BIRDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

1964 - 1979

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The Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club dedicates this treatise to the memory of William Strauss and Edward Briggs, two of its loyal and active past presidents who died in 1979.

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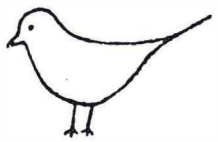
LOCALITY MAY 1980

DATE ..... TIME .....

TEMP. ..... WIND ..... SKY .....

PRECIPITATION ..... MI. BY CAR ..... MI. BY FOOT .....

TOTAL SPECIES 298 CHECK IF MORE ON BACK .....



† Indicates sight record by 3 people or less and no photo or specimen obtained.

* Indicates nesting species within past 7 yrs.

Usual arrival & departure dates follow species name. Number indicates month. Letter week of that month. Example: 10B is second week of October. For Ref. see "Birds of Dutchess County, N. Y. 1933-1964" by E. Pink & O. Waterman.

(W) Indicates winters sparingly
(P) Indicates permanent resident
(C) Indicates species is very rare to accidental in the Co. Submit a written report for any of these seen or for any species seen outside usual dates listed.

1 Loon, Common 4A-5D
2 Loon, Red-thr. 4C-5C,10C-11D
3 Grebe, Red-necked ..... (C)3A-4B,11A
4 Grebe, Horned 3A-5A,10A-11C
4A Grebe, Eared† ..... (C)11C
5 Grebe, Pied-billed* ..... (W)3C-11C
5A Gannet† ..... (C)10A
5B Cormorant, Great ..... (C)5B,10D
6 Cormorant, D-C 4C-5D
7 Heron, Gr. Blue* ..... 3D-11A,(W)
8 Heron, Green* 4C-10B
9 Heron, L. Blue ..... (C)4D-5C,8A-9B
10 Egret, Cattle ..... (C)
11 Egret, Great 4D-9A
12 Egret, Snowy ..... (C)4B-9E
13 Heron, B-C Night 4C-5B,8B-10A
13A Heron, Y-C Night ..... (C.4D-9A
14 Bittern, Least* 5B-8D
15 Bittern, Amer.* 4B-12B
15A Ibis, Glossy ..... (C)5A-8C
16 Swan, Mute ..... (C)
17 Swan, Whistling ..... (C)3D-5A
18 Goose, Canada* ..... (W)3B-12A
19 Brant 5B-5E,10B-11A
19A Goose, White Fronted ..... (C)4B-4C
20 Goose, Snow 3D-4B,11A-11D
21 Mallard* ..... P
22 Duck, Amer. Black'* ..... P
23 Gadwall 3D-4A,11A
24 Pintail, Common 3B-5B,9B-1B
25 Teal, Green-winged* 3A-5C,9C-12A
26 Teal, Blue-winged* 3D-6A,9D-1B
27 Wigeon, Eurasiant ..... (C)4A,5C
28 Wigeon, Amer. 3C-5C,9C-11B
29 Shoveler, No. ..... (C)3E-4C,10D-11A
30 Duck, Wood* ..... 3A-12A,(W)
31 Redhead 3A-5B,10D-1C
32 Duck, Ring-necked 3A-5A,10B-12A
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34 Scaup, Greater 3A-5C,10B-12B
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45 Merganser, Red-br. 3B-4B,11B-12D
46 Vulture, Turkey* ..... (W)3A-10D
47 Vulture, Black† ..... (C)4D,5A
48 Goshawk, Northern* ..... P
49 Hawk, Sharp-shin. ..... (W)3C-5B,9A-10B
50 Hawk, Coopers ..... 3B-11D(W)
51 Hawk, Red-tailed* ..... P
52 Hawk, Red-sh.* ..... (W)2D-10D
53 Hawk, Broad-winged* 4C-9D
54 Hawk, Rough-l. 10B-4B
55 Eagle, Golden 11A-4A
56 Eagle, Bald 3A-6A,10A-10D
57 Harrier, Northern ..... 3C-1A(W)
58 Osprey 4A-5A,10E
59 Gyrfalcon† ..... (C)2A
60 Falcon, Pere. ..... (C)4D-5B,10A-11D
61 Merlin ..... (C)4D-5A,9A-12A
62 Kestrel, Amer.* ..... P
63 Grouse, Ruffed* ..... P
64 Bobwhite* ..... P
65 Pheasant, Ring-necked* ..... P
66 Partridge, Gray ..... (C)
67 Turkey ..... (C)
68 Rail, King ..... (C)5A-8D
69 Rail, Virginia* ..... (W)4D-11A
70 Sora* 4C-10D
71 Gallinule, Common* 5A-10B
72 Coot, Amer. 4A-5C,9B-1C
73 Plover Semipal ..... (C)5B-5C,8E-10A
74 Killdeer* ..... P
75 Plover, Lesser Golden ..... (C)10C-10E
76 Plover, B-bellied ..... (C)5B-5D,9C-10D
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79 Snipe, Common* ..... (W)3B-11D
80 Sandpiper, Upland ..... (C)5B-9C
81 Sandpiper, Spotted* 4C-10B
82 Sandpiper Solitary 4D-6A,7C-10D
83 Willett ..... (C)5C,9A
84 Yellowlegs, Greater 4C-5C,8D-11A
85 Yellowlegs, Lesser 4D-5D,7C-11B
86 Knot, Redt ..... (C)7E,8C
87 Sandpiper, Pectoral 4C-5C,8C-10E
88 Sandpiper, Wh-rump. ..... (C)10D
89 Sandpiper, Baird's ..... (C)9B-9D
90 Sandpiper, Least 5B-5C,7C-10D
91 Dunlin ..... (C)4B-5B,10A-10C
91A Dowitcher, S-billed ..... (C)5D,8C,10D
91B Sandpiper, Stilt ..... (C)9D,10B
92 Sandpiper, Semipal. 5B-5C,7C-10C
93 Sandpiper, Western ..... (C)9B
93A Sandpiper, Buff-brst. ..... (C)10A-10B
94 Sanderling ..... (C)4B-5D,8A-9D
94A Phalarope, Wilson ..... (C)5C
95 Phalarope, Northern ..... (C)8C-9A
96 Jaeger, Long-tailed ..... (C)9A
97 Gull, Glaucous ..... (C)3D-5B
98 Gull, Iceland ..... (C)2A-3D
99 Gull, Gr. Bl-backed ..... P
100 Gull, Herring ..... P
101 Gull, Ring-billed 8C-6D
102 Gull, Laughing ..... (C)5A-5C,8E-10E
103 Gull, Bonaparte's 3D-5A,8A-12A
103A Kittiwake, Bl-legt ..... (C)9A,10D,11D
104 Tern, Common ..... (C)3C-5C
105 Tern, Caspiant ..... (C)4E,6C
106 Tern, Black 5A-5C
107 Murre, Thick-billed ..... (C)11E-12A
108 Dovekie ..... (C)11C
109 Puffin ..... (C)9D
110 Dove, Rock* ..... P
111 Dove, Mourning * ..... P
111A Parakeet, Monk ..... (C)
112 Cuckoo, Yellow-billed* 5A-10C
113 Cuckoo, Black-billed* 5A-10B
114 Owl, Barn* ..... (C)
115 Owl, Common Screech* ..... P
116 Owl, Gr. Horned* ..... P
117 Owl, Snowy 10D-2B
118 Owl, Barred* ..... P
119 Owl, Long-eared* ..... P
120 Owl, Short-eared ..... (C)12D-3D
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129 Woodpecker, Pileated* ..... P
130 Woodpecker, R-bellied* ..... P
131 Woodpecker, R-head. ..... (C)all
132 Sapsucker, Y-bellied 4A-6A,9C-11A
133 Woodpecker, Hairy* ..... P
134 Woodpecker, Downy* ..... P
135 Wdpker, Bl-back, 3T ..... (C)10B-5A
136 Kingbird, Eastern* 4D-9B
137 Kingbird, Western ..... (C)9C-11C
138 Flycatcher, Gr.-crest.* 5A-9C
139 Phoebe, Eastern* ..... 3C-11A(W)
140 Flycatcher, Y-bellied 5B-5D,8D-9C
141 Flycatcher, Acadian* 5B-7D
142 Flycatcher, Willow * 5B-9A
143 Flycatcher, Least* 4D-9C
144 Pewee, E. Wood* 5A-10A
145 Flycatcher, Dl-sided 5B-6A,8C-10A
146 Lark, Horned* ..... P
147 Swallow, Tree* 3D-11A
148 Swallow, Bank* 4D-9B
149 Swallow, Rough-winged* 4B-9A
150 Swallow, Barn* 4B 9C
151 Swallow, Cliff 4B-9A
152 Martin, Purple* 4B-9A
153 Jay, Gray ..... (C)10C-5A
154 Jay, Blue* ..... P
155 Raven, Northern ..... (C)8D
156 Crow, American * ..... P
157 Crow, Fish ..... P
158 Chickadee, Black-capped* ..... P
159 Chickadee, Boreal ..... (C)10D-4A
160 Titmouse, Tufted* ..... P
161 Nuthatch, W-B* ..... P
162 Nuthatch, R-B ..... 5A-5C,8C-9D(W)
163 Creeper, Brown* ..... P
164 Wren, House* 4C-10D
165 Wren, Winter* ..... P
166 Wren, Carolina* ..... all
167 Wren, L-Bill, Marsh* 4D-10C
168 Wren, S-Bill, Marsh ..... (C)
169 Mockingbird, Northern* ..... P
170 Catbird, Gray* ..... 4D-10C(W)
171 Thrasher, Brown * ..... (W)4C-10C
172 Robin , American* ..... P
173 Thrush, Wood* 4D-10C
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176 Thrush, Gray-ckd. 5A-5D,9C-10C
177 Veery* 4D-10A
178 Bluebird, Eastern* ..... P
179 Solitaire, Townsend's ..... (C)3C
180 Gnatcatcher, Bl-gray* 4D-9B
181 Kinglet, Gold-crowned 9C-5D
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183 Pipit, Water ..... (W)4A-5D,9D-11C
184 Waxwing, Bohemian ..... (C)11D-12A
185 Waxwing, Cedar* ..... P
186 Shrike, Northern 10C-4B
187 Shrike, Loggerhead 9A-10D,4A-4C
188 Starling* ..... P
189 Vireo, White-eyed ..... (C)5B-6A,9A-9D
190 Vireo, Yellow-throated* 5A-9C
191 Vireo, Solitary* 4C-5C,9C-10B
192 Vireo, Red-eyed* 5B-10B
193 Vireo, Philadelphia ..... (C)5B-5C,9A-9C
194 Vireo, Warbling* 4D-9C
195 Warbler, Black and W.* 4D-10A
196 Warbler, Prothonotary ..... (C)5A-6A
197 Warbler, Worm-eating* 5A 9B
198 Warbler, Gold winged* 5A-9A
199 Warbler, Blue-winged* 4D-9B
200 Warbler, Brewster's ..... (C)5B 6D
201 Warbler, Lawrence's ..... (C)5A-8B
202 Warbler, Tennessee 5A 5D,9A-10B
203 Warbler, Orange Cr. ..... (C)5B 5C,9D 10C
204 Warbler, Nashville* 4D 6A,6C 10B
205 Warbler, No. Parula 5A-5D,9A 10A
206 Warbler, Yellow* 4D-9C
207 Warbler, Magnolia 5A-6A,8D-10B
208 Warbler, Cape May 5A-5C,9A-10C
209 Warbler, Bl. thr. Bl.* 4D-5D,9A-10B
210 Warbler, Yel.-rumped ..... 4C-5D,9D-10D(W)
210A Warbler, Townsend's ..... (C)4D
211 Warbler, Bl. Thr. Green* 4D-10B
212 Warbler, Cerulean* 5A-8C
213 Warbler, Blackburnian* 5A-10A
214 Warbler, Yel. throated ..... (C)4D-5B
215 Warbler, Chest.-sided* 5A-9D
216 Warbler, Bay-brst. 5B-5D,9A-10A
217 Warbler, Black-poll 5B-6B,9C-10C
218 Warbler, Pine 4B-4D,9B-10C
219 Warbler, Praire* 5A-9C
220 Warbler, Palm 4B-5A,9B-11A
221 Ovenbird* 4D-9D
222 Waterthrush, No. 5A-9C
223 Waterthrush, La.* 4C-9C
224 Warbler, Kentucky ..... (C)5B-6A
225 Warbler, Conn. ..... (C)8D-9D
226 Warbler, Mourning 5B-5E,10A-11D
227 Yellowthroat, Common* 5A-10C
228 Chat, Yel.-breasted ..... (C)5B-10C
229 Warbler, Hooded* 5B-9C
230 Warbler, Wilson's 5B-6A,9A-9D
231 Warbler, Canada* 5A-9D
232 Redstart, Amer.* 5A-10A
233 Sparrow, House* ..... P
234 Bobolink* 5A-9D
235 Meadowlark, Eastern* ..... P
236 Meadowlark, Western ..... (C)6B-6D
237 Blackbird, Yel.-headed ..... (C)9B,3C
238 Blackbird, Red-winged* 3A-11A
239 Oriole, Orchard 4D-9A
240 Oricle, Northern * ..... 4D-9B(W)
241 Blackbird, Rusty ..... (W)3A-5B,10A-11A
242 Grackle, Common* ..... (W)2C-11C
243 Cowbird, Br.-headed* ..... P
244 Tanager, Scarlet* 5A-10C
245 Tanager, Summer† ..... (C)5C
246 Cardinal, Northern* ..... P
247 Grosbeak, Rose-breasted* 5A-10B
247A Grosbeak, Bl.-headed ..... (C)1D-4B
248 Bunting, Indigo* 5A-9D
249 Dickcissel ..... (C)10B-4C
250 Grosbeak, Evening 10A-5C
251 Finch, Purple* ..... P
252 Finch, House* ..... P
253 Grosbeak, Pine 10D-3D
254 Redpoll, Hoary ..... (C)(W)
255 Redpoll, Common 11D-4C
256 Siskin, Pine 10B-5C
257 Goldfinch, Amer.* ..... P
258 Crossbill, Red 12D-5C
259 Crossbill, white-winged 11B-4D
260 Towhee, Rufous-sided* ..... 4B-10D(W)
260A Bunting, Lark ..... (C)5B
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263 Sparrow, Henslow's ..... (C)4D-5C,9D-10B
264 Sparrow, Vesper* ..... (W)4A-10D
264A Sparrow, Lark ..... (C)2A-4B
265 Junco, Dark-eyed* 9C-5B
267 Sparrow, Tree ..... 10C-4D.
268 Sparrow, Chipping* 4C-10D
268A Sparrow, Clay-colored ..... (C)6A-7B
269 Sparrow, Field* ..... 4B-10D(W)
269A Sparrow, Harris' ..... (C)1B-5A
270 Sparrow, Wh.-crowned ..... 5A 5D,10B-10D(W)
271 Sparrow, Wh.-throated 9A 5C
272 Sparrow, Fox ..... 3A-4D,10B-11C(W)
273 Sparrow, Lincoln's ..... 5A 5C,9C-10C(W)
274 Sparrow, Swamp* ..... 4A 11A(W)
275 Sparrow, Song* ..... P
276 Longspur, Lapland ..... (C)10D-2D
277 Bunting, Snow 10D 3C

93B GODWIT, MARBLED
104A TERN, SOOTY
37A EIDER, COM.
178A BLUEBIRD MT.

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INTRODUCTION:

This publication has been written to update the previous volume, BIRDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY 1933 - 1964, by the same authors. Neither work has been formally published and the latter was actually an up-date of a Linnaean Society of New York formal treatise entitled, VOLUME THREE - THE BIRDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, from records compiled by the late Maunsell S. Crosby and edited by Ludlow Griscom, dated December 1933.

The Linnaean Society's book is out of print and the 1933-1964 book is only available from the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club, in Dutchess County, New York. With the use of all three publications the reader should be able to obtain a fairly accurate picture of the past and present status of bird species found in Dutchess County, New York, for the period 1919 - 1979, a 60 year span. Few counties in the State, if not the nation, are fortunate enough to have had diligent birders keeping accurate records within its boundaries over such a long time and to have these records published either formally or informally.

The information for this current publication was gleaned solely from the files of the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club which have been maintained by Eleanor Pink of Pleasant Valley for the past twenty one years. The birders of Dutchess County cannot thank Eleanor enough for the many, many hours she has spent recording and maintaining their records while at the same time raising a family, working a full time job, and doing a bit of birding of her own.

Birders who contributed regularly to the records 1964 - 1979 are listed in the summary in the back of this publication.

The species written up in the pages that follow are those that are new to the County (indicated by a *) or species whose status has significantly changed since 1964. Unusual sightings of species during the past fifteen years are included where deemed noteworthy. Lack of any write-up generally indicates that the description in BIRDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY 1933 - 1964 is still applicable. For a more complete description of birding areas in Dutchess County the reader is referred to the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club's publication, WHERE TO BIRD IN DUTCHESS COUNTY, dated October 1977.

DESCRIPTION OF COUNTY AND CLIMATE:

As stated in BIRDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY 1933 - 1964, the County consists of 511,872 acres in southeastern New York State, bounded on the west by the Hudson River estuary, on the east by the State of Connecticut, on the north by Columbia County and on the south by Putnam County. Dutchess County has an uneven diversified surface with no extensive level areas. Hills and ridges are plentiful, cut by trough-like valleys generally running from northeast to southwest and containing the major streams. These major streams consist of the Wappingers Creek, Sprout-Fishkill Creek, Ten Mile River, and Crum Elbow Creek, and their various tributaries, all of which flow into the Hudson River excepting the Ten Mile River which flows into the Housatonic River in Connecticut. There are many other smaller creeks and man-made or glacial-made ponds (see map). Elevations range from sea level at the Hudson River to a maximum of 2311 at Brace Mountain in the northeast corner of the county. Mount Beacon in the southwest corner has an elevation of 1602 feet and lies in the Fishkill mountain range which forms the southern boundary of the county. The elevation of often-birded Stissing Mountain is 1403 feet. The eastern boundary is essentially mountains of the Taconic range, culminating at Brace Mountain.

The County was settled in 1687 and though generally rural until 1950 has now become for the greatest part suburban-residential, particularly in the western and southern portions of the county. Dairy farms do still persist in the northern and eastern portions of the county but unless the trend reverses these will no doubt succumb to the bulldozer as did those in the western and southern areas during the sixties and seventies.

To illustrate the extreme change in the county's land use from farming (all types) to predominantly suburban/residential - commercial/industrial, the farm acreage recorded by the Dutchess County Cooperative Extension office dropped from 437,000 acres in 1920 to 304,000 acres in 1949, and to only 130,000 acres in 1979. The number of active dairy farms alone dropped from 770 in 1949 to only 170 in 1979.

The loss of these farms with the resulting removal of food and cover for the various dependent species could not help but deplete the county's bird population. Refined harvesting (so called clean cutting) leaving little or no seed for birds, hedgerow elimination, and even the discontinuance of spreading fresh manure made matters only worse. The long term effect of pesticides used on farms remains to be seen.

CLIMATE:

Compared to New York City the summers in Dutchess County are hotter in the Hudson Valley and severe thunderstorms are of frequent occurrence. The winters are much more severe. Two or three feet of snow on the level for weeks at a time is by no means unusual some winters, as are temperatures of -10^{o}. In a normal year the Hudson River is frozen solid above the Highlands from late December to early March, exceptionally from early December to late March. Spring is consequently later, often two to three weeks behind New York City in March, at least a week behind by the middle of April, and not synchronous until the first week in May. By the last week in May the mean daily temperature in the Hudson Valley passes that of New York City. In Fall the migration is a week ahead of New York City by the end of September, and is practically concluded for land birds by the first week in November.

Two other features of the climate require mention, particularly in spring and fall. One is the disagreeable and, to the ornithologist, very trying prevalence of high northwesterly winds. Many a lovely April or May morning is ruined by the high wind which springs up between 11:00 and 12:00 o'clock, and these winds will sometimes blow day and night for several days. The other factor worthy of note is the greater daily range in temperature, especially in spring and fall. It is surprising to the New Yorker to note how often a warm May day is followed by a cool or even a frosty night.

DESCRIPTION OF TERMS USED:

Number: The current file number of each species as listed in the Records of the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club as of January 1, 1980, and as listed in Birds of Dutchess County, 1933 - 1964.

Species Name: The common name listed on the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list (fifth edition 1957).

Status: (In Dutchess County only)

Transient - Spring and/or Fall

Permanent Resident - Breeder noted in parenthesis

Winter Resident

Summer Resident - Breeder noted in parenthesis

Visitant

Sub-Status:

Hypothetical - applies to a species that has been recorded as a sight record, seen by only one to three individuals and only one time in the county.

Sight Record - no known specimen collected, but seen by at least four observers at one time, or by 2 or 3 observers on at least two occassions.

Positive Sight Record - no known specimens collected in the county, but seen by many observers at least three times.

Other - if no notation is made as regards sub-status, a specimen of the species is believed, by the authors, to have been collected in Dutchess County.

Abundance (See footnote):

a - *Straggler - observed in the county not more often than once in 20 years.

b - *Casual - observed in the county no more than three times in 20 years.

c - *Very Rare - observed in the county every 4 or 5 years.

d - *Rare - observed every 2 years or so in the county.

e - *Uncommon - one to 20 recorded annually in the county.

f - Fairly Common - between 20 and 50 recorded annually in the county.

g - Common - between 50 and 100 recorded annually in the county.

h - Very Common - between 100 and 1000 recorded annually in the county.

i - Abundant - widespread in season every year, 1000 or more.

j - Very Abundant - uncountable numbers recorded in season in the county.

(*) One flock rather than only one individual seen during the specified period in the above abundance categories does not change the category of the species abundance in the county.

Normal Dates: Are the general <u>average</u> range of arrival and departure dates in the cases of transients and summer or winter residents. Spring and fall migrants have both spring and fall arrival and departure dates listed.

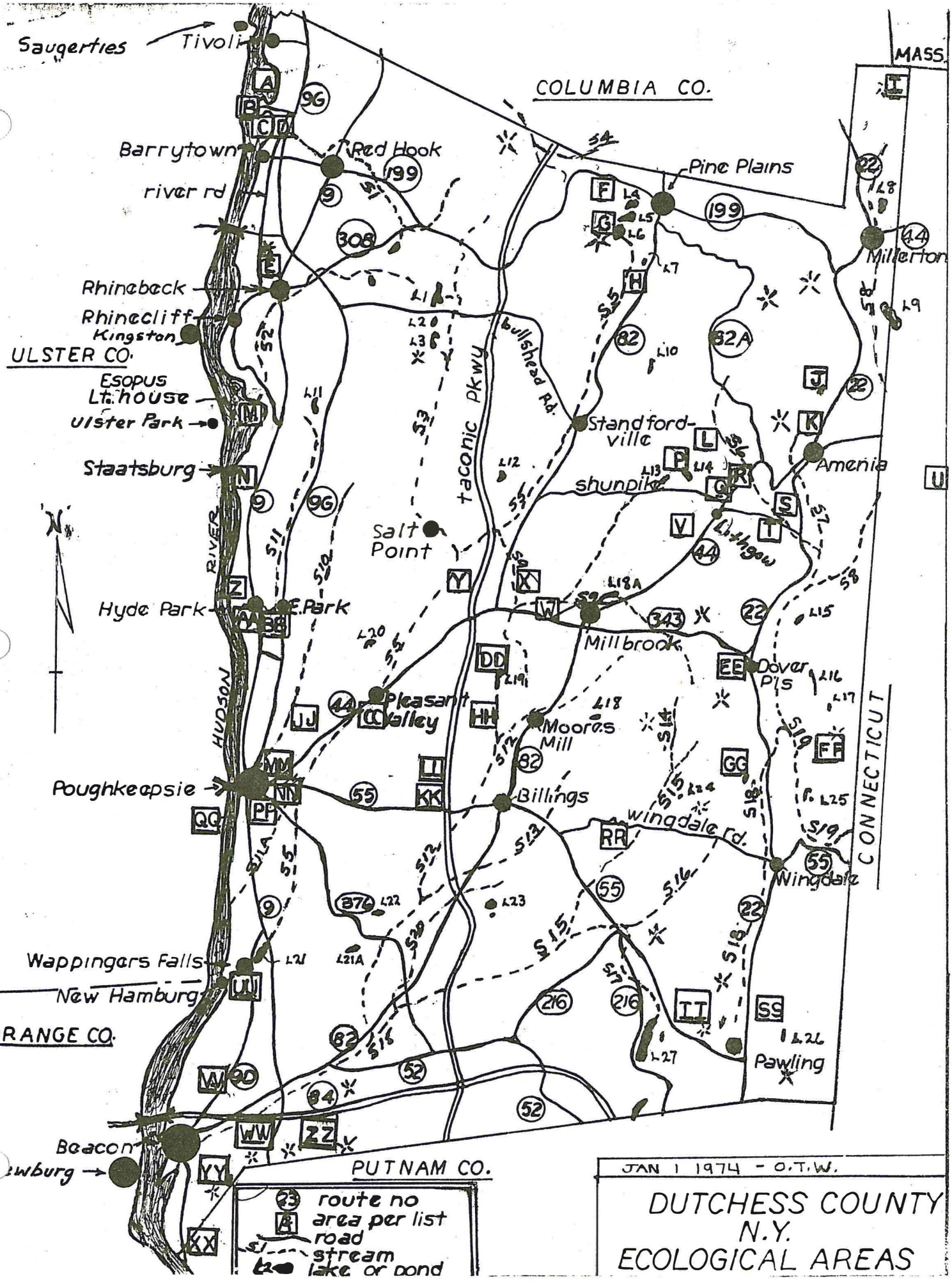
Extreme Dates: Apply in the case of transients, summer and winter residents and indicate the known earliest and latest recorded observations of each particular species according to records listed above.

Casual Dates: Are recordings observed outside the normal and extreme ranges as listed above and each should be regarded generally as a most unusual record. Records in this category may be listed as "Hypothetical" or "Sight Record" as outlined above under <u>Sub-Status</u>.

Only Dates: Self explanatory, from records of Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club and those listed above. See also note under Casual Dates regarding sub-status.

Usual Locale: Indicates possible areas where the species may normally be found in season. No attempt has been made to indicate all the places in the county where the species might be found.

Comments: Generally limited to changes in a species' status or abundance since publication of BIRDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY, N.Y., 1933 - 1964.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BIRDING AND ECOLOGICAL AREAS

IN DUTCHESS COUNTY

The attached map, though possibly too condensed, may be used in finding areas of worthwhile interest, birdwise and otherwise. The map must be used in conjunction with a full sized Dutchess County map to be of any real value, but it is hoped that the map along with the accompanying list will aid the reader in finding areas in which to bird and to further understand "localisms" used to describe or name areas not normally found on the county road maps.

The birding areas are generally lettered across the map and then from a north to south direction. The accompanying listing is alphabetical with lakes (L) and streams (S) listed separately from the various birding areas. No effort has been made to include all worthwhile birding areas in the county but these are some of the better known, easily accessible, and more or less open to responsible birders or ecologists. Time or space does not permit inclusion of the various flora or fauna to be found. Permission is required to enter property listed as "private land". Readers are referred to the publication, WHERE TO BIRD IN DUTCHESS COUNTY, for more detailed descriptions.

Symbol	Local Name	Location
KK	Arlington Senior High	On N. side of Rt.55, ¼ mile W of Taconic Pkwy
NN	Arlington Middle School	On N. side of Rt.44, near intersection of Rt.44 and 55.
JJ	Baird State Park	West side of Taconic Pkwy, 1 mi. N. of Rt.55
RR	Bald Mountain	On N. side of Wingdale Rd, 3 mi. E. from Clove Circle (not easily found).
QQ	Barnegat Road	W. of Rt.9 & ½ mi. S. of IBM plant, Poughkeepsie (Private land).
D	Bard College	W. of Rt.9G N. of Rt.199 intersection (Private)

Symbol	Local Name	Location
Q	Beaver Dam	On Shunpike ¼ mi. W. of Rt.44 (Private land).
WW	Blodgett Woods	Near SW corner of intersection Rt.84 & Rt.9, SW of Mays shopping plaza (Private land).
aa	Bowdoin Park	NW of Wappingers Falls village on Shaefe Rd.
Y	Boy Scout Camp	On Scout Rd, 2 mi. SE of Salt Point (Private).
I	Brace Mt.	In NE tip of county, enter from Salisbury, CT.
XX	Breakneck Mt.	On Rt.9D at S. county line, borders Hudson R.
H	Buttercup Sanctuary	On W. of Rt.82, 2 mi. S. of Pine Plains. Audubon Society land, permission needed.
X	Cary Arboretum	E. of Taconic Parkway on Rt.44. Private land-stop at office on Sharon Turnpike.
K	Cascade Mt. Rd.	First left off Rt.22, N. of Amenia.
B	Crugers Island	At end of Cruger Is. Rd. (impassible by auto), just W. of Rt.9G near Bard College, 3 mi. N. of Rt.9 and 9G intersection.
T	Deep Hollow Rd.	Runs between "Lithgow" on Rt.44 & Dover Plains Rt. 22.
JJ	Dutchess Hill	2 mi. E. of Rt.9G & ½ mi. N. of E.Dorsey Lane on Dutchess Hill Rd. (Private land).
W	Dutchess County Farm & Home Center	N. side of Rt. 44, 2 mi. E. of Taconic Pkwy.
E	Ferncliff Forest	At intersection River Rd.& Mt. Rutsen Rd, 1½ mi. NW of Rhinebeck.
M	Fisherman Flats	See Vanderburg Cove
K	Flint Hill Rd.	NW of Amenia & W. of Strauss Marsh.
PP	Forest Glen	On Spackenkill Rd ¼ mi. W. of Red Oaks Mill. Girl Scout Sanctuary, Town of Poughkeepsie.
V	Haight Marsh	On Haight Rd. off N.Mabbettsville Rd.(Private).
ZZ	Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund Camp	E. of Rt. 9 on VanWyck Lake Rd. (Private).
DD	Innisfree	1½ mi. S. of Washington Hollow on Tyrell Rd.

Symbol	Local Name	Location
R	Millbrook School	½ mi. W. of Rt.44, N. of Lithgow (Private land).
N	Mills Estate	½ mi. W. of Rt.9 & just N. of Staatsburg on Hudson River.
YY	Mt. Beacon	E. of Rt.9D & just S. of Beacon.
E	Mt. Rutsen	See Ferncliff Forest.
BB	Newbold Road	E. of Howard Johnson, Hyde Park (Private).
N	Norrie Pt.State Park	On Hudson River S. of Staatsburg & W. of Rt.9.
A	North Bay	See Tivoli Bay.
K	Parshall Pond	NW of Amenia near Flint Hill Rd. (Private).
SS	Pawling Nature Reserve	On Quaker Lake Rd. E. of Rt.22, 2 mi. N. of Pawling. Nature Conservancy area.
HH	Pond Gut	N. off Gidley Rd & ½ mi. W of Rt.82, 1 mi. N. of Moores Mill.
UU	Reese Park	On Creek Rd just S. of Wappingers Falls Village.
DD	Rockefeller Inst.	See Innisfree.
AA	Roosevelt Estate	½ mi. S. of Hyde Park traffic light on Rt.9.
MM	St. Peter's Cemetery	On Salt Point Tpk ½ mi. NE of Poughkeepsie.
QQ	Sand Dock Road	See Barnegat Rd. (100 yds W. of Barnegat).
FF	Schaghticoke Mt.	3 mi. N. of Webatuck on Preston Mt. Road.
EE	Seven Wells	½ mi. W. of Rt.22 & 1 mi. S. of Dover Plains. (Private property-no trespassing) Rattlesnake area.
U	Sharon Audubon Center	2 mi. E of Sharon, Conn. on Rt.4.
GG	Sharparoon	1½ mi. W. of Rt.22 near Dover Furnace (Private).
ZZ	Sharpe Reservation	See Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund Camp.
J	Silver Mt.	N. on Silver Mt. Rd. off Smithfield Rd.
C	South Bay	See Crugers Island, 1 mi. N. of Barrytown.

Symbol	Local Name	Location
G	Stissing Mt.	On Lake Rd, 1 mi. W. of Rt.82 from Pine Plains firehouse.
F	Stissing Mt. Rd.	S. of Rt.199, 1½ mi. W. of Pine Plains.
EE	Stone Church	½ mi. W. of Dover Plains theater on Rt.22 (Private).
J	Strauss Marsh	½ mi. W. of Rt.22 on Webatuck School Rd, 3 mi. N. of Amenia (Private land).
HH	Susie Quinns	See Pond Gut.
P	Tamarack Swamp	½ mi. N. of Shunpike, Shuman Rd (Private).
bb	Taconic Hereford	See Pond Gut - State Land.
G	Thompson Pond	Nature Conservancy area 1 mi. W. of Pine Plains firehouse off Rt.82 on Lake Rd.
A	Tivoli Bay	On Hudson River N. of Crugers Is. & S. of Tivoli.
CC	Traver Marsh	South Ave. & Freedom Rd, 1 mi. S. of Rt.44, Pleasant Valley (Private).
S	Turkey Hollow	S. of Rt.44, 2 mi. E. of Lithgow (Private).
RR	Tymore Sanctuary	Town of Union Vale recreation area, S. side of Bruzgul-Wingdale Rd. (Permission required).
Z	Vanderbilt Estate	Rt.9, 1 mi. N. of Hyde Park. Nat'l Historic Park.
M	Vanderburgh Cove	1 mi. W. of Rt.9 on S. Mill Rd, 2 mi. N. of Staatsburg on Hudson River.
NN	Vassar College & Farm	Intersection of Rt.376 & Raymond Ave. in Town of Poughkeepsie (Private).
VV	Verplank Stonykill Practice Farm	On W. side of Rt.9D, 2 mi. N. of Beacon. Dept. of Env. Cons. Education Center.
L	Wethersfield Farm	On Keller Hill Rd. of Bockee Lane & Bangall-Amenia Rd. (Private).
F	Wilcox Park	County Park on S. side of Rt. 199, 4 mi. W. of Pine Plains.

Lakes & Ponds

L 7	Buttermilk Pond
L 24	Christie Pond
L 16	Crane Pond
L 11	Deflora Bros. Lake
L 17	Depression Pond
L 20	Drake Lake
L 18A	Dietrich Lake
L 25	Ellis Pond
L 7	Halcyon Lake (Buttermilk Pond)
L 22	Hillside Lake
L 10	Hunn's Lake
L 9	Indian Lake
L 21A	Lake Walton
L 3	Long Pond
L 2	Mud Pond
L 4	Mud Pond (Pine Plains)
L 26	Quaker Lake
L 8	Rudd Pond
L 13	Shaw Pond
L 1	Silver Lake
L 4	Stissing Lake
L 15	Swift Pond
L 23	Sylvan Lake
L 14	Tamarack Swamp
L 5	Thompson Pond
L 19	Tyrell Lake
L 12	Upton Lake
L 18	Vincent Lake
L 21	Wappingers Lake
L 27	Whaley Lake

Streams

S 7	Amenia Stream
S 11A	Casper Kill
S 14	Clove Brook
S 11	Crum Elbow Creek
S 9	East Branch of Wappingers Cr.
S 10	Fallkill
S 15	Fishkill (Creek)
S 16	Gardner Hollow Stream
S 13	Jackson Creek
S 2	Landsman Kill
S 3	Little Wappingers Creek
S 4	Roeliff Jansen Kill
S 1	Sawkill
S 12	Sprout Creek
S 18	Swamp River
S 19	Ten Mile River
S 6	Wassaic Creek
S 8	Webatuck Creek
S 5	Wappingers Creek
S 17	Whaley Lake outlet
S 20	Whortlekill

DUTCHESS COUNTY, N. Y.

UPDATED AND ADDITIONAL RECORDS AND

STATUS OF SPECIES SINCE

BIRDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY 1933 - 1964

* Indicates species added since 1964

1. COMMON LOON:

Fall records since 1964 indicate an average of 1 to 3 annually.

2. RED-THROATED LOON:

Revised Status: Transient (was visitant)

Revised Abundance: Uncommon (was casual)

Revised Normal Dates: May 1 - 17 (average 1 or 2)
Nov. 1 - 30 (average 1 to 6)

3. RED-NECKED GREBE:

Additional Dates: (There were 4 previous dates, 1933-1964)

1 Nov. 8, 1969	Rhinecliff
1 Nov. 5, 1970	Rhinecliff
1 March 30-April 10, 1971	Vanderburgh Cove
1 Nov. 6, 1971	Sylvan Lake
1 March 26, 1972	Rhinecliff
1 April 10, 1972	Bannermans Island

4. HORNED GREBE:

Added peak movements:

12 April 10, 1972	Bannermans Island
12 Nov. 10, 1972	Rhinecliff

*4A. EARED GREBE:

Status: Visitant

Sub-Status: Sight record.

Only records: One in winter plumage within 20 feet of scope & binoculars, Nov. 27, 1970 - Rhinecliff - Marion VanWagner, Eleanor Pink, Jeff Daley, Phillip Smith.

One April 21, 1972 - Norrie Point on Hudson River, within 10 yards - Alice Jones.

*5B. GREAT CORMORANT:

Status: Visitant

Only records: One immature May 11, 1966 - Crugers Island - Alice Jones, Czecher Terhune and four others.

One immature Oct. 25, 1969 - Cornwall Bay - Dick Guthrie and many others. Later caught, and died, after being wounded by hunters.

Comments: Records in the "Kingbird" for 1979 from Cornwall Bay on the west shore of the Hudson River indicate this species may be a little less rare than the above implies.

6. DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT:

Revised abundance: Uncommon (was rare)

Revised Normal Dates: April 16 - June 16 (4 to 10 annually)
August 28 - October 24

Unusual Dates: July 21, 1971; December 3, 1971

Comments: Almost all records are along the Hudson River. Appears to be of more regular occurrance in the 1970s than formerly.

7. GREAT BLUE HERON:

Comments: The rookery at Tamarack Swamp near Millbrook was unoccupied in 1977 and thereafter. An eleven-nest rookery was found on Briarcliff Farm (now Stockbriar), south of Pine Plains and west of Rt. 82, in 1975. It had apparently been there for several years and remained active through 1978. For some unknown reason no adults were on the nests at Briarcliff by May 13, 1979, although they had been there earlier. See also appendix, page 93.

8. GREEN HERON:

Added Extreme Date: 1 Nov. 12, 1979 - Pleasant Valley - Jeff Daley.

9. LITTLE BLUE HERON:

Additional Records: (two previous)

4 immature Aug. 6, 1968 - Clove Valley

1 adult April 17, 1969 - Vanderburgh Cove

1 immature Aug. 22, 1970 - Poughkeepsie

2 Aug. 19, 1970 - Briarcliff Farm

1 May 15, 1971 - Crugers Island

1 imm. May 10, 1972 - Crugers Island

1 July 21, 1973 - Poughkeepsie

1 imm. Aug. 1, 1973 - Hyde Park

1 April 24, 1974 - North Bay, Crugers Island

1 Sept. 24, 1974 - Roosevelt Estate

10. CATTLE EGRET:

Status: Visitant

Abundance: Rare to uncommon

Normal Dates: April 1 - May 28; Nov. 1 - Dec. 1

Comments: Maximum at one time were 14 May 2, 1977 - Titusville Rd. (filmed); and 11 May 29, 1979 - Pleasant Valley.

11. COMMON EGRET:

Added Extreme Date: 1 March 30, 1969 - Vanderburgh Cove

12. SNOWY EGRET:

Only additional dates since 1964:

1 May 6, 1965 - Pleasant Valley

5 May 17, 1967 - Buttermilk Pond (formerly Halcyon)

Snowy Egret Contd.

1 April 20, 1968 - Crugers Island

1 May 11, 1975 - Manchester (filmed)

1 June 19, 1975 - South Bay, Crugers Island

1 July 15-Aug. 24, 1976 - Buttermilk Pond

13. BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

Comments: Since 1965 this species appears to be a regular spring transient April 15 - May 30, mostly along the Hudson River (1 to 5 annually). Also found between Aug. 3 - Sept. 20 almost every fall (1 annual average).

Extreme Dates: June 11, 1973 - Crugers Island
August 8, 1973 - Crugers Island

*13A. YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON:

Status: Visitant

Sub-Status: Positive sight record

Only Records: 1 adult June 28-30, 1967 - Stissing, off Rt. 82 on Stissing Rd - Paul & Thelma Haight and many others.

1 April 27, 1968 - Crugers Island - Maggie Bowman.

1 imm. Aug. 8-16, 1972 - Poughkeepsie - Jim & Mary Key.

1 Sept. 6, 1976 - Beacon - Jim & Mary Key.

*15A. GLOSSY IBIS:

Status: Visitant

Sub-Status: Sight record

Only Records: 1 May 15, 1966 - Crugers Island - Eleanor Pink, Brad Whiting & Marion VanWagner on May Census.

1 May 23, 1970 - Wappingers Creek near Poughkeepsie.

1 July 25, 1974 - Amenia - Mary Yegella.

1 May 3, 1975 - Crugers Island - Eric Kiviat

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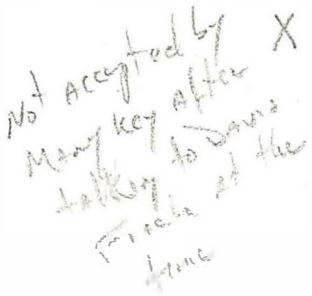
Glossy Ibis Contd.

2 Aug. 24, 1975 - Noxon (Rt. 55) - Tom Storey & Bob Rasmussen.

17. WHISTLING SWAN:

Status: Transient or Visitant

Only Records since 1888:



1 March 23, 1968 - Fishkill Plains - Jim & Mary Key.

1 March 25, 1968 - Crugers Island - Czecher Terhune and Ruth Thomas.

1 March 2, 1969 - Hyde Park - Don Davis.

1 imm. Nov. 11, 1970 - Thompson Pond - Vivian Parkhurst.

1 March 24-25, 1974 - Pleasant Valley - Forrest and Aline Romero.

1 Nov. 15, 1975 - Rhinecliff - Club trip.

1 Dec. 14, 1977 - Sylvan Lake - Helen Manson and Forrest & Aline Romero.

Comments: Although records are sparse, this species probably is a regular spring and fall transient in small numbers, rarely alighting and possibly traveling at night. They do winter south of here in Maryland.

18. CANADA GOOSE:

Status: Transient Spring and Fall (See comments for permanent residents).

Abundance: Abundant

Normal Dates: March 10 - May 9: October 10 - December 5.

Comments: Transients in the last 20 years appear far more plentiful than prior to 1933, and the nesting of two possibly feral birds in 1956 has increased to the point that now (1979) almost every pond in the eastern and northern sections of the county annually produces a brood or two. These might be descendants of pen-raised birds in Dutchess County and nearby Connecticut estates whose unpinnioned young formerly migrated south in fall with northern birds, but on returning north in the spring stopped here where they were raised rather than continuing on to Canada. This point is debatable and some believe the local

Canada Goose continued:

nesting population is due to population explosion nation-wide. Wintering flocks of 50 to 250 have been common since 1965 on the larger farms in eastern and northeastern portions of the county. For a bird that in the 1950s was usually the thrill of the day, it has now become quite commonplace the year around. The call of the true wilderness is still brought to mind, however, when the larger fall flocks noisily follow the Hudson River south on a crisp October day.

19. BRANT:

Revised Normal Dates: May 9 - 27; October 20 - Nov. 13.

*19A. WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:

Status: Visitant

Sub-Status: Sight record

Only Record: 1 adult April 10-19, 1977 - Strauss Marsh, Amenia - Bill and Trixi Strauss, forty others including Eleanor Pink and Robert Smart.

20. SNOW GOOSE:

Abundance: Change to common (was uncommon).

Revised normal dates: March 28 - April 30, a few to May 25.

23. GADWALL:

Revised Status (since 1968): Uncommon (was rare transient).

Normal Dates (since 1968): March 23 - May 6; Oct. 1 - Nov. 15.

Unusual Dates: 3 Dec. 5-30, 1972 - Christie Pond, Clove Valley.

2 August 17, 1971 - Pleasant Valley.

Comments: Though only one pair was reported from 1933-1964, 1-3 of this species have been found either in spring or fall almost annually since 1965, mostly inland from the Hudson River.

25. GREEN-WINGED TEAL:

Comments: Evidence of breeding was found in 1968 as indicated by 1 female and 5 young observed on Willow Cross Rd near Cream Street, west of Pleasant Valley, on May 14, 1977, by Czecher Terhune and Marguerite Freer at 30 feet with 7x35 binoculars.

26. BLUE-WINGED TEAL:

Added Nesting Dates: Adult with 7 young at Strauss Marsh, Amenia - August, 1967.

Adult with 2 young at Strauss Marsh - June 1969.

Winter Dates: 1 Jan. 15, 1967 - New Hamburg - Jim & Mary Key.

1 Dec. 4, 1973 - North Bay Crugers Island - Eric Kiviat.

1 Jan. 7, 1977 - Stissing - Thelma Haight.

27. EUROPEAN WIGEON:

Status: Visitant

Sub-Status: Sight Record

Only Records: May 19, 1946 - 1 pair, Hudson River at Staatsburg - Ralph Waterman and Raymond Guernsey.

Dec. 6, 1960 - Barrytown on Hudson River - Br. Michael.

April 1, 1967 - 1 male - south of Crugers Island 700 yards out in Hudson River, observed with 30x scope - John Marsh and Otis Waterman.

28. AMERICAN WIGEON:

Added Extreme Dates: 1 Dec. 31, 1971 to Feb. 28, 1972 - Pleasant Valley - Eleanor Pink et al.

29. SHOVELER:

Additional Records since April 20, 1964 (3 previous):

3 March 31, 1968 - North Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

1 f. Aug. 18, 1968 - Amenia, Strauss Marsh.

1 Dec. 2, 1968 - Amenia, Strauss Marsh.

1 Nov. 19, 1969 - Stillman's Farm.

1 March 18, 1970 - New Hamburg.

Shoveler Continued:

1 April 3, 1971 - Crugers Island

1 Sept. 26-Oct. 21, 1971 - Strauss Marsh.

3 April 5, 1972 - Vanderbilt Estate.

2 April 5, 1972 - Abels Lake, Verbank.

1 May 12, 1973 - May Census.

1 April 13, 1974 - Crugers Island.

1 April 19, 1974 - Morgan Lake, Poughkeepsie.

1 March 1, 1975 - Morgan Lake.

1 April 2, 1975 - Tamarack Swamp.

31. REDHEAD:

Revised Status since 1969: Spring & Fall Transient (was visitant).

Revised abundance since 1969: Uncommon Spring (was very rare).

Fairly common Fall.

Normal Dates: Feb. 19 - April 9; Oct. 23 - Dec. 30.

Comments: This species appears to be noticeably more plentiful since about 1969, with a high count of a flock of 100 on Rudd Pond Nov. 9-20, 1975, which was most unusual (many observers).

33. CANVASBACK:

Unusual Dates: 2 Jan. 15, 1967 - Sylvan Lake.

12 Jan. 15, 1967 - Chelsea on Hudson River.

1 f. June 30, 1973 - Crugers Island.

Comments: Better coverage of the Hudson River in spring during the sixties and seventies, particularly in the vicinity of Esopus Meadows, Esopus Lighthouse and Vanderburgh Cove, confirm this species as being a regular spring transient in fairly large numbers. Note 1800 in this area March 7-13, 1976 (Otis Waterman). This may not be so unusual in spring as an unconfirmed report of 2000 to 3000 was received from a security officer at the Ogden Mills Estate in March, 1979.

34, 35. SCAUP:

Added Late Dates: 5 May 13, 1972; 1 May 25, 1975.

Comments: Though difficult to separate in the field without good lighting it appears that numbers of Greater Scaup exceed Lesser by 4 or 5 to one. Quantities of either species are nowhere near those of the Canvasback quantities even though tens of thousands winter 80 miles south of here at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in New York City.

36. GOLDEN-EYE, COMMON:

Added Extreme Date: 2 May 11, 1968 - Crugers Island.

37. BUFFLEHEAD:

Status: Spring & Fall Transient.

Revised Abundance: Uncommon to fairly common.

Unusual Dates: May 11, 1968 - Crugers Island.

June 11, 1973 - Crugers Island.

Comments: This species has become noticeably more plentiful during the late 1960s and the 1970s. Records now exist for all months of the year.

Not true

*37A. EIDER, COMMON:

One female at Quaker Lake, Quaker Lake Road, extension of Duell Hollow Road, Pawling - October 15-16, 1979. Found by Howard Pellet and confirmed by Mary Yegella, Dot Fluery, Jim & Mary Key, Mildred Hoffman and others. Excellent photographs by Howard Pellet. First County record.

38. OLDSQUAW:

Revised Status: Spring & Fall Transient (was visitant).

Revised Abundance: Rare to uncommon (was rare).

Normal Dates: Feb. 21 - April 22; Oct. 19 - Dec. 14.

Comments: With only six records from 1933 to 1965 it is interesting to note 30 records from 1968 to 1979. Surely more birders are a factor but there are most assuredly more birds of this species in the area than formerly too.

39. WHITE-WINGED SCOTER:

Revised Status: Spring & Fall transient (was visitant).

Revised Abundance: Rare (spring); Uncommon (fall).

Normal Dates: March 30 - May 17; Oct. 5 - Dec. 10.

Comments: A very rare visitant prior to 1968. Records now indicate it to be regular in Fall (missed 1978) and rare in Spring (seen every other year or so).

40. SURF SCOTER:

Revised Sub-Status: Positive sight record.

Only dates since 1927:

3 May 17, 1968 - Rhinecliff - Alice Jones & Mary Key.

1 Nov. 16, 1971 - Bannermans Island - Marion VanWagner, Mary Key & Czecher Terhune.

1 Oct. 19, 1972 - Rhinecliff - Alice Jones and Helen Manson.

1 Oct. 5, 1974 - Pawling - Helen Manson & Mary Yegella.

80 Oct. 18, 1976 - Tivoli - Aline & Forrest Romero.

3 Oct. 23, 1977 - Hunns Lake - Aline & Forrest Romero.

41. BLACK SCOTER:

Revised Status: Fall Transient (was visitant).

Revised Abundance: Uncommon (was casual).

Normal Dates: Oct. 1 - Nov. 24.

Unusual Dates or Numbers:

50 Oct. 18, 1967 - Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

75 Oct. 18, 1967 - Abels Pond - Helen Manson & Mary Key.

3 May 19-25, 1968 - Rhinecliff - Florence Germond & Eleanor Pink.

16 Feb. 21, 1971 - Beacon - Otis Waterman.

1 April 3, 1974 - Crugers Is. - Marion VanWagner et al.

60 Nov. 8, 1979 - Beacon area of Hudson R - J.& M. Key.

42. RUDDY DUCK:

Revised Status: Spring & Fall transient (was casual).

Revised Abundance: Uncommon (was very rare).

Normal Dates: Spring Feb. 28 - April 30

Fall Oct. 4 - Dec. 16

Unusual Dates: 3 Jan. 15, 1967 - Beacon.

1 May 13, 1967 - Crugers Island.

Comments: Numbers seem to be up 1967-1979, particularly in Fall.

Note: None 1978 spring or 1979 spring. 50 to 60 were in the Beacon area Nov. 1979.

43. HOODED MERGANSER:

Status: Add (has bred).

Unusual Dates: 1 f. July 18, 1973 - Beaver Dam, Lithgow.

5 Dec. 28, 1977 - Bowdoin Park, New Hamburg.

Nesting: Female with 6 eggs in Wood Duck box - Traver Road, Pleasant Valley - April 20 to May 20, 1970 - Eleanor Pink. Did not hatch.

1 f. May 18, 1977 with 6 young - Stissing - Paul Haight.

45. RED-BREASTED MERGANSER:

Status since 1968: Regular spring & fall transient.

Revised Abundance: Spring 10 to 20 (was rare)

Fall 1 to 5 (was casual)

Normal Dates: Feb. 26 - April 9; Nov. 5 - Nov. 30.

Unusual Dates: 3 May 16, 1970 - Crugers Island.

20 Dec. 8, 1971

Comments: Appeared more regularly and plentifully during the 1970s than formerly, particularly along the Hudson River.

46. TURKEY VULTURE:

Winter Dates: 1 Feb. 16, 1966 - Poughkeepsie.

1 Dec. 19, 1972 - Amenia.

2 Jan. 3, 1974 - Amenia.

1 Jan 30, 1976 - Amenia.

3 Jan. 15, 1977 - Amenia.

53 Dec. 18, 1977 - Roosting, Quaker Hill, Pawling - Mildred Hoffman and Jim & Mary Key, Stefley & Don VanVlack.

45-50 Dec. 29, 1979 to Jan. 10, 1980 - Quaker Hill - Mildred Hoffman and Jim & Mary Key.

Comments: Does nest in Stissing Mt. area and eastern mountains of the County.

47. BLACK VULTURE:

Additional Record: 1 April 21, 1976 - Bruzgal Road East of Billings - Brother Michael. Carefully and well observed.

Comments: This was only the second record for Dutchess County. The other was 1 May 2, 1960 - Stissing Mt. - Marion VanWagner, Jean Beck and Jim & Mary Key.

48. GOSHAWK:

Revised Status: Now an Annual Winter Resident, also has bred. Recorded in every month of the year since 1972-1973, particularly September through May. (Was very rare visitant).

Abundance: Uncommon

Breeding Records: Spring 1972 - nest on Stissing Mt. - no write-up.

May 1973 - nest at Hyde Park - Eric Kiviat and Bill Jacobs.

April 1, 1977-Aug. 25, 1977 - a nest off Pond Gut Rd. (Taconic Hereford State Land) produced 2 young - Helen Manson, Mary Yegella & many others. Filmed.

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Goshawk Continued:

Comments: Now a year-round resident in the heavier wooded portions of the County, this species has replaced the Cooper's Hawk as our common woods hawk. Its numbers have been increasing since the early 1970s. During the winter of 1965-1966 at the Sawkill Rod & Gun Club Pheasant Preserve in Red Hook 10 were "pole trapped". No reports of other pole trapping were available but assuredly they existed.

50. COOPER'S HAWK:

Comments: We have received no nesting records 1968-1979 except Dr. Heinz Meng's report with no details of "an active nest" in southern Dutchess County in May, 1975.

52. RED-SHOULDERED HAWK:

Comments: The last recorded nesting of Red-shouldered Hawks was in April, 1961, though Davis Finch suspected they nested in Hopewell Junction in 1971 as they were present throughout the nesting season.

53. BROAD-WINGED HAWK:

Revised Abundance: Fall transient - abundant.

Peak Dates: 2500 Sept. 19, 1971 - Dutchess Hill, Poughkeepsie - Alice Jones.

1590 Sept. 18, 1975 - Dutchess Hill - Jim & Mary Key.

400 Sept. 21, 1977 - Dutchess Hill - Jim & Mary Key.

Unusual Dates: 1 Jan. 30, 1977 - Indian Lake, Millerton. Seen at close range with binoculars and well described - Art Gingert. Extremely unusual.

Comments: Omit old record of Dec. 20, 1964.

55. GOLDEN EAGLE:

Sub-Status: Positive sight record.

Additional Records Since 1962: (two or three previously)

1 Feb. 26, 1964 - Pleasant Valley - Roz Davis, Helen Manson, Jim Southward & Marion VanWagner.

1 March 7-27, 1965 - Home Farm, Amenia - Bill and Trixi Strauss.

Golden Eagle Continued:

1 March 8, 1965 - Millbrook Boys School - Frank Traver.

1 imm. Sept. 25, 1965 - Millbrook - George Decker & Helen Manson.

1 imm. Nov. 15, 1969 - Verbank - Eleanor Pink, Jeff Daley & Marion VanWagner.

1 Jan. 10-Apr. 4, 1970 - Stissing Mt.

1 Feb. 9-19, 1972 - Stissing Mt.

1 Nov. 4, 1973 - Stissing Mt.

2 April, 1974 - Hudson River.

1-2 adult, Nov. 16, 1974 to March 16, 1975 - Stissing.

1-3 Nov. 24, 1975 - March 25, 1976 - Stissing Mt.

1 Sept. 18, 1976 - Hawk Watch, Dutchess Hill, Poughk.

1 March 15, 1977 - Breakneck Mt, Beacon.

1-2 Jan. 27 to April 30, 1978 - Clove Valley.

1 May 13, 1979 - Stissing Mt. - Trixi Strauss, May Census

56. BALD EAGLE:

Only Records Since 1960:

MANY MORE listed by ELEANOR

1 Jan. - March, 1960 - Crugers Island.

1 Oct. 22, 1961 - Mt. Beacon.

3 imm. Feb. 1965 - Dennings Point.

1 imm. Feb. 28, 1965 - Vanderburgh Cove.

1 Aug. 23, 1965 - Moores Mills.

1 June 20, 1967 - Stissing Mt.

1 May 15, 1969 - Breakneck Mt.

1 Sept. 11, 1969 - Dutchess Hill, Poughkeepsie.

1 Nov. 6, 1970 - Staatsburg.

1 April 11, 1971 - Dover Plains.

Bald Eagle Continued:

1 May 12, 1973 - May Census

1 June 19, 1973 - Crugers Island

1 Sept. 28, 1973 - Amenia

1 Oct. 6, 1973 - Hyde Park

1 April 13, 1974 - Crugers Island

1 April 17, 1974 - Stissing Mt.

1 imm. April 18, 1974 - Hyde Park

1 Aug. 11, 1974 - Wingdale

1 imm. March 22, 1975 - Crugers Island

1 Jan. 17, 1976 - Breakneck Mt.

1 Jan. 24, 1976 - Stissing Mt.

1 March 1, 1976 - Crugers Island

1 May 9, 1976 - Staatsburg

1 May 20, 1976 - Canoe Hill Rd, Millbrook

1 imm. May 27, 1977 - Breakneck Mt.

1 May 13, 1978 - May Census

1 Sept. 6, 1978 - East Park

1 Sept. 14, 1978 - Dutchess Hill, Poughkeepsie

1 imm. Dec. 29, 1979 - Clove Valley

58. OSPREY:

Comments: Note the following summer records:

1 all summer, 1976 - Briarcliff Farm, Pine Plains.

1 June 1973, 1974, 1975 (all summer 1973) - South Bay, Crugers Island - Eric Kiviat.

60. PEREGRINE:

Only Records Since 1964: 1 May 3, 1967 - East Park - Tom Gilbert.

1 Oct. 7, 1970 - Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

1 Dec. 1, 1974 - Dover - Jim Fiedler - well documented.

1 May 20, 1975 - Canoe Hill - Marion VanWagner, Jim and Mary Key.

1 Sept. 2, 1976 - Dutchess Hill, Poughkeepsie.

1 Oct. 13, 1976 - Dutchess Hill.

61. MERLIN:

Only Sightings Since 1964: 1 April 25, 1965 - Poughkeepsie

1 April 26, 1966 - Poughkeepsie

1 April 9, 1972 - Dover Plains

1 Jan. 27, 1973 - Pleasant Valley

1 Oct. 12, 1973 - Pleasant Valley

1 Jan. 14, 1974 - Red Oaks Mill

1 Sept. 14, 1974 - Pond Gut Rd, Moores Mills

1 Oct. 3, 1974 - Pleasant Valley

1 Oct. 7, 1974 - Poughkeepsie

4 Sept. 21, 1975 - Dutchess Hill, Poughkeepsie

3 Sept. 22, 1975 - Dutchess Hill

1 Oct. 27, 1975 - Pleasant Valley

2 Oct. 23, 1976 - New Hamburg

1 May 15, 1977 - Briarcliff Farm, Pine Plains

1 Sept. 4, 1977 - Pleasant Valley

1 Sept. 28, 1977 - Sharparoon, Pawling

1 Nov. 14, 1977 - Red Oaks Mill

63. RUFFED GROUSE:

Additional Comments Since 1961:

Though more common in the 1950s than previously, the numbers of this species decreased noticeably during the 1970s, no doubt due to its habitat's destruction by continual suburban sprawl. This is particularly true in the southern and western sections of the County.

65. RING-NECKED PHEASANT:

Comments: Once again, wide-range destruction of habitat, such as marshes filled in and farms given over to housing developments, as well as heavy hunting pressure has resulted in this bird becoming "uncommon" in Dutchess County by the late 1970s. It is now found only as a released species, released by the State and County for hunting. Breeders can be found in the eastern half of the County if they make it through the hunting season and the winter. Christmas Count totals have fallen from a high of 233 in 1962 to a low of 5 in 1979.

67. TURKEY:

Additional Comments: Releases of birds by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and subsequent breeding in the Stissing Mt. and Dover areas during the 1960s and 1970s resulted in what they estimated in 1978 to be a resident County population of over 700 birds. An open spring hunting season was held in 1978 and approximately 10 birds were shot.

68. KING RAIL:

Only Records Since 1950:

1 June 12, 1956 - Thompson Pond - Eleanor Pink & Emilie Becquet.

1 April 27, 1974 - Thompson Pond - Robert Smart (heard).

1 Sept. 20, 1974 - Rider Pond - Robert Smart (heard).

1 May 18 to June 6, 1977 - Millbrook Boys School - many observers. Very vocal.

1 May 13, 1978 - Millbrook Boys School - Robert Smart (heard).

69. VIRGINIA RAIL:

Additional Winter Dates Since 1963:

1 Jan. 29, 1970 - Thompson Pond

1 Feb. 14, 1970 - Thompson Pond

1 Dec. 12, 1972 - Dover Plains

2 or 3 Dec. 23, 1973 - Thompson Pond

1 Dec. 1974 to Feb. 1975 - Paul & Thelma Haight's, Stissing, off Rt. 82.

1 adult & 1 imm. Dec. 29, 1973 - Thompson Pond

1 Adult Jan. 22, 1976 - Fowler Rd, Millbrook

1 adult Jan. 22, 1976 - Canoe Hill Rd, Millbrook

70. SORA:

Winter Sightings: 1 Dec. 27-29, 1976 - Paul & Thelma Haight's Marsh.

1 Feb. 27, 1977 - South Bay, Crugers Island - Jeff Connor, Brooke Feeley.

71. COMMON GALLINULE:

Added Unusual Date: 1 Dec. 1, 1974 - Jan. 29, 1975 - Traver Pond, Pleasant Valley - many observers.

Positive Breeding Records Since 1967:

1 pair & 7 young - July & Aug. 1968 - Strauss Marsh, Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

6 young same place June through August, 1969.

2 adult & 6 young same place Sept. 1973.

5 or more ~~breeding~~ pair at North Bay, Crugers Island area - May 5, 1974 - Eric Kiviat.

72. AMERICAN COOT:

Winter Dates: 16 Jan. 7, 1965 - Sylvan Lake.

1 Jan. 23, 1965 - Hunns Lake.

25 Jan. 16, 1966 - Sylvan Lake.

15 Jan. 16, 1967 - Sylvan Lake.

100 Nov. 6, 1971 - Sylvan Lake.

70 Dec. 29, 1971 - Sylvan Lake.

100 Nov. 19, 1975 - Rudd Pond.

73. SEMIPALMATED PLOVER:

Additional Records: (only 3 previous)

1 May 17, 1966 - Tivoli

1 May 18, 1966 - Tivoli

3 May 19, 1966 - Tivoli

2 May 28, 1967 - Stillman Farm, N. of Millbrook

4 May 29, 1967 - Stillman Farm

9 May, 1968 - Fallkill Park, N. of Poughkeepsie

7 May 17, 1969 - Sharon Station

2 May 28, 1970 - Briarcliff Farm

2 Sept. 16, 1971 - Clinton Corners

2 Sept. 2-11, 1972 - Fallkill Park, Poughkeepsie

3 Oct. 1, 1972 - Red Oaks Mill

2 May 12, 1975 - Mabbettsville

2 May 15, 1976 - Amenia

7 May 13-14, 1979 - Sharon Station

4 Aug. 9-12, 1979 - Wappinger Lake

75. AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER:

Added Records Since 1965: (Only 4 previous)

4 Sept. 24, 1966 - South Bay, Crugers Island - Jim Southward.

1 Sept. 9-12, 1973 - Beaver Dam, Shunpike - Helen Manson.

4 Oct. 7-9, 1973 - Kays Upper Pond, Netherwood Rd., Pleasant Valley - Alice Jones, Marion VanWagner and Jim & Mary Key.

2 Oct. 12, 1973 - Tamarack Swamp - Marion VanWagner, Dot Wohlbach, and Jim & Mary Key.

15 Sept. 16-17, 1977 - Dutchess County Airport - Dan Nickerson.

76. BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER:

Additional Records: (Only previous record 1 May 18, 1961, Pl. Valley)

1 Oct. 24, 1965 - Pleasant Valley - Eleanor Pink, Jim & Mary Key, and Thelma Haight.

1 May 24, 1974 - North Bay, Crugers Island - Eric Kiviat.

1 May 12, 1975 - (alternate plumage) - North Bay, Crugers Is. - Eric Kiviat & Doug Zwick.

1 Sept. 19, 1976 - (winter plumage) - Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie - Bill Consiglio.

1 Sept. 17, 1977 - (winter plumage) - Dutchess County Airport - Dan Nickerson.

77. RUDDY TURNSTONE:

Additional Record: (only previous records 1 Aug. 7, 1921; 1 May 20, 1928)

2 June 2, 1973 - Crugers Island - Doug Zwick.

79. COMMON SNIPE:

Abundance: Spring - Fairly Common (was uncommon).
Fall - Uncommon.

Comments: Winter records of single birds here and there have occurred almost annually in recent years.

80. UPLAND SANDPIPER (PLOVER):

Additional Records: (Two previous)

2 April 28, 1966 - Freedom Plains

1 July 4, 1966 - Pulvers Corners

3 July 26, 1966 - Amenia

1 Oct. 18, 1967 - Poughkeepsie

1 May 11, 1972 - East Park

1 Sept. 3, 1974 - Dover Plains

1 Sept. 24, 1974 - Pawling

4 June 11, 1979 - Amenia - Trixi Strauss & Mary Yegella. Pair seen and heard through July.

87. PECTORAL SANDPIPER:

Revised Normal Dates: March 30 - May 19; July 22 - Oct. 30.

88. WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER:

Status: Visitant

Sub-Status: Sight Record.

1 Oct. 20-27, 1972 - Beaver Dam, Shunpike - Robert Smart, Marion VanWagner, Mary & Jim Key, Mary Yegella, Czecher Terhune, Aline Romero, et al. Seen at 20 yards with binoculars, scope. No photograph.

2 June 2, 1979 - Sharon Station - Alice Jones and Florence Germond. Photographed. Write-up sent to Federation of New York State Bird Clubs.

Comments: The only previous record was of a bird shot near Poughkeepsie prior to 1845.

89. BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:

Additional Records: 19

1 Sept. 26-Oct. 4, 1968 - Fallkill Park, N. of Poughkeepsie - Bill & Trixi Strauss, Helen Manson, plus many others. Seen with all types of optical equipment at 20 yards and farther. Confirmed by Davis Finch.

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Baird's Sandpiper Continued:

1 Sept. 3-30, 1972 - Fallkill Park - Alice Jones.

2 Sept. 2, 1973 - Beaver Dam, Shunpike - Helen Manson.

3 May 31-June 1, 1979 - Sharon Station, N. of Amenia. Found by Trixi Strauss, then seen by many. Filmed in black and white and in color within 15 feet. Extremely unusual in spring in the east. Verification report sent to Federation of New York State Bird Clubs.

Comments: Only previous record was of a bird collected Sept. 9, 1922, at Morgan Lake, Poughkeepsie.

91. DUNLIN:

Additional Records: (Only two previous)

1 May 16, 1967 - Briarcliff Farm, Pine Plains.

1 May 10-15, 1968 - Hudson River State Hospital, Poughkeepsie.

1 April 14, 1969 - Home Farm, Amenia.

1 May 17, 1970 - East Park area, S. Cross Road.

1 Oct. 20-27, 1972 (fall plumage) - Mary Key and Robert Smart.

7 May, 1974 - in three areas.

1 Oct. 18, 1974 - Pleasant Valley.

1 Oct. 2, 1976 - Vanderburgh Cove.

91A. SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER:

Additional Records: (Only previous record 1 Aug. 15, 1964)

7 May 27, 1967 - East Park - Tom Gilbert et al.

62 May 27, 1967 - Briarcliff Farm, Pine Plains - Thelma Haight & Vivian Parkhurst.

1 Oct. 14, 1968 - Fallkill Park, Poughkeepsie - Alice Jones & Mary Key.

1 Aug. 20, 1970 - Briarcliff Farm.

Short-billed Dowitcher Continued:

12 May 19, 1974 - East Park - Tom Gilbert.

14 May 15, 1976 - Quaker Lane, East Park.

*91B. STILT SANDPIPER:

Status: Visitant

Sub-Status: Positive sight record.

Abundance: Straggler.

Only Record: 3 Sept 25 through Oct. 10, 1968; 1 Oct. 13, 1968 - Fallkill Park, N. of Poughkeepsie - Alice Jones, Jim & Mary Key, Helen Manson, Eleanor Pink, Otis Waterman and many others. Seen with all sorts of equipment and possibly filmed.

*93A. BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER:

Status: Visitant

Sub-Status: Positive Sight Record.

Abundance: Straggler

Only Records: 1 Oct. 1-11, 1972 - Fallkill Park, Poughkeepsie - Alice Jones plus many others.

3 August 4, 1973 - Beaver Dam, Shunpike - Mary Key & Czecher Terhune.

2 Aug. 1-16, 1973 - North Bay Crugers Island - Eric Kiviat.

1 Oct. 17, 1973 - Thompson Pond - Club Trip.

*93B. MARBLED GODWIT:

Status: Visitant

Sub-Status: Positive Sight Record.

Only Record: 1 June 1-3, 1979- Sharon Station, N. of Amenia. Found on June 1 by Dot Fleury, a new birder, then independently by Trixi Strauss the same day. Many observers with all types of equipment saw it. Slides taken with 200 mm lens at 25-30 feet. Verification report sent to FNYSBC.

94. SANDERLING:

Additional Records: (6 previous)

1 Oct. 20, 1967 - Hyde Park - Alice Jones. Injured bird caught & released Nov. 6, 1967.

2 July 22-30, 1973 - Beaver Dam - Forrest & Aline Romero.

?26,30

95. NORTHERN PHALAROPE:

Additional Record: (Only previous record 1 Sept. 7, 1924)

2 Aug. 19-31, 1970 - Briarcliff Farm, Pine Plains - Vivian Parkhurst & many others. See N.Y.S. KINGBIRD, July 1971 for detailed write-up.

97. GLAUCOUS GULL:

Sub-Status: Change to Positive Sight Record.

Additional Records: 1 Apr. 7, 1968 - South Bay, Crugers Island - John Marsh.

1 May 10, 1969 - Rhinecliff - Eleanor Pink et al.

1 March 7-18, 1972 - Wappingers - Marion VanWagner.

1 Feb. 3, 1973 - Hudson River - Davis Finch and Robert Smart.

98. ICELAND GULL:

Additional Records since 1964:

1 April 24, 1965 - Crugers Island, South Bay - Brother Michael.

1 March 15, 1969 - New Hamburg - Davis Finch, Otis Waterman, Florence Germond, Marion VanWagner et al.

1 imm. Feb. 28, 1977 - New Hamburg - Dan Nickerson.

1 March 2-3, 1977 - New Hamburg - many observers.

1 March 17-19, 1979 - New Hamburg area.

99. GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL:

Revised Status: Permanent Resident (Was winter resident).

Sub-Status: Positive Sight Record.

Abundance: Common.

Comments: Since the first recording by George Decker, Helen Manson & Otis Waterman on Dec. 27, 1958, this species has become the most common resident (non-breeding) Gull except the Herring Gull. It is only outnumbered during migration by the Herring and Ring-billed Gull.

101. RING-BILLED GULL:

Revised Status: Transient Spring & Fall - Common (Was fairly common).

Permanent Resident Summer - Uncommon
Winter - Fairly Common

102. LAUGHING GULL:

Additional Records: (6 previous records)

1 April 1, 1965 - Sylvan Lake.

2 Oct. 25, 1969 - Hudson River near Cornwall.

2 Oct. 30, 1969 - Beacon.

14 Aug. 27, 1975 - New Hamburg.

3 Sept. 8, 1979 - New Hamburg (after hurricane) - Alice Jones, Mary Key and many others.

103. BONAPARTE'S GULL:

Additional Records: (3 previous records)

1 May 20, 1967 - Crugers Island.

2 Oct. 19, 1967 - Chelsea.

1 March 23, 1968 - Staatsburg.

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Bonaparte's Gull Continued:

60-100 May 4, 1968 - Crugers Island.

1 May 17, 1969 - Crugers Island.

2 April 23, 1973 - Crugers Island.

1 April 27, 1974 - Beacon.

3 Aug. 13, 1975 - New Hamburg.

4 Oct. 1, 1975 - Hudson River.

2 Dec. 27, 1975 - Poughkeepsie.

1 March 5, 1977 - Wappingers Lake.

2 May 6, 1978 - Crugers Island.

12 March 21, 1979 - Crugers Island.

1 Sept. 7-8, 1979 - New Hamburg (after hurricane).

103A. BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE:

Status: Visitant

Sub-Status: Sight Record

Only Records: 1 Nov. 20, 1966 - Rhinecliff - Davis Finch. Seen within 100 yds with 30x scope and binoculars.

1 Oct. 17, 1971 (imm.) - IBM, Poughkeepsie - Jim & Mary Key. Seen with 7x50 binoculars.

1 Sept. 5, 1974 - Hyde Park - Helen Manson & Alice Jones. Seen with 7x50 binoculars.

104. COMMON TERN:

Additional Records since May 17, 1964:

1 May 16, 1967 - Briarcliff Farm, Pine Plains.

4 May 17, 1968 - Rhinecliff.

2 May 19, 1968 - Rhinecliff.

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Common Tern Continued:

1 May 10, 1969 - Rhinecliff.

1 May 10, 1972 - Crugers Island.

1 May 12, 1973 - Crugers Island.

*104A. SOOTY TERN:

Status: Visitant

Sub-Status: Positive Sight Record. Filmed and on file with Eleanor Pink.

Only Record: 3-6 birds found Sept. 7 & 8, 1979, by Mary & Jim Key between New Hamburg and Danskammer Point on the Hudson River. Confirmed by Eleanor Pink, Marion VanWagner, et al. Filmed by Otis Waterman from boat Sept. 8. Five of these birds, plus a Parasitic Jaeger, were reported north of Dutchess County during the period by Dick Guthrie. 23 birds (Sooty Tern) seen Sept. 7 at Vanderburgh Cove by Forrest & Aline Romero. This was the date of hurricane David.

106. BLACK TERN:

Additional Late Dates: 1 Sept. 6, 1972 - Mud Pond, Pine Plains.

2 June 23, 1974 - Kays Pond, Netherwood Rd.

*111A. PARAKEET, MONK:

Comments: Appeared only twice in County after escapes were reported in New York City vicinity.

2 Aug. 13, 1972 - Greenhaven on farm of Ralph Lynam near Stormville Airport - Jim & Mary Key and Helen Manson.

1 Dec. 19, 1972 - Glenham - Jim & Mary Key. Was written up in Sept. 1972 WINGS OVER DUTCHESS COUNTY.

112. YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO:

Comments: Status uncommon (1-20 per summer) as a breeder in recent years (1976-1979).

113. BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO:

Comments: Status Uncommon (1-20 per summer) as a breeder in recent years (1976-1979).

114. BARN OWL:

Additional Records Since 1961:

1 May 12, 1973 - Millbrook Boys School.

2 Oct. 10, 1974 - young given to Millbrook Boys School from that area.

1 family June 1976 through 1978 - in barn north of Poughkeepsie.

1 family (5) June 21 through August 20, 1977 - nested in Beacon in hollow tree - John Antalek and many other observers.

2 April 18, 1978 - Beacon - no nesting.

1 April all month, 1978 - Baskins Farm, VanWagner Rd.

2 May Census, 1978.

2 June 7-10, 1978 - Home Farm, Amenia - Bill and Trixi Strauss.

2 June, 1979 - Beacon tree - Jim & Mary Key.

1-2 Oct. 1979 - Pleasant Valley - Jeff Daley.

119. LONG-EARED OWL:

Comments: Peak numbers.

8 Dec. 1-14, 1967 - Travis Rd, Pleasant Valley.

15-18 birds were observed on Bedell Rd, Town of Poughkeepsie during January 1968.

6 Feb. 1968 - at a roost near Poughkeepsie.

18 Dec. 1971 to March 1972 - wintered on Didell Rd, Town of Wappingers.

120. SHORT-EARED OWL:

Only Additional Records since 1962:

1 March 19, 1966 - Crugers Island.

1 Nov. 20, 1967 - Pleasant Valley.

1 Jan. 28, 1968 - Salt Point.

1 Jan. 5, 1969 - Pleasant Valley.

1 Dec. 7, 1969 - Amenia.

1 Dec. 17, 1971 - Amenia.

1 Dec. 29, 1972 - Salt Point.

1 Dec. 29, 1978 - Hopewell Area.

122. SAW-WHET OWL:

Only Additional Records since 1965:

1 Dec. 15, 1967 - (dead) - Verbank.

1 Feb. 22, 1968 - Tyrell Rd, Millbrook.

1 Jan. 4-22, 1969 - Stormville.

1 Jan. 5-15, 1969 - Pleasant Valley.

1 Jan. 12, 1969 - Titusville Rd.

1 Feb. 27, 1969 - Stormville.

1 March 1, 1975 - Hyde Park (car kill).

1 Nov. 1975 - Shunpike (car kill).

1 Feb. 14 & 16, 1977 - Fishkill IBM.
Photograph by Herb Saltford.

1 March 11, 1978 - Amenia.

124. COMMON NIGHTHAWK:

Comments: With no July records since 1973 it is doubtful that this species any longer nests in the County but further investigation is warranted. They are common in Fall migration in late August. Peaks were:

75 Aug. 25, 1968, one flight, 6:00 p.m. - Poughkeepsie - Otis Waterman.

180 Aug. 28, 1979, one flight, 6:00 p.m. - Dover - Jim Fiedler.

126. RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD:

Comments: This species is another that has become hard to find in the late 1970s.

129. PILEATED WOODPECKER:

Comments: 1978 and 1979 Christmas Census had none of this species. It appears much scarcer than in the 1960s and early 1970s.

130. RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER:

Revised Status Since 1972: Permanent Resident (was visitant). Bred 1973 - 1977.

Abundance: Uncommon

Comments: A year-round resident, spotty, since the late 1960s, generally found in western half of the County.

131. RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:

Comments: Wintered singley - 1967-1968; 1968-1969; Jan. 1969-April 1969; Dec. 1971-April 1972.

135. BLACK-BACKED THREE-TOED WOODPECKER:

Only Additional Records: (6 previous 1960-1965)

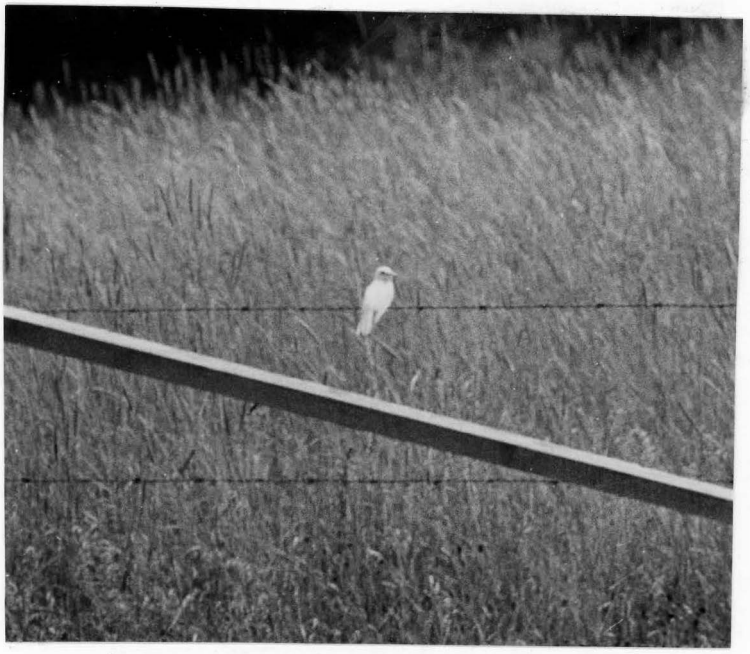
1 Oct. 19, 1966 - Red Oaks Mill - Julie Worden.

1 f. April 8, 1967 - Rhinecliff - Marion VanWagner.

1 Oct. 15, 1977 - Vassar College - A. Scott Warthin.

136. EASTERN KINGBIRD:

Comments:



An all white (albino) was found by Otis Waterman and Florence Germond on Rt. 82, South of Stanfordville, on July 10, 1967. It remained in the area until August 27. It did not return the next year. Photographed by Herb Saltford, July 22.

Note an Added Extreme Early Date of April 12, 1965 - Lithgow.

137. WESTERN KINGBIRD:

Only Record since Nov. 21, 1965:

2 Sept. 20 & 21, 1979 - Wigsten Road, Pleasant Valley - Marion VanWagner and many others.

140. YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER:

Unusual Quantity: 11 Fall records were received between August 23 and Sept. 18, 1976.

141. ACADIAN FLYCATCHER:

Only Records Since 1933:

1 July 15, 1947 - singing at Tivoli - George Rose and John Mayer.

1 pr. June 12-July 18, 1973 - built nest and incubated - Deep Hollow Rd. - Maggie Bowman, Forrest & Aline Romero, Czecher Terhune, Marion VanWagner.

2 May 18-June 22, 1974 - Deep Hollow Rd. - Florence Germond, many others. Assumed nested.

2 May 17 & June 7, 1975 - Deep Hollow Rd.

Acadian Flycatcher (Continued):

1 July 22, 1975 - Fishkill - Eric Kiviat.

2 May 11 to June 19, 1976 - Deep Hollow Rd. - raised young - Florence Germond.

2 May 22, 1976 - Camp Sharparoon, Dover.

1 May 26, 1976 - Turkey Hollow.

2 May 22-28, 1977 - nest building & sitting - Deep Hollow.

1 May 23-June 13, 1977 - Pond Gut Rd, LaGrange - probably nested.

4 June 11, 1977 - June Breeding Bird Count.

2 June 13-July 28, 1977 - Deep Hollow Rd - probably nested.

1 June 17-July 1, 1978 - Pond Gut Rd.

1 May 27, 1979 - Bald Mt.

1 May 29, 1979 - Tower Hill.

1 June 3, 1979 - Turkey Hollow/Deep Hollow area.

145. OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER:

Spring Records Since 1966:

1 June 21, 1966.

Total of 3, May 20-31, 1967.

1 May 30, 1968.

Total of 3 May 14-June 30, 1969.

1 May 27, 1971.

1 June 2, 1972.

Total of 2 May 22-31, 1973.

Total of 2 May 18-21, 1974.

Olive-sided Flycatcher (continued):

Total of 2 May 24-26, 1976.

1 May 13, 1977.

None Spring 1978.

Total of 2 May 28-29, 1979.

Fall Dates: Aug. 20 - Sept. 21 (peak Sept. 5-7)
Usually 1 to 10 per fall.

Unusual Fall Date: 1 Oct. 5, 1974 - Pleasant Valley - Eleanor Pink.

150. BARN SWALLOW:

Added Extreme Dates:

1 Oct. 7, 1972 - Fallkill Park, Poughkeepsie.

1 Oct. 16, 1972 - Cary Arboretum, Washington Hollow.

1 Oct. 6, 1973 - Belair Farm, Lithgow.

1 Oct. 6, 1976 - Beaver Dam, Shunpike.

151. CLIFF SWALLOW:

Comments: No breeding birds recorded since the last 7 pair in 1970 at Germond Farm North of Upton Lake.

Revised Abundance: Spring - Uncommon.

Fall - Uncommon.

152. PURPLE MARTIN:

Comments: Average 4 to 6 colonies per year in the County. In 1979 colonies were at: Rymph Feed Store, Salt Pt. Turnpike;
Gristmill Road, Stanfordville;
Cold Spring Rd., Stanfordville;
Sherman Hill Road, Dover;
Milewood Rd. (Corbetta's), Verbank.

153. GRAY JAY:

Additional Records: (two previous)

1963 bird continued to February 1964 on Slate Quarry Rd. - D. & F. Bowman.

1 Dec. 15-25, 1975 - Allen Rd, Salt Point - Czecher Terhune et al.

1 Nov. 4, 1975 to May 5, 1976 - Moores Mills (Smith Road). Seen by many and photographed.

155. NORTHERN RAVEN:

Additional Records: (only previous record was 1 Aug. 27, 1959, near Rhinecliff - Fred Hough)

1 May 10, 1969 - Crugers Island - Dick Guthrie.

1 March 1970 - Arlington High School, Freedom Plains - Bill Chrystal.

156. AMERICAN or COMMON CROW:

Comments: The Christmas Count total has steadily declined in numbers at the Poughkeepsie roost, from 4700 in 1965 to 2500 in 1979.

157. FISH CROW:

Comments: Found as a regular transient (uncommon) spring and fall along the Hudson River, and all months in Poughkeepsie and vicinity. Probably nests in Poughkeepsie area but no positive proof has been received.

159. BOREAL CHICKADEE:

Additional Records since 1963:

2 Christmas Census 1969.

2 Millbrook 1970.

1 January, 1971.

5 Christmas Census 1975-1976.

Comments: A very elusive and sporadic winter visitor in the County.

160. TUFTED TITMOUSE:

Comments: By 1979 out-numbered at feeders only by the Black-capped Chickadee. Only one on 1958 Census - 125 by 1978.

163. BROWN CREEPER:

Status: Spring & Fall transient and permanent resident.

Comments: Correction on page 63 of BIRDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY, 1933-1964. Song is usually noted about April 15 (not May 15). Both May and Christmas Census counts of 1977, 1978, and 1979 indicate fewer of this formerly fairly common resident. We hope this is just a cycle.

169. MOCKINGBIRD:

Comments: The well-known northern range extension of this species is well illustrated by Census totals. For example:
May Census: 1-1961; 98-1974; 69-1979.
Christmas Census: 1-1960; 119-1975; 94-1979.

171. BROWN THRASHER:

Comments: May Census figures indicate a decline of sorts over the past four years but further study is required. Song is easily attributed to a Mockingbird if not carefully studied. Habitat destruction may also be a factor, as the Thrasher prefers a more isolated habitat than the Mockingbird.

175. SWAINSON'S THRUSH:

Comments: An extremely variable May Transient. Note the May Census extremes: 28 May 12, 1972 and only 1 May 13, 1979.

178. EASTERN BLUEBIRD:

Comments: In 1962 Florence Germond started her "Bluebird Trail" in the Stanfordville-Washington Hollow Area and the one box occupied produced two broods. 1963 produced only two successful broods in the five boxes used. 1964 produced 50 young. In 1966, 109 fledged from 42 separate nestings. In 1967, 92 fledged; 180 in 1968; and 124 in 1969. 1974 produced 91 young from 26 nestings; 1975, 98 young; 1977 produced 199 young in 59 nestings; 1978, 200 young in 65 nestings and 1979, 235 young from 57 nestings.

Eastern Bluebird (Continued):

This record is ample evidence that diligence, study, experimentation, and motivation can bring back Bluebirds to an area that had almost forgotten what they looked like. Currently Florence has over 117 boxes, mounted mostly on steel pipes to eliminate predators, in a 66 square mile area. Boxes are generally located in open farm country along fence lines and away from houses and barns where House Sparrow competition is too great.

*178A. MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD:

Positive Sight Record:

Only record - 1 adult male on Fiddlers Bridge Road, west of Schultzville - March 13-21, 1978. Reported by Francis Van Auken, verified by Florence Germond, Marion VanWagner and Eleanor Pink. Seen by many. Photographed by Otis Waterman.

Note: Another in Coxsackie, N.Y. - Dec.-March, 1974. The Dutchess County bird was the third State record and 5th or 6th record east of the Mississippi.

180. BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER:

Comments: Observed nest building, sitting, and increasing in numbers in all areas of the County during the nesting season but no positive record of young brought off.

181. GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET:

Added Unusual Dates:

May 17-23, 1975, building nest at Camp Sharparoon, Dover Plains, in spruce grove 30 ft. high - Jim Fiedler. Possible breeding attempt.

1 m. May 29, 1975 - same area.

June 19-23 - no activity.

182. RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET:

Mid Winter Records: 1 March 3, 1965

2 March 24, 1966

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Continued):

2 March 28, 1968

1 Feb. 1, 1972

1 March 24, 1973

1 Feb. all month, 1974

1 Feb. 12 & 13, 1975

2 March 10, 1976

183. WATER PIPIT:

Winter Dates: 1 Dec. 30, 1967 - LaGrange - Jim & Mary Key, Julie Worden.

2 Dec. 27, 1976 through Jan. 1977 - Hahn Farm, Salt Point - Czecher Terhune, many others. Photographed.

1 March 22, 1977 - Wappingers Lake - Tom Storey.

186. NORTHERN SHRIKE:

Added Casual Date: 1 Sept. 24, 1967 - Salt Point - Marion VanWagner.

187. LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE:

Additional County Records: (7 previous records)

1 March 26, 1966 - Millbrook - Elsie Browne.

1 Feb. 27, 1966 - Pleasant Valley - Jim Southward.

1 March 25, 1966 - Helen Manson.

1 April 29, 1967 - Club Trip.

1 March 18, 1968 - Dover Plains - Mary Yegella.

1 April 1, 1968 - Coleman Sta. - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

1 Jan. 14, 1970 - Hopewell Jct. - Davis Finch.

1 April 17, 1971 - Astor Flats - Marion VanWagner.

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Loggerhead Shrike (Continued):

1 April 17, 1971 - Creek Road, Poughkeepsie - Eleanor Pink et al.

1 April 22, 1971 - found dead, Shunpike - Florence Germond.

1 May 19, 1971 - Millbrook - Elsie Browne.

1 Nov. 22, 1971 - Traver Swamp - Czecher Terhune.

1 Jan. 1, 1972 - Dover - Helen Manson.

1 Feb. 12, 1972 - Dover - Jim & Bonnie Fiedler.

1 Feb. 17, 1972 - Dover - Mary Yegella.

1 April 16, 1972 - Pugs Hill - Jim & Bonnie Fiedler.

1 Jan. 20-21, 1973 - Dover - Jim & Bonnie Fiedler.

1 Nov. 2, 1973 - Noel Cutright.

1 Oct. 10, 1974 - Salt Point - Marion VanWagner.

1 March 29, 1975 - Crugers Isl. - Otis Waterman et al.

1 Nov. 20, 1975 - Millerton - Helen Manson.

Comments: This species seems much more plentiful since 1966 but this might also be due to more birders afield more often.

189. WHITE-EYED VIREO:

Added Records Since 1962: (all migrants)

1 May 13, 1967 - Ten Mile River - Florence Germond, Helen Manson and John Marsh.

1 Sept. 6, 1969 - Skidmore Road - Helen Manson.

1 May 4, 1970 - St. Peters Cemetery, Poughkeepsie.

1 May 9-16, 1970 - Mt. Rutsen, Rhinebeck.

1 May 15, 1971 - Mt. Rutsen, Census.

1 May 17, 1971 - Green Haven, - Davis Finch.

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White-eyed Vireo (Continued):

1 June 4, 1971 - Deep Hollow - Marion VanWagner.

1 June 30, 1971 - Poughquag.

1 Sept. 6-8, 1971 - Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

1 June 17, 1972 - McMillans, Moore Rd.

1 May 25, 1973 - Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

1 June 5, 1973 - Stormville.

1 May 18-30, 1974 - Crugers Isl. - Eleanor Pink et al.

1 Sept. 20, 1975 - Bangall - Eleanor Pink and Marion VanWagner.

3 May 14, 1977 - May Census.

1 May all month, 1977 - Millbrook Boys School.

1 May 15, 1977 - Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

1 May 19, 1977 - Marion VanWagner.

1 June 8, 1977 - Millbrook - Marion VanWagner et al.

1 Sept. 22, 1977 - Bangall - Eleanor Pink and Marion VanWagner.

1 May 19, 1978 - Moores Mills - Forrest & Aline Romero.

1 June 11, 1978 - Smithfield - Bill & Trixi Strauss, Paul & Thelma Haight.

1 Aug. 16, 1978 - Amenia - Club Trip.

Comments: Apparently transients are making a comeback in the County and nesting may well have resumed, but we have no positive evidence of this as of summer 1979.

191. SOLITARY VIREO:

Additional Casual Dates:

1 April 6, 1967 - Stanfordville - Florence Germond.

2 Oct. 23, 1971 - Buttercup Sanctuary, Stissing.

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Solitary Vireo (Continued):

1 Nov. 6, 1971 - Tamarack Swamp.

1 July 11 & 18, 1973 - Deep Hollow - Marion VanWagner and Jim & Mary Key.

1 July 5 & 26, 1974 - Deep Hollow.

192. RED-EYED VIREO:

Comments: Numbers of breeding residents noticeably fewer in the 1970s throughout the County.

195. BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER:

Added Extreme Dates:

1 Nov. 1, 1967 - Salt Point - Czecher Terhune.

1 Nov. 6, 1974 - Red Oaks Mill - Jim & Mary Key.

1 Nov. 17, 1974 - Red Oaks Mill - Jim & Mary Key.

196. PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:

Added Records: 1 May 13, 1967 - Innisfree, Millbrook.

1 Sept. 16, 1969 - Tree Tops Lane, Poughkeepsie - Mary Key.

1 May 13, 1972 - Southern Dutchess - Beedy Gray.

197. WORM-EATING WARBLER:

Breeds: Ferncliff Forest (Mt. Rutsen); Stissing Mt, Pine Plains; Tyrell Road; Fishkill Mts; and possibly eastern range along Connecticut border.

198. GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER:

Scarce after June first; very few in September. Breeding quantities noticeably fewer in 1970s.

199. BLUE-WINGED WARBLER:

Comments: May Census counts 1978 and 1979 seem higher by 10-20% than formerly.

200. BREWSTER'S WARBLER:

Additional Records Since 1966:

1 May 3-17, 1967 - Pleasant Valley - Marion VanWagner.

1 May 16, 1970 - Mt. Rutsen, Rhinebeck - Jeff Daley.

1 June 19, 1971 - Turkey Hollow - sang Golden-winged Warbler song - Eleanor Pink.

1 May 1976 - Deep Hollow - Robert Smart.

1 July 28, 1977 - Mt. Rutsen - Davis Finch.

1 May 11, 1979 - Shunpike - Florence Germond.

2 May 12, 1979 - Shunpike - still singing on June 14.

201. LAWRENCE'S WARBLER:

Additional Records Since 1966:

1 May 18, 1967 - Thompson Pond - Bessie Klink.

1 May 22-24, 1971 - Buttercup Sanctuary - Stissing - Thelma Haight, Mrs. Martin, many others.

1 May 1, 1973 - Potter's Bend - Don Kroodsman.

1 end of June, 1973 - Wurtemburg Church - Alice Jones and Maggie Bowman.

1 May 10, 1975 - Bard College - Eric Kiviat.

1 May 14-22, 1977 - Camp Sharparoon - Florence Germond et al.

202. TENNESSEE WARBLER:

Late Date: 1 Nov. 22, 1972 - Millbrook - Czecher Terhune & Marion VanWagner.

Comments: May census records seem to indicate an increase in this transient in the County and Fall records also show an increase, with abundance some years in the "very common" category.

203. ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER:

Only Records Since 1962:

1 Oct. 15-20, 1963 - Pleasant Valley.

1 Sept. 29, 1966 - Red Oaks Mill - Jim & Mary Key.

1 May 12, 1967 - Red Oaks Mill - Jim & Mary Key.

1 Aug. 22, 1968 - Red Oaks Mill - Jim & Mary Key.

1 Sept. 13, 1969 - Red Oaks Mill.

1 May 2, 1970 - Fishkill - seen by many.

1 May 8, 1971 - Vanderburgh Cove - Eleanor Pink.

1 Sept. 3, 1971 - Red Oaks Mill - Jim & Mary Key.

1 Oct. 1 & 9, 1973 - Red Oaks Mill - Jim & Mary Key.

1 Oct. 1, 1973 - Pleasant Valley - Marion VanWagner.

1 May 18, 1974 - Census.

1 Sept. 29, 1976 - Pawling - seen by many.

1 Aug. 20, 1977 - Red Oaks Mill - Jim & Mary Key.

1 Sept. 17, 1977 - Pleasant Valley.

1 Sept. 11, 1978 - Pleasant Valley.

204. NASHVILLE WARBLER:

Comments: 1 June 25, 1975, Pawling Nature Reserve, singing. May have been a territorial bird. We have received no records of breeding birds in the eastern half of the County where they formerly nested in over 20 years. This may be due to lack of coverage in such areas as Schaghticoke Mt., Brace Mt., Bald Mt., etc., during June and July.

205. PARULA WARBLER:

Revised Extreme Date: 1 Nov. 1, 1967 - Innisfree.

1 Oct. 16, 1971 - Stanfordville - Florence Germond.

206. YELLOW WARBLER:

Revised Normal Dates: April 27 - Sept. 15.

Comments: Migrants are here in small numbers until mid-September but a few linger annually until late September.
Last Dates: 1 Sept. 29, 1962.
1 Sept. 28, 1972 & 1973.

207. MAGNOLIA WARBLER:

Revised Extreme Date:

1 Dec. 1, 1967 - Red Oaks Mill - Jim & Mary Key.

208. CAPE MAY WARBLER:

New Extreme Dates: 1 Aug. 14, 1975 - Maggie Bowman.

1 Aug. 16, 1975 - Pleasant Valley.

New Normal Dates: Aug. 25 - Oct. 20.

209. BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER:

No records of breeding have been received since 4 at Brace Mt., June 17, 1961.

New Extreme Date: 1 Nov. 17 & 18, 1969 - East Dorsey Lane - Esther and Harry Chapman.

Comment: Might still nest in Brace Mt. Region.

210. YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (MYRTLE):

Comments: A subspecies (formerly Audubon's Warbler) was at the feeder of Joan & Stan DeOrsey, Feb. 5 through 9, 1976, near Red Oaks Mill. Many observers plus photographs.

212. CERULEAN WARBLER:

Comments: No longer nests on Crugers Island or the road to the Island as in 1965 and prior years. The only County breeding record for 1979 was of two pair at Mt. Rutsen, Ferncliff Forest, northwest of Rhinebeck, where the species has been nesting since 1962 and possibly earlier.

Cerulean Warbler Continued:

(Comments): Note also these miscellaneous sightings:

1 June 13, 1969 - Penny Rd, Pawling - Helen Manson and Mary Yegella.

1 f. July 28, 1977 - Deep Hollow Rd - Davis Finch.

1 June 17, 1979, singing - Clove Mt. Road - Florence Germond.

Possibly more coverage of old estates near the River in the Rhinebeck, Red Hook region would turn up a few more breeding pairs.

213. BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER:

Revised Abundance: Common in season (formerly fairly common).

Revised Normal Dates: May 4 - Sept. 20.

Revised Extreme Dates: April 28 and Oct. 5.

Comments: Reports of breeding include 2 pairs annually, on both Deep Hollow Rd, Dover, and Pond Gut Rd, Taconic-Hereford State Land. Breeding may still occur at Innisfree also.

214. YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:

Only Additional Record: (5 previous, 1961 to 1965)

1 Sept. 30, 1972 - Poughkeepsie, at home of Alice Jones.

215. CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER:

Comment: Correct old comment to read "Species nests regularly throughout wooded areas of the County."

217. BLACKPOLL WARBLER:

Revised Extreme Dates: 1 Nov. 29, 1975 - Pleasant Valley.

1 Nov. 2, 1977 - Stonykill.

218. PINE WARBLER:

Revised abundance: Uncommon (formerly rare)

Spring - 4 to 5; Fall - 1 or 2.

New Extreme Date: 1 March 30, 1976 - Red Oaks Mill - Jim & Mary Key.

219. PRAIRIE WARBLER:

New Extreme Date: 1 Oct. 7, 1970 - Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

Comments: Breeding bird quantities appear noticeably higher in the last ten years (1969-1979). Note 24 on 1977 Breeding Bird Count (15 mile diameter circle with center at Baird Park) and 27 in 1978. May Census records (mid-May) have been strikingly higher 1973-1979, with a high of 105 in 1979 compared to 20 in 1970 and 1971.

220. PALM WARBLER:

New Extreme Dates: Spring - 2 May 12, 1972 - Red Oaks Mill - Jim and Mary Key.

2 May 12, 1976 - Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

Fall - 1 Nov. 7, 1970 - Smithfield - Eleanor Pink et al.

1 Dec. 30, 1967 - LaGrange - Jim & Mary Key and Julie and Tom Worden.

Comments: Annual total numbers of transients in recent years are noticeably reduced.

221. OVENBIRD:

Revised Normal Dates: April 30 - Oct. 6.

222. NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH:

Comment: No positive nesting data have been received but territorial singing birds have been found at Tamarack Swamp in June and July since 1965.

223. LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH:

Add Extreme Date: 1 April 7, 1973.

224. KENTUCKY WARBLER:

Added Records: (only 4 previous)

1 July 15, 1947 - Tivoli - George Rose & John Meyer.

1 m. Sept. 16, 1967 - Thompson Pond - Eleanor Pink & Marion VanWagner.

1 Oct. 4, 1967 - Crugers Island - Alice Jones and Jim & Mary Key.

1 m. May 31, to June 6, 1971 - Deep Hollow - Eleanor Pink, Florence Germond, Jeff Daley, Philip Smith, Otis Waterman, others.

1 May 13, 1972 - Southern Dutchess - Beedy Gray.

1 May 3 & 4, 1973 - Deep Hollow - Czecher Terhune, Aline Romero and Mary Key.

1 June 2, 1973 - Deep Hollow - Eleanor Pink & Marion VanWagner.

1 June 22, 1974 - Rockefeller Univ. Field Unit - Davis Finch and Robert Smart.

1 m. June 22, 1974 - Crugers Island - Noel Cutright and Kate Redmond.

225. CONNECTICUT WARBLER:

Added Records: 1 Sept. 23, 1967 - Thompson Pond.

1 Sept. 27, 1967 - Michael Whitcomb.

2 Sept. 18, 1968 - Davis Finch - Hopewell Junction.

1 Sept. 23, 1968 - Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

1 Sept. 26, 1968 - Hopewell Jct. - Davis Finch.

1 Oct. 1, 1968 - Davis Finch.

1 Oct. 2, 1968 - Davis Finch - different plumages.

1 Aug. 26, 1969 - Emily Becquet.

1 Sept. 20, 1970 - Thompson Pond.

1 Sept. 23, 1970 - Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

Connecticut Warbler (Continued):

1 Sept. 24, 1970 - Jim & Mary Key.

1 Sept. 30, 1970 - Crugers Island.

1 Sept. 16, 1971 - Pleasant Valley.

1 Sept. 28, 1972 - Tree Tops Ln. - Jim & Mary Key.

1 Sept. 24 & 28, 1973 - Lithgow.

1 Sept. 28, 1973 - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

3 Sept. 1973 - Banded, Millbrook - Robert Smart.

1 Oct. 9, 1973 - Forest Glen - Jim & Mary Key.

1 Oct. 1-10, 1973 - Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

226. MOURNING WARBLER:

Revised Status: Spring & Fall Transient.

Revised Abundance: Spring Uncommon (was Rare).

Fall Uncommon (was Rare).

Normal Dates: May 13 - June 11; Sept. 4 - Oct. 8.

Comments: The first Fall record since prior to 1933 was on Sept. 21, 1967, after which they were rarely missed in Fall.

227. YELLOWTHROAT:

Added Winter Records: 1 Nov. 25, 1970 - Pl. Valley - Marion VanWagner.

1 Dec. 13, 1974 - Amenia - Bill & Trixi Strauss.

228. YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:

Revised Status: Now a Rare Transient.

Comments: Last nestings in the County were in 1965, North of Red Hook and on Deep Hollow Road, Dover.

Only Records Since 1965:

1 June 15, 1966 - Crugers Island.

(Cont'd)

Yellow-breasted Chat (Continued):

1 Nov. 18, 1967 - Vassar College.

5 transients in 1969.

3 transients in 1970.

4 transients in 1971.

1 transient in 1972.

2 transients in 1973.

1 transient in 1977 - June 11, Skidmore Sanctuary.

2 transients in spring 1978.

229. HOODED WARBLER:

Status: Rare Spring and Fall Transient. Possibly breeds at Stissing Mt. and north of Mt. Beacon in Fishkill Mts. south of Rt. 84.

Normal Dates: May 1 - Sept. 15.

Comments: No nests have been traced down but territorial birds were found at Stissing Mt, Thompson Pond, 1970 through 1974, and at the Blodgett's Woods near the intersection of Rts. 9 and 84 in the Fishkill Mts, 1975-1979. More nesting observation is necessary. Unfortunately rattlesnakes and copperheads are not uncommon on the rocky hillsides where these birds were singing.

230. WILSON'S WARBLER:

Revised Normal Dates: Sept. 6 - Oct. 6.

231. CANADA WARBLER:

Added Extreme Dates: Oct. 27, 1969 - Poughkeepsie - Jim & Mary Key.

Oct. 24, 1972 - Salt Point - Czecher Terhune.

232. AMERICAN REDSTART:

Revised Abundance: Fall - Common (Had been uncommon).

Extreme Dates: 1 f. Nov. 25, 1971 - Salt Point - Czecher Terhune.
1 Nov. 11 to Dec. 9, 1967 - Red Oaks Mill - J.& M.Key.

233. HOUSE SPARROW:

Comments: Christmas Census counts show a general decline in numbers from 1967 to 1978, with a jump upward in 1979. This is also true of feeders, except those near farms, in the same period. At the same time the Christmas Count for House Finch rose from 1/1965, 14/1967, 324/1977 and 289/1979.

234. BOBOLINK:

Comments: The 1965 predictions of decreasing numbers of this species proved unfounded and both spring and fall migrants, as well as summer residents, have proven noticeably higher throughout the seventies. The increased numbers of horse boarding farms, accompanied by larger numbers of hay fields, may well be the factor. Later harvesting policies providing longer-lasting breeding habitat has also had an effect. Some large migrating flocks noted were:

Sept. 3, 1971 - 100+ - Salt Point.

Sept. 2, 1973 - 600 - North of Poughkeepsie.

Sept. 6, 1975 - 3000 - Crugers Island.

235. EASTERN MEADOWLARK:

Revised Abundance: Summer - Fairly Common to Common.

Winter - Uncommon (was common).

Comments: Both Spring and Christmas Census counts indicate a noticeable decline in numbers since 1968. This is likely due to a decline in the number of farms throughout the County, particularly dairy farms (see summary). Manure spreads, the favorite feeding areas for these birds, are hard to find except in eastern and northern parts of the County.

237. YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:

Added Records: Only previous record was 1 Sept. 11, 1963, Barrytown.

1 m. March 6, 1974 - Rt. 82, South of Pine Plains with flock of 1000 migrating Redwinged Blackbirds - Robert Smart and students from Millbrook Boys School.

1 m. April 14, 1979 - N. of Pawling - reported by Mrs. R. A. (Marian) Schlegel, at feeder. Unconfirmed but species could hardly be mistaken.

239. ORCHARD ORIOLE:

Comments: The nesting pair at Green Haven (1963-1965) continued through 1969. The only subsequent possible nestings were:
1 pair singing June 6, 1977, Salt Point - Jim & Mary Key, Marion VanWagner, and Eleanor Pink.
1 pair with young (built two nests) - June and July, 1979 - Stissing, home of Paul & Thelma Haight.

240. RUSTY BLACKBIRD:

Corrected Normal Dates: March 5 - May 11; Sept. 24 - Nov. 7.

244. SCARLET TANAGER:

Revised Extreme Date: 1 Oct. 31, 1970 - Stissing - Thelma Haight.

247. ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK:

Comment: While Cardinals seem to adore bird feeders, this Grosbeak, though a common summer resident, seems to abhor them. One exception is Florence Germond's feeders near Stanfordville where they come regularly May through September, both adults and young. Other feeders report only a straggling individual from time to time.

248. INDIGO BUNTING:

Comment: A previously omitted record of two females and two males "with a splotch of blue in the wing" reported by Herb Saltford at his feeder in Poughkeepsie, Dec. 11-15, 1962, was most unusual. An additional record was of a female or immature Dec. 13-19, 1975, at Marion VanWagner's feeder in Pleasant Valley.

249. DICKCISSEL:

Revised Normal Dates: Sept. 16 - April 30.

Totals since 1968: 2/68, 5/69, 4/70, 2/71, 3/72, 4/75, 2/76, 1/77, 1/79

252. HOUSE FINCH:

Revised Status: Permanent Resident.

Revised Abundance: Abundant.

Comments: After the first sighting of this species in the County on April 5, 1962, by Pat Garthwaite, Jean Hartman, and Dorthy Lloyd, the population steadily exploded, first in the City of Poughkeepsie, where it nested in 1965, and now (1979) throughout the County. It seems to outnumber the House Sparrow at most feeders, except those near dairy farms. Note the annual Christmas Census records over the years: 1/65, 5/66, 14/67, 19/68, 18/69, 64/70, 27/71, 74/72, 68/73, 94/74, 140/75, 209/76, 324/77.
Some summer dispersal is apparent. Winter flocks at some feeders number well over 50.

253. PINE GROSBEAK:

Comments: A sporadic winter visitant occurring almost annually in numbers from 5 to 100, although none was recorded in January or February 1970 and 1974.

254. HOARY REDPOLL:

Additional Record: (to that of 1 March 8, 1912, by Maunsell Crosby)

One with a large flock of Common Redpolls, Jan. 19, 1969, to March 15, 1969, north of Amenia. Found by Bill & Trixi Strauss and Dr. Haydock. Observed by many through the winter.

255. COMMON REDPOLL:

Added Extreme Date: 1 May 10, 1972 - an injured bird at Red Oaks Mill - Jim & Mary Key.

256. PINE SISKIN:

Added Extreme Date: 1 to 7, June 1-11, 1978 - Salt Point - Czecher Terhune. Note that in 1978 many stayed in the County through late May - very unusual.

258. RED CROSSBILL:

Comments: Numbers of this winter visitant vary over a wide range. Note these totals since 1966: 60/69, 100+/70 (a big year with 30 on the Census May 16), 0/71, 54/72, 20/73, 5/75, 8/76, none 1977-1979.

259. WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL:

Comments: Still a rare winter visitant. Reports included: 1/69, 2/70, 17/72, 7/74, 16 (flock)/76, 2/78.

260A Lark Bunting - missing. why?

262. GRASSHOPPER SPARROW:

Revised Abundance: Uncommon.

Comments: Has become increasingly hard to find as a breeder. Only a few pair appear left in the central and eastern parts of the County, possibly outside of Pine Plains.

263. HENSLOW'S SPARROW:

Correct previous last report of this species from Oct. 10, 1966, to Oct. 10, 1965, at Rochdale, seen by Marion VanWagner and Eleanor Pink.

264. VESPER SPARROW:

Comments: Another sparrow which seems to have almost disappeared from the County. The last Christmas Census record was 1 in 1972. May Census records have been of only 1 or 2 birds annually since 1974. No winter records have been received since 1972.

264A. LARK SPARROW:

Additional Record: (to the one of Feb. 1965 by Czecher & Ralph Terhune - Salt Point.)

1 May 11, 1966 - Salt Point - Maggie Bowman. Seen within 10 feet with Vesper and Field Sparrows.

265. DARK-EYED JUNCO (SLATE-COLORED):

Comments: The pair that had nested on Deep Hollow Road for many years did not nest in 1978 or 1979. No investigation has been made of nesting in the Brace Mt. area for 10 years.

*268A. CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:

Status: A one-time summer resident.

Sub-Status: Positive sight record.

Abundance: Straggler.

Only Dates: One territorial male June & July, 1974, at Rockefeller University Field Research Institute near Washington Hollow. Robert Smart and many others observed the bird. Studies were made by the Rockefeller Institute but never passed on to the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club. There was some evidence that it may have nested with a Field Sparrow.

*269A. HARRIS' SPARROW:

Status: Winter visitant.

Sub-Status: Positive sight record.

Abundance: Casual.

Only Records: 1 imm. Jan. 15 to May 6, 1968, at feeder of Mr. & Mrs. James Sweeney, Dover Plains. Many observers during the period. Many photographs, some on file with Eleanor Pink.

1 Oct. 12-14, 1969, adult male - Pleasant Valley - at feeder of Marion VanWagner. Confirmed by Eleanor Pink, Helen Manson, Marge King, Czecher Terhune, et al.

270. WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:

Comment: Though scarce and rare in winter, note annual wintering birds at the feeder of Bill & Trixi Strauss, Home Farm, Amenia, as follows: 1972 - 2
1973 - 2
1974 - 1
1975 - Strausses away
1976 - 3
1977 - 2
1978 & 1979 - 0

271. WHITE-THROATED SPARROW:

Comments: Prior to 1967 this species was a sparse winterer but since 1974 has become a common winterer, occurring at most feeders throughout the winter. Note the totals reported in January of recent years:
15/66, 52/68, 6/69, 23/70, 23/71, 120/74, 115/76, 200/77, 200/78, 62/79.
Christmas Census records confirm this increase. Note:
29/58, 18/59, 16/60, 39/61, 16/62, 41/63, 39/64, 36/65, 16/66, 54/67, 33/68, 109/69, 86/70, 189/71, 93/72, 36/73, 153/74, 320/75, 362/76, 211/77, 199/78, 85/79.

273. LINCOLN'S SPARROW:

Comments: Spring records remain sparse. Only these have been received:
1 May 8, 1966
1 May 11, 1966
1 May 14, 1967
1 May 18, 1967
1 May 16, 1970
1 May 19, 1970
2 May 10, 1972
3 May 14, 1972
1 May 10, 1975
1 May 11, 1975
1 May 26, 1976
1 May 14, 1977
1 May 23, 1978

Added Extreme Dates: 1 Dec. 13, 1969, through Jan. 15, 1970 - at Florence Germond's feeder, Stanfordville.

1 Jan. 10-30, 1972 - Bill & Trixi Strauss's feeder, Amenia.

276. LAPLAND LONGSPUR:

Comments: None recorded in 1975 or 1976. 1978 was a peak year with:
3 Jan. 24 - Route 82, Pine Plains
4 Jan. 14-15 - Karl Ehmer Farm, LaGrangeville
1 Jan. 15 - Red Hook
3 Feb. 11-28 - Verbank
2 Feb. 11-20 - Winchell Mt.
1 March 1-5 - Verbank

MAY CENSUS

Dutchess County's traditional "May Census", or "Break One Hundred Day", taken on the middle Sunday of May (Saturday in recent years), was initiated by Maunsell S. Crosby of Rhinebeck and his friends, Allen Frost and Raymond G. Guernsey of Poughkeepsie, in 1919. From 1919 to 1933 Crosby and his cronies were often accompanied by such well known birders as Ludlow Griscom, Roger Tory Peterson, John H. Baker, William Vogl, and many others from the Linnaean Society of New York City. From 1933 to 1945, following Crosby's death, the tradition was continued by Frost and Guernsey, joined by Frank Gardner, Jr., of Poughkeepsie. These three were joined by Ralph T. Waterman in 1945 and Otis Waterman in 1946. In the late forties and early fifties several members of the Ralph Waterman's adult education class at Arlington High School began participating including Eleanor Pink, Marion VanWagner, Florence Germond, Helen Manson, Thelma Haight, Czecher Terhune, and others. With Ralph Waterman's passing in November, 1958, Frost, Guernsey and Gardner having previously died, the census was continued by the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club (called the Dutchess County Bird Club when originally organized in May 1958). Participant numbers ranged from 25 in 1959 to 38 in 1979. The area included all of Dutchess County except the extreme northeast and southeast.

Crosby's records were apparently turned over to the Linnaean Society and the records of the May Census 1933 to 1958 indicated only if a species was identified, not how many of each. With the organization of the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club individual species counts were kept and the totals 1959-1979 follow. For more detailed write-up see also the original BIRDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY, published by the Linnaean Society in 1933, and BIRDS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY 1933 - 1964, by Eleanor Pink and Otis Waterman.

RALPH T. WATERMAN BIRD CLUB - RECORD OF MAY CENSUS

	*58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
Common Loon						1			2		1	1	2			1			2	1	7	1	
Red-throated Loon														2		4							
Red-necked Grebe																							
Horned Grebe																				1			
Eared Grebe																							
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2		4		1	5	1	8	3	2	2	1	1	5	2			1	1	1	1	
Great Cormorant																							
Double-crested Cormorant								4				2	2		2	5	8	2	1			2	
Great Blue Heron			1	2	3	4	7	11	24	8	6	9	3	12	33	18	14	29	25	9	12	6	8
Green Heron	1	11		3	2	8	9	13	6	7	15	9	8	10	13	14	21	15	17	7	10	14	14
Little Blue Heron														1									
Cattle Egret														3									
Great Egret												1											
Snowy Egret																							
Bl.-crowned Night Heron						1				1				1	3					2	1	1	
Y.-crowned Night Heron																							
Least Bittern				1	1	1	1						1		1	2	1		1				1
American Bittern	1	3	9	2	4	2	2	6	3	4	5	3	6	2	6	5	7	4	3	4	1	1	
Glossy Ibis																							
Mute Swan							1											1					2
Whistling Swan																							
Canada Goose	1	2	3	12	2	22+	3	40	15	24	15	25	31	40	54	61	90	65	64	161	103	190	186
Brant							175		250	100							350						
White Fronted Goose																							
Snow Goose																							
Mallard	1	19	8	25	25	101	50	30	35	46	59	101	83	60	89	94	112	77	57	93	70	64	51
Amer. Black Duck	1	16	12	25	20	52	31	24	36	18	35	48	25	50	81	76	36	27	16	35	22	14	9
Gadwall	1																						
Common Pintail																							
Green-winged Teal				1	1	1	2		2					7	4	5	2		2	6			1
Blue-winged Teal	1		1	1	1	2	2	2	5	2	11	7	6	16	12	3	5	4	6	4	7	7	4
American Wigeon										2	2			1								2	
Northern Shoveler																1							
Wood Duck	1	10	10	10	13	34+	16	32	23	19	29	22	16	40	43	33	12	23	10	20	52	28	14
Redhead																							
Ring-necked Duck															6	1							
Canvasback															2				1				
Greater Scaup											2				5								
Lesser Scaup																							

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Common Goldeneye											2												
Bufflehead																							
Oldsquaw																							
White-winged Scoter										14													
Surf Scoter																							
Black Scoter																							
Ruddy Duck										1													
Hooded Merganser			1?											1									
Common Merganser		1			1				4					1		1					1		
Red-br. Merganser													3			1					1		
Turkey Vulture	1	3	20	1	6	11	15	21	11	11	11	23	28	15	13	27	12	34	20	30	35	24	16
Black Vulture																							
Northern Goshawk														1		1					1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1	3									3						2	1		
Coopers Hawk	1				1		1					2							2				
Red-tailed Hawk	1	6	8	10	7	6	10	7	13	9	21	19	10	21	16	22	12	21	16	21	10	17	33
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	3		1	1						2					3		1					
Broad-winged Hawk	1		2		1	2	1	5	4	7	4	3	3	10	6	1	3	7	8	3	2	8	8
Rough-legged Hawk																							
Golden Eagle																						1	
Bald Eagle																1							
Northern Harrier	1		1		3	1	2	1	2												4	1	
Osprey		2	1		1	3	1		2	5	1	2	2	9	4	2				3	2	2	1
Gyrfalcon																							
Peregrine Falcon																							
Merlin			1?																				
American Kestrel	1	10	6	15	6	6	8	6	6	9	11	16	21	7	26	16	13	13	5	10	15	10	8
Ruffed Grouse	1	7	4	8	5	8	20	10	11	13	8	11	5	10	5	11	9	21	11	12	16	17	15
Bobwhite	1	2	2	6			2	5	3	1	11	3		1	1	2	5	2	2		1	1	1
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	26	20	45	25	48	20	30	19	35	44	28	25	25	32	36	23	18	27	16	29	35	24
Gray Partridge																							
Turkey																						1	1
King Rail																					1		
Virginia Rail		3	4	4	1	6	5	2	3	6	8	4	3	4	7	4	5	6	14	7	13	4	4
Sora				1		3			1	2	4	2	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	7	5	2	4
Common Gallinule		1				2	1	1	1	7	1	1	5	1	1	4	7	3	5	1	2	1	1
American Coot							1	1	1	1	2	1		3				2		1			
Semipalmated Plover												5							1		1		
Killdeer	1	20+	30	35	14	33	32	22	31	25	38	54	16	18	33	50	55	35	30	34	28	35	30

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Lesser Golden Plover																							
Black-bellied Plover																					1		
Ruddy Turnstone																							
American Woodcock	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	9	3	3	9	3	9	9	26	11	11	3	3	3	2	7
Common Snipe			3	1	2	1	2	10	6	12	6	9	5	5	7	3	2	1	3	2	5	3	1
Upland Sandpiper																							
Spotted Sandpiper	1	15	14	15	9	13	12	3	19	20	15	42	5	52	39	60	27	20	34	19	14	14	18
Solitary Sandpiper	1	6	14	8	5	14	15	20	32	8	24	13	10	15	18	15	11	8	10	24	6	14	5
Willet																						1	
Greater Yellowlegs	1	1	3		5	8	9	5	16	19	10	4	3	27	34	22	2	4	12	14	6	20	2
Lesser Yellowlegs					?	2	1	1	7		7	2	2	8	6	5	1	5	3	5	1	2	
Red Knot																							
Pectoral Sandpiper				11		1					1					11	1		4				9
White-rumped Sandpiper																							
Baird's Sandpiper																							
Least Sandpiper	1			2	1	3	17	23	10	2	14	43		16	6	31	23	11	117	40	266	61	31
Dunlin																							
Short-billed Dowitcher																			12				
Stilt Sandpiper																							
Semipal. Sandpiper		6	17		1				2		2						3						
Western Sandpiper																							
Buff-breasted Sandpiper																							
Sanderling																							
Wilson Phalarope								1															
Northern Phalarope																							
Glaucous Gull																							
Iceland Gull																							
Gr. Bl-backed Gull								2	1	1	2	4	1	2	9	13	13	19	5	3	9	34	42
Herring Gull	1	14	10	6	8	25	30	55	29	85	150	49	35	100	49	60	30	78	24	39	34	44	57
Ring-billed Gull						5		2	1		1	3	1	21	7	25	3	9	4	3	23	8	4
Laughing Gull						1																	
Bonaparte's Gull												2											
Bl-legged Kittiwake																							
Common Tern																1							
Caspian Tern																							
Black Tern				2					1	2	1			2									
Thick-billed Murre																							
Dovekie																							
Rock Dove	1	x	x	30	30	160	50	75	100	116	124	83	88	60	97	160	244	142	32	81	45	130	104
Mourning Dove	1	25+	40+	45	50+	52	92	61	106	162	102	143	92	52	78	160	150	142	74	100	170	136	127

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Monk Parakeet																							
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	17	11	7	4	18	42	7	1		3	2	1			3	3		3	1	5	2	7
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	7	13	10	2	7	23	7	1			5	2		1	2	7	4	1		7	7	15
Barn Owl												1				1					2		
Common Screech Owl		1	1	18	2	1	1				1		2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1
Great Horned Owl		1	2	4	1	1			3	3	1	1	4	5	3	4	5	5		3	1	3	3
Snowy Owl																							
Barred Owl	1	2	1	2	1	3	5	3	4	3	2	3	3	2	5	3	3	5	1	1	8	3	2
Long-eared Owl		1?																					
Short-eared Owl																							
Boreal Owl																							
Saw-whet Owl																							
Whip-poor-will	1	1	1	2		2	4	8	1	1	4	5	2	3	3	2	3	5	2	4	2	3	2
Common Nighthawk	1	6		2			5	1				4	1	1	2		8	21	1			-	6
Chimney Swift	1	25+	60+	75	40	20	115	37	66	60	72	173	97	100	46	100	47	83	62	54	123	61	58
Ruby Thr. Hummingbird	1	3	1	5	2	3	4	5	3	3	1	2	4	5	3	2	4	6	4	1	3	2	14
Belted Kingfisher	1	6	4	5	2	5	3	6	9	10	6	6	4	8	3	7	6	7	24	10	9	11	10
Common Flicker	1	25+	60+	125	50+	150	102	58	150	76	63	68	72	79	72	122	73	87	61	67	83	85	54
Pileated Woodpecker	1	4	3	5	8	8	5	5	10	10	9	4	9	13	14	8	5	15	9	8	5	7	6
Red-bellied Woodpecker																	1	2		1	5	12	4
Red-headed Woodpecker	1		1			1	2		1				2		1		1	1	1				
Yel.-bellied Sapsucker				1					1	1					1				2				
Hairy Woodpecker	1	10	7	15	5	15	20	10	31	23	27	11	16	18	17	26	14	22	14	12	17	13	13
Downy Woodpecker	1	25+	30	55	25	57	31	20	56	76	64	29	36	39	49	60	31	41	16	29	41	33	28
Bl-back 3T Woodpecker																							
Eastern Kingbird	1	25+	40+	50	50	45	140	97	90	23	54	104	86	60	43	21	72	94	79	38	43	52	76
Western Kingbird																							
Gr.-crested Flycatcher	1	25+	30+	50	50	24	100	45	43	4	41	35	55	30	28	36	61	67	43	25	33	41	44
Eastern Phoebe	1	25	20+	40	40	24	56	31	113	29	42	48	27	33	49	45	55	45	34	29	26	37	50
Y.-bellied Flycatcher		1					1	1	1			1	1				3			1			
Acadian Flycatcher																	2	2	4				
Willow Flycatcher	1	1					3					1	1		1		4	2	1			1	4
Least Flycatcher	1	17	25+	30	40	14	40	39	65	19	33	35	28	27	58	50	45	45	41	18	15	25	35
E. Wood Pewee	1	10	2	20	4	2	26	9	6	3		7	7	4	5		23	19	9	1	1	1	14
Olive-sided Flycatcher																	1	1				1	1
Horned Lark	1	2	9	15	8	4	15	16	16	11	13	5	4	6	5	6	4	4	1	6			1
Tree Swallow	1	25+	40	50	25+	1400	120	114	300	324	174	124	200	300	180	800	300	85	156	585	234	120	162
Bank Swallow	1	20	10	12	22	430	220	88	270	148	432	193	123	350	120	200	350	239	167	218	90	125	39
Rough-wing. Swallow	1	10	12	10	10	25	25	11	12	11	12	9	12	14	9	37	2	14	13	6	9	21	7

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Barn Swallow	1	25	50	110	50+	430	110	161	250	228	143	175	100	160	147	400	200	140	96	217	123	160	120
Cliff Swallow		5	2	8	6	30	5		10	8	14	12	12	10	5	20	3			49			
Purple Martin			10	20	13	6	36	38	25	17	38	31	33	25	30	30	36	77	35	7	11	9	7
Gray Jay																							
Blue Jay	1	25+	25+	125	100+	146	150	72	325	186	205	306	109	200	400+	200	161	115	86	112	208	175	206
Northern Raven																							
American Crow	1	25+	25+	150	100+	200	150	2	600	129	111	117	150	160	100+	250	98	100	88	140	186	160	154
Fish Crow								1				3	3	1	9	4	3	7	2	3	3	4	
Bl.-capped Chickadee	1	25+	50+	100	50+	130	70	70	225	115	76	39	67	112	90	132	103	80	43	70	63	66	90
Boreal Chickadee																							
Tufted Titmouse	1	6	3	10	20	23	16	14	40	31	30	19	14	23	32	40	53	46	13	20	44	32	28
White-br. Nuthatch	1	22	7	30	20	32	18	28	45	52	48	20	30	37	35	40	34	30	21	17	32	19	25
Red-br. Nuthatch						2			7				3		2	4	1	4			2		
Brown Creeper	1	3	1	3	3	11	5	15	30	9	8	8	8	18	9	17	6	10	7	3	1	3	8
House Wren	1	25+	50	75	50+	100	75	37	71	104	82	65	46	57	80	100	90	100	69	64	72	64	70
Winter Wren		1	1	4	1	2	1	2			3	2	2	7	7	3	6	10	6		3	4	4
Carolina Wren		1		2	1					2	1					1	3	6	4		2	2	3
L-billed Marsh Wren	1	12	15	15	4	10	13	30	9	5	10	9	6	11	11	14	15	40	102	9	40	31	46
S-billed Marsh Wren		1?																					1
Northern Mockingbird				1	3	5	4	6	11	9	12	10	19	17	26	65	98	58	28	40	62	69	90
Gray Catbird	1	25+	25+	300	100	225	200	130	400	204	155	143	200	150	140	150	200	190	171	214	253	230	240
Brown Thrasher	1	25	25+	40	35	55	46	60	150	60	57	46	29	42	28	60	19	27	19	21	30	16	26
American Robin	1	25+	25+	200	100	300	300	200	500	435	450	500	200	200	190	300	300	300	200	400	217	250	350
Wood Thrush	1	25+	25+	100	100	115	81	100	120	58	82	94	100	100	100	176	103	95	98	79	89	137	83
Hermit Thrush		1			?	1	2	1	1	6	3		5	1	5	4	8	5		2	2	2	
Swainson's Thrush	1	12		8	2	22	11	10	4	1	4	10	4	19	28	6	11	22	13	5	14	1	11
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	1?		6	2	5	2	3		2	1						3	2	2	1	3		1
Veery	1	25+	25+	75	50	100	68	62	70	68	13	60	36	67	92	64	63	50	47	56	18	24	37
Eastern Bluebird	1	10	6	15	17	9	25	19	42	21	21	11	11	11	20	23	20	12	14	7	6	18	30
Townsend's Solitaire																							
Bl.-gray Gnatcatcher	1				1	1			3				3	2	5	5	8	9	14	12	12	7	8
G.-crowned Kinglet					?												1	2				1	
R.-crowned Kinglet		1			1	1			20	47	5		2	5	18	16	1	3	1	3	3	1	
Water Pipit						55			4	2		10		3	21	13	1		6	10			
Bohemian Waxwing																							
Cedar Waxwing	1	25	2	8	1	11		8	10	4	50	6	2		10	24	15	4	7	2	25	57	70
Northern Shrike																							
Loggerhead Shrike																							
Starling	1	25+	25+	x	100	300	200	x	500	626	782	341	600	300	350	800	600	400	1000	800	300	400	250

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White-eyed Vireo										1			1	1			1			3		2	1
Yellow-thr. Vireo	1	3	8	25	13	15	38	24	27	41	9	22	14	21	11	20	15	30	33	18	13	15	24
Solitary Vireo	1	2		12		2	1	1	6	1	4		3	4	27	3	2	9	1	2	11	3	3
Red-eyed Vireo	1	25+	30+	25	11	19	48	32	15			38	29	19	19	33	55	37	49	17	23	43	69
Philadelphia Vireo	1	1				1						1	1	1				1	1		2		1
Warbling Vireo	1	11	15	10	12	14	45	33	10	16	32	53	44	26	19	35	40	35	21	13	67	21	42
Black & White Warbler	1	14	30+	30	20	29	26	28	73	58	31	44	15	32	73	53	29	27	31	26	67	24	31
Prothonotary Warbler						1				1					1								
Worm-eating Warbler	1	4	3	1	3	2	3	2	5	2	2	9	8	8	3	7	8	3	2		9	2	2
Golden-w. Warbler	1	11	26	25	11	8	11	10	15	4	13	9	9	10	16	20	32	12	6	3	7	19	3
Blue-winged Warbler	1	16	40+	65	24	18	51	53	60	10	42	55	27	54	60	90	75	80	42	62	104	133	96
Brewster's Warbler		1											1									1	
Lawrence's Warbler				1	?															1			
Tennessee Warbler	1	25+		30	3	28	14	20	2	1	5	7	17	7	8	18	104	46	45	18	30	35	41
Orange Cr. Warbler	1																						
Nashville Warbler	1			5	7	20	1	3	18	8	4	6	4	5	36	17	6	12	4	3	5	4	2
No. Parula Warbler	1	6	3	17	5	17	4	5	20	8	9	2		30	42	14	24	10	10	6	50	2	5
Yellow Warbler	1	25+	25+	170	50+	70	86	83	125	107	120	125	87	100	114	150	172	120	112	133	156	202	150
Magnolia Warbler	1	19	2	40	2	15	3	8	50	26	3	4	7	27	18	16	28	23	9	4	17	1	13
Cape May Warbler				4		10		3	2	1	1	1	1	5	15	10	7	15	9	1	7	1	2
Bl-thr. Blue Warbler	1	8	4	15	3	10	1	5	60	7	6	3	5	35	75	21	13	14	8	6	28	3	11
Yel.-rumped Warbler	1	22	3	75	20	131	23	15	80	156	35	8	23	100	500	142	17	42	28	69	106	12	68
Townsend's Warbler																							
Bl-thr Green Warbler	1	8	6	30	6	44	16	24	70	46	19	6	10	15	49	40	20	22	13	17	54	8	25
Cerulean Warbler	1	1?	4	8	6	10+	10	7	4		3	7	5	6	2	5	3	4	3	1	3	3	3
Blackburnian Warbler	1	6	6	12	1	3	1	4	40	9	4		1	8	22	4	6	11	2		25	2	6
Yellow-thr. Warbler																							
Chest-sided Warbler	1	16	13	30	13	21	50	24	50	23	31	25	17	35	34	37	28	43	26	20	47	31	35
Bay-breasted Warbler	1	9	1	10	2	5	7	11				1	7	7	9	5	37	24	3	1	12	2	12
Black-poll Warbler	1	6		2	1	2	8	4				29	10	11	7		22	19	17	3	36	10	5
Pine Warbler	1	7					2			2											1		
Prairie Warbler	1	14	9	10	9	7	19	20	23	5	18	27	13	20	27	45	43	33	38	38	59	105	81
Palm Warbler															1								1
Ovenbird	1	25+	50+	50	25+	38	52	38	50	34	10	38	26	29	38	50	30	34	25	20	30	27	30
Northern Waterthrush	1	4		1	?		1	5	7	5	5	2	4	10	7	4	14	15	10	2	5	7	8
Louisiana Waterthrush	1	3	4	10	18	12	20	23	10	10	6	13	5	8	9	15	8	10	9	4	11	9	11
Kentucky Warbler															1								2
Connecticut Warbler									1					1	1								
Mourning Warbler										2		1	1		1								

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Common Yellowthroat	1	25+	100+	100	25+	52	100	63	77	43	44	116	63	90	50	120	96	77	85	64	129	115	110
Yellow-br. Chat		1?	2	3	2	1		2						2			2				1		
Hooded Warbler		1?		1			1						1	1	1	1	2	1	1				
Wilson's Warbler	1	6	2	4	2	2	2	2	4	3	3	3	1	9	16	8	12	4	4	2	4	6	4
Canada Warbler	1	25	2	16	1	8	45	26	19	3	2	18	17	9	13	7	43	9	11	3	20	6	18
American Redstart	1	18	50+	45	20	30	70	65	87	8	1	116	72	70	64	75	147	70	100	38	160	69	64
House Sparrow	1	25+	25+	1000	100	205	200	x	1000	245	150	345	150	200	125	200	250	158	70	59	100	138	116
Bobolink	1	25+	10	50	20	50	120	25	75	29	167	123	60	80	140	80	87	78	200	70	119	116	100
Eastern Meadowlark	1	25+	60+	100	25	65	70	42	81	58	95	84	45	60	59	73	39	35	34	28	33	40	31
Western Meadowlark																							
Yel.-headed Blackbird																							
Red-winged Blackbird	1	25+	100+	1000	100	1000	1000	x	5000	1800	5000	2000	2000	600	850	1000	1000	700	1000	3000	x	2300	1000+
Orchard Oriole	1	1	3	1						1	1	2	1	2	2			1		1	1	1	
Northern Oriole	1	25+	100+	150	100	250	100	150	200	70	168	193	120	169	150	173	181	136	106	126	100	118	174
Rusty Blackbird						2				2				1	1		2	2		2	3	1	2
Common Grackle	1	25+	100	1000	100	1000	500	x	1500	265	585	500	300	250	220	600	250	260	255	543	x	586	350
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	25+	100	1000	100	125	300	81	500	204	140	200	180	150	120	150	125	100	34	73	111	86	69
Scarlet Tanager	1	25+	50+	60	25	78	70	39	90	2	33	48	43	28	43	60	54	59	52	41	60	97	90
Summer Tanager																							
Northern Cardinal	1	25+	25+	100	50	61	70	33	60	72	81	64	38	58	56	90	96	71	55	57	103	90	82
Rose-br. Grosbeak	1	25+	30	75	75	115	120	38	100	54	76	88	71	90	89	142	96	79	74	84	101	100	100
Bl.-headed Grosbeak																							
Indigo Bunting	1	12	6	20		3	45	9	2	1		7	14	5	5	5	29	37	19	1	6	12	18
Dickcissel																							
Evening Grosbeak	1		1		100				20			12			3	32		2	6		44		1
Purple Finch	1	15	5	10	40	15	25	11	84	25	15	19	7	16	140	60	17	15	26	18	87	20	17
House Finch								2	1	9	3	13	6	16	18	15	23	30	29	40	111	74	145
Pine Grosbeak												2											
Hoary Redpoll																							
Common Redpoll																							
Pine Siskin						2							17		68		4				45		
American Goldfinch	1	25+	25+	500	100	275	120	151	400	208	522	220	105	175	200	300	225	300	115	181	258	142	131
Red Crossbill							2									3							
Wh.-winged Crossbill																							
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	25+	25+	125	100	200	100+	65	130	181	156	94	89	110	87	140	85	64	46	75	87	76	49
Lark Bunting																							
Savannah Sparrow	1	25	2	10	4	10	5	7	22	23	61	27	4	19	29	30	11	22	5	3	10	7	5
Grasshopper Sparrow	1		2	6	1	7	3	4	3	2		6	2	1	4	4	7	3	2	1	1	2	
Henslow's Sparrow																							

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	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
Vesper Sparrow		4	8	6	1	20	10	5	7	5	18	6	6	6	5	7	5	1	1	2	2	3	3
Lark Sparrow																							
Dark-eyed Junco				1	1	1	2	2		2		1	1	2	4			4		2	4		
Tree Sparrow			13			2										4							
Chipping Sparrow	1	25+	50+	75	50+	200	150	58	150	195	162	159	128	99	85	107	96	100	57	85	77	74	96
Clay-colored Sparrow																							
Field Sparrow	1	25+	40+	50	25+	85	40	27	60	61	65	45	28	27	54	82	65	38	24	22	46	37	23
Harris' Sparrow																							
Wh.-crowned Sparrow	1	5	1	3	5	11	4	11	17	71	11	8	7	17	50	23	10	4	2	40	12	8	11
Wh.-throated Sparrow	1	8	17	30	25+	36	5	13	30	77	16	15	9	44	92	83	12	12	1	65	52	4	15
Fox Sparrow							1																
Lincoln's Sparrow						1	1				1	1	1		1			1		1		1	1
Swamp Sparrow	1	25+	25+	50	25+	110	60	47	61	78	92	56	48	60	63	48	30	40	70	65	98	52	41
Song Sparrow	1	25+	25+	150	100	300	250	69	200	216	223	175	100	130	131	209	133	100	91	106	133	158	128
Lapland Longspur																							
Snow Bunting																							
TOTAL SPECIES - CENSUS	127	128	119	138	130	150	143	137	147	139	140	151	157	154	160	155	158	153	150	148	157	158	146
	126																						

CHRISTMAS COUNT

Ralph Waterman, Ray Guernsey, Frank Gardner and Otis Waterman took unofficial Christmas Counts in 1948, 1949, and 1950, but the Waterman Bird Club's first formal count was taken in 1959 and forwarded to the National Audubon Society.

The Christmas Count area was and still is a 15-mile-diameter circle reaching from the Hudson River south of Poughkeepsie to the Clove Valley, and from Washington Hollow to Hopewell Junction, with its center at Baird State Park.

The number of participants varied from 24 in 1959 to 38 in 1978, almost identical to the May Census. The species count rose from 50 in 1961 to a high of 76 in 1975. The listing of the various counts follows.

RALPH T. WATERMAN BIRD CLUB - CHRISTMAS CENSUS REPORTS

	58	59	61 1-2	61 12-30	62	63	65 1-2	66 1-2	66 12-26	67	68	69	71	72 1-2	72 12-30	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
Common Loon						1											1						
Red-throated Loon																							
Red-necked Grebe																							
Horned Grebe																1							
Eared Grebe																							
Pied-billed Grebe								3	3					4	8	5	1	2				1	
Great Cormorant																							
Double-crested Cormorant																							
Great Blue Heron																							
Green Heron																							
Little Blue Heron																							
Cattle Egret																							
Great Egret																							
Snowy Egret																							
Bl.-crowned Night Heron																							
Y.-crowned Night Heron																							
Least Bittern																							
American Bittern																							
Glossy Ibis																							
Mute Swan																						6	
Whistling Swan																							
Canada Goose							1		1					70		23	63	16		290	31	547	
Brant																	67					1	
White Fronted Goose																							
Snow Goose		1																2		1			
Mallard	25	22	18	6	16	34	62	114	63	187	295	40	129	150	150	579	268	360	254	84	154	210	
Amer. Black Duck	9	30	11	23	21	29	30	44	12	29	40	8	12	20	30	99	65	34	25	18	10	55	
Gadwall															3								
Common Pintail																		1				1	
Green-winged Teal																							
Blue-winged Teal																							
American Wigeon																							
Northern Shoveler																							
Wood Duck							2		1		1												
Redhead																1		4					
Ring-necked Duck										6								2				6	
Canvasback									2				1	2			70	213		11	3		
Greater Scaup															1								
Lesser Scaup								1						1									

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	58	59	1-2 12-30 61	61	62	63	65	1-2 1-2 12-26 66	66	67	68	69	71	72	1-2 1-2 12-30 72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
Common Goldeneye										5				4			3					1	
Bufflehead															7								
Oldsquaw																							
White-winged Scoter																							
Surf Scoter																							
Black Scoter																							
Ruddy Duck										1													
Hooded Merganser																							
Common Merganser						6			14						4		30						
Red-br. Merganser																							
Turkey Vulture																							
Black Vulture																							
Northern Goshawk															2				3	1		1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk																						3.	
Coopers Hawk								1					2		1				1	2		1	
Red-tailed Hawk	21	14	27	12	17	27	12	7	11	26	27	21	33	19	32	29	35	29	44	70	39	39	
Red-shouldered Hawk			1					2	1														
Broad-winged Hawk																							
Rough-legged Hawk			5	7	2	3	1			2	1	1	2				1	1	1	1			
Golden Eagle																							
Bald Eagle																						1	
Northern Harrier	2	1	1	2	1													1					
Osprey																							
Gyrfalcon																							
Peregrine Falcon				1																			
Merlin																							
American Kestrel	2	8	5	9	11	2	4	4	9	2	3	4	10	12	12	13	19	28	16	15	6	13	
Ruffed Grouse	1	2	7	7	8	6	20	14	1	13	18	5	7	3	5	13	3	4	3	2		7	
Bobwhite	4		15						3									6					
Ring-necked Pheasant	9	104	125	146	233	149	53	28	86	34	109	30	46	50	21	16	4	18	17	24	20	5	
Gray Partridge																							
Turkey																							
King Rail																							
Virginia Rail																							
Sora																							
Common Gallinule																	1						
American Coot								28	25					72	22	40	9	65					
Semipalmated Plover																							
Killdeer																		1			1		

	58	59	1-2 12-30 61	61	62	63	1-2 1-2 12-26 65	66	66	67	68	69	1-2 1-2 12-30 71	72	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
Lesser Golden Plover																							
Black-bellied Plover																							
Ruddy Turnstone																							
American Woodcock																							
Common Snipe												1		2			4	1	1	5			
Upland Sandpiper																							
Spotted Sandpiper																							
Solitary Sandpiper																							
Willet																							
Greater Yellowlegs																							
Lesser Yellowlegs																							
Red Knot																							
Pectoral Sandpiper																							
White-rumped Sandpiper																							
Baird's Sandpiper																							
Least Sandpiper																							
Dunlin																							
Short-billed Dowitcher																							
Stilt Sandpiper																							
Semipal. Sandpiper																							
Western Sandpiper																							
Buff-breasted Sandpiper																							
Sanderling																							
Wilson Phalarope																							
Northern Phalarope																							
Glaucous Gull																							
Iceland Gull																							
Gr. Bl-backed Gull	1	1	1				1	1	1		2	1			6	2	1	2	7		5		
Herring Gull	15	30	52	69	5	27	51	31	54	8	37	15	3	6	66	15	67	85	12	13	31	50	
Ring-billed Gull								2	3		3	2	1	11	12	9	68	22	20	2	3	2	
Laughing Gull																							
Bonaparte's Gull																		2					
Bl-legged Kittiwake																							
Common Tern																							
Caspian Tern																							
Black Tern																							
Thick-billed Murre																							
Dovekie																							
Rock Dove							86	139	200		335	321	641	289	451	270	170	347	158	448	663	290		294
Mourning Dove	5	41	166	465	230	130	282	206	263	389	361	205	349	614	303	542	303	584	429	300	494	427	

	58	59	1-2 12-30 61	61	62	63	1-2 1-2 12-26 65	66	66	67	68	69	1-2 1-2 12-30 71	72	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	[illegible]	80
Monk Parakeet																							
Yellow-billed Cuckoo																							
Black-billed Cuckoo																							
Barn Owl																							
Common Screech Owl		2	4	1	1		1	1		1	2	1	2	3	3		2	3	6	6	2	3	
Great Horned Owl	2	2		3		2			1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	4	2	1		
Snowy Owl																							
Barred Owl	1		1	1	2			1			1	1		1	1	1	2		1	4	1		
Long-eared Owl								1						1			1			3			
Short-eared Owl																					1		
Boreal Owl																							
Saw-whet Owl			1																				
Whip-poor-will																							
Common Nighthawk																							
Chimney Swift																							
Ruby Thr. Hummingbird																							
Belted Kingfisher	1	4	4	5	3	1	5	9	1	7	4	1	4	4	8	9	11	11	6	10	2	4	
Common Flicker	5		1	1	1	3	7	1	1	6	1	5		1	8	8	24	3	9		5	3	
Pileated Woodpecker	3	2	3	3	5	3	3	6	1	1	2	3	3	2	2	6	3	2	6				
Red-bellied Woodpecker												1	1	2			1	4	5	2	4	4	
Red-headed Woodpecker						1			2		2								1				
Yel.-bellied Sapsucker				1			1				1	1			1		1	1					
Hairy Woodpecker	10	18	14	25	26	50	33	35	8	21	16	16	27	10	39	21	39	36	19	21	13	13	
Downy Woodpecker	47	87	51	113	111	62	66	71	46	50	45	50	73	62	84	78	90	85	73	105	77	73	
Bl-back 3T Woodpecker																							
Eastern Kingbird																							
Western Kingbird																							
Gr.-crested Flycatcher																							
Eastern Phoebe		1				1				1													
Y.-bellied Flycatcher																							
Acadian Flycatcher																							
Willow Flycatcher																							
Least Flycatcher																							
E. Wood Pewee																							
Olive-sided Flycatcher																							
Horned Lark		68	206	510	92	196		19	490	356	287	179	234	182	256	213	384	169	458	124	99	23	
Tree Swallow																							
Bank Swallow																							
Rough-wing. Swallow																							

			1-2	12-30			1-2	1-2	12-26				1-2	1-2	12-30								
	58	59	61	61	62	63	65	66	66	67	68	69	71	72	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
Barn Swallow																							
Cliff Swallow																							
Purple Martin																							
Gray Jay																		2					
Blue Jay	110	103	276	115	288	211	169	187	445	230	81	144	300	269	220	237	247	183	248	341	164	77	
Northern Raven																							
American Crow	1569	1372	5614	4000	5600	5200	4500	4731	4500	3500	3800	4000	2500	2900	2810	2377	2830	3100	3550	3500	2500	2528	
Fish Crow						1	1	2	1	1	3				3	5	7	5	1	5	1	3	
Bl.-capped Chickadee	315	255	434	336	366	302	242	244	156	138	141	140	268	212	273	327	320	266	345	404	233	374	
Boreal Chickadee												2						5					
Tufted Titmouse	1	33	34	46	88	49	40	40	34	47	64	69	86	56	121	88	107	101	92	83	125	77	
White-br. Nuthatch	36	71	58	69	71	58	105	64	73	77	34	36	55	45	88	86	89	55	62	84	73	83	
Red-br. Nuthatch		1		4	4	3						2		1	5		1	1	4	26			
Brown Creeper	5	5	4	2	15	7	11	12	5	5	3	4	7	5	8	13	4	4	8	2	2	5	
House Wren																							
Winter Wren		2	1			2		1		1	1	1	1	2	4	3	2	2	1	1			
Carolina Wren			1														2	1	2	4	2		
L-billed Marsh Wren																							
S-billed Marsh Wren																							
Northern Mockingbird			1		2	3	4	6	9	12	19	18	36	30	45	46	65	119	65	108	94	88	
Gray Catbird	2								1	2			1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1		1	
Brown Thrasher														1									
American Robin	278	3	1	9	5	8	10		15	1	7	12	7	5	18	11	69	68	577	82	92	47	
Wood Thrush																							
Hermit Thrush						1	1		1									1	4				
Swainson's Thrush																							
Gray-cheeked Thrush																							
Veery																							
Eastern Bluebird	4	9	6	9	8	6	14	6	5	3		2	2			5	10	6	2	3	15	24	
Townsend's Solitaire																							
Bl.-gray Gnatcatcher																							
G.-crowned Kinglet	41	3	1	3	11	4	5	1	12	20	3	7	2	1	11	34	4	10	23	3	3		
R.-crowned Kinglet	1				3	11	2		3	1	1			1	1	1	1		11			2	
Water Pipit										5									1				
Bohemian Waxwing																							
Cedar Waxwing	44	6			20	26	102	103	56	3			38	55	6	1	192	8	12	28	17	56	
Northern Shrike					1					1					1	1		1		2	1		
Loggerhead Shrike																							
Starling	10557	343	1888	3800	1339	844	1400	2500	1327	1215	812	1366	1836	1187	2211	2909	5000	3055	2284	3400	1536	2375	

	58	59	61 (1-2)	61 (12-30)	62	63	65 (1-2)	66	66 (1-2)	67 (12-26)	68	69	71 (1-2)	72	72 (1-2)	73	74 (12-30)	75	76	77	78	79	80
White-eyed Vireo																							
Yellow-thr. Vireo																							
Solitary Vireo																							
Red-eyed Vireo																							
Philadelphia Vireo																							
Warbling Vireo																							
Black & White Warbler																							
Prothonotary Warbler																							
Worm-eating Warbler																							
Golden-w. Warbler																							
Blue-winged Warbler																							
Brewster's Warbler																							
Lawrence's Warbler																							
Tennessee Warbler																							
Orange Cr. Warbler																							
Nashville Warbler																							
No. Parula Warbler																							
Yellow Warbler																							
Magnolia Warbler																							
Cape May Warbler																							
Bl-thr. Blue Warbler																							
Yel.-rumped Warbler	2						1		1				1				2		2	7	1	1	
Townsend's Warbler																							
Bl-thr Green Warbler																							
Cerulean Warbler																							
Blackburnian Warbler																							
Yellow-thr. Warbler																							
Chest-sided Warbler																							
Bay-breasted Warbler																							
Black-poll Warbler																							
Pine Warbler																							
Prairie Warbler																							
Palm Warbler										1													
Ovenbird																							
Northern Waterthrush																							
Louisiana Waterthrush																							
Kentucky Warbler																							
Connecticut Warbler																							
Mourning Warbler																							

	58	59	61	61	62	63	65	66	66	67	68	69	71	72	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
		1-2	12-30				1-2	1-2	12-26				1-2	1-2	12-30								
Common Yellowthroat																							
Yellow-br. Chat																							
Hooded Warbler																							
Wilson's Warbler																							
Canada Warbler																							
American Redstart																							
House Sparrow	511	991	590	1175	1429	750	806	1500	1134	713	600	491	750	679	534	577	299	317	484	628	446	822	
Bobolink																							
Eastern Meadowlark	45	84	138	116	19	116	58	34	160	140	145	17	5	108	63	8	24	63	50	1	22		
Western Meadowlark																							
Yel.-headed Blackbird																							
Red-winged Blackbird		40	2		7	6		8		25	4	26			11	78	15	324	1	25		2	
Orchard Oriole																							
Northern Oriole		1					1	1			1				11							..	
Rusty Blackbird	3	5	2			1							5				1	5		1			
Common Grackle		4	2		1	4	4	3		2	1	1	1		3	10	12	37	11	1	2	3	
Brown-headed Cowbird	225	296	63	76	95	44	280	5	41	57	58	15	44	90	39	205	137	118	55	38	1	34	
Scarlet Tanager																							
Summer Tanager																							
Northern Cardinal	14	71	85	115	114	72	83	93	125	105	88	79	162	116	133	96	98	117	212	118	165	90	
Rose-br. Grosbeak									1														
Bl.-headed Grosbeak																							
Indigo Bunting																							
Dickcissel																							
Evening Grosbeak	20	66	17	211	9	136	6	4		14	124	169	1	118	59	48	53	30	107	118	214	4	
Purple Finch	63	29	15	15	14	11	59	26	4	59	11	18	9	47	32	6	49	16	38	40			
House Finch								1	5	14	19	18	64	27	74	68	94	140	209	324	287	221	
Pine Grosbeak				123							73				31					24			
Hoary Redpoll																							
Common Redpoll		400											5	6		4				1			
Pine Siskin	1	2				168		15			12	10	1	64		6	2			163			
American Goldfinch	117	149	53	211	363	137	220	70	52	146	73	188	62	387	323	114	162	171	114	175	109	47	
Red Crossbill								4				1				5							
Wh.-winged Crossbill											6												
Rufous-sided Towhee				3	1	1		2	1	2	3	2	1	3	2				1	1			
Lark Bunting																							
Savannah Sparrow		5				1	1		2				2					1	1	4	2		
Grasshopper Sparrow																							
Henslow's Sparrow																							

	58	59	61	61	62	63	65	66	66	67	68	69	71	72	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
	1-2	12-30			1-2	1-2	12-26						1-2	1-2	12-30								
Vesper Sparrow	1	10		2	1	1			2	2			4		1								
Lark Sparrow																							
Dark-eyed Junco	272	255	423	580	549	371	314	196	785	517	180	180	454	276	277	148	284	441	900	229	470	190	
Tree Sparrow	131	372	402	622	634	472	472	275	849	589	317	135	409	450	642	496	421	345	593	362	270	63	
Chipping Sparrow																							
Clay-colored Sparrow																							
Field Sparrow		4	3	1	3	2	2	1	1	6	9	8	7	27	1	12	13	11	11	5	5	3	
Harris' Sparrow																							
Wh.-crowned Sparrow									1	1	1									4			
Wh.-throated Sparrow	29	18	16	39	16	41	39	36	18	54	33	109	86	189	93	36	153	320	362	211	199	85	
Fox Sparrow	1		1	2	3	9	1	9	2		2	1	1			2		1	1	2			
Lincoln's Sparrow																							
Swamp Sparrow			2		2	3	3	1	1	2		1			5	2	6	1	10	11	3		
Song Sparrow	14	48	23	39	33	42	54	49	40	51	43	92	142	91	56	31	72	49	60	44	71	33	
Lapland Longspur				1							3			2									
Snow Bunting				56					23	31	188	1	60	20	200	5	60	26	66		65		
Total Species	48	52	52	50	52	58	51	59	62	60	60	60	56	62	66	62	72	76	65	71	56	57	
(n.c. Rock Doves)																							

SUMMARY

During the period 1964 through 1979 fifteen new species were added to the Dutchess County list, bringing the total to 298 species for the period 1919 to 1979. These additions, as well as numerous repeat sightings of formerly recorded rarities, is probably ninety percent attributable to the increased number of observers and increased time afield. Additionally, increased interest by the non-birding public, who in turn kept Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club members advised when an "odd" bird appeared, must also be considered a factor, as well as local, regional, and state "Bird Alert" or relay systems which were established in the sixties and seventies.

Species added were: Eared Grebe; Great (European) Cormorant; Yellow-crowned Night Heron; Glossy Ibis; White-fronted Goose; Common Eider; Stilt Sandpiper; Buff-breasted Sandpiper; Marbled Godwit; Black-legged Kittiwake; Sooty Tern; Monk Parakeet; Mountain Bluebird; Clay-colored Sparrow; and Harris' Sparrow.

Although the various species of waterfowl and shorebirds reported seemed more plentiful during the 1964-1979 period than formerly, this again is probably attributable to increased time afield by more birders, or manhours afield if you prefer. Actually, during the late seventies, waterfowl populations for the most part seemed reduced rather noticeably during migration, excepting possibly spring Canvasback flocks and our now large year-round Canada Goose population. Dutchess County never had enough migrating shorebirds to show a population trend, if there was one to show.

The County's nesting heron population suffered markedly in the seventies with the loss of the Great Blue Heron rookery at Tamarack Swamp in 1977, followed by the loss of the rookery at Briarcliff Farm in Pine Plains in 1979.

These were the only known rookeries in the County but other single birds that exist as summer residents are still nesting someplace in the County. Green Heron numbers appear on the low side and it is a chore to find a Least or American Bittern anywhere in the County, spring, summer or fall.

Resident and wintering hawk numbers appeared mostly unchanged, with a noteable increase in both wintering and nesting Goshawk numbers. Golden Eagle sightings were markedly up and from 1 to 3 wintered at Stissing Mt. 1970 to 1976, bringing in observers from miles around. Nesting Red-shouldered Hawks were last found in the County in 1961.

Numbers of game birds decreased markedly during the period, essentially due to habitat disappearance, caused predominantly by suburban residental take-over of farms, marshes and woodlands. Decreased numbers of resident or nesting Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock was apparent, but the most striking example was the Christmas Count total of Ring-necked Pheasant which dropped from 233 in 1962 to 5 in 1979. With more hunters, less stocking, and increased habitat destruction, there was no way this long-ago-introduced bird could survive. Another factor was clean cutting or farming leaving no food or cover, and possibly the use of pesticides. The wild Turkey, reintroduced by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in the 1960s, has apparently re-established itself in the Stissing Mt. and Dover/Pawling areas. These, too, will have to face the suburban sprawl as did the Grouse and Pheasant.

Wintering Gull populations dropped with the closing of the Beacon dump and other open dump areas. The Black-backed Gull population, starting with one in 1958, has increased substantially as it did throughout the northeast.

Nesting Cuckoos were uncommon during the late 1970s and no nesting Nighthawks had been observed since 1973 though fall migrant numbers seemed up. Hummingbird summer residents were also down.

Changes in Woodpecker numbers indicated a drop in Pileated quantities in the later seventies, with an increase in Red-bellied throughout the seventies. A small influx of winter Black-backed Three-toed Woodpeckers through 1967 dropped off to virtually none in the 1970s.

Horned Larks seem to be disappearing from the County, along with dairy farms, open fields, and winter manure spreads. Included with Horned Larks in this population drop were Meadowlark, Grasshopper Sparrow and Vesper Sparrow. The last Henslow's Sparrow seen in the County was in 1965.

Cliff Swallows last nested in the County in 1970 and they are a rarity even in migration now.

Nesting Bluebird numbers greatly increased from 1962 on (see text). The habitat deterioration alluded to above looms as a gloomy factor for the future.

Migrating waves of Spring warblers, though not a thing of the past, seem to no longer approach the quality and in particular the quantity we used to find in most Mays prior to the seventies. 1972 may have been an exception. Now a birder is lucky to find one or two really good warbler days in any May. Nesting Golden-winged and Cerulean Warblers are rapidly vanishing from the County, following the example of the Yellow-breasted Chat which last nested here in 1965.

Quantities of House Sparrows noticeably declined at feeders, except those near farmyards, during the late 1970s whereas House Finches steadily increased from one in 1965 to hundreds in 1979.

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1958-1960	Raymond Connelly
1960-1962	Otis Waterman
1962-1963	Brad Whiting
1963-1965	Florence Germond
1965-1967	James W. Key
1967-1969	William Strauss
1969-1971	Edward Briggs
1971-1973	Otis Waterman
1973-1975	Vivian Gilbert
1975-1977	Alice Jones
1977-1979	Helen Manson
1979-1980	Aline Romero

Mention should also be made of an informal (possibly subversive) group called "the auxiliary", consisting of predominately non-birding spouses of Waterman Bird Club members who manned the home front while the "birders" were off to their wars. Though there is no formal membership list, some of the more active and long-time "auxiliary" members included: Kitty Connelly, Ginny Waterman, Andy Pink, Homer Germond, Al Garthwaite, Fred Smith, Marty Manson, Dave Jones, Ralph Terhune, Dick Thomas, Lois Briggs, Harry Chapman, Paul Haight, Bea Saltford, Dick Strain, Don VanVlack, Dot Whiting, Orlando VanWagner, and others too numerous to list. Though not particularly active bird-wise, the "auxiliary" members provided many hours of assistance to and for the "birders" for which they are duly thanked.

APPENDIX

The following records were turned in after the manuscript was completed but before publication and are deemed important for inclusion.

168. SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN (SEDGE WREN):

Only records: May 14, 1933.

May 11, 1953.

May 14 through 18, 1980 - Shunpike east of Rt. 82 - Florence Germond and many others.

196. PROTHONOTARY WARBLER:

Added record: May 12, 1980 - Whaleback Road, Red Hook - Eleanor Pink, Florence Germond, & Marion VanWagner.

224. KENTUCKY WARBLER:

Added records: May 13, 17, 20, 1980 - Cedar Valley Road, Poughkeepsie - Mary & Jim Key.

May 14 through 22, 1980 - Shunpike east of Rt. 82 - Florence Germond et al.

7. GREAT BLUE HERON:

An additional rookery was reported in a remote area of Stockbriar Farm in late May, 1980, which bears further investigation. This is not the same rookery referred to on page 16. Rumors at this writing were of 15 or more nests. There is no telling how long this rookery may have been in use.