.

**Pine Warbler** – 4/4 Vanderbilt FT; 1/17 Buttercup East FT; 1/19 Reese Town park, AJM; 2/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1/3 Vassar Farms KCF; 1/29 yd BAM.

**Prairie Warbler** – 1/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**Palm Warbler** – 1/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**Bay-breasted Warbler** – 1/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1/19 yd., ES.

**Blackpoll Warbler** – 1/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 1/1 Dennings Pt, Sue Infante; 1/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1/28 Pok. Cem. BAM, KCF; 1/26 yd., ES.

**American Redstart** – 1f/13 & 27 yd BAM; 6/3 Vassar Farms KCF; 1/2, 17 & 23 yd., ES; 3/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**Ovenbird** – 1/3 Vassar Farms KCF.

**Common Yellowthroat** – 15 reported by BB, BAM, AJM, TG & FT; most 4/18 Buttercup W KCF.

**Canada Warbler** – 1/26 yd. ES.

**Scarlet Tanager** – 12 reported of 1-2 by BB, CP & FT; most 3 daily to 23rd yd. MK & 3/7 yd. fall plumage, ES.

**Eastern Towhee** – 14 reported by BB, BER, CP & FT; most 6/17 Buttercup East FT.

**Chipping Sparrow** – 10/4 Vanderbilt FT; 4/12 Nellie Hill CP; 16+25 Sharparoon, FT; 4/29 yd BAM.

**Field Sparrow** – 3/14 yd BB.

**Song Sparrow** – 17 reported of 1-3 by BAM, CP & FT; most 10/11 Buttercup West FT. Numbers seems low.

**Swamp Sparrow** – 2/11 Buttercup West FT; 1/25 Sharparoon, FT; 1/29 Quaker Hill CP.

**White-throated Sparrow** – 3/25 Sharparoon, FT; 2/18 Buttercup West KCF.

**Northern Cardinal** – good numbers reported by most observers; 3/5-1m yg & 2 pr fed 2f yg/17 thru mo. yd BAM.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 11 reported of 1 each by BB, BAM, KCF, MK, CP; most 3/3 W Clove Mtn Rd BB.

**Indigo Bunting** – 1f/29 Rombout Rd., CV; 1 all mo. yd, JD.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 22/8, 15/11, 10+13 yd BAM.

**Baltimore Oriole** – 1/4 Vanderbilt FT; 1/18 Buttercup East FT.

**Purple Finch** – 1/25 Sharparoon, FT.

**House Finch** – good numbers of 4-12 by JAKJ, CP, ES, BER, BAM, KCF, PR & FT.

**American Goldfinch** – good numbers of 6-10 by BER, ES, PR, BAM, CP, JAKJ; most 20-30/all yd Poughquag CP.

**Evening Grosbeak** – 3/7 feeders yd. Stormville, BER.

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**Field Trips (FT):** 4th - Vanderbilt, 11th - Buttercup West, 18th - Buttercup East, 25th - Sharparoon

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## October 2002 Records

Frost warnings started on the 9th. By the last week of the month, we had snow in the forecast but it did not materialize.

**Common Loon** - 4/30 Norrie FT

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/6,3/20 Rudd Pond CV, 1/23 Tymor FT, 1/25 Sylvan Lake CP

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1/4, 7/18, 8/21 & 6/26 Wapp. Lk., 3/15 Locust Grove KCF, 3/18 Bleachery Wapp Cr. BAM, 7/10 Norrie CV, 6+/30 Norrie FT

**Great Blue Heron** - daily Wapp Crk EP, 2/4,10, 1/18 & 26th Wapp. Lk., 1/18 Lk. Oniad, 1/31 Wapp. Creek BAM, 1/5 Vassar Farm FT, 1/5&31,3/10 Norrie CV, 1/10,11 Red Hook TG, 1/22 New Hackensack ES, 1/23 Abel's Pond KCF, 1/23 Tymor FT, 1/27 Abel's Pond BB

**Great Egret** - 2/6 Mud Pond Pine Plains CV

**Green Heron** - 1/4 Wapp. Lk. BAM, 1/5 Vassar Farm FT

**Black Vulture** - 1/6 Stony Kill BAM, 1/7 Domin Farm, 1/8 Fishkill-yd ES, 5/14 Poughquag CP, 4/14 HVRT, 1/22 Alvin Ct CV

**Turkey Vulture** - Reports thru month included 10/9 StonyKill FT, 8/23 Tymor FT, 25/14 HVRT CV

**Snow Goose** - 100/22 Tamarack JD, flock/28,29 migrating Red Hook TG, 35/30 Norrie FT

**Canada Goose** - Many reports. Highest: 100/1, 300-500/6, 700/8, 100/27 Abel's Pond BB, 300/6 Thompson Pond CV

**Brant** - 60/8 Hudson River at Pok. Rural Cemetery AJM

**Mute Swan** - Usual numbers

**Wood Duck** - 16/6 Thompson Pond, 12/7 Rombout Rd CV, 3/15 Locust Grove KCF, 6/23 Tymor FT

**American Wigeon** - 1f/1 Abel's Pond BB

**American Black Duck** - 7/7 Rombout Rd CV, 3/21 & 4/26 Wapp. Lk, 1/29 Lk. Oniad BAM, 1/23 Tymor FT.

**Mallard** - Many reports, including 50/27 Abel's Pond BB, 140+/4, 60+/10 & 18, 23/21, 28+/26 Wapp. Lk BAM, 20/25 Sylvan Lake, 30/25 Miller Rd Beekman CP, 20/30 Norrie FT, 26/23 Tymor FT

**Northern Pintail** - 2f/4 Wapp. Lk. BAM

**Green-winged Teal** - 12/6 Thompson Pond CV, 8/8 pond yd Verbank BB, 3/27 Buttercup West KCF

**Ring-necked Duck** - 40/1, 20/8, 75/27 Abel's Pond BB, 2/14 Round Pond CV, 100+/23 Abel's Pond KCF

**Common Merganser** - 1/25 Pond on Miller Rd Beekman CP

**Ruddy Duck** - 3/8, 6/27 Abel's Pond BB, 12/23 Abel's Pond KCF, 7/14 Rond Pond CV, 115/24,260/25 Sylvan Lake CP

**Osprey** - 3/3 Rombout Rd CV, 1/6 Wapp Crk Pleasant Valley EP, 1/23 Abel's Pond KCF

**Bald Eagle** - 1/10 (imm) Norrie CV

**Northern Harrier** - 1/5 Alvin Ct, 1/15 Domin Farm CV, 2(adult & juv)/3 yd 1/17 Eder Rd Stormville EBR, 1/9 StonyKill FT

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/all yd Pok KCF, 1/3,10 yd Poughquag CP, 2/6 Stissing Mtn CV, 3/7 over yd BJM, 1/9 StonyKill FT, 1/17 yd LaGrng JA/KJ, 1/23 Tymor FT

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/4,15,29 & 30th yd checking feeders BAM, 1/15 over yard BB, 1/16 yd Poughquag CP, 2/20 HVRT CV

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - Lingered near home Clinton Corners until the 15th AJP

**Red-tailed Hawk** Many reports throughout county of 1-2. Highest 7/6 Stissing Mtn CV, 3/30 Norrie FT

**American Kestrel** - 2/5,1/6,1/24 Red Hook TG, 1/9 StonyKill FT, 1/20 HVRT CV

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 1/18,25 yd LaGrng JA/KJ

**Ruffed Grouse** - 2/6 Clove Valley Rd Union Vale EBR

**Wild Turkey** - 10/13 D.C. Airport CV, 1/15 Greenfly Swamp ES, 9/15 Locust Grove KCF, 5/16 Amenia JA/KJ, 3/17 Rt. 376 by Meth. Church, 10/5,7-31, 18/6 yd BAM

**American Coot** - 1/1, 2/27 Abel's Pond BB, 4/23 Abel's Pond KCF, 50/24-25 Sylvan Lake CP

**Killdeer** - 1/5 Vassar Farm FT, 12/9 StonyKill FT, 5/13,6/27 Southlands Farm Rhinebeck MP, 3/20 Traver Pond CV

**Solitary Sandpiper** - 1/5 Vassar Farm FT

**Common Snipe** - 1/4 Vassar Farm CV, 2/27 Southlands MP

**American Woodcock** - 1/2 Stanfordville JD

**Ring-billed Gull** - 30+/4, 17/18 thru mo. Wapp. Lk, 10/23 Rt9 Stop & Shop market plaza thru mo. BAM, 5/9 StonyKill FT, 3/15 Lucust Grove KCF, 3/30 Norrie FT

**Herring Gull** - 2/9 StonyKill FT, 2/30 Norrie FT

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 2/10 Waryas Park CV, 1/15 Locust Grove KCF, 2/30 Norrie FT

**Mourning Dove** - Usual numbers. Highest 10-20/all yd Poughquag CP, 30/9 StonyKill FT, 11+/11 Fishkill-yd ES

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/27 & on, in box in yd PI Val, have had one about 4 years now EP

**Great Horned Owl** - daily PI Val JD, 1/18 yd LaGrng JA/KJ

**Barred Owl** - 1/8 yard calling 5am BB, 2/18 Vassar Farm CV

**Chimney Swift** - 1/3 Rombout Rd CV

**Belted Kingfisher** - 14 sightings of one each.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - Everyone has 'em. Highest 8/3 Rombout Rd CV, 9/5 Vassar Farm FT, 4/15 Locust Grove KCF, 5/30 Norrie FT

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 5/5 Vassar Farm FT, 1/7 imm & 1/9 yard in willow tree BAM, 5/9 StonyKill FT, 2/20-31 yd MP, 1/7&29, 2/17 Rombout Rd CV, 3/23 Tymor FT, 1/29 heard in yard BB, 1/30 Norrie FT

**Downy Woodpecker** - Doing well.

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP, 2/10 Norrie, "fewer than normal" CV, 1/17 Springside ES, 2/17 Eder Rd Stormville EBR, 1/23 Tymor FT, 1/30 Norrie FT

**Northern Flicker** - 4/5 Vassar Farm FT, 1/5-31 yd BAM, 1/6,7,10,14 Fishkill-yd ES, 6/9 StonyKill FT, 5/22 Rombout Rd CV, 4/23 Tymor FT, 5/30 Norrie FT, 1/all yd P'quag CP

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 1/2 Milan, 1/8 yd Fishkill ES, 1/4, 13, 17 & 29th yard BAM, 2/10 Norrie CV, 2/30 Norrie FT

**Eastern Phoebe** - 6/5 Vassar Farm FT, 1/7 yd. & bird bath BAM, 1/8,14 Fishkill-yd, 1/14 StonyKill ES, 2/9 StonyKill FT, 3/15 Locust Grove, 1/27 Buttercup West KCF, 7/18 Vassar Farm CV, 3/23 Tymor FT, 1/often in yd PI Val EP

**Blue-headed Vireo** - 1/4,17 county, 2/10 Norrie CV, 1/5 Vassar Farm FT, 1/7 & 15th yd BAM, 2/9 StonyKill FT, 1/23 Tymor FT

**Red-eyed Vireo** - 2/5 Vassar Farm FT, 3/9 StonyKill FT, 1/10 Norrie CV

**Blue Jay** - Highest reports 5-6/all yd BAM, 8/5 Vassar Farm FT, 15/23 Tymor FT, 10/30 Norrie FT, 5-10/all yd Poughquag CP

**American Crow** - Usual numbers. 70+/22 New Hackensack ES, 40+/18 @ Dut. Co. Airport, 80-100/23 Ehmer's farm BAM, 20-30/17 Pleasant Ridge Rd Wingdale EBR

**Common Raven** - 1/6 Stissing Mtn CV, 1/20 flying over calling BB, 1/26 over Taconic & Rt. 199 BAM



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**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse & White-breasted Nuthatch** – Usual numbers.

**Brown Creeper** – 1/10 Norrie, 1/20 HVRT CV

**Carolina Wren** – 1 to 3 on about half of reports.

**House Wren** – 2/5 Vassar Farm FT, 1/7 Rombout Rd CV

**Winter Wren** – 2/6 ThompsonPd, 1/10 Norrie CV, 1/23 yd PF

**Marsh Wren** – 1/6 Thompson Pond CV

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – Earliest report 1/7 yd BAM.

Highest 4/14 HVRT, 4/20,21 yd MP, 20/23 Tymor FT

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – Earliest 1/3 yd Red Hook TG & 1/3

Rombout Rd CV. Highest 12/27 Buttercup West KCF, 5+/19

Fishkill-yd ES, 10/23 Tymor FT, 12/25 Rombout Rd CV

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 1/17 Eder Rd Stormville EBR

**Eastern Bluebird** – 8/5 Vassar Farm FT, 1/6 Stony Kill, 1/6

on & off thru mo. & 2/28 yd. BAM, 14/7 Rombout Rd CV, 10/9

StonyKill FT, 5/23 Tymor FT, 2/27 Buttercup West KCF, 12/29

Red Hook TG, 3/30 Norrie FT

**Wood Thrush** – 1/23 Tymor FT

**American Robin** – Large flocks reported, including 50+/6

Fishkill-yd ES, 30/9 StonyKill FT, 100+/17 Rombout Rd &

Domin Farm CV, 75/22 Red Hook TG, 50/23 Tymor FT

**Gray Catbird** – 15/3, 1-2 thru 29th Rombout Rd CV, 10/5

Vassar Farm FT, 1/8 yard BB, 2/9 StonyKill FT, 1/17 Eder Rd

Stormville EBR, 1/27 yd LaGrng JA/KJ

**Northern Mockingbird** – Highest 5/5 Vassar Farm FT, 3/9

StonyKill FT, 6/22 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV, 3/23 Tymor

FT

**European Starling** – 30-35/3 Hosner Mtn Rd Stormville EBR,

40/9 StonyKill FT, 70+/17 WFalls ES, 10/23 Tymor FT

**American Pipit** – 40/20 Thorndale Farm Millbrook AJP, 50-

60/20 HVRT CV

**Cedar Waxwing** – 18/9 StonyKill FT, 100+/10 Norrie CV,

100/23 Tymor FT, 20/25 Rhinebeck MP

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 1/3 Vassar Farms KCF; 1/4 Vanderbilt

FT.

**Nashville Warbler** – 1/3 Vassar Farms, 1/18 Buttercup West

KCF.

**Northern Parula** – 1/5 Vassar Farm FT

**Cape May Warbler** – 1/17 Eder Rd Stormville EBR

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – Many including 10+/5 Vassar Farm

FT, 10/7, 12+/9 1/28 yd BAM, 10/9 StonyKill FT, 30/17 Domin

Farm & Rombout Rd CV, 6+/27 yd LaGrng JA/KJ

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 2/7 yard BAM

**Pine Warbler** – 1/5 Vassar Farm FT

**Palm Warbler** – 1/9 StonyKill FT, seen 4th-25th, high 8/18

Vassar Farm CV, 1/20 Thorndale Farm Millbrook AJP, 2/27

StonyKill BL

**Blackpoll Warbler** – 1/27 immature yd. BAM

**American Redstart** – 1/25 Rombout Rd CV

**Common Yellowthroat** – 3/5 Vassar Farm FT, 2/9 StonyKill

FT, 1/22 Fishkill-yd ES

**Scarlet Tanager** – 1/5 Vassar Farm FT

**Eastern Towhee** – 2/5 Vassar Farm FT, 1/9 StonyKill FT, 1/15

yard BB

**American Tree Sparrow** – 1/7 Rombout Rd, 1/11 Alvin Ct CV,

1/9 StonyKill FT

**Chipping Sparrow** – 50/7 Rombout Rd, 4/31 Baird (late?) CV,

sev/1-8 yard BB, 12/5 Vassar Farm FT, 20/9 StonyKill FT,

12/15 Locust Grove KCF, 1/26 yd MP, 1/28 yd. BAM

**Field Sparrow** – sev/all yard BB, 3/7 yard BAM, 1/7&18,2/14

HVRT CV

**Savannah Sparrow** – 10/9 StonyKill FT, 3/14 HVRT, 30/27

Buttercup West KCF, many/27 StonyKill BL, 3/31 Baird CV

**Song Sparrow** – 25/9 StonyKill FT, 1/14 Fishkill-yd ES, 28/15

Domin Farm & Rombout Rd CV, 1/18 Wapp. Lk. BAM, 4/23

Tymor FT, 30/27 Buttercup West KCF, many/27 StonyKill BL,

sev/all yard BB

**Lincoln's Sparrow** – 2/20 Thorndale Farm Millbrook AJP

**Swamp Sparrow** – 2/9 StonyKill FT, seen 6th-29th, high 6/18

Vassar Farm..."more sightings than usual for October" CV,

2/27 Buttercup West KCF

**White-throated Sparrow** – Back for the season. 10+/5

Vassar Farm FT, 1/6,17 Fishkill-yd ES, sev/8, 20/15 yard BB,

3/9-20,5/21-31 yd Poughquag CP, 12/9 StonyKill FT, 2/9 1st

date, up to 4-6/15, 8/27 & 4/29 thru mo. BAM, 1/17-31 yd

LaGrng JA/KJ, 22/18 Vassar Farm CV, 6/23 Tymor FT, 8/30

Norrie FT, (few/often) yd Stormville 1/17 Eder Rd Stormville

EBR, 10/27 Buttercup West KCF, many/27 StonyKill BL

**White-crowned Sparrow** – 1/9 StonyKill FTM, 10/20

Thorndale Farm Millbrook AJP, 4/25 Rombout Rd & Domin

Farm CV, 2/27 StonyKill BL

**Dark-eyed Junco** – Good numbers. 1/6,10+/22,20+/31

Fishkill-yd ES, 1/6 Thompson Pond, 12/29 Rombout Rd &

Domin Farm CV, first appeared 7th EP, 6/9 yard first of

season, then 20/15-31 BB, 1/13,5-20/14-25,30/26-31 in yd

Poughquag CP, 3/17 1st date, 8/26, 10+/27 & 14/30 thru mo.

BAM, 12/23 Tymor FT, 8/25,2/30 yd Stormville EBR, 100+/27

Buttercup West KCF, 12/30 Norrie FT

**Northern Cardinal** – Usual numbers.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 1/1 yd Stormville at feeder EBR,

1/9 male, yd PI Val EP

**Indigo Bunting** – 2/27 StonyKill BL

**Bobolink** – 5/9 StonyKill FT, 2/15 Domin Farm CV

**Red-winged Blackbird** – 2/9 StonyKill FT, 100+/25 Domin

Farm CV, 30/27 W Dover Rd Dover CP

**Common Grackle** – 2/14 HVRT CV, 1/23 yd Stormville EBR,

1/27-29 feeder yd. BAM

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 50/9 StonyKill FT, 1/13 yard BAM,

40/13 Southlands Farm Rhinebeck MP, 20/14 HVRT CV

**Purple Finch** – 4/6 Southlands Farm Rhinebeck MP, 1/10-11

yd Poughquag CP

**House Finch** – Most yards have 1-12. Highest report 40/13

Southlands Farm Rhinebeck MP

**American Goldfinch** – Good numbers. Highest 20-30/all but

60/14 yd Poughquag CP, 22/7 Alvin Ct CV, 30/9 StonyKill FT

**House Sparrow** – 8/16 Fishkill-yd ES. Only 8 all month in the

county! We wish.

**Other Sightings (from Ed Spaeth):**

**Harvest mouse** – 1/7 nest- in old birdfeeder

**Coyote** – 1/17 Springside, tail carried down

**Praying Mantis** – 1/7 Fishkill-yd

**Cloudless Sulphur** – 2/14 Stony Kill

**Monarch Butterfly** – 1/20 Sherwood Is, Conn.



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**Field Trips (FT):** **2nd** - Andrew Haight Rd, **5th** - Vassar Farm, **9th** - Stony Kill Farm, **16th** - Mills Mansion - rained out, **19th** - Anthony's Nose, **23rd** - Tymor Park, **30th** - Norrie Point

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## November 2002 Records

The beginning of November we had a hard frost with 23 degrees, and snow storms following on the 18th with 3 inches, the 23rd about 1 inch and the 27th 4 inches. Our ponds and streams are again full and flowing after the drought of this summer and fall. Herb Thompson and Carena Pooth were surprised and delighted to find a Hudsonian Godwit in Rhinebeck on November 10th. This is our first record of the species for Dutchess County. Many club members had very close up views of the Godwit with the last date seen on the 15th. Chet Vincent found a Laughing Gull mixed in with Ring-billed Gulls on the 5th. This gull we do not see up our way very often.

**Common Loon** - 3/29 Sylvan Lk BB,BC,RC,CV.

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 2/7 Lake Walton, BAM; 1/27 Traver Pd. Freedom Rd. CV; 1/29 Sylvan Lk BB.

**Great Blue Heron** - Well reported with 16 throughout the county.

**Black Vulture** - 19/8 Greenhaven Rd Beekman CP; 7/8 Stissing Mt. flying past single file, CV.

**Turkey Vulture** - 1/1 over yard BAM; 9/1 Rt. 376/Maloney Rd. circling low AJM; 9/2 & 13 Domin farm Rombout Rd on deer carcass, CV; 12/8 Greenhaven Rd Beekman CP; 3/14 IES, FT; 1/5 Fishkill-yd, 5/19 Fishkill-Prison circling above deer carcass ES

**Snow Goose** - 100+/19 Domin farm, 120+/28 Stissing Mt. flying south CV; 2/2 Thompson Pd blue morph from Art Jones BB; 250/20 Round Pd & 8/20 Rudd Pd. DF; 300/27 Vassar farm FT; sev/24 Stanfordville KCF.

**Canada Goose** - All over with most 100+/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Coleman Sta. Rd. to Millerton) FT; 3000/20 Rudd pd. DF; waves & waves overhead/19th JAKJ.

**Brant** - 60/8 Hudson River at Pok. Rural Cemetery AJM

**Mute Swan** - 2/5 Sylvan Lk. CP/HT; 1/5 Hillside Lk., 1/7 Lk. Walton BAM; 10/29 Sylvan Lk. BB,BC,RC,CV; 3/20 Baird Pk. FT.

**Wood Duck** - 18/7 Lk. Walton BAM; 1m/11 pd. Mill Rd., 5/20 Domin farm pd. CV; 4/20 Round Pd DF; 5/29 Nuclear Lk. BB,BC,RC,CV.

**Gadwall** - 2/10 West Buttercup DG.

**American Black Duck** - 3/6 Lk Onaid BAM; 2/9 Upper Kay's pd. LM; 2/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Coleman Sta. Rd. to Millerton) FT; 5/28 Thompson Pd., 22/28 Mudd Pd., 11/28 Traver Pd. CV; sev/20 Round Pd DF; 1/27 Vassar farm FT.

**Mallard** - Well reported throughout the county my most observers.

**Northern Pintail** - 4/10 West Buttercup DG; 3/28 pond Rt. 82 north of Pine Plains (2m/1f) CV.

**Green-winged Teal** - 15/8 Thompson Pond CV; 110/10 West Buttercup DG.

**Ring-necked Duck** - 6/1 Sylvan Lk. CP; 44+/7 Lk. Walton BAM; 11/27 Traver Pd. CV; 150/20 Abel's Pd. BB; sev/20 Round Pd DF; 5/29 Sylvan Lk BB,BC,RC,CV.

**Scaup (species?)** - 15/29 Stissing Lake DG.

**Bufflehead** - 1/1 Sylvan Lk. CP; 5/5 Hillside Lk. (4f/1m) BAM; pr/8 Mudd Pd. CV.

**Hooded Merganser** - 4/9 Upper Kay's pd. LM; 37/20 Rudd Pond DF; 9/29 Nuclear Lk BB,BC,RC,CV.

**Common Merganser** - 4/3 Mudd Pd., DG; 3/4 Mdm Brett Park ES; 6/4 & 7 Wapp. Creek Bleachery AJM; 2/8 Thompson Pd., 7/28 Hunn's Lk. (6m/1f) CV; 1/27 Vassar farm FT.

**Ruddy Duck** - 160/1,260/5 Sylvan Lk. CP; pr/6 Lk. Onaid, BAM; 2/3, 2/26 Upper Kay's pd. LM; 40/20 Abel's Pd. BB; some/20 Round Pd DF; 70/29 Sylvan Lk BB,BC,RC,CV.

**Bald Eagle** - 2/1 Ad. soaring over Sylvan Lake CP; 1Ad/10 Stissing DG; 3/30 (2juv. & 1ad. )Thompson Pd., JA.

**Northern Harrier** - 1/7 Waterbury Hill Rd & 1ad male/30 Marshalls in Verbank BB; 1/27 Vassar farm FT; 3/28 Mashomak, Pine Plains - all imm. CV; 2/30 Stissing DG.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/5-27 sev. days various places CV; 1/18 between Lowe's and Galleria BB; 1/20 Baird Pk. FT; 1 all mo. yd. KCF; 1/24 & 28 yd. JAKJ.

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/2,5,16 & 19 Rombout Rd. CV; 2/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Coleman Sta. Rd. to Millerton) FT.

**Northern Goshawk** - 1/24 Stanfordville, KCF.

**Red-tailed Hawk** - Normal throughout county.

**Golden Eagle** - 1Ad/10 & thereafter Stissing DG; 4/28 Stissing Mt. all flying together CV.

**American Kestrel** - 1 sev. times during mo., Stanfordville JA.

**Merlin** - 1/27 Vassar Farm FT.

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/11 Pok. RR bridge on north side CV.

**Ruffed Grouse** - 2/6 Clove Valley Rd Union Vale EBR

**Wild Turkey** - 18/5 & 6th yard BAM; 4/20 Domin farm

Rombout Rd. CV; 16f/7, 4m/16 & 24th yd. KCF.

**American Coot** - 70/1,5 Sylvan Lk. CP; 1/28 pond Rt. 82 north of Pine Plains CV; 15/20 Abel's Pd. BB; 50/29 Sylvan Lk BB,BC,RC,CV.

**Killdeer** - 3/9 Southland farms, MP.

**Hudsonian Godwit** - 1/10,12 The Woods Rhinebeck CP/HT; 1/10 The Woods in Rhinebeck BB,KCF,CV,BMa,LM; 1/11 by Jeff Lucas, 1/13 2nd pond, Don Rains; 1/14 Woods-Rhinebeck ES; (also several other observers on 10th, last reported on the 15th).

**Common Snipe** - 1/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Coleman Sta. Rd. to Millerton) FT.

**Laughing Gull** - 1/5 Vassar Boat House area/Hudson River with Ring-billed Gulls CV.

**Ring-billed Gull** - 200+/6 Beacon Downstate Prison from I-84 BAM; normal my area CV; 6/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Coleman Sta. Rd. to Millerton) FT; 5/29 Sylvan Lk BB,BC,RC,CV.

**Herring Gull** - 10/4 Dennings Pt., 8/14 Landsman's Kill Cove ES; 1/27 Vassar farm FT.

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 1/11 Waryas Pk., Pok. & 1/11 Norrie Pt. CV; 2+/6 Beacon Downstate Prison from I-84 BAM.

**Rock Dove** - normal my area CV; 9/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Coleman Sta. Rd. to Millerton) FT;4/27 Vassar Farms FT.

**Mourning Dove** - Normal throughout county with most: 50+/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT;45/27 yd. CP.

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - is back in tree hole yd., PI Val., EP.

**Great Horned Owl** - 2/3 heard calling home CV; has all mo. JD.

**Barred Owl** - 1/8 yard calling 5am BB, 2/18 Vassar Farm CV

**Chimney Swift** - 1/3 Rombout Rd CV

**Belted Kingfisher** - Well reported with 14 found throughout the county.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - Well reported throughout county by most observers.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/26 Fishkill-yd ES; 1/26 yd. heard BB.



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**Hairy Woodpecker** – 1/2-29 & 3/12 feeder home CV; 1/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Coleman Sta. Rd. to Millerton) FT; 1/29 Nuclear Lk BB,BC,RC,CV; 2/27 Vassar farm FT; 1-2/all yd. CP; 2 all mo. yd. LM; 5-6 daily MP; 1 most days & 2/28 yd. EBR.

**Northern Flicker** – Good numbers reported by BAM,CV,FT,BB,JD,ES,JAKJ & most 8/27 Vassar farm FT.

**Pileated Woodpecker** – Well reported - 1-2 by BAM,CV,FT,BB,BC,RC,CV,ES,MP,JAKJ & most 3/28 Stissing Mt. CV.

**Eastern Phoebe** – 1/4 Dennings Point ES; 1/7 Domin farm, Rombout Rd. CV; 1/14 IES, FT.

**Northern Shrike** – 1/25 Domin farm & 1/26 Nat. Cons. property (same juv. bird) Rombout Rd. CV.

**Blue Jay** – Normal throughout county.

**American Crow** – Normal throughout county; on 17th first noticed going to Pok roost from then on, EP; huge flock/23 corn field Overlook Rd. JAKJ.

**Common Raven** – 1/2 near home calling BB; 2/8 & 28 Stissing Mt. CV.

**Horned Lark** – 50-70/16 Greg's Farm, Red Hook TG; 60-65/29 Greig's farm CV; 22/27 Vassar farm, FT.

**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse & White-breasted Nuthatch** – Normal by all observers.

**Brown Creeper** – 1/3, 16th & 30th yd. MP.

**Carolina Wren** – Good numbers with 27 reported of 1-2 by BAM,CV,FT,CP,ES,MP,EBR,JAKJ,JA. Hope they survive winter.

**Winter Wren** – 1/14 IES, FT.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 2-3/2 Widmer Rd. BAM; 1/7 yd. EBR, 1/29 yd. JAKJ.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 1/2 Widmer Rd. BAM; 4+/4 Dennings Pt. ES; 1/5 Vassar farm, 1/19 Rombout Rd. CV; 1/14 IES, FT.

**Eastern Bluebird** – Well reported with 1-5 by BAM,CP,BB,BC,RC,ES,FT & most 10/5 Vassar farm CV; 10/14 IES,

**Hermit Thrush** – 3/25 same tree with dried Virginia creeper Rombout Rd. CV.

**American Robin** – Well reported by most observers with most: 150/1 yd Poughquag ate all dogwood berries! CP.

**Gray Catbird** – 1/27 Field Rd., Milan DG.

**Northern Mockingbird** – Good numbers or 1-3 by BAM,BB,ES,JAKJ,FT & most 8/25 Domin farm CV.

**European Starling** – normal - most 500/27 Vassar farm FT & 300-400/9 & 10 mixed flock(1/3 starlings & 2/3 grackles) JAKJ.

**American Pipit** – 8/7 & 3/26 Domin farm CV.

**Cedar Waxwing** – 12/2 Widmer Rd. BAM; see/2 thru 26th & 30/5 Vassar farm CV; 10/4 yd Poughquag HT; 6/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail FT; 10/14 IES, FT; 1/27 Vassar farm FT.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 10/2 Domin farm & see often but less thru 26th CV; 2/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Coleman Sta. Rd. to Millerton) FT; 1/14 IES, FT.

**Eastern Towhee** – 1m/19 Domin farm CV.

**American Tree Sparrow** – Normal with 1-4 by FT,BB,CP,MP,ES,JA & most 10/25 Domin farm CV.

**Chipping Sparrow** – 2/6 under feeder home CV; 1/30 yd. JAKJ.

**Savannah Sparrow** – 3/19 Domin farm, 1/28 Thompson Pd. CV.

**Fox Sparrow** – Good number with 30 reported of 1-2 by CP,JA,CV,TG,FT,BB,ES,JAKKJ & most 2/9,3/18,4/21 yd. KCF.

**Song Sparrow** – Good numbers with 27 reported of 1-6 by FT,CP,JAKJ & most 10/19 Domin farm CV.

**Swamp Sparrow** – see/2-28 & 3/11 Rombout Rd. CV; 1/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Coleman Sta. Rd. to Millerton) FT.

**White-throated Sparrow** – Well reported with 1-10 by BAM,CP,KCF,BB,ES,LM,JAKJ,EBR & most 11/18 Rombout Rd. CV; 12/9 HVRT FT.

**White-crowned Sparrow** – 2/2 Rombout Rd. CV.

**Dark-eyed Junco** – Well reported with 6 to 20 by BAM,FT,BB,CV,CP,LM;& most 50/20 Baird Pk. FT; 50+/3Fishkill yd ES.

**Northern Cardinal** – Well reported with 1 -6 by BAM,LM,CP,JAKJ,ES,EBR,FT & most 10/25 Domin farm CV

**Red-winged Blackbird** – see often/2-28 & 100+/20th Domin farm CV; 120/10 Rhinebeck CP; 1/30 Thompson Pd. JA.

**Common Grackle** – 15/7 & see thru 20th with Red-wings Domin farm CV; 1/10 Fishkill-yd ES; 70+/25 home Red Hook, TG; 30+8, 1/9 & 1/28-30 yd. MP; huge flock/9 & 10 with starlings yd. JAKJ.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 2/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Coleman Sta. Rd. to Millerton) FT; 5/30 yd. JAKJ.

**House Finch** – Numbers up with 4-20 at feeders by BB,BAM,CP,LM,ES,MP,JAKJCV & most 25+/9 HVRT FT.

**Common Redpoll** – 1juv/19 & 26 feeder yd. EBR.

**American Goldfinch** – Good numbers of 4-15 by BAMBB,LM,MP,ES,JAKJ,FT & most 20-30/all yd. CP; 45/5 Vassar farm CV; HOUSE SPARROW: normal my area CV; 10+/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Coleman Sta. Rd. to Millerton) FT; 5/4 & 10th yd. ES.

#### Other Sightings (from Ed Spaeth):

**Muskrat** – 3/5 Miller Rd Beekman CP/HT  
omin farm CV

**Otter** – 3/28 Thompson Pd., CV

**Painted Lady butterfly** – 1/9 Poor bedraggled one seeking a hibernation hidey-hole. It simply slipped into the folds of my flag bunting. I hope it makes it through the winter. ES.

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**Field Trips (FT):** 6th - Denning's Point (rained out), 9th - Harlem Valley Rail Trail, 14th - IES, 20th - Baird Park, 27th - Vassar Farm

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## December 2002 Records

Colder and more snow than recent Decembers. A foot of snow came in small installments during the first half. Then a bit of a thaw before the Christmas Count was followed by a nor'easter on Christmas Day. Several nights in the single digits started the ponds to freeze up by the second week. Eleanor Pink says creek is as high as it has been all year - birds can't feed in it. Average December temp at Poughkeepsie this year was 28.8 and last year 35.6. (Thanks to Bob Infante for finding this information.)

**Common Loon** - 1/8 Sylvan Lake CP; 1/13 Sylvan Lake AJM

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1/3 Norrie Point CV

**Great Blue Heron** - 2/2 Upper Kay's Pond LM; 2/11 Verbank FT; 5 others

**Greater White-fronted Goose** - 1/21 Upper Kay's Pond, LM and Barb Mansell on Christmas Bird Count; 1/24 same place AJP and Jeff Lucas

**Snow Goose** - 500/4 Millbrook School FT; 5000/5 migrating over Fraleigh Hill AJP; 1/28-30 Upper Kay's LM; 1/29 Gretna Rd CP/HT (likely the same as LM's)

**Canada Goose** - all month Upper Kay's Pond, max 1600/21 LM; 2500/23 Rudd Pond CV; 300+/13 @ Green Haven Prison AJM; up to 80 at 11 other places

**Mute Swan** - most at Sylvan Lk 9/8, 16/20 CP and 11/13 AJM; some on Wappingers Lk & Creek, Ehmer's farm pond and Salt Point Tpk. CV says less than usual due to snow and ice.

**Wood Duck** - 3/3 Wapp Lk CV; 2/8 Sylvan Lake CP

**American Black Duck** - 2-6 most days, Upper Kay's Pond LM; 4/23 Mill Rd Millerton, 4/23 Rudd Pond CV; 2 Pleasant Valley JD

**Mallard** - 100s/23 Tamarack Pd, 85/13 Espie Farm Van Wagner Rd CV; 50+/6 Wapp Creek off Jackson Rd. BJM; 50+/9 White's Marina AJM; up to 40 Sylvan Lk; several others

**Northern Pintail** - 2/3 Wapp Lake CV

**Ring-necked Duck** - 70+/13 Red Wing Gravel Pit(Beekman), 9/13 (5m/4f) Sylvan Lk AJM; 20/8,4/20,6/29 Sylvan Lake CP; 1/7 Upper Kay's Pond LM

**Bufflehead** - 2pr/13 Sylvan Lake AJM

**Hooded Merganser** - 2/2 Upper Kay's Pond LM; 7/3 Wapp Lake CV; 1/8 Sylvan Lake CP; 1m/13 Sylvan Lake AJM;

**Common Merganser** - 18/29 Norrie Point CV; 9/2 Upper Kay's Pond LM; 9/10 New Hamburg on Hudson River AJM; 3-4 creek at Pleasant Valley EP

**Ruddy Duck** - 40+ Sylvan Lake AJM; 1/8,1/20,20/29 Sylvan Lake CP; 2/2 Upper Kay's Pond LM

**Bald Eagle** - 4/29 Norrie Point (2 ad, 2 imm) CV; 1/29 Norrie Pat Gabel; 2/17 Mills Mansion Jeff Lucas & Kathy Michels; also Wappingers, Strever Farm Rd (Pine Plains), Brass Anchor

**Northern Harrier** - 1 juv/1 yd Stormville EBR; 1/2 Waterbury Hill Rd BB; 1/4 Millbrook School FT; 1/7 Red Hook TG; 1/2 Domin Farm, 2/15 Stissing Mtn CV

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/13-31 yard - took dove on 25th and goldfinch on 31st CV; reported in 4 other yards

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/15 soaring with redtails and eagles at Strever Farm Rd, 1/28 being chased from tree by crows Thompson Pd CV; reported from 4 yards and Rhinebeck and Wappingers area

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/28 sitting and calling from a tree, adult bird, Thompson Pd CV

**Red-tailed Hawk** - 1/17&18 albino Jackson Rd. Wapp. creek BAM; 5/15 Strever Farm Rd soaring with Bald Eagles, Coopers, Sharpshin, scolding eagles at times CV; 4/4 Millbrook School FT; many others

**Rough-legged Hawk** - 1/8 Sylvan Lake HT

**Golden Eagle** - 1/28 Stissing Mtn poor sighting into sun CV; 3/29 (2 ad, 1 imm) Thompson Pd John Balint leading Burroughs field trip

**American Kestrel** - 1/3 Wisseman Rd BB; 1/13 West Rd Pleasant Valley CV

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/15 with prey, 1/22 1/29 Waryas Park & RR bridge or Mid-Hudson Bridge CV

**Wild Turkey** - sev/10-30 Domin Farm, 57/20 Rombout Rd CV; at feeders of KCF, Dot Fleury, Kristin Smith, BAM

**American Coot** - 70/8,60/20,50/29 CP/HT, 45+/13 AJM all Sylvan Lake; 3/23 Tamarack Pond with 100s of mallards CV

**Ring-billed Gull** - 40+/6 Westage bld. parking lot & many malls thru mo. BJM; 3/8,8/20,6/29 Sylvan Lake CP/HT

**Herring Gull** - 4/6 Westage bld. parking lot BJM

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 3/13 Red Wing Gravel Pit Beekman AJM; 7/29 Norrie Pt harrassing Bald Eagles for prey on ice CV

**Rock Dove** - 6/4 Millbrook School FT; 50/11 Verbank FT; 1/18 Vassar Farm FT

**Mourning Dove** - 40-60/all, 90/25 yd Poughquag CP; 30/all yard BB; others have them also

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/all near creek in Pleasant Valley, red phase EP,CV; 1/11 Verbank FT

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/all Pleasant Valley JD; 2/13 yd, pair calling Poughquag CP; 1h/20 Millbrook Sch. KCF; 2/28 heard at 4:45am in woods behind house on Alvin Ct CV

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/3 Wapp Lk, 1/13 Traver Rd CV; 1/11 Verbank FT; 1/18 Vassar Farm FT; 1/19 Emans Rd. Lagrange BAM; 1/20 Sylvan Lake CP

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 6/10, sev/2-31 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV; 3-4, 5-6X daily MP; 1-2 on all field trips and at most feeders

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/11 Verbank FT; 1/2, 1/13 Rombout Rd CV

**Downy Woodpecker** - 4-6/all yd Poughquag CP; 15/10 stripping elm trees along Rombout Rd CV; 5/18 Vassar Farm FT; 1-4 most places

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 3-4, 5-6X daily MP; 4/2 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV; 1-2 most places

**Northern Flicker** - 7/13, sev/2-31 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV; 2/18 Vassar Farm FT; only CP BAM JD have them.

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 3/28 Stissing Mtn, seen & heard often in wooded areas around county in Dec CV; 4 others

**Blue Jay** - 10-16/all, 25/25 yd Poughquag CP; up to 10 in most yards and on field trips

**American Crow** - many 100's/16 College Hill Park followed them to roost at dusk BB; 500/29 Gretna Rd PIVal CP/HT; 50/4 Millbrook School FT; 4-10 in many yards

**Fish Crow** - 1/20 Dutchess Center, on light pole near Burger King calling CV

**Common Raven** - 1/4 Millbrook School FT; 1/25-26 near home calling BB; 1/15, 2/28 Stissing Mtn, seen entering nest site on 28th CV

**Horned Lark** - 50/4 Millbrook School FT; 100/11 Verbank FT; 12/15 Grieg Farm Red Hook CV; 50/29 Gretna Rd PIVal CP/HT



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**Black-capped Chickadee** – 12+ Red Hook TG; up to 15 on field trips; up to 6 (or lots) at feeders

**Tufted Titmouse** – up to 10 on field trips; up to 6 at feeders

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – 4-6 MP,LM; lots KCF; most have 1-2

**Brown Creeper** – 1-2, 3-4X daily MP

**Carolina Wren** – 5/18 Vassar Farm FT; 4/27 Rombout Rd, seen and heard all over county in Dec CV; 2/4 yd. all mo. BAM; 9 others -- the cold didn't send them south!

**Winter Wren** – 1/10 Rombout Rd CV; 1/23 Rhinebeck MP

**Marsh Wren** – 1/6 Thompson Pond CV

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 1/23 yard BB; 2/28 Rombout Rd CV

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 1/2 Rombout Rd CV; 1m/11-27 Melissa Fischer's home Wappingers Falls by BAM; 1m/29-31 suet feeder yard BAM

**Eastern Bluebird** – 20/18 Vassar Farm FT; 8/13, sev/2-27 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV; only a few other reports

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/5 Fraleigh Hill AJP

**American Robin** – 80/18 Vassar Farm FT; 12/17, sev/13-27 Rombout Rd scarce towards end of Dec CV; only 3 other reports of 2-4

**Gray Catbird** – 1/5 Rt 343 Town of Washington AJP

**Northern Mockingbird** – 7/2,7/27 Rombout Rd See several any time I walk Rombout Rd CV; 4/18 Vassar Farm FT; 3/4 Millbrook School FT; 1-2 in 9 other places

**European Starling** – 200-300 several places

**Cedar Waxwing** – 20/17, Rombout Rd 9/10 yard, 9/13 Rombout Rd CV; few/18 Vassar Farm FT; 1/12 yard BAM; seem scarce

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 1/2 2/10 2/17 2/30 Rombout Rd near Hennessy Lane CV

**American Tree Sparrow** – 24/27 also sev/2-27 Domin Farm with juncos and song sp & white thr among sorgum & weeds CV; 10/18 Vassar Farm FT; widespread reports of up to 4 each

**Clay-colored Sparrow** – 1/12-31 Kristin Smith's yard Rhinebeck, seen by BB,BAM,AJM,CP,AJP,and others. What a treat!

**Savannah Sparrow** – 3/10, 1/13 Domin Farm cornfield CV

**Fox Sparrow** – 1/all yd Poughquag CP

**Song Sparrow** – 12/10 12/13 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm sev/2-30 CV; 6 other reports of 1-2

**Swamp Sparrow** – 1/15 4/28 Thompson Pd CV

**White-throated Sparrow** – 21/10 Domin Farm sev/2-30 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV; 22 KCF; 10 EP; 10 CP; and more

**White-crowned Sparrow** – 1/2,10,13 Domin Farm barnyard, CV

**Dark-eyed Junco** – 20/all, 30/25 yd Poughquag CP; 30/10 sev/2-31 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV; up to 20 at feeders; 10-25 on field trips;

**Northern Cardinal** – 4-6/all, 10/25 yd Poughquag CP; 9/2 sev/2-31 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV; 10 EP; up to 4 pr BAM; 5/5 KCF; and others

**Red-winged Blackbird** – sev/2-10 16/10 Domin Farm, none since 16th CV; 1/19 at Kristin Smith's from Ken McDermott

**Common Grackle** – 1/1-2 Rhinebeck MP; 1/2 Alvin Ct at feeder CV

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 25/11 Verbank FT; 15/4 Millbrook School FT; 2-4 CP,BB,CV

**Purple Finch** – 1/9-11,19 yd Stormville at feeder EBR

**House Finch** – up to 15 at most feeders; EP has 25

**American Goldfinch** – most have up to 10; KCF, LM have 20+

**House Sparrow** – 50/11 Verbank FT; 40/4 Millbrook School FT; 14 Red Hook TG; also JA/KJ and EP

#### Exotics:

**Egyptian Goose** – found on the Housatonic CBC on the 15th at McEnroe's farm in Amenia.

#### Observers (exotic and otherwise):

Judy Atwood/Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Jeff Daley (**JD**); Ken & Carol Fredericks (**KCF**); Tom Gilbert (**TG**); Liz Martens (**LM**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BJM/AJM/BAM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Alan & Jan Peterson (**AJP**); Eleanor Pink(**EP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith & Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Herb Thompson (**HT**); Chet Vincent (**CV**); Field Trip (**FT**; see list below)

**Field Trips (FT): 4th** - Millbrook School, **11th** -Verbank, **18th**-Vassar Farm

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