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## January 2003 Records

The month was cold and snowy, with below-zero temperatures recorded several days. Several storms dropped significant snowfall amounts. Bird highlights were a Long-eared Owl on a Norrie Point field trip and a Clay-colored Sparrow in Rhinebeck. Despite the weather, winter finches were noticeably absent (again). Unusual January sightings are shown in **red**.

**Great Blue Heron** - 1/11 Wapp Crk(CV); 1/mo (EP); 1/17 (1) (MP); 1/15 Beekman Rd. (BJM); 1/8 Norrie Point (FT)

**Black vulture** - 1/28 Rte 55 Pawling (CP); 3/11 Verbank Rd; 5/9 flying over Poughquag (BB)

**Snow Goose** - 400/9 Norrie(CV); 1/1 Pawling CBC (CP)

**Canada Goose** - several large flocks reported

**Mute Swan** - 4/10 Salt Pt(CV); 2/29 Wapp Creek, 1/ 29 & 31 Wapp. Creek Jackson Rd. (BJM); 2/15 Baird Park, 2/22 Tivoli (FT); 2/occ Wapp Crk (EP)

**Wood Duck** - 2/11 Salt Pt Tpk(CV)

**Gadwall** - 2/11 Salt Pt Tpk(CV); 2 /29 Wapp. Creek below falls @ Bleachery (BJM)

**American Black Duck** - 31/14 Union Cem(CV); 2/1 Whaley Lk(CP); 3/29 Wapp Crk(BJM); 3/8 Norrie Point, 3/22 Tivoli (FT); 10/1 Pawling CBC (CP)

**Mallard** - several reports of large (100+) groups

**Northern Pintail** - 1/1 Whaley Lake (Pawling CBC) (CP)

**Common Goldeneye** - 1/2 Beekman (GZ)

**Common Merganser** - 25/mo Wapp Crk(EP); 6/5, 20/8 Norrie(PG/FT); 1/18 Landsmans Kill(MP); 3f/29 Wapp Crk, 2/29 New Hamb(BJM); 20/22 Tivoli (FT); 29/1 Pawling CBC (CP)

**Bald Eagle** - 2/7 Chelsea(BB); 4/11 Hudson R (CV) ; 2/11 Norrie Point; 1/11 Mills Mansion; 2/11 Rhinecliff; 2/11 Tivoli (BB); 5/11 New Hambhite's Marina , 2/24 along river Rhinecliff by train, 5ad/29 New Hamb. trees across river (BJM); 6/8 Norrie Point, 3/22 Tivoli (FT)

**Northern Harrier** - 2/14 Mashomack Pine Plains (CV); 1/11 Thompson Pond (BB); 1/22 Tivoli (FT)

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/2,7,10,13 Various/feeder (CV); 1/29 Stonykill(FT); 1/occ yd Poughquag (CP); 1/4 (1) (MP); 1/11 Mills Mansion (BB); 2/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 1/occ yard (EP); 1/6, 15,20,28 Rhinebeck (RJ)

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/1,12,14 Various(CV); 1/occ yd Poughquag (CP); 1/7,9 ,20,22,27 & 28 checking feeders yd, 1/11 New Hamb BAM; 1/8 Mills (RB)

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/14 Rt 44 DeLaval (CV)

**Red-tailed Hawk** - well reported

**Rough-legged Hawk** - 1/22 Greig Farm (FT); 1/6 Rhinebeck (RJ)

**Golden Eagle** - 2/14 Mashomack @ Old Chalef Pottery, both adult birds (CV); 2/25 Stissing(LF)

**American Kestrel** - 1/12 Amenia(CV); 1/9 Jackson Rd. , 1/9 Amenia (BJM)

**Merlin** - 1/1 Pine Plains (BJM)

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 1f/5 Bog Hollow from Dot Fleury (BB); 4/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 1/13 Stormville (HT)

**Wild Turkey** - Several large flocks reported

**Ring-billed Gull** - reported several around river & malls

**Herring Gull** - usual(CV); 1/29 Stonykill(FT); a few/8 Norrie Point (FT); 10/1 Pawling CBC (CP)

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 3/9 Hudson r (CV); 10/11 Norrie/Rhinecliff/Tivoli (BB); 1/11 Wapp. Lk. & 3/11 Wapp. creek (BAM); 4/8 Norrie Point (FT)

**Rock Dove** - usual(CV); 61/1 Pawling CBC (CP)

**Mourning Dove** - pretty well reported

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/mo in box(EP)

**Great Horned Owl** - 2/1 WCloveMtn, 1/1 Stormville Mtn, 6/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 1/m home(JD); 1/5 E Fishkill (GZ); sev/4 home(BB); 1-2/4/9/20/30/31 Rhinebeck (RJ)

**Barred Owl** - 1/7 Thompson Pond, 2/21 Baird (GZ); 1/9, 31 Rhinebeck (RJ); 1/1 home (RB)

**Long-eared Owl** - 1/8 Norrie (FT)

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/9 Norrie, 1/11 Wapp Cr (CV) 2/5 Norrie(PG); 1/29 Verbank, 1/12 Clove Valley (BB); 1/11 Wapp Crk(BJM); 1/8 Norrie Point, 1/15 Baird Park (FT); 1/5 Baird (RB)

**Red-headed Woodpecker** - 1/8 Norrie Point immature (head not entirely red) (FT)

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - well reported

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/29 Stonykill(FT); 1/11 Mills Mansion (BB); 2/1 Pawling CBC (CP)

**Downy Woodpecker** - well reported

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 3/1 feeder(CV); 1-2/all yd Poughquag (CP); 5-6/mo(MP); 1/2 suet (BAM); 2/15 Baird Park (FT); 10/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 1/mo Rhinebeck (RJ); 1/mo yard (EBR)

**Northern Flicker** - 3/1,16(CV); 1/occ yd Poughquag (CP); 2/12 Verbank (BB); 1/1 lawn 1/11 & 1/27-30 yd. (BAM); 1/15 Baird, 1/22 Greig Farm(FT); 7/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 2/9,16,20 Rhinebeck (RJ)

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 2/9 Norrie(CV); 1/6,7,17 yard (BAM); 1/8 Norrie Point (FT); 2/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 1/3,7,30 Rhinebeck (RJ); 1/9 yard(EBR)

**Blue Jay** - pretty well reported

**American Crow** - well reported, greatest # 200/7 Mid-county gun club(BB)

**Fish Crow** - 1/16 Rt 44(CV)

**Common Raven** - 1/11,12 River @ IBM (CV); 2/25 yard, flew over calling, 1/11 Norrie Point (BB); 1/7 Rhinebeck (RJ)

**Horned Lark** - 42/12 Millbrook(CV); 40/1 Horse Farm

Poughquag (Pawling CBC) (CP); 25/12 Marshall's Farm Verbank(BB); 100/22 Greig Farm (FT);

**Black-capped Chickadee / Tufted Titmouse** - widely reported from feeders

**White-breasted Nuthatch** - well reported

**Brown Creeper** - 4-6/mo(MP); 1/8 Norrie Point (FT); 1/20 Rhinebeck (RJ)

**Carolina Wren** - 10 reports

**Marsh Wren** - 1/6 Thompson Pond CV

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** - 2/1 Penny Rd (CP); 1/15 Baird Park (FT); 8/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 1/25 Salt Pt(RB)

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** - 1/1 Pepper Hill Rd (Pawling CBC) (CP); 1/1,4,6,7 suet (BAM)

**Eastern Bluebird** - 10/20, 2/21 (TG); 10/12 Millbrook(CV); : 1/5 Rhinebeck (MP); 10/8 Norrie ,20/15 Baird Park (FT); 34/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 13/30 Rhinebeck (RJ)

**Hermit Thrush** - 1/1/ Pawling CBC (CP)

**American Robin** - 18/4 yard(CV); 35/8 Norrie ,1/15 Baird Park (FT); 157/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 1-8/6,9,30 Rhinebeck (RJ)

**Gray Catbird** - 1/10, 16 Salt Pt (RB)

**Northern Mockingbird** - 12 reports of 1 or 2



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**European Starling** – usual(CV); 2/29 Stonykill(FT); Starling 450/1 various (Pawling CBC) (CP); 2-5/2 feeder, 150+/12 tree Rt. 376 New Hackensack area (BAM); 1/15 Baird Park (FT)

**Cedar Waxwing** – 27/4 yard, 11/7 Rombout Rd(CV); 10/17 Baird(NS); 12/27 Verbank, 10/30 yard (BB); 2/20 yard (BJM); 286/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 38/31 Rhinebeck (RJ)

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 3/1 Rombout Rd(CV)

**Eastern Towhee** – 1/1,16 Rombout Rd(CV)

**American Tree Sparrow** – many reports of 2-3

**Clay-colored Sparrow** – 1/4, 19 on/off & back 27-31, Kristin Smith's Rhinebeck

**Savannah Sparrow** – 1/12 Millbrook(CV); 6/29 Stonykill(FT); 4/25 StonyKill, 1/12 Marshall's Farm Verbank (BB); 12/22 Greig Farm (FT)

**Fox Sparrow** – 1/all yd Poughquag (CP); 2/1 Pawling CBC (CP)

**Song Sparrow** – several reports, normal numbers

**Swamp Sparrow** – 1/1/ Pawling CBC (CP)

**White-throated Sparrow** – well reported, most 10/mo(TG)

**White-crowned Sparrow** – 1/2,10,13 Domin Farm barnyard, CV

**Dark-eyed Junco** – many reports

**Snow Bunting** – 6/22 Greig Farm (FT)

**Northern Cardinal** – well reported

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 3/7 Domin Farm(CV); 4/1 Pleasant RidgeRd (Pawling CBC) (CP); 50/all feeder (BB)

**Purple Finch** – 6/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 2/23 Rhinebeck (RJ)

**House Finch** – 2/29 Stonykill(FT); 6-8/mo (some eye disease) yd Poughquag (CP); 20/all feeder (BB); 5/mo (BAM); 60/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 4/mo Rhinebeck (RJ); 8-10/mo yard(EBR)

**American Goldfinch** – 4-10/all yd Poughquag (CP); 6-8 (MP) 1/15 Baird Park (FT); 36/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 9-13/mo Rhinebeck (RJ);

**House Sparrow** – usual(CV); 12/29 Stonykill(FT); 5/25 StonyKill, 25/12 Marshall's Farm Verbank (BB); 4-6/1, 8/2, 10/3 feeders thru mo. (BAM); 13/1 Pawling CBC (CP); 1/2, 2/3 yard (EBR)

#### **Observers (exotic and otherwise):**

Robert Bowler **RB**; Barbara Butler **BB**; Jeff Daley **JD**; Larry Federman **LF**; Pat Gabel **PG**; Tom Gilbert **TG**; Rodney Johnson **RJ**; Barbara & Allan Michelin **BJM/BAM**; Mona Payton **MP**; Eleanor Pink**EP**; Carena Pooth **CP**; Edith & Barry Rosen **EBR**; Nancy Swanson **NS**; Herb Thompson **HT**; Chet Vincent **CV**; Gary Zylkuski **GZ**; Field Trip **FT**; see list below

**Field Trips (FT): 8th** - Norrie Point, **15th** - Baird Park, **22nd** - Rockefeller/Pitcher Lanes, **29th** - Stony Kill Farm

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## February 2003 Records

**Great Blue Heron** - 1/27 Red Hook TG; 1/17 Tree Top Ln MK; 1/mo EP; 1/6 Fishkill Ck ES

**Turkey Vulture** - 1/14 Pleasant Valley JD; 2/25 Rte 9 Pok RJ; 1/20 Fishkill ES

**Canada Goose** - less abundant and in smaller groups than usual, 6 reports

**Mute Swan** - 2 Pleasant Valley EP; 4/21 Mashomack CV

**American Black Duck** - 2/21 Rhinebeck MP; 4/16 Fishkill Ck ES; 7/28 Sprout Ck CV

**Mallard** - 8 reports of small groups, 100/19 FT largest report

**Ring-necked Duck** - 5/28 on Ten Mile River DF

**Common Merganser** - 2/25 Ackert Hook Rd RJ; 1/mo EP; 2/6 Fishkill Ck ES; 1f/28h Sprout Ck CV; 8/5 FT; 4/19 FT

**Bald Eagle** - 4/8 Butts Hollow Rd WJ; 1/5 Norrie Pt ES; 4/5 FT

**Northern Harrier** - 1m/19 Rhinebeck RJ; 1m & 4f/21

Thompson Pd CV; 2/26 FT

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 6 reports of multiple sightings, hunting & raiding feeders; 1/28 with female Cardinal kill, CV

**Cooper's Hawk** - many reports of single sightings around the county

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 2/mo Tree Top Ln MK

**Red-tailed Hawk** - multiple reports of up to 8 at one sighting

**Rough-legged Hawk** - 1/5 Rte 9 Rhinebeck ES

**Golden Eagle** - 1/26 Thompson's Pond, FT

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/14 Mid Hudson Bridge RJ

**Wild Turkey** - a dozen sightings with up to 25 in a flock; numerous reports of toms calling

**American Coot** - 1/5-25 Chelsea Cove Beekman, reported by Maryam Ali CP

**Ring-billed Gull** - well reported around the malls - shopping?

**Rock Dove** - 38 - 56 all month Ackert Hook Rd RJ; usual CV; 15/5 FT

**Mourning Dove** - well reported in large numbers

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/mo Pleasant Valley EP

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/6 Old Camby Rd BB; 1/mo Pleasant Valley JD; 1/9 heard at Rokeby TG; 1- 3/mo calling Ackert Hook Rd RJ; 1/26 heard Hi View Rd BAM; 2/15 calling P'quag CP

**Barred Owl** - 1-2/mo heard Old Camby Rd BB; 1/3, 8, 18, 21, 23 Ackert Hook Rd RJ

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/28 Sprout Ck CV

**Red-headed Woodpecker** - 1/5 Vanderbilt Mansion, FT

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - extremely well reported in good numbers

**Downy Woodpecker** - extremely well reported in good numbers

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 2/mo Bog Hollow DF; 1- 2/mo Ackert Hook Rd RJ; 1m/mo & pr/28 Hi View Rd BAM; 2/mo Rhinebeck MP; 1/mo Pleasant Valley EP; 1- 2 mo P'quag CP; 1/mo EBR; 1/mo, 3/25 Rombout Rd CV; 1/2 FT; 2/26 FT

**Northern Flicker** - 2/3, 5, 23, 27, 28 Ackert Hook Rd RJ; 3/mo Hi View Rd BAM; 1/mo Rhinebeck MP; 1/occ CP; 1/5 Rhinecliff ES; 1/27 Rombout Rd, 1/28 Skidmore Rd CV; 1/5 FT

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 2/9 drumming competition Old Camby Rd BB; 2/18, 1/24 Tree Top Ln MK; 1/mo EP; 1/27 P'quag CP; 2/6 Rombout Rd CV; 1/5 FT; 1/12 FT; 1/26 FT

**Blue Jay** - very well reported with good numbers

**American Crow** - good numbers, several late in the day "fly overs" reported; 200+1/2 FT

**Fish Crow** - 2/26, 27 Ret 9 Pok RJ; 1/5 Rhinecliff ES; 1/5 Arlington Diner, 1/6 Dutchess Ctr Rte 44 CV

**Common Raven** - 2/10, 13, & 3/28 Old Camby Rd BB; 1/5 Rhinebeck Train Station RJ; 2/21 Stissing Mt CV; 2/26 FT

**Horned Lark** - 1/mo Plsnt Vly JD; 33/21 Stanford, 30/21 Ronney Brk Dairy KCF; 50/5 Gretna Rd CP

**Black-capped Chickadee / Tufted Titmouse** - widely and well reported, especially at feeders

**White-breasted Nuthatch** - reports of 1 - 7 around county, especially around feeders

**Brown Creeper** - 2/18 & 22 Bog Hollow DF; 2/mo Tree Top Ln MK; 2/mo R'beck MP; 1/14, 17, 18 P'quag CP

**Carolina Wren** - 13 reports of 1-5 around feeders, doing well

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** - 1/18 Old Camby Rd BB; 2/13, 18, 24 Ackert Hook Rd RJ; 1/19 FT

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** - 1/1st thru 16th Hi View Rd area MF

**Eastern Bluebird** - 2/26 Clinton Cr JA; heard Old Camby Rd BB; 2/18 Bog Hollow DF; 2 - 13/occ Ackert Hook Rd RJ; 2/3

Red Hook TG; 6/14 Tree Top Ln MK; using houses overnight Pleasant Vly EP; 2/21 yd, 4/27 Vanderbilt CP;

5/5 Norrie ES; occ yd, 16/6 Rombout Rd CV; 2/2 FT; 3/5 FT; 2/19 FT;

**Hermit Thrush** - 1 Vassar Fr & 1 Rombout Rd 27 CV

**American Robin** - 6/15 Clinton Cr JA; 1/2 Hennessey Ln JA/KJ; 4/24 Bog Hollow DF; 3/occ Ackert Hook Rd RJ; 6/14 Tree Top Ln MK; 1/occ Hi View Rd BAM; 4/5 Norrie ES; occ, 28/25 Rombout Rd CV

**Northern Mockingbird** - 10 reports of 1-2, 7/25 Rombout Rd CV

**Brown Thrasher** - 1/1 Pawling BB; 1/28 Skidmore Rd CV

**European Starling** - numerous reports of mostly small numbers

**Cedar Waxwing** - 65+ /2 Hennessey Ln JA/KJ; 20/13 - 17 Old Camby Rd BB; 30/23 Ackert Hook Rd RJ; 20/23 Alvin Ct CV; 20/26 FT

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 1 for 2 weeks at feeders JA; 1/20 & 1/25 Hennessey Ln CV

**American Tree Sparrow** - many reports of 1-12 through the month, 13 -27/mo Ackert Hook Rd RJ

**Clay-colored Sparrow** - 1 visited 17 times in mo. KS

**Savannah Sparrow** - 1/6 Rombout Rd CV

**Fox Sparrow** - 1/mo feeder Poughquag CP

**Song Sparrow** - 8 reports of 1 - 2 for month, 8/20 & 25 Rombout Rd CV; 10/19 FT

**Swamp Sparrow** - 2 on 3rd KS; 1/21st Thompson Pd CV

**White-throated Sparrow** - well reported, most had up to 9, 15/mo Plsnt Vly EP; 12 - 16/mo P'quag CP

**Dark-eyed Junco** - very well reported, many with very large numbers

**Snow Bunting** - 6/26 Greig Farm

**Northern Cardinal** very well reported

**Red-winged Blackbird** - 1/19 Bog Hollow DF; 1/20 Tree Top Ln MK; 1/10 P'quag CP;

**Brown-headed Cowbird** - 5/mo Old Camby Rd BB; 6m/25 Hi View BAM; 2/13 & 4/28 P'quag CP

**House Finch** - well reported, some with many, 26/mo Hennessey Ln JA/KJ; 20/mo Old Camby Rd BB; 55/24 Rombout Rd CV

**American Goldfinch** - very well reported

**House Sparrow** - 1m/occ Hi View Rd BAM; 1/occ Pleasant Valley EP; 1/mo Fishkill ES; 2/5 FT; 6/19 FT; 4/26 FT



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Janet Allison **JA**; Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith **JA/KJ**;  
Barbara Butler **BB**; Jeff Daley **JD**; Melissa Fischer **MF**; Dot  
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Allan Michelin **BAM**; Mona Payton **MP**; Eleanor Pink**EP**;  
Carena Pooth **CP**; Edith & Barry Rosen **EBR**; Kristin Smith **KS**;  
Ed Spaeth **ES**; Chet Vincent **CV**; John Winkler **JW**; Field  
Trip **FT**; see list below

**Field Trips (FT): 8th** - Norrie Point, **15th** - Baird Park, **22nd** -  
Rockefeller/Pitcher Lanes, **29th** - Stony Kill Farm

**Compiled by Judy Atwood**



## March 2003 Records

On March 6th, we had a snowstorm and birds once again swarmed around the feeders. By the middle of the month it finally began to warm up and the lingering piles of snow melted away by the end of the month. Highlights included a Red-necked Grebe, a Glossy Ibis (the county's first since 1991), Red-breasted Mergansers, a Long-eared Owl rescued from deer netting, and a Clay-colored Sparrow that has been in Kristin Smith's yard since December.

**Common Loon** - 4/30, 1/31 Sylvan Lk CP  
**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/8 Chelsea from DF BB, 1/26 Lk Walton BJM, 1/24 Tivoli Bay CV, 1/18-28 Fishkill Rural Cemetery FH  
**Horned Grebe** - 1/26 Dennings Pt FT, 1/29-31 Sylvan Lk CP  
**Red-necked Grebe** - 1/28 Norrie Point found by JL, also seen by KCF, DF, BMa, Liz Martens, Susan Joseph on the 28th and by Bonnie & Bud Fair & CV on the 29th.  
**Double-crested Cormorant** - 3/26 Dennings Pt FT, 1/29 Norrie Pt CV  
**Great Blue Heron** - 2/15 Wapp Lk BB, 1/26 Lk Walton BJM, 1/26 Dennings Pt FT, 15/31 Rte55 heronry Pawling CP, 1/daily WappCrk PIVAl EP, 1/18 Domin Farm CV, 1/29 yd Rhinebeck MP, 6/26 TSP-Baird Park ES, 3/19 Buttercup FT  
**Glossy Ibis** - 1/25 Gretna Rd PIVAlley found by CP, also seen by KCF  
**Black Vulture** - 2/8 Bog Hollow from DF BB, 2/23 Poughquag CP, 2/16, 18 Stissing Mtn CV  
**Turkey Vulture** - Many reports. Earliest 2/1 yd Hyde Park CG. Highest numbers: 7/22 yd Poughquag HT, 11/31 Rte55 Pawling CP, 18/16 Stissing Mtn CV, 6/19 Buttercup FT  
**Snow Goose** - 7/16 yd Pok KCF, 3/6 Fishkill ES  
**Canada Goose** - Many reports including 700+/17 Greig Farm TG, 50/15 Wapp Lk BB, 300/25 Gretna Rd CP, 200+/15 Wapp Lk BJM, 80+/18 & 60+/19 Ehmer's farm BJM/RC  
**Mute Swan** - Some think there are fewer this spring than usual. Highest counts: 4/15, 5/16 Wapp Lk, 4/26 Lk Walton BJM, 4/12 Baird FT  
**Wood Duck** - 3pr/15 Wapp Lk, 6/26 (4m, 2f) Cruger Is. DA, 5/23 HVRT; 2/28 Norrie Point SP KCF, 2/25 FDRNHS Hyde Park CP, 12/16 Wapp Lk, 2m/26 Lk Walton, 1pr/31 Jekoce Lk WappFls BJM, 4/27 IES JL/KM, 12/24 Tivoli Bay CV  
**Gadwall** - pr/25 Wapp Lk BJM, 1/29 Southlands MP  
**American Wigeon** - 3/24 Tivoli Bay, 3/29 Norrie Pt CV  
**American Black Duck** - 1/23 HVRT KCF, 2/25 Hudson R FDRNHS Hyde Park CP, 2/12 pond Hillside Lk Rd BAM, 8/16 Wapp Lk, pr/16 Wapp Crk, pr/16 Lk Oniad, 1/16 Lk Walton BJM, 29/24 Tivoli Bay CV, 2/10 Fishkill ES, 6/19 Buttercup FT  
**Mallard** - Numbers building after a tough winter. Highest numbers: 50/23 Tamarack Lk KCF, 14/12 Sylvan L, 22/12 Miller Rd Beekman CP, 57/12 Hillside Lk, 20+/12 pd. Clove Branch Rd BAM, 50+/15, 53+/16, Wapp Lk BJM, 50/15 Wapp Lk BB  
**Northern Pintail** - pr/15 Wapp Lk BB, 1m/16 Wapp Lk BJM, 1/16 Pine Plains, 2/24 Tivoli Bay CV  
**Green-winged Teal** - 3/15 Wapp Lk BB, 10/23 HVRT KCF, 8/16, 5/20 Wapp Lk, 4/26 Lk Walton BJM, 20/24 Tivoli Bay CV  
**Canvasback** - 114/12 Hudson R Vanderbilt CP  
**Ring-necked Duck** - Many reports. Highest counts: 55/26 Lk Walton, 65/16, Wapp Lk BJM, 30+/17 Hudson River, Chelsea AJM, 75/25 Ogden Mills JL/KM, 100+/24 Tivoli Bay CV

**Bufflehead** - 1m/29 Sylvan Lk CP, 1m/16 Wapp Lk BJM, 7/25 Ogden Mills JL/KM  
**Common Goldeneye** - 4/14 Beacon Landing ES, 3/25 Ogden Mills JL/KM, 1/18 CR18 BMa, 4/24 Tivoli Bay CV  
**Hooded Merganser** - 23 reports. Earliest 3/10 Fishkill ES. Highest counts: 12/24 Sylvan Lk, 8/26 RedWing Beekman CP, 7/20 Wapp Lk BJM, 20/24 Tivoli Bay CV  
**Common Merganser** - Many reports. Earliest sev/8 Chelsea from DF. Highest counts: 20/14 Beacon Landing, ES, 20/26 RedWing Beekman CP, 26/20 Wapp Lk BJM, 50/24 Tivoli Bay CV  
**Red-breasted Merganser** - 4/26 (2pr) Cruger Is. DA, sev/29 Cedar Lake JU  
**Ruddy Duck** - 1/25 Wapp Lk BJM  
**Osprey** - 1/25 Gretna Rd flyover CP  
**Bald Eagle** - 1 imm/15 New Hamburg BB, 3/19 (2 adult, 1 imm) soaring over Bard campus DA, 3-4/17 Hudson R New Hamburg AJM, 1 seen once Pok JD, 2/10 WaryasPk, 1/19 StissingMtn CV, 2/26 Dennings Pt FT  
**Northern Harrier** - 1/4 yd Stormville EBR, 1/16 ThompsonPd CV, 2/29 (m&f) Southlands MP  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/21 Rt 9 Wappingers CP, 1/3 South Hills Mall, 1/4 feeder BAM, 1/26 Fishkill BJM, 1/2, 18 yd CV, 1/26 Dennings Pt FT, 1/29 Southlands MP, 1/all yd Rhinebeck KS, 1/7 yd LaGrange JA/KJ  
**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/15 Poughquag CP, 1/2, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 30th yd BAM, 2/16 Stissing Mtn CV, 1/6, 15 yd Rhinebeck MP, 2/19 Buttercup FT, 1/16 yd LaGrange JA/KJ  
**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/2-16 Dorothy Dr WappFls, 1/22 over Myers Corners/HiView Rds, 1/26 Lk Walton BJM, 2/23 yd BAM  
**Red-tailed Hawk** - Seen all over county all month, with some display activity and a number of active nests. Reports included 2/19 copulating Montgomery Place DA, 2/19 on nest North Ave PV; 2/23 on nest 44A MIbk, 2/all performing courtship displays over yd Pok KCF, 2/26 on nest Greenhaven Rd Beekman CP  
**Golden Eagle** - 1/16 Stissing Mtn CV  
**American Kestrel** - 1/23 Flint Hill Rd KCF, 1/23 Red Hook TG, 2/26 Stanford JA, pr/25 Winchell Mtn Rd, 1/31 Waterbury Hill Rd BB, 3/24 JD, 2/28 HVRT, 1/27 Domin Farm CV  
**Merlin** - 1/9 College Lane (Millbrook) trying to catch a Junco MF  
**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 1/12 Overlook & Cramer Rds LaGrange EBR, 1/23 Sharon Station Rd KCF, 1/12 LaGrange yd LaGrange JA/KJ  
**Wild Turkey** - 5/4 Taconic Pkwy LaGrange EBR, 11/5, 6/31 yd BB, 10/11 College Lane MF, 1f/11, 14, 14/20, 21, 8/27, 1/30 yd BAM, 35/18, 52/25 Domin Farm CV, 4/5 yd Fishkill, 2/21/Shunpike ES  
**American Coot** - 2/31 Sylvan Lk, 3/31 MillerRd Beekman CP  
**Killdeer** - 1/23 HVRT KCF, 1/26 Red Wing Beekman, 1/28 E Fishkill CP, 1/17, 2/21 Humeston's, 2/31 Airport Ind Rd BJM, 1/26 Fishkill BJM/RC, 1/18 Salt Pt JD, 4/28 HVRT, 6/28 McEnroe Farm CV, 4/22-31 Southlands MP, 2-6/15-28 Fishkill Rural Cemetery FH  
**Wilson's Snipe** (formerly Common Snipe) - 2/27 IES JL/KM  
**American Woodcock** - 1/17 Rossway Rd JD, 1/29 Sharparoon JU  
**Ring-billed Gull** - 8/15 New Hamburg, 10/15 lower Wapp Cr, 100/15 Wapp Lk BB, 3/25 FDRNHS Hyde Park, 50/25 Gretna Rd, 6/26 RedWing Beekman CP, 70+/15-31 Wapp Lk BJM, 4/14 Beacon Landing ES



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**Herring Gull** – 2/15 New Hamburg, 100/15 Wapp Lk BB

**Great Black-backed Gull** – 2/15 New Hamburg, 4/15 lower Wapp Cr BB, 10/21 Hudson R Vanderbilt CP

**Mourning Dove** – Highest reports: 8-12/fall yd Pok KCF, 10-30/all yd Poughquag CP, 10/6-31 yd BAM, 10/all feeder BB, 5-15/all yd LaGrange JA/KJ

**Eastern Screech-Owl** – 1/daily in box EP

**Great Horned Owl** – 1/8-28 on nest Noxon Rd LaGrange GZ, 1/daily yd PIVAl JD

**Barred Owl** – 1/19 yd Pok KCF, 1/19 nesting Pine Plains JWA, 1/4 Stanford Rd. (Millbrook) in tree on side of road 6:25 AM MF

**Long-eared Owl** – 1/6 rescued from deer netting in LaGrange, reported by BK

**Belted Kingfisher** – 2/26 Pop-Warner field Pok KCF, 1/18 Vassar Farm CV, 1/12 Baird Park FT, 1/19 Buttercup FT

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** – Most yards have 'em.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** – 1/26 Dennings Pt FT

**Downy Woodpecker** – Common. Highest: 3-5/all yd Poughquag CP, 7/4 Rombout Rd CV

**Hairy Woodpecker** – 1/13 Baird Park NS, 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP, 1/most yd Stormville EBR, 1/all yd BAM, 1/18 yd JA, 1-2/daily CV, 1/26 Dennings Pt FT, 1-2/all yd Rhinebeck MP

**Northern Flicker** – 1/29 yd Pok KCF, 2/14 yd all mo BAM, 1/21 BBT/Humeston's farm BJM, 8/24 yd Freedom Rd NS, 1-2/often, 4/31 Fowler Rd CV, 1/12 Baird Park FT, 2/26 Dennings Pt FT, 1/3-31 yd Rhinebeck KS

**Pileated Woodpecker** – 1/12 Verbank, 1/24 Bard Rock Carrie Grey saw it excavating nest hole, 2/24-31 near yd BB, 1/14,15 Baird Park, 2/22 LaGrange NS, 2/28 Norrie Point SP KCF, 3/25 FDRNHS Hyde Park CP, 1/21 BBT/Humeston's farm, 1/29 yd BJM, 2/10 Norrie Pt CV, 10/9, 2/16, 2/23 yd Rhinebeck MP

**Eastern Phoebe** – 1/21 yd first of season, 2 by end of month BB, 1/22 Red Hook TG, 1/22-31 yd Poughquag, 1/25 Valkill, 2/25 FDRNHS CP, 1/29 yd & singing BAM, 1/27 IES JL/KM, 1/28 in yd JA, 1/24 yd PIVAl JD, 2/24 Tivoli Bay, 12/28 HVRT CV, 6/26 Dennings Pt FT, 1/29 yd Rhinebeck KS, 1/27 yd Salt Pt BMa

**Blue Jay** – Good numbers as usual.

**American Crow** – Usual reports but no huge flocks reported.

**Fish Crow** – 1/15 New Hamburg, 1/23 Marist BB, 6/24 Tivoli Bay CV, 2/26 Dennings Pt FT

**Common Raven** – 2/18 chasing each other over the yd, seen a couple of other days BB, 2/27 (possible) Red Hook TG, 2/16,19 Stissing Mtn CV, 2/21 Shunpike with nesting material ES, 2/19 Buttercup FT

**Tree Swallow** – 3/27 IES JL/KM, 3/28 HVRT CV, 5/26 Dennings Pt FT

**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch** – Good numbers.

**Brown Creeper** – 1/6-8 yd Poughquag CP, 1/17 yd PIVAl JD, 1/29 Norrie Pt CV, 3/26 Dennings Pt FT

**Carolina Wren** – 2/all yd Pok KCF, 1/all yd Poughquag, 1/31 Pawling CP, 1/2,6,13,30 yd Stormville EBR, 3/all yd BAM, 2/all yd & garage JA, 1/all Red Hook TG, 2/18 Rombout Rd, 1/18 Vassar Farm CV, 2/24-31 yd Rhinebeck KS, 1/6 yd LaGrange JA/KJ

**Winter Wren** – 1/12 Valkill CP

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 1/26 Dennings Pt FT

**Eastern Bluebird** – Many reports including 10/7 Baird Park NS, 4/12 Vanderbilt, CP, 4/19 yd BAM, 4/17 Wapp BJM, 9/1 Rombout Rd CV

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/2 Town of Clinton from Norene Coller BB

**American Robin** – Many reports including 6/7 Baird Park NS, 14/10 Red Hook TG, 20/27 Baird Park ES, 33/31 Airport Ind. Rd BJM, 18/24 Hi View Rd BAM, 23/20 Rombout Rd CV, 15/12 Baird Park FT, 20+/25 Baird ES

**Northern Mockingbird** – 1/18 Hosner Mtn Rd Hopewell EBR, 1/all yd BAM, 2/21 BBT/Humeston's farm, 2/25 Wapp Lk BJM, 4/1 Rombout Rd CV, 1/26 Dennings Pt FT, 1/19 Amenia yd LaGrange JA/KJ

**European Starling** – 6-8/occ yd Poughquag CP, 4-6/all yd Rhinebeck MP, 1/16 Fishkill ES, 1-4/all yd LaGrange JA/KJ

**Cedar Waxwing** – 20/7 Baird Park NS, 11/23 HVRT KCF, few/10 yd BAM, 18/1 Rombout Rd, 8/24 yd Freedom Rd NS, 23/24 Tivoli Bay CV, 5/12 Baird Park FT

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 1 at feeders, last seen on the 10th JA, 1/1 Rombout Rd, 1/28 HVRT CV

**Eastern Towhee** – 1/27 Domin Farm CV

**American Tree Sparrow** – 3-5/1-28 yd Poughquag CP, 1/11 College Lane MF, 1/17 yd BAM, 2/15 New Hamburg, 4/1 thru 1/22 feeder BB, 10/1 Rombout Rd CV, 1-2/all yd Rhinebeck MP, 1/14 yd Fishkill ES, 5/1, decreasing thru month yd LaGrange JA/KJ

**Chipping Sparrow** – 1/27 yd 1st of season BAM, 1/26,30 yd CV

**Clay-colored Sparrow** – 1 seen 17 days during month yd Rhinebeck KS

**Field Sparrow** – 1/5-9 Red Hook TG, 1/29 yd & singing 1st of season BAM, 1/31 feeder BB

**Fox Sparrow** – 1/1-7 (here since Dec) yd Poughquag CP, 1/11 College Lane (Millbrook) MF, 3/15 Fishkill, 2/27 Baird Park ES, 1/11-12, 2/13-18, 2/21,, 1/20-31 feeders yd BAM, 2/16 Wapp Lk, 1/21 BBT/Humeston's farm BJM, 1/4-6 yd from Ruth Greenwood, 1/22-24 feeder BB, 1/9,17,24 Red Hook TG, 2/10 yd, 1/18 Domin Farm CV, 2/10-31 yd Rhinebeck KS, 2/25 Baird, 3/14, 2/22, 1/23 yd Fishkill ES

**Song Sparrow** – Highest 20/25 Rombout Rd CV

**Swamp Sparrow** – 1 seen 12 days during month yd Rhinebeck KS

**White-throated Sparrow** – 6/1 yd Pok KCF, 1-2/often yd Stormville EBR, 5/11 College Lane MF, 6-12/all yd Poughquag CP, 3+/1, 4/20 yd most days BAM, 1/15 New Hamburg, 2/all yd BB, 10/1 Rombout Rd, very scarce toward end of month CV, 1/1-16 yd LaGrange JA/KJ

**Dark-eyed Junco** – Very well reported. Highest 50/6 yd Poughquag CP

**Snow Bunting** – 6/26 Greig Farm

**Northern Cardinal** – Good numbers. Reports included 7/1,13 Red Hook TG, 10/15 yd Fishkill, ES, 4-16/all yd Poughquag CP, 8m&8f/1 yd BAM, 15/4 Rombout Rd CV, 10/11,13, 7/14, yd Fishkill ES, 5-8/all yd LaGrange JA/KJ

**Red-winged Blackbird** – Returning from the south. Earliest 1/1 yd LaGrange JA/KJ. Highest counts: 25/31 feeder BB, 200/20 yd Poughquag CP, 27/13 yd BAM, 200+/20 Domin Farm CV

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 2/18 Domin Farm CV

**Rusty Blackbird** – 1/15 yd Rhinebeck KS

**Common Grackle** – Earliest report 10/11 yd BAM. Highest counts 25/31 yd BB, 20+/17 Beacon Landing AJM, 500+ Pleasant Val JD, 150+/20 Domin Farm CV



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**Brown-headed Cowbird** – Earliest report 1/3 yd BAM. Highest 11/13 College Lane MF, 20/6 yd Poughquag CP, 11/5 yd BAM, 10/25 Rombout Rd CV

**Purple Finch** – 1/29 yd Poughquag CP

**House Finch** – Well reported.

**American Goldfinch** – Well reported.

**House Sparrow** – 1-2 all mo. BAM, 2/29 yd Poughquag CP

## Other Sightings:

**Chukar:** 1/5 yd. released hunting bird KS

**Peepers:** 20th JD

**Beaver:** 2/19 Buttercup FT

**Opossum:** Occasional visits to deck checking out bird seed yd LaGrange JA/KJ

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**Field Trips (FT):** 2nd Milford Point—*cancelled due to weather*, 5th Norrie Point—*cancelled due to weather*, 12th Baird Park, 19th Buttercup West, 26th Dennings Point, 29th Shawangunk NWR (Galeville Airport)—*cancelled due to weather*

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## April 2003 Records

April started out cool with an early snowstorm. Winter just did not want to give up to warmer temperatures. The Red-necked Grebe at Norrie Point was seen through the 23rd. Two others were found by Sue Infante at Madam Brett Park in Beacon the end of March and seen by Carena on the 16th. The water was high most of the month and only three shorebird sightings were reported. Ed Spaeth found an unidentified Sandpiper on the 15th in a grassy pool along NY376 which he thought might be a Pectoral Sandpiper (not included in report below since he was not sure of ID). Rodney Johnson found a Spotted Sandpiper in Red Hook and Ken & Carol found a Least Sandpiper on the 19th's field trip. David Arner thought he saw a Golden Eagle (not included in report below) on the 16th & 23rd in South Bay but was not sure of ID. This seems late for Golden Eagle sightings. Migration is now in full swing with warmer temperatures and southerly winds moving the migrants north.

**Common Loon** - 1/16 Bowdoin Park FT; 4/30 flying over yd Poughquag CP; 1/25 over Rombout Rd. CV

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 13 reported in lakes & pond around the county.

**Red-necked Grebe** - 1/4 Norrie Point SP. KCF; 1/4 & 23 Norrie Pt., CV; 1/10 Norrie Point, JL; 2/16 Madam Brett CP

**Double-crested Cormorant** - most reports of 1 to 3 with largest numbers: 42/23 sitting on rock/low tide Norrie Pt., CV

**American Bittern** - 1/30 Crugers Island - flew off from the road in front of me DA.

**Great Blue Heron** - well reported including nesting @ Taconic/Baird Park and Rt. 44 Heronry, also Rt. 55 Heronry

**Great Egret** - 1/9 Wappingers Lake ES; 1/25 FDRNHS CP; 1/30 Crugers Island DA; 1/25 Abel's pd. Bob Kendall

**Black Vulture** - 3/1 Stissing Mt., 2/25 Domin farm, CV; 1/12 St. Andrews Rd, Hyde Pk. LM; 6/19 Thompson Pd/Strever pond/Pulvers Corners FT, 2/23 Sharparoon FT; 1/20 RedWing Beekman CP/HT; 2/24 & 25 Daley farm silo Clove Valley Rd., Bob Kendall

**Turkey Vulture** - well reported of 1 to 4 each - high:14/19 Thompson Pd/Strever pd/Pulvers Corners FT, 25 Hyde Pk CP

**Snow Goose** - 2/4 Plankenhorn farm, Gretna Rd. CV; 2/10 GretnaRd, 1/10 Upper Kay's CP; 1/12-21, Upper Kays Pond LM; lg flock/22 overhead, JD

**Canada Goose** - well reported including nesting many places in county

**Mute Swan** - well reported including nesting many places in county

**Wood Duck** - 53 reported with 5/6-30, yd, Salt Point -1f entering/exiting nest box LM; 1/22 Ackert Hook Rd using tree cavity RJ

**American Black Duck** - 2/10 HudsonR Vanderbilt CP; 130+/10 Tivoli Bays DA; 4/12 Pulvers Corners KCF; 1/19 Thompson Pd/Strever pd/Pulvers Corners FT; 1/25 over Rombout Rd., CV

**Mallard** - well reported with pr nesting under shrub @ neighbors & eats corn my yd. EP; nesting many places CV

**Blue-winged Teal** - 4/4 Arborios Swamp, CV; 2/13 Upper Kays Pond LM; 1/23 Tivoli Bays DA

**Ring-necked Duck** - good numbers - high: 52/1 Stissing Lk. CV; 36/2, 19/4 Lk. Onaid, BJM

**Bufflehead** - 7/4 Norrie Pt. KCF; pr/13 Lk. Onaid BJM

**Hooded Merganser** - 2/2 Ryder Lake Bengal Amenia Rd KCF; 8/3 Overlook Rd. pd thru 14th CV; 1/3 Tower Hill Pawling, 1/19 Wingdale CP; pr/10 Jekoce Lake BJM; 4/22 (1 male, 3 female) Upton Lake, Clinton Corners, JA

**Common Merganser** - good numbers - high: 16+/10 Tivoli Bays DA; 30/12, 20/13, 15/15 Upper Kays Pond LM

**Osprey** - 25 reported including 3/23 Cedar Lk w/BChase/KLiao/CPooth BB; 4/25 over Rombout Rd. CV; 6/28-30 Rhinebeck/N. Hyde Pk RJ; 1/30 Madam Brett Sue Infante, Terry Palumbo

**Bald Eagle** - 1/4 Imm. Arborio Swamp CV; 1/16 Bowdoin Park FT; 1m/beg. mo. on ice flow eating fish, Pok. - fills oil truck, JD.

**Northern Harrier** - 1/1 Stissing Mt., 1/8 Alvin Ct. yd. CV; 1/6 Pleasant Valley, JA; 1/10 Tivoli Bays DA; 1/24 Fairgrounds, 2/28-30 Rhinebeck/N. Hyde Park RJ

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 10+ reported of 1 each by ES; FT; JA; JAKJ; CV; & 2/28-30 Rhinebeck/N. Hyde Park RJ

**Cooper's Hawk** - 13 reported of 1 each by FT; CP; DA; JAKJ; BAM; CV; & 4/28-30 Rhinebeck/N. Hyde Park RJ

**Northern Goshawk** - 1/15 Ackert Hook Rd pretty sure & 1/15 large Accipiter with relatively broad wings and long tail.

Only had a few seconds and didn't have optics on but if I had to bet this would be my call. It was quartering into that strong south wind traveling due west at about 50-60mph.....quite impressive! RJ

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - good reports:1/3 over yd. BAM; 1/19 Thompson Pd/Strever pd/Pulvers Corners FT; 2/all mo. Tree Tops Ln, MK; 1/25 Rombout Rd. CV; 4/19 & 1/21 over yd.

Stanfordville, BH; 2/25 Rauls Rd PV KCF; 1/26 Kipp Rd, 1/28-30 Rhinebeck/N. Hyde Park RJ

**Broad-winged Hawk** - 41 reported - most: 8/23 Sharparoon FT; 8/25 Domin farm CV; 17/28-30 Rhinebeck/N. Hyde Park RJ

**Red-tailed Hawk** - well reported including 1/2 Dover (on nest), pr Beekman (on nest, young on 30th) CP; 2/27 near home exchange at nest BB & most: 15/28-30 Rhinebeck/N. Hyde Park RJ

**American Kestrel** - 25 reported of 1 to 4 with most: 5/28-30 Rhinebeck/N. Hyde Park RJ

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 3/5 NY82-Stanfordville (road killed) ES; 4/19 Thompson Pd/Strever pd/Pulvers Corners FT; 2/21 Tamarack Lk KCF

**Ruffed Grouse** - 1/16 Bowdoin Park FT

**Wild Turkey** - 58 reported with most: 25/3 Rombout Rd. CV  
**Killdeer** - 17 reported of 1 to 2 each with most: 4/12 wetland Rte 82 Pine Plains KCF

**Spotted Sandpiper** - 1/17 Ackert Hook Rd RJ

**Least Sandpiper** - 4/19 Thompson Pd/Strever pd/Pulvers Corners FT

**Wilson's Snipe** (formerly Common Snipe) - 28/10 in vernal wetland/field so. of gazebo, Buttercup West, Larry Federman; 12/12 wetland Rte 82 Pine Plains KCF; 1/18 Conservancy property, 2/25 Domin farm CV

**American Woodcock** - 1/1-5 Crestwood Rd., Red Hook, TG; 2/2 Conservancy property seen @ dusk CV

**Bonaparte's Gull** - 1/3 Waryas Pk, Pok. w/ Ring-billed Gulls CV

**Ring-billed Gull** - normal/seen all over county

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 3/23 Norrie Pt. CV

**Rock Dove** - normal/seen all over county

**Mourning Dove** - normal/seen all over county





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**Eastern Screech-Owl** – 1/28-30 Rhinebeck/N. Hyde Park RJ; gone again but used box across creek, EP

**Great Horned Owl** – 1/18, 2/20-21 on nest (gone on 25th) Noxon Rd CP/HT; see/hear home all mo. JD; 1/18 heard calling, 1/30 perched in trees beside Taconic near 82 JAKJ; 1/9, 14; 3/15; 2/17, 24-30 yd Stormville EBR; 6/28-30 Rhinebeck/N. Hyde Park RJ

**Barred Owl** – 2/25 Freedom Pk-seen sitting, flying & heard calling CV; 4/28-30 Rhinebeck/N. Hyde Park RJ, 1/27 in his yard, reported by Bill Case

**Chimney Swift** – 2/25 over Rombout Rd. CV; 3/29 Tymor Park BB

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** – 1/19 Tree Tops Ln, MK & Kay Sisson-early arrival date; 1m/29 yd. CV

**Belted Kingfisher** – 21 reported of 1 to 3 by KS; FT, CP/HT; BB w/BChase/KLiao/CPooth; EP; ES; BJM; CV; BH; KCF

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** – well reported throughout county

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** – 3/8 -2 Rombout Rd. & 1 yd. CV; 2/13-30 yd drumming BB; 1/23 Frost Rd RJ

**Downy Woodpecker** – well reported throughout county

**Hairy Woodpecker** – 18 reported of 1 to 2 by FT; CP; EP; JA; JA/KJ; EBR; KCF & most 3/5 suet feeder yd. CV

**Northern Flicker** – well reported throughout county

**Pileated Woodpecker** – 14 reported of 1 to 2 by FT; CP; TG; BB; EBR; CV; BAM

**Eastern Phoebe** – 39 reported throughout county of 1 to 4 each

**Great Crested Flycatcher** – 1/29 yd Poughquag CP

**Yellow-throated Vireo** – 1/27 singing yd. Stanfordville, BH

**Blue-headed Vireo** – 11 reported of 1 to 4 by FT; CP; MK; CV; Sue Infanti & Terry Palumbo

**Red-eyed Vireo** – 1/29 yd Poughquag CP

**Blue Jay** – normal/seen all over county

**American Crow** – normal/seen all over county

**Fish Crow** – 2/3 Dutchess Plaza, Pok. CV; 2/3 & 12 over yd. BAM; 2/21 Tivoli Bays DA

**Common Raven** – 2/1 Stissing Mt. CV; 1/2 Tamarack FT, 1/2 Tamarack Pres. FT, 4/19 Thompson Pd/Strever pd/Pulvers Corners FT, 2/23 Sharparoon FT; 2/18 yd flying over & calling BB; 1/18 Fishkill-yd ES

**Purple Martin** – 2/30 Verbank BB

**Tree Swallow** – good numbers - most: 40/19 Thompson Pd FT, 50+/26 Upper Kays Pd LM; 45-50/18 Conservancy pd. CV

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – 1/16 Madam Brett CP; 4/23 Sharparoon FT; 4/29 Tymor Park BB; 2/29 lower Wappingers Creek BB; has low over creek Pl. Valley, EP; 2/24 Sandock Rd., 2/28 Pond Gut CV; 3/17 Ackert Hook Rd, 1/26 Kipp Rd RJ

**Bank Swallow** – has low over creek Pl. Valley, EP.

**Barn Swallow** – 17+ reported by CP/HT; CP; BB; EP; CV; RJ

**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch** – normal/seen all over county

**Brown Creeper** – 1/10 Valkill CP; 1/16 Bowdoin Pk FT, 3/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Sta. FT; 1 @ home, JD; sev/23 Frost Rd RJ

**Carolina Wren** – 13 reported of 1 to 2 each including nest/25th, 3eggs/28 & 4eggs/29 home TG

**House Wren** – 1/29 yd. Alvin Ct. CV

**Winter Wren** – 1/2 Tamarack Preserve FT; 1/23 Frost Rd RJ

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 6/2 Tamarack Pres FT; 2/13 Taconic-Hereford MUA KCF; 2/23 Frost Rd, 3/25 Ackert Hook Rd RJ

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – good numbers of 1 to 5 each - most: 10/23 Sharparoon FT

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 26 reported of 1 to 4 each - most: 12+/26 Kipp Rd RJ

**Eastern Bluebird** – good numbers includes: pr nesting/22 JD & 4eggs/28 Crestwood Rd, Red Hook TG

**Veery** – 1/16 Montgomery Place DA

**Swainson's Thrush** – 1/24 Tree Tops Ln, MK

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/16 Bowdoin Park FT, 1/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; 3/25 Ackert Hook Rd RJ

**Wood Thrush** – 1/29 yd Poughquag CP

**American Robin** – well reported throughout county

**Gray Catbird** – 1/17 Ackert Hook Rd RJ

**Northern Mockingbird** – 15 reported of 1 to 4 by FT; CP/HT; BB; EBR; CV; BAM

**Brown Thrasher** – 8 reported of 1 each by CP/HT; DA; TG; CV; KCF; RJ

**European Starling** – normal/seen all over county

**Cedar Waxwing** – 20/2 yd. Rhinebeck, KS; 5/25 Fishkill-yd ES; 55/1 Straus Marsh, Amenia, 6/24 Baird Pk., CV; 12/12 Mud Lk KCF

**Yellow Warbler** – 12 reported of 1 to 3 by BB; TG; Sue Infanti, Terry Palumbo & most: 6/29 Tymor Park BB

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – 1/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 2/17 Ackert Hook Rd RJ

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – good numbers - most: 15/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; 8/25 Valkill, CP; 8/27 Pond Gut CV

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 1/27 my woods Alvin Ct. CV

**Pine Warbler** – 4+/16 Montgomery Place, 2/21 Bard College DA; 3/23 Sharparoon FT; 4-6/17 Ackert Hook Rd, 2/26 Kipp Rd RJ

**Palm Warbler** – 13 reported of 1 to 4 by FT; BB w/BChase/KLiao/CPooth; CV; KCF

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 3/27 Cushman Rd Pawling CP/HT; 1/29 singing yd., BH; 2/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT

**Ovenbird** – 1/29 singing yd. BH; 2/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT

**Louisiana Waterthrush** – 16 reported of 1 to 4 each by FT; CP/HT; BB; CV; RJ

**Eastern Towhee** – 21 reported of 1 to 4 each by FT; BB; JAKJ; CV; BAM; BH; RJ

**American Tree Sparrow** – 1/9 yd KCF; 1/13 Crestwood Rd., Red Hook TG

**Chipping Sparrow** – well reported - 1st on 6th BB

**Clay-colored Sparrow** – 1/1-20 yd. Rhinebeck, KS

**Field Sparrow** – good numbers - 1st on 3rd RJ

**Savannah Sparrow** – 2/23 Cedar Lake

w/BChase/KLiao/CPooth BB; 1/8, 18 & 22 Rombout Rd., 2/15 Nuclear Lk., CV

**Fox Sparrow** – 1/4 yd Clinton Corners, JA; 1/10 home Red Hook TG; 1/5 feeder yd. & 1/8 Rombout Rd. CV; 1/1 & 4, 1/6-8 yd, 1/10 singing Humeston's field BAM

**Song Sparrow** – good numbers throughout county

**Swamp Sparrow** – 2/12 Pulvers Corners KCF; 6/19 Thompson Pd/Strever pd/Pulvers Corners FT, 3/23 Sharparoon FT; 2/27 Pawling CP/HT

**White-throated Sparrow** – good numbers - here through end of mo.

**Dark-eyed Junco** – good numbers - here through end of mo.



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**Northern Cardinal** – normal/seen all over county including courtship feeding

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 1/30 yd. just arrived BB; 2/30 feeder home TG.

**Red-winged Blackbird** – normal/seen all over county

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 1/22 Vlei Rd RJ; 1/27 TMR Farm CP/HT

**Rusty Blackbird** – 20/10 Valkill CP; 1/21 Tivoli Bays DA

**Common Grackle** – normal/seen all over county

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – normal/seen all over county

**Baltimore Oriole** – 1st date: 1/29 suet feeder yd. CV

**Purple Finch** – 1/14 feeder BB; 3/23 Sharparoon FT; 1/24 Baird Pk., 1/25 & 27 feeder yd. CV

**House Finch** – normal/seen all over county with numbers coming back after eye disease

**American Goldfinch** – normal/seen all over county

**House Sparrow** – - 1/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; normal/seen all over CV; 2-3/1 thru 17 yd. BAM

#### **Other Sightings:**

**Common Garter Snake:** 1/6 & 16th Fishkill-yd (1st snake of the season) ES

**Spring Azure Butterfly:** 1/21 & 2/25 Fishkill-yd (1st butterfly of season) ES

**Muskrat:** 1/10 Valkill CP

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**Field Trips (FT):** 2nd Tamarack, 9th Tymor

Forest, 16th Bowdoin Park, 23rd Sharparoon, 30th Rockefeller Univ. Field Station

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## May 2003 Records

This May was cooler than most; only a few days in the 70s; most in the 40s - 60s. There was little rain until the last 10 days, although there were many drizzly days. The last week the rain was more substantial. The result was a slower leaf-out, but fewer flying insects.

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/10 Cedar Lake FT  
**Double-crested Cormorant** - 5/10 Bard Rock Hyde Park EBR; 2/9, 3/20 Vanderbilt, 1/28 CedarLk CP; 4/28 Wappingers Lk ES; 1/25 pond on VanWagner Rd KCF  
**Great Blue Heron** - seen all over; heronry of about 11 nests reported on Swamp River near Hurds Corners MaryAnn Pitts  
**Great Egret** - 1/18 yard Rhinebeck flying west at 8:15pm within 100m of Great Blue Heron RJ  
**Green Heron** - 3/7 Ferncliff FT; 2/31 Poughkeepsie, near Stop&Shop KCF; 3 others  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron** - 1/17 on census  
**Black Vulture** - 2/14 Nuclear Lake FT; 2/16 RecRd Beekman CP  
**Turkey Vulture** - All over county all month up to 5 at a time  
**Canada Goose** - All over, many with young by mid-month  
**Brant** - 1000+/27, 100s/28 seen flying over Hudson by Wayne Butler, while fishing north of Saugerties, and at New Baltimore by Rich Guthrie. Any seen in Dutchess?  
**Mute Swan** - 1-2 at Abel's Pond, Cedar Lake, near Sylvan Lake, Myers Corners and others  
**Wood Duck** - 3/7 Ferncliff FT; 3/14 Nuclear Lk FT; 2/24 Pond Gut FT; 2/29 Rockefeller Field Station KCF; 2/29 Feller-Newmark Rd TG; 1f/19 Jekoce Lake & 6 yg. BJM; and 3 others  
**Mallard** - Widely distributed around the county  
**Hooded Merganser** - 2/10 Cedar Lake FT; 7 (1 female + 6 yg)/29 Rockefeller Univ Field Station KCF  
**Common Merganser** - 2f/28 Wappinger Creek at Pleasant Valley JD EP  
**Osprey** - 2/10 Cedar Lake FT; also at Nuclear Lk, Abel's Pd, Hyde Park, Dalton Farm from 9th thru 16th  
**Bald Eagle** - 1/7 Tivoli Bays DA  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 4 reports, Red Hook, Pok Rural Cem, FDRNHS, Michelin's yd Wapp Fls  
**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/29 FDRNHS CP  
**Red-shouldered Hawk** - nested again in her neighborhood near Red Oaks Mill, had 3 young MK  
**Broad-winged Hawk** - 1/7 Bulls Head Rd on wire BB; 1/9 over back woods/yd. BAM; 1/9 Rte9 HydePk, 1/29 MartinRd Beekman CP; 1/29 Rockefeller University Field Station KCF  
**Red-tailed Hawk** - All over county all month  
**American Kestrel** - 1/1-15 off & on yd Red Hook TG; EP has one in Pleasant Valley  
**Peregrine Falcon** 1/18 Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge, from the car. DA  
**Wild Turkey** - In the usual places and even "in town". Lenhart's had 10 near Red Oaks Mill.  
**Sora** - 1/7 Ferncliff FT  
**Killdeer** - 6-8 daily Southlands MP; 4/28 (incl 2 yg) Dover CP; 4(2 ad + 2 yg)/27 Pok KCF; 5 others  
**Greater Yellowlegs** - 1/25 Pleasant Valley KCF  
**Lesser Yellowlegs** - 1/5 Tivoli Bays DA  
**Solitary Sandpiper** - 1/6 Buttercup Howard Slocum

**Spotted Sandpiper** - 3/14 Nuclear Lake FT; 4/27 PBB KCF; 1/20 Vanderbilt at HudsonR, 1/28 DeLuca Gravel Dover CP  
**Least Sandpiper** - 4/25 Pleasant Valley KCF; 4/28 DeLuca Gravel Dover CP  
**Dunlin** - 2/25 Traver Marsh (Pleasant Valley) in breeding plumage KCF, BB  
**Ring-billed Gull** - 24/9, 3/20 HudsonR HydePk CP; and at the malls  
**Mourning Dove** - 8-12/all month yd KCF; EP has lots; most have some  
**Black-billed Cuckoo** - 1/14 & 30 yd Red Hook heard TG; 2/15 Depot Hill CP; 1/18 & 23 yard BB  
**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - 1/10 Cedar Lake, 1/29 FDRNHS CP; 1/25 PI Valley, 1/29 Rockefeller Univ Field Station, 1/30 PNR KCF; 2/31 Pawling Nature Reserve FT  
**Eastern Screech-Owl** - gone from yard EP  
**Great Horned Owl** - 1/all Pine Hill Rd came close to house one night & scared 12-year-old JD  
**Barred Owl** - 1/29 Rockefeller Univ Field Station KCF  
**Common Nighthawk** - 5/28 Rhinebeck saw them circling JD; 1/29 over FDRNHS CP  
**Chimney Swift** - 5/5 over Mt. Carmel Sq. Po'keepsie BAM; 6/10 Pok Rural Cem AJM; 1-4 from 7 other places  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 15 reported, some in early, others didn't arrive in yards until mid-month  
**Belted Kingfisher** - 10 reported  
**Red-headed Woodpecker** - 1/10-31 yard continually calling (for a mate presumably). BDL; 1/23 on the 8th fairway of Dutcher Golf Course in Pawling Kelly Liao  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 1-2 at feeders and up to 4 on every field trip  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 3/14 Nuclear Lake FT; 1/6-25 yard Verbank BB  
**Downy Woodpecker** - 1-2 at feeders and up to 4 on every field trip  
**Hairy Woodpecker** - about 1 Hairy for every 3 Downies  
**Northern Flicker** - 1-2 on most trips and many yards  
**Pileated Woodpecker** - 2/7 Ferncliff FT; plus about 10 others  
**Olive-sided Flycatcher** - 1/28 Deep Hollow FT  
**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - earliest 1/12 yd BAM; 2/14 Nuclear Lake FT; then heard and seen Deep Hollow, Springside, PNR and other woody places  
**Acadian Flycatcher** - 3/28 Deep Hollow FT; 2/30 Pawling Nature Reserve KCF; 3/31 PNR FT  
**Alder Flycatcher** - 2/29 Rockefeller University Field Station KCF  
**Willow Flycatcher** - 3/27 VanWagner/Bedell Rd KCF; 1/28 Cedar Lk CP  
**Least Flycatcher** - earliest 1/2 yard Rhinebeck RJ; then 1-2 in 10 other places; most 3/14 Nuclear Lake FT  
**Eastern Phoebe** - reports of 1-3 from most places visited  
**Great Crested Flycatcher** - arrived Apr29; 5/14 Nuclear Lake FT; widespread reports of 1-4 in many places  
**Eastern Kingbird** - arrival 2pr/4 at Lenhart's near Red Oaks Mill, after squabbling 1 pr left; then at least 15 reports of 1-2  
**White-eyed Vireo** - 2/20 St.Dennis Cemetery, Beekman BB  
**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 2/5 Crugers Island DA; 3/7 Ferncliff FT; 3/14 Nuclear Lake FT; reports from 7 other places  
**Blue-headed Vireo** 4/7 Ferncliff FT; also at Sharparoon, Nuclear Lk, Deep Hollow, and from Bert Pooth and RJ  
**Warbling Vireo** - 1/2 yard Rhinebeck RJ first; 3/28 Listening Rock Farm FT most; about 15 reports of 1-2



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**Red-eyed Vireo** – 1/7 Ferncliff FT first; 15/31 Pawling Nature Reserve FT most; found in any wooded area

**Blue Jay** – up to 6 in most yards and on trips

**American Crow** – up to 10 at most yards and on trips

**Common Raven** – 1/9 FDRoosevelt Home CP

**Purple Martin** – 1/28 yard Fishkill ES

**Tree Swallow** – 10-15 daily Southlands MP; 10/10 Cedar Lake FT; other reports, but they seem down

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – 4/10 Cedar Lake FT; 4/14 Nuclear Lake FT; sev/11 Arthursburg BB; 10/29 Pok Rural Cem BB; 2/28 Cedar Lake, 4/10 DeLuca gravel Dover CP

**Bank Swallow** – 10/28 DeLuca Gravel Dover (nesting) CP

**Barn Swallow** – 25-35 daily Southlands MP; 10/29 Pok Rural Cem BB; many other places

**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse** – in all yards and on all trips, nesting

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – 1-2 in most yards and on most trips, nesting

**Brown Creeper** – 1/all yard EP

**Carolina Wren** – about 15 reported, including 5 that fledged on the 4th DT

**House Wren** – some (BAM,TG,ES) had them early and nesting, others not around until mid-month

**Winter Wren** – 1/28 Deep Hollow FT

**Marsh Wren** – 5/18 Tivoli Bays DA

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 7 reports, last was 1/14 yard Verbank BB

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 10/7 Ferncliff FT; 8/14 Nuclear Lake FT; also at Sharparoon, Cedar Lk, Springside, Pond Gut, Pok Rural Cem.

**Eastern Bluebird** – busy at nestboxes, many with young

**Veery** – 8/28 Deep Hollow FT; 12/31 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; over 15 reports of 1-4 from the 6th on

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** – 2/7 Ferncliff FT

**Swainson's Thrush** – 1/9 Pok Rural Cem KCF; 1/12 yd Poughquag, 1/15 Depot Hill (same bird both times?) CP; 1/24 yard MK

**Hermit Thrush** – 2/24 Pond Gut FT; 1/31 Pawling Nature Reserve FT

**Wood Thrush** – Many reports all month. Most 8/31 Pawling Nature Reserve FT

**American Robin** – busy nesting all over

**Gray Catbird** – Most arrived the first week of month. Up to 5 in most yards and trips.

**Northern Mockingbird** – 1-2 in about a dozen places

**Brown Thrasher** – TG,CP,NS had 1-2 in their yards all month. 3 other reports

**Cedar Waxwing** – Seemed scarce this winter, but around now. Most 20/16 Dalton Farm CP

**Blue-winged Warbler** – quite a few/2 yard Rhinebeck RJ earliest; 3/10 Cedar Lake FT most; 12 other reports of 1-2

**Brewster's Warbler** – 1/27 Apple Lake on Kipp Rd RJ

**Tennessee Warbler** – 1/7 Ferncliff FT

**Nashville Warbler** – first 3-4/6 yard Rhinebeck foraging in the crowns of oaks RJ; last 1/29 Depot Hill CP; about 8 other reports of 1-4 each

**Northern Parula** – 2/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/28 Deep Hollow FT; also at Vassar Farm and BB and BAM yards

**Yellow Warbler** – some arrived last week of Apr, but not everywhere until 2nd week of May

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – most 3/7 Ferncliff FT; and 5/29 Beekman CP; 1-2 from BB, BDL, BAM, KCF, and other FTs

**Magnolia Warbler** – first 1/7 Ferncliff FT; then by KCF,BAM,BDL,CP; most 5/18 yard BB; only report after that - 1/31 PNR FT;

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 1/4 BDL; 10/7 Ferncliff FT; 1-2 thru the 16th; still at PNR at month end

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 50/7 Ferncliff FT; good numbers - last 1/18 near home BB

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 8/7 Ferncliff FT; well-reported thru 18th, by month end found only at breeding sites - PNR, Deep Hollow and Pond Gut

**Blackburnian Warbler** – 3/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/9-12 yard BB; 1/10 Sharparoon FT; 2/28 Deep Hollow FT

**Prairie Warbler** – 4/10 Cedar Lake FT; 1/9-18 yard BB; 4/25 Pl Valley, 1/27 Pok, 4/29 Rockefeller University Field Station KCF

**Palm Warbler** – 1/7 Ferncliff FT

**Bay-breasted Warbler** – 1f/12, 1m/18 yard Verbank BB

**Blackpoll Warbler** – first 1/12 yard BAM; last 3/30 PNR KCF; most 5/24 Pond Gut FT; 8 other reports

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 6/7 Ferncliff FT; well reported

**American Redstart** – 4/4 BDL; then many reports - max 8/14 Nuclear Lk FT; 8/30 PNR KCF; 8/31 PNR FT

**Worm-eating Warbler** – 4/7 Ferncliff FT; 2/24 Pond Gut FT; 1/18 near home BB; 2/30 PNR KCF; 1/31 PNR FT

**Ovenbird** – a few arrived in late Apr, but most May reports are from the 9th on; most at PNR (10)

**Northern Waterthrush** – 1/29 Rockefeller University Field Station KCF

**Louisiana Waterthrush** – 10 reports from the usual places; most 4/28 Deep Hollow FT

**Kentucky Warbler** – 1/14 Vassar Farm Peter Nelson; 1/23 Vassar Farm KCF

**Common Yellowthroat** – first 1/2 BAM; most 5/10 Cedar Lake FT; many reports of 1-4

**Hooded Warbler** – 1/29 Rockefeller University Field Station, 1/30 PNR KCF; 2/31 Pawling Nature Reserve FT

**Wilson's Warbler** – 1/22-23 yard Verbank BB

**Canada Warbler** – 1/12 Humeston's farm BJM; 1/14 Nuclear Lake FT; 3/28 Deep Hollow FT; 2/31 PNR FT

**Scarlet Tanager** – first 1/4 BDL; 3/7 Ferncliff FT; didn't sing much until mid-month, then all over.

**Eastern Towhee** – 1 or 2 found on most trips and in many yards with proper habitat

**Chipping Sparrow** – Particularly abundant (up to 10) at Pok Rural Cemetery, Cedar Lake, and my yard BB.

**Field Sparrow** – Regularly heard in open areas. 8 reports.

**Savannah Sparrow** – 6-8 daily Southlands MP

**Song Sparrow** – all over

**Lincoln's Sparrow** – 1/12,2/14 yd Poughquag CP; 1/14 Nuclear Lake FT

**Swamp Sparrow** – 1/10 Sharparoon FT; 1/14 Hynes Rd, Beekman BB; 2/24 Pond Gut FT

**White-throated Sparrow** – up to 10 in some yards; last report 2/16 yd Rhinebeck KS

**White-crowned Sparrow** – 1/8-9 Lagrange NS; 1/8-10 yd Rhinebeck KS; 1/15 yard BB; 1/11-16 yd Red Hook TG

**Northern Cardinal** – up to 4 on all trips and in all yards

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – visiting most feeders. The 5 males I had on the 13th was quite a treat!

**Indigo Bunting** – visiting some feeders. 1-2/2 & 8-9 yd Rhinebeck KS. 10+ reports after that.



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**Bobolink** – 50-100/8-31 arrived about 1 week later than usual at Southlands MP; 5/10 Greig Farm TG; 5 other reports.

**Red-winged Blackbird** – all over in numbers

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 1/10 Cedar Lake FT; 1/20 Waterbury Hill Rd BB; 1/28 CedarLk, 1/30 S Quaker Hill Rd CP

**Common Grackle** – all over, in numbers near water

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – too many, still at feeders

**Orchard Oriole** – 1-2/almost daily yd Red Hook TG; 1/10 Pok Rural Cem AJM; 1/11-14 yard first year male, 2/15 chasing each other BB; 1/28 Beacon Landing ES

**Baltimore Oriole** – 6/14 Nuclear Lake FT; up to 4 found on every trip and in every yard

**Purple Finch** – 1/10 Sharparoon FT; 1/20-21 yd Poughquag CP; 1/22 yard BB; 1/28 Deep Hollow FT

**House Finch** – 4-6 in most yards

**American Goldfinch** – All over county all month CP

**House Sparrow** – around, but less than House Finch.

#### **Additions to April Records:**

Dick Lahey & Dee Rod reported seeing a Red-throated Loon 4/27/03 in Wappinger Creek, from Reese Sanctuary.

Tom Lake reported 2-3 Red-throated Loons seen at Norrie Point in mid-April for a few days.

#### **Other Sightings:**

**Red Admiral Butterfly** 1/14 Fishkill-yd ES

**Variegated Fritillary** 1/15 Fishkill-yd ES

**Tiger Swallowtail** 1/15 Fishkill-yd ES

**Eastern Box Turtle** 1/25 Fishkill-crossing VanWyck LkRd heading south up-hill into woods ES

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**Field Trips (FT):** **7th** Ferncliff, **10th** Sharparoon & Cedar Lake (Wingdale) — part of Great Swamp IMBD celebration, **14th** Nuclear Lake, **21st** Thompson Pond (rained out), **24th** Pond Gut, **28th** Deep Hollow, **31st** Pawling Nature Reserve

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The weather was unseasonably cool, with the showers from May. The wet weather also provided some days that were warm and muggy. Net result was fewer insects. Breeding bird signs and status were monitored throughout most of the field trips and the Saturday "Blockbusting" trips, with many of the results indicating young (yg) seen.

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 2(2yg)/2 KCF; 4/6 Vanderbilt CP; 1/10 PVBB KCF; 2/11 Tamarack Lake KS/MS; 1/12

Westage Bus. Center pond BJM; 1/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT

**Least Bittern** - 1/10 North Tivoli Bay Heard its song DA

**Great Blue Heron** - many reported throughout county including breeding blocks: 2/2 PVBB, 1/3 & 1/19 Pok KCF; 1/7 HBB; 2/14 SBB; 6/21 PVBB

**Green Heron** - 2/7 HBB; 7/7 Pulvers Corners, 1/10 PVBB KCF; 1/10 Wassaic BB; 1/10 Cruger's Island Rd. Saw it swallow a fish. DA; 2/14 SBB; 1/14 Castle Point park BAM; 1/12 Westage Bus. Center pond BJM; 1/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 2/23 Bluebird trail Wapp BJM; 1/26 Valkill CP; 2/28 RTBB; 1/30 Bangall Rd BB; 1-2/all mo. yd MP

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** - 3/27 Riverfront Park, Beacon St; 1/30 Wapp Creek near New Hamburg bridge AJM

**Black Vulture** - 4/15 SBB KCF; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**Turkey Vulture** - 4/2 PVBB KCF; 1/4 Flint Hill FT; 5/14 SBB; 2(1ad & 1yg)/17 Top O'Hill Rd Wapp, 1/17 Daley Rd BJM; 9/20 RedWing Beekman CP; 6/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 3/28 RTBB

**Canada Goose** - everywhere with goslings; 25+/5 SnowVlyCampgrd ES; 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 12(4ad & 8yg)/14 SBB; 30/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 30(10ad & 20yg)/21 PVBB; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 25/30 Snow Valley Fishkill BJM,SI,TP

**Brant** - 1/6 Beacon Landing alone afloat on the river ES

**Mute Swan** - 5(2ad & 3yg)/3 Pok KCF; 2/11 Tamarack Lake KS/MS; 1/15 Hillside Lk. BJM; 5(2ad & 3 yg)/21 PVBB; 7(2ad & 5yg)/23 Lk Oniad BJM

**Wood Duck** - 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 1/14 SBB; 12(6ad & 6yg)/21 PVBB; 14(2ad & 12yg)/23 RUFs KCF; 9(1ad & 8yg)/25 Bog Hollow Rd CP; 24(12ad & 12yg)/26 Hillside Lk BB; 3(1f & 2yg)/29 Jekoce Lake BJM; 2/28 RTBB

**American Black Duck** - 1/2 PVBB KCF

**Mallard** - 1/6 Beacon Landing ES; 5/7 HBB; 8/11 Tamarack Lake KS/MS; 19(7m, 1f & 11yg)/15 Hillside Lk.BJM; 6/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 14/19 Fishkill Cem. BJM; 1f/21 PVBB; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 12/26 Valkill CP; 20/28 RTBB

**Common Goldeneye** - 1/19 Ogden Mills St Pk JL/KM

**Hooded Merganser** - 9(1f ad & 8yg)/5 Cary Arb. JL/KM; 1/14 SBB; 6(1ad & 5yg)/23 RUFs KCF; 1f/27 Killearn Rd BB

**Common Merganser** - 3f/10 Webutuck Cr BB

**Bald Eagle** - 1/3 Valkill CP; 1(immature)/11 Tamarack Lake KS/MS

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/19 flew thru yd BAM; 1/24 Greystone/Wapp AJM; 1/25 Bog Hollow Rd CP

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/15 yd. checking feeders BAM; 1/17 being chased by goldfinches yd CP; 1/27 Killearn Rd BB

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/6 Holmes with prey BB; 1/10 Masten Rd PV KCF; 1/14 SBB

**Broad-winged Hawk** - 1/19 calling FDRNHS, 2/19 Beekman CP; 1/23 RUFs KCF; 2/25 BogHollow CP

**Red-tailed Hawk** - 2/4 Flint Hill FT; 1/6 Castle Pt Pk ES; 1/14 SBB; 1/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 1/14 Castle Point park BAM; 1/19 Pok KCF; 2/24 Greystone/Wapp AJM; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 2/28 RTBB; 1/9, 1/15, 1/29 & 3/23 Bluebird trail Wapp. & 1/19 Vassar Farms BJM

**American Kestrel** - 2/4 Flint Hill FT; 1/19 Pok KCF; 1/19 Fishkill Cem. BJM; 1/28 RTBB; 1/30 Haight Rd BB

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/14 Beacon Newburgh Bridge DF

**Wild Turkey** - 7/6 all hens CedarL CP; 4/7 Mabettsville Rd, 1/13 SBB KCF; 3/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 2/19 Pok, 2(1ad & 1yg)/23 RUFs KCF; 7/26 Frances Dr BB; 19(3f & 16yg)/27 yd/feeders BAM;

**Northern Bobwhite** - 1m/26 Arthursburg released? 1 mile from hunt club land BB; 1/heard daily from mid mo. Southlands MP

**Virginia Rail** - 2/7 Pulvers Corners, 6/10 PVBB KCF; 2/21 PVBB

**Killdeer** - many multi groups seen, 2(1ad + 1yg)/2 PVBB, 5/3 Pok KCF; 5(2ad & 3yg)/14 SBB; 27/14 over Rt.9/Myers Corner Rd., 5(4ad & 1yg)/19 Fishkill Cem. BJM; 1/19 Barton Orchards, 3/20 RedWing Beekman (adult w/yg) CP; 1/28 RTBB

**Spotted Sandpiper** - 1/2 PVBB KCF; 2/10 Wassaic BB; 3(2ad & 1yg)/20 RedWing Beekman CP

**Ring-billed Gull** - 1/12 Westage Bus. Center Fishkill BJM

**Rock Dove** - 2/4 Flint Hill FT; 6/19 Vassar Farms BJM; 12/21 PVBB; 25+/26 & 30 Dut. Mall/Golf Course, Fishkill BJM,SI,TP; 8/28 RTBB

**Mourning Dove** - 2/4 Flint Hill FT; 1/5 Dutchess Mall, 2/6 Castle Pt Pk ES; 4/7 HBB; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 6/14 SBB; 6/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 10/21 PVBB; 4/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 6/28 RTBB

**Black-billed Cuckoo** - 1/14 SBB; 1(1yg)/19 Vassar Farms BJM; 1/29 Cushman Rd CP/HT

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - 1/2-10 home BB; 1/7 HBB; 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 1/16 Vanderbilt, 1/17 & 24 Pawling CP; 1/23 RUFs KCF

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/23 Valkill CP

**Barred Owl** - 2/19 calling back & forth FDRNHS CP

**Chimney Swift** - many reports, 4/7 HBB; 2/14 SBB; 6/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 4/19 Beekman CP; 12+/25 7 over Red Oaks Mill & 5 over city Pok BAM; 6/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 4/28 RTBB

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 1-2 reported by ES, KCF, BAM, EBR, JD/EP, BB, MP; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1m/2 Clapp Hill Rd Lagrange BB; 1/6 CedarL CP; 1/7 Pulvers Corners KCF; 1/7 HBB; 1/10 Wassaic BB; 1/21 PVBB; 1/25 Wingdale CP; 1/28 RTBB

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - well reported with several on Blockbusting trips including young; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 3/14 SBB; 2/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 6/21 PVBB; 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 3/28 RTBB

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 2/11 at nest hole Rudd Pd FT; 2/27 Killearn Rd BB

**Downy Woodpecker** - well reported with young reported; 4(2ad feeding yg)/all month yd KCF; 3(2ad & 1yg)/14 SBB; 2/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 3/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 5/28 RTBB

**Hairy Woodpecker** - well reported with young reported; 4(2ad feeding yg)/all month yd, 1(1yg)/23 RUFs KCF; 2(1ad & 1yg)/30 Dut. Golf Fishkill BJM,SI,TP; 1/28 RTBB



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**Northern Flicker** – 2/4 Flint Hill FT; 1/6 & 10 Castle Pt Pk ES; 2/7 Pulvers Corners KCF; 2/7 HBB; 2/10 near Troutbeck exchange at nest hole BB; 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 1/14 SBB; 2/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 3/19 Vassar Farms BJM; 1/21 PVBB; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 3/28 RTBB; 2/30 Westage Bus. Center BJM,SI

**Pileated Woodpecker** – 1/1 Pok, 1/10 Masten Rd chasing a Red-tailed Hawk KCF; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 1/14 SBB; 1/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 1/23 east of Pine Plains BB; 2/23 RUFs KCF; 1/3,6,16,19,26 Hyde Park CP

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** – 1-3 reported by KCF, BAM, BJM, SI, CP, BB, MP, KS/MS; 4/11 Rudd Pd FT; 2/14 SBB; 2/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 3/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 1/28 RTBB

**Alder Flycatcher** – 1/4 Flint Hill FT; 1/19 Vassar Farms BJM

**Willow Flycatcher** – 1-3 reported by ES, KCF, BAM, BJM, CP, BB, DA; 3/21 PVBB; 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 3/28 RTBB

**Least Flycatcher** – 1/14 SBB; 3/10 Wassaic BB; 1/20 Beekman, 1/24 Tower Hill Rd, 2/25 BogHollow CP; 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**Eastern Phoebe** – 1-3 reported by KCF, BAM, BJM, SI, CP, JD/EP, BB, MP; 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 3/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**Great Crested Flycatcher** – 1-7 reported by ES, KCF, BAM, BJM, SI, TP, CP, BB, MP, KS/MS; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 4/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 2/21 PVBB

**Eastern Kingbird** – many reported including on nest - 2/7 HBB; 3/14 SBB; 1/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 1/21 PVBB; 3/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**White-eyed Vireo** – 2/14 SBB; 1/29 Cushman Rd CP/HT; 1/28 RTBB

**Yellow-throated Vireo** – 1/4 Flint Hill FT; 3/14 SBB; 2/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 2/27 Killlearn Rd BB; 1/28 RTBB; 1/30 Bangall Rd BB

**Warbling Vireo** – several reports from KCF, AJM,BAM,BJM, CP, SI, TP, BB; 2/7 HBB; 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 9/14 SBB; 1/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 5/28 RTBB

**Red-eyed Vireo** – Can't miss that song, as it is everywhere; 10+/11 Rudd Pd FT; 1/14 SBB; 4/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 2/21 PVBB; 4/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 5/28 RTBB

**Blue Jay** – all over the county & young have learned to use the feeders CP; 4/14 SBB; 2/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 6/21 PVBB; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 2/28 RTBB

**American Crow** – many, some with young, reported; 3ad all mo. fed 2yg yd. BAM; 50/3 Valkill mobbing owl CP; 10/11 Rudd Pd FT; 7(6ad & 1yg)/14 SBB; 4/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 10/21 PVBB; 5/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 5/28 RTBB

**Purple Martin** – 1/10 Castle Pt Pk ES

**Tree Swallow** – well reported throughout county with nesting cited by BJM, KCF, CP BB, ES; 4/11 Rudd Pd FT; 4/14 SBB; 8/21 PVBB; 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 6/28 RTBB

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – 3/2 Clapp Hill Rd Lagrange BB; 3/3 CushmanRd Pawling CP; 12/5 SnowVlyCampgrnd ES; 1/6 Cedar Lake CP; 2/10 Wassaic BB; 3/11 N of Rudd Pond BB; 2/12 Westage Bus. Center BJM; 2/16 Pawling CP; 2/23 marsh on Rt 82 at Col. Co. border BB; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 2/28 RTBB

**Bank Swallow** – 6/10 Wassaic BB; 10/23 marsh on Rt 82 at Col. Co. border BB; 6/23 east of Pine Plains at nest holes BB

**Cliff Swallow** – 1/10 Wassaic BB; 6/28 RTBB

**Barn Swallow** – good numbers throughout county, many seen going into barns & young seen late in month; 6/11 Rudd Pd FT; 12/14 SBB; 6/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 15/28 RTBB

**Black-capped Chickadee** – well reported; 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 8(7ad & 1yg)/14 SBB; 5/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 4/21 PVBB; 4/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 5/28 RTBB

**Tufted Titmouse** – well reported; 2/7 HBB; 2/9 yd fed 1-2juv & pr+4-5juv all mo. feeder BAM; 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 3/14 SBB; 3/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 5/28 RTBB

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – well reported with young noted; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 5(4ad & 1yg)/14 SBB; 3/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 2/28 RTBB

**Carolina Wren** – many seen and heard singing teakettle-teakettle; 3/14 SBB; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 1/28 RTBB

**House Wren** –well reported throughout county with nesting and young; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 6/28 RTBB

**Marsh Wren** – 1/7 Thompsons Pond KCF; 4/23 marsh on Rt 82 at Col. Co. border BB; 1/25 Vandenburg Cove JD

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 1/6 Vanderbilt CP; 1/7 HBB; 2/10 near Troutbeck BB; 4/11 Rudd Pd FT; 6/14 SBB; 1/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 1/23 Bluebird trail/Wapp BJM; 2/23 RUFs KCF; 1/27 Killlearn Rd BB

**Eastern Bluebird** – well reported throughout county with nesting and young in yards and Bluebird trails, some working on 2nd nesting; 2/7 HBB; 6(2ad & 4yg)/14 SBB; 1/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 1/28 RTBB

**Veery** – plentiful and vocal especially late in month; 4/7 HBB; 3/11 Rudd Pd FT; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 5/28 RTBB

**Wood Thrush** – good numbers throughout county; 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 3/14 SBB; 2/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 2/21 PVBB; 3/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**American Robin** – everywhere; 5(incl 1yg)/6 Castle Pt Pk ES; 5/7 HBB; many/11 Rudd Pd FT; 10/14 SBB; 2/16 ad/fed yg Reese town Pk./Wapp AJM; 10/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 6/21 PVBB; 10/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**Gray Catbird** – above normal numbers seen by ES, BAM, AJM, KCF, JD/EP, BB, MP, KS/MS; 5/7 HBB; 5/11 Rudd Pd FT; 20/14 SBB; 6/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 12/21 PVBB; 25/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**Northern Mockingbird** – individuals seen, most 5+/30 Bowdoin Pk. AJM; 2/14 SBB; 4/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 1/21 PVBB; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 1/28 RTBB

**Brown Thrasher** –1/10 Wassaic BB; 1/14 Castle Point park BAM; 2/14 yd MP; 1/15 Bluebird trail/Wapp BJM; 3(1ad & 2yg)/19 Old Martin Rd Beekman CP; 1/19 Vassar Farms BJM; 1/20 yd MP; 1/21 PVBB

**European Starling** – 2/4 Flint Hill FT; 1/10 Stony Kill Farm ES; 100/24 S Quaker Hill Rd CP; 8/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**Cedar Waxwing** – 101 reported including 30/6 Vanderbilt CP, 3/7 HBB, 7/11 Rudd Pd FT, 8/14 SBB, 8/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT, 4/21 PVBB, 8/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT, 8/28 RTBB

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 30 reported including 7/14 SBB, 3/21 PVBB, 4(adult w/ yg)/29 Cushman Rd CP/HT; 3/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 2/28 RTBB

**Brewster's Warbler** – 1/19 Pok KCF

**Lawrence's Warbler** – 1/14 SBB

**Nashville Warbler** – 1/23 RUFs KCF

**Yellow Warbler** – well reported throughout county - most 6/4 Flint Hill FT and 4+ all month Fishkill area & 1ad fed 1yg/30 BJM, SI; 3/7 HBB; 4/11 Rudd Pd FT; 11/14 SBB;

2/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 6/21 PVBB; 4/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 15/28 RTBB



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**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – 5/4 Flint Hill FT; 2/14 SBB; 1/23 RUFs KCF; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 3/28 RTBB

**Magnolia Warbler** – 1/4 Flint Hill FT

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**Pine Warbler** – 1/11 Rudd Pd FT

**Prairie Warbler** – 19 reported including 2/14 SBB, 4/21 PVBB; 1/28 RTBB

**Cerulean Warbler** – 1/14 SBB

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 1/7 Pulvers Corners KCF; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 1/13 SBB KCF; 1/14 SBB; 1/19 Pok, 1/23 RUFs KCF; 1/21 PVBB; 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 1/28 RTBB

**American Redstart** – good numbers everywhere - most 12/4 Flint Hill FT; 5/11 Rudd Pd FT; 6/14 SBB; 4/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 10/28 RTBB

**Prothonotary Warbler** – 1/6 Castle Pt Pk ES

**Worm-eating Warbler** – 2/3 CushmanRd Pawling, 2/6,3/16 Vanderbilt, 3/19 CP; 2/23 RUFs KCF; 4/25 FDRNHS CP; 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 1/26 Valkill CP

**Ovenbird** – good numbers everywhere - most 6/23 RUFs KCF; 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 1/14 SBB; 2/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 3/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 3(2ad & 1yg)/26 Van Wyke Lake Rd. Fishkill BJM,SI,TP; 1/28 RTBB

**Northern Waterthrush** – 2(heard & seen)/7 HBB

**Louisiana Waterthrush** – 1/2 Clapp Hill Rd Lagrange BB; 1/19,25 FDRNHS CP

**Kentucky Warbler** – 1/19 Vassar Farms BJM

**Common Yellowthroat** – well reported - most 6 all month Bluebird trail/Wapp. BJM; 4/7 HBB; 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 4/14 SBB; 4/21 PVBB; 5/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 10/28 RTBB

**Hooded Warbler** – 1/3 CP/HT; 1/13 SBB KCF; 2/14 SBB; 2/16 & 4/29 CushmanRd Pawling CP/HT; 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**Scarlet Tanager** – many seen and heard singing; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 1/14 SBB; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**Eastern Towhee** – many around - most 5/4 Flint Hill FT; 1/7 HBB; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 4/14 SBB; 4/21 PVBB; 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 1/28 RTBB

**Chipping Sparrow** – 1-6 reported by KCF, BAM, BJM, SI, TP, ES, JD/EP; 5+11 Rudd Pd FT; 4/14 SBB; 15/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 6/21 PVBB; 5/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 4/28 RTBB

**Field Sparrow** – 29 reported including 2/14 SBB, 2/21 PVBB; 1/28 RTBB

**Savannah Sparrow** – 1/2 PVBB KCF; 2/10 Depot Hill Amenia BB; 2/27 Chestnut Ridge BB; 4-6/all mo. Southlands MP

**Song Sparrow** – 5/4 Flint Hill FT; 5/14 SBB; 5/19 new Beekman Rec CP; 3/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 4/21 PVBB; 10/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 1/28 RTBB 2+young/all mo. yd Poughquag CP

**Lincoln's Sparrow** – 1/6 Castle Pt Pk ES

**Swamp Sparrow** – 2/4 Flint Hill FT; 3/7 HBB; 2/7 Pulvers Corners, 1/19 Pok KCF; 1/23 marsh on Rt 82 at Col. Co. border BB; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 1/28 RTBB; 2/30 Bangall Rd BB

**Northern Cardinal** – well reported everywhere with young noted on some reports; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 6/14 SBB; 3/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 4/21 PVBB; 3/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 3/28 RTBB

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – a beautiful bird well reported with 1-4 on most reports; 1/7 HBB; 2/11 Rudd Pd FT; 2/14 SBB; 3/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 3/28 RTBB

**Indigo Bunting** – 28 reported including 1/11 Rudd Pd FT, 5/21 PVBB, 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT, 4/28 RTBB

**Bobolink** – 5/4 Flint Hill FT; 2/10 Amenia Union BB; 1/10 Stony Kill Farm ES; 2m/15 Ehmer's field BJM; 6/24 Mizzentop Rd CP; 50-75/all mo. Southlands MP

**Red-winged Blackbird** – good numbers reported; 4(incl 1yg)/6 Castle Pt Pk ES; 5/11 Rudd Pd FT; 5+(incl 1yg)/14 Castle Pt. Park BAM; 12/14 SBB; 12/21 PVBB; 15/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 8/19 Clove Valley Rd, 2/25 Poplar Hill Rd Dover CP; 2/27 Chestnut Ridge BB; 4-6/all mo. Southlands MP

**Common Grackle** – well reported including young; 5/11 Rudd Pd FT; 6/14 SBB; 8/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 6/21 PVBB; 3/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 10/28 RTBB

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 5/4 Flint Hill FT; 2/6 Castle Pt Pk ES; 5/11 Rudd Pd FT; 4(3ad & 1yg)/14 SBB; 6/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 4/19 Pok KCF; 4/21 PVBB; 8/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 1/28 RTBB; 10+/all mo. at feeder, stopped feeding BB; 3-5 yd depending on if seed in feeder MP

**Orchard Oriole** – 1/21 PVBB; 2/23 yard found nest - had been hearing them awhile BB

**Baltimore Oriole** – well reported including young - 3/7 HBB; 5/11 Rudd Pd FT; 2/14 SBB; 5/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 4/21 PVBB; 2/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 2/28 RTBB

**Purple Finch** – 1/4 Flint Hill FT; 1/14 SBB; 1/20 yd Stormville EBR; 6(2ad & 4yg)/23 RUFs KCF; 1/28 RTBB; 2/29 adult males yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1f/30 Killearn Rd BB; 1m/all mo home singing BB

**House Finch** – good numbers including 6(2ad & 4yg)/2 PVBB KCF; 3(1ad & 2yg)/5 yd Fishkill ES; 4/7 HBB; 2/14 SBB; 6/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 2/21 PVBB; 1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 2/28 RTBB; 6-12(with yg)/all mo. yd Poughquag CP

**American Goldfinch** – good numbers reported and no young; 1/11 Rudd Pd FT; 15/14 SBB; 3/18 Pok Rural Cem. FT; 10/21 PVBB; 6/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 10/28 RTBB

**House Sparrow** – plenty around, some reported with young by KCF, BJM, SI, TP; 2/14 SBB; 10/28 RTBB

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**Field Trips (FT):** 4th Flint Hill / Cascade Mountain; 11th Taconic State Park – Rudd Pond; 18th Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery; 25th HVRT / Amenia Rail Trail & Yellow City Road

**Blockbusting (xBB):** 7th (**HBB**) Holmes (Dutchess County) area block 6059B; 14th (**SBB**) Stormville area block 5960D; 21st (**PVBB**) Pleasant Valley area block 5962C; 28th (**RTBB**) Harlem Valley Rail Trail block 6164D

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## July 2003 Records

Typical for July were several series of severe thunderstorms. One of them, on July 4th, took down a tree across the creek from Eleanor Pink's home in Pleasant Valley. That tree had a nest box on it that a Screech Owl (or maybe several owls) used for years as a winter roost. Eleanor and many others have enjoyed watching the owl and will miss it.

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/15 New Hackensack ES  
**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1-2 along Hudson between Beacon and New Hamburg BAM  
**Great Blue Heron** - 10/2 Dennings Pt. BJM,SI,TP; 11/13 Dennings Cove ES; 5/12 PVBB KCF; 4/19 rail trail at Holmes FT; many reports of 1-2 all over.  
**Great Egret** - 1/30 Andrew Haight Rd FT  
**Green Heron** - : 4/12 pond Westage Fishkill BJM; 3/23 s of Millerton FT; 3(2ad & 1yg)/12 PVBB KCF; 6 reports of 1-2  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron** - 10/6-7 incl 1 juv Beacon Landing Bob & Sue Infante; 2/2 Beacon Landing (1ad/1juv) BJM,SI,TP; 9-12/6-13 Beacon Landing, 1/13&23 Dennings Cove ES; 1/31 Wapp. Creek NH cove BAM  
**Black Vulture** - Kerry Martens reports they've been hanging around the Millbrook School zoo, peak 40/31; 3/16 Bangall-Amenia Rd B Haydasz; 2/28 Stormville BB  
**Turkey Vulture** - 15/2 Thompson Pd FT; 24/2 Benson Hill Rd, Dover D Fleury; 20/23 s of Millerton FT; 1-4 seen aloft in many places  
**Canada Goose** - all over, with young (except where large snapping turtles got them)  
**Mute Swan** - families seen at Thompson Pd; Pleasant Valley, Kent Rd in Wappingers  
**Wood Duck** - 12/3 Bog Hollow, D Fleury; 25/30 Andrew Haight Rd FT; 6 other reports, some with young  
**American Black Duck** - 6/19 rail trail at Holmes FT; 2/31 New Hamb. river BAM  
**Mallard** - up to 10 at ponds and streams incl young; larger groups on the river  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - BeB hears young crying to be fed, Wappingers; 1/12 The Fountains BB; 1/17, 18 & 23 flew thru yd. (18th got jay) BAM; 1/25 Fishkill-yd ES  
**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/1 Rudd Pond Rd BB; 1/most days thru mo. yd. BAM; 1/7 Stony Kill Rd. AJM; 1/28 juv. Vassar Farm KCF,BJM; 1/30 Zipfeldburg Rd BB  
**Red-shouldered Hawk** - BeB has them nearby, young crying to be fed, Wappingers; 1(1yg)/12 PVBB KCF  
**Broad-winged Hawk** - 1/12 Drake Rd PV KCF; 1/31 over Bowdoin Pk. BAM  
**Red-tailed Hawk** - 1-2 on most outings, with noisy juveniles around  
**American Kestrel** - 4/3 2ad/2juv Vassar Farm BJM; 3/16 (ad & 2 yg) Poplar Hill Rd Dover CP; 3/21 incl 2 juv. Airport Ind. Rd. BJM; 4 other singles  
**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 2/2 Thompson Pd FT; 1/3 Sand Hill Rd CP  
**Ruffed Grouse** - 1/3 Bog Hollow CP; 1/23 Zipfeldburg Rd J Balint; 1/26 Moore Farm, Stormville B Haydasz  
**Wild Turkey** - Many seen all over county with young of various sizes  
**Virginia Rail** - 1/2 marsh on Rt82 at Col. Co border, responded to CD BB; 2/12 PVBB KCF

**Killdeer** - 6/7 PBB, 9/12 PVBB KCF; 4/5, 1/11 Fishkill Cemetery BJM; 4/31 Bowdoin Pk. BAM; 5 others  
**Solitary Sandpiper** - 1/25 Wassaic area BB  
**Spotted Sandpiper** - 1/7 PBB, 2/12 PVBB KCF; 3/25 Wassaic area BB; 1/31 1st fall Hunter Ck to Wapp. Creek BAM  
**Least Sandpiper** - 1/29 sand bar Hunter Ck. to Wapp. Cr. AJM  
**Ring-billed Gull** - 10+/2 Riverfront Park, Beacon, BJM,SI,TP; 5/12 Westage Fishkill thru mo. BJM  
**Great Black-backed Gull** - 1/2 Riverfront Park, Beacon, BJM,SI,TP  
**Rock Dove** - 30/19 rail trail at Holmes FT; plus others around barns and large buildings  
**Mourning Dove** - 15/2 Thompson Pd FT; 12+/2 Beacon Landing, Beacon BJM,SI,TP; a few seen on most outings  
**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - 1/17 BB, 1/26 FT both at Moore Farm, Stormville  
**Great Horned Owl** - 1/7-25 BeB Seen well, perched and posing in backyard treetop, in late daylight, once. Flying over yard several times in twilight, since. JD also has one in Pleasant Valley  
**Chimney Swift** - up to 8 reported over Beacon plus over Fishkill, Wappingers, and Pleasant Valley "downtowns"; 1-3 from 5 other places  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - Lots reported, more toward the end of the month.  
**Belted Kingfisher** - 6/12 PVBB KCF; 1 or 2 from a dozen other places  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 1-3 on all trips and in most yards; many young seen  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 6/3,3/10,2/20 Bog Hollow CP; 1-2 seen at five other places in eastern Dutchess  
**Downy Woodpecker** - 5/3 Vassar Farms BJM; 4-5/all (adults & young) yd Poughquag CP; some on every outing and in every yard  
**Hairy Woodpecker** - 4(2ad feeding yg)/all month yd KCF; 2-3/all yd Poughquag CP; about half as many as Downies reported  
**Northern Flicker** - 5/3 & 28 Vassar Farm BJM,KCF; 1-3 many places  
**Pileated Woodpecker** - more than a dozen reports of 1 or 2  
**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - 4/2 Thompson Pd at nest FT; 1-3 heard in most woods  
**Alder Flycatcher** - 1/8 Mabbettsville BB; 1/23 s of Millerton FT  
**Willow Flycatcher** - 4/4 Pulvers Corners KCF; 1-3 from 15 other places; increasing  
**Least Flycatcher** - 3/2 Thompson Pd FT; 4/3 BogHollow CP; 3/4 Pulvers Corners KCF; 2/17 Moore Farm at nest BB; only 6 other reports of 1-2; seem down in numbers  
**Eastern Phoebe** - many reports of up to 3 or 4  
**Great Crested Flycatcher** - 6/3 Vassar Farm BJM; 4/30 Haight Rd FT; 2/15 & pr/21 fed yg in nest hole Wapp BB trail BJM; 16 other places  
**Eastern Kingbird** - 6/4 Pulvers Corners, 6/12 PVBB KCF; 5/8 (nest/yg) Harmony Rd CP; 4/23 s of Millerton nest FT; found in most open areas  
**White-eyed Vireo** - at least 3 singing males (pairs?) Moore Farm, Stormville BB FT  
**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 3/2 Thompson Pd FT; 3/3, 2/10,20 BogHollow CP; 4 other places  
**Blue-headed Vireo** - 1/16 Tamarack Preserve FT



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**Warbling Vireo** – 3/2 Thompson Pd FT; singing many places early in July, but quieter by month's end

1/25 Amenia Rail Tr FT; 5/28 RTBB

**Red-eyed Vireo** – 10/2 Thompson Pd nest FT; 6/3, 3/10, 20 Bog Hollow CP; 5/16 Tamarack Preserve FT; 8/15 RUFs KCF; heard lots of other wooded places

**Blue Jay** – Good numbers, many gangs & families everywhere CP

**American Crow** – some everywhere, with young

**Fish Crow** – 1/6 Beacon Ldg ES

**Common Raven** – 2/2 Thompson Pd FT; also from Wassaic, Butts Hollow Rd, Verbank, Pulvers Corners, Mabbettsville

**Tree Swallow** – still at nesting sites in early July, then flocking up after mid-month; 50/23 s of Millerton FT

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – 2/3 Sand Hill Rd Dover CP; 3/23 s of Millerton FT

**Bank Swallow** – 3/23 s of Millerton FT

**Barn Swallow** – still nesting, feeding over open fields; flocking up by month-end; reports from 16 places

**Black-capped Chickadee** – 10+/3 & 28 Vassar Farm BJM, KCF; 2-6 every trip and yard

**Tufted Titmouse** – lots of noisy families around

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/15 Butts Hollow Rd BB

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – 6/2 Thompson Pd FT; 5(3ad & 2yg)/all month yd KCF; up to 4 many places

**Brown Creeper** – Pleasant Valley EP; only one. They are hard to find in July.

**Carolina Wren** – 3/12 2fed 1yg Wapp. Cr/Helen Drive area BJM, EvS; 12 others

**House Wren** – 4/3 Philips Rd BB; many around, scolding everyone and everything!

**Winter Wren** – 4/16 Tamarack Preserve FT

**Marsh Wren** – sev/2 marsh on Rt 82 at Columbia Co border BB

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 4/2 Thompson Pd FT; 2/28 Widmer Rd BJM; 5 other reports

**Eastern Bluebird** – 9/28 incl juv. Vassar Farm KCF, BJM; good to see them with young lots of places

**Veery** – 20/2 Thompson Pd FT; 12/25 Pond Gut KCF; up to 6 at many other places

**Hermit Thrush** – 6/20 East Mtn Dover CP; 1/27 yd Stormville EBR

**Wood Thrush** – 5/3 incl 1 juv & 8+/28 Vassar Farm BJM; up to 6 in wooded areas

**American Robin** – everywhere, many young

**Gray Catbird** – everywhere, especially brushy places, many young

**Northern Mockingbird** – 4+/31 Bowdoin Pk, 3/31 incl 1 juv. NH RR station BAM; 3/26 Hopewell Reform Church cemetery nest with young FT; 4/4 Pulvers Corners KCF; 1 or 2 in 20 other places

**Brown Thrasher** – 6/4 Moore Farm BB; 6 other reports of 1 or 2

**Cedar Waxwing** – 2-10 reported on most outings, young out by month's end

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 10/4 Pulvers Corners, 4/12 PVBB, 3/15 RUFs KCF; 4/17, 3/26, 3/28 Moore Farm BB, FT; 3/3 1ad fed/3 juv Vassar Farms BJM; 8 other reports

**Yellow Warbler** – 10/2 Thompson Pd FT; 5/3 incl fed 2 juv. Vassar Farms, 5+/12 Westage Fishkill BJM; up to 4 found on every outing

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – 11 reported from Beekman(6), Millerton area, RUFs, Cushman Rd, Hammond Hill Rd

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 2/10 (pair), 1/20 BogHollow CP

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 2/3, 4/10, 3/20 Bog Hollow CP; 4/16 Tamarack Preserve FT; Pleasant Valley EP

**Prairie Warbler** – 1/3 Beekman Rd BB; 2/4 new Beekman Rec CP; 6/4 Pulvers Corners, 4/12 PVBB, 2/15 RUFs KCF;

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 7/26 Moore Farm FT; 3 from Bog Hollow, Cushman Rd, plus a dozen others

**American Redstart** – 5(3ad & 2yg)/9 Taconic-Hereford MUA KCF; 4/20 Bog Hollow CP; 3f/28 Vassar Farm KCF, BJM; plus 15 others

**Worm-eating Warbler** – 1/2 Thompson Pd FT; 1/9 Taconic-Hereford MUA KCF; 2/16 Tamarack Pres FT; 1/26 Moore Farm FT

**Ovenbird** – 16(mostly yg)/25 Pond Gut KCF; 12/2 Thompson Pd FT; 7/9 Taconic-Hereford MUA; 6 each at Bog Hollow and RUFs plus 1-3 at 5 other places

**Louisiana Waterthrush** – 3/16 Tamarack Pres FT; 3/15 RUFs, 2/25 Pond Gut KCF; 2/16 McCarthy Rd, Dover CP; 5 others

**Kentucky Warbler** – 1m/3 Vassar Farms BJM

**Common Yellowthroat** – 15/2 Thompson Pd FT; 8+/3 Vassar Farm BJM; lots in all brushy places

**Hooded Warbler** – 1/3 Beekman Rd BB; 1/17 Moore Farm BB; 2/3 Berkshire Rd, 4/29 Cushman Rd CP

**Canada Warbler** – 1/10, 2/20 (adult w/ yg) BogHollow CP

**Scarlet Tanager** – MK had both male and female bringing young to her bird bath many times. 4/10 BogHollow CP; up to 3 on most outings

**Eastern Towhee** – 5/3 & 5/28 incl 1 juv. Vassar Farm KCF, BJM; 3/17&26, 4/28 Moore Farm BB, FT; 15 other places 1-3 each

**Chipping Sparrow** – up to 6 seen in many places, young out by mid-month

**Field Sparrow** – 10/4 new Beekman Rec CP; 5/28 Moore Farm BB; 4/4 Pulvers Corners, 4/12 PVBB, 4/15 RUFs KCF; 4/12 The Fountains BB; plus 9 other places

**Savannah Sparrow** – 1/1 Rudd Pond Rd BB; 1/16 Halls Corners Rd BB; 2/23 s of Millerton FT; 2/30 Haight Rd FT

**Song Sparrow** – good numbers everywhere, many young CP. That about sums it up!

**Swamp Sparrow** – 12/2 Thompson Pd FT; 8/23 s of Millerton FT; 4/4 Pulvers Corners, 6/25 Pond Gut KCF; 4/19 rail trail at Holmes FT; 6 other places

**Northern Cardinal** – Good numbers and many young throughout county CP; 10+/3 & 28 incl juv. Vassar Farm BJM; Pair nesting not 5 feet from my front door. It's so small one wouldn't think it could hold a full nest of birds. Female comes and goes. I watch the end of her feeding a batch. In less than a week, she's been back and sitting on another nest. Male is around all the time in a close area. First time I ever got to watch a nest so close. EP

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – up to 4 reported from many places, including young.

**Indigo Bunting** – 4/12 The Fountains BB; 3m/12 & 4m/17 Old Rt9 & Westage Fishkill BJM; up to 3 reported from 20 other places

**Bobolink** – 6/1 Rudd Pond Rd BB; 6/25 Amenia-Union BB; 30/25 S.Quaker Hill Rd. Pawling CP



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**Red-winged Blackbird** – 15-20 with young at Thompson Pd, Vassar Farm, Andrew Haight Rd, etc. etc.

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 2/1 Rudd Pond Rd BB; 2/2 Poplar Hill Rd CP

**Common Grackle** – 10-20 at Thompson Rd, Vassar Farm, Beacon Landing; fewer at many other places; many young.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – only 5 reports, but they are around!

**Orchard Oriole** – 1m/2 Beacon Landing BJM,SI,TP; 1/4 new Beekman Rec CP; 2/12 PVBB KCF

**Baltimore Oriole** – 6-10 all yd Poughquag CP; 6+/2 inc. juv. Beacon Landing BJM,SI,TP; many more

**Purple Finch** – 3/1 Rudd Pond Rd, 1/8 Tower Hill Rd, 1/12 The Fountains, 1/17 Moore Farm BB

**House Finch** – 50/9 StonyKill FT; up to 10 in most yards, many young aroundP

**American Goldfinch** – finally nesting - nest on Moore Farm FT on 26th; many all over

**House Sparrow** – few report them. Many nesting in barns, big stores, cities and villages.

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**Field Trips (FT):** **2nd** Thompson Pond; **9th** Stony Kill Farm; **12th** Blockbusting, Pleasant Valley; **16th** Tamarack Preserve; **19th** Blockbusting, Holmes; **23rd** Millerton / Coleman Station area; **26th** Blockbusting, Stormville area; **30th** Andrew Haight Rd.

**Blockbusting (xBB):** **7th (HBB)** Holmes (Dutchess County) area block 6059B; **14th (SBB)** Stormville area block 5960D; **21st (PVBB)** Pleasant Valley area block 5962C; **28th (RTBB)** Harlem Valley Rail Trail block 6164D

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## August 2003 Records

**Great Blue Heron** - EP; 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 1/9 Pawling Nature Reserve on lake FT; 1/1 & 3rd pd. Kent Rd/Myers Corners Rd. BAM; 1/5 Wapp. Creek AJM; 1/8 Bowdoin Pk. BAM; 1/23 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 2/7 Buttercup West KCF; Creek RG

**Great Egret** - 1/6 Locust Grove along river FT;

**Turkey Vulture** - EP; 3/31 over yard BB; 1/13 Ferncliff FT; 4/27 Sharpshoon FT; 2/9 over Rt. 55 near Pawling BJM; 1/23 Humeston's BB trail/Wapp. BJM; 1/31 over Hi View & Meyers Corner Rd. BJM; 1/9 Newburgh over old Reformed Church ES; 5/29 Fishkill- Stadium ES; IES BH;

**Canada Goose** - EP; 8/7/14 thru mo. Fishkill Cemetery BJM; 30/11 pd. St. Nicholas Rd. BJM; 75+/27 50 Rt 376 Fishkill Pls & 25 Hillside Lk BAM; 25/26 Lk. Oniad BJM; RG;

**Mute Swan** - EP; 7/1 family-pd. Kent Rd/Myers Corners Rd. BAM; 1/9 Hillside Lk. BJM; 2/11 Jekoce Lake BJM; 8/26 Lk. Oniad BJM;

**Wood Duck** - 5f/3 Wapp Lk. BAM; 13/9 Hillside Lk. BJM; 10/7 Buttercup West KCF; 10/20 Valkill FT, 4/31 Pleasant Ridge d Dover CP

**Mallard** - EP; 2/6 Locust Grove Sunfish Cove FT; 30+/9 Hillside Lk. BJM; 10/14 thru mo. Fishkill Cemetery BJM; 11/26 Lk. Oniad BJM; 9+/23 Wapp. Lk. BJM; RG; 2/20 Valkill FT

**Osprey** - 1/6 Locust Grove riverside FT

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/30 took f. cardinal off feeder yd. BAM

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/17 took grackle off tube feeder yd. BAM; 1/16 yd Poughquag CP

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/27 Sharpshoon FT

**Broad-winged Hawk** - 6/14 Sepasco Lake SJ

**Red-tailed Hawk** - EP; 1/6 Locust Grove juvenile FT; 2/27 Sharpshoon FT; 1juv/12-15 over yd & 1ad/2juv/16 over yd BAM; 1/8, 2/11 1/14th & 23 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 1/22 S Quaker Hill Rd, 3/23 over yd Poughquag CP

**American Kestrel** - EP; 1/30 Waterbury Hill Rd Union Vale BB; 1/13 Rte55 LaGrange CP

**Wild Turkey** - EP; 10/6 Locust Grove 1f 6poults 3jakes FT; 2/27 Sharpshoon FT; 3f/1 & 2nd & 14th +17 poults & 5m/7 yd. BAM; 3/6 Dut. Co Airport field Rt. 376 BJM; 4/11 Kirin farm Widmer Rd. BJM; 1/8 BlueHill rd-HJct ES; 2/17 East Mtn Rd ES; 2/3 Rte 376 Wapps. Falls KCF; 2/25 yd Poughquag CP

**Virginia Rail** - 2/7 Buttercup West KCF

**Killdeer** - EP; 12-15+ Killdeer on 8/28 at Stringham Rd. soccer fields AJM

**Ring-billed Gull** - 4/6 Locust Grove river FT

**Rock Pigeon** - EP

**Mourning Dove** - EP; 2/27 Sharpshoon FT; 4-6 yd. all mo. BAM; 10+/8-23 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 2/14 1ad/1juv. Fishkill Cemetery BJM; 3/5 Fishkill-yd ES; IES BH; 6-10/all yd Poughquag CP

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - IES BH

**Great Horned Owl** - JD; 1/19 Wapp Falls seen by Rosa Corbeels' neighbor catching a squirrel on the road 3am BB; All Year RG

**Barred Owl** - 1/20 Valkill FT

**Common Nighthawk** - 3-4/26 Freedom Park at club picnic - evening BB; 2/25 over Freedom Park BAM; 2/19 River Rd Rhinebeck SJ

**Chimney Swift** - EP; 4-5/26 Freedom Park at club picnic - evening BB; 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 1/13 Ferncliff FT; 2/27 Sharpshoon FT

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/13 Ferncliff FT; 1/27 Sharpshoon FT

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - EP; 2/13 Ferncliff FT; 1/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 2/20 Valkill FT; 2/27 Sharpshoon FT; 1/3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 2-4 incl juv. All mo. Yd/suet log BAM; IES BH; 3/7 Buttercup West, 2/all month yd KCF; 2-3/all yd Poughquag CP

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 6/3,3/10,2/20 Bog Hollow CP; 1-2 seen at five other places in eastern Dutchess

**Downy Woodpecker** - EP; 4/6 Locust Grove FT; 2/13 Ferncliff FT; 4/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 2/20 Valkill FT; 3/27 Sharpshoon FT; 3/3 incl juv. Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 2-4 incl juv. All mo. Yd/suet log BAM; 1/8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; IES BH; 4(2ad & 2yg)/all month yd KCF; 4-5/all (adults & young) yd Poughquag CP

**Hairy Woodpecker** - EP; 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 1/13 Ferncliff FT; 3/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 1/20 Valkill FT; IES BH; 1/7 Buttercup West, 4(2ad & 2yg)/all month yd KCF; 2-3/all (adults/young) yd Poughquag CP

**Northern Flicker** - EP; 1/31 yard BB; 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 4/13 Ferncliff FT; 3/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 1/27 Sharpshoon FT; 1-2 most days thru mo. Yd BAM; 1/8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 2/15 RG

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 1/13 Ferncliff FT; 1/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 2/20 Valkill FT; 1/3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 1/4 h across st., 1/17 yd & 1/30 h neighbors back yd. BAM; IES BH

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - 1/31 yard BB; 6/6 Locust Grove FT; 12/13 Ferncliff FT; 5/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 7/20 Valkill FT; 6/27 Sharpshoon FT; 1/3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 2/5 Reese Town Pk. AJM; 2/8 h Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH; 2/7 Buttercup West KCF

**Least Flycatcher** - 1/27 Sharpshoon FT

**Eastern Phoebe** - EP; 4/28 yard BB; 2/20 Valkill FT; 6/27 Sharpshoon FT; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH; 8/7 Buttercup West KCF; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP

**Great Crested Flycatcher** - 2/27 Sharpshoon FT

**Eastern Kingbird** - 1/9 Baird Park BB; 1/8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 2/11 Jekoce Lake BJM

**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 3/13 Ferncliff FT; 3/27 Sharpshoon FT

**Warbling Vireo** - 2/27 Sharpshoon FT; 1/8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM

**Red-eyed Vireo** - 7/6 Locust Grove FT; 10/13 Ferncliff FT; 10/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 3/20 Valkill FT; 4/27 Sharpshoon FT; 4/3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 1/11 h willow tree yd. BJM; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH; 3/7 Buttercup West KCF

**Blue Jay** - EP; 3/6 Locust Grove FT; 3/13 Ferncliff FT; 1/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 2/27 Sharpshoon FT; 5-6 all mo. Feeders yd/bird bath BAM; 28 IES BH; 4(1ad & 3yg)/all month yd and fluttering like a Hummingbird by the suet log to pick food KCF; Good numbers everywhere CP

**American Crow** - EP; 5+/6 Locust Grove FT; 2/27 Sharpshoon FT; 28th IES BH; 5-8/all yd (adults & young) CP

**Fish Crow** - 1/6 Beacon Ldg ES

**Common Raven** - 2/2 Thompson Pd FT; also from Wassaic, Butts Hollow Rd, Verbank, Pulvers Corners, Mabbettsville

**Purple Martin** - 4-5/2 circling over yard BB

**Tree Swallow** - EP; 1/27 Sharpshoon FT



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**Barn Swallow** – 10/24 Crestwood Rd TG; 6/26 Smithfield TG; EP; 12+8 Deising farm Old Myers Corner Rd. BJM; 2/14 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 8/11 Swenson's farm New Hackensack Rd. BJM; 2/27 Sharpshoon FT

**Black-capped Chickadee** – EP; 4/all yard BB; 5+6 Locust Grove FT; 5/13 Ferncliff FT; 10/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 8/27 Sharpshoon FT; 4+3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 2-3 all mo. feeders BAM; 3/5 Reese Town Pk. AJM; 3+8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 2/14 Fishkill Cemetery BJM; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH; several/all month yd KCF; 4-5/all yd Poughquag CP

**Tufted Titmouse** – EP; 4/all yard BB; 7+6 Locust Grove FT; 5/13 Ferncliff FT; 4+9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 5/20 Valkill FT; 4/27 Sharpshoon FT; 4+3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 5-6 all mo. Feeders BAM; 5+5 Reese Town Pk. AJM; 3+8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 3/10 Fishkill-yd ES; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH; several/all month yd KCF; 4-5/all yd Poughquag CP

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/15 Butts Hollow Rd BB

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – EP; 3/6 Locust Grove FT; 7/13 Ferncliff FT; 2/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 3/20 Valkill FT; 5/27 Sharpshoon FT; 2/3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 2+1juv. All mo. Feeders BAM; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH; several/all month yd KCF; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP

**Brown Creeper** – JD

**Carolina Wren** – 2 all mo Crestwood Rd TG; EP; 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 1/20 Valkill FT; 1/3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 2 all mo. Yd. BAM; 2/8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 1/7 Buttercup West KCF; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP

**House Wren** – 1/all mo brood in Bluebird box TG; EP; 3/all yard BB; 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 3/3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 2-3 all mo. & last 1/29 yd. BAM; 4+8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 28th IES BH; 2-4/1-11 yd Poughquag CP

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 1/13 Ferncliff FT; 1/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 3/27 Sharpshoon FT; 3/8 1ad/2juv. Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 4/7 Buttercup West KCF

**Eastern Bluebird** – 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 1/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 10/27 Sharpshoon FT; 5/8 2ad/3yg. Humeston's BB trail Wapp. - last 2 to fledge BJM; 3/14 Fishkill Cemetery BJM; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH

**Veery** – 1/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 1/27 Sharpshoon FT; 1/4 Fishkill-yard ES; 1/16 yd Poughquag CP

**Hermit Thrush** – 4/9 Pawling Nature Reserve incl 3 juv FT

**Wood Thrush** – 6/6 Locust Grove FT; 3/13 Ferncliff FT; 1/20 Valkill FT; 1/28 & 30 heard @ dusk yd. BAM; 28th IES BH; 1/occ singing yd Poughquag CP

**American Robin** – EP; 10/6 Locust Grove FT; 4+9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 4/27 Sharpshoon FT; 12+3 incl yg. Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 4-5 incl juv. All mo. Yd/bird bath BAM; 6+8, 4+14 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP

**Gray Catbird** – EP; 5/all yard BB; 5+6 Locust Grove FT; 2/13 Ferncliff FT; 4+9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 4/27 Sharpshoon FT; 6+3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 2-4 all mo. yd/bird bath BAM; num/8 Reese Town Pk. AJM; 6+8 & 4+23 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 28th IES BH; 3-4/all yd Poughquag CP

**Northern Mockingbird** – 3/30 Abel's Pond BB; 1/all Depot Hill, 1/22 S.Quaker Hill Rd CP

**Brown Thrasher** – 2/15 in lower meadow BHM

**Cedar Waxwing** – sev heard/6 Locust Grove FT; 5/13 Ferncliff FT; sev heard/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 4/27 Sharpshoon FT; 6+3 incl yg. Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 3/8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 3/11 Jekoce Lake BJM; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH; 7/7 Buttercup West KCF; 4/11 Poughquag CP

**European Starling** 0/22 S Quaker Hill Rd CP

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 1/13 Ferncliff FT; 1/27 Sharpshoon FT; 4/3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF

**Yellow Warbler** – 1/3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 2/5 fledglings Reese Town Pk. AJM; 1/8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM

**Magnolia Warbler** – 2/28 yard BB; 2/13 Ferncliff FT

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 3/28-31 yard BB; 1/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT

**Pine Warbler** – 1/13 Ferncliff FT

**Prairie Warbler** – 1/27 Sharpshoon FT; 1/3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 2/9 Pawling Nature Reserve 1 juv FT; 1/27 Sharpshoon FT; 1/3 juv. Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF

**American Redstart** – 4/13 Ferncliff FT; 2+9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 1/27 Sharpshoon FT; 1m 1st fall/11 & 26th, 1f/12 & 22 & 2f/31 trees yd. BAM; 1/17 Fishkill-yd ES; 28th IES BH; 1/4 yd KCF

**Worm-eating Warbler** – 1/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT, 1/20 Valkill FT

**Louisiana Waterthrush** – 1/20 Valkill FT

**Common Yellowthroat** – 2/31 yard BB; 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 4/27 Sharpshoon FT; 8+3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 1/8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 8/7 Buttercup West KCF; 1/22 S Quaker Hill Rd CP

**Scarlet Tanager** – 5/6 Locust Grove family FT; 2/13 Ferncliff FT; 1m/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 2/20 Valkill FT; 1/3 h Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF

**Eastern Towhee** – 1/31 yard BB; 4/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 4+3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH

**Chipping Sparrow** – EP; 15/all yard BB; 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 1/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 10/27 Sharpshoon FT; 2+ all mo. Yd. BAM; 4+8 (family) Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 10+14 –23 Fishkill Cemetery BJM; 4+11 +yg Kirin farm Widmer Rd. BJM; 1/11 Fishkill-yd at feeder ES; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH; 4/all month yd KCF; 2-3/all yd Poughquag, 6/22 S.Quaker Hill Rd CP

**Field Sparrow** – 2/all yard BB; 8+3 incl yg. Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 1/8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 1/22 S Quaker Hill Rd CP

**Song Sparrow** – EP; 4/all yard BB; 2/6 Locust Grove FT; 4+3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 1/1 fed Cowbird & 1-2 yd. All mo. BAM; 3/5 Reese Town Pk. AJM; 4+8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 4+11 +yg Kirin farm Widmer Rd. BJM; 2-3/all yd Poughquag CP

**Swamp Sparrow** – 1/3 h Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 1/8 h Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 6/7 Buttercup West KCF

**Northern Cardinal** – EP; 2/all yard BB; 4+6 Locust Grove FT; 2/13 Ferncliff FT; 3/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 2/27 Sharpshoon FT; 4+3 Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 2f/3m +1f yg. feeders all mo. & pr/7-10 fed Cowbird feeder yd. BAM; pr/8 & 14th Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 2/4 Fishkill-yd ES; 2/5 Fishkill-yd ES; 2/6 Fishkill-yd feeding young ES; 2/10 Fishkill-yd feeding young? ES; 3/29 Fishkill-yd ES; 6(2ad & 4yg)/all month yd KCF; 2-4/all yd Poughquag CP



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**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 1/6 Locust Grove FT; 3/27

Sharparoon FT; 1/2-3 h yd. & 3/6-9 m fed 2m juv. Feeder yd.  
BAM; 1/10-13 h trees yd/not @ feeder BJM; 2f/5 Reese Town  
Pk. AJM; 1f/8 Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 1/7 Buttercup  
West, 1(1yg)/26-31 yd KCF; 1-3/all yd Poughquag CP

**Indigo Bunting** – 1/9 Baird Park BB; 1/5 singing Reese Town  
Pk. AJM

**Bobolink** – EP

**Red-winged Blackbird** – 2/13 Ferncliff FT; 5/7 Buttercup West  
KCF; 6/22 S Quaker Hill Rd CP

**Common Grackle** – EP; 2-4 all mo feeders & 9/30 feeders yd.  
BAM; RG

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 50+/17 yd. BAM

**Baltimore Oriole** – 1m/6 Locust Grove FT; 1/13 Ferncliff FT;  
2/27 Sharparoon FT; 3f w yg. Reese Town Pk. AJM; 4-6/all yd  
Poughquag CP

**Purple Finch** – 10/all mo feeders BHN

**House Finch** – EP; 15/all yard eating apples BB; 2/6 Locust  
Grove FT; House Finch 6/27 Sharparoon FT; 5-6 all mo.  
Feeders BAM; 4+/8 & 14th Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM;  
10+/14 Fishkill Cemetery BJM; 4/11 Kirin farm Widmer Rd.  
BJM; 8/all month yd KCF; 4-6/all yd Poughquag CP

**American Goldfinch** – EP; 10/all yard BB; 6/6 Locust Grove  
FT; 4/13 Ferncliff FT; 5+/9 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 5/27  
Sharparoon FT; 10+/3 incl yg. Widmer Rd. BJM,KCF,PF; 5-6  
all mo. Feeders BAM; 3+/5 Reese Town Pk. AJM; 4+/8  
Humeston's BB trail Wapp. BJM; 15th-24th and 28th IES BH;  
7/7 Buttercup West, 12/all month yd KCF; 0-20/all yd  
Poughquag, 10/22 S.Quaker Hill Rd CP

**House Sparrow** – EP; 10/22 S Quaker Hill Rd CP

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**Field Trips (FT):** 6th Locust Grove; 9th Pawling Nature  
Reserve; 13th Ferncliff Forest; 20th Valkill; 23rd Pond  
Gut; 27th Sharparoon

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**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1/3 FT, 7/19 Beacon AJM, 1/24 L. Oniad BJM, 1/23 with band Vassar College ES

**Great Blue Heron** - 4 FTs, 3 BAM, 1 KCF, 1 EP, 1 OTW

**Black Vulture** - 1/17 Buttercup FT, 2/22 Fishkill CP, 1/31 Verbank BB

**Turkey Vulture** - 22 various FT, Max. 25/6 CP

**Mute Swan** - 1ad 1imm/1 Baird Pk. OTW, 7/all BJM, 10/19 Sylvan L. AJM, 1 JD

**Wood Duck** - 6/13, 2/27 FT, 3imm/3 Travers KCF, 5/23 Travers KCF, 1 JD

**American Black Duck** - 1/3 Vanderbilt FT

**Gadwall** - 2/27 Buttercup west FT

**Mallard** - 49 various FT, 1 BB, 1 EP

**Blue-winged Teal** - 1/27 Buttercup west FT

**Green-winged Teal** - 40/27 Buttercup west FT. A noticeably high quantity

**Osprey** - 4/27 Thompson Pond FT, 3/20 Poughquag CP

**Bald Eagle** - 1imm./3 Vanderbilt FT, 1/27 Blueberry Hill BB

**Northern Harrier** - 1/10 Vassar FT, 1/23 Stormville-EBR, 8/24 Mack Rd. FT-very unusual for so many, 1/27 Buttercup FT

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/4 Pleasant Valley EP, 1/10 Vassar FT, 1/27 Buttercup FT

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/8, 1/20 home BAM, 1/10 Vassar FT, 1/19 Fishkill ES

**Broad-winged Hawk** - Surprisingly few for this Sept. migrant. 9 various FT

**Red-tailed Hawk** - 8 various FT, 1/17 Bam, 1 EP JD

**American Kestrel** - 1/10, 1/13 FT, one or two by BB, JD, TG, EBR total=7

**Wild Turkey** - 1/19 BAM, 10/20 BAM, 4/26 Titusville Rd. KCF

**American Coot** - 2/19 Sylvan L. AJM

**Killdeer** - 1 EP JD

**Solitary Sandpiper** - 1/18 L. Oniad BJM

**Spotted Sandpiper** - 2/3 Travers Pd KCF

**Ring-billed Gull** - 4/3 Vanderbilt FT, 1/13 Stonykill FT

**Forster's Tern** - 1/22 Dennings Pt. BB, DF, BC. See intro. **Only the 3rd county record**

**Rock Pigeon** - 25/10 Vassar FT, 5 ES. Must be more around

**Mourning Dove** - 30 various FT, 21 others reported

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/19 Wappingers-3 am-Rosa Corbeels neighborhood, 1 Pleasant V. JD

**Barred Owl** - 1/4 calling-Overlook JA/KJ, One imm. in July at old Girl Scout property off Spackenkill Rd. Doreen Tignanelli. ED.-these were there as far back as 1960 and probably long before.

**Common Nighthawk** - 4/26 Freedom Pk. BB, 1 to 3/7 Netherwood Susan Joseph

**Chimney Swift** - 19 various FT, 15 others reported

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 16 listed on nine reports

**Belted Kingfisher** - 6 various FT, 1 BJM, 1 EP, 1 KCF

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 13 on FTs, 12 others

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/24 Redhook TG

**Downy Woodpecker** - 16 on FTs, 18 others

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 4 on FTs, 5 others

**Northern Flicker** - 9 on FTs, 5 others

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 4 on FTs, 3 others

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - 1/17 Buttercup FT, 1/31 Verbank BB

**Eastern Phoebe** - 27 on FTs, 3 others

**Great Crested Flycatcher** - 1/17 Buttercup east FT

**Eastern Kingbird** - 1/9 Baird Pk. BB

**Blue-headed Vireo** - 2/10 Vassar Farm FT

**Philadelphia Vireo** - 3/17 Buttercup east FT. Very difficult to identify in fall

**Red-eyed Vireo** - 40/10 Vassar Farm FT - a record high in one area. 11 others

**Blue Jay** - all report "many", max. 43/27 FT

**American Crow** - 24 on FTs, normal otherwise

**Purple Martin** - 5/2 Verbank BB

**Tree Swallow** - 2/27 FT, 2 home EP, 4/3 Travers KCF, surprisingly few

**Rough-winged Swallow** - 3/13 L. Oniad BJM

**Barn Swallow** - 30/3 Vanderbilt FT, 1 EP, 4 KCF

**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, and White-breasted Nuthatch** - appear normal in numbers

**Carolina Wren** - 7 various FTs, one BAM, CP, KCF

**House Wren** - 1/10 FT, 1/15 BAM, 1/16 ES, 3all BB

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** - 2/27 Buttercup FT

**Eastern Bluebird** - 39 various FTs, 16 others

**American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird,**

**European Starling** - normal resident population

**Brown Thrasher** - 2/10 Vassar FT, 1/27 Buttercup FT

**Cedar Waxwing** - over 60 various FTs, 1/3 JA/KJ, 15/13 BJM, 6/24 BJM

**Tennessee Warbler** - 2/16 Fishkill ES

**Northern Parula** - 2/10 Vassar Farm FT

**Yellow Warbler** - 4/10 Vassar Farm FT

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** - 2/10 Vassar FT, 2/27 Buttercup FT

**Magnolia Warbler** - 1/10, 3/17, 2/24 various FTs, 2/28 home BB

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 1/24 Mack Rd. FT

**Black-throated Green Warbler** - 1/3, 4/10, 2/17, 2/27 FTs, 1/16 ES, 2/18 EBR, 3/31 BB

**Palm Warbler** - 1/10 Vassar FT, 1/27 Buttercup FT

**Black-and-white Warbler** - 2/10 Vassar FT, 1/17 Buttercup FT

**American Redstart** - 6 various FTs

**Connecticut Warbler** - 1/27 Buttercup west FT/ Carol Fredericks. well described

**Common Yellowthroat** - 11 various FTs

**Scarlet Tanager** - 17 various FTs, 1/8 ES, 1juv/20 BJM

**Eastern Towhee** - 4/17 FT, 2/24 FT, 1/31 BB

**Chipping Sparrow** - max. 30/3 Vanderbilt FT and 12/24 Fishkill BJM, 25 others

**Field Sparrow** - 1/13 FT, 2/17 FT, 2 all BB

**Savannah Sparrow** - 6/13 Stonykill FT, 1/24 Mack Rd. FT, 1/27 Buttercup FT

**Song Sparrow** - over 30 reported

**White-throated Sparrow** - 3/24 Mack Rd. FT, 3/27 Buttercup FT

**Northern Cardinal** - 14 various FTs, 4-5 at most feeders

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** - 2/17, 2/27 FTs, 1juv/27 ES, 1/1-9 home EBR

**Indigo Bunting** - 1/9 Baird Pk. BB

**Bobolink** - 20/13 Stonykill FT

**Red-winged Blackbird and Common Grackle** - no large flocks reported yet

**Brown-headed Cowbird** - 2/10 Vassar FT, 3/2 home BAM

**Purple Finch** - 1/26 home KCF

**House Finch** - 25/10 Vassar FT, most report 5-12 at feeders, total 50



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**American Goldfinch** – max 100/10 Vassar Farm FT, many others

**House Sparrow** – only reported by EP at feeder

**Other Observations:**

**Monarch Butterfly** – 1/27 ES. Must be more of this migrant someplace?

**Observers:**

Judy Atwood and Karen Jacquith (**JA/KJ**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Jeff Daley (**JD**); Ken & Carol Fredericks (**KCF**); Tom Gilbert (**TG**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Eleanor Pink (**EP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith and Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Ed Spaeth (**ES**); Otis Waterman (**OTW**); Field Trip (**FT**; see list below)

(Of the above, TG, EP, and OTW have been submitting records for over 45 years.)

**Field Trips (FT):** 3rd Vanderbilt; 6th Bashakill; 10th Vassar Farm; 13th Stony Kill; 17th Buttercup East; 24th Andrews Farm; 27th Buttercup West

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## October 2003 Records

We experienced slightly less rainy weather this month. Temperatures were mostly mild with a few days in the 70's, although we had spotty frost at the beginning of the month. Migrants were moving south and White-throated Sparrows and Dark-eyed Juncos returned to feeding areas in droves. Stars of the show included Barnacle Goose, Rough-legged Hawk, Canada Warbler, and Swainson's Thrush.

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 4/10 SylvanL, 2/11 WeilsL CP/HT  
**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1/16,5/21 Beacon Ferry Ldg ES, 3/3 Wapp. Lk, 1/4 LOniad BJM, 1/25 New Hamburg, 1/25 WappCrk AJM, 3/11 Vassar Farm FT, 2/22 Mills Mansion FT  
**Great Cormorant** - 1/25 WappCrk near Reese Park AJM  
**Great Blue Heron** - 2 TG, Creek still to high for them to stop & feed EP, 1/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/3, 2/18 Wapp. Lk BJM, 1/7 LkWalton BAM, 1/30 WappCrk AJM, 1/14,22,24 Rhinebeck MP, 1/14 Abel's Pond BB, 1/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Great Egret** - 8 WappLk BJM, 1/25 WappCrk near ReesePk AJM, 1/20 WappL KCF  
**Green Heron** - 2/3 juv WappLk BJM, 1/2,5 Rhinebeck MP, 1/11 Glen Arden Farm Rd CP/HT  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron** - 1/7 Beacon Ferry Ldg ES  
**Black Vulture** - 10/6 Waterbury Hill Rd, 4/12 Kennels Rd BB  
**Turkey Vulture** - Many reports including 9/6 TG, 6/16 Beacon ES, 6/6 Waterbury Hill Rd, BB, 14/14 Cary IES KCF  
**Snow Goose** - 50 northwest of Stanfordville JD, 25/6 Millbrook reported by John Keeler BAM, 10/10 & 15 yd KCF  
**Canada Goose** - Many reports as usual including 100+/21 Beacon ES, 1200/30 HillsideL, 500/14 Abel's Pond BB, 100/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Brant** - 1/31 Traver Pond KCF, 20+ in groups of 6, then 15/9-19 Chelsea DF  
**Barnacle Goose** - 4 found at Domin Farm by CV and subsequently seen there by Alan Peterson and Bill Case. 2 of them were also seen at Traver Pond on the 31st by KCF  
**Mute Swan** - Usual reports, highest 12/23 LOniad BJM  
**Wood Duck** - 2/7 LWalton BAM, 12/17 Clove Valley BB, 2/10 NuclearL, 2/11 Wingdale CP/HT  
**Gadwall** - 1/3 WappL BJM  
**American Black Duck** - 1/3 Vanderbilt FT2/18 WappL BJM, 1/7 Abel's Pond BB, 8/10 SylvanL, 3/11 WeilsL CP/HT  
**Mallard** - Many reports, highest 90/10 SylvanL CP  
**Green-winged Teal** - 6/11 Weils Lake CP/HT  
**Ring-necked Duck** - 100/7-31 Abel's Pond BB  
**Common Merganser** - 5f/25 WappCrk nr Reese Park AJM  
**Ruddy Duck** - 35/7 SylvanL BAM, 1/17 LOniad BJM, 4/7 Abel's Pond BB, 110/10, 170/21 SylvanL CP  
**Osprey** - 1/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/26 yd Clinton Corners AJP, 2/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Bald Eagle** - 1/22 Mills Mansion FT, 1/beg mth Dover DF  
**Northern Harrier** - 2/8 Clinton from Wayne Butler, 1/20 Hopewell from Kateri Kosek, 1/25 StonyKill BB, 1/30 I-84 Fishkill CP, 1/2 Hosner Mtn Rd Stormville; 1/30 Rte 52 Fishkill EBR, 1/30 I-84 Fishkill CP, 1/11 Vassar Farm FT, 1/15 Tymor FT  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 7 reports of 1 each, also 5/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/3 TG, 1/10,30 PIVal CV, 1/1, 3, 4, 11, 18, 24 yd BAM, 6/11 Vassar Farm FT

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 4-5/all (2 ad, 3 yg) yd Pok MK, 1/11 TreeTopLn BJM  
**Broad-winged Hawk** - 1/13 Rte 22 Dover CP, 4/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Red-tailed Hawk** - Seen throughout the county, highest report 6/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Rough-legged Hawk** - 1/25 StonyKill BB  
**Golden Eagle** - 8/30 Stissing Mtn CV  
**American Kestrel** - 1/11 TG, 1/3,14, 9/28 PI Val CV, 1/8 StonyKill FT, 1/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 2/4 Astor Flats Red Hook TG, 1/22 Salt Pt Tpk Pleasant Valley EBR  
**Chukar** - 1/12 West Mtn (Pawling), likely escaped game bird, from Gary Zylkuski & Adrienne Papazian CP  
**Wild Turkey** - 8/7 (2 toms, 1 hen, 5 yg) yd Pok MK, come in at night to roost in trees JD, 50/27 (2 flocks) PI Val CV, 7/1, 6/31 yd Wapp BAM, 6-7/25 Hollow Rd Clinton EBR, 8/9 Depot Hill CP, 9/9 Amenia, 6/13 yd JA/KJ, 1/15 Tymor FT  
**Virginia Rail** - 1/30 heard & seen Thompson Pond CV  
**American Coot** - 9/7 SylvanL, 3/7 LWalton BAM, 10/10, 40/21 SylvanL CP  
**Killdeer** - 4/11 Traver Pond CV, 5/25 StonyKill BB, 1/11 Glen Arden Farm Rd CP/HT, 5/8 StonyKill FT  
**Greater Yellowlegs** - 8 McEnroe Farm CV  
**American Woodcock** - 3/26 Thorndale Farm Millbrook AJP  
**Ring-billed Gull** - : 6/8 LOniad, 100/18 WappL BJM  
**Rock Pigeon** - 5-13 on field trips.  
**Mourning Dove** - Ubiquitous in usual numbers, highest 20-30/all yd Poughquag CP, 30/8 StonyKill FT  
**Great Horned Owl** - daily PI Val JD, 1/13 yd Pok CV, 1/2-16 Clinton reported by Wayne Butler BB, 2/26 Thorndale Farm Millbrook AJP  
**Barred Owl** - 1/3 hunting in yd Pok MK, 1/6-8 Clinton reported by Wayne Butler BB  
**Chimney Swift** - 3-6/3-10 yd Pok CV  
**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/11 Arborio's swamp CV, 1/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/25 NewHamburg AJM, 1/20 Abel's Pond BB, 1/31 Traver Pond KCF, 2/10 SylvanL CP, 1/11 Vassar Farm FT, 1/22 Mills Mansion FT  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - Everyone has 'em.  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 2/10 Rombout Rd, 1/12 Buttercup CV, 2/22 Mills Mansion FT  
**Downy Woodpecker** - Doing well, good numbers.  
**Hairy Woodpecker** - 1/all yd Pok CV, 1/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP  
**Northern Flicker** - 1/16 yd Pok MK, 3/12 Buttercup CV, 60/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/on & off thru 17th yd BAM, 4/8 StonyKill FT, 5/11 Vassar Farm FT, 3/15 Tymor FT, 2/22 Mills Mansion FT  
**Pileated Woodpecker** - 2+/all yd Pok MK, 2/30 Stissing Mtn CV, 1/14 yd BAM, 1/8 Grape Hollow Rd Beekman EBR, 1/25,30 yd Rhinebeck MP, 1/8 StonyKill FT, 1/11 Vassar Farm FT, 1/22 Mills Mansion FT  
**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - 1/14 Cary IES KCF, 1/8 StonyKill FT, 1/8 StonyKill FT  
**Eastern Phoebe** - 2/3,10 Rombout Rd, 1/12 Buttercup CV, 3/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/7 LWalton, 1/12 LaGrng BJM, 4/10 NuclearL, 1/11 GlenArdenFarm Rd CP, 2/8 StonyKill FT, 4/11 Vassar Farm FT, 1/15 Tymor FT  
**Blue-headed Vireo** - 1/16 yd Pok MK, 1/10 Rombout Rd, 1/12 Buttercup CV, 1/14 Cary IES KCF, 4/10 NuclearL CP, 1/22 Mills Mansion FT



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**Philadelphia Vireo** – 1/1 Holiday Hills FT  
**Red-eyed Vireo** – 1/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/8 StonyKill FT  
**Blue Jay** – Ubiquitous and plentiful.  
**American Crow** – Good numbers, high reports include 50+/21 Beacon ES, 50+/5 field Didell Rd BAM  
**Common Raven** – 1/28 TG, 1/12, 2/30 Stissing Mtn CV, 1/21 over yd HydePk CCG, 1/10 NuclearL CP  
**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, and White-breasted Nuthatch** – Usual numbers; MK says titmouse numbers seem higher than usual this year.  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/10-13 HiViewRd Wapp BJM, 1/12-13 yard BB, 1/22 Mills Mnsn FT  
**Carolina Wren** – 1-2 on most reports.  
**Winter Wren** – 1/26 Rombout Rd CV, 1/10 yd Wapp BAM, 1/9 yd Poughquag CP, 1/22 Mills Mansion FT  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – heard 9-16 across street, 1/20 yd Wapp, 1/11 TreeTopsLn Pok BJM, 2/14 Cary IES KCF, 1/8 StonyKill FT, 6/22 Mills Mansion FT  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 1/26 TG, 3/26 Rombout Rd CV, 1/4, 5 yd Fishkill ES, 1/10-18 yd, 1/12 LaGrng BAM, 3/18 yard BB, 6/14 IES KCF, 2/13, 16 yd JA/KJ, 2/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Eastern Bluebird** – 6/3, 15 TG, 3/3 Rombout Rd, fewer than usual CV, 2/1 Holiday Hills FT, 2/11, 17-31 yd BJM, 2/25 WappCrk AJM, 2/11 Glen Arden Farm Rd CP/HT, 5/8 StonyKill FT, 26/11 Vassar Farm FT, 2/22 Mills Mansion FT  
**Swainson's Thrush** – 1/11 yd Wapp BJM  
**Hermit Thrush** – 1/12 Buttercup CV, 1/28 yard BB  
**American Robin** – Some large flocks: 2000-3000/26 PI Val, 1.5 hour flight CV, 40/4, yd Fishkill ES, 100/15 Tymor FT  
**Gray Catbird** – 8/10, 1/26 Rombout Rd CV, 5/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/4 yd Fishkill ES, 1/1 yd Wapp, 1/7 LWalton BAM, 1/2 yd BB, 1/10 NuclearL CP, 1/13, 2/26 yd JA/KJ, 4/8 StonyKill FT, 8/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Northern Mockingbird** – 4/10 Rombout Rd CV, 5/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/16 Beacon, 1/20 CastlePtRd ES, 1/all yd BAM, 3/25 StonyKill BB, 1/13 yd JA/KJ, 3/8 StonyKill FT, 8/11 Vassar Farm FT, 1/15 Tymor FT  
**Brown Thrasher** – 1/24 neighbor's yd Wapp BJM  
**European Starling** – 50/11 Vassar Fm FT, 200/15 Tymor FT  
**American Pipit** – 30/31 Thorndale Farm Millbrook AJP  
**Cedar Waxwing** – up to 50/all, many juv, one part albino, yd Pok MK, 60/12 yd Pok CV, 7/1 Holiday Hills FT, 6/8 StonyKill FT, 2/11 Vassar Farm FT, 16/15 Tymor FT  
**Nashville Warbler** – 1/1 Holiday Hills FT  
**Magnolia Warbler** – 1/1 Holiday Hills FT  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 1/1 Holiday Hills FT  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – Many reports including 20/18, 25, 27 TG, 30/26 Rombout Rd CV, 20/14 Cary IES KCF, 21/11 Vassar Farm FT, 10/15 Tymor FT  
**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 1/8 StonyKill FT  
**Pine Warbler** – 2/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/8 StonyKill FT  
**Palm Warbler** – 1/10 Domin Farm CV, 2/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/14 Cary IES KCF, 2/11 Tracy Rd Pawling CP/HT, 1/8 StonyKill FT, 4/11 Vassar Farm FT, 18/15 Tymor FT  
**Blackpoll Warbler** – 1/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/9 yd P'quag CP  
**American Redstart** – 1/3 Rombout Rd CV  
**Common Yellowthroat** – 1/12 Buttercup CV, 3/1 Holiday Hills FT, 2/8 StonyKill FT, 1/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Canada Warbler** – 1/2 yd Verbank BB  
**Scarlet Tanager** – 1/1 Holiday Hills FT, 2/4 yd Fishkill ES, 1/11 Vassar Farm FT

**Eastern Towhee** – 1/11, 2/26 PI Val, 1/12 Buttercup CV, 4/1 Holiday Hills FT, 1/5, 8, 21 yd Fishkill ES, 1/20-21 yd BAM, 1/23-24 yd KCF  
**Chipping Sparrow** – Still good numbers thru month.  
**Field Sparrow** – 4/10, 1/14 Domin Farm CV, 1/25 StonyKill BB, 2/26 Thorndale Fm Millbrook AJP, 2/11 Vassar Fm FT  
**Savannah Sparrow** – 2/10, 1/14 Domin Farm CV, 30/25 StonyKill BB, 2/26 Thorndale Farm Millbrook AJP, 20/8 StonyKill FT, 1/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Fox Sparrow** – 1/24, 26 yd Fishkill ES, 1/27 yard BB  
**Song Sparrow** – Many reports, including 10/10, 26 Domin Farm CV, 40/25 StonyKill BB, 10/8 StonyKill FT, 25/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Swamp Sparrow** – 7/10 Domin Farm CV, Swamp Sparrow 1/18 pond yd, 4/25 StonyKill BB, 1/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**White-throated Sparrow** – Many reports including 1/17 yd Pok "never saw one so beautiful—looked as if painted" MK, 15/26 Domin Farm CV, 11/1 Holiday Hills FT, 12+/18-20, 35+/21-23, 23+/25, 15+/26-31 yd Wapp BAM, 20-25/26-29 yd Poughquag CP  
**White-crowned Sparrow** – 5/26 Domin Farm CV, 15/25 StonyKill BB, 30/26 Thorndale Farm Millbrook AJP, 1/25-30 yd Poughquag CP, 1/11 Vassar Fm FT, 2/beg mth yd DF  
**Dark-eyed Junco** – 6/25-31 TG, 25/27, first ones arrived 10th CV, 2/19, 15/31 yd Fishkill ES, 1/14, 4/17, 6+/18-21, 28/23, 10+/27-31 yd BAM, 25/13-31 yard BB, 8/14 Cary IES, 3-6/16-31 yd KCF, 4-5/19-31 yd Rhinebeck MP, 2/9 Depot Hill, 1/10 NuclearL, 4/20 building to 70/26-29 yd Poughquag CP, 10/22 Mills Mansion FT  
**Snow Bunting** – 2/26 Thorndale Fm Millbrook AJP  
**Northern Cardinal** – 1-4 on most reports, 8/all yd BAM  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 1/8 StonyKill FT, 2/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Red-winged Blackbird** – 200+/10 yd Pok, 100+/30 Thompson Pond CV, 200/25 StonyKill BB  
**Common Grackle** – 25/10 yd Pok CV, 75/8, 50/10, 1/22 yd Fishkill ES, 11/12, 2/13, 20, 1/21, 23 yd BJM, sev hundred/16 Bulls Head Rd from Wayne Butler, 10/15-31 yd BB, 2/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 50/28 Domin Farm CV, 10/25 StonyKill BB, 2/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**Purple Finch** – 1-3/all yd Pok MK, 1/12 yd Pok, 8/12 Buttercup CV, 2/19, 1/27 yd Fishkill ES, 1/26 yd BB, 1/16 yd KCF, 1/25 yd Poughquag CP, 10/15 Tymor FT  
**House Finch** – 4+/now & then yd Pok MK, 2/1 Holiday Hills FT, 4-6/all yd BAM, 6-8/all feeder Stormville EBR, 5/all month yd KCF, 6/8 StonyKill FT, 50/11 Vassar Farm FT  
**American Goldfinch** – Many reports, highest 23/13 yd Pok CV, 10-20/all yd Poughquag CP  
**House Sparrow** – 10/11 Vassar Farm FT, 1/15 Tymor FT

**Other Observations:**  
**Monarch Butterfly** – 1/5, 9, 2/11 yd Fishkill, 1/14 Vassar Farm, 3/21 Madam Brett Park ES  
**Eastern Tiger Swallowtail** – 1/11 yd Fishkill ES  
**Cabbage White** – 1/21 Madam Brett Park ES  
**Clouded Sulphur** – 1/21 Madam Brett Park ES  
**Praying Mantis** – 2/9 Fishkill ES



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(**ES**); Herb Thompson (**HT**); Field Trip (**FT**; see list below);  
Chet Vincent (**CV**)

**Field Trips (FT):** 1st Holiday Hills, 8th Stony Kill  
Farm, 11th Vassar Farm, 15th Tymor Park, 22nd Mills  
Mansion, 29th Dennings Point—rained out

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## November 2003 Records

November temperatures were in the mid 40s for daytime and cool nights, with rainy cool Wednesdays for some of our field trips. The highlight of the 4 Barnacle Geese from October were seen up to the 10th. The ducks were well reported and shorebirds still seen were Killdeer and Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs. An American Woodcock was found by Alan Peterson. A few Red-breasted Nuthatches were found. Ed Spaeth had a Hermit Thrush visit his yard. A Golden Eagle was reported at Stissing Mountain by Dick Gershon and Barbara Butler found a roost of Black & Turkey Vultures in Clove Valley.

**Red-throated Loon** - 1/18th to 25th Thorndale Farm, Millbrook  
AJP

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/3 Sylvan Lk. BAM w/Joan DeOrsey

**Great Blue Heron** - 11 reported throughout county by BAM  
w/Joan DeOrsey; LM; FT; ES; BB; CV; EP

**Black Vulture** - 2/1 Vassar Farm, FT; 1/9 yd. KCF; 5/23-30  
Clove Valley roost BB; 8/25 Stissing Mt., CV

**Turkey Vulture** - Total of 50 reported with most: 20/23-30  
Clove Valley roost BB

**Snow Goose** - 16/18 Stony Kill, Carolyn Plage; 900/22 near  
home, Wapp Cr from Evelyn Stevenson, BB; 2/9, 15-16  
Southland farms, MP; 200/2, 400/27 Round Pd., 200/12  
Strauss marsh, Amenia, CV - Blue Phase: 1/4 Gretna Rd.,  
CP/HT; 1/10 & 2/14 Twin Isl. Pd., Pine Plains, CV

**Canada Goose** - Well reported throughout county with most  
1000+/25 Ryder Pd., CV

**Brant** - 1/1 Domin farm, Rombout Rd., CV; 150-200/16 flying  
south Red Hook, TG; 35/6 Pough Rural Cem overhead, ES

**Barnacle Goose** - 4/1 Traver pd BAM w/Joan DeOrsey; 4/1  
Traver Pd., LM; 1/1-3 Traver Pd., KCF; 4/3-10 each day at  
Domin farm, Mountain Rd., CV

**Mute Swan** - Well reported throughout county in ponds and  
lakes

**Wood Duck** - 3m/3 Lk Walton BAM w/Joan DeOrsey; 1m/4  
& 1f/27 Traver Pd., CV; 3/4 Traver Pd., CP/HT

**Gadwall** - 6/14 Tamarack Lk., CV

**American Wigeon** - 1/14 Tamarack Lk., CV

**American Black Duck** - 28+ reported by LM; BB; FT; CP/HT;  
BAM, w/Joan DeOrsey; BJM; - most: 10/4 Traver Pd., CV

**Mallard** - Well reported throughout county by most observers  
**Northern Shoveler** - 2f/9 Tamarack from Art Jones BB; 2/27  
McEnroe field puddle, Amenia, CV

**Northern Pintail** - 4/15 Beaver Pd., Shunpike, AJ

**Green-winged Teal** - pr/15 Beaver Pd., Shunpike, AJ; 1/9  
Vandenberg Cove, 2/23 Espie farm, CV

**Ring-necked Duck** - Good numbers - most: 200/all Abel's  
Pd., BB; 100+/14 & 120/15 Twin Island Pd., Pine Plains, CV &  
DG

**Greater Scaup** - 3/25 Rudd Pd., CV

**Bufflehead** - 14 reported of 1-4 by BJM, w/J. DeOrsey, M.  
Key; CV, Janet Allison most: 6/4 Sylvan Lk, CP/HT

**Common Goldeneye** - OUT OF COUNTY - 6/24 Esopus  
Flats, Ulster, CV

**Hooded Merganser** - 50 reported of 1-7 by LM, BB, CV, FT -  
most: 34/25 Rudd Pd., CV

**Common Merganser** - 2/18, 5/19 Upper Kay's Pd, LM; 2f/20  
Abel's Pd, pr/30 McKinney Pd near Tymor BB; 6/14 Hunn's Lk.,  
CV

**Red-breasted Merganser** - 3/9 Vandenberg Cove, CV

**Ruddy Duck** - 4-8 Upper Kay's Pd, LM; 10-15 Abel's Pd BB;  
75+/3, 70/4 & 25/24 Sylvan Lk. BAM, CP/HT, CV; 1 Lk. Oniad  
BJM

**Bald Eagle** - 1/16 Appalachian Trail, West Mtn, Dover APGZ,  
1/19 over yd, Beekman GZ; 1/29, over Kingston Rhinecliff  
Bridge, LM; 1/2 Domin farm, 2/14 Tamarack Lk., CV; 2/23 Ad.  
Buttercup West, 1/30 Ad. Stissing Mt., DG

**Northern Harrier** - 1/22 Thorndale Farm, Millbrook, AJP; 1/12  
Cary Arboretum FT; seen often, 1/15 over Alvin Ct. & 1/15  
Rombout Rd., CV

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 4+ reported 1 each by BB; BAM; CV;  
FT; KCF

**Cooper's Hawk** - 5 reports 1 each by FT; BAM; CP; CV & 2  
by MP

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 3+ all mo. Tree Tops Ln.- busy  
hunting over ridge & in yd., MK

**Red-tailed Hawk** - Good numbers throughout county by most  
observers

**Golden Eagle** - 1/30 Ad. Stissing Mt., Pine Plains, DG

**Merlin** - 1/26 Vassar Campus FT; 1/9 44 Plaza - flew thru  
shopping center, CV

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/9 & 16 Waryas Pk. Pok. RR bridge, CV

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 1/4 Rushmore Rd Stormville EBR

**Wild Turkey** - Good numbers by BAM, CV, JD, MK, EP with  
most: 25/18 Rt. 82, town/Stanford, KCF & 25/5 Millbrook  
School Mabbettsville Rd FT

**Northern Bobwhite** - 1/24 Rt. 44 near Kennel Rd. - probably  
escapee, CV, w/Bill Case

**American Coot** - 5/all Abel's Pd BB; 5/1 & 3/3 Lk. Walton,  
16+/3 Sylvan Lk. BAM w/J DeOrsey; 6/4 Sylvan Lk., CP/HT;  
2/12 Lk. Walton BJM

**Killdeer** - 10/2 Traver Pd., CV; 1/4 Traver Pd., CP, TH; 1/15  
Beaver Pd., Shunpike, AJ

**Greater Yellowlegs** - 4/2 McEnroe field puddle w/Canada's  
and Mallards, Amenia, CV; 1/4 Traver Pd., CP/HT

**Lesser Yellowlegs** - 2/15 Beaver Pd., Shunpike, AJ

**American Woodcock** - 1/22 Thorndale Farm, Millbrook, AJP

**Ring-billed Gull** - 1/4 Sylvan Lk., CP/HT; 5/22 Mdm. Brett  
Pk., ES; 4-5 all mo. Lk. Oniad and sev. @ Wapp Lk. BJM

**Rock Pigeon** - 2/26 Vassar Campus FT; normal in Co., CV;  
has yd., EP

**Mourning Dove** - Well reported by most observers - most: 20-  
30 all yd Poughquag, CP

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/17-30 town/Stanford, KCF; EP  
reports new box put up @ granddaughter's Pleasant Val.-see  
most days; 1/26 & 30 Wapp Cr. Pleasant Valley @ Eleanor's  
granddaughter's - gray phase, CV

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/22 Thorndale Farm, Millbrook, AJP;  
1/26 heard yd., Red Hook, TG; 1/26 heard yd., CV; heard all  
mo. home, JD

**Barred Owl** - 2/2-3, 1/20-21, 2/24 Tree Tops Ln, MK; 1/9  
Appalachian Trail, Hosner Mtn, E. Fishkill APGZ; 1/22 near  
home Wayne hears while hunting BB

**Belted Kingfisher** - 12 reported by FT; KCF; LM; ES; BAM  
w/Joan DeOrsey; CV

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - Well reported throughout county  
by most observers



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**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** – 2/3 & 9 yd., TG; 1/19-20 yd. KCF; 1/late mo yd., BB; 1/23 Vassar Farm, CV

**Downy Woodpecker** – Well reported throughout county by most observers

**Hairy Woodpecker** – 20 reported of 1-2 by most observers 2 @ FT's & 2/2 Harlem Val. Rail Trail, CV

**Northern Flicker** – 26 reported by FT; BB; BAM w/Joan DeOrsey; EP; BJM w/Richard Fitzgerald; most: 5/9 Norrie Pt., CV

**Pileated Woodpecker** – reported of 1-2 by KCF; GZ; CP; FT; ES; BB; BAM; CV; MK

**Eastern Phoebe** – 1/1 Vassar Farm, FT; had 1 yd., EP

**Blue Jay** Well reported throughout county by all observers

**American Crow** – reported by all observers - most: 1000's+/23rd roost in Poughkeepsie-largest seen in years, CV

**Fish Crow** – 1/19 heard town/Stanford, KCF

**Common Raven** – Heard 1st wk. of mo. home, DF; 2/3 & 16 Red Hook, TG; 1/6 Townsend Rd East Fishkill EBR; 1/16 Nuclear Lake, APGZ; 1/12 Cary Arboretum FT; 1/14 & 25 Stissing Mt., Pine Plains, CV

**Horned Lark** – 50-60/9 Greig's farm, Red Hook, CV

**Black-capped Chickadee** – Well reported with 5-8 by most observers

**Tufted Titmouse** – Well reported with 3-6 by most observers

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/17 heard town/Stanford, KCF; 1/12 Cary Arboretum FT; 1/5 Millbrook School FT

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – Good numbers of 1-3 by most observers; most: 8/12 Cary Arboretum FT

**Brown Creeper** – 2 Clinton Corners, AJP; 1/20 Stanford, KCF; 1/13 & 16 yd., CV; 2/3-20 yd., MK; 1/17 yd. CP; 1/15-30 yd, MP

**Carolina Wren** – 22+ reported throughout county of 1-4 by most observers

**Winter Wren** – 1/1 Rombout Rd. -only time seen, CV

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 11 reported of 1 each by CV; BB; BAM w/Joan DeOrsey; most: 6/12 Cary Arboretum FT

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 1/2, 1/7 Fishkill, ES; 1/1, 8, 11 yd. BJM; 2/1 Rombout Rd., CV; 2/6 & 8, 1/12, 2/21 yd., MK; 2/6 yd. CP

**Eastern Bluebird** – Normal beginning of mo. -most: 20+/1 Vassar Farm, FT & 10/12 Cary Arboretum FT; very scarce by CV

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/8, 11-12 Fishkill-yd, ES

**American Robin** – Good numbers with most: 400-500/7 Domin farm, Rombout Rd.-roost-Nat. Conservancy woods CV

**Gray Catbird** – 1/1 Vassar Farm, FT; 1/12 Cary Arboretum FT; 1/8 Fishkill-yd, ES; 1/1 Rombout Rd., CV; had yd., EP

**Northern Mockingbird** – Few reported: 3/1 Vassar Farm, FT; 2 all mo. yd. Red Hook, TG; 1/12 Cary Arboretum FT; 1/26 Vassar Campus FT; seen thru Co., 4/23 Rombout Rd., CV

**European Starling** – Normal - most: 300/19 garden BB

**American Pipit** – 30/22nd, Thorndale Farm, Millbrook, AJP; 35-40/15 Rombout Rd. Nat. Conservancy field, CV; 35/15 Buttercup West, DG

**Cedar Waxwing** – Good numbers of 6-45 by FT; CV; EP; BJM; most: 60+/- 1-27th in cedar trees & bird bath yd., MK

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 10/1 Vassar Farm, FT; 1/22 yd Clinton Corners, AJP; 1/12 Cary Arboretum FT; 30+/5 Fishkill-yd, ES; 12/1 Rombout Rd. & thru Co., CV

**Palm Warbler** – 1/1 Vassar Farm, FT

**Eastern Towhee** – 1/5-6 Fishkill-yd male, ES

**American Tree Sparrow** – 8 reported of 2-4 by LM; BB; CP; CV - most: 10/23 Rombout Rd., CV

**Chipping Sparrow** – 1/13-14 deck feeder yd.-seems late, BAM; had yd., EP

**Savannah Sparrow** – 1/1 Vassar Farm, FT

**Fox Sparrow** – 2/12 Cary Arboretum FT; 1/7 Fishkill-yd, ES

**Song Sparrow** – 22 reported by MK; CP; BAM; EP; CV -most: 6+/1 Vassar Farm, FT; 8/1 Rombout Rd. & less end of mo., CV

**Swamp Sparrow** – 2/1 Vassar Farm, FT; 1/5 Millbrook School FT; 1/1 Rombout Rd.-only one seen, CV

**White-throated Sparrow** – Well reported of 2-15 by most observers - most: 20/1 Rombout Rd., CV

**White-crowned Sparrow** – 10/22 Thorndale Farm, Millbrook, AJP; 1/7 & 23 immature, Rombout Rd., CV

**Dark-eyed Junco** – Well reported of 2-15 by MP; KCF; EBR; LM; BAM; CV; MK; EP; JA/KJ; FT- most: 20/all yd. BB; 20-30/all yd. CP

**Northern Cardinal** – Normal with 4-6 by most observers

**Red-winged Blackbird** – Good numbers of 1-25; most: 200/4 Domin farm, Mountain Rd., CV; 400/4 Freedom Rd., CP/HT

**Rusty Blackbird** – 2/9 Harlem Val. Rail Trail, 2/15 Rombout Rd., CV

**Common Grackle** – Good numbers of 1-35 by BAM; CV; MP; FT- most: 200/19 garden, BB

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 2/1 Vassar Farm, FT; 30 /22 Thorndale Farm, Millbrook, AJP; 100/19 garden BB; 40-50/4-27 Domin farm, Mountain Rd. w/Redwings, CV

**Purple Finch** – 19 reported pf 1-2 by EBR; LM; BB; CV; CP; JA/KJ - most: 5/12 Cary Arboretum FT

**House Finch** – Normal of 5-15 by KCF; EBR; LM; ES; EP; CV; JA/KJ; FT - most: 60+/1 Vassar Farm, FT

**Pine Siskin** – 1/8 Fishkill-yd, ES

**American Goldfinch** – Good numbers by most observers of 6-20; most: 10-20/all yd Poughquag CP

**House Sparrow** – Reports of 2-20 by FT; ES; CV; EP

#### Other Observations:

**Black Bear** – visited my yard overnight the morning of 11/5, leaving 4 steel feeder poles bent to the ground. I didn't see it but the evidence was clear! - Poughquag CP

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**Field Trips (FT):** 5th Millbrook School, 12th IES (Cary Arboretum), 19th Norrie Point, 26th Vassar College Campus

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**December 2003 Records** (also check the *Dutchess County CBC results for 12/20/03 sightings, which are not included in this report*)

The weather was different. Some days had very comfortable temperatures, while others were cold, but not extremely cold as in the past (global warming at work). Precipitation was consistent with the last several months; a lot of rain especially on Wednesdays. Also, a heavy snow storm dumped over a foot of the white stuff in parts of the county.

**Common Loon** - 1/28-29 Redwing Beekman CP  
**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/23 SylvanL CP  
**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1/3 FRD Home FT, 2/4-5 & 1/9 Beacon River @ RR station AJM/BAM, 1/5 Sylvan Lk AJM  
**Great Blue Heron** - 1/2, 2/4, 1/31 Tivoli Bays CV, 1/5 Sylvan Lk AJM, 1/1&1/25 yd MP, 1/30 TG, 1/30 Titusville Rd KCF, 1/31 Norrie Pt. FT, 1/31 Beekman Rd BAM, 1/23 Redwing Beekman CP  
**Black Vulture** - 2/10 Clove Valley roost BB, 1/12&28 Beekman AP/GZ  
**Turkey Vulture** - 6/10 Clove Valley roost BB, 2/29 Beekman CV  
**Greater White-fronted Goose** - 1/30 Rudd Pd Millerton DF  
**Snow Goose** - 55/12 Hunns Lake CV  
**Canada Goose** - Many reports including 500/3 Verbank FT, 200/31 Mills Mansion FT  
**Mute Swan** - 3/1 Wappingers Lk. & 2/30-31 Abel's Pd BB, 2-10/5&9 Sylvan Lk, Red Wing gravel pit Lk, river New Hamburg, Lk Walton, Lk Onaid, etal BAM, 21/21, 10/29 Beekman CP/HT  
**Wood Duck** - 1f/5 & pr/9 Sylvan Lk, 1m/9 White's Marina & pr/9 river New Hamburg BAM  
**American Black Duck** - 10/3 FDR Home FT, 75/4 Tivoli Bays CV, 2/5 Sylvan Lk AJM, 2/9 Clove Branch Rd & 1/9 Lk Walton BAM, 2/31 Mills Mansion FT  
**Mallard** - 90/10 Verbank FT, 10/31 Norrie Pt. FT, 2/15 Feller Newmark Rd & 2/17 Rte 199 TG, others on open water CV, KCF, BB, BAM, BJM, AJM, MP, CP/HT  
**Green-winged Teal** - 6/1 Van Wagner Rd CV, 1/9-11 pond in yard, Clinton Corners JA.  
**Ring-necked Duck** - 10/4 Abel's Pd BB, 280+/5 & 131/9 Sylvan Lk, 100+/9 Red Wing gravel pit Lk BAM, 140/9 Sylvan Lk CV, 19/21, 220/23, 10/29 SylvanL, 80/23, 2/29 Redwing CP/HT  
**Long-tailed Duck** - 1/4 Tivoli Bays CV  
**Bufflehead** - 3/5 Sylvan Lk AJM, 3/31 Mills Mansion FT  
**Common Goldeneye** - 1m/9 river New Hamburg BAM, 16/31 Mills Mansion FT  
**Hooded Merganser** - 9/2 Vandenberg Cove CV, 1f/9 Sylvan Lk & 3f/9 Red Wing gravel pit Lk BAM, 3/4 below Bleachery/Wapprs Crk AJM, 1/30 Norrie Pt JL, 1/23, 29 Redwing Beekman, 1/29 SylvanL, 16/29, 24/30 Whaley Lk CP/HT  
**Common Merganser** - 7/1 Wapprs Lk BB, 17/4 Tivoli Bays CV, 7f/4 below Bleachery/Wapprs Crk, 1/4 New Hamburg bridge & 5/4 Beacon River RR station AJM, 10f/5 & 9 Sylvan Lk, 26/9 New Hamburg, 1f/9 Wapprs. Crk-Bleachery, 1m/9 Chelsea & 6/9 Beacon BAM, 4/31 Mills Mansion FT, 15/23, 30/29 Sylvan Lk CP  
**Red-breasted Merganser** - 1/30 Whaley Lk, CP/HT

**Ruddy Duck** - 1/5 Sylvan Lk AJM, 2/9 Red Wing Lk BAM, 10/9 Sylvan Lk CV, 20/21, 13/23, 4/38 Sylvan Lk, 3/23 Redwing Bkmn CP  
**Bald Eagle** - 1imm/2 Vandenberg Cove CV, 1 imm/13 Clove Valley BB, 1/19 Arborio's swamp & 2(1ad & 1imm)/23 Norrie Pt CV, 1ad/19 river Chelsea AJM  
**Northern Harrier** - 1/5 Stormville EBR, 1/8 Stanf. KCF, 1/16 Fishkill Corr Fac ES, 1imm/12 Mashomak, 1/5&1/23 TG, 1/12 Beekman AP/GZ, 1/22 near Tymor Park BB, 1/26 Alvin Ct CV, 1/23 Redwing Beekman CP  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/3, 9, 11, 16, 18, 22, 23, & 29/county CV, 1/5 yd TG, 1/9 yd BB, 1/7, 13, 20, & 27 yd JA/KJ, 1/9&20 yd ES, 1/21 Beekman CP/HT  
**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/9 Abel's Pd BB, 1/10 Verbank FT, 1/10 yd TG, 1/16 Fishkill Corr Fac & 1/21 yd ES, 1/22 Rombout Rd CV, 1/28 yd JA/KJ, 1/all yd Poughquag CP  
**Northern Goshawk** - 1/23 Fishkill Corr Fac ES  
**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 2+/mo yd MK  
**Red-tailed Hawk** - 2/3 FDR Home FT, 1/8 Stanf. KCF, 2/10 Verbank FT, 1/10 Mills Mansion FT, 7/12 Mashomak CV, 1/mo yd MK, 2/mo Red Hook TG, and seen throughout the county  
**Rough-legged Hawk** - 1(light morph)/5 Rockefeller Lane BB  
**Golden Eagle** - 2/12 Stissing Mtn CV  
**Merlin** - 1/27 yd NMD  
**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/2, 1/23 Pok. RR bridge CV  
**Wild Turkey** - many sightings with good numbers, most 42/12 Domin Farm CV, 7Toms/mo yd KCF  
**American Coot** - 60+/5 & 36/9 Sylvan Lk BAM, 42/9 Sylvan Lk CV, 50/21, 60/23 Sylvan Lk CP/HT  
**Sandhill Crane** - 7/7 over yd ES  
**Ring-billed Gull** - 20/1 Wapprs Lk BB, 15/3 FDR Home FT, 5/31 Mills Mansion FT, 2/freq. Wapprs Crk MK, most 50+/23 over Rt.9&Vassar Rd BJM, 22/21, 11/29 SylvanL, 11/23 Redwing Bkmn CP/HT  
**Herring Gull** - 1/1 Wapprs Lk BB, few/9 & 19 river Beacon RR station BAM, seen all month CV, 300/23, 29 Redwing Beekman CP  
**Glaucous Gull** - 1/14 Reagan Rd Millerton BB/DF (see details [below](#))  
**Great Black-backed Gull** - 10/5, 15/9 & 2/19 river Beacon RR station BAM, 2/23 Norrie Pt CV, 1/21 Sylvan Lk, 16/23, 15/29 Redwing Bkmn CP/HT  
**Rock Pigeon** - all around reported by CV  
**Mourning Dove** - Lots of reports, most 10/mo yd BB, 6-22/mo yd JA/KJ, 20-30/all yd Poughquag CP  
**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/10, 23 Rte 44 Pleasant Valley CV, 1/21 PIValley CP/HT  
**Great Horned Owl** - 1/1, 13 (heard) Alvin Ct CV, 1/25 home BB, 1/29 East Fishkill AP/GZ  
**Barred Owl** - 1/freq. yd MK  
**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/3 FDR Home FT, 1/10 Verbank FT, other reports by CV, BAM, AJM, CP  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 2/10 Verbank FT, 1/31 Mills Mansion FT, many sightings by CV, KCF, MK, BB, BAM, EBR, ES, MP, CP  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/2 Vandenberg Cove CV, 1/4 Godfrey Park Verbank BB, 1/10 Verbank FT, 1/16 Alvin Ct CV, 1/18-20 yd TG  
**Downy Woodpecker** - 1 to 4 found on almost every trip; most 12/19 Rombout Rd CV (Melanic phase? see details [below](#))



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**Hairy Woodpecker** – 2/3 FDR Home FT, 2/10 Verbank FT, 2/31 Mills Mansion FT, others around & at suet feeders CV,KCF,MK,JA/KJ,EBR,MP, CP  
**Northern Flicker** – 6/1 Rombout Rd CV, 1/7 yd BAM, 1/7 yd MP, 3/22 near Tymor Park BB, 1/29 Redwing Beekman CP  
**Pileated Woodpecker** – 2/4 Tivoli Bays CV, 2/13 Stanf. KCF, 1/22 yd BJM, 1/31 Mills Mansion FT, others seen & heard/mo  
**Northern Shrike** – 1/14 Millerton BB/DF  
**Blue Jay** – 2/3 FDR Home FT, 8/10 Verbank FT, seen in yds and trees CV,MK,BB,BAM,BJM,JA/KJ,EBR,ES,MP,CP  
**American Crow** – 5/3 FDR Home FT, 5/10 Verbank FT, flocking to and from roosts CV,KCF,MK,BAM,JA/KJ, ES, MP,CP  
**Common Raven** – 1/9 flew over home BB, 1/12 Stissing Mtn CV, 5/12 Depot Hill AP/GZ  
**Horned Lark** – 150/4 Grieg Farm CV, 100+/7 Greig Farm TG, 100+/9 Greig Farm JL/KM, 200/21 Barton Orchards Beekman CP/HT  
**Black-capped Chickadee** – appear normal in numbers  
**Tufted Titmouse** – appear normal in numbers  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 3/4 Tivoli Bays CV, 1/4,5,14,20,&26 yd MK  
**White-breasted Nuthatch** – appear normal in numbers  
**Brown Creeper** – 1/31 Mills Mansion FT, 1/3,6,9,13,&16 yd CV, 1/freq. yd MK, 1/mo MP  
**Carolina Wren** – 1/10 Verbank FT; several other reports from CV,KCF,MK,TG,BAM,BJM,JA/KJ,EBR,CP some still singing  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 3/3 FDR Home FT, 3/31 Mills Mansion FT, 1/1 Rombout Rd & 1/4 Tivoli Bays CV,  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 1/3 FDR Home FT  
**Eastern Bluebird** –4/10 Verbank FT, 3/31 Mills Mansion; others around, most 6/13 HVRT CV and 6/24 Freedom Plains Cem. MK, 2/mo yd BB  
**Hermit Thrush** – 1/19 Domin Farm CV  
**American Robin** – several around including 1/3 FDR Home FT & 25/10 Verbank FT  
**Northern Mockingbird** – 3/10 Verbank FT, 5/19 Rombout Rd CV, 1/22 near Tymor Park BB, 2/mo yd TG, 1/29 yd Poughquag CP  
**Brown Thrasher** – 1/9 Domin Farm CV  
**European Starling** – 30/5 Newburgh-Beacon bridge ES, 200/10 Verbank FT, 1/13&14 yd JA/KJ  
**Cedar Waxwing** – flocks of them in many places including 12/10 Verbank FT,  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 4/19 Rombout Rd CV  
**American Tree Sparrow** – 25/1 Rombout Rd CV, 3/3 FDR Home FT, 2/7 TG, 25/10 Verbank FT, many/14 Millerton area BB/DF, 1/14-15 & 19 yd BAM, 20/22 near Tymor Park & 6/mo yd BB, 1-4 in other reports throughout month  
**Savannah Sparrow** – 3/5 Rockefeller Lane BB  
**Fox Sparrow** – 1/8 Alvin Ct & 1/9 Rombout Rd CV, 1/10 yd ES, 1/19 Domin Farm CV, 1/7-8 yd Poughquag CP  
**Song Sparrow** – 1/3 FDR Home FT, 1/6 & 2/9 KCF, 9/9 Rombout Rd CV, 1/14&20 yd JA/KJ, 3/21 Airport Ind. Rd BJM, 1/21 yd ES, 1/all yd Poughquag CP  
**Swamp Sparrow** – 1/12 Thompson Pd CV  
**White-throated Sparrow** – Many reported including 20/10 Verbank FT, 2/31 Mills Mansion FT, 15/9&16 Rombout Rd CV, 10/22 near Tymor Park BB, 15-20/all yd Poughquag CP  
**White-crowned Sparrow** – 1/14 Reagan Rd Millerton BB/DF

**Dark-eyed Junco** – 35/10 Verbank FT, 21/14 yd CV, 1/31 Mills Mansion FT, 30-70/all yd Poughquag CP, ground feeding everywhere  
**Lapland Longspur** – 1/4 Grieg Farm CV, 2/9 Greig Farm JL/KM, 2/14 Taylor Rd Millerton BB/DF  
**Snow Bunting** – 5/5 Rockefeller Lane BB, 17/9 Greig Farm JL/KM, 1/16&6/21 Crestwood Rd TG, 200+/22 Domin Farm CV, 300/21 Barton Orchards Beekman CP/HT  
**Northern Cardinal** – 2-9 on most reports and 2/10 Verbank FT, 4/31 Mills Mansion FT  
**Red-winged Blackbird** – 12/12 Mashomack CV, 1f/29 yd (at feeder) BB, 100/21 Barton Orchards Beekman CP/HT  
**Eastern Meadowlark** – 2/18 McEnroe Farm CV  
**Rusty Blackbird** – 3/13 HVRT & 4/18 Reagan Rd Millerton CV  
**Common Grackle** – 3/1&5/22 Rombout Rd CV, 2/6 yd ES  
**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 8/8,9/9,14/21 yd JA/KJ, 3/9 Rombout Rd CV, 6/9 yd BB  
**Purple Finch** – 4/6&5/7 yd MP, 10(2m&8f)/13 HVRT CV  
**House Finch** – 5/10 Verbank FT, also reported by CV,KCF, MK,BB,BAM,JA/KJ,EBR  
**Common Redpoll** – 2/15 feeder yd. Poughquag, CP/HT  
**Pine Siskin** – 1/4 yd (at feeder briefly) & 1/18 yd BB, 3/9 yd JL  
**American Goldfinch** – lots around including 4/10 Verbank FT; most 15/6 Alvin Ct CV, 20-40/all yd Poughquag CP  
**House Sparrow** – found throughout county CV,KCF,MK,BB

#### Details of Melanic phase (?) sighting:

On the 20th KJ spotted a Downy with a sooty chest. White feathers a sooty gray and what should be a white chest is sootier than the other sooty white feathers. Acts like a Downy and hangs out with the Downy Woodpeckers.

#### Details of Glaucous Gull sighting by BB/DF:

**Dec 14, 2003, Time:** 10:00 to 10:10am **Place:** Town of Northeast, south of Millerton, bird was resting on Webutuck Creek just west of Reagan Road. Found flock of about 60 gulls resting in the creek. There was one large white one in the middle. The rest of the gulls were mostly Ring-billed Gulls with about 10-12 Herring Gulls. Was the white one Iceland or Glaucous? This bird was significantly larger than the Ring-bills and slightly larger than the Herrings. Checked the primary projection. The primaries extended only slightly beyond the end of the tail. Iceland Gull would have had longer wings, in relation to the tail. The bird was not pure white, but had some light brown speckling on the folded wings. The bill was heavy, pink at the base and black at the tip. The black part was less than a third of the length of the bill. It stood up briefly and we could see the legs were pink.

#### Other Observations:

**Flying Squirrel** – landed in a tree behind my house the evening of 12/9, Poughquag CP



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below); Chet Vincent (**CV**); Adrienne Papazian & Gary Zylkuski  
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**Field Trips (FT):** 3rd FDR Home, 10th Verbank, 24th Mills  
Mansion & Norrie Point

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