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## January 2008 Records

Winter did not arrive until mid-January. The first two weeks saw no snow and above freezing temps, even overnight for many nights. The temperature reached a record 70 on the 6th and folks were reporting daffodils up and buds swelling on some trees. The first snow of the season, a dusting to an inch, fell on the 18th. Abel's Pond froze over by the 19th. Despite the warm weather, there were relatively few half-hardies.

**Snow Goose:** 2/6 1ad/1juv. field w/Canada's Rt. 376 Fishkill Pls BAM,TC/RW; 1/21 Round Pond CV.

**Canada Goose:** 3-4000/21 largest Round Pond CV; 1080/3 Thompson Pond FT; 600/27 SylvanL, 1000/27 Redwing Bkmm CP/HT; many flocks of 10-several hundred all over.

**Mute Swan:** 6/12 Overlook Pk ponds CV; 1-4/all same place JA/KJ; 2/16 & 8/24 Wapp. LK. BJM; 1-2 at 8 other places.

**Wood Duck:** 1/23 Chelsea Cove pond CV.

**American Black Duck:** 17/3 Thompson Pd FT; 12/18 Vanderburg Cove, 16/21 Round Pd CV; also Abel's Pd, Jekoce Lk, Fishkill Cem, Willowbrook Fm, The Fly, Traver Pd.

**Mallard:** 75/7 Nuclear Lake Joe & Vi Woleader; 68/31 Verbank FT; 30/24 Wapp. LK. BJM; 28/18 Fishkill Rural Cem FH; up to 10 at a dozen other places.

**Northern Pintail:** 2/3 Mashomack, 14/17 The Fly CV.

**Green-winged Teal:** 6/17 The Fly, 2/8&12 Espie's Farm CV.

**Canvasback:** 1/7 Conservancy Pond, 1/12 Sylvan Lake CV; 1/27 Sylvan Lake CP/HT.

**Ring-necked Duck:** 30/27 SylvanL CP/HT; 20/9 Christie Pond, 10/8 25/9 Abel's Pond BB; also some at Thompson Pd, Conservancy Pd, Round Pd, Stissing Lk, and Verbank.

**Lesser Scaup:** 1/12 Espie's Farm CV.

**White-winged Scoter:** 2/13-15 Rhinecliff CP and WFC group, RJ.

**Hooded Merganser:** 14/23 Sylvan Lake CV; 15/26-27 Sylvan Lk CP/HT; 8/24 Wapp. Creek BJM; also at Bowdoin Pk, Jekoce Lk, Nuclear Lk, Fallkill Pond, Red Wing (Green Haven Rd).

**Common Merganser:** 56/12 Red Wing (Velie Rd), 22/18 Norrie Pt CV; 30/24 Wapp. Creek BJM; also at Jekoce Lk, Sylvan Lk, Madam Brett, Vanderburg Cove, Traver Pd, Round Pd.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** 1/6 Rhinecliff RJ.

**Ruddy Duck:** 10/12&23 Sylvan Lake CV; 20/27 SylvanLk CP/HT; also at Round Pd, Red Wing (Green Haven Rd).

**Wild Turkey:** 49/22 Domin Farm (Rombout Rd) CV; 30/23 Salt Point, sev males displaying JAll; also Jackson Fm, WheelerHillRd, BAM yd, Espie's Fm, FreedomRd, Gretna Rd.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 1/27 SylvanL CP/HT.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 3/7 River Beacon BAM.

**Great Cormorant:** 1/7 Beacon Bill & Elaine Case & Carolyn Plage; 9/12 Bannerman's Island Berna Lincoln.

**Great Blue Heron:** 7 reported, all before "winter" arrived on the 18th.

**Black Vulture:** 2/9 Dover Plains CV; 5/30 Pok, going after pigeons RJ.

**Turkey Vulture:** 1 each at New Hamburg, Stony Kill, Clove Valley, Dover Plains 6th-10th; 2/20 Lagrange yard JA/KJ.

**Bald Eagle:** good reports along river; also away from river at Nuclear Lk-3, Lakeside Pk-4, Thompson Pd-3, Tamarack-3, Clove Valley-2 CV, BB, Debi Kral & Binnie Chase had 1 adult & 1 imm locking talons over her house, Poughquag on 19th.

**Northern Harrier:** 2/3 Mashomack, 2/21 Downey Rd CV; 1/15 over field Ehmer's farm BJM.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 7 reported from around county.

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 15 others reported, more than usual for January.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** 6 each at Mashomack, Nuclear Lk, Thompson Pd CV; 9/9 Clove Valley/Verbank area BB; 1-4 in many places; albino still near DC airport.

**Golden Eagle:** 1/3 FT, 1/17 FT, 2/28 John Burroughs FT all Thompson Pond; 2/26 seen from Buttercup Sanctuary Larry Federman (likely the same birds as seen from Thompson Pd).

**American Kestrel:** 1/13 Crestwood Rd, Red Hook AG; 1/23-24 Salt Point Turnpike & Hollow Road JAll.

**Peregrine Falcon:** 1/8 Pok, took pigeon mid-air RJ; 1/11 chasing gull at Beacon waterfront HRA; 1/18 Pok RR Bridge with prey CV.

**American Coot:** 80/12 Sylvan Lake CV; 70/27 Sylvan Lk CP/HT, 1/3&17 Mashomack CV.

**Killdeer:** 1/12 Espie's Farm CV.

**Wilson's Snipe:** 1/8 Espie's Farm CV.

**Ring-billed Gull:** 100/27 SylvanL CP/HT; 50/7 Beacon BAM; 50+/24 Wapp. LK. BJM; 14/16 Morgan Lake SGy; also Thompson Pk, Tivoli N Bay, Lakeside Pk.

**Herring Gull:** 15/7 Beacon/River, 1/7 New Hamburg BAM.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** 5/18 Norrie Pt CV; 2/14 New Hamb. PF/JB; also at Norrie Pt, Chelsea, old Dutton Lumber.

**Rock Pigeon:** 46/31 Verbank FT; 25/14 field Jackson farm E. Fishkill BJM; also Fishkill Plns, Vassar Farm.

**Mourning Dove:** 50/17 Vassar Farm FT; 21/6 Robinson Ln. BAM; 15-25 daily MP; 6-12 KCF, BAM, BB JA/KJ, EBR yds.

**Great Horned Owl:** 1/18 calling near Cruger Island 11pm HRA; 1/21 Rhinebeck MP.

**Snowy Owl:** 1/6 imm. Division St. New Hamburg reported by Mary Lulu Lamping, seen by BAM, DF, CV, and others.

**Barred Owl:** 1/12 yd Stormville EBR; 1/28 Sheafe/Cottam Hill Rds area, calling 40 times Gretchen Leak; 1/28 Thompson Pd Ken Feustel.

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/14 Lake Walton PF/JB; 1/14 Hillside Lk. BJM, PF, JB; 1/23 Chelsea Cove pond CV.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 3/10 StonyKill FT; 1-2 on all FTs and most feeders.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1/9 Clove Cemetery BB.

**Downy Woodpecker:** 8/10 StonyKill FT; 1-4 on other FTs; feeders - 4-7 CV, 5-6 CP/HT, 1-4 at others.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 2/3 Thompson Pond FT; 1 on StonyKill, Tivoli, Lakeside Pk FTs; 1-3 at CV, CP feeders; also 1-2 AG, MP, BAM, JA/KJ.

**Northern Flicker:** 2/10 StonyKill FT; 1/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1 each Arborio Swamp, Norrie Pt, Barrytown, Freedom Park CV; plus Vassar Fm, BAM & JA/KJ yards.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 1/10-31 yd. BAM; 1/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; reported 4 times Thompson Pd; 8 others.

**Northern Shrike:** 2/11 Robinson Lane according to owner, from Debi Kral.

**Blue Jay:** 20/all feeder BB; up to 10 at feeders and on trips.

**American Crow:** 400+/11 near Vassar Hosp/Pok Cem 4:45p BJM; hoards/13 Rt9/44-55, roost breaking up 7am BB; 200/3 Thompson Pond FT; up to 59 other FTs; 3-7 in yards.



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**Fish Crow:** 2/11 Marist Boat House, also Dutchess Center, Pok Yacht Club CV.

**Common Raven:** pr/28 Thompson Pd John Burroughs FT, plus other reports from there; 2/9 Nuclear Lk CV; 1/1 Robinson Ln, chased by crows Laurie Taylor; 1/15 Salt Point Bob Bowler.

**Horned Lark:** 45-50/20 Greig Fm CV; 40/20 Rockefeller Ln & Budds Crns Rd Natalie Gilbert; 150/31 Marshall Fm Verbank FT.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** 19/24 Lakeside Park FT; 13/17 Vassar Farm FT; 12/7 Rombout Rd; 10/all feeder BB; 1-5 in yards and on field trips.

**Tufted Titmouse:** 8/10 StonyKill FT; 8/7 Rombout Rd CV; 1-5 at feeders and on trips.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1/23 Rt 82 at Moores Mill BB.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 6/10 StonyKill FT; 6/7 Rombout Rd CV; 3 ea at Thompson Pd, Vassar Fm, Tivoli N Bay FT; 1-2 most yards and trips.

**Brown Creeper:** 1/3 Thompson Pond FT; 1/10 StonyKill FT; 1-2 daily yards of CV Lagrange and MP Rhinebeck.

**Carolina Wren:** 5/10 StonyKill FT; 3/17 Vassar Farm FT; 3/7 Rombout Rd CV; all mo yards of AG,MP,BAM,EBR,CP, KCF; and 6 others.

**Winter Wren:** 2/7 1/22 RomboutRd CV; 1/17 VassarFm FT.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 3/11 James Baird St. Pk. KCF; 4/24 Lakeside Park FT; 1/31 Verbank FT.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 1/3 Thompson Pond FT.

**Eastern Bluebird:** 10 at StonyKill, Vassar Fm, Verbank FT; 8/7 Southlands MP; 1-6 from 12 places.

**Hermit Thrush:** 1/11 James Baird St. Pk. KCF.

**American Robin:** 45-50/21 Sharon Station Rd, 30/7 Domin Fm CV; 6 at Lakeside Pk, Tivoli Bay FT; only 8 other repts.

**Northern Mockingbird:** 4/24 Lakeside Park FT; 3/7 1/22 Rombout Rd CV; 2 ea at StonyKill, Vassar Fm FT, Skidmore Rd; 1/15-31 yd. BAM; 8 others.

**European Starling:** 150/3 Thompson Pond FT; 202/31 Verbank FT; other flocks of 20-50+.

**Cedar Waxwing:** 40/9 Dover Plains, 30/13 Arborios, 25-30/21 Sharon Station Rd, also Domin Farm and Tivoli N Bay CV; 5/31 Verbank FT.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 2/7 Domin Farm CV.

**Eastern Towhee:** 1 female/15-16 yard CV.

**American Tree Sparrow:** 55-60/21 Downey Rd, good flocks in usual spots CV; 2-4 nearly daily MP; 1-3 most days yard JA/KJ; 1 ea at Vassar Fm, Verbank FT.

**Savannah Sparrow:** 1/7 Domin Farm CV.

**Fox Sparrow:** 2/17 Vassar Fm FT; 2/23 Baird Pk. KCF.

**Song Sparrow:** 8/21 Downey Rd CV; 6/17 Vassar Farm FT; only 6 others reported.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 2/17 Thompson Pd saw and heard going to roost CV.

**White-throated Sparrow:** 27/10 StonyKill FT; 16/17 Vassar Farm FT; 15/24 Lakeside Park FT; 10-12/all yd KCF; 12 reports of up to 10 ea.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 3/21 Downey Rd with Tree Sparrows CV.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** 50/11 & 30/23 James Baird St. Pk. KCF; 35/10 StonyKill FT; 30/14 Jackson Rd. ball park PF/JB; 28/3 Thompson Pond FT; 30-40/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 10/11 Sand Dock Rd 2 were very brown CV; lots more - a good junco winter.

**Northern Cardinal:** 9/10 StonyKill FT; 8/17 Vassar Farm FT; 3m/3f/1-13 5f/7m/14-31 yd. BAM; 8/19 yard CV; 1-6 in yards and on FTs.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 1000/17 Thompson Pd going to roost, 100/3 Mashomack CV.

**Common Grackle:** 1000/17 Thompson Pd going to roost, 1/19 yard CV.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 400/21 Willowbrook Fm CV; 50/all feeder BB; up to 28 at BAM yd; dozs/17 Thompson Pd to roost CV; 9/20 near SGy yd; 2/2, 1/17 yd Red Hook AG.

**Purple Finch:** 1/13,14 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/22 Hosner Mtn Rd Stormville EBR.

**House Finch:** 15/10 StonyKill FT; 4-10 at feeders of MP,BAM, EBR,CP,KCF and other FTs.

**American Goldfinch:** 11/17 Vassar Farm FT; 8-10/all yd KCF; 1-7 from other yds and FTs; less than usual - CP has none, usually 20-40 in Poughquag yd.

**House Sparrow:** 3-8/23-30 neighborhood, Hyde Park SGy; 2-3/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/24 Lakeside Park FT.

#### Other Observations:

**Bobcat:** 1/17 Lake Rd, 1/21 Strauss Marsh, Amenia CV.

#### Observers:

JAll - Janet Allison, JA - Judy Atwood, JB - Jean Beck, BB - Barbara Butler, TC - Tammie Carey, PF - Peggy Facsiani, DF - Dot Fleury, KCF - Ken & Carol Fredericks, AG - Ann Gilbert, SGy - Sue Gyscek, FH - Fran Henry, KJ - Karen Jaquith, RJ - Rodney Johnson, BJM - Barb 'Michelin' BAM - Barb & Allan Michelin, MP - Mona Payton, CP - Carena Pooth, EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen, HT - Herb Thompson, DAT - Doreen Tignanelli, CV - Chet Vincent, RW - Robert Williams  
HRA - Hudson River Almanac  
Pok - Poughkeepsie  
WFC - Waterfowl Count (13th-21st)

**Field Trips :** 3rd Thompson Pond, 10th StonyKill, 17th Vassar Farm, 20th Tivoli North Bay, 24th Lakeside Park, 31st Verbank

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

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## February 2008 Records

**White Fronted Goose:** 2/8 Boston Cor Rd, 19th with Canada's Willowbrook Fm Marsh CV.  
**Canada Goose:** reported all over the county, most 10's & 100's; 1000/15 Stissing Lk CV.  
**Mute Swan:** 9 reports & 1 field trip of 1-3 by TM, BAM, CV.  
**Wood Duck:** 1/10 White Schoolhouse Rd, Rhinebeck RJ.  
**American Black Duck:** 22/2 Shekomeko Cr CV; 2-6 in 6 other reports from WS & CV.  
**Mallard:** 40/2 Chelsea Cv Bkmn CP/HT; 4 other reports of 8 to 25 by BJM, CP/HT, WS.  
**Northern Pintail:** 10/8 Randalls Rd, Millerton DF;  
**Green-winged Teal:** 2/2 The Fly CV.  
**Ring-neck Duck:** 8 Sylvan Lk, 2 Stringham Rd, 16 Red Wing Gravel/26 CV.  
**Common Goldeneye:** a few/23 Rhinecliff RJ.  
**Hooded Merganser:** 3 reports of prs by EA, RJ; 11 other reports of 1-6 from RJ, BJM, CP/HT, CV.  
**Common Merganser:** 15 reports by EA, BB, DP, TM, BJM, AJM, CP/HT, WS, CV; 16/20 Norrie Pt FT.  
**Wild Turkey:** several sites with 2 to 28; BAM, BJM; 65/14 Rombout Rd, 33/12 Old Post Rd Staatsburg CV.  
**Great Blue Heron:** 1/27 over Rt.82 so. Hopewell Jct AJM; 1/2 Chelsea Cove Beekman CP/HT.  
**Black Vulture:** four reports of 1-2 from DF, DK, AJM, CV; 4/28 Poughquag CP.  
**Turkey Vulture:** mostly single reports but up to 3 seen by 7 observers.  
**Bald Eagle:** 7 reports, 1-2 (a pr, ad & juv) from RJ, DK, BaM, TM, AJM, CP/HT, CV; 6/20 Norrie Pt FT.  
**Northern Harrier:** 7 mostly lone m or f; 2/21 Thompson Pd; DK; EBR; 2 ad m/27 Reagan Rd CV.  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 1 imm/15 near feeders BB; 2/20 City Pok RJ; 1f/10 feeder BAM; 3 others CV.  
**Cooper's Hawk:** 2/20 City Pok RJ; seven other reports of single sightings DK, BAM, MP, CP/HT, CV.  
**Red-tailed Hawk:** extremely well reported 1-4 by observers & FT; kettling BB; 13/16 Clove Rd CV.  
**Golden Eagle:** 1/25 Old Troy & New Hamburg Rds TM.  
**American Kestrel:** 1/16 IES WS.  
**Merlin:** 1/7 juv or f 1 bird seen at Vassar Fm & campus could be same bird, 2 hr between sightings CV.  
**Peregrine Falcon:** 1/12 Mid-Hudson Bridge CV.  
**American Coot:** 2/2 Chelsea Cove Bkmn CP/HT; 5 Chelsea Apt & 22 Red Wing Green Haven/26 CV.  
**American Woodcock:** heard/23 Hilltop Rd, Rhinebeck RJ.  
**Ring-billed Gull:** 300 - 400 Riverside Pk Beacon TM; 200/2 Sylvan L, 400/2 Redwing Bkmn CP/HT.  
**Herring Gull:** 5/1 Westage pond BAM; 10/8 Webatuck Ck Reagan Rd CV; 1/20 Norrie Pt FT.  
**Great Black-backed Gull:** 14/7 Vanderburg Cove RJ; 30/17 Riverside Pk TM; 2 other reports, 1 FT.  
**Rock Pigeon:** 4/27 Millbrook Sch FT.  
**Mourning Dove:** well reported, on both FT; 26/9 & 30/10 Salisbury Tpk MP; 20-30/all yd CP/HT.  
**Great Horned Owl:** 1/3 Tymor calling 1pm BB; heard/23 Hilltop Rd RJ; 2/25, 1/28 Ludlow Woods DK.  
**Barred Owl:** 1/22, 29 h Ludlow Woods DK; 1/26 h AJM; 1/10 near YWCA MHB; 1/15 h Pond Gut CV.

**Belted Kingfisher:** 6 reports of single sighting HRA, MML, TM, CV; 2/2 Buttercup Fm Sanctuary WS.  
**Red-headed Woodpecker:** 1/11 suet feeder, off Spackenkill Rd MHB.  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** many reports of 1-2, at suet feeders; 5/3, 4/14, 3/25 Rombout Rd CV.  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1 occ at suet DK; 1/17 Millbrook WS; 2/25 Rombout Rd CV; 1/20 FT.  
**Downy Woodpecker:** well reported, 1-5 seen by most; 4/20 Norrie Pt FT; 6/27 Millbrook Sch FT.  
**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1-2 in reports, at suet DK, BAM, MP, CP/HT, EBR, CV; 2/20 Norrie Pt FT.  
**Northern Flicker:** 1 occ in most reports BAM, CP/HT, CV, FT; 4/3 Rombout Rd CV; 4/9 IES WS.  
**Pileated Woodpecker:** 1-2 occ in reports, 1 calling BB, DK, CP/HT, DR, CV; 2/20 Norrie Pt FT.  
**Northern Shrike:** 1/7 Vassar Fm SB; 1/9, 16 IES western part WS; 1/17 Vassar Fm CV.  
**Blue Jay:** well reported, 1-8 at most feeders; 20/all feeder BB; 10-14/all yd Poughquag CP/HT.  
**American Crow:** well reported in large numbers; 10,000/14 City Pok roost CV.  
**Fish Crow:** 1/3 Wal Mart Fishkill, 1/12 Norrie Pt CV.  
**Common Raven:** 1/21 Woods DK; 4/16 Hilltop Rd RJ; 1/8 HVRT; 2/28 Stissing CV; 1/20 Norrie Pt FT.  
**Horned Lark:** 50-55/14 Plankenhorn Fm, 2/26 Stringham Rd soccer lot, 33/27 Perotti Rd CV.  
**Black-capped Chickadee:** 15/all feeder BB; 1-12 in all other reports and Field Trips.  
**Tufted Titmouse:** 1-5 in all reports, at feeders; 7/20 Norrie Pt FT; 4/27 Millbrook Sch FT.  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1/5-12 feeder MML; 1/17 Millbrook WS; 1/7 Vassar College CV.  
**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 1-3 reported at feeders by most; 4/27 Millbrook Sch FT; Gimpy Nuthatch.  
**Brown Creeper:** 1/15 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/23 IES WS; 2/5 1daily @ suet tree Alvin Ct CV.  
**Carolina Wren:** 1-4 at feeders in reports by JA/KJ, BB, BAM, EBR, WS, CV; 1/20 Norrie Pt FT.  
**Winter Wren:** 1/8 HVRT CV.  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 2/24 Buttercup Farm Sanctuary WS; 3/3 Rombout Rd CV.  
**Eastern Bluebird:** 1-6 in most reports; 10/9 IES WS; 10/29 Rombout Rd, 10/7 Vassar Fm CV.  
**Hermit Thrush:** 2/20 Norrie Pt FT.  
**American Robin:** well reported in high numbers; 40/occ yd Po'quag CP/HT; 50/19 Smithfield Rd CV.  
**Gray Catbird:** 1/17 Millbrook WS.  
**Northern Mockingbird:** 1/3 Tymor Pk BB; 1/9 IES WS; 5/3, 14, 4/25 Rombout Rd, 4/7 & 3/17 Vassar Fm CV.  
**European Starling:** 6-25 in several reports; 45/27 Millbrook Sch FT.  
**Cedar Waxwing:** 15/19 yd BB; 15/28 yd BJM; 60-65/29 2 flocks 30+ Rombout Rd CV.  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 1/14 & 25, 2/16 south end of Rombout Rd CV.  
**American Tree Sparrow:** 1-10 reported at feeders JA/KJ, BB, RG/BJM, MP, WS, CV.  
**Field Sparrow:** 4/10 around Rhinebeck RJ.  
**Song Sparrow:** 1/29 singing yd BJM; 1 reported MP, CP/HT, WS; 5/14, 4/25 Rombout Rd CV.  
**Swamp Sparrow:** 1/15 Thompson Pd CV.



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**White-throated Sparrow:** 1-20 on all reports JA/KJ, BB, BAM, BJM, MP, CP/HT, EBR, WS, CV.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** very well reported in good numbers by observers; 12/27 Millbrook Sch FT.

**Snow Bunting:** 1/12 chased by a crow twice Vassar Crew lot CV.

**Northern Cardinal:** up to 11 reported by most & FTs; 2/1 singing often last 2 wks CV.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** most reports of 1-24; 3 reports of 100-500; singing after 19th CV.

**Common Grackle:** up to 100 in reports, numbers increased over month JA/KJ, BB, MP, CV.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 5 reports of 2-30 in yds & at feeders.

**Purple Finch:** 1-7 f & m at feeders all month JA/KJ, BB, RG, BJM, CP/HT, CV.

**House Finch:** 1-6 reported at feeders all month.

**Common Redpoll:** 1-18 at feeders in reports RJ, AJ, DK, BaM, CP/HT, WS, CV.

**Pine Siskin:** 4/11 & 1/2, 14 & 27 w/goldfinch @ feeder yd BAM.

**American Goldfinch:** good numbers in reports & FT; 60/1, 30-40 rest of mo yd Po'quag CP/HT.

Edith & Barry Rosen reported a special bird not on the county list - The Gimpy Nuthatch, present at their feeders in Stormville 1/21-29. "The suet feeder has a wire mesh bottom birds must peck up thru to get the suet. This is no problem for woodpeckers and agile small birds like white-breasted nuthatches. One day we looked out and saw a WBN with something dangling. Binoculars confirmed the bird had a broken leg and was hanging on with the foot of the one good leg. "Gimpy" returned every day for the rest of February. Gimpy uses our seed feeder, but the unusual geometry of our suet feeder is more handicapped-accessible for him or her."

#### **Other Observations:**

Chipmunk in yard on snow on 17th and often after that - Alvin Ct & one under a feeder on 14th Camby Rd  
3 Cotton tail Rabbits run by dogs 27th Millbrook Sch FT; grey squirrels: peak 19/18 Salisbury Tpk

#### **Observers:**

EA - Elaine Andersen; JA/KJ - Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith; SB - Sean Beckett; BB - Barbara Butler; DF - Dot Fleury; RG - Ruth Greenwood; RJ - Rodney Johnson; AJ - Art Jones; DK - Debi Kral; MML - Maury & Miriam Lacher; TM - Tully McElrath; BMa - Barb Mansell; AJM - Allan Michelin; BJM - Barb Michelin; BAM - Barb & Allan Michelin; MP - Mona Payton; CP/HT - Carena Pooth & Herb Thompson; EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen; DR - Dora Russell; WS - William Schlesinger; CV - Chet Vincent;

**Field Trips:** 20th - Norrie Pt; 27th - Millbrook School; all other Field Trips rained or snowed out

**Abbreviations:** ad = adult; Bkmn - Beekman; Cv = Cove; Fm = Farm; f = female; h = heard; HRA = Hudson River Almanac; IES = Institute of Ecosystem Studies; juv = juvenile; Lk = Lake; m = male; MHB - MidHudsonBirds; Mt = Mountain; occ = occasional; pr = pair; Pk = Park; Pt = Point; Pd = Pond; Pok = Poughkeepsie; Rd = Road; yd = yard.

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March 5th featured a record high of 69F in Poughkeepsie and lots of rain all around. Of course, we were still in for subfreezing temperatures and even a bit of snow later in the month. Exceptional species this month included Tundra Swan, Horned Grebe, Great Cormorant, Northern Shrike, an early Gray Catbird on the 14th, and a VERY early Marsh Wren on the 16th (beating the old record for earliest spring arrival). Common Redpolls and Pine Siskins were welcome irruptives.

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** 2/9 Strever Fm Rd CV, TB; 1/18 Round Pd DF

**Snow Goose:** 1/21 Christie Pond BB; 3/25 Stringham Rd BJM; 150/29 Round Pd CV, 2/27 ButtercupW FT

**Canada Goose:** Many reports; highest 150/4 over yd, 200/10 Stringham Rd BAM; 981/12 Mills FT; 2000/13 Round Pond KCF; 82/20 Tymor FT; 3500/17 Round Pd DF

**Mute Swan:** Sightings of 1-3 ea from BB, CV, TM, CP, WS/LDS/MD, BAM, KCF, MP BMa/LM, Tymor FT; also 4/21 Christie Pond BB; 4/29 Webutuck MP

**Tundra Swan:** 1/9 Stissing Lake TB/DK, CV; 1/11,15,29 Round Pd CV; 1/14 Round Pd KCF; 1/18 Round Pd DF; 1/20 Round Pd, 1/20 Strauss Marsh SO; 1/29 Round Pd MP

**Wood Duck:** Many reports, mostly 2 each. Also 3/5 Madam Brett TM; 3/7, 4/21 Rhinebeck MP; 6/12 Norrie Pt, 3/15 Sulvan Lk CV; 6/12 Mills FT; 4/16 Frost Mills NG; 14/27 ButtercupW FT; 7-24 /all month yd, Salt Pt LM

**Gadwall:** 2/9 Strever Fm Rd, 5/10,2/14, 17,20 Ovlk Rd Pk, 6/11, 3/29 Round Pd CV; pr/18 McKinney Pd; 2pr/21 Christie Pd BB; 2/22 Wapp Lk TM; 2/22 Overlk Pd, LM/BMa

**American Wigeon:** 6/14 Round Pd KCF; 2/14 Redwing Bkmn, 6/15, 25/29 Round Pd, 3/17,20 Ovlk Rd Pd CV; x/19 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/21 Christie Pd BB; 6/22 Overlk Pd LM/BMa; 2/22, sev/29 Round Pd MP; 3/22 Wapp Lk TM; 3/30 Vandenburg Cove FT

**American Black Duck:** 2/11 Rhinebeck MP; 26/11, 6/15 Round Pd, 8/29 McEnroe CV; 7/15 IES, 11/16 Ryder Pd, 2/16 Thompson Pd WS/LDS/MD, 12/21 ButtercupW KCF; sm grp/22 tidal Wapp Cr HRA; 8/27 Tivoli South Bay BB/CV; 8/27 ButtercupW FT; 21/30 Vandenburg et al FT

**Mallard:** 8/8 Norrie FT; 4/14 Round Pd, 10/21 ButtercupW KCF; 23/20 Miller Rd BJM/JW; 25/15 IES WS/LDS/MD; 10/6 Vassar FT; 16/20 Tymor FT; 2/27 Tivoli South Bay BB/CV; 2-4/all yd Salt Pt LM

**Blue-winged Teal:** 2/20 Round Pd SO

**Northern Pintail:** 4/6 The Fly, 2/8 Norrie FT; 6/9,13 Strever Fm Rd, 4/11, 8/15 Round Pd, 2/29 McEnroe CV; pr/22 Stringham Pk BB; 4/29 Strever Fm DG

**Green-winged Teal:** 2/6 The Fly, 5/9, 18/13 Strever Fm Rd, 10/15, 16/29 McEnroe CV; 8/14 Round Pd, 10/21 ButtercupW KCF; 10/27 ButtercupW FT; 110/29 Pine Plains ponds DG; x/19 Rhinebeck RJ; x/20 Round Pd SO; 20/30 Vandenburg Cove FT

**Canvasback:** 3/13,14,17,20 Ovlk Pk Pond CV; 3/22 Overlk Pd LM/BMa

**Ring-necked Duck:** Many reports. Highest 33/10, 30/14, 36/11, CV; 37/14 Round Pd KCF; 75/21 Christie Pd BB; 50/22 Overlk Pd LM/BMa; 30/22,29 MP; 40/16 BAM/RC/JW; 85/29 Pine Plains ponds DG

**Lesser Scaup:** 1/occ Fishkill Cmtry TM; 20/22, 15/29 MP

**Scaup sp.:** 3/15, 8/29 Round Pd, 2/20 Ovlk Pk CV

**Bufflehead:** 2/12 Mills FT; 1/14 Coleman Sta Rd KCF; 3/21 Sylvan Lk, pr/21 McKinney Pd BB; 25/27 Tivoli South Bay BB/CV; 22/30 Vandenburg Cove et al FT

**Common Goldeneye:** 17/12 Mills FT; 4/22 Wapp Lk TM; 2/23 Rhinebeck MP

**Hooded Merganser:** Reports of 1-9 from CV, JaA, MP, KCF, FM, TM, WS/LDS/MD, BMa, LM, BJM/RC/JW and several FTs. Highest 15/4, 12/10, 17/14 Ovlk Pk CV

**Common Merganser:** Many reports. Highest 45/29 Strauss Marsh CV; 36/18,27 Lk Oniad BJM; 70/29 Pine Plns ponds DG

**Ruddy Duck:** 5/14 Coleman Sta Rd KCF; 2/15 SylvanL, 6/15 Redwing Bkmn, 6/15, 8/29 Round Pd CV; pr/20 Redwing Pk. BJM/JW; 2/20 SylvanL CP; 1/22 Round Pd MP

**Ring-necked Pheasant:** 1/16 Ryder Pd WS/LDS/MD; 1/21 ButtercupW (sitting in a tree out of the wind) KCF

**Wild Turkey:** Many reports. Highest 30/5 Clove Valley BC; 68/5 Dinsmore, 35/7 Rombout Rd, CV; 40/20 Millbrk Schl KCF; 30/30 Norrie Pt FT

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 1/12 Hudson R Pok TM; 1/20 Bog Hollow DF; 1/20 Sylvan Lk CP; 1/21 Sylvan Lk, 3/22 Stringham Pk BB; 1/29 Round Pd CV; 1/30 Norrie Pt FT

**Horned Grebe:** 1/5 Waryas Pk, 2/21 Sylvan Lk CV; 3/20 Sylvan Lk BJM/JW, CP

**Great Cormorant:** 1 ad & 1 imm/19 Rhinebeck RJ

**Great Blue Heron:** 1/21 Rt 55 CV; 2/27 Tivoli S Bay BB/CV; 1/26 nests Taconic Pkwy BJM/JW 1/28 Stanfordville DK; 1/30 Tivoli South Bay FT

**Black Vulture:** 1/9 Stanfordville, 2/15 Clove Vly CV; 1/12 Blueberry Ln Stormville EBR; 1/21,25,26 Poughquag CP; 2/27 ButtercupW FT; x/3 Rhinebeck RJ; x/12 Breakneck Ridge HRA

**Turkey Vulture:** Many reports. Highest 30/14 Pine Plns JaA; 14/6 CV; 16/27 ButtercupW FT; 14/29 Dennings Pt TM

**Osprey:** 1/24 Wapp Crk TM; 1/24 New Hamburg CV  
**Bald Eagle:** 1/1,2/24 New Hamburg, 4/1 Carnwath Fm, 1/1 Beacon, 1/5, 3/9 Norrie, 2/6, 3/13 Thompson Pd CV; 7/3 the Clove ET; pr nesting Wapp HRA; 1/5 Madam Brett, 1/12 Dennings Pt TM; 1/6 Vassar FT; 1/8 Norrie FT; 3/12 Mills FT; 1/20 Tymor FT; 3 imm/29 Clove Valley BB; 1/30 Rhinebeck KS; 1/30 Norrie Pt FT

**Northern Harrier:** 1/1 Greigs NG; 1/3,9 Bangall Amenia Rd, 1/16 yd Stanfdville DK; 3/6 Thompson Pd, 1/10 Rombout Rd CV; 2/9 Rhinebeck DG; 1/27 ButtercupW FT; 1/30 Allen Rd BMa

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 1/4, 1/5 yd Pok KCF; 1/6 yd Lagrange JA/KJ; 1/9 yd StanfdvilleDK; 1/10,27 yd Pok CV; 1/27 ButtercupW FT; 1/28 Fishkill TM

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/3 Vassar College, 2/10 Rombout Rd CV; 1/14 Beacon TM; 1/16 Salt Pt Tpk DK; 1/25 yd Lagrange JA/KJ; 1/29 Rhinebeck MP

**Northern Goshawk:** 1/27 ButtercupW FT

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/1,2,6 New Hamburg HRA; 1/10,18 Rombout Rd, 1/14 Pond Gut, 1/17 Norrie, 1/27 yd Pok CV; 2/8 Field Rd Milan DG; 1/12 Mills FT; 1/14 PI Villy, 1/most yd BAM; 3/21 ButtercupW KCF; 1 /all yd Salt Pt LM

**Red-tailed Hawk:** Many sightings of 1-3 each, also 5/10 Rombout Rd, 5/13 Thompson Pd CV; 4/22 Stringham Pk BB; 5/27 ButtercupW FT. NESTING: 1/15 Conklin Rd DK; 1/18 Round Pd DF; 1/27 Bulls Head Rd BB/CV



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**American Kestrel:** 1/14 Millerton KCF; 1/15 Sunset Ridge Fm, 1/29 McEnro CV; 1/22 Stanfordsville, 1/25,28-29 Female Salt Pt Tpk DK; 1/29 Crestwood Rd RedHk NG; 1/29 Rhinebeck DG; pr/regularly Rhinebeck KS; 3/29 Rhinebeck MP

**Merlin:** 1/3 Vassar College CV

**Peregrine Falcon:** 2/5 Waryas Pk (Mid-H Br) CV

**American Coot:** 33/15 Redwing Bkmn, 4/29 Round Pd CV; 10/20 Bkmn BJM/JW; 6/21 Miller Rd Bkmn BB

**Killdeer:** 1/6, 3/10, 6/20 Ovk Pk, 1/13 Strever Fm Rd, 1/15, 35/29 McEnroe CV; 3/9 Fishkill Cmtry TM; 1/12 Mills FT; 1/14 Round Pd KCF; 6-8/16-31 Southlands MP; 20/17 McEnroe DF; 1/18 Humeston Fm, 2/29 Westage Fshk BJM; 2/20 Clinton Town Hall BMa; 26/22 Gretna Rd BMa/LM; 1/27 ButtercupW FT; 1/30 Wilderstein FT

**Wilson's Snipe:** 2/16 Southlands MP; 1/19 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/27 ButtercupW FT; 7/29 McEnroe CV; 12/29 Strever Fm DG

**American Woodcock:** 2/1 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/6 (and throughout month!) JaA; 1/22 Dennings HRA; 1/27 Red Hk BP; 6/13 IES WS/LDS; 3/15, 1/27, 2/30 Crestwood Rd RedHk NG; 1/16 ButtercupW AJ; 2-5/21-31 Allen Rd BMa; 2/22 IES KCF; 3/25 IES FT; 5/xx Pl Villy 1/xx Dinsmore, 1/xx Norrie JL

**Ring-billed Gull:** 24/5 Madam Brett, 30/17, 7/26 Dennings Pt TM; 6/8 Norrie FT; 4/12 Mills FT; 3/20 Sylvan Lk CP; 4/20 Tymor FT; 45/20 Redwing Bkmn, 50/29 Westage Fshk BJM/JW; 12/22,29 Amenia MP; 25/30 Tivoli South Bay FT

**Herring Gull:** 2/8 Norrie FT; 10/29 Westage, Fishkill BJM

**Great Black-backed Gull:** 1/1 Beacon, 1/5 Waryas Pk, 3/5 Norrie CV; 4/8 Norrie FT; 2/24,26 Dennings Pt TM

**Rock Pigeon:** 2/12 Mills FT; 10/20 Tymor FT

**Mourning Dove:** Usual numbers. Highest 10-16/all yd Rhinebeck MP; 10-20/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 10/all yd Verbank BB

**Great Horned Owl:** 1/12,17 Norrie, 1/13 PIVly, 1/14,18,26 Rombout Rd CV; 2/16,22 yd Stanfordsville DK; 1/21, 23 Bulls Head Rd (on nest) KCF

**Barred Owl:** 1/13,27, 2/15,17 yd Pok, 1/14 Pond Gut, 1/15 Little Stissing, 1/17 Old Post Rd CV; 1/12 Mills FT; 1/27 Norrie Pt JB; 2/all Field Rd Milan DG

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** 1/6 calling yd Stanfordsville DK

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/2 IES WS/LDS; 1/12,17, 2/26 Norrie, 1/15 Sheffield Hill Rd, 1/16 Arborio CV; 2/12 Mills FT; 1/22 Wapp Lk TM; 1/22 Stringham Pk BB; 1/27 Father's Trail BB/CV; 1/27 ButtercupW FT; 1/30 ButtercupW AJ; 1/occ Rochdale Rd KCF

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** Sightings of 1-2 each from field trips and BB, CV, CP/HT, KCF, WS/LDS/MD, DK, MP, LM, EBR, BAM; 4/most Rombout Rd CV; 3/6 Vassar FT; 5/12 Mills FT; 4/27 ButtercupW FT

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1/1 Clinton Crs JaA; 1/3 Vassar College, 1/18 Rombout Rd CV; 1/6 Vassar campus FT; 2/27 ButtercupW FT; 2/27 Father's Trail BB/CV; 1/30 Fathers Trail FT; 1/30 Wilderstein FT

**Downy Woodpecker:** Sightings of 1-2 ea from FTs and BB, EBR, KCF, WS/LDS/MD, also 3/8 Norrie FT; 4-7/daily yd Pok, 5/3 Vassar College CV; 7/6 FT Vassar; 6/all yd Pok KCF; 6/27 ButtercupW FT; 3/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 4/all yd BAM; 2-4 /all yd Salt Pt LM; 1-3/all Rhinebeck MP

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1-3/daily yd Pok, 1/3 Vassar College, 1/7 Rombout Rd CV; 1-2/many yd Stormville EBR; 1/15 IES WS/LDS/MD; 2/20 yd Stanfordsville DK; 1/27 ButtercupW FT; 2/all yd BAM; 2/all yd Pok KCF; 1/all, yd Salt Pt LM; 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/all Rhinebeck MP

**Northern Flicker:** 1/1,17 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/8 Norrie FT; 1/15 IES WS/LDS/MD; 2/20 Tymor FT; 3/27 ButtercupW FT; 1-2/daily yd Pok, 1/3 Vassar College, more than usual for March CV; 2/27 Father's Trail BB/CV; 2/all yd BAM; 1/occ yd Pok KCF

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 1/1 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/3 Vassar College, 2/6,13, 1/9 Thompson Pd, widespread in woods CV; 1/6 Tamarack Lk 1/16 yd Stanfordsville DK; 2/6 Vassar FT; 1/8 Norrie FT; 2/12 Mills FT; 2/20 Tymor FT; 3/22 yd Stormville EBR; 1/29 Rhinebeck MP; 2/occ Rochdale Rd KCF; 1/27 Father's Trail BB/CV; 1/30 Dinsmore FT; 3/30 Wilderstein FT; 1/14 YD LAGRANGE JA/KJ

**Eastern Phoebe:** 2/15 IES WS/LDS/MD; 1/17,26 Norrie, 1/29 HVRT CV; 1/16 eating ladybugs side of house, 1/29 Tymor BB; 4/20 Tymor FT; 1/25 yard Clinton Crs JaA; 1/27 Father's Trail BB/CV; 5/27 ButtercupW FT; 1/29 Pine Plns DG; 1/30 Allen Rd BMa; 1/30 Wilderstein FT

**Northern Shrike:** 1/15 IES WS/LDS/MD; 1/23 Vassar Fm HRA

**Blue Jay:** Usual numbers.

**American Crow:** 12/1 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 7/2 IES 5/15 IES, 1/16 Ryder Pd, 1/16 Thompson Pd WS/LDS/MD; 16/6 Vassar FT; 17/12 Mills FT; 10/20 Tymor FT; 4-6/all Rhinebeck MP; 2-4/all, yd Salt Pt LM; 4-5/all yd BAM

**Fish Crow:** 1/1 Carnwath Fm, 1/3 Vassar College, 5/5 Vassar Boathouse, 1/18 Rombout Rd, 3/12 Norrie CV; 1/12 Mills FT; 1/18 Bard campus BB; 1/30 Vandenburgh Cove FT

**Common Raven:** 1/6,9,13,15 Stissing Mtn, 1/14 Pond Gut CV; 1/15 fly-by yd Verbank BB; 1/19 Vandenburgh Cv RJ

**Horned Lark:** 60/2 Stanford JaA; sev/10 Amenia DF

**Tree Swallow:** 2/15 IES WS/LDS/MD; 5/30 Norrie CV; 30/26 Hillside Lk, 10/29 Lk Oniad BJM/JW; 4/27 Bulls Head Rd BB/CV; 6/28 Drake Lk LM

**Black-capped Chickadee:** Usual numbers. Highest 30/6 Vassar FT; 20/all yd Verbank BB

**Tufted Titmouse:** Usual numbers. Highest 28/6 Vassar FT; 8/12 Mills FT; 5/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 5/all yd Verbank BB; 3-5/all Rhinebeck MP

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1/10 yd Lagrange JA/KJ

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** Usual numbers. Highest 9/6 Vassar FT; 12/12 Mills FT; 2-4/all, yd Salt Pt LM; 4/30 Fathers Trail FT

**Brown Creeper:** 1/4,8,18 Yd Pok, 1/14 Pond Gut CV; 1/7 yd Stanfordsville DK; 1/26 Allen Rd BMa; 2/27 ButtercupW FT

**Carolina Wren:** Sightings of 1-2 each from FTs and BB, CV, EBR, WS/LDS/MD, LM,BAM,KCF, MP, also 5/6 Vassar FT; 4/7, 5/18 Rombout Rd CV; 3/29 Rhinebeck MP

**Winter Wren:** 1/8 Norrie FT

**Marsh Wren:** 1/16 Ryder Pd WS/LDS/MD – this sighting beats the old record for earliest spring arrival, 1/13/74

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 1/1 yd Poughquag HT; 2/1 Dennings Pt TM; 1/6 Vassar FT; 1/12 Mills FT; 4/27 ButtercupW FT; 1/29 HVRT CV

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 1/1 Dennings Pt TM; 2/30 Fathers Trail FT

**Eastern Bluebird:** On most reports. Highest 6/15 IES WS/LDS/MD; 6/6 Lake Rd CV; 16/12 Mills FT



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**Hermit Thrush:** 1/1 Dennings Pt CV; 1/15 IES WS/LDS/MD

**American Robin:** Many reports. Highest: 20/6,31 Dutchess Airtpt BJM; 14/15 yd Stormville EBR; 18/25 IES FT; 28/27 ButtercupW FT; 40/30 yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Gray Catbird:** 1/14 Rombout Rd CV

**Northern Mockingbird:** 1/1 Dennings Pt, 4/7, 5/10, 18, 1/14 Rombout Rd CV; 4/6 Vassar FT; 1/14 Round Pd, 1/14 HVRT, 2/occ Arlington KCF; 1/15 IES WS/LDS/MD; 1/20 Tymor FT; 1/27 ButtercupW FT

**European Starling:** 25/6 Vassar FT; 4/7, 1/30 yd Stormville EBR; 21/12 Mills FT; 40/20 Tymor FT; 20/27 ButtercupW FT; 4-6 /all yd Salt Pt LM; 6-8/most Rhinebeck MP

**Cedar Waxwing:** 1/9, 12/12, 10/19 Lagrangeville Library. 7/22 Norrie DK; 43/27 ButtercupW FT

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 1/1, 2/7, 10 Rombout Rd; 1/27 ButtercupW FT

**American Tree Sparrow:** 2/5 Madam Brett, 4/5 Riverside Trl TM; 2/6 Lake Rd, 2/7, 18, 3/10 Rombout Rd CV; 1/9-25 yd Verbank BB; 1/13 yd Pok KCF; 1/15 IES WS/LDS/MD; 5-6/all Rhinebeck MP; 1-8/all yd Lagrange JA/KJ

**Chipping Sparrow:** 1/5 yd Stormville EBR

**Savannah Sparrow:** 6/21 ButtercupW KCF

**Fox Sparrow:** 2/4 Rhinebeck RJ; 1/5 yd Verbank BB; 1/27 Father's Trail BB/CV; 6/5 Stanfdville CC; 1/10, 18 Rombout Rd CV; 1/14 yd Stormville EBR; 1/18 Humeston Fm BJM; 2/20 Tymor FT; 2/21 ButtercupW KCF; 1/22, 30 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/27 ButtercupW FT; 1/all except 2/29 yd Rhinebeck KS

**Song Sparrow:** Many reports. Highest 6/7 Rombout Rd, 5/9 Norrie, 10/29 HVRT CV; 7/6 Vassar FT; 1-5/7-31 yd Verbank; 6/18 Tymor BB; 9/27 Father's Trail BB/CV; 8/13 IES WS/LDS/MD; 6/14 HVRT KCF; 7/20 Tymor FT; 18/27 ButtercupW FT

**White-throated Sparrow:** Many reports. Highest 12/1 Dennings Pt CV; 12/14 HVRT, 12/occ yd Pok KCF; 15-20/all yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Dark-eyed Junco:** Plentiful. Highest: 14/6 Vassar FT; 25/18 Tymor, 25/all yd Verbank BB; 30/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 12-18/all yd BAM

**Northern Cardinal:** Appearing in usual numbers, this pretty bird graced us with welcome color in our gray and white surroundings.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** Numerous sightings of 1-10. Flocks began to arrive: 100/5 Travis Rd, 200/7, 10 Rombout Rd, big flocks 1st half of March, in swamps singing 2nd half CV; 100/6 Tamarack DK; 25/14 HVRT, KCF; 30/5-31 yd Verbank (still few females) BB; 10-25/all Rhinebeck MP

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 2/15 McEnroe puddle CV; 5/28 Burger Hill KS

**Rusty Blackbird:** 1/23 Vassar Fm HRA; 3/29 HVRT CV

**Common Grackle:** 50/5, 200/7, 10 Rombout Rd CV; 6/6 Vassar FT; 4/12 Spackenkill Rd BJM/JW; 4/14 Round Pd, 8/14 HVRT, 4/19 yd Pok KCF; 10/15 IES, 2/16 Ryder Pd WS/LDS/MD; 7/20 Tymor FT; 15/27 ButtercupW FT; 10-20/all, up to 50/15 Rhinebeck MP; 1/30 Vandenburg Cove FT; 15/all yd Verbank BB

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 1/3, 5/27 yd Pok, 50/14 Domin Fm, 10/5 Travis Rd CV; 20/4 yd BAM; 1/20 Tymor FT; sev/most, up to 30/29 Rhinebeck MP; 2/30 Fathers Trail FT; 5/all yd Verbank BB

**Purple Finch:** 5/1, 6/2, 8/4, 12/10, 17, 27, 7/16, 10/28, 11/31 yd Pok—more than usual CV; 1/5, 6 yd Stormville EBR; 2/18 yd Salt Pt LM; 1/27 ButtercupW FT; 2/occ yd Pok KCF

**House Finch:** 1/15 IES WS/LDS/MD; pr/7 up to 6/31 BB; 1/20 Tymor FT; 4-6/all yd Stormville EBR; 4-6/all yd Pok KCF; 4/all yd BAM; 2-4/most Rhinebeck MP

**Common Redpoll:** 8/1-25, 20/26, 2/27-31 Pine Plns AJ; 2/4, 1/19 yd Pok CV; 1-2/7, 10, 12, 20 yd Stormville EBR; 12/12, 20/13, EFishkill HRA; 2-25/all yd Salt Pt LM; 25/all yd Milan DG; 3-15/all Allen Rd BMA

**Pine Siskin:** 2/16, 18, 19, 1/20, 28 yd Pok CV; 1/17, 25 yd BAM

**American Goldfinch:** 1/27 ButtercupW FT; 5-8/all yd Pok KCF; 10-14/all yd BAM; 10-20/all yd Salt Pt LM; 6-10/all Rhinebeck MP; 5-20/all yd CP/HT; 1/30 Fathers Trail FT

**House Sparrow:** 10-20/daily and 24/4, 36/19 yd Pok CV; 7/6 Vassar FT; 1/8 yd BAM; 2/20 Tymor FT

#### Other Observations:

**Peepers:** first ones 15th NG

**Little Brown Bat:** 1/11 Dinsmore, 1/15 Stissing Lk (seen in daytime – does that mean it's sick?) CV

**Bear:** Stole the suet feeder on the 8th and rendered a feeder pole useless on the 25th - yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Muskrat:** 1/23 Wapp Lk TM

**Beaver:** 1/6 Stissing marsh, 4/29 Round Pd CV

**Woodchuck:** 1/1 Beacon, gathering leaves CV

**Chipmunk:** 2/3 on snow yd Pok CV; 1/16 yd Rhinebeck MP

#### Observers:

Hudson River Almanac (**HRA**); Janet Allison (**JaA**); Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith (**JA/KJ**); John Balint via BB (**JB**); Tom Burke via John Askildsen & BB (**TB**); Barbara Butler (**BB**); Binnie Chase via BB (**BC**); Courtney Collings via JA (**CC**); Rosa Corbeels via BJM (**RC**); Marty Dellwo (**MD**); Dot Fleury via BB (**DF**); Ken & Carol Fredericks (**KCF**); Dick Gershon (**DG**); Natalie Gilbert (**NG**); Rodney Johnson via BB (**RJ**); Art Jones (**AJ**); Debi Kral (**DK**); Jeff Lucas via BB (**JL**); Barbara Mansell (**BMA**); Frank Margiotta (**FM**); Liz Martens (**LM**); Tully McElrath (**TM**); Barbara & Allan Michelin (**BAM/BJM/AJM**); Steve Oresman via BB (**SO**); Mona Payton (**MP**); Carena Pooth (**CP**); Beth Prenot via BB (**BP**); Edith & Barry Rosen (**EBR**); Lisa Dellwo Schlesinger (**LDS**); William Schlesinger (**WS**); Herb Thompson (**HT**); Elfriede Tillman via BB (**ET**); Chet Vincent (**CV**); Joe Woleader via BJM (**JW**)

**Field Trips:** 6th Vassar Campus, 8th Norrie Point, 12th Staatsburgh / Mills Mansion, 20th Tymor Park, 25th IES Woodcock Walk, 26th Buttercup West, 27th Allen Rd., Woodcock Walk 30th Norrie, Vandenburg Cove, Wilderstein, Father's Trail to S. Tivoli Bay.

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

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## April 2008 Records

After a normal start, April had a warm, dry spell (14th-26th) followed by rainy, cool weather and frost on the 30th. A few highlight birds of March lingered into April – Tundra Swan, Common Redpolls, Pine Siskins. A mid-April Purple Finch invasion followed a good winter for this lovely bird. Our winter birds slipped away as we welcomed back many migrants and residents.

**Snow Goose:** 1/14 w/Canadas field Stringham Rd. BJM; 9/18 Mashomack CV.

**Canada Goose:** 700/1 Round Pond, 700/1 Strauss Marsh BB; 21 other reports, some nesting reports

**Mute Swan:** 7/30 Cruger Island Road FT; 6 other reports, nest on Wapp Lk.

**Tundra Swan:** 1/1 Round Pond, flew to Strauss Marsh BB.

**Wood Duck:** 5m/25 Vassar Farm CV; 4/6 Buttercup WS/LS; 12 other rpts.

**Gadwall:** 8/1 Round Pond BB.

**American Wigeon:** 15/1 Round Pond BB.

**American Black Duck:** 6/1 Round Pond, 6/1 Strauss Marsh BB; 2/6 Buttercup WS/LS.

**Mallard:** 12/6 Buttercup WS/LS; 11/12 Cary IES WS/LS, 12 other rpts.

**Blue-winged Teal:** pr/11 Buttercup W HRA; 2/18 Strever Farm Rd CV.

**Green-winged Teal:** 20/1 McEnroe mudpuddle BB; 10/18 The Fly, 10/18 4/23 Strever Farm Rd, Pine Plains CV; 5/26 Strever Farm Pond DG, also Tamarack, Lk Walton.

**Ring-necked Duck:** 60/1 Round Pond BB; 18/18 (last date) Thompson Pond CV; also Mabbettville, Buttercup, Lk Walton, Lk Oniad.

**Bufflehead:** pr/6 Norrie Pt. BJM,MK.

**Hooded Merganser:** 8/1 Round Pond BB; female/13 Cary IES DFa; 6females/22 Clinton Corners BB.

**Common Merganser:** 60/1 Strauss Marsh BB; 2/25 (last) Cary IES WS/LS; plus 7 rpts of 2-17.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** 5(4f, 1m)/10 river n of Chelsea RJ, Ed Solan

**Ruddy Duck:** 4/1 Round Pond BB.

**Ring-necked Pheasant:** 1/12 Cary IES WS/LS; x/13 Cary IES DFa.

**Wild Turkey:** 9/22 Clinton Corners BB, many reports from all over the county.

**Common Loon:** 1/13 Sylvan Lk RB; 3/18 feeding in river sev hrs RJ.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 1/6 Wapp. Lk. BJM,MK .

**Red-necked Grebe:** 1/15 over river at Chelsea RJ; 1/18 flying N at Chelsea RJ.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 6/14 Lk. Walton BAM; 6/21st at Lake Walton TC/RW, 3/18 Mashomack Pd, 10/25 Norrie Point CV; 3/19 Allen Rd BMa, other river sites.

**Great Blue Heron:** 2/2 Tamarack FT; 3/9 Wilcox Park FT; 14 rpts of 1-2.

**Great Egret:** 1/16 Dennings Pt FT; 1/21 Lake Walton TC/RW.

**Green Heron:** 1/20 Rt 9G flew across road CV.

**Black Vulture:** 1/9 Wilcox Park FT; 6/12 over house, Rhinebeck RJ; 1/19 HVRT FT; 3/24th Over Rte 84 Fishkill GZ.

**Turkey Vulture:** 6/16 Dennings Point FT; 7/19 HVRT FT; 22/23 Thompson Pond FT; 20 reports.

**Osprey:** x/11 Rhinebeck RJ first, then 9 others.

**Bald Eagle:** 2 - thrashing in water/2 Tamarack FT; 2/9 Wilcox Park FT; 1/18 Thompson Pond, 2/25 Norrie Pt, 2/25 Tivoli North Bay CV; 1 ad/29 over Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge Frank Margiotta.

**Northern Harrier:** 1/15 HVRT, 1/18 Thompson Pond, 1/25 Tivoli North Bay CV; 1/22 Stony Kill fields Sue Kmitek; 1/30 Cruger Island Road FT.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 2/12 over house, Rhinebeck RJ; 1/occ 18-30 yard BB; 4 other reports.

**Cooper's Hawk:** 4/12 over house, Rhinebeck RJ; 1/28,29 yd Poughquag CP/HT; a dozen others reported .

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 2/15-30 nesting yard, Stanford AJ; nest/22 Staatsburg HRA; 1-2 most days over yd. BAM; pr/all Hopewell Jct SG; 4 others.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** first 1/9 Hunter Brook HRA; most 13/26 over Stringham Rd parking lot FT; only 4 other reports.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** 1/6 on nest Vassar Farm BJM,MK; 3/12, 1/11,17 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 3/24 Rombout Road, plus 5 others CV; 1/28 on nest Westage Fishkill BJM; plus 20 other reports.

**Golden Eagle:** 1 ad/6 Rhinebeck Gardens RJ.

**American Kestrel:** 3/5 N of village of Rhinebeck Maury Lacher; prs at Cary IES DFa, Vassar Farm BB, Red Hook NG, 6 others.

**Merlin:** 1/12 over house, Rhinebeck RJ.

**Peregrine Falcon:** 1/10 Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge HRA.

**Virginia Rail:** 1/18 Thompson Pond, 1/18 Buttercup West CV; 2/18 Thompson Pond DG; 3/23 Thompson Pond FT.

**American Coot:** 3/1 Round Pond BB; 1/18 The Fly, Pine Plains CV.

**Killdeer:** 9/5 Southlands FT; 6-10/daily Southlands MP; 9 reports of 1-2 .

**Greater Yellowlegs:** 2/25 Tivoli North Bay, 1/29 Marist crew area CV; x/26 Tivoli Bays MHB.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** 1/16 Dennings Point FT.

**Least Sandpiper:** 1/23 Strever Farm Road CV.

**Wilson's Snipe:** 32/5 Southlands FT; 2/20 Southlands MP; 12/18 17/23 Strever Farm Road CV; 1/1 Branton Woods GC SG; 1/19 HVRT FT.

**American Woodcock:** 6/8 (evening) Cary IES WS; 3/2 Allen Road field BMa; 4 other places.

**Bonaparte's Gull:** 5/16 Dennings Point FT; 2/29 Marist crew area (immatures) CV.

**Ring-billed Gull:** 400/1 McEnroe mudpuddle BB; 600/1 Round Pond BB; 15/16 Dennings Point FT.

**Herring Gull:** 4/1 McEnroe mudpuddle BB; 2/16 Dennings Point FT.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** 1/16 Dennings Point FT; 2/29 Marist crew area CV.

**Rock Pigeon:** 2/5 Cary IES WS/LS; x/13 Cary IES DFa.

**Mourning Dove:** 6/9 Wilcox Park FT; 5/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; 10-20 daily Rhinebeck yd MP; 15 reports.

**Great Horned Owl:** 2 calling/15 yard (4am) BB; 1/17 Rombout Rd on nest CV.

**Barred Owl:** 4/18, 2 or more/most evenings Walt Jacob's Butts Hollow Rd BB; 5 others.

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** 1/24 heard 5am Wappingers yd AJM.

**Chimney Swift:** heard/27 Vassar Farm at Kiosk event.

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/17 Rombout Rd, 1/23 Buttercup West, 1/29 Madam Brett CV; 1/27 Buttercup WS/LS; 6 others.





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**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 4/16 Dennings Point FT; 4/25 Vassar Farm, 3/24 Rombout Rd CV; 6/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; 25 other reports.  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 2/all yard BB; 4 others.  
**Downy Woodpecker:** 5/16 Tivoli Bays FT; 5/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; 20 reports.  
**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1-2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2 all suet yd. BAM; 10 others.  
**Northern Flicker:** 6/16 Dennings Point FT; 4/19 HVRT FT; 25 other reports.  
**Pileated Woodpecker:** 5/9 Wilcox Park FT; over 20 other reports.  
**Eastern Phoebe:** 12/9 Wilcox Park FT; 10/12 Cary IES WS/LS; nest complete in yd by 23rd CV; 28 other reports of 1-6.  
**Great Crested Flycatcher:** 2/18 Lagrange yard JA/KJ. Early.  
**Eastern Kingbird:** 1/27 Vassar Farm at Kiosk event.  
**Blue-headed Vireo:** 3/26 Pond Gut FT; 2/29 Dutchess Rail Trail CV.  
**Warbling Vireo:** 1/26 Stringham Park CV; 1/26 Pond Gut FT; 1/27 BBT/Humeston farm BJM.  
**Blue Jay:** 12/2 Tamarack FT; 14/9 Wilcox Park FT; 46(migrating flock)/27 Vassar Farm Kiosk event; over 22 reports.  
**American Crow:** 12/9 Wilcox Park FT; 12/19 HVRT FT; 12 other reports of 2-8.  
**Fish Crow:** 2/1 Fallkill Cr at Hudson R HRA; 3/16 Tivoli Bays FT; 3/25 Tivoli Bay CV; 2/30 Cruger Island Road FT; also at Hudson Plaza, Rt9 Wapp, Dennings Pt.  
**Common Raven:** 2 at nest/23 Thompson Pond FT; 1/30 Bard FT; also at Tamarack, Pond Gut, Wilcox Pk, Rhinebeck, HVRT.  
**Tree Swallow:** 3/5 and then daily, building up to 10 daily, all TSF MP; flight/11 river near Chelsea RJ; 15/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; 25/30 Cruger Island Road FT; 25 reports.  
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** 2/14 Wapp Creek @ Bleachery BAM; 6/16 Wapp. Crk. BJM/MK/JW; 5/30 Cruger Island Road FT.  
**Bank Swallow:** 5/11 colony Rhinebeck RJ; flight/11 river near Chelsea RJ.  
**Barn Swallow:** flight/11 river near Chelsea RJ; 8/21 then 12 daily, Southlands MP; 5/30 Cruger Island Road FT; also HVRT, Lake Walton.  
**Black-capped Chickadee:** 15/9 Wilcox Park FT; 6 (nest building)/19 HVRT FT; up to 10 on all reports.  
**Tufted Titmouse:** 10/16 Dennings Point FT; up to 8 on many reports.  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 2/9 Wilcox Park FT; 1/16 Chelsea RJ; 1/17 Lagrange yd JA/KJ; 1/27-28 yard BB.  
**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 4/2 Tamarack FT; 1-3 most reports.  
**Brown Creeper:** 1/16 Dennings Point FT.  
**Carolina Wren:** 5/24 Rombout Rd, 3/25 Vassar Farm CV; singing/16-30 Red Hook yd AG; 15 others.  
**House Wren:** first 1/17 Stanfordville Barbara Mansell; 5/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; 10 others.  
**Winter Wren:** 3/26 Pond Gut FT.  
**Marsh Wren:** 2/25 Tivoli North Bay heard and seen CV; x/26 Tivoli Bays MHB; 2/30 Cruger Island Road FT.  
**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 2/6 Buttercup WS/LS.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 40/19 fallout over Hilltop Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; 10 reports of 1-4, all after the 14th.  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** first 1/21 & 2/27 BBT/Wapp BJM; 9/23 Thompson Pond FT; 6/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; 6 other reports.  
**Eastern Bluebird:** 5/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; settling in to nest all over.  
**Hermit Thrush:** x/12 Millbrook J Askildsen; 2/16 Tivoli Bays FT; 3/19 over Hilltop Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; 1/26 Pond Gut FT.  
**Wood Thrush:** 1/15 Rhinebeck RJ. Very early.  
**American Robin:** 20/2 Tamarack FT; 27/9 Wilcox Park FT; 28 reports of up to 10.  
**Gray Catbird:** first 1/25 Vassar Farm CV, then at Buttercup, Rockefeller Univ Field Station and Millbank pond (Spackenkill).  
**Northern Mockingbird:** 6/24 Rombout Rd CV; 4/16 Dennings Point FT; 10 others.  
**Brown Thrasher:** first 1/13 Rhinebeck RJ; 3/24 Rombout Road CV; 6 others.  
**Cedar Waxwing:** 30/2 Tamarack FT; 8/25 Cary IES WS/LS; 7 others.  
**Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid):** 1/26 Tivoli Bays (Kidd Lane) MHB.  
**Nashville Warbler:** 2/19 over Hilltop Rd, Rhinebeck RJ. Early.  
**Yellow Warbler:** first 3/27 BBT/Humeston farm BJM; 3 reports on the 30th.  
**Magnolia Warbler:** 1/19 over Hilltop Rd, Rhinebeck RJ. New early arrival date, prior was April 23, 1996.  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 2/26 Pond Gut FT.  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 1/11 Buttercup W HRA, 25/19 fallout over Hilltop Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; 20+/20 Pond Gut GZ; 11 other reports.  
**Black-throated Green Warbler:** x/26 Tivoli Bays MHB; 1/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT.  
**Blackburnian Warbler:** 7/19 fallout over Hilltop Rd, Rhinebeck RJ. New early arrival date, prior was April 26, 1992.  
**Pine Warbler:** first 4/12 Tymor Park BB; many/13 Cary IES DFa; 6/19 fallout over Hilltop Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; 8 others.  
**Prairie Warbler:** 1/29 Dutchess Rail Trail CV.  
**Palm Warbler:** first 2/11 Buttercup W HRA; 20/19 fallout over Hilltop Rd, Rhinebeck RJ; 25+/20 Pond Gut GZ; 12 reports of 1-9.  
**Black-and-white Warbler:** first 2-3/20 Pond Gut GZ; 4/23 Thompson Pond FT; 8/26 Pond Gut FT; 4 other reports.  
**Worm-eating Warbler:** 1/25-27 behind house, Beekman GZ. New early arrival date, prior was April 26, 1990.  
**Ovenbird:** 4/20 Rhinebeck RJ; 3 others at Pond Gut, Buttercup, and Cruger Island Rd.  
**Northern Waterthrush:** 1/6 off Zipfelburg Rd RJ; heard/26 Pond Gut FT. New early arrival date, prior was April 12, 1952.  
**Louisiana Waterthrush:** 1/6 off Zipfelburg Rd RJ; 5/26 Pond Gut FT; 1 or 2 in 4 other places.  
**Scarlet Tanager:** x/26 Tivoli Bays MHB.  
**Eastern Towhee:** first 1/13 Rhinebeck RJ; 10/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; 18 reports of 1-3.  
**American Tree Sparrow:** 4-6 daily until 4/6 then none Rhinebeck yard MP; 1-2 often yd JA/KJ  
**Chipping Sparrow:** 1/5&11, 2/12, 3/26 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 4-6 daily beginning around 4/6 Rhinebeck yard MP; then 3 places on the 12th; 15 reports later.  
**Field Sparrow:** 6/19 HVRT FT; 9/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT 15 reports of 1-4.



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**Savannah Sparrow:** 1/12 Cary IES WS/LS; x/12 Millbrook JAskildsen; 4/25 Tymor Park BB, also at Greig Farm, Vassar Farm, Stringham Pk.

**Fox Sparrow:** 1/3 yd Stormville EBR; 1/7 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

**Song Sparrow:** 30/12 Cary IES WS/LS; 15/23 Thompson Pond FT; 30 reports of 1-11.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** 1/28 Chelsea RJ.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 15/18 Thompson Pond CV; 30/23 Thompson Pond FT; also at Buttercup W, Pond Gut, Cary IES, HVRT, Tivoli Bays.

**White-throated Sparrow:** 14/30 Rockefeller Univ Field Station FT; 10-15/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 20 reports of 1-12.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** heard/25 yard BB; 3/27 Vassar Farm at Kiosk event.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** 6-10 daily through 4/12, then 2-3/19, then none Rhinebeck yard MP; 6-12/1-19 & 2/20-23 yd. BAM; 8 other reports, all before the 19th.

**Northern Cardinal:** 10/24 Rombout Rd, 10/25 Vassar Farm CV; 6/16 Dennings Point FT; reported from all trips and yards.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 1male/26-30 yard BB; 1/27, 28 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/28 feeder Stormville EBR; 1/30 Bard, near Fischer Center FT.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 200/2 Tamarack FT; 100/23 Thompson Pond FT; reported from all trips and most yards.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** x/12 Millbrook J Askildsen.

**Rusty Blackbird:** 5/2 Tamarack FT; pr/22 Casperkill Game Club, Clinton Corners BB; 8/30 IES creek loop, seen and heard CV.

**Common Grackle:** 200/2 Tamarack FT; 8/23 Thompson Pond FT; 12-20 daily Rhinebeck yard MP; 12 other reports.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 10/9 Wilcox Park FT; 10-16 daily Rhinebeck yard MP; 8/all yard BB; 15 other reports.

**Purple Finch:** huge flight/11&12 over Rhinebeck RJ; 15/12 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 32/14 Ludlow Woods DK; 23/14-23 feeder, Milan Susan Joseph; Lg #/mid-month Millbrook feeder Scott Lenhart; 10 other reports showing peak mid-month.

**House Finch:** 2-6 at feeders, not reported by everyone.

**Common Redpoll:** 1/12 Milan feeder Susan Joseph; 2/1-5 Stanford AJ; 3/1-14 Field Road at feeder DG; 2/thru 9th Ludlow Woods DK .

**Pine Siskin:** 3/26 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

**American Goldfinch:** 10/18-30 yard BB; 5-20/all yd CP/HT; a few at most feeders and trips, more later in month.

#### **Other Observations:**

Red Fox: 1/2 Allen Road field BMa

Mourning Cloak: 1/9 Cruger Island Rd BB

Hepatica: blooming/9 Tymor BB

#### **Observers:**

JA - Judy Atwood, RB - Robert Bowler, BB - Barbara Butler, TC - Tammie Carey, DFa - Deb Fargione, DF - Dorothy Fleury, DG - Dick Gershon, AG - Ann Gilbert, NG - Natalie Gilbert, SG - Steve Golladay, KJ - Karen Jaquith, RJ - Rodney Johnson, AJ - Art Jones, MK - Maha Katnani, DK - Debi Kral, BMa - Barbara Mansell, AJM - Allan Michelin, BAM - Barb & Allan Michelin, BJM - Barbara Michelin, MP - Mona Payton, CP - Carena Pooth, EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen, LS - Lisa Schlesinger, WS - William Schlesinger, HT - Herb Thompson, CV - Chet Vincent, RW - Robert Williams, JW - Joe Woleader, GZ - Gary Zylkuski

#### **Field Trips (FT):**

2nd Tamarack (Bontecou Lake), 5th Southland Farms, 9th Wilcox Park, 16th Dennings Point, 16th Tivoli Bays (Kidd Lane area), 19th HVRT (Amenia to Sharon Station), 23rd Thompson Pond, 26th Pond Gut, 30th Rockefeller Univ Field Research Center, 30th Cruger Island Road.

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

#### **Other abbreviations**

HRA - Hudson River Almanac, MHB - Mid-Hudson Birds  
BBT - Bluebird Trail (Barb Michelin's in Wappingers)

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## May 2008 Records

The weather was nice, with several rainy days. "May showers bring June flowers." No that's not right! However, the Wednesday field trips were not affected by the rains, as the previous month. The temperatures were cool in the mornings with some warming in the afternoons. If you were able to get out, the birding was very worthwhile and pleasurable, as the migration season progressed.

**Canada Goose:** reported throughout the county by most observers and two reports of young; 23/14 incl pr+3goslings Hummeston farm BJM; 1ad&5yg/20 Pok Cem MK,BEM.  
**Brant:** 7 flocks(1st 150)/25 over yd RJ; 60/25 Norrie Hudson Mohawk Birdline; (also 700 at New Baltimore and 150 at Catskill, same day).  
**Mute Swan:** 2(on nest)/3 SDRT FT; 2/14 SDRT BAM,RC,FW,OW; 2/25 IES WLS; 1-6/most yd JA/KJ.  
**Wood Duck:** 1/2, 1/11, 2/25 IES WLS; 8/3 SDRT FT; 2/7 Ferncliff FT; four other reports of 1-6.  
**Mallard:** 4/3 SDRT FT; 2/7 Ferncliff FT; 8/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 4/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 7 other reports.  
**Green-winged Teal:** x/7 Strever Farm Pd JR.  
**Common Merganser:** 1/2, 3/11, 1/14 IES WLS.  
**Ring-necked Pheasant:** 1/3 Buttercup West KCF; 1/13 Fowler Rd IES BJM,MK; 1/19 Coleman Station Rd MHB.  
**Ruffed Grouse:** 1/10 Rudd Pd Belgo Rd JR.  
**Wild Turkey:** 1/3 SDRT FT; 2/14 Southlands CT; many reports from all over the county, they seem to be frustrating the hunters.  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** 1/3 SDRT FT.  
**Great Blue Heron:** 2/3 SDRT FT; 2/7 Ferncliff FT; 6/14 Millbrook Sch FT; and 22 rpts of 1-3.  
**Green Heron:** 1/2 flew across Myers Corners Rd BJM; 1/13 BBtr/Wapp. BJM,MK; 1/25 yd MP.  
**Black Vulture:** 1/3 tree w/TV's East Hook Rd BJM,TS; 1/4 World Peace Sanctuary BB & JG; 3/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 1/30 Nellie Hill KCF; 1/31 yd MP.  
**Turkey Vulture:** 10/7 Ferncliff FT; 19/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 7/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/28 Cascade Mtn FT; 21 reports.  
**Osprey:** 1/6 Upper Kays BB; 1/17 yd NG; 1/25 IES WLS.  
**Bald Eagle:** 1/25 IES WLS.  
**Northern Harrier:** 1/14 SDRT BAM,RC,FW,OW.  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 1/3 yd JA/KJ; 1/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/28 Cascade Mtn FT; 1/5,19 yd BAM.  
**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/3 SDRT FT; 1(imm)/8 on brush pile near feeder yd BB; 1/26 Peach Hill Pk KCF; 1/26 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 5 other reports.  
**Broad-winged Hawk:** 1/11 Peach Hill Pk BRMa; 1/14 Rt82 Millbrook, 1/23 Taconic N of Rt44 BB; 1/26 Dutchess Cty TF.  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** pr/10 Pawling Nature Reserve SGo; 2/14 SDRT BAM,RC,FW,OW; 1/29,30 yd BAM; 1/25 yd MP; pr(nesting)/all off Spackenkill Rd Matt Rignanese.  
**Red-tailed Hawk:** well reported in the county and field trips 1/3 SDRT FT; 1/7 Ferncliff FT; 2/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 1/14 Southlands CT; 3/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 2/28 Cascade Mtn FT; and most 4/26 Peach Hill Pk,KCF.  
**American Kestrel:** 1/6 Dinsmore BB,BC,JB; 1/4,17 yd NG.  
**Virginia Rail:** 1/14 Millbrook Sch FT, it walked across the road right behind us.

**Killdeer:** 8-14/all TSF (including babies skittering around late month) MP; and 6 reports of 1-2.

**Solitary Sandpiper:** 2/13 yd AG,NG; 1/11, 2/18, 1/25 IES WLS.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** 2/3 Buttercup West KCF; 1/3 yd BB; x/14 pond in Bog Hollow, 2/occ Bog Hollow DF; 6/18 TofC Nature Garden BRMa; 2/18 IES WLS; 1/20 Pok Cem MK,BEM.

**Least Sandpiper:** 5/2 TSF MP.

**Wilson's Snipe:** 1/26 Dutchess Cty TF.

**American Woodcock:** 5/9 yd MP.

**Ring-billed Gull:** 4/13 Memory Ln LaGrange BJM,MK.

**Forster's Tern:** 1/26 flying N over Hudson at Beacon TF (This is the 4th county record).

**Rock Pigeon:** 2/2, 2/11, 2/26 IES WLS; 6/14 Southlands CT; 4/28 Cascade Mtn FT.

**Mourning Dove:** observed on all field trips and 25 reports  
**Black-billed Cuckoo:** 5/11 Peach Hill Pk, 1/18 TofC Nature Garden BRMa.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** 1/14 yd BB.

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 1(nest)/10 Stissing AJ; 1(h)/24 yd MP.

**Barred Owl:** 1/5 yd BB; 1/7 Clinton Wayne Butler; others seen or heard by SGo,WLS,BJM,AJM.

**Common Nighthawk:** 1/26 along AT in Dover TF;

**Chimney Swift:** 1/21 Nuclear Lk FT; most 20/10 Page's KCF, 12/26 Millbrook over Thorne Bldg BB, and 8 other reports.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** 23 reported including 2/21 Nuclear Lk FT.

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/3 Buttercup West KCF; 2/6 Reese Pk/Wapp. Crk BAM,MK; 1/8 Tymor Pk BB; 2/25 yd JA/KJ.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** 1/26 roadkill along Rt 22 N of Dover Plains TF (too bad!).

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 1/3 SDRT FT; 4/7 Ferncliff FT; 3/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 1/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/28 Cascade Mtn FT; and 31 other reports.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 2/4 World Peace Sanctuary BB & JG; 1/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/28 Cascade Mtn FT; and 2 other rpts in yd all month.

**Downy Woodpecker:** 4/3 SDRT FT; 3/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 2/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/28 Cascade Mtn FT; 26 reports of 1-5.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1/3 SDRT FT; 2/7 Ferncliff FT; 8 others.

**Northern Flicker:** 2/3 SDRT FT; 1/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 1/28 Cascade Mtn FT; 18 other reports.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 2/7 Ferncliff FT; 2 dozen other reports throughout the county.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** 1/9 IES Fowler Rd SGo; 1/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/26 Dutchess Cty TF.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** 1/5 Chelsea RJ; others seen/heard later in month including 6/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/28 Cascade Mtn FT.

**Alder Flycatcher:** 3/28 Cascade Mtn FT.

**Willow Flycatcher:** 1/28 Cascade Mtn FT; 1/25 Homan Rd, 6/25 Bean River Rd, 1/26 Peach Hill Pk KCF; 1/26 IES WLS.

**Least Flycatcher:** 12/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 5/21 Nuclear Lk FT; and 10 rpts of 1-7.

**Eastern Phoebe:** 3/3 SDRT FT; 1/7 Ferncliff FT; 5/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 1/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 2/28 Cascade Mtn FT; and 23 reports of 1-4.

**Great-crested Flycatcher:** reported by most with 1-4 per rpt.

**Eastern Kingbird:** well reported throughout the county by most observers, with most 6/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 3/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 4/28 Cascade Mtn FT.



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**White-eyed Vireo:** 1/11 Peach Hill Pk BRMa; 2/18 Buttercup East KCF.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** 4/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 2/21 Nuclear Lk FT; and 1-4 reported by KCF, BB, BAM, RC, FW, OW, BJM, MK, WLS.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** 3/3 SDRT FT; 1/7 Ferncliff FT; 2/3 IES WLS; 1/6 Reese Pk BAM, MK.

**Warbling Vireo:** 16 rpts and most seen on fields trips, 4/3 SDRT FT; 6/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 4/14 Southlands CT; 4/21 Nuclear Lk FT.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** 22 reports of 1-5 and good numbers on field trips, 4/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 10/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 1/28 Cascade Mtn FT.

**Blue Jay:** reports throughout the county of 1-9, with most 22/6 Dinsmore BB, BC, JB.

**American Crow:** 3/3 SDRT FT; 9/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 5/14 Southlands CT; 2/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 2/28 Cascade Mtn FT; and 20 other rpts.

**Fish Crow:** 1/14 SDRT BAM, RC, FW, OW; 1/26 Millbrook BB.

**Common Raven:** 1/11 Peach Hill Pk BRMa; 1/18 TofC Nature Garden BRMa; 1/21 yd BB.

**Tree Swallow:** these are darting around and nesting everywhere, most 20/3 SDRT FT; 16/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 25/14 Southlands CT.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** 8/6 Reese Pk/Wapp Crk. BAM, MK; 2/13 Norrie Pt BB.

**Cliff Swallow:** 4/14 Southlands CT; 4/17, 8/18, x/all TSF MP.

**Barn Swallow:** 10/3 SDRT FT; 4/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 30/14 Southlands CT; 11/6 Dinsmore BB, BC, JB and 1-5 reports by EBR, BRMa, AG, BJM, MK, KCF, MP.

**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, and Carolina Wren:** usual numbers seen on field trips and throughout the county by most observers.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/26 TF.

**Brown Creeper:** 1/28 Cascade Mtn FT.

**House Wren:** are starting to nest and their loud singing showed good numbers of 1-6 in two dozen reports.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 2/3 SDRT FT; 2/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 1/21 Nuclear Lk FT; and other reports of 1-2, with most 10+/11 Peach Hill Pk BRMa.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 3/3 SDRT FT; 4/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 4/21 Nuclear Lk FT; other reports of 1-7 by KCF, BB, BC, JB, BRMa, BJM, MK, BAM, RC, FW, OW, WLS, HT.

**Eastern Bluebird, Veery, Wood Thrush, American Robin, and Gray Catbird:** good numbers throughout county.

**Swainson's Thrush:** 2/5 Chelsea RJ; 2/15 Pok Cem. BJM, MK.

**Northern Mockingbird:** many observers have enjoyed their melodic songs throughout the county with rpts of 1-4.

**Brown Thrasher:** 3/3 SDRT FT; 1/14 Millbrook Sch FT; and reports of 1-2 by BB, SGo, BRMa, BAM, RC, FW, OW, BJM, MK, BEM, NG, KCF.

**Cedar Waxwing:** most 38/2 IES WLS and 30+/11 Peach Hill Pk BRMa; 20/26 Peach Hill Pk KCF; and 1-11 reported by birders.

**Blue-winged Warbler:** 3/3 SDRT FT; 1/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 3/28 Cascade Mtn FT; 17/15 IES, 16/18 Buttercup East KCF; 10+/11 Peach Hill Pk BRMa; and 25 other rpts of 1-5.

**Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid):** 1/5 Poet's Walk David Arner.

**Tennessee Warbler:** 1/10 Pawling Nature Reserve SGo.

**Nashville Warbler:** 2/7 Ferncliff FT; 1(h)/15 Pok Cem. BJM, MK.

**Northern Parula:** 1/3 SDRT FT; 2/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 5/6 Reese Pk BAM, MK; 3/14 SDRT BAM, RC, FW, OW; 1/6 BBtr/Wapp., 1/15 Pok Cem. BJM, MK;

1/9 yd Poughquag HT; 5/11 PNR KCF; 1/26 Dutchess Cty TF.

**Yellow Warbler and Chestnut-sided Warbler:** good numbers reported with counts of 1-20 for YEWA and 1-4 for CSWA.

**Magnolia Warbler:** 2/7 Ferncliff FT; and 12 reports of 1-2 by BAM, BJM, MK, CP, BB, KCF, WLS.

**Cape May Warbler:** 2/14 Millbrook Sch FT.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 4/6 Reese Pk BAM, MK; 14/7 Ferncliff FT; 2/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 7/11 PNR KCF; and five other individual reports.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 15-20/3 SDRT FT; 20/7 Ferncliff FT; and 11 reports of 1 to several.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 5/3 SDRT FT; 15/7 Ferncliff FT; 5/21 Nuclear Lk FT; and 8 reports of 1-7.

**Blackburnian Warbler:** 1m/6 Reese Pk BAM, MK; 2/7 Ferncliff FT; 1f/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 3/11 PNR KCF.

**Prairie Warbler:** 2/3 SDRT FT; 2/6 Dinsmore BB, BC, JB; 2/10 & 1/28 IES BB; 1/14, 2/24, 2/26 IES WLS; 4/14 SDRT BAM, RC, FW, OW; 4/15 IES, 3/18 Buttercup East, 4/25 Homan Rd, 1/25 Creamery Rd, 8/30 Nellie Hill KCF.

**Palm Warbler:** 1/1 IES WLS; 2/3 SDRT FT; 2/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/3 Buttercup West KCF; 1/5 yd BB.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** 1/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 1m/15 Pok Cem. BJM, MK; 1/20 Pok Cem MK, BEM.

**Blackpoll Warbler:** 1/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 1/21 Nuclear Lk FT; and seems like its the end of migration as the Blackpolls are going through with rpts of 1-2 by BAM, RC, FW, OW, BJM, MK, BEM, HT.

**Cerulean Warbler:** 2/21 Nuclear Lk FT (life bird for several).

**Black-and-white Warbler:** 2/3 SDRT FT; 6/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/21 Nuclear Lk FT; and 25 reports of 1-3.

**American Redstart:** 15 reports of 1-4 and most 12/7 Ferncliff FT; 12/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 4/11 PNR, 4/18 Buttercup East KCF.

**Worm-eating Warbler:** 2/7 Ferncliff FT; 1/10-31 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 4/11 PNR KCF; 1/15 h Pok Cem. BJM, MK;

**Ovenbird:** 2/3 SDRT FT; 15/7 Ferncliff FT; 3/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 5/28 Cascade Mtn FT; many others seen or heard including 21/11 PNR KCF and 7/14 SDRT BAM, RC, FW, OW.

**Northern Waterthrush:** 1/26 Dutchess Cty TF.

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** 1/3 & 3/20 Buttercup West KCF; 1/7 Bard campus BB; 1/7 Ferncliff FT; 3/21 Nuclear Lk FT.

**Mourning Warbler:** 1/17 yd RJ.

**Common Yellowthroat:** 31 reported by BB, BC, JB, BJM, MK, BRMa, BAM, RC, FW, OW, MP with most 15/15 IES, 21/18 Buttercup East, 27/20 Buttercup West, 7/25 Homan Rd, 10/25 Bean River Rd, 13/26 Peach Hill Pk KCF, 12/14 IES WLS.

**Hooded Warbler:** 1/8 Tymor Pk, 1/11 yd, 1/20 Mack Rd BB; 5/11 PNR, 1/30 Nellie Hill KCF; 1/26 Dutchess Cty TF.

**Wilson's Warbler:** 1m/6 Reese Pk BAM, MK; 2/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 1/18 TofC Nature Garden BRMa.

**Canada Warbler:** 1/21 Nuclear Lk FT.

**Summer Tanager:** 1/10 in Bob Bowler's Pleasant Valley yard. Third county record.

**Scarlet Tanager:** 20 reports, most 7/7 Ferncliff FT, 9/21 Nuclear Lk FT, and 6/11 PNR KCF.



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**Eastern Towhee:** over 30 reports of 1-4, with most 8/26 Peach Hill Pk, 7/30 Nellie Hill KCF, and 6+/11 Peach Hill Pk, 4/18 TofC Nature Garden BRMa.

**Chipping Sparrow:** well reported throughout the county in numbers of 1-5 and 11/6 Dinsmore BB,BC,JB, 10/all yd BB.

**Field Sparrow:** reports of 1-4 from observers, most 8/26 Peach Hill Pk, 10/30 Nellie Hill KCF.

**Vesper Sparrow:** 1/26 Wassaic MUA TF.

**Savannah Sparrow:** 1/6 Dinsmore BB,BC,JB; 1/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 1/14 Southlands CT; 2/28 Cascade Mtn FT; 1/20-25 yd JW; 4-6/all TSF MP.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** 1/14-25 yd Schultsville Rd JW,NG,DG,KCF; 2/19 same place JR & DF.

**Song Sparrow:** good numbers of 1-11 throughout county and on most field trips.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 2/3 & 6/20 Buttercup West, 3/25 Bean River Rd KCF; 3/13 Fowler Rd IES BJM,MK; 3/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 1/14, 1/25 IES WLS.

**White-throated Sparrow:** numbers of 1-20 seen or heard early in month, but limited reports by end of month, 1-3/22 yd EBR; 1/25 yd RJ; 1/26 Dutchess Cty TF.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** numbers of 1-5 seen to mid-month, but only 1 report near end of month, 2/20 Buttercup West KCF.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** x/1-14 Bog Hollow feeder DF; 1/4 yd MP; 1/10 IES BB.

**Northern Cardinal and Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** good numbers of 1-6 reported throughout the county by most observers and on most field trips.

**Indigo Bunting:** 9 reports of 1-2 at 1/14 Southlands CT, on 1/28 Cascade Mtn FT, and by AG,BJM,MK,KCF,BB.

**Bobolink:** many reports of 1-3 with flocks of 30/11, sev/occ (with females arriving May 18th) TSF MP; sev/8 Shaughnessy Rd BB; 12/14 Southlands CT; 5/28 Cascade Mtn FT; and field-full/14 yd Schultsville Rd JW; 4/25 Schultsville Rd KCF.

**Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird:** several reports with high counts of 25, 18, and 12 respectively.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 1/8 Shaughnessy Rd BB; 1/13 Fowler Rd IES BJM,MK; 2/14 Southlands CT; 1/19 Coleman Station Rd MHB; 1/24 yd Schultsville Rd JW; 2/all TSF MP.

**Orchard Oriole:** pr/14 Southlands CT; 6+/11 Peach Hill BRMa; 1/22 yd AG,NG; 1/24 Red Hook NG; 1/26 Peach Hill KCF.

**Baltimore Oriole:** 50 reports of 1-8 including good numbers on field trips, 7/7 Ferncliff FT; 10/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 8/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 8/28 Cascade Mtn FT.

**Purple Finch:** 4/3 SDRT FT; 1f/14 SDRT BAM,RC,FW,OW; 2/occ yd KCF; pr/all yd BB;pr/all yd RJ;

**House Finch:** numbers of 1-6 reported by many.

**American Goldfinch:** good numbers from 40 reports, most 8/2 IES WLS; 12/3 SDRT FT; 7/14 Millbrook Sch FT; 6/21 Nuclear Lk FT; 14/6 Dinsmore BB,BC,JB; 7/14 SDRT BAM,RC,FW,OW.

**Evening Grosbeak:** 1/8,9 feeder yd EBR.

**House Sparrow:** 20/14 Southlands CT; 2/18 TofC Nature Garden BRMa; 1/occ yd KCF; 2/1,all BAM.

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EA - Elaine Andersen, JA/KJ - Judy Atwood & Karen Jaquith, BB - Barbara Butler, JB - John Balint, BC - Binnie Chase, RC - Rosa Corbeels, DF - Dorothy Fleury, KCF - Ken & Carol Fredericks, TF - Tom Fiore via NYSBirds listserv, DG - Dick Gershon, JG - Jane Geisler, AG - Ann Gilbert, NG - Natalie Gilbert, SGo - Steve Golladay, RJ - Rodney Johnson, AJ - Art Jones, MK - Maha Katnani, ML - Maury Lacher, BRMa - Barbara & Ray Mansell, EM - Bill & Eleanor Marr, AJM - Allan Michelin, BAM - Barbara & Allan Michelin, BJM - Barbara Michelin, KO'D - K O'Donnell, MP - Mona Payton, AP - Alan Peterson, CP - Carena Pooth, EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen, JR - Jane Rossman, RS - Rory Solan, TS - Thalia Sudnik, WLS - William & Lisa Schlesinger, HT - Herb Thompson, FW - Fritz Waterman, OW - Otis Waterman, JW - Jane Waters, MHB - Mid Hudson Birds,

#### Field Trips (FT):

3rd South Dutchess Rail Trail;  
7th Ferncliff; 14th Millbrook Sch; 21st Nuclear Lake;  
28th Cascade Mtn / Flint Hill Rd;  
CLASS TRIPS-- 14th Southland Farms;  
BIRD SURVEY-- 6th Dinsmore Golf Club

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**Note:** x - designates unspecified count



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**Canada Goose:** 8/3 Lk Carol, Beacon, 2 ad/6gslgs 8/19 Fishkill Ck Glenham ES.

**Wood Duck:** 2/11 Turkey Hollow FT.

**American Black Duck:** 1f & 3 yg/25 Madam Brett FT.

**Common Merganser:** 4/1, 1/7 Cary IES WS,JV.

**Wild Turkey:** 9 reports of 2-10 ad; 6/18 ad+5 poults; 1f+5 poults, 2m/26 yd BAM.

**Great Blue Heron:** lone individuals in 9 scattered reports.

**Green Heron:** 1/1 yd MP.

**Turkey Vulture:** reports of 1-7 by 12 individuals and FTs; 5/11 Fishkill Prison mobbed by crows ES.

**Northern Harrier:** 1/12 yd Stormville EBR.

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/25 yd AJM.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/all yd BH; 2/all yd KK; 1/2, 18-25 yd BAM; 1/15, 27 yd MP.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** scattered reports of 1-3 by 9 individuals and 2 FTs.

**American Kestrel:** 1/28 Cary IES WS,LS,JV; 1/18 IES FT.

**Killdeer:** 1/23 Stony Kill BB; 2/2, 1/24 BBtrail/Wapp BJM; 6-8/all TSF yg skittering around MP.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** 1/14 PNR FT.

**Great Horned Owl:** 2/2(4am) yd BB.

**Barred Owl:** 2/occ yd Hopewell KK; 2/15 Cary teahouse WS,LS; 3/28 Taconic Hereford MUA FT.

**Chimney Swift:** 3/24 yd CP/HT; 4/25 Madam Brett FT; 4 other single reports.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** 1-4 reported by 8 individuals and in 4 FTs.

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/19 yd MP; 1/7, 28 Cary IES WS,LS, JV; 1/1 Deep Hollow FT.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 1-3 in many yds & FTs; reported at feeders, and feeding young.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1/occ yd BB; 1/all yd CP/HT; 2/11 Turkey Hollow FT; 2/14 PNR FT.

**Downy Woodpecker:** 1-6 in many yds & FTs; reported at feeders and feeding young.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1-3 in yds/feeders reported by JA/KJ; SL; MP; CP/HT; WS; ES; 1 FT.

**Northern Flicker:** 1-4 in yds & feeder BB;SL;BJM;MP; CP/HT;EBR;WS,LS; 3/18 IES FT.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 1-2 in 7 reports; 3/18 IES FT.

**Eastern Wood Pewee:** 1-3 in 11 reports; 6/14 PNR FT.

**Acadian Flycatcher:** 1/11 Turkey Hollow FT.

**Willow Flycatcher:** 1-4 reported by KK;WS,LS,JV; 1/25 Madam Brett FT.

**Least Flycatcher:** 2/14 PNR FT; 1/18 IES FT.

**Eastern Phoebe:** many reports of 1-6; 1f/all nesting SL.

**Great-crested Flycatcher:** 1-3 in 4 yds & 3 FTs; 5/25 Madam Brett FT.

**Eastern Kingbird:** reports of 1-6 by SL; BJM; MP; WS, LS,JV; 3/18 IES FT; 1/25 Madam Brett FT.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** 1/occ yd BB; 1/14 PNR FT; 2/18 IES FT; 1/21 Tivoli Bays FT.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** 1/1 Deep Hollow FT; 1/11 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/14 PNR FT.

**Warbling Vireo:** 2/2; 3/17,25 BBtrail/Wapp BJM; 2/1, 1/28 Cary IES WS,LS,JV; 1-2 on 2 FTs;

**Red-eyed Vireo:** 1/all yd CP/HT; 1/15 Buttercup East WS; 1/15 Cary teahouse WS,LS; 1-12 on all FTs;

**Common Raven:** 1/occ yd BB; 4/4 Depot Hill Rd Appalachian Trail AT;

**Purple Martin:** 4/18 Verbank nestbox BB,MK; 1/3 Lk Carol Beacon ES.

**Tree Swallow:** 12/2, 28/17, 18/24 incl 12 yg BBtrail/Wapp BJM; 8 other reports, some nesting & Yg;

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** 15/25 Madam Brett FT;

**Bank Swallow:** 2/18 IES FT;

**Cliff Swallow:** 1/25 Madam Brett FT;

**Barn Swallow:** 14-16/11 Grape Hollow Rd Beekman EBR; 10/25 Madam Brett FT; 4 other reports;

**Black-capped Chickadee:** very well reported, at feeders, with yg, 1-8 in most reports;

**Tufted Titmouse:** very well reported 1-5 most, at feeders, feeding yg; 14/28 Taconic Hereford MUA FT;

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 5/22 Linden Ln Millbrook WS ;

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** very well reported all mo; at feeders; 1-4 all reports and FTs;

**Carolina Wren:** 1-2/all yd MP; 1-2/occ JA/KJ; BAM; CP/HT; WS,LS,JV; ES; and 2 FTs;

**House Wren:** very well reported, 1-4 in all reports, most with nests & up to 5yg reported;

**Winter Wren:** 1/26, 30 nest in screened house ES; 4/1 Deep Hollow FT; 2/11 Turkey Hollow FT;

**Marsh Wren:** 5/25 Madam Brett FT;

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 1-2 @ Turkey Hollow FT; Madam Brett FT; Taconic Hereford MUA FT;

**Eastern Bluebird:** 6 locations with nests/yg, 2 on 2nd brood; 9 reports, 1-2 seen on 5 FTs;

**Veery:** 1-3/occ most reports; 8/21, 6/28, Cary IES WS,LS,JV; 5-18 on 5 FTs; 33/14 PNR FT;

**Wood Thrush:** 1-4 occ reported BB;BJM;MP;CP/HT;WS,LS,JV; 1-11 reported on all FTs;

**American Robin:** well reported, 1-5 most, nesting, yg, all FTs with 3-15 each;

**Gray Catbird:** very well reported with 1-17 in each report and all of the FT.

**Northern Mockingbird:** 1/all yd BB; 1/2,24,25; 6/17 BBtrail/Wapp BJM; 1/19 yd ES; 1/25 Trail FT.

**Brown Thrasher:** 1/7 TSF, 1/21 RHGC MP.

**European Starling:** 2-6/all yd JA/KJ; 4/28 Cary IES WS, LS,JV; 1/15 Dutchess Mall ES.

**Cedar Waxwing:** 2-4/all yd CP/HT; 11/11 Turkey Hollow FT; 8 other occ reports of 1-6.

**Blue-winged Warbler:** 4/15 Buttercup East WS; 6/18 IES FT; 1-2 in 3 other reports.

**Yellow Warbler:** 1-6 reported by BB; BJM; MP; WS,LS,JV; 14/18 IES FT.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 3/15 Buttercup East WS; 4/14 PNR FT; 2 other reports of 1 each.

**Magnolia Warbler:** 1/1 Deep Hollow FT.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 9/14 PNR FT.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 12/1 Deep Hollow FT; 5/11 Turkey Hollow FT; 7/14 PNR FT.

**Blackburnian Warbler:** 1/1 Deep Hollow FT; 3/11 Turkey Hollow FT; 1/14 PNR FT.

**Pine Warbler:** 2/1 Deep Hollow FT.

**Prairie Warbler:** 1/7 RHGC MP; 4/15 Buttercup WS; 1/1, 3/7, 2/21, 28 IES WS,LS,JV; 3/18 IES FT.



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**Black-and-white Warbler:** 1/8 yd CP/HT; 1/15 Cary WS,LS; pr/25 Madam Brett FT; 1-6 on 4 FTs.

**American Redstart:** 1/21, 28 Cary IES WS,LS,JV; 7/14 PNR FT; 1-4 found on 6 FTs.

**Worm-eating Warbler:** 2/1 Deep Hollow FT; 1/14 PNR FT.

**Ovenbird:** 3/21 Cary IES WS,LS; 16/14 PNR FT; 10 ad, 2 yg/28 Taconic Hereford MUA FT.

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** 10/1 Deep Hollow FT; 3/11 Turkey Hollow FT; 4/14 PNR FT.

**Common Yellowthroat:** reports of 1-6 BB;BJM;WS,LS,JV; 9/18 IES FT; 6/21 Tivoli Bays FT.

**Hooded Warbler:** 1/14 PNR FT.

**Canada Warbler:** 3/1 Deep Hollow FT.

**Scarlet Tanager:** report of 1 by BB;SL;CP/HT;ES; 1-5 seen on 6 FTs.

**Eastern Towhee:** 1-2 in many reports & FTs; 8/18 IES FT; 2ad, 1yg/28 Taconic Hereford MUA FT.

**Chipping Sparrow:** well reported, good numbers; 2-4/17-26 incl fed 1-2yg yd BAM; 12/18 IES FT.

**Field Sparrow:** reports of 1-2 by BB;BJM;WS,LS,JV; 2/18 IES FT; 1/21 Tivoli Bays FT.

**Song Sparrow:** 6/2 BBtrail/Wapp BJM; 2/all nesting yd MP; other reports & FTs have 1-6.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 1/7 Cary IES WS,JV.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** 2/1 Deep Hollow FT.

**Northern Cardinal:** well reported, most with 1-8, at feeders, prs some with yg; 9/25 Madam Brett FT.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 1-3males & females well reported at many feeders and all FTs.

**Indigo Bunting:** 1/24, 25 Airport Ind Rd BJM; 1/1, 7, 8 yd CP/HT; 1-4 seen on 5 FTs.

**Bobolink:** pr/4 Andrews Fm Clove Valley BB; many/all TSF MP; 6/15 Buttercup East WS.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** many reports, males & females, up to 20 in yards, at feeders & on FTs.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 1/28 N Clo.e & Waterbury Hill Rds BB; 4 - 6 most days TSF MP.

**Common Grackle:** 1-7/all yd JA/KJ; 1-5 in 6 other reports; 3-4 seen on 4 FTs.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 1-4 reported BAM;CP/HT; EBR;WS,LS,JV; 1yg, 2 ad/25 Riverside Trail FT.

**Orchard Oriole:** 1/15 Buttercup East WS; 1st yr m/25 Madam Brett FT.

**Baltimore Oriole:** 1-4 in most reports; 7/25 Madam Brett FT; 5ad, 1yg/28 Taconic Hereford MUA FT.

**Purple Finch:** 2/all yd BB; 1-2/occ yd CP; 4/1 Deep Hollow FT.

**House Finch:** 1-7 mostly in yds reported by JA/KJ; BJM; BAM; CP; EBR; WS; ES.

**American Goldfinch:** well reported males & females, 1-10 yds & feeders; 38/18 IES FT.

#### **Field Trips (FT):**

1st Deep Hollow; 11th Turkey Hollow/Tamarack Preserve; 14th Pawling Nature Reserve; 18th Cary IES; 21st Tivoli Bays; 25th Madam Brett/Riverside Trail/Dennings Pt/Beacon Long Dock; 28th Taconic Hereford MUA

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JA/KJ - Judy Atwood/Karen Jaquith; BB - Barbara Butler; RG - Ruth Greenwood; BH - Barry Haydasz; MK - Maha Katnani; KK - Kateri Kosek; SL - Scott Lenhart; AJM/BJM/BAM - Barbara & Allan Michelin; MP -Mona Payton; CP/HT - Carena Pooth/Herb Thompson; EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen; LS - Lisa Schlesinger; WS - William Schlesinger; ES - Ed Spaeth; AT - Andy Tokash; JV - Jessica Vitale

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## July 2008 Records

This month we found several birds that we don't usually find in July. The Yellow-rumped Warbler and White-throated Sparrow generally breed north of here, but not that far away. (We have a very few records of Yellow-rumps breeding in the county.) That they might show up is not a complete surprise, but still notable. We recorded a new early fall arrival date for Least Sandpiper.

**Canada Goose:** 4/12 Greig Farm FT; 3/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT.

**Wood Duck:** 20/31 Buttercup WLS; 1-5/all Fishkill Cem FH.

**American Black Duck:** 1/30 Locust Grove FT.

**Mallard:** 4/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 2/31 Buttercup WLS; 2 others.

**Wild Turkey:** 8/5 Green Haven Rd Stormville EBR; 8/12-31 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 3 other repts of 2-8

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 1/9 Yellow Frame Farm FT.

**Great Blue Heron:** 4/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 9 rpts of 1-2.

**Great Egret:** 12/28 pond behind Pawling Firehouse BC.

**Green Heron:** 2/18 1ad/1yg pd. Deising farm Wapp BJM; 1/22,29,31 Fishkill Cemetery FH; 3 others.

**Black Vulture:** 2/24 Verbank near firehouse BB, also Amenia Union and Deep Hollow.

**Turkey Vulture:** 4/9 Yellow Frame Farm FT; regulars at Long Dock, Beacon HRA; 5 other places, 1-2 each.

**Osprey:** 1/30 Locust Grove FT.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 1/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF.

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/2 Buttercup East FT; 1/12, 1/18 Rhinebeck yard MP; 1/20 checking yd. AJM.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 2/21 over yd. BJM.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** 1/25 Walsh Rd, Union Vale BB.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** 10 rpts, 1-2 each.

**American Kestrel:** 5 near box/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 2/all Red Hook yard AG.

**Killdeer:** 4/5 Greig Farm BB; 6-8 daily, TSF MP; 2 others.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** 1/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT.

**Least Sandpiper:** 3/12 Greig Farm FT – early migrant, new early fall arrival date.

**Ring-billed Gull:** 1/5 Greig Farm BB; 4/30 Locust Grove FT.

**Rock Pigeon:** 20/12 Greig Farm FT; 4/30 Locust Grove FT..

**Mourning Dove:** 10/12 Greig Farm FT; 11/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 8/30 Locust Grove FT. 8 more rpts, 1-6 each.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** 1/18 heard Humeston's /Wapp BJM.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** 1/12 Tivoli Bays MUA FT.

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 1/11 heard Rhinebeck yard MP; 2/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT.

**Barred Owl:** heard 6pm/10 yard BB; 1/19 h 12:15am yd. BJM; 1/31 heard calling in front yard JA/KJ.

**Chimney Swift:** 3/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 8/26 Millbrook over Thorne Bldg BB; 1/26 Deep Hollow FT.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** 2m/17-21 feeders & 1f/20 flowers yd. BAM; 3/all Red Hook yard AG; 4 others.

**Belted Kingfisher:** 3/26 CIES WLS/JV; 2/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 3 others.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 4/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 11 rpts, 1-3 each.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1/11,12,20 yd Poughquag, 4/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT.

**Downy Woodpecker:** 14 rpts, 1-8 each.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1-3/all yd Poughquag, CP/HT; 1-2 occ Rhinebeck yard MP; also at Deep Hollow, Buttercup.

**Northern Flicker:** 6&yg/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 9/30 Locust Grove FT. 8 other rpts, 1-3 each.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 3/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 6 other rpts.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** 3/26 Deep Hollow FT; 7 other rpts.

**Acadian Flycatcher:** 1/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 1/26 Deep Hollow FT.

**Willow Flycatcher:** 1/12 Greig Farm FT; 4/26 CIES WLS/ JV.

**Least Flycatcher:** 1/9 Yellow Frame Farm FT.

**Eastern Phoebe:** 3/9 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 4/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 8 other rpts.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** 2/2 Buttercup East FT; 3/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 1/occ yard BB.

**Eastern Kingbird:** 3/18 incl 1yg nest Cem. Wapp BJM; family of 4/27 yard off Spackenkill Rd Maha Katnani; 8 more rpts,1-4.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** 1/4 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/31 Buttercup WLS; 2 others.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** 1/16 Pond Gut FT; 3/26 Deep Hollow FT.

**Warbling Vireo:** 2/2 Buttercup East FT; 3/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 2 others.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** 18/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 7/26 Deep Hollow FT; 6 rpts, 1-5 each.

**Blue Jay:** 20/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 12&yg/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 11 other rpts.

**American Crow:** 9/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 13 rpts.

**Fish Crow:** 2/12 Greig Farm FT.

**Common Raven:** 2/31 Buttercup WLS.

**Horned Lark:** 5/12 Greig Farm FT.

**Purple Martin:** 2/26 CIES WLS/JV.

**Tree Swallow:** 9/2 Buttercup East FT; 100+ /10-31 Red Hook on wires AG; 6 other rpts, 1-8 each.

**Cliff Swallow:** pair at active nest/6 Smithfield Guernsey NG.

**Barn Swallow:** 14/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 8/9 Yellow Frame Farm FT; many daily TSF MP; 7 rpts, 1-4 each.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** 15/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 14/26 Deep Hollow FT; on most reports.

**Tufted Titmouse:** 8&yg/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; on most reports.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 1-4 on most reports.

**Carolina Wren:** 5/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; nest built/21, 4 eggs in nest/31 hanging basket BB; 10 rpts, 1-3 each.

**House Wren:** 4-6/all (nested in kitchen exhaust outlet) Red Hook yard AG; 10 rpts, 1-3 each.

**Winter Wren:** 1/16 Pond Gut FT; 5 (incl family of 3)/26 Deep Hollow FT.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 1-2/18 Humeston's Wapp BJM; 2/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 1/26 CIES WLS/JV.

**Eastern Bluebird:** 9/9 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 10/18 incl 3yg./9eggs BB/Trail/Wapp BJM; 10 rpts, 1-6 each.

**Veery:** 15/2 Buttercup East FT; 6/16 Pond Gut FT; 2/6,11,12 yd Poughquag, 4/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 2/26 CIES WLS/JV.

**Wood Thrush:** 7/2 Buttercup East FT; 8/16 Pond Gut FT. 9 rpts, 1-4 each.

**American Robin:** many/5 Greig Farm BB; 53/30 Locust Grove FT. 10 more rpts.

**Gray Catbird:** 24/2 Buttercup East FT; 13/30 Locust Grove FT; 14 rpts of up to 10 each.

**Northern Mockingbird:** 8&yg/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 5/12 Greig Farm FT. 8 other rpts, 1-3 each.

**Brown Thrasher:** 1/12 Greig Farm FT; 1/12 Rhinebeck yard MP; 1/all Red Hook yard AG.





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**European Starling:** 100s/12 Greig Farm FT. 5 rpts.

**Cedar Waxwing:** 12/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 10/26 CIES WLS/JV; 9 more rpts of 1-8.

**Blue-winged Warbler:** 1/2 yard BB; 2 FY/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 9/2 Buttercup East FT.

**Yellow Warbler:** 13/2 Buttercup East FT; ad feeding yg/2, 1/25 yard BB; 5 rpts of 1-2 each.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 4/2 Buttercup East FT; 1/16 Pond Gut FT.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 1/2 Buttercup East FT; Ken Fredericks saw yellow rump and yellow on sides with streaks.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 3/16 Pond Gut FT; 4/26 Deep Hollow FT.

**Prairie Warbler:** 4/2 Buttercup East FT.

**Black-and-white Warbler:** 3/2 Buttercup East FT; 3/16 Pond Gut FT; also CIES and Schultz Hill Rd.

**American Redstart:** 10/2 Buttercup East FT; 3 others.

**Worm-eating Warbler:** 2/16 Pond Gut FT.

**Ovenbird:** 5/2 Buttercup East FT; 1/16 Pond Gut FT.

**Northern Waterthrush:** 1/2 Buttercup East FT, Jim Clinton saw it in a wet area with medium-sized trees between the two big open fields.

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** 4/26 Deep Hollow FT; 3/30 Locust Grove FT.

**Kentucky Warbler:** female with 2 yg/19 Wingdale Sibyll Gilbert.

**Common Yellowthroat:** 23/2 Buttercup East FT; 8/16 Pond Gut FT; 4/26 CIES WLS/JV; 8 other rpts, 1-3 each.

**Scarlet Tanager:** 6/16 Pond Gut FT; 4/20 Nuclear Lk CP/HT; 4 other rpts, 1-2 each.

**Eastern Towhee:** 15/2 Buttercup East FT; 1/all (calling all day) Red Hook yard AG; 3 others

**Chipping Sparrow:** 8/18 incl pr fed 4yg BBTrail/Wapp BJM; 5/30 Locust Grove FT. 14 more rpts of 1-5.

**Field Sparrow:** 8/2 Buttercup East FT; 4 each at Greig Farm, Dinsmore, Buttercup, plus 2 other rpts.

**Vesper Sparrow:** 3/12 Greig Farm FT.

**Savannah Sparrow:** 12/12 Greig Farm FT; 3/9 Lightning Tree Farm FT.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** 1 w caterpillar/2 Schultz Hill Rd Jane Waters; 3/5 Greig Farm BB; 1/12 Greig Farm FT.

**Song Sparrow:** 11/2 Buttercup East FT; 28/9 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 17/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 13 rpts of 1-8.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 2/16 Pond Gut FT; 1/26 CIES WLS/JV.

**White-throated Sparrow:** 1/2 Buttercup East FT, a brown phase bird on the ground on the trail, seen by several.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** ad feeding yg/26 Deep Hollow FT.

**Northern Cardinal:** 7/30 Locust Grove FT; 3-5/all yard JA/KJ; 13 other rpts, 1-5 each.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 11/2 Buttercup East FT. 4 other rpts, 1-3 each.

**Indigo Bunting:** 4/12 Greig Farm FT; 2 at Locust Grove, Dinsmore; 1 other.

**Bobolink:** 7/2 Schultz Hill Rd Jane Waters; 7/9 Yellow Frame Farm FT; many daily TSF MP.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 100s/12 Greig Farm FT; 61/9 Yellow Frame Farm FT; many daily TSF MP; 7 other rpts of 1-39.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 1/2 Buttercup East FT; 4-6 most days TSF MP.

**Common Grackle:** 6&yg/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 12 more rpts of 1-5.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 4&yg/15 Dinsmore GC BB/BJ/KCF; 4 others.

**Baltimore Oriole:** 7/12 Greig Fm FT; 6 more rpts 1-6.

**Purple Finch:** 2/4,6, 1/11,19 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2 more.

**House Finch:** 8 reports of 1-12 and young birds.

**American Goldfinch:** 15/9 Yellow Frame Farm FT; 21/30 Locust Grove FT. 16 rpts, avg 6 each.

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#### Field Trips (FT):

2nd – Buttercup East, 9th – Yellow Frame Farm, 12th - Greig Farm, 16th – Pond Gut, 26th – Deep Hollow, 30th – Locust Grove.

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## August 2008 Records

Weather – August was dry, but cooler than usual. The temperature never broke 90 and many days stayed below 80 degrees.

Bird-of-the-Month - There was really no outstanding bird for August, but the following were noteworthy: Northern Pintail, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Osprey, Philadelphia Vireo and Cliff Swallow.

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

**Canada Goose:** 40 + 125  
**Mallard:** 13+ 16  
**Great Blue Heron:** 7 + 14  
**Green Heron:** 9 + 9  
**Turkey Vulture:** 6 + 40  
**Cooper's Hawk:** 1 + 7  
**Red-tailed Hawk:** 3 + 26  
**Ring-Billed Gull:** 2 + !!!!!  
**Rock Pigeon:** 12 + 15  
**Mourning Dove:** 14 + 70  
**Chimney Swift:** 5 + 14  
**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** 11 + 37  
**Belted Kingfisher:** 4 + 8  
**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 6 + 18  
**Downy Woodpecker:** 8 + 50  
**Hairy Woodpecker:** 2 + 14  
**Northern Flicker:** 4 + 16  
**Pileated Woodpecker:** 5 + 9  
**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** 11 + 29  
**Least Flycatcher:** 2 + 4  
**Eastern Phoebe:** 16 + 25  
**Great Crested Flycatcher:** 7 + 9  
**Eastern Kingbird:** 3 + 29  
**Yellow-throated Vireo:** 2 + 2  
**Red-eyed Vireo:** 9 + 41  
**Blue Jay:** 13 + 72  
**American Crow:** 13 + 58  
**Tree Swallow:** 12 + 40  
**Barn Swallow:** 2 + 49  
**Black-capped Chickadee:** 18 + 55  
**Tufted Titmouse:** 15 + 44  
**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 14 + 30  
**Carolina Wren:** 8 + 31  
**House Wren:** 3 + 18  
**Eastern Bluebird:** 7 + 42  
**Veery:** 3 + 12  
**Wood Thrush:** 0 + 15  
**American Robin:** 26 + 58  
**Gray Catbird:** 25 + 72  
**Northern Mockingbird:** 1 + 21  
**European Starling:** 24 + 4 ??  
**Cedar Waxwing:** 33 + 62  
**Yellow Warbler:** 1 + 9

**Black-and-white Warbler:** 2 + 9  
**American Restart:** 1 + 13  
**Common Yellowthroat:** 5 + 11  
**Scarlet Tanager:** 3 + 13  
**Eastern Towhee:** 4 + 11  
**Chipping Sparrow:** 25 + 29  
**Field Sparrow:** 1 + 14  
**Song Sparrow:** 10 + 46  
**Swamp Sparrow:** 1 + 8  
**Northern Cardinal:** 17 + 47  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 0 + 5  
**Indigo Bunting:** 7 + 5  
**Red-winged Blackbird:** 29 + 23  
**Common Grackle:** 5 + 200  
**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 1 + 8  
**Baltimore Oriole:** 4 + 15  
**House Finch:** 7 + 39  
**American Goldfinch:** 0 + 110

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

**Mute Swan:** Over 20 reported.  
**Wood Duck:** Over 23 reported.  
**Black Duck:** 1/9 Stony Kill KH; 6/5 Dennings Point KH; 2/20 Andrew Haight Road FT;  
**Northern Pintail:** 2ad and 3imm/14 Round Pond, Amenia DF.  
**Common Merganser:** 1/22 Brinkerhoff TM. This is our first August record, which was expected now that they breed in the county.  
**Double-crested Cormorant:** 1/13 Vanderbilt FT; 5- 12/ 21-27 Dennings Point FT, TM, KH; 1/18 Stormville EBR.  
**Great Egret:** 2/11 Wappingers Lake KH; 4/21-26 Denning's Point TM, FT.  
**Snowy Egret:** 1/12 Hosner Mountain Road EBR.  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** 3/10 Bowdoin Park KH; 1/20, 27 Dennings Point TM, FT; 8/26 Dennings Point TM.  
**Black Vulture:** 3/11 Hiddenbrooke, Beacon BB, BC, SI; 1/14 Swift Pond DF; 2/20 Cary IES FT.  
**Osprey:** 1/14 Round Pond, Amenia DF; 1/14 Tamarack Swamp DF; 1/21, 23 Dennings Point TM.  
**Bald Eagle:** 1/4 Buttercup WFS, JP; 1/13 Vanderbilt Estate FT; 1/13 Rhinebeck CP; 1/20 Tivoli ANG.  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/11 Dutchess Jct. BB, BC, SI; 1/23, 31 Red Hook MP.  
**Broad-winged Hawk:** 1/10 Lake Weil CP, HT; 1/16 Cary IES FT.  
**Kestrel:** 2occ @ Red Hook ANG; 1/10 Cedar Lake CP, HT; 1/4 Buttercup WLS,JP.  
**Peregrine Falcon:** Took pigeon on the 5th Riverside Trail, Beacon KH.  
**Killdeer:** 8 daily at Southland Farms MP; 1/10 Cedar Lake CP, HT.  
**Spotted Sandpiper:** 1/5 Madame Brett Park KH; 5/19 South Bay, Tivoli Kiviat; 7/27 Denning's Point FT.  
**Least Sandpiper:** 6/17 Southland Farms MP; 7/21, 1/27 Denning's Point TM, FT.  
**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** 1/5 Denning's Point KH.  
**Eastern Screech Owl:** 1/9, 28 Poughquag CP, HT.  
**Great-horned Owl:** 1/8 Poughquag HT; 1/30 Stony Kill KH.



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**Barred Owl:** 1/4 home JA, KJ.

**Common Nighthawk:** several on the 22nd Rhinebeck RJ; 20/24, 8/27, 4/28 East Fishkill ERS.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1/occ Poughquag CP, HT; 1/24 Nuclear Lake CP, HT.

**Alder Flycatcher:** 2/5 Cary IES WS, JV, JP.

**Willow Flycatcher:** 1/5 Beacon KH; 1/20 Andrew Haight Road FT.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** 1/4 ButtercupWLS, JP; 1/24 Nuclear Lake CP,HT.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** 1/1 Reese Park; 1/30 Stony Kill KH.

**Warbling Vireo:** 2/7 Nardone Road KCF; 4/24 Poughquag CP, HT.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** 1/27 Denning's Point AJM.

**Fish Crow:** 1/2 Stony Kill KH; 3/10 Lake Weil CP, HT.

**Common Raven:** 3/1 Cary IES WS; 1/10 Chipewalla Road CP, HT; 2/17 Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery BJM, MK; 1/24 Nuclear Lake CP, HT; 1/30 Poughquag CP, HT.

**Purple Martin:** 2/5 Cary IES WS, JV, JP.

**Bank Swallow:** 4/20 Andrew Haight Road FT.

**Cliff Swallow:** nest /10 barn Hurd's Corner Road JG; 4/9 Southland's Farms MP.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1/27 Nellie Hill KCF.

**Brown Creeper:** 1/7 Reese Sanctuary KH; 1/21 Stormville EBR.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 1/6 Cary IES KCF; 1/7 Nardone Road KCF.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 1/4 Indian Lake DF; 1/4-18 home BAM; 1/5 Madame Brett Park KH; 3/7 Nardone Road KCF.

**Brown Thrasher:** 1/1 Reese Sanctuary KH; 1/15 Red Hook Golf Course MP; 1/16 Cary IES field trip.

**Hermit Thrush:** 1/4 Reese Sanctuary, 1/7 Bowdoin Park KH.

**Blue-winged Warbler:** 7 reported.

**Nashville Warbler:** 1/24 Nuclear Lake CP, HT.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 1/5 Cary IES WS,JV, JP; 1/6 Cary IES KCF.

**Magnolia Warbler:** 5/27 Nellie Hill KCF.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** 1/27 Nellie Hill KCF.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 2/24 Nuclear Lake CP,HT; 1/27, 30 home BAM; 1/27 Denning's Point FT.

**Blackburnian Warbler:** 1/17 Poughquag CP, HT.

**Prairie Warbler:** 2/27 Nellie Hill KCF.

**Worm-eating Warbler:** 1/6 Cary IES KCF; 1/27 Denning's Point FT; 1/27 Nellie Hill KCF.

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** 1/6 Cary IES KCF; 1/27 Denning's Point FT.

**Northern Waterthrush:** 1/10 Berkshire Road CP, HT; singing/4 & 7 Reese Park KH.

**Hooded Warbler:** 2/7 Cary IES KCF.

**Canada Warbler:** 1/27 Denning's Point field trip.

**Savannah Sparrow:** 1/ 30 Stony Kill KH.

**Bobolink:** 2/4 Buttercup WLS, JP; 15/20 Andrew Haight Road FT; several early only six by end of month Southland Farms MP.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 4/daily Southland Farms MP; 2/4 Buttercup WLS, JP.

**Rusty Blackbird:** 6/10 River Road, Pawling CP, HT. Very early. The squeaky-squawk call was heard from blackbirds seen on a foggy morning in the right habitat.

**Purple Finch:** 2/all month home KCF; 1/23 Poughquag CP, HT.

**House Sparrow:** 9/10 Pawling CP, HT; 30/30 Stony Kill KH (must be more around).

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JA/JK - Judy Atwood/ Karen Jaquith; BB – Barbara Butler; BC – Binnie Chase; MD – Marty Dellwo; DF – Dot Fleury; KCF – Ken and Carol Fredericks; JG- Jane Geisler; ANG – Ann and Natalie Gilbert; KH – Ken Harris; SI – Sue Infante; RJ – Rodney Johnson; MK – Maha Katnani; TM – Tully McElrath; AJM- Alan Michelin; BAM- Barbara and Allan Michelin; BJM – Barbara Michelin; MP- Mona Payton; JP – Jeff Pippen; CP/HT – Carena Pooth and Herb Thompson; EBR – Edith and Barry Rosen; ERS – Ed and Rory Solan; WS – William Schlesinger; WLS- William and Lisa Schlesinger; JV – Jessica Vitale.

#### Field Trips (FT):

6th Wilderstein; 13th Vanderbilt; 16th Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies; 20th Andrew Haight Road; 27th Dennings Point.

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## September 2008 Records

**Canada Goose:** 150/24 migrants have come into Abel's Pond BB; 100/30 flying by HVRT (Sharon Station) BB. 17 rpts, avg 29 each.

**Mute Swan:** 11/27 9 ad 2 imm Wapp Lk BB; 3/30 HVRT (Sharon Station) BB. 5 rpts, avg 4 each.

**Wood Duck:** 9/3 Ferncliff FT; 15/11 Buttercup West KCF. 6 rpts, avg 6 each.

**American Black Duck:** 6/11 Buttercup West KCF; 6/28 Buttercup WLS.

**Mallard:** 22/7 Vanderbilt EBR; 2-6/all Landsman's Kill in Rhinebeck village MP. 13 rpts, avg 9 each.

**Green-winged Teal:** 5/11 Buttercup West KCF; 2/28 Buttercup WLS.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** 1/10 Denning Pt. TM.

**Wild Turkey:** 15/30 HVRT (Sharon Station) BB; 6/all f/5yg) yd. BAM. 7 rpts, avg 7 each.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 21/10 Denning Pt. TM; 1/25 Buttercup West KCF. 5 rpts, avg 11 each.

**Great Cormorant:** 1/24 Lakeside Park FT.

**Great Blue Heron:** 7/7 Denning Pt. TM; 1/most days RedHookGolfCourse MP. 16 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Great Egret:** 1/1 & 3/6 Denning Pt. TM; 4/27 Wapp Lk BB.

**Green Heron:** 1/3 Ferncliff FT; 9/10 Denning Pt. TM. 13 rpts, avg 3 each.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** 4/1 & 3/16 Denning Pt. TM. 5 rpts, avg 3 each.

**Black Vulture:** 4/17 Rock FT; 1/20-21 RHGC MP.

**Turkey Vulture:** 19/14 at deer carcass, Poughquag yd BC; 12/29 Green Haven CP/HT. 29 rpts, avg 4 each.

**Osprey:** 2/13 Burger Hill FT; 1/20 RHGC, at higher elevation at golf club, only about 20 feet above me, looking down at me MP. 2 rpts.

**Bald Eagle:** 1/7 Vanderbilt EBR; 1/17 Bard College MHB (Baumgarten).

**Northern Harrier:** 1/20 Vassar Farm FT; 2/21 Southland Farm MP.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 1/3 Ferncliff FT; 3/10 Buttercup East FT; 1/20 Vassar Farm FT.

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/6 TSF MP; 1/20-21 Southland Farm MP. 5 rpts, avg 1 each.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 3/13 Burger Hill FT; 1/all month on & off Town of Milan SJ. 6 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** 9/13 Burger Hill FT; 4/24 Lakeside Park FT. 4 rpts, avg 4 each.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** 2/13 Burger Hill FT; 1-2/most days Southland Farm MP. 9 rpts, avg 1 each.

**Golden Eagle:** 1/17 Bard College MHB (Baumgarten).

**American Kestrel:** 1/20 Vassar Farm FT; 1/29 Stony Kill TM.

**Killdeer:** 1/1 Amenia grocery store BB; 2/20 Vassar Farm FT; 2/27 Stringham Park BB; 6-8/daily Southland Farm MP.

**Greater Yellowlegs:** 1/25 Strever Pd KCF.

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** 4/25 Strever Pd KCF.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** 2/1, 3/10 & 2/16 Denning Pt. TM; 2/20 Vassar Farm FT; 2/27 mouth of Wapp Cr BB.

**Ruddy Turnstone:** 1/17 1/19 Chelsea Yacht Club Dot Fleury. Two different birds, each seen at high tide. Fourth county record.

**Mourning Dove:** 7/20 Vassar Farm FT; 6-8/all yd Po'quag CP/HT. 14 rpts, avg 3 each.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** 1/17 Rock FT.

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 2/7 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/17 Allen Road, Clinton BMA. 13 rpts, avg 1 each.

**Great Horned Owl:** 1/10 IES BH; 1/17 Allen Road, Clinton BMA; 1/22 roadkill, still clutching a young opossum Rhinebeck SJ.

**Barred Owl:** 1/10 Feller-Newmark Rd. NG; 1/15 yd KCF KCF; 1/22 Allen Road, Clinton BMA.

**Chimney Swift:** 10/27 Southland Farm MP.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** 2/1 Yd AG; 1/7-18 f feeders yd. BAM. 26 rpts, avg 1 each.

**Belted Kingfisher:** 2/17 Rock FT; 2/28 Buttercup WLS. 8 rpts, avg 1 each.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 6/24 Lakeside Park FT; 2/all yd Poughquag CP/HT. 20 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1/24 Lakeside Park FT; 2/25 yd. BJM.

**Downy Woodpecker:** 5/5 Peach Hill KCF; 6/all yd KCF. 27 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 2/all mo. yd. BAM; 2/all yd KCF. 8 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Northern Flicker:** 4/27 all together Bowdoin Park BB; 2/all yard BB. 13 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 5/5 Peach Hill KCF; 1/most days yd./neighborhood BAM. 10 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** 8/3 Ferncliff FT; 2/24 CIES BH. 9 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** 1/5 Peach Hill KCF.

**Acadian Flycatcher:** 1/10 Buttercup East FT.

**Least Flycatcher:** 1/5 Peach Hill KCF; 1/10 Buttercup East FT.

**Eastern Phoebe:** 9/24 Lakeside Park FT; 1-2/most days Southland Farm MP. 21 rpts, avg 4 each.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** 3/3 Ferncliff FT.

**Eastern Kingbird:** 1/9 Abel's BB.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** 4/3 Ferncliff FT; 1/25 yd. BJM. 6 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** 2/17 Rock FT; 2/25 Buttercup West KCF. 7 rpts, avg 1 each.

**Warbling Vireo:** 6/11 Buttercup West KCF; 1/30 Late, but I heard it (well) at a place where I'd heard and seen one during breeding season HVRT (Sharon Station) BB. 5 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** 2/23 Buttercup East KCF.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** 1/11 Buttercup West KCF; 2/25 Buttercup West KCF. 14 rpts, avg 4 each.

**Blue Jay:** 15/20 Vassar Farm FT; 1-2/daily yd LaGrange JA/KJ. 25 rpts, avg 6 each.

**American Crow:** 75/20 Vassar Farm FT; 5-6/all yd Poughquag CP/HT. 18 rpts, avg 10 each.

**Fish Crow:** 2/1 Denning Pt. TM; 3/17 Bard College MHB (Baumgarten).

**Common Raven:** 2/10 Buttercup East FT; 1/30 HVRT (Sharon Station) BB.

**Tree Swallow:** 300/2 Crestwood Rd. NG; 8/13 Burger Hill FT. 5 rpts, avg 96 each.

**Bank Swallow:** 4/13 Burger Hill FT.

**Cliff Swallow:** 2/13 Burger Hill FT.

**Barn Swallow:** 4/13 Burger Hill FT.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** 20/23 Buttercup East KCF; 3-6/all feeder Stormville EBR. 25 rpts, avg 10 each.



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**Tufted Titmouse:** 12/23 Buttercup East KCF; 5-8/all yd KCF. 18 rpts avg 5 each.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 2/17 CIES BH; 1/18 pine trees yd. BAM.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 13/3 Ferncliff FT; 5-6/all yd KCF KCF. 22 rpts, avg 3 each.

**Brown Creeper:** 2/3 Ferncliff FT; 1/10 CIES BH; 2/17 Rock FT.

**Carolina Wren:** 4/25 Buttercup West KCF; 2/all yd. BAM. 19 rpts, avg 2 each.

**House Wren:** 2/1 Buttercup East KCF; 1/25 Buttercup West KCF. 11 rpts, avg 1 each.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 1/24 Lakeside Park FT; 2/24 IES BH; 1/25 Buttercup West KCF.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 1/10 Buttercup East FT; 3/30 HVRT (Sharon Station) BB. 6 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** 2/10 Denning Pt. TM; 1/23 Buttercup East KCF. 5 rpts, avg 1 each.

**Eastern Bluebird:** 20+/14 Salisbury Tpk. Milan SJ; 4-8/daily Southland Farm and RHGC MP. 12 rpts, avg 7 each.

**Veery:** 1/11 Buttercup West KCF.

**Swainson's Thrush:** 1/23 Buttercup East KCF.

**Wood Thrush:** 1/3 Ferncliff FT; 1/03 IES BH; 2/17 IES BH; 2/23 Buttercup East KCF.

**American Robin:** 25/20 Vassar Farm FT; 50/30 HVRT (Sharon Station) BB. 15 rpts, avg 9 each.

**Gray Catbird:** 28/23 Buttercup East KCF; 4/all yard BB. 22 rpts, avg 10 each.

**Northern Mockingbird:** 7/27 in a group Bowdoin Park BB; 2/daily Southland Farm and RHGC MP. 7 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Brown Thrasher:** 2/5 Peach Hill KCF; 1/14 CIES WLS; 1/20 Vassar Farm FT.

**European Starling:** 15/10 Buttercup East FT; 300/27 TSF MP. 5 rpts, avg 77 each.

**Cedar Waxwing:** 500/13 Burger Hill FT; 100/30 HVRT (Sharon Station) BB. 22 rpts, avg 33 each.

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

**Tennessee Warbler:** 1/24 Stony Kill SGO.

**Northern Parula:** 2/3 Ferncliff FT; 1/25 Buttercup West KCF. 6 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Yellow Warbler:** 1/11 Buttercup West KCF.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** 1/3 Ferncliff FT; 1/5 Peach Hill KCF; 2/10 Buttercup East FT.

**Magnolia Warbler:** 4/17 Rock FT; 2/25 Buttercup West KCF. 8 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 6/25 yd. BJM; 6/30 HVRT (Sharon Station) BB. 6 rpts, avg 4 each.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 6/23 Buttercup East KCF; 2/27 yd. BJM. 12 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Pine Warbler:** 1/3 Ferncliff FT.

**Prairie Warbler:** 1/5 Peach Hill KCF; 1/20 TSF MP.

**Palm Warbler:** 2/25 Buttercup West KCF.

**Black-and-white Warbler:** 1/3 Ferncliff FT; 2/24 Lakeside Park FT.

**American Redstart:** 4/5 Peach Hill KCF; 1/23 Buttercup East KCF. 8 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Ovenbird:** 1/10 Buttercup East FT.

**Northern Waterthrush:** 2/14 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

**Common Yellowthroat:** 4/10 Buttercup East FT; 7/25 Buttercup West KCF. 15 rpts, avg 3 each.

**Scarlet Tanager:** 4/5 Peach Hill KCF; 2/28 yd Poughquag CP/HT. 13 rpts, avg 2 each.

**Eastern Towhee:** 8/25 Buttercup West KCF; 1/all yd BB. 13 rpts, avg 3 each.

**Chipping Sparrow:** 13/24 Lakeside Park FT; 5/all yd BB. 15 rpts, avg 3 each.

**Field Sparrow:** 9/5 Peach Hill KCF; 16/11 Buttercup West KCF. 6 rpts, avg 7 each.

**Vesper Sparrow:** 3/24 Stony Kill SGO.

**Savannah Sparrow:** 4/14 TSF MP; 2/20 Southland Farm MP; 8/21 TSF MP; 1/30 HVRT (Sharon Station) BB.

**Song Sparrow:** 12/28 Buttercup WLS; 2-4/daily Southland Farm MP. 11 rpts, avg 5 each.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** 3/24 Stony Kill SGO.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 12/25 Buttercup West KCF; 2/28 Buttercup WLS; 2/30 HVRT (Sharon Station) BB.

**White-throated Sparrow:** 4/24 Lakeside Park FT; 8/25 Buttercup West KCF; 10/28 Buttercup WLS.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** 2/20 Center Rd., Clinton BMA.

**Northern Cardinal:** 5/5 Peach Hill KCF; 8(ad & yg)/all yd KCF. 21 rpts, avg 3 each.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 7/3 Ferncliff FT; 1/27 m feeder yd. BAM. 9 rpts, avg 3 each.

**Bobolink:** 125/13 Burger Hill FT.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 2/3 Ferncliff FT; 3/28 Buttercup WLS; 15/30 HVRT (Sharon Station) BB.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 2/13 Burger Hill FT; 4-6/most days Southland Farm MP.

**Common Grackle:** 1/7 yd. BAM; 1-2/daily Southland Farm MP.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 100/27 Southland Farm MP; 3/29 yd LaGrange JA/KJ.

**Baltimore Oriole:** 3/1 Buttercup East KCF; 1/3 Ferncliff FT; 1/20 Vassar Farm FT.

**Purple Finch:** 1/23-24 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/24 Lakeside Park FT; 4/occ yd KCF.

**House Finch:** 4-6/all feeder yd. BAM; 4-6/all feeder Stormville EBR. 7 rpts, avg 4 each.

**American Goldfinch:** 50/5 Peach Hill KCF; 4-6/all feeder yd. BAM. 22 rpts, avg 7 each.

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AJM - Allen Michelin; BB - Barbara Butler; BC - Binnie Chase; BH - Barry Haydasz; BMA Barbara Mansell; BJM - Barbara Michelin; BAM - Barbara & Allen Michelin; CP - Carena Pooth; EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen; MHB- Mid Hudson Birds; HT - Herb Thompson; JA - Judy Atwood; KJ - Karen Jaquith; KCF - Ken & Carol Fredericks; MP - Mona Payton; TM - Tully McElrath; NG - Natalie Gilbert; AG - Annatje Gilbert; SGO - Steve Golladay; SJ - Susan Joseph; WLS - William & Lisa Schlesinger; FT - Field Trips

#### Field Trips (FT):

9/3 - Ferncliff Forest; 9/10 - Buttercup East; 9/17 - Rockefeller Univ. Field Research Center; 9/24 - Lakeside Park

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## October 2008 Records

Another nice October, just like last year. Little or no frost was seen throughout the county. There were two reports of Pine Siskins in sizable flocks, which may be a preview of coming attractions.

**Brant:** 13/6 river at Chelsea RJ

**Canada Goose:** Many reports including 2000+1 Germond Hill DF; 60/6 over yd, 80/25 Deising Fm BAM; 300/7, 500/8, fewer rest of month Abel's Pd BB; 78/18 Stony Kill FT; 400/23 Stissing Lk CP; 150/29 Mills Mansion FT

**Mute Swan:** 3/8 Thompson Pd FT; 17/10, 16/25 Wapp Lk BJM; 1/22, 5/26 Overlook Pk JA/KJ

**Wood Duck:** 2/1 Buttercup W FT; 4/5 Buttercup WLS; 17/8 Thompson Pd FT; 32/14 Lk Walton, 6/14 Hillside Lk BAM; 3/19 Town of Stanford KCF

**American Black Duck:** 17/1 Buttercup W FT; 2/5 Buttercup WLS; 3/8 Thompson Pd FT; 4/13, 2/23 Buttercup West KCF

**Mallard:** 18/1 Buttercup W FT; 10/5 Buttercup WLS; 53/8 Thompson Pd FT; 30/14 Hillside Lk BAM; 3/19 Town of Stanford KCF; 5/29 Mills Mansion FT; 2-4/most Rhinebeck MP

**Green-winged Teal:** 50/1 Buttercup W FT

**Ring-necked Duck:** 31/8 Thompson Pd FT; 40/8, 200/2, fewer rest of month Abel's Pd BB; 30/23 Twin Is. Lk CP; 94/30 Lk. Walton BJM,PF

**White-winged Scoter:** 1/23 Twin Is. Lk CP

**Bufflehead:** 14/17-19 Lk Oniad Elaine Andersen

**Hooded Merganser:** 2/23 Twin Is. Lk CP

**Common Merganser:** 2/24 IES KCF

**Ruddy Duck:** 3 reports from BAM including 23/14 Sylvan Lk, 22/25 Lk Oniad

**Ring-necked Pheasant:** 1/8, 29 CIES BH

**Wild Turkey:** 12/11 yd Poughquag Pat Vreatt; 10/12 CIES WLS; 12/17 yd. BAM; 3/22 Bowdoin Pk FT; 4-8/occ Rhinebeck MP

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 1/14 Lk Walton BAM; 1/30 Lk. Oniad BJM,PF

**Great Blue Heron:** 1/5 Buttercup, 1/11, 15 CIES WLS; 2/8 Thompson Pd FT; 1/11 Beekman ERB; 1/12, 19 Lagrange JA/KJ; 1/15 Andrew Haight Rd. CP; 1/15 Tymor Pk FT; 1/occ Rhinebeck MP; 4 rpts from BAM incl. 5/10 Wapp. Lk.

**Green Heron:** 1/1 Buttercup W FT;

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 1/29 Norrie Point FT; 7 reports from BAM including 19/9 Beacon RR Station & Beacon Pt.

**Black Vulture:** 2/5 Buttercup DG; 2/12 yd Poughquag, 5/18 Beacon CP/HT; 3/22 Maloney Rd near Rt 376 BB

**Turkey Vulture:** Many reports; highest 12/5 Buttercup WLS; 8/11 TSF, 30+12 RHGC MP; 9/18 Beacon CP/HT; 13/20 Bard AG; 4/18 Stony Kill FT;

**Osprey:** 1/5 Burger Hill RJ; 1/8 Thompson Pd FT;

**Bald Eagle:** 1 ad/13 Twin I. Lk CP; 2 ad/29 Mills Mansion FT

**Northern Harrier:** 1/8 Thompson Pd FT; 1/15 Bontecou L. CP; 1/17 Stormville ERB

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 2/3 Top O' Hill Rd. AJM; 1/10 Peach Hill, 1/19 Town of Stanford, 1/24 IES KCF; 1/15 CIES WLS; 1/18 Stony Kill FT

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/10 Peach Hill, 1/29 yd Pok KCF; 1/18 TSF MP; 3 rpts of 1 ea from BAM

**Accipiter sp:** 1/8 Thompson Pd FT;

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/2, 3, 5 Rhinebeck MP; 2/2 & 29, 2/5 Buttercup DG; 1/9-11 over yd. BJM

**Red-tailed Hawk:** Many rpts of 1-2 ea; also 3/8 Thompson Pd FT; 3/22 Bowdoin Pk FT

**American Kestrel:** 1/1-15 Crestwood Rd AG

**Merlin:** 1/19 TSF MP

**Peregrine Falcon:** 1/22 Bowdoin Pk FT0000

**American Coot:** 16/25 Sylvan Lk AJM; 1/30 Lk. Walton BJM,PF

**Killdeer:** 5/8 Stony Kill BJM, MK, NM; 5/8 Thompson Pd FT; 5/18 Stony Kill FT; 6-8 daily decreasing to 2-4 end of month TSF MP

**Solitary Sandpiper:** 1/8 Thompson Pd FT

**Greater Yellowlegs:** 1/17 Strever Fm Pd DG

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** 2/17 Strever Fm Pd DG

**Ring-billed Gull:** 2 rpts of 20+ ea BAM

**Herring Gull:** 3/22 Bowdoin Pk FT; 8/29 Mills Mansion FT

**Rock Pigeon:** Several reports.

**Mourning Dove:** Most had 1-7; also 12+8 Stony Kill BJM, MK, NM; 12/all yd BB; 10-12/all yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 1/15 heard Allen Rd BMA

**Great Horned Owl:** calling 5:30am/16 yd BB; 1h/18-19 Town of Stanford KCF; 2/17 heard Allen Rd. BMA; 1/20 CIES WLS

**Barred Owl:** 1 heard /8 & 19 yd, 1/13 on the ground with prey, Clinton BB; 1/15 CIES BH; 1/15 heard Allen Rd. BMA

**Chimney Swift:** 2/4 Burger Hill MP

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/1 Buttercup W FT; 1/2, 11, 1/5 Buttercup WLS; 1/11 Beekman ERB; 1/14 Hillside Lk BAM; 1/15 Tymor Pk FT; 1/18-19, 2/25 Town of Stanford KCF; 1/22 Bowdoin Pk FT; 1/29 Mills Mansion FT

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** Many reports mostly 1-2; also 4/1 Buttercup W FT; 4/5 Buttercup WLS; 5/10 Peach Hill KCF; 5/11 Peach Hill FT; 5/15 Tymor Pk FT; 6/29 Mills Mansion FT

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 2/1 Buttercup W FT; 1/8 Thompson Pd FT; 1/11 Peach Hill FT; 1/22 Bowdoin Pk FT; 1/24 yd Pok KCF; 1/29 Mills Mansion FT

**Downy Woodpecker:** Good numbers. Highest 5/8 Thompson Pd FT; 6/all yd Pok KCF

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 8 reports of 1-2 each.

**Northern Flicker:** Many reports of 1-3 ea; also 4/11 Peach Hill FT; 6/15 CIES WLS; 4/15 Tymor Pk FT; 4/22 Bowdoin Pk FT; 1/all yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 21 reports of 1-2 each.

**Eastern Phoebe:** 13/1 Buttercup W FT; 1/5 yd Lagr JA/KJ; 1/2, 11, 2/12, 15 CIES, 4/5 Buttercup WLS; 2/8 Thompson Pd FT; 3/11 Peach Hill FT; 1/all yd BB; 4 rpts 1 ea BAM

**Blue-headed Vireo:** 1/1 Buttercup W FT; 4/8 Thompson Pd FT; 2/11 Peach Hill FT; 2/15 Tymor Pk FT

**Red-eyed Vireo:** 2/11 Peach Hill FT

**Blue Jay:** Good numbers everywhere.

**American Crow:** Many reports; no massive flocks reported. Highest 40/22 Bowdoin Pk FT

**Fish Crow:** 2/18 Stony Kill FT

**Common Raven:** 1/5 Buttercup WLS; 1/6 flyover yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/8 Thompson Pd FT; 1/15 Tymor Pk FT; 1/18 Town of Stanford KCF

**B-c Chickadee, Titmouse, W-b Nuthatch:** Good numbers  
**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1/11 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/12 CIES WLS

**Brown Creeper:** 1/11 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/23 Rhinebeck MP; 1/26 yd Pok KCF; 1/29 CIES BH

**Carolina Wren:** Many reports of 1-2 each



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**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 4/1 Buttercup W FT; 4/5 yd Lagrange JA/KJ; 2/5 Buttercup WLS; 2/6 yd Poughquag, 3/11-12 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/8, 2/15,24 CIES BH; 8/15 Tymor Pk FT; 2/16 yd. BAM; 2/18 Stony Kill FT; 2/30 Lk. Walton BJM,PF

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** 1/1 Buttercup W FT; 1/5 Buttercup, 1/15, 2/18 CIES WLS; 10+/7, 2/10, 3/17 yd, 3/13 Godfrey Pk, Verbank BB; 1/8 Thompson Pd FT; 1/10 Peach Hill, 1/24 IES KCF; 17/11 Peach Hill FT; 1/12,19, 7/5 yd Lagrange JA/KJ; 3/15 Tymor Pk FT; 1/18 Stony Kill FT; 1-2/4-17 yd. BAM

**Eastern Bluebird:** Good numbers. Highest 14/1 Buttercup W FT; /5 Buttercup, 8/15 CIES WLS; 8/11, 6/18, 12/19, 10/26 TSF, 6/11 RHGC MP; 8/24 IES KCF; 6/30 Monfort Rd. BJM,PF

**Swainson's Thrush:** 2/1 Buttercup W FT; 1/5 Buttercup, 1/11 CIES WLS

**Hermit Thrush:** 2/8 Thompson Pd FT; 1/10 Peach Hill KCF; 1/11 yd. BJM; 1/11 Peach Hill FT; 3/17-18, 1/20 & 30 eating Va. creeper berries BB; 1/20 CIES WLS; 5/22 Bowdoin Pk FT

**American Robin:** Many reports. Highest 75+ /20 yd Lagrange JA/KJ; 20/22 Bowdoin Pk FT; 60/26 yd Poughquag, 20/27, 30/29 yd Poughquag CP/HT

**Gray Catbird:** 12/1 Buttercup W FT; 2/2, 1/11,15,18, 2/5 Buttercup WLS; 1/ 8, 2/12 yd Lagrange JA/KJ; 5/10 Peach Hill KCF; 6/11 Peach Hill FT; 1/22 Bowdoin Pk FT

**Northern Mockingbird:** Many reports of 1-2 each; also 8/11 Peach Hill FT; 5/15 Tymor Pk FT

**European Starling:** 3 rpts. less than 10 ea. plus 20/12 CIES WLS; 30/15 Tymor Pk FT; 15-20/all Red Hook AG

**Cedar Waxwing:** 10/1, 3/15 CIES BH; 35/1 Buttercup W FT; 10/2, 4/11, 20/18 CIES WLS; 300/7 over Chelsea RJ; 10/10 Peach Hill KCF; 4/11 Peach Hill FT; 50/22 Bowdoin Pk FT; 16/26 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 3/26 & 31 yd. BAM; 15/29 Mills Mansion FT

**Northern Parula:** 1/1 Buttercup W FT; 1/12 CIES Debi Kral

**Magnolia Warbler:** 2/1 Buttercup W FT; 1/11 Peach Hill FT; 1/15 Tymor Pk FT

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** Many reports; highest 34/1 Buttercup W FT; 58/8 Thompson Pd FT; 20/18-19 Town of Stanford KCF; 30/11 Peach Hill FT; 25/15 Tymor Pk FT

**American Redstart:** 1/1 Buttercup W FT

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 1/8 Stony Kill BJM; 1/10 Peach Hill KCF

**Pine Warbler:** 1/4 Burger Hill MP; 3/5 yd Lagrange JA/KJ

**Palm Warbler:** many/4 Stony Kill SG; 2/8 Stony Kill BJM,MK; 2/12,15 CIES WLS; 1/15 And Haight Rd. CP; 1/15 CIES BH; 20/18 Stony Kill FT; 1/19 yd. BJM; 1/8 Thompson Pd FT; 1/13 Godfrey Pk, Verbank BB; 1/5 TSF MP

**Blackpoll Warbler:** 1/8 Thompson Pd FT; 1/13 Godfrey Pk, Verbank BB

**Common Yellowthroat:** 3/1 ButtercupW FT; 2/2 CIES WLS; 1/4 yd BB; 1f/8 Stony Kill BJM,MK; 1/11 Peach Hill FT

**Eastern Towhee:** 2/1 CIES BH; 3/1 Buttercup W FT; 1/3,5 yd Lagrange JA/KJ; 1/5 TSF MP; 1/10 Peach Hill KCF; 1/10 yd BB; 5/11 Peach Hill FT; 1/15 Tymor Pk FT

**American Tree Sparrow:** 1/11 Peach Hill FT; 4/18 Stony Kill FT; 1/19 & 23 yd. BAM

**Chipping Sparrow:** 2/1 Buttercup W FT; 1juv/6 yd Stormville ERB; 4/8 Thompson Pd FT; 1/10 Peach Hill KCF; 9/11 Peach Hill FT; 5/15 Tymor Pk FT; 4/18 Stony Kill FT; 3 rpts 5-15 ea BAM

**Field Sparrow:** 12/1 Buttercup W FT; 2/4 yd BB; 1/5 Buttercup, 1/11,18, 2/12 CIES WLS; 1/8 Stony Kill BJM,MK; 4/10 Peach Hill KCF; 5/11 Peach Hill FT; 2/15 CIES BH; 2/18 Stony Kill FT

**Vesper Sparrow:** 1-2/11 TSF heard MP; 1/18 Stony Kill FT

**Savannah Sparrow:** 3/8 Stony Kill BJM,MK; 4/14, 2/20, 8/21 TSF MP; 3/18 Stony Kill FT

**Fox Sparrow:** 1/15 Tymor Pk FT

**Song Sparrow:** Many rpts including 18/1 Buttercup W FT; 15/5 Buttercup, 20/15 CIES WLS; 11/8 Thompson Pd FT; 15/11 Peach Hill FT

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** 3/1 Buttercup W FT; sev/4 Stony Kill SG; 1/10 Peach Hill KCF

**Swamp Sparrow:** 16/1 Buttercup W FT; 1/2, 2/12, 6/15, 8/18 CIES, 5/5 Buttercup WLS; 7/8 Thompson Pd FT; 6/18 Stony Kill FT; 1/24 IES KCF

**White-throated Sparrow:** Many rpts including 90/1 Buttercup W FT; 60/10 Peach Hill, 50/24 IES, 25 Town of Stanford KCF; 119/11 Peach Hill FT; 15/15, 20/18 CIES WLS; 61/15 Tymor Pk FT

**White-crowned Sparrow:** sev imm/4 Stony Kill SG; 2/10 Peach Hill KCF; 10/10, 5/17 yd, 40/13 Godfrey Pk, Verbank BB; 11/11 Peach Hill FT; 5/18 Stony Kill FT

**Dark-eyed Junco:** Many reports of 1-5 starting on the 8th; also 12/29, 10/30 yd BB; 18/11 Peach Hill FT; 10/15 Tymor Pk FT; 7/18 Stony Kill FT; 22/30 Lk. Walton BJM,PF

**Northern Cardinal:** Many rpts. of 1-4 each. Notable: 3/8 pr. fed 1m yg. Stony Kill BJM,MK,NM; 7/10 Peach Hill, 5-6/all yd Pok KCF; 8/11 Peach Hill FT;

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** yg male/2 yd BB

**Dickcissel:** 1/4 Stony Kill SG; 1/7 Stony Kill RJ; 1juv/8 Stony Kill BJM,MK

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 225/1 Buttercup W FT; 18+/8 Stony Kill BJM,MK,NM; 203/8 Thompson Pd FT; 11/15 Tymor Pk FT; 4+h/18-19, 25 Town of Stanford KCF; 34/18 Stony Kill FT; 2/24, 10/25 Rhinebeck MP

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 4-6/most til 3d wk, 1/18 Stony Kill FT; 2/19 TSF MP

**Rusty Blackbird:** 6/8 Thompson Pd FT; 3/18 CIES WLS

**Common Grackle:** 1/1 Buttercup W FT; 25/10 Rt. 376 BJM; 20/17 yd, 200/29 Staatsburg in churchyd BB; 1-2/all Rhinebeck MP

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 1 /1 Buttercup W FT; 2/10 Peach Hill KCF

**Purple Finch:** 1st yr m/7 yd BB; 2/11 Peach Hill FT; 1/4 Burger Hill MP; 4/15 CIES BH; 1/23-24 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2/24 IES, 1/29 yd Stormville ERB; 3-4/all yd Pok KCF; 1f/31 feeder yd. BAM

**House Finch:** 8/11 Peach Hill FT; 13/18 Stony Kill FT; 5/all yd BB; 5 rpts 3-6 ea BAM; 4-5/all yd Pok KCF; 3-8/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; 2-5 /all yd Lagrange JA/KJ; 4-6/all feeder Stormville ERB

**Pine Siskin:** 15/18 Buttercup MML; 50/29 Mills Mansion FT

**American Goldfinch:** Many rpts. of 1-10 ea; also 24/1 Buttercup W FT; 12/8 Thompson Pd FT; 15/18 Stony Kill FT; 20/29 Mills Mansion FT; 6-20/all yd Poughquag

**House Sparrow:** 15+/8 Stony Kill BJM,MK,NM; 5/11 Peach Hill FT; 8/18 Stony Kill FT; 4/22 Bowdoin Pk FT



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## **Field Trips (FT):**

**1st** Buttercup W, **8th** Thompson Pd, **11th** Peach  
Hill, **15th** Tymor Pk, **18th** Stony Kill, **22nd** Bowdoin, **29th** Mills  
Mansion

**Abbreviations:** See our **Key to Notation**.

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## November 2008 Records

November brought some surprises with sightings of: an American Woodcock, a Bobolink, a Crackling Goose, a Great Egret, a Snowy Owl, and a Lapland Longspur.

**Snow Goose:** 1/12 Millbrook School FT; 32ad,9imm/24 Round Pd DF; 3/24 Strauss Marsh, 100+/24 HVRT, CV.

**Ross's/Snow Goose Hybrid:** 1/24 Round Pd. CV, BB, DF.

**Cackling Goose:** 1/9 Fraleigh Hill Rd Alan Peterson.

**Canada Goose:** Well reported throughout county - most: 1100/24 Round Pd DF; 1000/24 Strauss Marsh, CV.

**Brant:** 8-32/ 18,20 River/Chelsea, RJ; 2/22 Marist Col. Waterfront grazing on grass, CV.

**Mute Swan:** 1-8 reported most open waters by BB, CV, AJM, BAM, WLS, KCF, CP/HT - most: 17/27 Veteran's Pk., Wapp Lk., KH.

**Gadwall:** 2/1 Stony Kill KH; 1/11 Wappingers Creek & Rt. 9 RJ; 4/24 Round Pd DF.

**American Wigeon:** 1/7 The Fly, Pine Plains, 1/26 Domin American, CV; 1/22 Wapp. Creek/Rt. 9 RJ.

**American Black Duck:** 4/1 Lk. Walton AJM; 4/3 James Baird KCF; 5/7 Wapp Creek Salt Pt., 4/7, 3/20 The Fly, 12/13, 18/16 Traver Pd., 8/14 Strauss Marsh, CV; 1/16 Hillside Lk. BAM; 2-12 various locations RJ; 1/29 Millbrook yd WLS.

**Northern Pintail:** 5/7 Strever Farm Rd., 14/7, 8/20 The Fly, CV; 3/15 Strever Farm Rd., DG.

**Green-winged Teal:** 5/7 HVRT KCF; 5/7,6/20 The Fly, 3/12 Strever Farm Rd., 8/14 HVRT CV; 6/15 Strever Farm Rd. Pine Plains, DG; 2/16 Hillside Lk. BAM; 4/13 River/Chelsea RJ.

**Ring-necked Duck:** 1-95 in open waters by BB, DF, DG - most: 105/16 Lk. Walton BAM; 125/14 Strauss Marsh, 119/27 Red Wing Pk., CV; 140/25 River/Chelsea RJ.

**Greater Scaup:** 100/29 In river near Mills David Arner.

**Long-tailed Duck:** 1/16 Norrie Pt., CV.

**Bufflehead:** 5/1 Sylvan Lk. AJM; 6/16 Abel's Pd BB; 2m/16 Sylvan Lk., 1m/16 Red Wing Pk. BAM; 3/14 Indian Lk., 45/16 Mills Mansion, 3/20 Round Pd., CV; 9/10 River/Chelsea RJ.

**Common Goldeneye:** 1f/14 Indian Lk. CV; raft/30 in river at Staatsburg Hudson River Almanac.

**Hooded Merganser:** 15/14 Strauss Marsh, 3/17 Wapp. Cr. New Hamburg, 5/20 Netherwood Rd. Pd., CV; 9/16 Hillside Lk. BAM; 11/24 Round Pd DF; 3/15, 22 Rhinebk RJ; 5/29 Upper Kays BB; 20/27 Veteran's Park & Reese Sanct KH.

**Common Merganser:** 5/16 Norrie Pt., 7/17 Wapp. Cr., New Hamburg, 44/19 Mashomack, 14/27 Red Wing Pk., CV; 8/24 Round Pd DF; 16/15 Mashomack, Pine Plains DG; 2-8/ various areas on River RJ; 10/27 Veteran's Park & Reese Sanct KH.

**Ruddy Duck:** 64/1 Sylvan Lk. AJM; 4/9 Red Wing Pk, 15/20 Round Pd., 55/27 Sylvan Lk., CV; 200/16 Sylvan Lk., 79/16 Lk. Oniad BAM; 10/24 Round Pd., DF; 1/15 Abel's Pd BB; 200/15 Sylvan Lk CP/HT.

**Ring-necked Pheasant:** 1/15-16, 1/26, & 1/29 Stanford KCF; 1/30 county WLS.

**Wild Turkey:** 7/1 Stony Kill KH; 12/2, 2m/23-30 yd, 5/16 & 3/23 Stanford KCF; 10/6 Taconic Pkwy/Hibernia Rd. & 3-5/1-20 yd. BAM; 21/7 Uphill Farm, 15/16 Norrie Pt., CV; 10/12 Millbrook School FT; 2/15 Wappingers CP/HT; 12 -18 nearly daily yd., MP.

**Common Loon:** 1/15 Marist Col. Waterfront, CV.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 1/7 Stissing Lk., 1/24 Round Pd., CV.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 1/15 Marist Waterfront, 2/16 Norrie Pt., CV; 3/29 Norrie BB; 4-12/mo. River/Chelsea RJ.

**Great Cormorant:** 1/16 Norrie Pt., CV.

**Great Blue Heron:** 15 reported of 1 to 2 throughout county by JA/KJ, BB, KH, KCF,MP, CV, & 2/12 Millbrook School FT.

**Great Egret:** 1/6 Last of season - Wapp. Creek/Rt. 9 RJ.

**Black Vulture:** 1/1 w/Turkey Vultures Poughquag AJM; 10/12 Millbrook School FT; 4/13 sitting in tree Rombout Rd. CV.

**Turkey Vulture:** 1-3 many places by JA/KJ, BB/JSD, KCF, BAM, BJM, MP, CV, 1 FT - most: 5/1 Poughquag AJM.

**Osprey:** 2/9 over yd Poughquag CP/HT.

**Bald Eagle:** 1/5 FDR Home FT; 2ad/12,3ad/19 & 1imm/28 Stissing Mt., 1ad/16, 1imm/22 Norrie Pt., CV; 1ad/16 Sylvan Lk. BAM; 1/23 Chelsea DF; 2/30 county WLS

**Northern Harrier:** 1/7 The Fly, CV.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 1/occ yd, 1/7 HVRT, 1/9 Vassar Farms, 1/22 Stanford KCF; 1/20 yd., CV; 1/30 Millbrook yard Denise Dyko.

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/2 StonyKill BB/JSD; 1/2 yd. MP; 1/10, 13 & 15 yd. AJM; 1/24 overhead Strauss Marsh, CV; 1 imm/23 Millbrook yd Denise Dyko; 1f/9 & 18 yd., JA/KJ.

**Northern Goshawk:** 1/16 yd. Rhinebk RJ.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/1, 1/13-14 yd., MP; 1/5 over yd. BJM.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** 4 (late, but well seen)/2 StonyKill BB/JSD (They circled above us awhile. We saw the profile (not red-tail, tail too short) and dark outline on wings and a glimpse at the banded tail.).

**Rough-legged Hawk:** 1/9 Millerton, DG; 1/23,29 Rhinebk RJ.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** 1-3 reported by most observers throughout county.

**American Kestrel:** 1/2 StonyKill BB/JSD.

**Merlin:** 1/26 Vassar Campus FT.

**American Coot:** 17/1 Sylvan Lk. AJM; 1/4 River/ Chelsea RJ; 45/16 Sylvan Lk. BAM; 1/14 Sharon Sta. Rd., 1/24 Strauss Marsh, 6/27 Sylvan Lk., CV; 1/24 Round Pd., DF; 50/15 Sylvan Lk CP/HT.

**Killdeer:** 2/2 StonyKill BB/JSD; 6/4 Overlook Rd., CV; 2 heard/8 Stony Kill KH; 1/2, 2/8-9, 1/29, all TSF, MP.

**American Woodcock:** 1/29 Stony Kill (It flew up making a whistling sound. ) KH - About the Woodcock -- We have several November records for Woodcock. Not every year, but 6 reports since 1990. BAB.

**Ring-billed Gull:** 50+/16 Sylvan Lk., 60+/16 Red Wing Pk, BAM; 50+ all Wapp. Lk. BJM & 4 other reports.

**Herring Gull:** 10/14 Indian Lk. CV.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** 1/22 Marist Col. Waterfront, CV.

**Rock Pigeon:** 50/12 Millbrook School FT; normal numbers, CV.

**Mourning Dove:** 2-15 reported by most observers.

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 1/22-23 Stanford KCF.

**Great Horned Owl:** 1/8 heard yd., CV; 1/12, 2/21, 1/26, & 1/29 Stanford KCF.

**Snowy Owl:** 1/6 City of Poughkeepsie, near Armory - died at Millbrook Zoo next day PokJnl.

**Barred Owl:** 1/3 LaGrange EBR; 1/4 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/16 Field Rd., Milan, DG; 1/26 heard yd. MP.

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/7 HVRT, 1/9 Vassar Farms, 2/occ Stanford KCF; 1/14Mill Rd., 1/15 Marist Col. Waterfront, 1/20 Buttercup West, CV; 1/27 Reese Sanct KH; 1/8 Cary IES WLS.

**Red-bellied & Downy Woodpeckers:** normal numbers throughout county & reported by most observers.



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**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1-2 reported by BB, DF, KH, MP, CP/HT, CV & 3/3 James Baird KCF; 3/19 StonyKill & 3/26 Vassar Campus FT.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 1-2 reported by JA/KJ, KCF, KH, BAM, MP, CP/HT, EBR, CV & on 2 FT's.

**Northern Flicker:** 1-3 reported by BB, KH, BAM, MP, CP/HT, EBR, CV, WLS & most: 5/5 FDR Home & 6/26 Vassar Campus FT's. **Pileated Woodpecker:** 1-2 reported by BB, KCF, KH, MP, CP/HT, CV, WLS, 2 FT's with most: 3/5 FDR Home FT.

**Blue Jay:** normal numbers throughout county of 2-12 by most observers.

**American Crow:** Well reported by JA/KJ, KCF, BAM, KH, MP, CP/HT, CV, WLS & all FT's - most: 250/19 StonyKill FT.

**Fish Crow:** 1/29 Stony Kill KH; 1/17 Stony Kill, 1/20 & 28 Dutchess Plaza, Rt. 44 CV; 1/19 StonyKill FT, 6/26 Vassar Campus FT;

**Common Raven:** 1/7 & 19, 2/12 & 28 Stissing Mt., CV; 2/all mo hm (Bog Hollow) DF; 5/22 yd Rhinebk RJ; 1-2/12, 16, 21-26, 29 Stanford KCF.

**Horned Lark:** 20/16 Grieg's Farm, Red Hook, CV.

**Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmice & White-breasted Nuthatch:** Normal from 1-8 feeders by most observers & more observed on field trips.

**Brown Creeper:** daily from 10th & 2/25-26 suet tree yd., CV; 1-2/ various RJ; 1/9 Vassar Farms KCF; 1-2/1-29 Stony Kill, 2/20 Madam Brett Pk, 5/27 1/28 Reese Pk & Sanct KH; 1 nearly daily yd., MP.

**Carolina Wren:** 58 reported of 1-5 by JA/KJ, BB/JSD, BB, KCF, BAM, MP, CP/HT, EBR, CV, WLS & all FT's - most: 8/5 FDR Home FT.

**Winter Wren:** 1/16 Norrie Pt., CV; 1/22 Rhinebk RJ; 1/26 Vassar Campus FT.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 6/3 James Baird, 1/18 Pok Cemetery KCF; 3/5 FDR Home FT, 2/26 Vassar Campus FT; 1/14 HVRT, 2/16 Norrie Pt., CV; 1/28 E. Mountain Rd, 1/29 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/13 yd., MP; abundant/ widespread RJ; 2/22 Cary IES WLS.

**Ruby-Crowned Kinglet:** 1/26 Vassar Campus FT.

**Eastern Bluebird:** 1-8 by BB/JSD, JA/KJ, KCF, BAM, BJM, EBR, CV, WLS & 3 FT's - most: 10/8-9, 8/26, 20/27, all TSF, MP.

**Swainson's Thrush:** 1/24 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

**Hermit Thrush:** 2/9 Vassar Farms, 1/21 Stanford KCF; 1/14 HVRT, 1/20 Buttercup West, CV; 1/22 Rhinebk RJ; 1/27 Reese Sanct KH; 1/29 Norrie BB.

**American Robin:** most: 100+/3 James Baird, 150/9 Vassar Farms, KCF; 150/14 Sharon Sta. Rd., CV & high of 2500 over yd on 9th Rhinebk RJ.

**Gray Catbird:** 1/2, 6 & 9 yd., JA/KJ; 1/21 N Clove Rd, Verbank BB.

**Northern Mockingbird:** 1-2 reported by BB, BB/JSD, AJM, BAM, KCF, MP & 3 FT's - most: 7/12 Millbrook Sch FT; 6/23 Rombout Rd., CV & 10/8 Cary IES WLS.

**American Pipit:** 8/1 TSF, MP; 8/7 Rhinebeck DG.

**Cedar Waxwing:** 1-20 by JA/KJ, BB/JSD, BJM, MP, CP/HT, WLS & 3 FT's - most: 100/3 James Baird, KCF; 110/14 Sharon Sta. Rd., 75/16 Norrie Pt., CV;

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 1/2 StonyKill BB/JSD; 1/7 HVRT KCF; 1/9 & 23 Rombout Rd., CV; 1/9 yd Poughquag CP/HT; sev/12 around house, Amenia Maryanne Pitts; 2/27 TSFMP.

**Eastern Towhee:** 1/29 Rhinebk RJ.

**American Tree Sparrow:** 1/12 Millbrook Sch. FT; 3/23 Rombout Rd. - seem low & not many seen, CV; 2-9/16-30 Rhinebk RJ; 2/29 Stony Kill KH; 1-2 occ. beg. mo.- see far fewer than last year at this time at my feeders MP; 1/18 yd. EBR.

**Field Sparrow:** 2-4/ various dates, Rhinebk RJ; 1/20 yard BB. **Savannah Sparrow:** 8/1, 10/2 TSF, MP; 2/16 Burger Hill RJ; 5/17 Stony Kill, CV.

**Fox Sparrow:** 1/3 James Baird KCF; 2/5 FDR Home FT; 1/14 HVRT, 1/15 yd. CV; 1/23 yd Rhinebk RJ; 1/23 yd. EBR.

**Song Sparrow:** 1-3 reported by BB/JSD, KCF, KH, MP, CP/HT, WLS, 2 FT's - most: 6/7 & 5/23 Rombout Rd., CV.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 1/3 James Baird KCF; 1/12 Thompson Pd., 4/14 HVRT CV.

**White-throated Sparrow:** 2-20 reported by JA/KJ, BB, BB/JSD, AJM, BAM, MP, EBR, WLS & FT's - most: 25/14 Sharon Sta. Rd., CV; 54/9 Vassar Farms, KCF; 26/12 Millbrook School FT, 24/29 Stony Kill KH & 8-25/all yd Poughquag CP/HT.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 1 imm/2 StonyKill BB/JSD; 1/17 Stony Kill, 2/23 Rombout Rd., CV.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** 1-15 by most observers - most: 28/23 Rombout Rd., CV & 6-30/all yd Poughquag CP/HT.

**Lapland Longspur:** 1/2 TSF MP.

**Snow Bunting:** 9/6 soccer field Stringham Rd., 1/19 ball field Overlook Rd., CV.

**Northern Cardinal:** 2-6 by most observers with most: 10/23 Rombout Rd., CV.

**Bobolink:** 1 (late, male in spring plumage!)/2 StonyKill BB/JSD.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 32/2 StonyKill BB/JSD; 2/9 Vassar Farms KCF; 1/11 yd. JA/KJ; 100+/12 Tamarack, 125+/14 Rudd Pd., 150/19 Thompson Pd., CV; 50/16 yd. BJM; 30-250/ 12,16,26,30 Rhinebk RJ; 2-4 daily early mo, then 2 occ. later in mo. MP.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 3/15,30 Burger Hill RJ; 2/12 Millbrook School FT, 10/19 StonyKill FT.

**Rusty Blackbird:** 4-10/ 8,9,16,22,29 Rhinebk RJ; 2/14 HVRT, CV.

**Common Grackle:** 20-30/1 50-60/8 Stony Kill KH; 1/1 & 9 yd., JA/KJ; 20/14 Sharon Sta. Rd., CV; 2/10 yd KCF; some/25 Cooper Rd, Millerton area DF; 20-1500/ various dates & locations RJ; 3/19 StonyKill FT; 1-2 daily early mo., then occ. later in mo. MP.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 3/2 StonyKill BB/JSD; 35/24 Coon Br. Farm, Separate Rd., 45/26 Domin Farm, CV; 100+/25 Cooper Rd, Millerton area DF; 1/1-2, 1/9 yd. MP; 6/8 Cary IES WLS.

**Purple Finch:** 1-4 reported by JA/KJ, KCF, DG, RJ, BAM, CP/HT, CV & most: 12/27 TSF, MP.

**House Finch:** 5-14 feeders by most observers & 1 report of eye disease from JA/KJ.

**Pine Siskin:** 8/5 FDR Home FT; 1/20 yd. CV; 8-80/ widespread and abundant RJ; at least 1/29 Stony Kill KH.

**American Goldfinch:** 5-18 feeders & throughout county by most observers - most: 64/5 FDR Home FT & 30/27 TSF, MP

**House Sparrow:** 2/12 Millbrook School FT, 12/26 Vassar Campus FT; normal numbers, CV; 30/29 Stony Kill K H; 1/7 yd. EBR.



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**Other Observations:**

**Monarch Butterfly:** Last of Season on the 14th,  
River/Chelsea RJ.

**Observers:**

JAKJ-Judith Atwood/Karen Jaquith, BB-Barbara Butler, RC-Rosa Corbeels, JSD - Stan and Joan DeOrsey, DF-Dot Fleury, DG-Dick Gershon, KH-Ken Harris, RJ-Rodney Johnson, BAM/AJM/BJM-Barbara & Allan Michelin, MP-Mona Payton, CP-Carena Pooth, EBR-Edith & Barry Rosen, HT-Herb Thompson, CV-Chet Vincent, WLS- William & Lisa Schlesinger, FT-Field Trip, HRA- Hudson River Almanac

**Field Trips (FT):**

**5th** Franklin D Roosevelt Estate, **12th** Millbrook School, **15th** Southland Farms, **19th** Stony Kill, **26th** Vassar Campus

**Abbreviations:** See our **Key to Notation**.

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## December 2008 Records

December had more than average precipitation, most of which seemed to fall on Wednesdays. All but one of the Wednesday field trips were rained or snowed out. The bird excitement was winter finches. Crossbills appeared to a lucky few. Pine Siskins were more generous. Redpolls were reported from only one feeder. You'll notice a new place name: Hopeland. This is property north of Dinsmore Golf Course. NYS Parks recently acquired it and has repaired the bridge and added a parking lot and kiosk.

**Snow Goose:** 50/9 Rombout Rd, 1/30 Reagan Rd CV; 1/26 Baird Pk KCF; flying over/6&7 Rhinebeck yard RJ.  
**Canada Goose:** 1000/2 Stringham Rd fields, 1000/27 Stissing Lk CV; 3500/3 HVRT Amenia FT; many others.  
**Mute Swan:** 9/7 Wapp Lk BJM; 9/8 Drake Lk, 3/9 5/13 Sylvan Lk, 5/30 Tamarack Pond CV; 5-8/13-16 Overlook Park, Overlook Rd JA/KJ, CV; 15/28 Beacon river RR station BAM; 5 other places.  
**Wood Duck:** 2/18 Mtn Rd CV; 1f/30 Mountain Rd, Lagrange BB/OW/FW.  
 **Gadwall:** 3/3 Round Pd CV.  
**American Black Duck:** 8/1 Wapp Cr @ Salt Pt, 5/3 2/30 Strauss Marsh, 9/15 5/19 Traver Pd CV; 5/6 So Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 6/26 Cary IES WLS; 4/28 Sylvan Lk. BAM; also at HVRT, Lk Walton.  
**Mallard:** 92/16 & 66/28 Lk. Oniad BJM Lk. (mostly drained); 22/18 Lk. Walton BJM; 19/28 Sylvan Lk. BAM; 13/1 8/29 Vanderbilt EBR; 10 other reports.  
**Northern Pintail:** 8/10 18/27 The Fly CV.  
**Green-winged Teal:** 2/27 Strever Farm Rd pd CV;  
**Ring-necked Duck:** 80/9 65/13 Sylvan Lk CV; 6/30 Stissing Lake BB/OW/FW.  
**Lesser Scaup:** 2/9 8/13 Sylvan Lk CV.  
**Common Goldeneye:** small group/16 river near Bannerman's Island HRA(T.Lake).  
**Hooded Merganser:** 15/3 Round Pd, 3/9 Sylvan Lk CV; 2/14 Veterans Mem Pk, 9/15 Creek Rd KH; 9/28 Redwing Pk. Beekman BAM  
**Common Merganser:** 4/3 Strauss Marsh, 3/13 Sylvan Lk, 4/23 20/13 Norrie Pt, 2/27 The Fly CV; 13/7 Wapp Lk BJM; 15/25 Reese Park KH; 6 other reports.  
**Ruddy Duck:** 11/3 Round Pd, 60/9 50/18 Sylvan Lk CV; 1/16 Lk. Oniad BJM.  
**Wild Turkey:** 4/1 Vanderbilt; 12/13 Overlook Rd Stormville; 6-8/16 yd Stormville EBR; 27/3 HVRT Amenia FT; 22/18 Domin Farm, 34/19 Rombout Rd CV; 6/31 (jakes) Bowdoin Pk KH; Fishkill Plns & BAM yard.  
**Common Loon:** 1/9&13 Sylvan Lk CV.  
**Pied-billed Grebe:** 1/9 Sylvan Lk CV.  
**Great Blue Heron:** 1/1 Wapp Cr @ Salt Pt, 1/2 Domin Farm, 1/23 Norrie Pt CV; 6 others.  
**Black Vulture:** 1/6 Poughquag CP/HT; 2/30 Sharon Sta Rd (flying over McEnroe field) CV; 4/31 Dover Plns DF.  
**Turkey Vulture:** 1/25 over yd. AJM.  
**Bald Eagle:** 10/5 11/6 river near Chelsea RJ/Ed Solan; 8/22 Nuclear Lake (2 ad, rest various ages) GZ; 4/31 on Hudson, from train, from Beacon-New Hamburg MP; also TMR Preserve, Green Haven Red Wing pd, Norrie.

**Northern Harrier:** 1/3 HVRT Amenia FT; 1/18 Conservancy field, 1/30 Perotti Rd CV; 1/30 Glassworks, Pine Plains BB/OW/FW.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 5 times yard, 1/9 Rombout Rd, 1/17 Stringham Rd CV; 5 others.

**Cooper's Hawk:** 1/19 eating titmouse, 1/20 in viburnum in yd MP; 1/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT; 6 more.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** 1/21 Wappingers yard OW; 1/26 Salt Point yard LM; 1juv/27 yd Stormville EBR.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** 3/3 HVRT Amenia FT; 4/13 along Taconic Pkwy BAM; 7/26 TMR Preserve DF; lots more.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** 1/30 Perotti Rd hovering CV.

**Golden Eagle:** No county reports, even from Stissing Mtn. 1/27 on carcass in Ancram Meg Guernsey.

**American Kestrel:** 1/9 Noxon Rd @ Ehmer's, 1/14 Winchell Mtn Rd (Sharon CBC), 1/23 Hopeland CV.

**Merlin:** 1/13 Norrie Pt CV; 1/1,2,5,22 yard KCF; 1/28 Vassar Farm HRA(B.Lenhart).

**American Coot:** 1/3 Strauss Marsh, 1/9 Sylvan Lk CV; 2/16 Lk. Oniad BJM.

**Ring-billed Gull:** 60/23 Westage pd. Fishkill BJM; 50/28 Beacon RR BAM; 40/28 Lk Oniad BAM; 2 rpts.

**Herring Gull:** 1/9 Sylvan Lk, 1/13 Brass Anchor, 15/30 Reagan Rd (in Webatuck Cr) CV; 7/23 Westage pd. Fishkill BJM.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** 2/6 Marist waterfront, 1/13 Waryas Park CV; 4/23 Westage pd. Fishkill BJM.

**Mourning Dove:** 15/30 Mountain Rd, Lagrange BB/OW/FW; 15/all yard BB; 10-15/all, 20/21 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 8 other reports.

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 1/24 yd Poughquag CP/HT.

**Great Horned Owl:** 2/8 calling at twilight, yard BB; 1/occ Town of Stanford KCF.

**Barred Owl:** 1/occ Town of Stanford KCF; 1/28 Vassar Farm HRA(B.Lenhart).

**Short-eared Owl:** 1/14 Vassar Farm HRA(B.Lenhart).

**Belted Kingfisher:** 1/13 Sylvan Lk, 1/13 2/23 Norrie Pt, 1/27 The Fly CV; 1/15 Creek Rd KH; 2/28 Cary IES, 1/25 Millbrook yd WLS.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** 1/7-28 (occ) Dover Plains yard Jean Green.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 3/6 So Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 5/9 3/18 Rombout Rd CV; 12 other reports.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 1/9,15,22 Rombout Rd, 1/14 Rudd Pd (Sharon CBC) CV; 4 others.

**Downy Woodpecker:** 5/3 HVRT FT; 8/9 5/14 16/18 Rombout Rd, CV; 4/all Salt Point yard LM; 1-4 feeders.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 2/6 So Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 1-3 feeder, 3/9 3/18 Rombout Rd CV; 1/many yd Stormville EBR; 1-2/occ yd Poughquag CP/HT; 7 others.

**Northern Flicker:** 2-4 Rombout Rd, 4/19 yard (usually 1-2), 3/23 Hopeland area, CV; 2/23 Vassar campus BB/MK; 9 others reports.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 2/6 So Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 2/15 Rombout Rd CV; 1 ea in 7 other places.

**Blue Jay:** 12/all yard BB; 6-10 daily MP; on most repts.

**American Crow:** 8-10,000/2 at Pok roost, seemed as many as past years CV; 179+/28 the evening "fly over" our yard on route to the river JA/KJ.

**Fish Crow:** 2/2 Fishkill Walmart, 2/6 Marist waterfront, 1/12 Vassar crew boathouse, 1/12 CV.



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**Common Raven:** 1/3 HVRT Amenia FT; 1/23 Norrie Pt, 1/27 4/28 Thompson Pd CV.

**Horned Lark:** 100+14 Pulver Farm (Sharon CBC), 12/22 Domin Farm with Snow Buntings CV.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** 17/3 HVRT Amenia FT; up to 10 most trips/feeders.

**Tufted Titmouse:** 6/6 So Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 6-10 daily MP; up to 6 most trips/feeders.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** x/21 Morton Rd, Rhinecliff RJ; 2/23 Mill St Park, with feeding flock in pines CV; 2/21,25 Millbrook yard WLS; 2/29 Vanderbilt MK.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** 4/6 So Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 3-6 Rombout Rd CV; 4/daily Wapp. yard OW; 1-2 other trips/feeders.

**Brown Creeper:** 2/15-16 1/daily at suet tree, 1/23 Mills St Pk CV; 1/27 Salt Point yard LM; 1/30 StonyKill KH; 1 sporadically Rhinebeck yard MP.

**Carolina Wren:** 3/3 HVRT Amenia FT; 3/6 So Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 3/9&15 Rombout Rd CV; 12 other repts.

**Winter Wren:** 1/2 Nuclear Lk KCF.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 2/14 Rudd Pd (Sharon CBC) 1 ea at 5 other places.

**Eastern Bluebird:** 5/22 yard JA/KJ; 5/28 Cary IES WLS; 4/29 Vanderbilt MK; 4-6 Rombout Rd, 4 at Arborio Way, Plankenhorn Fm, Sheffield Hill Rd CV; 3 others.

**Hermit Thrush:** 1/3 HVRT Amenia FT; 1/6 So Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 1/23 Norrie Pt, 1/29 Arborio Way CV.

**American Robin:** 200/15 Rombout Rd, 48/30 Coleman Sta Rd CV; 30/24 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 10 more rpts.

**Gray Catbird:** 1/23 Norrie Pt in multiflora CV.

**Northern Mockingbird:** 6/9 7/15 4/18 2/19 Rombout Rd CV; 1/27 1/30 StonyKill KH; 4 others.

**American Pipit:** 7 CBC @ Sprout Creek farm.

**Cedar Waxwing:** 20/14 Winchell Mtn Rd (Sharon CBC), 9/19 Rombout Rd, 5/30 Coleman Sta Rd CV; 8/18 & 2/23 yd. BJM; 10/23 Vassar campus BB/MK; 20+/28 yard JA/KJ.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 3/3 HVRT Amenia FT; 1-2 Rombout Rd CV.

**American Tree Sparrow:** 4/3 HVRT Amenia FT; 6/15 then only 1 Rombout Rd, 1/30 Sheffield Rd CV; 1-2 daily MP; 1-2 at BB & CP feeders from 20th on.

**Chipping Sparrow:** 1/20 yard with Tree Sparrows - probably on 13th & 14th also JA/KJ.

**Savannah Sparrow:** 2/22 Domin Farm CV.

**Fox Sparrow:** 1/19 Spackenkill yd MK; 1/22 yard KCF.

**Song Sparrow:** 3/3 HVRT Amenia FT; 10/9 4/15 Rombout Rd CV; 1-3/all yd CP/HT; 1-2 on 11 reports.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 3/28 Thompson Pd CV; 6/28 Cary IES WLS.

**White-throated Sparrow:** 38/3 HVRT Amenia FT; 12/15 2/25 Reese Park KH; 12/daily Wappingers yard OW; 20/all yard KCF; 12 other reports.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 2/9 4/15 Rombout Rd CV.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** 30/6 So Dutchess Rail Trail FT; 25/all yd BB; 15-30/all yd Poughquag CP/HT; many more.

**Snow Bunting:** sev/13 Wing Rd at Millbrook Winery Art Jones; 2/16 6/19 Sleight Fm, 1/30 Sheffield Hill Rd CV.

**Northern Cardinal:** 8/3 HVRT Amenia FT; pr/7 4pr/21 5pr/31 feeders yd. BAM; 4-6/all, 12/31 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 6 all month Salt Point yard LM; lots more.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** 2/9 Rombout Rd, 300/27 going to roost at Thompson Pd, chased by Cooper's Hawk CV; 2/21 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 1/31 yd. BAM.

**Common Grackle:** 200/7 yd. in am BAM; 2/19 feeders yd. BAM; 12/25 yd. AJM; 1/31 yd Bog Hollow DF.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 150/14 Beneke Farm, 150/14 Winchell Mtn Rd (Sharon CBC) CV; 25/14-31 150/19 yard BB.

**Purple Finch:** 5/3 HVRT Amenia FT; 3/29 1/occ yard CV; pr/19 feeders BAM; 4 others.

**House Finch:** several with eye disease at feeder in Dec CV; 4-6/all feeder Stormville EBR; at other feeders.

**Red Crossbill:** heard a few/21 Mills Mansion Christine Guarino; 28/21 Morton Rd, Rhinecliff RJ.

**White-winged Crossbill:** 6/19 Verbank BB; 71/21 Morton Rd, Rhinecliff RJ (14 Wilderstein parking lot).

**Common Redpoll:** 6/20 until the warm spell (24th) feeder (Smithfield) Les Line.

**Pine Siskin:** 50/16 yard BB; 50/29 Vanderbilt MK; 6/30 20/31 Salt Pt yd LM; 5/31 Beekman yd BC; 3 other repts.

**American Goldfinch:** 10/6 23/31 some/daily yard, 30/28 Thompson Pd, several with eye disease at feeder CV; 2-8/all, 40/31 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 20 all month Salt Point yard LM; most feeders have some.

#### Observers:

JA - Judy Atwood, BB - Barbara Butler, BC - Binnie Chase, DF - Dot Fleury, KCF - Ken & Carol Fredericks, KH - Ken Harris, KJ - Karen Jaquith, RJ - Rodney Johnson, MK - Maha Katnani, LM - Liz Martens, AJM - Allan Michelin, BAM - Barb & Allan Michelin, BJM - Barbara Michelin, MP - Mona Payton, CP - Carena Pooth, EBR - Edith & Barry Rosen, WLS - William & Lisa Schlesinger, HT - Herb Thompson, CV - Chet Vincent, OW - Otis Waterman, GZ - Gary Zylkuski

#### Field Trips (FT):

3rd Harlem Valley Rail Trail, Amenia, 6th Southern Dutchess Rail Trail, 13th Looking for Ducks (in CVs records).

**Abbreviations:** CBC - Christmas Bird Count. Also see our [Key to Notation](#).

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