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## January 2004 Records

Weather was moderate the first week, with no snow cover. Then bitter cold arrived, moderating only slightly through the remainder of the month. From the 12th to the 22nd, there were several small snowfalls, then 10 inches fell on the 28th. During the month, the Hudson River went from completely open to completely ice-covered.

**Greater White-fronted Goose** - 2/7 Dotty's Pond Dot Fleury; 2/17 Hunn's Lake Art Jones; 2/18 Hunn's Lake Tammie Carey, Robert Williams

**Snow Goose** - 1/3 McEnroe cornfield CV; 180/7 Hunn's Lake Dot Fleury; 6/11 Rochdale Wapp CrCV (WFC)

**Canada Goose** - several thousand each at Stissing Lk, Hunn's Lk, Rudd Pd, and Dotty's Pd, keeping them open. (Hunn's Lk frozen over on Feb 2nd) small groups other places; 770/1 Pawling CBC

**Mute Swan** - most at Sylvan Lk (10) no large #s on the river this year WFC; also at Stissing Lk and Redwing in Beekman and other places

**Wood Duck** - 2/1 Pawling CBC; 2/6 Swamp River Dot Fleury; 2 Salt Pt Tpk, 3 Dotty's Pond WFC

**American Black Duck** - 18/24 Rt 44A below Dietrich Pd CV; 13/28 Rhinebeck RJ; WFC most on river(131), Redwing(30), Fishkill Cr at Walmart (42) - up to 9 on various ponds, streams

**Mallard** - 71/1 Pawling CBC; 200-300 at Redwing, Dotty's Pond, river, Wapp Cr and 2-50 many other places WFC

**Northern Pintail** - 4/10 WFC; 2/20 (pr) CP; 3/24 (1m&2f) CV; 1/24 Lin Fagan; all at Dotty's Pond

**Green-winged Teal** - 6/10 Dotty's Pd WFC; 10/24 Dotty's Pond CV

**Ring-necked Duck** - 15/1 Pawling CBC; 4/3 Stissing Lk CV; 15/1 Poughquag, 50/21 Redwing Bkmn, CP; 125 Redwing, 8 Sylvan only ones on count WFC

**Greater Scaup** - 3/11 River at Chelsea WFC

**Scaup sp** - 1/10 Rhinecliff WFC

**Bufflehead** - 1/(week after WFC) Fishkill Creek behind Walmart BSI; 12/17 Rhinecliff RJ

**Common Goldeneye** - 21 Rhinecliff, 1 Tivoli WFC

**Hooded Merganser** - 28/1 WhaleyL CP/HT; 5/3 Rudd Pond CV; River at Marist & Norrie Pt and Wapp Cr at Red Oaks Mill WFC

**Common Merganser** - 16/2 Sylvan Lk AJM; 223 on WFC, most on river, but 23 on Wapp Cr, 8 on Webutuck Cr and others on TenMileRiver, Sylvan Lk; 5/23 Overlook Rd KCF; 21/30 River at Marist and Rhinecliff CV

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 2m/13 along Bruzugul Rd. BAM

**Wild Turkey** - 30/1 Pawling CBC; 40/10 Town of Clinton farm BB; 16/22 TG; 45/30 Domin Farm CV; even 6/14-15 at MK and 7/mo at KCF in Poughkeepsie; plus others

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1/10 Rhinecliff WFC

**Great Blue Heron** - 1/10 Union Cemetery Hyde Park CV; 1/12 HudsonR Beacon HT

**Black Vulture** - 2/10 Clove Valley roost BB, 1/12&28 Beekman AP/GZ

**Turkey Vulture** - 2/1 Pawling CBC; 1/3 Rt 82 N of Pine Plains CV; 1/10 near Dotty's Pond Pine Plains BB; 1/29 Beekman Stop&Shop CV

**Bald Eagle** - 1/7 3/30(2ad&1imm) Stissing Lake FT,CV; 9 seen along river from Rhinecliff to Breakneck during WFC; 8/17 on ice at New Hamburg looking N from Chelsea BSI; 3/29 1Ad/3imm over Hudson R, Chelsea AJM; 1/30 Norrie Pt CV; 7/31 Bowdoin Park 4ad 3imm FT

**Northern Harrier** - 1/1 Poughquag CP/HT; 1f/8 Old Camby Rd JWinkler; 1/10 Red Hook BB; 1/24&30 Mashomack Pine Plains CV; 1/27 Rhinebeck NW of fairgrounds KS

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 3/1 Pawling CBC; 1/seven times yard and around county CV; 1/2 yard Stormville EBR; 1/22 yd KCF; 1/17,22,28,29 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/7 TSP/Roe-Jansen Kill ES

**Cooper's Hawk** - 2/1 Pawling CBC; 1/all yd Poughquag CP; 1/6 Rombout Rd CV; 1/21 Vassar Farm FT; 1/24 Waterbury Hill Rd BB; 1/13, 17 & 31 checking feeders yd BAM; 1/7,29 Rhinebeck RJ; 1 occ Rhinebeck KS; 1/11 Old Hopewell Rd immature KK

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** - 1/1 Pawling CBC; 1/16 took a Rock Pigeon Ackert Hook Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; 1/29 yd Rhinebeck KS

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 3/all heard & seen hunting daily Tree Tops MK

**Red-tailed Hawk** - 31/1 Pawling CBC; 1/14 albino along Wappingers Creek near home, Dave Stevenson; 23/30 Mashomack(10) Millet Farm(4) and other places CV; lots more

**Rough-legged Hawk** - 1 light/13 Bruzugul Road, 1 dark/21 Karl Ehmer's BB; 1/18 CR 21 Tammie Carey, Robert Williams; 1/28, 2/31 Rhinebeck RJ

**Golden Eagle** - 1/7 Thompson Pd FT; 2/3 Stissing Lake CV; 1/10 near Dotty's Pond BB; 1/17 over Bangall Rd Art Jones; 2/22 West Dover Rd CV

**American Kestrel** - 1/1 Pawling CBC; 1/6 yd KCF; 1/11 Sleight Plass Rd CV

**Merlin** - 1/1 Pawling CBC

**American Coot** - 25/2 Sylvan Lk AJM; 35/6, 40/12 SylvanL CP; 2/3 Stissing Lk and Rudd Pd CV

**Wilson's Snipe** - 1/1 Pawling CBC near firehouse/Dutcher Ave

**Ring-billed Gull** - 2/1 Pawling CBC; 30+/11 New Hamburg BJM,BC,RC,KK; 2/9 2/14 Tree Tops seen flying over Wapp Creek MK

**Herring Gull** - 6/1 Pawling CBC; 12/6 Redwing Beekman CP  
**Great Black-backed Gull** - 1/1 Pawling CBC; 1/3 River from Mech Construction CV; 4/10 Rhinecliff BB; 1/11 White's Marina New Hamburg BJM,BC,RC,KK

**Rock Pigeon** - 71/1 Pawling CBC; 3/21 Vassar Farm FT

**Mourning Dove** - 91/1 Pawling CBC; 14/31 Bowdoin Park FT; 30-40/all yd Poughquag CP; 7 other reports of 2-20 at feeders

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/1 along Wapp Cr/Rt 44 west of Pleasant Valley CV; 1 heard Rhinebeck 2nd & 18th with 3 coyotes answering back MP, 1/27 red-morph found dead in Glenham, BC

**Great Horned Owl** - 2 nesting Rhinebeck RJ; 1/30 heard TG

**Barred Owl** - 1/freq. yd MK

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/various times, Vassar College campus, KK

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 20/1 Pawling CBC; 6/12 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV; 1-3 on all reports

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 3/1 Pawling CBC; 1/all month on suet in yard, Clinton Corners JA; 1/11&18 at birdbath, DTignanelli; 6 others



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**Downy Woodpecker** – 51/1 Pawling CBC; 8/13 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV; 2-6 at feeders; 1-2 on FTs

**Hairy Woodpecker** – 8/1 Pawling CBC; 3/12&17 suet feeder Alvin Ct CV; 1-2 at feeders CP,KCF,EBR,MP; 1 on most FTs

**Northern Flicker** – 6/1 Pawling CBC; 2/29 eating cedar berries on the trees along with snow. Never saw this before. MK; 6/6 sev/3-24 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV; 9 other reports 1-4

**Pileated Woodpecker** – 2/1 Pawling CBC; 1/10 yd eating poison ivy berries BB; 2-4/daily RJ; also TG,MK,CV,MP, Southlands and Vassar Farm

**Blue Jay** – 126/1 Pawling CBC; 3-15 at feeders; 1-4 on FTs

**American Crow** – 441/1 Pawling CBC; fly over daily probably 100++ Tree Tops MK; CV says roost is now along river near Rinaldi Blvd; 2-10 at feeders

**Fish Crow** – 1/10 Hudson Harbor apts, 1/16 44 Plaza CV

**Common Raven** – 15/1 Pawling CBC (9 of them on Depot Hill); 1/3 Stissing Mtn CV; 1/7 Thompson Pd FT; 1/22 West Dover Rd CV; 2/30 Rte 55 Poughquag CP; 1-2 occasional Rhinebeck RJ

**Horned Lark** – 50-60/24 McEnroe cornfield CV

**Black-capped Chickadee** – 292/1 Pawling CBC; 1-5 on FTs; 3-8 at feeders

**Tufted Titmouse** – 196/1 Pawling CBC; 1-2 on FTs; 4-6 at feeders

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 7/1 Pawling CBC; 1/30 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd.CV

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – 86/1 Pawling CBC; 2 on FTs and at feeders

**Brown Creeper** – 1/1 Pawling CBC; 1-2/several times Tree Tops MK; 1/1 yard JAP; 1/11 Plass Rd Wapp Creek Trail, 1/28 suet tree Alvin Ct CV; coming to suet feeder, Rhinebeck Kristin Smith; 1 daily, Rhinebeck MP

**Carolina Wren** – 8/1 Pawling CBC; 1-2 from CV,CP,BAM,EBR,KCF,MK,TG; 1/31 Bowdoin Park FT; 1/1 Southlands MP

**Winter Wren** – 1/1 Pawling CBC

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 26/1 Pawling CBC

**Eastern Bluebird** – 51/1 Pawling CBC; 11 widespread reports of 6-9

**Hermit Thrush** – 2/1 Pawling CBC; 1/14 Vassar Farm Kateri Kosek; 1/21 Vassar Farm FT

**American Robin** – 2500/27 roost at Overlook/Rombout Rds CV; sev reports of flocks of 20-75; Continue to be amazed at the large flocks of robins that seem to be everywhere. JA

**Northern Mockingbird** – 22/1 Pawling CBC; 3 at Vassar Farm, Rombout Rd; plus 8 others

**European Starling** – 432/1 Pawling CBC; 100/9 yd. & 1-2/12 thru mo. BAM

**Cedar Waxwing** – 19/1 Pawling CBC; 75-100/6 Rombout Rd some on other days CV; 40/11 Nardone/Fowler Rd, 20/19 yard BB; 60/21 Vassar Farm FT; 46/28 after the snow Rhinebeck RJ; 1/28-29 birdbath Poughquag CP

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 1/1 Pawling CBC; 6/13 Rombout Rd also on other days CV

**American Tree Sparrow** – 38/1 Pawling CBC; 45-50/24 Indian Lk Rd (Amenia) CV; 20/7 Thompson Pd FT; 3-6 other FTs; 8-20/mo RJ, KS; 6->12/all BB; 6/mo MP; other reports of 1-2

**Fox Sparrow** – 1/6,12,14 yd Poughquag CP; 1/28 Rhinebeck shows up in bad weather KS; 1/4 yd Fishkill ES

**Song Sparrow** – 13/13 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm also other days and places CV; 3/31 Bowdoin Park FT; other reports of 1-4

**Swamp Sparrow** – 1/12 Lauer Rd, 1/24 Fowler Rd CV

**White-throated Sparrow** – 100/1 Pawling CBC; 20/13 Rombout Rd CV; 5 on FTs and at most feeders; CP, KCF, RJ have 10-18; 12+/11 River Rd. Chelsea BJM,BC,RC,KK; seen many places

**Dark-eyed Junco** – 295/1 Pawling CBC; CP,BB,BAM,RJ have 25-70; seen everywhere; [1/18-25 Ruth Greenwood's feeder pale brown - leucistic bird](#); ES had a brown junco-like bird,no white on 22nd

**Northern Cardinal** – 42/1 Pawling CBC; 10/13 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm CV; 4-6 CP,BAM,KCF;1-4 on FTs and feeders; KS had 1-2 dozen! last yr, now only 2-4

**Red-winged Blackbird** – 3/2 Rhinebeck RJ; 15/4 Rombout Rd CV; 5/18-31 feedywhere; [1/18-25 Ruth Greenwood's feeder](#)

**Rusty Blackbird** – 6/24 Indian Lake Rd seen & heard in cornfield & multiflora rose CV; 15-20 daily, up to 50 one stormy day, Rhinebeck KS

**Common Grackle** – 4/22 feeder BB; 4/23 Rombout Rd CV; 1/28 Rhinebeck RJ

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 2-10/18-31 feeders BB; 7/22 yd Poughquag CP; 4/23 Rombout Rd CV; 3/daily RJ

**Purple Finch** – 1/1 Pawling CBC; Lots all month in yard, Clinton Corners. Counted 22/26 JA; 6/13 Rombout Rd, 1/6-28 feeder several times CV; 3/28 Rhinebeck RJ; 2/31 Tree Tops MK; 10/1 Southlands, 1/19 Rhinebeck MP

**House Finch** – 81/1 Pawling CBC; 2-9 at feeders; With all the purple finches, we have very few house finches, and those we see mostly have the eye disease. JA

**Common Redpoll** – sev/6 StonyKill feeders Hudson River Almanac; 30/7 Thompson Pd FT; 1/8 Pond Gut male all alone CV; 1/8 yd Poughquag CP; 1/19 feeder BB

**Pine Siskin** – 3/1 Pawling CBC; 4/6, 3/9, 1/19-26 feeder BB; also from RGreenwood,CP,BAM,KCF,JAP 1 each for 1-2 days

**American Goldfinch** – 170/1 Pawling CBC; 20/7 Thompson Pd FT; some feeders only 1-5, but CP has 20-30 and MK,BAM,KCF have 10-16

**House Sparrow** – 114/1 Pawling CBC; 1/25-30 feeders yd. BAM; 1/31 Bowdoin Park FT

#### Other Observations:

**Flying Squirrel** – 1/8 & 31st around 7:30pm behind our garage feeding. Each time I went out to bring in our solar water dish it would scurry up the brick wall and watch to see what was going on. BAM

#### Observers:

Janet Allison (**JA**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Betsy Carswell (**BC**); Rosa Corbeels (**RC**); Ken & Carol Fredericks (**KCF**); Tom Gilbert (**TG**); Bob & Sue Infante (**BSI**); Rodney Johnson (**RJ**); Mary Key (**MK**); Kateri Kosek (**KK**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Jan & Alan Peterson (**JAP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith and Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Kristin Smith (**KS**); Ed Spaeth (**ES**); Herb Thompson (**HT**); Field Trip (**FT**; see list below); Chet Vincent (**CV**)



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**Field Trips (FT):** **1st** - Pawling CBC (Christmas Bird Count) - totals are for the Dutchess County part of the circle, **7th** - Thompson Pond, **14th** - Rockefeller Land, Red Hook (then to Norrie Point), **21st** - Vassar Farm, **28th** - snowed out, **31st** - Bowdoin Pond

**WFC Waterfowl Count** - totals elsewhere, here we give some details about what was seen where

**New Location Name** -Dotty's Pond - along Rt 82 northeast of Pine Plains near Columbia County border

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**Canada Goose** - hundreds on lakes, streams, and fields - Stissing Lk, Ehmer's field, Hillside Lk Rd, Stringham Rd, Wappingers Ck and FT-Baird 45/11, Southlands 12/14, Norrie Pt 4/21, Vanderbilt 4/25

**Brant** - 30/29 Stonykill AJM

**Mute Swan** - 10/2 Stissing Lk BB, BAM & CV; 2/17 Ehmer's Hillside Lk Rd BAM; 1/27 Wapp bleachery AJM; FT - Baird 2/11s

**Wood Duck** - pr/29 Wapp Ck Bleachery ES

**American Black Duck** - 3/13 Wapp Ck JD/EP; 8-10/20 Jackson Corner Rd, 5/25 Red Oaks Mills BAM; 7/14-15 Salisbury Tpk MP; 8/2 Stissing Lk, 3/2 Dotties Pd CV

**Mallard** - 1m/10 yd Rombout Rd JA/KJ; 10-40+ all month Hillside Lk Rd BAM; 4-17/22 Wapp bleachery BAM; 4 all month Salisbury Tpk MP; FT - Baird 2/11, Verbank 100/18, Vanderbilt 4/25

**Northern Pintail** - 2/2 Dotties Pd CV

**Green-winged Teal** - 4/2 & 2/18 Dotties Pd CV

**Ring-necked Duck** - 8/2 Stissing Lk BB, BAM, CV; sev/14 Stissing Lk RAG; 12/18 & 23 Stissing Lk CV

**Scaup sp** - 2/28 Hudson River Rhinebeck RJ

**Common Goldeneye** - 1f/2 Stissing Lk BAM, BB & CV; 1f/22 Wapp bleachery BJM

**Hooded Merganser** - 1/1 Wapp Ck Rt 44 CV

**Common Merganser** - 1/7-8 Wapp Ck PV JD/EP; 5/20 Hillside Lk Rd BAM; 4/27 New Hamburg RR bridge AJM; 14/1 Wapp Ck Rochdale CV; FT - Norrie Pt 35/21

**Wild Turkey** - 2/29 yd Rombout Rd JA/KJ; 17/8 yd AJM; 6/25 Airport BAM; 1/28 TSP BAM, BC; 4/29 yd Rhinebeck MP; 11 all mo. yd Rhinebeck KS; 65/26 Freedom Rd, 5/26 Mtn Rd CV; FT - Southlands 1/14

**Great Blue Heron** - 1/28 Hudson River Rhinebeck RJ; 4/28 nest on TSP BAM, BC; 1 on 2nd Rte 199 Pine Plains, 1/29 Domin Fr Rombout Rd EA, BAM, BBa, CV

**Turkey Vulture** - 11 reports, mostly 1 to 4 birds around county, 8/23 Dover eating a deer carcass JD/EP

**Bald Eagle** - 1 twice Vanderbilt BBo; 1 occ Clove Valley, photographed by Jimmy Coffin BB; 1/1 TSP flying SJ; 3/28 Hudson River Rhinebeck RJ; 1/17 imm Pine Plains BAM, PF; 1 imm/5 Waryas Pk, 1/18 Mashomak, 1 imm/28 Domin Fm CV; 11th Tom Lake observed nest renovation, 2/19 courtship display over Chelsea, 1/25 Kingston Rhinecliff Bridge HRA; FT - Bowdoin Pk 5/11, Norrie Pt 3/21, Vanderbilt 2/25

**Northern Harrier** - 1/25 Rokeby, 1/28 Smithfield TG; 2/14 Thompson Pd RAG; 1 m/28 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/17 old glass works Pine Plains BAM, PF; 6/29 Thompson Pd leaving roost at 6:15 AM CV

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/6 Clinton Corners JA; 1/17 yd Verbank BB; 1/14 Thompson Pd RAG; 1/28 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/29 yd Rhinebeck MP; 1/1, 1/22 Domin Fm Rombout Rd CV

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/14 Thompson Pd RAG; 1/11, 12 & 25 yd BAM; 1 all month yd Poughquag CP; 1/5 Domin Fm Rombout Rd CV

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/11 yd Stormville EBR

**Red-tailed Hawk** - over 20 sightings of 1 to 4 all over county 8/18 Mashomak Pine Plains CV

**Rough-legged Hawk** - 1 light phase/8 N Clove Rd BB; 1 light phase/7 & 12 Salt Pt Terhune's Orchard BBo; 1/1 light phase Domin Fm, 1/25 light phase Bruzgul Rd CV; FT - Verbank 1/18

**Golden Eagle** - 1 ad & 1 imm/6 Thompson Pd LF; 2/14 Thompson Pd RAG; 2/23 Stissing Mtn both sitting & 1 flew CV

**American Kestrel** - 1/21 Rte 9 Roosevelt Theater MP

**Merlin** - 1/3 44 Plaza flying through parking area CV

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/28 Hudson River Rhinebeck RJ; 1/5 Mid Hudson RR bridge chasing Bald Eagle, 1/22 sitting on bridge CV

**Ring-billed Gull** - 15/27 44 Plaza SG; 6/29 Rte 9 Morse Estate MP; CV; FT - Norrie Pt sev/21, Vanderbilt 1/25

**Herring Gull** - FT - Vanderbilt 1/25; CV

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 3/5 Waryas Pk CV; FT - Norrie Pt 4/21

**Rock Pigeon** - FT - Verbank 1/18, Vanderbilt 5/25; CV

**Mourning Dove** - 5-35 all month yd Rombout Rd JA/KJ; 6 other reports of 5 to 20 at feeders FT - Bowdoin Pk 12/4, Verbank 1/18, Vanderbilt 2/25

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/1 1400 Rte 44 looking out box, box full of leaves, later in month no owl CV

**Great Horned Owl** - 2/18 calling mid-day, also regularly @ night Verbank BB; 1/11 & 17 on nest Noxon Rd BAM; 2/17, 29 Alvin Ct, heard calling often CV

**Barred Owl** - 2/29 calling to each other Wilcox Pk JA; 2/15 & 17 Thompson Pd BB, BAM, PF; 1/17 Thompson Pd CP

**Long-eared Owl** - 1/15 TSP/Slate Quarry Rd found dead by Art Jones; 5/27 Rombout Rd BB; 5/29 Domin Fm Rombout Rd BAM, EA, BMa, CV; 6/28 Domin Fm Rombout Rd all in same cedar tree CV

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** - 1 Thompson Pd - found 14th still there 29th BB, BAM, PF, MP, CP, CV

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/21 Rt 199 Red Hook KS; FT - Verbank 1/18

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 1-3 at feeders on all reports including field trips

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/28, 29 yd Red Hook TG; 1/1 Norrie Pt SG; 1/22 Rombout Rd CV; FT - Bowdoin Pk 1 on 4th

**Downy Woodpecker** - sooty bird occ with other Downys yd Rombout Rd JA/KJ; 1-6 at feeders on all reports including field trips

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 11 reports of 1 or 2 at feeders

**Northern Flicker** - 1m most of month, 1f/27 BAM; 1/15 yd Rhinebeck MP; 1/12 yd Rhinebeck KS; 8/1 Domin Fm Rombout Rd, seen and heard often Alvin Ct CV; FT - Bowdoin 1/04, Southlands 4/14

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 1 to 2 at a time seen around county, seen more often after 18th DA, RF, TG, AJM, MP, KS, CV; 1/23 Breakneck Ridge HRA

**Blue Jay** - 1-9 on most reports; 15 all month yd Verbank BB; 10-15 all month yd Poughquag CP; 2-22 all month yd Rhinebeck KS

**American Crow** - 1-8 in yards and at feeders; 75+/2 Rte 82 Pine Plains BAM

**Fish Crow** - 1 on 2 at 44 Plaza, 1/21 Friendly Ln CV



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**Common Raven** – 2/2, 3/6, 1/15 & 17, 1/22 Thompson Pd BB, LF, RAG, MP; 1/28 heard Rhinebeck RJ; 2/17 Rte 55 & TSP BAM, PF; 1-2/13-29 yd Poughquag CP; 2/2 & 18 Stissing Mtn CV; 1/23 Breakneck Ridge HRA; FT - Bowdoin Pk 1/04, Norrie Pt 1/21

**Horned Lark** – 50/2 Pine Plains BB, BAM & CV; 6/1 Greig Fm TG; 25-30/12 Domin Fm Rombout Rd CV; FT - Southlands 17/14

**Black-capped Chickadee** – 1-6 at feeders; 1-9 on all field trips

**Tufted Titmouse** – 1-7 at feeders; 1-4 on all field trips

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/8-25 Bill Case's yd BB

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – 1 to 3 at feeders and on field trips

**Brown Creeper** – 1 mo. yd Rh'beck MP; 1/8 yd Rh'beck KS; 1 mo. yd Alvin Ct CV; FT - Baird Pk 1/11

**Carolina Wren** – 1-2 at feeders JA/KJ, TG, RAG, BAM, CP, CV; FT - 1 each

**Winter Wren** – 1/14 Thompson Pd RAG; 1/1 Vassar Fm CV

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 1/14 & 2/17 Thompson Pd BB, BAM, PF, RAG; 1/28 feeder Rhinebeck RJ; 1/17 yd BAM; FT - Verbank 2/18, Vanderbilt 6/25

**Eastern Bluebird** – 9/8 yd Red Hook TG; 1m/22 singing yd, pr/25-29 checking box BJM; 1m/29 singing on box Stonykill AJM; 6/5 Rombout Rd CV; pr/20 at a box at Stonykill HRA; FT - Southlands 5/14, Vanderbilt 3/25

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/25 Vassar Fm PF; 1/16 Millbrook JD/EP; 1/26 Rombout Rd CV; FT - Southlands 2/14

**American Robin** – too many to count 10th few over yd Rombout Rd (next door to Millet roost) JA/KJ; 3-400/1 Millet Fm roost, numbers kept dropping til nearly 0 by end of month CV; 11 other reports including field trips of 1 to 15

**Northern Mockingbird** – 1 all month Abef's Pd BB; 1 most of month yd BAM; 3/5 Rombout Rd none after 12th CV; FT - Southlands 3/14, Vanderbilt 2/25

**European Starling** – 1-15 all month yd Rombout Rd JA/KJ; 40+/1 flew over yd 3-5 last part of month BAM; 7-10 all month yd Rhinebeck MP; 1-6 reported by CP, KS, CV; FT - Bowdoin Pk 3/04, Southlands 22/14, Verbank 20/18, Vanderbilt sev/25

**Cedar Waxwing** – 8/6 East Park TG; 8/8 yd BJM; 10/5 Van Wagner CV

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 1/17, 3/18 yd Salt Pt drinking maple tree sap BBo; 1/5, 2/22 Rombout Rd CV

**American Tree Sparrow** – 1-10 reported at feeders by JA/KJ, BB, BAM, MP, RJ, CV; 4-20 all month yd Rhinebeck KS

**Field Sparrow** – 1/28 ground feeder Rhinebeck RJ; 1-3 most month yd Rhinebeck KS

**Fox Sparrow** – 1-3 most month yd Rhinebeck KS; 1/1, 22 Rombout Rd CV; FT - Baird Pk 3/11

**Song Sparrow** – 11 reports including field trips, of 1 to 4

**Swamp Sparrow** – 1/14 Thompson Pd RAG; 1 on 2 Thompson Pd CV

**White-throated Sparrow** – most reports of 1 to 10, including field trips; 10-15 all month yd Poughquag CP

**Dark-eyed Junco** – 1/1-18 pale brown one at Ruth Greenwood's feeder; numbers in 10's and 20's reported by JA/KJ, BB, SG, BAM, EBR, CV; 50-70/1-15, down to 30 end of month yd Poughquag CP; 1-20 all month, 60/6, 40/15 yd Rhinebeck KS; FT - Bowdoin Pk 2/4, Baird Pk 6/11, Verbank 1/18

**Lapland Longspur** – FT - Southlands 1/14

**Snow Bunting** – 2/10 Stonykill Bill Case BB

**Northern Cardinal** – 2-10 on all reports and field trips, mix of males and females

**Red-winged Blackbird** – reports of 1 to 5 by JA, JA/KJ, RF, MP, CP, KS; 20f/15-29 yd Verbank BB; numbers increased during month to 100+/29 Domin Fm Rombout Rd CV, BAM, BMa, EA

**Rusty Blackbird** – 2/7, 3/9, 1/11-18 yd Rhinebeck KS

**Common Grackle** – 1-3/24-29 yd JA/KJ; 6/3, 16/6 yd Pok SG; 100s/28 with Cowbirds and Red-winged BB Rhinebeck RJ; 8/29 yd Rhinebeck MP; 3/28 yd Rhinebeck KS; 6/28 Rombout Rd CV

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 1/22 yd Rombout Rd JA/KJ; 20 all month yd Verbank BB; 3/16 yd Poughquag CP; 1/11 Dr Fink Rd, 1/26 Rombout Rd CV

**Purple Finch** – 50+/6 Clinton Corners, 50/13 Upton Lk JA; 1/17 Stanfordsville JD/EP; 2/22, 29 yd Rhinebeck MP; 1/9 yd Stormville EBR; 1/9 yd Rhinebeck KS; 1/1 Rombout Rd, 1/5 & 6 Alvin Ct CV

**House Finch** – 4-32 all month yd Rombout Rd JA/KJ; seven reports, including field trips, of 1 to 8

**Common Redpoll** – 2/14 Thompson Pd RAG

**Pine Siskin** – 2/6, 1/11 & 26 yd Verbank BB; 3-6 all month Beekman AP/GZ; 4-14 most of month yd BAM; 1/13 yd Poughquag CP; 1/25, 2/26 yd Rhinebeck KS

**American Goldfinch** – 18/28 feeder Rhinebeck RJ; 5-20 all month yd BAM; 10-20 all month yd Rhinebeck MP; 50-70 all month yd Poughquag CP; 1-20 all month, 22/17, 1/28 had HFD & taken to rehabilitator, yd Rhinebeck KS; 12-15 all month, 53/6 yd Alvin Ct CV; also reported on FTs and by JA/KJ, BB, EBR

**House Sparrow** – 15/3 yd Pok SG; 4/15 and intermittent for month BAM; 10-25 all month yd Rhinebeck KS; CV; FT - Southlands 1/14, Vanderbilt sev/25

#### Other Observations:

**Flying Squirrel** – 1/8 & 31st around 7:30pm behind our garage feeding. Each time I went out to bring in our solar water dish it would scurry up the brick wall and watch to see what was going on. BAM

#### Observers:

Hudson River Almanac (**HRA**); Janet Allison (**JA**); Elaine Andersen (**EA**); David Arner (**DA**); Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**); Bob Bowler (**BBo**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Betsy Carswell (**BC**); Jeff Daley (**JD**); Peggy Fasciani (**PF**); Larry Federman (**LF**); Richard Fitzgerald (**RF**); Tom Gilbert (**TG**); Rich & Andy Guthrie (**RAG**); Sue Gyscek (**SG**); Rodney Johnson (**RJ**); Susan Joseph (**SJ**); Barbara Mansell (**BMa**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Adrienne Papazian & Gary Zylkuski (**AP/GZ**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Eleanor Pink (**EP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith and Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Kristin Smith (**KS**); Evelyn Stevenson (**ES**); Field Trip (**FT**; see list below); Chet Vincent (**CV**)

**Field Trips (FT):** 4th - Bowdoin Pk, 11th - Baird Park, 14th - Southlands, 18th - Verbank Church and Club Rd., 21st - Norrie Point - Eagle Fest, 25th - Vanderbilt NHS



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**WFC Waterfowl Count** - totals elsewhere, here we give some details about what was seen where. **New Location Name** - Dotty's Pond - along Rt 82 northeast of Pine Plains near Columbia County border

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## March 2004 Records

March came in like a lamb and went out soggy. During most of the month many local ponds and lakes remained iced in, so there was less waterfowl seen than usual for this time of year. Barbara Butler said that "Abel's Pond was notably empty this spring."

**Snow Goose** - 120/27 flying north Buttercup West CV

**Canada Goose** - Many reports including 2000/9 Stissing Lk, paired up on many small ponds by 25th CV, 2000/13 Stissing Lk BB, 2000/14 Ryder Pond Stanford CP/HT

**Mute Swan** - Reports of 1-3 including some nesting.

**Wood Duck** - 15 reports, earliest 2/3 Norrie FT, high counts 6/10 Millbrk SchFT, 8/27 ButtercupW, 7/16 Nuclear Lake CV

**American Wigeon** - pr/3 Salt Point, 1/14 Overlook Rd BB, 3/10 Rhinebeck JL, 3/14 Buttercup West DG, 3/16, 4/18, 5/26 LkOniad BJM, 5/20 Rhinebeck from Rodney Johnson CP, 4/27 Buttercup West, some around other places since the 11th CV

**American Black Duck** - 10/3 Norrie FT, 5/3, 8/14 LkWalton BAM, 2/10 Millbrook School FT, 1/13 Thompson Pd BB, 50-60/20 Vanderburgh Cove from Rodney Johnson CP, 2/24 Baird FT, 2/27-28 yd Rhinebeck MP, 12/13 creek along HVRT, plus others CV, 1/31 Buttercup West FT

**Mallard** - Highest 90/3 LkWalton BAM, 50-60/7 Crystallk Rhinebeck EBR, 40-50/20 Rhinebeck - Rodney Johnson CP

**Northern Pintail** - 5/14 Buttercup West DG, 5/20 Rhinebeck from Rodney Johnson CP, 8/27 Buttercup West CV, 1/31 Buttercup West FT

**Green-winged Teal** - 10/3 Norrie FT, 1m/3 LkWalton BAM, 5/9 Espie Farm on VanWagner Rd, 4/14 pond on Overlook Rd, 6/13 Stissing Lk, 4/14 Strever Farm Rd BB, 12/27 Buttercup West CV, 40/20 Rhinebeck Rodney Johnson CP

**Canvasback** - 60+7 HudsonR/Chelsea BAM

**Redhead** - Found by BAM at Redwing Beekman: 8/15, 16 BAM, CP/HT, CV 3/20 TC/RW, 1/21 KCF

**Ring-necked Duck** - 18 Redwing Bkman JL, 75+/10, 40+/14 Hillside Lk BAM, 26/12 Airport pond KK, 60/14 Overlook Rd, 20/13 Stissing Lk BB, 110/14 Twin Island Lake DG, 20/20 Redwing Beekman TC/RW, 55/16 Redwing Beekman CV, 7/20 Rhinebeck Rodney Johnson CP, 12+/21 10/28 RyderLk KCF, 10/24 Baird FT, 50+/27 OverlookRd BJM

**Greater Scaup** - 8/7 HudsonR/Chelsea, 5/7 HudsonR Beacon RR Station BAM

**Lesser Scaup** - 4/25 Beacon ES, 1/28 Verbank BB

**Bufflehead** - 1/11 Ogden Mills JL, 7/20 Rhinebeck from Rodney Johnson CP

**Common Goldeneye** - pr/7 Madam Brett, 2f/15 SylanL BAM, 14/11 Ogden Mills JL, 4/20 Rhinebeck from Rodney Johnson CP, 1/23 Hunns Lk male still in imm plumage CV, 2/24 Baird FT

**Hooded Merganser** - 1/5 Hyde Park from Dan Whalen BB, 5/8 Red Hook TG, 41/2 Airport pd KK, 22/14 Twin Island Lake DG, 2/14 Bangall-Amenia Rd, 3-6/15, 2/18 Redwing Beekman BAM, CP/HT & JL, 1/21 East Park JD, 16/23, 20/24 Red Hook JL, 20/23 Mud Pond Pine Plains CV, 3/24 Baird FT, 2/13 Rhinebeck MP

**Common Merganser** - Many reports all around county including 34/3 Norrie FT, 18/7 HudsonR Beacon, 62+/15 SylanL BAM, 7/14 Twin Island Lake DG, 80/18 SylanL CP, 10/20-21 Redwing Beekman TC/RW & KCF

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 1/30 WidmerRd BJM, PIVAl EP/JD

**Wild Turkey** - 34/1 Domin Farm (Rombout Rd); seen & heard often - smaller groups near end of month CV, 4/20 in trees along creek Rt. 376 by airport BJM, 48/24 Baird FT, 7/all yd Pok KCF, 3-5/22-27 yd Rhinebeck MP, 1/31 Buttercup West FT, Tree Top Ln MK, PIVAl EP/JD

**Pied-billed Grebe** - So far only at Buttercup West: 1/27, first of spring for me CV, 1/31 FT

**Horned Grebe** - 1/15-20 Redwing Beekman BAM, CP/HT, JL, TC/RW, CV, 1/15 Vanderburgh Cove CV

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 3/26 Norrie Point CV

**Great Blue Heron** - 5-11/24 Baird FT, 1/14 Noxon Rd, 1/18 WappL BJM, 1/20 Tamarack Hill KCF, 6/28 Rt55 WhaleyLk heronry; around since the 1st CV, 1/31 Buttercup West FT

**Black Vulture** - 2/3 Millbrook Rt 44&82, 1/14 Strever Farm Rd with TUVU on carcass BB, 1/10 Millbrook School FT, 1/14 Amenia, 1/15 Depot Hill CP, 2/9, 1/23 Stissing Mtn CV

**Turkey Vulture** - 1/7 over yd BB, 3/7 Airport Rd BAM, 3/10 Millbrook School FT, 5/14 Amenia CP/HT, 1/14, 2/19, 5/30 Fishkill ES, 1/22 Wingdale; 1/23 Hopewell EBR, 2/24 Baird FT, 12/14, 15/23 Stissing Mtn, 9/18 Overlook at Cramer Rd going to roost CV, 1/31 Buttercup West FT

**Bald Eagle** - 5/3 (2 ad 3 imm) Norrie FT, 1ad/7 New Hamburg BAM, 1/9 ad Strever Farm Rd - Pine Plains CV

**Northern Harrier** - 1/23 Mashomack - Pine Plains CV

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/15 SylanLk BAM, 1/17 yd caught junco BB, 1/20 yd Fishkill ES, 1/23 Clinton Corners KCF, 1/9&14 Thompson Pd soaring with Redtails, 1/3 yd Pok CV

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/18 over Rt. 9/Old Hopewell Rd AJM, 1/27, 29-31 yd, 2 other reports BAM, 1/28 Tompkins Rd pond Verbank BB, 3 reports of 1 each CV, 1/31 ButtercupW FT

**Northern Goshawk** - 1/21 Rhinebeck - Rodney Johnson CP

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/10 All Angels/Pye Ln BJM, 1/21 Vanderburgh Cove - Rodney Johnson CP, Tree Top Ln MK

**Red-tailed Hawk** - 20 reports including 5/3 Norrie FT, 10/14 Stissing Mtn and Mashomack CV

**Rough-legged Hawk** - 1/14 Amenia CP/HT, 1/21 Ehmer Farm KCF, PIVAl EP/JD

**Golden Eagle** - 1 or 2/13 Thompson Pd from logbook - Mearns group BB

**American Kestrel** - 1/20 Redwing Beekman TC/RW, 1/21 Red Hook TG, 1/23 near Tymor BB, 2/28 Smithfield Rd KCF, 1/28 yd Rhinebeck MP, 2/26 Domin Farm on Rombout Rd; also 1/24 CV, 1/31 Buttercup West FT

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/5 Newburgh-Beacon Bridge from Dick & Sue Champion BB

**American Coot** - 2/15 & 16 Redwing Beekman BAM & CV

**Killdeer** - 15 reports, earliest 1/1 Fishkill Cem. from Fran Henry BJM, also 4/13-31 Southlands MP, 4/14, 5/30 Domin Farm arrived on the 11th CV, 3/15 Redwing Beekman CP/HT, 2/15, 18, 20, 21 Redwing Beekman BAM, JL & TC/RW

**Wilson's Snipe** - 2/13 Southlands MP, 1/20 Dutchess Mall Fishkill ES, 1/25 Domin Farm near Long-eared Owl roost CV

**American Woodcock** - 6-8/all SaltPt BMA, 1/7 PIVAl from Brenda Daley EP, 3/15 Norrie JL, 2/15 HVRT near Sharon Station Rd, 5/23 S Greenhaven Rd, 1/29 near Marshall's - Verbank - all displaying BB, 2/20 Millbrook from Misha Fredericks BB, 2/18 Conservancy Pd, more later CV

**Ring-billed Gull** - 30/3 Norrie FT, 35+/7 Wapp. Lake BAM, 50/14 pond on Overlook Rd BB

**Herring Gull** - 5/3 Norrie FT, 2/7 Wapp. Lake BAM

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 3 reports of 1-4 each



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**Rock Pigeon** – 3/10 Millbrook School FT, 2/24 Baird FT  
**Mourning Dove** – Many reports of 1-4, also 30-40/all yd Poughquag CP, 8 to 12/all yd Pok KCF, 8-12/all Rhinebeck MP, 6/all yd BB, 12-15/all yd PIVAl EP/JD

**Eastern Screech-Owl** – 2/15 HVRT Coleman Sta BB, 1/23 Clove Valley found dead by Grace Kastell BB, PIVAl EP/JD

**Great Horned Owl** – 1/1 yd Verbank BB, 2/1 Alvin Ct Lagrange CV, 1/28 Millbrook, 1/28 Mabettsville Rd both on nests KCF, 2/all yd PIVAl JD

**Barred Owl** – 1/3 WappFls Bill Case BJM, 2/8-12 WappFls Rosa Corbeels BJM, 1/all Killearn Rd from John Ike BB

**Long-eared Owl** – 4/1 Domin Farm at least one thru end of month, 2/22&24, 1/25&26 Baird Park CV, 1/8 Domin Farm KCF, 1/14 Domin Farm BB, 1/27 Norrie SG, 2/24 Baird FT

**Short-eared Owl** – 1/28 Pugsley Hill Rd from John Ike (He saw it "flopping" over the fields near the equestrian center. Anne Frey also saw it. We have 3 reports of Short-eared Owls during the 1990s in the county - in January and February. John had recently seen several at Galeville) BB

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** – 1/1 Pawling Nature Reserve gone on the 28th CV, 3/14 Thompson Pd CV & BB, 1/15 HVRT SharonSta Rd BB, 1/27 ThompsonPd from Valerie Freer BB

**Belted Kingfisher** – 2/3 Norrie FT, 1/15 Sprout Crk JD, 1/15 Redwing Beekman CP/HT, 1/27&31 Buttercup West CV&FT

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** – Abundant everywhere. Hard to believe they were a rarity 20 years ago.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** – 1/3 Norrie FT, 1/24 Baird FT, 1/24 yd BB, 2/26 Rombout Rd, 1/27 yd Lagrange, 1/28 Pawling Nature Reserve CV, 1/31 Buttercup West FT

**Downy Woodpecker** – 1-4 feeders and on field trips, highest 3-6/all yd Pquag CP, 4-6/all yd Pok KCF, 8/17 yd CV

**Hairy Woodpecker** – 9 reports of 1-3 each.

**Northern Flicker** – 10 reports of 1-3 starting March 1st

**Pileated Woodpecker** – 3/3 Norrie FT, 1/14 Thompson Pd BB, 1/27 Norrie SG, 1/occ yd Poughquag CP, 1/28-29 yd BJM, 2/28 Pawling Nature Reserve; 1/many other places CV

**Eastern Phoebe** – 11 reports of 1-2 starting on March 20th, 6/27 Buttercup West Farm CV

**Blue Jay** – Everywhere as usual, 15/10 Millbrook School FT, highest numbers 10-12/all yd Poughquag CP, 12/all yd BB

**American Crow** – Many reports. 20/10 Millbrook School FT, 100s/14 Domin Farm BB, 50/14 (1 carrying stick) Amenia, 70/31 yd Poughquag CP, 500/daily flying over yd Pok MK

**Fish Crow** – 1/7 Madam Brett BAM, 12/26 Pok CV

**Common Raven** – 2/10 Millbrook School FT, 1-2/daily over yd Poughquag CP, 2/1 Stissing Mtn CV, 1/14 Thompson Pd at nest BB, 1/31 Buttercup West FT

**Tree Swallow** – 3-7/27-31 Southlands MP, 2/28 Ryder Lake, 3/27 Buttercup CV, 3/28 SmithfldRd KCF, 25/31 Kay'sPdJD

**Black-capped Chickadee** – Usual numbers

**Tufted Titmouse** – Usual numbers

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/3, 21 yd WappFls from Bill Case BJM, 1/1&28 Quaker Lake Rd CV, 1/19 & 20 yd Pok MK

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – Usual numbers

**Brown Creeper** – 1/3 Norrie FT, 1/19 yd Stormville EBR, 1/1-15 yd Rhinebeck MP, 2/most yd Pok MK, 1/26-31 PIVAl JD

**Carolina Wren** – 10 reports of 1-3 each, 20/10 Millbk Sch FT

**Winter Wren** – 1/27 Buttercup West seen and heard CV

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 3/3 Norrie FT, 2/10 Millbrook School FT, 4/24 Baird FT, 4/7 Madam Brett BAM, 4/27 Buttercup West, others 16th-28th CV, 1/31 Buttercup W FT

**Eastern Bluebird** – Many reports of 1-2 at boxes, 8/3 Norrie FT, 4/10 Millbrook School FT, 5/14 Amenia CP/HT, 6/24 Baird FT, 6/4 Vassar Farm; 4/all yd Pok MK

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/11 Domin Farm Rombout Rd deep in cedars CV, 1/2 from Peggy Fasciani BB

**American Robin** – Seen all over county, high reports 15/13 HVRT all over towards end of mo - too many to count CV,

40/17 Vassar Campus FT, 35/24 Baird FT, 50+/24, 15+/25 LaGrange BAM, 30++ daily, large number 19th yd Pok MK

**Northern Mockingbird** – 5 reports of 1-4, "a bit scarce" CV

**European Starling** – 50/10 Millbrook School FT, 32/17 Vassar Campus FT, 25/27 Pok, 16/27 yd Pok SG

**Cedar Waxwing** – 20/24 Baird FT, 18/25 Baird Park CV, few/6 heard yd BAM

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 4/26 Rombout Rd; others since the 11st CV, PIVAl EP/JD

**Pine Warbler** – 1/27 Buttercup West singing ad male CV, 1/31 seems early, yd Pok MK, 1/31 from Rosa Corbeels MK

**Palm Warbler** – 1/31 Buttercup West FT

**American Tree Sparrow** – 8 reports throughout month, highest 20/13 Thompson Pd BB

**Field Sparrow** – 1/30 yd LaGrange CV

**Fox Sparrow** – 1-2 reported by BB, TG, CP, EBR, BAM, CV, ES, and on Millbrook School & Baird FTs

**Song Sparrow** – Good numbers, highs 6/all yd KCF, 20/26 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm, singing 2nd half of month CV

**White-throated Sparrow** – Seen throughout month, highest 10-15/all yd Poughquag CP, 10+/all yd Pok KCF

**Dark-eyed Junco** – More than usual? 30-40/all yd Poughquag CP, 9/24 Baird FT, 10+/all mo. & 15-18/8 feeders yd BAM, 20+/all yd Pok KCF, 10/all yd BB 30+/all w/larger numbers mid month, yd Pok MK

**Northern Cardinal** – Usual numbers on all reports, highest 16/26 Rombout Rd CV, 2/all yd BB

**Red-winged Blackbird** – Many reports, including: Arrived 3/1 Red Hook TG, 100/3 Norrie FT, 20/10 Millbrook School FT, 12/9, 75/16 yd Poughquag, 50/14 Amenia CP/HT, 27/18 yd BAM, 20+/15-31 yd Pok KCF, 50/11 Rombout Rd mixed with grackles and cowbirds CV, 20/all yd BB

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 1/16 RedWing Beekman CV, 1/31 Buttercup West FT

**Rusty Blackbird** – 1/31 Buttercup West FT

**Common Grackle** – Usual spring numbers, including 25/3 Norrie FT, 8-10/6-31 yd Rhinebeck MP, 20/10 Millbrook School FT, 50/11 Rombout Rd & Domin Farm; moving thru all month CV, 50/14 Amenia, CP/HT, 25+/10, 3 other reports of 20-30 BAM, 25+/15-31 yd Pok KCF, 25/all yd BB

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 4 reports of 1-12 in the second half of the month but lucky BB had 20 all month in her yard.

**Purple Finch** – 5/30 feeder, 2 since the 17th CV

**House Finch** – 9 reports of 1-12 each

**Common Redpoll** – 11/5-10 & 40/11-19 BMA, 2/15-20 yd Rhinebeck from Rodney Johnson, 1-3/8, 9, 19, 21, 26 yd Poughquag CP, 1/13-14 Milan DG, 1/17 yd Hyde Park from Dan Whalen BB, 4/23 Clinton Corners KCF, 2/12-13 yd Lagrange CV

**Pine Siskin** – 1/15-20 yd Rhinebeck Rodney Johnson, 1/21 yd Poughquag CP, 1/21 Poughquag JD, 1-6/all yd BAM, 2/27 yd LaGrange, 1/28 Quaker Lake Rd CV, PIVAl EP/JD





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**American Goldfinch** – 10 reports, highest 40-70/all yd Poughquag CP, 20+/all yd Pok KCF, 14-24/all yd Rhinebeck MP, 45/16 yd CV, MK reports she had more than in past years with 8+ at her feeders all month.

**House Sparrow** – 5 reports of 1-12 each.

**Other Sightings:**

**Raccoon** – 1/3 sleeping in tree Norrie FT

**Black Bear** – 1/26 knocked down bird feeder, Poughquag CP

**Wood Frogs** – first ones at Domin Farm on 24th CV

**Peepers** – first ones at Domin Farm on 25th CV

**Observers:**

Barbara Butler (**BB**); Jeff Daley (**JD**); Ken & Carol Fredericks (**KCF**); Dick Gershon (**DG**); Tom Gilbert (**TG**); Sue Gyscek (**SG**); Jeff Lucas (**JL**); Mary Key (**MK**); Kateri Kosek (**KK**); Barbara Mansell (**BMa**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Eleanor Pink (**EP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith and Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Ed Spaeth (**ES**); Field Trip (**FT**; see list below); Herb Thompson (**HT**); Chet Vincent (**CV**); Tammie Carey / Robert Williams (**TC/RW**)

**Field Trips (FT):** **3rd** - Norrie Point, **10th** - Millbrook School, **11th** - Vassar Farm, **17th** - Vassar Campus, **24th** - Baird Park, **31st** - Buttercup West

**Abbreviations:** **ad** = adult, **beg mth** = beginning of month, **Cem** = Cemetery, **Ck** = Creek, **FDRNHS** - FD Roosevelt Home, National Historic Site (Hyde Park), **fm** = farm, **freq** = frequently, **FT** - Field Trip, **HVRT** - Harlem Valley Rail Trail (Amenia to Millerton), **IES** = Institute of Ecosystem Studies (Cary Arboretum), **imm** = immature, **Is** = Island, **Lk** = lake, **mo** = all month, **Mtn** = Mountain, **nr** = near, **occ** = occasional, **Pd** = Pond, **Pk** = Park, **PIVal** = Pleasant Valley, **PNR** - Pawling Nature Reserve, **Pok** = Poughkeepsie, **pr** = pair, **river** = Hudson River, **RUFS** = Rockefeller University Field Station, **sev** = several, **Tpk** = Turnpike, **yd** = yard

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## April 2004 Records

The weather was as expected; mostly cool, but with some very warm days, as well as rain showers. The weather late in the month provided insects for the birds. This was the time of year to look for the signs and results of breeding Owls, i.e., young seen. Also, there was an influx of Purple Finches, that covered the whole county (see records below).

**Snow Goose** - 1/3 wetland Rte 82 Pine Plains, 3/9 McEnroe's mudpuddle KCF, 2/24 McEnroe's mudpuddle FT, 2 large flocks Red Hook TG

**Canada Goose** - Several reports, some on nests, most 600/10 Burger Hill FT and 53/3 (1 on nest) Lk. Walton BJM, 8+chicks/Rt. 9D Chelsea BC

**Mute Swan** - Several reports, most 6-10/17-end Upper Kay's Pond LM

**Wood Duck** - 21 reports, including 2pr/7 Tamarack FT, 5/21 RUFFS FT, 3/13 Pond Gut & 3/21 Domin farm CV, 2/24 McEnroe's mudpuddle FT, pr/28 Sharparoon FT, 10/all yd Salt Point (1 in nest box) LM, 6/5 Rt. 82 JC

**American Wigeon** - 1/3 wetland Rte 82 Pine Plains KCF, 7/7 Tamarack FT, 3/24 McEnroe's puddle FT

**American Black Duck** - 10/3 Buttercup West, 1/9 HVRT KCF  
**Mallard** - many reported and 2-10 all FT's, 8/3 Buttercup West, 6/8 Wapps Lake ES, 8/9 HVRT KCF, 10/24 Crystal Lake Rhinebeck EBR

**Blue-winged Teal** - pair/7 Upper Kay's Pd BB, 1/25 PVly KCF

**Green-winged Teal** - 6/3 Buttercup West, 5/3 wetland Rte 82 Pine Plains, 5/3 Dotty's Pond KCF, 5/7 Tamarack FT, 1/7 Upper Kay's Pond BB, 3/9 HVRT KCF, 1m/14 Lk Onaid BJM, 1/24 McEnroe's puddle FT, 2/10-17 Van Wagner Rd PVly LM

**Ring-necked Duck** - many reported, most 33/3 Lk. Walton, 40/6, down to 8/20 Lk. Onaid BJM, 35/27 Mud Pond CV

**Bufflehead** - 1m/1-3 Lk. Onaid BJM, 1/7 Upper Kay's Pd BB  
**Common Goldeneye** - 4/7 Wapps Crk MK

**Hooded Merganser** - pr/6 Lk. Onaid BJM, 1/7 Tamarack FT

**Common Merganser** - 24 reported of 1-2 on ponds, lakes & Fishkill & Wapp Creeks; most.10/3 Upper Kay's Pond LM

**Ruddy Duck** - 2/19 Upper Kay's Pond LM

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - several/7 Tamarack (released) FT, PVly EP/JD

**Wild Turkey** - 17 reports, the hunters should do well in May, including 12/7 Tamarack FT, 12/7 field Rt. 343 Millbrook BAM

**Common Loon** - 1/21 RUFFS FT

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 3/7 Tamarack FT, 1/14 Tymor Pk FT

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1/14 Wapp Lake BJM, 4/17 Upper Kay's Pond LM

**Great Blue Heron** - 1-10/all FT's, some in heronry, 5/12 Tac. Pkwy 1 on nest Rt.44 BAM, 7/25 Rte55 rookery CP/HT

**Great Egret** - 1/20 pond Kent Rd.& Myers Corners Rd Elaine Chernansky

**Green Heron** - 1/21 RUFFS FT, 1/25& 27 East Fishkill PF

**Black-crowned Night Heron** - 8/14 Wapp Lake BJM

**Black Vulture** - 1/21 Domin Farm CV

**Turkey Vulture** - 17 reports including 8-10/3 Dutchess County KCF, 5/10 Burger Hill FT, 5/21 RUFFS FT, 10/24 HVRT FT

**Osprey** - 1/17 Pleasant Ridge Rd Wingdale CP/HT, 2/21 RUFFS FT, 2/24 HVRT FT, 1/25 Depot Hill CP/HT, 1/25 East Fishkill PF, 1/29 over Myers Corner Rd/All Angel's Rd BJM

**Bald Eagle** - 1 adult/7 Tamarack FT, 1/11 PVly EP/JD, 1imm/12 Bowdoin Pk MR, 1/29 PVly EP/JD

**Northern Harrier** - 1ad male/10 Blueberry Hill Wingdale Mtn Rd BB, 1/10 Burger Hill FT, 1/11, 1/20 Domin Farm CV, 1/24 HVRT FT

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 11/5 yd KCF, 7/10 Burger Hill FT, 1/14 Tymor Park FT, 1/20-21 Domin Farm CV, 1/27 Stissing Mtn CV, 1/24 HVRT FT

**Cooper's Hawk** - 12 reported of 1-2 by MP,FT,PF,BAM, BJM/BCar,TG, and a pair on territory, DepotHill CP/HT

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/25 (heard) Valley Rd BJM, 4/all Tree Tops Lane MK

**Broad-winged Hawk** - 2/20 yd ES, 5/21 RUFFS FT, 2/25 Hyde Park, 2/27 Milan KCF, 1/28 Sharparoon FT, PVly EP/JD

**Red-tailed Hawk** - 26 reports including 5/7 Tamarack FT and 12/10 Burger Hill FT

**Rough-legged Hawk** - 1/5 Thompson Pd., JC

**Golden Eagle** - 1/5 Thompson Pd., JC

**American Kestrel** - 14 reported, most 5/10 Burger Hill FT

**Peregrine Falcon** - 4eggs/12 in nest box on Mid Hudson Bridge per his brother who works for the bridge authority, RF, 1/5 Kinston/Rhinecliff Bridge, JC

**Virginia Rail** - 5/11 Thompson Pond DG,1/18 (heard) Binniewater Rd. East Fishkill BJM/BCar,1/19 Great Swamp in Pawling CL

**Sora** - 1/11 Thompson Pond DG

**Killdeer** - 18 reported by KCF,LM,BJM,FT, most 4-6 all month Southlands Farm MP

**Greater Yellowlegs** - 1/24 McEnroe's mudpuddle FT

**Lesser Yellowlegs** - 2/24 McEnroe's mudpuddle FT

**Solitary Sandpiper** - 1/25 Van Wagner Rd PVly KCF

**Spotted Sandpiper** - 1/27 Mud Pond CV

**Wilson's Snipe** - 1/9 HVRT KCF

**American Woodcock** - 2+/16-17 Haunted House area Bowdoin Pk. AJM, PVly EP/JD

**Mourning Dove** - many reports of 1-4 including all FT's, 8 to 12/all yd KCF, 30-40/all yd Poughquag CP

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 1/6 Shaughnessy Rd Union Vale BB, 1/occasionally PVly EP/JD

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/5 Thompson Pd., JC, 2/14 Tymor Park in nest FT, 2/18 Bean River Rd nesting JW, 2/28 Sharparoon FT (yg. near nest & adult), 1/all (on nest) Rte 44A KCF, 1/all (on nest) Mabbettsville Rd KCF, 1/all PVly EP/JD

**Barred Owl** - 1/20 PVly, 1/20 Baird Pk. CV, 1/26 Tree Tops Lane MK, 2/occ. near home BB, 1/all BC yd BB

**Long-eared Owl** - 1/11, 1/21, 1/28 Domin Farm CV

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 1m/25-30 feeder yd. BAM (FOS), 2/30 Rhinebeck TG

**Belted Kingfisher** - 13 reports including 1each FT's 1/24 pond at Cokertown Red Hook BB, 1/27 Milan KCF, 1/27 Thompson Pond CV, 1/26 East Fishkill PF

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 16 reports of 2-4 from FT's, KCF,LM,BB,BAM,BJM,BC,CP/HT,EP/JD,PF,MK,ES

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/13 Pond Gut CV, 2/14 Tymor Pk FT, 1/21 RUFFS FT, 1/21 Wapp BJM, 2/25 DepotHill CP/HT, 3/28 Sharparoon FT, 1-2/all yd BB, yd PF

**Downy Woodpecker** - 1-4 reported at feeders, yds, & all FT's, highest 4-6/all yd KCF

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 1/25 Hyde Park, 2/all yd KCF, 2/all yd LM, 2/all yd Poughquag CP, 1 all MP

**Northern Flicker** - 1-5 reported at feeders & all FT's



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**Pileated Woodpecker** – 2/1 yd Poughquag CP, 1/3 Stanford KCF, 1/7 Tamarack FT, 2/8 yard BB, 1m/10 Bowdoin Pk AJM, 1/21 RUFFS FT, 1/23 MP, 1/25 Depot Hill CP/HT, 1/28 Sharparoon FT, 1/6, 9, 22, 28 yd BAM, 3/all Tree Tops Lane MK, 2/5 Thompson Pd JC

**Eastern Phoebe** – 20 reports including 4/7 Tamarack FT, 9/14 Tymor Park FT, 2/21 RUFFS FT, 8/24 HVRT FT, 5/28 Sharparoon FT, 2/3-30 Tree Tops Lane MK, 1/24-30 nesting on gutter downspout, 4 eggs on 30th LM, 12/5 Thompson Pd. JC

**Eastern Kingbird** – 1/21 Domin Farm CV (FOS)

**Blue-headed Vireo** – 1/17 Barry's yd. Bullhead Rd BAM, Barry H (FOS), 1/20 yd Poughquag CP, 1/21 yd CV, 1/22 yd ES

**Warbling Vireo** – 1/29 heard Widmer Rd BJM (FOS)

**Blue Jay** – reports were 3-5 everywhere, with most 10/24 HVRT FT

**American Crow** – many reports, including 1(on nest)/9 HVRT KCF, 60+/21 Ehmer's farm BAM, 25+/24 HVRT FT, 1/25 on nest Millbrook School CP/HT

**Fish Crow** – 1/7 Madam Brett BAM, 12/26 Pok CV

**Common Raven** – 1/7 Tamarack FT, 3(2ad&1yg)/27 Stissing Mtn CV, 1-4 occ. yd & Depot Hill CP/HT, 1/5 Thompson Pd. JC

**Horned Lark** – 1/10 Burger Hill FT

**Purple Martin** – 2male/24 PondViewFarm Verbank BB

**Tree Swallow** – 17 reports including 10/7 Tamarack FT, 8/10 Burger Hill FT, 5/14 Tymor Park FT, 100/16 Upper Kay's Pond LM, 4/17 yard BB, 20/21 RUFFS FT, 20/24 HVRT FT, 4/28 Sharparoon FT

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – 2+/14 over Wapp Lake BJM, 2/24 Shookville Rd Red Hook BB, 2/28 Sharparoon FT

**Bank Swallow** – 2/27 East Fishkill PF

**Barn Swallow** – 2+/14 Wapp Lake BJM, 6+/18 Fishkill Creek BJM/BCar, 1/19 YellowFrame farm, 1/20 Domin Farm CV, 1/21 RUFFS FT, 1/24 HVRT FT, 10-20 all beginning 23rd MP

**Black-capped Chickadee** – Usual numbers

**Tufted Titmouse** – Usual numbers

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/1-23 yd BC, 2/27 Wilbur Flats KCF, 1/28 Sharparoon FT

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – Usual numbers

**Brown Creeper** – 1/7 Tamarack FT, 1/14 Tymor Park FT, 1/28 Sharparoon FT, 2/14, 1/15, 2/23, 1/26 Tree Tops Lane MK, PVly EP/JD, 1/5 Thompson Pd JC

**Carolina Wren** – 2/1, 1/9, 1/18 yd BAM, 1/3Buttercup West KCF, 1/18 Cary Rd. Fishkill BJM/BCar, 2/24 HVRT FT, 1/all yd KCF, 2/all yd Poughquag CP, 1/all Red Hook TG, 1/all yd PF, 2/all Tree Tops Lane MK

**House Wren** – 1/20 yd ES, 3/24 HVRT FT, 1/21, 2/29 Wapp BJM, 1/25 yd CL, 1/26 yd BAM, 2/28 Sharparoon FT, 1/20, 4/24-30 Red Hook TG

**Winter Wren** – 1/5 Thompson Pd., JC, 1/27 (singing loudly) Stissing Mtn CV

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 4/3 Buttercup West KCF, 3/7 Tamarack FT, 8/14 Tymor Park FT, 1/5 Thompson Pd., JC

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 12 reports including 2/3 Buttercup West KCF, 5/14 Tymor Park FT, 3/19 YellowFrame farm CV, 4/21 RUFFS FT, 5/24 HVRT FT, 2/17-25 yd BB, 12/28 Sharparoon FT

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 4/21 RUFFS FT, 3/24 HVRT FT, 1/25 PF, 4/27 Thompson Pd CV, 9/28 Sharparoon FT

**Eastern Bluebird** – many reports of 2-6 including all FT's & several paired off at boxes

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/14 Tymor Park FT, 1/27 PF

**Wood Thrush** – 1/28 Sharparoon FT, 1/29 New Hackensack Cem. BJM (FOS)

**American Robin** – reported all over the county, with highest 25/7 Tamarack FT and too many to count/28 Sharparoon FT

**Northern Mockingbird** – 1/7 Tamarack FT, 2/10 Burger Hill FT, 4/18 Fishkill area BJM/BCar, 3/20 PVly CV, 1/24 HVRT FT, 1/25 Union Cem. KCF, 1/28 Sharparoon FT, 2/8-30 Wapp. BJM

**Brown Thrasher** – 1/19 yd (singing) PF, 1/20 yard BB, 1/20 Red Hook TG, 1/24 Sleight Plass CV, 2/25 East Fishkill PF, 1/22,24,25 yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Cedar Waxwing** – 3/3 Buttercup West, 15/9 HVRT KCF, heard/10 Burger Hill FT, 14/13 Pond Gut Rd CV, 20/14 Red Hook TG, 4/21 RUFFS FT, 60/24 HVRT FT

**Yellow Warbler** – 1/27 Thompson Pond CV (FOS)

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – many reports, 6/3 Buttercup West KCF, 10/19 YellowFrame Farm CV, 10/24 HVRT FT, 10/24 yd LM, 10/25 Union Cem. KCF, 40/28 Sharparoon FT

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 4/28 Sharparoon FT, 1/29 Haunted House, Bowdoin Pk. AJM (FOS)

**Pine Warbler** – 3/17 Barry's yd Bullhead Rd BAM, Barry H (FOS), 2/24 HVRT FT, 2/24 PF, 1h/28 Sharparoon FT

**Palm Warbler** – 2/3 Buttercup West KCF, 3/19 Yellow Frame Farm CV, 1/20 yd ES, 3/24 HVRT FT, 6/24, 6/25 PF, 5/28 Sharparoon FT

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 1/19 Scenic Hudson property off Sheafe Rd AJM (FOS), 2/28 Sharparoon FT

**Louisiana Waterthrush** – 1/22-24 near home BB, 3/28 Sharparoon FT

**Eastern Towhee** – 2/18-30 yd BB, 2/20 PokC MK, 1/20 Domin Farm, 1/22 yd CV, 1/24 HVRT FT, 2/25 Hyde Park KCF, 2/28 Sharparoon FT, 1/29-30 yd Poughquag CP

**American Tree Sparrow** – 2/1-9 yard BB, 1/3 Buttercup West KCF, 5/7 Tamarack FT, 1/24 HVRT FT, 3-6/1-10 MP

**Chipping Sparrow** – 2/5 yd (FOS) BB, 12+/18 Fishkill area BJM/BCar, 5/24 HVRT FT, 10/25 Hyde Park KCF, 10+/25-27 East Fishkill PF, 10/28 Sharparoon FT, 2/17-30 FDR HS LM, 1/13, 4/17-30 yd BAM

**Field Sparrow** – 2/4-30 yard BB, 6/7 Tamarack FT, 3/18 East Fishkill area BJM/BCar, 3/19 YellowFrame Farm CV, 1/21 Wapp BJM, 3/24 HVRT FT, 4/25-27 East Fishkill PF

**Savannah Sparrow** – 1/28 Domin Farm CV, 1/24 HVRT FT

**Fox Sparrow** – 2/3 Buttercup West KCF, 1/7 Tamarack FT, 5/8 Wapp. BJM, 1/13 Pond Gut CV, 1/16 yd Stormville EBR

**Song Sparrow** – good numbers with highs, 12/3 Buttercup West KCF, 25/7 Tamarack FT, 2/21 yd ES, 15/24 HVRT FT

**Swamp Sparrow** – 2/9 HVRT KCF, 1/18 Binnewater Rd East Fishkill BJM/BCar, 10/27Thompson Pond CV, 3/24 HVRT FT, 1/28 Sharparoon FT

**White-throated Sparrow** – ubiquitous, most 10/7 Tamarack FT, 10/all yd Poughquag CP, & 8/28 Sharparoon FT

**White-crowned Sparrow** – 1/30 Red Hook TG (FOS)

**Dark-eyed Junco** – 1-5 all FT's and many other reports, most 12/9 HVRT KCF, 12/12 yd CV, down to 2-3 from 25 BB

**Northern Cardinal** – usual numbers with highs 6/3 Buttercup West KCF & 8/14 Tymor Park FT

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 1m/20, pr/25-27 yd BAM (FOS), 1/22 yd ES, 1/25 yd KCF, 1/27-30 yd BB, 1/29 yd LM

**Indigo Bunting** – 1/20 Red Hook (a new early date) BP, 2/29, 1/30 yd BAM (FOS)



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**Red-winged Blackbird** – reported, including 75/7 Tamarack FT, 24/10 Burger Hill FT, 55+/21 Deising farm Wapp. BJM, 20/all yd BB

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 1/3 Buttercup West KCF, 1/20 Domin Farm CV, 1/24 HVRT FT, 2/24 East Fishkill PF

**Rusty Blackbird** – 1/17 Buttercup West DG

**Common Grackle** – many reports, 50/7 Tamarack FT, 24/10 Burger Hill FT, 10/14 Tymor Park FT, 10/24 HVRT FT, 20/all yd BB

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – Yes they're back, 20/7 Tamarack FT, 20/10 Burger Hill FT, 5/14 Tymor Park FT, 10/21 RUFS FT, 10+/21 Deising farm Wapp. BJM, 8/24 HVRT FT, 8/28 Sharparoon FT, 20/all yard BB

**Purple Finch** – good numbers, most: 5/9 HVRT KCF, 12/24 HVRT FT, 7-10/10-30 yd KCF, 10/18, 15/25 yd LM, 1/9, 3/17, 10/18, sev/25 yard BB, 2/13, 6-7/17-30 yd Poughquag CP, 3-14/10-29 yd BAM, 14+/23-30 yd PF, 23/11 Field Rd, Milan DG

**House Finch** – good numbers, most: 6+/18 Fishkill area BJM/BCar, 4-6/all yd KCF, 6-8/all feeder Stormville EBR, 6/all yd BB, 2-4/all yd. BAM, 4-5/all yd Poughquag CP

**Pine Siskin** – 3/17 yd Poughquag CP, 1-2/all & 3/12 & 28th yd BAM, PVly EP/JD

**American Goldfinch** – 14 reports, including 6/10 Burger Hill FT, 6/14 Tymor Pk FT, 6/21 RUFS FT, 16/24 HVRT FT, 8/28 Sharparoon FT, 50/25 yd LM, 70/all yd Poughquag CP

**Evening Grosbeak** – sev/28 yd (heard only) BB

**House Sparrow** – 6/24 HVRT FT, 2/all yd Poughquag, 1/25 Amenia CP/HT, everywhere, except fortunately, my home MP

#### Other Sightings:

**Raccoon** – 1/3 sleeping in tree Norrie FT

**Black Bear** – 1/26 knocked down bird feeder, Poughquag CP

**Wood Frogs** – first ones at Domin Farm on 24th CV

**Peepers** – first ones at Domin Farm on 25th CV

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**Field Trips (FT):** **7th** - Tamarack (Bontecou Lake), **10th** - Burger Hill, **14th** - Tymor Park, **21st** - Rockefeller Univ. Field Station, **24th** - HVRT ColemanSta to Millerton & McEnroe's mud puddle on Sharon Sta. Rd., **28th** – Sharparoon

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## May 2004 Records

*Note: The annual May Census was conducted on the 15th. Records from the census are not included in this report but can be found on our [May Census page](#).*

Migration started early. Jim Clinton experienced a fallout on the 8th while at Camp Taconic in the Town of Milan. Rodney Johnson noted a fallout of tanagers on the 3rd and a big warbler day on the 2nd. Mid-month turned hot and muggy, bringing out the leaves. By month end, overnight temps were near frost.

**Snow Goose** - 1/2 Vanderburg Cove RJ

**Canada Goose** - flocks up to 20 all over the county, most with goslings by month's end

**Brant** - There were reports of Brant from Catskill (150/15) and Saugerties (200/23) and Croton Point (40/21), but no one reported any from Dutchess.

**Mute Swan** - 7 reports of adults, some with cygnets

**Wood Duck** - 3pr & many young/26 Thompson Pd FT; 16/23 (3m/6f & 7y) Locust Grove BJM,BCr; 1-5 in 7 other places

**American Black Duck** - 2/25 Cascade Mt. KCF

**Mallard** - a few in many places, most at Buttercup West (8) and Hillside Lake (6)

**Common Merganser** - 1f/8 Sharparoon FT

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 1/5 Ferncliff FT

**Ruffed Grouse** - 1/13 Crugers Island OW

**Wild Turkey** - remarkable that many reports are near the river, including Pok Rural Cemetery, Locust Grove, Springside, and 20 at FDR Home.

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 15/10 FDRNHS flyover CP; 2/19 Nuclear Lake FT

**Great Blue Heron** - 6/8 Cedar Lake at 15 nests FT; 15 reports of 1-4 flying from around the county.

**Great Egret** - 1/12 All Angels & Old Hopewell Rd OW

**Green Heron** - 1/22 Tom Gilbert's yard BB; 1/19 Valkill, 1/30 Poughquag CP/HT

**Black-crowned Night Heron** - 1/12 Tivoli North Bay - Magdalen Island HRA; 1/20 Esopus Island Susan Joseph

**Black Vulture** - 1/8 Cedar Lake FT; 1/8 MadamBrett Park, 1/13 LocustGrove ES

**Turkey Vulture** - 6/19 Nuclear Lake FT; roost in trees at night - Pleasant Valley JD; seen flying all over

**Osprey** - 1/2 Wapp. Creek AJM; 1/5 Ferncliff FT; 2/13 Ferncliff OW; 1/8 Cedar Lake FT; 1/8 MadamBrett Park ES; 1/12 Tivoli North Bay HRA

**Bald Eagle** - 2 eaglets banded in a Dutchess nest on the 25th HRA; 1ad/29 carrying fish, Wapp. AJM; 1/31 Chelsea Dot Fleury

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/8 Sharparoon FT; 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/26 Thompson Pd on a nest FT; 1/10; 1/27 Rhinebeck MP

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - pr/2 nesting Valley Rd. (Wappinger) & heard thru the month BJM

**Broad-winged Hawk** - 2/all month, Clinton Corners JAP; 2/12 Deep Hollow FT; one each from Pleasant Valley, Sharparoon, Ehmer's fields (Lagrange), ES's yard in Fishkill

**Red-tailed Hawk** - Most outings find one or two. They are nesting lots of places.

**American Kestrel** - 1/6 near Tymor BB; 1/8 on wires by Tymor BAM; 1/8 Cedar Lake FT; 2/29 (pr) WashingtonCt Amenia CP/HT

**Peregrine Falcon** - 3/10 chicks hatched Mid-Hudson Bridge Richard Fitzgerald. Later they made the front page of the Pok Journal.

**Killdeer** - daily (6-10) Southlands Farm Rhinebeck MP; 6 others reported

**Greater Yellowlegs** - 3/10 Van Wagner Rd KCF

**Lesser Yellowlegs** - 1/1 Southlands Farm MP; 2/1 Strever Farm Rd Pond, Rte 82, Pine Plains RG

**Solitary Sandpiper** - 3/10 Buttercup West KCF

**Spotted Sandpiper** - 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC; 1/11 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr; 1/12 Deep Hollow FT

**Least Sandpiper** - 2/10 Van Wagner Rd KCF

**Dunlin** - 1/12 Tivoli North Bay HRA

**Ring-billed Gull** - 2/23 Locust Grove over river BJM,BCr

**Herring Gull** - 5/8 Cedar Lake FT

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 1/13 Crugers OW

**Mourning Dove** - 5-10 daily at feeders BB,MP,JA/KJ; up to 6 on most outings

**Black-billed Cuckoo** - 1/8, 15 Red Hook (home) TG; 2/13 BB trail/Wapp., 1/14 Vassar Farms BJM; 1/23 yard BB; 2/30 Nicholson Rd, Holmes Robert Williams & Tammie Carey

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - first 1/7 Turkey Hill Rd, Red Hook TG; 1/7 yard BB; 6 reports after that

**Great Horned Owl** - 2 call back and forth Pleasant Valley JD

**Barred Owl** - 2/6-12 near home carrying on BB; 1/1-5 trees yd. Bill Case Wappingers; pr/daily off Lk Walton Rd Chris Luchini; 2 others

**Common Nighthawk** - 1/12 Harlem Valley Golf Course Mary Ann Pitts; 15/13 "in a swarm" over Pawling Chris Luchini; 1/22 Fishkill-yd ES

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 10 reported. In some yards early (BAM,ES,TG), other waited until the last week (MP,JA/KJ)

**Belted Kingfisher** - 2/7-31 Rhinebeck MP; also from Abel's Pond, Cedar Lk, Nuclear Lk, Madam Brett, Old Myers Corners Rd

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - a pair in every yard and on every trip; most 7/23 Locust Grove BJM,BCr

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1/1-31 yard BB; 2/12 Deep Hollow FT; 1/15 Buttercup East RG; 2/19 Nuclear Lake FT; 1/31 Butts Hollow Rd Dover Plains BB

**Downy Woodpecker** - 1-4 in most yards. They get quieter thru the month as they settle down to raise the family.

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 1-2 in some yards. 1/5 Ferncliff FT; 1/8 Cedar Lake FT; 2/12 Deep Hollow FT; 1/29 Springside FT

**Northern Flicker** - 4/11 Pok. Cem., 4/23 Locust Grove BJM,BCr; Comes to eat ants from an ant hill in the myrtle bed. AS; 11 other reports of 1-2

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 2/12 Deep Hollow FT; 2/19 Nuclear Lake FT; 12 other reports of 1-2

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - 1/8 Cedar Lake FT; 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC first reports; then up to 5 at Nuclear Lake, Thompson Pd, Locust Grove, Springside; 1-3 many other places

**Acadian Flycatcher** - 2/12 Deep Hollow FT; 2/26 Thompson Pd FT



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**Willow Flycatcher** – first 2/14, 1/25 Vassar Farms BJM; 3/25 Cascade Mt. KCF; 3/29 Amenia CP/HT; 2/26 Thompson Pd FT; plus 6 others

**Least Flycatcher** – first 2/8 Sharparoon FT; 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC; 4/10 Buttercup West KCF; 3/19 Nuclear Lake FT; 3/26 Thompson Pd FT; plus 1-2 at 9 other places

**Eastern Phoebe** – 5/12 Deep Hollow FT; 4/10 Buttercup West KCF; 1-2 many places, nesting.

**Great Crested Flycatcher** – first 1/1-14 yard BB; 5+/11 Pok. Cem., 5/23 Locust Grove BJM,BCr; 21 reports of 1-4

**Eastern Kingbird** – most arrived during first week. 16 reports of 1-4

**White-eyed Vireo** – 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC, only report

**Yellow-throated Vireo** – 8/5 Ferncliff FT were the first reported. But some must have arrived in late April, as they do in some years. We found a fledgling at Thompson Pond on the 26th. 13 other reports of 1-4.

**Blue-headed Vireo** – 2/5 Ferncliff FT; 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC; 3/12 Deep Hollow FT

**Warbling Vireo** – 1/7 Hoose's Fishkill, 1/7 BB trail/ Wapp BJM; 5/8 Cedar Lake FT; 4/19 Nuclear Lake FT; 20 other reports of 1-5

**Philadelphia Vireo** – 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC

**Red-eyed Vireo** – 4/5 Ferncliff FT; then many reports of up to 12.

**Blue Jay** – 4-6 on most trips and in most yards

**American Crow** – nesting and chasing hawks

**Fish Crow** – 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC; 1/11 IBM Main Plant BB

**Common Raven** – 1/8 Sharparoon FT; 3/24 Camp Kaufmann Holmes BB; 2/26 Pine Plains BB

**Purple Martin** – 3/9 Thorndale 2 males, 1 female at colony house JAP

**Tree Swallow** – 15 reports including 25/26 Thompson Pd FT; 15-20 daily Southlands Farm MP

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – 15+/3 over Wapp Lk., 8+/3 over Wapp Creek Bleachery BJM; 3-5 at Cedar Lake, Thompson Pd, Nuclear Lk, and MadamBrett and others.

**Bank Swallow** – 2/2 Vandenburg Cove RJ; 5/26 Thompson Pd FT; 10/29 Dover, 100+/29, 2 places in Amenia CP/HT

**Barn Swallow** – 50/29 DepotHillRd Amenia CP/HT; 15-20 daily Southlands Farm MP; 11 other reports of up to 10

**Black-capped Chickadee** – about 5 on most trips and in most yards

**Tufted Titmouse** – 6/5 Ferncliff FT; 1-4 on most trips and yards

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – 3/12 Deep Hollow FT; 12 reports of 1-2

**Brown Creeper** – 5/27 yd Stormville EBR; nests in his area - Pine Hill Rd, Pleasant Valley JD

**Carolina Wren** – 3/13 river-north OW; a dozen other reports of 1 or 2

**House Wren** – many reports, many nesting in boxes

**Winter Wren** – 3/12 Deep Hollow FT

**Marsh Wren** – sev/2 calling up a storm at Vandenburg Cove (not there 4/30) RJ; 4/13 Crugers OW

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 4/5 Ferncliff FT; 4/8 Sharparoon FT; 4/10 Buttercup West KCF; 4/13 river-north OW; also 1 or 2 in seven other places

**Eastern Bluebird** – 4/25 babies in box Red Hook TG; 5 young off in house I gave my daughter EP; many other nestings

**Veery** – 2/5 Ferncliff FT; 6/10 Buttercup West, 6/25 Cascade Mt. KCF; 16 reports of 1-5

**Swainson's Thrush** – 1/11 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr.

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC

**Wood Thrush** – first 1/1 yard BB; 8/5 Ferncliff FT; 10/13 river-north OW; 10/23 Locust Grove BJM,BCr; 20 more reports of 1-5

**American Robin** – flocks gone from lawns, see 1 or 2 individuals in various areas of lawns AS

**Gray Catbird** – first 1/1 yard Red Hook TG; abundant in suitable habitat, such as Buttercup West, Locust Grove, Feller-Newmark Rd in Red Hook

**Northern Mockingbird** – 3/11, 8+/23 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr; 14 other reports of 1 or 2

**Brown Thrasher** – occ in yd Poughquag CP; 1/13 BB trail/Wapp., 1/25 Vassar Farms BJM; 2/26 Pine Plains BB; 1/29 Wapp. AJM

**Cedar Waxwing** – a dozen reports of 2-6, some eating shadbush fruit

**Blue-winged Warbler** – first 1/1 BB trail/Wapp BJM; most 8/22 Feller-Newmark Rd, Red Hook BB; 6/25 Cascade Mt. KCF; 5/13 river-north OW; 15 other reports

**Golden-winged Warbler** – 1f/29 Vassar Farms (same area as Brewster's Warbler)

**Brewster's Warbler (hybrid)** – 1/25 chased by 2 blue-wings Vassar Farms BJM

**Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid)** – 1m/28 Prospect Hill Rd. Clinton Bob Bowler

**Tennessee Warbler** – 1/13 river-north OW

**Nashville Warbler** – 6/5 Ferncliff FT; 1/8 Cedar Lake FT; 2/11 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr; 2/12 Deep Hollow FT; plus BB and BJM each had one in the yard

**Northern Parula** – 3/5 Ferncliff FT; 6/8 Sharparoon FT; 10 others reported thru the 19th

**Yellow Warbler** – 5/8 Cedar Lake FT; 5/10 Buttercup West, 6/25 Cascade Mt. KCF; 8/29 Amenia CP/HT; over 20 other reports

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – 2/5 Ferncliff FT; 6/25 Cascade Mt. KCF; only 8 other reports of 1-4

**Magnolia Warbler** – 2/5 Ferncliff FT; 11 others through the 23rd

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 4/5 Ferncliff FT; 6/11 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr; 2/19 Nuclear Lake FT; 4 others

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 6 at Ferncliff, Sharparoon, Pok Cem, last on the 18th. (Then BB found one at Camp Kaufmann in Holmes on June 1st.)

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 8/12 Deep Hollow FT; 5/13 Ferncliff OW; a dozen others

**Blackburnian Warbler** – 1/11 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr; 1/12 Deep Hollow FT

**Pine Warbler** – 1/8 Sharparoon FT; 1/8 Cedar Lake FT; 2/13 Crugers OW; 1/9 Stanford KCF; 1/26 Norrie Point Ken McDermott

**Prairie Warbler** – 5/8 Cedar Lake FT; 1/9 Stanford KCF; 2/13 BB trail/Wapp. BJM; 3/22 Red Hook, 3/27 Verbank BB

**Bay-breasted Warbler** – 1/7 top of pine tree yd. BJM; 1/9, Clinton Corners JAP; 1/11 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr

**Blackpoll Warbler** – 1/11 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr; 6/19 Nuclear Lake FT; still there 25th Susan Joseph's yard in Rhinebeck; 9 others - a good year for them.

**Cerulean Warbler** – 2/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC -- only report.



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**Black-and-white Warbler** – 5/11 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr; 3 each at Ferncliff, Cedar Lake, and Deep Hollow; about 20 others

**American Redstart** – 8/5 Ferncliff FT; 10/19 Nuclear Lake FT; 6 at Cascade Mt and Locust Grove; 15 more reports of 1-5

**Worm-eating Warbler** – on the 2nd, everywhere at Vanderbilt carriage trail RJ; 2/5 Ferncliff FT; 2/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC; 1/9 Thorndale JAP; 1/15-31 yd Poughquag, 1/12,19 Vanderbilt CP

**Ovenbird** – 6/5 Ferncliff FT; 5/8 Cedar Lake FT; 6/19 Nuclear Lake FT; 4 at Thompson Pd and Deep Hollow; 22 others

**Northern Waterthrush** – 1/5 Ferncliff FT; 1/7 Fishkill BJM; 1/8 Sharparoon FT; 1/8 Cedar Lake FT; 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC; 1/11 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr; 1/19 Nuclear Lake FT

**Louisiana Waterthrush** – 3/5 Ferncliff FT; 10/12 Deep Hollow FT; 8 others

**Kentucky Warbler** – 1/14 & 25 Vassar Farms BJM; 1/26 Norrie Point Ken McDermott

**Mourning Warbler** – 1/12 Deep Hollow FT

**Common Yellowthroat** – The perky little guys are back in force CP; earliest report from MP on the 3rd.

**Hooded Warbler** – 1/21 IES Millbrook singing in field, odd habitat BB

**Wilson's Warbler** – 3/10 Buttercup West KCF; 1/11 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr; 1/13 Crugers OW

**Canada Warbler** – 1/8 Cedar Lake FT; 2/12 Deep Hollow FT; 1/10 Buttercup West, 1/25 Cascade Mt. KCF; 1/19 Nuclear Lake FT; 3/22 Red Hook BB

**Scarlet Tanager** – fallout/3 everywhere Rhinebeck RJ; 8/5 Ferncliff FT; 6/12 Deep Hollow FT; many others

**Eastern Towhee** – 6/22 Feller-Newmark Rd Red Hook BB; 6/25 Cascade Mt. KCF; 20 more reports of 1-4

**Chipping Sparrow** – widespread, abundant in places such as Sharparoon, Cedar Lake and Pok Rural Cemetery.

**Field Sparrow** – 3/13 BB trail/Wapp. BJM; 4/26 Pine Plains BB; 3/25 Cascade Mt. KCF; 14 others

**Savannah Sparrow** – 4/all month Thorndale JAP; 2-4 daily Southlands Farm MP; 2/11 Stony Kill AJM; 1/29 DepotHillRd Amenia CP/HT

**Song Sparrow** – Good numbers everywhere, many nesting CP

**Swamp Sparrow** – 2/8 Sharparoon FT; 4/10 Buttercup West KCF; 2/26 Thompson Pd FT; only 3 others reported

**White-throated Sparrow** – 6/10 Buttercup West KCF 4/11 Pok. Cem. BJM,BCr last reports

**White-crowned Sparrow** – 1/8 Sharparoon FT; 1/5 yard Red Hook TG; 1/9 Beth Prenot's yard, Red Hook; 6/9 Thorndale, Millbrook JAP

**Dark-eyed Junco** – 1/8 Camp Taconic, Milan JC

**Northern Cardinal** – many reports of up to 6; AS had one with a featherless head revealing black skin. Very skittish.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – A delight to see them at feeders the first week or so. Then they disperse and we hear them singing many places.

**Indigo Bunting** – a few early (1/2 Vanderbilts RJ and 4/7 Fishkill), then most arrived the second week. 7/12, 12/20 Hyde Park CP; a dozen other reports of 1-5.

**Bobolink** – 10-40(!) daily Southlands Farm beginning 5/2 (same day they return every year) MP; 2/11 Waterbury Hill Rd BB; 1/24 Red Hook TG; 4/25 Cascade Mt. KCF; 3/27 Verbank BB

**Red-winged Blackbird** – 10/9 Valkill 2 nests w/eggs 50' apart, many others in county CP

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 2-6 daily Southlands Farm MP; 1/8 Cedar Lake FT; 1/10 Van Wagner Rd. KCF; 1/15 Shaughnessy Rd., 2/29 Old Rte 22 Amenia CP/HT

**Common Grackle** – many around, busy nesting, especially near water.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – everywhere unfortunately KCF

**Orchard Oriole** – 1 adult male/4-31 yard BB; 2/10 FDRNHS CP; 1/10 yard Red Hook TG; 1/19 Nuclear Lake FT; 2 others

**Baltimore Oriole** – arrived several places on the 1st. 10/19 Nuclear Lake FT; many reports of up to 5. Otis says they are down from many years ago. They must have been quite abundant, then - nesting in the elm trees.

**Purple Finch** – 4/all yd KCF; 1/all month yard BB; 3 f/1, (Had 4 m, 3f on April 8) AS; 2/8 Sharparoon FT; 1/5 Ferncliff FT; 1/occ yd Poughquag, 1/17 Old Rte 22 CP/HT

**House Finch** – 4-8 in most yards

**Pine Siskin** – 3/1, 1/2 & 1/21-24 feeder/bird bath yd. BAM

**American Goldfinch** – EP had 20-30 until they all left in one day and 2 came back to stay; 10-20 at feeders KCF, BAM, CP; seen or heard on most outings.

**House Sparrow** – only a few note them, but they are around.

#### Other Sightings:

**Black Bear** – 1/20 poured sunflower hearts from the feeder into his mouth without taking down the feeder or damaging it. JA/KJ (LaGrange)

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**Field Trips (FT):** 1st - Doodletown, 5th - Ferncliff, 8th - Sharparoon & Cedar Lake, 12th - Deep Hollow Rd., 19th - Nuclear Lake, 26th - Thompson Pond

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## June 2004 Records

**Canada Goose** - many flocks around county numbers 7 - 113 and some young

**Wood Duck** - 2f + 7yg Fishkill Ck, pr+2yg & 6ad Jekoce Lk BJM; 3 reports of 1 to 8 others

**American Black Duck** - 5/17 Cascade Rd KCF; 3/23 Jekoce Lk BJM; 9th 2 FT

**Mallard** - numerous reports of flocks with 8 - 25 adults around county

**Common Merganser** - 1f/4 Wapp Ck BJM/BCr

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 1/3 Amenia CP

**Wild Turkey** - 18 family/19 Bowdoin Pk AJM; many reports, some with females with yg; all but one report in areas very near river; 1/9 Amenia CP

**Northern Bobwhite** - 1 ad & 5 yg/17 Cascade Rd KCF; pr/8 - 22, 1m/22, (released bird), Hi View Rd BAM; 1/27 rail trail Millerton AJP

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 12/9 Mills/Norrie FT; 1/23 Locust Grove FT

**Great Blue Heron** - many reports of 1 - 4 birds in ponds or flying, all from the western part of the county

**Green Heron** - 2/28 Stony Kill BB; 3/4 Westage BJM; 1/5 Bowdoin Pk AJM; MP; 1 on 3 field trips

**Black-crowned Night Heron** - 2/17 adult & juv in creek, seen from New Hamburg RR station HRA; 1/14 ferry Idg Beacon ES

**Yellow-crowned Night Heron** - 1/26 Fishkill Ck & I84 BC

**Black Vulture** - 1/20 BosHaven Fm Verbank BB

**Turkey Vulture** - very well reported county wide; 1/30 Van Wyck Lk Rd eating road kill ES

**Bald Eagle** - 2/17 young fledged from Dutchess nest but continued to return to nest for food HRA

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/11 yd Hennessey Ln JA/KJ

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/18 Hoffman Fm Pine Plns BB; 1/11 Top O' Hill Rd, 1 juv/29 Fishkill BJM; 1/10 Rhinebeck MP; 30th 1 FT

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/18 cemetery Pine Plns BB; 2/16 Hyde Pk KCF; 1/11 Wapp Ck, 1/1 - 30 with 1 yg in nest 26th BJM; 13th 1 FT

**Broad-winged Hawk** - 2/11 overhead Wapp Ck BJM/BCr

**Red-tailed Hawk** - many reports from around the county, some with young

**American Kestrel** - 1/20 BosHaven Fm Verbank BB; 1/17 Cascade Rd KCF; 2/30 Vassar Fm BJM/JA

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/5 Elaine Anderson's daughter dive bombed jogging by the Mid-Hudson Br HRA

**Killdeer** - 8 - 12 mo with many nests & yg Southlands MP; and numerous other reports

**Spotted Sandpiper** - 1/17 Billings BC/BB

**Black-billed Cuckoo** - 1/30 Vassar Fm BJM/JA; 1/18 Greenhaven CP

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - 1/17, 28 Depot Hill CP

**Great Horned Owl** - 2/30 ad + 1yg BB Trail Wapp BJM

**Barred Owl** - 1/21 heard overnight Old Camby Rd BB; 2/28 Depot Hill MUA CP; 1/16 Stony Kill FT

**Chimney Swift** - reported on all outings and several individuals, 1 - 16 in reported groups

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 1m/1 feeder, 2m/20 chasing each other BAM; 7 other reports

**Belted Kingfisher** - 1/5 Bowdoin Pk AJM; 1/3 Amenia CP

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - multiple pairs feeding yg, very well reported from all areas and outings

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 1 mo yd Old Camby Rd BB; 1 occ yd Poughquag, 2/27, 4/28 Depot Hill CP

**Downy Woodpecker** - 8 or more reports each of up to 7, pairs with yg frequent

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 8 or more reports each of up to 7, pairs with yg frequent

**Northern Flicker** - more than 20 sightings, 1 - 5 birds in each

**Pileated Woodpecker** - reports of 9 individual sightings, seen on 4 FT where up to 3 were seen

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - many reports of 1 - 5 sighted and several reports of hearing only; 15/9 Mills/Norrie Pk FT; 9/16 Stony Kill FT

**Acadian Flycatcher** - 1/17 Depot Hill CP

**Willow Flycatcher** - 9 reports of 1 - 4 sightings from around the county

**Eastern Phoebe** - 2/7 fed Cowbird E. Fishkill BJM/JA/BCr; 1/30 Sam's Club harassing a crow ES; very well reported everywhere with reports of 1 - 3 common, seen on each field trip

**Great Crested Flycatcher** - over 20 reports of 1 - 8 from around the county

**Eastern Kingbird** - 2/16 - 30, on nest 30th BB Trail Cem, 7 ad + yg/29 Fishkill FM BJM/BCr/JA; many other reports of 1 - 4 birds over the county

**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 2/18 Hoffman Fm Pine Plns BB; other reports around the county

**Warbling Vireo** - 1/17 Billings BC/BB; 1/4 Wapp Lk, 2/7 E. Fishkill BJM/BCr/JA; 1/2, 13, 25 Valkill, 4/3, 2/9, 1/27 Amenia CP; many other reports including field trips

**Red-eyed Vireo** - 2/30 1 ad fed 1 yg New Hackensack Cem BJM/JA; many reports of up to 12

**Blue Jay** - 4-6 on most trips and in most yards

**Fish Crow** - 1/23 Locust Grove FT

**Common Raven** - 2/17, 1/28 Depot Hill CP

**Purple Martin** - 3 mo Thorndale Millbrook AJP

**Tree Swallow** - pr mo in nest box, 5yg flg 24th BAM; 16 - 20 mo Southlands & Red Hook Golf Club MP; many reports with numbers up to 25

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** - 5/4 Wapp Lk BJM/BCr; 10/3 Amenia CP; 7 sightings in all

**Bank Swallow** - 2/17 Billings BC/BB; 200/18 Greenhaven CP

**Barn Swallow** - 9/23 BB Trail Wapp BJM/BCr; daily Southlands & Red Hook GC MP; many reports

**Black-capped Chickadee** - very well reported, many in yards and other areas, all with pairs and young

**Tufted Titmouse** - very well reported, many in yards and other areas, all with pairs and young

**White-breasted Nuthatch** - very well reported, many in yards and other areas, all with pairs and young

**Carolina Wren** - 1 all mo yd Pok KCF; pairs reported in other areas, 10 reports in all

**House Wren** - 15 reports, several with nesting pairs; pr mo yd 5 yg flg/21 BAM

**Marsh Wren** - 1/21 Tivoli North Bay by Hudson River Research Reserve's summer paddle HRA

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** - 3/1 Cp Kaufmann Holmes BB; 5/29 Fishkill BJM; 4/4, 1/21 Vanderbilt CP; 9th 10 Mills/Norrie FT

**Eastern Bluebird** - well reported, 2 - 7 in most reports; a number of nesting reports, one pr on 2nd nest

**Veery** - 8/1 Cp Kaufmann Holmes BB; 8/23 Locust Grove FT; many reports of 1 - 6, & 1 of adults with yg





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**Hermit Thrush** – 1/1 Cp Kaufmann Holmes BB; 1/17, 27, 2/28 Depot Hill CP

**Wood Thrush** – extremely well reported county wide with good numbers, one report of 4 ad 1 yg; 20/16 Stony Kill FT

**American Robin** – 10 reports, many of ads feeding yg; seen carrying food for young everywhere CP

**Gray Catbird** – many reports, all over the county; numbers 1 to as many as 30 in a group

**Northern Mockingbird** – 1-2 mo dive bombing cat away from nest Southlands MP; 1 - 4 in 12 reports

**Brown Thrasher** – pr/18 Pine Plns BB; 1/17 Cascade Rd KCF; 2 mo yd Red Hook AG; 1/2, 2/9 Humeston BJM; 1/27 Berkshire Rd CP

**Cedar Waxwing** – two dozen reports from around county, groups range from 1 to 25

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 2/29 m fed yg Fishkill Golf Course BJM; numerous reports of groups of 1 - 3

**Yellow Warbler** – 3/30 ad fed yg Vassar Fm, more than 2 dozen reports

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – 2/17 W Clove Mtn Rd, 2/21 Rd Red Hook BC/BB; 6/17 Cascade Rd KCF; 1/3, 9 Amenia, 2/17 Depot Hill CP

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 1/1 Cp Kaufmann Holmes BB

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 1/12 Whitlock Preserve FT

**Blackburnian Warbler** – 1/1 Cp Kaufmann Holmes BB

**Pine Warbler** – 1/18 cemetery Pines Plns BB; 1/2 Newbold Rd FT; 2/9 Mills/Norrie FT

**Prairie Warbler** – 1/17 Billings, 1/17 Emans Rd BC/BB; 1/15 Hi View Rd BJM; 1/16 Hyde Park KCF; 1/3 Amenia CP; 2/12 Whitlock Preserve FT

**Blackpoll Warbler** – 1m/8 in trees Hi View Rd BAM;

**Cerulean Warbler** – 1/4, 21 Vanderbilt CP - unusual plumage & song: The bird was singing the song of a Northern Parula over and over, plumage unusual for a Cerulean - had an all blue head with the exception of a broken eye ring, there appeared to be no barring on the flanks. Rodney Johnson also saw the bird on 6/5 and noted the same plumage characteristics; he also saw a female Cerulean Warbler in the same tree. NYSARC is interested in documentation on this unusual bird. Anyone who saw it should fill out and submit a form (available from Barbara Butler, or from the [NYSARC website](#) )

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 2/29 ad + yg Fishkill GC BJM; 1/12 yd bathing in water garden Poughquag CP; a few other reports of single bird

**American Redstart** – seven reports of 1 - 8 in group

**Worm-eating Warbler** – nine reports of up to nine in a group

**Ovenbird** – 8/1 Cp Kaufmann Holmes BB; a dozen other reports of up to 5

**Northern Waterthrush** – 1/9 Mills/Norrie FT

**Louisiana Waterthrush** – six reports of 1 - 3 in each

**Common Yellowthroat** – well reported, usually in groups of 1 - 4, one each of 5 & 8

**Hooded Warbler** – 1/17 W Clove Mtn Rd BC/BB

**Scarlet Tanager** – many reports of 1 - 6 from all around county

**Eastern Towhee** – 11 reports of 1-7 in various areas of county

**Chipping Sparrow** – 25/9 Mills/Norrie SP; 1 - 6 in a dozen other reports

**Field Sparrow** – 4/17 Billings BC/BB; 1-4 in about six reports

**Savannah Sparrow** – 1/17 Cascade Rd KCF; 2 - 4 mo Southlands MP; 4/3, 27 Amenia CP

**Song Sparrow** – 1-5 in more than a dozen sightings around the county

**Swamp Sparrow** – 4/3, 2/9, 1/27 Amenia CP; 1/2 Valkill FT; 1/30 Verbank FT

**Northern Cardinal** – 4 - 8 incl yg mo yd Pok KCF; 1pr/8 1 fed cowbird, 1f juv/22 - 28 @ feeder & bird bath BAM; male battling reflections all mo Poughquag CP; abundant reports

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – very well reported, most with 1 - 3 sightings, visiting feeders

**Indigo Bunting** – abundant reports, usually 1 - 6 sightings; 9/13, 15/21 Hyde Pk CP

**Bobolink** – 16 - 20 mo Southlands MP; 4/3, 3/27 Amenia, 10/7 Frog Hollow CP

**Red-winged Blackbird** – everywhere BB; 30/2 nest with yg, fldg Valkill CP, high numbers reported

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 2 - 4 mo Southlands MP; 3/17 Smithfield Rd KCF; 1/3 Amenia CP

**Common Grackle** – abundant reports with high numbers sighted

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – abundant and parasitizing unfortunately; 5/28 Depot Hill 2 chicks fed by Scarlet Tanager CP

**Orchard Oriole** – singing mo yd, found nest 11th Old Camby Rd BB; pr/17 orchard Emans Rd BC/BB

**Baltimore Oriole** – well reported and active, usually 1-2 sightings; 4/11 pr feeding 2 yg@ nest Pok Cem BJM/BCr; 1-2 mo yd dive bombing crow near their nest in cottonwood tree Rhinebeck MP; 9/13 one mobbing Red-tailed Hawk Hyde Pk CP

**Purple Finch** – 1all mo yd singing, 1/3 Holiday Hills Pawling BB; 4 all mo yd Pok KCF; pr/4,28 at feeder Poughquag CP

**House Finch** – well reported some with yg

**Pine Siskin** – 1/6 & 8 Rhinebeck consuming thistle seed & sunflower kernels SJ

**American Goldfinch** – many reports with high numbers; 2/14 Fishkill Ldg courtship feeding ES

**House Sparrow** – 1/2 FDRNHS, 2/7, 18 Frog Hollow CP; 6/9 Mills/Norrie FT; 4/16 Stony Kill FT; 6/30 Verbank FT

**Other Sightings:** Silver Spotted Skipper, Eastern Comma, Appalachian Brown butterfly, Banded Hairstreak butterfly, Great Spangled Fritillary in Fishkill, and a Muskrat on 1/14 on Beacon Ferry Ldg. **Mink** – 1/20 moving young in mouth from front of pond near house to end of pond near start of creek

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**Field Trips (FT):** **2nd** - Newbold Rd. & to Valkill, **9th** - Mills/Norrie State Pk, **12th** - Whitlock Preserve, Stanford & Redmond Way, **16th** - Stony Kill, **23rd** - Locust Grove, **30th** - Verbank - Godfrey Pk & Marshall's Fm

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## July 2004 Records

July temperatures were pleasant the beginning of the month. A cold front dropped temperatures by mid month and heavy rains came the end of the month. Many out Atlasing found several good sightings not usually reported for this time of year. The bird of the month was a Whimbrel found by John Askildsen in Beacon. Also Barbara Butler found 4 Ring-necked Ducks at Abels pond which we usually find during the winter months. A few birds have been omitted for space since we have double records for the August issue of *Wings Over Dutchess*.

**Wood Duck** - Good numbers including young from EP,JD,BB,CP,HT,FT with most 14/31 Milan KCF  
**American Black Duck** - 2/10 Whaley Lk CP/HT only report.  
**Mallard** - Good numbers of 2-8 by EP, JD, CP, BJM, FT.  
**Ring-necked Duck** - 4/9 Abel's Pond just that one day - a surprise! We don't have any summer records between early May and late September. These 4 were close to the road and I checked them with binoculars. Even without binoculars, the white crescent on the side was visible. They were all male BB.  
**Common Merganser** - f&3yg/26 Listening Rock Farm (north) Wassaic BB.  
**Wild Turkey** - Good numbers including poults by AG & BB - most 26/4, 32/12 FDRNHS, CP  
**Double-crested Cormorant** - 3/2 Flyover Vanderbilt CP; 2/9 Tamarack Swamp with Janet Allison BB  
**American Bittern** - 1/25 Dot Fleury's place Amenia BB.  
**Great Blue Heron** - 11 reported throughout county by MP, BB, CP, KCF,EP, FT  
**Great Egret** - 4/21 Nellie Hill FT, 1/30 Bulls Head Rd. KCF.  
**Green Heron** - 15 reported throughout county by BB, CP, MP, KCF, FT.  
**Black-crowned Night Heron** - 1/26 pond Rosewood Rd., Wappingers in evening, Rosa Corbeels.  
**Black Vulture** - 5/16 Pond View Farm Verbank, 1/22 Boshaven Farm Verbank BB  
**Turkey Vulture** - 18 reported throughout the county.  
**Bald Eagle** - 4 all mo. - pr + 2yg. Wappingers area from Hudson River Almanac, Tom Lake.  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/21 Nellie Hill FT - only report.  
**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/4 Rte55 & CR9, 1/20 Yellow City Rd, 1/occ yd CP; 1/3 yd. checking feeders BAM  
**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/23 Valkill CP; 1/2 Quinlan Rd BB; 1/10 heard calling from back yd. - nesting neighborhood BJM  
**Broad-winged Hawk** - 1/10 Rte55 & Old Rte 55, 1/11 SGreenhaven Rd CP/HT; 1/6 over yd. BJM, Carol F.  
**Red-tailed Hawk** - Reported with 1-2 everywhere incl. yg.  
**American Kestrel** - 2/29 yd. Red Hook AG; 1/1 & 3/26 Cascade Mtn. KCF; 2/20 Depot Hill Rd Amenia CP; 1/4 near Tymor BB, 1/26 Listening Rock Farm (north) Wassaic BB  
**Virginia Rail** - ad&yg/17 Pine Plains Dottie's Pond FT.  
**Sora** - heard & saw 1/17 Pine Plains Dottie's Pond FT.  
**American Coot** - 1/25 Thompson Pond FT  
**Killdeer** - 4-8 daily Southlands MP; 6 others reported  
**Whimbrel** - 1/23 low fly by during storm, Hudson River waterfront - train station, Beacon by John Askildsen - 1st ever documented in Dutchess Co. & not found again after sighting.  
**Least Sandpiper** - 1/31 Southlands Farm, Rhinebeck MP.

**American Woodcock** - 1/14 Dot Fleury's driveway Amenia BB.

**Black-billed Cuckoo** - 1/21 Nellie Hill FT.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - 1/23 Valkill CP.

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/14 Tamarack Preserve FT; has yard thru mo., JD; 1 calling/4 near Tymor Union Vale BB

**Barred Owl** - 2/15 Valkill, 1/30 being mobbed by Wood Thrushes Depot Hill MUA CP; 1/26 home calling at 3am BB; 3 -Ad & at least two juv. heard trees my backyard as well as in trees on former Girl Scout Camp adjoining my yard multiple times the last two weeks in July, DT

**Chimney Swift** - Good numbers reported by most observers - most 20+/28 Fishkill-MainSt & RobinsonLn, ES

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 1-2 reported at feeders & in the field by BB, AG, BAM, MP, CP, EBR, ES.

**Belted Kingfisher** - 4/22-24 yd. MP; 16 others reports of 1-2 by KCF, BB, CP, FT.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - Well reported including young by most observers.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 13 reported by BB, CP/HT, FT.

**Downy Woodpecker** - Well reported including young by most observers.

**Hairy Woodpecker** - Well reported including young by most observers.

**Northern Flicker** - Well reported including young by most observers.

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 2/4 ad/yp Valkill, CP; 8 reported by BB, KCF.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - Well reported by most observers. BB reports heard in every woods & 4/3 incl 1yg. Pok. Cem. BJM  
**Acadian Flycatcher** - 3/14 Tamarack Preserve FT; 1/20 Deep Hollow Rd CP.

**Alder Flycatcher** - 1/20 Yellow City Rd CP - only report.

**Willow Flycatcher** - feeding yg/9 Tamarack Swamp, BB with Janet Allison; 12 others reported by BB, KCF, FT

**Least Flycatcher** - 1 feeding 3 yg/16 Pond View Farm Verbank, BB; 13 others reported

**Eastern Phoebe** - Well reported including nesting or feeding young by BB, JD, KCF, CP, BJM, FT

**Great Crested Flycatcher** - 29 reported incl. ad & yg/ Shookville Rd Red Hook BB; 7/30 Depot Hill MUA CP.

**Eastern Kingbird** - Good numbers incl. families by KCF, BB, BJM, MP, CP, FT.

**White-eyed Vireo** - 1/21 Nellie Hill FT.

**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 18 reported by BB,KCF,CP,BJM,FT  
**Blue-headed Vireo** - 2/14 Tamarack Preserve FT.

**Warbling Vireo** - 4/11 Depot Hill CP/HT & 16 others reported by BB, BJM, FT .

**Red-eyed Vireo** - Well reported & still singing everywhere plus 1/23 Chestnut Ridge feeding cowbird BB.

**Common Raven** - 4 flew out from W Clove Mtn/12 near Tymor, BB; 4 others reported.

**Purple Martin** - 2/23 flyover FDRNHS CP; 4/16 Pond View Farm Verbank BB

**Tree Swallow** - Good numbers of 2 to 12 by KCF,CP,MP,FT  
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** - 3/2 flyover Vanderbilt CP

**Bank Swallow** - 4/16 Pond View Farm Verbank BB.

**Cliff Swallow** - 1/10, 2/16 Smithfield barn, Red Hook AG; 6/1 Smithfield KCF.

**Barn Swallow** - Good numbers of 5-10; 20/28 Yellow Frame Farm FT & 7/7 ad fed yg. New Hackensack Rd. BJM.

**Black-capped Chickadee** - Well reported including families.



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**Tufted Titmouse** – Well reported including families.  
**White-breasted Nuthatch** – Well reported including families.  
**Brown Creeper** – yd. all mo. JD; 2/1 Mack Rd Union Vale BB  
**Carolina Wren** – 1-3 reported by most observers & 1/12, flew into my sunroom when I opened my back door while a second wren sat outside on the deck. Thanks to Bill Lenhart for catching the bird and freeing him! DT  
**House Wren** – Well reported incl. families by KCF, CP, BB, BJM, FT.  
**Winter Wren** – 2/14 Tamarack Preserve FT; 1/14 Deep Hollow Rd CP.  
**Marsh Wren** – 5/17 Pine Plains Dottie's Pond FT; 4/1 & 1FY/26 Smithfield KCF.  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 3/7 BBTrail/Wapp. ad fed 1yg BJM; 21 others reported of 1-5 by KCF, CP, BB, FT  
**Eastern Bluebird** – Well reported with nesting or families everywhere.  
**Hermit Thrush** – 1/31 Milan KCF; 3/29 Depot Hill MUA CP; 1/6 Killlearn Rd Town of Washington, 1/7 near home BB.  
**Wood Thrush** – Well reported, still singing thru month & incubating/20 Butts Hollow Road Dover BB  
**American Robin** – Well reported; 100s/12 near Tymor flocking to honeysuckle fruit BB.  
**Gray Catbird** – Well reported throughout county.  
**Northern Mockingbird** – 25+ reported by BB, KCF, BJM, CP, FT & 1-2 daily guarding nest and dive-bombing cat at Southlands MP.  
**Brown Thrasher** – 2 yd + 2 more down road AG; 2/25 Feller-Newmark Rd Red Hook BB.  
**Cedar Waxwing** – 25/7 Stony Kill FT; other reports of 2-7 by KCF, BB, BJM, CP, FT.  
**Blue-winged Warbler** – 18 reported incl. family of 4/23 Chestnut Ridge Union Vale BB.  
**Yellow Warbler** – Good numbers including young; most - 10/1 Cascade Mtn. KCF  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – 21 reported incl. young or feeding young by BB, KCF, CP & Janet Allison.  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 1/1 Ridge Rd Dover, 1/20 Butts Hollow Road DoverBB  
**Magnolia Warbler** – 3/21 Nellie Hill FT.  
**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 5/14 Tamarack Preserve FT; 1/7,2/14,1/21 IES BH.  
**Blackburnian Warbler** – 3/14 Tamarack Preserve FT.  
**Pine Warbler** – 3/17 Pine Plains cemetery FT; 1/4 Mack Rd Union Vale, 2/12 near Tymor BB.  
**Prairie Warbler** – 5/21 Nellie Hill FT; daily 1-2 Southlands MP; 1/16 Nuclear Lk CP; 2/7,2/29 IES BH.  
**Black-and-white Warbler** – 2(1yg)/31 Wilbur Flats KCF; 20 other reports through out county  
**American Redstart** – Well reported incl. young or feeding young by BB, KCF, CP.  
**Worm-eating Warbler** – 3(2yg)/31 Wilbur Flats KCF; 9 others reported by CP  
**Ovenbird** – 1yg/31 Wilbur Flats KCF; 11 reported by CP  
**Northern Waterthrush** – 1/7 Stony Kill FT.  
**Louisiana Waterthrush** – 7/14 Tamarack Preserve FT; 1/1 Ridge Rd, Dover, 2/26 Listening Rock Farm (north) Wassaic BB; 1/7,2/14,1/21,1/29 IES BH.  
**Mourning Warbler** – 1/1 Mack Rd Union Vale (returned a few times, but didn't hear it again) BB.  
**Common Yellowthroat** – Well reported incl. young & where you find one, there are usually four or five BB.

**Hooded Warbler** – 1/21 Nellie Hill FT; 1/20 Yellow City Rd CP; 1/4 Mack Rd Union Vale BB; 1/7 IES BH.  
**Canada Warbler** – 1yg/31 Wilbur Flats, KCF - only report.  
**Scarlet Tanager** – Good numbers throughout county including young or feeding young.  
**Eastern Towhee** – Good numbers of 1-4 throughout county by BB, BH, CP, FT  
**Chipping Sparrow** – Well reported throughout county of 2-6 by BB, CP, MP, BJM, ES, FT.  
**Field Sparrow** – Well reported throughout county of 2-6 by BB, CP, MP, BJM, ES, FT.  
**Savannah Sparrow** – 3/17 Pine Plains Prospect Hill Rd FT; daily 2-4 Southlands MP; 2/16 Pond View Farm Verbank BB.  
**Song Sparrow** – Well reported throughout county of 2-6 by BB, CP, MP, BJM, ES, FT.  
**Swamp Sparrow** – 1FY/26 Smithfield KCF; 14 others reported by BB, CP, FT.  
**Dark-eyed Junco** – 3/14 Tamarack Preserve FT.  
**Northern Cardinal** – Well reported incl. families by most observers.  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – Well reported incl. families by most observers.  
**Indigo Bunting** – Good numbers including family - most 17/2,7/4,19/12,5/15,13/22,3/23 ROVA Hyde Pk, CP.  
**Bobolink** – daily 8-12 until 7/17 Southlands MP; 3/4 near Tymor Union Vale, flock of about 30 in grassy field/23 Hammond Hill Rd Town of Washington BB.  
**Red-winged Blackbird** – Reports of 5-10 by BB, BJM, CP, MP, FT; 350/4,42/15,30/23,50/22 ROVA Hyde Pk, CP;10 feeding yg/16 Pond View Farm Verbank BB.  
**Eastern Meadowlark** – daily 2-4 Southlands MP; 6 (incl young)/4 near Tymor Union Vale BB.  
**Common Grackle** – Reports of 3-20 by CP, BJM, MP, FT; pr/fed 1yg/10 feeders BAM & most 50+ all mo. yd., EP.  
**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 20 reported with 2/11 So. Greenhaven Rd 1 fed by COYE, 2/30 Depot Hill Rd 1 fed by SCTA CP.  
**Orchard Oriole** – 1/9 Mabbettsville Rd, 1/9 Tamarack Swamp with Janet Allison BB  
**Baltimore Oriole** – Good numbers incl. young by BB, KCF, CP, BJM, MP, FT.  
**Purple Finch** – 2-4/occ incl yg yd Poughquag CP; 15 others reported.  
**House Finch** – Reports of up to 6 by BB, EP, MP, CP, EBR, BAM, BJM, ES  
**American Goldfinch** – Reports everywhere of 4-20 by EP, KCF, BB, CP, BAM, MP, EBR, ES, FT.

#### Location Notes:

**ROVA** = Roosevelt/Vanderbilt/Valkill National Historic Sites  
**Listening Rock Farm (North)** is the old Wassaic State School property. It's the part north of the Farm we visited with the Guernsey cows. Dot Fleury and Barbara Butler covered the well field, the cemetery and the school dump.  
**"near Tymor"** is the old Connor house property on the other side of McKinney Pond on Bruzgul Road. Binnie Chase and Barbara Butler went there on the 4th and BB went alone on the 12th.



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## Other Sightings:

A family of 4 **mink** at Tamarack Preserve; 2 **otters** at Dottie's Pond - different days

Fishkill-yd by Ed Spaeth: Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Spicebush Swallowtail, Great Spangled Fritillary, Silver-spotted Skipper, Yellow-patch Skipper, & Banded Hairstreak

## From Columbia County:

Robert Beck, son of long time member Jean Beck, saw 7 Bald Eagles (2ad/5imm) on July 25th while kayaking in the Hudson River to an island off Germantown. This is a favorite spot for him and his wife, Christine. They were excited to find an immature Bald Eagle on June 28th. The sighting of 7 eagles was a nice surprise.

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**Field Trips (FT):** **7th** - Stony Kill (Sierra Trail and Muller Pond Trail), **14th** - Tamarack Preserve (Turkey Hollow), **17th** - Block-busting trip to Pine Plains area, **21st** - Nellie Hill, **28th** - Yellow Frame Farm (mostly rained out, but Ruth Greenwood and Barbara Butler went there and walked around some), **31st** - Wilbur Flats

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## August 2004 Records

**Canada Goose** - 9 rpts of flocks of 2 to 80 around the county

**Mute Swan** - 4/19-27 family Pd. Meadow Brook farm BJM;  
4/25 Thompson Pond FT

**Wood Duck** - 2f,2yg/11 Locust Grove, PB c/o BAM; total of 9  
rpts of 1 to 20 around the county

**Mallard** - 7 rpts of 5 to 39 around the county

**Green-winged Teal** - 1/8 Buttercup West KCF

**Wild Turkey** - 12 rpts of 1 to 25, w/ yg 33% of the time

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1/2 Whaley Lake CP

**Great Blue Heron** - 19 rpts of 1-4 around the county

**Great Egret** - 1/1 Van Wagner Rd. BMan; 5/2 Whaley Lk area  
CP; 2/7, 1/12 Wapp Lk BJM; 1/21 Wappingers Creek riding a  
mat of water chestnut HRA

**Green Heron** - 2/14 Hillside Lk BJM; 2/16 Beekman CP; total  
14 rpts mostly individuals from Amenia & south

**Black Vulture** - 1/2 HVRT Coleman St BB

**Turkey Vulture** - 22/2 WhaleyL on RR tracks! CP; total 16 rpts  
usually of 2 +/- individuals

**Osprey** - 1/2 Traver Pond KCF; 1/2 Whaley Lk CP; 1/26-27  
Hudson R at Crum Elbow HRA

**Bald Eagle** - 1/8 immature yard ES; /11 Locust Grove PB c/o  
BAM

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/5 yard ES; 1/9 Arthursburg Rd  
Lagrange BB; 1/19 yd - swamp KCF

**Cooper's Hawk** - imm /8 Holmes BB; total of 6 rpts mostly of  
individuals

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 2/4 seen from AT Depot Hill CP; 1/6  
over yd. BJM; 1/8 Holmes BB; 1/11 Pond Gut FT

**Broad-winged Hawk** - 1/3 Webutuck CP

**Red-tailed Hawk** - ad & yg/7 BosHaven Farm Verbank BB; ad  
& yg/10 near home BB; 15 rpts total usually individuals

**American Kestrel** - 1/2 Brooks Rd off Bean River Rd BB; 3/6  
SGreenhavenRd CP BBA FL CO3; 1/18 Crestwood Rd. Red  
Hook AG

**Virginia Rail** - 1/25 Thompson Pond FT

**Killdeer** - 1/9 Clapp Hill Rd Lagrange BB; 2/25 Thompson  
Pond FT

**Ring-billed Gull** - 1/2 WhaleyL CP; 25/19 Westage pd.  
Fishkill BJM

**Rock Pigeon** - 1/2 Pawling; 50/4 seen from Mt Egbert AppTrl  
CP

**Mourning Dove** - 8/6 Greenhaven CP; 8/25 Thompson Pond  
FT; 10-20 Daily Casperkill Ridge MR; 16 rpts total avg. 4  
individuals ea.

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/all yd EP

**Barred Owl** - 1/3 RandallsRd Amenia CP; 1/16 +/-  
Hearthstone Dr. JL

**Common Nighthawk** - 1/23 over Raymond Ave. Pok. BJM

**Chimney Swift** - 10/23 Freedom Park at our evening picnic  
BB; 4/14 Dover Plains BJM; 8 rpts total usually 1 or 2  
individuals

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 3/18 Cary Arboretum FT;  
1/26 yg? Fishkill-yd ES; 4-6/all yd Poughquag CP; 26 rpts total  
usually 1 or 2 individuals

**Belted Kingfisher** - 2/2 WhaleyL CP; 1/3 Amenia CP; 2/6 Mill  
Rd s of Millerton BB; 2/8 Buttercup West KCF; 12 rpts total  
usually 1 bird

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - 3 & yg/10 near home BB; 1-2  
Seen Most Days Casperkill Ridge MR; 11 rpts total

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 3/2 WhaleyL area CP; 1 yg/8  
Bundy Hill Rd Pawling BB; total 4 rpts of 1-3

**Downy Woodpecker** - yg/8 Holmes BB; 6/all yd KCF; total 20  
rpts of 1-6

**Hairy Woodpecker** - 1/16-31 juv. suet feeder BAM; 2-3/all yd  
Poughquag CP; total 9 rpts often 1-2 daily

**Northern Flicker** - 3/25 Pok. Cem. BJM; total 12+ rpts of 1-3

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 3/2 WhaleyL area CP; 1/8, 14, 16 &  
17 yd. BAM; total 13 rpts of 1-2

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** - 8/25 Thompson Pond FT; 1/30 trees  
yd. feeding BJM; total 13 rpts 2-6

**Acadian Flycatcher** - 3/4 Pawling Nature Reserve FT

**Alder Flycatcher** - 2/2 Reagan Rd Amenia BB; 1/3  
YellowCityRd CP

**Willow Flycatcher** - 1/7 BosHaven Farm Verbank BB; 1/8  
Holmes BB

**Least Flycatcher** - 1/18 Cary Arboretum FT

**Eastern Phoebe** - 20/2 WhaleyL area CP; 2pair/all + yg yd  
EP; total 16 rpts of 2-3

**Great Crested Flycatcher** - 3/4 Pawling Nature Reserve FT;  
3/25 Thompson Pond FT; total 4 rpts of 1-3 birds

**Eastern Kingbird** - 10/2 Pawling & WhaleyL CP; 4/6 Mill Rd s  
of Millerton BB; total 7 rpts of 1-10

**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 1/6 Greenhaven CP; 3/11 Pond Gut  
FT; 6/25 Thompson Pond FT

**Blue-headed Vireo** - 1/4 Pawling Nature Reserve FT

**Warbling Vireo** - 4/2 Pawling & WhaleyL CP; 2/3 HVRT  
Amenia CP; total 5 rpts of 1-2

**Red-eyed Vireo** - family/18 Cary Arboretum FT; 15/25  
Thompson Pond FT; total 11 rpts abt 6 ea

**Blue Jay** - 10/3 Dover CP; 10-15/all yd Poughquag CP; total  
20 rpts of abt 2-6

**American Crow** - 8/3 Amenia CP; 20/25 Thompson Pond FT;  
total 11 rpts of abt 2-6

**Common Raven** - 2/25 Thompson Pond FT

**Tree Swallow** - 700+/14 Crestwood Rd. Red Hook AG; total 8  
rpts of abt 10

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** - 10+/7 Wapp. Lk. BJM

**Barn Swallow** - 20/8 Holmes BB; 15/23 Freedom Park at club  
evening picnic BB; total 11 rpts of abt 6-10

**Black-capped Chickadee** - 14/3 Amenia CP; family/10 near  
home BB; total 23 rpts abt 2-10

**Tufted Titmouse** - 7/4 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 6-8/all yd  
Poughquag CP; total 27 rpts abt 2-6

**White-breasted Nuthatch** - 6/4 Pawling Nature Reserve FT;  
family/9 Emans Rd Lagrange BB; total 21 rpts of 2-5

**Brown Creeper** - 1/all yd EP

**Carolina Wren** - 6/1 HVRT Millerton BB; 2/6 & 2pr/8-31 bird  
bath & singing yd. BAM; total 15 rpts abt 1-2

**House Wren** - 4/6 Stormville CP; 2 ad & yg all month yard ES;  
total 11 rpts of 1-4

**Winter Wren** - 1/10 Casperkill Ridge MR

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** - 12/8 Buttercup West KCF; total 10  
rpts of abt 1-2

**Eastern Bluebird** - 20/18 Cary Arboretum FT; 6/18 4yg. 3rd  
brood & 2 ad. BB trail/Wapp BJM; 3/25 m fed 2 juv. BB  
trail/Wapp. BJM; total 13 rpts of abt 2-6

**Veery** - 4/3 Amenia CP; 4/4 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; total  
14 rpts of abt 1-2

**Hermit Thrush** - 2/4 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 2/6  
DepotHill AppTrl CP; 1/11 Pond Gut FT



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**Wood Thrush** – 3/4 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 3/4 DepotHill CP; total 10 rpts of 1-2

**American Robin** – 8/2 WhaleyL area CP; many yg /11 Locust Grove PB c/o BAM; total 13 rpts abt 2-5

**Gray Catbird** – 7/3 Amenia CP; 10 & yg/18 Cary Arboretum FT; 25 rpts 2-4

**Northern Mockingbird** – 5/6 FrogHollow CP; 2yg/18+ Crestwood Rd. Red Hook AG; 8 rpts of abt 1-2

**Brown Thrasher** – 1/3 HVRT Amenia CP; 1/18 Cary Arboretum FT

**European Starling** – 60+/12 BB trail/New Hackensack Rd. BJM; 1/18 Cary Arboretum FT; 40+/18 BB trail/Wapp Humeston's BJM; total 5 rpts abt 20-60

**Cedar Waxwing** – 12/4 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 20/18 Cary Arboretum FT; total 14 rpts abt 3 each

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 1/3 HVRT Amenia CP; 1/25 Thompson Pond FT; 5 rpts of 1 each

**Nashville Warbler** – 1/25 Thompson Pond FT

**Yellow Warbler** – 3/2 WhaleyL area CP; 2/11 Pond Gut FT; total 7 rpts of 1-3, last on 11th

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – 2/8 Buttercup West KCF; 1/22 NuclearL CP/HT; total 5 rpts of 1-2

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 1/25 Thompson Pd FT

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 1/4 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 1/11 Pond Gut FT

**Blackburnian Warbler** – 1/11 Pond Gut FT

**Pine Warbler** – 1/25 Thompson Pd FT

**Prairie Warbler** – 1/3 HVRT Amenia CP BBA X1 PO1; 2/6 yard ES; 1/8 Buttercup West KCF

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 4/11 Pond Gut FT; 2/25 Thompson Pond FT; total 10 rpts abt 2

**American Redstart** – 5/4 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 2f/25 & 1f/27 yd. BAM; total 14 rpts abt 4 ea

**Worm-eating Warbler** – 2/11 Pond Gut FT

**Ovenbird** – 3/4 DepotHill AppTrl CP; 1/22 NuclearL CP/HT; total 4 rpts of 1-4

**Northern Waterthrush** – 1/25 Thompson Pd FT

**Common Yellowthroat** – 1 immature/2,5,6 yard ES; 4/11 Pond Gut FT; total of 13 rpts of 1-4

**Hooded Warbler** – 1/24,2/31 yd Stormville EBR

**Canada Warbler** – 1/18 Cary Arboretum FT; 1/25 Thompson Pond FT

**Scarlet Tanager** – 5/3 Amenia CP; 5/11 Pond Gut FT; 3 + family of 4/18 Cary Arboretum FT; total 12 rpts of abt 2-3

**Eastern Towhee** – 8/4 DepotHill CP; 6/6 Greenhaven CP; total 9 rpts of usually one

**American Tree Sparrow** – 1/3 yard ES

**Chipping Sparrow** – young ones/10 near home BB; 3/6, 5/9 + ad fed 2 yg bird bath & yd. thru mo. BAM; 15/last week yard flocking up now BB; total 18 rpts of 1-3 or 10-20

**Field Sparrow** – 4/3 HVRT Amenia CP; 2/all month yard BB; total 6 rpts abt 2-3

**Savannah Sparrow** – 1/5 Casperkill Ridge MR; 2/7 Overlook Rd Town of Washington BB

**Song Sparrow** – 8/2 Pawling CP; 5/18 Cary Arboretum FT; 3-4 Seen Most Days Casperkill Ridge MR; total 14 rpts abt 1-4

**Swamp Sparrow** – 6/6 hill Rd s of Millerton BB; total 5 rpts of abt 1-2

**Dark-eyed Junco** – 1/28 From Dot Fleury feeding in her yard (Bog Hollow, Amenia) BB

**Northern Cardinal** – 10(4ad & 6yg)/all yd KCF; total 17 rpts several of families

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 7/25 Thompson Pond FT; 1 immature male on 5th yard ES; total 12 rpts abt 1-2

**Indigo Bunting** – family/7 BosHaven Farm Verbank BB; 3/20 1ad/2juv Hoose's property Fishkill BJM; total 6 rpts of 1-5

**Red-winged Blackbird** – 10/3 HVRT Amenia CP; 6/25 Thompson Pond FT; total 6 rpts abt 1-2

**Common Grackle** – 1/8-10, 2/18, 1/19, 6/20, 2/22 & 27, 25/23, 4/29 & 5/31

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 5/19 juv. Fishkill Cem. BJM; 7/23-29 feeders yd. BAM; 6 rpts of 1-7

**Baltimore Oriole** – 5/20 2ad/3juv Hoose's property Fishkill BJM; 1 immature yard ES; total 10 rpts of 1-6

**Purple Finch** – 1/6 Mill Rd s of Millerton BB

**House Finch** – 1f/5 up to 8 incl. 2 yg. all mo. feeder yd. BAM; 40+/19 Fishkill Cem. BJM; total 12 rpts of abt 6

**American Goldfinch** – 20/25 Thompson Pond FT; 20-35/all yd Poughquag CP; total 23 rpts of 1-20

**House Sparrow** – 6/3 DogtailCrS Rd CP; several/all yd EP; total 3 rpts of several

#### Missing from July's report:

**American Coot** – 1/25 Thompson Pond FT

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**Field Trips (FT):** 4th - Pawling Nature Reserve, 11th - Pond Gut, 14th - Deep Hollow, 18th - IES, 25th - Thompson Pond Preserve

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## September 2004 Records

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

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

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



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**Red-eyed Vireo** – 3-6 at Buttercup, Sharparoon, Pok Rural Cem, and Depot Hill, plus others

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 2/20 Evergreen Cem. KCF; 2/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; also Depot Hill, Staatsburg Reservoir and 3 others all between the 19th and 26th

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – 8/8 Ferncliff FT; 5/6 Buttercup West KCF; 5/22 IES BH; 1-3 on most reports

**Brown Creeper** – 1/20 Buttercup West, 1/20 Evergreen Cem. KCF; 1/22 IES BH; 1/29 Wilcox Park Janet Allison

**Carolina Wren** – 2/29 Buttercup W FT; 2-3 in yard BAM & JA/KJ; also KCF, MR yards and Vassar Farm, Sharparoon, Wappingers Lake

**House Wren** – 5 reported. Last -- 2/24, 25 DepotHill CP/HT

**Winter Wren** – 1/26 yard Rhinebeck Kristin Smith

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 2/24 DepotHill CP; 1/26 Staatsburg Reservoir RJ

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 2/20 Buttercup West KCF; 5/29 Buttercup W FT; 10/24, 40/25, 20/26 DepotHill CP/HT

**Eastern Bluebird** – sev doz/15 Bowdoin Park HRA; 8/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 9 other reports of 1-6

**Swainson's Thrush** – 1/20 Buttercup West KCF

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/27 DepotHill CP; 1/29 Buttercup W FT

**Wood Thrush** – 6/8 Ferncliff FT; 1/29 DepotHill CP

**American Robin** – 40/18 stopped in Fishkill yd during lull in Ivan HRA; 15-20/12 Casperkill Ridge M; many more

**Gray Catbird** – Still lots around. Most 20/25 Depot Hill CP/HT. 15 at Buttercup, 10 at Sharparoon

**Northern Mockingbird** – 8/6 Casperkill Ridge MR; 4/2 Vassar Farms KCF; 5 others

**Brown Thrasher** – 1/25 DepotHill HT, only report

**European Starling** – 25-50 on farm field trips (Southlands, Yellow Frame Farm)

**Cedar Waxwing** – dozens/10 "tree-hopping down river" Wappingers HRA; flocks up to 30 at Buttercup; also at IES, Burger Hill, Sharparoon and BAM and JA/KJ yards

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 1/6 Buttercup West KCF

**Tennessee Warbler** 1/24 DepotHill CP

**Nashville Warbler** – 2/1 Buttercup E FT; 1/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 1/23, 24 DepotHill CP

**Northern Parula** – 2/2 Vassar Farms, 4/14 Pok Rural Cem., 1/20 Buttercup West KCF; 1/26 yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – 1/1 Buttercup E FT; 1/14 Vassar Farms KCF

**Magnolia Warbler** – 1/1 Buttercup E FT; 1/14 Vassar Farms KCF

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 2/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 2/15 Sharparoon FT; 1/23 yd Poughquag CP

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 1/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 6/15 Sharparoon FT; 2-3 at Buttercup; 3/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 4/24 DepotHill CP; 7 others from 2nd-29th

**Pine Warbler** – 1/14 Pok Rural Cem., 1/20 Evergreen Cem. KCF; 1/15 Sharparoon FT

**Prairie Warbler** – 2/1 Buttercup E FT; 1/23 DepotHill CP

**Palm Warbler** – 2/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 1/23, 8/24, 24, 2/27 DepotHill CP/HT; 7/25 Southlands FT

**Bay-breasted Warbler** – 1/14 Pok Rural Cem., 1/20 Buttercup West KCF

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 2/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 3/15 Sharparoon FT; 1/24, 25 DepotHill CP/HT

**American Redstart** – 1/2 Vassar Farms, 3/6 & 1/20 Buttercup West, 3/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; 2/15 Sharparoon FT

**Ovenbird** – 1/6 Buttercup West KCF

**Northern Waterthrush** – 1/20 Buttercup West KCF

**Common Yellowthroat** – 8/6 Buttercup West KCF; 4/24, 25, 27, 5/26 DepotHill CP/HT; several others - last 1/29 Buttercup W FT

**Wilson's Warbler** – 2/20 Buttercup West KCF

**Canada Warbler** – 1/6 Buttercup West, 2/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF

**Scarlet Tanager** – most - 6/14 Pok Rural Cem. KCF; last - 1/23, 24 DepotHill CP; also 1-3 at Buttercup, Ferncliff, Sharparoon, IES, yd CP

**Eastern Towhee** – 6/23, 24, 30/25, 20/26, 10/27, 1/29 DepotHill, 1/29 NuclearL CP; 4/22 IES BH; 6 others

**Chipping Sparrow** – 3/6 & 7 ad fed 1-2 juv. BJM; by month's end in flocks of 25 or more in seedy areas

**Field Sparrow** – 4/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 2/22 IES BH; 2/25 DepotHill CP/HT

**Savannah Sparrow** – 1/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 4/25 Southlands FT

**Song Sparrow** – 7/6 & 5/20 Buttercup W KCF; 5/27 DepotHill CP; 4/22 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 1-3 most places

**Lincoln's Sparrow** – 1/23, 2/27 DepotHill CP

**Swamp Sparrow** – 2/29 Buttercup W FT

**White-throated Sparrow** – first - 6/20 Buttercup West KCF; up to 15 at Depot Hill, Yellow Frame Farm, Nuclear Lk, Staatsburg Reservoir

**Dark-eyed Junco** – 1/25 DepotHill CP/HT; 1/26 Staatsburg Reservoir RJ

**Northern Cardinal** – most at Vassar Farms (10); 6 KCF; feeding yg 1-17 BAM; 1-4 other places

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 4/1 Buttercup E FT; 5/6 Buttercup West KCF; 3/15 Sharparoon FT; also at Vassar Farms, BAM & EBR yards

**Bobolink** – 200/12 Gardens condos - Rhinebeck RJ

**Red-winged Blackbird** – 1/6 Casperkill Ridge MR; sev/26 Burger Hill FT; must be more - just not reported

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 3/25 Southlands FT; 8/29 Rte 82 Pine Plains KCF

**Common Grackle** – 3 reports of flocks of 50-70 birds with some starlings, cowbirds

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 20/1 & 40/3 feeders yard BAM; several daily early in month, Casperkill Ridge MR

**Orchard Oriole** – 1/15 Bowdoin Park HRA

**Purple Finch** – 1/15 Sharparoon FT; 2/25 Southlands FT

**House Finch** – 15+/1-30 feeder RS & ES; up to 10 at most feeders; also some at Buttercup, Southlands





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**American Goldfinch** – 20+ at feeders EP, JA/KJ; up to 10 at other feeders; seen on most outings

**House Sparrow** – 20-30/7 Casperkill Ridge MR; 4/25 Southlands FT

**Other Creatures:**

**Monarch Butterfly** – 3/25 Southlands

**Pickereel Frog** – 1/23 DepotHill CP

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**Field Trips (FT):** **1st** - Buttercup East, **8th** - Ferncliff Forest, **15th** - Sharparoon, **22nd** - Yellow Frame Farm, **25th** - Southlands, **26th** - Burger Hill, **29th** - Buttercup West

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The first half of the month brought us picture-perfect October weather with pristine, blue skies and temperatures mostly in the 60s each day. The first rain of the month showed up on the 14th, and then we had rain almost every day the following week. Spotty frost showed up by the last week of the month but Halloween was a glorious day in the 60s. Among the stars in the bird lineup were Greater White-fronted Goose, Dunlin, and Long-eared Owl.

**Greater White-fronted Goose** - 1/22 Domin Farm CV

**Snow Goose** - 6 formations of 100s high over Vanderbilt on the 11th HRA, 4 other reports of 1 each

**Brant** - 150/15 over Chelsea from Dot Fleury BB, 10 other reports of 1-3

**Canada Goose** - Many reports including 500+/23 Thompson Pd KCF, 250/25 PIVAl BB, 300/9 HVRT Amenia FT, 100/12 over yd Wapp BJM, 300/12 over Burger Hill HRA, 150/27 Staatsburgh

**Mute Swan** - Less than 10 reports of 1-3 each

**Wood Duck** - 9 reports had them; highest 7/5 Locust Grove KCF and 8/21 Thompson Pd CV

**American Black Duck** - 8/28 Conservancy Pd (some since the 1st) CV, 6 other reports of 1-6 each

**Mallard** - Many reports including 12/18 Buttercup West, 10/23 Thompson Pond KCF, 5/6 Vassar Farm FT, 40/9 HVRT Amenia FT, 25/17 HillsideLk, 18/17 LkWalton BJM, 12/20 Tymor FT

**Northern Shoveler** - 5f/31 Van Wagner, LM/BMa

**Northern Pintail** - 3/1 Thompson Pd CV

**Green-winged Teal** - 2/9 HVRT FT, 20/10 Buttercup West & some at Thompson Pd CV, 2/31 Van WagnerRd LM/BMa

**Canvasback** - 1/10 Southlands MP

**Ring-necked Duck** - 60/5, 100/9 Abel's Pond BB, 60-65/21 peak at Mud Pond, Pine Plains - there all month CV, 3-6/24-31 Upper Kays LM/BMa

**Bufflehead** - 2/28 Upper Kays LM/BMa

**Common Merganser** - 6/25-31 Upper Kays, LM, 3/26 Wapp Lk CV

**Ruddy Duck** - 1/5 Abel's Pond BB, 3/24 Sylvan Lk CV, 3/28, 1/31 Upper Kays LM/BMa

**Ruffed Grouse** - 32/21 along trail at Thompson Pd CV

**Wild Turkey** - Many reports; highest 10/5 Locust Grove KCF, 18/9, 12/6 Rt 44 BAM, 13/24 Greenhaven CP

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/9 HVRT Amenia FT, 2/24 TraverPd, 1/29 Mud Pond, Pine Plains CV, 1/31 TraverPd LM/BMa

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 6/7 Norrie Point CV, 60/27 Norrie FT, 1/28 flyover NuclearL BB

**Great Blue Heron** - 10 reports of 1 each and 2/7 Norrie Point, 3/15 Arborios swamp CV

**Great Egret** - 7/18 Rte. 82 Stanfordville KCF, 2/24 Upper Kays LM/BMa

**Green Heron** - 1/2 Chelsea Lumber Wapp ESo

**Black Vulture** - 9/10 Buttercup West; 2/13 Rt 55 Beekman CV, 5/31 Rhinebeck MP, 3 other reports of 1 each

**Turkey Vulture** - Many reports incl. 8/2 Perry Preserve BB, 10/3 HVRT CV, 5/12 Millbrk/Amenia JA/KJ, 5/20 Tymor FT

**Osprey** - 1/9 Abel's Pond BB, 1/13 Lakeside Park FT, 1/20 Tymor FT, 1/28 NuclearL CP/BB

**Bald Eagle** - 2/27 Staatsburgh FT, 6 other reports of 1 each near Hudson River

**Northern Harrier** - 1/7 Fishkill Ridge, 1/7 Wappingers HRA

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 16 reports of 1-3 each

**Cooper's Hawk** - Slightly fewer reports than for Sharpies

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/4, 10, 11 over yd BJM

**Red-tailed Hawk** - Many seen throughout month everywhere

**Golden Eagle** - 1/29 Rte. 52 Hopewell from Steve Golladay BJM

**American Kestrel** - 1/2 Nellie Hill BB, 1/6 Vassar Farm FT, 1/22 Willowbrook LM, 1/24 Traver Pond LM/BMa

**Merlin** - 1/2 over Vassar Farm AJM, 1/13 Lakeside Park FT

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/3 Stony Kill from Jim Harrington BJM, 2/7 Norrie Pt, 1/30 Waryas Pk on RR bridge with kill CV

**American Coot** - 2/21 Thompson Pd, 8/24 Sylvan Lk CV, 2/24 Traver Pond LM/BMa

**Killdeer** - Many moving through, including 8-15 daily Southlands, except 53/3 MP, 10-15/24-31 Van Wagner LM/BMa, 30/25 Espie Farm, VanWagner Rd CV

**Pectoral Sandpiper** - 1-3/25, 26, 31 EspieFm VanWagnerRd seen by CV, KCF, and LM/BMa

**Dunlin** - 2/24 Espie Farm VanWagnerRd LM/BMa

**Wilson's Snipe** - 1/10, 1/30 Southlands MP, 1/31 Van WagnerRd LM/BMa

**Ring-billed Gull** - 150/13 Fishkill BJM, 3 other reports

**Herring Gull** - 2/31 Hudson River LM/BMa

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 3 reports of 1 each HudsonR

**Rock Pigeon** - 20/20 Tymor FT, 6/31 Van Wagner LM/BMa

**Mourning Dove** - Usual numbers

**Barred Owl** - 1/6 yd very close and heard intermittently most of month JA/KJ, 1/12 Springside Pok AS, 1/last 3 Tues/Thurs YWCA on Bancroft Rd from Pat Gabel BB, 1/26, 29 Rombout Rd, 1/31 Dennings Pt along trail CV, 1/27 yd Rhinebeck KS

**Long-eared Owl** - 1/18-21 heard in spruce tree yd Beekman - -call is a mating call, a low and soft 'woof' every 10 to 12 seconds for long periods BK

**Belted Kingfisher** - 13 reports of 1 each

**Red-headed Woodpecker** - 1/23-24 juv yd/feeders Poughquag, a pugnacious bird that guarded the suet and chased all other birds from it; other woodpeckers were absent these 2 days CP

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - Many reports

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 2/4, 1/26 yd Verbank BB, 1/5 Locust Grove, 1/8 Cary Arboretum KCF, 1/6 Vassar Farm FT, 1/7 Norrie Pt, 1/7-25 yard LaGrange CV, 2/27 Staatsburgh FT, 1/28 NuclearL BB

**Downy Woodpecker** - 1-4 in yards and seen all over.

**Hairy Woodpecker** - Not as numerous as Downy

**Northern Flicker** - Many reports, mostly single individuals.

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 14 reports, mostly single individuals

**Eastern Phoebe** - 15 reports, latest on the 20th

**Blue-headed Vireo** - 1/1 Thompson Pd, 1/10, 18 Rombout Rd, 1/13 yard CV, 1/5 Locust Grove, 1/12 Vassar Farm, 1/12 DepotHill CP, 1/18 Buttercup West KCF, 4/6 VassarFm FT



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**Red-eyed Vireo** – 1/2 Nellie Hill BB, 1/2 Rombout Rd CV, 1/6 Vassar Farm FT, 1/12 Vassar Farm KCF

**Blue Jay** – Usual numbers

**American Crow** – Usual numbers, some larger flocks including 60+/3 Stony Kill BJM/BH/RJ, 36/9 HVRT Amenia FT, 30/20 Pok MR, 36/22 yd LaGrange JA/KJ, 40/27 Staatsburgh FT

**Fish Crow** – 1/31 heard and seen at Dennings Pt CV

**Common Raven** – 10 reports of 1-3 each

**Tree Swallow** – 4/2 Nellie Hill BB

**Black-capped Chickadee** – Good numbers

**Tufted Titmouse** – Good numbers

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/2 yd Pok KCF, 1/3,7 HiViewRd

Wapp BAM, 1/9 yd Poughquag CP/HT, 1/12 MillsStPk EBR

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – Good numbers

**Brown Creeper** – 1/1 Wilcox Park, from Janet Allison BB, 1/12

DepotHill CP, 1/20 Tymor FT, 2/23 Thompson Pond KCF, 3/27

IES BH, 2/28 NuclearL CP/BB

**Carolina Wren** – 1-3 on most reports

**House Wren** – 1/5 IES BH, 1/6 Vassar Farm FT, 1/21

Thompson Pd - only one in Oct CV

**Winter Wren** – 2/1, 1/21 Thompson Pd CV, 1/3,18 yd

Rhinebeck KS, 1/20 IES BH, 2/20 Tymor FT

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – Earliest 4/2 Nellie Hill BB, 15 other reports with the highest being 20/20 Tymor FT

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 16 reports. Earliest 1/1 HiViewRd

BJM, Highest 20/12 Depot Hill CP, Latest 10/20 Tymor FT

**Eastern Bluebird** – Good numbers throughout month, highest

30/6 Vassar Farm FT, 30+/22 Wappinger PF

**Swainson's Thrush** – 1/5 LocustGrv KCF, 1/12 DepotHill CP

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/7 yard Pok, 2/29 Buttercup West CV, 1/12

Vassar Farm, 1/23 Thompson Pond KCF, 3/13 IES BH

**American Robin** – Many reports including 50+/5 Locust Grove

KCF, 150/23 yd Poughquag CP, 300+/15 going to roost Plass

Rd Lagrange CV, 120/20 Tymor FT

**Gray Catbird** – A few still linger

**Northern Mockingbird** – Many reports of 1-2, field trips turned up good numbers

**Brown Thrasher** – 1/3 HVRT- seen and heard CV

**European Starling** – 100/6 Vassar Farm FT, 100/20 Tymor

FT—but these are not our best birds on field trips!

**American Pipit** – 10-50/25,26,31 Espie Farm on

VanWagnerRd seen separately by BB, CV, KCF, LM/BMa.

**Cedar Waxwing** – 15 reports including 30/6 Vassar Farm FT,

56/9 HVRT Amenia FT, 70-75/22 Vassar Farm

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 1f/5 Locust Grove KCF, 1/9

yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 16 reports including 15/4 at sunset

BB, 20/18 Buttercup West KCF, 20/12 Depot Hill CP

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 2/6 Vassar Farm FT, 1/8

Cary Arboretum KCF

**Pine Warbler** – 1/2 Vassar Farm AJM, 3/6 Vassar Farm FT

**Palm Warbler** – 1/2 Vassar Farm AJM, 4/3 HVRT, 2/7 Fishkill

Ridge HRA, 3/22 Vassar Farm CV, 2/12 DepotHill CP, 1/20

Tymor FT, 2/20 IES BH

**Common Yellowthroat** – 2/5 IES BH, 1/5 Locust Grove, 2/12

Vassar Farm, 2/18 Buttercup West KCF, 2/6 Vassar Farm FT,

1/20 Tymor FT

**Scarlet Tanager** – 1/5 Locust Grove KCF, 1/6 Vassar Farm

FT, 1/7 Norrie Point CV

**Eastern Towhee** – heard/1 yd, 2/2 Nellie Hill BB, 1/3,2/12 DepotHill CP, 3/6 Vassar Farm FT, 2/9 yd LaGrange JA/KJ, 4/9 HVRT Amenia FT, 1/13 Lakeside Park FT, 1/17 yd SaltPt LM, 1/18 Buttercup West KCF, 3/22 Vassar Farm, some around prior to the 22nd CV

**Chipping Sparrow** – Flocks seen all month including 25/2 Old Camby Rd BB, 20/8 Cary Arboretum, 20/12 Vassar Farm, 30/6 Vassar Farm FT

**Field Sparrow** – 2/2 Nellie Hill BB, 3/2 Rombout Rd, 5/18

Domin Farm, Rombout Rd CV, 2/6 Vassar Farm FT, 1/12

Depot Hill CP, 1/13 IES BH

**Vesper Sparrow** – 1/12 Vassar Farm KCF

**Savannah Sparrow** – few/2 Vassar Farm AJM, 8/8, 5/28

Domin Farm, Rombout Rd CV, 1/12 Vassar Farm KCF

**Song Sparrow** – Many reports including flocks: 15/6 Vassar

Farm FT, 25/20 Tymor FT, 18/18 Domin Farm CV

**Lincoln's Sparrow** – 1/12 Vassar Farm KCF

**Swamp Sparrow** – 1/2 VassarFm AJM, 1/9 HVRT FT, 2/18

ButtercupW KCF, 3/21 Thompson Pd, others 1st-22nd CV

**White-throated Sparrow** – First report sev/2 VassarFm AJM,

high counts 50+/18 ButtercupW, 20-30/15-31 yd P'quag, 20/12

DepotHill CP/HT, 20-25/10 ButtercupW CV, 30/6 VassarFm

FT, 48/9 HVRT Amenia FT, 20/20 Tymor FT

**White-crowned Sparrow** – 2/2 Vassar Farm AJM, 1/12

Vassar Farm, 2/18 Rombout Rd CV, 1/18 Buttercup West KCF,

1/13 Lakeside Park FT, 1/20 Tymor FT, 1/21 Pok MR

**Dark-eyed Junco** – Earliest report 1/6 VassarFm FT, high

counts 11/24 at feeder LaGrange CV, 20/18 Buttercup West,

14/23 Thompson Pond KCF, 25/27 Staatsburgh FT

**Northern Cardinal** – Usual numbers

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 1m/1-10 juv & 2m/2-3 juvs yd

Wapp BAM, 1/3 feeder Stormville EBR

**Red-winged Blackbird** – 3/6 Vassar Farm FT, 31/9 HVRT

Amenia FT, 2/10 over yd BJM, 50-60/21 Thompson Pd, others

thru month CV

**Eastern Meadowlark** – 1/2 Vassar Farm AJM, 1/28

Conservancy prop off RomboutRd CV, 10/23 Southlands MP

**Rusty Blackbird** – 5/21 Thompson Pd CV, 1/29 yd Rhinebeck

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**Common Grackle** – Some large flocks: 75/2 over yd Wapp

BAM, 100s/3 yd Verbank BB, 500/9 HVRT Amenia FT,

2000/30 huge flock feeding & moving Alvin Ct LaGr CV

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – sev/2 Vassar Farm AJM, 40/6

Vassar Farm FT, 10/12 Vassar Farm KCF, 50/13 Fishkill BJM,

20/18, 45/25 Domin Farm, Rombout Rd CV, 1/21 feeder

Stormville EBR, 50/24 Domin Farm LM/BMa

**Purple Finch** – 2/9 yd Poughquag CP/HT, 1/28 Rombout Rd,

2/28 feeder LaGrange, others since the 10th CV

**House Finch** – Usual numbers, some have eye disease

**Pine Siskin** – 1/27-28 thistle feeder w/ goldfinches LaGrange

CV, 4/29-30 yd Verbank BB, 1/31 yd Poughquag CP

**American Goldfinch** – Overall usual numbers, CP has fewer

than normal, 10/all this year compared with 30/all last Oct.

**House Sparrow** – Usual numbers

**Other Creatures:**

**Brown Bat** – 1/26 6:15pm Conservancy property Rombout Rd CV



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**Field Trips (FT):** 6th Vassar Farm, 9th HVRT Amenia, 13th Lakeside Park (formerly Holiday Hills), 20th Tymor, 27th Staatsburgh (Mills Mansion), lunch at Norrie

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It was warm in the beginning of the month with some wet weather. The temperatures were in to 40's to 50's many days with a high of 60 degrees on Thanksgiving Day. A surprise on Friday, Nov. 12 into the 13th we got about 3 inches of snow. The temperatures went back up into the 50's and a few days later the snow was gone from most areas. We had two cold fronts come with strong winds of 30 to 50 mph towards the end of the month. The birds of the month were an immature **White-winged Scoter** found by Steve Golladay on Nov. 21. We have had 6 reports in the county with the last one in 1999 at Sylvan Lake. An immature was found on the Cary Arboretum field trip - the first for this season. Another surprise was a late **Blue-headed Vireo** called out with Jim Clinton's owl whistle on the Vassar College Campus field trip. This is a late date for this species. The **Golden Eagle** is back at Stissing Mountain - first seen by Dick Gershon.

**Snow Goose** - 6/11 McEnroe fields Amenia 1/25 Dotty's Pd., Rt. 82 Pine Plains (Dark Morph phase) CV; 1/27 Rt. 82 outside of Pine Plains JC

**Brant** - 1/9 & 15th Vassar/Marist Boat House area Hudson River CV; 2/24-28 Southlands Farms Rhinebeck MP

**Canada Goose** - Well reported by most observers. Most: 2000/16 Dotty's Pd. CV; 500+/22-30 SaltPtTpk KCF

**Mute Swan** - 2/10, 4/22 Lk. Oniad & 17/23 Wapp. Lk. BJM; sev thru mo. yd. & county CV; 4/17 Tamarack Lk. RC; 2/6-30 Pells Rd. Rhinebeck MP; 2/24 ChelseaApts CP

**Wood Duck** - 2/27 Rt. 82 outside of Pine Plains JC; 3/7 Tamarack Pd., 3/11 Strauss' marsh Amenia CV

**Gadwall** - 5/11 Round Pd. Amenia CV

**American Black Duck** - 25/8 Hudson River at Rhinecliff Landing, RJ; seen/1-25th in county, 22/6 South Bay Tivoli CV; 7/17 Millbrook School FT; 4/24 SylvanL CP

**Mallard** - sev thru mo. yd. & county CV; 2/3 Dennings Pt FT; 25/8 Hudson River at Rhinecliff Landing RJ; sev/17 Tamarack Lk. RC; 16/20 Norrie Pt. FT; 5/24 Vassar Col. Campus FT; 14 now & again Wapp Creek but water too high EP; 15/8-30 Diesing farm pond Myers Corners Rd. 25/10, 4/22 Lk. Oniad, 20/23 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 20/17 Sylvan Lk. & 12/17 Lk. Walton AJM; 12/24 SylvanL CP

**Northern Shoveler** - 1/27 Thompson Pd area JC

**Northern Pintail** - 4/11 Buttercup West DG; 2/7 Dotty's Pd., 6/16 (2 at Buttercup West & 4 at Dotty's Pd.), 4/25 Dotty's Pd. CV; 4/27 Rt. 82 outside of Pine Plains JC

**Green-winged Teal** - 4/1 Espie Farm, Pleasant Val., 5/6 South Bay Tivoli, 5/7 Dotty's Pd., 1/30 Espie Farm CV; 27/11 Buttercup West DG

**Ring-necked Duck** - 170/11 Twin Is. Lk Pine Plains DG; 1/23 Redwing Pk. Lk MML; 5/6 South Bay Tivoli, 150/7 & 100/25 Twin Is. Pd., Pine Plains CV; 200/3 300/21 Abel's Pd BB; 2/17 Sylvan Lk AJM; 150/24 SylvanL CP

**Scaup** - 1/23 Sylvan Lk. MML

**White-winged Scoter** - 1/21 Redwing Park Lk. Beekman SG; 1/22,24,28 juv. RedwingL Beekman CP; 1/23 same place MML; 1/30 same place & last date reported, Berna & Stan Lincoln

**Bufflehead** - 3/7 Pells Rd. Rhinebeck MP; 2m/7 Ryder Pd. CV; 1m/8 paired w/f Hooded Merganser, Hudson River at Rhinecliff Landing RJ

**Hooded Merganser** - 1f/8 paired w/m Bufflehead, Hudson River at Rhinecliff Landing, RJ; 2/11 HVRT near Mill Rd crossing CV; 4/23 1m/3f Wapp. Lk. BJM; 4/23 Wapp Lk. BJM; 1/23 Falkill area JD; 2/16 (pr) Nuclear Lake BB/CP

**Common Merganser** - 5/7 & 7/21 Wapp Creek - usually every day but again water high EP; 7/11 Strauss' marsh CV; 6/20 Norrie Pt. FT; 4/23 Redwing Pk. Lk. MML; 4f/23 Wapp Lk. BJM; 10f/24 RedwingL Beekman CP; 60/25 Wapp. Creek HRA

**Ruddy Duck** - 1/9 in river at Wapp. Creek HRA; 15/11 Round Pd., 45-50/19 Sylvan Lk CV; 28/17 Sylvan Lk. AJM; 20/20 Sylvan Lk. SG; 6/23 Redwing Pk. Lk., 2/23 Sylvan Lk. MML; 12/21,130/24 SylvanL CP/HT

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 1/3 Rte 44 & Tower Hill Rd Millbrook JA/KJ

**Wild Turkey** - 6/1 Greenhaven CP; seen/2-26th county & 36/8 Domin Farm at Mt. Rd. CV; 4/4 & 20 field Rt. 376 Dutchess Co. Airport BAM; 25/17 Mabbetsville Rd. RC; 12/24 Vassar College Campus FT; 4m/26, 8m/23-30 yd KCF

**Common Loon** - 1/14 Hudson River at Dennings Pt. HRA

**Pied-billed Grebe** - 1/10 Lk. Oniad BJM; 1/14 Hudson River at Dennings Pt. HRA; 1/1 Traver Rd., 1/7Twin Is. Pd. Pine Plains, 1/16 Stissing Lk. Pine Plains CV

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 3/3 Dennings Point FT; 1/20 Norrie Pt. FT

**Great Blue Heron** - Several reports of 1-2 by CV,CP, EP HRA, JA/KJ & FT. Most: 4/23 Wapp. Lk. BJM

**Black Vulture** - 18/7 Millbrook School, 4/7 Stissing Mt. CV; 20/17 Millbrook School FT; 1/20 perched behind Beverage Barn Poughquag CP/HT

**Turkey Vulture** - seen/1-7 county & 15/7 Stissing Mt. Pine Plains CV; 1/3 Dennings Point FT; 2 in area all mo. JD; 1/4 Myers Corner Rd. BAM; 1/6 & 11 yd., 1/23 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 2/3 Fishkill-yd ES; 1/6 yd JA/KJ

**Osprey** - 1/10-11 Abel's Pond BB

**Bald Eagle** - 1ad/14 Stissing Mt. DG; 1f ad/19 & 29th Town of Wapp. HRA; 1 ad/10 Riverfront Pk., Beacon HRA; 1 imm/10 above Beacon - seen from train HRA; 1 imm/11 HVRT CV; 1 imm/25 New Hamburg in tree across river HRA

**Northern Harrier** - 2/7 Coole Park Farm, Millbrook, 1m & 1 imm. CV; 3/13 I-84 Fishkill Prison, from Dave Arner BB; 1/17 Millbrook School FT; 1/27 Denning's Pt. HRA

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 10 reports of 1 each in yards by BB, CV,CP, KCF, ES & FT with 2/6 Tivoli Bay Woods CV

**Cooper's Hawk** - 7 reports of 1 each in yards by CV, BAM, JA/KJ, & FT & 1/5 Tymor BB; 1/27 Rt 9 Pok. near bridge JC

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/27 Rt 22 just north of CR 58 JC

**Red-tailed Hawk** - Well reported by most observers

**Golden Eagle** - 1 imm/14 Stissing Mt. DG; 1/27 Thompson Pd. JC

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/15 Hudson River bank above Mariner's Harbor bathing then flew up to RR Bridge to preen CV

**American Coot** - 2/11 Round Pd. & 27/19 Sylvan Lk. CV; 6/17 5 Sylvan Lk. & 1 Lk. Walton AJM; 1/20 Sylvan Lk. SG; 12/23 Sylvan Lk., MML; 60/24 SylvanL CP



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**Killdeer** – 1/7, 7/18 & 8/23 Espie Farm CV; 2/-12, 1-2/13-24 Southlands MP; 7/17 Millbrook School FT

**Ring-billed Gull** – 8/3 Dennings Pt FT; sev thru mo. yd. & county CV; 15/20 Norrie Pt. FT; 70/23 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 1/24 Vassar College Campus FT; 30/24 SugarMapleFm Poughquag, 150/24 RedwingL Beekman, 20/24 SylvanL CP

**Great Black-backed Gull** – 1/3 Dennings Pt FT; 1/9 on buoy Hudson River Waryas Pk. Pok CV

**Rock Pigeon** – 2/17 Millbrook School FT; sev thru mo. yd. & county CV

**Mourning Dove** – 6/3 Dennings Pt FT, 8/17 Millbrook Sch. FT; sev thru mo. yd. & county CV; 6/20 Norrie Pt. FT; 13/21, 20/27 yd KCF; 1/12,13,24 yd Stormville EBR; 12-14 feeders all EP; 8-15/all yd BB; 3-5/7 all feeders yd. BJM; 5/24 Vassar College Campus FT; 10-15 daily yd. MP; 5/3; 18/8 Fishkill-yd; ES; 15-30/all yd Poughquag CP; 2 - 27/month yd JA/KJ

**Eastern Screech-Owl** – 1/27 Rail Trail (Coleman Station) JC

**Great Horned Owl** – 2/10 & 26th heard from home Alvin Ct. CV; see & hear every day yd. JD

**Belted Kingfisher** – 7 reported by CV, BB, CP, KCF, & FT

**Red-headed Woodpecker** – 1/11 thru 13th - immature yard Fishkill FH

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** – 2/3 Dennings Pt FT, 2/17 Millbrook School FT; 4/20 Norrie Pt. FT; 5/24 Vassar College Campus FT; daily yd. & 5/23 Rombout Rd. CV; 1/12 yd, 1/29 Stanfordville KCF; 1/many yd Stormville EBR; 3 suet feeder all EP; 2/all yd BB; 1/all suet yd. BAM; 1-2 daily yd. MP; 1/12 Fishkill yd ES; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP; 1/most month yd JA/KJ

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** – 1 imm f/4 feeder BB; 1/5 Locust Grove, 1/8 Cary Arboretum KCF; 1f/6 yd. BJM; 1/9 Rombout Rd., 1/16 Buttercup West CV; 3/20 Norrie Pt. FT; 1/24 Vassar College Campus FT; 1/27 Norrie State Park JC

**Downy Woodpecker** – 3/3 Dennings Pt FT, 3/10 Cary Arboretum FT, 2/17 Millbrook School FT, 8/20 Norrie Pt. FT, 12/24 Vassar College Campus FT; 6/all yd KCF; daily yd., 9/9 Rombout Rd. CV; 1/many yd Stormville EBR; has at feeders all EP; 2/all yd BB; 3/all suet yd BAM; 1-2 daily yd. MP; 1/15 Fishkill-yd; 1/29 Fishkill yd ES; 3/all yd Poughquag CP; 1 - 2/most month yd JA/KJ

**Hairy Woodpecker** – 1/3 Dennings Pt FT, 2/10 Cary Arboretum FT, 1/17 Millbrook School FT, 4/20 Norrie Pt. FT, 1/24 Vassar College Campus, FT; 1m daily yd. & see 1 on many days county CV; 1m/8, 1f/25 yd KCF; 1/many yd Stormville EBR; has at feeders all mo. EP; 1m/15 & 29, 2m/21 suet feeders yd. BAM; 1/all yd Poughquag CP, 1/16 NuclearL CP/BB; 1/6 & 27 yd JA/KJ

**Northern Flicker** – seen/2-29 county & 2/17 IES CV; 1/10 yd. BJM; 1/10 Cary Arboretum FT, 1/20 heard Norrie Pt. FT, 5/24 Vassar College Campus FT; 2/22-30 Stanfordville KCF; none EP; 1/10 yd Poughquag CP

**Pileated Woodpecker** – seen/1-30 county & 3/9 together Rombout Rd. CV; 1/9 tree yd., 1/20 Rt. 9 Hyde Pk. BAM, 2/20 Norrie Pt. FT; 1/3 yd Poughquag CP

**Eastern Phoebe** – 1/27 Rt 199 about a ½ mile west of Wilcox Memorial Town Hall JC

**Northern Schrike** – 1 immature/10 Cary Arboretum FT; 1/17-18 IES imm. bird CV

**Blue-headed Vireo** – 1/24 Vassar College Campus FT

**Blue Jay** – 4/3 Dennings Pt FT, 4/10 Cary Arboretum FT, 8/17 Millbrook School FT, 4/20 Norrie Pt. FT, 2/24 Vassar College Campus FT; sev thru mo. yd. & county CV; 1/many yd Stormville EBR; has at feeders all mo. EP; 5/7 yd BB; 4/all feeder yd. BAM; 6-10 daily yd. MP; 5/8; 5/12 Fishkill yd ES; 8-12/all yd Poughquag CP, 2/16 NuclearL CP/BB; 1 - 2/month yd JA/KJ

**American Crow** – Well reported by all with most: 2000/8 roost Rinaldi Blvd Pok. CV; 1000s/26 coming for night roost along Rt. 9 Pok. HRA

**Fish Crow** – 1/3 Dennings Pt FT; 1/26 K-Mart, Rt. 44 CV

**Common Raven** – 1/7th & 3/25 Stissing Mt. CV; 1/16 NuclearL CP/BB, 1/21 DepotHill HT; 1/20 heard Norrie Pt. FT

**Horned Lark** – on 27th Rockefeller Ln JC

**Black-capped Chickadee** – 6/3 Dennings Pt FT, 16/10 Cary Arboretum FT, 15/17 Millbrook School FT, 10/20 Norrie Pt. FT, 9+/24 Vassar College Campus FT; sev thru mo. yd. & county CV; 12+/22-30 Stanfordville, sev/all yd KCF; 3-6/all feeder Stormville EBR; has at feeders all mo. EP; 5/all yard BB; 3/all yd. BAM; 1-2 daily yd. MP; 3/8; 2/12 Fishkill yd ES; 3-4/all yd Poughquag CP, 6/16 NuclearL BB/CP; 1 - 7/mo. yd JA/KJ

**Tufted Titmouse** – 2/3 Dennings Pt FT, 4/10 Cary Arboretum FT, 10/17 Millbrook School FT, 12/20 Norrie Pt. FT, 8+/24 Vassar College Campus FT; sev thru mo. yd. & county CV; 8+/22-30 Stanfordville, sev/all yd KCF; 2-4/all feeder Stormville EBR; has at feeders all mo. EP; 5/all yd BB; 4/all yd. BAM; 2-4 daily yd. MP; 5/8; 2/12 Fishkill yd ES; 5/all yd Poughquag CP, 2/16 NuclearL BB/CP; 1 - 3/mo. yd JA/KJ

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 1/16 my dentist - Rt 82, Moores Mills BB; 2/27 Thompson Pond Area JC

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – 2/3 Dennings Pt FT, 2/10 Cary Arboretum FT, 5/17 Millbrook School FT, 6/20 Norrie Pt. FT, 10/24 Vassar College Campus FT; sev thru mo. yd. & county CV; 4+/22-30 Stanfordville, sev/all yd KCF; 1-2/all feeder Stormville EBR; has at feeders all mo., EP; 1/all yd BB, 2/all yd. BAM; 2-4 daily yd. MP; 3/8; 2/12 Fishkill yd ES; 2/all yd Poughquag CP, 2/16 NuclearL BB/CP; 1/mo. yd JA/KJ

**Brown Creeper** – 1/1 yd Poughquag CP, 1/16 NuclearL BB/CP; 3/16 Buttercup West, 1/19 Baird Pk CV; 1/27 Norrie State Park JC

**Carolina Wren** – 1-2 reported by CV, BB, BAM, CP, KCF, & FT. Most: 3/20 Norrie Pt. FT

**House Wren** – 1/24 Vassar College Campus FT

**Winter Wren** – 1/23 Rombout Rd. at Hennessy Lane area CV; 1/24 heard Vassar College Campus FT; 4/27 Dutchess Co. area JC

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 12+ reports of 1-2 by CV, KCF, EBR, BB, & FT.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 1/6 & 7 yd. BJM; 1/23 Stanfordville KCF; 2/24 Vassar College Campus FT

**Eastern Bluebird** – Reports of 1-4 by CV, MP, KCF, CP, BB, BJM, & FT. Most: 14/23 Domin farm, Rombout Rd. CV

**Swainson's Thrush** – 1/20 Norrie Pt. FT

**Hermit Thrush** – 1/27 Rail Trail (Coleman Station Parking lot) JC

**American Robin** – Well reported by many observers. Most: 150/11 field Round Pd. CV

**Northern Mockingbird** – Reports of 1-3 by CV, BB, BAM FT. Most: 5/15 Rombout Rd. CV. Where are they?

**European Starling** – Good numbers with most: 1000/24 Vassar College Campus FT



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**American Pipit** – 37/7 - 2 Coole Pk. farm & 35 Haight Rd. at Mrs. Johnson's CV

**Cedar Waxwing** – seen/2-11 county & 15/11 HVRT CV; 30/3 Dennings Pt FT, 40/24 Vassar College Campus FT; 8/9, 15/11 & 16, 4/23, 2/29 yd. BJM

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 1/3 Dennings Pt FT; 1/9 Domin farm Rombout Rd. CV; 1/7 h yd. BJM

**Eastern Towhee** – 1/27 yd BB

**American Tree Sparrow** – seen/7-23 county & 6/16 Buttercup West - no big flocks CV; 1/12-30 yd BB; 25/17 Millbrook School FT; 1/20 yd JA/KJ

**Savannah Sparrow** – 5/15 & 2/23 Domin farm Rombout Rd. CV

**Fox Sparrow** – 11 reports of 1 most yards by BB, CV, FH, JC & FT. Most: 3/10 Cary Arboretum FT & 1 with injured feet - improved later in month yd. BB

**Song Sparrow** – 24 reports of 1-4 by CP, BB, EP, BJM & FT. Most: 5/23 Domin farm, Rombout Rd. CV

**Swamp Sparrow** – 1/24 Vassar College Campus FT

**White-throated Sparrow** – Reports of 3 to 10 by CV, BB, JA/KJ, KCF, MP, & FT. Most: 10-20/all yd Poughquag CP

**Dark-eyed Junco** – Reports of 2 to 30 by CV, EBR, EP, BB, BAM, CP, ES, JA/KJ & FT. Most: 50/12 yd CP. Also 1/24 & 25 part albino yd. BJM

**Northern Cardinal** – seen/1-30 county & 8/11 HVRT - good numbers all mo. CV; 4/3 Dennings Pt FT, 3/10 Cary Arboretum FT, 2/20 Norrie Pt. FT, 5/24 Vassar College Campus FT; 3/all yd KCF; 1-2/all feeder Stormville EBR; has all mo. EP; 2/all yd BB; 1m/4 up to 2pr/12 & 3m/2f/22-30 feeder BAM; 1-2/6-7 yd. MP; 2/12 Fishkill yd ES; 2-3/all yd Poughquag CP; 1 - 2/month, 9/12 during snow yd JA/KJ

**Red-winged Blackbird** – 1m/5-7 2/12 yd BB; seen/27 Rockefeller Ln, Rail Trail (Coleman Station) JC

**Rusty Blackbird** – 1/6 Tivoli Bay CV

**Common Grackle** – Reports of 1-3 by BB, CV, KCF, JC, JA/KJ, BJM & FT. Most: 25/11 HVRT CV; 15/10 yd. BJM; 22+/21 yd JA/KJ

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 1/5, 5/19 yd BB; seen/27 Rockefeller Ln, Rail Trail (Coleman Station) JC; 1m/10 yd. BJM

**Purple Finch** – 31 reports of 1 to 5 at feeders by CV, KCF, BB, EBR, BAM, MP, CP, ES, JA/KJ. Also 2/27 (m/f) Rail Trail (Coleman Station) JC

**House Finch** – 10/3 Dennings Pt FT; sev thru mo. yd. & county CV; sev/all yd KCF; 6-8/all feeder Stormville EBR; 10+ all mo EP; 10/30 yd BB; 2/5 up to 12/16-30 & 1/24 part albino feeder BAM; 1/24 Vassar College Campus FT; 4 11/6; 2/14; 4/24-26 yd. MP; 6-10/all yd Poughquag CP; 2 - 16/month yd JA/KJ

**Pine Siskin** – 3/4,6,8,9, 2/11 yd. CV; 1/7 1/29 yd BB; 2/20 yd BAM; 2/27 Rail Trail (Coleman Station) JC; 1/30 yd CP

**American Goldfinch** – sev/1-30 & 39/11 feeders yd. CV; 8/all yd KCF; 1/7,28 feeder Stormville EBR; 6/3 Dennings Pt FT, 3/10 Cary Arboretum FT, 2/17 Millbrook School FT, 3/20 Norrie Pt. FT, 5/24 Vassar College Campus FT; 6-10/all yd BB; 7/5-10, 25/12, 12/20-22, 16/24-30 feeders BAM; 4-8 daily yd. MP; 6/8 Fishkill yd ES; 10-20/all yd Poughquag CP; 2 - 16/month yd JA/KJ

**Evening Grosbeak** – 1m/2f/4 (stayed less than an hour) feeder BB

**House Sparrow** – Usual numbers

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**Field Trips (FT):** 3rd Dennings Point, 10th IES (Cary Arboretum), 17th Millbrook School, 20th Norrie Point, 24th Vassar College Campus

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*Please note that the 45th supplement to the AOU Check-list has resulted in a slight reshuffling of a few geese (Brant, Barnacle, and Canada) and the addition of a new species (Cackling, which comprises what uses to be the smaller subspecies of Canada Goose, and which precedes Canada in the Check-list).*

The weather was cool to cold, but comfortable until the CBC and the following days, which became frigidly cold. Precipitation was consistent for December, with some rain and some light snow.

**Snow Goose** - 6/19 Round Pd BB, 4/28 Hunns Lk CV, 1/ Stanford EP/JD

**Brant** - 100/5 flying south over the river near Blue Point HRA

**Canada Goose** - Many reports including 200/15 Verbank FT, 20/2 VassarFm KCF, 7/22 Baird FT, 350/22 Sylvan Lk & 600/22 Redwing Pk Lk BAM, 1/29 Norrie FT

**Mute Swan** - 2/1-15 Pells Rd MP, 8/17 Van Wagner Rd CV, 2/22 Baird FT, 8/31 Sylvan Lk CP/HT 9/2 Wapprs Lk BJM, 10/8 Sylvan Lk AJM, 16/22-7 Sylvan Lk -9 Redwing Pk Lk BAM

**Gadwall** - 3/9 Round Pd CV

**American Black Duck** - 14/9 Traver Pd & 6/9 Round Pd CV, 12/15 Verbank FT, 5/22 Baird FT

**Mallard** - 90/15 Verbank FT, 10/8 Bowdoin FT, 40/22 Baird FT, 2/29 Norrie FT, others seen others on open water by KCF, EP/JD, MP, EBR, BP, CP/HT, BAM, BH

**Northern Pintail** - 6/21 Dottie's Pd CV

**Green-winged Teal** - 6/3 Dottie's Pd CV, 6/4 (5m/1f) Lk Walton BJM

**Ring-necked Duck** - 125/3 Twin Island Pd & 65/9 Round Pd CV, 1f/4-11 yd pond BB, 2/15 Verbank FT, sev/19 Round Pd BB, 70/31 Sylvan Lk CP/HT, 138/22 Sylvan Lk & 120/22 Redwing Pk Lk BAM

**Bufflehead** - 2/3 river near New Hamburg HRA

**Hooded Merganser** - 19/3 Rudd Pd & 9/3 Straus's Marsh CV, 3/6 Nuclear Lk BP, 1/19 Round Pd BB, pr/22 Sylvan Lk BAM, 1/31 Sylvan Lk CP/HT

**Common Merganser** - 2/3 river - New Hamburg HRA, sev/19 Round Pd BB, 41/21 Beacon Ferry Dock river CV, 25/29 Norrie FT, 4f&1m/22 Sylvan Lk BAM, pair/29 Chelsea river DF

**Red-breasted Merganser** - pair/19 Round Pd BB

**Ruddy Duck** - 36/8 Sylvan Lk AJM, 19/8 Lk Walton AJM, 3/9 Round Pd CV, 35/22 Sylvan Lk BAM, 60/31 Sylvan Lk CP/HT

**Ring-necked Pheasant** - 1/29 IES BH

**Ruffed Grouse** - 1/7 Rt 44 w of Millbrook - from Wayne Butler BB

**Wild Turkey** - 1/2 FDR FT, 5/8 Bowdoin FT, most 59/16 Overlook Rd & 60/16 Mtn Rd CV, most 30/29 Netherwood Rd (5 displaying males)BB, 8Toms/mo & 23f/occ yd KCF

**Common Loon** - 1/22 Sylvan Lk BAM

**Double-crested Cormorant** - 1/21 Beacon Ferry Dock river CV

**Great Blue Heron** - 1/15 Verbank FT, 1/22 Baird FT, most 60/31 Sylvan Lk CP/HT, and many reports of 1-2 by KCF, EP/JD, MP, ES, JA/KJ

**Black Vulture** - 9/2 Clove Rd at Rt 55 (roosting in Norway Spruce) BB, 18/9 & 2/27 Millbrook School CV

**Turkey Vulture** - 14/2 Clove Rd at Rt 55 (roosting in Norway Spruce) BB, 1/8 Sheafe Rd & 1/8 Red Oaks Mill Rd CV, 1/21 Arthursburg DF, other sightings by EP/JD

**Bald Eagle** - 1/2 Norrie Pt, 12/6 Nuclear Lk BP, 1/15 Verbank FT, 3/29 Chelsea river DF, 3/29 Norrie FT, and 6 other reports of 1-3

**Northern Harrier** - 1/28 Thompson Pd CV

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1/4 VassarFm CV, 1/9 Rt 52 & 82 AJM, 1/17 yd AJM, 1/occ yd CP

**Cooper's Hawk** - 1/3 Fishkill HRA, 1/24 yard BB, 1/24 yard EBR, 1/27 Millbrook School CV, 1/27 yd ES, 1/occ yd BAM & JA/KJ

**Accipiter sp.** - 1/8 Bowdoin FT

**Red-shouldered Hawk** - 1/29 Rt 9 at S Cross Rd BB

**Red-tailed Hawk** - 3/2 VassarFm KCF, 4/8 Bowdoin FT, 2/15 Verbank FT, 2/22 Baird FT, 2/29 Norrie FT, and seen throughout the county by CV, BB, BP, BAM, BH

**Golden Eagle** - 1/3, 2/11, 2/28 Stissing Mtn CV

**Merlin** - 1/11 river at Beacon HRA

**Peregrine Falcon** - 1/21 MidHudson Bridge (from Waryas Pk) CV

**American Coot** - 24/8 Sylvan Lk AJM, 3/9 Round Pd CV, 20+/22 Sylvan Lk BAM

**Killdeer** - 1/22 Stony Kill HRM

**Wilson's Snipe** - 1/9 Sheffield Hill Rd CV

**Ring-billed Gull** - 5/8 Bowdoin FT, 15/29 Norrie FT, 1/22 Baird FT, 200/31 Sylvan Lk, 300/31 RedwingBkmm

CP/HT, 110+/4-30 Dut. Mall-80 Westage & 50/13 Westage BJM

**Herring Gull** - 8/4 4 Dut. Mall-4 Westage BJM, 1/8 Bowdoin FT, 25/13 Westage Pd BJM, 2/21 Beacon Ferry Dock river CV, 1/29 Norrie FT, 2/31 Marist Boat house CV

**Great Black-backed Gull** - 3/4, 4/13 Westage Pd BJM, 1/8

Bowdoin FT, 3/29 Norrie FT, 12/29 Chelsea river DF, 5/31 Marist College river CV, 1/31 Sylvan Lk CP/HT

**Rock Pigeon** - 8/29 Norrie FT

**Mourning Dove** - lots of reports, including 2/2 FDR FT, 3/8 Bowdoin FT, 4/15 Verbank FT, 1/22 Baird FT, 19/29 Norrie FT, most 15-30/mo yd Poughquag CP

**Eastern Screech-Owl** - 2/freq.Stanford KCF

**Great Horned Owl** - 1/2 VassarFm KCF, 1/16 east of Hughsonville HRA

**Barred Owl** - 1/19 Bowdoin Park HRA

**Belted Kingfisher** - ten reports of 1 each

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** - seen on most Field Trips and many other sightings

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - 2/8 Bowdoin FT, 1/28 Rombout Rd CV, 2/29 Norrie FT

**Downy Woodpecker** - 1 to 7 found on Field Trips and and seen all over

**Hairy Woodpecker** - smaller numbers than Downy seen around and at suet feeders

**Northern Flicker** - 4/8 Bowdoin FT, 1/15 Verbank FT, 1/22 Baird FT, and 1-2 seen by KCF, CV, MP, ES, BAM

**Pileated Woodpecker** - 1/8 Bowdoin FT, 1/15 Verbank FT, 1/22 Baird FT, 1/29 Norrie FT, and others seen and/or heard by KCF, CV, MP, EBR, CP

**Blue Jay** - seen on Field Trips, in yds, and trees by everyone

**American Crow** - usual numbers, seen on Field Trips and flocking to and from roosts

**Fish Crow** - 1/11 Dutchess Shopping Ctr. & 1/31 Vassar College Boat House river CV





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**Common Raven** – 2/6 Nuclear Lk BP, 1/11 & 2/28 Stissing Mtn CV, 1/20 yd ES  
**Horned Lark** – 12/12 Grieg Farm & 35-40/27 Coole Pk Farm Millbrook CV  
**Black-capped Chickadee** – Usual numbers  
**Tufted Titmouse** – Usual numbers  
**White-breasted Nuthatch** – Usual numbers  
**Brown Creeper** – 1/29 Norrie FT, 1/13-31 yd CV, 1/21 yd MP, 1/17,19,31 yd EBR, 1/22 IES BH, 1/24-31 yd Poughquag CP  
**Carolina Wren** – 1/2 FDR FT, 4/8 Bowdoin FT, 2/15 Verbank FT, 3/29 Norrie FT, most 5/2 VassarFm KCF, other reports incl. some still singing  
**Winter Wren** – 1/4 VassarFm CV, 1/6 Nuclear Lk BP, 1/29 Norrie FT  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – these little frisky buggers are all over, with several reports of 1-6  
**Eastern Bluebird** – good numbers, most 24/8 Bowdoin FT, 12/15 Verbank FT, 10/29 Norrie FT  
**Hermit Thrush** – 2/2 VassarFm KCF, 3/29 Norrie FT, 1/31 Vassar College CV  
**American Robin** – several around incl. 100/2 VassarFm KCF, 12/15 Verbank FT, 18/22 Baird FT  
**Gray Catbird** – 2/4 VassarFm CV  
**Northern Mockingbird** – good numbers, most 8/4 VassarFm CV, 4/8 Bowdoin FT, 5/22 Baird FT  
**European Starling** – 20/15 Verbank FT, seen by EP/JD, 25+/27 & 28 yd BAM  
**American Pipit** – 35-40/9 McEnroe Field, Amenia CV  
**Cedar Waxwing** – numbers dropped later in month, most 100/2 VassarFm KCF, 40/8 Bowdoin FT  
**Eastern Towhee** – 1/17 Rombout Rd CV  
**American Tree Sparrow** – these winter residents are back, most 10/15 Verbank FT, 9 other reports  
**Field Sparrow** 6/14 Wapprs Greenway Trail CV  
**Fox Sparrow** – 1/1-12 yard BB  
**Song Sparrow** – 2/2 VassarFm KCF, 4/2 FDR FT, 8/9 HVRT CV, 4/22 Baird FT, reported by EP/JD, CP, BAM  
**Swamp Sparrow** – 1/3 & 2/21 Thompson Pd CV, 2/22 Baird FT  
**White-throated Sparrow** – 100/2 VassarFm KCF, 30/8 Bowdoin FT, 20/15 Verbank FT, 11/22 Baird FT, 2/29 Norrie FT, several other reports  
**Dark-eyed Junco** – 6/2 VassarFm KCF, 6/2 FDR FT, 20/8 Bowdoin FT, 35/15 Verbank FT, 40/22 Baird FT, 12/29 Norrie FT, on the ground feeding everywhere  
**Northern Cardinal** – reported on most Field Trips and by almost everyone  
**Red-winged Blackbird** – 75-100/21 Thompson Pd CV, 1-5/occ yd BB  
**Rusty Blackbird** – 1/6 Tivoli Bay CV  
**Common Grackle** – 25-30/21 Thompson Pd CV, 1/24 yd MP, 1/28 yd Poughquag CP/HT  
**Brown-headed Cowbird** – 8/13 Rombout Rd CV, 4-10/mo & 75/20 yd BB, 3/28 yd Poughquag CP/HT  
**Purple Finch** – 2-6/mo yd MP, 1/13-29 yd CV, 3/6 yd Poughquag CP, 1/22 IES BH  
**House Finch** – typical numbers  
**Pine Siskin** – 1/6 yd Poughquag CP, 2/16, 1/17 yd BAM  
**American Goldfinch** – 10/8 Bowdoin FT, 2/15 Verbank FT, 4/22 Baird FT, 8/29 Norrie FT; several other reports

**House Sparrow** – 5/15 Verbank FT, 4/22 Baird FT, 15/27 yd ES, observed by EP/JD, 3-4/mo yd BAM

**Observers:**

Hudson River Almanac (**HRA**); Judy Atwood/Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**); Barbara Butler [Dec 19 Round Pond reports are from Sharon CBC] (**BB**); Jeff Daley (**JD**); Dot Fleury (**DF**); Ken & Carol Fredericks (**KCF**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Eleanor Pink (**EP**); Bert Pooth (**BP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Edith & Barry Roseh (**EBR**); Herb Thompson (**HT**); Field Trip (**FT**; see list below); Chet Vincent (**CV**)

**Field Trips (FT):** 2nd FDR NHS, 8th Bowdoin Park, 15th Verbank Club Road, 22nd James Baird SP, 29th Norrie Point

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