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January 2005 Records

The first half of January was wet, with snow, rain and freezing rain. By the 14th, streams were high and fields flooded. On the 15th, the temperature dropped and remained below freezing until month's end. The 23rd brought a blizzard with about 10 inches of snow. With many winter food-bearing plants bare this year, Cedar Waxwing and bluebird flocks were scarce. Yet Jeff Daley had seen waxwing flocks on Tower Hill Road. Chet Vincent checked them out and found one **Bohemian Waxwing** as well. Ann Gilbert was surprised to see 6 bluebirds when the temperature was only 10 degrees.

Another highlight was the **Short-eared Owl** at Greig Farm. Seems good habitat. Why don't we find them there more often?

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Snow Goose - 1/4 dark morph McEnroe corn field, Amenia CV

Canada Goose - 3000/4 Rudd Pond, 1000/29 Reagan Rd, Northeast CV; 1900/16 Beekman CP/HT; many other smaller groups

Mute Swan - 1/29 MillerRd Beekman CP/HT; 1/2-13

VanWagner Rd CV; 2/4 Valkill in pond ES

Wood Duck - 2/2 Sprouse's Salt Point Tpk CV

American Black Duck - 7/4 Strauss marsh, 2/29 Reagan Rd, Northeast CV; 2/31 Crum Elbow Road, Hyde Park LM

Mallard - 162/16, 12/29 Beekman CP/HT; CV says lower numbers after mid-month

Ring-necked Duck - 7/4 Rudd Pond CV; 4/16, 6/29 SylvanL CP/HT

Hooded Merganser - 2/4 Rudd Pond CV

Common Merganser - 25/13 Hudson R at Brass Anchor CV; also at Sylvan Lk, Wapp Cr at Red Oaks and Pleasant Valley, IES

Red-breasted Merganser - 3/8 Norrie Point John Balint

Ruddy Duck - 12/16 SylvanL CP

Ring-necked Pheasant - 1/4 Millbrook School Rd CV - perhaps a released bird

Ruffed Grouse - 1/4 HVRT CV - see story in January Wings

Wild Turkey - 40-50/2 Salt Pt Tpk Pleasant Valley EBR; 89/18 Uphill Farm, Salt Pt Tpk CV; other Salt Pt area rpts, plus other places

Common Loon - 1/16 SylvanL CP (on WaterfowlCount)

Great Blue Heron - 1/30 flying over the Taconic at Beekman Rd JA/KJ ; also Domin Farm, Plass Rd, Reagan Rd, creek at Pleasant Valley

Black Vulture - 2/30 Fishkill-yd flyover causing alarm by crows ES; 1/all Millbrook JAP

Turkey Vulture - 1/20 flying over the yard and the wetlands behind us JA/KJ

Bald Eagle - up to 5 various places on the Hudson, until the 15th; 1/20 Upper Kays Pd LM; 4/25 Mashomack CV

Northern Harrier - 1/15 Round Pd Dot Fleury; 2/18, 1/25 Mashomack CV

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1/19 Vassar Farm FT; and in 2 yards

Cooper's Hawk - 2/31 yard CV; 6 other reports

Northern Goshawk - 1/1 Pawling (Xmas Count) Sibyll Gilbert

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1/1 Pawling (Xmas Count) Sibyll Gilbert; 1/15 Hillside Lk BJM

Red-tailed Hawk - 15/15 on CV waterfowl ct; 6/15 NE county Dot Fleury; 4/19 Vassar Farm FT; many others all over

Rough-legged Hawk - 1/16 Greigs Farm CV

Golden Eagle - 1/1 flying over Murrow Park, Pawling Xmas Count BB/B Chase/K.Liao/C.Luchini; 2/11, 3/25 Stissing Mtn CV

Peregrine Falcon - 1/20 Pok RR bridge CV

Ring-billed Gull - 100/29 SylvanL CP/HT

Herring Gull - 6/15 Brass Anchor, Marist CV

Great Black-backed Gull - 4/29 SylvanL CP/HT; 2/3 Norrie Pt, 2/15 Brass Anchor CV

Mourning Dove - 20-40/all yd Poughquag CP; also 10-30 BB,ES,MP,JA/KJ yards

Eastern Screech-Owl - 2/1 Pawling (Xmas Count) Sibyll Gilbert; 1/1 NuclearL (Pawling Xmas Count) CP/HT; 1/15 Millerton Dot Fleury

Great Horned Owl - 1/1 Pawling (Xmas Count) Sibyll Gilbert; 1/2 VassarFm KCF, 1/16 east of Hughsonville HRA

Barred Owl - 2/1 Pawling (Xmas Count) Sibyll Gilbert

Short-eared Owl - 1/29 in a tree along Rockefeller Ln Robert Williams and Tammie Carey

Belted Kingfisher - 1/1 yd, 1/4 Millbrook Sch, 1/4 HVRT CV

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3/4 Rombout Rd CV; 1-2 at most feeders

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1/19 Vassar Farm FT; 1/22 Clinton Corners JAP

Downy Woodpecker - 9/23, 4-5/all yd on suet CV; up to 5 at most feeders

Hairy Woodpecker - 3/22, 1-2/all yd Lagrange CV; 2-3/all yd Poughquag CP; MP,EBR, JA/KJ have one ea; 1/5 IES BH

Northern Flicker - 3/1-25 yd Wapp BJM; 2/19 Lagrange JD; 2/3, 2/28 Rombout Rd, feeders, Norrie CV; 4 other reports

Pileated Woodpecker - 2/15 at Culinary, 1/15 Rogers Pt, 1/15 Arborio's CV; 5 other reports

Blue Jay - 15/3 Rombout Rd CV; 10-16/all yd Poughquag CP; up to 10 in other yards

American Crow - 10K+/10 Rinaldi Blvd s of Bridge BB/CV, others noted this roost; 5 or so in most yards

Fish Crow - 3/10 Rinaldi Blvd s of Bridge BB - heard at the roost

Common Raven - 1/11, 2/18 Stissing Mtn CV; 1/22 flying over yard BB; 2/29 Deep Hollow CV

Horned Lark - 40/16 Greig Farm, 50/22 Plankenhorn Farm, 40/25 Uphill Farm, Salt Pt Tpk CV

Black-capped Chickadee - 5/05, 12/13 3/19, 11/28 IES BH; 2-10 at feeders

Tufted Titmouse - 10/all yard, Salt Point LM; up to 6 at other feeders; 4/31 Norrie Point SGY

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1/1 Pawling (Xmas Count) BB/B Chase/K.Liao/C.Luchini

White-breasted Nuthatch - 4/all yard, Salt Point LM; 2-4 daily yard, Rhinebeck MP; 1-3 at other feeders

Brown Creeper - 1/3 Clinton Corners JAP; 1/all yd, 1/25 Stissing Mtn CV; 1/1-3; 1/16-17; 1/29 yard, Rhinebeck MP; 1/all yd Poughquag CP



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Carolina Wren – 2/31 yd, Salt Point LM; 2/3 Rombout Rd, 2/31 yd CV; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP; 6 others at feeders, plus IES, Vassar Farm

Winter Wren – 1/4 HVRT CV

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 8/05, 5/13, 2/19, 3/28 IES BH; 2/25 Stissing Mtn CV; 1/31 Norrie Point SGY

Eastern Bluebird – 10/16 Freedom Pk, Skidmore Rd CV; 6/24 Red Hook AG; 5/31 Grape Hollow Rd Beekman EBR; 2 others

Hermit Thrush – 1/19 Vassar Farm FT

American Robin – lots all over eating berries EP/JD; 50/20 N Clove Rd, 25/20 yd BB; 50/29 Tower Hill, 15/29 Deep Hollow CV; others

Gray Catbird – 2/1 Pawling (Xmas Count) Sibyll Gilbert; 1/15 Tivoli BB

Northern Mockingbird – 5/3 Rombout Rd CV; 5/15 waterfowl ct route CV; 4 others

European Starling – 10-40/24-31 yd Poughquag CP

American Pipit – 35-40/9 McEnroe Field, Amenia CV

Cedar Waxwing – 15/19 Vassar Farm FT; 14/20 Deep Hollow JD; 35-40/29 Tower Hill Rd CV

Bohemian Waxwing – 1/29 Tower Hill Rd, Seen only once with a flock of Cedar Waxwings CV

Eastern Towhee – 1/17 Rombout Rd CV

American Tree Sparrow – 15/29 Reagan Rd, Northeast CV; 1-5 daily yard, Rhinebeck MP; 7 other reports of 1-4

Savannah Sparrow – 1/7 Vassar Farm CV

Fox Sparrow – 1/1-25 yard Wappingers BJM

Song Sparrow – 12/29 Reagan & Mill Rds CV; 5 other reports of singles

Swamp Sparrow – 2/Dover (Pawling Xmas Count) Dot Fleury & team; 1/29 Reagan Rd, Northeast CV

White-throated Sparrow – 15/11 Willowvale Rd CV; 10/all Red Hook AG; 20/all yd Poughquag CP; 10+ all month Fishkill yd ES; 3 rpts of 1-3

White-crowned Sparrow – 1/29 Reagan Rd, Northeast CV

Dark-eyed Junco – 30+ all month Fishkill-yd ES; up to 20 at other feeders

Snow Bunting – 2/22 Plankenhorn Farm CV

Northern Cardinal – 8m&6f/14 neighbor's yard EP; 21/17 Domin Farm Rombout Rd CV; 4-10/all yd Poughquag CP; 10 other reports

Red-winged Blackbird – 90-100/11 Briarcliff Rd/Rt 82 Pine Plains CV; 1/6 Fishkill-yd ES; 1f/12 yd BB

Rusty Blackbird – 2/1 Pawling (Xmas Count) Sibyll Gilbert

Common Grackle – 6/12 Fishkill yd ES; 15/25 Amenia JD; 5/29 Reagan Rd, Northeast CV

Brown-headed Cowbird – 45-50/2 Plankenhorn Farm CV; 5-25/all yard BB; 1-2/occ yd Poughquag CP

Purple Finch – 1/30 Fishkill yd ES; 4/1-3; 4/14-16 yard, Rhinebeck MP

House Finch – 1-16 daily yard JA/KJ; most have 1-8 at feeders

American Goldfinch – some/all - 22/26 feeders CV; 5-15/all yd Poughquag CP; up to 8 at other feeders

Observers:

Hudson River Almanac (**HRA**); Judy Atwood/Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Jeff Daley (**JD**); Ann Gilbert (**AG**); Sue Gyscek (**SGY**); Barry Haydasz (**BH**); Liz Martens (**LM**); Barbara Michelin (**BJM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Jan and Alan Peterson (**JAP**); Eleanor Pink (**EP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith & Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Ed Spaeth (**ES**); Herb Thompson (**HT**); Field Trip (**FT**; see list below); Chet Vincent (**CV**)

Field Trips (FT): 5th Thompson Pond, 12th Stony Kill, 19th Vassar Farm, 22nd Shawangunk Grasslands NWR, 26th Norrie Point

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February 2005 Records

A special note from Barbara Butler:

Although we didn't learn about it until March, an **Orange-crowned Warbler** arrived at a feeder in Smithfield (near Amenia) on February 5th. It was still there as of March 12th, remaining through quite a number of snowstorms. It feeds on hulled sunflowers, peanuts and a suet/seed block. We have a few records of Orange-crowned Warblers during migration, but this is Dutchess County's first winter record. It was an interesting ID puzzle. Most field guides describe Orange-crowned Warblers as drab or dingy. But this bird was bright and immediately attracted attention. It had a gray head and yellow underparts that first suggested first-year Mourning Warbler. With the opportunity to study the bird at the feeder and with digital photos sent out to others, the Orange-crowned Warbler field marks became apparent. Thanks to Les Line for providing the feeders and letting us know about and view this great bird.

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Greater White-fronted Goose - 1/25 Dottie's Pd CV

Canada Goose - 3000/25 Dottie's Pd CV; 2500/25 Dottie's Pd BB; well reported but much smaller groups

Mute Swan - 2/27 Dottie's Pd BB; 3/13 Mill Rd pond Red Hook CV

Wood Duck - 2/25 Sprouses Salt Pt Tpk CV

American Black Duck - 3/27 Dottie's Pd BB; 5/20 pond Deep Hollow Rd CV; several other reports

Northern Pintail - 2pr/27 Dottie's Pd BB; 2/25 Dottie's Pd CV

Mallard - 10/27 Dottie's Pd BB; 15/9 Baird Pk FT; 40/16 Verbank FT; several other reports of smaller numbers; 4 domestic hybrids reported by MP

Ring-necked Duck - 4/27 Dottie's Pd BB; 5/25 Dottie's Pd CV; 3/16 Verbank FT

Bufflehead - 6/16 Valkill SG

Common Merganser - 7/13 Norrie Pt CV; 4/16 Verbank & 1/23 Bowdoin Pk FTs; 1-5 in P.V. reported by EP

Ring-necked Pheasant - 1Rte 44A Millbrook JD

Wild Turkey - 36/10 Stanfordsville BH; 30-50 mo yd BMa; 30/8, 32/25 Greenhaven CP; 12/16 Fishkill yd with displaying tom ES; 55/25 Ponderosa, 95-100/25 Uphill Fm CV

Great Blue Heron - 1/1 Wapp EBR; 1/11 & 18 Wapp Ck CV; 2 sightings P.V., EP says water too high

Black Vulture - 2/20 Pine Plains RG; 12/16 Po'qg CP; 1/3 Vassar Fm, 1/22 Domin Fm Rombout Rd, 3/25 Pine Plains CV; 3 sightings Pine Plains JD

Turkey Vulture -- 12 seen often JD; 3/16 IES BH; 10/16 Po'qg CP; 1/23 RTE 376 & 52 EBR; 6/17 Dover Plains, 6/28

Arthursburg & Noxon Rds, species moving north late Feb CV

Bald Eagle - 1 imm/1, 2 imm/4 Clove Valley, 1ad/23 flying over home BB; 2 ad/4 Clove Valley from Jimmy Coffin; 3/9 Chelsea DF; 1/20 Stissing Mt RG; 5/11 Greystone, 4/13 Norrie Pt CV; 2 imm 2 ad/23 Bowdoin Pk FT

Northern Harrier - 1/14 yd EBR; 2/2 Mashomack, 2/12 Stissing Mt CV

Sharp-shinned Hawk - reported by JD, RG, MP, EP, ES, & CV, usually hunting in yards

Cooper's Hawk - 1/9 No Clove Rd BB; 1/occ yd Po'qg CP; 1/1 & 11 yd CV; 1/9 Baird Pk FT

Red-tailed Hawk - numerous reports of 1-10 all around county

Golden Eagle - 1/20 Stissing Mt, 1 imm/20 Rte 82 RG; 3/13 Stissing Mt ERS; 1/12, 2/18 & 25 Stissing Mt CV; 2/2 Thompson Pd FT

American Kestrel - 1/28 Burger Hill BMa; 1/18 Pine Plains CV

Merlin - 1/19 Rte 44/55 Arlington KM

Peregrine Falcon - 1/1 & 13 RR Bridge from Waryas Pk CV

American Woodcock - 1/17 Beacon, unseen until inches from it when it flew ES

Ring-billed Gull - 7/9 Baird Pk FT; 4/23 Bowdoin Pk FT

Herring Gull - 4/15 Beacon waterfront CV; 4/23 Bowdoin Pk FT

Great Black-backed Gull - 2/27 Beacon waterfront CV; 1/23 Bowdoin Pk FT

Mourning Dove - 11 reports with 1-40 in yds all mo around county

Eastern Screech-Owl - pr/12 Rhinebeck from Ron Plambeck BB

Great Horned Owl - daily, very active caller JD; 2/3 Mountain Rd, 1/19 Vassar College CV

Barred Owl - 1/22 heard at home BB; 1/24 likely a Barred Owl at Red Oaks Mills MPH

Belted Kingfisher - 1/27 Dottie's Pd BB; 1/17 Mill Rd Amenia, 1/25 Dottie's Pd CV; 1/9 Baird Pk FT

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4/1 Domin Fm Rombout Rd CV; 1-3 at most feeders

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1/2, 26, 27 yd BMa

Downy Woodpecker - well reported with up to 7 at most feeders

Hairy Woodpecker - 7 reports of up to 3 at suet feeders

Northern Flicker - 4 reports of 1-2 visiting feeders

Pileated Woodpecker - 2/3 yd BB; 1/9 & 16, 2/2 IES BH; 1/26 yd BMa; 2/12 Stissing Mt CV

Blue Jay - 1-12 visiting yds reported by JA/KJ, BB, BH, MP, CP/HT and field trips

American Crow - 10-12000 reported at Rinaldi Blvd roost; 1000+/9 Baird Pk FT; 100/27 Dottie's Pd BB; varying numbers in most yds

Fish Crow - 2/26 Rhinecliff train station BMa; seen & heard 2/13 Marist, 2/27 Beacon waterfront CV

Common Raven - 20th building nest on side of Stissing Mt RG; 2/19 Tompkins Pd KM; 9/6 H.U.R.T. Round Pd, 2/25 Arborio's CV; 2/2 Thompson Pd FT; 1/23 Bowdoin Pk FT

Horned Lark - 25/2 Ponderosa Salt Pt Tpk, 35-40/2 Plankenhorn Fm Gretna rd CV

Black-capped Chickadee - 10 reports of up to 16 in yards

Tufted Titmouse - 1-5 reported by JA/KJ, BB, SG, BH, BMa, MP, CP, EBR

White-breasted Nuthatch - 1-4 reported by JA/KJ, BB, SG, BH, BMa, MP, CP/HT, EBR

Brown Creeper - 1/14 yd, nests in area JD; 1/2 yd BMa; 1/4, 12, 18, & 27 yd MP; 1 all mo at suet Po'qg CP/HT; 1 on suet tree 9 times in mo CV

Carolina Wren - 1-2 visiting yds & feeders JA/KJ, JD, SG, BH, MP, CP, EBR; 2/26 on peanut butter feeder yd CV; 1 singing/28 yd BMa



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Winter Wren – 1/9 & 16 IES BH; 1/3 Vassar Fm, 1/6 H.U.R.T. CV

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 1/all yd BB; 1/2, 5/9, 1/16, 1/23 IES BH; 3/18 Pine Plains CV; 2/2 Thompson Pd FT; 2/16 Verbank FT

Eastern Bluebird – reports of 2-10 by JA/KJ, BB, BH, CV, including IES and field trips

American Robin – 35-40/20 Deep hollow Rd CV; 3/16 Verbank FT; 1/23 Bowdoin Pk FT

Northern Mockingbird – 1/20 yd JA/KJ; 5/19 Rombout Rd CV, 2/16 Verbank FT; 3/23 Bowdoin Pk FT

European Starling – well reported and in good numbers, visiting suet feeders

Cedar Waxwing – 3/20 Sleight Plass Rd CV

Orange-crowned Warbler – 1/5-28 reported by Les Line in Amenia, 1st winter record for Dutchess BB

American Tree Sparrow – 4 reports of 1-12 all mo in yd; 18/19 Rombout Rd CV

Savannah Sparrow – 4/1 Domin Fm CV

Song Sparrow – reports of 1-6 by JA/KJ, BB, SG, CP, CV

Swamp Sparrow – 1/20 Stissing Mt RG

White-throated Sparrow – well reported of 1-10 in yds & on suet; 30/16 Verbank FT

White-crowned Sparrow – 1/4 & 20 Sunset Ridge Fm CV

Dark-eyed Junco – well reported by all, numbers up to 30 daily in yds

Northern Cardinal – extremely well reported by all 1-17 at feeders; see more than usual & singing last part of month CV

Red-winged Blackbird – 300+/2 Mashomack, 300+/17 Coleman Station CV; also reported by 3 others

Common Grackle – 8/19 yd JA/KJ; 400+/17 Coleman Station, flocks moving north CV

Brown-headed Cowbird – 1/21 yd CV

House Finch – 12 all mo yd EP; most had 1-8

American Goldfinch – reports of 1-15 on feeders, several commented on very low #s this year

House Sparrow – 8-10 all mo yd EP; 1/16 Verbank FT

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Field Trips (FT): 2nd Thompson Pond, 9th Baird Park, 16th Verbank, 23rd Bowdoin Park

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March 2005 Records

March started with a snowstorm that dumped 7-9" on the ground, we had another 5" or so a week later, and yet another 6" on the 23rd/24th. After this final (we hope!) storm, things warmed up considerably and signs of spring became more obvious and pervasive. The bird of the month was (again) Les Line's **Orange-crowned Warbler**, which spent several weeks at his feeders near Amenia. Killdeer, Wilson's Snipe, American Woodcock, Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and Eastern Meadowlark arrived. No other warblers, though!

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Snow Goose - 2/22 Blue Phase Dotty's Pond PinePlns CV

Canada Goose - 23 reports. Highs: 200/7 Clinton EBR, 60/22 Mills, 2000/22 Dotty's Pond PinePlns CV, 87/23 Tymor FT, 100/28 Salt Pt BAM

Mute Swan - 10 reports of 1-3 each

Wood Duck - pr/14 Hunter's Brook near Wapp Cr HRA, 4/18 Allen Rd BMa, pr/23 Tymor FT, 2/27-31 Bowdoin MR, 4/28 1st in my yd for the spring, have been nesting here past 5 yrs LM, 4/30 PinePlns FT, 10/30 McEnroe's Puddle CV, pr before flood EP, 1/31 Wapp BJM

American Wigeon - 1/23 OverlookRd, 1/30 McEnroe's CV

American Black Duck - 12/15 ButtercupW, 5/30 HVRT CV, 2/22 McKinney Pond BB/CP

Mallard - Many reports incl. 8/22 McKinney Pond BB/CP, 15/23 Tymor FT, 10/26 SylvanL CP/HT, 8-10 males hungry PIVal EP

Blue-winged Teal - 2/27 Bowdoin MR

Northern Pintail - 2/2, 4/22 Dotty'sPd CV, 2/27 EspieFm LM

Green-winged Teal - 2/23 SylvanL, 5/30 Dotty'sPd & SharonStaRd CV, 6/27 EspieFm LM, 10/30 StrevorFm BB

Ring-necked Duck - 19 rpts incl. 30/22 McKinneyPd BB/CP, 20/23 Tymor FT, 30/26 SylvanL, 100/31 OverlookRd CV

Bufflehead - 2/29 WappL BJM, 2/31 River, WaryasPk CV

Hooded Merganser - 25 rpts; some feel there are more than in other yrs. High rpts: 8/22 Mills MR, 6/6 VassarL CV, 6/19 SaltPt LM, 7/16 Vassar FT, 8/22 McKinneyPd BB/CP

Common Merganser - 17 rpts-high 92/10 Norrie CV, 50/22 McKinneyPd BB/CP, 20/23 Beacon ES, 50/23 Tymor FT

Wild Turkey - Flocks visiting some yards; high reports include 28/13 Stanfordville BH, 72/15 UphillFm, 51/15 DominFm CV, 30/26, 30-50/all yd SaltPt BMa

Pied-billed Grebe - 1/13 WappCrk Estuary NewHambg CV

Double-crested Cormorant - 6/31 Norrie CV

Great Blue Heron - Nests on Taconic Pkwy are active: 2/6, 1-2/7, 3/27-28, 1/30 north of 44 ES/BB/BAM/CP, 8/28 TSP Baird BAM, 9 reports elsewhere but none from Rte. 55 Pawling rookery

Black Vulture - 4/5 Stissing, 2/25 MillbkSchl CV, 1/15 Fishkill MR, 3/30 PinePlns FT

Turkey Vulture - 8 rpts of 1-3 each; also 11/22 Beekman EBR, 11/22 Stissing CV, 15-20/30 PinePlns FT, 8/25 circling near Billings, 10/31 Clove Rd BB

Bald Eagle - Incubation began on southern Dutchess nest about the 7th HRA; 10 other rpts, highs 5/5 Stissing/PinePlns CV, 4/20 Bowdoin MR, 4 imm/30 PinePlns FT

Northern Harrier - 1/2, 15, 22 Mashomak CV

Sharp-shinned Hawk - Earliest report on 13th, 8 rpts of 1 each from CV, CP/HT, BMa, MP, FT

Cooper's Hawk - 14 reports of 1 each throughout month

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1imm/10 CIA HydePk from Ken McDermott BB, 1/13 Greystone CV

Broad-winged Hawk - 1/30 PinePlns FT

Red-tailed Hawk - Many reports throughout month of 1-5 ea.

Rough-legged Hawk - 1/5 PinePlns CV

Golden Eagle - 2/2, 15, 3/5 Stissing CV, 2/12-13 copulating, Stissing from Ken McDermott BB, 1/19 HVRT ColemanSta Rd from Linda & David Lund BJM

American Kestrel - 1/22 Tymor BB, 1/24 SaltPt BMa

Merlin - 1/2 near Dotty's Pond PinePlns CV

Peregrine Falcon - 1/14 Pok RR bridge CV

Killdeer - 1/10 PIVal EP, 1/21 RedwingL Bkmn CP/HT, 5-6/21-31 Southlands MP, 5/23 Tymor FT, 3/27 EspieFm LM, 1/30 Strevor Farm pond BB, 2/31 Wapp BJM

Wilson's Snipe - 3/26 Southlands MP

American Woodcock - 1/5 IES BH, 1/18 Allen Rd SaltPt; 2-6/21-31 yd SaltPt BMa, 1/22 AT west of Rt22 from JGeisler BB, 1/24 across rd LaGrng JA/KJ, 1/29 RedHk AG, 5/29 RomboutRd CV, 6-8/31 Sharparoon BB, sev/30 Old Pawling Rd from BChase BB, 1/31 Stanfordville BH, 1/31 Wapp BJM

Ring-billed Gull - 4 rpts incl. 150/21, 80/26 SylvanL CP/HT

Herring Gull - 1/30 PinePlns FT

Great Black-backed Gull - 1/5 NewHambg MR, 2/13 DenningsPt CV

Rock Pigeon - Few reports but they're in all the usual spots

Mourning Dove - Usual nos. Highs 10/all yard BB, 10-15/all yd Rhinebeck MP, 10-20/all Pok MR, 10-20/all yd P'quag CP

Great Horned Owl - 1/3, 14, 2/6 VassarCol CV, 2/16 Vassar FT, 1/23 Tymor FT, 1/26 RedHk AG

Barred Owl - 1/17 calling Bog Hollow from DFleury BB, 1/23 sev times Verbank from John Winkler BB, 1/18 yd SaltPt LM, 1/24 LaGrng JA/KJ, 2/25 Allen Rd BMa, 2/25 RomboutRd CV, 1/31 Sharparoon BB

Belted Kingfisher - 1/2 Millbrook FT, 1/19 WappCrk, Centre Rd Clinton BMa, 1/22 PinePlns CV

Red-bellied Woodpecker - Common everywhere

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1/16 Vassar FT

Downy Woodpecker - Everyone reports 1-6

Hairy Woodpecker - Not as plentiful as Downy but many report 1-2 through month.

Northern Flicker - 1/10 yd LaGrng JA/KJ, 1/12 yd Pok, 1/14 VassarCol, 1/25 Rombout Rd CV, 1/13, 26 Pok MR, 1/30 PinePlns FT

Pileated Woodpecker - 1/2 Millbrook FT, 1/17 yd SaltPt LM, 1/22 Mills, 1/27 Bowdoin MR, 2/23 IES BH, 2/25 yd SaltPt BMa, 4/30 PinePlns FT, 1/30 yd Poughquag CP, 4/31 Norrie CV, 2/31 Wapp BJM

Eastern Phoebe - 1/16 VassarFm FT, 1/20 PIVal JD, 2/23 Rt. 376 Pok. MR, 1/26 yd Verbank, 1/30 Buttercup west BB, 1-2/30-31 yd SaltPt BMa, 6/31 Norrie CV, 2/31 Wapp BJM, 1/31 yd Poughquag CP

Blue Jay - Usual numbers



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American Crow – Pok roost dwindling toward 2nd half of month CV, high reports 20/2 Millbrook FT, 100/7 Clinton

Fish Crow – 12/31 Norrie CV

Common Raven – 4/2 Centre Rd; 2/24 Clinton Hollow Hamlet BMa, 2/19, 1/22 Mills MR, 3/22 Stissing, 2/31 Mills CV, 2/30 PinePlns FT, pr/23 nest on Mills Mansion from MRobinson BB

Horned Lark – 25/2, 20/24 N of Wassaic from DFleury, 51/11 PlankenhornFm CV, 30/13 Waterbury Hill Rd BB

Tree Swallow – 2/30 PinePlns FT, 2/30 IES, 4/30 SharonSta Rd CV, 5/31 Wapp BJM

Black-capped Chickadee – Usual numbers

Tufted Titmouse – Usual numbers

White-breasted Nuthatch – Usual numbers

Brown Creeper – 1/5, 11, 13 yd Rhinebeck MP, 2/6 near home BB, 2/30 PinePlns FT, 1 on 10 days yd Pok, 1/18 HVRT CV, daily PIVAl JD, 1/daily at suet Poughquag CP/HT

Carolina Wren – We salute our perky friend with 16 reports

Winter Wren – 2/10, 1/31 Norrie, 2/22 ThompsonPd CV, 1/30 PinePlns FT

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 7/2 Millbrook FT, 3/6 near home, 1/25 yd Verbank BB, 1/9, 1/23 IES BH, 3/17 Freedom Pk CV, 5/30 PinePlns FT

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1/30 PinePlns FT

Eastern Bluebird – "handful"/1 after the snow Town of Fishkill HRA, 5/13, 4/27 Bowdoin MR, 4/19, 2/22 Tymor BB, 1/23 IES BH, 2/16 Vassar FT, 2/18 Rockefeller Ln AG, 8/23 Tymor FT, 8/25 DominFm CV, pr/26-31 checking nest box neighbors & yd, 4/31 Wapp BAM, 7/30 PinePlns FT

Hermit Thrush – 1/17 Tymor Park CV

American Robin – Many reports, highs 15/1, PIVAl EP, 25/10 Pok MR, 25-30/10 Norrie CV, 17/19 Manchester Rd JA/KJ, 20/31 Wapp BAM, 20/31 Fishkill-yd ES

Northern Mockingbird – 1/3 Smithfield, 1/19 near Tymor BB, 2/4 RomboutRd "low numbers for me" CV, 1/21 Robin Rd South Gate JA/KJ, 1/23 Tymor, 1-2 most, 3/22 Mills, 4/29 Bowdoin MR

European Starling – Too many. Highest 125/23 Tymor FT

Cedar Waxwing – 120/4 MainSt Pok, 18/12 BairdPk, 20/18 BelAirFm CV, 19/26 Allen Rd SaltPt BMa

Orange-crowned Warbler – 1/1-28 Smithfield feeder Les Line. The bird was last seen on the 28th, when it flashed a vivid orange crown. Seen by numerous RTWBC members.

American Tree Sparrow – 4/2 Millbrook FT, 1-3 daily yd Rhinebeck MP, 4/til 19th, then 8 yard BB, 4/5 NewHambg, 7/9 ReaganRd CV, 2/29 Bowdoin MR, 1/19 Fishkill-yd ES, 2/all RedHk AG, 1/most yd LaGrng JA/KJ

Savannah Sparrow – 1/4 DominFm CV

Fox Sparrow – 2/4&6yd SaltPt BMa, 1/8,9, 3/10 Pok MR, 2/9 SharonStaRd, 1/9 ReaganRd, 1/18 HVRT CV, 1/20 yd LaGrng JA/KJ, 3/23 Tymor FT, 1/15 at feeder LM, 1/25 Fishkill-yd while snowing; with several inches of snow ES

Song Sparrow – Many reports incl. 28/9 Dover CV, 9/23 Tymor FT, 10/30, 12/31 Wapp BJM

Swamp Sparrow – 1/9 Indian Lake Rd CV

White-throated Sparrow – Still around to end of month but diminishing in numbers. Reports include 18/2 SharonStaRd, 8/2 Downey Rd CV, 4/all yd Rhinebeck MP, 3-5 until 29th AG, 10-20 dwindling to 1-3 by end of mth yd Poughquag CP/HT

White-crowned Sparrow – 1/9, 18 ReaganRd CV

Dark-eyed Junco – Everyone has 'em, some as many as 30.

Northern Cardinal – 16 reports with 1-10 in yards.

Red-winged Blackbird – Earliest 20/2 Millbrook FT. Highest 200/9 DominFm CV, 20/30 PinePlns FT, 20/all yard BB, 5-50/most days after 15th yd Poughquag CP/HT, 100+/8 mix of blackbirds-grackles, red-wings, & starlings JA/KJ

Eastern Meadowlark – 1/26 PlankenhornFm LM

Rusty Blackbird – 8/18 HVRT CV

Common Grackle – Earliest & highest 150/9 DominFm CV

Brown-headed Cowbird – Started showing up around the 4th, 6 reports of 1-10 each.

Purple Finch – 1f/20,21 yd Pok CV, 2/30 PinePlns FT

House Finch – Most have 2-10. Highest reports 12/2 Millbrook FT, 8-10/5-31 yd Rhinebeck MP

American Goldfinch – Unusually scarce this year. 13 reports of 1-28 (mostly fewer than 5). Highest 20/all yd SaltPt LM, 28/3 CV

House Sparrow – Several reports, nothing unusual.

Other Sightings:

Coyote – 1/31 Sharparoon BB

Black Bear – 3 visits during the week before the 22nd. "Last night the bear moved through and 'gathered' all of the neighborhood bird feeders. It even snatched the feeder hanging right outside our ground-level family room." Hyde Park -- Dave Lindemann, HRA

Red Admiral Butterfly – /22 Fishkill-yd on my garage roof; temp 46°F; next day-snow ES

Peepers – 30th PIVAl JD

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Field Trips (FT): 2nd Millbrook School, 16th Vassar College, lunch at Vassar Farm, 23rd Tymor Park, 30th Pine Plains (changed from Buttercup due to mud)

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April 2005 Records

The first weekend of April we had heavy rains and flooding. We could see the high water line from the rain in the beginning of the month during our River Sweep clean-up at Madam Brett Park on April 16th. The temperature on the 6th was 76 degrees and by the 20th the record was broken with 86 degrees - last record of 84 degrees in 1985 (from HRA). Then a cold front came through with cooler temperatures for the rest of the month. We had a few mornings of frost in some parts of the county during the month. On 4/27 from the HRA: "Mid-Hudson Valley: After 14 days with no rain, today was the sixth day in a row with measurable precipitation. - Tom Lake." Migration seemed slow with the cool weather and not many bugs out for the birds to feed on.

Snow Goose - 1/5 Harmony Rd. with few Ca. Geese, CV; 1/10 Pine Plains RG

Canada Goose - Reported everywhere with a few reports on nest, but no goslings reported.

Mute Swan - 14 reported with a few on nest by AJM, CV, BB, BAM, BJM, JAKJ, & FT.

Wood Duck - 41 reported by JL, BB/CP, BB, KCF, EP, JD & FT with **most** - 14/5 Great Swamp so. of Pawling Firehouse, CV.

American Black Duck - 8/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; 5/6 pd. Shunpike, Dot Fleury; some/8 CV; 3/28 Sharparoon FT.

Mallard - Reported everywhere throughout the county.

Blue-winged Teal - few/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Green-winged Teal - 7/6 pd. Shunpike, Dot Fleury; 11/8 Strever Farm Rd., CV; 4/29 wetland Rte 82 Pine Plains KCF.

Ring-necked Duck - Good numbers with **most** - 115/1 Lk. Walton BAM & last date - 3/23 Abel's Pond BB.

Hooded Merganser - 4/5 2@ Nuclear Lk & 2 @ Harlem Valley Psych. Center, CV; few/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Common Merganser - Good numbers by CV, AJM, BJM, EP, & FT with **most** - 20+/6 Tamarack Lk., FT & 16/1 Sylvan Lk. BAM.

Ruddy Duck - 1/7 Sylvan Lk., JD.

Ring-necked Pheasant - 1/11 Rte 44 Lithgow, JAKJ; 1/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Wild Turkey - 67 reported by JL, BJM, BB, AS, BB/CP, KCF, JAKJ, CP, CV & FT; **most** - 10/9 field Rt. 343 Millbrook, BAM.

Common Loon - 2/6 Tamarack Lk., FT; 1/9 Madam Brett's, SJ; 1/5 Nuclear Lk., CV; 7/12 Vanderburg Cove, RJ.

Pied-billed Grebe - 1/9 mid stream Wapp. Creek, HRA; 1/18 Pd. Crum Elbow Rd., JL.

Double-crested Cormorant - few/10 Tivoli South Bay, Jeff Nadler via MIDHUDSONBIRDS; 5/26 Pok Cem BAM/KCF/PR.

Great Blue Heron - reported some on nest by BJM, CP, EP, CV & FT + 12 nests at rookery Schoolhouse Rd BMA.

Green Heron - 1/20 Crum Elbow Creek John Balint (from kayak); 2/22 BBTrail/Wapp. Deising farm BJM.

Black Vulture - 11/1 Rt 52 Fishkill EBR; 1/10 Rombout Rd., CV; 1/19 Sharparoon RR bed BB/CP, 2/26 CRGC-range trail BB/CP; few/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ; 2/28 Sharparoon FT; 1/5 over yd Poughquag CP; 1/12 Allen Rd. BMA.

Turkey Vulture - Well reported by all with **most** - 5/4 on roost Nuclear Lk., 11/8 Stissing Mt., CV; 7/28 Sharparoon FT; 6/29 Buttercup West KCF.

Osprey - 1/9 over Wapp. Creek, HRA; 1/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; 2/13 Wilcox Park FT; 1/5 Harmony Rd., CV; 1/15 Wapp/ Creek Red Oaks Mill, HRA; 1/20 Reese Park, FT; 2/23 Rhinebeck area, RJ; 2/28 over Hudson river, Poughkeepsie HRA.

Bald Eagle - 18 reported mostly along Wapp. Creek, by HRA & Pl. Valley, KJ + pr/1 on nest to 29th Eagle Nest, Dutchess County -1f & "we saw a small, gangly shape scamper across the nest. With awkward movements, the fuzzy little bird disappeared from sight. Despite a daily vigil for the last 2½ weeks, this was the first time we had caught a glimpse of at least one nestling." HRA; 6/13 Vanderburg Cove & 1ad/23 being "attacked" by a Peregrine Falcon Rhinebeck bridge, RJ.

Northern Harrier - 1/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; 1f/4 Sheffield Hill Rd., CV; good numbers/23-24 over Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; 1/6 Cooperstown Rd., 1/8 Stissing Mt., CV; 1/20 Reese Park, FT; good numbers /23-24 over Rhinebeck area, RJ; 1/8, 10 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

Cooper's Hawk - 10 reported by JAKJ, BJM, BAM, ES, CP/HT, BAM/KCF/PR & FT + sev./20 & 23-24 over Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1/13 Wilcox Park FT; 1/11 Lk. Walton, BJM; 1/10 Domin Farm, Rombout Rd., CV; 2all mo., JL; pr/23-24 Statsburg Res. nesting, RJ; 1/14 1/19, 2/20 & 1/29 over yd. & Hi View Rd. BAM; 1/11 Lk. Walton BJM; 2/16 & thereafter on nest Field Rd, Milan RG; 2/10 over yd. & 1/16 over town of Clinton, BMA.

Broad-winged Hawk - 1/16 over yd. BJM; 2-4/23-24 on territory near nest 2 areas, Rhinebeck, RJ; 6/28 Sharparoon FT.

Red-tailed Hawk - Well reported with some on nest by CV, JL, BB/CP, AS, ES, BAM, BJM, JAKJ & FT + sev/23-24 Rhinebeck RJ.

American Kestrel - 2/9 Harlem Val. Rail Trail, FT; 1/4 Sharon Station Rd., 1/8 Fowler Rd., 2/9 Sharon Sta. Rd., CV; 1/7 Chestnut Ridge Rd BB; 1/23-24 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/29 Homan Rd Stanfordsville KCF; 1/10 over Tivoli Bay, Jeff Nadler via MIDHUDSONBIRDS.

Peregrine Falcon - 2/1 over Breakneck Ridge, HRA; 1/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Virginia Rail - 1/9 Thompson Pond RG.

Killdeer - 16 reported by CV, KCF, BAM, BJM & FT with **most** - 5/6 Tamarack Lk., FT.

Greater Yellowlegs - 5/29 wetland Rte 82 Pine Plains KCF.

Wilson's Snipe - 1/8 Buttercup West, CV; 4/29 wetland Rte 82 Pine Plains KCF.

American Woodcock - 2/1 Rombout Rd., 2/5 Lakeside Park, 4/6 Harlem Val. Psych. Center & Pleasant Ridge Rd., CV; 1/26th off Traver Rd. Pleasant Valley AS; heard calling across the road **most** of the month, JAKJ.

Ring-billed Gull - 1/6 Tamarack Lk., FT; normal, CV.

Herring Gull - 1/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; normal, CV.

Great Black-backed Gull - 1/1 Rhinecliff, CV.

Rock Pigeon - 1/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; normal CV; 3/20 Reese Park, FT.

Mourning Dove - Well reported by all throughout county.

Black-billed Cuckoo - 1/23-24 Rhinebeck area **FOS**, RJ.

Great Horned Owl - 3/6 Tamarack Lk.- 1ad/2owlets with rabbit in nest, FT; 1/7 Vassar College, CV; daily yd. - sees & hears, JD.



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Barred Owl – 2/9 & thereafter Field Rd, Milan RG; 2/17 Rhinebeck, RJ; 2/20 Norrie Pt., JL, 5/28 yd. calling Liz Martens.

Chimney Swift – 1/30 Pond Gut, FOS FT.

Belted Kingfisher – 16 reported of 1-3 by CV, BB/CP, RJ, KCF, AS, BJM, BAM/KCF/PR & FT.

Red-bellied Woodpecker – well reported by all throughout the county.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – 3/5 Nuclear Lk., CV; 3/19 Sharparoon, 4/26 CRGC-range trail BB/CP, 1/4-30 heard at home BB; few/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ; 2/28 Sharparoon FT; 1/6-30, 2/14 yd Poughquag CP.

Downy Woodpecker – well reported by all throughout the county.

Hairy Woodpecker – well reported by all throughout the county.

Northern Flicker – well reported by all throughout the county.

Pileated Woodpecker – 20 reported by CV, BB/CP, RJ, CP, KCF, BAM, BJM, BAM/KCF/PR & FT.

Eastern Phoebe – 61 reported by CV, BB, CC/CP, BAM, BJM, BAM/KCF/PR, CP/HT, JAKJ, JD & FT with **most** - 12/9 Harlem Val. Rail Trail, FT; 10/8 Buttercup West, CV

Yellow-throated Vireo – 1/23-24 Rhinebeck area FOS, RJ.

Blue-headed Vireo – 1/20 Reese Park, FT; 1/23 Staatsburg RJ; 2/28 Sharparoon, FT; 4/30 Pond Gut, FT; 2/29 Buttercup West KCF; 5/26 CRGC-range trail BB/CP; 6-8/26 Pok. Cem. BAM/KCF/PR.

Warbling Vireo – 1/23-24 Rhinebeck area FOS, RJ; 1/29 Humeston farm BB trail BJM.

Blue Jay – Well reported of 1-4 by KCF, BB/CP, EP, JD, EBR, BAM, BJM, JAKJ, CP/HT, BAM/KCF/PR & FT with **most** - 6-10/all yd Poughquag CP/HT.

American Crow – Well reported throughout county with sev. hundred gathering still at beginning of mo., not at end of mo. Springside, Pok., AS.

Fish Crow – 1/1 Rhinecliff, 1/10 Rombout Rd., CV; few/10 h. Tivoli South Bay, Jeff Nadler via MIDHUDSONBIRDS; 2/18 over Stony Kill, AJM; sev/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ; 1/26 Pok. Cem. BAM/KCF/PR.

Common Raven – 1/9 Harlem Val. Rail Trail, FT; 2/1 Mills Mansion -1 on nest, 1/6 Chipawalla Rd., 2/8 Stissing Mt.- going to & from nest, CV; pr/1st week of mo. Norrie Pt., JL; 1/19 Sharparoon RR bed BB/CP.

Purple Martin – Few/20 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Tree Swallow – **1st in on 6th** & then good numbers of 2-6 throughout county with **most** - 18/8 Buttercup West, CV & 17/29 Buttercup West KCF.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 4/8 over Lk. Onaid FOS, 1/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; 3/20 Reese Park, FT; 6/16 Madam Brett (River Sweep) FT; 5/20 Wapp. Bleachery, BJM; few/20 & sev/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ; 5/28 Sharparoon, FT.

Bank Swallow – Few/20 & sev/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ; 1/14 Dutchess Quarry, Pl. Valley, JD.

Cliff Swallow – Few/20 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Barn Swallow – 1/9 Harlem Val. Rail Trail, FT; 2/10 Rombout Rd., Nat. Conservancy property, CV; 1/18, few/20 & sev/23-24 Rhinebeck RJ; 4/29 VanWagner Rd PV KCF; 4/11 Lk. Walton, 1/15 BBTrail/Kirin farm, 2/29 Deising farm BB trail BJM.

Black-capped Chickadee – Good numbers as usual everywhere.

Tufted Titmouse – Good numbers as usual everywhere.

Red-breasted Nuthatch – 1/13 Wilcox Park FT; 1/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

White-breasted Nuthatch – Good numbers as usual everywhere.

Brown Creeper – 1/5 Nuclear Lk., CV; 1/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ; 2/26 CRGC-range trail BB/CP; daily yd. - sees & hears, JD.

Carolina Wren – 17 reported of 1-2 by CV, KCF, AS, BB/CP, CP, BAM, BAM/KCF/PR, & FT + on 24th observed making numerous trips with nesting material yd., JAKJ.

House Wren – 1/22 & 3/29 BBTrail/Wapp FOS, 1/30 yd. BAM; 1/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Winter Wren – 1/23-24 Rhinebeck area, FOS RJ; 2/26 CRGC-range trail BB/CP; 2/30 h Pond Gut, FT.

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 9/6 Tamarack Lk., FT; 4/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; 4/6 Tracey Rd., Pawling, CV; 1/20 Reese Park, FT; sev/23-24 Rhinebeck area w/Ruby-Crowns, RJ; 1/23 yd Stormville EBR; 1/18 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 62 reported of 1-4 by CV, RJ, KCF, BB, BB/CP, BJM, BAM/KCF/PR, CP/HT & FT with **most** - 8/28 Sharparoon, FT.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1/9 Harlem Val. Rail Trail, FT; few/20 & sev/23-24 Rhinebeck RJ; 5/28 Sharparoon, FT; 4/30 Pond Gut, FT; 8/29 Buttercup West KCF; 1/19 Sharparoon, 2/26 CRGC-range trail BB/CP, 2/21 Tymor Park BB; 1/26 Pok. Cem. BAM/KCF/PR; 1/29 h Humeston farm BB trail BJM.

Eastern Bluebird – Good numbers of 1-5 reported by CV, BJM, BAM, ES, & FT with pr/all mo. - nesting w/4eggs yd., ERS.

Hermit Thrush – 1/26 CRGC-range trail BB/CP; 6/26 Pok. Cem. BAM/KCF/PR; 2/30 Pond Gut, FT.

American Robin – Good numbers from 2-15 reported throughout county.

Gray Catbird – 1/20 Reese Park, FT; 1/23 Rhinebeck Rec. Center, RJ.

Northern Mockingbird – 17 reported of 1-3 by BB, BJM, JAKJ, BB/CP, Jeff Nadler via MIDHUDSON BIRDS & FT.

Brown Thrasher – 1/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; 1/20 & few/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

European Starling – 5/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; normal & nesting, CV; 2/25 yd Stormville EBR; 2-16 daily yd., JAKJ.

Cedar Waxwing – 2/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; 8/1 Rt. 55 median, CV; 12/20 Reese Park, FT; sev/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Orange-crowned Warbler – 1/6 last sighting at my feeding station, Les Line.

Nashville Warbler – 1/23-24 Rhinebeck FOS, RJ.

Yellow Warbler – 1/22 Beacon area, FOS SI; 1/24 Tymor Park BB; few/23-24 Rhinebeck RJ; 3/28 Sharparoon, FT; 1/30 Pond Gut, FT; 3/29 BB trail BJM.

Magnolia Warbler – 1/23-24 Rhinebeck area FOS, RJ.

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 37 reported by CV, BB, RJ, BJM, BAM/KCF/PR, FT with **most** - 8/26 CRGC-range trail BB/CP,

Black-throated Green Warbler – 1/20 Upper Red Hook FOS, 1/23-24 Rhinebeck, RJ; 1/26 Pok. Cem. BAM/KCF/PR.

Pine Warbler – 2/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; 2/6 Chipawalla Rd., 2/8 Buttercup West, CV; 1/16, 21 4/24 Tymor Park BB, 1/19 Sharparoon BB/CP; 1-2/20 & few/23-24 Rhinebeck, RJ; 3/28 Sharparoon, FT; 2/30 Pond Gut, FT.

Palm Warbler – **1st on 6th** & 41 reported of 1-4 by BB, JL, MR, BB/CP, KCF, RJ, BJM, BAM/KCF/PR & FT with **most** - 6/9 Harlem Val. Rail Trail, FT; 6/6 Chipawalla Rd., CV.



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Black-and-white Warbler – 1/23 Statsburg RJ; 3/26 Pok. Cem. BAM/KCF/PR; 2/28 Sharparoon, FT; 1/28 yd BB; 1/29 Buttercup West KCF; 5/30 Pond Gut, FT.

American Redstart – 1/23-24 Rhinebeck area **FOS**, RJ.

Ovenbird – 1/30 h Pond Gut, **FOS** FT

Northern Waterthrush – 4/26 CRGC-range trail BB/CP; 1/30 h Pond Gut, FT;

Louisiana Waterthrush – 1st in on 13th & 31+ reported of 1-5 by JL, BB, BB/CP, BMa, & FT with **most** - 7/20 Reese Park, FT; sev. /23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ

Eastern Towhee – 1st in on 9th & 14 reported of 1-2 by CP/HT, JAKJ, BB, EBR, KCF, JD, RJ, BB/CP, & FT.

American Tree Sparrow – 2/1 yd KCF; 1/6 yd. Rhinebeck, RJ; 2/6 Tamarack Lk., FT.

Chipping Sparrow – 1st in on 6th & good numbers reported by BJM, AS, RJ, KCF, BB, BB/CP, BAM/KCF/PR, EBR, CP/HT & FT.

Field Sparrow – 1st in on 5th & 21 reported of 1-3 by CV, RJ, BB, BJM, JAKJ, & FT with **most** - 6/29 Buttercup West KCF.

Savannah Sparrow – Few/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Fox Sparrow – 1/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; 1/24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Song Sparrow – Many reports throughout county by all with **most** - 20/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT.

Swamp Sparrow – 32 reported of 1-4 by KCF, CV, RJ, BB/CP, Jeff Nadler via MIDHUDSON BIRDS & FT with **most**- 8/9 Harlem Val. Rail Trail, FT; 8/28 Sharparoon, FT.

White-throated Sparrow – Good numbers of 1-7 reported by CV, EP, JD, EBR, JAKJ, BJM, BAM, BB, KCF, CP & FT with **most** - 9/26 CRGC-range trail BB/CP; 10+/26 Pok Cem BAM/KCF/PR.

Dark-eyed Junco – 3/6 Tamarack Lk., FT; 5/9 Harlem Val. Rail Trail, FT; 5/13 Wilcox Park FT; normal, CV; sev/12 still in yd BB; 12-15/1-19, 3/20, 5/23, & 1-2/28-30 yd. BAM; 2/26 Pok Cem BAM/KCF/PR; 2 daily till mid-mo. yd., JAKJ; 8-10/1-15 yd Po'quag CP.

Northern Cardinal – Good numbers of 1-6 throughout county with **most** -10 all yd., EP, JD.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak – 1m/26 feeder yd. **FOS** BAM; 2/29 yd KCF.

Red-winged Blackbird – Well reported by most of 1-15 with **most** - 25/6 Tamarack Lk., FT; 30/9 Harlem Val. Rail Trail, FT.

Eastern Meadowlark – 1/6 Little Rest Rd CP; few/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Rusty Blackbird – Few/23-24 Rhinebeck area, RJ.

Common Grackle – Well reported of 5-12 by BAM, BB, JAKJ, BAM/KCF/PR & FT with **most** - 45-50/4 Rombout Rd., CV.

Brown-headed Cowbird – Everywhere in good numbers of 5-15.

Purple Finch – 1/6 Tamarack Lk., FT; 2m/6 & 11, 1f/16, pr/19, 2f/21 & 1f/28 feeder yd. BAM; 1/7 & 4pr/12 feeders yd., CV; 6/21feeder Hyde Park, JL; 3-4/24-30 yd KCF; 3/19 Sharparoon BB/CP, 4/21 Tymor Park BB; 4/6;1/11,29 feeder Stormville EBR;1/10 Field Rd Milan RG.

House Finch – Normal with 2-10 by BB, EP,JD, BAM, CV, EBR, JAKJ, CP, AS, KCF & FT.

American Goldfinch – 2-12 reported by CV, AS, BB, EBR, BB/CP, JAKJ, CP/HT, BAM, BJM, & FT with **most** 10-20/mo yd KCF.

House Sparrow – 2/9 Harlem Valley Rail Trail, FT; normal, CV; 2/20 Reese Park, FT; 1-2/1 all yd. BAM; 4/22 thru mo. BBTrail/Wapp BJM; few/26 Pok. Cem. BAM/KCF/PR; has @ feeders yd., EP,JD.

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Field Trips (FT): 6th-Tamarack Lake; 9th-Harlem Valley Rail Trail; 13th-Wilcox Park; 20th-Reese town park, Wappingers; 21st-Locust Grove (Owl Prowl) ; 23rd-Dennings Pt. in rain; 27th-Sharparoon -rained so we went on the 28th; 30th-Pond Gut

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May 2005 Records

May was cooler than normal, with only 12 days breaking 70 degrees. While there were many windy, rainy days, the rain didn't amount to much – only about 40% of May's normal rainfall of 4.75 inches. The winds often came from the north, northwest, and northeast, exceeding 20 mph on many days. All of this seemed to slow the migration. The cool weather also delayed full leaf-out, making the birds a bit easier to find. Including the Cape May found only on Census, 30 species (and 1 hybrid) of warblers were reported. Vassar Farm's recent specialties, Kentucky Warbler and Golden-winged Warbler, failed to appear there. However, two Golden-wings showed in Dover. The one at Nellie Hill was still there on June 1.

Canada Goose - small groups all over, 20-45 in Wappingers Lk, Fishkill Cem, Myers Corners

Brant - 1/28-29 Chelsea DF; large flock/30 flying north Hopewell Jct John Askildsen

Mute Swan - 6/13 Wapp. Lk., 2/16 Hillside Lk. BJM; 4 other reports

Wood Duck - 1/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 3/11 Ferncliff FT; x/21 HAS; 9 Great Swamp

American Black Duck - 2/5 Depot Hill Rd Beekman EBR; x/21 HAS

Mallard - 6/2 thru mo. Dising farm Wapp., 6/16 Hillside Lk., 9/21 BBtrail/Wapp. BJM; a few other reports of 1-2

Green-winged Teal - 3/11 Ferncliff FT

Greater Scaup - 1/9 Traver Pd. JAP (There was a pair here all May 2001.)

Hooded Merganser - x/21 HAS

Wild Turkey - 6/21, 2m/16 in full display, yard Lagrange JA/KJ; 15/7 Sheafe Rd MR; also from several other places

Common Loon - 1/12 Westage Pd, Fishkill Steve Golladay; 1/9 Lakeside Pk, Pawling BB/TM

Double-crested Cormorant - 3/28 Quaker Lk FT; 5/21 Green Mtn Lk, x/21 Round Pd HAS

Great Blue Heron - Heronry found off Taconic, n of Rt 52, many reports of flyovers of 1-2, 3-4 in a few cases.

Green Heron - 3/14 yd, Lagrange JA/KJ; 1/15-31 home, Rhinebeck MP, four other one-day reports

Black Vulture - 1/12 Nellie Hill Preserve BH; x/21 HAS; 2/25 I-84 at Putnam Co line Dave Russell

Turkey Vulture - 3-4 seen daily Casperkill Ridge, Pok MR; 17 other reports of 1-3

Osprey - 1/8 Nuclear Lk C Luchini; 1/9 Lakeside Pk, Pawling BB/TM; x/21 HAS

Bald Eagle - 1/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 1 imm/28 PNR FT; parents feeding one young in a nest in Dutchess thru the month HRA

Northern Harrier - x/21 HAS

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 6 reported

Cooper's Hawk - 5 reported

Northern Goshawk - 1 on Census at Pond Gut, Lagrange

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1/10 over Hi View BJM; 1/11 Tac. & Rte 84 JA/KJ; 1/16 yd Stormville EBR; 1/28 PNR FT

Broad-winged Hawk - 2/4 Rockefeller Fld St. FT; 1/10 over Van Wyck Lk. Rd., Fishkill, 1/31 over yd. BJM; 1/11 Ferncliff FT; 1/17 Tracy Road, Pawling BB; 1/5,6,10 yd Poughquag CP/HT

Red-tailed Hawk - 1/1 on nest Redwing Beekman CP/HT; 1/2 all white, w of Salt Point Janet Allison; Jeff Lucas heard about a white one NE corner of UnionVale; 26 others

American Kestrel - 1/4 Clinton BB; 1/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; x/21 HAS

Peregrine Falcon - x/21HAS; x/29 Poughkeepsie area LHVBA

Virginia Rail - 1/13 Carpenter Rd, E Fishkill S Golladay; x/21 HAS

Sora - 1 on Census, by Art Jones' group at Dottie's Pd

Killdeer - 6-8 daily, Southlands Farm Rhinebeck MP; 1-4 in 6 other places

Greater Yellowlegs - x/21 HAS

Solitary Sandpiper - 1/2 Vassar Farm KCF; x/21 HAS

Spotted Sandpiper - 1/3 Secor's, Wappingers PF/JB; 1/12 Eleanor Pink's Pleasant Valley OW; 1/16 Hillside Lk. BJM; 1/28 sand bar Wapp. Creek @ Hunter Creek AJM; 1/18 Nuclear Lake FT; x/21 HAS

Pectoral Sandpiper - 1/3 Secor's, Wappingers PF/JB

Wilson's Snipe - 1/17 Scudieri Preserve, Pawling BB

American Woodcock - family/11 Slate Quarry Rd John Ike; x/21 HAS

Ring-billed Gull - 12/10 Westage pd., Fishkill BJM; x/21 HAS

Herring Gull - x/21 HAS

Great Black-backed Gull - 1/1 Rhinecliff, CV.

Rock Pigeon - 7/21 Dut. Mall, Fishkill BJM; Sev seen daily all over MR

Mourning Dove - 10-15 daily Rhinebeck MP; 10-20 daily Pok MR; 6-10/all yd Poughquag CP; many other reports

Black-billed Cuckoo - FOS 1/11 Ferncliff FT; 3/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK; 2 each at Canoe Hill Rd, Tracy Rd, PNR; 5 others

Eastern Screech-Owl - x/21 HAS

Great Horned Owl - JD has one, Pleasant Valley, dog barks when it calls; x/21 HAS; 1/28 Wappingers Cr near Red Oaks Mill HRA

Barred Owl - 2 at times calling in yd & former Girl Scout Camp off Spackenkill Rd DAT; 2/16 Canoe Hill Rd BB/OW/FW; 5 others

Common Nighthawk - 3/20 @ dusk northbound over Wappingers HRA; 3/27 IES BH; 8-10/19 7:30pm over Taconic/I84 Nat Donson

Whip-poor-will - on Census: 1 at Sharparoon, 1 from Carrie Grey, heard 12 times at 8:30pm the 13th & 14th near her house in Hyde Park; 1/20 home, Clinton Corners JAP

Chimney Swift - 50-60/25 Amenia Elem Sch swarming out of chimney and flying around KJ; 10 each @ IES & Millbrook; 9 other reports of 2-9

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - arrived on the 3rd, three places; then more arrivals 6th, 7th, 12th; reported from 14 places

Belted Kingfisher - 1/2, 1/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 6 other places

Red-headed Woodpecker - 1/15 briefly at her feeder (Billings) - 1st yr bird Ruth Greenwood

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4/11 Ferncliff FT; 1 or 2 on all reports

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 7/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; 4/18 Nuclear Lk FT; 8 others, all east of the Taconic

Downy Woodpecker - 4-6/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; KCF and BAM have 4 each; 1-3 on all reports



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Hairy Woodpecker – 2/11 Ferncliff FT; 2/all yd Pok KCF; 2/all yd Poughquag CP; 5 others in yds; 10 others places

Northern Flicker – 2/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; 5 in yards; 8 others

Pileated Woodpecker – 4/11 Ferncliff FT; 1ad fed 2yg/27 BBtrail Wapp. BJM; 2 ea at IES, PNR, Cushman Rd, Pawling, JA/KJ yd, Lagrange; 12 others

Eastern Wood-Pewee – first on Census on the 14th; then 1-4 several places; 8/27 Cushman Rd one at nest, Pawling BB/CP/AK

Alder Flycatcher – x/21 HAS; 1/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK

Willow Flycatcher – 2/14 census, first; 2/16 IES BB/OW/FW; 2/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 7 others

Least Flycatcher – 4/5 & 6 AT west of Rt22 BB/BC/KL; 4/18 Nuclear Lk FT; 6/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 9 others

Eastern Phoebe – off first nest, will probably renest EP/JD; 5/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 1-3 in 14 places

Great Crested Flycatcher – FOS 1/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 4/11 Ferncliff FT; 4/17 Tracy Road, Pawling BB; 1-3 in 16 other places

Eastern Kingbird – FOS 1/2 Vassar Farm KCF; 2/10-31 yard Verbank BB; 1-2 in 14 other places

White-eyed Vireo – 1/21 Dodge Rd, Pawling HAS; 1/27 h BBtrail/Swenson farm BJM; 1/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK

Yellow-throated Vireo – 5/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; 4/13 Pok Cem. KCF; building nest/16 Tamarack BB/OW/FW; 1-3 all month in 9 other places

Blue-headed Vireo – 3/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 2(building nest)/28 PNR FT; 7 others

Warbling Vireo – 4/6-31 BBtrail/Wapp. BJM; 7/6 AT west of Rt22 BB/BC/KL; 4/19 Partridge Creek Preserve, Stanford BH; 1-3 in about 20 other places

Philadelphia Vireo – 1 on Census @ StonyKill by Robert Williams and Tammie Carey

Red-eyed Vireo – arrived on the 10th, several places; 22/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK; heard in every woodland

Blue Jay – on the 14th Scores of blue jays were going tree-to-tree, heading upriver- Wappingers, HRA; also 30/27 migrating Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK

American Crow – 1-5 on all outings and in yards

Fish Crow – 1/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; x/21 HAS; 1/30 Millbrook BB

Common Raven – 1/5,9,13 IES BH; 2/18 Nuclear Lk FT; x/21 HAS; nest off North Ave, Pleasant Valley JD; 1/9,22 Wappingers MR

Purple Martin – 6/11 PondView Farm Verbank BB

Tree Swallow – 12-14 all mo. BBTrail/Wapp BJM; 6/2, 10/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 1-6 in 14 other places

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 5/8, 4/15, 3/23 Casperkill Ridge, Pok MR; 3/10 Fishkill Cem. 4/13 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 3/18 Nuclear Lake FT; 3 other places

Bank Swallow – 50+/10 Cary Rd., Fishkill BJM; x/21 HAS

Cliff Swallow – x/21 HAS

Barn Swallow – 10/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; 6/10 Ruth Greenwood's barn, Billings BJM; 1-5 in 8 other places

Black-capped Chickadee – 1-6 at all feeders and on all outings

Tufted Titmouse – up to 5 on all trips and at feeders

Red-breasted Nuthatch – 1/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 1/all IES BH; 1/18 Nuclear Lake FT; 1/21 Dodge Rd, Pawling HAS

White-breasted Nuthatch – 5/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 5/11 Ferncliff FT; lots of reports of 1-2

Brown Creeper – 2/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 1/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; x/21 HAS; 1/all mo Pleasant Valley JD

Carolina Wren – 1-2 at 15 locations; 2 @ a nest with young @ JA/KJ yard, Lagrange

House Wren – 3/2, 3/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 1-2 listed on most reports, nesting

Winter Wren – 2/1 Dover Stone Church BB/MAP; 1/6 AT west of Rt22 BB/BC/KL; 2/11 Ferncliff FT; 2/28 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 1/all IES BH

Marsh Wren – x/21 Dottie's Pond HAS

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 1/1-14 IES BH; x/21HAS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 5/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 1/10 yard – Verbank BB; 2/11 Ferncliff FT

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 5/16 Tamarack BB/OW/FW; 4/18 Nuclear Lk FT; plus 1-3 from 10 other locations

Eastern Bluebird – 5 yg nest daughter's Wappingers yd OW; many other sightings (1-4) and nesting reports

Veery – 5/11 Ferncliff FT; 2/11 13/18 IES BH; 14/28 PNR FT; plus a dozen other places.

Gray-cheeked Thrush – 1/11 Ferncliff FT

Swainson's Thrush – 1/11 Ferncliff FT; 1/13 Pok Cem. KCF; heard/23 yard Verbank BB; 1/27 yd Poughquag CP

Hermit Thrush – 1/2, 1/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 1/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 1/11 Ferncliff FT; 1/17 Tracy Rd, Pawling BB

Wood Thrush – FOS 1/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 10/11 Ferncliff FT; 10/17 Tracy Rd, Pawling BB; heard in most woodlands

American Robin – all over, nesting

Gray Catbird – all over, singing and beginning to nest

Northern Mockingbird – 1-2 daily by BJM, BB, MR; also at Vassar Farm, Burger Hill and 6 other locations

Brown Thrasher – 1/19 yd Poughquag CP; 1/21 Dodge Rd, Pawling HAS; only reports

Cedar Waxwing – 10/9 willow tree yd. 18/27 BBtrail/Humeston farm BJM; 9/25 Casperkill Ridge Pok MR; only 3 other reports

Blue-winged Warbler – 1/2 yd Wappingers BJM; 3/2, 8/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 5/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK; 1-4 from 12 other locations

Golden-winged Warbler – 1/14 Chestnut Ridge Gun Club, Dover on Census

Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid) – 1/21 Mill Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; x/21 HAS

Tennessee Warbler – 2/10 Dogwood Hills Rd. 1/11 h back yd. 1/19 h HiView Rd. BJM; h/16 Tamarack BB/OW/FW; x/21 HAS

Nashville Warbler – 1/10-13 yd Verbank BB; 1/11 Ferncliff FT; 2/13 Pok Cem. KCF; 2/18 Nuclear Lk FT

Northern Parula – first: 1/6 BBTrail/Wapp BJM; most: 7/11 Ferncliff FT; 4/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK; last: 2/28 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; also in 10 other locations

Yellow Warbler – first/4 yard Verbank BB; 12/6 AT west of Rt22 BB/BC/KL; 12/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; 2-9 many places, widespread.

Chestnut-sided Warbler – first/8 yd Verbank BB; 8/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; 1-3 from 16 other locations

Magnolia Warbler – 4/11 Ferncliff FT; first wave 11th thru 18th, then a second 23rd thru 29th; 6/13 Pok Cem., 3/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 6/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK; 1-3 in 9 other places

Black-throated Blue Warbler – FOS 1/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; 4/11 Ferncliff FT; 4/18 Nuclear Lake FT; 3/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 6/28 PNR FT; 1-3 from 6 other places



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Yellow-rumped Warbler – 20/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; 10/11 Ferncliff FT; others until 27th from Vassar Farm KCF and Cushman Rd, Pawling
Black-throated Green Warbler – 8/11 Ferncliff FT; migrants around thru 27th; all mo at IES BH
Blackburnian Warbler – 2/11 Ferncliff FT; 5/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 9/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK; also from RJ, BH and at Tamarack, PNR
Pine Warbler – 1/14 IES BH; 1/21 Lakeside Pk Pawling HAS
Prairie Warbler – FOS 1/9 IES BH; 2 nest-building/19 Rombout/Overlook Rd area BB; 1-3 thru mo at IES and 9 other places
Palm Warbler – 8/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT
Bay-breasted Warbler – 2/11 Ferncliff FT; pr/12 yd Verbank BB
Blackpoll Warbler – 3/11 Ferncliff FT; 5/13 Pok Cem., 10/27 Vassar Farm KCF; here thru the 29th, reported from 12 other places
Cerulean Warbler – 1/11 Ferncliff FT; x/21 HAS; x/29 Pok. area LHVBA
Black-and-white Warbler – 5/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 8/12 Berkshire Rd & Deep Hollow Rd OW/FW/KM/DR; 1-6 on all field trips and reports, thru the month
American Redstart – 1/3 her yard Mary Key; 8/11 Ferncliff FT; 12/28 PNR FT; up to 6 on every report
Worm-eating Warbler – 1/6 @ west of Rt22 BB/BC/KL; 1/10-31 yd Poughquag CP; 6/11 Ferncliff FT; also @ Berkshire Rd, Tracy Rd, Pok Cem, Cushman Rd, Wapp. Greenway Trail
Ovenbird – 12/9 10/28 PNR FT; 7/11 Ferncliff FT; 8/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK; 1-5 from 14 other places
Northern Waterthrush – 6/6 AT west of Rt22 BB/BC/KL; 4/17 Swamp River, Pawling BB; 1/12 Berkshire Rd OW/FW/KM/DR; 1/19 Rombout/Overlook Rd area BB; 1/23 yd Verbank BB; x/21 HAS
Louisiana Waterthrush – 2/1 Dover Stone Church BB/MAP; 1-2/all IES BH; 3/17 Tracy Road, Pawling BB; 2/28 PNR FT; 5 other places
Mourning Warbler – 1/17 yard JA/KJ; 1/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK
Common Yellowthroat – FOS 1/6 AT west of Rt22 BB/BC/KL; 10/27 Vassar Farm KCF; 1-5 on every trip to their habitat
Hooded Warbler – 1/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; 1-2/11-18 IES BH; 5/21 Dodge Rd HAS; 3/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK; 1/28 PNR FT
Wilson's Warbler – 1/19 yd Verbank BB; x/21 HAS
Canada Warbler – 1/10, 12 yard Verbank BB; 2/18 Nuclear Lk FT; x/21 HAS; 1/27 Vassar Farm, Poughquag & Pawling; 1/28 PNR FT
Scarlet Tanager – FOS 1/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 11/11 Ferncliff FT; 7/18 Nuclear Lk FT; 1-6 from 20 other locations
Eastern Towhee – 7/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 8/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; 1-4 from 16 other places
Chipping Sparrow – 10/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 1-4 reported from many other places
Field Sparrow – 6/2 Vassar Farm KCF; 6/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 1-4 from 10 other places
Savannah Sparrow – 4-8/10-31 Southlands Farm, Rhinebeck MP; 1/9 PNR/AT BB/TM; 1/16 Mabbetsville BB/OW/FW; x/21 HAS
Song Sparrow – widespread & numerous (10-12) at places like Vassar Farm

Swamp Sparrow – 7/6 AT west of Rt22 BB/BC/KL; 8/17 Scudieri Preserve, Pawling BB; 1-2 found in 8 other places
White-throated Sparrow – 14/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; last: 2/18 IES BH; 2/18 Nuclear Lk FT; 1-10 various places before the 18th
White-crowned Sparrow – 1/4 Rockefeller Fld St FT; 1m/6 BB/Trail/Wapp. Humeston farm, 1m/3-5 & 1/19 yd, 2/15 Airport Ind. Rd. BJM
Dark-eyed Junco – 1/2-4 feeder yd. BAM
Northern Cardinal – 3-5 in yards of CP, JA/KJ, MR, KCF, BAM; 7/27 Cushman Rd, Pawling BB/CP/AK; 1-2 most outings
Rose-breasted Grosbeak – 11/6 AT west of Rt22 BB/BC/KL; 8/11 Ferncliff FT; 7/17 Tracy Rd, Pawling BB; 1-5 on most reports
Indigo Bunting – FOS 1/12 Berkshire Rd OW/FW/KM/DR; 3/16 Tamarack BB/OW/FW; 9 others
Bobolink – 40-60 daily from 5th, Southlands Farm MP; also at PNR/AT, Ehmer's Farm, StonyKill, Burger Hill
Red-winged Blackbird – 25/11 Ferncliff FT; 30/17 Scudieri Preserve, Pawling BB; abundant and nesting
Eastern Meadowlark – 3-5 daily, Southlands Farm MP; x/21 HAS; 4/28 Burger Hill MR
Rusty Blackbird – 1/9 Sleight Plass Rd Lagrange JAP; x/21 HAS
Common Grackle – 16/17 Scudieri Preserve, Pawling BB; 10-12 all mo. BB/Trail/Wapp BJM; 1-10 from 13 other reports
Brown-headed Cowbird – 10 each Rockefeller, Ferncliff, Nuclear Lk FTs; up to 6 many other places
Orchard Oriole – first/6, pr/10-31 yard Verbank BB; 1m/19 West Clove Mt. Rd., LaGrangeville KK
Baltimore Oriole – first 1m/2-31 yd BAM; 10(all over)/18 Nuclear Lk FT; especially numerous this year, 5-6 reported from IES, Ferncliff, Pok Cem, Vassar Farm, Tracy Rd and 1-4 from many places
Purple Finch – 2/all yd KCF; pr/4, 2/19, 1/23 yd Verbank BB; 1/12 Deep Hollow Rd OW/FW/KM/DR; 1/14 IES BH; 1/16 Canoe Hill Rd BB/OW/FW; also from BAM, JA/KJ
House Finch – up to 10 in most yards and on trips
American Goldfinch – 10-20/all yd, 10/2, 12/27 Vassar Farm KCF; up to 10 on most trips and in yards

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Other Abbreviations: **AT** – Appalachian Trail, **FOS** – first of season, **FT** – Field trip

HAS – Housatonic Audubon Society Birdathon – Dutchess part (x – counts not provided), **HRA** – Hudson River Almanac, **IES** – Institute of Ecosystem Studies (Cary Arboretum), **LHVBA** – Lower Hudson Valley Bird Alert, **Lk.** –



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Lake, **pd.** – pond, **Pok** – Poughkeepsie, **PNR** – Pawling Nature Preserve, **Rockefeller Fld St.** – Rockefeller Field Station, **yd.** – yard

Field Trips (FT): 4th – Rockefeller Field Station; **11th** – Ferncliff; **18th** – Nuclear Lake; **28th** – Pawling Nature Reserve

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Canada Goose - many reports, groups small to 100+, several prs with yg

Mute Swan - 1/25 Wapp Cr at Reese Park FT

American Black Duck - 2 reports of prs JA/KJ/EP; 2 - 6 in 6 others BJM/ BAM & outings

Mallard - 2 reports of prs JA/KJ/EP; 2 - 6 in 6 others BJM/ BAM & outings

Hooded Merganser - 6/25 f & 5 yg Pleasant Ridge Rd Pd CP/HT/AK

Ring-necked Pheasant - 1/16, Carvel Property DA

Wild Turkey - 1-3 reported by JA/KJ/KCF/BJM/BAM/JD/LHVBA

Pied-billed Grebe - 1/23, Swamp @ Rte.99 & Sherwood Rd. DA

Double-crested Cormorant - 1 report from JD & HRA; 1 - 5 on 3 outings

Great Blue Heron - 16 reports of 1 - 3 in many areas

Green Heron - 1/3 BBtrail/Wapp Deising farm BJM; 2/11 Buttercup West FT; 1/22 Madam Brett FT

Black Vulture - 1/16, Carvel Property DA; several/14 Beacon Landing HRA; 1/29 Andrews Farm FT

Turkey Vulture - 11/4 Tivoli Bays WMA BB/RC/TM; 22 other reports of 1-5

Osprey - 1/2 Tivoli Bays WMA BB/KCF/TM

Bald Eagle - /15 Wilderstein FT; fledged/16 nest in southern Dutchess HRA

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1/1 Nellie Hill FT; 1/18 Whitlock Pres FT

Cooper's Hawk - 2 reports yds JA/KJ/BAM; 2 other single reports

Red-shouldered Hawk - 6 individual reports KK/BJM/CP/HT/AK

Broad-winged Hawk - 1/6 & 8th yd. Hi View Rd.(8th chased by RWBB)BJM; 1/22 Hopewell CP

Red-tailed Hawk - many reports of 1-4 around the county

American Kestrel - 1/8 S Mabbettsville Rd BB; 1/13 Burger Hill LHVBA; 2/8 Cascade Mtn Rd FT

Killdeer - 1-2 in 4 reports BAM/BJM & 2 outings

Spotted Sandpiper - 1/6 Van Wagner Rd. KCF; 1 in Ck EP

Rock Pigeon - 20/4 Greig's Fm CP; 5/22 Madam Brett FT

Mourning Dove - many reports of 1 - 6, seen on all field trips

Black-billed Cuckoo - 4 reports of 1 DA/BAM/LHVBA/BB/KCF/TM

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1-2 seen in 11 scattered reports

Great Horned Owl - daily heard or seen JD

Barred Owl - 1/21 h in yard near home JA/KJ; 2/19 near home BB; 1/17 Humeston fm BJM

Common Nighthawk - 1/4 Tivoli Bay flying low over field HT/AK

Whip-poor-will - on Census: 1 at Sharparoon, 1 from Carrie Grey, heard 12 times at 8:30pm the 13th & 14th near her house in Hyde Park; 1/20 home, Clinton Corners JAP

Chimney Swift - 15/16 over Ck ROM BAM; 10+/20 over Beacon BAM; 17 other reports of 1 - 8

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - m & f well reported in yds & feeders; 1 pr/all yard BB

Belted Kingfisher - 2/24 h Wapp. Ck Rd./Greenway trail BAM; 2/22 Dennings Pt FT

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1-3 on many reports, on suet feeders; 2 reports of adults; seen on all field trips

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 5 reports all east of Taconic; 1/22 Madam Brett FT

Downy Woodpecker - 2 reports of ad & yg KCF/BAM; many of 1-4 yds & @ feeders; 3 with 6 - 7

Hairy Woodpecker - 3(2ad & 1yg) all yd KCF; 1f/18 fed 1m juv. suet feeder BAM; 1-3 in 12 reports

Northern Flicker - pr/2 thru mo. suet feeder yd. BAM; 3 in yds; 14 others

Pileated Woodpecker - 2/3 1ad fed 1yg. BBtrail Humeston farm BJM; 10 other reports

Eastern Wood-Pewee - 21 reports from all over

Acadian Flycatcher - 1/5 Pawling Nat Rsv CP/HT/AK

Alder Flycatcher - 1/1 Nellie Hill FT; 1/8 Flint Hill/Cascade Mtn Rd FT;

Willow Flycatcher - 7/1 Vassar Farms BAM; 1 reported DA/KK/BJM & FT

Least Flycatcher - 1 - 3 reported by DA/BB/BJMCP/HT/AK; 5/11 Buttercup West FT

Eastern Phoebe - on second nest JD; 1 - 3 in 13 places

Great Crested Flycatcher - 1 - 6 in 15 reports & 5 outings

Eastern Kingbird - nest/15 Norrie Pt HRA; 1 - 6 in 17 reports

White-eyed Vireo - 1/6 Buttercup East KCF

Yellow-throated Vireo - 5/16, 1/23 Carvel Prop DA; 1/4 Tiv. Bay BB/RC/TM; 7/11 Buttercup West FT

Blue-headed Vireo - 1/16 Carvel Property DA

Warbling Vireo - 1 - 5 in 15 places

Red-eyed Vireo - 10-12 on 3 outings; 1-5 in 13 other places

Blue Jay - 1/4 seen with nesting material yd JA/KJ; normal numbers in 21 reports

American Crow - 1 - 6 in all reports & all outings

Fish Crow - 3/22 Madam Brett FT; 1/22 Dennings Pt FT

Common Raven - 1/16, 23 Carvel Prop DA; nest private prop North Ave, PV, still active, yg fldgd June

Horned Lark - 2/16 Greig Fm DA; several/21 Greig Fm BC; 2/15 Greig Fm BB/AJM

Purple Martin - 2/11 Skidmore Rd KK

Tree Swallow - 8pr/3, 9/12,(3yg in box) & 10/10 2pr+6yg. BBtrail/Wapp BJM; 1 -10 in 13 other reports

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1/11 Skidmore Rd KK; 1/22 Brett FT; 1/29 Andrews Fm FT;

Bank Swallow - 7/23 Gravel pit, Rte. 199 & Mt. Ross Rd. DA

Cliff Swallow - 2 nests/8 Smithfield Guernseys barn BB, 10/11 Sunset Ridge Fm Coleman Station BB

Barn Swallow - family of 6 Deising farm BJM; 3 -10 in 8 other reports

Black-capped Chickadee - well reported, high #, yg, in yds & feeders

Tufted Titmouse - well reported, high #, yg, in yds & feeders

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 4 reports of 1 - 2

White-breasted Nuthatch - 2 reports of ad with yg; 11 reports yds, feeders, baths; all outings

Brown Creeper - 1/22 yd Stormville EBR; 1/18 Whitlock Pres FT; 1/29 Mack Rd/Andrews Farm FT

Carolina Wren - 1-3 in 3 yd reports plus 8 others

House Wren - pr/mo 8/14 pr.w/6yg nest box yd. & 5yg./26 fledged box BAM; 19 other reports of 1 - 6

Winter Wren - 1/2 FDR LHVBA; 1/5 PNR CP/HT/AK

Marsh Wren - 1-5 in 3 reports DA/BB/KCF; 2 -12 in 2 outings

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1/6 yard JA/KJ; 1/3 Quaker Lake Rd in Norway Spruces BW

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2(building nest)/2 Tivoli Bays WMA BB/KCF/TM; 1 - 6 in 7 other reports



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Eastern Bluebird – report of 2nd nest KK; many reports of nesting, yg, juv, using boxes; good numbers

Veery – 1 - 14 on all outings; 8 other reports

Wood Thrush – well reported in many areas & on most outings

American Robin – 1 -10 in reports from all over including all outings

Gray Catbird – many reports, all over & in good numbers

Northern Mockingbird – 8 reports of 1 - 4

Brown Thrasher – 1/15 Allen Rd, Salt Pt LHVBA; 1/19 yd Poughquag HT; 1/18 Whitlock Pres FT

European Starling – 7 reports with 1 to 14 seen JA/KJ/EP/JD/BJM/CP/HT/AK & outings

Cedar Waxwing – 7 reports of 2 - 5 & up to 12 on all outings

Blue-winged Warbler – 1 - 11 on 6 outings; up to 4 in 9 other reports DA/BB/KCF/TM/BJM/CP/HT/AK

Golden-winged Warbler – 1/1 Nellie Hill FT

Brewster's Warbler (hybrid) – 2/2 Tivoli Bays WMA BB/KCF/TM

Yellow Warbler – 1 - 11 reports & all outings

Chestnut-sided Warbler – 1 - 5 reported DA/BB/KCF/TM/CP/HT/AK & 3 outings

Magnolia Warbler – 1/2 Tivoli Bays WMA BB/KCF/TM; 2/1 Nellie Hill FT

Black-throated Blue Warbler – 2/5 Pawling Nat Rsv CP/HT/AK

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 2/23 Carvel Property DA

Black-throated Green Warbler – 2/5 Pawling Nat Rsv CP/HT/AK; 1/1 Nellie Hill FT

Blackburnian Warbler – 1/23 Carvel Property DA; 3/5 Pawling Nat Rsv CP/HT/AK

Pine Warbler – 3 reports 1 - 2 each BB/KCF/TM/RC/CP/HT/AK; 1/29 Mack Rd/Andrews Farm FT

Prairie Warbler – 1 - 6 in 5 reports & 1 outing DA/LHV/BA/KCF; 13/1 Nellie Hill FT

Blackpoll Warbler – 1/5 Pawling Nat Rsv CP/HT/AK

Black-and-white Warbler – 1 - 2 in 13 reports & outings

American Redstart – 1-4 most reports; 9/22 Dennings Pt FT; 8/29 Mack Rd/Andrews Farm FT

Worm-eating Warbler – 1 ea DA/BAM/CP/HT/AK; nest found & photoed with adult, eggs, and young at Norrie Point by JH/JB/MH unfortunately the young were Cowbirds. Young in nest by the 9th

Ovenbird – 1 - 5 in 14 reports & outings

Louisiana Waterthrush – 1/2 FDR LHVBA; 3/5 PNR CP/HT/AK; 1 on 2 outings

Mourning Warbler – heard/8 Flint Hill/Cascade Mtn Rd FT

Common Yellowthroat – 1 - 9 on many reports & all

Hooded Warbler – 3/5 PNR CP/HT/AK; 2/1 Nellie Hill FT; 2/29 Mack Rd/Andrews Farm FT

Scarlet Tanager – 1 - 4 in many reports from all over

Eastern Towhee – 1 - 5 most reports; 14/1 Nellie Hill FT; 8/8 Cascade Mtn FT; 7/29 Mack Rd FT

Chipping Sparrow – well reported, ad feeding yg & juv

Field Sparrow – 1 - 7 most reports; pr/24 going to nest BB/trail BJM; 14/1 Nellie Hill FT

Vesper Sparrow – 2 - 3 on 4 reports all from Greig Farm BB/KCF/AJM/BC

Savannah Sparrow – 4/23 Carvel Prop DA; 1-4 Greig Farm 5 reports; 1/2,13 Burger Hill LHVBA

Grasshopper Sparrow – 1 - 2 in 5 reports all Greig Farm BB/RC/TM/AJM/BC/CP/HT/AK

Song Sparrow – well reported all over & on outings

Swamp Sparrow – 1 - 4 in 2 reports DA/BB & 2 outings

Northern Cardinal – numbers good, well reported all over & all outings

Rose-breasted Grosbeak – 1 - 3 in all reports & outings

Indigo Bunting – 1 - 5 in all reports & outings

Bobolink – 1 - 6 all reports BB/KK/CP/HT/LHVBA & outings

Red-winged Blackbird – well reported, good numbers all over

Eastern Meadowlark – 1/2, 2/13 Burger Hill LHVBA; 1 - 3 in 2 outings

Common Grackle – well reported, up to 15 reported in yds & at feeders

Brown-headed Cowbird – 1- 5 in 15 reports from many areas

Orchard Oriole – 1m,2yg/21 h all yd BB; 2(1st yr)/22 Madam Brett FT; 2 other reports

Baltimore Oriole – 2 nests/15 Norrie Point HRA; 1-10 in 17 reports from many areas

Purple Finch – 1/20, 24 yard BB; 2/occ yd KCF; 2/5 Quaker Lk. Rd CP/HT/AK; 1/1 Nellie Hill FT;

House Finch – 1 - 8 in yds, baths, feeders

JA/KJ/EP/JD/BAM/BJM/EBR/CP/HT

American Goldfinch – well reported all over in yds, baths & feeders

House Sparrow – 1 - 4 in 5 reports & 1 outing

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Abbreviations: See our [Key to Notation](#).

Field Trips (FT): **1st** – Nellie Hill; **8th** – Flint Hill/Cascade Mt; **11th** – Buttercup West; **15th** – Wilderstein; **18th** – Whitlock Preserve; **22nd** – Beacon (Long Dock, Dennings Point & Madam Brett); **25th** – Reese Park/Kelly Ln; **29th** – Mack Rd/Andrews Farm

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July 2005 Records

The weather was hot, and extremely hot / humid, with some strong thunderstorms. The storms brought wind gusts that caused downed trees and power outages. The poor birds had to endure these hardships as well as we birders.

Canada Goose: many seen with yg by CP/AK, EP; most 30+/5 Wapp. Lk., 50+/15 Fishkill Cem. BJM.

Mute Swan: 1/5 Wapp. Lk., 2/16 pd Bruzugul Rd. BJM.

Wood Duck: 1/h/6 Pond Gut FT; most 5/7 NuclearL CP/AK; 11(2f&9yg)/14 Woodrich Hill Rd., 18+(ads&yg)/21 Lake Carvel DA; others seen by BJM,KCF,EP.

Mallard: family/16 Mill Rd, Red Hook BB; 6/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Hooded Merganser: 5/7 NuclearL CP/AK.

Common Merganser: 1/13 Lake Carvel DA.

Wild Turkey: many with yg are around and in our yards; 4yg/13 Turkey Hollow FT; most 9/20 6 Little Rest Rd./f+2yg Mabbitsville Rd BAM.

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/13 Lake Carvel DA.

Double-crested Cormorant: 1/5 Wapp. Lk. BJM.

Great Blue Heron: 1/1 pd Airport Ind. Rd. BJM/TS; 1/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM; 2/7 NuclearL CP/AK; 1-2 seen on 5 of 6 FTs and by BB,KCF,EP.

Green Heron: 1/3 Dennings Pt HRA; 1/5 Myers Corner Rd, 1/5 pd All Angels Hill Rd. BJM; 1/8 City of Pok. KCF; 2/10 & 1/29 over BBtrail/Wapp. Humeston Fm BJM.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1/3 Dennings Pt HRA; 1/16 Mill Rd, Red Hook BB.

Black Vulture: 1/31 Cherry Ln Stormville EBR.

Turkey Vulture: seen on most FTs and by others; most 8/16 over Rt.22 Dover Plains BJM; 5/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Bald Eagle: 1ad/6 over Gidley Rd. chased by Redwing BJM; 1imm/12 Bowdoin Pk HRA; 1imm/1 ad/22 Tivoli South Bay HRA; 2/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Cooper's Hawk: individuals seen at different places in Wapps. by BJM, AJM, BAM, including one getting a Blue Jay and one being chased by a Kingbird.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/6 Pond Gut FT; 1/21 Lomala KK.

Broad-winged Hawk: 1/22 Hopewell CP; 1/h/27-30 over yd/29th BJM; 1/31 in neighbor's tree Hi View Rd. BJM.

Red-tailed Hawk: breeding is over, so only individuals seen by BB,AJM,BJM,BAM,JA/KJ,KCF,EP, and on two FTs, except 2/10 BBtrail/Wapp. Humeston Fm BJM.

American Kestrel: 1/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM; 1/31 Stanfordville KCF.

Sora: 1/15 Swamp at Rte.99 and Sherwood Rd. DA.

Killdeer: 1/1 BBtrail/New Hack. Cem. BJM/TS; 1/2 GreigsFm, Red Hook BB/BJM; 1/h/10 BBtrail/Wapp. Humeston Fm BJM; 2/26 Vassar Fm KCF.

Solitary Sandpiper: 1/20 Ten Mile River, Wassaic NYSBirds-L (Tom Fiore).

Ring-billed Gull: 1/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Rock Pigeon: 2/20 Yellowframe FT.

Mourning Dove: lots of reports.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1/6 Poets' Walk LHVBA; 1/h/15 BBTrail/Wapp Humeston Fm BJM; 1/19 Carvel Property JB; 1/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/21 Lake Carvel DA.

Great Horned Owl: 1/19 Carvel Property JB; 1/29-30 yd JA/KJ; 1/mo yd JD.

Barred Owl: 1juv/10 BBtrail/Wapp. Humeston Fm BJM; 2/19 & 22 Carvel Property DA.

Chimney Swift: seen through county; most flock/3 Dennings Pt incinerator stack HRA; 6/6 Pond Gut FT; 3/9 Cary FT; 4-6/25 over village Beacon BAM; 5/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1/1 Deising Fm @ flowers BJM/TS; 1-2m&1f/all yd BAM; 2/6 Pond Gut; 2/9 Cary, FT's; 1/10 Fishkill yd - Ed Spaeth HRA; 2/13 Turkey Hollow; 2/16 Deep Hollow; 2/27 Norrie Pt, FT's; 3/all yd KCF; 2-5/all yd BB; 1/most yd Stormville EBR; 1-2/most yd JA/KJ; 2-4/all (a family) Hopewill yd KK.

Belted Kingfisher: 1/5 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 1/9 Cary FT; 1/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/24-31 yd EP; 1/29 BBTrail/Humeston Fm BJM; 1/31 Buttercup West KCF.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1-2 seen or heard, and 1/6 Pond Gut; 1/9 Cary; 1/20 Yellowframe; 6/27 Norrie Pt, FT's.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 4/7 NuclearL CP/AK.

Downy Woodpecker: 4-5 found on all FTs, others some with yg reported by BAM,BJM,BB,KCF,JA/KJ,CP/AK,EP.

Hairy Woodpecker: 1/6 Pond Gut FT; 1/9 Cary FT; 1/16 Tivoli Bays BB; 1/20 Yellowframe FT; 3(pr&1juv)/1 & all yd BAM; 3(with yg)/all yd KCF.

Northern Flicker: several observations of 1 to 2.

Pileated Woodpecker: 1/1-2 yd JA/KJ; 2/6 Pond Gut FT; 1/16 Tivoli Bays BB; 1/21 BBTrail/Wapp BJM; 1/21 Lomala KK; 1/31 Buttercup West KCF; yd JD.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: reported from most wooded areas.

Acadian Flycatcher: 1/13 Turkey Hollow FT.

Willow Flycatcher: 5/20 Yellowframe FT; 2/21 Carvel Property DA; 1/29 singing Airport Ind. Rd. BJM.

Least Flycatcher: 1/13 Turkey Hollow FT.

Eastern Phoebe: many reports, most 6/20 Yellowframe FT; 7/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Great Crested Flycatcher: 3/1 BBtrail/Humeston Fm BJM/TS; 1/6 Poets' Walk LHVBA; 3/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 2/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Eastern Kingbird: good number around, most 3/9 Cary FT; 6/20 Yellowframe FT; 6/26 Vassar Fm KCF.

White-eyed Vireo: 1/15,21 Lomala, scolded as if it had a nest or babies nearby, KK.

Yellow-throated Vireo: 2/4 Nellie Hill BB; 3/6 Pond Gut; 1/13 Turkey Hollow; 1/20 Yellowframe; 3/27 Norrie Pt, FT's; 1/31 Buttercup West KCF.

Blue-headed Vireo: 12/16 Deep Hollow FT.

Warbling Vireo: 1-2 most BBtrail/Wapp. area BJM; 1/6 Burger Hill LHVBA; 2/9 Cary FT; 1/16 Mill Rd, Red Hook BB; 2/20 Yellowframe FT.

Red-eyed Vireo: widespread, 2/4 Nellie Hill BB; 5/7 NuclearL CP/AK; 4/6 Pond Gut; 6/9 Cary; 5/13 Turkey Hollow; 9/16 Deep Hollow; 2/20 Yellowframe; 9/27 Norrie Pt, FT's; 3/31 Buttercup West KCF.

Blue Jay: lots around, eating at our feeders, and seen on FTs.

American Crow: seen in county, most 8/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM.

Fish Crow: 1/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Common Raven: 2/16 Deep Hollow FT; 1ad&2yg/ yd JD.

Horned Lark: 12(2yg)/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM.

Tree Swallow: 15/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM; 3/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 4/20 Yellowframe FT; 4/27 Norrie Pt FT; 3/26 Vassar Fm, 2/31 Buttercup West KCF; yd EP.

Rough-winged Swallow: 1/20 Yellowframe FT.



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Barn Swallow: good numbers reported, including 12/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM; 8+1, 10/21 & 6/29 BBtrail/Wapp. BJM; 4/20 Yellowframe FT; 13/20 Skidmore Rd. KK; 9/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Chickadee, Titmouse, W-B Nuthatch: lots around, several with yg.

Brown Creeper: 1/20 Yellowframe FT; 1/27 Norrie Pt FT; all mo (nested) yd JD.

Carolina Wren: consistently seen by many, & 2/16 Deep Hollow FT; 1/20 Yellowframe FT; 5/27 Norrie Pt FT.

House Wren: 1/6 Pond Gut, 2/9 Cary, 4/13 Turkey Hollow 10/20 Yellowframe, 1/27 Norrie Pt, FT's; many reports of 1-3 each all over, and yg.

Winter Wren: 5/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 11(5yg)/16 Deep Hollow FT.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: seen or heard on FTs: 6/6 Pond Gut, 1/h/9 Cary, 2/13 Turkey Hollow, 1/16 Deep Hollow, 1/20 Yellowframe, 4/27 Norrie Pt, FT's, and reported by others.

Eastern Bluebird: many seen with yg on BBtrail, and others reported including 7/6 Poets' Walk LHVBA; 5/9 Cary FT; 5/20 Yellowframe FT; 5/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Veery: seen & heard by many, most 4/7 NuclearL CP/AK; 17/6 Pond Gut; 6/9 Cary; 17/13 Turkey Hollow; 5/16 Deep Hollow FT's.

Hermit Thrush: 1/13 Turkey Hollow FT.

Wood Thrush: seen and heard, most 4/4 Nellie Hill BB; 4/21 & 2/h/29 BBtrail/Wapp. Humeston Fm BJM; 10/6 Pond Gut FT; 7/16 Deep Hollow FT; 5/16 Tivoli Bays BB.

American Robin: lots everywhere; 2/6 Pond Gut FT; 6/9 Cary FT; 15/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 15/16 Deep Hollow FT; 40/20 Yellowframe FT; 2/27 Norrie Pt FT; 25+/26 Vassar Fm KCF.

Gray Catbird: lots seen and heard everywhere, 10/4 Nellie Hill BB; 10/6 Pond Gut FT; 4/9 Cary FT; 8/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/16 Deep Hollow FT; 20/20 Yellowframe FT; 4/27 Norrie Pt FT; 10/26 Vassar Fm KCF; 1/28 yd JA/KJ.

Northern Mockingbird: 1-2 reported by BB,BJM,KCF and 2/20 Yellowframe FT.

Brown Thrasher: yg/16 Mill Rd, Red Hook BB

European Starling: 15/20 Yellowframe FT; yd EP.

Cedar Waxwing: flocks of them in many places, always at least 2; 4/4 Nellie Hill BB; 6/6 Pond Gut FT; 4(pair on nest)/9 Cary FT; 3/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 2/16 Deep Hollow FT; 20/20 Yellowframe FT; 2/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Blue-winged Warbler: 1ad1yg/7 yard BB; 1/9 Cary FT; 1m/29 BBtrail/BJM; 6/31 Buttercup West KCF.

Yellow Warbler: 1/6 Pond Gut FT; 1/9 Cary FT; 2/10, 1/15 BBtrail/Wapp. Humeston Fm BJM; 1/15 Lomala KK; 1/16 Deep Hollow FT; 6/20 Yellowframe FT; reports of others around the county.

Magnolia Warbler: 1/16 Deep Hollow FT.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1/4 Nellie Hill BB.

Black-throated Green Warbler: 6/6 Pond Gut FT; 2/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 7/16 Deep Hollow FT.

Blackburnian Warbler: 1/13 Turkey Hollow FT.

Prairie Warbler: 4/4 Nellie Hill BB; 1/6 Burger Hill LHVBA; 2/9 Cary FT; 1-2/most Lomala KK.

Black-and-white Warbler: 3(pr&yg)/4 Nellie Hill BB; 10/6 Pond Gut FT; 1/h/9 Cary FT; 4/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/20 Yellowframe FT; 1/27 Norrie Pt FT;

American Redstart: 5/7 NuclearL CP/AK; 2/6 Pond Gut; 1/9 Cary; 4/13 Turkey Hollow; 2/27 Norrie Pt, FT's; 1-3 from other places.

Worm-eating Warbler: 1/7 NuclearL CP/AK; 4/6 Pond Gut, 2/9 Cary FT's; 1/10 Fishkill yd - Ed Spaeth HRA; 5/13 Turkey Hollow, 1/27 Norrie Pt FT's.

Ovenbird: 9/6 Pond Gut FT; 1/h/9 Cary FT; 4/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/31 Buttercup West KCF.

Northern Waterthrush: 1/6 Pond Gut FT; 2/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 1/6 Pond Gut FT; 2/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 10/16 Deep Hollow FT.

Common Yellowthroat: widespread reports of 1-8. Abundant in suitable habitat.

Hooded Warbler: 1/4 Nellie Hill BB; 1/9 Cary FT.

Scarlet Tanager: 1/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM; 2/7 NuclearL, 1-2/occ yd Poughquag CP; 1/9 Cary; 2/13 Turkey Hollow; 6/16 Deep Hollow FT's; 1/16 Tivoli Bays BB; 3/20 Yellowframe FT; and 1-2 reported by BB,BJM,KCF.

Eastern Towhee: 4/4 Nellie Hill BB; 1/6 Poets' Walk LHVBA; 5/9 Cary FT; 5/most Lomala, 1/16 Tower Hill Rd. KK, and other seen or heard around county.

Chipping Sparrow: 6/6 Skidmore Rd. BJM; 12/9 Cary FT; 3/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 5/16 Deep Hollow FT; 1/20 Yellowframe FT; 6/27 Norrie Pt FT; 3/27 yd JA/KJ; 5+(including fledglings)/all Hopewill yd KK; many widespread reports.

Field Sparrow: 1/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM; 5+/6 Poets' Walk LHVBA; 4/4 Nellie Hill, 1/16 Tivoli Bays BB; 2/20 Yellowframe FT; 1/31 Buttercup West KCF; 2/all yard BB; 2/all BBtrail/BJM; 1-6/most Lomala KK.

Vesper Sparrow: 3(1yg)/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM.

Savannah Sparrow: 15/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM; 1/6 Poets' Walk LHVBA.

Grasshopper Sparrow: 6/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM.

Song Sparrow: ubiquitous in good numbers.

Swamp Sparrow: 6/6 Pond Gut FT.

Northern Cardinal: 4/9 Cary FT; 1/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 2/16 Deep Hollow FT; 3/20 Yellowframe FT; 4/27 Norrie Pt FT; everyone has some, many with yg.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 3/4 Nellie Hill BB; 4/all yd Poughquag CP; 1/7 Wapp. Greenway trail Mkt. St. AJM; 2-3 on four FT's; 1/14 Jekoce Lk Nicholas Rd. BJM; 1/15, 2/21 Lomala KK; 1-2adult/most & 1-2juv/19-27 feeder Stormville EBR.

Indigo Bunting: 1/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM; 1/6 Poets' Walk LHVBA; 1/9 Cary FT; 1/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/15 BBtrail/Wapp Humeston Fm BJM; 4/27 Norrie Pt FT; 2/28 Lomala KK; 2/29 singing Airport Ind. Rd. BJM; h/mo yd JD.

Bobolink: 3pr/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM; 5+/6 Burger Hill LHVBA; 1/20 Yellowframe FT.

Red-winged Blackbird: good numbers reported by many, including 6/2 GreigsFm BB/BJM; 24/6 Pond Gut FT; 4/9 Airport Ind. Rd. BJM; 10/20 Yellowframe FT.

Eastern Meadowlark: 1/6 Ryancrest BB; 9/6 Burger Hill LHVBA; 1/20 Yellowframe FT.

Common Grackle: as the name says - common, found throughout county. 2/6 Pond Gut FT; 2/1, pr+1yg/14-18 & pr/2yg/26-31 feeder yd BAM; 5/9 & 2/14 Widmer Rd. BJM; 2/16 Mill Rd, Red Hook BB; 1/27 Norrie Pt FT;

Brown-headed Cowbird: 1/6 Pond Gut FT; 3/13 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/16 Deep Hollow FT; 1/20 Yellowframe FT; 1yg/22 yd (being fed by Carolina Wren) KCF.

Orchard Oriole: 1/6 Poets' Walk LHVBA.



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Baltimore Oriole: 10/all yd Poughquag CP; 1/6 Pond Gut , 4/9 Cary, 2/13 Turkey Hollow, 1yg/16 Deep Hollow FT's; 3/16 Mill Rd, Red Hook BB; 3/20 Yellowframe FT; 1/21 yd Stormville EBR; 7/27 Norrie Pt FT.

Purple Finch: 4/all yd KCF.

House Finch: who doesn't have these by their feeders?

American Goldfinch: 1-10 reported and on many FTs; 10/27 Norrie Pt FT; 50+/26 Vassar Fm, 10-20/all yd KCF.

House Sparrow: 1/5-7 yd JA/KJ; 2/20 Yellowframe FT; 4/27 Norrie Pt FT; yd EP.

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Abbreviations: See our [Key to Notation](#).

Field Trips (FT): **6th** - Pond Gut; **9th** - Cary Arboretum (IES); **13th** - Turkey Hollow aka Tamarack Preserve; **16th** - Deep Hollow; **20th** - Yellowframe Farm; **27th** - Norrie Point

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August 2005 Records

August is normally a quiet month for both birds and birders and this year lived up to that norm. With no real outstanding finds our best records were 4 Black-crowned Night Herons, 3 Osprey, and 4 Bald Eagles all along the river.

The weather was the usual August hazy-hot-humid with 10 days above 90 degrees. Near drought conditions prevailed with only 2 inches of rain for the month. Streams and ponds were very low. The Hudson River Almanac listed the Hudson R. water temperature at 84 degrees in early August, the same temperature as the ocean at Cape Canaveral where I am today.

For the normally common Aug. residents only the total number reported (including field trips) is given. More detail is supplied for the not so common species.

Canada Goose - 500+
Mute Swan - 1/10 Wapp.L.; 2ad&2yg L.Walton BJM
American Black Duck - 4/17 FT
Mallard - 120+
Wild Turkey - 24 plus 18 yg. EP and 13 BJM
Double-crested Cormorant - 1/10-23 Wapp.L. BJM; sev/20 Tivoli Bay John Balint
Great Blue Heron - 15
Great Egret - sev/20 Wapp. Crk. HRA; 1/25 Slate Quarry Rd. BB; 1 EP and 1 JD Pleasant Valley
Green Heron - 2/3 FT; 1/10 FT; 1/17 FT
Black-crowned Night-Heron - sev/20 Wapp. Crk. HRA
Turkey Vulture - 15
Osprey - 1/5 South Bay HRA; 3/20 Tivoli Bay John Balint
Bald Eagle - 1-2yr/2 Pok. HRA; 1 imm./2 New Hamburg HRA; 1ad/5 Crugers Is. HRA; 1/20 Tivoli Bay - John Balint
Northern Harrier - 1/31 Thompson Pond David Arner
Cooper's Hawk - 1/8,23 home BJM
Red-shouldered Hawk - 1/12,30 home BJM; 1/24 Hopewell KK
Broad-winged Hawk - 1ad and 1imm Col. Co. line LHVBL
Red-tailed Hawk - 22
American Kestrel - 1/6 Hosner Mt. EBR
Killdeer - 12
Solitary Sandpiper - 1/3 FT
Spotted Sandpiper - 1/18 L.Walton BJM
Pectoral Sandpiper - 7/14 Hillside L. BJM
Ring-billed Gull - 30
Rock Pigeon - 50+
Mourning Dove - 60+
Cuckoo - 1/3 FT- species ?
Great Horned Owl - 1-2/all Pleasant Valley JD
Chimney Swift - 16
Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 24
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 22
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1/17 FT
Downy Woodpecker - 27
Hairy Woodpecker - 11
Northern Flicker - 50
Pileated Woodpecker - 6
Eastern Wood-Pewee - 21

Eastern Phoebe - 29
Great Crested Flycatcher - 8
Eastern Kingbird - 22
Yellow-throated Vireo - 1/20,1/24 FT; 1/27 Poughquag CP/HT
Warbling Vireo - 1/3 FT
Red-eyed Vireo - 30+
Blue Jay - 42
American Crow - 100+
Fish Crow - 3/3 Dennings Pt FT
Common Raven - 1/22 Freedom Park - club picnic
Tree Swallow - 50+
Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 20/31 Thompson Pd. David Arner
Bank Swallow - 1/19 Tymor Farm BB
Barn Swallow - 50+
Black-capped Chickadee - 100
Tufted Titmouse - 40
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1/17 FT; 1/24 FT; 1/26 home BB; 2 home BJM; 1 home MK; 1/12 IES BH
White-breasted Nuthatch - 25
Brown Creeper - 1/10 FT; 3/24 Cary Arb. FT
Carolina Wren - 15
House Wren - 27
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 2/20 FT; 1/24 FT; 1/3 Perry Preserve BH
Eastern Bluebird - 55
Veery - 1/20&1/24 FT; 2/24 Tivoli MUA
Wood Thrush - 2 (way down from former years MK and OTW)
American Robin - 100
Gray Catbird - 60+
Northern Mockingbird - 8
Brown Thrasher - 1/3 FT; 1/28 Poughquag CP/HT; 1/12 Waterbury Hill BB
European Starling - 200+
Cedar Waxwing - 80
Blue-winged Warbler - 1/3 FT; 3/10 FT; 2/24 FT; 2/3 Cary Arb. BH
Nashville Warbler - 1/17 FT
Northern Parula - 1/3 FT
Yellow Warbler - 6/3 FT; 1/10 FT; 2/24 Tivoli MUA BB
Chestnut-sided Warbler - 4/7 FT; 2/24 FT; 4/4 Tivoli MUA BB
Magnolia Warbler - 1/29 home BAM
Black-throated Blue Warbler - 1/10 FT
Black-throated Green Warbler - 1/24 FT
Blackburnian Warbler - 1/20 Poughquag CP/HT
Prairie Warbler - 1/24FT; 1/3 Cary Arb. BH
Black-and-white Warbler - 3/3 FT; 2/17 FT; 1/20 FT; 1 CP/HT
American Redstart - 12 reported
Worm-eating Warbler - 2/3 FT; 1/24 FT
Ovenbird - 1/10 FT
Louisiana Waterthrush - 1/4 Tivoli MUA BB
Common Yellowthroat - 8 reported
Canada Warbler - 1/24 FT
Scarlet Tanager - 17
Eastern Towhee - 23
Chipping Sparrow - 73
Field Sparrow - 14
Song Sparrow - 40
Swamp Sparrow - 1/3 FT
Northern Cardinal - 50+



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Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 14

Indigo Bunting - 9 plus 6 yg.

Bobolink - 5/17 FT; 6/20 FT; 6/2 Burger Hill LHVBL

Red-winged Blackbird - -left off all lists except one FT and 1-3 JA/KJ

Eastern Meadowlark - 14/2 Burger Hill LHVBL

Common Grackle - - only 45 listed, except for 200 daily at Eleanor Pinks and these left sept. one

Brown-headed Cowbird - 57

Purple Finch - 2/27,28 Poughquag CP/HT

House Finch - 43

American Goldfinch - 80+

House Sparrow - 20+

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Abbreviations: See our [Key to Notation](#).

Field Trips (FT): **3rd** - Dennings Point; **10th** - Locust Grove; **17th** - Wethersfield; **20th** - Southlands Farm; **24th** - Cary Arboretum (IES)

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September 2005 Records

Uncommonly warm and dry this month. Some days' temperatures were still in the 80's.

Snow Goose: 1/16 Baird Park golf course Pete D'Luhosch. 1 report.

Canada Goose: zillion/16 Baird Park golf course Pete D'Luhosch. 10 rpts usually double digits.

Mute Swan: 3/1 Thompson Pond FT; 8/27 Mud Pond CV. 2 rpts.

Wood Duck: 50/2 Hillside Lk BB. 6 rpts of 3-50.

American Black Duck: 4/1 Thompson Pond FT; 1/21 Vanderbilt FT; 4/27 Thompson Pond CV. 3 rpts.

Mallard: 60+/19 Hillside Lk. BJM; 10/21 Vanderbilt FT. 4 rpts of 35 avg.

Wild Turkey: 13/3 Depot Hill CP; 13/30 Rombout Rd CV. 8 rpts of 1-23.

Northern Bobwhite: 1/27 Lake Rd CV. 1 rpt.

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/6 Pond at Rt 55/292 BB; 2/27 Mud Pond CV. 2 rpts.

Double-crested Cormorant: 1/21 Vanderbilt FT. 1 rpt.

Great Blue Heron: 5/19 Hillside Lk. BJM; 1/all Wapp Crk. Pleasant Valley EP. 15 rpts of 1-5.

Great Egret: 3/17 Wapp Lk. BJM. 1 rpt.

Green Heron: 1/2 Hillside Lk BB. 1 rpt.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron: 1/30 Dennings Pt. TM. 1 rpt.

Black Vulture: 1/6 Lomala (in Hopewell Jct.) KK; 1/13 over Rt 9/Myers Cors Rd BB; 2/17 over yard (Verbank) BB. 3 rpts.

Turkey Vulture: 9/27 Thompson Pond CV; 2/30 over Rt. 9, Fishkill BJM. 23 rpts of 3 avg.

Osprey: 1/14-15 Abel's Pond BB; 1/21 Vanderbilt FT. 2.

Bald Eagle: 1/7 Sharparoon FT; 1/16 Norrie Pt. DF; 1/21 Vanderbilt FT. 3.

Northern Harrier: 1/26 Vassar Farm CV; 1/28 Stony Kill FT. 2.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/7 Sharparoon FT; 1/27 Thompson Pond CV. 5 rpts of 1.

Cooper's Hawk: 1/1 checking yd. BAM; 1/19 Rt. 376/Top O' Hill Rd. BJM. 6 rpts of 1.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/18 over yd. BJM; 1/all month Hopewell KK. 3 rpts.

Broad-winged Hawk: 1/21 Vanderbilt FT. 1 rpt.

Red-tailed Hawk: 1/6 Lomala KK; 2/30 Domin Farm CV. 11 rpts of 1-2 all mo.

American Kestrel: 1/6 Lomala KK; 1/7 Poets' Walk LHVBA; 1/7 Burger Hill LHVBA. 4 rpts of 1.

Killdeer: 3/1 Thompson Pond FT; 10/2 Hillside Lk BB; 4/19 Hillside Lk. BJM; 11/26 Vassar Farm CV. 4 rpts of 3-11.

Greater Yellowlegs: 1/30 Domin Farm CV. 1 rpt.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 1(maybe greater?)/1 Thompson Pond FT. 1 rpt.

Solitary Sandpiper: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT. 1 rpt.

Least Sandpiper: 20/2 Hillside Lk BB. 1 rpt.

Ring-billed Gull: 10/21 Vanderbilt FT. 1 rpt.

Herring Gull: 2/28 Stony Kill FT. 1 rpt.

Rock Pigeon: 3/28 Stony Kill FT. 1 rpt.

Mourning Dove: 25/28 Stony Kill FT. 16 rpts of 1-25 all mo.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/26 heard in front yard JA/KJ. 1 rpt.

Great Horned Owl: 2/13 (5am) yard (Verbank) BB; 2/20 (6:30am) yard (Verbank) BB. 2 rpts.

Barred Owl: 1/7 (8pm) home BB; 2/16 Alvin Ct. CV. 2 rpts.

Chimney Swift: 6/21 Vanderbilt FT; 1/22 Listening Rock Farm BH. 2 rpts.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1m/2 feeders BAM; 1-2/1-26 yd Poughquag CP/HT. 9 rpts of 1 thru the 26th.

Belted Kingfisher: 1/3 Depot Hill CP; 1/26 Vassar Farm CV. 5 rpts of 1.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT; 4/21 Vanderbilt FT; 1/1-2 suet feeder BAM. 15 rpts of 1-4.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/3 Depot Hill near towers CP; 1/28 Stony Kill FT. 4 rpts of 1-3.

Downy Woodpecker: 10/1 Thompson Pond FT; 6/7 Sharparoon FT; 2-3 all mo suet feeder BAM. 20 rpts of 3 avg.

Hairy Woodpecker: 2/4 NuclearL CP/HT; 1/30 Rombout Rd CV. 7 rpts of 1-2.

Northern Flicker: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT; 4/28 Stony Kill FT. 16 rpts of 1-4.

Pileated Woodpecker: 1/1 back woods yd. BJM; 2/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF; 1/30 Rombout Rd CV. 12 rpts of 1-2.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: 7/1 Thompson Pond FT; 5/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF. 11 rpts of 1-9 till the 19th.

Least Flycatcher: 1/4 Depot Hill CP/HT; 1/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF. 2 rpts.

Eastern Phoebe: 1/01 IES BH; 9/21 Vanderbilt FT; 2/all yard (Verbank) BB. 17 rpts of 1-9 all mo.

Great Crested Flycatcher: 2/1 Thompson Pond FT; 1/7 Sharparoon FT. 2 rpts.

Eastern Kingbird: 1/4 Lomala KK. 1 rpt.

White-eyed Vireo: 1/6 2/10 Lomala KK. 1 rpt.

Yellow-throated Vireo: 8/1 Thompson Pond FT; 6/7 Sharparoon FT. 4 rpts of 1-8.

Blue-headed Vireo: 2/21 Vanderbilt FT. 1 rpt.

Warbling Vireo: 2/1 Thompson Pond FT; 2/14 Buttercup East FT. 4 rpts of 2.

Philadelphia Vireo: 2/3 Depot Hill CP. 1 rpt.

Red-eyed Vireo: 2/1 Thompson Pond FT; 6/3 Depot Hill CP/HT; 1/24 Rombout Rd CV. 12 rpts of 1-6.

Blue Jay: 4/1 Thompson Pond FT; 18/21 Vanderbilt FT; 5/all yard (Verbank) BB. 20 rpts of 6 avg.

American Crow: 4/1 Thompson Pond FT; 24/22 Listening Rock Farm BH; 3 all mo yd. BAM. 14 rpts of 5 avg.

Common Raven: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT; 1/14 IES BH; 2/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF; 2/28 IES BH. 4 rpts.

Tree Swallow: 5/1 Thompson Pond FT. 8 rpts of 1-20.

Barn Swallow: 3/14 Buttercup East FT. 1 rpt.

Black-capped Chickadee: 17/1 Thompson Pond FT; 30/21 Vanderbilt FT; 2 all mo feeders BAM. 19 rpts of 1-30.

Tufted Titmouse: 18/1 Thompson Pond FT; 12/21 Vanderbilt FT; 2 all mo feeders BAM. 14 rpts of 1-18.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/01 IES BH; 5/21 Vanderbilt FT; 1/1-2 pines across street BJM. 13 rpts of 1 (usually) to 5.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 9/1 Thompson Pond FT; 14/21 Vanderbilt FT; 2 all mo feeders BAM. 17 rpts of 1-14.

Brown Creeper: 1/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF; 1/21 Vanderbilt FT; 2/21 IES BH. 3 rpts.

Carolina Wren: 1/2 yd Stormville EBR; 3/21 Vanderbilt FT; 2-4 all mo yd & neighborhood BAM. 12 rpts of abt 1-2.

House Wren: 2/3 Depot Hill CP; 2/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF. 4 rpts of 1-2.

Winter Wren: 1/22 yd Poughquag CP. 1 rpt.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/5 Pawling Nature Reserve KK; 1/21 Vanderbilt FT; 1/24 Hi View Rd. on walk BJM. 3 rpts.



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Ruby-Crowned Kinglet: 1/25-26 trees yd. BJM. 1 rpt.; 3/30 Rombout Rd CV. 1 rpt.; 1/30 trees yd. BJM. 1 rpt.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1/21 Vanderbilt FT. 1 rpt.
Eastern Bluebird: 3/01 IES BH; 8/14 Buttercup East FT; 8/30 Domin Farm CV. 18 rpts of abt 5 avg.
Veery: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT; 1/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF. 4 rpts of 1-4.
Wood Thrush: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT; 3/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF. 6 rpts of 1-3.
American Robin: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT; 40/3 Depot Hill / Bittersweet Ln CP; 1-4 all mo yd & Hi View Rd. on walks BJM. 11 rpts of 1-40.
Gray Catbird: 7/1 Thompson Pond FT; 18/24 Rombout Rd CV; 1/all yard EP. 21 rpts of 1-18.
Northern Mockingbird: 5/24 Rombout Rd CV; 1/all yard (Verbank) BB. 4 rpts of 1-5.
European Starling: 120/14 Buttercup East FT; 75/28 Stony Kill FT. 2.
Cedar Waxwing: 8/1 Thompson Pond FT; 16/22 Listening Rock Farm BH; 1/27 Thompson Pond CV. 15 rpts of 1-50.
Nashville Warbler: 1/3 Depot Hill CP. 1 rpt.
Northern Parula: 3/7 Sharparoon FT. 1 rpt.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1/5 Pawling Nature Reserve KK. 1 rpt.
Magnolia Warbler: 1/3 Depot Hill CP; 2/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF. 5 rpts of 1-2.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT; 1/5 Pawling Nature Reserve KK; 1/20 ad male yd Poughquag CP. 3.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF; 3/30 Rombout Rd CV. 6 rpts of 1-3.
Black-throated Green Warbler: 3/3 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 12/7 Sharparoon FT; 3/25 trees yd. BJM. 11 rpts of 3 avg.
Pine Warbler: 12/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF; 10/21 Vanderbilt FT. 2 rpts.
Prairie Warbler: 2/6 Lomala KK; 1/14 IES BH. 2 rpts.
Palm Warbler: 4/28 Stony Kill FT; 2/26 Vassar Farm CV; 4/28 Stonykill FT. 3 rpts of .
Blackpoll Warbler: 2/24 Rombout Rd CV. 1 rpt.
Black-and-white Warbler: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT; 1/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF. 2 rpts.
American Redstart: 1/3 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 6/7 Sharparoon FT; 1/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF; 1/14 IES BH. 8 rpts of 1-6.
Worm-eating Warbler: 2/1 Thompson Pond FT. 1 rpt.
Ovenbird: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT; 1/5 Pawling Nature Reserve KK; 1/7 Sharparoon FT. 3 rpts.
Common Yellowthroat: 6/1 Thompson Pond FT; 4/7 Sharparoon FT; 1/26 Vassar Farm CV. 8 rpts of abt 2.
Wilson's Warbler: 1/3 yd Poughquag CP/HT. 1 rpt.
Canada Warbler: 1/5 Pawling Nature Reserve KK; 1/7 Sharparoon FT. 2 rpts.
Scarlet Tanager: 3/3 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 3/7 Sharparoon FT; 1/24 Rombout Rd CV. 12 rpts of abt 2.
Eastern Towhee: 3/3 Depot Hill CP/HT; 3/24 Rombout Rd CV. 9 rpts of 1-3.
Chipping Sparrow: 1/4 Depot Hill CP/HT; 50/21 Vanderbilt FT; 15/all yard (Verbank) BB. 17 rpts of 1-50.
Field Sparrow: 1/6 Lomala KK; 1/7 Burger Hill LHVBA; 2/all yard (Verbank) BB. 3 rpts.
Savannah Sparrow: 3/28 Stony Kill FT. 1 rpt.

Song Sparrow: 2/1 Thompson Pond FT; 6/30 Rombout Rd CV; 2/all yard (Verbank) BB. 6 rpts of 1-6.
Lincoln's Sparrow: 1/28 Stony Kill FT. 1 rpt.
Swamp Sparrow: 4/27 Thompson Pond CV. 1 rpt.
White-throated Sparrow: 2/24 Rombout Rd CV; 2/22 Hi View Rd. on walk BJM; 3/28 IES BH. 3 rpts.
Northern Cardinal: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT; 3/21 Vanderbilt FT; 24 1ad+1yg Hi View Rd. on walk BJM. 16 rpts of usually 2.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1/1 Thompson Pond FT; 2/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF; 1imm/5-17 yard (Verbank) BB. 14 rpts of 1-2.
Indigo Bunting: 1/30 Rombout Rd CV. 1 rpt.
Bobolink: 1/28 Stony Kill FT. 1 rpt.
Red-winged Blackbird: 1/4 NuclearL CP/HT; 50/27 Thompson Pond CV; 30 (sev w/ short tails)/13 Wilderstein cove BB. 3 rpts.
Eastern Meadowlark: 8/7 Burger Hill LHVBA. 1 rpt.
Common Grackle: 1/3 Depot Hill CP; 40/22 Listening Rock Farm BH. 4 rpts of 1-40.
Brown-headed Cowbird: 26/1 Thompson Pond FT; 50/28 Stony Kill FT. 5 rpts of 1-50.
Baltimore Oriole: 1/1 Hi View Rd. on walk BJM; 2/3 yd Poughquag CP/HT. 2 rpts.
Purple Finch: 1/9 thistle feeder BB; 1/19 Sharparoon BB/DF/KCF. 2 rpts.
House Finch: 2-4/1 feeders BAM; 10/28 Stony Kill FT. 11 rpts of 1-10.
American Goldfinch: 34/1 Thompson Pond FT; 38/21 Vanderbilt FT; 12/30 feeders yd. BAM. 26 rpts of 1-38.
House Sparrow: 35/28 Stony Kill FT. 1 rpt.

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Field Trips (FT): **7th** - Sharparoon; **10th** - Vassar Farm; **14th** - Buttercup East; **21st** - Vanderbilt Mansion; **28th** - Stony Kill

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October 2005 Records

The extended drought ended suddenly on October 7th, with heavy rains dropping about 16 inches on our area over the ensuing week. By the end of the month we had had over 20 inches of rain. As in 2004, spotty frost showed up by the last week of the month but Halloween was a glorious day in the 60s. Less common birds this month included Snow Goose, Brant, Bufflehead, and Bonaparte's Gull. Notable straggling migrants were Chestnut-sided Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Indigo Bunting.

Snow Goose: 4/14 GretnaRd CV

Brant: lg flock/9 Hudson near Chelsea Dot Fleury said duck hunters saw them BB, 3/28 WaryasPk CV

Canada Goose: Many reports incl. 500/2 Abel's BB, 150/17 PIVAl EBR, 50/125 daily Southlands MP

Mute Swan: 5/7 Wappinger BJM, 11/17 SylvanL CP/HT

Wood Duck: 5/3, 12/6, 2/9, 2/27 various places CV, 1/5, 8/7 Wappinger BAM, 1/14 swimming WappCrk overflow in yd EP, 1/26 Mills FT

American Wigeon: 5/27 Mud Pond PinePlns CV

American Black Duck: 2/6 ThompsonPd, 1/9 PondGut, 2/14 EspieRd, 5/23 ReaganRd & HVRT CV

Mallard: 58/7 WappL & JekoceL BJM, 2/10 Southlands MP, 50/29 SylvanL CP/HT

Northern Pintail: 1/6 ThompsonPd, 5/27 StreverFarmRd CV

Green-winged Teal: 4/9 Norrie, 3/23 McEnroe, 22/27 StreverFarmRd CV

Ring-necked Duck: 25/2, 25/9 Abel's BB, 4/6 Thompson Pd, 23/27 MudPd CV

Bufflehead: 3/29 SylvanL CP/HT

Ruddy Duck: 330/29 SylvanL CP/HT

Ruffed Grouse: 1/27 LakeRd PinePlns CV

Wild Turkey: 7 reports of 8-18 each

Pied-billed Grebe: 2/27 MudPd PinePlns CV

Double-crested Cormorant: 1/5 WappCrk, 2/7 WappL BAM, 10/9, 5/10, 1/28 HudsonR CV

Great Blue Heron: 1/14 in WappCrk overflow in yd EP, 7 other reports of 1-11 each

Great Egret: 3/7 WappL BJM, 3/10 WappCrk AJM

Green Heron: 2/5 WappCrk AJM

Black Vulture: 18/3 MillbrookSchl CV, 4/3 Depot Hill from Dave Russell MHB, 2/9 LaGrange CP/HT, 1/10 Stormville EBR, 2/19 Tymor FT, 2/31 Millbrook BB, 3/31 Beacon BJM

Turkey Vulture: Many reports incl. 15/3, 30/22 CV, 4/9 LaGrng, 12/16 Greenhaven CP/HT

Osprey: 1/3 Haight Hill Rd, 1/11 AlvinCt CV, 1/5 VassarFm FT, 1/6 Hopewell yd (overhead) KK

Bald Eagle: 1/23 Poughquag BC, 1/26 Mills FT

Northern Harrier: 1/3, 15, 23, 31 various CV

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 3/5 VassarFm FT, 1/18 Lomala KK, 1/24, 27, 31 various CV, 2/26 Mills FT

Cooper's Hawk: 2/3, 1/15, 23, 30 various CV, 3/5 VassarFm FT, 1/6, 13 over HiViewRd BJM, 1/7, 10 Southlands MP, 2/19 Tymor FT, 1/24 Tymor BB, 1/26 VassarFm KK

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/1-15, Hopewell KK, 1/2, 6, 7, 2/4 HiViewRd BJM

Red-tailed Hawk: 8 reports of 1-4 each

American Kestrel: 1/10 GreenHavenRd EBR, 1/14 BruzgulRd BB, 2/14 GretnaRd, 1/24 RomboutRd CV

Merlin: 1/3 Stonykill from Dave Russell MHB

American Coot: 30/29 SylvanL CP/HT

Killdeer: 10/5 VassarFm FT, 5/14, 22 CV, daily Southlds MP

Least Sandpiper: 2/3 HVRT w/Pectoral CV, 12/10 Southlands MP

Pectoral Sandpiper: 1/3 HVRT w/Least CV

American Woodcock: 1/2 Abel's BB, 1/28, 31 TaconicPkwy NDutchess from Jim Clinton BJM

Wilson's Snipe: 1/5 VassarFm FT, 6/6 ThompsonPd CV

Bonaparte's Gull: 1/9 Norrie CV

Ring-billed Gull: 15/7 WappL BJM

Great Black-backed Gull: 2/9 Norrie, 2/28 WaryasPk CV

Rock Pigeon: 4 reports of 4-12 each

Mourning Dove: On all reports. Highest 10-15 yd PIVAl EP, 10-15/all yd Poughquag CP/HT

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/3 near yd Poughquag HT

Great Horned Owl: 1/daily PIVAl JD

Barred Owl: 1/3 AlvinCt Pok CV

Chimney Swift: 1/1, 6/9, 2/14, 3/15 various CV, 4/5 Vassar Fm FT

Belted Kingfisher: 1/2 Abel's BB, 1/3 HVRT, 1/10 DenningsPt CV, 2/19 Tymor FT, 1/29 Southlands MP

Red-bellied Woodpecker: Usual numbers all over

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/1 yd Pok CV, 1/15, 29 yd Poughquag CP, 1/26 Mills FT

Downy Woodpecker: On all reports, highest 8/6 ThompsonPd, 7/24 RomboutRd CV

Hairy Woodpecker: 1-2 on most reports.

Northern Flicker: Many reports incl. 6/9 Norrie CV, 10/5 VassarFm FT, 12/26 Mills FT

Pileated Woodpecker: 18 reports of 1-2 each

Eastern Wood-Pewee: 2/26 Mills FT

Eastern Phoebe: Seen most of month, last reported 27th

Blue-headed Vireo: 1/5 Wapp Grnway Trl AJM, 1/9 Norrie, 1/11 yd Pok CV

Red-eyed Vireo: 1/5 VassarFm FT

Blue Jay: Usual numbers and migrants moving

American Crow: Largest groups reported were 14/19 Tymor FT, 19/26 Mills FT

Fish Crow: 1/23 Fishkill CV

Common Raven: 1/6, 2/27 ThompsonPd, 1/23 Reagan Rd CV, 1/30 yd Poughquag CP/HT, JD now hears calling over house, not far from where nest was found in July

Tree Swallow: 6/6 HVRT, 10/6 Haight Hill CV

B-c Chickadee, Titmouse, W-b Nuthatch: usual numbers

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/3 Stonykill from Dave Russell MHB, 1/4-15 yd BJM, 1/4, 29 yd Poughquag CP/HT, 2/10 Lomala KK, 1/16, 18, 19 yd Stormville EBR, 1/25 Hillside Rd Poughquag BC. more this fall than usual?

Brown Creeper: 1/17 yd Poughquag CP, 1/19 Tymor FT, 3/26 Mills FT, 1/27 Strever FmRd CV

Carolina Wren: 1/1 yd BB, 5/5 Wapp Grnway Trl AJM, 5/5 VassarFm FT, 1/7, 28 yd Stormville EBR, 3/10 Dennings, 11 other rpts CV, 3/26 Mills FT, 1/27 Rhinebeck MP, 2-4/all yd BAM, 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT

House Wren: 1/3 yd BJM

Winter Wren: 1/1 yd BJM, 2/6 ThompsonPd, 1/24 RomboutRd CV, 1/26 Mills FT, 1/26 Eder Rd Stormville EBR, 1/29 Rhinebeck MP

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 8 reports. First reported 1/4 HiViewRd BJM, high count 10/17 Clinton BB



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Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 13 reports, earliest 1/2-7 yd BJM, highest 11/19 Tymor FT, latest 2/26 Mills FT

Eastern Bluebird: 15 reports, highest 10/15, 8/24 DominFm CV

Swainson's Thrush: 1/6 Lomala KK, 1/10 Beacon CV

Hermit Thrush: 1/17 Lomala KK, 1/19 Tymor FT

American Robin: Seen all month, highest 180/5 Vassar Farm FT, 100/27 yd Poughquag CP

Gray Catbird: Last report 1/27 ThompsonPd CV, highest counts 18/3 HVRT CV, 30/5 VassarFm FT

Northern Mockingbird: 8/5 VassarFm FT, 17 other reports of 1-4 each

European Starling: 50-60/2 yd Stormville EBR, 50/5

VassarFm FT, 70/19 Tymor FT

American Pipit: 50/14 GretnaRd CV

Cedar Waxwing: 45/3 HVRT, 100/14 ArborioRd CV, 104/5 VassarFm FT, 13 other reports of 3-10 each

Nashville Warbler: 1/19 Tymor FT

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1/10 imm Long Dock Beacon CV

Magnolia Warbler: 1/3 Stonykill from Dave Russell MHB

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1/9 Norrie CV

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 7 rpts of 4-14 ea usually on poison ivy CV, 5/5 VassarFm FT, 4/15 Southlands MP, 1/15 yd, 4/24 Tymor BB, 201/19 Tymor FT, 1-10/ all Hopewell KK

Black-throated Green Warbler: 1/5 Wapp Grnway Trl AJM, 1/5 VassarFm FT, 1/9 Norrie CV, 2/28 Locust Grove KCF

Palm Warbler: 1-2/15-18 Lomala, 1/27 VassarFm KK, 8/5 VassarFm FT, 12/19 Tymor FT, 1/23 ReaganRd CV

Bay-breasted Warbler: 1/23 imm HVRT CV

Blackpoll Warbler: 1/1 yd Poughquag CP/HT

Common Yellowthroat: 1/10 Beacon CV, 1/19 Tymor FT

Eastern Towhee: 2/1-15 yd BB, 1-2/all, Lomala KK, 1/5

VassarFm FT, 2/9 PondGut, 5/14 ArborioRd, 3/15, 1/24 RomboutRd CV, 1/13,14 yd BAM

American Tree Sparrow: 1/19 Tymor FT

Chipping Sparrow: Sightings all month with several reports of 1-3 each at end of month.

Field Sparrow: 1/5 VassarFm FT, 1/10,15 yd BB, 1/15

RomboutRd, 1/25 GreigsFm CV, 1/18 Lomala KK, 4/19 Tymor FT

Savannah Sparrow: 2/5 VassarFm FT, 3/19 Tymor FT, 3/24 Tymor BB

Song Sparrow: Good numbers including 32/3 HVRT CV, 36/5 VassarFm FT

Lincoln's Sparrow: 2/19 Tymor FT

Swamp Sparrow: 2/5 VassarFm FT, 7/6 ThompsonPd, 3/23 HVRT CV, 3/18-20 Lomala KK, 1/24 Tymor BB

White-throated Sparrow: Handfuls at beginning of month gave way to double-digit flocks by mid-month

White-crowned Sparrow: 1/5 VassarFm FT, 3/15,1/24

DominFm, 7/23 ReaganRd, 1/28 VassarFm CV, 5/19 Tymor FT, 1/20 Lomala KK

Dark-eyed Junco: On all reports, earliest 4/6 ThompsonPd CV, highest 30/23-31 yd BB, 30/6-31 yd Poughquag CP/HT, 25/22 EFishkill EBR, 35/24 RomboutRd CV, 75/19 Tymor FT

Northern Cardinal: Up to 7 on field trips, all others reported several in yards and elsewhere

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 imm/10 yd Stormville EBR, 1/13,2/14 yd AlvinCt with Purple Finch both days CV

Indigo Bunting: 2/10 Long Dock Beacon CV

Bobolink: 1/3 HaightRd Lightning Tree Farm CV

Red-winged Blackbird: Highest 95/3 HVRT/Haight Hill, 250/23 HVRT CV

Eastern Meadowlark: 2/24 ShaughnessyRd BB

Common Grackle: 70/14 yd BJM

Brown-headed Cowbird: High counts: 56/5 VassarFm FT, 75/23 CV, 1/6 yd BJM

Purple Finch: 1/4, 29-30 yd Poughquag CP/HT, 2/5 VassarFm FT, 1/13,14,16,24 yd Stormville EBR, 5/19 Tymor FT, 6/25 yd Hopewell KK, daily at feeders/8-31 with 9/13, 8/14, also 10/3 HVRT, "more than usual in Oct." CV

House Finch: 40/5 VassarFm FT, 6 others < 10 each

Pine Siskin: 3/29 yd Pok KCF

American Goldfinch: Good numbers, highest 40/5 VassarFm FT, 12-24/daily and 28/4, 55/17 yd Pok CV, 20-30/all & 52/2,80/4 yd Poughquag CP/HT

House Sparrow: 1/18 yd Stormville EBR

Other Sightings

Coyote: 1/15 Greenhaven prison fields CP/HT

Observers:

Judy Atwood/Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**); Mid-Hudson Birds (**MHB**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Binnie Chase (**BC**); Jeff Daley (**JD**); Ken & Carol Fredericks (**KCF**); Kateri Kosek (**KK**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Eleanor Pink (**EP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith & Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Herb Thompson(**HT**); Field Trip (**FT**; see list below); Chet Vincent(**CV**)

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Field Trips (FT): **5th** - Vassar Farm; **19th** - Tymor; **26th** - Staatsburgh (Mills Mansion)

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November 2005 Records

November's weather gave us an unusual Indian summer with 14 days of temperatures above average until just before Thanksgiving. On the 5th the temperature was 75 degrees, tying the record high from 1948. On the 16th the temperature was a record 72 degrees, with many days above the mid 60s. Thanksgiving week colder temperatures came with our first hard frost. On Thanksgiving Day a Canadian cold front came through with our first snowstorm of 1 inch for the season, which melted the by the next day. Then, the weekend temperatures were back up into the mid 60s.

Carena & Herb found 2 Red-throated Loons at Sylvan Lake on Sunday the 13th which were seen by several members through the 14th and Chet found 12 Long-tailed Ducks along the Hudson River at Marist College. Both species we do not see very often in the county.

Snow Goose: 2/28 with Canada's, Leavitt Rd. Northv. Farms, CV

Canada Goose: Everywhere with most 750/16 Millbk Sch, FT
Brant: 1/21 pd. Strever Farm Rd. CV.

Mute Swan: 8/2 & 7/21 (2ad/6cygnets & lost 1cyg. by 21st) Stissing Lk. CV; 3/7 (pr+1cyg.) Lk. Walton, 1/7, 2/12 Hillside Lk., 5/9-23 (3ad/2 cyg.) Lk. Onaid, 13/11 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 3/15 Sylvan Lk. BAM,MK,KS; 2 daily, Pells Rd. pd, Rhinebeck, MP; 1/13, 2/27 SylvanL CP/HT

American Wigeon: 1/1, 1pr/11 Abel'sPond BB.

American Black Duck: 2/12 @ Lk., Pawling NP,FT; 1/19 Norrie Pt., FT; 4/2 Dottie Pd., Rt. 82, 4/4 Dennings Pt, 6/20 Traver Pd., 3/28 Downy Rd., CV; 3/11 Wapp. Lk. BJM.

Mallard: Normal.

Northern Pintail: 6/2 Dottie Pd., Rt. 82, 11/21 pd. Strever Farm Rd., CV.

Green-winged Teal: 22/2 & 6/21 pd. Strever Farm Rd., 1/28 Millbrook School, CV.

Canvasback: 6/15 Sylvan Lk. TM.

Ring-necked Duck: 26/2 & 100+/21 Mud Pd. Pine Plains, CV; 30/7 Lk. Walton, 1m/16, pr/23 Lk. Onaid, BJM; 1m/15 Sylvan Lk. BAM,MK,KS; 200/1, 125/11 Abel'sPond, 100/13 Sylvan Lk BB; 500/27 SylvanL CP/HT.

Scaup Species: 3/14 Sylvan Lk KMD.

Long-tailed Duck: 12/23 Hudson River @ Marist Col. CV.

Bufflehead: 2/4 Dennings Pt., 9/14 Norrie Pt. CV; 7/11 & 1m/16 Lk. Onaid, 1m/11 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 1m4f/11 Abel'sPond BB; 2/14 Sylvan Lk. KCF.

Common Goldeneye: 2f/11 Abel'sPond BB.

Hooded Merganser: 6/11 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 12/23 Hudson River @ Marist Col, 6/28 Rudd Pd., CV.

Common Merganser: 1/14 Norrie Pt., 3/23 Hudson River @ Marist Col., CV; 14f/11 Wapp. Lk., 16/23 Lake Onaid, BJM; 4/15 Sylvan Lk. BAM,MK,KS; 1f/25 pd Westage BB.

Ruddy Duck: Good numbers Lk Onaid & Abels with most 100+/14 Sylvan Lk KMD;100+/15 Sylvan Lk. BAM,MK,KS & many/16 Sylvan Bonnie & Bud Fair.

Wild Turkey: 20/12 Pawling NP,FT; 20/16 Millbk Sch, FT; 12 ad/most days yd. EP; 8/1 & 48/28 Domin Farm, Rombout Rd. & 14/28 Rally Farm, CV; 24/14 @ Top 'O Hill & Rt. 376 & 13/17 yd. BAM; 5/9 Sheafe Rd - Binnie Chase on way to Bowdoin trip BB.

Red-throated Loon: 2/13 Sylvan Lk. CPH; 1/13 Sylvan Lake BB; 2/14 Sylvan Lk KMD,SG,KCF, Peggy Faciani & Thalia Sudnik.

Common Loon: 1/8 river New Hamburg, HRA; 1/19 Norrie Pt., FT; 1/30 Roosevelt Estate, FT.

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/2, 2/5 & 1/21 Mud Pd., CV; 4/11 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 1/11 Abel'sPond BB; 1/14 Sylvan Lk KMD; 1/15 Sylvan Lk. BAM,MK,KS.

Double-crested Cormorant: 2/14 Norrie Pt., CV; 1/16 Lk. Onaid BJM ; 1/19 Norrie Pt., FT.

Great Blue Heron: 9 reported of 1 seen by JA/KJ, EP, MP, CV & FT's with most 2/9 Bowdoin PK, FT.

Black Vulture: 1/2 IES, FT; 5/16 Millbk Sch, FT; 1/5 Stissing Mt., CV;

Turkey Vulture: Good numbers of 1-4 throughout county by most observers.

Osprey: 1/5 with fish in talons, Mud Pd. CV; 1/14 Sylvan Lk SG.

Bald Eagle: 1/13 HVRT, 2/21 - 1ad @ Mashomak & 1imm @ Stissing, CV; 1/14 over Sylvan Lk KMD; 1/15 Sylvan Lk. TM; 1ad/27 Norrie Pt. CG.

Northern Harrier: 1/2 Mashomak, 1/13 HVRT, CV; 2/24 Greig's Farm, Red Hook, NG.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/2 IES, FT; 2/9 Bowdoin PK, FT; 1/19 Norrie Pt., FT; 1/16 Millbk Sch, FT; 1/3 & 29 yd., 1/5 Stissing Mt., 2/13 HVRT, 1/28 Sharon Station Rd., CV; 1/3 Scenic Hudson Prop. Wapp. AJM; 1/24 yd BB.

Cooper's Hawk: 1/1 Vassar Farms, CV; 1/10 & 27th yd. BAM & 1/16 over Hi View Rd. BJM; 1/23, sitting in lawn Dutchess Co. Fairgrounds, eating bird, MP; 1/25 imm. yd. for 2 wks. Crugers, HRA.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/3 over Valley Rd. Wapp. BJM.

Red-tailed Hawk: Well reported with 1-4 all over county.

Golden Eagle: 1/5 Thompson Pd., Alan Peterson.

Peregrine Falcon: 1/6 zip past Red-tail over yd. Wapp. Tom Lake HRA; 2/14 Mid Hudson Bridge on side tower, CV.

American Coot: 2/7 Nat. Conservancy Pd., 15/21 Mashomak, CV; sev. /14 Sylvan Lk KMcD; many/16 Sylvan Lk., Bonnie & Bud Fair; 1/7 Lk. Walton BJM; 75+/15 Sylvan Lk. BAM,MK,KS; 14+/15 Sylvan Lk. TM; 1/11 Abel'sPond, 8/13 Sylvan Lake BB.

Sandhill Crane: 1/20 flew over east shore of river near Brockway, Beacon, HRA.

Killdeer: 8/2 Strever Farm Rd., CV; daily 4-8, Southlands Farm until mid-month, MP.

Greater Yellowlegs: 2/2 Strever Farm Rd., CV.

American Woodcock: 1/1,2 & 4th along Taconic, Jim Clinton.

Ring-billed Gull: 4/9 Bowdoin PK, FT; 25+/19 Norrie Pt., FT; 2/30 Roosevelt Estate, FT; 19/23 Lake Onaid BJM; 50/25 Westage & Sam's Club lots, 125/28 fields Waterbury Hill Rd - all adults BB.

Herring Gull: 3/23 Hudson River @ Marist Col., CV; 25/25 Westage & Sam's Club lots BB.

Great Black-backed Gull: 3/14 - 2 @ Norrie Pt. & 1 @ Thompson Pd., CV; 2/25 Westage lot BB.



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Great Horned Owl: 1/6 Vassar Col. Campus, CV; 1/23 Vassar Campus, FT; see/hear all yd. JD; 1/19-30 h occ. Stanfdville, KF; 1/10 @ 10:30pm, 1/17 @ 5:30am, 1/18 @ 4:45am, 3/20 early am - all calling in or near yd BB; H/21, 6:30 am & 8 pm, former Girl Scout Camp, Spackenkill Road, Pok. + h/two calling 3 am on 23rd. DAT; 1/28 h x6 Valkill, CG.

Barred Owl: 1/19 h occ. thru mo. Stanfdville KF.

Belted Kingfisher: 1/4 Madam Brett, 1/14 Norrie Pt., 1/28 Millbk Sch., CV; 1/9 Bowdoin PK, FT; 1/19 Norrie Pt., FT; 2/16 Millbk Sch, FT; 1/23 Vassar Campus, FT; 1/7 Lk. Walton BJM; 1/1 Abel'sPond BB.

Red-bellied & Downy Woodpeckers: Normal.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/4 Madam Brett, CV; 2/9 Bowdoin PK, FT; 2/23 Vassar Campus, FT; 1/14 Sylvan Lk. KCF.

Hairy Woodpecker: 5 reports of 1-2 by JA/KJ, EP, MP, CV & FT's.

Northern Flicker: 29 reported of 1-5 by BAM, CV & most FT's.

Pileated Woodpecker: Well reported with 18 reports of 1-2 by JA/KJ, BB, JD, MP, DAT, CV

Eastern Phoebe: 1/4 Dennings Pt., CV.

Blue-headed Vireo: 1/9 Bowdoin PK, FT.

Blue Jay: Normal.

American Crow: Normal numbers with most 8-10,000/28 roost near Vassar Hosp./Rinaldi Blvd. CV.

Common Raven: 1/5 & 2/24 Stissing Mt. (watched birds go to roost on rocks/14), CV; see or hear all mo. overhead JD.

Horned Lark: seen/26th on Sheffield Hill Rd, near Round Pd. Dot Fleury.

Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmice & White-breasted Nuthatch: Normal & at most feeders.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 4/2 IES, FT; 1/23 Vassar Campus, FT; 2/30 Roosevelt Estate, FT; 1/1-4 pines yd. & 1/6 daily feeder BAM.

Brown Creeper: 1/9 Bowdoin PK, FT; 1/23 Vassar Campus, FT; 1/13 yd., MP.

Carolina Wren: 1-4 most places + 1/1 flew into house thru open door & I pick it up & released it, Tom Lake HRA.

House Wren: 1/1 Vassar Farms, CV.

Winter Wren: 1/4 Dennings Pt., 2/5 Buttercup West, CV; 1/19 Norrie Pt., FT.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 24 reported with 1-2 by AJM, BJM, EBR, CV & most FT's with most 12/2 IES, FT.

Ruby-Crowned Kinglet: 1/2 IES, FT; 1/9 Bowdoin PK, FT; 3/1 Vassar Farms, 3/4 Madam Bretts, CV.

Eastern Bluebird: Good numbers with most 24/9 Bowdoin Pk., FT.

Thrush species: 2/2 IES, FT.

Hermit Thrush: 1/19 Norrie Pt., FT; 2/4 Dennings Pt., 1/21 Buttercup West, CV.

American Robin: Good numbers with most 415/9 Bowdoin Pk, FT & 132/23 Vassar Campus, FT.

Gray Catbird: 1/1 & 2/20 Vassar Farms, 1/13 HVRT, CV; 1/9 Bowdoin PK, FT.

Northern Mockingbird: 5 reports of 1-3 by NG, MP, BJM, CV & most FT's.

Cedar Waxwing: Well reported with most 45/1 Vassar Farms, 50/21 Buttercup West, CV; 20/6 Bowdoin Pk., Evelyn & David Stevenson; & 70/9 Bowdoin PK, FT.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1/1 Vassar Farms, 6/4 Dennings Pt., 2/7 Rombout Rd., CV; 1/9 Bowdoin PK, FT.

Eastern Towhee: 1m/14 Fishkill, ES.

American Tree Sparrow: 1-4 on most FT's & by CV with most 3/21 Buttercup West, CV; 1-2/26 daily yd., MP.

Field Sparrow: 2/1 Vassar Farms, CV; 1/9 Bowdoin PK, FT.

Fox Sparrow: 1/2 IES, FT; 1/11-27 yd. Pok., Jean Beck; 1/1 & 29 yd, 2/13 HVRT, 1/20 Vassar Farms CV; 1/17 feeder BB.

Song Sparrow: Several reports of 1-6 by MP, CV & FT's with most 10/9 Bowdoin PK, FT; 10/7 & 6/17 Rombout Rd. CV.

Swamp Sparrow: 1/1 Vassar Farms, 1/5 & 2/14 Thompson Pd., 1/7 Rombout Rd., CV; 1/16 Millbk Sch, FT.

White-throated Sparrow: Good numbers with most 28/16 Millbk Sch, FT & 22/1 & 24/20 Vassar Farms, CV.

White-crowned Sparrow: 3/28 (2ad/1imm) Downey Rd., CV.

Dark-eyed Junco: Good numbers of 10-30 reported with most 86/9 Bowdoin PK, FT.

Northern Cardinal: Good numbers of 2-6 most reports & most 12/19 Norrie Pt., FT & 10+ yd. all mo. EP.

Red-winged Blackbird: 45/4 Stony Kill, 100+/14 Thompson Pd., 25/13 HVRT, 25/24 yd with Grackles, CV; 102/16 Millbk Sch, FT; 300/9 over Myers Corners Rd. BJM; 500/19 flocking over yd, 1f/24 feeder BB.

Rusty Blackbird: 20+/5 Thompson Pd., SG; 2/6 Buttercup West, Maury & Miriam Lacher

Common Grackle: 1/1 Vassar Farms, 12/4 Stony Kill, 2/7 Rombout Rd., 2/13 HVRT, 100+/14 Thompson Pd., 25/24 yd. CV; 90+/1 Hi View Rd. on walk BJM; 40/14 over Rt. 376 by Dut. Co. Airport BAM; 1/22 yd., MP; 1/17 feeder BB

Brown-headed Cowbird: 30/4 Stony Kill, 20/7 Rombout Rd., 40/14 Thompson Pd., & 1/25 yd. CV; 4/17 feeder BB

Purple Finch: 3/1 + 1f all feeders 4/1 & 6/20 Vassar Farms, 5/21 Buttercup West, CV; 4/2 IES, FT; 1/23 Vassar Campus, FT; 1f/12 feeder BJM; 5-8 daily beginning, 11/22 yd., MP; 1m/6, 2/9-10 feeder BB.

House Finch: Good numbers of 1-8 at feeders of JA, KJ, BB, NG, EBR, BAM & FT's with most 56/9 Bowdoin PK, FT.

Pine Siskin: 2/9 feeder BB; 1/25 feeder yd., CV.

American Goldfinch: Good numbers of 1-8 most reports & most 50+/1 Vassar Farms, 32/22 feeder yd. CV; 20-30/all & 52/2, 80/4 yd Po'quag CP/HT

Evening Grosbeak: 13/19 home of Leonore & Doug Walters, Milan (north of Rt. 199), NG; 2m/10 (only a few minutes) feeder BB.

Observers:

Hudson River Almanac (HRA); Judy Atwood/Karen Jaquith (JA/KJ); Mid-Hudson Birds (MHB); Barbara Butler (BB); Jeff Daley (JD); Ken & Carol Fredericks (KCF); Natalie Gilbert (NG); Steve Golladay (SG); Carrie Grey (CG); Mary Key (MK); Ken McDermott (KMD); Tully McElrath (TM); Barbara & Allan Michelin (BAM/BJM/AJM); Mona Payton (MP); Eleanor Pink (EP); Carena Pooth (CP); Edith & Barry Rosen (EBR); Kay Sisson (KS); Herb Thompson (HT); Doreen A. Tignanelli (DAT); Field Trip (FT; see list below); Chet Vincent (CV)

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Field Trips (FT): 2nd - IES (Cary Arboretum); 9th - Bowdoin Park; 12th - Pawling Nature Reserve; 16th - Millbrook School; 19th - Norrie Point; 23rd - Vassar College Campus; 30th FDRoosevelt National Historic Site

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December 2005 Records

The weather was mildly cold to very cold, with most lakes and ponds frozen for the CBC. Precipitation was consistent for December, with some rain and some snow 6 to 8 inches in most areas.

Snow Goose: 4/1,3 Planken Horn Farm CV, 350/7 flyover yd CP, 500+/16 flying over Rt.52 Fishkill AJM, 500/17 flyover yd CG.

Canada Goose: Many reports including 1500/3 Indian Lk, 3000/5 Rudd Pd DF, 2500/2 Strever Farm Rd, 3000/6 Rudd Pond CV, 500/8 Indian Lk, 3500/8 Rudd Pond BB, 110/3 local Lakes FT.

Mute Swan: 10/2 Thompson Pond CV, 13/3 local Lakes FT, 3/5 Indian Lk DF&BB, 1/19-20 yd KCF (picked up by Animal Control and released on Morgan Lk, where it subsequently froze in the ice and had to be re-rescued).

Wood Duck: 1/6 Sharon Sta. Rd, 1/14 Salt Pt Tpk CV,

American Black Duck: 6/1 Arborios, 4/6,19 Mill Rd, 2/12 Abel's Pd BB, sev/12 Dennings Pt cove HRA, 8/19 Downy Rd CV.

Mallard: 69/3 local Lakes FT, 18/5 Indian Lk, 12/5 Rudd Pd DF, 3/8 Indian Lk BB, 53/14 Verbank FT, 7/21 Baird FT, some others on open water.

Northern Pintail: 3/23 Dotties Pond Rt 82 CV.

Green-winged Teal: 1m/1 Espie Farm CV.

Ring-necked Duck: 30/2 Mud Pd CV, 51/3 local Lakes FT, 50-60/5 Sylvan Lk CV.

Long-tailed Duck: 2/3 local Lakes FT.

Bufflehead: 1/3 Pells Rd Pd MP, sev/12 Wapp Cr tidewater HRA.

Common Goldeneye: 2/7 Madam Brett FT.

Hooded Merganser: 17/3 Wapprs Lk FT, 18/5 Rudd Pd DF, 15/6 Rudd Pd, 2/7 Madam Brett FT, 3/12 Quarry Pd CV, sev/12 Wapprs Cr tidewater HRA.

Common Merganser: 3/2 Mudd Pd, 15/3 Norrie Pt CV, 5/3 Sylvan Lk, 34/3 Wapprs Lk FT, sev/12 Wapprs Cr tidewater HRA, 9/14 Rochdale Rd CV, 25/28 Norrie Pt FT, 1f/all yd EP.

Ruddy Duck: 143+/3 local Lakes (incl. 110 at Sylvan Lk) FT, 42/5 Sylvan Lk CV, sev/12 Wapprs Cr tidewater HRA.

Ring-necked Pheasant: 1/14 Verbank FT.

Wild Turkey: 34/1, 8/8 Planken Horn Farm, 33/14 Dandenau Farm CV, 9/19 yd JB, 5/26 yd ES, 44/8, 3/16, 35/22 Domin Farm CV, 17(9m&8f)/all yd KCF, 6-25/occ PIVly JD.

Common Loon: 1/5 Sylvan Lk CV, 1/7 river near Danskammer HRA.

Great Blue Heron: 1/2 Strever Farm Rd, 1/3 Willowbrook Ln CV, 1/3 Sylvan Lk FT, 1/8 Indian Lk BB, /7 Dennings Pt FT, 1/12 Reagan Rd CV, 1/28 Norrie Pt FT, 1/ Salt Pt JD,

Black Vulture: 1/23 Stissing Mtn. CV.

Turkey Vulture: 1/3 over yd AJM.

Bald Eagle: 1/2,23 Stissing Mtn., 2/3 Norrie Pt., 2ad/8 Mashomack, 1imm/12 Dennings Pt HRA, 1/30 river Marist CV.

Northern Harrier: 1/2 Stringham Rd BAM, 1/6 Reagan Rd CV, 1imm/10 Sleight Plass Rd & Overlook Rd JA/KJ, 1/12 Pond Hills Rd, 1/14 Planken Horn Farm CV.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/1 Arborios, 1/12 Sharon Sta., 2/23 Stissing Mtn. CV, 1/2 yd AJM, 1/16 Vassar Rd AJM, 1/3,28 yd BB, 1/all yd EP.

Cooper's Hawk: 1/3 Sylvan Lk FT, 1/3,10,27 yd BAM, 1/6, 1/12 Reagan Rd, 1/13,14,31 yd CV,

1/11 yd JA/KJ, 1/28 Rt.9 Wapprs BJM, 1/all yd CP/HT

Red-tailed Hawk: 2/3 Lk Walton FT, 5/14 Verbank FT, 2/21 Baird FT, 3/28 Norrie Pt FT, 3/2, 3/8, 3/23 Stissing Mtn., 2/19 Reagan Rd, 3/22 Rombout Pd CV, and seen throughout the county

Golden Eagle: 1/23 Stissing Mtn. CV.

Peregrine Falcon: 1/6 Sunset Ridge Farm Reagan Rd CV,

American Coot: 1/1 Espie Farm CV, 45+/3 Sylvan Lk FT, 15/5 Sylvan Lk CV, 1/6 lower pond at Bowdoin Park HRA, 12/8 Indian Lk BB.

Wilson's Snipe: 1/17 Rte. 82 Verbank (Christmas count) DF/CP; 1/22 Hollow Rd KCF

Ring-billed Gull: 114/3 local Lakes FT, 50/5/Indian Lk DF, 30/7 Madam Brett FT, 30/7 river Beacon BAM, 5/21 Baird FT, 12/28 Norrie Pt FT.

Herring Gull: 2/3 Brass Anchor CV, 20/5 Indian Lk DF, 2/7 Madam Brett FT, 6/7 river Beacon BAM, 10/8 Indian Lk BB, 9/19 McEnroe composting CV, 1/all PIVly JD.

Iceland Gull: 1/5 Indian Lk DF, 1/6 Reagan Rd CV, 1/8 Reagan Rd KCF.

Great Black-backed Gull: 1/3 Norrie Pt CV, 1/7 river Beacon BAM, 1/12 Reagan Rd CV, 5/28 Norrie Pt FT, 3/30 river by Marist CV.

Rock Pigeon: some reported by CV.

Mourning Dove: lots of reports, including 1/21 Baird FT, 16/28 Norrie Pt FT, and most 34 yd JA/KJ.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/8 Sleight Plass Rd CV,

Great Horned Owl: 1/freq Stanf. KCF, 1 or 2 calling frequently morning and evening BB, 1/freq PIVly JD.

Barred Owl: 1/freq Stanf., 1/occ. yd KCF.

Belted Kingfisher: 1/3 Lk Walton, 1/3 Wapprs Lk FT, 1/7 Madam Brett FT, 1/19 Mill Rd, 1/23 Strever Farm Rd CV, 1/28 Norrie Pt FT, 2/freq Stanf. KCF, 1/all yd EP.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1/3 Lk Walton FT, 2/3 Norrie Pt CV, 1/7 Madam Brett FT, 1/7 Dennings Pt FT, 2/14 Verbank FT, 5/21 Baird FT, 1/28 Norrie Pt FT, and many more

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/14 Verbank FT, 1/15 Chelsea Yacht Club DF, 1/21 Baird FT, 1/28 Norrie Pt FT.

Downy Woodpecker: 1 to 12 found on Field Trips and cited in other reports.

Hairy Woodpecker: 1/7 Madam Brett FT, 1/14 Verbank FT, others around and at suet feeders reported by KCF, CV, JA/KJ, MP, EBR, EP, CP/HT, BAM.

Northern Flicker: 1/2 Stissing Mtn, 1/12,22,30 Rombout Rd CV, 4/7 Madam Brett FT, 1/7 Dennings Pt FT, 4/14 Verbank FT, 3/21 Baird FT, 2/23 Thompson Pd CV, 1/23 yd MP, 1/21-31 yd SG, 1/occ yd CP/HT and BAM.

Pileated Woodpecker: 1/4 Wappinger HRA, 2/2,8,23 Stissing Mtn, 1/16,2/30 Rombout Rd CV, 1/21 Baird FT, 1/28 Norrie Pt FT, 2/freq Stanf. KCF, others seen and heard by BB, MP, CP/HT,

Blue Jay: 2/3 Lk Walton FT, 1/7 Madam Brett FT, 3/7 Dennings Pt FT, 12/14 Verbank FT, 8/21 Baird FT, 6/28 Norrie Pt FT, seen in yds and trees by everyone.

American Crow: 5/3 local Lakes FT, 600+/6 roosting at twilight-Mid-Hudson Bridge HRA, 15/7 Madam Brett FT, 16/14 Verbank FT, 24/21 Baird FT, 12/28 Norrie Pt FT, and many other reports including 50/7 Beacon Golf Course BAM.

Fish Crow: 1/10,12,31 Rt 44 Dutchess Plaza CV.

Common Raven: 1/2,8,23 Stissing Mtn CV, 1/occ PIVly JD.



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Horned Lark: 58/14 Planken Horn Farm, 22/19 Perotti Rd CV.
Chickadee, Titmouse, W.B. Nuthatch: appear normal in numbers.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/14 Verbank FT, 1/23 IES Gifford House BB, 2/25-26 yd JB, 1/all yd EP, 1/all, 2/3,9 yd BAM.

Brown Creeper: 3/7 Dennings Pt FT, 1/18 yd CV, 1/freq yd MP, 2/8-31 yd TS, 1/occ yd CP/HT.

Carolina Wren: 1/3 Lk Walton FT, 1/7 Madam Brett FT, 2/28 Norrie Pt FT, several other reports of 1 to 2 (some still singing)

Winter Wren: 2/8 Thompson Pd, 2/23 Lake Rd CV, 1/13 yd JB.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/8 Indian Lk BB.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1/7 Dennings Pt FT.

Eastern Bluebird: 2/4,7 yd CP/HT, 10/5 Poet's Walk, 4/10 Dinsmore HRA, 10/14 Verbank FT, 10/21 Baird FT, 11/28 Norrie Pt FT, others in groups of 2 to 8

Hermit Thrush: 2/7 Dennings Pt FT.

American Robin: several around including 48/1 Arborios CV, 12/7 Madam Brett FT, 10/7-11 eating cherries in Town of Pok yard HRA, 30/14 Verbank FT, 36/21 Baird FT, etal.

Gray Catbird: 2/7 Madam Brett FT.

Northern Mockingbird: 1/5 yd ES, 2/6 Reagan Rd CV, 1/17 Lewis Country Farm JA/KJ, 8/21 Baird FT, 3/22,30 Rombout Rd CV.

European Starling: 8/7 Dennings Pt FT, 15/14 Verbank FT, 24/21 Baird FT, 8/28 Norrie Pt FT, many more seen by CV,JA/KJ.

Cedar Waxwing: 6/3 Norrie Pt CV, 3/11 yd feeder BB, few/16(h), 3/29 yd BJM, 1/21 Baird FT, 30/30 Rombout Rd CV.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 3/16 Rombout Rd CV.

American Tree Sparrow: 1/3 Lk Walton FT, 1/6, 2-3/occ BB, 1/14 Verbank FT, 1-15 in other reports

Savannah Sparrow: 2/14 Dandenau Farm, 4/14 Sleight Plass Rd, 1/19 Reagan Rd, 2/19 Sharon Sta. Rd CV.

Fox Sparrow: 3/12, 1/16 Carter Rd, 1/22 Domin Farm CV, 1/15-16 yd TS, 1/22 yd MP, 1/10-30 yd BAM.

Song Sparrow: 1/7 Dennings Pt FT, 6/14 Verbank FT, 2/28 Norrie Pt FT, some reported by CV,CP/HT,BJM.

Swamp Sparrow: 1/8, 2/23 Thompson Pd CV.

White-throated Sparrow: 4/7 Madam Brett FT, 39/14 Verbank FT, 4/21 Baird FT, 8/28 Norrie Pt FT, 10-25/12 off Amenia roads CV and several others reported

White-crowned Sparrow: 1/12 Sharon Sta. Rd, 3/6 Reagan Rd CV.

Dark-eyed Junco: 6/3 Lk Walton FT, 12/7 Dennings Pt FT, 38/14 Verbank FT, 34/21 Baird FT, 27/28 Norrie Pt FT, on the ground feeding everywhere

Northern Cardinal: 1/3 Wapprs Lk FT, 2/7 Madam Brett FT, 4/7 Dennings Pt FT, 5/14 Verbank FT, 6/21 Baird FT, 10/28 Norrie Pt FT, and many reports of 2-10

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1/13 feeder Wapprs Falls from Ed Hartmann via CP.

Red-winged Blackbird: 250/2 Thompson Pd, 1/9 yd feeder BB, 1/22 Domin Farm CV
Rusty Blackbird: 1/12 Carter Rd, 1/23 Strever Farm Rd CV,

Common Grackle: 100+/2 Thompson Pd CV, 1-2/9-31 yd feeder BB, 1/11,24 yd MP.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 50+/2 Thompson Pd BB, 2m/1&2, 1/14-16 yd BAM, 10/9-31 peak 100/16 yd feeder BB, 4/22 Domin Farm CV, 5-8/occ yd CP.

Purple Finch: 4-6/1-11 yd MP, 1-2/freq yd CP, 1/19 Sharon Sta. Rd, 2/22 Rombout Rd CV, 1/21 Baird FT, 1/23 yd BB, 2/occ yd KCF, 1/ PIVly JD.

House Finch: 90/21 Baird FT, 1/28 Norrie Pt FT, also reported by KCF,CV,BB,JA/KJ,MP,EBR, CP/HT,BAM.

Pine Siskin: 15/4 yd JB.

American Goldfinch: 4/14 Verbank FT, 8/21 Baird FT, 1/28 Norrie Pt FT, others reported all month by KCF,CV,BB,JA/KJ,MP,EBR,CP/HT,BAM.

House Sparrow: 4-6/10-31 yd CP, 10-12/all yd EP, 10/21 Baird FT, 3/28 Norrie Pt FT, also seen by CV,JA/KJ,EBR,BAM.

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Hudson River Almanac (**HRA**); Judy Atwood/Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**); Jean Beck (**JB**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Jeff Daley (**JD**); Dot Fleury (**DF**); Ken & Carol Fredericks (**KCF**); Carrie Grey (**CG**); Sue Gyscek (**SG**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Eleanor Pink (**EP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith & Barry Rosen (**EBR**); EdSpaeth (**ES**); Thalia Sudnik (**TS**); Herb Thompson(**HT**); Field Trip (**FT**); see list below); Chet Vincent(**CV**)

Abbreviations: See our Key to Notation.

Field Trips (FT): **3rd** (Saturday) Lake Walton, Hillside Lake, Sylvan Lake, Red Wing Park, Wappinger Lake & Creek; **7th** Madam Brett/Dennings Pt; **14th** Verbank Club Rd; **21st** James Baird State Park; **28th** Norrie Point State Park

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