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## January 2006 Records

It was an unusually warm January. There was some snow during the first week and on the 15th. After mid-month, there were several days where the highs were in the 50s and lows above freezing. Despite that, some large ponds (Abel's is the one I monitor) kept their ice until month end. We made maple syrup during the last 10 days; an activity usually carried out in late February.

Howard Slocum relayed a report of a "white hawk" at the Fountains in Verbank. Several of us tried to find it. Peggy Rudis and Ruth Greenwood were successful at seeing the nearly albino Red-tailed Hawk. During the 1970s one nested in the Verbank area. Those genes have apparently reappeared. The albino Red-tail remains near the airport, where it has been seen for several years.

My choice for bird of the month was the Merlin at Lakeside Park for the Wednesday walk. He sat still for all to see and later flew overhead.

**Canada Goose** - 100/8 Salt Pt Tpk Clinton EBR; CV says "all over, but seem fewer than Dec"

**Mute Swan** - 6/4 Thompson Pond FT; 2/18-19 Red Hook Golf Club, Red Hook MP; 2/25 Lakeside Park FT

**Wood Duck** - only one on Waterfowl Count, no others reported.

**American Black Duck** - 8/6 Mill Road CV; also 1-2 at Whaley Lake and Dotty's Pond

**Mallard** - groups of 5-50 many places

**Northern Pintail** - 11/14&16 Dotty's Pond DF/AJ; some also seen there on other days

**Green-winged Teal** - 1/14 pond on Maloney Rd BAM

**Canvasback** - 800 Mills Mansion, 1 river at Rogers Point, 2 Sylvan Lk WFC

**Ring-necked Duck** - 2/1 WhaleyL (PawlingCBC), 12/22 SylvanL CP/HT

**Bufflehead** - 2 Mills Mansion, 1 Fishkill Cr near Rt 9 WFC

**Common Goldeneye** - 12 Mills Mansion WFC

**Hooded Merganser** - 2f/all Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ; 1/22 SylvanL CP/HT; 4pr/26 Wapp. Lk. BJM

**Common Merganser** - 106/11 River Old Troy Rd. NHamb, 44/11 Chelsea BAM; 11/22 Norrie Pt, 30/24 Vandenburg Cove Old Troy Rd CV; 15/22 SylvanL CP/HT; plus some at Redwing in Beekman, Salt Point, Wapp Cr at Clinton Hollow

**Ruddy Duck** - 10/22 SylvanL CP/HT

**Ruffed Grouse** - 1/19 Shunpike near Deer Hill red phase bird CV; recently very scarce in winter

**Wild Turkey** - 50/7 West Dover Rd Pawling, 69/14 NetherwoodRd/Espie Fm/Plankehorn Fm, 83/21 Uphill Farm Salt Point Tpk CV; 8-55/all month, Allen Rd. At least 8 Toms BMA; 40/1 Poughquag (PawlingCBC), 57/20 Greenhaven CP/HT

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/10 Willowbrook Rd, Red Hook swimming & diving in sm pond CV

**Great Blue Heron** - 1/10 Norrie Pt in cove at low tide CV; 1 each at Sylvan Lk, Wapp Lk, Fishkill Cr BJM

**Black Vulture** - 1/31 near Battenfields tree farm, Milan RJ

**Turkey Vulture** - 1/20 over yd. BJM

**Bald Eagle** - up to 8/9 Dennings Pt Sue Infante; 16/16 river WFC; 1-2 Stissing Mtn area by CV,SGolladay; 5im/8, 3imm1ad/23 Nuclear Lake Christine Luchini; 1ad,1im/5 over Fishkill Yard BCar; 3/7 Norrie Point John Balint; 2/14 Tamarack AJ; 1 ad/11 Clove Valley BB; 2 ad/18 Bowdoin Park E&D Stevenson

**Northern Harrier** - 1/2 Sleight Plass Rd, 1/7 2/12 Thompson Pd to roost in cattails on 7th CV; 1 juv/3 yd Stormville EBR; 1/4 Thompson Pond FT; 1/14 Taylor Rd, Millerton DF; 1adult male/16 Barrytown BB/CP; river JD; daily in Rhinebeck RJ

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/2 Vassar Fm CV; 1/25 Lakeside Park FT; 1 haunts the feeders EP; at feeders of CV BB JA/KJ

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/2 1/20 Vassar Fm, 1/14 Noxon Rd CV; 1/11 StonyKill FT; 1/21Degarmo Rd JA/KJ; in yards of CV BAM MP CP, more often than the Sharpies.

**Northern Goshawk** - 1/1 Pawling (PawlingCBC) from Sibyll Gilbert CP

**Red-tailed Hawk** - a near albino was reported by H Slocum at the Fountains in UnionVale and seen by P Rudis & R Greenwood on the 13th; albino still seen at Jackson Rd; 12/4 Mashomack CV; lots more.

**Golden Eagle** - 1-2/4-27 Stissing Mtn CV, SGolladay; 1/19 Reagan Rd, Northeast CV

**American Kestrel** - daily in Rhinebeck RJ; 1/14 Salt Pt Tpk, 1/21 Canoe Hill Rd CV

**Merlin** - 1/25 Lakeside Park FT

**Peregrine Falcon** - 2/9 Mid-Hudson Br, 1/16 Pok RR bridge CV; 2/8 Rhinecliff Br - coop hunting to take a turkey at the east end of bridge R J

**American Coot** - 100/22 SylvanL CP/HT; 52/25 Sylvan Lk. BJM,TS,,JW, 1/26 Wapp. Lk. BJM

**Ring-billed Gull** - 300/22 Redwing Beekman CP/HT; 30/16 Beacon Train Station BJM,BCar; 12+/11 River NHamb. BAM; 90+/26 Wapp. Lk. BJM; and others

**Herring Gull** - 6/16 Beacon RR Station BJM,BCar; 3/11 StonyKill FT; usual for January CV

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 5/9 Marist Boat House, 3/22 Norrie Pt CV; 6/16 Beacon Train Station BJM,BCar; 1/14 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 23/11 River New Hamb to Chelsea BAM; 3/26 Wapp. Lk. BJM; in river JD

**Mourning Dove** - more than a dozen each at Reese Sanctuary, StonyKill, and BB JA/KJ BAM MP feeders

**Great Horned Owl** - sees or hears daily, Pleasant Valley JD; pair calling often, Verbank BB

**Barred Owl** - 1/up to 4th calling near home, Stanford Barry Haydasz

**Long-eared Owl** - 1/1 Pawling (CBC) from Sibyll Gilbert CP

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/6 Mill Rd, 1/7 1/12 Strever Farm Rd CV; 1/14 pd. Maloney Rd. BJM, 1/11 Wapp. Cr. BAM

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 7/12 3/17 2/26 Rombout Rd CV; 6/11 StonyKill FT; 1-3 at most feeders

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/8 feeder Verbank BB

**Downy Woodpecker** - CV EP CP have up to 6 at their feeders, others 1-4; 6/4 Thompson Pond FT; also others

**Hairy Woodpecker** - up to 3 at BAM feeders; 1-2 at CP MP EBR CV JA/KJ feeders; 2/11 StonyKill FT; 2/13 Reese Audubon Sanc. AJM; & 2 others

**Northern Flicker** - 3/12 8/26 Rombout Rd, 3/2 1/20 Vassar Fm CV; 2/11 StonyKill FT; 2/15 Poughkeepsie yard on feeder DAT; 1m/15thru mo.yd. & nearby BAM; 1/1,23,30 yard Hyde Park SG; 5 others



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**Pileated Woodpecker** - 4/12 1/7,27 Thompson Pd, 3/12 yard CV; 2-3/16 Ivy Ln Stormville EBR; 1-2 off and on Allen Rd. BMA; 2/11 StonyKill FT; 7 others

**Blue Jay** - up to 10 most places

**American Crow** - 1-5 most yards; 100/25 Clove Valley BB; too many to count/21 Lagrange JA/KJ; 10-30 many places

**Fish Crow** - 1/4 Rt 44 KMart, 1/9 Home Depot lot CV

**Common Raven** - 4/8, 6/23 Nuclear Lake Christine Luchini; 1-2/all Thompson Pd; heard off & on Pleasant Valley JD; daily Rhinebeck RJ; 1/31 (heard) Centre Rd, Clinton BMA

**Horned Lark** - 45-50/5 60/14 Gretna Rd, 59/6 Perotti Rd CV; 100+/25, Market Lane, Stanford JAll

**Black-capped Chickadee** - 31/4 Thompson Pond FT; 15/11 StonyKill FT; up to 10 at feeders and on all trips

**Tufted Titmouse** - 13/4 Thompson Pond FT; 9/11 StonyKill FT; up to 5 at feeders and on outings

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** - 1/25 Lakeside Park FT; 2/all mo. feeder & suet BAM

**White-breasted Nuthatch** - 14/4 Thompson Pond FT; 2-4 at feeders and trips

**Brown Creeper** - 1 at Dot Fleury's "all the time"; 1/12-30 yard CV; 1/13 Reese Audubon Sanc. AJM; 1/26 yd Stormville EBR; 1/26 Wappingers yard Rosa Corbeels; 1 daily Rhinebeck yard MP

**Carolina Wren** - 3/2 Vassar Fm, also 1-2 there and yard CV; 3/29 Rhinebeck yard MP; 2/11 StonyKill FT; 2/3 thru mo. yd. BAM; 3/11 Dennings Pt. BAM, SI; 3/13 Reese Audubon Sanc. AJM; 10 others

**Winter Wren** - 1/2 1/20 Vassar Fm, 1/4 1/7 1/12 Thompson Pd CV

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** - 1/4 Thompson Pond FT; 2/13 Reese Audubon Sanc. AJM; scarce

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** - 1/11 Dennings Pt. BJM, SI

**Eastern Bluebird** - 16/25 Lakeside Park FT; 6/12 10/26 Rombout Rd, 8/7 Strever Rd, also Vassar Fm CV; 5/4 Thompson Pond FT; also at Allen Rd, Rockefeller Ln, and Vanderbilt

**Hermit Thrush** - 3/1 Greenhaven/Poughquag (PawlingCBC) CP/HT/NS; 3/25 Lakeside Park FT

**American Robin** - 240/2 Vassar Fm, 67/8 yard, 46/5 Arborio's CV; 35/4 Thompson Pond FT; 33/25 Lakeside Park FT; and others

**Gray Catbird** - 3/1 Greenhaven/Poughquag (PawlingCBC) CP/HT/NS; 1/20 Vassar Fm CV; 1/25 Lakeside Park FT

**Northern Mockingbird** - 7/12 3/17 4/26 Rombout Rd, also 2-3 Vassar Fm and Sharon Sta Rd CV; 3/25 Lakeside Park FT; 7 others

**Cedar Waxwing** - 19/1 Poughquag (PawlingCBC) 25/17 yd Poughquag CP/HT/NS; 1/20 Vassar Fm, only one CV; 8/25 Lakeside Park FT; few/27 Hi View on walk BJM; 15/29 berries yd. tree & drink @ bird bath BAM

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 2/17 2/26 Rombout Rd CV

**Eastern Towhee** - 1/1 DepotHill (PawlingCBC) CP/HT/NS; 1/21 1/23 1/29 1/31 female seen first by Natalie Gilbert, then on the 31st it was on the porch! Red Hook AG

**American Tree Sparrow** - 17/4 Thompson Pond FT; 9/6 Sharon Sta Rd, 3/2 Vassar Fm CV; 6/16 Fishkill @ Hoose's feeders BJM,BCar; up to 5 at feeders MP BB JA/KJ CP and 3 others

**Field Sparrow** - 1/4 Thompson Pond FT

**Fox Sparrow** - 1/1 Pawling (CBC) from Sibyll Gilbert CP; 1/16-27 off & on feeder area BAM; 2/24, yard, Clinton Corners JAll

**Song Sparrow** - 3/11 StonyKill FT; 6/12 1/26 Rombout Rd CV; 1-2 several other places

**Swamp Sparrow** - 1/7 Thompson Rd CV

**White-throated Sparrow** - 9/11 StonyKill FT; 2/12 15/26 Rombout Rd, 6/2 6/20 Vassar Fm CV; 6/16 Bannerman Island BJM,BCar; 8/25 Lakeside Park FT; at feeders- 10-15 CP/HT, 10+EP, 8-12 BAM, 4-8 AG and others.

**White-crowned Sparrow** - 1/2 Vassar Fm, 1/6 Reagan Rd CV  
**Dark-eyed Junco** - 22/4 Thompson Pond FT; 13/11 StonyKill FT; 14/25 Lakeside Park FT; 10-30 at feeders, plus other places.

**Northern Cardinal** - 13/11 StonyKill FT; 6/12 Sharon Sta Rd CV; 6/25 Lakeside Park FT; 1-5 yard JA/KJ; 2-4 at other feeders and other places

**Red-winged Blackbird** - 150+/7 200+/12 going to roost, 5/27 singing spring song Thompson Pd CV; 2pr/11 feeder BB

**Eastern Meadowlark** - 1/21 Salt Pt Tpk CV

**Rusty Blackbird** - 1/26 Domin Fm sitting on corn stalk CV

**Common Grackle** - 20-25/7 10/12 8/21 Thompson Pd (going to roost 7th, 12th) CV; 1-10/7-25 feeder BB

**Brown-headed Cowbird** - 75-100/14 Gretna Rd with starlings CV; up to 150/1-25 feeder BB; 8/28 yard JA/KJ; 8-20/occ yd Poughquag CP

**Purple Finch** - 20+ all month, yard, Clinton Corners JAll; 9/26 Rombout Rd, 7/2 Vassar Fm, 3/15 yard, and other times same places CV; regular feeder bird since Nov RJ; 2/all yd Stanford AJ; 1/2,19,20 feeder BB

**House Finch** - 16/4 Thompson Pond FT; up to 8 at feeders and other places

**Common Redpoll** - 8/1 Pawling (CBC) from Sibyll Gilbert CP; 6/15,16 & 1/23 yd Stanford AJ; 5/15 Allen Rd; 1/16 Centre Rd, Clinton; 1/22 Allen Rd. BMA; 1/29-31 Rhinebeck yard RJ

**Pine Siskin** - 4/1 Pawling (CBC) from Sibyll Gilbert CP; 4/4 Thompson Pond FT; some mid-month at Rhinebeck yard RJ

**American Goldfinch** - 60/29 Rhinebeck yard RJ; 26/3 24/23 36/31 Lagrange yard CV; 8/4 Thompson Pond FT; 12/3 up to 22/29 feeders BAM; up to 10 at feeders; also at Reese Sanctuary, Lakeside Park, StonyKill, Vassar Farm.

**House Sparrow** - 13/11 StonyKill FT; a few in several other places

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Hudson River Almanac (**HRA**); Janet Allison (**JAll**); Judy Atwood (**JA**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Waterfowl Count (**WFC**); Betsy Carswell (**BCar**); Jeff Daley (**JD**); Ann Gilbert (**AG**); Sue Gyscek (**SG**); Rodney Johnson (**RJ**); Art Jones (**AJ**); Karen Jaquith (**KJ**); Barbara Mansell (**BMa**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Eleanor Pink (**EP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith & Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Nancy Sanes (**NS**); Thalia Sudnik (**TS**); Herb Thompson(**HT**); Doreen Tignanelli (**DAT**); Field Trip (**FT**; see list below); Chet Vincent(**CV**); Joe Woleader (**JW**)

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

**Field Trips (FT):** 4th Thompson Pond; 11th Stony Kill; 25th Lakeside Park

**Waterfowl Count (WFC):** January 14-16

**Pawling Christmas Bird Count (CBC)** January 1

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## February 2006 Records

The highlights for February are the Lesser Black-backed Gull and the Yellow-headed Blackbird both found by Chet Vincent. He called the club's RBA and several folks went to look for the birds, but no one else was successful. This is the second record in the county for Lesser Black-backed Gull, the first being Dot Fleury's find at Chelsea in June 2002. That bird stayed around to be seen by several others. Lesser Black-backed Gulls are becoming increasingly common in the northeast. We have 5 previous records of Yellow-headed Blackbird in the county. This is the first since 1989. I've noticed a couple of other reports of Yellow-headed Blackbirds in the northeast this winter.

Under Northern Pintail there is a new place -- The Fly. It's the place we've been calling Dottie's Pond because we couldn't find a name for it. Recently, Art Jones was talking about the place with a long-time farmer from Pine Plains. He said, "Oh, you mean The Fly!" That's what the locals call it. "It" is a wide area in the stream that runs along Rt 82 just south of the Columbia County line. The stream widens into a shrub swamp and a cattail marsh. Over the years we've found Northern Pintails, Marsh Wrens, Virginia Rail, Sora, and even an otter there. It's on private property, but is visible from the road.

**Canada Goose:** many reports from all over, mostly small groups, 3 reports of 200 +, 2 reports of 100+.

**Mute Swan:** 2/16 McKinney Pd, 1-2/14-28 Abel's Pd BB; 2/1 & 8 Hillside Lk. BAM; 5/2, 2/9, 7/15 & 3/22-23 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 2/8 Wapp. Ck AJM; 3/7 Wapp Lk DR.

**Wood Duck:** pr/23 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 1f & 1m /28 Thompson Pd CV.

**American Wigeon:** 2/24 & 26 Upper Kays/Netherwood Rd CV.

**American Black Duck:** 3/1, 1/8 Hillside Lk. BAM; 2/8 Lk. Walton BJM; 2/12 Rhinebeck MP; 2/1 Thompson Pd, 6/24 Mill Rd, 7/26 Traver Pd CV; 2/8 Baird SP FT.

**Mallard:** pr/11 & 25 Hennessey Ln JA/KJ; groups of 2 - 30 in eastern part of county.

**Northern Pintail:** 2/1, 8/24 The Fly CV.

**Green-winged Teal:** 1/22 Norrie Pt. FT

**Ring-necked Duck:** 32/8 Lk. Walton BJM; 8/24 Mud Pd CV; 4/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Hooded Merganser:** 6/2, 2/9 & 22, 4/23 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 1f & 1m/24 Reagan Rd CV.

**Common Merganser:** 16 reports 1 - 26 in eastern side of county; 25/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Wild Turkey:** 9m/all yd some already displaying KCF; 12 reports of flocks of 6 - 96.

**Great Blue Heron:** 1/15 Wapp Ck BJM; 1/6 Walmart Fishkill DR; 1/8 Baird SP FT.

**Black Vulture:** 3/1 Verbank FT.

**Turkey Vulture:** 1/16 Rt 55/Beekman Rd BB; 1/22 over Rt. 9 Hyde Pk. area BAM; 1/23 Rt. 9 Fishkill AJM; 1/26 55&82 LaGrange CP/HT; 2/7, 3/9, 2/15 Fishkill 1/26, 2/28 Wapp. Falls DR; 1/4 Vassar Fm, 2/24 Pine Plains CV;

**Bald Eagle:** 1-6/23-28 feeding on a deer carcass on Abel's Pond (1 adult, rest imm) JC, LH, BB; 1-3/occ. Rhinecliff RJ; 2/3 Thompson Pd. BAM, BMa, JJC; 1/9 Hudson Rv Wapp, 2ad/28 over Hudson Rv Old Troy Rd. AJM; 1/1, 2/2 Stissing Mt, 1/26 Norrie Pt, 1/28 Mashomack CV; 1/15 Bowdoin Pk, 2/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Northern Harrier:** 1/1 Thompson Pd CV.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 1/occ yd KCF; 1/22 Hilltop Rd RJ; 1/6 Noxon Rd. BAM; 1/3 Thompson Pd. BAM, BMa, JJC; 1/18 & 20 flew thru yd. BAM; 1/8 Baird SP FT.

**Coopers Hawk:** 8 reports, mostly in yds checking feeders.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 2/21 & 22 they nest in area PF; 1-2/15-28/occ. Hilltop Rd RJ; 1/24 Myer Corners & All Angels Hill Rds. AJM;

**Red-tailed Hawk:** Chet found nest very near Rombout Rd; 1/9 Albino airport BJM; more than 20 other reports.

**Golden Eagle:** 1/18 flying over Morrison Road, off Charlie Hill Rd, in Northeast, SO; (This is likely one of the eagles from Stissing Mountain.) 2/6 ad & sub ad at Stissing Mt GP; 2/1, 2/24 Stissing Mt CV.

**American Kestrel:** 1/9 kiting yd Old Camby Rd BB; 1/25 Red Hook AG; 1-2/daily Burger Hill RJ.

**Peregrine Falcon:** 1-2/occ Rhinecliff bridge RJ; 1/2 & 26 RR Bridge/Waryas Pk CV, 1/3 taking prey at John Deere dealership Fishkill Ave. on NE side of Beacon, Jeff Lucas.

**American Coot:** 1/2-9 Wapp. Lk. BJM.

**Killdeer:** 2/23-28 Hilltop Rd RJ.

**American Woodcock:** 1/23-28 Hilltop Rd RJ.

**Ring-billed Gull:** 47/8 & 18/19 44 Plaza SG; 40+/1 Hillside Lk. BAM; 40-50/2 Wapp. Lk, 100+/9, 50+/15 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 100+/26 Brass Anchor Rest CV; 8/8 Baird SP, 2/15 Bowdoin Pk, 3/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Herring Gull:** few/2, 4/9 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 4/26 Brass Anchor Rest CV.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** 3/9, 2/15 Wapp. Lk, 3/15 Wapp. Creek BJM; 1/28 New Hamburg AJM; 2 ad & 2 1st-yr/26 Brass Anchor Rest CV; 2/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** 1/26 Brass Anchor Rest CV;

**Rock Pigeon:** 3/1 Verbank FT.

**Mourning Dove:** 8 individual & 2 field trip reports of 2 - 20 birds.

**Eastern-Screech Owl:** 1/10 near home, Verbank JWi;

**Great Horned Owl:** 1/24 Hilltop Rd RJ; 1/10 (heard) Rhinebeck MP; 1/4 Vassar Col golf course, 1/27 on nest in Sycamore tree East Noxon Rd CV; 1-2/often near home, Verbank JWi.

**Barred Owl:** 1/21 h calling yd JA/KJ; 1/11 & 28 Wapp yd RC; 1/3 h Thompson Pd BAM, BMa, JJC; h 2/2 Stissing Mt, 1/22 Alvin Ct CV; 1/17 h calling JWo; 1/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Long-eared Owl:** 1/14 Red Hook RJ;

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/9 & 1/10 Wapp Ck AJM; 1/2 Millbrk Sch CV; 1/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 16 reports, 1-2 at suet feeders; 7/23 Rombout Rd CV; 6/8 Baird SP, 10/15 Bowdoin Pk, 8/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 2(1m&1f)/occ yd KCF; 1/13, 14, 21, 22, 27 Hilltop Rd RJ; 1/12 Rhinebeck MP; 1/1 Verbank, 2/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Downy Woodpecker:** 14 reports of 1-3 at feeders; 6-8/all yd KCF; 7/19 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 7/23 Rombout Rd CV; 8/15 Bowdoin Pk FT.





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**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1-4 at feeders for JA/KJ, KCF, RJ, BAM, MP, CP/HT, EBR, CV.

**Northern Flicker:** 16 reports of single sightings, most at suet; 3/4 Vassar Fm, 3/23 Rombout Rd CV; 3/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 1/25 Tivoli AG; 1/19 Hyde Pk SG; 2-4/mo Hilltop Rd RJ; 1/3 h Thompson Pd BAM, BMa, JJC; 1/9 tree yd BJM; 1/17 Rhinebeck MP; 1/25 yd Poughquag CP; 1/1, 2 & 2/24 Thompson Pd 1/4 Vassar Fm CV; 1/16 Baird Pk JWO; 2/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Blue Jay:** up to 12 in field trips & reports.

**American Crow:** 1-6 yards JA/KJ; BB; KCF; SG; BAM; MP; CP/HT; DR; CV.

**Fish Crow:** 1/11 Rt. 9 BJM; 2/3, 22, 23, 1/10 Wapp Falls DR; 4/4 Vassar Fm, 1/28 Old Shop Rite CV; 9/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Common Raven:** 2/20 Old Camby Rd BB; 1-2/ occ. Hilltop Rd RJ; 1/3 h Thompson Pd. BAM, BMa, JJC; 1/27 yd Poughquag CP; 2/1, 1/24 & 28 calling & flying Stissing Mt CV.

**Horned Lark:** 35/26 Plankenhorn Fm CV.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** very well reported, up to 15 at feeders & field trips; 40/8 Baird SP.

**Tufted Titmouse:** up to 5 at feeders and field trips; 13/8 Baird SP FT.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1-2/all mo. feeder BAM; 1/8 Baird SP FT.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** up to 4 at feeders; 12/15 Bowdoin Pk, 10/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Brown Creeper:** 1-3/all Hilltop Rd RJ; 1 all Rhinebeck MP; 2/21 yd Stormville EBR; 1/3 & 5 Alvin Ct CV; 2/15 Bowdoin Pk FT.

**Carolina Wren:** 10 reports of 1-4 at feeders; 1-4 on each field trip.

**Winter Wren:** 1/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 1-3/infrequent Hilltop Rd RJ; 1/1 Verbank FT.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 1/25 Hilltop Rd RJ.

**Eastern Bluebird:** 14 reports of 1-6; 1/22 singing BJM; 11/8 Baird SP, 21/15 Bowdoin Pk FT.

**Hermit Thrush:** 1/21 yd PF; 1/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**American Robin:** well reported with 6-20 in many reports; 30/26 yd KCF; 65/24 Mill Rd CV; 32/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Gray Catbird:** 1/23 eating buckthorn Rombout Rd CV.

**Mockingbird:** 10 reports of 1-2, 3/3 & 23 Rombout Rd, 3/4 Vassar Fm CV; 4/8 Baird SP FT.

**European Starling:** 31 frequently yd JA/KJ; 11 most mo Hyde Pk SG; 14/12 Rhinebeck MP; 15/1 Verbank, 13/15 Bowdoin Pk, 30/22 Norrie Pt. FT; 6 others.

**Cedar Waxwing:** 12/28 Old Camby Rd BB; 12/24 yd BJM; 26/23 Rombout Rd CV; 18/8 Baird SP FT.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 1/21 yard PF.

**Eastern Towhee:** 1/22 yard PF; 1 f/18, 23, 25 Red Hook AG.

**American Tree Sparrow:** 7 reports of up to 6 at feeders.

**Fox Sparrow:** 1/13 & 19 feeders yd BAM/BJM.

**Song Sparrow:** 1/27 singing yd, 1/23 singing Wapp. Lk. BJM; 11 other reports of 1-3.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 2/3 Thompson Pd BAM, BMa, JJC; 1/2 Thompson Pd CV.

**White-throated Sparrow:** well reported with up to 21 at feeders; 22/1 Verbank, 27/15 Bowdoin Pk FT.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 3 imm/4 Vassar Fm CV.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** 6-30 at feeders; 8/1 Verbank, 21/8 Baird SP, 17/15 Bowdoin Pk, 7/22 Norrie Pt FT.

**Northern Cardinal:** many reports of up to 8 at feeders; 2/21 bathing in a small puddle in the middle of a frozen path PF; 6-7/all yd some singing already KCF.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** well reported; males territorial Hilltop Rd RJ; 300/3 Thompson Pd BAM, BMa, JJC; 500/1 & 28 Thompson Pd; 300/26 Domin Fm; Chet says more around than most Feb.

**Yellow-headed Blackbird:** 1/1 Thompson Pd with Red-wings ready to go to roost - seen clearly through spotting scope CV.

**Rusty Blackbird:** 13/15 Mill Pd Hilltop Rd RJ; 1/4 Vassar Fm CV.

**Common Grackle:** most reports of 1-8; 50+/3 Thompson Pd BAM, BMa, JJC; 200/28 Thompson Pd; 200/26 Domin Fm CV.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 25+/18 yd JA/KJ; 16-30/occ Hilltop Rd RJ; 1/12 Rhinebeck MP; 12/2 Thompson Pd, 6/3, 50/26 Rombout Rd, 20/24 Gretna Rd CV.

**Purple Finch:** 1/5 yd JA/KJ; 1/20 Old Camby Rd BB; 1-5/all Hilltop Rd RJ; 12/21 Vassar Fm, 1/25, 2/26 & 27 Alvin Ct CV.

**House Finch:** well reported with up to 13 in yards.

**Common Redpoll:** 1/1 yd KCF; 1/1-3 Hilltop Rd RJ.

**American Goldfinch:** most had up to 9 at feeders; 20+/all yd KCF; 8-20/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 26/3, 45/5 Alvin Ct CV; 11/15 Bowdoin Pk FT.

**House Sparrow:** 1-4/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 7/17 Fishkill DR; 4/15 Bowdoin Pk, 2/22 Norrie Pt FT.

#### Observers:

**JA/KJ** - Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith; **BB** - Barbara Butler; **JJC** - Jim & James Clinton; **JC** - J. Coffin; **RC** - Rosa Corbeels; **PF** - Peggy Fasciani; **DF** - Dot Fleury; **KCF** - Ken & Carol Fredericks; **AG** - Ann Gilbert; **SG** - Sue Gyscek; **LH** - L. Hitsman; **RJ** - Rodney Johnson; **BMa** - Barb Mansell; **AJM** - Allan Michelin; **BJM** - Barb Michelin; **BAM** - Barb & Allan Michelin; **SO** - Steve Oresman; **GP** - Gerhard Patsch; **MP** - Mona Payton; **CP** - Carena Pooth; **EBR** - Edith & Barry Rosen; **DR** - Dave Russell; **HT** - Herb Thompson; **CV** - Chet Vincent; **JWi** - John Winkler; **JWO** - Joe Woleader

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**Field Trips (FT):** 1st Verbank, 8th James Baird SP, 15th Bowdoin Pk, 22nd Norrie Pt.

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## March 2006 Records

Unlike last year, we had a very dry March this year, with only about 3" of snow on the 2nd. Rodney reported that between the 5th and the 12th there were "lots of blackbirds on the move. Grackles in good size flocks of up to 2000 birds. Rusty Blackbirds showing up here and there with up to 28 in one flock on the 12th." Chet wrote, "Robins, redwings, grackles, and cowbirds were above normal for March, it seemed to me, with large flocks around all month." Exceptional sightings this month included Northern Goshawk, Black Scoter, Golden Eagle, and a featherless bobcat.

**Snow Goose:** 1/1 Reagan Rd CV; 4/17 & 2/21 Van Wagner Rd PVly KCF; flock/29 over yd Rhinebeck RJ

**Canada Goose:** Not as many as some winters. Highest reports were 200/1 Millbrook School FT; 32/5 Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ; 1000-1200/11 field/pd. Strever Ln. BAM; 50+/17 & 21 Van Wagner Rd PVly KCF

**Mute Swan:** 8 reports 1-5 ea from BAM, RJ, BB, KCF, SG

**Wood Duck:** all month yd & crk JD; 7/5 Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ, 2/8, 18 Thompson Pd, 8/10 TivBay, 4/13 Arborio's, 2/17 Millbrook, 2/24 Reagan Rd, 2/31 Buttercup CV; 2/15 HillsideL, 1/23 IES BAM; 4/17 & 7/21 Van Wagner Rd PVly KCF; 1/23 IES WW; 10/29 Buttercup West FT

**American Wigeon:** 2/12 Mill Pd Rhinebeck RJ; 2/19 Mill Rd Rhbk, 5/19 Netherwood Rd PVly KCF; few/23 Kay's Pd HRA

**American Black Duck:** Many reports including 6/5 Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ; 45/10 TivBay CV; 13/11 PinePlns BAM; 6/19 Mill Rd Rhbk, KCF

**Mallard:** Many reports incl. 23/1 LkOniad, 40/11 Glassworks BAM; 50/1 Millbrook School FT; 18/15 Mills Mansion FT; 18/29 Buttercup West FT

**Mallard X Black (hybrid):** 1/5 Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ

**Blue-winged Teal:** pr./31 Denning's Pt. Marty McGuire HRA. **Added 6/7/06**

**Northern Pintail:** 3/5 Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ; 5/10 TivBay CV; 6/11 PinePlns, 1/15 EhmersFm BAM

**Green-winged Teal:** 4/4, 8 PinePlns JD, 40/10 TivBay, 2/17 Reagan Rd, 9/24 HVRT, 10/31 Buttercup CV; 5/15 Mills Mansion FT; 2/20 Wurtenburg Rd. RJ; 9/20, 2/22, 5/29 Ehmers Fm BAM; 3/21 Van Wagner Rd & 11/21 Arborio Rd PVly KCF; 5/29 Buttercup West FT

**Ring-necked Duck:** 8/5 Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ; 16/6 Conservancy Pd CV; 21/1, 77/17 LWalton, 16/15 Hillside Lk, 2/11 TwinIsLk, 12/11 StissingLk BAM; 11/19 Mill Rd Rhbk KCF; pair/22 Tymor FT; sev/23 Kay's Pond HRA

**Black Scoter:** 6-8/30 Sylvan Lake Beekman EBR

**Common Goldeneye:** 2/15 Mills Mansion FT

**Hooded Merganser:** 2/1 Reagan Rd, 1/1 Mill Rd, 8/10 TivBay CV; 3/5 Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ; 2/18 JecoseL, 2/15 HillsideL BAM; 1/19 Mill Rd Rhbk, 1/21 Van Wagner Rd PVly KCF; pair/22 Tymor FT; pr/28 pond in Pawling near firehouse BB with BChase, KLiao

**Common Merganser:** 4/5 Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ; 26/6 Norrie, 40/10 TivBay CV; 2/11 HunnsLk NG; 5 reports from BAM including 13/18 WappLk; 2/19 Mill Rd Rhbk KCF; 2/22 Tymor FT; pr/19 McKinney Pond BB, 7/23 Norrie Point BB/CV; 4/15 Mills Mansion FT

**Red-breasted Merganser:** 1/5 Beacon River Pk. Tully McElrath.

**Wild Turkey:** Many reports including 7-9/all yd KCF; 77/1 Domin Fm CV; 12/6 Rte55 LaGrng A/KJ; 25/9, 40/19 Greenhaven CP/HT

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 2/17 Lk Walton BJM

**Red-necked Grebe:** 1/18 & 19 Norrie Pt. Pat & Bill Joel

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 2/23 Norrie CV

**Great Blue Heron:** 1/2 PIVAl JD; 1/12 yd KCF; 1/9 Fishkill, 1/31 Myers Crs BAM; 4/10 TivBay, 1/31 Buttercup CV; 1/22 Tymor FT; on nests/11, 28 Rt 55 at 292, 2/26 Christi Cemetery BB

**Black Vulture:** 1/2 Poughquag CP; 4/11 Thompson Pd. AJM; 2/17 Reagan Rd CV; 3/29 Buttercup West FT

**Turkey Vulture:** Lots of reports incl. 10/8, 19/15 Stissing Mtn CV; 13/11 Thompson Pd BAM; 9/29 Buttercup West FT

**Bald Eagle:** Some on nests. Reports: 3/3, 2/18 Stissing, 1/10 Crugers, 3/23 Norrie CV; 3+/10 Dennings Pt HRA; 6 imm, 1 ad/11 Nuclear Lake BB/CP, 2/11 Tamarack John Ike, 1 ad/23 Norrie Point BB/CV; 1 imm/22 Tymor FT; 2/15 Mills Mansion FT

**Northern Harrier:** 1/3, 24 Thompson Pd CV; 1/29 Buttercup West FT

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 7 sightings of 1-3 each by JD, BB, JA/KJ, AG, CV

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/2, 15 yd LaGrng JA/KJ; 1/12 PinePlns JD; 3 sightings 1 ea. CV; 1/20, 28 yd BB; 1/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/8 Vassar Campus FT, 2/29 Buttercup West FT

**Northern Goshawk:** 1/15 Mills Mansion FT

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/3, 2/6, 31 DominFm CV; 1/8 Vassar Campus FT; 3/10 & 11 & 2/13 & 1/23-24 over yd. BAM; heard/11 Nuclear Lake BB/CP; 1/17 & 20 over Myers Corners Rd, 1/24 on light pole Lk. Oniad BJM

**Red-tailed Hawk:** Many reports incl. 6/8 Stissing CV; 1pr/19 nest Vassar Fm from Jean Beck BJM; 8/11 Nuclear Lake BB/CP, on nest /19 Shaughnessy Rd BB

**Golden Eagle:** 1/8, 18 Stissing CV; 1 imm/11 Nuclear Lake BB/CP

**American Kestrel:** 1/3 PinePlns, 1/16 PIVAl JD; 1/11 The Fly (aka Dotty's Pd), 2/22 Bruzugul Rd BAM; 1/18 Pine Plns, 2/24 Flint Hill Rd CV; 1/19 Tymor Park, 1/19 Shaughnessy Rd BB; 1/22 Tymor FT; 2/26 Crestwood Rd AG

**Peregrine Falcon:** 2/5 Pok RR bridge CV

**Killdeer:** 2/5 Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ; 1/12 Crestwood Rd NG; 1/10 TivBay, 6/14 Marist, 4/17, 24 Reagan Rd, 1/24 HVRT, 1/31 Domin Fm CV; 6/11 Pine Plains KCF; 1/23 Sprout Creek Fm BB; 5 reports incl. 8/24 Fishkill Cem. BJM; 1/15 Mills Mansion FT

**American Woodcock:** 3-6/all Allen Rd BMA; 6/10 Rombout Rd, 1/22 Robb Fm CV; 1/11 FreedomPlns, 1/16 PIVAl JD; 1/13 Tivoli NG; 4/23 IES WW; 2/28 Norrie WW; 4/30 Allen Rd WW; 1/27 Oakwood School from Liz Hinkley BJM; 5/28 Cushman Rd 3 places BB with BChase, KLiao, 5/29 Harmony Rd 3 places BChase, KLiao; sev/late March Bog Hollow yd Dot Fleury

**Ring-billed Gull:** 10/1 Hyde Park SG; 40+/18 Wapp Lk. BJM; 15/15 Mills Mansion FT

**Herring Gull:** Several reports of 2-10 each

**Great Black-backed Gull:** 2/6, 1/23 Norrie, 1/14 Waryas Pk CV; 2/14, 18, Wapp Crk, 2/18 Wapp Lk BAM

**Rock Pigeon:** 3/22 Tymor FT; 2/8 Vassar Campus FT

**Mourning Dove:** Usual reports. Highest: 10-15/all yd Poughquag CP; 12/all yd BB; 8 to 12/all yd KCF



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**Great Horned Owl:** 1/all yd PIVAl JD; 1/6,31 Rombout Rd (nest), 1/7 Vassar College CV; 1/1-31 on nest Noxon Rd. & 2yg w/adult/31 BAM; 2/27 near home BB; 1/8 Vassar Campus FT

**Barred Owl:** 1/8 Stissing, 2/18 yd AlvinCt CV; 1/23 tree side of Taconic BJM

**Belted Kingfisher:** 2/10 TivBay CV; 1/17 Lk Walton BJM; 1/22 Tymor FT

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** Most yds have 1-2; other reports include 8/6, 4/31 Rombout Rd CV; 7/15 Mills Mansion FT; 4/29 Buttercup West FT

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 2/occ yd KCF; 1/6 Rombout Rd CV; 1/30 yd Red Hook AG; 1/8 Vassar Campus FT

**Downy Woodpecker:** Still plentiful with several in every yd and on every field trip.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/all yd KCF; 2/1 all mo. suet feeders BAM; 1/25 yd LaGrng JA/KJ; 1/8,22,25,29 yd Stormville EBR; 1/1 Millbrook School FT, 1/29 Buttercup West FT

**Northern Flicker:** 1m/1-30, 2m/25 & pr/31 suet feeder & yd. BAM; 4 others BJM; 2/6, 1/14,24,31 Rombout Rd, 1/13 Arborios CV; 1/4-5 yd LaGrng JA/KJ; 2/11 Nuclear Lake BB/CP; 1/14 yd KCF; 1/22 Tymor FT; 2/8 Vassar Campus FT, 1/29 Buttercup West FT

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 12 reports 1-2 ea from CV, BJM, BB, SG, field trips

**Eastern Phoebe:** Earliest 1/5 yd Rhinebeck RJ; 4 reports, first on 13th and highest 8/31 Rombout Rd CV; also reported after 15th by JD, KCF, BAM, BB, EBR, CP

**Blue Jay:** Numbers as expected; hight counts 12/all yd BB; 9/1 Millbrook School FT

**American Crow:** Many reports of a few but Chet checked out Pok. roost and found 8000-10,000/5 Rinaldi Blvd CV

**Fish Crow:** 4/5 Brass Anchr, 2/30 Dutches Plaza, 1/31 Rombout Rd CV; 1/23 Norrie Point BB/CV

**Common Raven:** 1/3,11,15,18,24, 2/8 Stissing CV; 1/11 Thompson Pd BAM; 7/11 Nuclear Lake BB/CP

**Horned Lark:** 6/7/3 Plankenhorn Fm CV

**Tree Swallow:** Earliest 2/25 Arborios Rd PVly KCF. Others: 1/27 Wurtenburg Rd. RJ; 1/29 Rockefeller Ln AG, 1/29 Union Vale JD; 5/30 BBT/Humeston farm BJM; 12/31 Arborios, 3/31 Buttercup ("saw them on the 27th at Derby Hill") CV; 100s/28 pond in Pawling near firehouse BB with BChase, KLiao, 4/30 yd BB

**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch:** Usual numbers

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1-2/all yd + pines neighbors BAM; 1/25 yd Pok CV; 2/8 Vassar Campus FT, 1/15 Mills Mansion FT

**Brown Creeper:** 1/1 Millbrook School FT; 1/4,6-8 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/5,11, 13,22 yd Pok CV; 1/8 Vassar Campus FT; 2/22 Tymor FT ; 1/25 PIVAl JD

**Carolina Wren:** 2/all yd BAM; 1/all yd Red Hook AG, 3/1 Millbrook School FT; 4 sightings 1-2 each CV; 3/8 Vassar Campus FT; 1/12 yd LaGrng JA/KJ; 1/17 Lk Walton BJM; 1-2/many feeder Stormville EBR; 1/occ yd KCF; 1/occ yd Poughquag CP

**Marsh Wren:** 1/8 Thompson Pd (an early, well-seen bird) CV

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 1/22 Tymor FT; 2/24 HVRT CV; 2/29 Buttercup West FT

**Eastern Bluebird:** On most reports incl. 6/6 Rombout Rd CV; 7/15 Mills Mansion FT

**Hermit Thrush:** 1/5 Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ; 1/7 PIVAl JD

**American Robin:** Many reports incl. dozens 2nd half of month KCF; 6/0/22 Tymor FT; 4/0/23 IES 24; 2/0/15 Mills Mansion FT; 4/0/23 IES WW

**Gray Catbird:** 1/8 BBTrail Humeston Farm BJM; 1/30 Allen Rd (Clinton) WW

**Northern Mockingbird:** 1/all yd Red Hook AG, 1/5 Arlington JA/KJ, 6 sightings incl. 5/6 Rombout Rd CV; 5 reports Wapp area 1-2 ea. BAM; 1/21 Van Wagner Rd PVly KCF; 3/22 Tymor FT; 2/25 Tymor BB; 1/1 Millbrook School FT, 1/8 Vassar Campus FT, 1/30 Allen Rd (Clinton) WW

**European Starling:** Usual numbers, highest report 50/15 near airport BAM

**Cedar Waxwing:** 12/3, 6/6, 45/31 Rombout Rd, 1/25 yd Pok CV; 1/4, 8/26 yd LaGrng JA/KJ; 6/11 Conklin Rd BAM; 8/27 Hyde Park JD; 4/29 Buttercup West FT

**Pine Warbler:** 1/18 Rhinebeck yd from Kristin Smith BB

**Eastern Towhee:** 1/2,8,9,28 female yd Red Hook AG

**American Tree Sparrow:** 2/all yd BB; 1/2, 2/19 yd LaGrng JA/KJ, 8/10 TivBay, 2/14 Rombout Rd, 1/15,18 Thompson Pd CV; 2/0/1 Millbrook School FT, 2/15 Mills Mansion FT

**Chipping Sparrow:** 1/11,12 yd LaGrng JA/KJ; 1/31 yd Rhinebeck RJ

**Field Sparrow:** 1/27-31 yd BB

**Fox Sparrow:** 1-2/9-27 feeder BB; 1/3 feeders BJM; 2/12-24 Rhinebeck yd from Kristin Smith BB; 2/13,14,16-19 yd Pok CV; 1/17-28 Pok from Liz Hinkley BJM; 2/15 Mills Mansion FT, 2/29 Buttercup West FT

**Song Sparrow:** 9/10 TivBay CV; 1/11 yd LaGrng JA/KJ; 7 reports incl. 18/24 HVRT, 20/31 Rombout Rd CV; 1/14,18 yd Stormville EBR; 18/22 Tymor FT

**Swamp Sparrow:** 2/8 Thompson Pd CV

**White-throated Sparrow:** 10/all yd KCF; All month, dwindling from 8 to 3 by 31st yd Red Hook AG, 1-7/all yd LaGrng JA/KJ; 5 reports incl 18/3 Rombout Rd CV; 5-6/all yd, many others BAM; 16/1 Millbrook School FT, 6/8 Vassar Campus FT, 8/15 Mills Mansion FT, 8/29 Buttercup West FT

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 3/7 Vassar Fm CV

**Dark-eyed Junco:** Many reports incl. 30/all yd BB; 20-30/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 10/all yd KCF; 15/all yd BAM; 16/8 Vassar Campus FT, 32/15 Mills Mansion FT

**Northern Cardinal:** Good numbers everywhere

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 1-8/all yd LaGrng JA/KJ; 25/9 field Deising farm Myers Corners, 6 other reports BAM; 15+/20-31 yd KCF; 1f 10m/9-31 feeder BB; 27/29 Buttercup West FT

**Rusty Blackbird:** 18/17 Millbrook School, 2/24 HVRT CV; 1/29 Buttercup West FT

**Common Grackle:** 16 reports, highest 20/5 Mill Pond Rhinebeck RJ; 25/9-31 feeder BB; 6/0/31 Nicholas Rd BJM;

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 1/1 Millbrook School FT; 3/11-31 yd BB; 4/26 Wassaic JD; 1/17 & 1/24-25 feeders yd. BJM; 1/29 Buttercup West FT

**Purple Finch:** 1/5,7,15 yd Pok CV; 1/7, 1 fem/25,26 yd BB

**House Finch:** 10/all yd BB; 6-12/all yd KCF; 2-4/1 all mo. feeders BAM; 1-5/all yd LaGrng JA/KJ; 6-8/all feeder Stormville EBR ; 2/24 Fishkill Cem. BJM; 4/28 PIVAl JD; 14/1 Millbrook School FT, 3/8 Vassar Campus FT

**American Goldfinch:** 20+/all yd KCF; 10-20/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1-5/all yd LaGrng JA/KJ; 5-6/1, 13/2 & 9/18-31 feeders BAM; 6 reports incl. 20/1, 40/2, 25/15 yd Pok CV; some turning yellow/20 yd BB; 7/1 Millbrook School FT, 1/15 Mills Mansion FT, 5/29 Buttercup West FT



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**House Sparrow:** 14/1 Millbrook School FT; 1 pr/27-31 yd BB;  
1-3/all yd Poughquag CP

**Other Sightings:**

**Bobcat:** 1/3 Pine Plains CV. Chet writes: "Saw a nice bobcat cross Lake Rd. in Pine Plains on March 3rd when I was watching redwings, grackles, etc. go to roost in the cattails and phragmites on both sides of the road."

**Observers:**

Hudson River Almanac (**HRA**); Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Jeff Daley(**JD**); Ken & Carol Fredericks (**KCF**); Ann Gilbert (**AG**); Natalie Gilbert (**NG**); Sue Gyscek (**SG**); Rodney Johnson (**RJ**); Barbara Mansell (**BMa**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith & Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Herb Thompson (**HT**); Chet Vincent (**CV**); Joe Woleader (**JWo**)

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**Field Trips (FT):** 1st Millbrook School, 8th Vassar College, lunch at Vassar Farm, 15th Staatsburgh/Mills, 22nd Tymor Park, 29th Buttercup West

**Woodcock Walks (WW):** 23rd IES, 28th Norrie, 30th Allen Rd.

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## April 2006 Records

On April Fool's Day it was 70 degrees and then the first week of April, temperatures dropped into the 50's. Temperatures rose to between 60 and into the mid-70's for the rest of the month with little rainfall.

Rare birds found were the American Golden-Plover by Carol Fredericks and Chet Vincent with the field trip group on the 8th and a Black Scoter by Edith & Barry Rosen. Migration was starting to pick up by the end of the month.

**Canada Goose:** Normal - most 25 to 75 by most observers.

**Mute Swan:** 1/14, 1/29 Pells Rd MP; 2/5 (1 on nest) Lk. Walton & 2/5 Hillside Lk. BJM,JWo; 7/5 , 7/17 Mud Pd & Stissing Lk. CV.

**Wood Duck:** 2-5 reported by Art Gingert, BB, SG, TM, EP, MP, FT's & most 10/17 Buttercup West, CV.

**American Black Duck:** some/1 Dottie's Pd., Art Gingert; 7/17 Carvel property – scarce CV.

**Mallard:** Normal – most 8 to 12 by most observers.

**Blue-winged Teal:** some/1 Dottie's Pd., Art Gingert; 1m/6 Mill Pd. Rhinebeck RJ; 2/17 Buttercup West CV.

**Green-winged Teal:** some/1 Dottie's Pd., Art Gingert; pr/5 pd. Ehmer's farm BJM; 29/8, 15/20 Strever Farm Rd, pr/10 Swamp River, Pawling BB; 4-5/21, Quaker Brook Wetland Pawling SG; 18/5, 10/22 & 12/24 Strever Farm Rd., 8/17 Buttercup West CV.

**Ring-necked Duck:** 3pr./5 Lk. Walton BJM,JWo; 28/5, 35/8 & 6/17 Mud Pd. CV; 3 or 4/8 still on her pond DFleury; 8/9 Redwing Bkmn CP/HT; pr/25,26 Abel's Pd BB.

**Black Scoter:** 8-10/13 Sylvan Lake Beekman EBR.

**Hooded Merganser:** some/1 Tamarack Lk., Art Gingert; 3/9 Rhinebeck RJ; pr/10 2m1f/27 pd. at Rt55/292 BB.

**Common Merganser:** 2-5 reported by BB, TM, FT's, most 30+/1 Tivoli Bay, Art Gingert; 12/9 Redwing Bkmn CP/HT; 10/15 Vandenberg Cove CV.

**Ruddy Duck:** 20/9 SylvanL CP/HT; 3/17 Carvel property CV.

**Wild Turkey:** Well reported with 2-8 by BB, AG, JA/KJ, BJM, MP EBR, CP/HT, Evelyn Stevenson, FT's & most 18/14 Sharon Station Rd., 23/20 & 8/25 Conservancy Preserve Rombout Rd., CV.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 1/9 SylvanL CP/HT; 1/12 Wilcox Pk FT; 1/17 Mud Pd., 1/24 Stissing Lk., CV; 1/20 Stissing Lk BB.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 2/5 Lk. Walton BJM,JWo; 1/7 Dennings Pt., 15/28 Norrie Pt., CV; 1/11 Old Troy Rd. on river AJM 1/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT.

**Great Blue Heron:** 14 reported by AJM, BJM, TM, MP, EBR, Art Gingert, FT's – most 6/5 Tamarack Lk FT; few/18 on nest Rt52/Taconic, Carolyn Plage; 6/10 nests at Rt55/292, 10 Swamp River, Pawling BB.

**Green Heron:** 1/10 Quaker Brook Wetland Pawling SG; 1/28 over Rt. 9G Hyde Pk., RJ.

**Black Vulture:** 1/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT; 3/10 Swamp River, Pawling BB; 1/24 Stissing Mt. w/TV's CV.

**Turkey Vulture:** Well reported by most observers – most 5/8 Buttercup East FT; 5/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT; 5/10 Swamp River, Pawling, BB; 30/5, 11/17 & 29th Stissing Mt., 5/11 Rombout Rd., CV.

**Osprey:** 1/9 Rombout Rd., 1/15 Norrie Pt., 1/17 Salt Pt. Tpk CV; 1/12 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT; 1/28 SylvanL CP; 1/29 over Hillside Lake RW/TC; 2/30 Southlands MP.

**Bald Eagle:** 1/3 & 11 on nest Wapp. AJM; 3/5. 2/12, 1/24 & 1/29 nest Stissing Mt., also nest on Cruger's Is. & 2 river opposite Norrie Pt. CV; 2/13 1ad-1yg 4 days old nest NY62 Dutchess Tom Lake HRA; 1ad/19 Reese Park, FT; 1/5 Dennings Pt. TM; 1m/few days before & after Easter Pl. Valley bridge – seen by 5 people who told me EP

**Northern Harrier:** 1/5 Tamarack Lk FT; 1/17 Rt. 52, Stormville Post Office RW/TC.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 7 reported of 1 each by JA/KJ, BB, EP, AJM, RJ, MP, CV.

**Cooper's Hawk:** 10 reported of 1 each by RJ, MP, BAM BJM, JA/KJ, CP, FT's.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/5 h Lk. Walton BJM,JWo; 2/8 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/10,4/21 Quaker Brook Wetland Pawling SG; 2/11,20 & 25 Rombout Rd., 1/15 Norrie Pt., CV; 1/18 Myers Corners Rd. JWo; 1/all neighborhood SGo.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** 1/12 Wilcox Pk FT; 1/12 Centre Rd. Town of Clinton, BMa; 2/15 & 1/25 over yd. BJM; 1/26 over Rt. 9D/Middlebush Rd. BJM,CV.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** Well reported by most observers of 1-3 with some on nest – most 8/5 Tamarack Lk FT; 6/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail (1on nest) FT; on nest/15-16 Vassar Farms BJM; on nest/17 across the road BB.

**American Kestrel:** 22 reported of 1-2 by FT, RJ, CP/HT, BB/CP, MP; BB, SG,CV - most - 4/14 Red Hook, AG;

**Merlin:** 1/1 Co. Rt. 5 Smithfield, Art Gingert.

**Peregrine Falcon:** 1/28 Pok RR bridge from Waryas Pk CV.

**Virginia Rail:** 1/9 Shaughnessy Rd UnVI CP/HT; 2/29 h on each side of Lake Rd. Pine Plains CV; 1/16, 4/29 Thompson Pd, DG.

**American Coot:** 40/9 SylvanL CP/HT.

**American Golden-Plover:** 1/8 Strever Farm Rd pd BB, CV, 1/8 Strever Fm Rd CP/HT; 1/9,10 Strever Farm Rd pd SGo; 1/16 Strever Farm Road Pd Pine Plains DG.

**Killdeer:** 36 reported by BB, BJM,JWo,CV - most - 6-8 daily, Southlands MP.

**Greater Yellowlegs:** 1/22 & 27 Espie Farm CV; 1/28 Pulver Corner marsh Rt. 199 JR.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** 1/22 Strever Farm Rd. CV; 2/28 Pulver Corner marsh Rt. 199 JR.

**Least Sandpiper:** 1/22 Strever Farm Rd. CV.

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** 1/24 Strever Farm Rd. CV.

**Wilson's Snipe:** 1/8 Rhinebeck RJ; 10/9 the Gardens, W. of Rhinebeck RJ; 2/14, 8/16, 1/29-30 Southlands MP; 10/28 Pulver Corner marsh Rt. 199 JR.

**Ring-billed Gull:** Immatures at river & malls CV.

**Rock Pigeon:** Normal thru county.

**Mourning Dove:** Good numbers of 2-6 by most observers – most - 10-20 daily yd. MP; 10/all yard BB; 10/all yd Poughquag CP & 1/27 on nest w/2eggs Muller's Pd. Stony Kill TM.

**Great Horned Owl:** nest/all 1ad/3chicks - gone/24th Noxon Rd. BAM, CV, Peggy Rudis, Ruth Greenwood; 4/11 h Allen Rd & Hollow Rd., BMa; 2/9 near home BB; nest/all ad/2yg-2yg/28 – ready to go Conservancy prop CV; all mo. JD.

**Barred Owl:** 1-2/5 h Osborne Hill Rd. MHB; 1/9 Humeston farm BJM; 2/10-17 h @ 4:30pm Hibernia Rd., Johanna Tomik; 1/11 yd Stormville EBR; 2/6 Overlook Rd., 2/14, 1/16 & 23 yd. CV; 1 for last 2 wks yd. Hillside Lk. M. Chatlos, BJM.





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**Chimney Swift:** 50/24 (FOS) city of Poughkeepsie RJ; 1/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT; 8/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT; 5/29 over yd Hillside Lk RW/TC.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** 1m/28 & 29 feeder FOS yd. BAM.

**Belted Kingfisher:** 10 reported of 1 each by CP/HT, MP, AJM, CV, FT's.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker & Downy Woodpecker:** Normal.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 3/9 Rhinebeck RJ; 4+/10 Quaker Brook Pawling SG; 1-2/10-30 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/12 Wilcox Pk FT; 1/all yd, 1/27 PNR/AT Hurds Cors BB; 1/11 Domin Farm CV.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 15 reported of 1-2 by Fred Baumgarten MHB; MP BAM CV, JA/KJ, TM, EP, CP/HT.

**Northern Flicker:** Good numbers reported of 3-5 by JA/KJ, BB, SGy, BAM; BJM, MP, EBR, CV.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 15 reported of 1-2 by JA/KJ, BJM/AJM, EBR, MP, CP/HT, CV, FT's.

**Least Flycatcher:** 1/28 Rhinebeck RJ; 4/29 Buttercup west DG.

**Eastern Phoebe:** Good numbers by most observers of 1-5 - most 8/11 Rombout Rd. & Domin Farm, 6/17 Buttercup West CV.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** 1/30 Rhinebeck (FOS) RJ.

**White-eyed Vireo:** 1/28 h Bowdoin Pk. nature center (FOS) AJM; 1/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** 1/21 Allen Rd. BMa; h/25 Poet's Walk, Fred Baumgarten MHB; 1/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT.

**Warbling Vireo:** 2/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT; 1/26 Greenway Trail Mkt St. Ind Pk. AJM; 1/27 New Hackensack Cem, 2/28 & 1/30 Humeston farm BJM; 1/27 PNR/AT Hurds Cors BB.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** 1/29 Vassar Farms RC; 1/30 Rhinebeck RJ.

**Blue Jay:** Normal numbers by most observers.

**American Crow:** Normal numbers by most observers.

**Fish Crow:** 2/6 Rt. 9, Shop Rite Plaza, Fishkill BJM; 1/22 h Madam Brett River Sweep; 2/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT; 1/30 h yd. BJM; 4/3 Brass Anchor, 1/9 Reagan Rd., 1/14 HVRT CV.

**Common Raven:** 1/2, 3/5, 1/17, 2/24 & 29 - 2yg ready to leave nest on 29th, Stissing Mt. Rd. (SGo got photo of yg.) CV; 1/5 Tamarack Lk FT; 1/15, 22 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/20 Thompson Pd BB; 1/22 h Madam Brett River Sweep;

**Tree Swallow:** Good numbers of 1-10 by most observers - most 24/5 Lk. Walton, 25/5 Hillside Lk. BJM, JWo; 59/8 Mashomak, CV.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** 1/8 Rhinebeck RJ; 2/11 on wires over Hunter Creek @ Wapp Cr. AJM; 5/19 Reese Park, Wapp. Ck., FT; 4/22 Madam Brett River Sweep; 20/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT; 1/27 PNR/AT Hurds Cors BB.

**Barn Swallow:** 2/20 & 24 Rombout Rd. CV; many/22-30 Southlands MP; 15/27 PNR/AT Hurds Cors BB.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** Normal numbers by observers with 3eggs/30 nest box yd. BAM.

**Tufted Titmouse:** Normal numbers by observers with 1 w/nesting material/30 yd JA/KJ

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1/1-3, 6-9, 15-20 yd. BAM; 1/4, 10th, 11th, 16th & 24th yd. CV; 1/9 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/11 yard BB; 3/12 Wilcox Pk FT; 1/17, 28 yd Poughquag CP; 1/30 Allen Rd. BMa.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** Normal numbers of 1-2 by JA/KJ, BB, MP, BAM, EP, CP/HT, EBR, CV, FT's.

**Brown Creeper:** 1/10 Swamp River, Pawling BB; 1/12 Wilcox Pk FT.

**Carolina Wren:** Normal numbers of 1-2 by JA/KJ, BB, BAM, MP, EBR, CV, FT's and 3/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail (nesting ML's wreath) FT; 2/all nest w/4 eggs shed Red Hook AG;

**House Wren:** 1/27 singing yd. & 2/28 Humeston farm BJM; 1/27 PNR/AT Hurds Cors BB; 1/29-30 yd Poughquag HT; 3/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT; 1/30 Red Hook AG; 1/24 h & 3/28 Rombout Rd. CV; h/28 yd JA/KJK.

**Winter Wren:** 1/2 h along stream Noxon Rd. (FOS) BJM; 2/8 Buttercup East FT CV; 2/29 Thompson Pd., CV & SGolladay.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 1/8 Buttercup East FT; 1/11 Vassar Farm CV.

**Ruby-Crowned Kinglet:** 39 reported by most observers - most 6/14 HVRT, 5/15 Norrie Pt. CV.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 1/12 Rhinebeck RJ; 2/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT; 2/17 Buttercup West, CV; 4/29 nest building Thompson Pd., CV, SGo.

**Eastern Bluebird:** Well reported by most observers with nest reported from BBtrail.

**Veery:** 1/28 Greenway Trail Scenic Hudson Property AJM; 1/30 Field Rd. Milan DG.

**Swainson's Thrush:** 1/23 Rhinebeck RJ.

**Hermit Thrush:** 2/5 Tamarack Lk FT; 4/8 Rhinebeck RJ; 2/12 Wilcox Pk FT; 1/18 yd. Wapp. JWo; 3/19 Reese Park FT; 2/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT; 1/28 Greenway Trail Scenic Hudson Property AJM; 1/11 Rombout Rd., 1/29 Thompson Pd., CV.

**Wood Thrush:** 2/30 Rhinebeck RJ.

**American Robin:** Well reported of 1-6 by most observers - most - 30+/5 Mabbettsville Rd., Millbk. BJM, JWo

**Gray Catbird:** 1/5 Tamarack Lk FT; 1/9 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/11 & 20 Rombout Rd., CV; 1/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT; 1/28 BBtrail/Humeston farm BJM; 1/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT.

**Northern Mockingbird:** 35 reported from most observers - numbers seem up - most - 6/11 Rombout Rd. CV.

**Brown Thrasher:** 1/13 yd., 1/20 & 28th Rombout Rd., CV; 1/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT; 1/30 Allen Rd. BMa.

**European Starling:** Always around in good numbers.

**Cedar Waxwing:** 1/1 yd. MP; 7/3 yd Hillside Lk. RW/TC; 50/8 Buttercup East FT; 8/11 Rombout Rd. CV; 15/27 Muller's Pd. Stony Kill TM.

**Blue-winged Warbler:** 6/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT; 1/29 Vassar Farms RC.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** 1/10 heard singing only Quaker Brook Area Pawling SG.

**Nashville Warbler:** 1/28 Greenway Trail off Channingville in Bowdoin Pk. AJM.

**Northern Parula:** 1f/12 sunflower hearts feeder yd. briefly Rhinebeck, Susan Joseph.

**Yellow Warbler:** 1/25 Bedell Rd. ML; 1/27 Airport Ind. Rd. & 2/28 Humeston farm BJM; 1/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT; 1/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT; 5/30 Rhinebeck RJ; 2/29 IES CV.

**Magnolia Warbler:** 2/30 Rhinebeck RJ.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 2/6, 1/24, 2/28 Rombout Rd., 2/28 Norrie Pt., CV; 1/12 Wilcox Pk FT; 4/27-29 Hillside Lk. RW/TC; 2/28 Greenway Trail Scenic Hudson Property AJM.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** h/25 Poet's Walk, Fred Baumgarten MHB; 1/30 Allen Rd. BMa.

**Pine Warbler:** 2/11 Vassar Farms CV; 2/12 Wilcox Pk FT; 1/13 feeder yd. Rhinebeck, Susan Joseph.



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**Palm Warbler:** 1/8 trees yd. BJM; 2/12 Wilcox Pk FT; 1/14 HVRT CV; 4/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT.  
**Black-and-white Warbler:** 1/25 Dennings Pt. TM; 3/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT.  
**American Redstart:** 1m/30 yd JA/KJ.  
**Ovenbird:** 1/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT.  
**Northern Waterthrush:** 1/29 Thompson Pd. CV.  
**Louisiana Waterthrush:** 2/11 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/12 Wilcox Pk FT; 1/15 & 28 Norrie Pt., CV; 1/19 Reese Park FT; 1/22 h Madam Brett River Sweep; 1/24 yard BB.  
**Common Yellowthroat:** 2/30 Rhinebeck RJ.  
**Eastern Towhee:** 27 reported of 1-2 by BB, BJM, Ruth Greenwood, RW/TC, AG, JA/KJ, CV, FT's - First: 1/8 & 2 daily yd. Rhinebeck RJ  
**American Tree Sparrow:** 1/11 Vassar Farm CV – last one reported.  
**Chipping Sparrow:** Well reported of 1-6 by FT's, JA/KJ, BB, MP, BJM, BAM, EBR, CV,CP/HT, SGy.  
**Field Sparrow:** Good numbers of 1-2 by FT, BB, BJM, JA/KJ - most - 7/14 HVRT, 21/24 Sleight Plass Rd. CV; 1/12 Wilcox Pk FT;  
**Savannah Sparrow:** 1/9 Sharon Sta. Rd., 1/11 Domin Farm CV; 2/10 @ Akin Fields Pawling SG; 6-10/14 daily yd. MP; heard/20 Strever Farm Rd pond BB.  
**Fox Sparrow:** 1/5-11 feeder yd. BAM; 1/14 HVRT CV.  
**Song Sparrow:** Well reported of 2-8 by most observers – most 6/9/5 Tamarack Lk FT; 13/26 Dennings Pt/Long Dock FT; 14/10 Swamp River, Pawling, BB; 12/7 Dennings Pt., 8/11 Rombout Rd., 15/14 HVRT, 10/17 Buttercup West, CV;  
**Swamp Sparrow:** 2/5 Tamarack Lk FT; 3/10, Quaker Brook Wetland Pawling SG; 3/14 HVRT, 3/17 Buttercup West, 2/24 & 3/29 Thompson Pd. CV; 1/20 Thompson Pd BB; 1/29 h Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT; 1/9 Norrie Pt. SGy.  
**White-throated Sparrow:** Normal numbers by most observers and gone by mid to end of month.  
**Dark-eyed Junco:** Normal and seem to be gone by end of month.  
**Northern Cardinal:** Good numbers of 1-8 by most observers.  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 3f/14 feeder yd., Shelly & Peter Gum MHB; 1/25 feeder yd. Jean Beck; 2/29 Bedell Rd. RRtrail FT.  
**Bobolink:** 1/28 over Rt. 9G by Burger Hill, Hyde Pk., RJ.  
**Red-winged Blackbird:** Normal numbers by most observers.  
**Eastern Meadowlark:** 1/8 Buttercup East FT; 1/15 Waterbury Hill Rd BB; 2/17 Stissing Mt. Rd. CV.  
**Rusty Blackbird:** 6/5 Tamarack Lk FT; 1/17 Buttercup West CV.  
**Common Grackle:** Normal numbers by most observers.  
**Brown-headed Cowbird:** Normal numbers 2-16 by most observers.  
**Orchard Oriole:** 1/28 Bedell Rd. ML.  
**Baltimore Oriole:** 1/28 Greenway Trail Scenic Hudson Property AJM  
**Purple Finch:** 3/3-30 yard BB; 3m/5, 1m/6, 8, 2m/1f/14, 1m/15-16 & 21 feeders yd. BAM; 3/6,6/13,11/14,12/17, 14/23, 8/10 daily feeder yd & 8/14 HVRT CV; 8/14-19 feeders Hillside Lk. RW/TC; 2-3/all and 5/15-16 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/18; 2/20 feeder Stormville EBR; 1-2f daily end of mo. Rhinebeck RJ.  
**House Finch:** Normal numbers of 2-8 by most observers – most - 10/all yard BB.  
**Pine Siskin:** 1/12 feeder yd. Rhinebeck, Susan Joseph

**American Goldfinch:** Normal numbers of 1-10 by most observer - most 20-30/all yd Poughquag) CP/HT & down by end of month.

**House Sparrow:** 6+/19 Reese Park/Wapp. Greenway FT; 2/1 feeders & nest box yd. BAM; 2/20 BBtrail/Wapp. & pr/28-30 BBtrail/Humeston farm BJM; has daily yd. EP.

#### Additional March Records:

**Blue-winged Teal:** pr./31 Denning's Pt. Marty McGuire HRA.

#### Other Sightings:

**Bear:** 1/18 visited feeders and bent feeder in half then bedded down on mulch pile, Bob Bowler --- plus Barbara Butler had one visit her yard and feeders also.

**Harbor Seal:** 1/3 on rocks at Norrie Pt. CV

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

**Field Trips (FT):** 5th Tamarack Lake, 12th Wilcox Park, 19th Reese Park, Town of Wappinger, 26th Dennings Point - Long Dock

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## May 2006 Records

April was very dry and so was early May. Little rain fell until the 12th, the beginning of a storm system that brought flooding to the Northeast by the 14th and 15th. It also brought some interesting birds, including our first county record for Red Phalarope on the Census. See other articles in this issue for more details. Other unusual birds, perhaps due to the weather, were Little Blue Heron and Great Egret. The remainder of the month had more adequate rainfall. Temperatures stayed rather cool for May until Memorial Day weekend, slowing the leaf-out.

**Canada Goose:** all over with many young ones; most 50 at Fishkill Cemetery BJM

**Brant:** 200/end of mo. flying upriver Roosevelt Estate JL.

**Mute Swan:** 2/17 Hillside Lk., 3/24 Lk. Onaid BJM

**Wood Duck:** 5/7 Tivoli Bays FT; young at Hillside Lk. BJM; pairs at Rockefeller, Ferncliff, Arlington HS marsh, MPs and EPs yard, Bangall Rd, Bog Hollow.

**American Black Duck:** 1/21 Mizzentop Rd. Pawl KCF

**Mallard:** 10/24 Buttercup West KCF; many other places, including feeders at EP and JA/KJ

**Blue-winged Teal:** 2/17 Lake Walton PF, unusual here in May

**Ring-necked Duck:** 1/3 Rockefeller Univ Field Research Center FT

**Wild Turkey:** 9/12 Hudson River Psy Ctr JA/KJ; heard nearly daily, prob. 4-8 home Rhinebeck MP; many others all over

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 1/17 Lake Walton PF, a good find in May

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 6/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 3/9 Tamarack BB/OW/FW

**Great Blue Heron:** 4/14 Strever Farm pond BB; 1 or 2 flyovers on most reports; daily at Southlands and creek behind EPs home

**Great Egret:** 2/14 Strever Farm pond BB

**Little Blue Heron:** 1/22 flyover Fishkill yard ES

**Green Heron:** 1/20-29 home, Rhinebeck MP; 2/24 Buttercup West KCF; also at Ferncliff, Stony Kill, Bog Hollow, and 2 other places

**Black Vulture:** 1/3 Pine Plains MidHudsonBirds; 2/14 Rte84 Fishkill CP/HT; 1/14 Thompson Pd BB; 1/28 Leetown Rd East Fishkill EBR; 1/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT

**Turkey Vulture:** 7/17 Nuclear Lake FT; 4/14 Thompson Pd BB; 4/24 Buttercup West KCF; 1 or 2 overhead most places

**Osprey:** 1/3 Rockefeller Univ Field Research Center FT; 1/1st week Roosevelt Estate, JL, 3/24 Tivoli North Bay HRA; 2/30 Southlands MP

**Bald Eagle:** 2/3 Crugers DA; 1/5 over Pine Plains Jane Watters; 1 ad/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 1/7 over bridge Rt 44 Pleasant Valley EP; 1/14 on river north of Norrie Point HRA; 1/29 Ravine Rd Pawl KCF

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 1/6, 1/13 home in Rhinebeck MP; 1/29 Cushman Rd Pawl KCF; 1/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/6 checking feeders yd. 1/11 Deising farm BJM; 1/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 1/13 Southlands, 1/28 home in Rhinebeck MP; 1/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/occ yd Poughquag CP

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/30 heard Valley Rd. BJM

**Broad-winged Hawk:** 2/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/1 over yd., 1/18 over Humeston farm BJM; 1/7, 14 yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Red-tailed Hawk:** nest near motel on Rt 44 Pleasant Valley EP; 1 or 2 on most reports - all over

**American Kestrel:** 1/6 Buttercup DLC trip BB; 1/28 Southlands MP

**Virginia Rail:** 1/2&3 marsh off Carpenter Rd SG; early in mo AT west of Rt 22 Pawling BW

**Sora:** 1/2&3 marsh off Carpenter Rd SG

**Killdeer:** 8-10 daily, Southlands, at least two nesting MP; 6/15 pr+4yg. Fishkill Cem BJM; 3/24 Stony Kill FT; 1-2 at 5 other places

**Greater Yellowlegs:** 1/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 1/14 heard from yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/14 Strever Farm pd BB; 1/24 Van Wagner Rd PVly KCF

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** 2/14 Strever Farm pd BB; 1/15 Fishkill Cem BJM

**Solitary Sandpiper:** 2/9 IES flats BB/OW/FW; 1/15 Fishkill Cem BJM; 2/17 Nuclear Lk FT

**Spotted Sandpiper:** 1/13 Red Hook Golf Club MP; 3/15 Fishkill Cem BJM; 4/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 2/21 Deep Hollow FT; 2/24 Van Wagner PVly KCF

**Least Sandpiper:** 3/15 Fishkill Cem BJM; 8/24 Van Wagner PVly KCF; 1/14, 10/26, 1/27 Southlands MP

**Wilson's Snipe:** 1/13 Southlands MP

**American Woodcock:** 1/29 Arlington HS marsh BB/BC

**Ring-billed Gull:** 18/15 Walmart BJM; 3/24 Stony Kill FT

**Herring Gull:** 2/15 Walmart BJM; around shopping centers Pleasant Valley EP

**Mourning Dove:** 10-20 daily Rhinebeck MP; 6-10/all yard CP; a few reported on most outings

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** 1/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/17 Lake Walton PF; 1/17-28 yard BB; 1/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** 1/8, 18 yd BB; 4/10 Ferncliff FT; 2/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 4 others

**Great Horned Owl:** every day Pleasant Valley JD

**Barred Owl:** 1/2 & 10 calling yd JA/KJ; 1/3 Rockefeller Univ Field Research Center FT

**Common Nighthawk:** 2/21 Ravine Rd Pawl KCF; 2/22 seen early evening Wingdale Maryanne Pitts

**Chimney Swift:** 15/14 over creek at Red Oaks Mill JB; all mo same place BJM; 1-4 reported from 9 other places

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arrived in most yards during the first week; 3/17 Nuclear Lake FT; 2/21 Deep Hollow FT

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1-2 daily from the 12th home Rhinebeck MP; only 5 other reports, incl Ferncliff, Nuclear Lk, Bog Hollow

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 6/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 5/10 Ferncliff FT; a pair at most feeders and some on most outings

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 9/17 Nuclear Lk FT (including 4 chasing each other!); 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/occ yard BB

**Downy Woodpecker:** 5/10 Ferncliff FT; 5/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 1-3 on most trips and at feeders

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1 at nest hole/29 Arlington HS marsh BB/BC; 3/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 1-2 at some feeders, 2 others

**Northern Flicker:** 3/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 4/8 Pok Rural Cemetery BB; 3/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 4/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; many other reports of 1 or 2

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 2/10 Ferncliff FT; 14 others reported

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** 1 heard/25 yard Verbank BB

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** first 1/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/18, 3/25 Humeston farm BJM; reported from 9 places from the 21st on; 3/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT

**Acadian Flycatcher:** 1/21 Deep Hollow FT

**Alder Flycatcher:** 1/27 heard yard Verbank BB





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**Willow Flycatcher:** 1/24 Stony Kill FT; 1/25 & 31 Airport Ind. Rd. BJM; 2/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT

**Least Flycatcher:** first 1/4 N Chippewalla Rd BB; most 10/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 7 other reports of 1-2

**Eastern Phoebe:** 7/21 Deep Hollow FT; well-reported, RJ reports young in nest, surely the rest are nesting now.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** 6/10 Ferncliff FT; 4/25 Humeston farm BJM,TS; one reported in April, others arrived on May 5th or later.

**Eastern Kingbird:** first 2/6 Buttercup DLC trip, 1/6 Abel's Pond BB; 1-5 all mo. BBtrail/Wapp. BJM; 9 other reports were after mid-month

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** 3/3 Rockefeller FT; 4/24 Buttercup West Pawl KCF; also 2 at Tivoli Bays, Tamarack, Nuclear Lk; 4 other reports

**Blue-headed Vireo:** 2/3 Rockefeller Univ Field Research Center FT; 2/10 Ferncliff FT; 1/21 Deep Hollow FT

**Warbling Vireo:** 5/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 2-7 heard all mo. BBT/Wapp. BJM; up to 3 reported from 8 other places

**Red-eyed Vireo:** BJM had them on the 4th, lots of other reports from the 10th on; 12/21 Deep Hollow FT

**Blue Jay:** up to 6 on most trips and at feeders

**American Crow:** 7/3 Rockefeller FT; 10/24 Stony Kill FT; several on trips and in yards

**Fish Crow:** 2/11 Rt.9 Hudson Plaza Pok, 2/15 Walmart Fishkill BJM

**Common Raven:** 1/10 Ferncliff FT; 1/14 Thompson Pd BB; taking suet all month Bog Hollow DF

**Tree Swallow:** 35+/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 50/14 Strever Farm pd BB; busy nesting all over

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** 8-10 Routes 52 & 376 East Fishkill EBR; 6+/17 Hillside Lk. BJM; also at Locust Grove, Buttercup, Tivoli Bays, Deep Hollow and Stony Kill

**Bank Swallow:** 200+/4 CareyRd Fishkill ES; 2/7 Tivoli Bays FT

**Cliff Swallow:** building nests/20, 8 nests/28 on dairy barn at Smithfield AG. The largest known colony in recent years.

**Barn Swallow:** 20-30 Southlands MP; 10/24 Van Wagner PVly KCF; 5/17 Ruth Greenwood's yd & barn BJM; 8 reports of up to 4

**Black-capped Chickadee:** 14/3 Rockefeller FT; 10/7 Tivoli Bays FT; on all trips and yards, nesting

**Tufted Titmouse:** 6/10 Ferncliff FT; on all trips and yards, nesting

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1/14, 15 yd Poughquag CP

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 5/7 Tivoli Bays FT; lots of reports. No one notes nesting, but surely they are.

**Brown Creeper:** 3/3 Rockefeller Univ Field Research Center FT; 2/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/24 Buttercup West KCF

**Carolina Wren:** 3 young in nest on 4th - fledged the 17th Red Hook yard AG; other nesting and reports from western half of county

**House Wren:** 5/3 Rockefeller FT; 4pr/5-31 nesting BBT/Wapp BJM; 1 or 2 on most reports, some nesting reports

**Winter Wren:** 1/4 Ridge Rd, Dover BB; 1/9 IES BB/OW/FW; 3/21 Deep Hollow FT

**Marsh Wren:** 3/7 Tivoli Bays FT; early in mo AT west of Rt 22 Pawling BW

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 1/3 Rockefeller FT; 1/3 Crugers DA; 2/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 1/14 yard Verbank BB

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 7/3 Rockefeller FT; 3/17 Nuclear Lake FT; 4/24 Buttercup West KCF; 5 other places

**Eastern Bluebird:** good numbers with nesting reports from Stony Kill, Rockefeller, Wappingers BJM, Red Hook AG, and Rhinebeck MP

**Veery:** 6 incl pr building nest/10 Ferncliff FT; 6/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 11/21 Deep Hollow FT; here all mo, but not singing until mid-month; 11 other reports

**Swainson's Thrush:** 1/25 & 29 at birdbath & singing in yard Wappingers BAM

**Hermit Thrush:** 1/1 back yd. BAM; 2/17 Nuclear Lk FT

**Wood Thrush:** 8/10 Ferncliff FT; 8/21 Deep Hollow FT; 10/24 Stony Kill FT; most arrived the first week, many reports after that

**American Robin:** everywhere in numbers, nesting

**Gray Catbird:** 10/24 Buttercup West KCF; 17/24 Stony Kill FT; 12/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; abundant

**Northern Mockingbird:** a dozen reports of 1 to 3

**Brown Thrasher:** 2/1 all month Red Hook yard AG; 1/2 back yd. BJM; 1/7-30,2/31 yd Poughquag CP/HT

**European Starling:** too busy nesting

**Cedar Waxwing:** 5/20 Fishkill Rd. Hopewell Jct BJM,PF; 7/21 Ravine Rd Pawl KCF; 6 reports of 1-4

**Blue-winged Warbler:** 3/24 Stony Kill FT; 5/29 Cushman Rd Pawl KCF; 5/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 1 or 2 in 10 other locations

**Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid):** 1/9 (a back-cross) Tivoli Bays Jim Cintron; 1/18 Fishkill Rd, Hopewell Jct PF

**Nashville Warbler:** first 1/2, 4 & 7 singing yd. BJM; last 1/17 Nuclear Lake FT; also 2 at Tivoli Bays, Ferncliff, and 1 at Rockefeller, Rhinebeck and Verbank

**Northern Parula:** 1/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 1/7 yard Verbank BB; 1/14 h Dogwood Hills Rd. BJM; 1/14 yd Poughquag HT; 1/17 Nuclear Lake FT

**Yellow Warbler:** 6/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 10/24 Stony Kill FT; 8/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 1-5 many other places

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** first 1/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 4/9 Tamarack BB/OW/FW; seem slow to arrive - 5 other reports, then 7/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT

**Magnolia Warbler:** big #s/4 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/5 & 14 yd. BJM; 2/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 2/21 Deep Hollow FT; 1/27 yard BB

**Cape May Warbler:** 1 heard/21 Deep Hollow FT

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 1/3 Crugers DA; 1/5,6,15, 2/7 yd Poughquag CP; 2/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 1/7-8 yard BB; 1/14 h Dogwood Hills Rd. BJM; 1/17 Nuclear Lake FT; 1/21 Tracy Rd Pawl KCF

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 15/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 15/10 Ferncliff FT; many other reports of up to 10, last 3/17 Nuclear Lake FT

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 4/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 4/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 11/21 Deep Hollow FT; 10 other reports 1-3

**Blackburnian Warbler:** 2/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 1/17 Nuclear Lake FT; 2/21 Deep Hollow FT

**Pine Warbler:** 1/7 Tivoli Bays FT

**Prairie Warbler:** first 1/4 N Chippewalla Rd BB; 5/20 Fishkill Rd. Hopewell Jct BJM,PF; 4/21 & 2/29 Dodge Rd Pawl KCF; 5 other reports

**Palm Warbler:** 4/3 Rockefeller Univ Field Research Center FT

**Blackpoll Warbler:** first 4/17 Nuclear Lk FT; last 2/29 Tracy Rd Pawl KCF; 5 other reports in between

**Black-and-white Warbler:** 6/3 Rockefeller FT; 3/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 1-2 many places, incl Pawling area KCF

**American Redstart:** 8/10 Ferncliff FT; 9/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 5/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 10 more reports of 1-4



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**Worm-eating Warbler:** 1/3 Rockefeller FT; 1/4 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 3/10 Ferncliff FT; 1/6-31 yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Ovenbird:** 5/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 4/21 Deep Hollow FT; 15 more reports of 1-3

**Northern Waterthrush:** 2/17 Nuclear Lk FT

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** 7/21 Deep Hollow FT; 1 or 2 reported from 7 other places

**Common Yellowthroat:** 15/24 Buttercup West KCF; 4/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 4/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 3/24 Stony Kill FT; 1-6 all mo. BBT/Wapp. BJM; 1-2 in 7 other places

**Hooded Warbler:** many/7 Dutchess Junction park Sue Infante; 1/9 IES BB/OW/FW

**Canada Warbler:** 1f/21 Deep Hollow FT; 1/24 Buttercup West KCF

**Scarlet Tanager:** first 1/3 Rockefeller FT; 9/10 nest building Ferncliff FT; 5/17 Nuclear Lake FT; up to 3 in 14 other places

**Eastern Towhee:** 12/3 Rockefeller FT; 6/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 11 reports of up to 3 incl Tamarack and Canoe Hill Rd BB/OW/FW

**Chipping Sparrow:** 10/8 Pok Rural Cemetery, 6/all yard BB; 2-8 all mo. BBT/Wapp. BJM; many reports of 1-5

**Field Sparrow:** 4/3 Rockefeller FT; 4/20 Fishkill Rd. Hopewell Jct BJM,PF; 3/31 Cascade Mtn Rd FT; 9 other places

**Savannah Sparrow:** 6-10 daily beginning the 14th Southlands MP

**Song Sparrow:** 14/24 Buttercup West KCF; some everywhere; 5-8 at Tivoli Bays, Tamarack, Nuclear Lk, Cascade Mtn Rd

**Swamp Sparrow:** 1/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 2/9 Tamarack BB/OW/FW; 2/14 Thompson Pd BB; 4/24 Buttercup West KCF

**White-throated Sparrow:** most reports during the first week. Last on the 14th BB,EBR, JA/KJ

**Dark-eyed Junco:** 2/24 Buttercup West KCF

**Northern Cardinal:** 8-10 Pleasant Valley EP; 6/7 Tivoli Bays FT; 6/24 Stony Kill FT; some at every walk and feeder

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 6/10 Ferncliff FT; 12/17 Nuclear Lk FT; 6/21 Deep Hollow FT; lots around, many feeders have some - a treat!

**Indigo Bunting:** first on the 13th (Census); 3/18 Lk Walton PF; 5/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 7 others

**Bobolink:** 1/6 3/7 Red Hook yard AG; many/6-31 Southlands MP; 8/6 Buttercup DLC trip BB; 4/17 field Ehmer's farm BJM; 10/21 & 4/29 Mizzentop Rd Pawl KCF; 5/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT

**Red-winged Blackbird:** all over; 20-25 in wet areas

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 3/6 Buttercup DLC trip BB; 1/17 field Ehmer's farm BJM; 1/29 Mizzentop Rd Pawl KCF

**Common Grackle:** some most places; up to 10 near water

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 13/3 Rockefeller FT; 10/10 Ferncliff FT; too many everywhere

**Orchard Oriole:** 1/11 Red Hook Golf Club MP; 2/17-31 yard Verbank BB; 2/29 Dewey Ln Pawl KCF

**Baltimore Oriole:** 10/10 Ferncliff, nesting FT; 15/17 Nuclear Lake FT; seem especially numerous this year

**Purple Finch:** 1/3 Rockefeller FT; 1/9 IES flats BB/OW/FW; 1/31 Cascade Mtn/Flint Hill Rds FT; 1-2 occasionally in yards of CP, BB, KCF

**House Finch:** 4-6 at most feeders, nesting

**Pine Siskin:** 10+ at 2 thistle feeders every day Pleasant Valley EP

**American Goldfinch:** 8/24 Stony Kill FT; 8-12/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2-6 at feeders and on trips

**House Sparrow:** 3 reports of up to 6

#### Other Sightings:

**Bear:** last week of May into June into garbage and bird feeders neighborhood, Hyde Park, JL

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

**Field Trips (FT):** 3rd Rockefeller Univ Field Research Center, 7th Cruger's Island/Tivoli Bays, 10th Ferncliff Forest, 17th Nuclear Lake, 21st Deep Hollow, 24th Stony Kill, 31st Flint Hill/Cascade Mtn Rds

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## June 2006 Records

June's report includes a "June Count" during the weekend of the 17th-18th conducted in Connecticut within their Christmas Count circles. Sibyll Gilbert did the count in part of the Pawling circle, which extends into Connecticut. Other Pawling Christmas counters were unable to participate this year. In light of the interesting species and counts Sibyll found, we'll have to try this next year.

**Canada Goose:** all over, 2 reports of yg, highest number 43/8 incl 19 yg. Fishkill Cem BJM

**Mute Swan:** 1/7 & 12, 2/19 Wapp. Lk. BJM

**Wood Duck:** 1/17 Quaker Hill SG; 1f/3yg/12 & 3-4/19 Wapp. Lk BJM; 13 w yg/17 Buttercup W FT

**Mallard:** pr/2 under feeders JA/KJ and 5 other reports

**Green-winged Teal:** 1/17 Quaker Hill SG

**Common Merganser:** 1f/3yg/13-16 Wapp. Creek, Stanfordville from Joyce Fouts/BJM

**Ruffed Grouse:** 1f/14 flew @ edge of field Clove Rd. BJM

**Wild Turkey:** widely reported w up to 20, many with yg, 1f/1 in "face-off" with raccoon yd JA/KJ

**Northern Bobwhite:** 5/17 various horse farms Quaker Hill SG; 1/1 Deising farm BJM

**Great Blue Heron:** widely reported, mostly as singles; 5/17 Quaker Hill SG

**Great Egret:** 1/8 over Alpine Plaza Rt. 9 Wapp. BJM

**Green Heron:** 1/17 Quaker Hill SG; 1/9 Dut Co Airport BAM; 1/11 & 18, 2/25 Rhinebeck MP; 2 FT

**Black Vulture:** 1/21 Wethersfield FT

**Turkey Vulture:** 10 single reports from all over; 2/10 PNR FT

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/11 yd JA/KJ; 1/17 Robinson Rd BJM,RC; 1/24 checked feeders yd. BJM

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/17 Quaker Hill SG

**Broad-winged Hawk:** 1/21 Myers Corners Rd. BAM

**Red-tailed Hawk:** 1-3 on many reports; 3/23 pr+1juv Humeston fm BJM

**Virginia Rail:** 3/17 Quaker Hill SG

**Sora:** 1/29-30 Quinlan Rd, Union Vale BC

**Killdeer:** 12-14 daily Southlands nesting MP; 1-5 in 9 other places

**Rock Pigeon:** 6/21 Wethersfield FT

**Mourning Dove:** 69/17 Quaker Hill SG; 10-20 daily Rhinebeck MP; 4 other reports of up to 5

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** 1/2 Salt Pt BMa; 1/26 & 29 h Hi View Rd. BJM

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** 1/4 Pawl KCF; 1/1 h Humeston fm BJM; 1/1 h Hi View Rd BAM

**Barred Owl:** 1/13 h yd JA/KJ; 1juv/11 BBT/Humeston fm BJM; 2/6 h nightly, "wheezing" juv DAT

**Common Nighthawk:** 1/17 Quaker Hill SG

**Chimney Swift:** 8+/12 & 6+/19 Wapp Lk, 6+/16 Wapp village, 4/8 Lk Onaid BJM

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** 1-3 reported many places

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/12 Wapp Lk BJM; 1/10-11, 17, 24-25 Rhinebeck MP; 1/21 Wethersfield FT

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 1-3 daily, 2ad fed1yg JA/KJ; 1-2 in 9 other reports

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 4/10 Pawling Nat. Res. FT

**Downy Woodpecker:** 3-4 all, 1m fed fyg/7, ad fed 3yg/14 feeder BAM; 6 other reports, several with yg

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 2/23 & 29 1f fed 1 yg suet, both clinging to feeder APS; 5 reports, 3 of feeding yg

**Northern Flicker:** 1-2 in 7 reports from all over

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 5 single reports

**Eastern Wood Pewee:** 5/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 12 other reports including all field trips

**Acadian Flycatcher:** 2/18 PNR SG; 1/10 PNR FT;

**Willow Flycatcher:** 1/4 Cushman Rd Pawl KCF; 1all Allen Rd Salt Pt BMa

**Least Flycatcher:** 4/5 Tymor BB; 7/18 Quaker Hill SG; 1/10 PNR FT; 1/17 Buttercup W FT

**Eastern Phoebe:** well reported; 2juv/28 neighbor's & yd BJM

**Great-crested Flycatcher:** 1-2 reported by KCF/BMa/BJM/BAM/MP and 2 field trips

**Eastern Kingbird:** 1-2 on field trips & reported by KCF/BMa/BJM/MP

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** 3/5 Tymor BB; 2/18 Quaker Hill SG; 5/17 1fed yg Buttercup W FT

**Warbling Vireo:** 14/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 4ad 1yg/17 Buttercup W FT; 6 other reports

**Red-eyed Vireo:** 6/5 Tymor BB; 7 other reports

**Blue Jay:** reports of up to 4 from all over

**American Crow:** up to 5 in 6 reports; 1ad 1yg/14 Mack Rd FT

**Fish Crow:** 1/17 Quaker Hill SG; 1/14 Mack Rd FT;

**Purple Martin:** boxful/23 Knight Rd Stanford JB;

**Tree Swallow:** good numbers in many reports, 3 of nests; 2-4 daily Southlands, many boxes taken + cool wet month discouraged most birds, they dissipated by month end MP

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** 4/7 & 2/12 over Wapp Lk BJM; 2-4 daily Southlands MP

**Cliff Swallow:** sev/23 barns at Rally Farm JB

**Barn Swallow:** 62/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 20-30 daily Southlands MP; 7 other reports of up to 6

**Black-capped Chickadee:** all over; 2-4 all nest w yg JA/KJ; pr all nest 6-7 yg, 7/3-6 pr fed 5 yg. BAM

**Tufted Titmouse:** 1-4 all over and nesting

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** all over up to 5 reported at feeders

**Carolina Wren:** 5 reports of 1-2 in yards

**House Wren:** 5 reports w nesting prs, 1/w 7 eggs, several other reports

**Winter Wren:** 1/10 PNR FT

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 1/1 Humeston fm BJM; 4ad, 1ad fed 1yg/17 Buttercup W FT

**Eastern Bluebird:** 6pr all nest boxes BBT/Wapp BJM; 5 other nesting reports; good numbers

**Veery:** 103/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 7 other reports and on all field trips

**Wood Thrush:** many reports of 1-5 all over

**American Robin:** everywhere in very good numbers

**Gray Catbird:** well reported; 25/14 Mack Rd FT; 15/17 Buttercup W FT; 16/21 Wethersfield FT

**Northern Mockingbird:** many reports of 1-4

**Brown Thrasher:** 1 all Allen Rd BMa; 1yg/23 Humeston fm BJM; 2ad 1yg/17 Buttercup W FT

**European Starling:** 1 -2 all; 4ad 2yg/4 yard JA/KJ; 2-3 all Salt Pt BMa; 1/14 Mack Rd FT

**Cedar Waxwing:** 6 reports of 1-5; 33/21 Wethersfield FT

**Blue-winged Warbler:** 1-4 in 7 reports

**Brewster's Warbler (hybrid):** 2/14 Mack Rd FT

**Yellow Warbler:** all over; 12/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 10/17 Buttercup W FT; 8/21 Wethersfield FT





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**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 4/17-18 #s way down Quaker Hill SG; 9/14 Mack Rd FT; 5 reports of up to 3  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 1/14 Mack Rd FT  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 2/18 Quaker Hill SG  
**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 3/10 PNR FT;  
**Blackburnian Warbler:** 1m/10 PNR FT  
**Pine Warbler:** 1/5 Tymor BB  
**Prairie Warbler:** 1 all Allen Rd Salt Pt BMa; 1heard/14 Mack Rd FT  
**Cerulean Warbler:** 1heard/14 Mack Rd FT  
**Black-and-white Warbler:** 2/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 2/14 Mack Rd FT; 5 other single reports  
**American Redstart:** 14/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 12/14 Mack Rd FT; 4 other reports of 1-5  
**Worm-eating Warbler:** 2/18 PNR SG  
**Ovenbird:** 4/4 Tracy Rd Pawl KCF; 17/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 5/14 Mack Rd FT; 5 other reports of 1-4  
**Northern Waterthrush:** 10/17 Quaker Hill SG  
**Louisiana Waterthrush:** 1/3 & 6 home, 1/5 Tymor BB; 3/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 3/10 PNR FT  
**Kentucky Warbler:** 1/18 h Quaker Hill SG  
**Common Yellowthroat:** 28/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 5/17 Buttercup W FT; 8 other reports of 1-4  
**Hooded Warbler:** 2/14 Mack Rd FT  
**Scarlet Tanager:** 3/5 Tymor BB; 4/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 3/17 Buttercup W FT; 7 other reports  
**Eastern Towhee:** 1-3 all Salt Pt BMa; 6-8 all Southlands MP; 11/14 Mack Rd FT; also BB/KCF/BJM  
**Chipping Sparrow:** 1ad+2yg/23 fm, 3/22 ad fed 2 yg yd BJM; 14/21 Wethersfield FT; well reported  
**Field Sparrow:** 6/14 Mack Rd FT; BB/KCF/BMa/BJM report 1-2  
**Savannah Sparrow:** 2-4 daily SouthlandsMP; 2/21 Wethersfield FT  
**Song Sparrow:** 2-5 in numerous reports; 10+ inc yg/17 Buttercup W FT; 15/21 Wethersfield FT  
**Swamp Sparrow:** 6/17-18 Quaker Hill SG; 5/17 Buttercup W FT  
**White-throated Sparrow:** 1/17 h singing at feeder area Quaker Hill SG; 1/24 Rhinebeck Yd RJ  
**Northern Cardinal:** numerous reports of 1-8 including yg.  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** many reports of males, females & young at feeders  
**Indigo Bunting:** 1-3 all Salt Pt BMa; 1/16 Humeston fm; 1/8 Fishkill Cem BJM; 2/14 Mack Rd FT  
**Bobolink:** 6/4 Mizzentop Rd Pawl KCF; 24/17 Quaker Hill SG; 6-15 all yg end mo Salt Pt BMa; 5 others  
**Red-winged Blackbird:** well & widely reported; 140/17 Quaker Hill SG; 20+/17 Buttercup W FT  
**Eastern Meadowlark:** 6/17-18 Quaker Hill SG  
**Common Grackle:** well reported, nesting & w yg; 10/17 Buttercup W FT;  
**Brown-headed Cowbird:** all around and too many  
**Orchard Oriole:** pr nested/all Verbank yard BB; 1 all Allen Rd Salt Pt BMa  
**Baltimore Oriole:** pr nstg/all Verbank yard BB; 10 w 1 on nest/17 Buttercup W FT; many reports of 1-5  
**Purple Finch:** 1/all yard BB; 2/8 Poughquag yard BC; 2/occ yd KCF  
**House Finch:** well reported with adults feeding young at feeders

**American Goldfinch:** at feeders, many reports of 1-6; 10/17 Buttercup W FT

**House Sparrow:** 1-2 often yd JA/KJ; 2 nest box/14 Mack Rd FT

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

**Field Trips (FT):** 7th Nellie Hill (rained out); 14th Mack Rd; 21st Wethersfield; 28th Madam Brett (rained out); 10thPawling Nature Reserve; 17th Buttercup West

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## July 2006 Records

The weather was warm, with some strong thunder-storms. Then extreme temperatures in the 90's making it feel hot / humid. The storms brought some wind gusts, which the poor birds and birders had to endure. Near the end of the month, some comfortable days in the 70's and low 80's made birding pleasurable. Then the oppressive heat wave hit.

**Canada Goose:** 8/1 NuclearL BP/CP; 6/8 Greig Farm FT; 2/26 Norrie Point FT

**Wood Duck:** 3/5 Hillside Lk. BJM

**American Black Duck:** 2/26 Norrie Point FT

**Mallard:** 11/5 (incl f&8yg) Hillside Lk. BJM; 4/26 Norrie Point FT

**Wild Turkey:** well reported with poults by BJM, BAM, KCF, MP, and most 29-34/20 (incl 4f & 25-30yg) yd EP & 20-40/all (hens w/yg) yd BMA; as well as 2/5 dusting in sand pit KCF

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 6/26 Norrie Point FT;

**Great Blue Heron:** many reports of 1 or 2 by most observers and on all FTs, most 8/26 Norrie Point FT

**Great Egret:** flyover sightings on 5/19 Yellow Frame Farm and 6/26 Norrie Point FTs; and 6/28 Strevers Pond KCF & DG

**Snowy Egret:** 2/28 Strevers Pond DG

**Green Heron:** 1/1, 1/14 & 1/30 yd MP; 1/8 Greig Farm FT; 3/15 Vassar Farms KCF

**Black Vulture:** 2/1 NuclearL BP/CP; 1/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT

**Turkey Vulture:** several reports of these thermal flyers throughout the county most 3/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT

**Bald Eagle:** 1/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/3,4 & 16 (checking feeders) yd BJM & AJM; 1/22 yd Poughquag HT; 1/26 Norrie Point FT; 1/29 Southlands Fm MP

**Broad-winged Hawk:** 1/1 Shop Rite Plaza Fishkill BJM

**Red-tailed Hawk:** 2-3 BBtrail Humeston farm BJM; 1 or 2 on most reports and FTs

**Killdeer:** 1/8 Greig Farm FT; most 12-14/all Southlands Fm MP; and three reports from Wapps area by BJM

**Ring-billed Gull:** 6/26 Norrie Point FT

**Rock Pigeon:** 6/8 Greig Farm FT; 6/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT

**Mourning Dove:** normal numbers on FTs and reported by BB, EP, MP, CP, BMA; most 20/8 Greig Farm FT

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** 1/8 yd BMA

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** 1/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT

**Great Horned Owl:** 1/all yd JD

**Barred Owl:** 2/occ near home Wappingers Rosa Corbeels; 1/10 (juv on wire front yd in evening) Evelyn Stevenson

**Chimney Swift:** 3-6/occ Arlington KCF

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** many seen around especially at feeders by CP/HT, EBR, BB, MP & BMA; a real treat was seeing 2 yg being fed on nest 4/12 Turkey Hollow FT

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/1, 1/3, 1/8 yd MP; 1/26 Abel's Pond BB

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** some reports of 1 to 3 on FTs and by others, with 1ad fed 1yg/11-13 at suet log yd BAM

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1/1 West Mtn MUA BB/BC; 1/1 NuclearL BP/CP/DS; 1/occ yd CP/HT

**Downy Woodpecker:** usual numbers seen or heard by birders and on all FTs; most 9/26 Norrie Point FT; 4(2ad & 2yg)/all yd KCF; 3-5/all yd CP/HT

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1-3 reported by BP/CP/DS, MP, CP/HT and 3(2ad & 1yg)/all yd KCF

**Northern Flicker:** 1/5 Pond Gut FT; 1/12 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 2/26 Norrie Point FT; and other reports of 1-2

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 1/1 West Mtn MUA BB/BC; and 9 others reported

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** could be seen or heard throughout county, most 12/26 Norrie Point FT

**Acadian Flycatcher:** 2/5 Pond Gut FT; 2/12 Turkey Hollow FT

**Willow Flycatcher:** 1/15 Vassar Farms KCF

**Least Flycatcher:** 1/1 NuclearL BP/CP; 1/5 Pond Gut FT; 1/12 Turkey Hollow FT

**Eastern Phoebe:** good numbers by most observers of 1-5, most 5/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; and 2nd nesting/all yd BB

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** most 6/1 NuclearL BP/CP/DS; and ten other reports of 1-3

**Eastern Kingbird:** nine reports of 1-4 by observers and on FTs; Yellow-throated Vireo: 1/12 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/19

Yellow Frame Farm FT; 2/26 Norrie Point FT; 2/1 West Mtn MUA BB/BC

**Blue-headed Vireo:** 1/5 Pond Gut FT; 2/12 Turkey Hollow FT

**Warbling Vireo:** 2/1 BBtrail Wapp, 1/5 Hillside Lk., 1/7 BBtrail New Hack Cem., 1/7 & 14 BBtrail Humeston farm BJM; 1/4 yd BMA

**Red-eyed Vireo:** 1-5 reported by BP/CP/DS, BB/BC, BJM, MP, CP/HT; most 11/5 Pond Gut FT; 5/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT; 7/12 Turkey Hollow FT

**Blue Jay:** 3-4 on most reports and up to 10 in Poughquag CP/HT

**American Crow:** several on FTs and in yds

**Fish Crow:** 1/1 Shop Rite Plaza Fishkill BJM; 1/26 Norrie Point FT

**Common Raven:** 2/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT; 1/26 Norrie Point FT

**Horned Lark:** 5/8 Greig Farm FT

**Swallows:** 50/25 Abel's Pond - beginning to gather BB

**Tree Swallow:** 1/3 over yd, 1/4 Top 'O Hill Rd., pr/7 BBtrail New Hack Cem. BJM; 8/4 yd BMA; 2/8 Greig Farm FT; 12/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 3/26 Norrie Point FT

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** 2-4/all Southlands Fm MP

**Barn Swallow:** reports of 1-4 incl yg, most 20-30/all Southlands Fm MP; 15/8 Greig Farm FT; 7/4 yd BMA

**Black-capped Chickadee:** 14/26 Norrie Point FT; a dozen other reports of up to 10

**Tufted Titmouse:** 12/26 Norrie Point FT; on all FTs and yds, some with yg

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** normal numbers of 1-2; most 7/26 Norrie Point FT

**Brown Creeper:** 1/all yd JD

**Carolina Wren:** 1-2 on most reports, and 2ad+2juv/6(fledging day!) yd EBR; most 6/26 Norrie Point FT

**House Wren:** 2/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT; 2-3/all yd (nesting in boxes) BAM; 1-2/all yd (fledged 4) MP; and 1-2 on most reports

**Winter Wren:** 3/5 Pond Gut FT; 8/12 Turkey Hollow FT

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 1/1 NuclearL BP/CP/DS; 1/5 Pond Gut FT; 1/12 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/26 Norrie Point FT

**Eastern Bluebird:** good numbers with sightings of yg throughout county by BB/BC, BJM, BAM, EBR, MP, BMA and FTs;



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**Veery:** 38/5 Pond Gut FT; 21/12 Turkey Hollow FT; ten other reports of 1 to 5

**Hermit Thrush:** 2/1 West Mtn MUA BB/BC; 2/12 Turkey Hollow FT

**Wood Thrush:** 4/5 Pond Gut FT; 3/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT; 1/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; many other reports

**American Robin:** everywhere, most 16/12 Turkey Hollow FT; 48/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT

**Gray Catbird:** abundant, these birds are 'meowing' all over; 19/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT

**Northern Mockingbird:** a dozen reports of 1-2

**Brown Thrasher:** 1/1, 2/2, 2/9 yd MP; 1/7 Waterbury Hill Rd BB; 2-4/1-17 yd CP/HT; 2/4 yd BMA

**European Starling:** 100/8 Greig Farm FT; 136/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; sev yds EP & BMA

**Cedar Waxwing:** 2/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 3/26 Norrie Point FT; two other reports of 3-6

**Blue-winged Warbler:** 1/1 NuclearL DS; 4/4 yd BMA; 2/26 Norrie Point FT

**Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid):** 1/26 Norrie Point FT; a lifer for several birders

**Yellow Warbler:** 5/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 1-4 in other reports

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 1/4 yd BMA; 2/15 Vassar Farms KCF; 1/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 1/1 NuclearL BP/CP; 4/5 Pond Gut FT; 5/12 Turkey Hollow FT

**Blackburnian Warbler:** 1/12 Turkey Hollow FT

**Prairie Warbler:** 1/4 yd BMA

**Black-and-white Warbler:** 1/1 West Mtn MUA BB/BC; 3/1 NuclearL BP/CP; 1/4 yd BMA; 12/5 Pond Gut FT; 5/12 Turkey Hollow FT

**American Redstart:** 1/1 yd BP/CP/HT; 1/4 yd BMA; 4/5 Pond Gut FT; 1/15 Vassar Farms KCF

**Worm-eating Warbler:** 1/5 Pond Gut FT; 1/12 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/26 Norrie Point FT

**Ovenbird:** 3/1 West Mtn MUA BB/BC; 14/5 Pond Gut FT; 1/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** 1/1 West Mtn MUA BB/BC;

**Common Yellowthroat:** 4/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT; 4/12 Turkey Hollow FT; 8/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; and 1-4 in 7 other places

**Scarlet Tanager:** 2/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT; 2/12 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 4/26 Norrie Point FT; five other reports of 1 or 2

**Eastern Towhee:** 2/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT; 4/12 Turkey Hollow FT; 3/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 1/26 Norrie Point FT; 1-2 reported by BP/CP/DS, BB, MP, BMA;

**Chipping Sparrow:** several reports of 2-4, most 12/1 NuclearL BP/CP/DS; 10/7-14 (incl juv) BB trail Humeston farm BJM; 6-8/all Southlands Fm MP

**Field Sparrow:** 1/1, 3/7 & 1/14 BBtrail Humeston farm BJM; 1/4 yd BMA; 1/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT; 1/15 Vassar Farms KCF; 1/all yd BB

**Vesper Sparrow:** 5/8 Greig Farm FT

**Savannah Sparrow:** 2/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 2-4/all Southlands Fm MP

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** 10/8 Greig Farm FT

**Song Sparrow:** 10/8 Greig Farm FT; 3/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT; 14/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; others everywhere

**Swamp Sparrow:** 1/1 (h) BBtrail Humeston farm BJM; 2/5 Pond Gut FT

**Northern Cardinal:** some at every FT and feeder with yg; 7/3 (pr fed 1 yg & pr + 2 juv) & 10/6-18 (3pr+4juv) yd BAM

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 5/5 Pond Gut FT; 1/12 Turkey Hollow FT; 4/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 2/26 Norrie Point FT; many around and at feeders

**Indigo Bunting:** 2/8 Greig Farm FT; 1/12 Turkey Hollow FT; 2/26 Norrie Point FT; and other reported by BJM, KCF, JD, BMA

**Bobolink:** 1m/5 Ehmer's farm BJM; 1/8 Greig Farm FT; many/all Southlands Fm MP

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 2/8 Greig Farm FT; 2/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT; 10/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; all over fields, marshlands, and ponds

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 6/8 Greig Farm FT; 1-2/occ Waterbury Hill Rd BB

**Common Grackle:** reports of 1 to 9 in most places

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** unfortunately for the passerines, 1-8 reported everywhere

**Orchard Oriole:** 5/4 (feeding yg) yd BMA

**Baltimore Oriole:** 6/4 (feeding yg) yd BMA; 5/8 Tivoli Bays WMA FT; 6/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 9/26 Norrie Point FT; and 1-3 at Humeston and Southlands Farms

**Purple Finch:** 1/4 yd BB; 2/occ yd KCF; 1-4/occ yd CP/HT; House Finch: good numbers seen at most feeders and some 2nd nesting

**American Goldfinch:** 20/8 Greig Farm FT; 10/19 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 20/26 Norrie Point FT; also good numbers seen at feeders and getting ready to breed

**House Sparrow:** 2/26 Norrie Point FT

#### Observers:

Hudson River Almanac (**HRA**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Jeff Daley (**JD**); Ken & Carol Fredericks (**KCF**); Dick Gershon (**DG**); Barbara Mansell (**BMA**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM**/**BJM**/**AJM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Eleanor Pink (**EP**); Bert Pooth (**BP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith & Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Donna Stevens (**DS**); Herb Thompson (**HT**); Field Trip-see list below (**FT**)

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

**Field Trips (FT):** 5th Pond Gut; 8th Greig Farm; 8th Tivoli Bays WMA (from Kidd Ln); 12th Turkey Hollow aka Tamarack Preserve; 19th Yellow Frame Farm; 26th Norrie Point

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## August 2006 Records

Weather: The July heat wave in the high 90s ended Aug. 4, followed by cooler and wetter weather, particularly the last week.

**Canada Goose:** 30/1,25/26 Wapp.area-BAM, 25/19 Southlands-FT

**Mute Swan:** 2/21 Wapp.L BJM, 2/30 Thompson Pond-FT

**Wood Duck:** 40 total. max 33/20 Hillside Lk BJM

**Black Duck:** 2/30 Thompson Pond-FT

**Mallard:** 84 total

**Common Merganser:** 6/16 Wilderstein-FT

**Wild Turkey:** 5/all BMa, 5/9 Locust Grove-FT, 20/16 Wilderstein-FT

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 2 Dennings Pt TM, 4/9 Locust Grove-FT, 4/22 Dennings Pt Bill Case, 4/31 HVRT BB&KCF

**Great Blue Heron:** 18 total

**Great Egret:** 1/23 Long Pond Jane Geisler, 1/30 Thompson Pond-FT, 1/31 HVRT BB&KCF

**Green Heron:** 8 total

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** 1/21 Dennings Pt Bill Case

**Turkey Vulture:** 56 total

**Black Vulture:** 1/18 Green Haven EBR, 6/31 HVRT BB&KCF

**Bald Eagle:** 1 imm Dennings Pt. TM, Tivoli Bays and Wapp/Pok area HRA

**Osprey:** 1/15 Lagrangeville HRA, 1/16 Wilderstein-FT, 2/18 Tivoli Bay HRA

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 1/12 Red Hook golf course MP

**Cooper's Hawk:** 6 total

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/12 Pond Gut-FT, 1/13 Nuclear L CP&HT, 1/18 homeCP&HT

**Red-tailed Hawk:** 21 total

**American Kestrel:** 1/18 Allen Rd BMa

**Virginia Rail:** 2/31 HVRT BB&KCF

**Killdeer:** 12 to 14 early, then just two MP, only two others

**Solitary Sandpiper:** 1/16 Wilderstein-FT, 2/31 HVRT BB&KCF

**Mourning Dove:** 48 total

**Rock Pigeon:** 8/19 Southlands-FT, only report. There must be more around

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** one Dennings Pt.TM

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 1/22&25 Allen Rd. BMa

**Great Horned Owl:** 1/8-24 home BB, 2/23 calling from former Girl Scout property on Spackenkill Rd DT

**Barred Owl:** 2/19 Clinton BMa, 1/23 Clinton Jane Geisler. same bird? Juv in back yard, Pok DT

**Chimney Swift:** 26 total

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** 14 total

**Belted Kingfisher:** 8 total

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 15+ total

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1 imm/16 home BB

**Downy Woodpecker:** 37+ total

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 10 total

**Northern Flicker:** 14 total

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 1/all home BJM, 1/23 IES-FT, 1/25-29 Poughquag CP&HT, 2/30 Thompson Pond-FT

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** 29 total. max 14/30 Thompson Pond-FT

**Eastern Phoebe:** 30+ total

**Least Flycatcher:** 1/12 Pond Gut-FT

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** 10 total

**Eastern Kingbird:** 13+ total

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** 3/30 Thompson Pond-FT

**Warbling Vireo:** 4/31 HVRT BB&KCF

**Red-eyed Vireo:** 20+ total

**Blue Jay:** 60+ total

**American Crow:** normal resident population

**Common Raven:** 3/1 IES Barry Haydasz, 1/4 Poughquag & 1/13 Nuclear Lk CP&HT, 1/12 Clinton BMa, 1/30 Thompson Pond-FT

**Tree Swallow:** 400+. max 200/28 home AG

**Barn Swallow:** 100+. Fewer end of month MP

**Black-capped Chickadee:** normal residents. Max 14/23 IES-FT & 18/30 Thompson Pond-FT

**Tufted Titmouse:** 52 total

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1/all IES fern glen Barry Haydasz

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 30+ total

**Carolina Wren:** 22 total

**House Wren:** only 18 listed

**Marsh Wren:** 1/16 Wilderstein-FT

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 1/8 Humeston farm BJM, 5/12 Pond Gut-FT, 1/16 Wilderstein-FT

**Veery:** 7 total

**Eastern Bluebird:** 50+ total. See breeding report next month.

**Wood Thrush:** 1/5 home BJM, 1/9 Locust Grove-FT, 3/12 Pond Gut-FT, 1/23 IES-FT

**American Robin:** 100+ total. max 50/28 Poughquag CP&HT

**Gray Catbird:** 100+ total. many /31 HVRT BB&KCF

**Northern Mockingbird:** only 7 reported. Seems low

**Brown Thrasher:** 2/5 home MP, 1/8 home BB

**European Starling:** 35/19 Southlands-FT. Surely there are more.

**Cedar Waxwing:** 78 total, max 22/16 Wilderstein-FT

**Blue-winged Warbler:** 1/12 Pond Gut-FT, 1/12 Allen Rd BMa

**Nashville Warbler:** 1/12 Pond Gut-FT

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 2/12 Pond Gut-FT, 1/21 Tymor-fall plumage BB, 1/21 feeding young cowbird BMa, 2/23 IES-FT

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 1/30 Thompson Pond-FT

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 1/30 Thompson Pond-FT

**Magnolia Warbler:** 3/23 IES-FT

**Yellow Warbler:** 1/13 home BJM

**Pine Warbler:** 2/9 Locust Grove-FT feeding young Cowbird

**Black-and-white Warbler:** 3/12 Pond Gut-FT, 1/30 Thompson Pond-FT

**American Redstart:** 2/4 to 15 home BJM, 5/12 Wilderstein-FT, 1/31 HVRT BB & KCF

**Ovenbird:** 1ad, 1yg/12 Pond Gut-FT

**Common Yellowthroat:** 16 total

**Canada Warbler:** 1/12 Pond Gut-FT, 1/23 IES-FT, 1/30 Thompson Pond-FT

**Scarlet Tanager:** 8 total

**Eastern Towhee:** 20+ total

**Chipping Sparrow:** 27 total

**Song Sparrow:** 25 total

**Field Sparrow:** 2/12 Allen Rd BMa

**Swamp Sparrow:** 1/12 Pond Gut-FT, 3/31 HVRT BB&KCF

**Northern Cardinal:** 50+ total Note: Birders count these not Starlings!!!

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 18 total

**Indigo Bunting:** 1/7 Beacon HRA, 2/12 Allen Rd BMa, 1/18 Wilderstein-FT



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**Bobolink:** 14 w young/19 Southlands-FT, Several early 2 late MP

**Red-winged Blackbird:** plentiful. max: 100/26 BB

**Common Grackle:** large flock on 1st HRA

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** max: 50/11 home BJM

**Baltimore Oriole:** 14 total

**Purple Finch:** 1/23 Poughquag CP

**House Finch:** 18 total

**American Goldfinch:** 100+ total

**House Sparrow:** 339 total

**Other Observations:**

**Coyote:** on 22 & 29 BMa

**Observers:**

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

**Field Trips (FT):** 2nd Dennings Point; 9th Locust Grove; 16th Wilderstein; 23rd IES (Cary Arboretum); 30th Thompson Pond

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## September 2006 Records

September had nice calm weather, except for the remnants of three hurricanes. *Frances* brought 2-3 inches on the 8-9th; then *Ivan* on the 17-18th with 2-4; finally *Jeanne* on the 28th with 2-3 inches of rain. No wonder ponds and streams are all high for this time of year. Eleanor Pink says she sees the Great Blue Herons when the Wappingers Creek behind her house is normal, but not often with all this rain.

**Canada Goose:** flocking up, starting mid-month; 200/15 on river at Bowdoin Park HRA; 131/29 Buttercup W FT  
**Mute Swan:** 4/6 thru mo. Deising pd. Meadowbrk farm BJM; 2/15 pd. across from Tymor Pk. BAM  
**Wood Duck:** 28/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 6/18 Wapp. Lk. BJM also Depot Hill, Buttercup, Vanderbilt  
**American Black Duck:** 1/6 KCF, 1/29 FT both from Buttercup West  
**Mallard:** 12/30 Lake Onaid BJM; 1-6 several other places  
**Green-winged Teal:** 1f/18 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 45/29 Buttercup W FT  
**Hooded Merganser:** 1/15 Sharparoon FT  
**Wild Turkey:** 30/14 (one third juv) crossing a road in Wappingers HRA; 21/19 Grape Hollow Rd Beekman EBR; 20/25 Southlands FT; 10 other reports from all over  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** 1/1 SaltPtTpk KCF; 2/18 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 1/sev times at Ponderosa pond, Salt Point JD  
**Great Blue Heron:** 3/1 Van Wagner Rd. KCF; plus a dozen reports of 1 or 2  
**Great Egret:** 1/1 Van Wagner Rd, 1/6 SaltPtTpk KCF; 1/3 Willowbrook Rd, Clinton Corners JD; 1/10 Linwood Spiritual Center (Rhinebeck) MR; 2/18 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 1/22 Beacon riverfront John Winkler, Jr. CP  
**Green Heron:** 1/1 Van Wagner Rd. KCF; 1/5, Casperkill Ridge MR; 1/29 Buttercup W FT  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** 1/14 New Hamburg, 1/22 Beacon, both from John Winkler, Jr. CP  
**Black Vulture:** 4/13 Rt 52 Hopewell Jct SG; 5/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 2/17 over Spackenkill Rd. @ Oakwood Sch. BJM; 1/15 Sharparoon FT  
**Turkey Vulture:** 19/15 over Tymor Pk. BAM; many other reports of 1-7 from all over the county  
**Osprey:** 1/13 Rt 52 Hopewell Jct SG; 1/26 Burger Hill FT; 1/27, 28, 39 Chelsea Lumber (just north of Chelsea Yacht Club) on the Hudson Ed Solan  
**Bald Eagle:** 1/29 Buttercup W FT; 1/30 immature flying from Pirate Canoe Club to Pok garbage burn plant HRA  
**Northern Harrier:** 1/5, 20 Taconic at 52 East Fishkill EBR; 1/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 1/20, 29 Buttercup West KCF, FT; 1/26 Burger Hill FT; 1/25, 26 Depot Hill, 1/29 Nuclear L. CP/HT; 1/29 over Rt. 44/82 AJM  
**Cooper's Hawk:** 2/26 Burger Hill FT; 1/2, 21-23, 29 checking feeders BAM; 1/18 & 25 home, Rhinebeck MP; 6 others  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** pair/15 Rt 52 Hopewell Jct SG; 1/21-24 over yd. BJM  
**Broad-winged Hawk:** 5/13 & 5/15 Rt 52 Hopewell Jct SG; 1/15 Sharparoon FT; 2/20 Buttercup West KCF; 1/27 Depot Hill CP  
**Red-tailed Hawk:** seen all over - six were reported plus 5/26 Burger Hill FT

**American Kestrel:** 1/14 Coleman St. Rd. BAM; 2/26 Burger Hill FT  
**Peregrine Falcon:** 1/15 & 30 Rt 52 Hopewell Jct SG  
**Killdeer:** 45/1 Van Wagner Rd. KCF; 6-10 Southlands Farm, Rhinebeck MP; 3 other places  
**Solitary Sandpiper:** 3/6 SaltPtTpk KCF  
**Spotted Sandpiper:** 2/5 Southlands Farm, Rhinebeck MP  
**Least Sandpiper:** 2/4 Southlands Farm, Rhinebeck MP  
**Ring-billed Gull:** 50/9 river at Beacon HRA  
**Herring Gull:** 50/9 river at Beacon HRA  
**Great Black-backed Gull:** 1/9 river at Beacon HRA  
**Rock Pigeon:** 5/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 12/26 Depot Hill CP/HT  
**Mourning Dove:** 14/25 Southlands FT; 5-10/all yd Poughquag CP; 8-10 daily, Casperkill Ridge MR; 4-6 all mo yd BAM; 2-12 JA/KJ; 4 others  
**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** 1/1 Buttercup E FT  
**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 1 heard/15 home, Rhinebeck MP; 1/26 and other dates heard in yd Lagrange JA/KJ  
**Great Horned Owl:** 1/daily calls back and forth with the dog, Pleasant Valley JD  
**Barred Owl:** heard nightly, Colburn Drive yards that border Girl Scout property D Tignanelli; heard in Lagrange JA/KJ; heard near YWCA Bancroft Rd several times Pat Gabel  
**Short-eared Owl:** 1/28 heard near New Hamburg at 3am by Tom Lake HRA  
**Common Nighthawk:** 2/10 over yard @ 6:15pm BJM; 1/13 about 4:30pm Rt 52 Hopewell Jct SG  
**Chimney Swift:** 2/1 Buttercup East FT; 2/20 Dot's Pond KCF; 6/26 Burger Hill FT  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** in 8 places, last date 24th, both CP (Poughquag) and BAM (Wappingers)  
**Belted Kingfisher:** 1-2/1-23 home, Rhinebeck MP; 7 others  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 3-4 on each visit to Buttercup; 2 ea at Ferncliff, Pok Rural Cem, and CPs yard in Poughquag; 5 others  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1 juv/15 Sharparoon FT; 1/20 Buttercup West KCF; 3/29 Buttercup W FT  
**Downy Woodpecker:** 6/29 Buttercup W FT; 6 at feeders of EP, KCF; 1-4 on every report  
**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1-2 at feeders of CP, EP, BAM, MR; also at Buttercup, IES (2) and Sharparoon  
**Northern Flicker:** 6/12 Casperkill Ridge MR; 6/25 Depot Hill CP/HT; 5/29 Wilcox Park Janet Allison; 4/29 Buttercup W FT; 10 others  
**Pileated Woodpecker:** 2/1, 1/15, 1/22 IES BH; 1/24-27 yd. BJM; 7 others  
**Eastern Wood Pewee:** 6/8 Ferncliff FT; 2/2 Vassar Farms KCF; also at Buttercup, Ferncliff, Sharparoon  
**Willow Flycatcher:** 1/8 Ferncliff FT  
**Least Flycatcher:** 2/2 Vassar Farms, 1/6 Buttercup West, 1/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF  
**Eastern Phoebe:** 12/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 12/29 Buttercup W FT; 8/6 & 4/20 Buttercup West KCF; lots of others  
**Great-crested Flycatcher:** 1/8 Ferncliff FT  
**Yellow-throated Vireo:** 4/6 & 1/20 Buttercup West, 2/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 3/15 Sharparoon FT  
**Blue-headed Vireo:** 1/6 & 2/20 Buttercup West, 1/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 1/22 IES BH; 1/23, 24 Depot Hill CP; 3/29 Buttercup W FT  
**Red-eyed Vireo:** 3-6 at Buttercup, Sharparoon, Pok Rural Cem, and Depot Hill, plus others





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**Blue Jay:** 13/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 5-10 on most trips and in most yards

**American Crow:** 25/15 field Hillside Lk Rd. BAM; 5-10 on field trips and 1-5 in yards

**Common Raven:** 1/15 Sharparoon FT; 1/15 Pleasant Ridge Rd. BAM; 3/26 over yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Horned Lark:** 50/26 Gardens condos - Rhinebeck RJ

**Tree Swallow:** 10/1 Buttercup E FT; 4/2 Vassar Farms, 4/20 Dot's Pond, 20/29 Rte 82 KCF; 105/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 6/25 Southlands FT

**Barn Swallow:** 4/20 Dot's Pond KCF

**Black-capped Chickadee:** 16/1, 23/22 IES BH; at least a few on every trip and yard

**Tufted Titmouse:** 10+/15-30 feeder Lake Walton Rd RS & ES; 3-7 most other places

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 2/20 Evergreen Cem. KCF; 2/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; also Depot Hill, Staatsburg Reservoir and 3 others all between the 19th and 26th

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 8/8 Ferncliff FT; 5/6 Buttercup West KCF; 5/22 IES BH; 1-3 on most reports

**Brown Creeper:** 1/20 Buttercup West, 1/20 Evergreen Cem. KCF; 1/22 IES BH; 1/29 Wilcox Park JA

**Carolina Wren:** 2/29 Buttercup W FT; 2-3 in yard BAM & JA/KJ; also KCF, MR yards and Vassar Farm, Sharparoon, Wappingers Lake

**House Wren:** 5 reported. Last -- 2/24,25 DepotHill CP/HT

**Winter Wren:** 1/26 yard Rhinebeck Kristin Smith

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 2/24 DepotHill CP; 1/26 Staatsburg Reservoir RJ

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 2/20 Buttercup West KCF; 5/29 Buttercup W FT; 10/24, 40/25, 20/26 DepotHill CP/HT

**Eastern Bluebird:** sev doz/15 Bowdoin Park HRA; 8/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 9 other reports of 1-6

**Swainson's Thrush:** 1/20 Buttercup West KCF

**Hermit Thrush:** 1/27 DepotHill CP; 1/29 Buttercup W FT

**Wood Thrush:** 6/8 Ferncliff FT; 1/29 DepotHill CP

**American Robin:** 40/18 stopped in Fishkill yd during lull in Ivan HRA; 15-20/12 Casperkill Ridge M; many more

**Gray Catbird:** Still lots around. Most 20/25 Depot Hill CP/HT. 15 at Buttercup, 10 at Sharparoon.

**Northern Mockingbird:** 8/6 Casperkill Ridge MR; 4/2 Vassar Farms KCF; 5 others

**Brown Thrasher:** 1/25 DepotHill HT, only report

**European Starling:** 25-50 on farm field trips (Southlands, Yellow Frame Farm)

**Cedar Waxwing:** dozens/10 "tree-hopping down river" Wappingers HRA; flocks up to 30 at Buttercup; also at IES, Burger Hill, Sharparoon and BAM and JA/KJ yards

**Blue-winged Warbler:** 1/6 Buttercup West KCF

**Tennessee Warbler:** 1/24 DepotHill CP

**Nashville Warbler:** 2/1 Buttercup E FT; 1/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 1/23,24 DepotHill CP

**Northern Parula:** 2/2 Vassar Farms, 4/14 Pok Rural Cem., 1/20 Buttercup West KCF; 1/26 yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 1/1 Buttercup E FT; 1/14 Vassar Farms KCF

**Magnolia Warbler:** 1/1 Buttercup E FT; 1/14 Vassar Farms KCF

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 2/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 2/15 Sharparoon FT; 1/23 yd Poughquag CP

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 1/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 6/15 Sharparoon FT; 2-3 at Buttercup; 3/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 4/24 DepotHill CP; 7 others from 2nd-29th

**Pine Warbler:** 1/14 Pok Rural Cem., 1/20 Evergreen Cem. KCF; 1/15 Sharparoon FT

**Prairie Warbler:** 2/1 Buttercup E FT; 1/23 DepotHill CP

**Palm Warbler:** 2/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 1/23, 8/24,24, 2/27 DepotHill CP/HT; 7/25 Southlands FT

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** 1/14 Pok Rural Cem., 1/20 Buttercup West KCF

**Black-and-white Warbler:** 2/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 3/15 Sharparoon FT; 1/24,25 DepotHill CP/HT

**American Redstart:** 1/2 Vassar Farms, 3/6 & 1/20 Buttercup West, 3/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 2/15 Sharparoon FT

**Ovenbird:** 1/6 Buttercup West KCF

**Northern Waterthrush:** 1/20 Buttercup West KCF

**Common Yellowthroat:** 8/6 Buttercup West KCF; 4/24,25,27, 5/26 DepotHill CP/HT; several others - last 1/29 Buttercup W FT

**Wilson's Warbler:** 2/20 Buttercup West KCF

**Canada Warbler:** 1/6 Buttercup West, 2/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF

**Scarlet Tanager:** most - 6/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; last - 1/23,24 DepotHill CP; also 1-3 at Buttercup, Ferncliff, Sharparoon, IES, yd CP

**Eastern Towhee:** 6/23,24, 30/25, 20/26, 10/27, 1/29 DepotHill, 1/29 NuclearL CP; 4/22 IES BH; 6 others

**Chipping Sparrow:** 3/6 & 7 ad fed 1-2 juv. BJM; by month's end in flocks of 25 or more in seedy areas

**Field Sparrow:** 4/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 2/22 IES BH; 2/25 DepotHill CP/HT

**Savannah Sparrow:** 1/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 4/25 Southlands FT

**Song Sparrow:** 7/6 & 5/20 Buttercup W KCF; 5/27 DepotHill CP; 4/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 1-3 most places

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** 1/23, 2/27 DepotHill CP

**Swamp Sparrow:** 2/29 Buttercup W FT

**White-throated Sparrow:** first - 6/20 Buttercup West KCF; up to 15 at Depot Hill, Yellow Frame Farm, Nuclear Lk, Staatsburg Reservoir

**Dark-eyed Junco:** 1/25 DepotHill CP/HT; 1/26 Staatsburg Reservoir RJ

**Northern Cardinal:** most at Vassar Farms (10); 6 KCF; feeding yg 1-17 BAM; 1-4 other places

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 4/1 Buttercup E FT; 5/6 Buttercup West KCF; 3/15 Sharparoon FT; also at Vassar Farms, BAM & EBR yards

**Bobolink:** 200/12 Gardens condos - Rhinebeck RJ

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 1/6 Casperkill Ridge MR; sev/26 Burger Hill FT; must be more - just not reported

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 3/25 Southlands FT; 8/29 Rte 82 Pine Plains KCF

**Common Grackle:** 3 reports of flocks of 50-70 birds with some starlings, cowbirds

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 20/1 & 40/3 feeders yard BAM; several daily early in month, Casperkill Ridge MR

**Orchard Oriole:** 1/15 Bowdoin Park HRA

**Purple Finch:** 1/15 Sharparoon FT; 2/25 Southlands FT

**House Finch:** 15+/1-30 feeder RS & ES; up to 10 at most feeders; also some at Buttercup, Southlands

**American Goldfinch:** 20+ at feeders EP, JA/KJ; up to 10 at other feeders; seen on most outings



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**House Sparrow:** 20-30/7 Casperkill Ridge MR; 4/25 Southlands FT

**Other Observations:**

**Monarch Butterfly** 3/25 Southlands

**Pickerel Frog** 1/23 DepotHill CP

**Observers:**

Janet Allison (**JA**); Hudson River Almanac (**HRA**); Judy Atwood/Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Jeff Daley (**JD**); Ken & Carol Fredericks (**KCF**); Steve Golladay (**SG**); Barry Haydasz (**BH**); Rodney Johnson (**RJ**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Eleanor Pink (**EP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith & Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Rory and Ed Solan (**RS & ES**); Herb Thompson (**HT**); Field Trip-see list below (**FT**)

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**Field Trips (FT):** **1st** Buttercup East, **8th** Ferncliff Forest, **15th** Sharparoon, **22nd** Yellow Frame Farm, **25th** Southlands, **26th** Burger Hill, **29th** Buttercup West

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## October 2006 Records

We had an average October with many lovely fall days and normal rain patterns. Spotty frost showed up mid-month but Halloween was a glorious day in the 60s, just like last year. Uncommon birds for October included Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Warbling Vireo, Worm-eating Warbler, and White-winged & Red Crossbills.

**Snow Goose:** 1/10,13,26 Mashomak and Strever Farm CV  
**Brant:** 50/22 flew S past Chelsea from Dot Fleury BB, 1/31 Red Wing Pk. Beekman BAM

**Canada Goose:** Many reports including 100/3 Fishkill Plns BAM, 250/10 Abel's Pond BB, 200+/21 HVRT Amenia JA/KJ, 1000+/30 Rudd Pd Dot Fleury from BJM

**Mute Swan:** On 6 reports. Highest 13/31 SylvanL & nearby BAM

**Wood Duck:** 2/9 ButtercupW, 4/15 Stanford KCF, 4/10, 8/19 Thompson Pd, 2/12&16, 5/26 Traver Pond CV, 1/14 Traver Pd CP/HT, 2/15 & 3/18 HillsideL, 2/6 WappL BJM, 7/18 Tymor FT, 2/25 Mills Mansion FT, pr /30 Kay's Pond LM

**American Wigeon:** 4/26 The Fly CV

**American Black Duck:** 2/6 Wapp Lk. BJM, 4/9 ButtercupW KCF, 1/10 Abel's Pond BB, 8/12&16 Traver Pond, 8/26 The Fly, also at Mashomak, Thompson and Ryder Pds CV

**Northern Pintail:** 1/19 Thompson Pd, 8/26 The Fly CV

**Green-winged Teal:** 7/9 ButtercupW KCF, 35-45/10-30 Mashomak, 35/26 The Fly, also at Thompson Pd, Arborio's, and Madam Brett CV

**Ring-necked Duck:** 150-200/10-31 Abel's Pond BB, first 18/19 Thompson Pd, 55+/26 Stissing Lk & Twin Isl Pd, 5/27 Strauss Marsh CV, 6/22 Hillside L. from Tammie Carey & Robert Williams BJM

**White-winged Scoter:** 1 imm/30 Waryas Park CV

**Bufflehead:** 4/30 Norrie Pt CV, 8/30, 1/31 Kay's Pond LM, 1/31 SylvanL BAM

**Hooded Merganser:** 2 imm/30 Mashomak CV, 6/30 Rudd Pd Dot Fleury from BJM

**Common Merganser:** 5/13, 14/30 Mashomak, 4/27 Strauss Marsh CV, 12/16, 1/18 Kay's Pond LM, 5/25 Mills Mansion FT

**Ruddy Duck:** 5-10/17-31 Abel's Pond BB, 8/24 Espie Farm, 5/26, 3/30 Mashomak CV, 250/21 SylvanL CP/HT, 200+/31 Sylvan Lk. & 1 Red Wing Pk. BAM

**Wild Turkey:** Good numbers on 7 reports.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 1/10 Mashomak, 1/26 The Fly, also 1 at Traver Pd, Thompson Pd, Upper Kays CV, 2/13 Traver Pd KCF, 1/21 SylvanL CP/HT, 2/31 Sylvan Lk. BAM

**Red-necked Grebe:** 1 imm/30 Waryas Pk CV

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 1/10 Mashomak, also at Upper Kays, Espie Farm, Madam Brett and Norrie Pt CV, 1/12 Dennings Pt TM, 3/15 Lk. Walton BJM, 1/18 Tymor FT, 1/18 Kay's Pond LM, 1/21 SylvanL CP/HT, 1/25 Mills Mansion FT

**Great Blue Heron:** Over 30 sightings of 1-2 each.

**Great Egret:** 1/1-7 near her yd, had been there about 2 months from Dot Fleury BB, 1/2 ButtercupE KCF, 1/6,21 & 2/14 WappL BJM, 3-7/10-19 Mashomak CV

**Black Vulture:** 3/1,3,8,14 Allen Rd BMA, 4/3 Beacon, 2/12 Wapp Falls AP, 3/13 Salt Pt Tpk on dead deer, 1/15 Sheffield Hill Rd CV, 5/21 Stony Kill FT, 2/21 Beekman CP/HT

**Turkey Vulture:** On most reports. Highest up to 18/13-30 Stissing Mtn CV, 16/14 Southlands

**Osprey:** 1/1 Strauss Marsh CV, 1/4 over yard BB

**Bald Eagle:** 1/8 Listening Rock Fm FT, 1/10 Strever Farm Rd, 1/19,26 Mashomak, 2/30 Norrie Pt CV, 1/14 imm & 1/30 ad over Wapp Lk. BJM, 1/16 imm Dennings Pt TM, 1/22 Hillside L. from Tammie Carey & Robert Williams BJM

**Northern Harrier:** 1/13&26, 2/19 Stissing Mtn, 1/24 Espie Farm, 1/27 Perotti Rd CV, 1juv/17 yd Stormville EBR

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 14 sightings of 1 each.

**Cooper's Hawk:** 20 sightings of 1 each plus 1/all yd Poughquag CP/HT, 1/all yd Rhinebeck KS

**Red-tailed Hawk:** Many sightings throughout the county.

**American Kestrel:** 1/13,14 Allen Rd BMA, 1/14 Southlands Farms MP, 2/18 Tymor FT

**Merlin:** 1/21 Stony Kill FT

**American Coot:** 1/2 Vanderbilt Estate EBR, 2/10, 3/29 Abel's Pond BB, 8/15 Willbrook Farm Pd, 27/26 The Fly & Tamarack Pond, 6 others CV, 50/21 SylvanL CP/HT, 70+/31 Sylvan Lk. BAM

**Killdeer:** 21/12 Espie Farm, 12/26 Uphill Farm, others CV, 2/14 Traver Pd CP/HT, 6/26 Kay's Pond LM, 8-12 daily Southlands until mid-month, then tapering down to 4 daily MP

**Greater Yellowlegs:** 1/2 Strever Pd KCF, 1/10, 219 Strever Farm Rd CV

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** 4/10&13, 2/19 Strever Farm Rd, 4/26 Traver Pd CV

**Least Sandpiper:** 1/13 Traver Pd CV

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** 3/19 Thompson Pd, 1/26 Traver Pd CV

**Dunlin:** 1/12&13 Traver Pd, 1/13 Strever Farm Rd - adult, non-breeding CV

**Bonaparte's Gull:** 1/25 Mills Mansion, 1/30 Norrie Pt - adult, winter plumage CV

**Great Black-backed Gull:** 1/2 Norrie Pt, 1/16 old Dutton Lumber Co CV

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** 1/4 IES BH

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 1/15 yd Allen Rd BMA

**Great Horned Owl:** 1/6,7 yd LaGrange JA/KJ, 1/10&14 off Bull's Head Rd from Wayne Butler BB, 1/12 StonyKill TM, 1/15 Rhinebeck MP

**Barred Owl:** 1/6 Hollow&Allen Rds, Clinton, 1/16,17 Allen Rd BMA, 3/7, 1/8,21, 1/8,21 yd & nearby LaGrange JA/KJ, 1/10 off Bull's Head Rd from Wayne Butler, 1/25 near yd BB, 1/14,15 Stanford KCF, 1/15 yd Stormville EBR

**Long-eared Owl:** 1/5,3/6 Beekman BK

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/10 Mashomak, 1/12 Traver Pd CV, 1/26 Kay's Pd LM, 1/29 Abel's Pd BB, 1/31 SylvanL, 1/31 Red Wing Pk. BAM

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1/4 yd, Lagrange CV, 1/4,1/18 IES BH, 1/8 yd BJM, 1/7 Allen Rd BMA, 1/8 yd CP/HT, 1/25 Mills Mansion FT

**Northern Flicker:** Most reports had sightings of 1-2 each, also 4/4 Vassar Farm FT, 3/12 Dennings Pt TM, 3/18 Tymor FT, 3/21 Dennings Pt, 3/24 Rombout Rd CV

**Pileated Woodpecker:** About 20 reports of 1-2 each.

**Eastern Phoebe:** Numerous sightings thru 16th, highest 6/2 ButtercupE, 4/9 ButtercupW KCF, 16/4 Vassar Farm FT, 11/7 Allen Rd BMA

**Blue-headed Vireo:** 4/2 ButtercupE, 2/9 ButtercupW, 2/16 Baird Pk. KCF, 1/2 yd, 1/12 Traver Pd, 2/21 Dennings Pt, 1/21 Madam Brett CV, 1/5 Stissing Mt JA, 1/6,7 yd CP/HT, 1/8 Allen Rd BMA, 1/10 yd BB, 1/18 yd Rhinebeck KS, 1/18 Tymor FT, 1/25 Mills Mansion FT

**Warbling Vireo:** 1/9 ButtercupW KCF



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**Red-eyed Vireo:** 3/2 ButtercupE KCF, 1/4 Vassar Farm FT, 1/7 Allen Rd BMa, 1/18 Tymor FT

**Fish Crow:** 1/21 Stony Kill FT, 2/21 Dennings Pt CV

**Common Raven:** 1/2 ButtercupE KCF, 1/7 flying Allen Rd; 1/12 yd, 1/14 Allen BMa, 2/8 Listening Rock Fm FT, 1/16 IES BH, 1/19&30 Stissing Mtn CV, 2/29,3/30 near home BB

**Tree Swallow:** 4/2 Strever Pd KCF

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1/22 yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Brown Creeper:** 1/3 Clinton BMa, 3/4 IES BH, 1/16 Baird Pk., 1/23 yd Pok KCF, 1/17 yard Lagrange, 2/19 Thompson Pd CV, 1/23 yd Rhinebeck KS, 1/25 Mills Mansion FT

**Carolina Wren:** Many reports of 1-3 each.

**House Wren:** 1/1 yd LaGrange JA/KJ, 1/2 ButtercupE, 1/9 ButtercupW KCF, 1/4 Vassar Farm FT

**Winter Wren:** 1/6 yd Poughquag CP/HT, 1/11,1/18 IES BH, 3/21 Denning Pt, 1/24 Rombout Rd CV

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** Many reports throughout month, highest 50/25 Mills Mansion FT.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** Numerous reports thru 26th, highest 18/16 Baird Pk KCF, 18/18 Tymor FT

**Eastern Bluebird:** Many reports, highest 26/4 Vassar Farm FT, 10/8 Listening Rock Fm FT

**Swainson's Thrush:** 1/5 Stissing Mt JA

**Hermit Thrush:** 1/4,5/18 IES BH, 4/9 ButtercupW, 2/14,15 Stanford KCF, 1/10&19 Thompson Pd, 1/21 Dennings Pt CV, 3/18 Tymor FT, 3/25 Mills Mansion FT

**American Robin:** Many reports, highest 57/4 Vassar Farm FT, 100/18 Tymor FT, 100+/24 Rombout Rd, 25/21 Dennings Pt, and others CV, 50/30 yd Clinton Crs JA

**Gray Catbird:** 1/1 yd LaGrange JA/KJ, 21/2 ButtercupE, 8/9 ButtercupW KCF, 7/3,3/7,6/8,2/14,15 Allen Rd BMa, 25/4 Vassar Farm FT, 2/4 IES BH, 1/5&14 yard BB, 1/8-14 yd BAM, 1/8 Listening Rock Fm FT, 1/10 Thompson Pd, 2/16 Vassar Farm, 1/21 Madam Brett CV

**Northern Mockingbird:** Good numbers with most 8/4 Vassar Farm FT

**Brown Thrasher:** 1/4 Vassar Farm FT

**American Pipit:** 2/9 Secor's pumpkin patch, 2/26 Uphill Farm, 45-50/17 on manure at Plankenhorn Farm CV

**Cedar Waxwing:** Seen throughout month. Highest 100+/2 ButtercupE, 100+/16 Baird Pk. KCF, 72/4 Vassar Farm FT, 50+/24 Rombout Rd CV, 60/30 yd Clinton Crs JA

**Nashville Warbler:** 1/2 ButtercupE KCF

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 13/4 Vassar Farm FT, 1/6 yd SaltPt BMa, 2/6 yd Poughquag CP

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** They are everywhere, most notably 39/9 ButtercupW, 100+/14, 50+/15 Stanford, 100/16 Baird Pk. KCF, 63/18 Tymor FT

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 3/2 ButtercupE KCF, 2/3 Clinton BMa, 1/3 & 5 yd BJM, 4/4 Vassar Farm FT, 1/18 Tymor FT

**Pine Warbler:** 1/2 ButtercupE KCF

**Palm Warbler:** 31/4 Vassar Farm FT, 1/6 yd CP/HT, 2/7,1/14 SaltPt BMa, 1/8 Listening Rock Fm FT, 1/9 ButtercupW KCF, 1/11,1/18 IES BH, 1/12 Espie Farm, 2/16 Vassar Farm CV, 11/18 Tymor FT, 8/21 Stony Kill FT

**Blackpoll Warbler:** 2/6 yd Poughquag CP/HT, 2/22 yd BB

**Worm-eating Warbler:** 1/2 ButtercupE KCF

**Common Yellowthroat:** 1/2 ButtercupE KCF, 2/4 Vassar Farm FT

**Canada Warbler:** 1/18 Tymor FT

**Scarlet Tanager:** 1/6 yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Eastern Towhee:** Good numbers thru 18th with most 9/2 ButtercupE, KCF

**American Tree Sparrow:** 6/9 ButtercupW KCF

**Chipping Sparrow:** Good numbers all month.

**Field Sparrow:** 6/2 ButtercupE, 2/9 ButtercupW, 16/16 Baird Pk. KCF, 6/4 Vassar Farm FT, 2/7 Allen Rd BMa, 3/9 yd BB, 3/16 Vassar Farm, 3/24 Rombout Rd CV, 6/21 Stony Kill FT

**Vesper Sparrow:** 1/24 Rombout Rd CV

**Savannah Sparrow:** 10/4 Vassar Farm FT, 5/8 Listening Rock Fm FT, 6/9, 10/14, 8/15 Southlands MP, 6/16 Vassar Farm CV, 10/21 Stony Kill FT

**Fox Sparrow:** 1/24 Rombout Rd CV, 2/25 Mills Mansion FT

**Song Sparrow:** Plentiful everywhere. Highest 16/4 Vassar Farm FT, 32/24 Rombout Rd CV, 12/18 Tymor FT

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** 3/2 ButtercupE KCF

**Swamp Sparrow:** 6/9 ButtercupW KCF, 1/4 Vassar Farm FT, 7/10 Thompson Pd, 5/24 Rombout Rd CV

**White-throated Sparrow:** First seen on the 2nd. Good numbers, highest 49/2 ButtercupE, 212+/9 ButtercupW KCF, 30+/14 Allen Rd BMa

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 1/18 Tymor FT, 1/21 Stony Kill FT, 1/27 Downey Rd, Millerton CV

**Dark-eyed Junco:** First seen on the 2nd. Good numbers, highest 12/6-31 yd Rhinebeck KS, 14-18/25 Eder Rd Stormville EBR, 26/27 Kildonan School CV, 12/25, 14/29-31 yd BAM, 19/25 Mills Mansion FT

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 1/2 ButtercupE KCF

**Red-winged Blackbird:** Some large flocks reported: 500+/10, 200/19 Thompson Pd, 100+/24 Rombout Rd CV, 300/21 Stony Kill FT

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 4/15 Southlands MP

**Rusty Blackbird:** 4/19 Thompson Pd CV

**Common Grackle:** On 7 reports. Highest 35/8 Allen Rd BMa, 100+/16 Baird Pk. KCF

**Purple Finch:** 1/15 yard BB

**Red Crossbill:** 2/17 Stanford from Jim Clinton

**White-winged Crossbill:** 30/17 Stanford from Jim Clinton

**House Sparrow:** 10/4 Vassar Farm FT, 12/21 Stony Kill FT

#### Other Observations:

**Beaver:** 1/10 Thompson Pd, seen several times early in morning CV

**Coyote:** 1/19 Lake Rd, seen about 3:30 pm CV

**Praying Mantis:** 1/7 with egg case, Allen Rd BMa

**Monarch Butterfly:** 3/7,25+/14 Allen Rd BMa

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**Field Trips (FT):** **4th** Vassar Farm, **8th** Listening Rock Farm (part of Dutchess Land Conservancy Farm Tour assisted by Barry Haydasz and Barbara Butler), **18th** Tymor, **21st** Stony Kill, **25th** Staatsburgh (Mills Mansion)

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## November 2006 Records

The beginning of the month we had frost in the mornings and temperatures were up to between 47 and 50 degrees. On November 9th we had a high of 66 degrees and on November 30th Poughkeepsie set a record high of 65 degrees. Highlights for the month: Barbara Butler found a Great Cormorant at Upper Kay's pond, 2 Red-necked Grebes were found at Stissing Lake seen by many observers and Chet Vincent found an American Bittern at Pond Gut. The Michelins had a late migrating male Black-throated Blue Warbler feeding on berries in their front yard and two late Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were found at Stissing Lake by Renee Burgevin. Winter species found were Lapland Longspurs by Mona Payton at Southland farms, Snow Buntings by Chet at Marist College boat house.

**Canada Goose:** Well reported by most observers throughout the county - most: 1500/27 & 1850/27 Ryder Pd, DF/JR.

**Brant:** 30/1 Dennings Pt., FT; 150/4 Hudson River Chelsea, DF; 1/14 Ponderosa farm, CV.

**White-fronted Goose:** 1/16 with Ca.'s Ponderosa farm, CV.

**Mute Swan:** 93 reported of 2-3 by ES, DF/JR, MP - most: 21/10, & 23/15 Wapp. Lk., BJM & 13/11 SylvanL, CP/HT.

**Wood Duck:** 3/15 Millbrook School FT; 2/2 & 1/8 Traver Pd., 5/5 Thompson Pd., 8/15 Twin Isl. Lk. Pine Pls. CV.

**Gadwall:** 3/27 Round Pond DF/JR.

**American Black Duck:** 38 reported - most 6/27 The Fly DF/JR; 8/8 Traver Pd., CV.

**Mallard:** Well reported by most observers - most: 50/27 The Fly, 200 (many raised there)/27 Tamarack, CV.

**Northern Pintail:** 59 reported northeast Dut. Co. - most: 17/27 The Fly, DF/JR; 19/24 Strever farm Rd. pd., CV.

**Green-winged Teal:** 57 reported - most: 20/15 Mashomak, Pine Pls. CV & 14/27 Pulvers Corners DF/JR.

**Ring-necked Duck:** 416 reported by 8-40 by CP/HT, CV - most: 70/27 Round Pd DF/JR; 100-150/all Abel's Pd, BB

**Lesser Scaup:** 1/2 & 1/22 Espie farm CV.

**Bufflehead:** 2/3 Strauss Marsh CV.

**Hooded Merganser:** 29 reported of 1-6 by BB, AJM, BJM, CP/HT, CV - most: 6/27 Strauss Marsh DF/JR.

**Common Merganser:** 51 reported by AJM, BJM, DF/JR, CP/H, Tom Lake/HRA - most: 10/3 Strauss Marsh, CV.

**Ruddy Duck:** 577 reported - most: 250/11, 140/24 SylvanL CP/HT.

**Ruffed Grouse:** 1/19 HVRT CV.

**Wild Turkey:** 137 reported of 1-15 by BAM, JA/KJ, ES, CP - most: 38/3 Millbrook Sch. & 24/7 Scenic Hud.prop. CV.

**Red-throated Loon:** 1/19 Sylvan Lk, Steve Golladay; 1/21-22 Sylvan Lk, & 1/24 Whaley Lk., CP/HT.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 1/27 Round Pond DF/JR.

**Red-necked Grebe:** 2/15, 16, & 24 Stissing Lk. CV; 2/15 BC; 1/20 GZ; 1/22 JW ;2/25 BB; 2/25 Ken & Sue Feustel (from NYBIRDS); 2/26 AJ; 2/27 DF/JR & KK; 1/26 ES all at Stissing Lk. Pine Pls.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 1/24 Wapp. Lk. CV; 1/2 Hudson River near Wapp. Creek AJM; 4/10 Wapp. Lk. BJM.

**Great Cormorant:** 1/22 Upper Kay's CV; 1 1st yr/29 Upper Kays BB.

**American Bittern:** 1/13 Pond Gut CV.

**Great Blue Heron:** 26 reports of 1 each by most observers throughout the county.

**Black Vulture:** 2/1 Cascade Mt winery FT; 7/16 circling over the president's home @ Bard College Fred Baumgarten; 1/24 in Beekman, AP; 2/27 Beekman CP.

**Turkey Vulture:** Good numbers of 1-2 - most: 10/1 Cascade Mt winery FT; 75/3 over apple orchard East Fishkill HRA.

**Bald Eagle:** 1/1 Cascade Mt winery FT; 1/15 Mashomak CV; 1 imm/27 Tamarack DF/JR; 1 imm/25 Stissing Mt., Ken & Sue Feustel (from NYBIRDS); 1 imm/3 Abel's Pd Wayne Butler; 2/2 Wapp. Creek near New Hamburg Bridge AJM; 1ad/13 & 1f/ad/14 Wapp. area Tom Lake/HRA.

**Northern Harrier:** 1/1 yd Stormville EBR; 1/3 Sharon Sta. Rd., 1/5 Thompson Pd., 1/9 Plankenhorn farm, 1/15 Mashomak CV.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 7 reports of 1 each by BB, BAM, ES, CV & FT's.

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/2 Arborios, Pl. Val, CV; 1/15 Millbrook School FT; 1/4, 1/28-30 yd. MP; 1/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/29 FDR Home DF/JR.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** Normal with 1-2 by most observers.

**Golden Eagle:** 1/27 Strever Farm Rd pd DF/JR;

**American Kestrel:** 1/1 Cascade Mt winery FT.

**Merlin:** 1/1 Andrew Haight Rd.- missed Redwing Blackbird CV.

**Peregrine Falcon:** 1/11 atop Shenandoah Mtn along Appalachian Trail AP/GZ; 1/14 & 21 Waryas Pk., Pok CV; 1/30 Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge (Dutchess side) DH.

**American Coot:** 349 reported of 1-10 by BB, DF/JR, BJM, ES, CV - most: 100/11, 170/24 SylvanL CP/HT.

**Killdeer:** 12/2 & 7/9 Espie farm, 7/9 Greig farm, 4/16 Uphill farm CV; 1/4, 4/5, both Southland farms MP.

**Greater Yellowlegs:** 1/16 Strever farm Rd. CV.

**Ring-billed Gull:** Normal with most 100/11, 65/24 SylvanL, 30/11, 40/24 Redwing Bkmm CP/HT.

**Herring Gull:** 1/24 Wapp. Lkl. CV; 1/24 Redwing Bkmm CP/HT.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** 1/7 & 9 Old Dutton lumber yard, Pok., CV.

**Rock Pigeon:** 6/15 Millbrook Sch FT; normal numbers CV;

**Mourning Dove:** Normal numbers from 1-25 by most observers.

**Great Horned Owl:** 1/15 Millbrook Sch FT; 1/21hm, Town of Pok Marge Robinson; 2/19, pr/24 near hm - 5pm BB.

**Barred Owl:** 1/13 h Pond Gut, 1/17 seen Vassar Farm CV; 1/14 Camby Rd at Old Camby Rd from Jimmy Coffin; heard/20 & 26 near home Wayne Butler.

**Belted Kingfisher:** 10 reports of 1 each by BJM,DF/JR,CV & FT's.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** Normal - 1-3 reported by most observers.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1/11 yd Clinton Corners JA; 1/18 Baird Pk. CV; 2/22 Vassar Campus FT; 1/5 yd BB; 1/13 Denning's Pt. HRA; 1/19,25 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

**Downy Woodpecker:** Normal - 1-4 reported by most observers.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 14 reported of 1-2 by BB, CV, DF/JR, JA/KJ, BAM, MP, ES, EBR, CP/HT & FT.

**Northern Flicker:** 15 reported of 1-4 by BB, BAM, CV, CP/HT, Tom Lake/HRA, HRA & FT.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 19 reported of 1-2 by BB, DF/JR, JA/KJ,BAM,MP,EBR,ES,CV,CP/HT, Tom Lake/HRA & FT.

**Eastern Phoebe:** 1/1 Denning's Pt. FT; 1/1 Cascade Mt winery FT.

**Blue Jay:** Normal - 1-12 by most observers - most: 15/1 Cascade Mt winery FT; 18/15 Millbrook School FT.



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**American Crow:** Normal - most: 100+/1 Dutchess Co. Airport, New Hacksensack Rd., BJM & 12/13 Fishkill-Main/Cary roosting in pine tree ES.

**Fish Crow:** 1/1 Denning's Pt. FT; 65/1 Cascade Mt winery FT; 20/15 Millbrook School FT; 5/22 Vassar Campus FT; 3/29 FDR Home DF/JR.

**Common Raven:** 4/1 Cascade Mt winery FT; 2/3 HVRT, 1/3 Rudd Pd., 2/5 & 24, 1/16 Thompson Pd. CV; 2/25 yd Poughquag HT.

**Horned Lark:** 4/9 & 15/21 Greig Farm CV; 9/10 Dut. Co. Airport Rt. 376 BJM.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** Normal with 15-24 on FT's.

**Tufted Titmouse:** Normal with 7-15 on FT's.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** Normal with 4-7 on FT's.

**Brown Creeper:** 1/15 Millbrook School FT; 1/19-20, 22-23 & 27 yd CV; 2/29 FDR Home DF/JR; 3/13 Denning's Pt. HRA.

**Carolina Wren:** 50 reported of 1-4 by CV, DF/JR, MP, BB, ES, BAM, EBR, CP/HT & FT.

**Winter Wren:** 1/3 HVRT, 1/18 Baird Pdk. CV.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 28 reported by BAM, DF/JR, ES, CP/HT, CV with most: 12/1 Denning's Pt. FT

**Ruby-Crowned Kinglet:** 20/1 Denning's Pt. FT; 1/1 & 2 yd. BAM; 6/1 Cascade Mt winery FT; 3/2 Rombout Rd., 1/3 HVRT CV.

**Eastern Bluebird:** Well reported of 118 with 1 to 15 by FT's plus BB, BJM, DF/JR, MP, ES, CV, CP/HT & HRA. Most: 20/1 Cascade Mt winery FT.

**Hermit Thrush:** 3/1 Denning's Pt. FT; 1/4 h Norrie Pt., FT; 1/1 Cascade Mt winery FT; 1/4 yd. Fishkill ES; 1/7 Scenic Hudson property, 1/17 Vassar Farm CV.

**American Robin:** Good numbers of 1-25 by BJM, DF/JR, ES, EBR, & FT. Most: 580/17 Rombout Rd., CV.

**Gray Catbird:** 1/8 yard JA/KJ.

**Northern Mockingbird:** 40 reported of 1-2 by BB, BAM, DF/JR, ES, JA/KJ & FT. Most: 6/17 Vassar Farm, 7/2 Rombout Rd. CV.

**European Starling:** Normal numbers with most 206/15 Millbrook Sch FT.

**American Pipit:** 38/9 Greig Farm CV.

**Cedar Waxwing:** 222 reported with most: 48/18 Vassar Farm, CV; 20/26 Red Hook Golf Club MP; 35/7 yd ES.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 1m/3 yd. BAM.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 20/1 Denning's Pt. FT; 3/1 Cascade Mt winery FT; 4/2 Rombout Rd., 8/2 Arborios, 5/3 HVRT CV;

**American Tree Sparrow:** 32 reported of 1-2 by MP & FT with most 14/19 HVRT CV & 10/10 Tymor BB.

**Chipping Sparrow:** 1/1 Cascade Mt winery FT; 1/4 Norrie Pt., FT; 1/4 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

**Field Sparrow:** 1/2 Rombout Rd. CV.

**Savannah Sparrow:** 1/9 Greig Farm CV.

**Fox Sparrow:** 1/4 Fishkill-yd ES; 2/15 Millbrook Sch FT; 2/19 HVRT, 1/22 yd. CV.

**Song Sparrow:** 56 reported of 1-4 by FT's, DF/JR, BJM, BAM, MP, ES, CP/HT & most 13/2, Rombout Rd., 10/3, HVRT, CV.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 1/2 Rombout Rd., 1/3 HVRT, 2/5 Thompson Pd., 1/13 Pond Gut CV.

**White-throated Sparrow:** Well reported of 1-20 by most observers - most: 28/7 Scenic Hudson property, CV.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 1/1 Vassar Farm, 2/3 Sharon Sta. Rd. CV.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** Good numbers of 1-35 by most observers & most: 64/22 Vassar Campus FT; 50 yd ES; 60/4 yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Lapland Longspur:** 2/4 Southlands farm, MP.

**Snow Bunting:** 3/19 Marist Col. Boathouse CV.

**Northern Cardinal:** Good numbers of 1-10 by BB, JA/KJ, BAM, MP, EBR, ES, CV, CP/HT, FT's

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 2/24 Stissing Lk from Renee Burgevin.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 4-35 reported - most: 1000/3 w/ Grackles Perotti Rd., CV & 400+/1 Cascade Mt winery FT.

**Rusty Blackbird:** 1/2, 2/17 Rombout Rd., 1/3 Boston Cors Rd., 18/19 HVRT CV.

**Common Grackle:** 1-3 by JA/KJ, MP, ES, CP/HT - most: 600/1 Cascade Mt winery FT & 1000/3 w/ Red-wings Perotti Rd., CV.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 1/17 Rombout Rd. CV; 5/23-25 yd. MP; 2/25-30 yard BB.

**Purple Finch:** 1 m/6 feeder BB.

**House Finch:** 40 reported by BB, BAM, MP, EBR, DF/JR, HRA - most: 1-9 daily yard JA/KJ.

**American Goldfinch:** Well reported of 1-4 by JA/KJ, BAM, MP, CV, FT's - most: 5-10/all yd Poughquag CP/HT & 24/29 FDR Home DF/JR.

**House Sparrow:** 2/4 Norrie Pt., FT; 40/15 Millbrook School FT; 3/22 Vassar Campus FT; normal numbers CV.

#### Other Observations:

**Monarch Butterfly** - over yd. on 27th CV.

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**Field Trips (FT):** **1st** Cascade Mountain Winery, **8th** Lakeside Park, **15th** Tymor Forest, **22nd** Vassar Campus, **29th** FDR NHS

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## December 2006 Records

December has been one of the mildest months with no snow for quite some time. Temperatures were in the mid 40s to mid 50s. On the 14th Poughkeepsie reached a new record of 55 degrees breaking the old record of 52 degrees and also on the 23rd it was 55 degrees with incredibly dense fog. From the *Hudson River Almanac*, "Wintering Bald eagles along the lower Hudson are scarce and winter ducks have, thus far, been few." Some nice surprises showed up during the month. Highlights were from the Christmas Census: 3 Northern Shrikes were found and one stayed around on Robinson Lane for some members to see. Also found on the Census was a pair of Redhead Ducks at Sylvan Lake and the next day relocated at Redwing (Green Haven Rd.) by Barbara & Allan Michelin. Two Short-eared Owls were found in the Smithville area by John Ike along with 6 small owls – possibly Northern Saw-whet Owls in the same area. Rodney Johnson also found a Northern Saw-whet Owl in Rhinebeck. Lapland Longspurs and a Snow Bunting were found again this month at Southland Farm.

**Snow Goose:** 1/18 w/ lg. flock Ca. Geese Salt Pt. Tpk. BBo; 4/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 1/22 SaltPtTpk & Hollow Rd BB/OW/CV/KM.  
**Canada Goose:** Normal - most: 1235/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 4500/17 Round Pd Sharon CBC.  
**Greater White-fronted Goose:** 1/17 Round Pd Sharon CBC.  
**Mute Swan:** 84 reported of 1-9 by most observers.  
**Wood Duck:** 1f/8 DenningsPt HRA.  
**Gadwall:** 4/17 Round Pond Sharon CBC; 3/31 Round Pd CV.  
**American Wigeon:** 4/10-12 Drake Lk, Netherwood Rd, Hyde Park LM; 1/11 & 1/28 The Fly CV.  
**American Black Duck:** 113 reported of 2-13 by LM, BAM, BJM, MP, Sharon CBC – most: 28/11 & 22/28 The Fly, CV.  
**Mallard:** Normal numbers from most observers.  
**Northern Pintail:** 2/9 Drake Lk, Netherwood Rd LM; 1f/17 Red Wing Lk. Beekman BAM; 2/11 Mashomak, 14/11 & 28 The Fly CV.  
**Green-winged Teal:** 22/5 Mashomak, 10/11 & 3/28 The Fly CV.  
**Canvasback:** 1/14, 15, & 18 Conserv. Pd CV; 1/17 SylvanL CP/HT; 3/17 Sylvan Lk. BAM.  
**Redhead:** pr/17 Red Wing Lk. Beekman BAM.  
**Ring-necked Duck:** 424 reported by LM, TC/RW, BAM, CP/TH, CV & Sharon CBC – most: 50/22 Sylvan Lk, BB/OW/CV/KM & 120/17 Red Wing Lk. Beekman BAM.  
**Bufflehead:** 4/22 RedWing(GreenHavenRd) BB/OW/CV/KM.  
**Hooded Merganser:** 103 reported of 2-10 by TC/RW, BJM, CV, HRA – most: 32/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 12/15 Jekoce Lk. AJM.  
**Common Merganser:** 95 reported of 1-11 by AJM, BJM, BAM, LM, TC/RW, CV, Sharon CBC, HRA & FT.  
**Ruddy Duck:** 181 reported of 3-20 by BB, BAM, CV, BB/OW/CV/KM & Sharon CBC – most: 45/17 SylvanL CP/HT; 67/2 Lk. Onaid BJM.  
**Ring-necked Pheasant:** 1/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.  
**Wild Turkey:** Goos numbers of 10-30 by CP, JA/KJ, AJM, BAM, KCF & HRA – most 33/15 Dandenau Farm, 34/23 Uphill Farm CV.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 1/17 Norrie Pt CV; 1/23 Norrie Pt. with an injured wing Pat & Bill Joel HRA.  
**Great cormorant:** 1/2-4, 6, 12-14, 16 Drake Lk, Netherwood Rd, Hyde Park LM.  
**Great Blue Heron:** 28 reported of 1-2 by BJM, BAM, LM, TC/RW, MP, CV, BB/OW/CV/KM, HRA, FT & Sharon CBC.  
**Black Vulture:** 5/5 Thompson Pd CV; 4/17 HVRT Sharon CBC; 12/22 RedWing(GreenHavenRd) BB/OW/CV/KM.  
**Turkey Vulture:** 2/20 Baird Park FT; 2/28 over Myers Corners & Brothens Rds. AJM; 1/28 over yd. BJM.  
**Bald Eagle:** 2/1 mouth of Fishkill Cr, 5/2 Norrie Point, 2/8 DenningsPt HRA ; 1/10 Southland Farm DA, Peter Schoenberger; 1/31(1st yr) Tamarack Debi Kral; 1/17 Norrie Pt CV; 3/27 Norrie Pt FT.  
**Northern Harrier:** 1/9 Sheffield Hill Rd, 1/31 Round Pd CV; 1/16 LaGrange CBC, 2/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC,  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 1/10 yd JA/KJ ; 1/25 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/21 yd KCF; 1/7 & 1/30 Rombout Rd CV; 1/24 Clinton Corners JA.  
**Cooper's Hawk:** 12 reported by JA, BAM, JA/KJ, MP CP/HT, CV & 3/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/9 Rt. 82 Brinkerhoff SG.  
**Red-tailed Hawk:** Normal – most: 25/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.  
**Golden Eagle:** 1/5 & 28 Stissing Mtn CV.  
**American Kestrel:** 1/21 Salt Pt. JA; 1/22 SaltPtTpk & Hollow Rd BB/OW/CV/KM; 1/23 Ponderosa Farm CV  
**Peregrine Falcon:** 1/4 & 10 Waryas Pk CV.  
**American Coot:** 344 reported by LM, CP/HT, BB/OW/CV/KM, CV from Drake Lk, Round Pd & - most:150/17 Sylvan Lk. BAM.  
**Killdeer:** 1/11, 15 & 23 Espie Farm CV.  
**Ring-billed Gull:** Normal of 3-70 by BJM, BAM, CV, SGy & FT's – most: 300/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.  
**Herring Gull:** 34 reported of 2-9 by BAM, CV & FT – most: 16/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.  
**Great Black-backed Gull:** 1/14 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 1/10, 17 & 27 Norrie Pt, 2/30 Waryas Pk CV.  
**Rock Pigeon:** 9/6 Madam Brett FT; 1/13 Verbank FT; 150/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; normal CV  
**Mourning Dove:** Normal of 8-25 by BB, JA/KJ, KCF, BAM, LM, MP, CV & FT's – most: 130/17 Millerton-Sharon CBC.  
**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 3/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.  
**Great Horned Owl:** 3-4/5 Allen Road & Woodlea Rd 11pm BMA; 2/11 & 27 near home BB; 3/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 2/17 Town of Stanford KCF; 3-4/5 Allen Road & Woodlea Rd 11pm BMA; 2/11 & 27 near home BB; 3/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 2/17 Town of Stanford KCF, 1/18 Depot Hill HT.  
**Barred Owl:** 1/4 standing on electric line 8:30pm, Allen Rd, Salt Point. BMA; 1/11 near home BB; 1/occ up to 19th Town of Stanford KCF, 1/23 Stissing Mtn CV;  
**Short-eared Owl:** 2/31 flushed during fox hound hunt Shetometo, Smithville area JI.  
**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** 1/11 Rhinebeck JR; 6/29 (possible?) flushed @ 3pm from cedar trees Shetomeko, Smithville area JI.  
**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/13 Jekoce Lk. BJM; 5/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 1/22 Abel's Pd BB/OW/CV/KM; 1-2/occ up to 19th Town of Stanford KCF, 1/10 Norrie Pt, 1/31 Sheffield Hill Rd CV; 1/25 Wilcox Pk JA.  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** Normal of 2-4 by most observers  
**Downy Woodpecker:** Normal of 2-6 by most observers.





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**Hairy Woodpecker:** 21 reported of 1-6 by JA/KJ, LM, BAM, MP, CP/HT, CV & FT's.

**Northern Flicker:** 13 reported by BAM, MP, CP/HT, CV, SGy, Sharon CBC & FT

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 1/11 over Lauer Rd. AJM; 1/20 Baird Park FT; 1/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/6, 2/occ Town of Stanford KCF; 1/5 & 2/28 Stissing Mtn, 1/9 Rudd Pd, 1/14, 15 & 30 Rombout Rd CV; 1/27 Norrie Pt FT; 1/24 Wilcox Pk. JA.

**Northern Shrike:** 1/17 & 20 Robinson Ln., BAM, 1/17 SG, BC, DA & Alex; 1/22 DR; 1/23 PF/EA; 1/30 TC/RW - all Robinson Ln.

**Blue Jay:** Normal – most: 44/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.

**American Crow:** Normal – most: 8-10000/6 & 30 Rinaldi Blvd CV.

**Fish Crow:** 1/27 44 Plaza CV.

**Common Raven:** 2/5, 1/11 & 2/28 Stissing Mtn, 3/11 Wilcox Pk CV.

**Horned Lark:** 4/10 Southland Farms CV; 76/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** Normal of 1-10 by most observers - 51/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.

**Tufted Titmouse:** Normal of 1-10 by most observers – most: 29/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC & 30/27 Norrie Pt FT.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** Normal of 1-10 by most observers – most: 12/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC & 16/27 Norrie Pt FT.

**Brown Creeper:** 1/20 Baird Pk FT; 1/23-31 yd. MP; 1/10, 2/13, 1/15, 2/18, 2/22, 1/occ yd, 1/15 WARP Greenway Trail, 1/28 Stissing Mtn CV.

**Carolina Wren:** 34 reported of 2-6 by BAM, LM, MP, CP/HT, TC,RW, CV, BB/OW/CV/KM, FT's & 3/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.

**Winter Wren:** 2/6 Madam Brett FT; 1/27 Norrie Pt FT.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 4/13 Verbank FT; 4/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 2/27 Norrie Pt FT; 2/28 Thompson Pd CV.

**Eastern Bluebird:** 131 reported of 2 to 8 by BAM, ES, MP, CP/HT, CV, BB/OW/CV/KM, FT'S – most: 42/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC & 21/27 Norrie Pt FT.

**Hermit Thrush:** 1/27 Norrie Pt FT.

**American Robin:** 28 reported of 1-5 from JA/KJ, KCF, CV, FT's & Sharon CBC.

**Gray Catbird:** 1/6 Madam Brett FT.

**Northern Mockingbird:** 28 reported of 1-5 by JA/KJ, PF/EA, BAM, DR, CV, HRA, FT'S & 9/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC. **European Starling:** 6 yd. all LM; 1/21 Robinson Ln. ES; 1550/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 6/27 Norrie Pt FT; normal CV.

**Cedar Waxwing:** 5/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 30/11 Stissing Mtn Rd CV.

**American Tree Sparrow:** 93 reported of 1-8 by JA/KJ, MP, KCF, CV, & FT – most: 45/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.

**Savannah Sparrow:** 2/14 Rombout Rd, 3/31 Downy Rd CV; 2/17 Downy Rd Sharon CBC.

**Fox Sparrow:** 1/20 Baird Park FT; 2/30 Rombout Rd CV.

**Song Sparrow:** 49 reported of 1-5 by BJM, MP, CP/HT, BB/OW/CV/KM, & FT'S – most: 17/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC & 12/31 Downy Rd CV.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 1/31 Millbrook Sch Rd, 2/31 HVRT CV.

**White-throated Sparrow:** Well reported by most observers – most: 10 all CP/HT, 32/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC & 23/20 Baird Park FT.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 2/9 & 3/31 Downy Rd CV; 4/17 Downy Rd Sharon CBC.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** Well reported by most observers – most: 120/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC, 30/all yd Poughquag CP/HT & 34/7 & 21/30 Rombout Rd. CV.

**Lapland Longspur:** 2/9 Southland farm MP;

**Snow Bunting:** 1/10 Southland Farms CV.

**Northern Cardinal:** Normal of 1-8 by most observers – most: 13/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 50/6 Madam Brett FT; 400/5 Mashomak, 1/7, 4/14 & 10/29 Rombout Rd, 500/9 Morse Hill, 4/11 & 2000/23 Thompson Pd CV; 50/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 2/19 feeders BB; 1/20 Baird Park FT.

**Rusty Blackbird:** 8/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.

**Common Grackle:** 1/2 yd. BAM; 50/6 Madam Brett FT; 400/5 Mashomak, 1/7, 35/14 & 75/29 Rombout Rd, 500/9 Morse Hill, 200/15 WARP Greenway Trail, 1000/23 Thompson Pd CV; 22/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 10/20 Baird Park FT; 1/22 SaltPtTpk BB/OW/CV/KM.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 300/5 Ponderosa Farm, 200/9 Sharon Stat. Rd CV; 1-5/1-21 then 30/22-31 feeders BB; 12/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC.

**Purple Finch:** 2/occ yd KCF.

**House Finch:** Normal of 1-8 by JA/KJ, BB, BAM, LM, MP, CP/HT, ES, CV & FT – most: 33/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC. **American Goldfinch:** Normal of 2-14 by most observers – most: 25/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC & 20/27 Norrie Pt FT.

**House Sparrow:** 61/17 Millerton area Sharon CBC; 2-3/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT; normal & 3/27 Norrie Pt FT; 1/4, 14, 23 & 3/13 yd, 23/16 neighbors SGy.

#### Other Observations:

**Sulphur White Butterfly** – 1/21 Robinson Ln, ES.

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