

JANUARY 2015 RECORDS

Summary January 2015

Though it seems silly to mention the cold and snow of this month now, I do so for the benefit of future readers. Summary Records were selected to highlight first, last and most numerous of the month while reflecting distribution across the county. There were a number of notable sightings this month: northern goshawk, a leucistic red-tailed hawk and a leucistic dark-eyed junco. Golden eagle was seen up and down the east half of the county – how many were there? Or was it one wanderer? A snipe and a blue-winged teal called in a number of birders around the Coleman Station area. Redpolls made appearances in several different areas. Meadowlark and yellow-rumped warbler were certainly surprises.

Significant reports for the month are **underscored** below.

SPECIES:

Canada Goose: 200/1 Hunns Lk JD; 4000/13 Round Pd CV; 45/31 Stissing Lk CV. 78 rpts, avg 386 each.

Mute Swan: 6/1 Fishermans Pk KH; 12/11 Round Pd CV; 13/30 Redwing Beekman CP. 36 rpts, avg 6 each.

Wood Duck: 1/3 Madam Brett Pk EF. 1 rpt.

American Wigeon: 3/1 Whaley Lk HT. 1 rpt.

American Black Duck: 2/1 Gardner Hollow Rd, Beekman LM; 34/14 Reagan Rd, Indian Lk Rd & Coleman Stn Rd, Millerton FT; 3/30 Redwing Beekman CP. 41 rpts, avg 6 each.

American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid): 10/17 501 Crk Rd, Pleasant Valley BM; 2/17 Pugsley Hill Rd, Amenia AMP. 2 rpts.

Mallard: 12/1 Beacon Waterfront Pk SA; 314/3 Stissing Lk JM; 50/30 Redwing Beekman CP. 100 rpts, avg 27 each.

Blue-winged Teal: 1/13 Sheffield Hill Rd CV. Same bird seen over several days in same location. 4 rpts, avg 1 each.

Northern Pintail: 1/2 Tivoli Bays, Cruger Island Rd EU; 1/17 Ponds at O'Leary Fm, Salt Pt Tpk AMP; 4/17 Sheffield Hill Rd BM; 3/27 Redwing Beekman CP. 10 rpts, avg 2 each.

Green-winged Teal: 1/17 Glanhope Rd near Sylvan Lk MK. 1 rpt.

Canvasback: 1/2 Round Pond, Amenia AMP. Several sightings at same location. 4 rpts, avg 1 each.

Redhead: 3/1 Stissing Lk JD. 1 rpt.

Ring-necked Duck: 34/1 Hunns Lk JD; 60/20 Redwing Beekman CP; 35/30 Redwing Beekman CP. 26 rpts, avg 21 each.

Common Goldeneye: 7/10 Norrie Pt SP AMP; 19/20 Beacon Waterfront AL. 2 rpts.

Hooded Merganser: 3/1 Stissing Lk JD; 18/2 Redwing Beekman CP; 3/29 Reagan Rd, Millerton AMP. 23 rpts, avg 4 each.

Common Merganser: 1/1 Stissing Lk JD; 80/3 Beacon waterfront KH; 2/31 Wapp Crk, PV CV. 46 rpts, avg 6 each.

Ruddy Duck: 20/2 Sylvan Lk CP; 1/17 Round Pond, Amenia BM. Several sightings at each location. 4 rpts, avg 9 each.

Chukar: 1/25 Gifford House, Route 44, Millbrook AMP. 1 rpt.

Ring-necked Pheasant: 1/1 Beyer Drive, Poughquag BM; 2/17 Schoolhouse Rd, Staatsburg AMP; 3/19 CIES MF; 10/20 Ten Mile River Preserve SC. 4 rpts, avg 4 each.

Wild Turkey: 11/6 Bangall Rd AMP; 36/15 Bedell Rd, Poughkeepsie CF; 26/17 Secore farm, Robinson Ln. BJM,BC,KH,MK. 5 rpts, avg 16 each.

Double-crested Cormorant: 1/1 Rhinebeck MB. 1 rpt.

Great Blue Heron: 1/10 Dover Plains CP; 1/17 Salt Pt Tpk-Ponderosa Pond AMP; 1/22 Beacon Waterfront AL. 8 rpts, avg 1 each.

Black Vulture: 6/1 Pitcher Ln EK; 40/3 Bard College EK; 3/31 Millbrook Schl Rd DK. 32 rpts, avg 7 each.

Turkey Vulture unusual for January 1/23 Rt 82 Brinkerhoff (near Blue Seal) BJM. 1 rpt.

Bald Eagle: More than usual 1 imm/1 Fishermans Pk KH; 21/25 Dover Plains DK; 3/31 Pine Plains CV. 86 rpts, avg 3 each.

Northern Harrier: 3/9 Mashomak CV; 3/16 Dover Plains DK; 1/31 Dover Plains MRy. 25 rpts, avg 2 each.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/1 Hillside Rd, Poughquag LM; 1/14 Millerton, Reagan Rd CP; 1/31 yd LM. 24 rpts, avg 1 each.

Cooper's Hawk: 1/1 N. Mabbettville Rd AMP; 2/10 Dover Plains DK; 2/29 10 Mile Preserve CV. 30 rpts, avg 1 each.

Northern Goshawk: 1/16 Taconic State Pkwy JC. 1 rpt.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/7 yd Milan SJ; 2/16 Upton Lk Christian Schl JC; 1/31 Rt 44 PV CV. 31 rpts, avg 1 each.

Red-tailed Hawk: 1/1 Baxter Rd, Red Hook DG; 1/7 leucistic, Schultsville Rd, Clinton Corners BM; 11/14 Dover Plains DK; 1/31 Morse Hill Rd MRy. 158 rpts, avg 2 each.

Rough-legged Hawk: 1/9 N. Mabbettville Rd AMP; 1/16 Reagan Rd, Millerton AMP; 1/29 McEnroe compost, Coleman Stn AMP; 1/29 Morse Hill Rd, Amenia AMP. 5 rpts, avg 1 each.

Golden Eagle: more than usual and in new places, a number of birders came to look for the 2 birds in Dover Plains – most saw 1 or 2. 1/3 Stissing Lk WC; 1 imm/9 Tamarack Lk JA; 1/16 Sheffield Hill Rd Millerton AMP; 1/21 Rt 44, Millbrook DK; 2/31 Dover Plains MRy. 21 rpts, avg 1 each.

American Kestrel: 1/1 West Dover Rd, Wingdale DK; 1/11 Madam Brett Pk AL; 1/25 Dover Plains MRy. 8 rpts, avg 1 each.

Merlin: 1/1 Cooper Rd, Poughquag AMP; 1/10 Tivoli to rt 199 JC; 1/13 Downy Rd CV; 1/29 Bruzgul Rd CV; 1/29 Taylor Rd CV. 5 rpts, avg 1 each.

Peregrine Falcon: 1/10 Shadows Restaurant, Poughkeepsie AMP. 1 rpt.

American Coot: 1/1 Stissing Lk JD; 70/8 Sylvan Lk CP; 2/26 Lagrangeville Velie Rd 1st pond CP. 19 rpts, avg 17 each.

Wilson's Snipe: 1/14 Sheffield Hill Rd FT,CP,MK; 1/16 Sheffield Hill Rd AMP. 2 rpts.

Ring-billed Gull: 100/1 Beacon Waterfront Pk SA; 200/11 Poughkeepsie, Hudson Plaza HT; 80/30 Redwing Beekman CP. 46 rpts, avg 30 each.

Herring Gull: 2/2 Tivoli Bays, Cruger Island Rd EU; 18/30 Redwing Beekman CP; 1/31 Beacon waterfront CV. 15 rpts, avg 4 each.

Iceland Gull: 1/1 Beacon waterfront KH; 1/3 Beacon waterfront KH; 2 1st yr/22 Long Dock, Beacon CM. 3 rpts.

Great Black-backed Gull: 1/1 Beacon waterfront KH; 7/3 Beacon waterfront KH; 4/10 Waryas Pk, Poughkeepsie New York AMP; 1/31 Beacon waterfront CV. 14 rpts, avg 3 each.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1/22 Long Dock, Beacon CM. 1 rpt.

Rock Pigeon: 20/1 Reese Pk KH; 20/21 Dover Plains DK; 80/29 Morse Hill Rd, Amenia AMP; 30/31 Morse Hill Rd MRy. 41 rpts, avg 14 each.

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Mourning Dove: 1/1 Beyer Drive, Poughquag LM; 42/23 CIES AMP; 1/31 yd Millbrook JD. 97 rpts, avg 8 each.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 2/1 Tivoli Bays CB; 1/2 N.

Mabbettsville Rd AMP. 2 rpts.

Great Horned Owl: 1/1 Old Quaker Hill Rd HT; 2/5 Cobb Ridge SR; 2/19 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP. 13 rpts, avg 2 each.

Barred Owl: 1/3 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 2/29 Crestwood Rd heard NG; 1/31 LaGrangeville EF. 9 rpts, avg 1 each.

Belted Kingfisher: 1/1 Cary IES - lowlands MF; 1/3 Stissing Lk WC; 1/22 Beacon Waterfront AL. 14 rpts, avg 1 each.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 2/1 Baxter Rd, Red Hook DG; 7/2 Tivoli Bays, Cruger Island Rd EU; 2/31 Rowe Rd MRy. 122 rpts, avg 2 each.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 3/1 Gardner Hollow Rd, Beekman AMP; 1/10 Red Hook Home ESh; 1/30 Depot Hill, Brothers Rd CP. 21 rpts, avg 1 each.

Downy Woodpecker: 4/1 Brothers Rd - Depot Hill HT; 11/24 yd CV; 3/31 Rowe Rd MRy. 145 rpts, avg 3 each.

Hairy Woodpecker: 4/1 Gardner Hollow Rd, Beekman AMP; 4/8 yd CV; 1/31 Rowe Rd MRy. 83 rpts, avg 1 each.

Northern Flicker: 3/1 Gardner Hollow Rd, Beekman BM; 4/3 Hardeman Orchards EU; 1/28 Reese Sanctuary KH. 32 rpts, avg 1 each.

Pileated Woodpecker: 1/1 Tivoli Bays SR; 2/20 Baird Pk AMP; 1/31 Rowe Rd MRy. 55 rpts, avg 1 each.

Northern Shrike: 1/6 Milan feeder SJ. 1 rpt.

Blue Jay: 20/1 Gardner Hollow Rd, Beekman LM; 9/17 Separate Rd, Amenia AMP; 2/31 yd Millbrook JD. 154 rpts, avg 3 each.

American Crow: 6/1 Beyer Drive, Poughquag LM; 500/14 Millerton, Indian Lk Rd CP; 50/31 Dover Plains MRy. 168 rpts, avg 24 each.

Fish Crow: 1/1 Reese Sanctuary KH; 10/11 Poughkeepsie, Hudson Plaza CP; 1/25 Dover Plains DK. 16 rpts, avg 2 each.

Common Raven: 1/1 Poughquag CP; 4/11 Tamarak Lk CV; 2/25 Dover Plains DK. 16 rpts, avg 2 each.

Horned Lark: 13/2 Greig Fm SR; 28/17 Rockefeller Ln DG, BB, LJ; 500/31 Morse Hill Rd MRy. 23 rpts, avg 115 each.

Black-capped Chickadee: 29/1 Gardner Hollow Rd, Beekman LM; 15/14 Reagan Rd, Indian Lk Rd & Coleman Stn Rd, Millerton FT; 1/31 yd Millbrook JD. 159 rpts, avg 4 each.

Tufted Titmouse: 14/1 Gardner Hollow Rd, Beekman LM; 10/14 Reagan Rd, Indian Lk Rd & Coleman Stn Rd, Millerton FT; 2/31 yd Millbrook JD. 127 rpts, avg 3 each.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/1 Cobb Ridge SR; 2/2 Tivoli Bays, Cruger Island Rd EU; 1/17 Leavitt Rd, Millbrook AMP; 1/18 Binnie Chase yd CV. 4 rpts, avg 1 each.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 3/1 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 9/2 Tivoli Bays, Cruger Island Rd EU; 4/31 Rowe Rd MRy. 148 rpts, avg 2 each.

Brown Creeper: 2/1 Tivoli Bays WMA--North Bay boat launch EU; 2/22 Beacon Waterfront AL; 1/29 yd CV. 27 rpts, avg 1 each.

Carolina Wren: 2/1 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Beekman AMP; 6/24 Allen Rd BM; 1/31 yd Millbrook JD. 72 rpts, avg 1 each.

Winter Wren: 1/1 Sterling Drive, Beekman AMP; 1/4 Andrew Haight Rd AMP; 1/16 Dennings Pt JM; 1/16 Reagan Rd, Millerton AMP. 4 rpts, avg 1 each.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 4/1 Tivoli Bays WMA--North Bay boat launch EU; 3/11 Thompson Pond EU; 1/30 yd CV. 19 rpts, avg 1 each.

Eastern Bluebird: 28/1 Gardner Hollow Rd, Beekman LM; 8/25 Andrew Haight Rd AMP; 4/31 Rombout Rd CV. 49 rpts, avg 4 each.

Hermit Thrush: 1/1 Sterling Drive, Beekman AMP; 1/16 Dennings Pt JM; 1/23 Lakeside Pk KH. 8 rpts, avg 1 each.

American Robin: 47/1 Tivoli Bays WMA--North Bay boat launch EU; 40/15 Dover Plains DK; 1/28 tree yd BJM. 23 rpts, avg 8 each.

Northern Mockingbird: 4/1 Gardner Hollow Rd, Beekman AMP; 2/10 Vassar Fm JCo; 1/31 Dover Plains MRy. 37 rpts, avg 1 each.

Brown Thrasher: 1/19 Cary IES - lowlands MF; 1/21 Norrie Pt SP FT. 2 rpts.

European Starling: 300/1 Frog Hollow HT; 400/16 Sheffield Hill Rd Millerton AMP; 5/31 yd Millbrook JD. 100 rpts, avg 54 each.

Cedar Waxwing: 61/1 Noble Hill Drive, Beekman LM; 40/11 The Fly EU; 2/25 Millbrook Schl Rd, Millbrook AMP. 10 rpts, avg 18 each.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 3/16 Dennings Pt JM. 1 rpt.

American Tree Sparrow: 6/1 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 23/5 Millbrook Schl AMP; 3/31 Rowe Rd MRy. 73 rpts, avg 5 each.

Vesper Sparrow: 2/25 Millerton, Perrys Corners Rd HT. 1 rpt.

Savannah Sparrow: 5/2 Greig Fm SR; 6/14 Millerton, Indian Lk Rd CP; 4/29 Reagan Rd, Millerton AMP. 10 rpts, avg 4 each.

Fox Sparrow: 1/28 Depot Hill, Brothers Rd CP. 4 rpts, avg 1 each.

Song Sparrow: 1/1 Pitcher Ln CB; 5/22 Beacon Waterfront AL; 10/29 Reagan Rd, Millerton AMP. 65 rpts, avg 2 each.

Swamp Sparrow: 1/1 Tivoli Bays SR; 4/11 The Fly EU; 2/25 Thompson Pond SR. 6 rpts, avg 2 each.

White-throated Sparrow: 8/1 Depot Hill / Grape Hollow HT; 30/14 Reagan Rd, Indian Lk Rd & Coleman Stn Rd, Millerton FT; 20/31 Mt. Rd CV. 151 rpts, avg 7 each.

White-crowned Sparrow: 1/13 Reagan Rd CV; 1/29 Perrys Corners Rd, Millerton AMP; 5/29 Reagan Rd, Millerton AMP. 6 rpts, avg 3 each.

Dark-eyed Junco: 7/1 Baxter Rd, Red Hook DG; 75/14 Reagan Rd, Indian Lk Rd & Coleman Stn Rd, Millerton FT; 10/31 yd Millbrook JD; 1/1-3,5-8,10,13-15,21,23,24,26,30 White! Crestwood Rd AG. 205 rpts, avg 14 each.

Lapland Longspur: 2/29 Morse Hill Rd, Amenia AMP. 1 rpt.

Northern Cardinal: 3/1 Depot Hill / Grape Hollow CP; 20/24 Salt Point yd BM; 3/31 yd Millbrook JD. 148 rpts, avg 4 each.

Red-winged Blackbird: 200/2 HVRT Sharon Stn AMP; 150/11 10 Mile Preserve CV; 1 1st yr m/27 yd BB. 10 rpts, avg 40 each.

Eastern Meadowlark: 1/14 Reagan Rd, Indian Lk Rd & Coleman Stn Rd, Millerton FT; 2/16 Morse Hill Rd, Amenia AMP. 3 rpts.

Rusty Blackbird: 1/14 Reagan Rd, Indian Lk Rd & Coleman Stn Rd, Millerton FT; 20/25 Indian Lk Rd RG; 7/31 Doman Farm CV. 5 rpts, avg 7 each.

Common Grackle: 30/9 stayed 10min BB; 180/29 Perrys Corners Rd, Millerton AMP; 1/31 yd BB. 12 rpts, avg 37 each.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 3/1 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 200/25 Millerton, Reagan Rd HT; 15/31 Morse Hill Rd MRy. 39 rpts, avg 30 each.

Purple Finch: 1/1 Brothers Rd - Depot Hill HT; 2/9 Cobb Ridge SR; 2/30 Depot Hill, Brothers Rd CP. 10 rpts, avg 2 each.

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House Finch: 4/1 Brothers Rd - Depot Hill CP; 16/3 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 5/31 yd Millbrook JD. 62 rpts, avg 5 each.

Common Redpoll: 1/16 Upton Lk Christian Schl JC; 1/24 Allen Rd BM; 7/26 Red Hook Home ESh; 2/26 Salt Point yd BM. 5 rpts, avg 3 each.

Pine Siskin: 2/11 Thompson Pond EU; 10/13 yd Fishkill ES; 17/26 Depot Hill, Brothers Rd CP; 12/30 Depot Hill, Brothers Rd CP. 18 rpts, avg 6 each.

American Goldfinch: 10/1 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 70/28 Depot Hill, Brothers Rd CP; 10/31 yd Millbrook JD. 111 rpts, avg 11 each.

House Sparrow: 3/1 Beyer Drive, Poughquag LM; 100/14 Millerton, Reagan Rd CP; 1/28 Bowdoin Pk FT. 22 rpts, avg 14 each.

Abbreviations Jan 2015:

CIES, Cary IES Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

Crk Creek

Fm Farm

FT Field Trip

h home

HVRT Hudson Valley Rail Trail

imm immature

Lk Lake

Ln Lane

NHS National Historical Site

Pd Pond

Pk Park

PV Pleasant Valley

Rd Road

SP State Park

Sta Station

Tr Trail

Wapp Wappinger Falls

WMA Wildlife Management Area

yd yard

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| ebird | JD | John & Abby Dux | |
| ebird | JJ | Jesse Jaycox | |
| ebird | JM | John McBride | x |
| ebird | KT | Kenneth Thompson | |
| ebird | LM | Liz Martens | x |
| ebird | MB | Mike Bergin | x |
| ebird | MF | Michael Fargione | x |
| ebird | MR | Morgan Rich | |
| ebird | MRy | Matthew Rymkiewicz | x |
| ebird | RG | Richard Guthrie | x |
| ebird | SA | Steve Altman | x |
| ebird | SC | Sean Camillieri | x |
| ebird | SF | Scott Fackenthall | |
| ebird | SJ | Susan Joseph | x |
| ebird | SR | Susan Rogers | x |
| ebird | WC | William Cook | x |
| ebird | ZS | Zach S-W | |
| FB | CPe | Carol Pedersen | |
| FB | DQ | Debbie Quick | |
| FB | Est | Eileen Stickles | |
| FB | JMe | Jay Meyer | |
| FB | TM | Tom McDowell | |
| WBC | AG | Ann Gilbert | x |
| WBC | AJM | Allan Michelin | |
| WBC | BAM | Barbara and Alan Michelin | |
| WBC | BB | Barbara Butler | x |
| WBC | BC | Betsy Carswell | x |
| WBC | BJM | Barbara Michelin | x |
| WBC | Bob & Sue | Infante | Bob & Sue Infanti |
| WBC | CM | Curt McDermott | x |
| WBC | CV | Chet Vincent | x |
| WBC | DF | Dot Fleury | |
| WBC | FM | Frank Margiotta | |
| WBC | JA | John Askildsen | x |
| WBC | KH | Ken Harris | x |
| WBC | LJ | Liz Jamison | x |
| WBC | MK | Maha Katnani | x |
| WBC | MP | Mona Payton | |
| WBC | NG | Natalie Gilbert | x |

Observers Jan 2015:

| Source | Initials | First Last | Summary |
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| ebird | AL | Aimee LaBarr | x |
| ebird | AMP | Adrienne Popko | x |
| ebird | BA | Bob & Cyd Averill | |
| ebird | BM | Barbara Mansell | x |
| ebird | CB | Christina Baal | x |
| ebird | CF | Claudius Feger | x |
| ebird | CP | Carena Pooth | x |
| ebird | DG | David Grover | x |
| ebird | DH | David Hayes | |
| ebird | DK | Deborah Kral | x |
| ebird | DR | David Royce | |
| ebird | EF | Eamon Freiburger | x |
| ebird | EK | Erin Kelly | x |
| ebird | ES | Edmond Spaeth | x |
| ebird | ESh | Elisa Shaw | x |
| ebird | EU | Emily Underwood | x |
| ebird | FT | Waterman Bird Club Field Trip | x |
| ebird | HT | Herb Thompson | x |
| ebird | JC | Jim Clinton | x |
| ebird | JCo | Jamie Collins | x |
| ebird | JD | Jim Dugan | x |

FC – FaceBook

WBC – club member reports, etc

FEBRUARY 2015 RECORDS

A cold, stormy month with several nights of minus degree temps.

Canada Goose: High count: 475/20 Reagan Rd, Millerton BMA,AMP

Mute Swan: 7/6 Round Pond CV;14/7 Redwing Beekman CP; 1/16 Mallory Rd, Verbank DK;

American Black Duck: 8/6,1/18 Sheffield Hill Rd CV; 9/11 The Fly, Pine Plains CV; 2/21 Gidley Rd CV; 12/26 Mill Rd.

CV; eBird 15 rpts: 5/3 Bard Waterfall (Sawkill) SR; 8/19 Reagan Rd, Millerton AMP; 5/8 Millerton, Reagan Rd TS

Mallard: High Counts -99/14 O'Leary Fm, Salt Pt Tpk BMA; 50-70/most days Rt 376/All Angels Rd BAM; 42/27 Pine Plains-The Fly SJ

Blue-winged Teal: Seen in the Sheffield Hill Rd marsh/pond by several reporters: 1/1 AB; HT,CP; 1/6 CV

Northern Pintail: 10/4,6 Sheffield Hill Rd CV; eBird 5 rpts: 14/1 HVRT-Coleman Sta. to Downey Rd. AB; 14/1 Millerton, Coleman Sta. Rd. HT,CP; 1/15 O'Leary Fm, Salt Pt Tpk LM; 5/3, 4/16 Sheffield Hill- marsh DK

Hooded Merganser: 2/6 Downey Rd CV; 1/21 Gidley Rd. CV; eBird 8 rpts: 1/8 Millerton, Reagan Rd TS; 3/11 Dover Plains DK; 5/24 Reagan Rd, Millerton NY DK

Common Merganser: 9/1 Reese Sanctuary KH;5/1 Norrie Pt CV; 3/1 Ten Mile River, Dover Plains DK; 7/11 The Fly CV; 1/17,2/21 Stissing Lake CV; 5/23 The Fly DK

Wild Turkey: 16-18/daily Rhinebeck MP; eBird 14 rpts high counts: 28/25, 28/26 Woodlea Rd BMA; 25/24 Charlie Hill Rd., Millerton NY DK; 25/28 Yd T Pok WL

Great Blue Heron: eBird 4 rpts 1/13 Cottonwood Hotel, Rt82, Millbrook BMA; 1/14 Sheffield Hill- marsh DK; 1/22 Ten Mile Hunting Preserve JD; 1/4 Vassar Campus FT

Red-necked Grebe: 1/27 Hudson River, New Hamburg Eileen Stickle

Black Vulture: 6/6 McEnroe Compost Co (McCC) CV;3/13 Rt.9D, Wappingers BAM; 5/14 Millbrook village Alan Peterson; 2/18 Perotti Rd CV; 2/25 Portofino Rest CV, 28/28 Millbrook School DK: eBird 13 rpts 15/24 Bangall-Amenia Rd. DK; 13/11 Bard College EK; 1/1 Dover Plains HT,CP;7/26 over Myers Corners Rd. @ New Hackensack Fire Co. AJM; 2/27 Amenias-355 Separate Rd SJ

Turkey Vulture: 2 rpts. 1/27 Brothers Rd - Depot Hill CP; 1/26 Daley Rd, Lagrange HT

Bald Eagle: Many sightings seen throughout county (Stissing Lake, Norrie Pint, Dover Plains Old Post Rd., Rombout Rd., Coleman Station, Wapp Falls). eBird 58 rpts. High Counts: 12/17 Mashomack CV,1 ad, 1 imm/6 near Verbank yd BB;1 ad 2 imm/6 The Fly Nat Donson (PEEPS); 5 imm/7 Mud Pond, Pine Plains Jane Waters; 5 imm 2 ad/17 Shaughnessy Rd at goose carcass BB, DK;15/6 Dover Plains RM; 10/16 Dover Plains JJ; 11/6 Dover Plains DK;15/21 Dover Plains MFi,JJ; 4/11 Thompson Pd FT

Northern Harrier: eBird 15 rpts: 1/1 Dover Plains HT,CP; 2/6 Dover Plains RM; 2/3 Dover Plains DK; 2/13 Dover Plains BMA; 1/3 Downey Rd, Millerton DK; 1/27 Amenias-355 Separate Rd SJ

Sharp-shinned Hawk:1/3 Rt. 9 @ Stop & Shop Plz, Wapp Falls AJM;1/4, 1/9 yd. BAM; eBird 7 rpts:1/28 Dover Plains JDR,KY; 1/21 yd Stanford DK; 1/20 yd Clinton Hollow JS

Cooper's Hawk: 1/1,3,12 & most days yd. BAM; 1/1 Rt 44

Plaza CV; 1/3,5 yd CV; 2/6 Berkshire Rd CV; 1/13 Verbank yd BB; eBird 27 rpts: 1/15 yd Lagrange MG; 1/14 yd Fishkill ES; 1/28 Yd T Pok WL; 8/1 Dover Plains-2476 NY-22 AB

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/4 tree Airport Ind. Rd. BJM; 1/15 Clinton Corners Carol Pedersen; 1/18,26 Sheffield Hill Rd CV; 2/19 Red Hook ESh; 1/24 yd Ron Gall; eBird 26 rpts 1/15 yd Salt Pt BMA; 1/26 yd Milan SJ; 1/15 Yd T Pok WL

Red-tailed Hawk: Well reported throughout county; the Leucistic bird in Clinton Corners was seen several times this month: 1/21- Jodi Preuss eBird 99 rpts -high counts: 20/6 Dover Plains RM; 17/21 Dover Plains area MFi,JJ

Rough-legged Hawk: 1/1 Dover JAs; 1/1 Strever Farm Rd JAs; 1/17 Andrew Hgt Rd Dk; 1/17 nr Stever Farm Rd DK; 1 It/18 Haight Rd BB; eBird 20 rpts 1/22 1419 Salt Pt Tpk, Pleasant Valley BMA; 1/28 1419 Salt Pt Tpk, PV LM; 1/28 Andrew Haight Rd. MR; 1/1 Dover Plains DK; 1/19 Separate Rd, Amenias AMP; 1/17 Strever Fm Rd. Pine Plains NY DK; 1/25 Pleasant Valley-261-267 NY-115 RG

Golden Eagle: .1adult/4 yd flyover DK; 1/6 Dover Plains CV; 1/11 Thompson Pd FT ; 1/17 Dover Plains MK; Zimm/17 Shaughnessy Rd at goose carcass DK, BB; 1/24 Mashomack CV; eBird 19 rpts 1/1 Dover Plains AB; 2/14 Dover Plains MR, DK; 2/21 Dover Plains BW,HK,MY; 1/28 Dover Plains JDR,KY; many included a good description/photos of the bird(s)

American Coot: 6/7 Redwing Beekman CP

Ring-billed Gull: 23/1, 50/8, 15/27 Big Lots, Wapp KH;12/16 Hudson Plaza, Pok, 4/4, 1/17 South Hills Mall KH

Herring Gull: 1/23,1/23 Hudson Shadows CV; 1/26 McCC CV; 1/21 Stony Kill FT; 1/8 Millerton, Reagan Rd TS

Great Black-backed Gull: 1/21 Stony Kill FT; 1/23 Hudson @Shadows CV; 1/28 Beacon waterfront KH

Rock Pigeon: Well reported High count: 150/1 Morse Hill Rd MR

Mourning Dove: High counts - 80-100/2 yd JAs; 118 eBird rpts 20/6 Brothers Rd-Depot Hill CP; 40/6 N. Mabb Rd AMP; 17/14 Ernest Rd, AJ; 23/7 yd Clinton Hollow JS; 17/22 yd Salt Pt BMA; 36/22 yd Clinton Hollow JS;

Great Horned Owl: 1/2 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 1/13,1/26 (h) yd CV; 2/8, 1/10 (h) Ludlow Woods Rd, Stanford DK; 1/15 (h) yd Stanford DK; 2/16 (h) Red Hook AG; 1/28 Sand Hill Rd/ Berkshire Rd EB

Barred Owl: 1/1 McGhee Hill Rd MR; 3(heard)/17 Lake Rd CV; 1/15, 1/24 yd T Pok WL; 1/22 yd Clinton Hollow JS

Belted Kingfisher: 1/19 at Marshall Farm, Verbank DK

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 133 eBird rpts high counts: 3/25 Norrie Pt SP FT; 6/11 Thompson Pd FT; 2/all Verbank yd BB

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/1 Old Post Rd CV; 1/7 Verbank yd BB; eBird 20 rpts 1/15, 1/17 yd Milan SJ; 1/16 Purgatory Hill TV; 2/11 Thompson Pond FT

Downy Woodpecker: Regularly throughout county.155 eBird rpts 7/10 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 10/11 Thompson Pd FT

Hairy Woodpecker: eBird 89 rpts 2/15 yd Rhinebeck MP; 2/2 yd Millbrook JD; 2/15 Fm View Rd, Wapp BA; 2/7, 2/17 Purgatory Hill TV; 2/11 Thompson Pd FT; 2/15 yd Clinton FM

Northern Flicker: 2 males daily all month @ suet f. in Milan FM;1m/3,4,3/8 & pr/9-31 suet yd. BAM; 1/11,13,16 Red Hook AG;1/12 Old Post Rd CV; eBird 18 rpts: 2/26 yd Salt Pt BMA; 2/14 yd Clinton Hollow JS;

Pileated Woodpecker: 1most days yd/neighborhood BAM; 2/1 Norrie Pt CV; 1/throughout month yd CV;1/16 Verbank yd BB;1/3 Mesier Pk Wapp KH; 1/17 Lake Rd CV; 1/18 yd Red Hook AG; 1/24 Stissing Lake CV; eBird 13 rpts: 2/18 No Mabb Rd. Millbrook DK; 2/25 Norrie Pt SP FT;2/28 Reese Pk KH

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Northern Shrike: 1/27 Taconic Parkway (mile #59.5) JC
American Kestrel: 1/1 Farmhouse Fields EU; 1/4 Morse Hill Rd CV
Merlin: 1/6 Sand Hill Rd CV; eBird 6 rpts: 1/8 Daley Rd, Lagrange HT,CP; 1/14 Dover Plains SJ; 1/4 Guski SR; 2/8 Salt Pt Tpk at St Peters Cem DK; 1/7 Dover Plains S
Peregrine Falcon: 1/18 Sheffield Hill Rd. CV
Blue Jay: Normal numbers throughout county; 6-7 all mo. & 9/8,,11/16, 8/21 yd. BAM; 8/5 yd CV; eBird 148 rpts high counts: 12/14 yd Stanford DK; 12/10 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 12/18 Tamarack Pres, Rt 44 FT
American Crow: High counts -100/1, 200/28 Marshall's, Verbank BB;eBird 150 130/28 Dover Plains JDR,KY; 150/1 Millerton, Perotti Rd HT,CP,MR; 330/15 O'Leary Fm, Salt Pt Tpk LM; 146/19 Reagan Rd, Millerton AMP
Fish Crow: 3/1, 1/8, 5/27 Big Lots, Wappinger KH;1/11 Rhinebeck BB;14/25 Waryas Park, 5/16 Hudson Plaza KH;1/23 Waryas Park CV; 2/22 44 Plaza Stop n Shop, Burnett Blvd. BMA; 4/1 Dover Plains NY-22 AB
Common Raven: 1/4 Ludlow Woods DK; 2/17 Lake Rd CV; 2/17 Shaughnessy Rd at goose carcass BB; 1/21 Pond Gut CV; 4/20 Coleman Stn BMA,AMP; 1/16 Dover Plains DK; 2/16 Sheffield Hill- marsh DK; 1/11 Thompson Pond FT; 1/18 Upton Lk Christian Schl JC
Horned Lark: 10+/1, distant flock/19 Marshall's, Verbank BB; 300/4,6 200/18 Morse Hill Rd CV; 15/24 Bethel Cross Rd CV; 30/26 Perry Corners Rd CV; eBird 22 rpts 500/1 Morse Hill Rd MR; 300/19 Morse Hill Rd, Amenia AMP; 250/12 Separate Rd, Amenia AMP
Black-capped Chickadee: Well reported throughout county
Tufted Titmouse: Well reported throughout county
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/21 Pond Gut CV
White-breasted Nuthatch: Well reported throughout county
Brown Creeper: 1-2/daily yd CV; 1/14 Brothers Rd-Depot Hill CP; 1/14 Rt. 9D & I 84, Fishkill AL; 1/4 Vassar Campus FT; 1/21 Rhinebeck MP; 1/20 Stony Kill AJM; 1/22 yd T Pok RB; 1/17 yd Wappingers LS
Carolina Wren: 2 all mo. yd. BAM; 1/2,3,5 yd CV; 1-2/daily yd Red Hook AG; 1/most days Rhinebeck MP; eBird 60 rpts: 2/14 yd Millbrook SL; 2/14 yd Wingdale SM; 2/2 Yd T Pok WL; 2/9 yd Clinton Hollow JS; 3/11 Thompson Pond FT
Winter Wren: 1/4 feeder Beekman Rod Gonzo; 1/14 1n/out bluebird box FM; 1/24 Verbank yd BB
Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/almost daily yd CV; 2/25 Norrie Pt SP FT
Eastern Bluebird: h/5 across St. & 8/8 over yd. BJM; 14/6 Dover Plains CV; 6/18 Huckleberry Rd CV; 2/19 Mountain Rd CV; eBird 26 rpts. High counts: 16/15 yd Salt Pt BMA; 14/18 Andrew Haight Rd, Millbrook DK; 10/11 Thompson Pond FT
Hermit Thrush: 1/1-4 Clinton yd Gina Palmer; 1/13 Clove Rd, Unionvale DK; 1/13-14 yd Millbrook Denise Dyko;1/21 Dover Plains BW,HK,MY; 1/25 Norrie Pt SP FT; 1/19 Pine Drive JW; 1/21 Dover Plains MFi,JJ
American Robin: 6/6 Dover Plains CV; 3/17 Victoria Crossing CV; 1/18 Mill Rd CV; 3/23 Shadows Rest CV; eBird 14 rpts: 32/16 Dover Plains DK; 12/28 Quaker Hill area TV
Northern Mockingbird: 1/1 Norrie Pt CV; 2/6 Reagan Rd CV; 1/12 Waryas Pk CV; 1/18 Perry Corners CV; 2/20 Berkshire Rd CV; 1/21 Rombout Rd CV; eBird 25 rpts: 2/16 JJ; 2/13 DK; 2/16 BMA; 4/1 AB—Dover Plains
European Starling: 135/20 McEnroe compost, Coleman Stn BMA,AMP; 250/1 Morse Hill Rd MR; 108/20 Separate Rd, Amenia BMA,AMP

Cedar Waxwing: 8/7 Verbank yd BB; 38/1 Dover NY-22 AB
Pine Warbler: 1/3 from HRA -at feeder near Emmadine Pond almost every day since mid-December - Rich Taylor
American Tree Sparrow: 4-6/daily Rhinebeck MP; 7/6 Reagan Rd CV; 4/19 Marshall's,Verbank BB;3/19 Mountain Rd CV; 4/26 Sharon St.Rd CV; eBird 114 rpts 20/2, 24/21 N. Mabb Rd AMP; 10/19 Reagan Rd, Millerton AMP; 10/7 Rowe Rd MR
Vesper Sparrow: 1/3 Dover Plains DK, 1/6 Dover Plains RM
Savannah Sparrow: 1/6 Berkshire Rd CV; 1/6 Reagan Rd CV; 1/7 Old Route 22 Amenia SJ
Fox Sparrow: 1/6 Brothers Rd - Depot Hill CP
Song Sparrow: 1/1 Norrie Point CV;1/1 Stringham Pk BB; 2/6 Reagan Rd CV; 3/19 Mountain Rd CV; eBird 58 rpts: high counts: 10/1 Morse Hill Rd MR; 12/1 Perrotti Rd MR
White-throated Sparrow: High counts 25/19 Mountain Rd CV; 16/2, 20/21 yd Salt Pt BMA; 17/14 yd Wingdale SM; 26/21 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP
White-Crowned Sparrow: 2/6 Reagan Rd CV; 1 imm/20 Reagan Rd, Millerton BMA,AMP; 1/8 Reagan Rd TS
Dark-eyed Junco: 50/14, 30/all Verbank yd BB; eBird 193 rpts 50/26 yd Milan SJ; 50/1 Morse Hill Rd MR; 50/26 yd Clinton Hollow JS; 1 interesting morph...very light tan with very little contrast head:belly yd Clinton FM; "White" Junco - 1/3,4,12-14,18,20 yd Red Hook AG
Snow Buntings: 1/3 Mountain Rd CV; 2/4, 4/6, 2/18 Morse Hill Rd CV; 17/7 Limekiln Rd, Dover BMA,AMP; 100/19 Morse Hill Rd, Amenia AMP; 14/1 Perrotti Rd MR
Northern Cardinal: High Count 9/6 yd CV; eBird 173 rpts-high counts: 50/2, 40/14, 50/21 yd Salt Pt BMA; 12/14 yd Wingdale SM; 14/26 yd Clinton Hollow JS
Red-winged Blackbird: 1/6 Downey Rd CV; 7/11, 15/17 Lake Rd CV; 1 f/16 Verbank yd BB; 2/18 Reagan Rd CV; eBird: 8 rpts, 24/17 Purgatory Hill TV; 30/16 Shaughnessy Rd, Lagrangeville DK
Rusty Blackbird: 1/7 Millbrook School Alan Tousignant; 1/18 Cooper Rd CV; 20/3 Downey Rd, Millerton DK; 4/14 Sheffield Hill- marsh DK
Common Grackle: 7/6 Downey Rd CV; 50/7, 75/8 2-5 rest of month Verbank yd BB 1/14 yd Millbrook SL; 4/19 Separate Rd, Amenia AMP; 1/26 yd. BAM
Brown-headed Cowbird: high counts: 75/18 Reagan Rd CV; 50/26 Cooper Rd CV: 150/1 Morse Hill Rd MR; 50/20 Reagan Rd, Millerton BMA,AMP; 35/8 Millerton, Reagan Rd TS
Purple Finch: 1m/7 & 26 yd CV; 1 f/13 Verbank yd BB; 3/2 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP
House Finch: 2/all Verbank yd BB; eBird 99 rpts: high counts 25/15, 18/16 yd Lagrange MG
Common Redpoll: 1/2 Wapp yd Harriet Furey; 1/1,3 yd Fishkill Betsy Carswell;4/6 yd Art Jones; 1/6 yd SJ; 2/7 yd JAs; 1/14 yd CV; eBird 22 rpts: 1/7, 1/22 yd Salt Pt BMA; 1/13, 5/14, 2/15 yd Stanford AJ; 2/14, 11/19 yd Milan Frank Margiotta; 24 yd Stanford DK; 1/14, 1/28 yd T Pok WL; 3/15 yd Clinton FM
Pine Siskin: 15-20/1-23 yd Fishkill Betsy Carswell; 1/3 Clinton yd Gina Palmer; 3-20/most days yd CV; 25-30/7 yd JA; 2/7,11,16,20 & 3/8-15,6/12,5/17 feeders yd. BAM; 1/14-21, then 8/22-26 Rhinebeck MP; eBird 30 rpts. 1/28 yd Milan SJ; 12/6, 18/14 Brothers Rd-Depot Hill CP; 4/2 yd Millbrook JD; 3/1, 6/7, 6/18, 3/28 yd T Pok WL; 6/11 Thompson Pd FT
American Goldfinch: High counts 150/2 yd JAs; 14-40/daily yd @ feeders CV eBird 131 rpts: 75/17, 60/18 yd Salt Pt BMA; 60/14 Brothers Rd - Depot Hill CP; 70/16 yd Milan SJ
House Sparrow: eBird 30 rpts 20/16 Millbrook Schl Rd DK;

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Abbreviations: **FB** - Facebook; **FOS**-First of Season; **HVRT**-Harlem Valley Rail Trail; **TSF**-The Southlands Farm; **FT**-Field Trip, **HRA** - Hudson River Almanac, **MHB** - Mid-Hudson Birds

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Field Trips: 4th Vassar Campus, 11th Thompson Pond, 18th Tamarack Preserve, 25th Norrie Point

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MARCH 2015 RECORDS

This is a different kind of report this month. The number of birders submitting sightings, mostly via eBird, grows with each passing year. Compiling all this information has become extremely labor intensive, and there is so much data that it leaves little room for additional explanation or insight. Barbara Butler, RTWBC's Records Chair, recently initiated a discussion with some of us on this subject. She agreed to let me try my hand at doing the report differently this month. By reducing the volume of raw data in the report, and injecting more commentary, I aim to provide a summary of the most notable sightings, supplemented by some high-level analysis, historical perspective, and environmental context.

On the heels of a horrid February that brought us an endless polar vortex and 25 inches of snow, March came in like a small lion with another 4 inches of snow on the 1st and then 2 more inches on the 3rd. After that, we luxuriated in several shovel-free weeks, until – you remember – the first day of spring, when we had another 2.4 inches! Temperatures through the month ran about 5 degrees below normal overall, and all but 7 nights saw the mercury drop below 32 degrees.

It seems the long, cold winter delayed most of our usual March migrants. Even those who got here in March generally arrived later than one would expect, based on Stan DeOrsey's *Birds of Dutchess County Reference Guide* as well as on historical eBird data.

WATERFOWL. The Hudson River was mostly covered with ice until mid-month, which did not make it attractive to migrating waterfowl. Most of our larger inland lakes were still almost completely iced over at the end of the month. Nonetheless, *some migrating and returning ducks and geese* did appear on the scene in March:

Snow Goose: 10 reports - earliest 1/11 Baird Pk CV; highest 4/29 Mashomack AMP, BM);

TUNDRA SWAN: 2/29 The Fly 10 observers

Wood Duck: 45 reports, earliest 2/10 MF; highs 35/29 The Fly JC and 45/31 Tivoli Bays MR

Gadwall: 1/22 Jekoce/Greens Pond 5 observers; 2/29 Strever Fm JC

American Wigeon: 10 rpts, earliest 1/17 O'Leary Fm Clinton Crs DK; highs 15/27 Cruger Island, 25/27 HudsonR RM

BLUE-WINGED TEAL: 1/29 Strever Fm JC

NORTHERN SHOVELER: 1/17 Vassar Boathouse CV

Northern Pintail: 25 reports, earliest 1/13 Ponderosa CV; highest 7/29 Mashomack AMP

Green-winged Teal: 43 rpts, earliest 2/15 The Fly CV; highs 21/22 Wapp Lk 4 observers; 36/28 swamp near Mt. Riga DF

REDHEAD: 1/22 Jekoce/Greens Pond AMP, BM, BJM

Greater Scaup: 7 reports, earliest 1/17 The Fly DK; highest 26/30 Mills Mansion MP

Lesser Scaup: 1/15 The Fly, 2/26, 1/31 Norrie Pt CV

Bufflehead: 7 rpts, earliest 2/17 Marist Boathouse CV; highest 10/27 HudsonR South Bay RM

Common Goldeneye: 10 rpts, earliest & highest 7/17 Marist Boathouse CV

Hooded Merganser: 74 rpts, earliest 1/2 Reagan Rd AMP; highest 14/27 The Fly JC

Canada Goose numbers grew through the month, with high counts over 1000 starting mid-month and 5000/31 The Fly WC. **Mute Swan** numbers were similar to last year's (25 rpts of 2-4).

Mallard numbers were normal, the highest being 152/31 Separate Rd AMP. The first reports of **American Black Duck** in March were two groups of 3 on the 1st, but 75% of the approximately 70 sightings occurred after March 15th and the highest count was 54/31 in Amenia AMP. **Ring-necked Ducks** have been around all winter in small numbers here and there, but they were moving through the region in large flocks during March, the highest count being 125/22 Wapp LK CP/HT.

Common Mergansers showed the same pattern, building from single digits early in the month with a high count of 90/24 at Long Dock BP.

Conspicuously absent waterfowl this month included **Canvasback** and **Ruddy Duck**.

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS, GREBES, and HERONS.

Ring-necked Pheasants were listed on 10 reports, although these are all almost certainly not "countable" as wild birds, since Dutchess is peppered with hunting preserves that regularly replenish their "huntee" population. **Wild Turkeys**, however, are as wild as their name implies and thus eminently countable; there were 25 reports of this species including 26/1 yd Red Oaks WL and 43/7 Quaker Hill TV. **Pied-billed Grebe** was reported only once – 1/17 HudsonR Vassar Boathouse CV.

Great Blue Herons were being seen regularly by mid-month, with 32 reports of one bird each by the end of the month, and on the 27th, there were 3 reports of 2-4 each.

NO loons, cormorants, or ospreys were reported.

VULTURES. **Black Vultures**, a rarity in any season as recently as 25 years ago, have been sighted here and there throughout the winter and occurred in good numbers in March (22 rpts avg 4; highest 22/8 Tivoli Bays SR). **Turkey Vultures** (90 rpts avg 6), first reported February 26th and 27th, continued returning from their winter haunts, the first March sighting being 1/7 Morse Hill Rd DK, building to as many as 65/30 Thompson Pd MR.

EAGLES and HAWKS. The population of **Bald Eagles** in the county has become so healthy that we had 72 reports averaging 2 each with a high of 8/15 Thompson Pd CV and 8/24 Wapp Crk BP. **Golden Eagles**, too, have been remarkably visible this winter; however the Golden Eagles have mostly moved on while many Baldies remain (some nesting). After about 25 sightings in each of January and February, there were only 6 reports of Golden Eagles in March, (in 5-6 different locations). There were only 8 reports of **Northern Harrier** in March, while there were 25 in January and 15 in February. This initially surprised me, but the overall sighting pattern for these 3 months is borne out historically by older data on eBird. **Sharp-shinned** and **Cooper's Hawks** were both reported 12 times each, normal for March, and **NORTHERN GOSHAWK** was on one report: 1/22 Tivoli Bays MDD & WT. **Red-shouldered and Red-tailed**

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Hawks were normal, with about 30 and 120 reports respectively. There were 7-9 **Rough-legged Hawks** reported.

COOTS, SHOREBIRDS, and GULLS. 4-5 **American Coots** continued their winter stay on Redwing Pond, Greenhaven Road. **Killdeer** returned north (albeit a little late) to announce that spring really **was** going to get here (32 rpts from the 9th through the 26th, highest 12/17 Clinton Crs AMP). There was one report of **Wilson's Snipe** (1/31 Stony Kill KH), and **American Woodcock** arrived mid-month, resulting in 16 reports (1/16 Daley Rd Lagrangeville HT, highest count 6/31 CIES MR). **Ring-billed Gulls** and **Herring Gulls** were plentiful as usual with sightings of as many as 93 Ring-bills and 85 Herring. There were also 16 reports of 1-5 **Great Black-backed Gulls** and one **ICELAND GULL** at the Shoprite on Rt. 9 in Fishkill, reported by JC, BJM, DF, KH.

OWLS. We all love owls, don't we? Reported in March were **Eastern Screech-Owl** (3 rpts, 2 locations); and **Great Horned** and **Barred Owls**, each in 5-6 different locations.

KINGFISHER. **Belted Kingfisher** was reported 10 times.

WOODPECKERS were well reported as usual: **Red-bellied** and **Downy** over 110 reports each; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** 5 reports; **Hairy** 53 reports; **Northern Flicker** 14 reports; **Pileated** 38 reports. Unfortunately, there were **NO reports of Red-headed Woodpecker**, however. So keep your eyes peeled and send a PEEPS alert if you see one!

FALCON reports included **American Kestrel** - 17; **Merlin** - 3; and **Peregrine Falcon** - 5.

PASSERINES are our largest order of birds. Their big northward push gets underway in April/May, but March brought in some old friends: **Eastern Phoebe** (11 rpts, earliest 1/21 Red Hook DGr); **Tree Swallow** (4 rpts, earliest 2/20 Veterans Pk KH); **Pine Warbler** (1/29 Kidd Lane JC). **NO Gray Catbirds**, **NO Yellow-rumped Warblers**, **NO Eastern Towhees**, **NO Chipping Sparrows**, and **NO Eastern Meadowlarks yet!**

Departing or just-passing-through passerines included **Northern Shrike** (1/26 Morse Hill Rd AMP); **Horned Lark** (8 rpts, highest 300/8 Morse Hill Rd MR; latest 15/10 same location CV); **Snow Bunting** (5 rpts, avg 7, highest 20/2 Perry's Crs Rd AMP; latest 1/8 Roeliff Jansen Kill MUA JM); **Common Redpoll** (11 rpts, highest & latest 30/27 Cruger Island RM). I was surprised to find **NO Winter Wren sightings reported**.

Along with all these comings and goings, some of our "winter visitors" were still observed in good numbers throughout the month and will likely be on their way north in April: **American Tree Sparrow** (50 rpts avg 3; highest 12/7 yd AMP); **Fox Sparrow** (just a few reports, latest 1/25 Vassar Fm FT); **White-throated Sparrow** (diminishing numbers; 87 rpts avg 4; highest 16/7 yd AMP); **Dark-eyed Junco** (also diminishing; 110 rpts avg 10; highest 60/28 yd Poughquag CP); **Pine Siskin** (33 rpts, avg 6, highest 25/5 yd CV & 25/28 yd Poughquag CP; some still lingering well into April). I wonder, will they stay here later than in other years?

Observers also recorded **Red-breasted Nuthatch** ("For the last 3.5 weeks I have had a male and female pair visiting my feeder!!" Standfordville MB; 1/27 Vassar College CG); **Brown Creeper** (20 rpts); **Golden-crowned Kinglet** (1/1-3 yd CV) – but **NO Ruby-crowned Kinglet**; only two **Hermit Thrush** reports (1/22 Vassar Fm DE; 1/-28 yd Millbrook – has been there all winter DD); **Northern Mockingbird** (15 rpts, avg 2, highest 4/25 Vassar Fm FT); **Cedar Waxwing** (2 rpts on the 4th & 10th, single digits) **Field Sparrow** (2/7 Crown Hts RB); **Savannah Sparrow** (1/26 Amenia AMP); **Swamp Sparrow** (1/7 Andrew Haight Rd DK); **White-crowned Sparrow** (4 rpts, highest 6/10 Downey Rd CV); **Rusty Blackbird** (8 rpts avg 2 each); **Purple Finch** (8 rpts 1-2 ea). AG reported that her mostly white (leucistic?) mystery sparrow, which has been in her yard since last October, is still there. Several people have tried unsuccessfully to identify it or at least get a photo that would allow an ID, but this denizen of dense shrubs has been too quick and elusive!

CORVIDS. Our two least common birds in this family are **Fish Crow** (32 rpts, avg 2, highest 9/24 Long Dock BP) and **Common Raven** (17 rpts of 1-2 each). The others, **American Crow** (no longer gathering by the thousands at their winter roost in Poughkeepsie) and **Blue Jay**, were seen and heard in normal numbers, the largest flock of American Crows being 500/2 McEnroe compost CV.

BLACKBIRDS. I am happy to report that **Red-winged Blackbirds**, those harbingers of spring, made a good showing. There were 115 reports averaging 27 birds, the earliest being 24/7 N Mabbettville Rd AMP and the largest flock 600/26 Haight Rd Amenia AMP. **Common Grackles** are back, too (71 rpts avg 16, the largest flocks reported being 450/24 Wappinger Lk & 200/27 Strever Fm JC).

Finally, many common birds were reported as usual: **Mallard**, **Rock Pigeon**, **Black-capped Chickadee**, **Tufted Titmouse**, **White-breasted Nuthatch**, **Carolina Wren**, **Eastern Bluebird**, **American Robin** (highest 75/25 Vassar Fm FT), **Northern Mockingbird** (including the continuing, beautiful white bird near the intersection of Freedom Rd and Mountain Rd), **European Starling**, **Song Sparrow**, **Northern Cardinal**, **Common Grackle**, **Brown-headed Cowbird**, **House Finch**, **American Goldfinch** (highest 50/5 yd CV and 53/14 yd BM), and **House Sparrow**.

MAMMALS: CV reported a mink on Reagan Rd on the 3rd, along with coyotes in 3 different locations on 3 different dates.

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APRIL 2015 RECORDS

And migration begins!

Spring has slowly returned, and this month has many arrivals and departures. Most of the ducks, except those that will breed, have passed through. The American Tree Sparrows, Dark-eyed Juncos, the Kinglets were gone by the end of the month. Arriving - the Swallows (first sighting - Northern Rough-winged Swallows at Lake Walton on the 8th), the Flycatchers, some early warblers and more! Notable birds seen during April include: Greater White Front Goose, Cackling Goose, Tundra Swan, Long-tailed Duck, and Great Egret and others with *. The first Broad-winged Hawks were sighted on the 12th, the first migrant Warbler species - the Louisiana Waterthrush - reported at Buttercup East on the 1st and the first Baltimore Oriole at Montgomery Place on the 23rd. Checking with NYS DEC there are 11 known Bald Eagle nests/territories within Dutchess county; currently there are at least 8 active nests.

*** Greater White-fronted Goose:** 1/21 Strever Fm SJ; then moved across Rt 82 to Mashomack Preserve, seen there through 24th by several observers
Snow Goose: 5 rpts, avg 1 each. 2/29 Millbrook Schl FT; 1/12 Millerton, Reagan Rd CP,HT
*** Cackling Goose:** 1/15 Mashomack LM,BM,AMP; 2/21 Mashomack BM,AMP,SJ
Mute Swan: 2-4 in many places.
*** Tundra Swan:** 1/1 Buttercup West FT – about 5 miles south of the Feb 29th sighting of 2.
Wood Duck: 100+ rpts, avg 6 each. 83/21 Mashomack BM,SJ,AMP; 20/11 Buttercup MR
American Wigeon: 3/2 Mill Pond, Red Hook WC; All the rest were at Strever Farm pd or Mashomack, up to 6 thru the 12th.
American Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid): 2/24 Millerton SJ
Blue-winged Teal: 1/2 Lake Walton Melissa Fischer; 2/21 Sharon Station quarry DF; 2/13 Buttercup West JC; 2/25 Red Hook Home ESh; 2/29 Buttercup BM
Northern Shoveler: 1/15 Tivoli Bays SR; 2/21 Mashomack BM,SJ,AMP
Northern Pintail: 2/2-4 Cary IES KH,WHS,MF; 3/5 Strever Fm CP,HT,SR,DK,AMP
Green-winged Teal: good numbers. most 44/3 Strever Fm Rd CV; 26/5 The Fly MR; 36/5 Separate Rd, Amenia AMP; last 3/22 Strever Fm CP
Ring-necked Duck: good numbers, most 80/9 Twin Island Lk SJ; last 2/27 Nuclear Lk CP
Greater Scaup: 2/11 Sylvan Lk CP
Lesser Scaup: 1/8 Aberdeen Fm, Staatsburg FT; 2/12 Mud Pond, Pine Plains CV
*** Long-tailed Duck:** 2/10 Abel's Pond, N Clove Rd BB, CP,HT; 1/11 Abel's Pond, N Clove Rd BM,JD,SJ; 1/14 Red Wing Pond BM,AMP (presume this bird came from Abel's Pond, about 5 miles to the north)
Bufflehead: 12 rpts, avg 2 each. most 10/2 Dennings Pt CV; last 1/13 Haight Rd, Amenia AMP
Common Goldeneye: 3/1 Norrie Pt SP BM; 2/3 Mills Mansion, Hyde Pk CV; 1/12 Tivoli Bays / Cruger SR
Hooded Merganser: 40+ rpts. 8/1, 6/2 Crestwood Rd pond AG; at Buttercup and Cary; most 11/4 Nuclear Lk AMP
Common Merganser: 80+ rpts, avg 7 each. 14/2, 28/14, 23/8 Hillside Lk BJM; 32/3 Norrie Pt SP SJ

Ruddy Duck: 1/18 Drake Lk SJ – the only report this season since the one on the January Waterfowl Count
Ring-necked Pheasant: 11 rpts, avg 1 each. 1/18 Clinton Nature Trl FT; 1/12 Tivoli Bays SR
Ruffed Grouse: 2/5 Buttercup East MR, other reports later from there. 1/20 flew over Old Camby Rd, Verbank John Winkler;
Wild Turkey: 40+ rpts, avg 4 each. 25/5 Ludlow Woods Rd, Stanford DK; 11/15 Cornell Fm, Titusville Rd CV
Common Loon: 1/10 Abel's Pond, N Clove Rd CP,HT,BB; 1/10-11 Sylvan Lk CP,BM; 1/21 Mud Pond, Pine Plains CV; 1/22 Tymor Forest Pk FT;
Pied-billed Grebe: rpts of 1-2 on several large ponds around the county
*** Horned Grebe:** 6/4 New Hamburg Eileen Stickle; 2/12 Tivoli Bays / Cruger SR,EU; 1/20 Rhinecliff train station JC; 1/28 Dennings Pt CV
Double-crested Cormorant: 17/12 Buttercup MR, flyover; groups up to 43 reported along the Hudson.
American Bittern: 1/14, 1/26 HVRT-Sharon Stn Rd, Amenia CV; 1/30 Cruger Island Rd SR
Great Blue Heron: adults on nests reported from 5 heronries: Milan Hollow Swamp, 5 nests; SJ; Mud Pond, Pine Plains 4 nests CV; Rt. 55 near Old Rt. 55 intersection. 3 standing on nests. CP; Strauss Marsh, 3 nests CV; 11/27 Bower Rd, Poughkeepsie CV;
*** Great Egret:** 1/11 Buttercup MR; 1/15 Drake Lk LM,BM,JC,SJ; 1/24 Abel's Pond BB
Green Heron: 10 rpts. FOS 1/19, 2/26 HVRT-Sharon Stn Rd, Amenia CV
*** Black-crowned Night-Heron:** 1/24 Tivoli Bays - Bard Campus ESh
Black Vulture: 11/14 Millbrook Schl Rd, Millbrook CV; 16/29 Millbrook Schl FT; 2-4 elsewhere
Turkey Vulture: often seen overhead; 12/6 I-84/E.Fishkill ES; 12/21 Thompson Pond CV
Osprey: 40+ rpts, avg 1 each. First 1/6 Cary IES - lowlands MF; most 4/23 Hunn's Lk DK; other reports from large ponds through month's end.
Golden Eagle: 1/11 Buttercup MR, the last sighting of a good winter for them.
Northern Harrier: 7 rpts, 1 each. 1/2 The Fly WC; 1/1, 1/8, 1/15 Tivoli Bays SR
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 10 rpts, 1 each. 1/11 near Verbank immature took red-bellied woodpecker BB
Cooper's Hawk: 20 rpts, 1 each. 1/18 Clinton Nature Trl FT, Took a flicker; 1/29 yd eating Mourning Dove AG
Bald Eagle: 50+ rpts, avg 2 each. 2 ad/24 aerial display ROM BJM – see intro about nesting.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 30+ rpts, widespread
Broad-winged Hawk: 20 rpts, avg 2 each. FOS 1/12 Salt Pt Tpk DK; most 5/22 Tymor Forest Pk FT
Red-tailed Hawk: ubiquitous, several reports of nesting
Virginia Rail: 8 rpts, avg 1 each. FOS 2/8 Tivoli Bays SR; 1/19 HVRT-Sharon Stn Rd, Amenia CV; 1/26 Rudd Pond Rd, Millerton CV; 1/29 Millbrook Schl FT;
American Coot: scarce 1/2 The Fly WC; 2/6 The Fly SJ; 1/15 Tivoli Bays SR
Killdeer: 50+ rpts, avg 2 each. Most 9/12 Strever Fm MR; 2/18,19 TSF exhibiting nesting behavior in riding ring MP
Solitary Sandpiper: 2/8 Lake Walton BJM; 1/29 Buttercup BM
Spotted Sandpiper: 1/22 Lake Walton BJM
Greater Yellowlegs: 6 rpts, avg 2 each. first 5/23 McEnroe

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Puddle, Sharon Stn Rd, Amenia CV; 2/30 Cruger Island Rd SR; 2/30 Tivoli Bays KS
Lesser Yellowlegs: 1/5 Tivoli Bays, Cruger Island Rd EU; 2/23 McEnroe Puddle, Sharon Stn Rd, Amenia CV;
Wilson's Snipe: 19 rpts, avg 7 each. Most reports from Strever Fm Rd, high count 30/12 Strever Fm MR;
American Woodcock: 10 rpts, avg 2 each. Most around Mabbettsville; last 2/11 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP
Bonaparte's Gull: 7 rpts, avg 2 each. 1/14 Sylvan Lk CP; 1/14 Sylvan Lk BM; 1/14 Redwing Beekman AMP; 1/20 Rhinecliff train station JC;
Mourning Dove: 181 rpts, avg 3 each. 12/11 Buttercup MR; 12/26 CIES MR; 11/12 Roeliff Jansen Kill MUA JM
Eastern Screech-Owl: 3 reports of the owl near HVRT Coleman Station AMP, CP, CV
Great Horned Owl: 1/1 Lagrange yard CV; x/25 SMP FT; 1 adult/11, 1 adult+3 young/14 nest BJM
Barred Owl: 20 rpts, avg 1 each. 1/21 Pine Ridge Dr, Wapp Rosa Corbeels; 2/23 Montgomery Place CB; and from Nuclear Lk - 1/12 KCF; 2/18 CP; 1/29 GZ
Eastern Whip-poor-will: 1/27 flying NY 9D/StonyKill Rd, Wappinger ES
Chimney Swift: FOS 4/27 Dutchess Rail Trl KCF; 12/30 Rhinebeck BM,LM; about a week late.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: FOS 1/27 Fishkill yd Christin Kostek; 1/29 yd Salt Pt BM; 1/30 yd BJM
Belted Kingfisher: 45+ rpts, avg 1 each. Most 3/6 HVRT-Sharon Stn Rd, Amenia CV; many reports from Buttercup, Tivoli Bays.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 60+ rpts, avg 3 each. 8-10 Nuclear Lk; 9/19 Buttercup BM
Pileated Woodpecker: widely reported. Most 4/17 Thompson Pond CV; Purgatory Hill TV Chasing each other in air, calling loudly, and showing mating behavior.
American Kestrel: 60+ rpts, avg 1 each. 20 of the reports from CIES - 3/6 CIES JD; 3/12 CIES DE; most 4/26 Flint Hill Rd, Amenia CV
Merlin: 1/17 Buttercup SR; 1/13 Thompson Pond JC
Peregrine Falcon: Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge – 1/1 SR; 1/4 MR; 1/10 Southlands CB,SR; 1/26 Tivoli Bays SR
Eastern Wood-Pewee: FOS 1/13 Round Pond, Amenia AMP, early
Least Flycatcher: FOS 1/29 Millbrook Schl FT; 1/29 Hynes/Beach Rd, Poughquag Binnie Chase
Eastern Phoebe: settling in to nest. Most 10/13 Buttercup -- West JC
Eastern Kingbird: 1/30 Dutchess Rail Trl-Manchester Rd, Poughkeepsie CV; 1/30 Peach Hill DK
Blue-headed Vireo: 15+ rpts, avg 1 each. FOS 1/14 Buttercup West DK
Warbling Vireo: 4 rpts, avg 1 each. FOS 1/25 Ferncliff RM; 1/28 Madam Brett Pk CV; 1/30 Jameson Hill Rd, Clinton Corners BM;
Fish Crow: 25+ rpts, avg 2 each. 5/4 Rt 9, Wappingers KH; 4/29 Waryas Park KH; 4/15 Peach Hill HT; 4/27 Washington Hollow BM, no longer only along the Hudson. 2/3 were away from the river.
Common Raven: 40+ rpts, avg 2 each. 15/12 Coleman Stn Rd CP,HT; 2/15 DRT/Lk Walton FT; rest were single birds
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 30+ rpts, avg 4 each. FOS 4+/8 Lake Walton BJM; 12/22 Tymor Forest FT; 8/29 Millbrook Schl FT;
Tree Swallow: well-reported, avg 10 each. 70/13 Strever Fm

JC; 200/24 Drake Lk CP; 50/27 Nuclear Lk CP
Barn Swallow: 40+ rpts, avg 2 each. FOS 1/10 Vanderburgh Cove SJ; 6/29 Millbrook Schl CP; 6/22 Tymor Forest Pk FT
Bank Swallow: NO reports
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 7 rpts, avg 2 each. 3/8 CIES KS; 2/13 Buttercup --West JC; 2/29 Lakeside Park KH;
Brown Creeper: 20+ rpts, avg 1 each. 2/1 Buttercup West FT; 2/24 Buttercup West CV
House Wren: 20+ rpts, avg 1 each. FOS 2/18 Peach Hill DE; 1/18 yard Town of Milan SJ; most 3/30 Jameson Hill Rd, Clinton Corners BM
Winter Wren: 9 rpts, avg 1 each. 1/11 Buttercup BM; 2/25 Ferncliff RM; 2/25 Pond Gut FT
Marsh Wren: FOS 1/27 Buttercup West DK; 1/30 Tivoli Bay KS
Carolina Wren: 40 rpts, avg 1 each. 2/15 DRT/Lk Walton FT; 2/20 Lagrange yard CV; 2/15 Upton Lk Christian Schl JC; 2/26 Vassar Fm DE
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 60+ rpts, avg 2 each. FOS 1/13 Buttercup West JC; 3/19 CIES-south bridge/lowlands AMP (nested here last year); 7/22 Buttercup West KS; 5/25 Ferncliff RM; 5/25 Buttercup MR
Golden-crowned Kinglet: 20 rpts, avg 3 each. 5/5 Buttercup PS; 15/12 Buttercup MR; last 4/13 Thompson Pond JC
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 100+ rpts, avg 3 each. first 1/7 Cary IES - lowlands DK; 1/8 Aberdeen Fm, Staatsburg FT; 11/15 Buttercup West KCF; 9/17 Buttercup ESh; 12/25 Buttercup MR; 8/25 Pond Gut FT; 12/27 Nuclear Lk CP
Eastern Bluebird: 120+ rpts, avg 2 each. 9/13 Buttercup East JC; 13/29 Millbrook Schl FT (Thanks! To Florence Germond and the Gilnacks)
Hermit Thrush: 19 rpts, avg 2 each. 2/12 Tivoli Bays, Cruger Island Rd EU; 2/25 Buttercup MR; 6/25 Pond Gut FT; 2/27 CIES BM
Wood Thrush: FOS 1/30 Cobb Ridge SR
Gray Catbird: 9 rpts, avg 1 each. FOS 1/5 Limekiln Rd, Dover AMP; 1/6 Buttercup --East CP; 1/19 TSF MP; 1/24 Peach Hill CP; 1/29 Millbrook Schl FT
Brown Thrasher: 20 rpts, avg 1 each. FOS 1/12, 2/18 Peach Hill DE; 2/21 Sleight Fm, Overlook Rd CV; 2/26 Vassar Fm DE;
Northern Mockingbird: 40 rpts, avg 1 each. 5/22 Tymor Forest Pk FT; 4/14 Vassar Fm JD
Cedar Waxwing: 14 rpts, avg 7 each. 18/7 Bulls Head Rd JC; 21/19 Buttercup BM; 14/15 Buttercup --West JC; 14/30 bathing in garden pond Hillside Rd, Poughquag Binnie Chase
WARBLERS – most arrived “on time”. A few that sometimes appear in April were missed (Worm-eating, Nashville, American Redstart, Northern Parula, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Black-throated Blue)
Ovenbird: FOS 1/28 Mabbettsville yard JAs 1/29 Buttercup BM; 1/30 Cobb Ridge SR;
Louisiana Waterthrush: 30 rpts, avg 1 each. FOS 1/1 Buttercup East CP,KS,BB; 1/5,12 Cruger Island Rd EU; 2/12 Nuclear Lk KCF; 2/18 Wilcox Pk JA; 2/25 Pond Gut FT
Northern Waterthrush: FOS 1/28 Dennings Pt CV; 2/26 Tivoli Bays SR
Blue-winged Warbler: FOS 2/30 Peach Hill DK
Black-and-white Warbler: 16 rpts, avg 1 each. FOS 1/19 Pond Gut AL; 4/25 Pond Gut FT; 3/29 Pawling Nature Res GZ
Common Yellowthroat: FOS 1/30 Tivoli Bays KS
Yellow Warbler: 25+ rpts, avg 2 each. FOS 1/22 Hatfield La Pok - Linda, MidHudsonBirds; 3/23 Vassar Fm, CV; 3/27 Cary

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IES - lowlands BM; 4/30 Cary IES - lowlands DK
Palm Warbler: 40+ rpts, avg 3 each. FOS 1/5 Buttercup PS;
8/15 HVRT - Sharon Stn Rd DK; 7/8 Cary IES - lowlands DK;
5/15 Buttercup West KCF; 7/19 Buttercup West DK
Pine Warbler: 35 rpts, avg 2 each. 1/10-12 on suet BJM;
2/28 Cary IES KH; 3/29 Lakeside Park KH
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 48 rpts, avg 5 each. 25/25 Locust
Grove JCo; 24/24 HVRT Sharon Station BM,SJ
Prairie Warbler: FOS 2/30 Tivoli Bays KS
Black-throated Green Warbler: 8 rpts, avg 1 each. FOS
1/22 Buttercup West KS; 1/25 Ferndcliff RM; 1/25 Pond Gut FT;
2/29 Washington, Deep Hollow Rd CP
Eastern Towhee: 75 rpts, avg 2 each. FOS 1/5 Buttercup PS;
8/24 Peach Hill SR; 9/25 Buttercup MR; 10/29 Peach Hill DW;
American Tree Sparrow: 15 rpts, avg 2 each. 4/5 yd
Clinton Hollow JS; 3/11 Buttercup MR; 1/12 Stony Kill,
Freedom Trl AL; 2/17 Buttercup SR Last
Chipping Sparrow: 100+ rpts, avg 2 each. FOS 1/1 N.
Mabettsville Rd AMP; 10/19 Cary IES - lowlands CP; 8/29
Millbrook Schl FT; 12/22 Tymor Forest Pk FT;
Field Sparrow: 90+ rpts, avg 3 each. 8/22 Tymor Pk FT; 9/26
Buttercup MR; 10/29 Millbrook Schl CP; 8/29 Tivoli Bays SR.
*** Vesper Sparrow:** FOS 3/13 Cary IES - lowlands
CV,AMP,BM; 1/29 Peach Hill DW
Savannah Sparrow: 10 rpts, avg 4 each. 5/10 Southlands
SR,CB; from Vassar Farm - 6/13 KCF; 6/23 CV; 6/26 DE
Fox Sparrow: 15+ rpts, avg 2 each. 3/6 Buttercup East
CP; 2/3-4, 1/5-7 Lagrange yard CV; 4/12 Buttercup East CP,HT
Swamp Sparrow: 50 rpts, avg 3 each. 4/15 Buttercup
West KCF; 10/26 Buttercup MR; 10/26 HVRT-Sharon Stn Rd,
Amenia CV
White-throated Sparrow: widespread. 15/12 Buttercup
East CP,HT; 15/16 Vassar Fm KS; 14/15 Buttercup West JC;
counts declined after mid-month
White-crowned Sparrow: 1/16 Val-kill DH; 2/19 Buttercup
West DK; 4/19 1/26 Reagan Rd, Millerton CV
Dark-eyed Junco: up to 20 could be found until late in the
month. 6-10/daily until 1/26 MP
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 8 rpts, avg 1 each. FOS 1/23 Oak
Grove/ Allen BM; 1/26 Cary IES - lowlands MF; 1/30 yd KCF
Eastern Meadowlark: 20 rpts, avg 3 each. 1/3 North Ave,
PI Valley DK; Strever Farm Rd-- 7/8 AMP,BM; 4/9 SJ; 8/13 JC;
4/15 BM,LM,AMP; 3/18 BJM, AMP; plus Southlands and 4
other places.
Rusty Blackbird: 30+ rpts, avg 4 each. Most reports were
from CIES or Buttercup West. Others from Thompson Pd and
Tivoli Bays and HVRT Sharon Station. 7/2 Cary IES KH; 14/12
Tivoli Bays, Cruger Island Rd EU; 17/13 ButtercupWest JC;
8/14 HVRT-Sharon Stn Rd CV; 8/19 Thompson Pond JA
Baltimore Oriole: FOS 1/23 Montgomery Place CB
Purple Finch: 70+ rpts, avg 8 each. All month, counts built
to - 30/27 40/28-29 Lagrange yard CV; 30/28 yd Salt Pt BM;
Common Redpoll: 1/29-30 yard, Town of Milan, Dutchess SJ
Pine Siskin: 50+ rpts, avg 3 each. 6/1-27 Beekman feeder
GZ; 12/21 188 Brooklyn Heights Rd SJ; 7/12, 1-6 rest of month
Lagrange yard CV; 5/23 near Verbank BB

White-breasted Nuthatch, American Robin, European Starling,
Song Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird,
Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch,
American Goldfinch

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Abbreviations:
DRT – Dutchess Rail Trail,
FOS – First of season
HVRT – Harlem Valley Rail Trail
TSF – The Southlands Foundation

Many reports came in for these common birds, not listed
above.

Canada Goose, American Black Duck, Mallard, Gulls(Ring-
billed, Herring, Great Black-backed), Rock Pigeon, Red-bellied,
Downy, Hairy Woodpecker and Northern Flicker, Blue Jay,
American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse,

MAY 2015 RECORDS

The migration that began in April peaked in May. The hot spots for observers were Peach Hill and Buttercup. Each hosted several interesting finds. The new PEEPs system helped many get out to see the special birds and find other good birds while there.

We had two surprise flyovers, reported by alert birders in the right place and time, who were looking UP. See Swallow-tailed Kite and Sandhill Crane.

May was dry until midmonth. During the last 2 weeks 2.3 inches of rain fell.

Common birds who don't arrive or depart in May were omitted. Results of the May Census are reported separately in this issue of Wings.

Waterfowl: The **Greater White-fronted Goose** and **Cackling Geese** found in April continued a few days into May at Mashomack. Also departing during the first week were migrants, **Green-winged Teal** and **Ring-necked Duck**. Our resident waterfowl were busy nesting all over. **Brant** migrated north over the Hudson, 150/23 Rhinecliff JClo and Hudson River Almanac reports: 40/27 mid-river at Poughkeepsie plus many more seen north of us. **Red-breasted Merganser** (1/2 S Tivoli Bay SR) is a late sighting, but consistent with other reports up and down the Hudson.

Ruffed Grouse have been scarce for about 20 years. Buttercup East is a place they can still be heard drumming. Found in April, birders continued to hear them there in May.

Beaver activity over the past few years has transformed a few small, shallow marshes into deeper and much larger bodies of water. As a result we have been finding marsh and wading birds in new places.

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/5 HVRT Amenia DF, JR

American Bittern: 1-2 heard by JR,DF,DK through the month HVRT Amenia; also heard along the DRT (1/4 Eileen Stickle); 1/1 Millbrook School Rd DK, 1/3 Rudd Pond Rd CV observed taking flight.

Least Bittern: HVRT Amenia - 2/5 JR (photographed),DF
Virginia Rail: 1/5 HVRT Amenia DF, JR & others later; also found at Crown Maple farm, Andrew Haight Rd, Millbrook School Rd, Pulvers Corners marsh, Tivoli North Bay

Common Gallinule: 1/1 CP; 1/2 CP, BB; 1/7 CV; 1/11 AMP; 1/17 DK all at HVRT Amenia; 3/23, 2/24 Mabbettsville JA.

Hawks

Swallow-tailed Kite: 1/13 flew over Rt 44/Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook just above tree level, in a west/southwesterly direction JA. The bird was seen at 5:30pm after sightings of the same bird(?) that morning along the CT coast where it was flying west.

Northern Harrier: 1/1 Buttercup West CP; 1/9 Cruger Island Rd EU; 1/21 HVRT Amenia SJ

Broad-winged Hawk: arriving hawks were seen first at Peach Hill (2/8 DK) then other places.

Sandhill Crane: 1/10 Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge In flight at eye level crossing bridge heading south DH.

Shorebirds are not found in great numbers or variety here. Our usual **Killdeer**, **Spotted** and **Solitary Sandpipers**,

Greater Yellowlegs and **Least Sandpipers** appeared in normal numbers.

Semipalmated Plover: 3/21 Rt 22 Millerton CP; 5/21 Sharon Stn Rd - vernal pond DK,BM,AMP, SJ; 2/22 Wappinger Lk JCo
Lesser Yellowlegs: 1/14 Tivoli Bays / Cruger SR; 2/14 Strever Fm Rd pond, Pine Plains CV, CP

Short-billed Dowitcher: 5/1 Strever Fm SR, AMP

Wilson's Snipe: last spring report - 12/1 Strever Fm Rd, Pine Plains AMP, BM

Cuckoos: Many reports of both cuckoos, mostly at Peach Hill, arriving on the 6th (**Yellow-billed**) and 8th (**Black-billed**).

American Woodcock: 1/1 Buttercup SR, CB; 1/26 Ridge Rd, Dover Plains BM, AMP; 1/27 Tivoli Bays WMA--Kidd Ln EU

Common Nighthawk: All 9 reports betw the 15th and 26th. Most 12/22 Purgatory Hill, Pawling TV; 6/23 Cary IES - lowlands MF

Woodpeckers: After the Red-bellied Woodpecker was established during the 1990, Otis Waterman noted there were more Red-bellied than Hairys. Now the Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers have increased enough that they exceed the number of Hairys also.

Falcons:

American Kestrel: 20 reports from many places, including several from the Cary IES lowlands.

Merlin: 1/21 Wappingers Dam JCo

Peregrine Falcon: 1/5 Waryas Pk N of Mid-Hudson Bridge KH; 1/10 Kingston/Rhinecliff Bridge JS

Flycatchers: After the early April one, the rest of the **Eastern Wood-Pewees** began arriving on the 6th at Ferncliff. **Great Cresteds** arrived on the 4th. **Willows** arrived on the 9th at Buttercup and Peach Hill. **Alders** here on the 15th at Peach Hill and Millbrook School.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1/5 Buttercup--East AMP; 1/14 Buttercup--East CP; 1/15 Crown Maple farm TW; 1/15 Peach Hill DK

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: one at Peach Hill --1/14 DE; 1/15 DK; 1/16 WC

Vireos: **Yellow-throated** arrived on the 1st, **Red-eyed** on the 3rd, and **Warbling** on the 10th.

White-eyed Vireo: 3 found at Peach Hill by DH,JP on the 4th and at least 1 continued thru the 22nd; 1/15 Vanderburgh Cove CP; 1/6 Andrew Haight Rd AMP

Philadelphia Vireo: 1/8 StonyKill KH.

Fish Crow: reports of 6-8 from some of the big box stores on Rt 9, plus other places.

Common Raven: Many reports of 1 or 2; highest count 5/3 McEnroes Compost Area, Millerton CV

Bank Swallow: 250/17 Wassaic Gravel Pit Rt 22 HT/CP; 20/23 Salt Pt Quarry MR

Cliff Swallow: 20/3 Hosner Mtn Rd CP; 1/6 Andrew Haight Rd AMP; 6/16 TSF MP; 20/23 Fishkill creek TV

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/3 Buttercup HT; 1/11 Rhinebeck-86 Boice Rd SJ

Brown Creeper: 1/1 Buttercup CB/SR; 1/2 Cary IES - lowlands JA; 4/9 Cruger Island Rd EU; 1/9 Buttercup MR

Golden-crowned Kinglet: Last 1/6 Ferncliff JClo

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Good reports. Last 2/15 Millbrook School JA

Veery: first reports on the 2nd. They began to sing about a week later, as usual.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: 2/10 Reese Sanctuary KH.

Swainson's Thrush: 12 rpts. First 1/6 Ferncliff FT; Last 1/24 Barrytown Rd, Red Hook EU

Hermit Thrush: 10 rpts, avg 2 each. Most 6/4 Vassar Fm CV

WARBLERS

Ovenbird, Louisiana and Northern Waterthrush, Blue-winged Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, Pine Warbler arrived in April in the usual numbers and will stay to breed.

Worm-eating Warbler: 1/2 Cary IES - lowlands JA; 6/27 Berkshire Rd, Dover Plains SJ, AMP, BM; 6/15 Pocket Rd & White Trl loop, Beacon AL "one challenged me: Flew in front of me, did a buzz call, followed by a little song that sounded like Chewy, too, too, too! Never heard one sing before." 4/29 Berkshire Rd., Dover DK "one Worm-eating Warbler observed chasing a Scarlet Tanager right over my head!"

Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid): first 1/17 Buttercup MR; observed also by DE, DK, CP, last 1/30 --all at Buttercup East. Observer comments -- singing Blue-wing song; yellow body, underside entirely yellow, black throat and eye patches (mask), blue wings with white bars. Chased a Blue-wing, later seen with Blue-wing female.

Tennessee Warbler: Most sightings at Peach Hill, one at Nuclear Lk – first on the 8th, last on the 21st, most 7/9 Peach Hill DE

Orange-crowned Warbler: 1/2 Buttercup East MR Found by MR, seen by MOB, last on the 4th by JA.

Nashville Warbler: first 1/3 Tivoli Bays SR; most 6/6 Ferncliff FT; last 1/21 Peach Hill WC

Mourning Warbler: 1/6 Cobb Ridge, Red Hook SR; 1/15 Buttercup DE; 1/21 Peach Hill WC; 1/23 Peach Hill CP

Hooded Warbler: first 3/4 Wingdale, Duell Hollow Rd CP; most at Berkshire Rd, Dover Plains (where they were first found nesting in 1991), and PNR.

American Redstart: first 1/1 Tivoli Bays - Kidd Ln ES; most 30/16 Buttercup MR, including many yellowstarts.

Cape May Warbler: 4 at Ferncliff on the 6th, 4 at Peach Hill seen over time 4th - 13th

Cerulean Warbler: 1/15 Pocket Rd & White Trl loop, Beacon AL Heard only, short way up Yellow Trail

Northern Parula: first 1/4 Peach Hill WT; 5/10 Buttercup MR; most 9/6 Ferncliff FT; last 2/20 Nuclear Lk FT

Magnolia Warbler: first 1/3 CIES CP/HT; most 5/6 Ferncliff FT; 4/15 Buttercup DE; 1/21 Nellie Hill Preserve DK

Bay-breasted Warbler: first 4/5 Buttercup SR; 3/6 Ferncliff FT; 3-9/8-11 Peach Hill, 1/20 Nuclear Lake FT

Blackburnian Warbler: first 1/4 Peach Hill WT; 1/5 Roeliff Jansen Kill MUA JM; most 3/6 Ferncliff FT; 2/27 Pawling Nature Reserve FT; 3 other reports

Chestnut-sided Warbler: first 2/2 Buttercup Fm Audubon Sanctuary--East CP; most 15/17 Buttercup MR; now here in good numbers

Blackpoll Warbler: first (heard and seen) 2/6 Ferncliff FT; most 3/9 Peach Hill ESh; 3/24 Buttercup MR; last 1/25 Northern Botanical Gardens, Salisbury Tpk, Rhinebeck BM

Black-throated Blue Warbler: first and most 24/6 Ferncliff FT; many other reports

Palm Warbler: last 2/6 Ferncliff FT

Yellow-rumped Warbler: most 50/6 Ferncliff FT; last 2/15 Crown Maple farm TW; 8/15 HVRT Sharon Sta. Rd JA

Prairie Warbler: many reports. Most 20/30 Salisbury Tpk Power Line Cut MR

Canada Warbler: first 1/6 Ferncliff FT; 2/14 Peach Hill DE; 3/15 Buttercup DE; 2/15 Crown Maple farm TW; 1/20 Nuclear Lk FT, 4 other reports

Wilson's Warbler: first 1/7 near Verbank BB; 2/13 Peach Hill FT; most 3/15 Buttercup DE; last 2/19 Buttercup --East CP

Vesper Sparrow: 2/21 Greig Fm SR

Savannah Sparrow: 1/5 Waryas Pk KH; 4/16 TSF MP; 4/21 Greig Fm SR; 8/23 Millbrook JA

Grasshopper Sparrow: first 1/15 Millbrook JA; 2/21 Greig Fm SR; 1/21 Sharon Stn Rd Amenia CP; heard /21 Schultz Hill Rd, Pine Plains Jane Waters

White-throated Sparrow: last 1/30 Buttercup --East SJ heard, then observed while singing; sang persistently for over 13 minutes

White-crowned Sparrow: most 7/6 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 10 different places, last 1/22 Buttercup BM

Dark-eyed Junco: last 1/18 Rhinebeck SJ

Scarlet Tanager: Many reports. First 1/1 62 Baxter Rd, Red Hook DG; Most 11/6 Ferncliff FT; 10/27 Berkshire Rd, Dover Plains BM, AMP, SJ one on nest

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Many reports. Most 20/9 Buttercup MR; 17/4 Peach Hill JA

Lincoln's Sparrow: 2/10 Buttercup MR; 1/23 Andrew Haight Rd AMP; 1/13 Peach Hill FT

Blue Grosbeak: 2/27 Berkshire Rd, Dover Plains BM, SJ, AMP male and female, well-described, NYSARC report submitted

Indigo Bunting: First 1/4 Peach Hill JCl; 4/4 Peach Hill JA; then all over, Most 12/24 Buttercup MR

Bobolink: First 2/2 Buttercup; 1/16 TSF MP; 8/21 Greig Fm SR; More than ever/21 on Schultz Hill Rd, Pine Plains Jane Waters; 15/23 Millbrook JA; also at Andrew Haight Rd, Stissing Mtn Rd, Pine Plains,

Eastern Meadowlark: 4/1 Strever Fm Rd, Pine Plains AMP; 3/2 Buttercup MR; 1/9 Burger Hill Pk BP; 5/23 Millbrook JA; 6 other places.

Rusty Blackbird: 3/1 Buttercup CB/SR; 15/1 Thompson Pd CV

Orchard Oriole: First 1/2 Peach Hill MFi; 1/3 HVRT-Sharon Stn Rd, Amenia CV; Most 6/4 Peach Hill JP; 4/16 Peach Hill JCo; many reports

Purple Finch: Most 15/1 Rhinebeck yard SJ; 5/15 Purgatory Hill TV; 1/20, 1/29 near Verbank BB; most left after the 9th

Pine Siskin: 1/5 Rhinebeck yard Rd SJ; 2/6 Salt Point yard LM; 4/12 Holmes ESm

Abbreviations – DRT – Dutchess Rail Trail, HVRT – Harlem Valley Rail Trail, MOB –Many observers, PNR – Pawling Nature Reserve, TSF – The Southlands Foundation

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JUNE 2015 RECORDS

June is the month that our migrant birds come to Dutchess County to start building nest, laying eggs and feeding their young. Many observers noted young in their area and on Field Trips.

The 1st week of June we found average temperatures in the high 60's to mid 70's. The hot and humid weather came the beginning of the 2nd week of June and continued through the month.

Waterfowl - There was only one report of 15 goslings for **Canada Goose**. Young were reported by members and ebird for **Mute Swan, Mallards and Wood Duck**. **Hooded Merganser**: one brood at Cary IES seen regularly, some survived until month end. 19/3 Rockefeller Univ Fld Sta FT (2 broods, different sizes); 1juv/8 Vanderbilt FT; 1 juv/27 Vanderbilt KH. **Common Merganser**: 2/8 Roeliff Jansen Kill CH, 1/4 1/12 Cary IES MF; 1f/20 Cary/IES FT;

Wild Turkey: 1f/23 & 26, 3f+5poults/25, 4f+8poults/29-30 yd. and 1 other place BAM; 1f+4 poults/26 yd. HRA/ESpaeth,DPereirra;1-4 occ. MP; well distributed. **American Bittern**: 1/13 HVRT Amenia CP – only report. **Least Bittern**: pair/13 HVRT Amenia, seen well by CP; also heard 12th-16th by others. **Double-crested Cormorant**: 2/7 over Rt 9, Hyde Park BJM; 16/17 Norrie Pt JJ,MFi; 1 at Ryder Pd & HVRT mid-month. **Great Blue Heron**: 9/2 Tivoli Bays & 13/18 Milan Hollow Rd, Rhinebeck SJ; many other reports, many “fly-overs”. **Great Egret**: 1/16 Rt 52 at Fishkill Creek Ed Spaeth - only report. **Green-backed Heron**: 2 pair/12 HVRT Amenia BB,AMP,DF; 1-2 reported several other places by most observers.

Hawks - Osprey reports were noted and unusual for this time of year. Maybe we can hope to find them nesting in the county in the future. **Red-tailed Hawks** were well reported. There was an unusual encounter seen of a **Bald Eagle** by S. Joseph at a Great Blue Heronry – see note below. **Black Vulture**: 2/6 13 mi. sail from Po'keepsie-Rhinecliff HRATLake,TRJackson; 3/10 Beacon waterfront, 3 other river sites KH; 1-2 reported from several places. **Turkey Vulture**: 39/6 13 mi. sail from Po'keepsie-Rhinecliff HRATLake,TRJackson; 6/3 South Hills Mall, 1-2 in 6 other places KH; 9/10 Bangall Ethan Dropkin; 1-5 seen all over by most observers. **Osprey**: 1/6 Hopeland BB,DH; 1/24 Denning's Pt. HRA/T Lake. **Bald Eagle**: pr+1juv/all (1juv/21 fledged nest) Twn. Poughkeepsie HRA; 6/6 13 mi. sail from Po'keepsie-Rhinecliff HRATLake, TRJackson; pr+2juv/21 nest Staastburg HRA; pr+1juv/21pr +2juv/21, 29th 1 juv. fledged

nest Twn Clinton HRA/DLindemann; few other pairs noted: S Joseph, 18th encounter at a great blue heronry - **Bald Eagle** dramatically flew into the marsh moments after I got my binoculars up to check the GBH nests. Amidst tremendous heron-squawking and dive-bombing by kingbirds and blackbirds, the eagle snatched a GBH nestling and flew away with it but he dropped the nestling almost immediately. The nestling fell into the water with a big splash and the eagle went back to terrorizing the other nest occupants. I later found the nestling some distance away hiding in marsh vegetation. Susan Joseph **Sharp-shinned Hawk**: 1/24 Bulls Head Rd FT (at our lunch place) – only report.

Cooper's Hawk: 1/4 RM, 1/7 DW both at Hopeland – only reports.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 2/3 Rockefeller Univ.Fls Sta. FT; 1/6 Rt 9 Wappinger KH; 4/7 Valkill LM,BMa; about 10 other reports.

Broad-winged Hawk: 1/8 Clinton “they nest here every year” BMa, 1/16 Hibernia Rd DK, only 2 other reports.

Shorebirds - Virginia Rail: 1-2 reported at HVRT Amenia BB, AMP,CP,DK; 1/29&30 Buttercup West SJ. **Common Gallinule**: 1/13 HVRT Amenia CP, DK,MR; 3/20 HVFT Amenia MR. **Sora**: heard/29 AT boardwalk Pawling KH.

Killdeer: 6/3 (family) Secor farm Robinson Ln.,1-3 in 4 other places BJM; 2/13 South Hills Mall KH; TSF - 14/14 incl. chicks, 2-4 daily RHGC, MP; 8/5 Rockefeller La. & 3/16 Canoe Hill Rd, Millbrook AMP; 4/17 DRT Titusville Rd – Rt 55 FT; 4 other reports.

Spotted Sandpiper: 1/11 Whortlekill, Hopewell Jct BJM; 1/11 Milan EShaw, only reports.

Least Sandpiper: 1/16 BBT/Secor farm pond, Robinson Ln.- bird was smaller than Killdeer's present BJM.

Gulls - Ring-billed Gull: 18/10 Beacon waterfront, 1/30 Walmart KH; 3 reports of 1-2.

Falcons - American Kestrel: 1/13 Lagrange ED; 1/27 Cary IES AMP – only reports.

Peregrine Falcon: 1/12 Waryas Park KH; 1/10 Mid-Hudson Bridge BMa – only reports.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 3/3 Rockefeller Univ. Fld. Sta. FT; 12 reports from Hopeland (by Chat seekers); 1-2 in 10 other places.

Black-billed Cuckoo: 2/7 Valkill LM, BMa; 1 ea at 6 other places.

Owls - Barred Owl: 3/2 ad fed 2juv Staatsburg, HRA/WH; 1 yg/14 Hopeland RM,JA; 2 in Salt Pt yards LM,BMa; 1 in Milan, 1/14-28 yd. Twn Poughkeepsie HRA/DTignanelli; 1/29 h yd. BAM.

Chimney Swift: 8/7, 4/14 Reese Park, 1-6 in 7 other places KH; 10/4 evening at Hopeland DW; 10/3 over ballgame Beacon; 30+ reports of 1-5 mostly in more populated area. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**: 4/24 Bulls Head Rd FT (Lunch); well reported at feeders and FTs.

Woodpeckers -All are well reported with young being fed by **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers** by most observers.

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Flycatchers - Good numbers noted for **Eastern Wood-Pewee**, **Eastern Phoebe** - had young noted, **Great Crested and Eastern Kingbird** - with nest noted by DK. **Olive-sided Flycatcher**: 1/8 Buttercup West LF – only report.

Acadian Flycatcher: 1/20 Cary/IES FT; 2/29 AT Pawling KH

– only reports.

Alder Flycatcher: 1/5 Hopeland CP,BMa,LM,AMP; 1/15 Hopeland PM,SBarth; 1/6 Cary IES BMa; 1/13 HVRT Amenia DK,CP.

Willow Flycatcher: reported 5th – 18th at Hopeland by several obs; 6/14 HVRT Amenia MR, also other reports of 1- 5 there 12th-20th; several other places.

Least Flycatcher: 3/3 Rockefeller Univ. FT, 1-3 found mostly in the eastern part of the county.

Vireo - Good numbers for Yellow-throated Vireo and Warbling Vireo having 1-4 observed, Red-eyed Vireo with up to 13 reported on FT's.

Blue-headed Vireo: 1/10 Norrie SP GC; 1/12 BB, 1/13 DK both on Deep Hollow Rd; 1/27 Vanderbilt, 2/29 AT boardwalk Pawling KH.

Fish Crow: 4/23 Hudson Plaza, 6 other places near the Hudson, plus Lakeside Pk Pawling KH; 1-2 many days shopping malls BAM; reported by several Chat searchers at Hopeland and Mills-Norrie SP; 1 each at Buttercup and Long Dock

Common Raven: 1/3 Rockefeller Univ. FT; 2/6 Cary IES BB; 2/12 HVRT Amenia AMP,BB; singles reported from 6 other places

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 4/9 Big Lots, Wappinger, 1-3 in 7 other places KH; several reports (1-5) from Cary DK,MF,AMP,BMa; reports along the Hudson at Beacon, Poughkeepsie, Norrie Point, Poets Walk; 4/18 Quaker Hill FT.

Bank Swallow: 12/16 Canoe Hill Rd gravel bank AMP; also reports of a few at Vanderbilt and Roosevelt Farm Trail.

Cliff Swallow: 40/14 30 active nests, 0/21 nests had been destroyed Hosner Mtn Rd CP,HT.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/23 Cary IES MF; 1/17 Cary IES on Barry Haydazs' Cary trail report.

Brown Creeper: 2/10 Mills-Norrie SP GC; 1/20 Cary IES FT; 2/23 Cary IES MF.

Carolina Wren: After the last 2 harsh winters, have their numbers declined? Apparently somewhat, but they are certainly not gone. May Census: 2012 – 49, 2013 – 62, 2014 – 43, 2015 – 17; 1/17 DRT/Gold Gym FT; 1-2 all mo. BAM; 1-2 occasionally MP;

Winter Wren: 1/13 Deep Hollow Rd DK – only report.

Marsh Wren: 15/21 Hudson at Tivoli Bays SR; also reported from Buttercup West SJ,MR.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: well reported, 4/3 Rockefeller Univ. FT; 1/7 Hopeland Sanc. BAM; 2/12 Hopeland, 1/22 StonyKill, 1/30 Dutchess Rail Trail KH; 7/14 HVRT Amenia MR; 1/20 Cary/IES FT; 6/23 Cary IES AMP.

Good numbers for Eastern Bluebird – BBT some doing good and some note so well, **Veery**, **Wood**

Thrush, **Northern Mockingbird** and young noted for **Robin** and **Catbird** by many observers.

Hermit Thrush: 1/5 Cary IES MF – only report on ebird & 1/29 AT in Pawling KH.

Brown Thrasher: 1ad/1yg/3, 1ad/10 & 1/19 BBT/Humeston farm, Wapp. BJM; 1/17 DRT/Gold Gym FT; 1-2 reported by several Chat seekers, plus reports from other places.

Cedar Waxwing: 8/3 Rockefeller Univ. Fls. Sta. FT; 7/5, 1/22 StonyKill, 1-5 in 8 other places KH; 19/17 incl 2 on nests DRT/Gold Gym FT; 14/20 Cary/IES FT; a third of all reports were from Chat seekers who encountered some in the parking lot, eating mulberries. Up to 21 counted. One found on nest JJ on ebird.

Warblers

Ovenbird: 6/3 Rockefeller Univ. Fld. Sta. FT; 13/20 Cary/IES FT; 10/29 AT Pawling KH; plus others in appropriate habitat. **Worm-eating Warbler**: 1/27 Vanderbilt, 1/29 Lakeside Pk KH; 6/20 Cary IES; about 10 others reported

Louisiana Waterthrush: 3/20 incl pair feeding a cowbird @ Wapp. Crk Cary/IES FT; 2 other reports from Cary plus 4 other places; 2/29 AT boardwalk Pawling, also Reese Pk, Locust Grove KH.

Blue-winged Warbler: 1-3 reported from BAM,BJM, & FT's; 3/12 Hopeland KH; up to 6 reported from Hopeland; other reports from about 10 other places.

Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid): 2/27 Buttercup East seen together "Black mask and throat, yellow cap and malar area" MR

Black-and-white Warbler: 1-2 in 7 places; 2/3 Rockefeller Univ.Fld Sta FT; 1/20 Cary/IES FT; 1/29 AT Pawling KH. **Common Yellowthroat**: up to 11 heard all over; 4/3 Rockefeller Univ. FT; 2/6 h Stone Church, Dover Plains, 2/7 Hopeland Sanc. BAM; 3/12 Hopeland, 4/29 AT boardwalk Pawling, also Bowdoin Pk, Lakeside Pk KH; 4/17 DRT/Gold Gym FT;

Nashville Warbler: 1/23 Cary IES lowlands MF – unusual in June.

Hooded Warbler: 1/3 Rockefeller Univ Fld Sta FT; 1/21 Old Forge Rd, Wingdale CP,HT; 8/29 AT in Pawling KH.

American Redstart: 14/3 pr./nest building Rockefeller Univ. Fls. Sta. FT; 12/17 DRT – Titusville Rd to Rt 55 FT; many widespread reports; 7/29 AT boardwalk Pawling, 1-3 in 8 other places KH.

Yellow Warbler: many widespread reports – mostly from Buttercup, Cary, HVRT, Hopeland, Peach Hill; 7/3 Rockefeller Univ. Fld Sta FT; 1/7, 3/14, 1/28 Reese Sanctuary, 10 other places KH; 5/17 DRT/Gold Gym FT. **Chestnut-sided Warbler**: 2/3 Rockefeller Univ. FT; several reports of 1-2 in about 10 places.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 2/29 AT Pawling KH – only report.

Pine Warbler: found at Cary IES, Hopeland, Roosevelt Farm Trail, Gardner Hollow Rd Beekman; 2/27 Vanderbilt, 1/29 Lakeside Pk KH.

Prairie Warbler: 1/3 & 2/21 Whortlekill/BBT BJM; 4/20 Cary/IES FT; 14/22 on a power line cut in Clinton BB; up to 5 at Hopeland; also several other places

Black-throated Green Warbler: 1-2 found at Cary IES, Rockefeller, Deep Hollow Rd.

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Yellow-breasted Chat: found at Hopeland on the 4th by Steve Bauer, last reported on the 18th – Many observers. Several saw and heard 2 birds. A few thought they may have heard a third. Curt McDermott was sure about a third and suspected a fourth.

Sparrows - Good numbers for **Eastern Towhee**, **Chipping-** with young noted and feeding cowbirds, **Song & Field Sparrow** with no young noted reported by most observers. **Savannah Sparrow:** 2-4 daily TSF, MP; 4/5 Rockefeller Lane, Red Hook AMP; 5 other places.

Swamp Sparrow: 8/20 adult fed 2 yg AT boardwalk Pawling; also several found at Tivoli Bays, Buttercup West, Cary IES lowlands, HVRT Amenia

White-throated Sparrow: 1 first reported on the 4th by MF and heard and seen by AMP, BB, BMa (and Ray) several times thru the 30th. He's always in the same location east of the north bridge in the Cary IES lowlands. We have no records of them nesting in the county, although their breeding range includes the Catskills and north of Albany area. This bird sang persistently and had very bright yellow lores, but we found no evidence (so far) of a mate, or nesting activity, or young birds. We do have records of a few non-breeding summer visitors in the past.

Scarlet Tanager: 8/7 Valkill BMa, LM; 3/20 Cary/IES FT; 3/27 Vanderbilt, 1-2 in 7 other places KH; well reported in or near woodlands.

Indigo Bunting: up to 10 reported at Hopeland; 10/5 Rowe Rd Milan MR; 6/22 power line cut Clinton BB; many other reports; 7/27 Vanderbilt, 6 other places KH.

Bobolink: 15/7 Burger Hill MR; 29/10 Wethersfield FT; 20/14 Schultz Hill Rd Pine Plains CP, HT; 5 other places 11/29 AT Pawling KH; 8 -10 daily TSF, MP.

Dickcissel: heard/29 AT Pawling KH.

Eastern Meadowlark: 1/5 StonyKill KH; 1/5 Hopeland CP, AMP, LM, BMa; 2/7 Burger Hill MR; 2/14 Strever Farm Rd CP, HT; also 1 ea in Rowe Rd, Milan and Sharon Station Rd. **Orchard Oriole:** 2/14 Long Dock KH; 1 or 2 greeted many Chat seekers when they arrived at the Hopeland entrance. Also at Buttercup, HVRT Amenia, Peach Hill, Wetherfield and other places.

Purple Finch: up to 8 at feeder all month Verbank BB; 4/30 Cary IES AMP; also several places on Quaker Hill TV.

Many common birds were reported in normal numbers in the usual places with many noting young: **Rock Pigeon**, **Mourning Dove**, **Belted Kingfisher**, **Blue Jay**, **American Crow**, **Tree Swallow**, **Black-capped Chickadee**, **White-breasted Nuthatch**, **House Wren**, **American Robin**, **Gray Catbird**, **European Starling**, **Northern Cardinal**, **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, **Red-winged Blackbird**, **Common Grackle**, **Brown-headed Cowbird (to many)**, **Baltimore Oriole**, **House Finch**, **American Goldfinch**, **House Sparrow**.

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Abbreviations: BBT – Bluebird Trail, HVR – Harlem Valley Rail Trail, TSF – The Southlands Farm, RHGC – Red Hook Golf Course

Field Trips: 6/3 Rockefeller Univ Fls Sta, 6/10 Wetherfield, 6/17 DRT/Gold Gym to Rt. 55, 6/20 Cary/IES 6/24 Stonehouse Woods Sanc.

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JULY 2015 RECORDS

There are few comings and goings in July. Our summer resident birds are well along with their parental duties, some quite obvious and others more secretive. Our July rainfall was below average, after the more than usually wet late May and June. Temperatures for July were about average.

Update to April records from Ann Gilbert. Her "white bird" (probably a junco) appeared in early February and was seen off and on into April. On the last few visits, it came up on the porch in her Red Hook yard.

Waterfowl – Summer residents were found in small flocks around the county's wetlands. Young **Canada Geese** were seen at Hillside Lake and 6 young **Wood Ducks** at Cary IES. A lone juvenile **Hooded Merganser** in the Crum Elbow Creek at Vanderbilt was seen by several during the first week. Up to 11 **Common Mergansers** were at Strever Farm Rd pond, Kennels Rd, Millbrook, and Cary IES.

Wild Turkey: reports of poults from Salt Point (16), Rhinebeck, and Wappingers

Double-crested Cormorant: more reports away from the Hudson than on the river – Mashomack, Upton Lake, Lake Walton, 1 or 2 each.

Marsh Birds -- Many reports of **Great Blue Heron** (most at Cruger Island Rd) and fewer of **Green Heron** (most at Schoolhouse Rd, Clinton). **Common Gallinules** continue at HVRT Amenia and **Virginia Rails** at HVRT and Buttercup.

Least Bittern: 1/11, 2/16 Cruger Island Rd, Red Hook BMA, LM, SJ

Great Egret: 1/24 CPe, 1/25 DK Salt Pt Tpk north of Clinton Corners

Hawks – **Bald Eagle** young have fledged and are learning how to fend for themselves. **Red-shouldered** and **Broad-winged Hawks** were seen through the month around Ring Rd, Salt Pt LM.

Black Vulture: most 9/5 Millerton, Reagan Rd HT/CP

Turkey Vulture: seen often overhead, most 25/27 Healey Bros-Chrysler, Beacon ES

Osprey: 1/4 Marist Longview Park HRA Leak; 1/16 Hudson near NY62 eagle nest HRA Courtney; 1/30 Hudson at New Hamburg HRA Schwartz. This year Ospreys are nesting along the Hudson at Kingston Point, which makes our summer sightings intriguing. Will they nest in Dutchess soon?

Shorebirds – BJM found some young Killdeer near the Dutchess airport and AMP counted 12 on Andrew Haight Rd. **Spotted Sandpipers** appeared in 4 places. The **Solitary Sandpipers** in Amenia is unusual for early July (2/8 SJ).

Gulls – The only collections of gulls were **Ring-bills** (19/16 Waryas Pk, 11/22 Beacon waterfront KH).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1/18 Cary IES - lowlands MF; 2/22 Dennings Pt FT

Owls – Two reports of **Eastern Screech-owls** and about 8 reports of **Barred Owls**, including DK's of one mobbed by crows at the Cary IES lowlands. **Great Horned Owls** are quiet now. No reports of them.

Chimney Swift: 15-40 near chimneys at Dennings Pt, Millbrook and Wappingers villages. Scattered reports of 1-5.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: well reported

Woodpeckers – All the resident woodpeckers had young birds reported: **Red-bellied**, **Downy**, and **Hairy Woodpeckers**, **Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers** and **Northern Flickers**.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 1/15 Slate Quarry Rd at Stissing View Rd JC

American Kestrel: MF reports a pair using a nest box at Cary IES lowlands; 5 others reported

Flycatchers – nesting noted for **Eastern Wood-pewee** and **Great Crested Flycatcher** and **Eastern Phoebe**.

Acadian Flycatcher: 1/15 Tamarack Pres, Rt 44 FT; 1/16 CARY IES, 1/17 Nuclear Lk KH

Alder Flycatcher: 1/13 Cary IES - lowlands EF; 1/16 CARY IES KH

Willow Flycatcher: found through the month at Cary IES and Buttercup, plus other places

Least Flycatcher: only a few reports from Cary IES, Buttercup, and HVRT Amenia

Vireos – A **Red-eyed Vireo** fed a cowbird at Tamarack Preserve FT.

White-eyed Vireo: 1/15 Andrew Haight Rd AMP

Blue-headed Vireo: 1/15 Tamarack Pres, Rt 44 FT

Fish Crow: 16/23 Rt 9 Wappingers, 4/10 Walmart KH; 11 other reports

Common Raven: 1-2 seen or heard in 11 places

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 2/22 Madam Brett Pk FT; also Cruger Island Rd, Buttercup, Stony Kill

Purple Martin: 1/16 female Cruger Island Rd, Red Hook LM, BMA, SJ; 6/12 Stanford SJ

Tree Swallow: congregations -- 200/5 HVRT Amenia CP,HT; 150/27 Buttercup MR

Bank Swallow: 17/4 Palumbo Quarry nesting in the silt banks TV; 8/22 Westage Business Center SF; 2 others

Barn Swallow: most at Hosner Mtn Rd (40) and Mashomack (24)

Cliff Swallow: 1/5 Millerton, Reagan Rd HT,CP; 35/19 Hosner Mtn Rd CP,HT

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/1 Cary IES BH; 1/20 Fowler Rd heard; very distinct nasal "toy horn" call EF

Brown Creeper: 1/16 Cary IES KH

Winter Wren: 2/15 Tamarack Pres, Rt44 FT; 1/29 Cary IES FT

Marsh Wren: at Buttercup West, Cruger Island Rd, Vanderburgh Cove, Madam Brett

Carolina Wren: 10 reports

Northern Mockingbird: 1/22 Buttercup mimicking all CAWR calls MR; usual numbers

Warblers -- Young reported for **Black-and-whites**, **Common Yellowthroats** (also 1 fed a cowbird), **American Redstarts**, and **Yellows**.

Worm-eating Warbler: 2/8 Town of Fishkill Pk, Beacon AL; 2/8 Vanderbilt NHS FT; 2 others

Louisiana Waterthrush: 4/15 Tamarack Pres, Rt 44 FT; 2/8 Vanderbilt NHS FT, others

Northern Waterthrush: 1/27 Buttercup MR

Blue-winged Warbler: most reports from Buttercup

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Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid): 1/23 Buttercup East MR In molt. Black through eyes, black throat, yellow malar and body, pale wing bars.

Hooded Warbler: 1/29 Berkshire Rd, Dover Plains AMP

Pine Warbler: 1/8 Vanderbilt NHS FT; 1/1 W Clove Mtn Rd, Union Vale BB

Prairie Warbler: 4/4 Roger Perry Preserve TV; MR found up to 7 at powerline cuts; 1/5, 1/12, 1/18 Schultz Hill Rd Pine Plains MR, CP, HT; also HVRT Amenia, Burger Hill

Black-throated Green Warbler: 5/7 Deep Hollow Rd, DK; 5/15 Tamarack Pres, Rt 44 FT; 1/16 CARY IES KH

Sparrows -- Young **Eastern Towhees** are well reported.

Chipping Sparrow young are around but less conspicuous.

Field Sparrow young seen in powerline cut. **Song Sparrow** young reported.

Savannah Sparrow: 1/5 Amenia CP, HT; 2/29 Berkshire Rd, Dover Plains AMP

Grasshopper Sparrow: 3/12-18 Schultz Hill Rd, Pine Plains CP, HT, LM, BMa, SJ, MR

Scarlet Tanager: 5/29 Cary IES FT one of the pairs was feeding a cowbird; 3/2 yd Stanford DK 2 males/1 female - one male observed collecting and feeding blackcaps to juvenile Cowbird. There were other reports of young tanagers being fed. Lots of reports of songs and sightings.

Bobolink: 16-20 daily Southlands MP; 25/3 Burger Hill Pk MR; 15/18 Schultz Hill Rd Pine Plains MR; also at Buttercup E

Eastern Meadowlark: 1/3 Burger Hill MR; 2/5 Amenia CP, HT

Orchard Oriole: 6/2 Allen Rd, Salt Pt BMa; 4/2 Tymor Pk AMP; 2/8 HVRT Amenia SJ; 1/22 Buttercup MR

Purple Finch: 2/4, 2/26 Purgatory Hill TV; male & female occasionally near Verbank BB

Many common birds were reported in normal numbers in the usual places: **Mute Swan, Mallard, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Herring Gull, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Eastern Kingbird, Yellow-throated Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Veery, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Ovenbird, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Swamp Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Baltimore Oriole, House Finch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow**

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After many sightings of Common Gallinules at HVRT Amenia during May, June, and July, birders took photos of downy young during the first few days of August. Same for Least Bittern at that location. A photo of a young bird was taken Aug 3rd.

Other highlights for the month are underlined.

Waterfowl – most reports from wetlands off Kennels Rd, Strever Fm Pd, HVRT Amenia, Hillside Lk of **Canada Goose**, **Mute Swan**, **Wood Duck**, **American Black Duck**, **Mallard**.

Blue-winged Teal: 1/15 HVRT Amenia DK – great photo showing blue wing patch. Very unusual in summer for recent times.

Hooded Merganser: 3/21 BMA; 4/26 FT; 5/28 CP all at wetlands off Kennels Rd, Millbrook

Common Merganser: 5/6 CIES DK

Wading Birds – usual reports of **Great Blue** and **Green Heron**.

Least Bittern: 3/3 HVRT Amenia flyover of young, identifiable photo AMP, BMA; 1/1, 1/12 Tivoli Bays / Cruger SR

Great Egret: 1 or 2 at Strever Farm pond 9th – 29th, most 4/29 DK; 1-2 in 4 other places. DF saw one in a pond at Coleman Station caught by a large snapping turtle. Unable to escape the bird eventually succumbed.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 2/22 Bowdoin Park estuary MFi; 1 immature seen there by several observers the next day.

Hawks – Usual reports for **Black Vulture**, **Turkey Vulture**, **Red-shouldered Hawk**, **Red-tailed Hawk**.

Osprey: reported on 3 different days from both Tivoli Bays and Dennings Pt/Madam Brett area. The club trip to Madam Brett watched the Osprey catch a large fish. We have a recent increase in summer sightings as the reports of nesting Ospreys approach our county.

Northern Harrier: 1/18 Andrew Haight Rd AMP; 1/30 Spackenkill flyover MK

Accipiters – only one **Sharp-shinned Hawk** report. **Cooper's Hawk** still at feeders. BJM reports one took a bath in her birdbath twice.

Bald Eagle: 4/16 Tivoli Bays JBNHS trip; 3/16 Bruzgul Rd, Union Vale JB; others seen along the Hudson.

Broad-winged Hawk: 2/5 Buttercup --West FT; 2/17 low over Clinton Corners PO Frank Margiotta; 4 others.

Marsh Birds -

Virginia Rail: one young observed along Sharon Station Rd, Amenia with parents 22nd-25th by SJ, CP, HT, AMP, DK. Photo by SJ.

Sora: 1/23-24 Sharon Station Rd, Amenia, found by AMP, photo by SJ.

Common Gallinule: The consensus was three broods of young were raised in the marsh along the HVRT Amenia. Chicks with adults were well photographed. On the 7th DF found 9 young with 2 adults, the youngest (tennis-ball sized) of the broods. Observed by AMP, DK, CP, HT, SJ, BMA through the 25th.

Shorebirds – The dry weather produced some good mudflats for the **Greater & Lesser Yellowlegs**, **Spotted & Solitary Sandpipers** this season.

Semipalmated Plover: 2/10 Millbrook School Rd DK

Killdeer: up to 30 in wetlands off Kennels Rd, Millbrook

Least Sandpiper: 1/8 building to 24/28 wetlands off Kennels Rd AMP, BMA, FT; on ponds along R199 SJ; Millbrook School Rd DK.

Mourning Dove: 41/3 Carnwath Farms KH, most by far out of the many, many reports.

Eastern Screech Owl: 1/28 Magdalen Island, Tivoli Bays SR

Barred Owl: heard calling in 5 locations

Great Horned Owl: heard calling in 4 locations

Common Nighthawk: 45/16 flying E to W, Wingdale 7:20 pm, SM; 8/29 Rt 82 S of Millbrook 7:00 pm CE; 1/28 Tivoli Bays SR; 15/30 at dusk Fishkill HRA Seymour

Eastern Whip-poor-will: 1/26 8 pm, called 4 times in yard! No mistaking who was vocalizing.... DK

Woodpeckers – Usual reports for **Red-bellied**, **Downy** and **Hairy Woodpeckers**, **Northern Flicker**, **Pileated Woodpecker**.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 3 each at Buttercup, Pawling Nature Reserve, Depot Hill Beekman

Falcons – no Peregrine reports?

American Kestrel: 2 reported on several dates from Cary IES Lowlands; 3/23 hunting from utility wires Morse Hill Rd DK; 1/18 attacked by an Eastern Kingbird on Andrew Haight Rd AMP

Merlin: 1/4 yd Clinton Hollow being chased from area by two Robins JS; 1/31 Olivet Univ Campus (former Harlem Valley Psych Center), Wingdale JA

Flycatchers -- No reports of Alder Flycatchers, but 9 reports of "Empidonax sp." They don't sing much this time of year, so IDs are tough. Usual reports for **Eastern Wood-Pewee**,

Eastern Phoebe, **Great Crested Flycatcher**.

Acadian Flycatcher: 1/13 Andrew Haight Rd DR.

Willow Flycatcher: 4/16 Tivoli Bays JBNHS trip (last and most), and 3 other places.

Least Flycatcher: most reports after mid-month; 2/29, 1/31 Depot Hill CP

Eastern Kingbird: many reports, last - 3/29 Tivoli Bays SR, most - 12/9 Buttercup MR; 11/8 HVRT Amenia AMP, BMA

Vireos – Usual reports for **Yellow-throated Vireo**, **Warbling Vireo**, **Red-eyed Vireo**.

White-eyed Vireo: 2/18 AMP, 3/26 FT both Andrew Haight Rd

Blue-headed Vireo: only 2 reports - 1/1 Tivoli Bays / Cruger SR; 2/14 Nuclear Lk KH

Philadelphia Vireo: 1/28 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP

Corvids – Usual reports for **Blue Jay**, **American Crow**, **Common Raven**.

Fish Crow: 5/10 Big Lots, Wapp, 4/28 Beacon waterfront, 5/30 Hannaford, Wapp, KH; all other reports are along the Hudson. No reports from village centers as we've had in prior months.

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Swallows – **Tree** and **Barn Swallows** are still here. Trees are in large congregations, several reports of 200+ at HVRT Amenia.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 15/25 Hillside Lk. BJM; 6/24 HVRT-Coleman Sta. to Downey Rd. JB; most other reports from Tivoli Bays

Barn Swallow: up to 70 daily tapering off to 30 by month end TSF MP; 20/16 Tivoli Bays JBNHS trip

Bank Swallow: 1/8 Buttercup MR

Brown Creeper: 1/2 Cary IES CP, HT; 1/6 Pawling Nature Reserve CP – only reports

Wrens – Usual reports for **House Wren**, **Carolina Wren**.

Winter Wren: 1/9 Pawling Nature Reserve AL

Marsh Wren: reports of 1-3 from Tivoli Bays, Buttercup West, and HVRT Amenia; last 1/25 HVRT Amenia DK

Thrushes and Mimics—Normal reports for **Veery**, **American Robin**, **Gray Catbird**, **Brown Thrasher**, **Northern Mockingbird**.

Eastern Bluebird: BJM reports several pairs with fledged young.

Hermit Thrush: 3/9 Pawling Nature Reserve AL; 1/20 Cary IES, Juvenile still with some spots on back and wings KH

Wood Thrush: 8/9 Pawling Nature Reserve AL; 3/31 Bowdoin Pk KH

Warblers – The only migrants were Nashville, Tennessee, Magnolia, and Parula. Yellow Warbler departed before month end. Normal reports for **Ovenbird**, **Worm-eating Warbler**, **Louisiana Waterthrush**, **Black-and-white Warbler**, **Common Yellowthroat**, **American Redstart**, **Chestnut-sided Warbler**, **Black-throated Green Warbler**.

Northern Waterthrush: 1/2 Buttercup SR; 2/15 HVRT - Amenia DK; 1/30 Dennings Pt AL

Blue-winged Warbler: 6/1 Buttercup MR; 3/30 Dennings Pt AL

Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid): 1/30 Buttercup MR (continued into Sept)

Tennessee Warbler: 1/27 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 1/29 StonyKill KH; 1/31 Depot Hill CP

Nashville Warbler: 1/21 Kennels Rd, Millbrook AMP, BMA; 1/29, 1/31 Depot Hill CP

Hooded Warbler: 5/6 Pawling Nature Reserve CP

Northern Parula: 1/30 Brothers Rd, Depot Hill CP, HT

Magnolia Warbler: 1/22 Buttercup West DK; 1/30 W Clove Mtn Rd, Union Vale BB

Blackburnian Warbler: 2/29 Depot Hill CP, only report.

Yellow Warbler: up to 5 reported, last on the 18th.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1/31 Depot Hill CP, only report.

Pine Warbler: 1/6 checked suet in yd, Ludlow Woods Rd DK; 1/20 Cary IES KH, only reports.

Prairie Warbler: 2/29 1 ad 1 imm Town Center Pk, Poughquag CP; 3 other places

Canada Warbler: Nuclear Lake, Buttercup, Pawling Nature Reserve, Andrew Haight Rd, Stanford yd

Sparrows – young birds noted for **Chipping**, **Field**, and **Song Sparrows** and **Eastern Towhees**. Usual reports for **Swamp Sparrow**. No Dark-eyed Junco reports.

Savannah Sparrow: 2/18 Andrew Haight Rd AMP, only report

Indigo Bunting: 6/2 Buttercup MR; counts declined until last report --1/18 Andrew Haight Rd AMP

Bobolink: up to 20 daily early month, tapering off to a few daily late month TSF MP; 12/2 Buttercup MR

Orchard Oriole: 1/8 Buttercup MR; 2/28 Dennings Pt AL; 1/31 Depot Hill CP

Purple Finch: 1/5 Buttercup-West FT; 1/26 Andrew Haight Rd. FT

Common birds reported from the usual places: **Ring-necked Pheasant**, **Double-crested Cormorant**, **Ring-billed Gull**, **Herring Gull**, **Great Black-backed Gull**, **Rock Pigeon**, **Chimney Swift**, **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**, **Belted Kingfisher**, **Black-capped Chickadee**, **Tufted Titmouse**, **White-breasted Nuthatch**, **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**, **European Starling**, **Cedar Waxwing**, **Scarlet Tanager**, **Northern Cardinal**, **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, **Red-winged Blackbird**, **Common Grackle**, **Brown-headed Cowbird**, **Baltimore Oriole**, **House Finch**, **American Goldfinch**, **House Sparrow**.

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FT – Waterman Bird Club field trip, **JBNHS** trip – John Burroughs Natural History Society field trip
Field trips –5th – Buttercup West, 8th – Locust Grove, 12th – Madam Brett and Dennings Point, 19th – Pond Gut, 26th – Andrew Haight Rd and wetlands off Kennels Rd

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SEPTEMBER 2015 RECORDS

The bird of the month was the **Buff-breasted Sandpiper**. Found on the 6th by Matt Rymkiewicz as birders gathered for the John Burroughs field trip at Greig Farm, it stayed until the 10th. It was in a public place and what could be easier to find than a bird on a short-grass soccer field. Many birders were able to see and photograph the bird. The last report was from Susan Joseph who found it on the 10th at 7:40am. This is only the third record for Dutchess County. They are regularly found in fall on the sod farms in the Black Dirt Region of Orange County and there have been a few small flocks of them on Long Island over the past few weeks.

Weather – The first two weeks were warmer (80s and 90s) than much of the summer had been. Continuing the summer's lack of rain, the only rain was an inch or two on the 10th-12th. Then nearly 3 inches fell on the 30th, raining out the field trip to Coleman Station rail trail.

Correction to August Records -

Sora: 1/22-24 Sharon Station Rd, Amenia, found and photographed by SJ.

Gadwall: 1/25 DRT KH

Blue-winged Teal: A flock stayed at Strever Farm pond from the 5th thru the 20th, peaking at 8 or 10 birds on the 13th. CP, HT, MR, SJ, EF, AMP. The males were out of their distinctive breeding plumage, so separating them from the Green-wings also there was a challenge. Also 1/13 Buttercup MR, 1/23 Tivoli Bays SR, 3/25 DRT KH, 3/30 The Fly DK.

Northern Pintail: 2/27 The Fly CP, HT; 4/30 The Fly DK
Green-winged Teal: At Strever Farm pond from the 3rd thru the 20th, peaking at 25, in various plumages. CP, HT, MR, SJ, EF, AMP. Also 4/30 The Fly DK.

Hooded Merganser: 4/3 Bontecou Wetlands, Millbrook AMP, CP

Common Merganser: 1/6 Cary IES - lowlands DK

Ruffed Grouse: 1/4 Sugarloaf Mt - red morph KH

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/13 The Vly, Pine Plains JA; 1/13 Dennings Pt AL

Double-crested Cormorant: 18/16 Reese Sanct KH; 7 of the 11 other reports are well away from the river.

Great Egret: Up to 4 still at Strever Farm pond thru the 20th. Last report 1/24 Dennings Pt MFi

Green Heron: most seen in the northern parts of the county. Last report 1/13 Buttercup MR

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1/7 Sprout Cr, LaGrange HRA Johnson

Black Vulture: Most - 74/30 Rt 216, Beekman, congregated in a field next to the road near Stormville Airport SJ.

Osprey: 4/5 Tivoli Bays / Cruger SR; 12 other reports

Northern Harrier: 2/26 Ludlow Woods Rd, Stanford DK; 1/6 Greig Farm JBNHS FT; 5 other places

Red-shouldered Hawk: 2/17 T of Pok yard HRA Lacher; 3/21 Stony Kill AL, 3/26 Stony Kill FT; other widespread reports

Broad-winged Hawk: 15/15 over Dover train station JW; kettle/20 over T/Pok HRA Lake; 7/17 Westage MN; 15-21/19 Buttercup FT, DK, MR; a few other reports of 1-2

Virginia Rail: 3/8 Sharon Stn Rd (marsh), Amenia DK, JR, photo of 2, a third was heard

Sora: 1/8 Sharon Station Rd marsh JR

Common Gallinule: x/8 Sharon Station Rd JR; 3/13 Sharon Stn Rd EF, from pond into reeds

Shorebirds – 12 species of shorebirds were recorded for the month. Strever Farm pond hosted the greatest variety of species for most of the month.

Semipalmated Plover: 2/3 Bontecou Wetlands AMP, CP

Killdeer: high counts - 97/10 SJ, 38/31 JA, 51/13, 41/20, 6/26 MR, all at Pine Plains Polo Field Rt 82.

Spotted Sandpiper: 3rd - 16th, most 4/3 Bontecou Wetlands CP

Solitary Sandpiper: 2nd - 20th, most 6/3 Bontecou Wetlands AMP

Greater Yellowlegs: 3rd - 26th, most 3/16 Strever Fm Rd AMP

Lesser Yellowlegs: 3rd - 26th, most 4/3 Bontecou Wetlands CP

Least Sandpiper: 3rd - 20th, most 29/3 Bontecou wetlands AMP, 13/8 Rt 199 farm pond, Pine Plns SJ

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: found on the 6th, last report morning of the 10th MR and many others – Rockefeller Lane soccer field at Greig Farm, Red Hook

Pectoral Sandpiper: 3/20 Strever Fm MR, CP, only report

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 1/2 Elk Ravine, Amenia FT, only report

Short-billed Dowitcher: 4/3 Bontecou Wetlands, Millbrook AMP - infrequently reported, unlike the Buff-breasted, these didn't stick around for others to see.

Wilson's Snipe: 2/3 Bontecou Wetlands CP, 1/26 Stony Kill FT, only reports

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1/1 Lakeside Pk KH; 1/5 Buttercup MR

Eastern Screech-owl: 1/5 heard early am Rhinebeck yd MP.

Barred Owl: 2/27 yd Stanford DK, Two, possibly 3, engaging in a "psychotic monkey babble" conversation during lunar eclipse! There were 4 other reports that night also. Did the owls react to the eclipse? Or did the eclipse bring more birders out to hear their usual activities? 10 reports on other dates.

Common Nighthawk: 1/4 300 Westgate Rd MN; 1/6 over Clinton Corners yd AP

Chimney Swift: Most - 12/12 RHGC MP.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 1/9 Vassar Farm FT. From E. Marr - Flying overhead, seen briefly by most of the group. Obvious large white patches in wings contiguous with white lower back and upper tail coverts. Rolling flight. Some in the group did see the red head. (Another bird was photographed at a feeder in the county earlier in the day) "???"

Falcons – We found more Merlins than Kestrels. Quite a change in the last decade.

American Kestrel: 1/5-7 TSF MP; 3/19 Buttercup West FT; only records

Merlin: 2/6 Greig Fm JBNHS FT; 1/9 Greig Farm SG; 9 individuals in other places

Peregrine Falcon: 1/11 Mount Beacon Pk JB; 2/25 Waryas Pk KH; 1/27 T/Pok yd WL - presumed migration - flying from NE to SW; only records.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: most 8/14 Mt Beacon to Sugarloaf Mt KH.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1/18 Gardner Hollow Rd, Beekman AMP – only report

Least Flycatcher: Last - 2/12 Depot Hill CP

Eastern Phoebe: Most - 20/23 Sharpe Reservation FT

Great Crested Flycatcher: last - 1/16 Peach Hill FT

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Eastern Kingbird: 1/3 Carvel Country Club JM; 2/6 Buttercup JM – an early departure

White-eyed Vireo: 2/16 Peach Hill FT – only report

Yellow-throated Vireo: 2/16 Peach Hill FT; last - 1/24 Depot Hill CP

Blue-headed Vireo: most reports betw the 21st AND 26TH. Plus 1/12 Depot Hill CP

Warbling Vireo: last - 2/18 Nuclear Lk AL; 1/19 Buttercup West DK

Philadelphia Vireo: 2/1 Lakeside Pk KH; 2/16 Peach Hill FT; 1/25 DRT KH; 2 other reports

Fish Crow: Most - 11/6 Reese Pk, 7/19 Big Lots KH.

Common Raven: Most - 3/26 Stony Kill FT

Horned Lark: 1/6 Greig Farm JBNHS FT

Swallows –Rough-winged, Bank, and Barn stayed later than usual.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 35/18 Roeliff Jansen Kill MUA JM – most and last

Tree Swallow: Most - 200/19 Buttercup West DK - Large flock (100 plus) continual stream southwards, another large "cloud" over the wetlands; last - 12/27 Rockefeller Ln CP, HT

Bank Swallow: 1/6 Greig Farm JBNHS FT – only report

Barn Swallow: 10/7 Rockefeller Ln JD swarming over the freshly tilled field; 2-4 daily up through mid-month TSF, then 1-2 through the 20th TSF MP.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/1 Lakeside Pk KH; 1/22 Orvis Sandanona, Millbrook AMP

Brown Creeper: 1/1 Lakeside Pk KH; 1/18 & 27 Roeliff Jansen Kill MUA JM

Winter Wren: 2/21 Depot Hill CP; 1/27 Buttercup West DK – only reports

Marsh Wren: 1/14 Cary IES - lowlands MF – only report

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 1/13 Buttercup MR; 1/25 DRT KH – only reports

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2/6 Buttercup JM; 1/26 Cary IES KH – only reports

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1st 1/19 Buttercup East MR; 3/24 Depot Hill CP

Eastern Bluebird: Most - 23/23 Sharpe Reservation, Fishkill FT; 10/26 Stony Kill FT

Veery: 4/5 Buttercup MR; last 1/26 Cary IES KH

Swainson's Thrush: first 2/7 Tivoli Bays AT; 1 ea at Stony Kill, Depot Hill, Buttercup West

Hermit Thrush: 1/6 Buttercup JM; 1/27 near Verbank BB

Wood Thrush: last 1/26 Stony Kill FT

American Robin: 51/15 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 20/25 yd Stanford DK feasting on Lindera benzoin berries (spicebush)

Gray Catbird: 85/12 Buttercup MR; 66/16 Peach Hill FT; 41/1 Lakeside Pk KH

Brown Thrasher: 4/16 Peach Hill FT; 1/19 Buttercup West FT; 2/22 Peach Hill DK

Northern Mockingbird: Most - 10/9 Vassar Fm FT; 4/25 Stony Kill CP

American Pipit: 1/7 Pine Plains Route 199 - Farm Pond SJ

Cedar Waxwing: Most - 100/19 Buttercup East MR; 50/29 Andrew Haight Rd AMP

Warblers --- No Yellow or Bay-breasted

Ovenbird: 1/4 Depot Hill CP; 1/17 Ring Rd - Contour La loop LM – only reports

Northern Waterthrush: 1/5 Buttercup MR; 1/7 Bard College, Ecology Field Stn AT; 1/11 Strever Farm pond JA – only reports

Blue-winged Warbler: 1/7 Hopeland Area PS – only report
Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid): 1/5 Buttercup East MR. Yellow breast & cap, black throat, black through eyes, etc.

Black-and-white Warbler: Most - 4/2 Elk Ravine, Amenia FT; Last - 1/26 Buttercup West SJ

Tennessee Warbler: Most - 3/12 Depot Hill CP; Last - 1/26 Rowe Rd MR

Nashville Warbler: 6 reported. Last for September - 1/24 StonyKill KH

Common Yellowthroat: widespread, most -- 12/12 Buttercup MR

American Redstart: Most - 9/9 Vassar Farm FT; 9/16 Peach Hill FT; Last - 2/25 DRT KH

Cape May Warbler: 1/23 Sharpe Reservation, Fishkill FT; 1/25 DRT KH – only reports

Northern Parula: 1st - 1/4 Depot Hill CP; 1/4 Mt Beacon KH; Most - 6/7 Hopeland Area PS Conservative estimate, moving through woods in group. Last - 3/27 Roeliff Jansen Kill MUA JM

Magnolia Warbler: Most - 4/16 Peach Hill FT; 21 reports

Blackburnian Warbler: 1/12 Depot Hill CP; 1/18 Depot Hill Rd, Poughquag AMP – only reports.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: Last - 1/16 Peach Hill FT

Blackpoll Warbler: 1/21 Stony Kill AL; 1/24 Depot Hill CP – only reports

Black-throated Blue Warbler: Most - 6/22 Buttercup ES; most reports after mid-month, last - 2/26 Rowe Rd MR

Palm Warbler: First - 1/21 Stony Kill AL; Most - 8/26 Rowe Rd MR; 8/25 Stony Kill CP

Yellow-rumped Warbler: First - 1/15 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; most - 7/26 Stony Kill FT

Pine Warbler: 1/24 StonyKill KH – only report

Prairie Warbler: 1/6 Buttercup JM; 1/12 Depot Hill CP – only reports

Black-throated Green Warbler: reported thru the month; most - 14/23 Sharpe Reservation, Fishkill FT; 8/16 Peach Hill FT

Canada Warbler: 1/2 Elk Ravine, Amenia FT; 1/9 Vassar Farm FT; 1/1 & 12 Depot Hill CP – only reports

Grasshopper Sparrow: 1/6 Greig Farm JBNHS FT; 1/24 Stony Kill MK, KH; 1/27 Haight Rd DR

Chipping Sparrow: flocking up now 15/23 Sharpe Reservation, Fishkill FT

Field Sparrow: most abundant at Buttercup - 13/12 MR

White-throated Sparrow: First - 1/21 Stony Kill AL; Most - 20/29 CIES AMP

Savannah Sparrow: Most - 5/25 Stony Kill CP, also at Andrew Haight Rd, Greig Farm, Vassar Farm.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 1/13 Buttercup West HT/CP; 1/26 Cary IES KH; 2/29 Andrew Haight Rd AMP – only reports

Swamp Sparrow: Most - 7/26 Cary IES KH

Eastern Towhee: 18/16 Peach Hill FT; around all month

Scarlet Tanager: Most - 3/1 & 4 Depot Hill CP; seen all month

Northern Cardinal: Still feeding yg in BJM's yard 5th-7th; most at Buttercup 12/5 MR

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Most - 40/11 Cary IES DR; 8/12 Cary IES - lowlands DK; 30/12 Buttercup MR

Indigo Bunting: Last - 2/29 Andrew Haight Rd AMP

Bobolink: 1/6 JBNHS FT; 2/7 HT Greig Farm – only reports

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Red-winged Blackbird: 600/21 Andrew Haight Rd AMP
approximately 200 in a row of trees, at least another 400 in the
wetlands area—took flight when a tractor trailer went by.

Eastern Meadowlark: 1/21 Andrew Haight Rd AMP; 1/26
Rhinebeck, Omega Institute JV – only reports

Common Grackle: Most - 200/21 & 25 Wappinger yd BAM;
300/29 Lagrange yd CV

Brown-headed Cowbird: 1000/27 Stanford, Willowbrook and
Prospect Hill Rd CP/HT Huge flock caused us to count first a
group of 10, then by 10s and then by 100s. 1000 is a
conservative estimate! We saw no other species mixed in.
Males and females in roughly equal numbers. They were
feeding on the ground among about 15 cows in a pasture.

Baltimore Oriole: 2/1 Lakeside Pk KH; 2/2 Elk Ravine,
Amenia FT; 1/1 & 12 Depot Hill CP – only reports

Purple Finch: 1/27 female Buttercup West DK

American Goldfinch: adults still feeding young during 1st wk
BAM yard

Reported in usual places and numbers -- Canada Goose,
Mute Swan, Wood Duck, American Black Duck, Mallard, Wild
Turkey, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned
Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Ring-
billed Gull, Herring Gull, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Ruby-
throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied
Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker,
Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker,
Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped
Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, House
Wren, Carolina Wren, European Starling, Song Sparrow,
House Finch, House Sparrow.
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FT – Waterman Bird Club Field Trip (2nd – Elk Ravine, 9th –
Vassar Farm, 16th – Peach Hill, 19th – Buttercup West, 23rd –
Sharpe Reservation, 26th – Stony Kill, 30th – rained out)

HRA – Hudson River Almanac

JBNHS FT – John Burroughs Natural History Society Field Trip

Abbreviations -- DRT - Dutchess Rail Trail, HVRT - Harlem
Valley Rail Trail, IES - Institute of Ecosystem Studies, RHGC -
Red Hook Golf Club, TSF - Southlands Foundation.

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October was a dry month with only one really rainy day and a total of less than two inches of rain. Temperatures ranged from 21 to 78, dipping below freezing on 8 nights.

Overall it was a pleasant month for birding with brilliant fall colors. 28 observers reported a combined total of 125 species.

OCTOBER SURPRISES. Get going, guys!

Scarlet Tanager: 1/5 Stony Kill Fm AL.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1/2 Mills-Norrie SP AL.

Indigo Bunting: 1/19 Andrew Haight Rd AMP.

Baltimore Oriole: 1/17 Ryder Pond AMP.

WATERFOWL. The old standbys dabbled about in good numbers; Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Wood Duck, American Black Duck, and Mallard. But we are now in the thick of fall migration. More noteworthy waterfowl sightings included:

Snow Goose: Only one report – 1/2 Andrew Haight Rd AMP.

Brant: Only two sightings: 40/3 Norrie Pt SJ; 1/9 Sylvan Lk CP, BMa, AMP, CV.

Blue-winged Teal: 5 rpts: earliest 8/4 Buttercup MR; latest 20/7 Montgomery Place FT.

Northern Shoveler: 4 rpts, 1-2 each. Earliest 1/11 The Fly CP/HT; Latest 2/19 Round Pond CV.

Northern Pintail: 25 reports, earliest 1/13 Ponderosa CV; highest 7/29 Mashomack AMP.

Green-winged Teal: 12 rpts, earliest 21/4 Buttercup MR; latest 1/31 Tivoli Bays SR; highest 45/7 Montgomery Place FT

White-winged Scoter: 1/31 Weeping Spruce Amenia DK, CP

Bufflehead: 7 rpts, earliest 2/17 Marist Boathouse CV; highest 10/27 HudsonR South Bay RM.

Bufflehead: Earliest, latest, & most numerous on Sylvan Lk (1/21, 8/31, 15/27 CP). 3 other rpts.

Hooded Merganser: 5 rpts 1-5 each. Earliest 1/21 The Fly CV; Latest 1/31 Weeping Spruce DK.

Common Merganser: 7 rpts 1-7 ea. First 1/11 Sylvan Lk CP

Ruddy Duck was the most numerous migrant, with earliest, latest, and highest counts on Sylvan Lk: 3/9, 38/30, 88/24 CP.

Conspicuously absent waterfowl species this month were **Gadwall** and **American Wigeon**.

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS. **Ring-necked Pheasant** was listed on 2 reports (Tivoli Bays SR and CIES KH), although these are almost certainly not “countable” as wild birds, since Dutchess is peppered with hunting preserves that regularly replenish their “huntee” population. **Wild Turkeys**, however, are as wild as their name implies and thus eminently countable; there were about a dozen reports of this species incl. 15/3 Morse Hill MR and 27/6 Andrew Haight Rd AMP.

LOONS, GREBES, CORMORANTS, HERONS. Only one

Common Loon was reported: 1/3 Norrie Point Susan Joseph.

Pied-billed Grebe, on the other hand, was plentiful with about 30 reports, the first being 2/2 at Ryder Pond AMP, 1/31 and 5/22 Sylvan Lk CP.

Double-Crested Cormorants were reported throughout the month, as were **Great Blue Herons**. **Great Egrets** continued to be easier to find than in past years: 3/2 Dennings Pt JJ; 1/27 Drake Lk DK; 1/19 Round Pond, Amenia CV; 1/27 Wappinger Lk CP

OSPREYS, VULTURES, EAGLES, AND HAWKS. Two Osprey sightings were not unexpected: 1/11 Bulls Head Rd CP/HT and 1/16 Dennings Pt JJ. **Black** and **Turkey Vultures** were reported in normal numbers throughout the month. There were about 20 reports of **Northern Harrier**, a healthy showing. **Broad-winged Hawk** had pretty much moved out by October, so we had only one report: 1/19 Andrew Haight Rd AMP. Other raptors were also reported in the usual numbers: **Sharp-shinned** and **Cooper's Hawks** (our common accipiters), **Red-shouldered** and **Red-tailed Hawks** (our common buteos), and **Bald Eagle**.

GALLINULES AND COOTS. **Common Gallinules** continued to delight and excite local birders. As many as 8 individuals on the 25th (adults and immatures) were found in the marsh along Lower Sharon Stn Rd, where breeding was confirmed with many photos during the summer. This is a nice story of a once-common species, grown absent (or nearly so) in the county, but now apparently making a strong comeback.

American Coots are returning north; there were 11 reports of 1-11 each, the first one being 1/17 Ryder Pd AMP and the last being 10/29 Wapp Lk DK. There will be many more in November!

SHOREBIRDS. A few were still passing through:

Killdeer: 10 rpts of 1-24 each, latest 1/25 Weeping Spruce Amenia HT; highest 24/4 Nottingham Rd Clinton Crs DK.

Greater Yellowlegs: 1/8 Ryder Pd CV.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 2/8 Ryder Pd CV; 1/11 Strever Fm CP/HT.

Wilson's Snipe: 1/5 Mills SP/Hopeland CV.

GULLS. Our most common one is **Ring-billed Gull**, as was borne out in 29 reports of 1-120 each. There were also 4 reports of **Herring Gull** and two of **Great Black-backed Gull** at the Beacon Waterfront (KH).

OWLS. Only two species of our beloved owls made their presence known. There was just one report of **Eastern Screech-Owl**, on a club trip to Vassar Farm on the 17th. No **Great Horned Owls** were reported, but 5 lucky birders heard or saw **Barred Owls** (CP, DK, CV, BB, KH).

KINGFISHER. **Belted Kingfisher** was on 24 reports.

WOODPECKERS (**Red-bellied**, **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**, **Downy**, **Hairy**, **Northern Flicker**, **Pileated**) were well reported. No **Red-headed Woodpeckers**, though!

FALCON reports included **American Kestrel** - 9; and **Peregrine Falcon** – 2 (1/3 Pitcher Ln SJ and 1/10,23 Waryas Pk KH), but **no Merlin**!

PASSERINES are our largest order of birds (the rest of the birds in this report are in this huge group). Many of these birds had already left by October, but some species remained in good numbers and others left a few laggards behind (check out OCTOBER SURPRISES at the beginning of this report).

FLYCATCHERS. All the flycatchers except **Eastern Phoebe** had already headed south by October. There were over 50 reports of this stalwart tail-pumper, the latest being 1/25 Indian Lake Rd Millerton HT. The highest counts were 9/4 Buttercup MR and 9/7 Montgomery Place FT.

VIREOS. **Red-eyed Vireo** is an abundant nester in Dutchess, and 3 were found at Montgomery Place during the club's October 7th

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field trip. Two other vireo species were reported; these birds were migrating through from the north. A **White-eyed Vireo** was spotted by Chet Vincent on the Dutchess County Rail Trail about 1/2 mile east of Rt. 55 during the club's October 14th field trip there. This bird was the most brightly colored White-eyed Vireo I've ever seen – what a treat! **Blue-headed Vireo** is a far more common fall migrant in our area but a very beautiful one, always eyeing its surroundings through stylish white spectacles contrasting with its steel blue face. There were 10 reports of this species, the earliest being 1/4 Buttercup MR.

CORVIDS, CHICKADEES, TITMICE, NUTHATCHES. These are mostly very common species and they occurred in the usual numbers all over the county. **Fish Crows** are continuing to grow in numbers from year to year. There were 21 reports of Fish Crow, with flocks as big as 85/8 Stony Kill CV and 30/20 Dennings Pt LM. **Common Raven**, too, is becoming more and more true to its "common" name. There were 29 raven reports of 1 to 10 each.

SWALLOWS. Just one: **Tree Swallow** 1/18 Greig Fm SR.

CREEPERS, AND WRENS. **Brown Creeper** is often a pleasant surprise in otherwise quiet, still surroundings. The only reports were 1/22,23 Lagrange yard CV and 1/24 Reese Pk KH. **House Wrens** go south for the winter and there were only 4 October reports, the latest one being 1/10 Depot Hill CP. **Winter Wrens** also migrate. This species breeds in a few places in Dutchess, but most of them go further north to nest and pass through here during migration. The only reports of **Winter Wren** in October were 1/4 Buttercup MR and 1/4 Mills SP/Hopeland SJ. But, wren-lovers, do not despair! Our cheery **Carolina Wrens** are now visiting feeders and singing loudly to brighten even the dreariest day. There were about 20 reports of Carolina Wren throughout the month.

KINGLETS. Two species occur in Dutchess. **Ruby-crowned Kinglets** pass through the area in good numbers each fall. There were about 50 reports of 1-10 each, the earliest being 1/2 yd Stanford DK. **Golden-crowned Kinglets** migrate through here as well, but this species can be found in Dutchess throughout the winter. There were 8 reports of 1-2 Golden-crowned Kinglets, the first being 2/4 Buttercup MR.

THRUSHES AND MIMICS. This group is a mixed bag. Some are absent in winter (with the occasional exception). These include **Hermit Thrush**, **Wood Thrush**, **Gray Catbird**, and **Brown Thrasher**. There were 11 October reports of **Hermit Thrush**, the first being 1/4 Mills SP/Hopeland SJ, with other reports right through the 31st. The last **Wood Thrush** report was 1/24 Redwing LaGrange AMP. **Gray Catbird** reports were quite numerous – 36 rpts of 1-12 each, the last one being 1/26 Buttercup West CV. **Brown Thrasher**, which is never all that common, was reported only twice: 1/7 Montgomery Place FT and 1/14 Andrew Haight Rd DK.

Others in this group can be found throughout the winter: **Eastern Bluebird**, **American Robin**, and **Northern Mockingbird**. Bluebirds and robins flock together as they search for and consume ripe berries on bushes and trees. **American Robins** can appear in huge flocks in the fall, as was the case on 10/20, when Chet Vincent found 125 of them on Rombout Rd. **American Robin** appeared on 65 reports. **Eastern Bluebird** was on 75 reports of 1 to 16 each. **Northern Mockingbirds** are found in smaller numbers; there were 27 reports of 1 to 3 each.

EUROPEAN STARLING: 53 rpts. 500/2 Tamarack Lk DK.

WAXWINGS. **Cedar Waxwings** have been easy to find this year. This month there were 45 reports of 1 to 152 each.

WARBLERS. With a sigh, we must say goodbye to most of these beautiful gems. The ones we see in October are mostly wearing their drabber "confusing fall" plumage. Still, we love to see them:

Ovenbird: 1/8 Greig Fm SR.

Tennessee Warbler: 1/15 Dennings Pt AL; 1/14 Dutchess Rail Trl -Titusville Rd. to Rt. 55 FT; 1/2 Mills-Norrie SP SR.

Nashville Warbler: 1/4 Buttercup MR; 1/2 US-NY-Salt Pt-203 Ring Rd BMA.

Common Yellowthroat: 15 rpts of 1-4 each. 1/27 Stony Kill DK.

Magnolia Warbler: 1/8 Buttercup West BMA.

Bay-breasted Warbler: 1/2 Mills-Norrie SP SR.

Blackpoll Warbler: 2/15 Dennings Pt AL; 1/14 Ludlow Woods Rd DK.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 2/4 Buttercup MR; 2/22 yd Stanford DK; 1/2 Mills-Norrie SP SR; 1/5 Stony Kill Fm AL.

Palm Warbler: 32 rpts of 1-12 each. Earliest 3/2 Mills-Norrie SP SR; also 12/5 Mills/Hopeland CV; 12/24 Stony Kill Fm BB.

Yellow-rumped Warbler (our winter warbler): 26/15 Dennings Pt AL; 78/22 Andrew Haight Rd AMP; 35/24 Redwing LaGrange FT; 25/12 Rowe Rd MR.

SPARROWS. There were about 50 reports of **Chipping Sparrow**, the highest being 26/11 CIES DK and the latest one 3/29 Sylvan Lk CP. There were 24 reports of **Field Sparrow** throughout the month. The first **Fox Sparrow** report was 1/25 Reagan Rd Millerton AMP. **Dark-eyed Juncos** started showing up early – Debi Kral reported 3/2 in Stanford, and the highest count was 45/25 Reagan Rd Millerton AMP. There were 14 reports of **White-crowned Sparrow**, 80 reports of **White-throated Sparrow**, and 90 reports of **Song Sparrow**. Less common sparrows in October are:

Vesper Sparrow: 2/17 Greig Fm SR; 1/18 Greig Fm SR; 2/24 Stony Kill Fm EEC BB; 2/24 Stony Kill KH.

Savannah Sparrow: 15 rpts of 1-16 each.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 12 rpts of 1-3 each. Latest 1/23 BMA.

Swamp Sparrow: 24 rpts of 1-10 each. Latest 1/29 CV.

Eastern Towhee: 20 rpts of 1-5 each. Latest 1/25 AMP.

ICTERIDS/BLACKBIRDS. **Red-winged Blackbirds** were heading south in numbers. The biggest flock was 300/29 HVRT Sharon Stn CV. **Eastern Meadowlark** appeared on 3 reports: 2/19 Andrew Haight Rd AMP; 1/8 Stony Kill Fm EEC CV; 1/27 Wingdale AD. **Common Grackle** and **Brown-headed Cowbird** were in normal numbers (including a flock of 200 cowbirds on Morse Hill Rd MR). There were 6 reports of **Rusty Blackbird**, of 1-11 birds each.

FINCHES. **House Finches** and **Goldfinches** were plentiful as usual. **Purple Finch** is tougher than usual to find this year, with only 3 reports in October. Two lucky birders found the first **Pine Siskins** of the season: 1/8 Andrew Haight Rd AMP; 2/25 Reagan Rd Millerton AMP; 1/10 near Verbank BB

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Abbreviations: CIES: Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

NOTE: Weeping Spruce Preserve (aka “Church Pond”) is in the village of Amenia on Lavelle Rd.

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NOVEMBER 2015 RECORDS

The bird of the month was an American Golden Plover, found by Chet. Cackling Goose was seen in a few northern county areas as was the Gr. White-fronted Goose. Our temperatures were 77 degrees on 9th to normal for the rest of the month.

Gr. White-fronted Goose: 1/7 Thompson Pd., No. Dutchess Waterfowl FT; 1/12 Lk Rd, Pine Plains AMP; 1/19 Sharon Stn Rd, Amenia CV, AMP; Most likely same bird observed on multiple occ. in northern Dutchess since November 7th.

Snow Goose: 1/17 Mashomack CV; 1/20 Strever Fm Rd pd, Pine Plains CV; 1/27 Lavelle Rd Pd, Amenia, AMP; x/30 2 V's Millbrook TLake/HRA.

Canada Goose: 147 records, avg 227 ea: 5,535/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; x/10 Wapp. Lk. MK; 60/10 Lk. Onaid, 10/13 Hillside Lk. BJM; 50-75 most days TSF (71/8) MP; (Max: 3530/7 Sharon Stn Rd, FT); 1000/30 Round Pd, Amenia CV.

Cackling Goose: 1/7 Lavelle Rd Pd, Amenia, No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 1/11 Round Pd Amenia CV; 1/22 Lavelle Rd Pd, Amenia CP, HT; 1/28 Wilcox County Pk JM.

Brant: 1/6 Mashomack CV.

Mute Swan: 44 rec. avg 3 ea: 9/1 Round Pd, Amenia BMA, AMP; 2/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 1/10 Lk. Onaid, 7/16 Wapp. Lk. BJM.

Wood Duck: 24 rec. avg 5 ea: 7/7 Thompson Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 14/4 Ryder Pd AMP, BMA, LM; 1/24 Drake Lk LM.

Gadwall: 11 rec. avg 3 ea: 5/7 The Fly & Round Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 6/11 Round Pd Amenia CV; 2/26 Sylvan Lk CP; 2/30 Sheffield Hill Rd Millerton CV.

American Wigeon: 12 rec. avg 4 ea: 5/3 Drake Lk BMA; 3/7 The Fly & Thompson Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 8/24 Drake Lk LM; 2/27 Carvel Country Club JM

American Black Duck: 47 rec. avg 11 ea: 62/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 35/8 The Fly MR; x/17 Wapp. Cr. TLake/RHA; 12/30 Round Pd, Amenia CV; x/30 Wapp. Cr. TLake/HRA.

Mallard: 127 rec. avg 16 ea: 263/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT 81/7 Thompson Pd); x/10 Wapp. Lk. MK; 20/11 pd. Clover Branch Rd., 6/16 Wapp. Lk., 7/16 Green Pd/Jekoce Lk. BJM; x/30 Wapp. Cr. TLake/HRA.

Mallard (Domestic type): 1/29 Twin Island Lk CP, HT.

Northern Shoveler: 5 rec. avg 3 ea: 3/7 Round Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 3/19 Round Pd, Amenia CV, AMP.

Northern Pintail: 18 rec. avg 7 ea: 1/1 Round Pd, Amenia BMA, AMP; 9/7 The Fly & Thompson Pd., No. Dutchess Waterfowl FT; 16/22 The Fly CP; 4/30 Round Pd, Amenia CV.

Green-winged Teal: 23 rec. avg 10 ea: 8/7 The Fly, Thompson Pd. & Round Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 75/13 ButtercupW CV; 16/13 Thompson Pd SR; 4/30 Round Pd, Amenia CV.

Ring-necked Duck: 49 rec. avg 22 ea: 2/2 Sylvan Lk CP; 183/5 Ryder Pd DK; 88/7 Rider Pd., Round Pd, & Thompson Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 50/29 South Rd pd, Millbrook BB; 4/30 Round Pd, Amenia CV.

Greater Scaup: 2/18 Mills Mansion FT; 1/22 Hunns Lk CP, HT; 17/30 Wapp. Cr. TLake/HRA..

Lesser Scaup: 1/14 Sylvan Lk CP.

Bufflehead: 20 rec. avg 5 ea: 10/6 Sharpe Reservation TK; 5f/7 Hunn's Lk., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 19/9 Sharpe

Reservation, Fishkill FT; 5/21 Tivoli Bays / Cruger SR; 1/24 Sylvan Lk AMP.

Hooded Merganser: 19 records, avg 6 ea: 8/1 Round Pd, Amenia BMA, AMP; 13/7 Round Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 20/13 Hillside Lk. BJM; 7/29 Wappinger Lk KH; 18/30 Round Pd, Amenia CV; 5/30 Wapp. Cr. TLake/HRA.

Common Merganser: 28 rec. avg 7 ea: 11/1 Round Pd, Amenia BMA, AMP; 9/7 Round Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 1f/10 Wapp. Lk. MK; 3/16 Wapp. Lk. BJM; x/17 Wapp. Cr. TLake/RHA; 13/22 Hunns Lk CP, HT; 34/24 Wappinger Lk KH; 16/30 Round Pd, Amenia CV; 24/30 Wapp. Cr. TLake/HRA.

Ruddy Duck: 35 rec. avg 15 ea: 22/1 Round Pd, Amenia AMP, BMA; 23/5 Sylvan Lk DK/HRA; 30/7 Round Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 3/10 Lk. Onaid BJM; 31/15 Sylvan Lk CP; 40/21 Round Pd Amenia CV; 4/23 Redwing Bkmn CP; 15/30 Round Pd, Amenia CV.

Ring-necked Pheasant: 1/7 Route 82, Stanfordville FT; 1/7 The Fly DK; 1/18 Shuman Rd, Millbrook AMP. Probable released birds.

Wild Turkey: 4 rec. avg 4 ea; 8/4 Wilkinson Trl, Hudson Highlands DL; 30/13 yd, Twn Fishkill DAnderson/HRA; 3/22 Freedom Pk PIVAl CV.

Pied-billed Grebe: 33 rec. avg 2 ea: 1/1 Ryder Pd BMA; 2/5 Sylvan Lk DK/HRA; 5/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 5/13 Wappingers Lk KH; 2/29 Twin Island Lk BB, CP, HT.

Double-crested Cormorant: 11 rec. avg 3 ea: 40/5 Cobalt Lk. Twn Pok. TLake/HRA; 1/7 No. Dut. Waterfowl FT; 14/8 Beacon Waterfront Pk FB; 2/10 Wapp. Lk. MK; 1/12 Hunns Lk DK; 1/30 Dennings Pt AL.

Great Blue Heron: 50 rec. avg 1 ea: 1/1 Buttercup MR; 5/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 7/9 Tivoli Bays SR; 2/10 Wapp. Lk. MK; 1/11 pd. Creamery Rd., 1/13 Hillside Lk. BJM; 1 every few days early mo. MP; Last date 29th - 2 records.

Black Vulture: 12 rec. avg 10 ea; 6/4 Tivoli Bays SR; 67/7 Millbrook Schl Rd. DK; 1/8 Beacon Waterfront Pk FB; Last date 27th - 2 records.

Turkey Vulture: 26 rec. avg 4 ea: 2/1 Dover Plains DK; 2/3 Jackson Rd.; 1/6 Myers Corners Rd. BJM; 34/4 Tivoli Bays SR; 1/9 over yd. BAM; 1-2 every few days early mo., MP; 15/30 Dennings Pt AL

Osprey: 1/5 Dennings Pt - perched nearby in a snag along the cove. Another person at the site told me he saw this osprey hunting the cove, successfully, the past three days JJ.

Bald Eagle: 32 rec. avg 1 ea: 1Ad/3 Casperkill Cr/Hudson river TLake/HRA; 2/7 Pine Plains (near Conklin Hill Rd) DK; 2/7 Tamarack Lk DK; 3/7 Round Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 3/10 Shaughnessy Rd, Lagrangeville CV; 1ad/2imm/17 Wapp. Cr. TLake/RHA; 1/30 Dennings Pt AL.

Northern Harrier: 17 rec. avg 1 ea: 1/1 Dover Plains DK; 2/3 Tivoli Bays/Cruger SR; 1/4 over Bontecou Swamp, Kennel Rd. BAM; 4/4 Thompson Pd CV; 1/25 Gretna Rd near Travis Rd, Pleasant Valley CV.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 12 rec. avg 1 ea: 1/1 Buttercup MR; 1/27 Klara Sauer Trl, Beacon KH.

Cooper's Hawk: 15 rec. avg 1 ea: 1/1 Dover Plains DK; 2/6 Mashomack CV; 1 every few days, hanging out near my feeder MP; 1/3 yd. & prob. other days BAM; 1/27 Lavelle Rd Pd, Amenia AMP.

Northern Goshawk: 1/14 seen spiraling down to woods/yard & noise changed its mind, Wapp. TLake/HRA.

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Red-shouldered Hawk: 4 rec. avg 1 ea: 1/4 HVRT--Mechanic St. to Sharon Stn Rd. FT; 1/17 Slight Fm, Overlook Rd, Poughkeepsie CV.

Red-tailed Hawk: 75 rec. avg 2 ea: 9/4 Dover Plains DK; 2/5 & 9 over yd. BAM; 2/6 Myers Corners Rd., 2/11 Tac. St. Pkwy betw. Rt.44 & Hibernia Rd. BJM; 5/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 1-2 most days, also reg. seen TSF and RHGC, MP; 1/30 HVRT Amenia CV.

American Coot: 12 rec. avg 2 ea. 3/2 The Fly DK; 3/7 The Fly, No. Dut Waterfowl FT; x/10 Wapp. Lk. MK; 4/13 Wappingers Lk - Veterans Pk KH; 2/27 Stissing Pd JM.

American Golden-Plover: 1/4 CV, AMP, DK, LM, BMA, CP, SJ, 1/5 AMP, DK, 1/6 DH – all Ryder Pd. Found by Chet Vincent at 2:30pm. It was broadcast to members by Carena Pooth via the Ralph T Waterman Bird Club's PEEPS (texting media). Several observers provided good descriptions and photographs. This is our first November record.

Killdeer: 14/3 Drake Lk BMA

Greater Yellowlegs: 2/2 Mashomack CV; 2/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 2/2 Mashomack Preserve Club (Private), Pine Plains BMA; 1/5 Tivoli Bays SR.

Ring-billed Gull: 46 rec. avg 52 ea: 134/1 McEnroe Compost AMP, BMA; 1/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 700/29 Sylvan Lk CP; (CP/29: Counted them by ones & twos. They appeared to be settling in for the night, a few more flying in every few minutes just before sunset).

Herring Gull: 12 rec. avg 14 ea: 11/1 McEnroe Compost AMP, BMA; 100/29 Beacon Waterfront Pk CP, HT.

Great Black-backed Gull: 5 rec. avg 4 ea: 3/8 Beacon Waterfront Pk FB; 11/20 Beacon Waterfront Pk CV; 5/29 Beacon Waterfront Pk HT, CP.

Rock Pigeon: 28 rec. avg 12 ea: 27/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 1/21 McEnroe Compost CV (Observed for past two weeks. Associating with gulls. Looks albino); 60/25 Morgan Lk Pk KH; 5/29 Pine Plains, Rt 82 at Conklin Hill Rd HT, CP.

Mourning Dove: 41 rec. avg 4 ea: 5-7/1-19 yd. BAM; 4/1 Dover Plains DK; 4-8 daily yd. MP; 12/14 yd LaGrange CV.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 6 rec. avg 1 ea. 1st Date 2nd - 3 records. 1/17 Strever Fm Rd, Pine Plains (Red phase seen here 17th & on November 2nd; Gray phase seen in same cavity on November 12th) CV; 1/27 Dennings Pt KH.

Great Horned Owl: 1/14 yd. BMA.

Barred Owl: 1/7 h @ 4:30am yd. AJM; 1/11 Ludlow Woods Rd, Stanford DK; 2/24 yd. BMA; 1/27 Lavelle Rd Pd, Amenia AMP.

Belted Kingfisher: 44 rec. avg 1 ea: 3/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 1/11 Red Hook, MP; 1/16 Wapp. Lk. BJM; 2/30 Round Pd, Amenia CV.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 90 rec. avg 2 ea. 2/1-19 yd. BAM; 8/18 Mills Mansion FT; 8/25 Vassar College FT; 1-2 most days yd. MP.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 23 rec. avg 1 ea. 1/1 Amenia AMP; 3/25 Vassar College FT; 1/30 yd Fishkill ES.

Downy Woodpecker: 85 rec. avg 2 ea. 1-2 daily yd. MP; 2/1-19 yd. BAM; 2/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 7/25 Vassar College FT

Hairy Woodpecker: 37 rec. avg 1 ea. 1/19-20 yd. MP; 1-2/1-19 yd. BAM;

Northern Flicker: 31 rec. avg 2 ea. 1/1 yd. BMA, 1/5-19 most days yd. BAM; 3/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 1/8 TSF, MP; 5/25 Dennings Pt MCA.

Pileated Woodpecker: 32 rec. avg 1 ea. 1/2 Sylvan Lk CP; 1/1-19 most days yd. BAM; 1/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 4/18 Mills Mansion, Staatsburg FT; 1 every sev. days MP; 2/27 Thompson Pd CV.

American Kestrel: 7 rec. avg 1 ea. 1/1 Salt Pt Tpk (Rt17) & Market Ln BMA; 1/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 1/30 Sharon Stn Rd (Extension), Amenia CV

Merlin: 1/3 Tivoli Bays/Cruger SR; 1/17 Dennings Pt AL; 1/21 Stony Kill & 1/25 Cannon St, Poughkeepsie KH.

Peregrine Falcon: 1/3 Shadows Restaurant Pking Lot, Poughkeepsie CV; 1/4 Dover Plains & 1/19 Bethel Cross Rd, Pine Plains DK.

Blue Jay: 111 rec. avg 4 ea. 3-5/1-19 yd. BAM; 19/4 HVRT--Mechanic St. to Sharon Stn Rd. FT; 2/7 No. Dutchess Waterfowl FT; 4-8daily yd. MP;

American Crow: 103 rec. avg 54 ea. 4000/3 Shadows Restaurant Pking Lot, Poughkeepsie CV; 7/7 No. Dutchess Waterfowl FT; 1-2 daily yd. MP; 150/30 Dennings Pt AL.

Fish Crow: 5 rec. avg 3 ea. 1/1 McEnroe Compost BMA, AMP; 7/27 Beacon Waterfront Pk KH.

Common Raven: 20 rec., avg 1 ea. 2/7 Buttercup/pair near Rt 82 MR; 1/7 Thompson Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 1/13 yd, Twn Fishkill DAnderson/HRA.

Black-capped Chickadee: 94 rec. avg 4 ea. 3/1-19 yd. BAM; 2/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 2-4 daily yd. MP; 23/25 Vassar College FT.

Tufted Titmouse: 59 rec. avg 4 ea. 3-4/1-19 yd. BAM; 20/25 Vassar College FT; 2-4 daily yd. MP.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/18 Andrew Haight Rd AMP.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 80 rec. avg 2 ea. 2/1-19 yd. BAM; 3/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 2-4 daily yd. MP; 11/18 Mills Mansion, Staatsburg FT.

Brown Creeper: 13 rec. avg 1 ea. 1/7 yd LaGrange CV; 3/25 Vassar College Trls MB.

Winter Wren: 1/30 Dennings Pt AL.

Carolina Wren: 29 rec. avg 1 ea. 1/1 Amenia AMP; 1-2/1-19 yd. BAM; 1/7 Thompson Pd., No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 3/16 Rombout Rd PIVAl CV; 1/19-20; 1/28 yd. MP; 1/30 yd Fishkill ES.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 5 rec. avg 2 ea. 6/1 Buttercup MR; 1/1 yd. BAM; 2/26 Reese Sanctuary KH.

Ruby-Crowned Kinglet: 5 rec. avg 1 ea. 1/2 Madam Brett Pk AL; 2/25 Vassar College FT; 1/27 Dennings Pt MCA.

Eastern Bluebird: 39 rec. avg 3 ea. 1/3-19 most days yd.

BAM; 1-2 every few days, 4/27; also 2/1 TSF & Hopeland, MP; 3pr/9 yd. Twn Fishkill ASramek/RHA; 10/24 Redwing Bkmn CP3/30 HVRT Amenia CV.

American Robin: 70 rec. avg 23 ea. 50/1 Buttercup MR; 6/1 Hopeland, MP; 500/4 Thompson Pd CV; 1/7 No. Dutchess Waterfowl FT; 2/18 bird bath yd. BAM; 50/30 HVRT Amenia CV.

Northern Mockingbird: 29 rec. avg 1 ea. 4/3 Rombout Rd PIVAl CV; 1/8 TSF, MP; 1/30 near Verbank BB.

European Starling: 47 rec. avg 37 ea. X/1 Dover Plains DK; good numbers all mo. TSF, 150+/1 TSF, MP; 300/19 Stony Kill AL.

American Pipit: 6/11 McEnroe Compost CV.

Cedar Waxwing: 22 rec. avg 16 ea. 100/1 Buttercup MR, 30/1 Hopeland, MP; 1/7 bird bath yd. & h occ. BAM; lg flock/17 yd. Twn Pok. D/EManning/HRA; 1/27 Dennings Pt MCA.

Palm Warbler: 1/9 6097 Route 82, Stanfordville BMA.

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Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1/25 Vassar College FT; 1/27 Twin Island Lk JM.

Eastern Towhee: 1/8 Beacon Waterfront Pk FB.

American Tree Sparrow: 10 rec. avg 3 ea. 1/6 Tivoli Bays SR; 1/9 Andrew Haight Rd. DK/RHA; 6/24 Overlook Pk & 3/30 HVRT Amenia CV.

Chipping Sparrow: 1/2 Dennings Pt AL.

Field Sparrow: 2/1 TSF, MP; 1/21 Teats Cemetery JM.

Fox Sparrow: 2/7 Buttercup - one singing MR.

Vesper Sparrow: 1/1 Dover Plains DK.

Savannah Sparrow: 1/25 Salt Pt Tpk Clinton Crs CV.

Song Sparrow: 40 rec. avg 3 ea. 2/1 Dover Plains DK; 1/5-6 yd. BAM; 1/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 10/10 Allen Rd, Salt Pt BMa; 1/27 Dennings Pt MCa.

Swamp Sparrow: 2/6 Tivoli Bays & 1/9 Tivoli Bays SR.

White-throated Sparrow: 61 rec. avg 5 ea. 3/1-19 yd. BAM; 12/1 Hopeland; 1/27 yd. MP; 2/4 Dover Plains DK; 2/9 Dover Plains DK; 25/25 Dennings Pt MCa; X/30 Dennings Pt AL.

Dark-eyed Junco: 91 rec. avg 9 ea. 5/1-19 yd. BAM; 18/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 2-6 daily yd. MP; 56/9 Sharpe Reservation, Fishkill FT.

Northern Cardinal: 46 rec. avg 3 ea. 5-6/1-19 yd. BAM; 1-2 occasionally yd/ MP; 9/25 Vassar College FT.

Red-winged Blackbird: 29 rec. avg 53 ea. 6/1, 2/8 yd. MP; 500/9 Tamarack Lk DK; 3/30 HVRT Amenia CV.

Rusty Blackbird: 6 rec. avg 11 ea. 1/13 Thompson Pd SR; 26/28 Stissing Pd JM; 5 of the 6 reports are from Thompson/Stissing/Twin Island area & the 6th from Tivoli Bays BB.

Common Grackle: 14 rec. avg 140 ea. 40/3 Drake Lk BMa; 1200/16 Rombout Rd PIVa CV; 1/7-16, 3/18 yd. BAM; 1/30 near Verbank BB.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 3/29 near Verbank & 2/30 near Verbank BB; 6/30 Reagan Rd Millerton CV.

blackbird sp. 5 rec. avg 343 ea. 16/4 HVRT--Mechanic St. to Sharon Stn Rd. FT; 600/8 Tamarack Lk (Brown-headed Cowbird was the predominant species in a mixed flock with starlings, Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles) SJ; 500/12 Strever Fm Rd pd, Pine Plains, 500/16 Rombout Rd PIVa & 100/20 Lk Rd, Pine Plains CV.

Purple Finch: 8 rec. avg 2 ea. 3/4 HVRT--Mechanic St. to Sharon Stn Rd. FT; 4/19 StonyKill AL 1/30 yd Fishkill ES.

House Finch: 36 rec. avg 4 ea. 4/1-19 yd. BAM; 2-4 daily yd. MP; 10/30 near Verbank BB.

Pine Siskin: 2/19 yd Poughquag CP.

American Goldfinch: 60 rec. avg 5 ea. 10-12/1-19 & 26/11 yd. BAM; 4-8 daily yd. MP; 28/28 Strever Fm JM.

House Sparrow: 31 rec. avg 9 ea. 4/2 Sylvan Lk CP; 6/7 No. Dut Waterfowl FT; 35/16 Rombout Rd PIVa CV; 5/30 yd Fishkill ES.

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Field Trips: Harlem Valley Rail Trail – 4th, No. Dut. Waterfowl FT- 7th, Dennings Point – 11th, Mills Mansion – 18th, Vassar College – 25th

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DECEMBER 2015 RECORDS

Notable December birds include a Saw-whet Owl, Cackling Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose and a lingering Common Gallinule. The wintering Golden Eagles have returned with 7 sightings. With the exception of a few days of winter temperatures that froze the shallower ponds and lakes, December was relatively mild and birds dispersed with the lack of snow. Dandelions blooming, Spring Peepers peeping and some record temperatures set (70 degrees in Beacon on 12/24).

Waterfowl: Mute Swans, Mallards and Black Ducks were found on most lakes & ponds in good numbers. 1000's Canada Geese have been seen at Round Pond and Rudd Pond (1600/20 CBC) and seen on most lakes and ponds in smaller numbers. Highest count: 2500/8 Ryder Pd AMP. Migrants were slow to move south with open waters in the northern part of New York.

Gr. White-fronted Goose: 2 rpts 1/8-9 Ryder Pond AMP
Snow Goose: 3/13 Bowdoin Pk KH; 2/24 Round Pd CP; 1/25 The Fly CP; 9/25 Andrew Haight Rd DK
Brant: 1/8 Ryder Pd AMP
Cackling Goose: 1/8 Round Pond AMP; 1/13 Lavelle Rd Pond AMP, CV
Gadwall: 5 rpts, avg 2 each pr/12 Wapp Lk. BJM
American Wigeon: 4/21 Drake Lk LM; 2/30 CP
Northern Pintail: 6/2 The Fly, DK; 5/24 Round Pd. CP; 8/31 Round Pd DF
Green-winged Teal: 7/8 HVRT Am CV; 10/20 Round Pond AMP; 4/31 Round Pond DF
Ring-necked Duck: 20 rpts, avg 26 each 1st Ryder Pond 8/1 DK; 15/31 Round Pd DF
Lesser Scaup: 3 rpts 3/28 Emmadine Pd TS, 2/26 Hudson River Ulster/Dut CBC
Bufflehead: 5 rpts 6/4 Mills Mansion CV; max 9/26 Rhinebeck DH
Common Goldeneye: 4/5 Norrie SP PS, SR
Hooded Merganser: 16 rpts, avg 6 each Max 36/20 Rudd Pond Sharon CBC; 24/20 Round Pond AMP; 16/4 & pr/12 Wapp. Lk. BJM
Common Merganser: 37 rpts Most: 23/31 Round Pd DF; 33/4 & 43/12 Wapp. Lk. BJM
Ruddy Duck: 2/9 Verbank FT; 7/24 Round Pd CP; 29/31 DF; 7/4 Lk. Onaid BJM

Wild Turkey: 10 rpts, avg 11 each Max 33/9 Dover Plains DK; 27/9 Hammond Rd DK; 5m/15 Spackenkill Rd. BAM

Common Loon: 1/5 Mills-Norrie SP, PS, SR
Pied-billed Grebe: 1/9 Ryder Pond AMP; 12/19 Drake Lk LM, Bma
Horned Grebe: 1/5 Mills-Norrie SP, SR, PS; 1/26 Sector G Ulster-Dut CBC

Marsh Dwellers:

Common Gallinule: 1/31 Sharon St Rd near HVRT DF. The only previous county winter record is from Dec. 1 to Jan. 29, 1975 at Traver Pond (from The BIRDS OF DUTCHESS

COUNTY, NY DeOrsey and Butler, 2014).

Great Blue Heron: 16 rpts 1/4 Lk. Onaid BJM; 2/23 Wappinger Lk CP; 2/30 The Fly DK

Vultures and Hawks, Eagles and Allies:

Black Vulture: 16 rpts 45+6 Millbrook School roost DK, 101/26 UI-Dut CBC Section G; 6/28 Rockefeller Ln CP
Turkey Vulture: 1 /4 Peach Hill AL; 1/15 Rt 84 Stormville NL
Golden Eagle: 7 rpts 1/8 HVRT Amenia CV; 2/11 Thompson Pond CV, 2/28 Amenia OS, AM
Northern Harrier: 20 rpts by CP, MK, CV, DK, AMP, OS, AM, DH, MP. Most: 5/27 Thompson Pd CV
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 11 rpts 1/2 Thompson Pond DG; 3/26 UI-Dut CBC Sector G
Cooper's Hawk: 15 rpts 1/1 Dov Pls DK, 1/9 Millbrook HRA-Tom Lake; 1/6, 19(CBC), 20, 27 & prob more yd BAM; 2/28 Dover Plains OS, AM
Bald Eagle: Many sightings throughout the county including observations of nest repairs and courtship displays – 44 rpts Most: 12/26 Dover Plains EF; 11/25 Nuclear Lake DQuick
Red-shouldered Hawk: 11 rpts 2/3 Vassar Fm CV, 2/18 Rochdale Rd, CV, 1/31 No Ave, PI Valley DK
Rough-legged Hawk: Only 1 report: 1/27 Berkshire Rd, Dover JM
Red-tailed Hawk: Well-reported throughout the county. 104 rpts including two Leucistic birds. Most: 10/13 soaring over Stissing Mt DK

Gulls:

Ring-billed Gull seen throughout county by many observers. Most: 400/2 Round Pond AMP
Herring Gull: Most: 19/13 McEnroe Compost AMP, 18/9 Beacon Waterfront KH.
Great Black-backed Gull: 25/9 Beacon Waterfront Pk KH Last: 1/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector G

Owls:

Eastern Screech-Owl: 7 rpts Most: 4/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector G JCl
Great Horned Owl: 5 rpts 2/5 Salt Point Bma; 4/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector G
Barred Owl: 12 rpts Max_ 2 on 3 records 2/27 Thompson Pd CV
Northern Saw-whet Owl: 1/26 NYUD CBC Sector D PS located in spruce on Whale's Back Rd

Belted Kingfisher: 21 rpts; 2/12 Wapp Lk. BJM; 2/26 UI-Dut CBC Sector D; 1/29 Norrie Pt FT

Woodpeckers: Red-bellied, Downy, Hairy Woodpeckers: Good numbers reported by observers.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. 12 rpts: Max_ 6/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector G

Northern Flicker: 32 rpts. 2/3 Vassar Fm CV; 4/29 Norrie Pt SP FT. Most: 8/26 UI-Dut CBC sector

Pileated Woodpecker: 32 rpts 1/1 yd LaGrange CV; 1/8-27 most days yd. BAM; 2/20, 27 TSF MP; 2/31 Lkside Pk KH. Most: 6/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector G; 4/26 NYUD CBC Sector D

American Kestrel: 1/5 Vassar Fm FT; 1/11 Sharon Stn Rd CV; 1/19 E. Noxon Rd. CP, HT; 1/23 Bruzgul Rd DK; 1/26 Crestwood Rd, Red Hook AMP

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Merlin: 1/9 Clinton Corners CaP; 1/15 yd MK
Peregrine Falcon: 1/18 NBG - BEACN BRIDGE WL 1/28
Dover Plains DK; 1/20 Skunks Misery Rd, Millerton Audubon
CBC; 1/20 Taylor Rd Audubon CBC; 1/24 Smithfield Valley Rd
CP

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Eastern Phoebe: 1/25 Dover Plains DK
Northern Shrike: 1/20 Haight Rd, Amenia Audubon CBC -
Much thought and discussion took place before reporting this
bird as initially it was heard by 2 of 4 -members of the team
with 90% certainty of ID. A silhouette of the bird was seen 2 of
the team (1 of whom heard the bird) flying for over 100 feet
before losing sight of it. Several attempts made to relocate but
were unsuccessful. Silhouette and flight pattern indicative of a
NOSH.

American Crow: Well reported throughout county. Continue
to night roost along the Hudson River waterfront in the 1000s.
Fish Crow: 12 rpts 22/5 - 20/31 Waryas Pk, Poughkeepsie
KH
Common Raven: 33 rpts Most: 11/9 Dover Plains DK
soaring, interacting above the East Mtn ridge.

Horned Lark: 22/26 NYUD CBC Sector D

Brown Creeper: 14 records, avg 1 each. 1/ all yd LaGrange
CV comes daily to suet; 1/12 Montgomery PI AL, AL; 1/31
Lkside Pk KH . Most: 4/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector G

Winter Wren: 1/12 Freedom Pk PIVAl CV; 1/20 Bowdoin Pk
KH ; 2/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector G

Carolina Wren: 22 rpts 2/2 yd Wappinger JS; 3/26 Linden
Avenue, Red Hook AMP; Most: 9/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC
sector

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 6 rpts 1/5 Vassar Fm FT; 1/31
Lkside Pk KH ; Most: 12/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector G

Ruby-Crowned Kinglet: 1/5 Mills-Norrie SP,SR,PS;1/13
Dennings Pt AL;1/26 Ul-Dut CBC sector G

Eastern Bluebird: 50 rpts 2/1 near Verbank BB; 10/17 Frost
Hill Rd, Pleasant Valley CV **Most:** 32/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC
sector G

American Robin: 43 rpts Most: 200/27 Thompson Pd CV
observed going to roost in cattails and phragmites

Gray Catbird: 1/5 Southlands SR, PS; 1/26 Apple Ring Dr, Red
Hook AMP

Northern Mockingbird: 54 rpts Most 9/26 NYUD CBC Sector
D PS; 3/28 Dover Plains DK; 4/4 Peach Hill, Poughkeepsie AL

American Pipit: 6/26 NYUD CBC Sector D PS

Cedar Waxwing: 13 records 44/6 Purgatory Hill Pawling TV;
46/17 Jennie Ln, Pleasant Valley CV; 35/26 Red Hook GC
JClo; TV/6: Large flock devouring winterberries throughout the
day

Snow Bunting: 1/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector G JCli

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 7 records 2/5 Southlands SR,PS;
6/6, 1/13 TSF MP; 3/13 Jordyn Ln, Dover CV; 2/26 NYUD CBC
Sector D PS

Dark-eyed Junco, American Goldfinch and House Finch
were well reported throughout county by most observers.

American Tree Sparrow: 2/1 Dover Plains DK; 15/20 Haight

Rd, Amenia AMP; 15/4 Mills SP/Hopeland CV; Most: 25/26
NYUD CBC Sector D PS; 24/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector
G

Chipping Sparrow:

Field Sparrow: 8/4 Mills SP/Hopeland CV

Fox Sparrow: 5 rpts 1/3 Vassar Fm CV; 1/16 Baird Pk FT ;
2/26 Ulster-Dut CBC sector G

White-crowned Sparrow: 1/20 Haight Rd, Amenia Sharon
CBC; 3/20 Regan Rd, Sharon CBC; 3/26 NYUD CBC Sector D
PS; 2/26 US-NY-Rhinebeck-Hudson River DH

White-throated Sparrow : 60 rpts 2/1 yd LaGrange CV
Most: 70/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector G 32/4 Mills
SP/Hopeland CV; 15/5 Southlands SR, PS

Savannah Sparrow: 3/1 Dover Plains DK; 4/5 Southlands SR,
PS; 6/26 NYUD CBC Sector D PS;

Song Sparrow : 40 records. Most: 33/26 Ulster-Dutchess
CBC sector G

Swamp Sparrow: 1/5 Southlands SR, PS; 2/26 NYUD CBC
Sector D PS; 2/26 Ulster-Dutchess CBC sector G

Red-winged Blackbird: 12 rpts. Most: 700/27 Mashomack CV

Rusty Blackbird: 3 records. 1/13 Harlem Valley Rail Trl-
Sharon Stn Rd to Coleman Stn AMP; 35/23 DRT/Lk Walton FT;
1/20 Lower Sharon Stn Rd AMP

Common Grackle: 12 rpts. 2/1 yd LaGrange CV; Most
700/27 Mashomack CV ; 500+/20 along Webatuck Cr Sharon
CBC

Brown-headed Cowbird: 13 records 4/1 near Verbank BB;
33/8 Reagan Rd Millerton CV

Blackbird sp. : 3 records, avg 72 each. 12/19 West Marshall
Drive, Poughkeepsie AMP ; 200/22 Thompson Pd DK coming
in to night roost, noisy - GISS Red-winged Blackbirds but
distance, lighting hampered ID

Finches: House Finch and American Goldfinch well
reported by most observers.

Purple Finch: 10 records Most: 4/25 ButtercupW CP; 4/26 Ul-
Dutchess CBC sector G

Pine Siskin: 6/19 Christie Pd CP, HT

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Field Trips: 12/9 Holiday Party Walk – Verbank; 12/16 James Baird State Park; 12/23 Dutchess Rail Trail/Hopewell; 12/30 Norrie Point State Park

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