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January 2009 Records

The Hudson River was iced up by mid-month and stayed that way the rest of January. Round Pond was frozen by the 15th. We had no "January thaw", so the snow cover stayed all month.

The *bird* of the month is the Red-headed Woodpecker at Stony Kill. It's been there most of the month and has been seen and photographed by many.

The *species* of the season has to be White-winged Crossbill. To many who hoped to see them, they have been elusive. They show up at a spot and then move on. Our last big flight winter was 1981-82, which had about 10 reports of flocks up to 20 from mid-November through mid-March. The peak was in February. With this winter's December reports and the sightings so far in February, this may be a record for us.

Pine Siskins are at many feeders in numbers and a few Common Redpolls are around.

Snow Goose: 2/17 RedWing pd, Green Haven Rd WFC.

Canada Goose: 300/20 Reagan Rd, 400/25 Stissing Lk (Ice restricting #s) CV; 4 other reports of under 100.

Mute Swan: 2/6 3/26 Mashomack, 4/8 Wapp Cr @ Salt Pt CV; 26/17 WFC.

Wood Duck: 1/4 Mtn Rd, Kondas Farm CV; pr/15 Rt. 52 Fishkill Crk BJM; 1m/30 Wapp Lk RJ.

American Wigeon: 1/17 Salt Pt Tpk pond WFC.

American Black Duck: sev/10 Beaver Dam AJ; 151/17 WFC; 2/20 11/30 The Fly, 2/8 Ponderosa Farm CV.

Mallard: 1524/17 WFC

Northern Pintail: 15/17 The Fly WFC; 14/20,30 The Fly CV.

Green-winged Teal: 2/21 Wapp Lk WFC.

Ring-necked Duck: 18/6 Whaley Lake CV; 102/17 most on RedWing pd, Green Haven Rd WFC.

Scaup sp: 2/13 Round Pd DF; 1/29 river opp Chelsea RJ.

Common Goldeneye: 8/17 seen from Rhinecliff WFC.

Hooded Merganser: 2pair/9 Wapp Creek BJM,MK; 26/17 WFC; pair/19 Webatuck Cr off Taylor Rd WLS.

Common Merganser: 17/5 Norrie CV; 210/17 WFC; 9 others.

Ruffed Grouse: 2/10th Buttercup East AJ. Scarce!

Wild Turkey: 116/17 s of Whitehouse Crossing Rd DF; 49/17 Arborio Rd BChase; 40+/20 Millbrook Sch, 21/14 & 9-10/all yd KCF; 82/23 Domin Farm, 35/23 Domin Farm, Mtn Rd CV; 24/22 & 25 yd. BAM; plus 4 flocks of 6-18.

Double-crested Cormorant: 4/19 Chelsea WFC.

Great Cormorant: 2/17 Hudson opp Rhinecliff WFC.

Great Blue Heron: 1/9 Wapp Cr BJM,MK; 1/17 Shekomeko DF; 1/20 The Fly, 1/27 flying Overlook Rd CV; 1/20 Wapp Lk boat rental RJ.

Black Vulture: 2/8 Chelsea RJ; 1/17 Lake Weil FW/KM.

Bald Eagle: Hudson River eagles were pushed by ice south of New Hamburg; 11 imm 6 ad/23 Chelsea RJ/Ed Solan; many reports of 1-2 away from river, plus some lg groups: 11/6 West Dover Rd CV; 9/27 Clove Valley BB.

Northern Harrier: 1/1 Pawling CBC; 1/4 DePuyster Av Beacon EBR; 1/17 9G s of Tivoli BB; 1/6,26 4/30 Mashomack, 1/16 Rombout Rd, 1/20 The Fly CV.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/4,10 yard, 1/31 Reagan Rd CV; 1/27 Ludlow Woods DK; 1/occ yd KCF.

Cooper's Hawk: 1/20 Reagan Rd, 1/26 Johnny Cake Hollow Rd, 1/30 The Fly CV; MP,BAM,JA/KJ,CP/HT yds.

Northern Goshawk: 1/1 Pawling CBC.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/12,21,29 over yd. BAM; 1/17 Quinlan Rd FW/KM; 2/30 Salt Pt yard (1 occ all month) LM; 1/31 Fishkill Plns CP/HT.

Red-tailed Hawk: 10/6 11/26 Mashomack CV; 9/8 TenMileRiver Preserve DF; 5/21 VassarFm FT; 1-2 all over county.

Rough-legged Hawk: 1/10 light Andrew Haight Rd. DK; 2/18 Millbrook Winery FW; 1/21 Vassar Farm FT; 1/21 Greig Farm RJ; 1/30 dark Mashomack CV; 4 others.

Golden Eagle: 1/6 Pawling, Hurds Corners Rd near AT DF; 2/23 Thompson Pd, above field, talon contact HRA (Holdsworth); 1/26,30 imm Stissing Mtn CV.

American Coot: 4/17 RedWing Green Haven Rd WFC.

Ring-billed Gull: 150/6 RedWing BB, also on river.

Herring Gull: 10/6 RedWing BB; 4/17 Chelsea YBC; 10/20 12/31 Reagan Rd CV; also on river.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1/8 Chelsea RJ.

Great Black-backed Gull: 33/8 30/21 Chelsea RJ; also 1 Norrie, 5 Rhinecliff.

Rock Pigeon: 50/17 Plankenhorn Farm BB.

Mourning Dove: 30/all yard BB; 20-30/all & 50/2,11 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1-14 at 7 other feeders/trips.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 3/1 Pawling CBC; 1/8 flew across 9G Hyde Park RJ.

Great Horned Owl: 1/1 Pawling CBC; 1/10-30 h on & off yd. Fishkill BC; 1/27 hooting Ludlow Woods DK.

Barred Owl: 1heard on & off Wapp yd. R Corbeels.

Belted Kingfisher: 1/5 Norrie Pt, 1/29 Traver Rd, 1/30 The Fly CV; 1/17 pd. Clove Branch Rd BJM,BC,MK.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 1/8-27 Stony Kill Bill Case and mob; 1/13 chased a red-bellied before it fed at suet Stony Kill KH; 1/9 Wingdale yard Eileen Gunning

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 2/3,10 3/13 Stony Kill KH; 3/4,23 Rombout Rd CV; 1-2 at most feeders/trips.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 2/14 StonyKill FT; 1/31 yd KCF; 1/5,6,9,13,14,18 yd Stormville EBR .

Downy Woodpecker: 4/4,23 Rombout Rd, 4-5 feeder CV; 4/all yd KCF BAM; 3-4/all yd CP/HT; 10 rept of 1-3.

Hairy Woodpecker: 2/19 Rombout Rd, 1-2/daily 3/7 at feeder CV; 2/occ yd KCF; 1-2/many yd Stormville EBR; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 5 reports 1 each.

Northern Flicker: 1/3,10 Stony Kill KH; 1-2/all feeder CV; 1/14-31 on, guarding the suet from other birds MP; 2/21 Vassar Farm FT; 6 others.

Pileated Woodpecker: 2/4 Rombout Rd CV; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 7 reports of single birds.

Northern Shrike: 1/13 NW of TSP/Slate Quarry Rd RJ.

Blue Jay: Dozen reports of 4-12 at feeders and trips.

American Crow: 10,000/5 roost Rinaldi Blvd & Rt 9 CV; 100s at Plankenhorn & Ehmer Farms, Dutchess Plaza.

Fish Crow: 1/27 Dutchess Plaza CV; sev/31 Dutchess Plaza BB; 3 reports along Hudson.

Common Raven: 4/1 Pawling CBC; 2/6,26,30 Stissing Mtn CV; 2/12 near Red Oaks Mill HRA (Lenharts); 6 more.

Horned Lark: 100/11 Greigs NG; 50/17 Plankenhorn Farm BB; 10/19 field on Sharon Station Road WLS; 12/20 Plankenhorn Farm, 19/20 Sharon Sta Rd CV.



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Black-capped Chickadee: 10/14 StonyKill FT; 10/17 Wappinger YBC; 1-6 on most reports.

Tufted Titmouse: 15/14 StonyKill FT; 6-10 daily MP; 1-6 on most reports.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 3/13 Stony Kill KH; 2-3/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1-2 in 9 other places.

Brown Creeper: 1/10, 15 yd Stormville EBR; 1/16-31 yd MP; almost daily at suet tree CV.

Carolina Wren: 3/13 Stony Kill KH; 3/4 2/9 2/23 Rombout Rd CV; 2/all feeder Red Hook (loves pie crust) AG; 2-3/all suet BAM; 12 others reported.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/13 Stony Kill KH; 2/21 Vassar Farm FT.

Eastern Bluebird: 4/10 Haight Hill Rd, Stanfordville DK; 6/16, 19, 2129 Rombout Rd CV; 7 reports of 1-3.

Hermit Thrush: 4/1 Pawling CBC; 3/17 Norrie Point JC; 2/19, 21, 23, 29 Rombout Rd CV; 1/21 Vassar Farm FT.

American Robin: 25/6 Clove Valley BB; 25/31 Sharon Sta Rd, 20/16 Rombout Rd CV; 7 reports 1-16.

Gray Catbird: 2/1 Pawling CBC; 1/10 yd KCF.

Northern Mockingbird: 4/4 3/9 3/19 2/21 Rombout Rd, 1/16 3/23 Domin Farm CV; 2/21 Vassar Farm FT; 1/all Crestwood Rd AG; 7 others.

Cedar Waxwing: 20/13 East Park AG; 14/16 Rombout Rd CV; max 16/all yd RJ; 6/1 MP; 7/3 JA/KJ.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1/23 Rombout Rd, 1/23 Carter Rd only ones CV.

American Tree Sparrow: 1-8/all Rombout Rd CV; 13/21 Vassar Farm FT; JA/KJ, MP, BB, AG, TC/RW, CP/HT, DK have 2-3 each at feeders; 3 others.

Field Sparrow: 4/1 Pawling CBC; 1/31 MP.

Savannah Sparrow: 6/4 2/19 Domin Farm barnyard on Rombout Rd CV.

Fox Sparrow: 1/15, 16 yard, under cedar CV.

Song Sparrow: 8/4 ... 22/19 Rombout Rd - stopped counting after 19th CV; 2-4 daily MP; 7 reports of 1-4.

Swamp Sparrow: 2/26 Thompson Pd CV.

White-throated Sparrow: 20/6 Clove Valley BB; most 25/19 Rombout Rd CV; 20-30/all Red Hook yard AG; 12 other reports of 4-20.

White-crowned Sparrow: 1/10 & 11 yard Hillside Lk TC/RW; 1/17 StonyKill YBC.

Dark-eyed Junco: 30/14 StonyKill FT; 25/all yard BB; 20-40/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; many more reports.

Snow Bunting: 1/16 feeder! BB; flock/21 Silver Mtn LL.

Northern Cardinal: 10/4 18/19 Rombout Rd, 4-12 at feeder CV; 10-14/all 16-18/28 feeders BAM; 3-15 daily yard JA/KJ; 10 other reports.

Red-winged Blackbird: 500/26 1200/30 Mashomack CV; 1f/18-31 feeder BB; others.

Common Grackle: 1/9 Rombout Rd; 1 incr to 6/all yd BB.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 3/10 yard, 28/21 Domin Farm Mtn Rd, 300/30 Mashomack CV; 40-10/mon feeder BB.

Purple Finch: 1-3 yard, 2/4 Rombout Rd CV; 3/17 Rhinebeck yd MP; 1f/19 pr/21 feeders BAM; 4-7/all yd RJ; 1f/17 yd TC/RW.

House Finch: 2-6 at most feeders; 2-15/all yard JA/KJ.

Red Crossbill: 8/1 RJ Pawling CBC.

White-winged Crossbill: 45/8 east of Kingston bridge JC; 3/17 Norrie Point JC; 6/25 near Staatsburg Reservoir RJ; 5-6/26 Hurley Rd near bridge Bob Bowler.

Common Redpoll: 30-35/30 Thompson Pond in black birch trees picking at catkins CV; 1-3 at JA/KJ, EBR, DK, Carrie Grey's feeders.

Pine Siskin: Reports from 18 people, most with fewer than 10. Several had peak counts of over 20: 24 LL, 28 CV, 30 AJ, 30 RJ, 36 CP/HT, 45 TC/RW.

American Goldfinch: a few to 20s at many feeders; most: 20-35/all yd Poughquag CP/HT.

Other Observations:

Bobcat: 1/23 Domin Farm Mtn Rd CV.

Observers:

JA - Judy Atwood, BB - Barbara Butler, TC - Tammie Carey, BC - Betsy Carswell, JC - Jim Clinton, YBC - Young Birders Club, DF - Dot Fleury, KCF - Ken & Carol Fredericks, AG - Ann Gilbert, NG - Natalie Gilbert, KH - Ken Harris, KJ - Karen Jaquith, RJ - Rodney Johnson, AJ - Art Jones, MK - Maha Katnani, DK - Debi Kral, LL - Les Line, LM - Liz Martens, BAM - Barb & Allan Michelin, BJM - Barbara Michelin, MP - Mona Payton, CP - Carena Pooth, EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen, WLS - William & Lisa Schlesinger, HT - Herb Thompson, CV - Chet Vincent, RW - Robert Williams

Field Trips (FT):

7th - Thompson Pond (snowed out); **14th** - Stony Kill; **21st** - Vassar Farms; **28th** - Lakeside Park, Pawling (snowed out).

Abbreviations: CBC - Christmas Bird Count, WFC - Water Fowl Count, HRA - Hudson River Almanac, MHB - Mid-Hudson Birds, mob - many observers.

Also see our [Key to Notation](#).

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February 2009 Records

Snow Goose: 1/26 Fishkill Cm. possible hybrid with Ross's TM; 1/19 The Fly, 1/24 Stissing Lk CV;
Canada Goose: very well reported, numbers in 100s; 550/12 Reagan Rd CV;
Mute Swan: 1/25 Salt Pt pd BB; 4-7 Wapp Lk KH; 1/4 Stables 7/21, 6/26 Baird Pk CV; 6/11 Baird Pk FT;
Wood Duck: 1m/21 Back Pd with mallards Baird Pk CV; 2/25 Norrie Pt FT;
American Wigeon: 2/13 with Mallards, Canadas & Ring-necks Baird Pk CV;
American Black Duck: 9/28 Cary IES WLS; 13/19 The Fly CV; 2-6 reported BB;MP; 4/11 Baird Pk FT;
Mallard: 30/7 Wapp Ck BAM; 105/11 Baird Pk FT; also seen by JA/KJ;KH;AJM;MP;EBR;WLS;
Northern Shoveler: 2/22 Wapp Lk near Rt 9 with mallards KH;
Northern Pintail: 11/7, 7/15, 2/19 The Fly all winter CV;
Ring-neck Duck: 3/22 Wapp Lk KH; 8/13, 21/21, 16/26 Baird Pk CV;
Common Goldeneye: 5/13 Norrie BB; 2/16 with Common Mergansers Norrie Pt CV;
Hooded Merganser: 4/13 Norrie BB; 7/22 Wapp Lk KH; 17/24 Wapp. Ck AJM; 6/28 Cary IES WLS, 1m/25 Norrie Pt FT;
Common Merganser: 40/13 Norrie BB; 64/11 New Hamburg DF; 42/16 Norrie CV; 12 reports 2-30;
Ruffed Grouse: 1/14 Buttercup East AJ;
Turkey: m&f most flocks 1-20, in 8 reports; 42/10 Uphill Fm CV;
Great Blue Heron: 1/27 Baird Pk (flying west from heronry) DK;
Black Vulture: 1/5 over Millbrook BB; 1/4, 4/22 Poughquag CP/HT; 1/24 Stissing Mt CV;
Turkey Vulture: 16 reports of 1-2 sightings from observers around the county;
Bald Eagle: 15 reports of prs, ads, yg, & imm at nest areas & on river; 2FT, KH, DK, AJM,CV;
Northern Harrier: 8 reports of 1-2; 1ad m Rt 199 MHB; 4/1 Thompson Pd roosting in cattails CV;
Sharp-shinned Hawk: observers JA/KJ, AG, KH, AJ, DK, CV have reports of 1; seen at feeders;
Coopers Hawk: at feeders, 1 all reports, 1/21 eating mourning dove AJ, eating grey squirrel feeder MP;
Northern Goshawk: 1/1Rt 22 S of Millerton, on deer carcass near road LL; 1 imm/26 Milan yd FM;
Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/19,21 & 26 Salt Pt RB; 1/17 Rombout Rd same area as last yr CV;
Red-tailed Hawk: many reports of 1-2, 4/7 Thompson Pd, 7 (incl 1 dead)/7 Vassar Farm FT;
Rough-legged Hawk: light juv 1/4 Salt Pt Tpk & Market Ln DK; 1 dark phase/7 Thompson Pd CV;
Golden Eagle: 1/1 Wilbur Flats Rd MHB; 1/21 Norrie Pt HRA; 2/14 1 imm, 1 ad Stissing Mt DK;
American Kestrel: 1/15 Rhinebeck MP;
Killdeer: 1/12 & 24 Reagan Rd Webatuck Ck with Canadas & Mallards both days CV;
Ring-billed Gull: 40-60 Wappinger Lk KH; 100/21 Fishkill CP/HT; 2-6 in other reports;
Herring Gull: 40-50 Wappinger Lk KH; 12/12, 7/24 Reagan Rd, 1/26 Baird Pk CV; 1/7 Vassar Farm FT;

Great Black-backed Gull: 1/16, 20 Wapp Lk KH; 7/21 Fishkill CP/HT; 3/9, 2/25 Marist CV; 1/7 Fm FT;
Rock Pigeon: 4 Cary IES WLS; 12/4 Vanderbilt FT; 1/11 Baird Pk FT;
Mourning Dove: many reports of 1-30, 40/all feeder BB;
Screech Owl: 1/10 hooting Stanfordville DK; 1 gray phase/6 in apple tree hole Rombout Rd CV;
Great Horned Owl: 4 reports of hooting, m & f Fishkill f nesting LP; nesting yd Pine Plains JW;
Barred Owl: 2 h/6 Domin Fm Rombout Rd, 2 h/19 & 24 Thompson Pd CV;
Belted Kingfisher: 1/22 Wapp Lk Rt 9 KH; 1/15 & 19 swallowing fish 15 The Fly CV; 1/25 Norrie Pt FT;
Red-headed Woodpecker: 1/7 & 21 Stony Kill KH
Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1-2 in most reports, a few higher, 5/4 Vanderbilt FT; 5/18 Bowdoin Pk FT;
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/25 Vanderbilt KH, CV; 2/1 Rombout Rd CV; 7 more single reports;
Downy Woodpecker: very well reported, 1-6 at most feeders; 7/7 Vassar Fm FT;
Hairy Woodpecker: 1-3 in 18 reports, 4/12 Alvin Ct CV;
Northern Flicker: mostly males reported, 1-3 usually, at suet feeders, 4/4 Vanderbilt FT;
Pileated Woodpecker: 8 single reports, 2/occ yd P'quag CP/HT; 2/6 Domin Fm CV; 2/11Baird Pk FT;
Blue Jay: well reported, 1-6 at feeders & FTs, JA/KJ, BB, KH, DK, BAM, MP, CP/HT, CV;
American Crow: 1000s/7 on ice Pok moved to roost HRA, 20,000/8 5:30 - 6 PM on ice Rinaldi Blvd CV;
Fish Crow: 4/8 Hudson Rv & Shadows, 6/9 & 4/25 Marist, 2/14 Vassar Campus CV; 1/25 Norrie Pt FT;
Common Raven: 5/14 Stissing Mt DK; 6/15 Stissing Mt 1/15 took nest material to nest CV; 9 others;
Black-capped Chickadee: at feeders, many reports 1-17 from observers and FTs
Tufted Titmouse: 11/4 Vanderbilt FT; 8/11 Baird Pk FT; 1-4 on most reports;
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/7, 3/25 Vanderbilt KH; 1/26 Millbrook WLS;
White-breasted Nuthatch: 1-4 at most feeders, many reports, 5/11 Baird Pk FT, 7/18 Bowdoin Pk FT;
Brown Creeper: 3/25 Vanderbilt KH; 1most days Rhinebeck MP; 1often on suet tree CV;
Carolina Wren: many reports of usually 1-3 in yards and at feeders;
Golden-crowned Kinglet: 3/7 Stony Kill, 2/8 Bowdoin 2/11 Baird Pk FT, 4 other single reports;
Eastern Bluebird: up to 8 in many reports, 11/10 Domin Fm CV; 12/4 Vanderbilt FT; 9/11 Baird Pk FT;
Hermit Thrush: 1/8 Bowdoin KH; 1/1 & 17 Rombout Rd, 1/4 Norrie Pt CV; 1/25 Norrie Pt FT;
American Robin: MP & CV report 1-10; 16/7 Vassar Fm FT;
Mockingbird: 5/1, 6/6, 4/17 Rombout Rd CV; 3/11 Baird Pk FT; 1-2in 5 other reports;
European Starling: 1-18 most yd JA/KJ, 50/7 Vassar Fm FT, 1-12 in 6 other reports
Cedar Waxwing: 10/8 Taconic DK; 10/6, 12/17 Rombout Rd CV, 34/11 Baird Pk FT;
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1/12, 21 Salt Pt RB, 1/1 TSF MP, 1/17 Rombout Rd CV, 1/11 Baird Pk FT;
American Tree Sparrow: JA/KJ, BB, KH, DK, MP, WLS have 1-6 during month, 10/1 Thompson Pd CV;



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Field Sparrow: 1/5, 1/9 Rhinebeck MP;
Savannah Sparrow: 1/1, 6 Domin Fm CV;
Fox Sparrow: 1/26 Smithfield yd LL; 1/26, 28 yd Poughquag CP/HT;
Song Sparrow: reports of 1-3 by JA/KJ, KH, MP, CP/HT, & Vassar Fm FT, 10/6, 10 Rombout Rd CV;
Swamp Sparrow: 1/1, 10, 2/24 Thompson Pd, 1/6 Domin Fm CV;
White-throated Sparrow: 6-20 mo Crestwood Rd AG, 9 others report 1-15, 16/11 Baird Pk FT;
White-crowned Sparrow: 2/1, 3/6, 1/10 Domin Fm CV;
Dark-eyed Junco: 10-50/all yd Poughquag CP/HT, many reports with high numbers;
Snow Bunting: 30/3 Baird Pk DK; 7/10 picking alfalfa above snow Domin Fm CV;
Northern Cardinal: 14 all yd BAM; 12/3 mo feeders, singing end of month CV; 12 other reports;
Red-winged Blackbird: 2f 20m/all feeder BB, 600/1, Thompson Pd, 600/26 Domin Fm singing CV;
Common Grackle: 500/13 Rombout Rd, 600/26 Domin Fm CV, most reports are of 2-25;
Brown-headed Cowbird: 2-30 daily after 12th yd JA/KJ; others report 1-4;
Pine Grosbeak: possible Pine Grosbeaks Staatsburg 12-20/14. HRA;
Purple Finch: 1/21-23, 25 Crestwood Rd AG; 1m/27 feeder yd AJM; 1/1, 4, 19, 23, 26, 3/3 Alvin Ct CV;
House Finch: 1-14 mo yd JA/KJ, AG/DK/BAM/CP/HT/EBR/CV;
White-winged Crossbill: some/8 Messiah Church, Rhinebeck HRA; 50-60/19 a few/20-25 Bard MHB; 4/5 Vanderbilt AJ; 12/9 Vassar CV; 30/4 Vanderbilt FT;
Common Redpoll: 2-6 mo DK; at feeders 4/8 Rhinebeck RJ, 1/3 Rhinebeck HRA PM, 1/8 Wassaic MP;
Pine Siskin: reports from 13 people, most had 1-25, high counts 25-30 BAM, 40 CP/HT, 100 CV; **American Goldfinch:** most observers had 1-20 at feeders, 20-30 mo Rhinebeck MP; **House Sparrow:** 2/27 feeder BB; normal CV; 5/18 Bowdoin Pk FT;

Other Observations:

2/11 - 3PM Brown Bats, Wapp Ck, no "white nose" visible, 3 & 8 Woodchuck on snow in yd, 10th Coyotes, Thompson Pd, 24th 3-4 singing/howling from Little Stissing Mt CV; 10-20 daily Grey Squirrels, 1-2 daily Red Squirrels Rhinebeck MP; 1/16 Red Fox Leetown Rd Stormville EBR; night visitors, 5 Flying Squirrels at feeders DK; 1/25 fox Norrie Point FT;

Observers:

EA - Elaine Andersen; JA/KJ - Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith; RB - Robert Bowler; BB - Barbara Butler; DF - Dot Fleury; AG - Annatje Gilbert; KH - Ken Harris; AJ - Art Jones; DK - Debi Kral; TL - Tom Lake; LL - Les Line; TM - Tully Mc Elrath; MM - Mike Makar; FM - Frank Margiotta; PM - Phyllis Marsteller; AJM/BAM/BJM - Allan & Barbara Michelin; MP - Mona Payton; MP - Maryanne Pitts; CP/HT - Carena Pooth & Herb Thompson; LP - Louise Praino; EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen; WLS - William & Lisa Schlesinger; CV - Chet Vincent; JW - Jane Waters;

Field Trips (FT):

4th - Vanderbilt; **7th** - Vassar Farm; **11th** - Baird Park; **18th** - Bowdoin Park; **25th** - Norrie Point;

Abbreviations: HRA = Hudson River Almanac; Cary IES = Institute of Ecosystem Studies; MHB - MidHudsonBirds; TSF = Southland Farms

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March 2009 Records

March started out wintry, on the heels of the "last hurrah" snowstorm at the end of February. The ice finally cleared off the river around March 12th. Exceptional species this month included Tufted Duck (first record for Dutchess County), Great Cormorant, Lesser Yellowlegs (very early), Red-headed Woodpecker, and White-winged Crossbill (last reported in Dutchess in 2001). Ed Spaeth wrote this about the Red-headed Woodpecker at Stony Kill, which arrived on the scene in January: "I was told by a friendly farm worker that the bird has been feasting on the corn by eating the heart out of the kernels that he takes to a tree for extraction. He was stunning in his attire-black and white formal wear with a red top hat. Matchless! "

Snow Goose: 1/1 The Fly, 1/14 Reagan Road/Webatuck Cr CV; 7/28 Father's Trail FT

Brant: 100/15 Vlei Marsh, Rhinebeck RJ

Canada Goose: Highest 2000/6 Reagan Rd, 1000 ea at The Fly & Strauss marsh CV; 500/3 Verbank BB; 500/4 Thompson Pd area FT; 400/7, 500/15 Redwing Bkmm CP/HT; 300+/15,22 Redwing Bkmm AJM

Mute Swan: 7/9 Baird Pk CV; 2/10 McKinney Pd BB; 1/14 Southern Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 7/28 Father's Trail FT; 2/15 Redwing Bkmm CP/HT; 2/16 Wapp Crk AJM; 2-5/20-31 Drake Lk LM

Wood Duck: 9/8, 2/22 IES WS/LDS; 5/19 Traver Pd, 5/29 Buttercup W, 2-4 at 5 other places CV; 8-16/8-31 yd Salt Pt LM; 2/18 Ring Rd, 1/18 Norrie DK; 2/21 ButtercupW AJ; 4/25 Tymor Pk FT; 2/28 Father's Trail FT

Gadwall: 2/7 The Fly CV

American Wigeon: 2/7 Redwing Bkmm, 4/15 Tivoli, 2/19 Traver Pd, 2/29 Buttercup W CV; 1/15 Redwg Bkmm CP/HT; 2/22-24 DrakeL LM; 10/17 river, 50/15 Vlei marsh RJ

American Black Duck: 4/4 Thompson Pd area FT; 8/8, 1/22 IES WS/LDS; 75/28 Father's Trail FT; 5/7 Redwing Bkmm CP/HT; 2/13-14 Rhinebeck MP; 34/15 Tivoli N Bay, 15/19 Traver Pd, 3-7 Salt Pt, The Fly, Strauss marsh, HVRT, Buttercup W. CV

Mallard: Many reports. Highest 25/4 Thompson Pd area FT; 30/15 Redwing Bkmm CP/HT; 20/13 IES WS/LDS

Northern Pintail: 2/1 Salt Pt (Wapp Cr), 15/7 The Fly CV; x/16 Crugers PB; 2/18 with sm flock of Blackies(Chelsea) RJ

Green-winged Teal: Earliest 7th. Highest 37/12 35/22 27/26 45/29 Strever Fm Pd CV; 30/15 Vlei marsh RJ; 22/19 McEnroe's mudpuddle DF; 23/26th Striver Rd AJ; other reports from CV, CP/HT, AJM, PB, AJ, DK, Mills FT

Canvasback: 2/21 Swartz Fm Stanfdville DK; 6/20/all Hudson River RJ

Ring-necked Duck: Many reports. Highest 97/9 Baird Pk, 83/20 Round Pd, 73/22 Thompson Pd, 45/26 104/31 Mills Mansion CV; 30+/10 Twin I. Lk DK; 32/14 Southern Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 20/18 Mills Mansion FT; 55/15,26/22 Hillside Lk, 122/15,30/22 Lk Walton AJM; 12-25/17-31 Drake Lk LM; 27/19 Indian Lake DF; 30/28 Mills Mansion BB/CV/MK

Tufted Duck 1/26 Mills Mansion, on river, watched for over an hour CV

Greater Scaup: 1/14 Southern Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 8/15 Tivoli waterfront CV; 1/16 Tivoli South Bay PB; 6/17 river at Rhinecliff RJ

Bufflehead: 1/7 Stissing Lk, 2/15 Tivoli waterfront, 3/26 Mills Mansion CV; pr/16 Crugers PB; 8/17 in two groups on river RJ; 3/23 Mills Mansion BB; ; 4/28 Mills Mansion BB/CV/MK; 2/28 Mills Mansion AG; 2/16 Frost Mills NG; 10/28 Father's Trail FT

Common Goldeneye: 13/15 Tivoli waterfront & N Bay CV
Hooded Merganser: Reports of 1-6 from AJM, BB, LM, CV, WS/LDS/MD, and Tymor FT. Highest 8/7 Redwing Bkmm, 8/15 Tivoli N Bay CV; 11/14 Whaley Lk, 8/14 Grape Hollow Rd CP/HT

Common Merganser: Highest 100+/20 Round Pd, 37/10 Redwing Velie Rd, 30/8 Norrie Pt, 30/15 Tivoli N Bay CV; 23/14 New Hamburg AJM; 15/15 Redwing Bkmm, CP/HT; 17/25 Tymor Pk FT; 25/28 Father's Trail FT

Red-breasted Merganser: 1/10 Norrie Point DL

Ruddy Duck: 1/28 Lk Oniad BJM

Ring-necked Pheasant: 122 IES WS/LDS

Wild Turkey: Many reports. Highest 25/23 Stanfdville DK; 24/4 Rombout Rd, 25/29 Overlook Rd CV; 24/4 Rombout Rd, 25/29 Overlook Rd CV; 1banded male yd LaGr; 22/29 corner Overlook,Sleight Plass Rds JA/KJ; 28/6,14-18/most yd BAM

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/14 Southern Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 1/23-31 Drake Lk LM

Horned Grebe: 1/26 Mills not in breeding plumage CV

Double-crested Cormorant: 7/31 Mills Mansion CV

Great Cormorant: 1/17 river at Rhinecliff RJ; 1/28 Mills Mansion AJ

Great Blue Heron: 4/12, 7/31 on nests Baird, 1/23 Freedom Rd DK; 1/13 Crestwood NG; 1/15 pd Old Sylvan Lk Rd, 2/26 1 pd Kent Rd/Myers Corners,1 Wapp Crk AJM; 12/28 Lower Hook Rd heronry, 3 others CV; nests/17,20 Lower Hook Rd, Rhinebeck reported by CG, FM

Black Vulture: 2/6 Clinton Crs DK; 3/7 Thompson Pd CV; 2/24 Millbrk BB; 1/26 Poughquag CP/HT

Turkey Vulture: Many reports. Highest 13/4 Vanderbilt, 16/29 Buttercup W CV; 13/4 Thompson Pd area FT; 13/4 Thompson Pd area FT; 9/19 kettle over Staatsburg DL;

Bald Eagle: 1 imm/3 on deer carcass Abel's Pd BB;

2(ad,imm)/4 Thompson Pd area FT; 1ad, 13 imm/5 Chelsea ES/RJ; 5/12 Stissing Mtn (3 ad, 2 imm - 1 ad on nest), 4/8 Norrie Pt, also at Redwing Bkmm, Tivoli Bay, Mills Mansion CV; 2/18 Norrie Point FT; 1ad, 1imm/28 Father's Trail FT; 2/7,1/14 Wapp AJM; 2ad/10 Pok CP; 1/14-16, 1/29 Bonte-cou Lk DK; 1/21 Rhinecliff Br MP; 1/30 Redwing Bkmm TG

Northern Harrier: 1/5 Schultz Hill Rd, Pine Plains JW; 1/6 Rudd Pd, 1/12 Thompson Pd CV

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/10 Barmore Rd, 1/13 Overlook Rd CV; 1/16,2/25 yd BAM

Cooper's Hawk: 1/7 Sylvan Lk 1/25 over Rt82 Brinkerhoff area BAM; 1/20 Perrys Crns Rd, 1/31 yd CV; 2/13,15, 1/14 Rhinebeck MP; Stanfdville DK

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/1, 2-3/9-15 yd Salt Pt, pair mating on 9th Salt Pt LM; 1/8,15 Norrie Pt CV; 2/15 mobbing two Cooper's hawks, 1/21,26-28 Rhinebeck MP; 1/18 Norrie Point FT; 2/19 Norrie DK; gathering nest ma-terial/23 Crum Elbow Rd, East Park BB; 1/25 over yd BJM

Broad-winged Hawk: 1/10 Stormville EBR

Red-tailed Hawk: Many sightings of 1-3 each, also 3/4 Thompson Pd area FT; 1/12,16 leucistic DC Airt PD; 3-8 Stissing Mtn CV

American Kestrel: x/17 Dinsmore RJ; 1/24 Crestwood NG; pr/28 DC Airport BJM; 2/29 Dinsmore GC, 1/29 Pderosa CV



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American Coot: Redwing Bkmn - 2/7 CP/HT; 10/14 CV
Killdeer: 1-2 reported by CV, AJ, BAM, FT, DK, RJ; also 3/26 Strever Fm Rd, 7/19 Traver Pd CV; 3/17 McEnroe's JR; 3/19 McEnroe's mudpuddle DF; 3/21 Wapp BAM; 4-6/8-31 Southlands MP; 3/15 Stormville CP/HT; 3/31 RRSmith School, Hyde Pk LM
Lesser Yellowlegs: 1/7 Redwing Bkmn (on ice near teal/merganser) CV
Wilson's Snipe: 8/17 McEnroe's JR; 7/19 McEnroe's DF; 7/29 Strever Fm Rd CV
American Woodcock: 12/10, 2/22 IES WS/LDS; 5/15 Stormville, 3/15 Redwing Bkmn CP/HT; 4-6/18 3/25 Allen Rd BMA; 4-6/28 Salt Point BJM/MK group watch; 2/13, 3/19,20, 2/27 NG; 1/7 White Schoolhouse Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; 10+/16 road near Hopeland, singles/since the 9th Norrie & South Cross Rd JL; 1/26 Hopeland area CV
Ring-billed Gull: 2 reports 2-3 ea; also 100/1 Westage BB; 200/7 Redwing Bkmn CP/HT; 47/19 McEnroe's DF
Herring Gull: 9/6 8/14 Reagan Rd at Webatuck Cr CV; 5/28 Father's Trail FT
Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/3&5 Domin Fm CV
Great Black-backed Gull: 5/26 Mills Mansion CV; 1/28 Mills Mansion AJ; 1/28 Father's Trail FT
Rock Pigeon: 2/13,22 IES WS/LDS
Mourning Dove: Usual numbers. Highest 10/11 Vassar Campus FT; 15/all yd BB; 50/1 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 10-20/all Rhinebeck MP
Great Horned Owl: 1 on nest/4 Bean River Rd FT; on nest/5 Bean River Rd JI; 2 calling/7 near home BB; 1/7& 22 Strever Fm Rd (nest high, only see tufts), 1/29 yd CV; 1/15 Rhinebeck MP; 1/6,12,20, 2/11,15DK; 2 pr/17 calling 6-7am Rhinebeck yard RJ
Barred Owl: 2/1 Stissing Mtn, 1/3 Rombout Rd, 2/16 yd CV; 1/17 calling yd Rhinebeck RJ; 1/24 yd BAM;
Belted Kingfisher: 1/7 Thompson Pd, also 1 at Norrie, HVRT, Mills Mansion CV; 1/15 Hillside Lk,1/15 Lk Walton AJM; 1/16 Wheeler Hill Rd 1/19 Norrie DK; x/17 Rhinecliff MHB RJ; 2/28 Mills Mansion BB/CV/MK
Red-headed Woodpecker: Stony Kill EEC: 1/19 TM; 1/20 DK; 1/22 PR; 1/23 ES; 1/24 CV
Red-bellied Woodpecker: Sightings of 1-2 each from field trips and JA/KJ, LM, BAM, MP, EBR, also 8/10 Rombout Rd, 6/27 Domin Fm CV; 8/11 Vassar Campus FT; 6/14 Southern Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 7/28 Father's Trail FT
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/3 Rombout Rd CV
Downy Woodpecker: Sightings of 1-2 ea from 2 FTs and BB, MP, EBR, WS/LDS/MD, also 4-6/all yd, 4/23 Rombout Rd CV; 3-4/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2-3/all yd BAM; 2-4/all yd Salt Pt LM; 4/11 Vassar Campus FT; 4/14 Southern Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 5/28 Father's Trail FT
Hairy Woodpecker: 1-2 on most reports
Northern Flicker: 1/1 Temple Fm, 1/22 IES WS/LDS; 3 on Vassar & Father's Trail FTs, 1/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/4 yd, 2/7 BBtrail BAM; 1/12,14-15,22 Southlands MP; 1-2/often yd CV
Pileated Woodpecker: 1-4 on 4 FTs; reports of 1-2 each from EBR, BAM, BB, MP, DK, JW, DF, CV
Eastern Phoebe: 1/18 Norrie Pt, 1/27 Domin Fm, 1/29 Buttercup W CV; 1/20 Stony Kill, 1/25-31 yd DK; 1/24-31 yd PPIs AJ; 1/27 Rhinebeck RJ; 7/28 Father's Trail FT; 1/29 Rhinebeck MP

Blue Jay: Usual numbers. Highest 22/11 Vassar Campus FT; 10/all yd BB
American Crow: Usual reports plus 12000-15000/4 at roost Rinaldi Blvd, much more scattered later in the month. Nesting activity 29th& 30th CV
Fish Crow: 1/18 Mills Mansion FT; 1/26 2/31 Mills Mansion CV; 2/28 Father's Trail FT; 1/20, 30 yd Salt Pt LM; 1/28 Mills Mansion BB/CV/MK
Common Raven: 2/1,7, 1/22,29 Stissing Mtn, 1/10 Pd Gut, 2/14 Round Pd CV; 5/4 Thompson Pd area FT; 1/9 Mills Mansion DL; 1/28 Mills Mansion BB/CV/MK
Tree Swallow: 4/15 Vlei marsh RJ; 1/21, 5/23 Drake Lk, Salt Pt LM; first ones/30 Milan FM
Black-capped Chickadee: 3-12 on 6 FTs; 8/4 Rombout Rd, 2-3/all yd CV; 3/all BAM; 2-4/all yd Salt Pt LM; 3-6/all yd Stormville EBR; 2-4/all Rhinebeck MP; 2-5/all yd LaGr JA/KJ; 6-8/all yd AG; 1-2/all yd Poughquag, stay away when many Pine Siskins at feeders CP/HT
Tufted Titmouse: Usual numbers. Highest 14/11 Vassar Campus FT; 15/14 Southern Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 6/all yd BB; 6-8/all yd AG
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/2 yd Millbrk WS/LDS; 1/2 yd RJ; 1/4 FDR home, 1/8 Norrie Pt, 1/26 Mills Mansion CV; 3/18 Mills Mansion FT; 1/23 Mills Mansion BB
White-breasted Nuthatch: Most report 1-2. Highest 10/11 Vassar Campus FT; 9/18 Mills Mansion FT
Brown Creeper: 1/most early in the month, then occ Rhinebeck MP; 1/most yd CV; 1/4 Thompson Pd area FT; 1/14 Southern Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 2/18 Mills Mansion FT; 1/22 IES WS/LDS; 1/occ yd DF
Carolina Wren: Sightings of 1-3 each from 5 FTs; 1-2 on most reports
Winter Wren: 1/27 Domin Fm CV
Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/7 BBtrail-Humeston fm BJM; 2/13, 16/8 IES WS/LDS; 2/18 Mills Mansion FT; 2/25 Tymor FT; 2/28 Father's Trail FT; 1-3/29-31 yd Rhinebeck RJ
Eastern Bluebird: On most reports; notably 1-5 on 4 FTs; pr/7 checking boxes yd, 2/7 BB box Airtpt Ind Rd, 6/7 RHGC, 8/8, 6/22 Southlands, 16/8 IES WS/LDS;
American Robin: 1 to "ots" on 5 FTs; Many reports. Highest: 26/6 10/10 Sharon Sta Rd, 50+/23 Rombout Rd CV; 20/17 all together in yd BB
Northern Mockingbird: 2/4 5/10 3/23 Rombout Rd CV; 1/7-31 yd Poughquag, 2/8 Shaughnessy Rd CP/HT; 1/8,22 IES, 2/1 Temple Fm WS/LDS; 1/8,22 Southlands MP; 2/28 Dising fm BJM; 1/28 Father's Trail FT; 2/all Crestwood, 2/all yd AG
European Starling: 6/11 Vassar Campus FT; 12/25 Tymor FT; 15/22 IES WS/LDS; 10/28 Father's Trail FT; 2/17 yd Stormville EBR; 1-5/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT
Cedar Waxwing: 4/5 East Pk NG; 22/17 Rhinebeck yard RJ; 12/10 Rombout Rd, 24/15 Mill Rd, 7/20 Round Pd CV
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2/23 Rombout Rd CV; 2/25 Tymor FT
American Tree Sparrow: 5/1-19 yd BB; 1/2 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 5/1 Rhinebeck MP; 1-3/all yd LaGr JA/KJ; 1/6 HVRT, 3/10 Wisseman Rd, 3/26 Hopeland area CV
Field Sparrow: 2/26 Hopeland area CV
Savannah Sparrow: 1/3 Domin Fm CV
Fox Sparrow: 1/1, 2/2 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 5/8 yd Rhinebeck RJ; 8-10 Rombout Rd, 10/24 Vassar Fm, 18/26 Hopeland area, 2/2 yd CV; 1/12,27 yd Stormville EBR; 1/25 Tymor FT; 5/8 yd RJ; 1/21-23 yd DF; 1/26 yd BB



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Song Sparrow: Many reports incl. 2-14 on 5 FTs; 5/15 Redwing Bkmn, CP/HT; 20/22 IES WS/LDS

White-throated Sparrow: Many reports but only 1ea. on 2 FTs Highest 10/6,31, 7/14 yd AG; 5-10/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1; 2-5/most yd, 15/6 HVRT, 3-6 at Rombout Rd, Vassar Fm CV; 10/all (fewer by month's end) yd BB; MY PERSONAL FAVORITE: 1/28,31 looked real tattered, disreputable JA/KJ

Dark-eyed Junco: 1-10 on 5 FTs; Highest: 18/2 yd, 14/10 CV; 13/2 yd, 15/9 Baird Pk CV; 10-30/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 15/all BAM; 50/all (fewer by month's end) yd BB;

Northern Cardinal: On most reports. Highest: 15/11 Vassar Campus FT; 8/14 Southern Dutchess Rail Trail FT; BAM; 8/15 Redwing Bkmn CP/HT

Red-winged Blackbird: Many reports of small flocks (some at feeders all month); 1000/4 Rombout Rd, 100+/29 going to roost Thompson Pd CV; 70+/27 Freedom Rd BJM/MK

Eastern Meadowlark: 2/23 Rombout Rd, 1/29 Hopeland area CV

Rusty Blackbird: 1/22 IES WS/LDS

Common Grackle: Many reports of small flocks, also 1000/4 Rombout Rd, all over county after first week CV; 600+/5 flying over in sheets, one "sheet" after another; 300/6 a mass fly-over with the birds so close together that they dimmed the light from the sky; 200+/15 yd LaGr JA/KJ

Brown-headed Cowbird: 1/1 10/2 yd, 100/4 Rombout Rd CV; 1-3/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2-5/most yd LaGr JA/KJ; 7/28 Father's Trail FT; 5-7/all Rhinebeck MP; 25/all yd BB

Purple Finch: 2/1 yd Salt Pt LM; 1/2&3 yd, 6/20 HVRT, 4/23 Rombout Rd CV; 1 m/7, 2/19-30 yd BB

House Finch: 3/8 Shaughnessy Rd, 1-3/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/28 Father's Trail FT; 2-4/all yd LaGr JA/KJ; 4-6/all yd Stormville EBR; 2-5/all yd BAM; 6/all yd BB

White-winged Crossbill: 6/4 Thompson Pd area FT; 20/7 outside visitor ctr at Vanderbilt LM; 30+/9 Bard College FB

Common Redpoll: 5/2, 1/3 Stanfville DK

Pine Siskin: Everywhere all month! Highest 30/2 yd Millbrk WS/LDS; 25-30/most, 40/5,55/26 yd BAM; 30-40/all yd Salt Pt LM; 130/2, yd Poughquag CP/HT; 30-60/all yd. CV; also reported by AG, DK, AJ, MP, EBR, JA/KJ, RJ, 3 FTs.

American Goldfinch: 4-5 on 3 FTs; 1-2/16,22 yd Stormville EBR; 6-9/all yd BAM; 20 early, 10 later Rhinebeck MP; 20-30/all yd Salt Pt LM; 1-5/all yd LaGr JA/KJ; 7-10/all, 30/2 yd Poughquag, Siskins chase them away CP/HT; 2-5 daily at feeder, less than usual. Do siskins keep them away? 15/20 HVRT, 12/27 Domin Fm, 15/29 Hollow Rd CV; 6/all yd BB

House Sparrow: 6/11 Vassar Campus FT; 4/28 Father's Trail FT; 4/12-31 yd BB

Other Observations:

Beaver: 2/29 in water by Lake Rd by Thompson Pd CV

River Otter: 1/29 Buttercup W CV

Red Fox: 1/28 Father's Trail FT;

Mink: Maple Ave Millerton, ran up a small stream CV

Bobcat: crossed the road just north of Wilderstein. "The biggest bobcat I have ever seen." Doug Koch

Observers:

Hudson River Almanac (**HRA**); Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**); Fred Baumgarten via MHB (**FB**); Mid-Hudson Birds listserv (**MHB**); Peter Bedrossian via MHB (**PB**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Dot Fleury via BB (**DF**); Annatje Gilbert (**AG**); Carrie Gray via BB (**CG**); Natalie Gilbert (**NG**); Tim Gunther via BB (**TG**); John Ike via BB (**JI**); Rodney Johnson (**RJ**); Art Jones (**AJ**); Maha Katnani (**MK**); Debi Kral (**DK**); David Lund via HRA (**DL**); Jeff Lucas via BB (**JL**); Frank Margiotta via BB (**FM**); Liz Martens (**LM**); Tully McElrath via BB (**TM**); Barbara Mansell via BB (BMa); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith & Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Jane Rossman via BB (**JR**); Ed Solan via BB (**ES**); Lisa Dellwo Schlesinger (**LDS**); William Schlesinger (**WS**); Herb Thompson (**HT**); Chet Vincent (**CV**); Jane Waters via BB (**JW**)

Field Trips (FT):

4th Thompson Pd, **11th** Vassar Campus, **14th** Southern Dutchess Rail Trail, **18th** Mills Mansion, **25th** Tymor Park, **28th** Father's Trail

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

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April 2009 Records

The weather was typical, with some sunny days, cloudy days, and rainy days. The temperatures were cool in the mornings with some warming in the afternoons.

The following species were reported in usual numbers:

Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Wood Duck, American Black Duck, Mallard, Wild Turkey, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Killdeer, Ring-billed and Herring Gulls, Mourning Dove, Barred Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied, Downy, Hairy, and Pileated Woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, Tree Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Hermit and Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, Yellow-rumped, Palm, and Black-and-white Warblers, Eastern Towhee, Chipping, Field, Song, Swamp, and White-throated Sparrows, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Baltimore Oriole, Purple and House Finches, and American Goldfinch.

One Guinea fowl has been in yd all month. Just showed up one day and hasn't left. Chet doesn't know anyone nearby who has them. Friends who are familiar with this species say our bird is a mature adult at least 1+ years old JA/KJ.

Snow Goose: 1/23 Mashomak CV,

American Wigeon: 2/5 Buttercup West DG,

Green-winged Teal: 24/1 Tamarack Lk FT, 18/15 Buttercup West FT, most 30/10 Pine Plains DG & 32/4, 24/15, & 17/22 Strever Fm Rd CV,

Ring-necked Duck: 4/1 Tamarack Lk FT, 2/15 Buttercup West FT, 20/22 Thompson Pd FT, 4/22 Stissing Lk FT, most 55/23 Thompson Pd CV, 38/5 Lk Walton AJM, 30/10 Thompson Pd KCF,

Common Merganser: 25/2 Straus Marsh, 10/4 Mud Pd, 8/23 Mashomak, 5/24 Madame Brett CV, and rpts of 1-2 by WLS,DK,DG,AJM,

Red-breasted Merganser: 1f/10 Chelsea RJ,

Ruddy Duck: 1m/5 Lk Onaid AJM, 2/20 Norrie Pt CV,

Ring-necked Pheasant: 14/1 Tamarack Lk FT, 1/10 Hopelands Pk Staatsburg ML,

Ruffed Grouse: 1/3 flew across Rt 9 at Locust Grove HRA Anne Strain,

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/4 Upper Kays, 1/4 Mud Pd CV, 1/23 Lk Walton BJM,

Double-crested Cormorant: 4/9 & 5/20 Norrie Pt, 2/23 Mashomak CV, 11/22 Bontecou Lk DK, 1/23 Lk Walton BJM,

Great Blue Heron: 2/16 Taconic Heronry DK, 1/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT, and seen throughout the county.

Cattle Egret: 1/22 Pawling Middle Sch (in parking lot sitting on top of a car) BR,

Green Heron: 1/8 flying over Taconic RC, 1/24 Chippawalla Rd BC, 1/26 Cary-IES WLS,

Osprey: 1/9 Hopeland area CV, 1/13 over PIVly BB, 1/14 Wapp. Crk near ROM AJM, 1/19 Wapp. Crk near Reese Town Pk AJM, 1/20 Wapp. Crk PIVly HRA Malcom & Rudy Castro, 1/23 Benke Fm, 1/24 Dennings Pt CV,

Bald Eagle: 1/7 New Hackensack Rd below airport JA/KJ, 1/16 Town Wapp. AJM, 2/4 & 1/23 Stissing Mtn, 2/9 & 1/20 Norrie Pt CV, pr/22 Thompson Pd FT,

Northern Harrier: 1/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT,

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/8 Cary IES FT, 1/25 HVRT FT, and single sightings by JA/KJ,AJM,CV,

Cooper's Hawk: 1/1 Tamarack Lk FT, 1/25 HVRT FT, 1/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT, single sightings by Ask,DK,MP, JA/KJ,CP/HT,KCF,BAM,BJM,CV, and one found dead by Ruth Greenwood,

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/18 Pond Gut FT, 1/10 Bull's Head Rd KCF, 1h/14 & 25-30 yd BJM, 1/27 Pond Gut CV, 1-2/most yd MP, 2/all Field Rd Milan DG,

Broad-winged Hawk: 1/24 Madame Brett CV, 3/25 HVRT FT, x/25 Mabbettsville yd JAsk, 1/27 Peach Hill KCF, 3/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT,

Golden Eagle: 1 imm/19 Wapp. Lk near Rt 9 Ken Harris,

Merlin: 1 dead/8 found in Dover yd Carol Moran,

Virginia Rail: 3/10 Thompson Pd DG, 2/22 Thompson Pd FT, 4/23 Thompson Pd CV,

Greater Yellow Legs: 1/18 Strever farm DG,

Spotted Sandpiper: 1/27 Buttercup West CV,

Wilson's Snipe: 3/2 HVRT, 1/4 & 9/22 Strever Rd CV, 4/10 Strever Rd KCF, 3/19 TSF MP,

American Woodcock: 1/8 Cary IES FT,

Great Black-backed Gull: 2/9 Norrie Pt, 1/20 Marist, 4/24 Long Dock CV,

Rock Pigeon: 2/4, 2/11, 1/18, 1/25, & 2/29 Cary-IES WLS, 1/25 HVRT FT,

Great Horned Owl: 1/4 yd MP, 1/11 Cary-IES WLS, 1/15 Strever Rd CV, 1/22 Stever Rd on nest DK, 1 in nest/22 Bean River Rd BB/MK, 1-2h/occ Ludlow Woods,

Northern Saw-whet Owl: 1h/26 3 toots hooting in the am Ludlow Woods DK,

Chimney Swift: 30/17 over Rhinebeck RJ, x/19 Wapp. Lk near Rt 9 Ken Harris,

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1/26 yd AG, 1/28 Salt Point Liz Martens, 1m/28-30 feeder yd BAM,

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/11-30 yd Poughquag CP/HT, 1/23 Thompson Pd CV,

heard/all 3/27 yd BB,2/occ yd KCF,

Eastern Wood-Pewee: 2/22 Thompson Pd FT,

Least Flycatcher: 1/27 Peach Hill KCF,

Eastern Phoebe: 2/1 Tamarack Lk FT, 6/8 Cary IES FT, 10/15 Buttercup West FT,

Great-crested Flycatcher: 1/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT, 1-2/26-30 yd MP, 2/27 Buttercup West CV, 1 /27-30 yd, 1/30 Poet's Walk BB,

Eastern Kingbird: 1/27 Peach Hill KCF, 1/29 yd BB,

White-eyed Vireo: 1 or 2/30 Stony Kill Farm Ken Harris.

Yellow-throated Vireo: 2/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT, x/25 Mabbettsville yd JAsk, 1/28 yd BB,

Blue-headed Vireo: 3/19 Nuclear Lk GZ, 1/25 HVRT FT, 2/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT, x/25 Mabbettsville yd JAsk,

Warbling Vireo: 6/27 Buttercup West CV, x/28 Buttercup HMB ES, 1/29 BBtr/Humeston farm BJM, 1/30 Poet's Walk BB,



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Fish Crow: 2/5 sitting on wire at Four Bros. Pizza Dover CP/HT, 2/7 Rombout Rd, 4/9 Norrie Pt, 1/20 Marist, 2/21 Freedom Plains Cem. CV,

Common Raven: 1/15 Buttercup West FT, 2/22 Thompson Pd FT, 1/4, 2/15 & 23 Thompson Pd, 2/27 Buttercup West CV, 1/10 Thompson Pd KCF, 1/12 off Bulls Head Rd, 3/14 yd BB,

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 8/24 Reese Park Ken Harris

Barn Swallow: 1/25 HVRT FT, and singles reported by RJ,MP,BJM,CV,

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 2/8 Cary IES FT,

Brown Creeper: 2/8 Cary IES FT, 3/15 Buttercup West FT, 1/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT, 2/19 Nuclear Lk GZ, x/19 Buttercup MHB AJ,

Winter Wren: 1/8 Cary IES FT, 2/18 Pond Gut FT, 1/18, 1/25, & 1/26 Cary-IES WLS, 1/1 & 27 Cary IES CV,

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/8 Cary IES FT, 1/10 Hopelands Pk Staatsburg ML, 1/9 Vassar Fm KCF, 1/12 & 1/19 Buttercup Fm Sncty WLS, 1/14 yd BB, 1/25 yd CP/HT, Veery: 1/28 PNR GZ, 5/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT,

Swainson's Thrush: 3/19 Nuclear Lk GZ, 1/30 yd BJM,

Brown Thrasher: 1/15 Buttercup West FT, 1/21 Vassar Fm, 1/27 Buttercup West CV, 1/26 yd Poughquag CP/HT, 2/27 Peach Hill KCF, 1/30 Poet's Walk BB,

European Starling: 2/15 Buttercup West FT, 7/25 HVRT FT, most 10/11 Cary-IES WLS,

Cedar Waxwing: most 40+/12 Verbank Vlg Rd DK, 20/8 yd CP/HT, and 15/20 Rombout Rd CV,

Blue-winged Warbler: 1/26 & 1/28 Cary-IES WLS, 5/27 Peach Hill Pk KCF, 1/27 yd BB, 6/27 Peach Hill KCF, 3/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT,

Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid): 1/29 Cary-IES WLS, 1/30 Fowler Rd at Cary IES Gary Lovett,

Nashville Warbler: 2/27 yd BB, 1h/30 yd BJM,

Northern Parula: 2/28 PNR GZ, 2/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT, 1h/30 yd BJM,

Yellow Warbler: 1/22 Thompson Pd FT, 2/25 HVRT FT, 4/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT, and seven other reports of 1-8.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 2/28 Peach Hill KCF,

Magnolia Warbler: 1/27 Buttercup West CV,

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 3/28 PNR GZ, 1m/30 yd BJM,

Black-throated Green Warbler: 20+/28 PNR GZ, 1/27 yd BB,

Blackburnian Warbler: 1/28 PNR GZ,

Pine Warbler: 1/15 Buttercup West FT, 1/18 Pond Gut FT, 1/27 Pond Gut GZ,

Prairie Warbler: 1h/25 HVRT FT, 2/28 Cary-IES WLS,

American Redstart: 2/27 Pond Gut, 2/28 PNR GZ, 1/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT,

Worm-eating Warbler: 2/28 PNR GZ, Ovenbird: 1/26 yd Poughquag CP/HT, 1/27 Peach Hill KCF, 6/28 PNR GZ,

Louisiana Waterthrush: 5/18 Pond Gut FT, 2/19 Nuclear Lk, 1/28 PNR GZ, 1/24 Madame Brett CV, 2/28 & 1/29 Cary-IES WLS, x/25 Mabbettville yd JAsk,

Common Yellowthroat: 1/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT, 1/30 Poet's Walk BB,

Hooded Warbler: 8+/28 PNR GZ,

Scarlet Tanager: 1/27 Pond Gut GZ, 3/29 Rockefeller Field Station FT, 1/29 Cary-IES WLS, 1/29 yd, 1/30 Poet's Walk BB,

American Tree Sparrow: 1/occ yd JA/KJ,

Savannah Sparrow: 2/19 sev/all from 19th TSF MP, 3/20 Rombout Rd, 2/21 Vassar Fm, 1/24 Dennings Pt CV,

Fox Sparrow: 1/4 Rhinebeck park RJ,

White-crowned Sparrow: 3/7 & 2/20 Domin Fm CV,

Rusty Blackbird: 1/15 Buttercup West FT, 2/18, & 7/25 Cary-IES WLS,

Eastern Meadowlark: 2/25-26 TSF MP,

Orchard Oriole: 2/27-28 Peach Hill Pk KCF

Pine Siskin: these northern winter birds were still with us through most of the month, 1/18 Pond Gut FT, 3/22 Thompson Pd FT, and reports of 1 to as high as 65 by BB, Frank Margiotta, KCF, MP, EBR, DG, CP/HT, AG, BAM, CV

House Sparrow: 7/25 HVRT FT, 2/all yd BAM

Other Observations:

Beaver: 2/29 in water by Lake Rd by Thompson Pd CV

River Otter: 1/29 Buttercup W CV

Red Fox: 1/28 Father's Trail FT;

Mink: Maple Ave Millerton, ran up a small stream CV

Bobcat: crossed the road just north of Wilderstein. "The biggest bobcat I have ever seen." Doug Koch

Observers:

JA/KJ - Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith, JAsk - J Askildsen, BB - Barbara Butler, BC - Binnie Chase, RC - Rosa Corbeels, KCF - Ken & Carol Fredericks, AG - Ann Gilbert, DG - Dick Gershon, AJ - Art Jones, RJ - Rodney Johnson, DK - Deb Kral, MK - Maha Katnani, ML - Maury Lacher, AJM - Allan Michelin, BAM - Barbara & Allan Michelin, BJM - Barbara Michelin, CP/HT - Carena Pooth & Herb Thompson, MP - Mona Payton, EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen, BR - Bill Robinson, ES - E Shaw, WLS - William & Lisa Schlesinger, CV - Chet Vincent, GZ - Gary Zylkuski

HRA - Hudson River Almanac

MHB - Mid-Hudson Birds

Field Trips (FT):

1st Tamarack Lake; **8th** Cary Arboretum IES; **15th** Buttercup West; **18th** Pond Gut; **22nd** Thompson Pond and Stissing Lake; **25th** HVRT from Amenia to Sharon Street crossing; **29th** Rockefeller Univ. Field Research Station

Abbreviations:

all - all month, BBtr - BlueBird trail, Cem. - Cemetery, Crk - Creek, f - female, Fm - Farm, fos - first of the season, FT - Field Trip, h - heard, imm - immature, HVRT - Harlem Valley Rail Trail, IES - Institute of Ecological Studies, lots - too many to count, Lake - Lk, Ln - Lane, los - last of the season, m - male, most - most days during month, occ - occasionally during month, Park - Pk, Pd - pond, PIVly - Pleasant Valley, PNR - Pawling Nature Reserve, Pok - Poughkeepsie, pr - pair, RHGC - The Red Hook Golf Club, Sncty - Sanctuary, Sch - School, sev - several, TSF - Southlands Farm, Vlg - Village, Wapp. - Wappingers, x - unspecified count, yd - yard

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May 2009 Records

The late April heat wave leafed out many trees early, making birds hard to see in May. Migrant warblers were scarce. The Lawrence's Warbler found in late April at Cary IES was enjoyed by more birders into early May and 2 more Lawrence's appeared at Millbrook School and Tivoli Bays. The remarkable winter finch season extended into May with Pine Siskins present at one feeder until month's end. Will they stay into June and perhaps breed here?

Canada Goose: Many reports of adults with young.
Brant: 3 flocks (125-150 each)/13 river at Chelsea RJ; 1/18 Chelsea DF; sev hundred/19 flying over in the evening, Wappingers HRA Lake.
Mute Swan: 1/1 Lk. Oniad BJM; nesting in cattails, Fisherman's Pk, 2/10 Reese Sanc, 1/12 Dut Rail Trail KH; pr 1yg/11 McKinney Pd BB.
Wood Duck: 4/6 Ferncliff FT; 2/10 Buttercup WLS; 2/24 Buttercup WLS; 7 others.
Mallard: 7/8 Cary IES WLS; 7/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 14 other reports.
Hooded Merganser: 1f/1 Fowler Rd. IES BJM,MK; 7/20 Cary IES WLS.
Common Merganser: 3/2 1/8 2/20 Cary IES WLS; 2/11 Beacon Riverside Trail KH.
Ring-necked Pheasant: 1/6,16,20,29 IES BH.
Wild Turkey: Reports of 1-4 in 10 different places.
Common Loon: 1/4 river at Chelsea RJ.
Double-crested Cormorant: 1/6 Sylvan Lake CP/HT; 1 imm/6 Upper Kays BB; 1/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 5/27 Dennings Pt/Riverside Trail FT.
Great Blue Heron: 5/9 SMP FT; 8/27 Dennings Pt/Riverside Trail FT; 22 others.
Great Egret: 2/20-21 swamp betw Rt55,South St, Pawling BC; 1/27 Dennings Pt/Riverside Trail FT.
Green Heron: 1/1 Hillside Lk. BJM,MK; 2/6 Upper Kays BB; 1/9 Cary IES WLS; 1/13 Millbrook School FT; 1/29 VanWagner Rd JAllison.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1/23 tidal Wappingers Creek HRA Lake.
Black Vulture: 2/7 Dennings Pt OW/FW; 3/11 on dead woodchuck BB; 8/13 Millbrook School FT; 2/17 1/31 TSF MP; 3/28 near Millbrook School BB.
Turkey Vulture: 7/6 over Rt. 9 Dinsmore Golf course BAM; 4/13 Beekman EBR; 17 other reports.
Osprey: 1/1 Cary IES BB,RG; 1/7 Dennings Pt OW/FW.
Bald Eagle: 1/3 Clove Valley, Pleasant Ridge Rd DF; along Hudson River HRA.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 1/23 Buttercup East KCF.
Cooper's Hawk: 2/1 MP; at least 3 yg in nest/11 Hyde Park yard M Clark; 6 others.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 4/12 pr nest w/2 yg. Pippin Ln. BJM, R Fitzgerald; 1-2 almost daily, (nesting?) MP; female nest-building in Staatsburg HRA Lund; 5 other reports.
Broad-winged Hawk: 1/7 StonyKill OW/FW.
Red-tailed Hawk: 3/13 Millbrook School FT; 3/30 Deep Hollow FT; 2-3 all BBTrail/Wapp. BJM; 20 others.
American Kestrel: pr/6 Schultz Hill Rd JW; 1/8,23 Cary IES WLS; 1/21 Vassar Farm KCF.

Virginia Rail: 2/6 Ferncliff FT.
Killdeer: 1/3,8 2/12 Airpt Ind. Rd. BAM; 3/13 Millbrook School FT; 6-8 daily TSF MP; 4 others.
Solitary Sandpiper: 1/9 Cary IES WLS; 1/12 Airport Ind. Rd. BJM; 1/13 Millbrook School FT.
Spotted Sandpiper: 1/8 Wapp. Creek by Reese Pk. BAM,MK; 1/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 2/26 Pok Rural Cem. KCF.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: 8/23 TSF MP.
Least Sandpiper: 1/30 TSF MP.
American Woodcock: sev/7 Kidd Lane, Tivoli PRelson; 1/8 near Bulls Head Rd BB; X/30 Cary IES WLS.
Bonaparte's Gull: 3/4 river at Chelsea RJ.
Ring-billed Gull: 1/8 Fisherman's Pk KH, certainly more, but not reported.
Mourning Dove: 6/13 Millbrook School FT; 4-6daily MP; 5-8/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 8/all yard BB; 20 more reports.
Black-billed Cuckoo: 1/11 yard BB.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1/6 Ferncliff FT; 1/19 Nuclear Lake GZ/APa; 2/20 Nuclear Lake FT; heard/26 near home BB.
Great Horned Owl: Chick out on branch/6 Bean River Rd JW.
Barred Owl: 2/14 Mills Mansion HRA Jacobs; 3/16 calling at night, Wappingers HRA Lake; 1/26 yd Poughquag CP/HT; pr calling/27 Wappingers HRA Lake; 1/29, 2/30 yd KCF.
Common Nighthawk: 1/9 over home BAM w/Carol Jack; 5/13 over 9G/308 RJ; 5/23 Beekman GZ/APa; 1/30 over yard BMansell.
Chimney Swift: 4/8 Raymond Ave, Pok BJM; 4/8 2/13 Fisherman's Pk KH; 8/11 & 6/26 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 4/16 IES BH; 8/25 Millbrook BB; 7 other reports.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 4/30 Deep Hollow FT; 15 other reports of 1-2.
Belted Kingfisher: 2/8 1/2,9,20,23 Cary IES WLS; 1/9 Swamp R, Wingdale BB; 3 others.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: 7/6 Ferncliff FT; 4/8 Peach Hill Pk; on every walk, in every yard.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 2/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 2/all (drums on metal sign) yard BB; 5 others.
Downy Woodpecker: 6/6 Ferncliff FT; over 20 reports of 1-3, but notably scarce in CP's yard.
Hairy Woodpecker: 4/22 Nellie Hill, 2/all yd KCF; 2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 12 others.
Northern Flicker: 3/20 Cary IES WLS; 1-2 at 16 other places.
Pileated Woodpecker: 2/6&16 IES BH; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT.
Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1/11 Madam Brett (It flew into a tree, called, then flew off) KH; 1/22 Wappingers HRA Lake.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: First 1/16 IES BH; 1/23 4/30 StonyKill KH; 4/30 Deep Hollow FT 1-3 in 6 other places.
Acadian Flycatcher: 1/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 2/25 PNR KCF; 2/30 Deep Hollow FT.
Willow Flycatcher: 4/20 3/23 Cary IES WLS; 3/23 Buttercup East Rd KCF.
Least Flycatcher: 3/7 StonyKill & Dennings Pt OW/FW; 4/13 Millbrook School FT; 8 other places.
Eastern Phoebe: 5/16 IES BH; 4/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 4/20 Cary IES WLS; 8/30 Deep Hollow FT; on most trips and yards.
Great Crested Flycatcher: 4/6 Ferncliff FT; 6/9 Slocum-Mostachetti Preserve FT; 4/21 Vassar Farm KCF; 5/20 Nuclear Lake FT; most trips and many yards.
Eastern Kingbird: 6/13 Millbrook School FT; 6/20 Cary IES WLS; 20 reports.
White-eyed Vireo: 1/9 SMP FT.



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Yellow-throated Vireo: 4/6 Ferncliff FT; 2/9 SMP FT; 5 others.
Blue-headed Vireo: 6/30 Deep Hollow FT; 1-2 in 5 other places.

Warbling Vireo: 6/6 Ferncliff FT; 6/20 Nuclear Lk FT; 4/8 Pok Cem BAM,MK; 20 reports of 1-3.

Philadelphia Vireo: 1/27 Dennings Pt/Riverside Trail FT.

Red-eyed Vireo: First 1/2 IES BH; 4/13 Millbrook School FT; 7/19 NL GZ/APa; 18/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 10/30 Deep Hollow FT; 17 other reports.

Blue Jay: 15/8 Peach Hill Pk KCF; 10/13 Millbrook School FT; all trips and yards.

American Crow: 6/9 Cary IES WLS; all trips and many yards.

Fish Crow: 1/7 3/13 1/28 Wapp Rural Cem, 2/11 Beacon Riverside Trail, 1/9 StonyKill, 1/12 Dutchess Rail Trail KH; 2/9 SMP FT; 1/25 Millbrook BB.

Common Raven: 1/10 Buttercup WLS.

Purple Martin: Returned to Verbank martin box in May.

Tree Swallow: 20/9 Cary IES WLS; 25/10 Buttercup WLS; 18/13 Millbrook School FT; 18 other reports.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 2 (nest)/7 Madam Brett OW/FW; 1/8 Reese Pk. BAM,MK; 2/8 Cary IES WLS; 3/11 Madam Brett KH.

Cliff Swallow: 2/7 Downey Rd BB; 6-8/23 6/31 TSF MP.

Barn Swallow: 4/13 Millbrook School FT; 15-20 daily TSF MP; 14 other reports.

Black-capped Chickadee: 7/13 Millbrook School FT; 3-6/all feeder Stormville EBR; every trip and yard.

Tufted Titmouse: 12/6 Ferncliff FT; 20 reports of 1-5.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 4/6 Ferncliff FT; 15 reports. They are quiet now.

Carolina Wren: 2/18,21 feeder Stormville EBR; 2/occ yd KCF; 1-2 most days MP; 4 others.

House Wren: Arrived on the 1st, several places; 8/8 Peach Hill Pk KCF; 14 reports.

Winter Wren: 1/8 Cary IES WLS; 1/25 PNR KCF; 3/30 Deep Hollow FT.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2/2 Cary IES WLS.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1/9 SMP FT.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: First 2/1 Fowler Rd. IES BJM,MK; 13/6 Ferncliff FT; 3/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 8 other reports.

Eastern Bluebird: 8/13 Millbrook School FT; 27/19 9ad/18yg BBTrail/Wapp. BJM; 20 other reports.

Veery: 11/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 8/23 Cary IES WLS; 24/25 PNR KCF; 8/30 Deep Hollow FT; 17 reports of 1-7.

Swainson's Thrush: 1/10 Reese Sanc KH; 1/13 yd. BAM; 1/13 Millbrook School FT; 1/19 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/26 Pok Rural Cem KCF.

Hermit Thrush: 1/10 Pok bird bath MHB Gum; 1/20 Nuclear Lake FT.

Wood Thrush: First 2/1 Fowler Rd. IES BJM,MK; 19/6 Ferncliff FT; 12/25 PNR KCF; 4/16 IES BH; many/7-8 StonyKill & Dutchess Rail Trail OW/FW; 24 other reports.

American Robin: 10+8 Pok. Cem. BAM,MK; 10/10 Buttercup WLS; 12/23 Cary IES WLS; many others.

Gray Catbird: First 1/1 yd. BAM; 14/8 Peach Hill Pk, 15/22 Nellie Hill, 20/23 Buttercup East KCF; 20/24 Buttercup WLS; all trips and yards.

Northern Mockingbird: 3/13 Millbrook School FT; 4/27 Dennings Pt/Riverside Trail FT; 12 other reports.

Brown Thrasher: 2/6 Schultz Hill Rd JW; 1/8 2/9 Cary IES WLS; 2 others.

Cedar Waxwing: 9/9 SMP FT; 8/23 TSF MP; 25/27 Dennings Pt/Riverside Trail FT; 2-6 Cary IES WLS,BH; 6 other reports.

Blue-winged Warbler: 12/8 Peach Hill KCF; 8/8,9 Cary IES WLS; 20 other reports.

Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid): 1/1-2 Fowler Rd. IES BJM,MK,Apo,BB,RG,AJM,DG, Doug Koch; 1/11 Tivoli Bays RM; 1/13 Millbrook School FT.

Tennessee Warbler: 1/10 Reese Pk KH; 1/11 Ferncliff RM; 1/15 h neighbor's yd. BJM; 1/19 Nuclear Lk GZ/APa.

Nashville Warbler: 1/2 Diddell Rd. Rail Trail AJM; 1/6 Ferncliff FT; 1/8 h Pok. Cem. BAM,MK; 2/1-8 h yd. BAM; 2/5-10 yard BB.

Northern Parula: 3/6 Ferncliff FT; 4/8 Dutchess Rail Trail OW/FW; 3/9 SMP FT; 3/10 Reese Sanc KH; 1/4-15 yard BB; 10 other reports, last the 19th.

Yellow Warbler: 12/2 Cary IES WLS; 12/7 StonyKill & Dennings Pt OW/FW; 16/8 Peach Hill, 16/23 Buttercup East KCF; 20/9 Cary IES WLS; 24/13 Millbrook School FT; 25 other reports.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 4/8 Peach Hill Pk, 4/22 Nellie Hill, 8/23 Buttercup East, 2/25 PNR KCF; 4/13 Millbrook School FT; 5 other places.

Magnolia Warbler: 2/7 StonyKill 1/8 Dut Rail Trail OW/FW; 1/8 Cary IES WLS; 3/9 SMP FT; 2/14 & 3/15 yd. BJM; 4/22 Nellie Hill KCF.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 6/25 PNR KCF; 3/19 Nuclear Lk GZ/APa (last); 13 other reports.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 19/6 Ferncliff FT; 5/19 Nuclear Lk GZ/APa (last); 19 other reports.

Black-throated Green Warbler: 6/8 Dutchess Rail Trail OW/FW; 4/30 Deep Hollow FT; 11 other reports.

Blackburnian Warbler: 1m/8 Reese Pk. BAM,MK; 1m/11 Humeston farm BJM,PF; 1/20 Nuclear Lk FT; 2/25 PNR KCF.

Pine Warbler: 1/6 & 29 Cary IES BH.

Prairie Warbler: 3/2 thru 4/30 Cary IES WLS; 8/8 Dutchess Rail Trail OW/FW; 5/22 Nellie Hill KCF; 7 other places.

Palm Warbler: 1/1 Cary IES BJM,MK,BB,RG; 1/9 StonyKill KH.

Bay-breasted Warbler: First 2/10 Ferncliff RM; 1/11 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 2/19 Nuclear Lk GZ/APa last.

Blackpoll Warbler: 1/8 Reese Pk. BAM,MK; 4/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 4/21 Vassar Farm, 1/25 PNR KCF last; 4 others.

Cerulean Warbler: 1/20 Nuclear Lake FT.

Black-and-white Warbler: First 1/1 Fowler Rd. IES BJM,MK; 5/8 Dutchess Rail Trail OW/FW; 7/8 Peach Hill Pk KCF; 5/9 SMP FT; 15 other places.

American Redstart: 4/6 Ferncliff FT; 10/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 15 other places.

Worm-eating Warbler: First 2/6 Ferncliff FT; 1/7 StonyKill OW/FW; 2/10 Reese Sanc KH; 1/3, 25 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

Ovenbird: 23/25 PNR KCF; 1-8/all Cary IES WLS; 9/30 Deep Hollow FT; 18 other places.

Northern Waterthrush: First 1/2 3/9 SMP BB,JU,BW,FT.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 14&2yg/30 Deep Hollow FT; 1-2/all Cary IES WLS/BH.

Mourning Warbler: 1/11 Ferncliff RM.

Common Yellowthroat: up to 8/all Cary IES WLS; 23/23 Buttercup East KCF; 20+ other places.

Hooded Warbler: 1/11 Madam Brett, 2/12 Dut Rail Trail KH; 2/25 PNR KCF.

Wilson's Warbler: 1m/11 BBT/Humeston farm BJM,PF; 1/11 Ferncliff RM; 1/11 Madam Brett KH; 1/19 Nuclear Lk GZ/APa.



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Canada Warbler: First 1/13 Hilltop Rd & White Schoolhouse Rd RJ; 1m/15 yd. BJM.

Scarlet Tanager: 5/6 Ferncliff FT; 6/7 StonyKill OW/FW; 6/20 Nuclear Lake FT; 15 other places.

Eastern Towhee: 5/8 Peach Hill Pk, 6/22 Nellie Hill, 8/23 Buttercup East KCF; 6/16 IES BH; 12 other places.

Chipping Sparrow: 8+/8 Pok. Cem. BAM,MK; 14/13 Millbrook School FT; most trips and yards.

Field Sparrow: 6/8 Peach Hill Pk, 6/22 Nellie Hill, 6/23 Buttercup East KCF; up to 7/all Cary IES WLS/BH; 9 other places.

Savannah Sparrow: 3/9 SMP FT; 4/1-2, 2/9 TSF MP.

Song Sparrow: 27/13 Millbrook School FT; 1-7 most trips and yards.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 1/11 Tymor BB.

Swamp Sparrow: 5/9 SMP FT; 4/13 Millbrook School FT; 2 others.

White-throated Sparrow: 13/8 Peach Hill Pk., 1-3/all yd KCF; 10 other reports up to the 15th.

White-crowned Sparrow: 1/1 Lagrange yd RG; 1/8-12 Verbank yd BB; 1/13 Millbrook School FT.

Dark-eyed Junco: 1/1-5 yard BB; 1/10 Reese Sanc KH; 3/30 Deep Hollow FT.

Northern Cardinal: 9/13 Millbrook Sch FT; most trips/yards.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 6/9 SMP FT; 6/20 Nuclear Lake FT; most trips and feeders!

Indigo Bunting: First 3/7 OW/FW, 3/11 KH, 3/27 FT, all at Dennings Pt/Riverside Trail; 8 other places.

Bobolink: First - few/4&7 Burger Hill FM; many/5-31 TSF MP; many/6 Schultz Hill Rd JW; 4/9 SMP FT; 4/10 1/24 Buttercup WLS; 2 others.

Red-winged Blackbird: 20/9 Cary IES WLS; 25/10 Buttercup WLS; 35/13 Millbrook School FT; 30/24 Buttercup WLS; most trips and yards.

Eastern Meadowlark: few/6 SchultzHill Rd JW; 2/11 Tymor BB; 1/24-25, 1/30-31 TSF MP; 2/27 WaterburyHill Rd BB.

Common Grackle: 8/6 Ferncliff FT; 10+/8 Pok. Cem. BAM,MK; 15/20 Nuclear Lake FT; most trips and yards.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 9/6 Ferncliff FT; 10/9 Cary IES WLS; 14/20 Nuclear Lake FT; every trip and yard.

Orchard Oriole: 1 or 2/1 Allen Rd BMansell; 1 first yr/4 Red Hook HMB Shaw; 1/8 Peach Hill Pk KCF; 1 first yr/8 yard BB.

Baltimore Oriole: 8/9 Cary IES WLS; 8/10 Buttercup WLS; 10/13 Millbrook School FT; every trip and yard.

Purple Finch: 2/occ yd KCF; 2/all yard BB; 4 others.

House Finch: up to 6 in most yards.

Pine Siskin: sev/1-31 Milan feeder F Margiotta; 1/5 feeder Stormville EBR; 10/1-12 Krista Morris' yard OW; 1/2, 2/15 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

American Goldfinch: 12/6 Ferncliff FT; 11/13 Millbrook School FT; 10-20/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; every trip and yard.

Observers:

JA - Judy Atwood, BB - Barbara Butler, BC - Binnie Chase, PF - Peggy Fasciani, DF - Dot Fleury, KCF - Ken & Carol Fredericks, DG - Dick Gershon, RG - Ruth Greenwood, KH - Ken Harris, KJ - Karen Jaquith, RJ - Rodney Johnson, MK - Maha Katnani, RM - Ryan MacLean, AJM - Allan Michelin, BAM - Barb & Allan Michelin, BJM - Barbara Michelin, APa - Adrienne Papazian, MP - Mona Payton, CP - Carena Pooth, APo - Adrienne Popko, EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen, WLS - William & Lisa Schlesinger, HT - Herb Thompson, FW - Fritz Waterman, OW - Otis Waterman, JW - Jane Waters; GZ - Gary Zylkuski

Field Trips (FT):

(6th Ferncliff, 20th Nuclear Lake, 9th Slocum-Mostachetti Preserve(in Wingdale), 27th Dennings Point/Riverside Trail, 13th Millbrook School, 30th Deep Hollow)

Other sources:

HRA - Hudson River Almanac, MHB - Mid-Hudson Birds, followed by the last name of the contributor.

Abbreviations:

BBT - bluebird box trail, Cem - cemetery, Dut - Dutchess (Rail Trail), IES - Institute of Ecosystem Studies, PNR - Pawling Nature Reserve, Pok - Poughkeepsie, Sanc - Sanctuary, SMP - Slocum-Mostachetti Preserve (in Wingdale), TSF - Southlands, X - count not specified

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June 2009 Records

This month was the wettest month recorded. Tom Lake wrote in the Hudson River Almanac on 6/24 "After another 0.4" of rain, we were now at 10.05" since June 9 and on 6/27- More overnight rain (0.12") had the gauge reading 11.27" since June 9.

Brant: 20/10 Waryas Park HRA Webber.

Canada Goose: Reported in various places through the county.

Mute Swan: 1/20 Dodge Rd JunCt; 4/26 incl 2 goslings Pells Rd Rhinebeck MP.

Wood Duck: 3/17 f+2yg Madam Brett FT; 3 yg, 1 ad/19 pd Rt 55/292 JunCt.

Hooded Merganser: 1f/6 Clinton Native Garden FT.

Common Merganser: 2/19 pond Rt 55/292 JunCt.

Wild Turkey: Reported by BAM,MP,CP, adults with 4-10 poultts + 2ad 1yg/6 Clinton Native Garden FT + JunCt & 2 other reports

Common Loon: 1/10 Chelsea feeding close to shore - unusual intermediate (?) plumage RJ.

Double-crested Cormorant: 1/17 Long Dock FT.

Great Blue Heron: 1-2 reported various places by BB,BAM,CP,MP, JunCt and FT.

Great Egret: 1/2 Airport Rd Maha Katnani. We only have 1 other June record.

Green-backed Heron: h/20 Nuclear Lk JunCt; 1/28 Greig Farm BB.

Black Vulture: 1/3 Nellie Hill, FT; 2/21 over Clove Valley BB.

Turkey Vulture: 1-6 reported by JA/KJ,PF,BAM,MP,JunCt + FT's with most: 8/21 over Clove Valley BB.

Bald Eagle: 1ad/7 over BBT/Humeston farm BJM,PF; 1/14 Slocum-Mostachetti Preserve BB; 1ad/26 standing on sandbar at mouth of Casper Kill at Clinton Point -HRA- Castro.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/17 Madam Brett FT; 1/24 IES, FT.

Cooper's Hawk: 1/14 chased by Killdeer SF, MP; 1/18, 27 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1 most days yd. BAM; 1 on & off yd. FM.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/3 Nellie Hill, FT; 1/6 Clinton Native Garden FT; 1-2 almost daily Rhinebeck MP; 1/24-27 yd. BAM.

Broad-winged Hawk: 1/6 Old All Angels Hill CP; 1/6 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 2/13 ButtercupW, 1/21 on wire over Wingdale Mtn Rd BB; 1/30 Airport Ind. Rd. BJM; 1 during mo. FM.

Red-tailed Hawk: 1/3 Nellie Hill, FT; 1/17 Madam Brett FT; 1/19 Rt9/Locust Grove, 1-2 all BBTr/Wapp., 2/22 Spackenkill Rd. BJM.

American Kestrel: 1/28 Greig Farm BB.

Killdeer: 1-6 by BB,BJM,CP, 2 FT's 7 most: 6-8 daily SF, MP.

Rock Pigeon: 4/7 Cary IES WLS; 11/20 Pawling JunCt.

Mourning Dove: 1-12 reported at various places throughout county by most observers.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: h/25 Clinton yd Barb Mansell.

Eastern Screech-Owl: family of 5/4-30, 4 yg/13 Clinton Ray Mansell (He's sent me photos and a recording of young owl calls); 1 ad & 1yg/17 Bowdoin Park HRA Bryant.

Barred Owl: 2/19 ad+yg h yd. Pok. DT(MHB); 1/22 h 4:30am & 1/23 h 4am yd. AJM; 1/25 h 10:30pm yd. BAM; 1/23 h yd. RC; h regularly Pok HRA Lake.

Chimney Swift: 1/6 Cary IES WLS; 3/6 Clinton Native Garden FT; 2/11 yd., 3/19 Rt.376 New Hackensack Cem. BJM; 1/13 Pawling Nat. Pres. FT; 8/17 Madam Brett FT; 2/24 IES, FT; 4/28 Greig Farm BB.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1-3 @ JA/KJ,BAM,MP, CP/HT,EBR, WLS,JunCt - incl. 1@ FM before bear took feeders + 1-3 all FT's

Belted Kingfisher: 1/6 Clinton Native Garden FT; 1/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 1/19 Rhinebeck MP; 1/20 River Rd JunCt.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1-2 reported by most observers and JunCt & FT's throughout county.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 5/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 7/13 incl. pr. fed yg. Pawling Nat. Pres. FT; 4/17 Madam Brett FT; 3 (1 at nest hole)/20 Nuclear Lk, 1/20 West Dover Rd JunCt; 1/all yd BB; 1/20-30 daily yd Poughquag CP/HT.

Downy Woodpecker: 1-3 reported by most observers + JunCt. & FT's incl. 3-4 all mo. incl 1ad fed 1yg/6, 14 & ad fed 1yg+1juv/28 yd. BAM.

Hairy Woodpecker: 1/6 Clinton Native Garden FT; 1/2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1 often yd JA/KJ.

Northern Flicker: 1-2 reported by RJ, BJM, MP and JunCt + FT's throughout county.

Pileated Woodpecker: 1-2 reported by BB,BJM,MP,CP,CP/HT and 3 FT's.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: 1-3 reported by BB,PF,RJ,BJM,WLS,JunCt and 3 FT's.

Acadian Flycatcher: 1/13 Pawling Nat. Pres. FT; 3/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 1/20 Nuclear Lk JunCt.

Willow Flycatcher: 4/7 Cary IES WLS; 1/17 Madam Brett FT; 1/13 ButtercupW BB.

Least Flycatcher: 1/7 BBT/New Hackensack Cem. BJM; 3/13 h Quaker Lk. Rd., Pawling FT; 1/20 Nuclear Lk, 2/20 AT Great Swamp JunCt.

Eastern Phoebe: Reports of 1-5 by most observers throughout county.

Great Crested Flycatcher: Reports of 1-3 by BB,BAM,BJM, FM ,MP,WLS and JunCt +2 FT's throughout county.

Eastern Kingbird: 1-2 reported by BB,BJM, WLS, JunCt & 2 FT's with most: 4/6 & 13 RHGC, MP.

Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 each by BB,BJM/PF,RJ,BJM, CP,FT's and 5/20-21 Dover/Pawling JunCt.

Blue-headed Vireo: 2/10 Turkey Hollow, FT.

Warbling Vireo: 1-3 reported by BB,BJM,CP,WLS, JunCt and 2 FT's

Red-eyed Vireo: 1-8 reported by BB,RJ,BJM,PF,MP, CP/HT, WLS, JunCt and 3FT's with most:19/13 incl. fed yg. Pawling Nat. Pres. FT.

Blue Jay: 2-8 reported by most observers throughout county.

American Crow: 1-10 reported by JA/KJ,BB,FM,MP,CP/HT,WLS, JunCt & 3 FT's with 5 all incl 2ad fed 1yg/8 on yd. BAM.

Fish Crow: 1/6 over yd. BAM; 4/10 Long Dock FT; 1/13 Pok CP; 3/14 Town of Pok HRA Lake.

Common Raven: 1/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; family of 5/19 moved thru yd while being mobbed BB; 1/20 AT Great Swamp; 1/20 Old Pawling Rd JunCt; 1/3 WKerley Crs, 2/17 Feller-Newmark RedHk CP; 1 during mo. FM.

Horned Lark: pr/28 Greig Farm BB.

Tree Swallow: 1-10 reported by BB,MP, JunCt and nesting in BBT or yd boxes BJM & FM.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 2/17 Madam Brett FT; 2/13 Airport Ind. Rd. BJM.



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Bank Swallow: 3/20 Nuclear Lake, 6/20 West Dover Rd JunCt.

Cliff Swallow: 4/7 & 14 Southland farm MP.

Barn Swallow: 2-5 reported by BB,BJM,FT & most:10/20 West Dover Rd, JunCt; 8/28 Greig Farm BB; 15-20 daily SFMP.

Black-capped Chickadee: 2-6 reported by JA/KJ,BB,BJM, MP,CP/HT,BER,WLS,JunCt & all FT's + pr all incl fed 3yg/20-30 yd. BAM.

Tufted Titmouse: 1-3 reported by most observers & FT's with yg by BB, BAM & yg. Fishkill – Ed Spaeth (HRA).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: ad feeding 2 yg/6 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/13 Quaker Lake Rd Bill Wallace; 1/20 Dodge Rd JunCt BB.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 1-2 reported by JA/KJ,FM,RJ, BAM,CP/HT,BER & most FT's.

Brown Creeper: 1/6 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/24 IES, FT; 1/20 Nuclear Lake JunCt.

Carolina Wren: 1-2 reported by BB,BAM,MP, CP/HT, BER, JunCt & 2 FT's with most: 6/25 2pr+yg. nesting yd. Pok. DT (MHB).

House Wren: 1-2 reported by most observers and JunCt + FT's with nesting & yg. by JA/KJ,FM,BAM & DT.

Winter Wren: 1/6 Cary IES WLS; 5/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 2/24 IES, FT.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1-2 each reported by BB & most FT's & JunCt.

Eastern Bluebird: 1-4 reported by BB,BAM,MP,CP,WLS, JunCt & 2FT's with yg. BBTr BJM, yd of FM & Ruth Greenwood.

Veery: 1-7 reported by BB,BJM,PF,MP,WLS,JunCt & FT's with most: 22/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 18/13 Pawling Nat. Pres. FT.

Hermit Thrush: 1/6 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/24 IES, FT.

Wood Thrush: 1-2 reported by BB,PF,BJM,MP,CP,WLS JunCt & all FT's with most:10/13 Pawling Nat. Pres. FT.

American Robin & Gray Catbird: Well reported throughout county by most observers.

Northern Mockingbird: 1-4 by most observers throughout county.

Brown Thrasher: 1/3 Red Hook CP, 1/14 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/27 RHGC, MP; 1/28 Greig Farm BB.

Cedar Waxwing: 2-7 reported by BB,BJM,PF,CP/HT,WLS,& JunCt + 10-16 on most FT's.

Blue-winged Warbler: 7/3 Nellie Hill, FT; 1/6 Clinton Native Garden FT; 1/6, 1/7 Cary IES WLS; 3/7 BBTr/Wapp. BJM,PF; 1/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 1/24 IES, FT.

Lawrence's Warbler: The bird reported in May was seen through most of June along Fowler Road by folks working at Cary IES.

Yellow Warbler: 1-2 reported by BB,BJM,CP & 3 FT's with most: 15/7 Cary IES WLS.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1/3 Nellie Hill, FT; 1/7 Cary IES WLS; 4/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 1/12 Cary IES BB; 2/17 Long Dock FT; 1/20 River Rd, 1/20 Dodge Rd JunCt.

Magnolia Warbler: 3/3 Nellie Hill, FT.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 2/13 Pawling Nat. Pres. FT.

Black-throated Green Warbler: x/6 Rhinebeck RJ; 5/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 5/13 Pawling Nat. Pres. FT; 9/20-21 Dover/Pawling JunCt; 1/20 Nuclear Lake JunCt.

Pine Warbler: x/6 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/12 Cary IES BB.

Prairie Warbler: 4/3 Nellie Hill, FT; 1/6 Clinton Native Garden FT; 2/6, 3/7 Cary IES WLS; 1/13 ButtercupW BB; 1/20 Old Pawling Rd, 2/20 Dodge Rd JunCt; 4/24 IES, FT.

Cerulean Warbler: 3/20 Nuclear Lake JunCt.

Black-and-white Warbler: 1-2 reported by CP,CP/HT, JunCt, and all FT's.

American Redstart: 10/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 10/13 Pawling Nat. Pres. FT; 2/17 Long Dock FT; 5/20 Nuclear Lake, 4/20 Dover/Pawling JunCt; Seen all over county CP.

Worm-eating Warbler: x/6 Rhinebeck RJ; 3/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 3/13 Pawling Nat. Pres. FT; 1/18 Wilcox Park JA; 1/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT.

Ovenbird: 1-4 reported by RJ,CP,WLS,JunCt and 4 FT's with most: 17/13 incl. fed yg. Pawling Nat. Pres. FT.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 5/10 Turkey Hollow, FT; 6/13 Pawling Nat. Pres. FT; 1/17 Madam Brett FT; 2/24 IES, FT.

Common Yellowthroat: Everywhere with reports of 1-4 by most observers.

Hooded Warbler: 6/13 Pawling Nat. Pres. FT; 1/20 Dodge Rd, 1/21 Duell Hollow Rd JunCt.

Scarlet Tanager: 1-4 reported by BB,RJ,BJM,CP,CP/HT, JunCt & 4 FT's with most: 5/24 IES, FT.

Eastern Towhee: 1-3 reported by JA/KJ,BB,PF,RJ,BJM,MP,CP,CP/HT,WLS + most FT's, with most: 9/24 IES, FT.

Chipping Sparrow & Song Sparrow: well reported throughout county by most observers. mo. yd. FM.

Field Sparrow: 1-2 reported by BB,CP,WLS, JunCt & 2 FT's with 2/7 fed yg. BBTr/Humeston farm BJM,PF.

Vesper Sparrow: 2/28 Greig Farm BB.

Savannah Sparrow: 4/6-7 & 13 SF, MP; 4/28 Greig Farm BB.

Grasshopper Sparrow: 2/3 Pine Plains yd Jane Waters; 4/28 (1 doing distraction display) Greig Farm BB.

Swamp Sparrow: 1-2 reported by BB,CP & JunCt. eastern areas of the county.

White-throated Sparrow: 1-2 most days yd. MP.

Dark-eyed Junco: 2/10 Turkey Hollow, FT.

Northern Cardinal: Well reported everywhere by most observers - incl. ad fed 2fyg/6 on @ feeders yd. BAM.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Well reported everywhere & coming to feeders by most observers.

Indigo Bunting: 1-4 reported by BB,BJM,CP,WLS,JunCt & most FT's; 1/2 (transition colors) BBTr/Humeston farm PF.

Bobolink: many daily (although heavy rain late mo. subdues activity) SF, MP; sev. all mo. Burger Hill FM.

Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackles & Brown-headed Cowbird: Everywhere incl. yg. reported by most observers.

Eastern Meadowlark: 1/11 Waterbury Hill Rd BB.

Orchard Oriole: 1/1-8 Fishkill HRA Seymour; pr at nest/13 Norrie Point RJ; pr/17 Long Dock FT.

Baltimore Oriole: Well reported throughout county by most observers incl. sev families/13 ButtercupW BB; 5/20 Dover/Pawling (some yg) JunCt.

Purple Finch: 1/all yd BB; 3/20 Dover/Pawling JunCt.

House Finch: Everywhere incl. 3-5 all & 1ad fed 2yg/4-6 & 14 & 28 feeders yd. BAM.

Pine Siskin: 1/19 Netherwood School feeder Susan Joseph: 2 beg. mo. feeders until bear got feeders yd. FM.

American Goldfinch: Well reported everywhere by most observers – look to nest & yg. in August.

House Sparrow: 10/6 Clinton Native Gard FT; 1/9 yd JA/KJ; 1/17 Madam Brett FT; 5/20 Pawling JunCt, 4/28 Greig Farm BB; 2-3 all yd. BAM; 2 pr. all BBTr/Wapp. BJM.



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Guinea Fowl - has been here all month, just showed up one day in March and hasn't left. It now has a female Turkey friend that it is often with. Chet doesn't know anyone nearby who has them. Friends who are familiar with this species say our bird is a mature adult at least 1+ years old JA/KJ

Observers:

JAKJ-Judith Atwood/Karen Jaquith, BB-Barbara Butler, RC-Rosa Corbeels, PF-Peggy Fasciani, RJ-Rodney Johnson, MK-Maha Katnani, FM-Frank Margiotta, BAM-Barbara & Allan Michelin, BJM-Barbara Michelin, MP-Mona Payton, CP-Carena Pooth, EBR-Edith & Barry Rosen, HT-Herb Thompson, WLS-William & Lisa Schlesinger, DT - Doreen Tignanelli, FT-Field Trip, MHB - Mid-Hudson Birds; HRA - Hudson River Almanac (followed by observer's last name)

Field Trips (FT):

6/3 - Nellie Hill; 6/6 - Twn of Clinton's Nature Garden; 6/10 - Turkey Hollow/Tamarack Preserve; 6/13- Pawling Nature Preserve; 6/17 - Madam Brett/Long Dock; 6/24 - IES

Other sources:

HRA – Hudson River Almanac, MHB – Mid-Hudson Birds, followed by the last name of the contributor.

Abbreviations: SF- Southland Farm & RHGC- Red Hook Golf Course.

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Canada Goose: well reported in smaller numbers 5 to 30; 35/21 Wapp Lk BJM.

Mute Swan: 4/20 Fisherman's Pk KH; 2/19 & 21 Wapp. Lk. BJM.

Wood Duck: 5 reports adults & up to 10 young, 3 other reports, 25/22 Thompson Pond FT.

American Black Duck: 8/22 Thompson Pond FT.

Mallard: ad & yg in 2 reports; 1-12 reported in FT & by BB/BC;BJM;WLS; 25/20 Fisherman's Pk KH.

Hooded Merganser: 1 yg female/6 pond at Rt 55/292 BB/BC.

Wild Turkey: many reports 1-11ad&1-10 poults BC;BH;BAM;MP;CP/HT;WLS;JW.

White Pelican: First reported at Kingston Point on July 9th by Peter Schoenberger. Seen on 9th from a boat in the Hudson by Liz Martens & Susan Joseph. 10th about 7am from the Rhinecliff dock Rodney Johnson saw it flying over the river.

Double-crested Cormorant: 1/29 Locust Grove FT.

Great Blue Heron: many reports of 1-2; 8/6 pd Rt 55/292 BB/BC, 6/10 Fishkill CP.

Great Egret: 1/13 Lake Oniad EA; 2/20 Fisherman's Pk KH; 2/29 Locust Grove FT.

Green Heron: 1/18 Stonykill KH; 1/27 airport pd MK; 1/5, 1/17-18 Rhinebeck MP; 1seen on 3 FTs.

Black Vulture: 1/11 Waterbury Hill, 3/25 Millbrook BB; 1yg nest, 26th flew RBM; 1Buttercup W FT.

Turkey Vulture: individual reports 1-3 JA/KJ;BB;BH;BJM; 6 FTs 1-5; 6/1 Buttercup E FT.

Osprey: 1/2 Chelsea RJ.

Cooper's Hawk: 3 yg/nest Spackenkill MK; 1ad all + 2juv/20-31 yd BAM; 1/occ yd CP/HT.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1-2 all neighborhood BAM; 1-2 most days Rhinebeck MP; 1/11 Vassar Fm FT.

Red-tailed Hawk: 1-2 reported by BAM;BH;CP/HT; 4 FTs; 1 juv crying 25th RHGC MP.

American Kestrel: 1/18 Rte. 9 Rhinebeck MP; 2/5 Greig Farm FT; 4(fed yg)/11 Vassar Farm FT.

Killdeer: reports of 1-6 from BB;BH;BJM;BAM & 1FT; 8-12 all TSF MP; 12/5 Greig Fm FT.

Ring-billed Gull: 25+/31 Hudson Plaza BJM.

Rock Pigeon: 4/7 Cary IES WLS; 1/29 Locust Grove FT.

Mourning Dove: 1 immature, 2ad/5 yd JA/KJ; many reports and FTs of 1-6.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1/20(am/pm) yard BB; 1/15 Cary IES BH.

Cuckoo sp: 1/25 Millbrook School BB.

Barred Owl: 1/2 calling yd. Fishkill BCa.

Chimney Swift: 7/13 Reese Sanct, 7/20 Fisherman's Pk KH; 1-6 reported by BJM;WLS; FTs.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 13 individual & FT reports of 1-3 ad.

Belted Kingfisher: reports of 1 by BB/BC;BH; FTs; 2/8 Wethersfield FT; 2/12 Buttercup W FT.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: very well reported with 1-3 in all reports.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/9&13 yd BB; 1/all yd Poughquag CP/HT.

Downy Woodpecker: 3 reports of yg; 1-6 in other reports and FTs.

Hairy Woodpecker: 1 occ yd JA/KJ; 1-3/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1-3 reported on 4 FTs.

Northern Flicker: 1-2 reported by BB;BH;BJM; MP;CP/HT & FTs; 4/29 Locust Grove FT.

Pileated Woodpecker: 1 reported KH;BH;BJM; MP;CP/HT; 2 by JW;BB/CP.

Eastern Wood Pewee: 1-3 by BB;BH;BJM;WLS; 9/22 Thompson Pd FT; 4/29 Locust Grove FT.

Acadian Flycatcher: 1/22 Thompson Pond FT.

Willow Flycatcher: 1/18 Cary IES, 1/25 Millbrook Sch BB; 4/7 Cary IES WLS; 1/22 Thompson Pd FT.

Eastern Phoebe: well reported with 1-3 in all reports; 5/11 Vassar Fm FT; 7/12 Buttercup W FT.

Great-crested Flycatcher: 1-2 in all reports & FTs.

Eastern Kingbird: many reports and FTs of 1-5; 3ad/16 yd BB.

White-eyed Vireo: 1/8 Wethersfield FT.

Yellow-throated Vireo: 2/18 Cary IES; 2/all yd BB; 1/17 SMP BB/CP; 5/12 Buttercup W FT.

Blue-headed Vireo: 1/14 Mt Beacon KH; 1/15 Cary IES BH; 1/15 Pond Gut FT.

Warbling Vireo: individual reports of 1 BB,KH;MP;WLS; FTs 1-5.

Red-eyed Vireo: 1-2 by individuals; 8/11 Vassar Fm FT; 10/15 Pond Gut FT; 10/22 Thompson Pd FT.

Blue Jay: well reported at feeders 2-4 for most; 1 report of yg. BAM.

American Crow: many with 1-6; 12/27 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 44/22 Thompson Pd FT.

Fish Crow: 2/28 Wapp Rural Cemetery KH; 1/20 Rt. 44 BJM; 1/28 Arlington CP; 3/11 Vassar Fm FT.

Common Raven: 1/1 Buttercup W FT.

Purple Martin: 4/5 Pond View Farm BB; 11/26 seen & heard Salt Point BBo.

Tree Swallow: most report 1-10; 5/1-13 pr + 3yg (fldg/13) BBT/Wapp. BJM; 42/22 Thompson Pd FT.

Bank Swallow: 1/8 Wethersfield FT.

Cliff Swallow: 3/5 yg in nest TSF BJM, MK, APo; 4/5, 4/12, 1-4 all TSF MP; 1/8 Wethersfield FT.

Barn Swallow: most have 1-12; 8 fed yg/13&14 yd BB, 20 - 35 all TSF MP.

Black-capped Chickadee: at feeders, extremely well reported, several reports of nest & young.

Tufted Titmouse: well reported, many at feeders, several young reported.

White-breasted Nuthatch: numerous reports of 1-3 by JA/KJ;BB;BH;BAM;CP/HT;EBR.

Brown Creeper: 1/8 IES BH; 2/15 Pond Gut FT.

Carolina Wren: reports of 1-2 from BH;BAM;BJM;MP; BB;CP/HT;EBR.

House Wren: 4/all, 3 yg, 1 nervous ad/14 yd, 3pr/16 yg./21-31 BBT BJM; 1-2 in reports, some nests.

Winter Wren: 1/18 Cary IES BB; 1/1, 15 IES BH; 1/6 Cary IES WLS; 1/22 Thompson Pd FT.

Marsh Wren: 3/22 Thompson Pond FT.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 4, fed yg/12 Buttercup W FT; 3/22 Thompson Pond FT.

Eastern Bluebird: 12 pr/19 yg/19-31 BBT BJM; 12 (box - 4eggs)/11 Vassar Fm FT; many reports.

Veery: most report 1-8; 14/1 Buttercup E FT.

Hermit Thrush: 1/15 Pond Gut FT; 1 fed yg/about 15th Cary IES researcher.



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Wood Thrush: reports of 1-8 by BB,BC;KH;BH;WLS; and FTs.

American Robin: very well reported by all; 15, nest & young/29 Locust Grove FT.

Gray Catbird: very well reported over county; 17&yg/12 Buttercup W FT.

Northern Mockingbird: reports of 1-6 by all.

Brown Thrasher: 1/15 Cary IES BH; 1/1 Buttercup W FT; 1/5 Tivoli Bays FT; 3/11 Vassar Fm FT.

European Starling: 35/25 Hopewell Jct BH; 44/8 Wethersfield FT; 12 (fed yg)/11 Vassar Farm FT.

Cedar Waxwing: many reports by all & FTs of 1-14.

Blue-winged Warbler: 1/6, 1/7 Cary IES WLS; 1/1 Buttercup E FT.

Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid): 1/most of mo Cary IES researcher.

Yellow Warbler: 1-7 reported by BB;BH;MP; & FTs; 15/7 Cary IES WLS; 14/1 Buttercup E FT.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1/21 Cary IES APo; 1/7 Cary IES WLS; 11/1 Buttercup E FT.

Black-throated Green Warbler: 5/15 Pond Gut FT.

Prairie Warbler: 1/8, 22; 3/1 IES BH; 2/6, 3/7 Cary IES WLS; 4/1 Buttercup E FT.

Black-and-white Warbler: 2/13 Reese Sanct KH; 2/15 Pond Gut FT.

American Redstart: 1/31 yd Stormville EBR; 5/1 Buttercup E FT; 3 other FTs with 1 each.

Ovenbird: 1/8, 2/1 IES BH; 1/6 Cary IES WLS; 5 FTs with 1-3 each.

Northern Waterthrush: 1/12 Buttercup W FT.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 1/8, 15, 29 IES BH; 1/x Cary IES BH.

Common Yellowthroat: many reports 1-14; 12(incl yg)/12 Buttercup W FT; 14/15 Pond Gut FT.

Scarlet Tanager: FTs had 1-5; reports of 1-3 by BB;KH; BH; CP/HT.

Eastern Towhee: reports of 1-4 on FTs & by JA/KJ; BB;MP;CP;WLS; 6/all Cary IES BH.

Chipping Sparrow: several reports yg fidd; many reports; 2 (fed cowbird)/11 Vassar Fm FT.

Field Sparrow: reports of 1-5 on FTs & from BB;BH; CP;WLS.

Vesper Sparrow: 4/5 Greig Farm FT.

Savannah Sparrow: 1/11 Flint Hill Rd BB/RG; 5/5 Greig Farm FT; 2/8 Wethersfield FT.

Grasshopper Sparrow: 2/5 Greig Farm FT.

Song Sparrow: most report 1-11; 15/25 Hopewell Jct BH; 21/11 Vassar Fm FT.

Swamp Sparrow: 4/18 Cary IES, 5/25 Millbrook Sch. BB; 1/17 SMP BB/CP; 19/22 Thompson Pd FT.

Northern Cardinal: many reports ad & yg; 1m, 2imm/12 teaching yg about feeder yd JA/KJ.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: well reported by all & FTs; present at feeders.

Indigo Bunting: reports of 1-4 from FTs & BB;RG; KH;BJM;CP;WLS; 10/25 Hopewell Jct BH.

Bobolink: many daily TSF MP; 1/5 Greig Fm FT; 8/8 Wethersfield FT.

Red-winged Blackbird: very well reported all over; a few yg reported.

Eastern Meadowlark: 1/11 Flint Hill Rd BB/RG.

Common Grackle: very well reported everywhere.

Brown-headed Cowbird: most FTs reported 1-6; 1-5 in 3 other reports.

Baltimore Oriole: 1-2 in most reports and FTs; 7/12, 12/17 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

Purple Finch: 1/2, 2/4 yd BB; 2/18 StonyKill KH; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/1 Buttercup E FT.

House Finch: 1-6 at feeders reported by JA/KJ;BH; CP/HT;EBR; 6-8 all incl fed yg yd BAM.

Pine Siskin: 1/30 yd Poughquag CP.

American Goldfinch: well reported everywhere; 1 report of 2m fighting at a feeder.

House Sparrow: 2/12 yd JA/KJ; 30/20 StonyKill KH; 1-2 all yd BAM; 2-6 on FTs.

Guinea Fowl: continues to live here, just showed up one day in March and hasn't left. It now has a female Turkey friend that it is often with. Friends who are familiar with this species say our bird is a mature adult at least 1+ years old. The bird continues to make itself comfortable. It has created several dust bath sites, has favorite feeding sites, and favorite shelter areas under bushes or in trees. It seems to spend the time after dusk perched fairly high up in one of the trees around the edge of the lawn. JA/KJ

Observers:

EA - Elaine Andersen; JA/KJ - Judy Atwood/Karen Jaquith; BBo - Bob Bowler; BB - Barbara Butler; BCa - Betsy Carswell; BC - Binnie Chase; RC - Rosa Corbeels; RG - Ruth Greenwood; KH - Ken Harris; BH - Barry Haydasz; RJ - Rodney Johnson; MK - Maha Katnani; RBM - Ray & Barbara Mansell; AJM/BJM/BAM - Barbara & Allan Michelin; MP - Mona Payton; APo - Adrienne Popko; CP/HT - Carena Pooth/Herb Thompson; EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen; WLS - William & Lisa Schlesinger; JW - Joe Woleader.

Field Trips (FT):

1st Buttercup East & West; 5th Greig Farm; 8th Wethersfield; 11th Vassar Farm; 12th Buttercup West; 15th Pond Gut; 22nd Thompson Pond; 29th Locust Grove

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Abbreviations: ad - adult; BBT - Blue Bird Trail; FT - field trip; fidd - fledged; fldg - fledgling; h - heard; IES - Institute of Ecosystem Studies; juv - juvenile; nstg - nesting; Pk - park; pd - pond; RHGC - Red Hook Golf Club; Sch - school; Sanct - Sanctuary; SMP - Slocum-Mostachetti Preserve; TSF - Southlands Farm; yd - yard; yg - young.

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August 2009 Records

Weather – The above average rainfall of the summer continued into August. We did have a few 5-day runs of dry weather so the *vernal* pools finally dried up.

Bird-of-the-Month – The outstanding bird for August was a Whimbrel, seen on the 29th at Vanderburgh Cove by Alan Mapes, only the 2nd hypothetical sighting in Dutchess County (the last was in 2004). In addition, the following were noteworthy: Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Common Loon, Common Tern, Cliff Swallow, and a White-eyed Vireo.

The following species are generally regarded as normal Dutchess County permanent and/or summer residents and are listed only by cumulative total for *Club Field Trips* followed by the total for the *individual reports*. (ex. 12 + 13 equals 12 seen on club field trips and 13 on individual reports):

Canada Goose: 2 + 92
Mallard: 15 + 16
Great Blue Heron: 6 + 16
Green Heron: 2 + 11
Turkey Vulture: 3 + 31
Cooper's Hawk: 0 + 6
Red-Tailed Hawk: 5 + 26
Ring-Billed Gull: 4 + 10
Rock Pigeon: 7 + 3
Mourning Dove: 9 + 65
Chimney Swift: 3 + 16
Ruby Throated Hummingbird: 8 + 43
Belted Kingfisher: 0 + 3
Red-Bellied Woodpecker: 7 + 29
Downy Woodpecker: 9 + 39
Hairy Woodpecker: 2 + 11
Northern Flicker: 11 + 32
Pileated Woodpecker: 1 + 11
Eastern Wood-Pewee: 16 + 27
Least Flycatcher: 1 + 5
Eastern Phoebe: 13 + 21
Great Crested Flycatcher: 6 + 7
Eastern Kingbird: 9 + 15
Yellow-throated Vireo: 0 + 0
Red-eyed Vireo: 21 + 6
Blue Jay: 31 + 48
American Crow: 29 + 75
Tree Swallow: 57 + 91
Barn Swallow: 18 + 128
Black-capped Chickadee: 58 + 60
Tufted Titmouse: 35 + 42
White-breasted Nuthatch: 22 + 24
Carolina Wren: 9 + 32
House Wren: 4 + 26
Eastern Bluebird: 12 + 38
Veery: 4 + 8
Wood Thrush: 1 + 7
American Robin: 27 + 77
Gray Catbird: 43 + 113
Northern Mockingbird: 1 + 13
European Starling: 100 + 75

Cedar Waxwing: 75 + 120
Yellow Warbler: 2 + 8
Black and white Warbler: 5 + 2
American Restart: 3 + 9
Common Yellowthroat: 11 + 22
Scarlet Tanager: 1 + 9
Eastern Towhee: 12 + 20
Chipping Sparrow: 45 + 38
Field Sparrow: 4 + 20
Song Sparrow: 7 + 32
Swamp Sparrow: 0 + 1 – 1/7 Fowler Road - KCF
Northern Cardinal: 22 + 58
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 8 + 31
Indigo Bunting: 11 + 11
Red-winged Blackbird: 68 + 25
Common Grackle: 9 + 91
Brown-headed Cowbird: 0 + 0
Baltimore Oriole: 19 + 12
House Finch: 0 + 36
American Goldfinch: 53 + 150
House Sparrow: 6 + 17

The following, not included above, are of somewhat greater interest, and are listed by quantity /date, place and observer in the normal manner.

Mute Swan: 21 reported.
Wood Duck: 34 reported.
Black Duck: 8/23 Rhinebeck MP.
Blue-winged Teal: 1/19 Wappingers Lake KH (1st August report since 1985).
Double-crested Cormorant: 10/Variou River FT.
Common Loon: 1/5 Wilderstein FT (1st August record in Dutchess County).
Great Egret: 16 reported.
Snowy Egret: 1/9 Lower Wappingers Creek HRA / Lake.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1/9 Lower Wappingers Creek HRA / Lake.
Little Blue Heron: 1/20 Wiccopee HRA Spaeth.
Black Vulture: 1/7 Wilderstein KH; 2/8 Rhinebeck MP; 3/8 Cary IES WLS; 2/19 Haight Rd. FT.
Osprey: 1/6 Wappingers Lake KH; 1/22 Dennings Point HRA/Seymour; 1/23 Wappingers Creek BB; 1/26 Vanderbilt Estate FT.
Bald Eagle: 1/5 Wilderstein FT; 1 imm/26 Vanderbilt Estate FT.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/5 Cary IES BH; 2/all Rhinebeck MP.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/22 Haight Road KCF.
Kestrel: 1/9 Rhinebeck MP; 1/25,28 Salt Point Tpk. DK.
Peregrine Falcon: 1/5 Wilderstein FT; 1 ad., 1 yg./ 22 Dennings Point, HRA Seymour..
Killdeer: 8-12/ all Rhinebeck MP.
Spotted Sandpiper: 4/22 Denning's Point HRA / Seymour.
Least Sandpiper: 1/15 Rhinebeck MP.
Whimbrel: 1/29 Vanderburgh Cove, Alan Mapes from kayak closely observed. The only other county record was one on July 23, 2004 near Beacon by John Askildsen.
Common Tern: 1/8 Norrie Point HRA Lake.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1/11 Salt Point, Bob Bowler.



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Great-horned Owl: 1/15 Duell Road and 2/27 Ludlow Woods, DK.

Barred Owl: 2-3/all home JA/KJ; 1/all home KCF; 1/29 home BB.

Common Nighthawk: 1/24 Salt Point, Bob Bowler.

Great Black-backed Gull: 1/5 Wilderstein FT.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/4 home BB; 1/5 Wilderstein FT; 1/8 Poughquag CP/HT...

Yellow-throated Vireo: 1/15 Cary IES, WLS.

Warbling Vireo: 1/5, 14 Reese Sanctuary KH.

White-eyed Vireo: 1/19 Haight Road FT; 1/27 Haight Road KCF.

Fish Crow: 3/8 Hopewell, 3/15 Galleria CP/HT.

Common Raven: 1/3 Locust Grove KH; 1/19 Haight Road FT.

Rough-winged Swallow: 4/29 Cary IES, WLS..

Cliff Swallow: 6/all Southlands Farms, Rhinebeck, MP.

Winter Wren: 2 with young /15 Deep Hollow, FT.

Long-billed Marsh Wren: 2/ 5 Wilderstein FT.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1/19 Haight Road , FT.

Brown Thrasher: 1/19 Haight Road, FT.

Blue-winged Warbler: 16-18 reported.

Northern Parula: 1/27 Haight Road, KCF..

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 9 reported.

Magnolia Warbler: 2/22 Haight Road, KCF; 2/31 Peach Hill Park, KCF.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1/4 Chelsea, Rodney Johnson and Ed Sloan..

Black-throated Green Warbler: 2/27 Haight Road KCF.

Blackburnian Warbler: 2/27 Haight Road, KCF.

Prairie Warbler: 1/27 Haight Road, KCF.

Worm-eating Warbler: 1/26 Vanderbilt Estate, FT.

Ovenbird: 1/7 Fowler Road, KCF; 2/18 Haight Road, FT; 2/26 Cary IES, BH.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 1/12 Cary IES, BH.

Northern Waterthrush: 1/12 Denning's Point, FT.

Canada Warbler: 8 reported.

Savannah Sparrow: 2/19 Haight Road, FT.

Field Sparrow: max. 30/4 & 10/31 Peach Hill Park, KCF. (unusually high quantity).

Bobolink: Many early, fewer late, Southlands, MP.

Purple Finch: 1/2 Poughquag, CP/HT; 1/9 home JA/JK; 2/4 home, KCF.

Misc: Guinea Fowl: 1/all, JA/KJ.

Red Fox: 1/24 Poughquag, CP/HT.

Observers:

JA/JK - Judy Atwood/ Karen Jaquith; Bob Bowler; BB – Barbara Butler; KCF – Ken and Carol Fredericks; BH – Barry Haydasz; KH – Ken Harris; DK - Debi Kral; AJM - Alan Michelin; BAM - Barbara and Alan Michelin; BJM – Barbara Michelin; MP - Mona Payton; CP/HT – Carena Pooth and Herb Thompson; EBR – Edith and Barry Rosen; WLS - William and Lisa Schlesinger; HRA – Hudson River Almanac (followed by observer name).

Field Trips (FT):

5th Wilderstein; 8th Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies; 12th Dennings Point; 15th Deep Hollow Road (BJM only); 19th Andrew Haight Road; 26th Vanderbilt Estate.

Abbreviations: ad - adult; BBT - Blue Bird Trail; FT - field trip; fldd - fledged; fldg - fledgling; h - heard; IES - Institute of Ecosystem Studies; juv - juvenile; nstg - nesting; Pk - park; pd - pond; RHGC - Red Hook Golf Club; Sch - school; Sanct - Sanctuary; SMP - Slocum-Mostachetti Preserve; TSF - Southlands Farm; yd - yard; yg - young.

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Canada Goose: 62/6 Wappingers Lk KH; sev 100/29-30 Abel's Pond BB. 11 rpts, avg 28 each.
Mute Swan: 5/4 Wappingers Lk KH; 2/30 Lake Oniad BJM. 5 rpts, avg 3 each.
Wood Duck: 14/12 Lk. Walton/So. Dut. Rail Trail BJM,MK; 3/26 StonyKill KH. 7 rpts, avg 8 each.
American Black Duck: 8/19 RHGC MP; 1/30 Lake Oniad BJM; 2/30 Buttercup W FT.
Mallard: 40/30 Lake Oniad BJM; 10/30 Buttercup W FT. 9 rpts, avg 11 each.
Green-winged Teal: 2/16 Rockefeller FT.
Wild Turkey: 17/16 Wappingers yard RC; 7/23 Reese Sanctuary KH. 7 rpts, avg 9 each.
Double-crested Cormorant: 7/2 Mills/Norrie SP, and 4 other places along Hudson KH; 13/10 Long Dock KH; 4/12 Lk. Walton/So. Dut. Rail Trail BJM,MK.
Great Blue Heron: 9/17 tidal Wappingers Creek HRA Lake; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 19 rpts, avg 2 each.
Great Egret: 2/6 Wappingers Lk KH; 1/30 Van Wagner Road JA. 6 rpts, avg 2 each.
Snowy Egret: 1/18 river at Brockway HRA Lake.
Green Heron: 3/10 Dennings Pt KH; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 13 rpts, avg 1 each.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: 7/10 Dennings Pt (2 were juv) KH; 8/24 Dennings Point DR. 5 rpts, avg 4 each.
Black Vulture: 4/15 over Verbank BB; 2/16 Green Haven CP/HT. 6 rpts, avg 2 each.
Turkey Vulture: 20/8 Salt Point Turnpike KCF; 8/30 Bard College AG. 27 rpts, avg 4 each.
Osprey: 1/2 Mills/Norrie SP KH; 6/11 over river at Chelsea RJ.
Bald Eagle: 2/3 Quiet Cove Riverfront Pk KH; 2/11 over river at Chelsea RJ.
Northern Harrier: 1/24 Buttercup West DK.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/7 yard BB; 1/26 StonyKill KH. 8 rpts, avg 1 each.
Cooper's Hawk: 1/9 Buttercup E FT; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 8 rpts, avg 1 each.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/5 StonyKill KH; 2/all summer Rockefeller staff. 6 rpts, avg 1 each.
Broad-winged Hawk: 3/18 Reese Pk. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK; 2/30 Buttercup W FT. 7 rpts, avg 1 each.
Red-tailed Hawk: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 25 rpts, avg 1 each.
American Kestrel: 1/7 home MP; 1/12 Abel's Pond BB; 1/14 Salt Point Turnpike DK.
Merlin: 1/1 Rt 55 Pok JA; 1/10 over Taconic at Miller Hill Rd John Askildsen; 1/20 TSF MP.
Virginia Rail: 7/2 Ferncliff FT.
Killdeer: 6-8 daily TSF until mid-month and then sporadically MP.
Solitary Sandpiper: 2/30 Buttercup W FT.
Spotted Sandpiper: 3/2 Mills/Norrie SP KH.
Least Sandpiper: 3/10 Dennings Pt KH; 1/30 Buttercup W FT.
Ring-billed Gull: 21/2 Mills/Norrie SP, also at Locust Grove, Long Dock, Wappingers Lk KH.
Rock Pigeon: 5/26 Reese Sanctuary KH; 6/26 Cary Institute WLS.
Mourning Dove: 6/24 Wappingers Lk, 5 other places KH; 2-3/30 yd Stormville EBR. 9 rpts, avg 4 each.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/9 trilling Ludlow Woods DK; 1/22 Rhinebeck yard RJ. 5 rpts, avg 1 each.
Great Horned Owl: 1/13 Reese Park (a young one heard from across creek) KH; 3/22 Rhinebeck yard RJ.
Barred Owl: 1/1 h 4:45am yd. BAM; 5/22 Rhinebeck yard RJ. 18 rpts, avg 2 each.
Common Nighthawk: 1/15 Over Rt. 9 Wapp. Fls. BJM.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 3/1 Buttercup East KCF; 4/5 StonyKill KH; 1/18 Reese Pk. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK. 23 rpts, avg 2 each.
Belted Kingfisher: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 2/30 Buttercup W FT. 16 rpts, avg 1 each.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: 2/1 Buttercup East KCF; 6/23 Reese Sanctuary KH. 25 rpts, avg 2 each.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/23 Lakeside Park FT; 8/24 Dennings Point DR; 1/30 Buttercup W FT.
Downy Woodpecker: 11/16 Rockefeller FT; 6/30 Buttercup W FT. 26 rpts, avg 3 each.
Hairy Woodpecker: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/12 So. Dut. Rail Trail BJM,MK. 11 rpts, avg 1 each.
Northern Flicker: 2/9 Buttercup E FT; 10/30 Buttercup W FT. 11 rpts, avg 2 each.
Pileated Woodpecker: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 21 rpts, avg 2 each.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: 14/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/25 StonyKill KH. 8 rpts, avg 3 each.
Least Flycatcher: 1/1 Buttercup East KCF; 1/2 yard BB; 1/4 Vassar Farms KCF.
Eastern Phoebe: 9/16 Rockefeller FT; 4/30 Buttercup W FT. 21 rpts, avg 3 each.
Great Crested Flycatcher: 1/1 Yard BJM; 1/3 Locust Grove KH; 2/6 Nuclear Lk KCF.
Eastern Kingbird: 2/9 Buttercup E FT; 2(heard)/23 Lakeside Park FT; 1/30 Buttercup W FT.
White-eyed Vireo: 1/5 StonyKill KH; 1/6 Dodge Rd KCF.
Yellow-throated Vireo: 5/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/16 Cary Institute BH/MK. 5 rpts, avg 2 each.
Blue-headed Vireo: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/26-27 Rhinebeck yard RJ. 6 rpts, avg 1 each.
Warbling Vireo: 1/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/14 Buttercup West KCF. 8 rpts, avg 1 each.
Philadelphia Vireo: 1/19 yard BB.
Red-eyed Vireo: 7/8 Buttercup East KCF; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 19 rpts, avg 2 each.
Blue Jay: 25/23 Lakeside Park FT; 15/30 Buttercup W FT. 22 rpts, avg 6 each.
American Crow: 12/27 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 6/30 Buttercup W FT. 17 rpts, avg 5 each.
Fish Crow: 1/2 Rt.9 Wapp. Fls BJM; 1/8 South Hills Mall, Poughkeepsie BJM.
Common Raven: 2/2 Locust Grove KH; 3/30 Buttercup W FT. 9 rpts, avg 2 each.
Tree Swallow: 60+/23 Swartz Farm, Ludlow Woods DK.
Black-capped Chickadee: 19/16 Cary Institute BH/MK; 18/30 Buttercup W FT. 25 rpts, avg 8 each.
Tufted Titmouse: 12/2 Ferncliff FT; 3/30 Buttercup W FT. 18 rpts, avg 4 each.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/2 Mills/Norrie SP KH; 1/16 Cary Institute BH/MK.
White-breasted Nuthatch: 9/2 Ferncliff FT; 7/30 Buttercup W FT. 21 rpts, avg 3 each.



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Brown Creeper: 1/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/23 Reese Sanctuary KH. 5 rpts, avg 1 each.

Carolina Wren: 3/18 Reese Pk. BAM,BCa,MK; 2/30 Buttercup W FT. 28 rpts, avg 2 each.

House Wren: 4/6 Bowdoin Pk KH; 1/21 yard JA/KJ. 13 rpts, avg 2 each.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/16 Rockefeller FT; 2/23 Reese Sanctuary KH.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1/23 Lakeside Park FT; 1/23 Cary Institute BH; 10/30 Buttercup W FT.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/14 Buttercup West KCF.

Eastern Bluebird: 20+/18 Wing Rd, Stanfordville (vineyard) DK; 3/30 Buttercup W FT. 19 rpts, avg 4 each.

Veery: 2/1 Buttercup East KCF; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 6 rpts, avg 1 each.

Swainson's Thrush: 4/30 Buttercup W FT.

Hermit Thrush: 1/25 Val-kill KH.

Wood Thrush: 2/12 StonyKill KH; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 7 rpts, avg 1 each.

American Robin: 25/23 Lakeside Park FT; 65/30 Buttercup W FT. 17 rpts, avg 9 each.

Gray Catbird: 20/14 Buttercup West KCF; 13/30 Buttercup W FT. 26 rpts, avg 7 each.

Northern Mockingbird: 3/23 Waterbury Hill Rd BB; 1/29 Abel's Pond BB. 10 rpts, avg 2 each.

Brown Thrasher: 2/8 Buttercup East KCF; 1/14 Buttercup West KCF; 1/18 Reese Pk. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK.

European Starling: 100/12 StonyKill KH; 10/23 Lakeside Park FT. 3 rpts.

Cedar Waxwing: 200/6 Ludlow Woods Rd over pond DK; 12/30 Buttercup W FT. 32 rpts, avg 16 each.

Blue-winged Warbler: 2/1 Buttercup East KCF.

Tennessee Warbler: 1 or 2/5 StonyKill KH; 2/6 Bowdoin Pk KH; 1/7 yard BB; 1/10 Dennings Pt KH.

Nashville Warbler: 1/1 Buttercup East KCF; 2/25 Nellie Hill KCF; 1/26 Reese Park KH

Northern Parula: 3/16 Rockefeller FT; 2/23 Reese Sanctuary KH. 11 rpts, avg 1 each.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 4/14 Buttercup West KCF; 3/16 Rockefeller FT. 9 rpts, avg 2 each.

Magnolia Warbler: 7/15 Nellie Hill KCF; 6/30 Buttercup W FT. 11 rpts, avg 3 each.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 3/22 Wappingers Rural Cemetery KH; 30/26 Cary Institute WLS; 29/30 Buttercup W FT.

Black-throated Green Warbler: 6/9 Buttercup E FT; 3/30 Buttercup W FT. 16 rpts, avg 2 each.

Pine Warbler: 1(heard)/23 Lakeside Park FT.

Prairie Warbler: 4/1 Buttercup East KCF; 1/24 Buttercup West DK. 5 rpts, avg 2 each.

Palm Warbler: 1/16 Cary Institute BH/MK; 2/30 Buttercup W FT. 5 rpts, avg 1 each.

Blackpoll Warbler: 1/16 Cary IES banded Chad Witko (from Mid-Hudson Birds); x/26-27 Rhinebeck yard RJ.

Black-and-white Warbler: 3/15 Nellie Hill KCF; 2/30 Buttercup W FT. 14 rpts, avg 1 each.

American Redstart: 6/9 Buttercup E FT; 6/16 Rockefeller FT. 17 rpts, avg 2 each.

Ovenbird: 1/6 Reese Park KH.

Northern Waterthrush: 2/10 Dennings Point & Long Dock KH.

Connecticut Warbler: 1/6 Reese Park KH; 1/16 Cary IES banded Chad Witko (from Mid-Hudson Birds).

Common Yellowthroat: 6/1, 6/8 Buttercup East KCF; 5/30 Buttercup W FT. 14 rpts, avg 3 each.

Wilson's Warbler: 1/1 Buttercup East KCF.

Canada Warbler: 1/1 Buttercup East KCF; 2/6 Nuclear Lk KCF.

Scarlet Tanager: 5/7 yard BB; 3/30 Buttercup W FT. 8 rpts, avg 2 each.

Eastern Towhee: 6/1 Buttercup East KCF; 2/23 Cary Institute BH. 16 rpts, avg 2 each.

Chipping Sparrow: 28/2 Mills/Norrie SP KH; 28/22 Wappingers Rural Cem KH. 9 rpts, avg 9 each.

Field Sparrow: 2/02 Cary Institute BH; 21/26 Vlei Rd RJ. 7 rpts, avg 7 each.

Savannah Sparrow: 1/5 StonyKill KH; 1/12 StonyKill KH; 2/26 StonyKill KH.

Song Sparrow: 2/1 Buttercup East KCF; 10/30 Buttercup W FT. 18 rpts, avg 4 each.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 3/19 Hopeland KCF; 1/26-27 Rhinebeck yard RJ.

Swamp Sparrow: 1/26 Cary Institute WLS; 3/30 Buttercup W FT.

White-throated Sparrow: 1/16 Rockefeller FT; 4/30 Buttercup W FT. 6 rpts, avg 2 each.

Northern Cardinal: 7/15 Nellie Hill KCF; 10/18 Reese Pk. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK. 20 rpts, avg 4 each.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 3/1 Buttercup East KCF; 4/14 Buttercup West KCF. 13 rpts, avg 2 each.

Indigo Bunting: 1/10 Beacon Riverside Trail KH.

Bobolink: 19/12 StonyKill KH.

Red-winged Blackbird: 2/5 StonyKill KH; 44/30 Buttercup W FT.

Common Grackle: 60+/9 Yard BAM; 80/18 W Liss Rd. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK. 10 rpts, avg 23 each.

Baltimore Oriole: 1/5 StonyKill KH; 1/6 Dodge Rd KCF.

Purple Finch: 2/occ yd KCF.

House Finch: 16/5 StonyKill KH; 5/18 Reese Pk. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK. 10 rpts, avg 5 each

American Goldfinch: 16/1 Buttercup East KCF; 18/30 Buttercup West FT; 24 rpts, avg 7 each.

Observers:

AG, NG, ANG - Ann & Natalie Gilbert, BAM - Barbara & Allen Michelin, BB - Barbara Butler, BCa - Betsy Carswell, BH - Barry Haydasz, BJM - Barbara Michelin, CP - Carena Pooth, DK - Deb Kral, DR - Dick Ryley, EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen, FT - Field Trip, HRA - Hudson River Almanac, followed by last name of observer, HT - Herb Thompson, JA - Judy Atwood, KCF - Ken & Carol Fredricks, KH - Ken Harris, MHB - Mid-Hudson Birds, MK - Maha Katnani, MP - Mona Payton, RC - Rosa Corbeels, RJ - Rodney Johnson, WLS - William & Lisa Schlesinger

Abbreviations: FT - Club Field Trip, CIES - Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, h - home, yd - yard, p - pond, Pok - Poughkeepsie.

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October 2009 Records

October weather had its ups and downs. We had a bit of snow flying around on the 15th and on the 22nd the temperature peaked at 75F! White-throats and Juncos arrived in droves. The bird of the month was the **Nelson's Sparrow** (the first in Dutchess since 1983) that hung around Southlands for a while, allowing many club members to go see it. Scoters popped up in several places after the weather changed on the 24th. Rodney Johnson identified a migrating **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** by recognizing its distinctive squawk as it flew overhead at dusk on the 11th. Lucky field trip participants heard a **Sora**, very unusual for Dutchess in the fall, at Thompson Pond on the 7th. Ken Fredericks spotted a **Saw-whet Owl** on the 17th. Unusual summer stragglers included **Brown Thrasher**, **Eastern Wood-Pewee**, and **Pine and Black-and-white Warblers**.

Brant: Flocks of 50-100 flying over between about Oct 5 and Oct 26 Chelsea DF

Canada Goose: Many reports of our ubiquitous honkers. Largest flocks 200/25 Round Pd 300/25 Strauss Marsh; 324/23 Haight Rd CV; 700/31 Ryder Pd AMP; 100-200/all Abel's Pd, BB

Mute Swan: Many reports of 1-7 each.

Wood Duck: 6/1 StonyKill, 1/5 Reese Pk, 4/5 Reese Sanctuary KH; 6/14 Buttercup WLS/BMKS; Wood Duck 4/5 Beekman EBR; 40/7 Thompson Pd FT; 43/23 Overlook Pk, 16/13 Traver Pd, also at Strauss Marsh, ButtercupW, Mud Pd CV; 126/24 Lk. Walton BAM; 2/31 CIES AMP

Gadwall: 1/1 StonyKill, 2/5 Wappinger Lk KH; 3/25 Round Pd CV

American Black Duck: 6/7 Thompson Pd FT; 3/14 Buttercup WLS/BMKS; 6/16 2/25 Strauss Marsh, 4/13 Traver Pd, also at Tivoli Bay, ButtercupW CV; 10/25 Round Pd, 12/25 Strauss Marsh DF; 2/20 Hillside Lk AJM; 5/24 Lk Walton BAM

Mallard: On most reports, numbers normal. Highest 20/7 Thompson Pd FT; 25/12 Hillside Lk AJM; 30/14 Buttercup WLS/BMKS; 30+/24 Sylvan Lk BAM; 50/27 Bangall-Amenia Rd AMP; 27/25 Strauss Marsh DF

Northern Pintail: 4/7 Thompson Pd FT

Green-winged Teal: 4/7 Thompson Pd FT; 7/12 Hillside Lk. BAM; 2/16 HVRT, 23/20 ButtercupW, 4/13 Traver Pd CV;

Ring-necked Duck: 8/5 40/24 100/28 200/30 Abel's Pd BB; 13/16 43/25 Strauss Marsh, 78/25 Round Pd, 1/30 Mud Pd CV; 12/24 Lk Walton BAM; 26/24 124/31 Ryder Pd AMP; 25/25 Round Pd DF

White-winged Scoter: 12/24 Red Wing Lake BAM;

Black Scoter: 50/24 Halcyon Pd (Buttermilk Pd) DKo, AJ, BB; 30/24 Abel's Pd BB; 20+/24 Dietrichs Pd, Millbrook DK; 42/25 river north of Rhinebeck RJ

Scoter Sp: large dark spot of birds/24 river north of Kingston Bridge BMa

Hooded Merganser: 10/25 Strauss Marsh CV; 5/25 Strauss Marsh DF; 1f/31 pd. Airport Ind. Rd AJM;

Common Merganser: 7/15 Salt Pt Turnpkce (Uphill Fm Pd) DK; 3/16 Reagan Rd, 2/25 Strauss Marsh CV; 5/21 Reese Sanct, 5/25 Wappingers Lake (all females) KH; 1/24 Bangall-Amenia Rd, 5/28 Kennels Rd AMP; 2f/29 Wappingers Lk BB

Red-breasted Merganser: 2/25 Wappingers Lake (Both female, a lighter head and shaggier crest) - (this is early - BB) KH

Ruddy Duck: 2/10 Redwing Pd, Green Haven Rd, 2/16 Strauss Marsh CV; 5/25 Strauss Marsh DF; 30+/24 Sylvan Lk BAM; 30/25 Lk Oniad BJM & MK;

Ring-necked Pheasant: 1/29 Haight Rd AMP;

Wild Turkey: Strutting their stuff all over the county before going into hiding! Biggest flocks 21/5 N Mabbettville Rd AMP; 18/10 CIES WLS/RSJ; 16/30-31 Rhinebeck MP; 14/30 yd LaGrange JA/KJ

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/6 Upper Kays, 1/25 Round Pd CV; 1/24 Sylvan Lk BAM; 1/30 DRT/Morgan Lake KH;

Double-crested Cormorant: 10/7 Tamarack Pd 7/11 Tamarack Pd DK; 9/7 Norrie Pt, 4/9 Chelsea Cove, Sylvan Lk, also 1-2 at Upper Kays, Willowbrook Fm, Tivoli So Bay CV; 1/7 Stissing Lk FT; 8/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 1/12 Reese Sanct, 4/25 Wappingers Lake KH; 2/20 Sylvan Lk AJM; 3/29 Wappingers Lk BB

Great Blue Heron: Many reports of 1-3 each throughout the month.

Great Egret: 1/4 CIES WLS; 1/4 Wappingers Lake, 1/12 Bowdoin Pk KH; 1/6 Strever Fm pd CV

Green Heron: 1/1 Stonykill KH; 1/11 FDR Cove DK; 1/11 Hobbs Lane AMP;

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 2/12 Bowdoin Pk KH;

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: 1/11 flyover at dusk, gave one clear squawk confirming ID Rhinebeck RJ

Black Vulture: 3/10 Peach Hill FT; 2/14 Tymor Pk FT; 3/20 Kiyawana Fm EBR; 2/22 Thompson Pd, 24/25 going to roost at Millbrook Schl CV; 1/31 Bkman CP/HT

Turkey Vulture: Many reported throughout the month. Highest counts 35/1 east of Pine Plains HS FM; 9/5 Vassar Fm, CV; 50+(yes, you read that right)/31 Salt Pt Tpk DK; 10/10 on ground Spackenkill JA/KJ; 10/7 Thompson Pd FT; 17/10 Peach Hill FT; 14/14 Tymor Pk FT; 12/25 Rt376 Red Oaks Mill MK

Osprey: 1/10 Peach Hill FT; 1/29 Haight Rd AMP;

Bald Eagle: 1 imm/7 Thompson Pd FT; 2/7 Norrie Pt, 1/6 Thompson Pd, 1/16 Rudd Pd, 1/22 Stissing Lk CV; 1/17,30 Tamarack DK; 1/24 Tamarack Lake AMP; 1 ad/28 Norrie Point BB

Northern Harrier: 1/8 StonyKill KH; 2/13 2/17, 1/29 Haight Rd AMP; 1/12 RHGC Rhinebeck MP; 2/19 Tivoli N Bay, 1/20 Buttercup W, 1/22 Mashomack CV; 1f/21,22 Ludlow Woods DK; 2/2 days, mid month Stony Kill Jim Harrington via BB

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/1 Rhinebeck MP; 1/4 1/11 yd, 1/5 Vassar Fm CV; 1/7 Thompson Pd FT; 1/10 Peach Hill FT; 1/10 StonyKill, 1/21 Reese Pk, 1/22 CIES KH; 2/12 1/13 Haight Rd AMP; 1/23 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/26 Hyde Pk BAM & BCa; 1/25 Stony Kill FT

Cooper's Hawk: 1/1 StonyKill KH; 1/5 Vassar Fm, 1/6 1/22 Thompson Pd, 1/22 CIES CV; 1/3 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/10 Peach Hill FT; 1/14 Tymor Pk FT; 1/17 Tymor Pk BB; 1 most days yd. BAM; 1/25 Stony Kill FT; 1/31 yd Rhinebeck MP

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/1 StonyKill KH; 1/21 Haggerty Hill, Rhinebeck DK; 1/29 1/30 Haight Rd AMP; 1 over Hi View Rd most days BAM; 1-2 most days Rhinebeck MP

Red-tailed Hawk: On most reports throughout the county. Highest 5/6 CV; 8/10 Peach Hill FT



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American Kestrel: 1/1 StonyKill - flying, hovering, and perched KH; 1/11 CIES WLS; 1/17 Haight Rd AMP;

Merlin: 1/21 Bowdoin Pk FT

Peregrine Falcon: 1/26 RR bridge walkway over Hudson BAM & BCa; 1/10 Peach Hill, flew & soared nearby as I ate lunch CV

Sora: 1/7 Thompson Pd FT

American Coot: 1/7 Thompson Pd FT; 2/20-29 Lk Oniad BJM; 2/25 Strauss Marsh DF; 3/28 Norrie KH

Killdeer: 17/5 Haight Rd, 6/12 Haight Rd DK; 10/7 Thompson Pd FT; 4/11-12, 4/17-18, 6/25, all TSF MP; 1/12 Hillside Lk BAM; 1/12 Bowdoin Pk, 2/26 Southlands Fm KH; 2/17

Southlands Fm, 1/24 Craft Pd BB; 2/19 Southlands Fm, 1/26 StonyKill, 1/13 Traver Pd CV; x/25 Southlands Fm MP, RJ, PS

Solitary Sandpiper: 2/7 Thompson Pd FT

Greater Yellowlegs: 3/22 2/30 Strever Fm Rd CV;

Lesser Yellowlegs: 6/6 1/22 1/30 Strever Fm Rd CV; 1/7 Thompson Pd FT

Least Sandpiper: 3/13 Traver Pd CV;

Wilson's Snipe: 1/18&19 Southlands Fm AMP; 2/19 1/21 Southlands Fm, 1/23 Overlook Pk CV; 1/20 Southlands Fm R McLean, R&T Greaves via BB

Ring-billed Gull: normal numbers KH; normal for October CV; 15/29 Wappingers Lk BB; 1/17 Stony Kill FT

Herring Gull: 1/25 Wappinger Lake KH;

Great Black-backed Gull: 1/7 Waryas Pk CV;

Rock Pigeon: Usual numbers.

Mourning Dove: Usual numbers.

Great Horned Owl: 1/1 StonyKill - saw flying into a pine grove KH; 1/11,14 (hooting) Ludlow Woods DK; 1/19 2/26 Verbank yd BB; 2/27 5am yd CV; 1/17 Town of Stanford KCF

Barred Owl: 1/4 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/4 Vlei Rd., Rhinebeck MP; 3(calling ~ 20 min)/5 off Bulls Head Rd WB; 2/9 heard 8:15pm yd, 1/20 Buttercup W heard 3:20pm CV; 1/11, 13, 14, 26 yd LaGrange JA/KJ; 1/16 (hooting) Ludlow Woods, 1/29 (hooting) Vassar Fm DK; 2/17 Town of Stanford KCF

Northern Saw-whet Owl: 1/17 Town of Stanford KCF;

Belted Kingfisher: 1/6 Wappingers Cr, 1/6 Buttercup W, 1/16 Sheffield Hill Rd, 1/25 Millbrook Schl CV; 1/10 Peach Hill FT; 2/10 CIES WLS/RSJ; 1/20 Kennels Rd, Millbrook DK; 1/24 Lk Walton BAM; 2/25 FDR Home, 1 in 4 other places KH; 1/28 Kennels Rd AMP

Red-bellied Woodpecker: On most reports. Highest 5/1 StonyKill KH; 6/1,12 Haight Rd, AMP; 7/9 DRT Arlington, 5/15 Rombout Rd CV; 8/21 Bowdoin Pk FT

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 4/1 1/13 Haight Rd AMP; 1/8 2/10 StonyKill, 1 at Reese Sanct, Madam Brett, FDR Home KH; 1/8 Dennings Pt BB; 3/9 Dutchess Rail Trail, Arlington, also 1 at Rombout Rd, HVRT, Buttercup W CV; 1/14 Tymor Pk FT; 1/16 yd Stormville EBR; 1/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 1/23-25 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/26-31 yd & neighborhood BAM

Hairy Woodpecker: Good number.s

Hairy Woodpecker: 1/11 FDR DK; 1/12,13 Haight Rd, 1/15 1/30 yd Washington AMP; 2/13 yd, 1 daily in yd CV; 1/21 Reese Sanct, 1/26 FDR Home, 1/16 Southlands Fm KH; 2/all yd BAM

Northern Flicker: Many reports including 3/8 StonyKill, 3/12 Bowdoin Pk, KH; 3/20 Buttercup W CV 4/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 4/10 CIES WLS/RSJ

Pileated Woodpecker: 3/1 StonyKill, 1/5 1/21 Reese Sanct, 1/12 Bowdoin Pk KH; 1/6,24 Ludlow Woods 1/11 FDR DK; 1/12 Haight Rd AMP; 1/6 Thompson Pd, 2/20 Buttercup W, almost daily in yd CV; 1/7 Thompson Pd FT; 1/12, 2/18 Rhinebeck MP; 1/21 Bowdoin Pk FT
1 most days yd BAM;

Eastern Wood-Pewee: 1/1 StonyKill KH

Eastern Phoebe: 5/1 2/8 6/10 StonyKill, last 1/26 FDR Home, also at Reese Pk/Sanct, Madam Brett KH; 4/1 9/6 Haight Rd, 1/19 Mills Mansion AMP; 1/3 Stony Kill BJM; 2/5 Vassar Fm, 1/6 Buttercup W, 4/7 Norrie Pt CV; 2/7 Thompson Pd FT; 2/8 Dennings Pt, 1/17 Tymor Pk, 1/1-20 Verbank yd BB; 4/10 Peach Hill FT; 1/14, 2/21 CIES BH; 3/14 Tymor Pk FT; 4/17 Stony Kill FT; 1/8 CIES 1/17 Stonykill DK; 2/11 4/4 CIES WLS; 4/14 Buttercup WLS/BMKS; 1/12,25 Rhinebeck MP

Blue-headed Vireo: 1/5 Reese Scry, 1/8 Madam Brett, 1/10 StonyKill KH; 1/6 2/13 Haight Rd AMP; 1/8 CIES DK; 1/9 DRT/Arlington CV; 4/10 Peach Hill FT; 1/14 Tymor Pk FT

Red-eyed Vireo: 1/1 StonyKill KH; 1/4 CIES WLS;

Blue Jay: normal numbers KH; 2 flocks of 25/8 Dennings Pt BB; 18/10 Peach Hill FT; 184/23 230/27 197/30 1-61 most days Haight Rd, 1-2/all month yd Washington, 4/19 Southlands Fm AMP

American Crow: Many reports with some large flocks being seen, including 200+/31 Ludlow Woods DK; 35/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 30/22 Greig Fm BB; 50+/23 fly over yd LaGrange, 600+/25 downtn Pok JA/KJ

Fish Crow: 1/4 Wappingers Lake, 2/10 StonyKill KH; 2/4 Fishkill Walmart, 3/12 Dutchess Plaza, 1/5 Vassar Fm CV

Common Raven: 1/6 Thompson Pd, 1/16 2/22 Reagan Rd, 1/25 Huckleberry Rd CV; 1/7 Thompson Pd FT; 1/11 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/14 Tymor Pk FT; 1/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 1/10 StonyKill, 1/22 CIES, 1/16 FDR Home, 1/29 Southlands Fm KH; 1/occ Verbank yd, 1/17 Tymor Pk BB

Tree Swallow: 2/1 StonyKill KH; 1/16 Willowbrook Fm marsh CV

B-c Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse: Normal numbers

White-breasted Nuthatch: Many yd reports of 1-3; also 5/1 StonyKill, 4/5 Reese Sanct KH; 4/9 DRT/Arlington CV; 8/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 7/30 2-6 daily yd Washington, 15/30 AMP

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/15 Verbank yd BB; 1/28 yd LaGrange JA/KJ

Brown Creeper: 1/7 yd on suet tree CV; 1/17 Stony Kill FT; 1/18, 25 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/21 Bowdoin Pk FT

Carolina Wren: 1/1,2,12,15 yd Washington AMP; 3/5 Reese Sanct, 1-2 in 8 other places KH; 1/9-12 Rhinebeck MP; 3/10 Peach Hill FT; 1/15 yd Stormville EBR; 1/17 Stony Kill FT; 2/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 2/15 Rombout Rd, often at my feeders, seen/heard often around county CV; 1/29 New Hamburg, 1/all Verbank yd BB; 2-3/all yd BAM; 3/25 Stony Kill FT; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT

House Wren: 1/10 Peach Hill FT;

Winter Wren: 1/5 Vassar Fm, 1/9 DRT/Arlington, 1/15 Rombout Rd, 1/30 yd in brush pile CV; 1/7 Thompson Pd FT; 1/11, 24 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/12 Reese Pk KH; 1/25 Stony Kill FT

Marsh Wren: 1/6 seen/heard Thompson Pd CV; 5/11 CIES WLS



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Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2/3 Stony Kill, 1-2/5-30 yd BAM; 4/4, 1/11, 25 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/7 Thompson Pd FT; 8/14 Tymor Pk FT; 2/14, 1/21 CIES BH; 2/15 Rombout Rd, 3/27 Norrie Pt CV; 5/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 2/22 CIES, 3/26 FDR Home, 1 in 3 other places KH; 1/23 2/29 3/30 Haight Rd AMP; 2/28 Mills Mansion FT

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 4/1 StonyKill, 1/5 Bowdoin Pk KH; 1/4 2/25 CIES WLS; 1-2/4-23 yd BAM; 5/7 Thompson Pd FT; 1/8 Dennings Pt BB; 13/10 Peach Hill FT; 1/14 CIES BH; 9/14 Tymor Pk FT; 10/17 Stony Kill FT; 1/18 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 8/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 12/15 Rombout Rd, 4/9 DRT/Arlington, also at Vassar Fm, Buttercup W, Reagan Rd, Overlook Pk CV; 2-8 most days Haight Rd, 2/17 yd, 1/31 CIES AMP; 2/25 Stony Kill FT

Eastern Bluebird: Many reports of 1-4, also 10/19 Southlands Fm AMP; 10/3 TSF, 6/17-18 TSFMP; 20+/20 DK; 6/15 Rombout Rd, 8/19 Southlands Fm, 6/22 CIES CV; 8/17 Southlands Fm BB; 12/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 7/29 Southlands, KH; 5/25 Stony Kill FT

Swainson's Thrush: 1/5 Reese Pk, 1/12 Bowdoin Pk KH; 1/21 Bowdoin Pk FT

Hermit Thrush: 1/2 Verbank yd BB; 2/5 Reese Pk KH; 1/11 Ludlow Woods DK; 1/16 Reagan Rd, 1/19 Tivoli Bays CV; 1/19 off Bulls Head Rd WB

American Robin: Many reports; some larger flocks moving in: 50/5,6 Ludlow Woods DK; 50+/9 DRT/Arlington, 75+/15 Rombout Rd, widespread near fruit in Oct. CV; 150/11 Old Post Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; 75/13-HR 104/23 80/24 up to 70 other days, up to 40 yd Washington, 150/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 40/30 Verbank yd BB

Gray Catbird: Last sighting on the 29th. 8/1 3/8 8/10 StonyKill, last 1/12 Bowdoin Pk, also at Reese Pk, Madam Brett KH; 29/1 12/2 9/6 #s declined to 1/28 Haight Rd, 2/3 2/10-yd, 1/24 Bangall-Amenia Rd AMP; 3/2 Verbank yd, 2/8 Dennings Pt BB; 6/4 CIES WLS; 5/5 Vassar Fm, 5/6 Buttercup W, 4/15 Rombout Rd, last 1/16 HVRT CV; 1/7 CIES BH; 4/7 Thompson Pd FT; 23/10 Peach Hill FT; 2/14 Tymor Pk FT; 1/10-11 Rhinebeck MP; 10/25 Top O' Hill Rd, 30/29 Hi View Rd BJM; 1/14 last seen yd LaGrange JA/KJ

Northern Mockingbird: 1 ea at 4 places KH; 1/3,30, 4/11, 2/17-19, 1/10 RHGC MP; 11/10 Peach Hill FT; 1/14 Tymor Pk FT; 1/17 Tymor, 1/28 Norrie Pt, 1/29 New Hamburg BB; 1/17 Stony Kill FT; 3/21 Bowdoin Pk FT 5/15 Rombout Rd, 1 in 3 other places CV; 6/25 Stony Kill FT

Brown Thrasher: 1/11 Old Post Rd, Rhinebeck RJ

European Starling: Usual numbers; largest flocks 500/17 Stony Kill FT; 100/22 Southlands Fm BB

American Pipit: 1 or 2/11 Carnwath Fm Pk, 40/26 Southlands Fm KH; 5/17 Stony Kill FT; 3/19 Southlands Fm, 60+/19 Greig Fm, 10/26 Overlook Pk CV; 50/22 Greig Fm BB; large flocks/23-24 fields around Mashomack DKo; x/25 Southlands Fm RJ, PS

Cedar Waxwing: 50/1 10/2 24/13 Haight Rd, 7/9 yd, 8/31 CIES AMP; 21/5 18/21 Reese Sanct, 5/8 30/10 StonyKill, 5/30 DRT/Morgan Lake KH; 60+/5 Vassar Fm, 45/9 DRT/Arlington, 27/20 ButtercupW, also 8-12 at Rombout Rd, CIES and yd CV; 4/8 Dennings Pt BB; 12/8 CIES DK; 7/10 Peach Hill FT; 6/14 Tymor Pk FT; 4/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 10/25 CIES WLS; 18/29 Hi View Rd BAM

Nashville Warbler: 1/1 StonyKill KH; 1/10 Peach Hill FT

Magnolia Warbler: 5/1 StonyKill KH

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 4(3m,1f)/1 StonyKill, 1/5 Bowdoin Pk KH

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 5/1 2/8 15/10 StonyKill, 7/8 Madam Brett, also at Wapp Rural Cem, Reese Pk, Bowdoin Pk KH; 8/3 , 4/10 TSF MP; 1/4 20/11 2/25 CIES WLS; 1-2/5-10 yd BAM; 1/8 CIES 8/10 Haight Rd DK; 18/10 Peach Hill FT; 23/14 Tymor Pk FT; 20/17 Tymor Pk, 5/20 Verbank yd BB; 2/17 Stony Kill FT; 2/21 CIES BH; 30/21 Bowdoin Pk FT 1/12 5/13 10/16 4/17 4/30 Haight Rd AMP; 2/14 Buttercup WLS/BMKS; 1/25 Stony Kill FT

Black-throated Green Warbler: 5/1 StonyKill KH; 1/3 Stony Kill BJM; 2/9 DRT/Arlington CV

Pine Warbler: 3/1 StonyKill KH; 1/13 15/20 8/23 Haight Rd AMP

Palm Warbler: 7/2 3/8 1/10 StonyKill KH; 1/9 DRT/Arlington, 4/19 Southlands Fm, 1/20 Buttercup W, 1/21 Overlook Pk CV; 1/8 Dennings Pt BB; 5/10 Peach Hill FT; 6/17 Stony Kill FT; 1/17 Ludlow Woods 6/17 Stonykill DK; 1/17-18, 25 TSF MP; 1/17 Southlands Fm FM; 1/25 Stony Kill FT

Blackpoll Warbler: 1/1 StonyKill KH

Black-and-white Warbler: 1/9 DRT/Arlington CV

Common Yellowthroat: 9/1 StonyKill, 1/5 Reese Sanct, 2/10 Peach Hill FT; 1/19 Southlands Fm KH

Eastern Towhee: 2/1 StonyKill, 1/5 Reese Pk, 1/5 Reese Sanct KH; pr/2 Verbank yd, 3/17 Tymor BB; 1/4,10 CIES WLS/RSJ; 1/5 Vassar Fm CV; 3/10 Peach Hill FT; 2/14 Tymor FT; x/11 Old Post Rd, Rbeck RJ; 2/16 Haight Rd AMP

American Tree Sparrow: 1/10 StonyKill KH;

Chipping Sparrow: 1ad/1 & 17 yd BAM; 1/4 2/7 6/11 yd, 4/15 Rombout Rd, 3/22 CIES - none since the 22nd CV; 3-6/2-17 yd Washington, 3/12 3/13 5/20 Haight Rd, 6/19 Mills Mansion AMP; 15/6 Wapp Rural Cem, 1/26 FDR Home, also at StonyKill and Bowdoin Pk KH; 1/8 Dennings Pt BB; 4/10,19, 6/18, 1/25, 2/31 Rhinebeck MP; x/11 Old Post Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; 7/14 Tymor Pk FT; 1/15,28 yd Stormville EBR; 12/17 Stony Kill FT; 2/21 Bowdoin Pk FT

Field Sparrow: 8/2, 2/20 Verbank yd, 10/17 Tymor Pk BB; 3/2 Haight Rd AMP; 2/8 1/10 StonyKill, 1/22 CIES, 1/29 Southlands KH; 9/6 ButtercupW, 1/15 Rombout Rd 1/19 Tivoli N. Bay, 1/23 Overlook Pk CV; 7/10 Peach Hill FT; 1/14 Tymor FT; 1/10 5/11 CIES WLS; 2/25 Stony Kill FT

Vesper Sparrow: 1/10 1/27 StonyKill KH; 1/10 TSF MP; 1/18,19,20 Southlands Fm AMP; 1/19 Southlands Fm CV; 1/20 Southlands R McLean, R&J Greaves via BB ; 2/31 Southlands PS

Savannah Sparrow: 2/1 3/8 4/10 4/27 StonyKill, 5/29 Southlands Fm KH; 1/1 3/6 11/9 7/12 2/20 Haight Rd, 15/18 19/19 Southlands Fm, 4/22 yd AMP; 1/3, 4/17-18, 2/25 TSF MP; 2/15 Rombout Rd, 10/19 Southlands Fm CV; 10/17 Tymor Pk, 10/17 Southlands Fm BB; 1/26 Southland Fm BAM & BCa; 15/17 Stony Kill FT; 8/25 Stony Kill FT

Nelson's Sparrow: The only previous Dutchess records were 9/30/71 and 5/17/83 (both at Tivoli North Bay. This year's bird was seen at Southlands during the period of Oct. 20-31 by CV, BAM, BCa, KH, PS, MD, RJ, DK, BB, Gene McGarry, R McLean, R&J Greaves, Curt McDermott

Fox Sparrow: 1/20 Buttercup W CV; 1/26 FDR Home KH;

Song Sparrow: Numerous reports. Highest: 11/10 StonyKill, 10/29 Southlands Fm KH; 10/4,25 CIES WLS; 10/15 Rombout Rd, 10/23 Overlook Pk CV; 18/10 Peach Hill FT; up to 16 daily Haight Rd, 8/18 Southlands Fm AMP; 25/17 Tymor Pk, 10/17 Southlands Fm BB; 10+/25 Stony Kill FT



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Lincoln's Sparrow: 1/8 5/10 StonyKill KH; 2/10 Peach Hill FT; 1/17 Stony Kill FT; 1/11 Old Post Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; 1/12 Haight Rd AMP

Swamp Sparrow: 1/4 1/11 1/25 CIES WLS; 6/6 Buttercup West, 8/15 Rombout Rd, 5/23 Overlook Pk, 6/26 StonyKill, also HVRT, Norrie Pt CV; 4/7 Thompson Pd FT; 1/17 Stony Kill FT; 3/8 1/10 StonyKill KH; 1/14 Buttercup WLS/BMKS; 5/17 Tymor Pk BB; 2/25 Stony Kill FT

White-throated Sparrow: 3/4 1/10 3/11 10/25 CIES WLS; 17/10 15/27 StonyKill, 3-10 in most places KH; 1/12 (FOS), 4/23 Ludlow Woods DK; 1-8/13-28 yd Stormville EBR; 1-3/14-31 yd BAM; 58/10 Peach Hill FT; 87/14 Tymor FT; 40/17 Tymor, 20/20 Verbank yd BB; 2-18/17-31 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 40/21 Bowdoin FT; 4-18 daily Haight Rd, 3-20 daily yd Washington, 2/13 CIES AMP; 45/15 (first and most) Rombout Rd, 12/19 Tivoli Bay, 12/23 Overlook Pk, others CV; 6/25 Stony Kill FT

White-crowned Sparrow: 2/2 1/11 4/12 1/13 1/16 1/20 Haight Rd, 2/16 yd Washington AMP; 1/6 1/20 Buttercup W, 2/21 Overlook Pk, 1/26 Overland Pk CV; 2/8 1/10 StonyKill - all immature KH; x/11 Old Post Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; 3/25 Stony Kill FT

Dark-eyed Junco: First report on the 12th. 1/12 Haight Rd, 1-4/15-31 yd Washington AMP; 1-4/16-31 yd LaGrange JA/KJ; 5/14 Buttercup WLS/BMKS; flock of 10/15 (first in yd)20/20 10/22 Verbank yd BB; 1-4/15-31 Rhinebeck MP; 1/15 5/27 yd, 1/19 Tivoli Bays, 2/22 CIES CV; Returned on 16th DK; 1-10/19-31 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/19-31 & 12/23 yd BAM; 1/25 CIES WLS;

Scarlet Tanager: 1/5 Reese Pk KH;

Northern Cardinal: Many reports of 1-4. Also 7/2 11/16 Haight Rd, 11/13 yd Washington AMP; 9/15 Rombout Rd, CV; 6-8 incl 1 imm /all yd BAM;

Red-winged Blackbird: Many reports. Largest flocks were 34/1 85/6 45/27 68/28 43/30 Haight Rd AMP; 200+/26 StonyKill CV; 50/17 Stony Kill FT; 32/10 50/27 (with some **cowbirds**) StonyKill, 60/29 (with some **cowbirds, Rusties**) Southlands Fm KH; 100/22 Southlands Fm BB; 60/25 Hi View Rd BJM; 100/25 Stony Kill FT

Eastern Meadowlark: 1/19 Southlands Fm CV; 2/25 Southlands MP/RJ/PS; 2/26 Southlands BAM & BCa

Rusty Blackbird: See Red-winged Blackbird.

Common Grackle: 2/9 DRT Arlington CV; 30+/17 yd, 50/25 Hi View Rd BJM; 4/29 Southlands KH; 100/25 Stony Kill FT

Brown-headed Cowbird: 20/15 Rombout Rd, 25/18 yd CV; 25/19 Southlands Fm, 3/23 32/27 6/28 Haight Rd, 1/23 yd Washington AMP

Purple Finch: 3/10 StonyKill, 4/12 Bowdoin KH; 1/11, 15-17 yd CV; 1/24 Feeder DK; 2/28 feeder Stormville EBR

House Finch: seem low compared to last year CV; 10/1 yd BAM; 9/1 6/10 StonyKill, 1-3 in 3 other places KH; /10 TSF MP; 2-3 yd Washington, 6/19 Southlands Fm AMP; 10/21 Bowdoin Pk FT; 5/25 Stony Kill FT; 4-6/all feeder Stormville EBR; 2/all Verbank yd BB; 1-5/ all yd Poughquag CP/HT

Pine Siskin: 1/11 FDR (Roosevelt Cove) DK

American Goldfinch: normal numbers KH; 4/1 2/13 Haight Rd AMP; 10/26 Overlook Pk, 8-12 daily yd CV; 10/7 Thompson Pd FT; 29/10 Peach Hill FT; 3-6/all yd BAM; 17/25 Stony Kill FT; 3-4/29-31 Rhinebeck MP; 2-4 daily yd LaGrange JA/KJ; 10-30/all yd Poughquag CP/HT

House Sparrow: normal for October CV; 10-36/all yd Washington, 10/9 Haight Rd, 4/19 Mills Mansion AMP; 12+/25 Stony Kill FT

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Field Trips (FT):

7th Thompson Pd, **10th** Peach Hill, **14th** Tymor Pk, **17th** Stony Kill, **25th** Stony Kill, **21st** Bowdoin, **28th** Mills Mansion (Staatsburgh)

Abbreviations: **Cary IES:** CIES of Ecosystem Studies; **DRT:** Dutchess Rail Trail; **FOS:** First of Season; **RHGC:** RedHk GolfClb; **TSF:** SouthlandsFm
Huckleberry Rd is between Morse Hill Rd & Cascade Mtn Rd in the Town of Amenia; **Strauss Marsh** is in the Town of Northeast on Webatuck Schl Rd.

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November 2009 Records

The first week was cool. The rest of the month was warm, with 4 days exceeding the normal temp by over 10 degrees! We had less than half the normal amount of rain.

Canada Goose: 100/3, 500/20 The Fly, 800/21 Domin corn fields CV; all month peak 612/6 Haight Road; peak 1033/6 Ryder Pond; 237/20 Stringham Road, 10 other places AMP; 10 other places.

Brant: 1/2,5,17,20,22 immature with Canadas and Mallards Wappingers Lake KH.

Mute Swan: 5/7 Lk. Onaid BJM,AMP; 3/13 Hunns Lake, 4/15 Vandenburg Cove, also at Traver Pond and Thompson Pd CV; 2 ea at 5 other places.

Wood Duck: 4/2 Overlook Park, 8/3 Thompson Pd, 2/13 Traver Pd, 1/15 Mudd Pd CV; 46/7 Lk. Walton BJM,AMP.

Gadwall: 1/3 Thompson Pd, 8/24 Round Pd CV.

American Wigeon: 1f/7 Jekoce Lk. BJM,AMP.

American Black Duck: 9/5 8/26 Thompson Pd, 9/5 Traver Pd, 6/20 The Fly, also Strauss Marsh, Stissing Lk CV; 2/7 Jekoce Lk. BJM,AMP.

Mallard: 41/7 Sylvan Lake, 41/18 Pugsley Hill Rd AMP; 15 reports of 2-8 or "normal".

Northern Pintail: 8/3 2/13 10/20 The Fly, 15/26 Thompson Pd CV.

Green-winged Teal: 3/11 Millbrook School FT; 15/13 25/20 The Fly, also at Thompson Pd, Buttercup W CV.

Ring-necked Duck: 150/1 Abel's Pond BB; 39-159/all mo Ryder Pond AMP; also at Thompson Pd, Stissing Lk, Strauss Marsh.

scaup (species?): 40+/8 river at Mills Mansion CV .

Long-tailed Duck: 1/16,30 river at Chelsea RJ,ES.

Bufflehead: 5/8 Norrie Pt, 11/8 6/20 river at Mills Mansion CV; 4/16 Hudson River at Chelsea RJ,ES; 1-2 at Abel's Pond and Wappingers Lk.

Hooded Merganser: 4/6 21/24 Strauss Marsh CV; 2-6 at 3 other places.

Common Merganser: Dozen or more/17 Wappingers Creek (lower part) HRA (Lake); 7/22 Wapp Lk KH; 1-4 at 4 other places.

Red-breasted Merganser: 2/20 Dennings Pt BB,RC,OW.

Ruddy Duck: 83/7 Lk Onaid BJM,AMP; 52/7 Sylvan Lk AMP; 6/6 Sylvan Lk CP/HT; 3/3 Upper Kays CV.

Ring-necked Pheasant: 2/2, 1/5, 1/16, 1/18, 1/24-Haight Rd, 3/21-Shuman Rd AMP.

Ruffed Grouse: 2/4 yard Town of Poughkeepsie Marge Robinson.

Wild Turkey: 12/7 Lk. Walton BJM,AMP; 12/15 Norrie Pt, 3/24 Freedom Rd, 13/24 Domin Farm CV; 14/8 North Mabbettsville Rd AMP; many daily, eg 18/7, 19/8, 20/21, 22/27 Rhinebeck yard MP; 6m most days yd BAM; few others.

Common Loon: 1/15 Wappingers Creek (lower) HRA (Lake).

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/3 Upper Kays, 1/13 Stissing Lk, 1/20,24,26 Mudd Pd CV; 2/28 Wappingers Creek (lower part) HRA (Lake) .

Double-crested Cormorant: 3/8 4/20 Norrie Pt CV; 2 Beacon, 1 Wappingers Lake.

Great Cormorant: 1/15 Norrie Pt CV.

Great Blue Heron: 1 Overlook Pk 3 times CV; 2/11 Tamarack DK; 2/21 Shuman Rd AMP; 12 others.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1/15 Wappingers Creek (lower part) HRA (Lake).

Black Vulture: 7/25 Duell Rd.- feasting on deer carcass DK; 21/24 Millbrook School CV; 2 others.

Turkey Vulture: 35/1 Gardner Hollow/Beach Rd Binnie Chase; 4/4 yard AMP; 12 reports of 1-3.

Bald Eagle: 1-2 Tamarack DK; 1/20 Norrie Pt, 2/20 Mashomack CV; 2/8, 2/10, 1/21 Tamarack Lake AMP.

Northern Harrier: 1/6 Clinton Wayne Butler; 1/10 Greig Farm CV; 1/6 Haight Rd, 1/18 Cary IES AMP.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 2/21 TSF FT; 6 others reported.

Cooper's Hawk: 1/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1 most days yd. BAM; 12 others reported.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/7, 1/27 (much less vocal and visible than prior months) Rhinebeck yard MP.

Red-tailed Hawk: 3/1 2/21 Rombout Rd, 3/6 HVRT CV; 3/7 Vassar Farm FT; 4/11 Millbrook School FT; 1-2 on most other reports.

American Kestrel: 1/9 Skidmore Rd. DK.

Peregrine Falcon: 1/6 HVRT - seen 3 times stooping field of red wings & sparrows. No kill while I watched. CV; 1/27 Walkway over the Hudson NG.

Killdeer: 3/2 7/7 5/8 Overlook Park, 3/3 Uphill Farm CV; 4/7 TSF MP.

Ring-billed Gull: 200/20 Stringham Park AMP; 50/28 Dennings Pt BB; 2 other reports.

Herring Gull: 15/6 McEnroe compost dump CV; 100/28 Dennings Pt BB.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1/9 Beacon Waterfront Park DR. Report included comparison with nearby Great Black-backs: much smaller bill and lighter mantle.

Great Black-backed Gull: 3/9 Beacon Waterfront Park DR; 1 ea on river at Beacon, Norrie, Dennings Pt.

Rock Pigeon: peak 28/23, 27/24 Haight Rd AMP; 5 other reports.

Mourning Dove: peak 69/24-Haight Rd AMP; 25/18 StonyKill FT; 4-6 early month, then up to 21 daily mid-month on MP; most reports up to 10.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/11 Cary IES WLS; 1/19 heard Red Hook Golf Club MP; 1/25 heard Mosquito Lane, Stanford DK.

Great Horned Owl: 1/24 calling from pine trees Bowdoin Pk KH; 1/9,25 hooting Ludlow Woods DK; 1/occ Stanford KF.

Snowy Owl: 1/15 photo in driveway at Vassar Rd/Sandi Dr from a friend of Bonnie Fair.

Barred Owl: 1/17 Ludlow Woods DK; 1/21,24,25 North Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 1/26 yd CV; 1/occ Stanford KF.

owl (species?): 1/11 Millbrook School FT.

Belted Kingfisher: 2/7 Jekoce Lk BJM,AMP; 15 others.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 9/7 Vassar Farm FT; 8/18 StonyKill FT; 7/25 Vassar Campus FT; 1-4 all reports.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 4/7 Vassar Farm FT; 2/21 1/24,26 Reese Sanctuary KH; 1/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 8 other reports.

Downy Woodpecker: 6/11 Millbrook School FT; 8/18 StonyKill FT; 8/25 Vassar Campus FT; 1-4 every report.

Hairy Woodpecker: 2/11 Millbrook School FT; 3/21 TSF FT; 2/25 Vassar Campus FT; 2 all yd BAM; reports from a dozen other places.

Northern Flicker: 6/7 Vassar Farm FT; 1-4 from 15 other places.

Pileated Woodpecker: 3/21 Rombout Rd CV; max 3/25 yard AMP; 1-2 reported in 22 other places.



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Eastern Phoebe: 1/10 Southlands Farm CV.

Blue Jay: 54/21 TSF FT; up to 10 on all reports.

American Crow: 20-25000/21 old Delaval site (Pok riverfront), in trees and on ground. Moved to trees as darkness fell. CV; 100/18 StonyKill FT; 100/28 Dennings Pt BB.

Fish Crow: 20/28 Dennings Pt BB; 4/3-Haight Rd AMP.

Common Raven: 1/3 3/13 Thompson Pd, 2/6 HVRT, 1/20 Norrie Pt, 2/26 Buttercup W CV; 2/11 Millbrook School FT; 1/18 StonyKill FT; 1/8 yard AMP; 1/occ Stanford KF.

Horned Lark: 50+/10 Grieg Farm CV.

Black-capped Chickadee: 25/25 Vassar Campus FT; 13/4 FDR Home FT; some on all reports.

Tufted Titmouse: 10/18 StonyKill FT; 11/21 TSF FT; 9/25 Vassar Campus FT; many reports of 1-5.

White-breasted Nuthatch: yard avg 6, 8/19-Daheim Rd AMP; 9/21 TSF FT; 12/25 Vassar Campus FT; heard or seen most places.

Brown Creeper: 2/11 Millbrook School FT; 1/14,16,25 Lagrange yard CV; 1/11-30 yard AMP; 1 daily from mid-month on MP.

Carolina Wren: 4/1 2/9 1/16 5/21 Rombout Rd, 1/6 2/24 HVRT CV; 6/11 Millbrook School FT; singing(!) in many places.

Winter Wren: 1/21 Rombout Rd, 1/26 ButtercupW CV.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 6/4 FDR Home FT; 5/25 Vassar Campus FT; 6/24 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 10 reports of 1-3.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 2/6-Haight Rd, 3/21, 4/25 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP.

Eastern Bluebird: 12/1 15/11 Cary IES WLS; 8/2 Vassar Fm, 8/10 Southlands Farm, 8/16 Rombout Rd CV; 6/21 Carnwath Farms Park KH; 11/21 TSF FT; many other reports.

American Robin: 100+/1 75/21 Rombout Rd, 500+/15 Thompson Pd, up to 50 in other places CV; 40/7 Vassar Farm FT; max 86/13cyard, max 161/14 Haight Rd AMP; many reports of smaller flocks.

Gray Catbird: 1/1 Rombout Rd (only one in Nov) CV.

Northern Mockingbird: 5/1 4/9 2/16 7/21 Rombout Rd CV; 9/21 TSF FT; many reports of 1-4.

European Starling: 270/18-Pugsley Hill Rd AMP; other smaller flocks reported.

American Pipit: 1/11 Millbrook School FT; 4/21 TSF FT; 2/23 TSF MP; 18/24 Downey Rd CV.

Cedar Waxwing: 25/7 Vassar Farm FT; 22/21 Red Hook Golf Club MP; 24/15 Rt 55 LaGrange AMP; also in a dozen other places.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 3/1 2/9 1/16 3/21 Rombout Rd, 1/2 Vassar Farm, 2/6 Buttercup W CV; 3/21 TSF FT; 1/8 Cary IES by another observer AMP.

American Tree Sparrow: 1/1 6/11 Cary IES WLS; 1-2 at HVRT, Buttercup W, Hopeland Area, Vassar Farm, Millbrook School, Haight Rd, and AMP and MP yards.

Chipping Sparrow: 1/11 Millbrook School FT.

Field Sparrow: 1/1 Rombout Rd, 3/8 6/20 Hopeland Area CV; 1/25 Vassar Farm KH.

Savannah Sparrow: 1/1 Rombout Rd, 1/10 TSF CV; 1/8 TSF MP; 1/21 TSF FT; 2/23 Haight Rd AMP.

Fox Sparrow: 1/7 Vassar Farm FT; 1/8 Hopeland Area, 1/16 Rombout Rd CV.

Song Sparrow: 12/1 Cary IES WLS; 10/6 HVRT, 10/8 Hopeland Area CV; 11/7 Vassar Farm FT; 1-8 in about 10 other places.

Swamp Sparrow: 3/2 Overlook Pk, 1/20 Hopeland Area, 1/24 HVRT, 1/26 Thompson Pd CV.

White-throated Sparrow: 30/7 Vassar Farm FT; Avg in yard 12 (27/24 high) AMP; 34/25 Vassar Campus FT; some on all trips and at feeders.

White-crowned Sparrow: 2/1 Rombout Rd, 2/2 Vassar Farm, 5/24 Downey Rd CV; 2/18, 1/23-Haight Rd AMP.

Dark-eyed Junco: 19/4 FDR Home FT; 15/7 Vassar Farm FT; 20/25 Vassar Campus FT; 8-20/all, 60/14, 30/27 yd Poughquag CP/HT, many others.

Northern Cardinal: 9/25 Vassar Campus FT; 6 all yd. BAM; some on trips to Haight Rd, most 20/23,16/24 AMP, many others.

Red-winged Blackbird: 200/11 Millbrook School FT; 800+/15 100/26 going to roost Thompson Pd, 100+/1 Rombout Rd CV; 142/14, 222/24, 257/30 Haight Rd AMP, plus many other reports.

Eastern Meadowlark: 1 (at least)/4 StonyKill Jim Herrington.

Common Grackle: 100+/1 6/9 6/16 Rombout Rd CV; 8/4 FDR Home FT; 1-4 in 6 other places.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 108/3 Haight Rd, 312/18 Pugsley Hill Rd AMP; 12/9 StonyKill DR; 2/25, 6/26, 8/27-29 yard MP.

Purple Finch: 1/14 1/18 2/15 1/18 Only at my feeders CV; 1-2/all yard AMP; 3 other reports.

House Finch: 15/7 Vassar Farm FT; 2 - 7 daily; 12/15; 14/14 yard JA/KJ; 9 reports of 1-7.

American Goldfinch: 16/2 Overlook Pk CV; 14/7 Vassar Farm FT; 2-20/all yd Poughquag CP/HT, 1-5 on most other reports.

House Sparrow: 10/21 TSF FT; Daily average in yard 12 AMP; 5 reports of 1-7.

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Field Trips (FT):

7th Thompson Pd, 10th Peach Hill, 14th Tymor Pk, 17th Stony Kill, 25th Stony Kill, 21st Bowdoin, 28th Mills Mansion (Staatsburgh)

Abbreviations: CCary IES – Cary Institute of Ecosystems Studies

TSF – The Southlands Foundation (Rhinebeck)

HRA – Hudson River Almanac, observer name.

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December 2009 Records

December was the month of the "Long Night" full moon on the 2nd and the "Blue Moon" on 12/31, the second full moon this month and the first "Blue Moon" to fall on New Year's Eve in nearly 20 years.

There was snow and ice early in the month with many ponds frozen over by mid-month. Temperatures were up and down, with a high of 65 degrees on the 3rd and a chill mid-month.

Notable sightings were a Golden Eagle seen flying over the Pulver cornfields in Pine Plains on the 23rd and a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak who made a brief appearance at a feeder in Mabbettsville on the 25th.

Snow Goose - 60/9 over yd. BJM; 40/12 over Red Hook MHB Shaw; at least 41/13 flying high over Beacon HRA Lake; sev hundred/17 Hudson River, Poughkeepsie HRA, Lenhart

Canada Goose: Many reports. Largest flocks: 716/1, 800/2, 8-Ryder Pd, 500/1-Bangal Amenia Rd AMP, 1000/3 Ryder Pd WLS,JP; 500/3 Twin Island Lk WLS; 2000+/5 Noxon Rd JA/KJ; 200/16 Baird Pk FT

Mute Swan: 4/3 Hunns Lk WLS,JP; 11/2 15/16 9/27 17/28 Wappingers Lk KH; 2/1, 2/4, 2/8, 3/10 Haight Rd AMP; 4/4 Hunn's Lk BB; 3/16 Baird Pk, 2/30 Overlook Pk JA/KJ; 2 more.

Wood Duck: 1/3 Hunns Lake WLS,JP

American Black Duck: 1/3 Twin Island Lake WLS,1-2/1-4-Haight Rd AMP, 2/5 DRT; 1/5-Ludlow Rd AMP; 4/12 Abel's Pond BB; 12/25 Cary IES WLS 2/26-Shunpike AMP;2/28 Wappingers Lake KH

Mallard: 20/3 Twin Island Lake WLS;16/16 Baird Park FT; 6/19 Cary IES WLS; 10/12 Abel's Pond BB; 25/30 Madam Brett FT; also at Ryder Pd, Hunn's Lk, Wapp Lk, etc.

Northern Pintail: 8/10 The Fly CV

Green-winged Teal: 2/10 The Fly CV

Ring-necked Duck: 10/1 Ryder Pond AMP 3/3 Twin Island Lake WLS; sm all flocks/8 Wappingers Cr tidewater HRA Lake, 125/27 Sylvan Lake CV

Lesser Scaup: 1/3 Hunns Lake WLS,JP, 1/4 Hunn's Lake BB

Black Scoter - 1/8 river at Chelsea RJ

Bufflehead - 1/15 Valkill Carrie Grey; sev pairs/16 Brockway HRA Lake

Common Goldeneye: 1/15 Hudson, Mills Mansion, 10/27 Sylvan Lake CV;

Hooded Merganser: 5/2 Wapp Lake KH 1/3 Hunns Lake WLS,JP; 3/16 Jekoce Lk. 1m/2f BJM; 3/21 Stissing Lake, 4/22 Round Pond, CV; 2/28 Wappingers Lake KH

Common Merganser: 12/2 4/16 15/28 Wapp Lk KH, 3/20 Hurley Rd, CV; 18/23 Norrie Pt FT; 6/27 Sylvan Lake, 9/28 Shekomeko Cr CV; 20/30 Madam Brett FT; 4 other places.

Red-breasted Merganser: 2/3 Hunns Lake WLS,JP, 1f/4 Hunn's Lake BB

Ruddy Duck: 1/15 Hudson River at Mills, 5/27 Sylvan Lk CV

Ring-necked Pheasant: 6/4, 10- 9/15, 3/17, 1/21 Haight Rd, 6/8, 3/29 Shuman Rd AMP

Wild Turkey 18-22 daily Rhinebeck MP, 4m/9 up to 11m most days yd. BAM; 20+/4 Ludlow Woods, 1/13 Taconic (Baird Park), 4/18 tree roost Ludlow DJK; 45/16 Domin Farm, 8/21 Uphill Farm, CV; 4/23 Norrie Point FT.

Pied-billed Grebe: 2/2 Wappingers Lake (Veterans' Mem Park) KH, 1/3 Hunns Lake WLS,JP, 1/4 Hunn's Lake BB; 1/10 Hunn's Lake, 1/11 Travers Pond CV

Double-crested Cormorant: 1/15 Norrie Point CV

Great Blue Heron: 11 reported, all over the county.

Black Vulture 4/5 Fishkill CP/HT, 2/8 over Millbrook light BB, 3/10 Clinton Corners, 1/10 Thompson Pond, CV; 1/12 Beacon HRA Spaeth; 2/10 over yd. AJM ; 2/12 N. Mabbettsville Rd. DJK; 10/23 Stanfordville JA

Turkey Vulture: 3/2 Rt.9D near Stony Kill BAM; 2/5 Rt.9 Fishkill BAM; 1/9 over yd. BAM; 1/10 Galleria, 1/11 Alvin Ct. CV; 1/12,24 StonyKill,4/12 Beacon HRA Spaeth, 1/16 over Hi View Rd. BJM; 2/20 Rt.376/DeGarmo Hills Rd. BJM; 1/27 Wappingers Lake KH

Bald Eagle: 2/5-Shuman Rd AMP; 1/8 Nuclear Lake, 2/10 Mashomack CV, 1/12Bontecou Lake DJK; 3ad/1imm/23 Norrie Point FT; 1imm/27 Haight Road DJK; 1imm/30/Madam Brett FT, 2/mid-December-23 Mashomack DK; 1imm/19 Buttercup DK; 1/25 river at New Hamburg KH 1/31 (adult plumage) seen from the train on river near New Hamburg station MP;

Northern Harrier: 2/10 Mashomack CV; 1/10,15, 2/21-Haight Rd; AMP; 4/19 3/1 "grey ghost" male Thompson Pond DJK; 3/21 Thompson Pond CV

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/8, 19-yard, 1/17-Shuman Rd, AMP;

1/23 Alvin Ct took a Junco CV; 1/26-N. Mabbettsville RdAMP
Cooper's Hawk: 1/5,7 & 23 yd. BAM; 1/12, 1/18, 1/25 stalking birds at the feeder, hopping on the ground, jumping on the platform feeder, and even jumping next to the house in the azaleas, MP, 1/13 perched on deck, Lagrange JA/KJ; 1/17,26 Alvin Ct. CV; 8 others.

Red-shouldered hawk: 1/6 and then not seen or heard after (MP); 1/10 Hunns Lake Rd. CV; 1/17 Rombout Rd., 1/18 VanWagner Rd. CV;1/20-23 Cold Spring Rd DK

Red-tailed Hawk: Many reports throughout county. Highest numbers: 4/2 Bontecou Lake DJK; 5/10 Mashomack CV; 4/15 TMR Preserve DF; 4/16 Baird Park FT 4/21 Mashomack CV
Rough-legged hawk, dark morph 1/20 N Mabbettsville Rd. DJK

Golden Eagle: 1/23 mobbed by crows over Pulver's cornfield, Pine Plains DK

Peregrine Falcon - 1/4 flying parallel to Mid-Hudson Bridge Ken McDermott

American Coot: 22/27 Sylvan Lake CV

Gull (sp?) - 3-400/14 Reagan Rd at Weatuck Creek DF

Ring-billed Gull: normal #s KH; 8/5 DRT FT; 1/16 Baird Park FT; 4/23 Norrie Point FT

Herring Gull: 1/2 7/27 Wappingers Lake KH; 2/17 Overlook Pk CV, 14/22 McEnroe Compost Yd. CV

Iceland Gull: 1/22 Sunset Ridge Farm CV

Great Black-backed Gull: 1/2 Wapps Lake KH; 2/15 Waryas Park CV; 1/23 Norrie Point FT

Mourning Dove: Usual numbers

Great Horned Owl 1/14 2/23-25 3/31 hooting - Ludlow Woods DJK; 2/21 Rhinebeck, HRA, Sperr

Eastern Screech-Owl - 1/24 Coleman Station Rd/HVRT DF

Barred Owl: 2/1, 6, 1/20, 24-all North Mabbettsville Rd. AMP; 2/13, 28 1/18 calling yd. Lagrangeville JA/KJ; 1/24 h 5:20 yd. AJM; 1/29 StonyKill KH

Belted Kingfisher: 1/1-Millbrook School Rd, 1/2-N. Mabbettsville Rd, AMP, 1/3 Hunns Lake WLS,JP; 1/6-Shuman Rd. AMP 1/8 Nuclear Lake, 1/10 The Fly CV; 1/24-Daheim Rd AMP; 1/23 Norrie Point FT



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Red-bellied Woodpecker: 3/5 DRT FT; 4/6 Rombout Rd. CV; 4/12,24 StonyKill KH; 3/16 Baird Park FT; 3/23 Norrie Point FT; 3/24-Daheim Rd AMP; 1-2 all other yards and trips.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/many yd Stormville EBR 1/all feeder Bog Hollow DF; 3/23 Norrie Point FT; 9 other reports.

Downy Woodpecker: Numerous reports throughout county

Hairy Woodpecker: 1-4/all yard CV; 2/5 DRT FT; 2/23 Norrie Pt FT; 1-2 at many feeders.

Northern Flicker: 3/12 4/24 StonyKill, 3/15 TMR Preserve DF, 5/16 Baird Park FT; 3/30 Madam Brett FT

Pileated Woodpecker: 2/23 Norrie Point FT; 1/24,29 StonyKill KH, 2/25 Cary IES WLS; 2/31 Rombout Rd. CV; many reports of single birds.

Blue Jay: up to 12 in yards, up to 15 on trips.

American Crow: Many reports. Largest flocks 15,000-20,000/8,19th -Nighttime Roost Rinaldi Blvd CV, DJK; 200+/1 Overlook/Sleight Plass, 51/2-Bangal Amenia Rd, 40/2-Ryder Pond, 74/21-Haight Rd, 181/28-Shunpike AMP

Fish Crow: 1/7 Walmart (Fishkill) CV; 1/12 StonyKill KH; 2/15 Marist Boathouse CV

Common Raven: 1/4 yard BB,1/12 StonyKill KH, 1/10, 2/21/1/28 Thompson Pond, CV; 2/23 Norrie Point FT; 1/29 chased by 2 crows Top 'O Hill on walk AJM

Horned Lark - 1/14 Coleman Station Rd DF;some/24 Merwin Rd, Northeast DF; some/24 Depot Hill & Old Rt 22, Amenia DF; 50/10, 75/18, 68/20 Plankenhorn Farm (Gretna Rd) CV

Black-capped Chickadee: 15/16 Baird Park FT; 20/23 Norrie Point FT; about 5-10 in other yards and trips.

Tufted Titmouse: 11/24-Daheim, 10/31-Stringham Rd AMP; 15/23 Norrie Point FT; 4-8 in other yards and trips.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 4/12 5/24 1/29 StonyKill KH; 7/16 Baird Park FT; 6/23 Norrie Point FT; 6/24-Daheim Rd AMP; 5/all yard, 7/26-Ludlow Rd AMP; other reports of up to 4, 2 at most feeders.

Brown Creeper: 1 daily except 2/13, 2/17, 2/19 TSF MP; Daily in yard 1 with exception of Dec 7,9, 16,17,22, &28th., 2/31 in yard, 1/17-Kennels Rd AMP; Almost daily/yard CV;

1/15,2/29,1/30, 2/31 Mills Mansion CV; 1/23 Norrie Point FT;

Carolina Wren: 2 all feeders yd. BAM; 1-2/many yd Stormville EBR; 1 most days yd Lagrangeville JA/KJ;1/3-yard AMP; 1/5 DRT FT; 1/6,16-17 Rombout Rd CV; 1/11 yd. CV; 3/10-Haight Rd AMP, 1/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT, 1/6 yard BB; 1/15 Mills Mansion CV; 1/16 Baird Park FT; 1/17 Travers Rd. CV; 2/23 Norrie Point FT; 6/30 Madam Brett FT

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/2 HVRT FT; 1/2 Wapp Rural Cem KH; 1/5 DRT FT; 1/10 Strever Farm Rd. CV; 1/15 Mills Mansion CV;4/16 Baird Park FT; 1/21 Dutchess Rail Trail(south) KH; 3/23 Norrie Point FT; 2/24 1/29 StonyKill KH 1/26-Daheim Rd AMP

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1/23 Norrie Point FT

Eastern Bluebird: 10/16 Baird Park FT; 8/17-Haight Rd.AMP; 9/21 Dutchess Rail Trail (south), 1/23, TSF MP; 1/22 Sheffield Hill Rd. CV; 15/23 Norrie Point FT; 2/25 Reese Park KH; 6/25 Cary IES WLS; 1/28 h yd. BJM; 12 other reports of 1-3.

Hermit Thrush - 1/7,9,14 Fishkill yard HRA Spaeth; 1/17 Old Freedom Rd CV; 5/23 Norrie Point FT

American Robin: 45/15 Mills Mansion CV; 42/21 Thompson Pond CV; 40/25 Cary IES WLS; 250/30 Madam Brett FT; lots of reports of smaller flocks.

Gray Catbird: 1/13 Rt 44 at Pleasant Valley bridge B Mansell.

Northern Mockingbird: 2/12 Shaughnessy Rd. BB; 2/16 Baird Park FT; 7/16, 2/17 Rombout Rd. CV; 2/23 Norrie Point FT; 11 reports of single birds.

Cedar Waxwing: 2/9 & 8/23 yd. BAM; 15/10 Willowvale Rd., 6/11 Galleria CV; 40+/14, 20+/15 Freedom Rd DJK.; 12/16 Baird Pk FT 10/19, 30/25 Cary IES WLS, 3/21 Dutchess Rail Trail (south) KH; 15/23 8/27 yard BB; 54/27 Emans Rd. 60/30 Madam Brett FT; 15/30 Rombout Rd. CV

Yellow-Rumped Warbler: 1/16 Baird Park FT; 4/20, 3/30 Rombout Rd. CV

American Tree Sparrow: 2 daily early month, 6 daily late month Rhinebeck MP; 6/22Sheffield Hill Rd., 12/22 Indian Lake Rd. CV; 3/25 Cary IES WLS; 1/1-8, 2/9-11, 3/12-16, 18, 28th, 7/17, 8/19-27 and 29-31, 8/29-Shuman Rd AMP; 12 other reports of 1-2.

Chipping Sparrow: 1/1-Millbrook School Rd. AMP

Field Sparrow: 2/30 Madam Brett FT

Vesper Sparrow: 1/27 Gretna Rd CV

Savannah Sparrow: 1/12 Shaughnessy Rd BB; 3/22 Sheffield Hill Rd. CV

Fox Sparrow- 1/15-Haight Rd. AMP

Song Sparrow: 6/5 DRT FT; 4/6, 5/16 Rombout Rd, 4/22 Sheffield Hill Rd CV; 4/30 Madam Brett FT; 1-3 in 11 other places.

Swamp Sparrow: 1/22 Mill Rd. CV

White-throated Sparrow: 6-8 all feeders yd. BAM; 6/6,16, 10/31 Rombout Rd. CV; 10/12, 8/24, 9/29 StonyKill KH; 10/22 Sheffield Hill Rd. CV; 25/23 Norrie Point FT; Avg 13 with high 24 in yard, 16/4, 2/13, 6/15, 5/21 Haight Rd, 53/26 Ludlow AMP; 60/30 Madam Brett FT; 1-5 at other feeders and outings.

Dark-eyed Junco: 31/15 Haight Rd AMP; 30/5 DRT FT; 12/3 Ryder Pond WLS,JP; 35/16 Baird Park FT; 10 daily early month, up to 28/20 Rhinebeck MP, 20-40/all yd Poughquag CP/HT, up 20 at feeders and outings.

Lapland Longspur - 2/24 Merwin Rd, Northeast DF

Snow Bunting - 13/13 Battenfeld Tree Farm in Milan RJ

Northern Cardinal: 8-10 all feeders yd. 5-6m/3-4f BAM; 1-5 daily, 13/19 yd. Lagrangeville JA/KJ; 7/23 Norrie Point FT; 10/30 Madam Brett FT; up to 5 other feeders and trips.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1m/25 yard AMP

Red-winged Blackbird: 52/4-Haight Rd AMP; 100/6, 10, 4/16 Rombout Rd. CV; 2-3000/15 TMR Preserve DF; 100/16 Baird Park FT; sev reports of up to 10.

Common Grackle: 300/6, 100/10,Rombout Rd. CV; 30/9 feeders yd. BAM; 100+/12 yd. Lagrangeville JA/KJ; 2000/16 Baird Park FT; 350/17 Carter Rd. CV; 4 reports of 1-2.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 30/8 incr to 60/31 feeder BB; 4-5 daily, 100+/12 mixed with starlings, 150/6, 100/10, 15/16 Rombout Rd. CV; 150/17 Carter Rd. CV; 500/16 Baird Park FT; 40/24-Bangal Rd AMP; 50/21 Plankenhorn Farm CV; up to 30 sev yards and trips.

Purple Finch: 1/5, 1/7, 2/8, 1/9, 2/10 yd AMP; 1/27 feeder BB

House Finch: 2-12/all yard Lagrangeville JA/KJ; up to 6 in a dozen other places.

American Goldfinch: Many reports. Highest numbers – 22/5 DRT FT; 40/31 yd Poughquag CP/HT.



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Other Sightings:

Young buck 1/12 Lagrangeville JA/KJ

Mink 1/23 Depot Hill Rd EBR

Red Fox 1/25 curled up in the snow and slept there 6 hours, yd. Poughquag CP/HT

Observers:

Ken McDermott, John Askildsen (**JA**); Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**), Barbara Butler (**BB**), Ken Harris (**KH**), Doug Koch (**DK**), Deborah Kral (**DJK**), Barbara (**BJM**) & Allan Michelin (**BAM**), Mona Payton (**MP**); William and Lisa Schlesinger (**WLS**), Jeff Phippen, an out of town guest (**JP**), Adrienne Popko (**AMP**), Edith & Barry Rosen (**EBR**), Dot Fleury (**DF**), Rodney Johnson (**RJ**), Carena Pooth (**CP**) & Herb Thompson (**HT**), Chet Vincent (**CV**); **MHB** - Mid-Hudson Birds listserve, with last name of observer, **HRA** - Hudson River Almanac, with last name of observer

Field Trips (FT):

2nd Harlem Valley Rail Trail **5th** Dutchess Rail Trail, P'ok, **16th** Baird Park, **23rd** Norrie Point, **30th** Madam Brett Park

Abbreviations: **Cary IES:** Cary Institute of Ecosystem **Studies;** **DRT:** Dutchess Rail Trail; **TSF:** SouthlandsFm, **Huckleberry Rd** is between Morse Hill Rd & Cascade Mtn **Rd in the Town of Amenia;** **Strauss Marsh** is in the Town of Northeast on Webatuck Schl Rd.; **TMR Preserve** is in Dover (TMR - Ten Mile River)

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