

JANUARY 2018 RECORDS

We had an 8-inch snowfall on the 4th and it was very cold until a warm spell 10th-13th. Another snowfall of 7 inches came on the 16th-17th. After the 19th most days had above-freezing high temps. Most ponds and many streams were frozen nearly all month. Sylvan Lake had a small open area. That seemed to be the only open water anywhere judging by the number of species of waterfowl that crowded into that small space. The bird of the month was a **Lesser Black-backed Gull** at the Beacon Waterfront found on the 22nd and last reported on the 27th. This gull's numbers have been increasing south of here and we now have our 10th record with the first found in 2002. The winter specialties, larks and snow buntings, were found in several places. Plus a Lapland Longspur appeared for several days near Pine Plains and one other place. We don't find them every year.

We continue to enjoy the many Bald Eagles through the winter. This year the Golden Eagles were found in their usual haunts in Dover, plus more around Pine Plains and several other locations.

Notation -- The format of an observation is -- **#/day location observer**, where **#** is the count of birds seen, **day** is day of the month, **location** is place seen, and **observer** is birder's initials; their full name is in the list of observers at the end of this report.

Snow Goose: 15/15 Kaal Rock Pk HL (only record).

Cackling Goose: 1/13 Sylvan Lk CP; 2/14 Dutchess WC.

Canada Goose: 1500/2 Sylvan Lk CP, This is a conservative estimate. There is almost no open water in the county. When the geese find some, they pack themselves in tight.

Mute Swan: 26 records, avg 16 each. MAX 24/5 Sylvan Lk; all reports of >10 are from Sylvan Lk.

Gadwall: 1/11 Sylvan Lk BMa; 1/12 Sylvan Lk CP.

Northern Pintail: 7 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/10 Sleight-Plass Rd, Lagrange SC; LAST 1/29 Fowler Rd Millbrook SC.

Green-winged Teal: 5 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 1/11 Sylvan Lk BMa; LAST 1/27 Sylvan Lk CP, HT; MAX 5/14 Dutchess WC.

Ring-necked Duck: 26 records, avg 26 each. MAX 80/9 Sylvan Lk CP; most reports from Sylvan Lk, a few from Stissing Pd.

Lesser Scaup: 1/2 & 5 Sylvan Lk CP.

Common Goldeneye: 17 records. FIRST 1/6 Sylvan Lk CP; LAST 2/31 Sylvan Lk CP; the only report NOT from Sylvan Lk 1/11 New Hamburg AMP.

Hooded Merganser: 17 records, avg 3 each. FIRST 4/2 Sylvan Lk CP; LAST 3/30 Wassaic JC; MAX 6/23 Sylvan Lk.

Common Merganser: 44 records, avg 9 each. FIRST 4/2 Norrie Pt BMa; LAST 28/31 Wapp Crk DK; MAX 35/13 Rhinecliff dock SR. (only one report from Sylvan Lk)

Ruddy Duck: 1/2 & 6 Sylvan Lk CP.

Ruffed Grouse: 1/16 Bowdoin Pk KH (only record). They have become quite scarce.

Black Vulture: 27 records, avg 3 each. MAX 14/10 Millbrook School FT.

Turkey Vulture: 12 records, avg 2 each. MAX 7/27 Mills-Norrie SP--Norrie Pt AL.

Osprey: 1/11 Mills Norrie SP AMP (only record). Another winter report after the one last month.

Golden Eagle: 36 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/1 Dover Plains MRI, JA; 1/1 Mayfair Rd Beekman AMP; 1/1 Rockefeller Ln JCLI; 1/6 Mill Rd, Millerton CV; MAX 3/2 Mashomack DK, 4/28 Stissing Pond. 12 reports from Dover area and 20 from Pine Plains area.

Northern Harrier: 45 records, avg 2 each. MAX 6/3 Mashomack BMa; most reports from Mashomack, also some from Dover area.

Bald Eagle: 140 records, avg 3 each. MAX 11/11 Front Street/Chelsea Y.C. AMP; The 140 count is likely more than the number of eagles in the county this month because they are so noticeable and often reported. The Eagle Survey conducted throughout the county on January 11th found a total of 52 eagles.

Red-tailed Hawk: Many reports. 1/12 leucistic Degarmo Rd, Lagrange, KCF.

Rough-legged Hawk: 18 records, avg 1 each. Here all month, most in the northern and eastern parts of the county.

American Coot: 18 records, avg 10 ea. FIRST 3/1 Whaley Lk CP, HT; LAST 12/31 Sylvan Lk CP; MAX 17/22 Sylvan Lk JCLI.

Iceland Gull: 2/22 first winter birds Beacon Waterfront Pk GB; 1/30 first-year Beacon Waterfront HRA Lake.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: The third winter bird was found at the Beacon Waterfront on the 22nd by Gail Benson and Tom Burke. Observed on the 26th by Carena Pooth. On the 27th it was observed by 6 more people. The 10th record of the species in Dutchess County, all along the Hudson River.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 10 records. At 5 different locations.

Great Horned Owl: 2 reports of a pair, and one report of a single owl.

Snowy Owl: 1/7 Shuman Rd DK (only record). "Saw large white object high overhead moving in a southwesterly direction. Was able to get one "record" photograph which revealed it to be a Snowy Owl."

Barred Owl: 8 records, mostly 2 each.

Belted Kingfisher: 6 records

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 152 records, avg 2. MAX 14/11 Mills Norrie SP AMP.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 35 records, avg 1. MAX 3/1 Greenhaven CP, HT.

Downy Woodpecker: 149 records, avg 2. MAX 11/31 Mills SP FT.

Hairy Woodpecker: 55 records, avg 1. 2/24 Bowdoin Pk FT.

Northern Flicker: 36 records, avg 1. 2/1 Rockefeller Ln JCLI; 2/11 Dennings Pt AL.

Pileated Woodpecker: 52 records, avg 1. MAX 4/31 Mills SP FT.

American Kestrel: 8 records

Merlin: 5 records

Peregrine Falcon: 3 records – Waryas Pk, Dover Plains, and Poughkeepsie near Rt44 Dutchess Rail Trail crossing.

American Crow: MAX 15000/26 Columbia St, Poughkeepsie FT near the traditional winter roost. Other reports of 300-600 streaming toward the roost from Salt Point and in staging areas closer to the roost.

Common Raven: 39 records, avg 2 each. MAX 10/5 Route 82 and Strever Fm Rd SC.

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Horned Lark: 41 records, avg 57 each. MAX 250/2 Rockefeller Ln SJ; 125/8 Lake Rd, Pine Plains CV; 150/19 Bethel Cross Rd CP, JCLi.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/20 Quaker Lake Rd CP (only record).

Brown Creeper: 12 records. MAX 4/14 Montgomery PI JCLi; 2/31 Mills SP FT.

Winter Wren: 1/1 Askildsen yd Mabbettsville JA; 1/19 Wappingers Falls - Crk Rd KH; 1/20 Mills SP/Hopeland JCo; 1/21 Dennings Pt MRi.

Carolina Wren: 46 recds, avg 1 ea. 4/14 Montgomery PI JCLi; 3/11 Long Dock Pk Beacon AL; 3/11 River Rd, Hyde Pk AMP.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 37 records, avg 2 each. MAX 5/3 DRT Rt 55 FT; Also 4/14 Montgomery PI JCLi; 4/27 Lakeside Pk, Pawling KH; 4/31 Mills SP FT, KS.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1/1 Dover Plains MRi; 1/20 Dennings Pt MRi; 1/20 Stony Kill KH.

Eastern Bluebird: 57 recds, avg 4 each. 24/27 Dover Plains PA, JG; 10/10 Stissing Mtn Rd DK; 16/14 Pine Plains GB.

Hermit Thrush: 1/1 Dover Plains MRi; 1/8 CIES MF; 1/11 Tenmile Preserve JCLi. 1/15 Buttercup MR.

Gray Catbird: 1/1 Depot Hill HT, CP; 1/7 Andrew Haight Rd. JA; 1/24 Bowdoin Pk FT. A half-hardy here.

Lapland Longspur: 7 records. 1/1 O'Leary Fm Salt Pt BCA; All other reports from Bethel Cross Rd Pine Plains -- 1/18 with Horned Larks, feeding on spilled horse feed MM; 2/19 CP, BMa; 1/20 MR; 1/21 HT, CP.

Snow Bunting: 22 records, avg 26 each. FIRST 30/1 Greig Fm SR; 40/1 Rockefeller Ln JCLi; LAST 1/21 Bethel Cross Rd CP, HT; MAX 87/10 Millbrook School AMP, FT 2 large flocks repeatedly flying away from manure and returning in several smaller flocks-Horned Lark mixed in much in much fewer numbers. Able to get good scope views on all birds.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 6 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 7/1 Dover Plains MRi; LAST 1/29 Fowler Rd Millbrook SC; MAX 7/1 Dover Plains MRi.

Fox Sparrow: 9 records. 1/1 Millerton yd off & on 1st - 25th JR; 1/7 Askildsen yd Mabbettsville JA.

White-crowned Sparrow: 2/10 Downey Rd, Millerton eating sumac DK; 3/19 Downey Rd, Millerton CV.

White-throated Sparrow: 181 records, avg 6 each. 64/25 Lagrange yd CV; 40/6 Mills-Norrie SP LM; 35/8 Wing Rd-Millbrook Winery SC.

Savannah Sparrow: 6 records. 3/6 Downey Rd, Millerton CV; 5/19 Sharon Stn Rd, Amenia CV.

Song Sparrow: 82 records, avg 2 each. MAX 8/7 Askildsen yd Mabbettsville JA.

Swamp Sparrow: 1/7 Askildsen yd Mabbettsville JA; 1/11 River Rd, Hyde Pk AMP; 1/19 Beacon Waterfront Pk KH; 2/28 Buttercup MR.

Eastern Towhee: 1/20 Stony Kill KH (only record). A half-hardy here.

Northern Cardinal: 147 records. 11/1 CBC Greenhaven HT, CP; 11/all mo Michelin. yd Wapp BAM; 9/3 DRT Rt 55 FT.

Red-winged Blackbird: 8 records, avg 38 each. 100/5 TMR Fm CP; 100/21 Thompson Pd Enormous flock at dusk over the causeway--a beautiful sight SR.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 24 records, avg 13 each. 60/15 Whaley Lk MC; 32/17 Kral yd Stanfordville DK.

Rusty Blackbird: 1/1 Gardner Hollow Rd AMP; 1/6-7 Askildsen yd Mabbettsville JA; 1/7 Payton yd Rhinebeck MP; 6/10 Millbrook School FT.

Common Grackle: 9 records, avg 3 each. MAX 12/10 Pooth yd Poughquag CP.

blackbird sp.: 4 records, avg 350 each. FIRST 500/9 Pine Plains DK; LAST 500/30 Mashomack DK; MIN 200 on 2 records

House Finch: 102 records, avg 8 each. MAX 45/8 YARD Milan SJ; 26/7 Askildsen yd Mabbettsville JA.

Purple Finch: 5 records. FIRST 2/4 Cobb Ridge, Red Hook SR; LAST 2/17 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; 1/6 Askildsen yd Mabbettsville JA.

American Goldfinch: 89 records, avg 5 each. Small #s until the 13th, then 10/13 Butler yd Verbank the first here in several weeks BB; 23/13 Mansell yd Salt Pt Wow! They're back in full force once again BMa; 42/14 Mansell yd Salt Pt More and more appearing at the feeders. Record number this year BMa; 30/14 Montgomery PI JCLi; 28/21 Strever Fm CV.

Observers –

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Abbreviations -

CBC – Pawling Christmas Bird Count. The full report is in the February *Wings*. **DRT** – Dutchess Rail Trail. **HRA** – Hudson River Almanac, followed by the observer's last name. **WC** – Waterfowl Count conducted for NYSOA (New York State Ornithological Association). The full report is in the February *Wings*.

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February's weather felt like March. We had about 5 inches of snow that came at about an inch at a time. After mid-month it was quite warm, in the 60s and even upper 70s one day. The woodcocks showed up on the 26th. They usually don't appear until March. Ponds opened up and waterfowl had more places to go beyond Sylvan Lake. The NY62 Bald Eagles seem to have settled on eggs on the 19th... earlier than the average date of the 25th.

Significant sightings – The Lesser Black-backed Gull found in January continued thru the 3rd. More than usual Golden Eagles, Northern Harriers and Merlins were reported. First DC Cormorants for February were seen on the 28th. Most Horned Larks and Snow Buntings were found early in the month.

The Great Backyard Bird Count was the 16th-19th this month.

Snow Goose: 11 records, avg 3 each. FIRST 1/16 Salt Pt Tpk BMA, EHH; LAST 1/28 Ryder Pd leading a large skein of Canada Geese DK; MAX 6/25 Gretna Rd PIVAl DK, LM, SJ; 5/22 West Kerley/Freeborn Ln Int. ESh.

Canada Goose: Many records, avg 78 each. MAX 1149/28 Stonykill FT; 800/24 Strauss Marsh CV; 624/21 HVRT Coleman Stn FT; 660/27 Strever Fm CF.

Mute Swan: 23 records, avg 5 each. MAX 24/1 Sylvan Lk CP; 12 and up at Sylvan thru the 6th. 1-2 many other places thru the month.

Wood Duck: 16 records, avg 4 each. FIRST 1/15 Recreation Rd, Poughquag - south end CP; MAX 12/26 Martens yd Salt Pt LM; 11/27 Carroll yd Pleasant Valley SC.

Gadwall: 1/24 Buttercup West JCo, MR.

American Wigeon: 6 records, avg 4 each. FIRST 2/23 Guski SR; LAST 1/28 Buttercup West BMA; MAX 8/26 Strever Pd CP.

Mallard: Many recds, avg 16 each. MAX 85/26 Mashomack Prsv CV; 80/3 Goose Chase Pd DK; 75/24 CIES Lowland CP, HT.

American Black Duck: 34 records, avg 4 each. MAX 12/24 Buttercup MR; 12/24 The Fly MR.

Mallard x American Black Duck (hybrid): 1/21 Buttercup West SJ; 1/21 Fowler Rd Millbrook DK.

Northern Pintail: 14 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 1/3 Goose Chase--Pd DK; LAST 1/26 CIES CF; MAX 12/24 Strauss Marsh CV; 6/24 Strever Fm MR.

Green-winged Teal: 13 records, avg 9 each. FIRST 1/20 Daheim Rd, Millbrook JA; LAST Date 28th; MAX 18/26 Strever Pd ... I could hear numerous males making their high-pitched calls.CP; 12/24 Buttercup MR.

Ring-necked Duck: 36 records, avg 18 ea. All month. 45/26 Ryder Pd CP; 40/1 Sylvan Lk CP; 44/24 Strauss Msh CV.

Lesser Scaup: 1/28 Ryder Pd BMA (only record).

Greater/Lesser Scaup: 19/24 mid-river raft Slate Dock Rd DK.

Bufflehead: 1/17 Beacon Waterfront Pk MFT; 1/27 Hunns Lk DK; 1/28 Vanderburgh Cove CP.

Common Goldeneye: 1/3 Sylvan Lk CP, SC; 8/12 Mills SP KH; 1/24 Strauss Marsh CV.

Hooded Merganser: 24 records, avg 2 each. All month. MAX 5/26 Spring Lake Rd, Red Hook DK; 5/28 Drake Lk LM.

Common Merganser: 83 records, avg 21 each. All month. MAX 225/28 Hunns Lk Numbers not unusual for this lake DK; 127/26 Hillside Lk BAM; 120/26 Hunns Lk CV.

Wild Turkey: 21 records, avg 11 each. FIRST 2/1 Michelin yd Wapp BAM; LAST 40/24 With displaying males The Fly MR; MAX 27/18 Willow Brook Rd Milan FM; 23/19 2075 Salt Pt Tpk BMA.

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/3 Sylvan Lk CP; 1/26 Stissing Lk CV.

Double-crested Cormorant: 8/28 Stonykill FT All black birds flying over in a line. Our first record for February.

Great Blue Heron: 6 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/3 Goose Chase Pd DK; LAST 1/19 DRT Titusville - Rt55 CP.

Black Vulture: 35 records, avg 5 each. All month. MAX 23/23 W Kerley Corners Rd, Red Hook SJ; 12/9 Bay Rd, Red Hook WB; 11/17 Beacon Waterfront Pk MFT.

Turkey Vulture: 47 records, avg 3 each. All month. MAX 9/22 Dover Plains DK; 7/16 Wapp Lk KH.

Osprey: 1/3 Hudson River near Mills Mansion HRA Lake

Golden Eagle: 10 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/1 Thompson Pd LM; LAST 1/27 Berkshire Rd Dover CV; MAX 2/21 Berkshire Rd Dover NO, MO.

Northern Harrier: 23 records, avg 1 each. LAST 1/26 Mashomack Preserve CV; MAX 3/13 Pine Plains two chasing one another, vocalizing DK; 3/14 Mashomack CV.

Bald Eagle: Many records, avg 3 each. All month. MAX 17/12 Dennings Pt A lot of ice in Hudson River. 11 on ice,3 in trees on pt. 1 in tree east side of river. 2 flying CR; 10/17 Beacon Waterfront Pk KM.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 19 records, avg 1 each. All month. MAX 4/19 Dover Plains MRI; 2/17 Clinton Nature Trl BMA; 2/25 Roeliff Jansen Kill JM.

Rough-legged Hawk: 6 records, avg 1 each. From the 8th – 18th. Pine Plains area, Sharon Tpk, and Buttercup.

Red-tailed, Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawks – in the usual numbers and places.

American Coot: 5 records, avg 9 each. FIRST 12/1 Sylvan Lk CP; LAST 1/20 Lakeside Pk KH; MAX 11/6 Sylvan Lk JM.

Killdeer: 1/24 Daley Rd LaGrange HT; 1/24 Sharon Stn Rd Amenia CP, HT.

American Woodcock: 7 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/26 Daley Rd LaGrange HT; LAST 1/27 Annandale Rd, Red Hook ESt; MAX 3/26 Allen Rd Salt Pt LM, BMA; also N Mabbettsville Rd, Recreation Rd, Poughquag.

Iceland Gull: 1/26 immature Beacon Waterfront Pk GB (only record).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1/3 Beacon Waterfront Pk SC.

Nearly black back, about the size of RBGU, smaller than HERG, considerably smaller than GBBGs just adjacent. (Continuing from January)

Ring-billed, Herring, and Great Black-backed Gull: in the usual numbers and places.

Mourning Dove: as usual.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 7 recds, avg 1 ea. FIRST 1/1 Pine Plains DK; LAST 1/19 Strever Fm MR; 1/13 Lagrangeville DK.

Great Horned Owl: 8 records, avg 2 each. 2/3 & 2/27 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; 2/9 Cobb Ridge, Red Hook SR; 2/18 Allen Rd Salt Pt BMA.

Barred Owl: 7 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 2/13 Ludlow Woods Rd DK; 2/17 234 Kidd Ln, Barrytown ESt; 2/27 Clinton Nature Trl BMA.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: 1/24 Staatsburg HRA Seymour (only record).

Belted Kingfisher: 6 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/6 Thompson Ln SR; LAST 1/26 Wappingers Falls - Crk Rd KH.

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Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 13 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/2 Bowdoin Pk AB; LAST 1/24 Locust Grove KH; MAX 2/7 Allen Rd Salt Pt 1 hanging out with the pair of Pileated and a Flicker BMa.

Northern Flicker: 45 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 2/1 Tivoli Bays SR; LAST 1/26 Martens yd Salt Pt LM; MAX 5/19 Colburn Dr DT; 3/16 FDRNHS RN; 3/24 Buttercup MR.

Pileated Woodpecker: 63 records, avg 1 each. All month. MAX 6/1 Tivoli Bays SR.

Red-bellied, Downy, and Hairy Woodpeckers as usual.

American Kestrel: 1/13, 15,16 Ehmer Fm CP.

Merlin: 6 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/3 Reagan Rd CV; LAST 1/14 Mashomack CV; 1/14 Vassar Campus FT. Also 1/9 O'Leary Fm Salt Pt Scared up the flock of Horned Larks and missed its target. BMa.

Peregrine Falcon: 1/1 Ludlow Woods Rd DK; 1/14 Waryas Pk KH; 1/18 Kaal Rock Pk Perched near the top of the eastern tower of the Mid-Hudson Bridge, preening extensively CP.

Blue Jay and American Crow: Many all month.

Fish Crow: 21 records, avg 4 each. FIRST 2/5 Bowdoin Pk DK; LAST 1/28 Beacon Waterfront Pk BB; MAX 28/15 Bowdoin Pk KH.

Common Raven: 30 records, avg 2 each. All month. MAX 16/27 Berkshire Rd Dover CV.

Horned Lark: 12 records, avg 37 each. LAST 40/26 Ryder Pd DK; MAX 110/10 Bethel Cross Rd MR; most reports were before the 11th.

Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, & White-breasted Nuthatch: as usual.

Brown Creeper: 8 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/3 Mansell yd Salt Pt BMa; LAST 1/18 Millbrook AJ; MAX 2/5 Montgomery PI SR; 2/6 Thompson Ln SR.

Winter Wren: 1/12 Dennings Pt CR; 1/17 Madam Brett Pk MFT.

Carolina Wren: 61 records, avg 1 each. All month. MAX 4/3 Vassar Fm FT; 3/17 Stony Kill KH; 3/21 HVRT Coleman Stn FT; 3/21 Madam Brett Pk CP.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 24 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 1/1 Tivoli Bays SR; LAST 1/26 Wappingers Falls - Crk Rd KH; MAX 5/12 Montgomery PI JM; 4/20 Nuclear Lk CP.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1/17 Madam Brett Pk MFT; 1/21 Tymor Pk BB.

Eastern Bluebird: 78 records, avg 3 each. All month. MAX 13/17 Southlands MP; 8/17 Kimlin Cider Mill MFr; 7/19 Bowdoin Pk AL.

Hermit Thrush: 1/3 Vassar Fm FT; 1/10 Buttercup MR.

American Robin, Northern Mockingbird: as usual.

European Starling: as usual.

Cedar Waxwing: 8 records, avg 15 each. MAX 90/22 Dover Plains - several large flocks of 30-40 birds each would intermittently merge, many descended from trees to fill the understory to consume r. multiflora hips. DK.

Snow Bunting: 1/9 O'Leary Fm Salt Pt JCI; 10/10 Bethel Cross Rd MRi; 14/18 HVRT Sharon Stn CV.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1/2 Upton Lk Christian School JCI; 3/17 Berkshire Rd Dover DF, MPa; 2/22 Dover Plains DK.

American Tree Sparrow: 52 records, avg 2 each. MAX 12/9 Greig Fm SR; 9/9 Downey Rd, Millerton CV; LAST 2/21 HVRT Coleman Stn FT, AMP.

Field Sparrow: 2/3 Vassar Fm FT; 1/17 Fowler Rd stream AMP.

Fox Sparrow: 2/4 Lenhart yd Millbrook SL; 1/19 Beilke Rd JR.
Dark-eyed Junco: Many records, avg 8 each. All month. MAX 46/9 Downey Rd, Millerton CV; 45/7 Kral yd Stanfordville largest flock this season, many singing DK. Our most numerous sparrow in winter.

White-crowned Sparrow: 10 records, avg 3 each. FIRST 3/3 Downey Rd, Millerton CV; MAX 6/5 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; 4/4 Payton yd Rhinebeck MP; LAST 4/18 Mansell yd Salt Pt BMa; 2/18 Spencer Drive BM.

White-throated Sparrow: Many records, avg 4 each. All month. MAX 45/15 Bowdoin Pk KH; 18/12 Dennings Pt CR; 23/17 Mills SP/Hopeland DL.

Savannah Sparrow: 1/28 Stonykill FT

Song Sparrow: 81 records, avg 2 each. All month. MAX 14/12 Dennings Pt CR; 14/28 Buttercup West BMa.

Swamp Sparrow: 2/6 Thompson Ln SR; 1/10 Pine Plains DK; 1/12 Hopeland KH; 2/13 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR.

Northern Cardinal: Many records, avg 2 each. All month. MAX 12/6 Mansell yd Salt Pt BMa; 10/all Michelin yd Wapp BAM; 10/15 Bowdoin Pk KH; 9/21 Madam Brett Pk CP.

Blackbirds: Several reports of large mixed blackbird flocks. Most 800/10 Pine Plains DK; 1000/23 Freedom Rd, Lagrangeville probably under-counted, mainly Red-wings, photographed, video'd - one main flock moving on the fields, most trees were filled with vocalizing birds –DK. Plus others.

Red-winged Blackbird: 82 records, avg 23 each. All month. MAX 76/21 HVRT Coleman Stn FT, AMP; 75/26 Sand Hill Rd, Dover Plains DG, SS.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 16 records, avg 18 each. FIRST 2/2 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; LAST Date 19, 3 records.; MAX 123/3 Reagan Rd CV; 40/5 Butler yd Verbank BB; 46/19 Hahn's Fm BMa.

Common Grackle: 36 records, avg 13 each. All month. MAX 145/3 Reagan Rd CV; 40/6 Butler yd Verbank BB; 27/21 HVRT Coleman Stn FT, AMP.

House Finch: Many records, avg 5 each. All month. MAX 31/2 LaGrange CV; 31/6 Iannucci yd Wapp SL.

Purple Finch: 11 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 1/2 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; LAST 1/23 Mansell yd Salt Pt BMa; MAX 4/17 Willow Brook Rd AD; 2/18 Willow Brook Rd Milan FM. COMMENTS: 2/9 Pair. Male has the eye disease. Mansell yd Salt Pt BMa.

Pine Siskin: 1/8 Thompson Pd MS, MN (only record). Pretty scarce here this winter.

American Goldfinch: Many records, avg 5 each. All month. MAX 60/5 Mansell yd Salt Pt BMa; 38/2 LaGrange CV.

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Sean Sime (SS); Marian Sole (MS); Edmond Spaeth (ES);
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Vincent (CV)

CLUB FIELD TRIPS - 3rd – Vassar Farm, 7th – Thompson Pd
cancelled, 14th – Vassar College campus, 17th – GBBC with
NPS at Valkill, 19th – GBBS with NPS at FDR Home, 21st –
HVRT Coleman Station, 28th - Stonykill

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SUMMARY STATS. There were 4,344 records (after removal of duplicate reports and eBird checklist shares). 103 species were reported (vs 114 last year).

WEATHER. This was the worst March in many years! Last year we complained about a huge snowstorm, but this year the snow and cold just kept on coming! The prevalent analysis is that we had spring in February and Winter in March.

STARS OF THE SHOW: Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-Backed Gull, Brown Thrasher.

CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT: Ruddy Duck, Canvasback.

WATERFOWL. This winter brought a prolonged period of ice-covered waters. Migration of many species stalled. Good numbers were reported for **Wood Duck, American Wigeon, American Black Duck, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck** (several rafts >100), **Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, and Common Merganser.** Other birds in the waterfowl category included:

Snow Goose: 14-30 Cruger Island Rd ZN, ESta, JB

Brant: 4/21 Hudson River Pok ESta.

Cackling Goose: 1/9 Hunns Lk AMP.

Northern Shoveler: 3/30 Pine Plains DK..

Gadwall: 7 records, avg 2 each; first sighting on the 3rd. 1-3 seen at Tivoli Bays, Lk. Oniad, and Drake Lk. By SR, BMa, LM, SJ.

Northern Pintail: 7 records, avg 2 each, CP, SR, DK, HT.

Greater Scaup: 7 records avg 1 each, March 3-16, all on Sylvan Lk (with 3 Lesser Scaup the 4th-16th), CP, AM.

Lesser Scaup: 14 records, avg 2 each, Sylvan Lk, Strauss Marsh, Hunns Lk, and Round Pond from CP, CV, AM, BMa.

Long-tailed Duck: 2/21 Hudson River Pok ESta

Common Goldeneye: 2/10 Cruger Island Rd ESta; 1/24 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd JP, SR.

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS, LOONS, GREBES, and HERONS.

Wild Turkeys were down to 15 records (vs 30 last year), possibly because of the tough winter and deep snow. The largest group contained 21 birds on the 24th (Rhinebeck MP).

There were **no loons** this March, and **the only grebe species was Pied-billed**, with only two records of one each (1/20 Stissing Pd JC; 1/30 Sylvan Lk CP). **Great Blue Herons** were seen starting the 9th, and on nests at various heronries starting on the 11th.

Double-crested Cormorant showed up at the end of the month: 1/31 Stissing Pd JM; 15/31 Waryas Pk KH.

VULTURES. **Black Vultures** (21 records, avg 2 each) and **Turkey Vultures** (96 records, avg 3 each) were seen throughout the month as expected.

EAGLES and HAWKS. **Bald Eagle** numbers continue to be strong (71 records avg 2 ea). There were 5 records of **Golden Eagle**, in Dover and Pine Plains, reported by CP, MPa, DF, CV, DK, JCa, AB. There were 17 records (1-6 each) of **Northern Harrier** (20 records last year). **Sharp-shinned Hawk** had only 3 records of 1 each from MR, ZN, SC; **Cooper's Hawk** had 18 records of 1-2 each. In the past, there were usually about twice as many records of Cooper's as Sharpies, so this year's 6:1 ratio is a bit troubling. **Red-shouldered** and **Red-tailed Hawks** were normal, with 21 and 99 reports respectively.

SHOREBIRDS. **Killdeer** numbers were slightly down, with 13 records averaging 1 each vs 31 records averaging 3 each last year. The first of 10 **American Woodcock** reports in March was 2/3 CIES Fern Glen MR and the highest count was 5/23 Pleasant Valley SC.

GULLS. Our usual gulls, **Ring-billed, Herring, and Great Black-backed**, were as expected. More exciting was **ICELAND GULL** (1-2/1st and 3rd) Beacon Waterfront Pk CF, ML, CP, MZ) and **LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL** (1/1 Beacon Waterfront Pk CF, CP; 1/31 Waryas Pk KH).

OWLS.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 5 records of 1 each, all from the Pine Plains/Stanfordville area CV, MR, MS, SC.

Great Horned Owl: 5 records, avg 2 each, MR, DK, JAD. Last year there were 12 records.

Barred Owl: 7 records, avg 1 each. JAll, DK, JCo.

KINGFISHER. There were 12 records of **Belted Kingfisher** throughout the month (vs 21 last year).

WOODPECKER. **Red-bellied** and **Downy** had 107 and 117 records respectively; **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** 10 records; **Hairy** 44 records; **Northern Flicker** 41 records (a welcome increase from recent years – last year there were only 22); **Pileated** 42 records.

FALCON reports included 9 records of **American Kestrel** (vs 19 last year) and 4 of **Peregrine Falcon** (CV, MR, BMa, KH). There was also one report of **Merlin:** 1/11 Hunns Lk DK.

PASSERINES – the largest taxonomic order of birds.

There were 18 records of **Eastern Phoebe**, the first being 2/16 Taconic Pkwy Salt Pt DC. In 2017 there were 24 records of this species, while in 2016 there were 72. Phoebes are flycatchers, and there weren't many bugs around this March! Similarly, **Tree Swallow, Eastern Bluebird, Northern Mockingbird, American Robin, and Rusty Blackbird** numbers were in the same range as last year, while they had been quite a bit higher after the much milder winter of 2016.

LARKS. We had 7 records of **Horned Lark** averaging 25 each (one of the few benefits of snow) from CP, SR, BMa, MS, CV, DK.

NUTHATCHES, CREEPER, WRENS, KINGLETS. **Red-breasted Nuthatch** had only one record (vs 15 last year and 0 in 2016): 2/24 Reese Pk KH. **Brown Creepers** delighted us with 13 records vs 6 last year. **Winter Wren** had 9 records vs 6 last year and 0 in 2016. There were 23 sightings of **Golden-crowned Kinglet** (vs only 3 last year!) and 6 of **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**.

THRUSHES, THRASHER. There were 3 records of **Hermit Thrush** and a very surprising **Brown Thrasher** (2/6 Mills/Hopeland PSt).

WAXWINGS. **Cedar Waxwings** were reported 13 times with an average of 16 per sighting.

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WARBLERS. **Yellow-rumped Warbler** was back this year after being absent in March 2017. There were 5 records of 1-2 from JP, JAll, KS, CV, AMP, CP.

SPARROWS. There were 39 records of **American Tree Sparrow**, 3 of **Field Sparrow** (BB, SI, BMa), and only 6 of **Fox Sparrow** (mostly during the big snowstorms and way down from last year's 59 records and 2016's 19). We also had 3 records of **White-crowned Sparrow** (8/9 Bard College Red Hook HP; 1/25 Reagan Rd HT, CP; 1/29 Payton yd Rhinebeck MP), a big 103 of **White-throated Sparrow**, 3 of **Savannah Sparrow** (CP, SR, MP) and 5 of **Swamp Sparrow** (CV, ESta, CP, JCo, SR).

Eastern Towhee: 1/10 Dover Stone Church LC, GB; 2/24 Thompson Pd HF.

Eastern Meadowlark: 1/31 N Mabbettsville Rd AMP.

Purple Finches were again few, with 8 records (2 records in 2017 vs 35 in 2016).

Finally, many common birds were reported as usual: **Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Mallard, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Common Raven, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, European Starling, Song Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch** and **House Sparrow**.

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- Carena Pooth, March Records Editor

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APRIL 2018 RECORDS

After the series of March snowstorms, April had one more – 3-4 inches on the 2nd. The final snow was another inch on the 6th. There were a few short warm spells in the 70s but the average temperature for the month was 6 degrees lower than normal. The last night to drop below freezing was the 23rd. Some birds were late arriving and a few quite early. The most dramatic indicator of the cold, lingering winter is apparent looking at warbler arrivals. Last year 21 species had arrived by the end of April. This year only 12.

The Hudson River was the source of bird excitement this month. The center of activity was Kingston Point, across the river from Rhinecliff. Bonaparte Gulls, Caspian Terns and others hung around several weeks and occasionally wandered far enough east to be added to the Dutchess list. A Surf Scoter and a flock of Black Scoters were also found on the river. Horned Grebes appeared off Mills-Norrie.

WATERFOWL – Here as expected for April: Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Wood Duck (23 at Strauss Marsh, 20 at Buttercup West), Mallard, American Black Duck, Hooded Merganser (30/2 Drake Lk SC), Common Merganser (37/3 Tivoli South Bay SJ). Many of each species will stay to breed here.

Snow Goose: 4 records, avg 1 each. LAST 1/22 Salt Pt Tpk, Stanfordville JAP; BMa notes that one seems to be hanging around with local Canada Geese, seen at various farms along Salt Pt Tpk.

Cackling Goose: 1/7 Stissing Pd MR. Noticeably smaller than surrounding Canadas.

Blue-winged Teal: 14 records, avg 2 each. FIRST/MAX 6/9 Uphill Fm BMa; 2/10 Salt Pt Tpk/ Uphill Fm DK, SC; DK noted a pair flew out of the marsh and immediately bred, then swam south down the stream. Our most recent records of breeding in the county are from the 1960s. This pair was likely on the way to nesting grounds farther upstate or beyond. LAST 1/29 Strever Fm DK;

Northern Shoveler: 7 records from FIRST 6/7 Sylvan Lk CP, AMP, BMa, MK, SJ to LAST 2/19 Mashomack CV.

Gadwall: 8 rcds, avg 2. FIRST 2/2 Tamarack Lk DK; LAST 2/28 Wapp Lk KH; also 1/7 Sylvan Lk BMa, MK, AMP.

American Wigeon: 1/2 Tamarack Lk DK, SJ; 1/7 Round Pd Amenia CV, CP; 4/14 Tivoli Bays SR, ID, SD.

Northern Pintail: 2/27 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR.

Green-winged Teal: 69 records, avg 9 each. MAX 80/11 Buttercup West SC, Estimate. Could be more. All in back (north) marsh. Several flocks taking off, circling, and landing constantly.

Ring-necked Duck: 58 records, avg 10 each. MAX 39/7 Strauss Marsh CV; 35/15 Lk Oniad AM.

Greater Scaup: 1/18 Mashomack DK; 1/19 Mashomack CV.

Lesser Scaup: 6 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 2/4 Sylvan Lk CP; LAST 1/28 Thompson Pd AP; MAX 4/7 Mills-Norrie SP CP; also 2/18 Mashomack CP, CF.

Surf Scoter: 1/10 Hudson mid-channel DH.

Black Scoter: 25/21 Rhinecliff Stn MR (only record).

Chunky and compact all-black ducks flying low headed north past lighthouse, then making their way south.

Long-tailed Duck: 7/7 Sylvan Lk CP, BMa, MK, AMP, SJ; 2/8 Hudson opp Mills DH; X/10 Hudson mid-channel DH.

Common Goldeneye: 3/20 Tivoli South Bay Est.

Red-breasted Merganser: 7 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/18 Tamarack Lk DK; 2/20 DRT swamp N of 55 SI; MAX 3/30 Bontecou Wetland Area, Millbrook, DK.

Ruddy Duck: 4/7 Mills-Norrie SP CP. (None in March.)

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS, LOONS, and GREBES.

Ring-necked Pheasant: 22 records, MAX 12/13 Berkshire Rd TV; all presumed to be released birds.

Wild Turkey: 58 records, avg 4 each. MAX 13/6 Allen Rd Salt Pt BMa.

Red-throated Loon: 1/10 Breakneck Ridge South Train Stop CP; 2/19 Beacon Waterfront Pk SJ; 1/21 Rhinecliff Stn MR; 1/29 Dennings Pt JJ; Red-throated Loons are quite uncommon and have not been found in April since 2007. The 10th is a new early arrival date.

Common Loon: 28 records, avg 1 each. 1-4 at Sylvan Lake 4th-19th. First found by CP, then seen by many. LAST 1/30 Hunns Lk DK; Usually found only 1 out of every 2 or 3 Aprils.

Pied-billed Grebe: 28 records, avg 1 each. MAX 4/11 Mashomack CP, CF, SJ.

Horned Grebe: We've had increasing counts of Horned Grebes in April since 2013. This April had the most so far. On the 7th CP found 20 at Mill-Norrie SP, then another 5 at Sylvan Lk in transitional to full breeding plumage. The same day BJM found one at Lake Oniad. The Oniad and Sylvan birds were seen through the 8th. On the 11th JR found one at Hunns Lake, which remained through the 18th. Others – 1/19 Beacon Waterfront Pk SJ; 1/29 Twin Island Lk DK, JG.

Double-crested Cormorant: 60 records, avg 6 each. MAX 40/18 Mills-Norrie SP SJ.

BITTERNS and HERONS

American Bittern: 1/13 & 28 Buttercup West JCo; 2/17 HVRT Sharon Stn CV, then 1/23-28 JAIL, CP, AM; 1/19 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR.

Least Bittern: 1/16 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR.

Great Blue Heron: Seen all over. Nesting at Bower Rd heronry 21/13 SC; 7/16 CF About 20 nests, at least 4 occupied; 3/7 Wapp Crk AM, The pair were building a nest in the same tree where the red tailed hawk was occupying a herons nest from last year. (A lone nest, not in a heronry.)

Great Egret: 1/12 pond near Drake Lake SC, BMa, CP, DK; 2/13 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SJ; 1/19 Beacon Waterfront Pk SJ. Unusual in spring.

Green Heron: Late this year (usually appear early in April). FIRST 1/22 Dennings Pt CP, EIW, SJ; 1/27 CIES Lowlands JAIL; then 3 other places on the 28th.

VULTURES, EAGLES, and HAWKS – Both Vultures, Cooper's, Sharp-shinned, and Red-tailed Hawks as usual.

Osprey: As nestings have increased in our area, April sightings have increased as well. FIRST 1/5 Rhinecliff PST; MAX 4/14 Tivoli Bays SR; also 1/22 Dennings Pt CP, EIW, SJ; 1/28 Bannermans Island BB. Plus 7 other places.

Golden Eagle: 1/5 Strever Fm CF.

Northern Harrier: 19 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 2/6 Allen Rd Salt Pt BMa Gray ghosts. Have not seen Harriers for many years on Allen.; Most 2/21 HVRT Sharon Stn CV, AMP male/female; LAST 1/23 Peach Hill CF, CP. [Adult males are called "gray ghosts".]

Bald Eagle: 77 records, avg 2 each. MAX 12/22 Montgomery PI KZS two adults the rest were varying ages...Tivoli Bay low tide feeding...and flying and being attacked by crows. This is a high number of eagles for this time of year. ... We walked the entire grounds.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 32 records, avg 1 each. 2/7 Rowe Rd MR Pair, very vocal in yard; 2/20 Mills Norrie SP AMP male

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observed bringing a small rabbit to the female then flying off into the woods.

Broad-winged Hawk: 22 records, avg 1 each. Arrived the 13th at CIES BMA, DK, CF, Peach Hill DW, and DRT KH; MAX 5/14 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln ID, SD; 3/21 Woodward Hill Rd JM.

MARSH BIRDS -- NO American Coots in either March or April, although some were reported nearby.

Virginia Rail: 6 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/2 CIES lowland AMP; 1/14 Tivoli Bays SR Heard and seen on the Cruger Island Causeway past the low tide point on the south side; 1/27 HVRT Amenia CP; LAST 2/30 CIES Lowlands DK.

Common Gallinule: 6 records all from HVRT Sharon Stn. FIRST 2/17 CV; LAST 1/28 AM.

SANDPIPERS

Killdeer: 45 records, avg 2 each, all month. MAX 13/7 Southlands MP; 4/18 Strever Fm MS, KS; 4/24 Randall Rd, Amenia, SC.

American Woodcock: 1/10 Buttercup West MS; 1/11 Buttercup West SC; 1/18 Strever Fm MS, KS; 1/21 Daley Rd LaGrange HT; 1/24 Nuclear Lk CP.

Wilson's Snipe: 42 records, avg 5 each. MAX 22/22 Strever Fm SJ; about half of the reports were from Strever Fm. Also at HVRT Sharon Stn, CIES, Tivoli Bays.

Spotted Sandpiper: 1/20 Tivoli South Bay, Red Hook ESta; 1/21 Dennings Pt AL; 1/27 Clinton Rec Pk JCLi.

Solitary Sandpiper: 1/12-18 Reagan Rd, Millerton AMP, CV, SJ, CP; 2/15 & 1/28 Strever Fm CV, CF; 1/20 Randall Rd, Amenia DK.

Greater Yellowlegs: 22 records, MAX 3/14 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln SD, ID; 3/24 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 6 rcds. MAX 5/28 Strever Fm CP, HT.

GULLS and TERN

Bonaparte's Gull: 9/17 Rhinecliff SJ; 30/18 Rhinecliff CF, CP; 1/21 Rhinecliff Stn MR; On the 18th – "... these gulls were ... in the lighthouse area on the Ulster side. At 9:47, they flew up and came over to the Dutchess side of the river briefly ..." Bonaparte's are here irregularly and we had sightings of them in April 2015 and 2016.

Ring-billed Gull: 34 records, avg 7 each. MAX 36/23 HR Rowing Club DW.

Herring Gull: 5 records, avg 6 each. MAX 16/14 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln SD, ID.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1/23 HR Rowing Club DW. Late date.

Great Black-backed Gull: 1/7 Dennings Pt TS; 1/19 Rhinecliff DK; 1/22 Mills Norrie SP AMP.

Caspian Tern: 3/14 Tivoli Bays SR; 2/14 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln ID, SD; 1/18 Rhinecliff CP, CF, BMA, SJ; 1/19 Rhinebeck Water Treatment Plant SC; 2/19 Rhinecliff DK. Up to 5 Caspian Terns spent time at Kingston Point. Up to 3 were observed and photographed for Dutchess records. This is the 5th county record.

DOVES and CUCKOOS -- Rock Pigeon and Mourning Doves as usual.

Black-billed Cuckoo: 1/14 Purgatory Hill Pawling TV (early). Heard it calling in the woods repeatedly but a few minutes.

OWLS to KINGFISHER

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/1 Wappinger area KH; LAST 1/10 Pine Plains area CV.

Great Horned Owl: 2/18 Stanford DK (only record).

Barred Owl: 25 records 2/1 Red Hook SR; 2/9 Stanford DK.

Long-eared Owl: 6/2 Stanford farm (private) DK (only record). Found very irregularly.

Chimney Swift: 1/25 CIES lowland AMP, CV; 6/28 Rhinebeck BMA. A bit late arriving.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1/28 Clinton Corners JAP (only record). Also late.

Belted Kingfisher: 76 rcds, Most Buttercup West: 3/11 SC; 3/13 JCo. Two males were flying together attacking each other.

WOODPECKERS -- Red-bellied, Downy, Hairy, Flicker, and Pileated as usual.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 4/21 Buttercup MN. Sightings have gradually increased over time.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Most 7/24 Nuclear Lk CP; 7/26 Pawling Nature Rsv KH.

FALCONS

American Kestrel: 78 records, 5/21 Ludlow Woods Rd DK; 4/14 Woodward Hill Rd CP, HT; 4/19 Woodward Hill Rd JM.

Merlin: 9 records. Sightings of single birds in mid- to northern-county.

Peregrine Falcon: 5 records. Sightings of single birds near the Hudson River, most mid-river, also Tivoli Bays and Fishkill.

FLYCATCHERS -- Eastern Phoebe were here in good numbers and nest-building.

Great Crested Flycatcher: 1/27 Clinton Rec Pk JCLi; LAST 1/28 CIES Lowlands JA.

Eastern Kingbird: FIRST 1/6 Buttercup West HM; Very early and well-described. Next reports...1/27 Clinton Rec Pk JCLi; 1/27 HVRT Amenia CP; 1/29 Vassar Fm EW;

VIREOS

White-eyed Vireo: 1/25 CIES BH (only record).

Blue-headed Vireo: 9 records FIRST 1/14 Pond Gut AMP, BMA; MAX 3/26 Sharpe Reservation, Fishkill FT.

JAYS and CROWS – as usual

Common Raven: 50 records. MAX 3/23 HVRT Sharon Stn JAll; 3/28 Berkshire Rd Dover CP, HT.

SWALLOWS

Tree Swallow arrived last month, but some usually high counts were reported in April. 162/20 Tamarack Lk SC Actual count of 122 on one tree (photo) + two more groups of ~20 each; 154/7 Twin Island Lk MR Easy count - all were on power lines huddled together.

The rest in order of arrival ---

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 32 rcds. FIRST 3/9 Wapp Lk BB; 1/9 New Hamburg KH; MAX 15/21 Wapp Crk AM.

Barn Swallow: 41 records FIRST 1/16 Sylvan Lk CP; MAX 10/29 CIES Lowlands AM.

Purple Martin: 4 records, avg 4 each. Most 8/18 CIES Lowlands SC; Being harrassed by tree swallows. Considerably larger than tree and rough winged. All dark (no white breast) confirmed by call.

Cliff Swallow: 4/22 Vallkill-ERoosevelt NHP ES flying under the bridge - and going up under bridge.

Bank Swallow: 2/27 CIES BF (only record).

CHICKADEE to WRENS – Chickadee, Titmouse, and WB Nuthatch as usual

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/11 Buttercup West FT; 1/15 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln DT.

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Brown Creeper: 11 records. MAX 2/11 Tymor Pk AM; 2/24 Montgomery PI SR.

House Wren: 10 records. FIRST 1/14 River Rd, Barrytown SD, ID; MAX 3/28 Buttercup MR; 3/28 Peach Hill SC.

Winter Wren: 16 records, avg 2 each. MAX 5/18 Tamarack Prsv FT – a treat for the ears!

Carolina Wren: 119 records. MAX 10/13 DRT KH – along the entire trail.

GNATCATCHERS and KINGLETS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 27 records FIRST 1/6 Buttercup West HM; MAX 5/26 Wappingers Crk Greenway Trl AL.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 57 records, avg 4 each. MAX 35/11 Tymor Pk AM; 15/8 Buttercup West SC.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 120 records, avg 3 each. MAX 24/21 Buttercup West JCo On all trails, at least 24 birds.

THRUSHES and MIMICS – Bluebirds, Robins, and Mockingbirds continue.

Veery: 1/15 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln DT; 1/30 Ludlow Woods Rd DK; often not found at all in April.

Hermit Thrush: 33 records, MAX 4/23 Peach Hill CF, CP.

Gray Catbird: 12 records FIRST 1/1 CIES Lowlands DK; NEXT 1/14 River Rd, Barrytown SD, ID. Then others followed.

Brown Thrasher: After one report in March... 24 records. FIRST 1/8 Bedell Rd CF; MAX 4/23 Peach Hill CF.

American Pipit: 12/7 Payton yd Rhinebeck MP. An unusual find in the spring.

Cedar Waxwing: 33 records, avg 11 each. MAX 150/1 Woodward Hill Rd, Red Hook SR.

WARBLERS – By the end of April 2017 22 species of warblers had returned. This year – only 12. No “waves” are apparent in the reports, unless you consider the Black & Whites arriving on the 28th in 5 different places. And the peak #s of Palms on the 21st – 23rd. Only Yellow-rumped Warbler had arrived in March. Black-throated Greens usually arrive in April, but not this year.

Ovenbird: 1/26 Tivoli Bays SR; 1/28 Buttercup MR.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 27 records. FIRST 1/13 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SJ; 1/13 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln FT; MAX 5/18 Tamarack Prsv FT.

Northern Waterthrush: 2/22 Winnakee Nature Prsv FT; 1/26 PNR KH; 1/27 HVRT Amenia CP; 2/30 CIES MF.

Black-and-white Warbler: 7 records, avg 3 each. FIRST 6/28 Buttercup MR; 6/28 Buttercup East SR; 1/28 HVRT Sharon Stn AM; also arrived on the 28th in Red Hook, Pleasant Valley and CIES; 3/29 Berkshire Rd Dover JA.

Common Yellowthroat: 5 records. FIRST 1/19 Dennings Pt DP; NEXT 1/27 HVRT Amenia CP.

Northern Parula: 1/28 CIES Lowlands JA (only record).

Blackburnian Warbler: 1/17 RedWing - Velie Rd AMP.

Yellow Warbler: 12 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 1/24 Val-Kill WT; MAX 4/27 CIES Lowlands SC; 4/30 CIES Lowlands DK.

Palm Warbler: 89 records, avg 4 each. FIRST 2/1 CIES Lowlands DK; 25/22 Tymor Pk AM Probably more, they were all over today; 16/22 Buttercup MR. #s peaked 21st thru 23rd.

Pine Warbler: 44 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 2/2 CIES Lowlands CP; LAST 4/28 CIES Lowlands JA; MAX 6/22 Tymor Pk AM; 5/15 CIES Fern Glen SC.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 67 records, avg 4 each. Arrived in March. MAX 16/27 CIES BF; 12/23 HVRT Sharon Stn JAIL; 15/28 CIES Lowlands JA; 12/30 Twin Island Lk DK.

Prairie Warbler: 2/28 Pleasant Valley SC (only record).

SPARROWS – Here through the month in usual numbers and places... Field, White-throated, Song, Swamp Sparrows and Eastern Towhee which were quite abundant at Peach Hill.

American Tree Sparrow: 11 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 2/1 Purgatory Hill Pawling TV; 2/4 CIES Lowlands SC; LAST 1/17 HVRT Sharon Stn CV.

Chipping Sparrow: 125 records, avg 3 each. FIRST 1/1 Pooth yd Poughquag HT, CP; MAX 21/14 Vassar Fm CV.

Fox Sparrow: 11 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/2 Milan yard SJ; LAST 1/20 Grasmere, Rhinebeck AMP; MAX 2/7 Buttercup MR; 2/9 CIES Lowlands DK.

Dark-eyed Junco: 123 records, avg 5 each. LAST 1/29 Butler yd Verbank BB; MAX 35/1 Stringham Pk MB; 25/7 Rowe Rd MR. Will any be found in May?

White-crowned Sparrow: 1/14 FDRNHS BC; LAST 1/17 Hopeland trails KZS.

Vesper Sparrow: 1/20 Grasmere-PRIVATE PROPERTY, Rhinebeck AMP; 1/22 Tymor Pk AM.

Savannah Sparrow: 16 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 1/12 Rockefeller Ln PSt; MAX 9/20 Grasmere, Rhinebeck AMP.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 1/6 Hopeland ZN, ESta, NG; 1/7 Hopeland SC – Very early.

GROSBEAKS – Cardinals, as usual. Scarlet Tanagers and Indigo Bunting have not yet arrived.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: FIRST 1/23 Butler yd Verbank BB; 1/28 Purgatory Hill Pawling TV.

BLACKBIRDS – Red-winged Blackbirds, Brown-headed Cowbirds, and Common Grackles as usual. NO Orioles.

Eastern Meadowlark: 5 records FIRST 2/14 CIES Lowlands CV; 1/28 Strever Fm MR, SR, SJ, CP.

Rusty Blackbird: 52 records, avg 5 each. FIRST 2/1 CIES Lowlands DK; LAST 9/30 CIES Lowlands DK; MAX 38/12 Cary lowlands JCli. Dependable at CIES, also at HVRT, Tivoli Bays, Buttercup.

FINCHES – House Finches and Goldfinches as usual. NO Pine Siskins

Purple Finch: 12 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 2/1 Allen Rd Salt Pt BMA; LAST 3/29 Butler yd Verbank BB; MAX 4/2 Butler yd Verbank BB; 4/6 Purgatory Hill Pawling TV.

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MAY 2018 RECORDS

[Note the addition of Golden-winged Warbler. The report was a PEEP only and I didn't pick up PEEPs for May.]

May's weather was warmer and drier than normal. We had a microburst/tornado on the 15th. In the SW part of the county some Bald Eagle nests were destroyed and young were injured and rescued. How many smaller unmonitored bird nests were affected no one knows.

Warblers are always the focus of attention for May. It's our best opportunity to see the migrants that go through to nest farther north. When they come back through as "confusing fall warblers" they are harder to ID.

The Yellow-breasted Chat returned to Hopeland again this spring. (Chat is no longer deemed to be a warbler. Look for the Chat report following the sparrows.)

Jane Rossman found a Snowy Egret in a small pond on Sharon Station Road near the HVRT. Most of us drove by the pond without checking it. Folks who then went to look for the Snowy also made other interesting finds.

Hot spots for warblers were Peach Hill and Buttercup. For shorebirds, Strever Farm Road pond.

WATERFOWL – Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Wood Duck, Mallards, American Black Ducks, Hooded Mergansers and Common Loon as usual.

Snow Goose: 1/29 Long Pd Rd, Clinton SJ (only record).

Blue-winged Teal: 4/4 Sharon Stn Rd Amenia CP, HT; 2/6 Overlook Wetland Prsv KM; 1/17 HVRT Sharon Stn BMA; 1/24 Round Pd Amenia DK; unusual to have so many here in May.

Green-winged Teal: 4/1 Strever Fm SJ (only record). Departed earlier than usual.

Common Merganser: Most reports from CIES Lowlands and along the Hudson; 1/10 Clinton Nature Trl BMA; 2/13 Peach Hill BMA; 9/29 CIES Lowlands, adult female plus 8 ducklings SJ.

Double-crested Cormorant: Usual reports plus 180/11 Mills-Norrie SP RM; 175/22 Mills-Norrie SP SJ.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS – Ring-necked Pheasants reported near shooting preserves. About 60 reports of up to 7 **Wild Turkeys**.

Ruffed Grouse: 1/8 Pine Plains FM. ID'd from photo taken by observer.

WADING BIRDS

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/5 Deep Hollow Rd BMA (only record).

American Bittern: 5 reports from HVRT; also other locations: 1/8 Bog Hollow DF; 1/20 Buttercup West JA;

Least Bittern: 1/16 HVRT Amenia CP, CF; 1/21 Long Pd BMA; **Great Blue Heron:** Heronries at Rt 22 Wingdale (32 birds) HT,CP; Bower Rd (10) LM; Old Rt 55 Poughquag (6) ES; Wapp Cr (16) SI.

Snowy Egret: 1/3 JR; 1/4 CP, BMA, HT, SJ, DK. All in a small pond on Sharon Station Rd, Amenia. First spring record in many years.

Green Heron: 43 records - 4/28 CIES Lowlands MR; 3/8 Bog Hollow DF; 3/17 Peach Hill DG.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 3/30 Peach Hill LW - a new location.

RAPTORS – Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-shouldered, Broad-winged, Red-tailed Hawks in normal numbers and nesting.

Vultures – 6 times as many reports of Turkeys as Blacks.

Osprey: 24 records, avg 1 each. 2/5 Thompson Pd MR; 2/16 Mashomack DK.

Northern Harrier: 1/14 Vassar Fm DW; 1/21 Greig Fm SR; 1/25 CIES Lowlands LC, GBu; 1/27 Buttercup East CP.

Bald Eagle: 4/11 Ryder Pd DK; 4/15 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd PSt. One adult pair, another adult with harassing 3 year old. Many other reports.

MARSH BIRDS

Virginia Rail: 1/14 Crown Maple farm TW; 2/4 HVRT Sharon Stn SJ, BMA; 2/14 HVRT Sharon Stn GB.

Common Gallinule: Returned again to HVRT Amenia wetland near Sharon Station Road. First 1/4 CP; Last 1/18 HVRT Sharon Stn BMA, LM; 1-2 seen several other times same location.

SANDPIPERS – no Dunlin, Pectoral, or Semipalmated Sandpipers. Most sandpipers reported from Strever Farm pond. As usual – **Killdeer, Least Sandpiper, American Woodcock, Wilson's Snipe, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs,**

Semipalmated Plover: 1/14 Strever Fm BMA, CF, CP; 1/27 Strever Fm CP, SJ. Found a bit more frequently than in the past springs.

GULLS, PIGEONS, and DOVES as usual.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 20 records, First 1/10 Thompson Pd SR; Most 2/26 Buttercup East DK.

Black-billed Cuckoo: 23 records, First 1/10 Peach Hill DK; Most 2/13 CIES AT; 2/28 Kral yd Stanfordville DK.

OWLS – Only 2 reports each of **Eastern Screech** and **Great Horned Owls**. Our very vocal **Barred Owls** made themselves known more often in 1s and 2s. Deb Kral says "you don't mind being awakened by the caterwauling psychotic monkey babble of two Barred Owls!"

GOATSUCKERS to KINGFISHERS – Ruby-throated Hummingbird and Belted Kingfisher as usual.

Common Nighthawk: First 1/20 CIES JAD; Last 1/29 Home, Lagrangeville AM; Most 4/22 Mills-Norrie SP SJ; Also 1 or 2 over Red Hook and Stormville.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: First 2/11 Dover, Ridge Rd CP; Last 1/23 Dover, Ridge Rd BMA, SJ; On the 23rd "bird first alighted on the road, then flew to perch and began singing- first observed at 8:51pm- 'last light' for this evening was at 8:50pm"

Chimney Swift: Most 20/9 old Bennett College building ES; 15/11 Madam Brett Pk SI; 17/12 Wappingers Dam JCo.

WOODPECKERS -- Our usual woodpeckers, listed in order of abundance – **Red-bellied, Downy, Flicker, Pileated, Hairy, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.**

Red-headed Woodpecker: 1/7 CIES Lowlands SC; 1/30 FDRNHS DH; 2/31 FDRNHS SJ. We don't get these every year, but this is the 3rd year in a row they've been found.

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American Kestrel: 12 records including.. First 1/1 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR; Last 1/28 CIES Lowlands CP; plus 1/11 Ludlow Woods Rd DK; 1/17 Mills SP/Hopeland JA.

Merlin: 1/14 Deep Hollow Rd JA, GB; 1/17 Thompson Pd GB;

Peregrine Falcon: 2 sightings on the Kingston –Rhinecliff Bridge - 1/1 ESta; 1/5 ZN; 1/10 Clinton Nature Trl BMA.

FLYCATCHERS – Willow Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird – well reported.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1/11 Deep Hollow Rd LM, BMA, SJ; 1/11 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln RM; 1/26 Buttercup MR. 1/27 Buttercup East CP, CF.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: First 1/9 Grasmere, Rhinebeck JClo, FT, AMP; 11/30 Pawling Nature Rsv KH; 9/23 Nuclear Lk AMP, FT. Many more reports.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1/16 Peach Hill BMA, SR; 1/17-20 Mills SP/Hopeland JA, SR, CP; Having one stay for 3 days is unusual.

Acadian Flycatcher: First 1/11 Deep Hollow Rd BMA, SJ, LM; Last 1/30 Pawling Nature Rsv KH; Most 2/14 CIES Fern Glen JA, GB; 2/15 Winnakee Nature Prsv SS.

Alder Flycatcher: First 1/8 Bard College, Red Hook ESta; Up to 3 at CIES Lowlands and Peach Hill, also at Hopeland and several other places. Increasing in numbers.

VIREOS – Well reported in usual numbers – **Warbling, Red-eyed, Yellow-throated, Blue-Headed** (most to least order)

White-eyed Vireo: First 1/1 Tymor Pk BB; Last 1/27 Buttercup East CP; also at Peach Hill, Baptist Home Rhinebeck.

Philadelphia Vireo: 1/16 Ferncliff FT; 1/18 Berkshire Rd Dover JA. Not found every year here.

JAYS, CROWS, and RAVENS -- here in usual numbers.

SWALLOWS – Many reports of **Tree** and **Barn Swallows**.

Purple Martin: on-going colonies in Towns of Clinton and Washington.

Bank Swallow: reports from Stanfordville, HVRT Wassaic, Salt Point.

Cliff Swallow: First 8/3 Mashomack CP; Last 4/27 Southlands MP; Also 5/7 Vassar Golf Course, Poughkeepsie KC; 6/9 Grasmere, Rhinebeck FT; 4/11 Tower Hill Rd Millbrook BMA, LM, SJ.

CHICKADEE to KINGLETS – well reported: **Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Carolina Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 1/18 Buttercup East DG (only record).

Brown Creeper: 1/5 Browns Pond Rd Clinton KFr; 1/13 Crown Maple farm TW; 1/13 Nellie Hill SL.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/4 Sharon Stn Rd Amenia HT; 1/5 Hopeland trails KZS.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 27 records, avg 2 each. Last 1/15 Peach Hill JA; Most 10/1 Nuclear Lk CP; 4/1 Buttercup West SJ; 4/1 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR.

THRUSHES and MIMICS -- **Veery** arrived mid-April but **Wood Thrush** only appeared May 1st. **Robins, Bluebirds, Hermit Thrushes,** and **Catbirds** in normal numbers.

Swainson's Thrush: 19 records, avg 1 each. First 1/4 Ferncliff SJ; Last 1/30 Peach Hill LW; Most 3/16 Ferncliff FT; 2/12 Bowdoin Pk EG.

Wood Thrush: Well reported. First 1/1 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR; Most 15/11 Ferncliff RM; 10/9 Berkshire Rd Dover BMA; 10/11 Thompson Pd RM.

Brown Thrasher: Arrived in late March. Most 9/14 Peach Hill GB, JA; 3/17 Mills SP/Hopeland JA. All reports of more than 3 were from Peach Hill.

Northern Mockingbird: Seem scarce to me, and there are only a few more reports than for Thrashers, which is unusual. Most 10/27 CIES Lowlands MR; 4/5 Home, Lagrangeville AM.

Cedar Waxwing – normal.

WARBLERS – MIGRANTS – Only **Yellow-rumps** and **Palm Warblers** arrived before May this year.

Prothonotary Warbler: 1/5 CIES Lowlands HT, CP (only record).

Tennessee Warbler: First 2/7 Peach Hill CF; Last 1/21 Mills SP/Hopeland CF; Most 12/13 Peach Hill MR; all reports of >1 were from Peach Hill

Orange-crowned Warbler: 1/4 Locust Hill Fm – fields PI Valley DH (only record). In 2015 one was seen by several observers at Buttercup May 2-4th, our first May record. Very few records before that.

Nashville Warbler: First 1/3 Buttercup East CP; 1/3 Ferncliff SR; Last 1/21 Butler yd Verbank BB; Most 5/14 Peach Hill JAll; All reports of >2 from Peach Hill.

Mourning Warbler: 3/15 Peach Hill JA, CF; 1/17 Peach Hill SC; 1/18 Buttercup East SR; 1/21 Montgomery PI SR. We've had increasing sightings over the past several years. 3 in one place is new.

Cape May Warbler: 1-5 at Peach Hill from 10th thru 17th. Also at Allen Rd Salt Point and Berkshire Rd. Last 1/23 Nuclear Lk FT. all reports of more than 1 from Peach Hill

Northern Parula: Arrived April 28. Last May 23rd; Most 10/10 Peach Hill JCo; 4/16 Ferncliff FT. all reports of more than 4 from Peach Hill

Magnolia Warbler: First 2/4 Ferncliff SJ; Last 1/30 Pawling Nature Rsv KH; Most 6/11 Peach Hill ESh; 6/16 Ferncliff FT.

Bay-breasted Warbler: First 1/5 Buttercup MR; Last 1/30 Pawling Nature Rsv KH; Most 3/11 Peach Hill CP, ESh; 3/16 Ferncliff FT. 8 reports from Peach Hill

Blackpoll Warbler: First 1/7 Madam Brett Pk NN; Last 1/25 CIES Lowlands DK; Most 5/23 Nuclear Lk CF; 3/24 Kelly Rd, Red Hook LF.

Palm Warbler: Arrived Apr 1st. Last 1/13 Nellie Hill GBU; Most 5/1 App Trl Pawling SL; 5/1 Tymor Pk BB.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Arrived in March; Last 1/24 Round Pd Amenia DK; Most 24/11 Ferncliff RM; 20/1 Tymor Pk AM; 18/2 CIES Lowlands BMA.

Wilson's Warbler: First & Most 3/7 PI Valley power line cut SC; Last 1/30 Lakeside Pk Pawling KH; 1/30 Pawling Nature Rsv KH; Also 2/15 Peach Hill JA; 2/16 HVRT Amenia CP; 2/16 HVRT Sharon Stn CF.

WARBLERS - SUMMER RESIDENTS – The last two days of April were quite cool (40s-50s) and the first 5 days of May were much warmer (70s-80s), so nearly all summer resident warblers not already here arrived May 1st or 2nd. As summer residents they are expected to stay beyond the end of the month, so Last Dates are only listed for those that didn't.

Cerulean Warbler: First 1/4 SE Mountain Rd Wingdale DK; Last 1/30 Pawling Nature Rsv KH; 5 more reports from SE Mtn Road.

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Ovenbird: Apr 26th arrival. Most 28/30 Pawling Nature Rsv KH; 18/9 Berkshire Rd Dover BMA; 18/11 Deep Hollow Rd LM, BMA, SJ.

Worm-eating Warbler: First 1/1 App Trl Pawling LC, SL, GBu; Most 6/9 Berkshire Rd Dover BMA; 5/18 Berkshire Rd Dover JA.

Louisiana Waterthrush: Apr 13th arrival. Most 4/11 Deep Hollow Rd SJ, LM, BMA; 4/11 Tower Hill Rd Millbrook BMA, LM, SJ; 4/20 Buttercup West JA.

Northern Waterthrush: Apr 22nd arrival. 2/2 Buttercup East JAll; 2/23 Nuclear Lk FT, AMP.

Blue-winged Warbler: First 1/1 Bedell Rd Pok CF; Most 20/5 Peach Hill BMA, LM; 12/7 PI Valley power line cut SC; 18/8 Peach Hill CF, SC (One singing Golden-winged song.)

Brewster's Warbler (hybrid): 1/5 Allen Rd Salt Pt BMA; 1/8-17 Peach Hill singing Golden-Wing song SC and others; 1/27-29 CIES Lowlands DK; More than usual reports for this hybrid.

Golden-winged Warbler: 1/25 CIES lowlands, betw nest boxes 16 & 17. Good looks, vocalized then flew west. AMP

Black-and-white Warbler: Apr 28th arrival. Most 8/14 Peach Hill JA, GB; 7/9 Berkshire Rd Dover BMA.

Common Yellowthroat: Apr 19th arrival. Most 16/25 CIES KH; 14/3 Buttercup East CP; 14/14 Peach Hill GB, JA.

Hooded Warbler: First 3/4 Berkshire Rd Dover DK; Most 10/13 Berkshire Rd Dover HT, CP

American Redstart: First on May 2nd; Most 20/11 Ferncliff RM; 17/11 Deep Hollow Rd SJ, LM, BMA; 12/30 Pawling Nature Rsv KH; 15/30 Thompson Pd FT, AMP.

Blackburnian Warbler: Apr 17th arrival. Most 3/3 Ferncliff SR; 3/13 Peach Hill SC; 3/30 Pawling Nature Rsv KH.

Yellow Warbler: Apr 24th arrival. Most 19/28 CIES Lowlands HT, CP; 15/3 Buttercup East CP; 15/14 Peach Hill JA, GB.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: First on May 2nd; Most 12/9 Buttercup East CP; 8/11 Deep Hollow Rd LM, SJ, BMA.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: First 1/3 Buttercup West JAll; Most 4/11 Deep Hollow Rd BMA, LM, SJ; 3/4 Ferncliff SJ; 3/14 Crown Maple farm TW; 3/23 Nuclear Lk AMP, FT.

Pine Warbler: Apr 22nd arrival. Most 4/20 CIES AMP, MF; 3/1 Tymor Pk BB.

Prairie Warbler: Apr 28th arrival. Most 13/23 Mills SP/Hopeland SC; 10/7 PI Valley power line cut SC; 8/13 Peach Hill MR; 8/14 Nellie Hill SL.

Black-throated Green Warbler: First 1/1 Nuclear Lk CP; Most 13/11 Deep Hollow Rd BMA, SJ, LM

Canada Warbler: First 1/9 Peach Hill JCo; Last 2/23 Nuclear Lk FT, AMP; Most 3/20 Buttercup West JA; 2/15 Peach Hill JA; 2/17 Mills SP/Hopeland JA. (Do they still nest here?)

SPARROWS – as usual: **Chipping, Song, Field** (1/4 of all reports from Peach Hill), **Savannah, and Swamp**

Grasshopper Sparrow: 1/14 Baptist Home, Rhinebeck SS; 4/15 Burger Hill SS, SC; 1/18,20 Pine Plains, Schultz Hill Rd HT,CP; 1/21 Greig Fm SR; This year found in some new places and 4 in one place is notable.

American Tree Sparrow: 2/1 Bedell Meadow (private) CF (only record). Stayed later than usual.

Dark-eyed Junco: 2/13 CIES AT; 1/25 Mills SP/Hopeland SI; only records

White-crowned Sparrow: 8 records. First 1/3 Home, Lagrangeville AM; Last 3/16 Wilbur Flats Rd DK; Most 2/6 Cruger Island Rd, Red Hook EStA; 2/6 Bard Campus NG.

White-throated Sparrow: Well reported. Last 1/21 Mills SP/Hopeland CF; Most 37/2 Peach Hill FT; 20/2 Peach Hill DK; 17/3 Buttercup East CP.

Vesper Sparrow: 1/15 Rockefeller Ln PSt; 1/23 PI Valley power line cut SC.

Eastern Towhee: Most 37/9 Peach Hill JCo; reports of more than 12 all from Peach Hill

Yellow-breasted Chat: 9 reports of a single bird at Mills SP/Hopeland. First 1/16 MFi; Last 1/26 AM; plus 1/17 JA, CP, GB. Comments by JA: Established location for 2-4 individuals on territory over the last 3+ years. Bird was very vocal, observed perched in a bare tree at close range, and also observed "display flight".

TANAGER, GROSBEAKS, and BUNTINGS --- **Scarlet Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting** – normal.

Blue Grosbeak: 1/15 Burger Hill SS (only record). Well described.

BLACKBIRDS – **Baltimore Oriole, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Common Grackle** -normal.

Bobolink: Here all month. Most 35/15 Burger Hill SC; 10/11 Stissing Mountain Rd RM; 9/18 Pine Plains, Schultz Hill Rd HT; 10/20 Southlands MP; 9/30 App Trl Pawling KH.

Eastern Meadowlark: 13 records. All month. Most 2/20 399 N.Mabbetsville Rd JA; 1/11 North Ave Salt Pt LM, SJ; 1/18 Strever Fm HT; 1/30 App Trl Pawling KH.

Orchard Oriole: Well reported. First 1/2 Dennings Pt HM; 1/2 North Ave Salt Pt BMA; 3/2 Peach Hill FT; Most 6/5 Peach Hill LM, BMA; 5/9 Grasmere, Rhinebeck FT, JClo, AMP.

Continuing a steady increase that began about 10 years ago

FINCHES -- **House Finch, American Goldfinch** – normal

Purple Finch: 21 records, avg 1 each. All month. Most 3/10 Joseph yd Milan SJ; 3/12 Mansell yd Salt Pt BMA.

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FDRNHS – Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site;

HVRT – Harlem Valley Rail Trail;

Prsv – Preserve;

Rsv – Reserve

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Field Trips – 2nd – Peach Hill, 9th – Grasmere, 16th – Ferncliff,
23rd – Nuclear Lake, 27th – Cary IES, 30th Thompson Pond

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JUNE 2018 RECORDS

June was mostly dry, then a 2-inch rain on the 28th brought the month's rainfall up to near normal. Temps were near normal with two 2-day spells of 90+.

A few north-bound migrants lingered into June, but most had passed through. June is for nesting!

A second county nest site for Osprey was reported

Last May Diane DesAutels reported to Hudson River Almanac a gynandromorphic (genetically part male and part female) Rose-breasted Grosbeak. This year it returned in June.

The Yellow-breasted Chats continued at Hopeland for most of June. (Chat is no longer deemed to be a warbler. Look for the Chat report following the sparrows.)

WATERFOWL – Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Wood Duck, Mallard, Hooded and Common Merganser busy raising young. No **American Black Duck** reports, which are not found every year in June.

Blue-winged Teal: After reports from several places in May, one lingered at Round Pond in Amenia - 1/3 DK; 1/8 JR

Common Loon: 1/2 Wapp Crk AM, JCo (only record).

UPLAND GAME AND WADING BIRDS -- Normal reports for **Wild Turkey, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, and Green Heron.**

Ruffed Grouse: 1/10 Hudson River, Hyde Pk DH (only record).

American Bittern: 1/19 Tivoli Bays SR (only record).

Least Bittern: 2/10 Tivoli Bays SR (only record).

RAPTORS – Usual reports for **Turkey and Black Vultures, Cooper's, Sharp-shinned, Broad-winged, Red-tailed, and Red-shouldered Hawk**, including several of nesting activity. **Osprey:** Several sightings along the river in the Bannerman's Island area and more around the Tivoli area, presumably from the nest at Kingston. Then a nest with young was discovered on the east side of the river. The second nest in recent times. **Bald Eagle:** A good number of young fledged from nests this month.

MARSH BIRDS –

Virginia Rail: 2/11 CIES Lowlands CP, BP; 4/13 Omega Institute night-time CB.

Common Gallinule: 1/2 HVRT Sharon Stn SMRA-FT (only record).

SHOREBIRDS – only 3 species reported

Killdeer: Most 11/4 Fishkill Cemetery AM

American Woodcock: Most 5/21 Route 82 Clinton Corners BMa.

Spotted Sandpiper: 1/11 Strever Fm BP, CP (only record).

GULLS, PIGEONS AND DOVES – as usual.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 23 records; Most 3/9 CIES Lowlands BMa.

Black-billed Cuckoo: 5 records; First 1/1 Innisfree RS; Last 1/25 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR.

OWLS TO KINGFISHER --

Only **Barred Owl** reports of 1-2.

Chimney Swift: Most 50/24 150 Main St, Beacon TO, other reports of 7 or fewer.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Most 4/13 Rockefeller Research Ctr FT, one did the U-shaped flight display.

Belted Kingfisher: Most 3/10 Wassaic Gravel Pit Rt 22 BP, HT, CP.

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

Red-headed Woodpecker: Continued from May at FDRNHS until 1/9 AM; Comment from DH: Adult, probably male based on drumming and calling behavior.

FALCONS – Only **American Kestrel** – 13 reports, most 3/28 Kral yd Stanfordville DK.

FLYCATCHERS – Well-reported: **Eastern-wood Pewee, Willow, Least, Great Crested Flycatchers and Eastern Phoebe and Kingbird.**

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1/8 Thompson Pd JCo (only record).

Acadian Flycatcher: Most 3/2 Deep Hollow Rd SMRA-FT; Also at Mills SP/Hopeland SMi, PL and Omega Institute CB.

Alder Flycatcher: First 1/3 Andrew Haight Rd. DK; Last 2/16 App Trl Pawling BB; plus 5 reports from CIES Lowlands.

VIREOS – **Yellow-throated, Warbling, Red-eyed Vireos** well reported.

White-eyed Vireo: 1/2 Tamarack Lk SMRA-FT; 1/3 Tamarack Lk DK.

Blue-headed Vireo: 1/5 Aspinwall Rd, Red Hook LF; 1/8 FDRNHS DH; 1/12 Deep Hollow Rd DK.

JAYS AND CROWS AND RAVENS – as usual.

SWALLOWS – **Northern Rough-wing, Tree, and Barn** as usual.

Purple Martin: Most 30/2 Whitlock Preserve, Clinton Corners SMRA-FT; also sightings at 5 other locations.

Cliff Swallow: 2/11 TMR Prsv CP, BP (only record).

CHICKADEE TO CREEPER – **Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch** normal reports.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/2 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln DT; 1/14 Casperkill CD; 1/22 Butler yd Verbank BB.

Brown Creeper: only reports are from FDRNHS - 1/2 BMa, MK; 1/8 DH.

WRENS TO KINGLETS – **House, Winter, Marsh, Carolina Wrens** in the usual places.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Most 7/13 Rockefeller Research Ctr FT - nest with 3 yg attended by 2 adults.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/2 Deep Hollow Rd SMRA-FT (only record).

THRUSHES AND MIMICS – **Veery, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird** well reported. **Eastern Bluebirds** are busy using our nest boxes.

Hermit Thrush: 1/15 Omega Institute CB (only record).

Brown Thrasher: 17 records, Most 3/17 Salt Pt BMa; 2/26 Peach Hill JM.

Cedar Waxwing: Well reported. Most 9/16 CIES Lowlands JCo.

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WARBLERS -- Ovenbird, Blue-winged, Black and White, Yellow, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Prairie and Common Yellowthroat were well reported. Warblers that breed here that were missed this June were **Cerulean and Canada Warbler**. (Cerulean were missed despite a trip to SE Mtn Rd on the 11th by CP, BP.)

Worm-eating Warbler: 13 records, avg 2 each. Max 4/11 Berkshire Rd Dover CP, BP; 4/29 Red Wing Recreation Area AM.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 14 records, avg 2 each. Most 5/2 Deep Hollow Rd JA.

Northern Waterthrush: 1/2 FDRNHS BMA, MK; 2/4 App Trl Pawling AR; 1/16 S Quaker Hill Rd. AR.

Hooded Warbler: 8 records, avg 2 each. Most 6/11 Berkshire Rd Dover CP, BP; Also 1/16 Deep Hollow Rd DK.

American Redstart: Well reported. Most 13/10 Deep Hollow Rd HT, CP, BP; 12/13 Rockefeller Research Ctr AMP, FT, nest with 2 yg attended by pair.

Northern Parula: 1/2 CIES DK; 1/9 Purgatory Hill Pawling TV.

Magnolia Warbler: 1/6 Mills SP/Hopeland DB, AB (only record).

Blackburnian Warbler: 5/2 Deep Hollow Rd SMRA-FT; 2/3 & 1/9 Deep Hollow Rd DK. The winter storms took out the patch of hemlocks where we usually find them in Turkey Hollow (part of the same woodland as Deep Hollow Rd), so it's good to see these reports.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1/9 Deep Hollow Rd DK (only record).

Pine Warbler: 7 records. 1/2 Deep Hollow Rd JA; 1/8 Vanderbilt NHS KH; 1/13 CIES BH.

Black-throated Green Warbler: 11 records, most from Deep Hollow Rd. Most 5/24 Deep Hollow Rd DK; Also 2/11 Berkshire Rd Dover CP, BP.

SPARROWS – Good numbers for Eastern Towhee, Chipping, Song, Swamp, & Field Sparrows

Grasshopper Sparrow: 5/3 Greig Fm BMA; 1/24 Round Pd Amenia DK

Dark-eyed Junco: 1/3 Deep Hollow Rd DK (only record). They used to stay to nest in a few cool places. Still?

Savannah Sparrow: 7/3 Greig Fm BMA; 1/5 PI Valley power line cut SC; 1/15 Thompson Pd JCo; 1/23 Great Song Fm MR, MY.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Up to 3 reported, all at Mills SP/Hopeland First 1/2 SMi; 2/6 FT, JClo; Most 3/9 BT - 2 singing males in first field beyond parking lot- 1 largely hidden but singing regularly from within cover, occasionally showing itself- a second bird clearly heard calling nearby, suspect mated pair- third bird by contrast very vocal and conspicuous, persistently singing for over 1 hour...; Last 1/26 MG.

TANAGER TO INDIGO BUNTING – Largest counts are listed.

Scarlet Tanager: 5/10 Deep Hollow Rd BP, CP, HT.

Northern Cardinal: 8/23 Southlands Fm FT.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 6/10 Deep Hollow Rd BP, CP, HT; 6/1 plus 2 yg being fed/25-30 Michelin yd BAM. 1/7 Town of Pok feeder, gynandromorph at same location as last May. HRA DesAutels. See July 2017 Wings.

Indigo Bunting: 6/6 Mills SP/Hopeland FT, JClo.

BLACKBIRDS – Well reported – Baltimore Oriole, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Common Grackle.

Bobolink: 28 records, avg 8 each. Most 30/22 Burger Hill AM; 24/23 Southlands Fm FT.

Eastern Meadowlark: 1/6 Shaughnessy Rd AM (only record).

Orchard Oriole: 21 records, avg 1 each. First 2/1 Slate Dock Rd, Rhinebeck US-NY SJ; Last 1/27 Reese Pk KH; Most 2/9 CIES Lowlands BMA; 2/9 Mills SP/Hopeland BT.

FINCHES – House Finch and American Goldfinch well reported.

Purple Finch: 17 records. First 2/1 Mansell yd Salt Pt BMA; Last 2/26 Butler yd Verbank BB; Most 3/13 Locust Grove RG.

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Waterman Bird Club (FT); Saw Mill River Audubon field trip – led by John Askildsen (SMRA-FT)

Abbreviations –

CIES – Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

FDRNHS – Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site

HRA – Hudson River Almanac

Vanderbilt NHS – Vanderbilt National Historic Site

Field trips – 6th – Hopeland Area of Ogden Mills SP, 10th – Cary IES, 13th – Rockefeller Univ Field Research Station, 20th – Nellie Hill, 23rd – Southlands Farm, 27th – Orvis Sandanona, 30th - FDRNHS

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JULY 2018 RECORDS

July's rainfall pattern was unusual. We had several spells of short, torrential showers that added up to 6.35 inches – 1.7 inches more than usual for the month. Temperatures averaged a bit higher than normal.

Among the eBird records this month were checklists that covered long distances. They yielded larger counts of some birds than we find in on our usual outings. There were 4 checklists from an Appalachian Trail hiker, Matthew Daw, who passed through on the 17th and 18th. One checklist covered an 18-mile section. Ken Harris also covered a section of the Appalachian Trail of about 8 miles from Nuclear Lake to the boardwalk at Rt 22. Tom Lake kept track of birds observed on the water chestnut along the Hudson shore during an 8-mile train ride from Poughkeepsie to New Hamburg. Reported in Hudson River Almanac.

There were some early shorebird fall arrivals, notably Semipalmated Plover and Semipalmated Sandpiper plus both Yellowlegs. Again many of our shorebird reports were from Strever Farm pond.

An unusual report was a Common Nighthawk heard in early July. Late spring migrant or early fall? They formerly nested on Poughkeepsie city rooftops about 50 years ago.

WATERFOWL – Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Mallard in usual numbers. No American Black Ducks reported.

Wood Duck: 24 records, avg 9 each. MAX 32/24 Goose Chase Pd DK; 31/8 Jekoe/Greens Pd BJM.

Hooded Merganser: 1/1 Kennels Rd Millbrook DK; 4/2, 3/3, 4/8 Deep Hollow Rd DK.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS --

Ruffed Grouse: 1/13 Salisbury Tpke, Rhinebeck SJ (only record).

Wild Turkey: 14 records, avg 6 each. Most 17/17 Ludlow Woods Rd DK.

GREBES to WADING BIRDS –

Pied-billed Grebe: 1/17 Millbrook School DK (only record).

Double-crested Cormorant: 7 records, avg 5 each. Most 24/1 Pok->New Hamburg TL; away from river -- 2/1 Tamarack Lk DK.

Great Blue Heron: 57 records, Most 16/1 Pok->New Hamburg seen from train- on water chestnut TL; 8/11 Montgomery PI FT; 14/20 Wapp Lk KH.

Great Egret: 10 records, avg 4 each. First 1/25 Salt Pt Tpk pond JP; Most 15/27 Twin Island Pd MR; 6/30 Mashomack DK; 5/31 Bowdoin Pk SI.

Green Heron: 24 records, avg 2 each. First 6/1 Pok->New Hamburg seen from train- on water chestnut TL; Most 7/31 Dutchess Park Lk AM (I have never seen so many in one place! Could have been more, lots of places to hide.)

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 6 records, First 1/1 Pok->New Hamburg TL; 1/7 Buttercup West JCo; The rest of the records were from Bowdoin Park cove -- 1/28 FM; Most 3/31 2 adult, 1 juv SI.

RAPTORS – Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk reported as usual.

Osprey: 1/5 Broadway, Tivoli KB; Last 1/16 Mills SP/Hopeland JClo; Most 4/15 Tivoli area SR two adults- two young in the nest being fed

Cooper's Hawk: 8 records, Most 3/19 Wappinger yd SI.

Northern Goshawk: 1/21 Deep Hollow Rd heard and then saw a young along the road. KCF. Goshawks are not often found

Bald Eagle: 16 records, Most 3/2 Bangall-Amenia Rd. DK; 3/25 Ryder Pd DK; 3/29 Bruzugul Rd JB.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 13 records. 2/9 Mansell yd Salt Pt Calling continuously. BMA; 2/14 Payton yd Rhinebeck MP.

Broad-winged Hawk: 8 records 1/23 Milan circling above yard, calling SJ.

No reports of marsh birds (Rails or Common Gallinule)

SHOREBIRDS – several species arrived early

Semipalmated Plover: 1/23 Strever Fm CP. We had no fall records from 1989 to 2010. Then in 2011-2016 we had 1 or 2 each fall. This is our first **July** record.

Killdeer: 28 records, avg 7 each. Most 20/27 Strever Fm CP; 18/30 Salt Pt Tpk - Ponderosa Pd BMA.

Least Sandpiper: 12 records, avg 8 each. First 6/22 Strever Fm CP; Most 17/25 Strever Fm CP; 1/25 Shallow Swamp at Bulls Head&Field Rds, Clinton BMA. All other reports from Strever Farm pond.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 5 records, avg 2 each. First 3/24 Strever Fm CP, HT, CF; Last 1/28 Strever Farm Pd AP; 2/25 shallow swamp at Bulls Head&Field Rds, Clinton BMA. 1st July record since before 1990.

American Woodcock: 1/9 Mansell yd Salt Pt BMA (only record).

Spotted Sandpiper: 10 records. Most 3/14 Strever Fm HT, CP; 3/15 Tivoli Bays SR; 2/30 Nuclear Lk KH.

Solitary Sandpiper: 12 records. First 2/22 Strever Fm CP; Most 3/25 Strever Fm BMA; 3/27 Strever Fm MR.

Greater Yellowlegs: 1/24 Strever Fm CP, HT, CF, SJ. 1/30 Strever Fm MS, MN; not usually here until mid-August.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 1/24 Strever Fm CP, HT; 1/25 Strever Fm CP; not usually here until mid-August.

GULLS – Ring-billed Gull, normal summer numbers. No **Herring Gull** reports. Only one **Great Black-backed Gull** report. (Several reports of gull sp.)

Rock Pigeon and **Mourning Dove** – as usual.

CUCKOOS –

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 11 records, MAX 2/26 Dennings Pt AL.

Black-billed Cuckoo: 7 records, Most and Last 3/18 Buttercup East - All three making a "frog-like" sound, 2 were seen and photographed DK.

OWLS –

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/12 Allen Rd Salt Pt BMA (only record).

Great Horned Owl: 3/23 Old Quaker Hill Rd. Immature begging calls from 3 different trees. Have heard adults in this area in the past. CP; 1/24 Separate Rd DK; 1/30 Shaughnessy Rd AM.

Barred Owl: 21 records, avg 2 each. Most 3/29 Kral yd Stanfordville - one adult calling- two immatures close to the house responding with repetitive screech for 45 minutes DK.

NIGHTHAWK to KINGFISHER –

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Common Nighthawk: 1/8 Wappingers Falls Home Heard only at 9:43pm DV. Not expected until mid-August.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 56 records, Most 4/9 Deep Hollow Rd FT; 1/4 Stony Kill - Female sitting on nest FT, spotted by CP.

Belted Kingfisher: 18 records, Most 4/7 Reese Sanctuary KH; 3/7 Kennels Rd Millbrook - possible family unit, all three shared the same branch DK; 3/25 The Fly CP.

WOODPECKERS – Our resident woodpeckers are listed in descending order of # of reports. **Downy, Red-Bellied, Northern Flicker, Hairy, Pileated, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.**

FALCONS –

American Kestrel: 6 records, avg 2 each. Most 5/28 Ludlow Woods Rd - FLEDGE DAY from the Upper Nesting Box DK.

Merlin: 1/19 Co Rd 13 at Hollow Rd - perched on snag DK (only record).

Peregrine Falcon: 1/3 Kaal Rock Pk Adult calling and flying by pedestrian bridge PK (only record).

FLYCATCHERS –

Eastern Wood-Pewee: 71 records, avg 2 each. Most 19/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD; 12/30 App Tr (Nuc Lk to Great Swamp) KH. Most reported flycatcher. They still sing while other flycatchers are now quiet.

Acadian Flycatcher: First 4/9 Deep Hollow Rd. Young and adult well observed and heard for several minutes. FT; 1/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD; 1/18 App Tr Dover MD; Last 1/22 PI Valley power line cut SC.

Alder Flycatcher: 1/24 Buttercup West LW (only record).

Willow Flycatcher: 12 records. Most - 2/3 Buttercup West LW; 2/28 CIES Lowlands DK.

Least Flycatcher: 5 records. First 1/3 Deep Hollow Rd DK; Last 1/31 Bowdoin Pk CP; MAX 3/4 Buttercup MR; also 1/8 CIES Lowlands BMA.

Great Crested Flycatcher: 30 records. Most 4/9 Deep Hollow Rd FT; 3/11 Montgomery PI FT, JClo.

Eastern Kingbird: 67 records, avg 2 each. Most 5/7 Red Hook Golf Club MP; 4/18 Red Wing LaGrange FT.

VIREOS --

White-eyed Vireo: 1/1 Tamarack Lk DK (only record).

Yellow-throated Vireo: 18 records. Most 4/12 Orvis Sandanona, Millbrook BB, AMP; 4/30 Nuclear Lk KH.

Blue-headed Vireo: 3/9 Deep Hollow Rd FT; 1/30 App Tr (Nuc Lk to Great Swamp) KH.

Warbling Vireo: 22 records, avg 2 each. Most 4/4 Buttercup MR; 4/4 Stony Kill FT, CP, BB.

Red-eyed Vireo: 53 records, avg 4 each. MAX 36/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD; 15/9 Deep Hollow Rd FT.

JAYS and CROWS – **Blue Jays** and **American Crows** well reported.

Fish Crow: 10 records, avg 2 each. Most 5/7 Reese Sanctuary KH.

Common Raven: 12 records, avg 2 each. Most 4/22 PI Valley power line cut SC; 3/18 Buttercup East DK.

SWALLOWS – Trees and Barns are forming flocks.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 3/4 Stony Kill CP, BB, FT; 5/5 Madam Brett Pk AM; Most 15/15 Tivoli Bays SR; Last 6/22 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln EL.

Purple Martin: 1/14 Butler yd Verbank BB; Most 20/28 Tamarack Lk AP; 16/28 Tamarack Lk found/"peeped" by Alan Petersen perched on dead snags, immatures begging and being fed DK.

Tree Swallow: 63 records, avg 18 each. Last 100/30 Mashomack DK; Most 500/2 Bangall-Amenia Rd. DK.

Bank Swallow: 2/28 Salt Pt Tpk - Ponderosa Pd BMA (only record).

Barn Swallow: 69 records, avg 6 each. Last 10/31 Stony Kill ES; MAX 36/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD; 30/14 Southlands MP; 30/15 Tivoli Bays SR.

Cliff Swallow: 5/12 Tivoli Bays LV; 1/23 Strever Fm CP.

CHICKADEES to NUTHATCHES – Black-capped

Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch all well reported. No Red-breasted Nuthatch reports.

WRENS -- House Wren and **Carolina Wren** in good numbers.

Winter Wren: 2/8 Deep Hollow Rd DK; 5/9 Deep Hollow Rd FT.

Marsh Wren: 4/5 Madam Brett Pk AM; 20/15 Tivoli Bays SR.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 16 records, avg 2 each. Most 4/18 App Tr Dover MD; 4/22 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln EL.

THRUSHES and MIMICs – **Eastern Bluebird, American Robins** and **Gray Catbirds** well reported with young out.

Veery: 46 records, avg 2 each. Most 9/9 Deep Hollow Rd FT.

Hermit Thrush: 1/17 App Tr East Fishkill MD; 2/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD; 1/18 App Tr Dover MD; 2/30 App Tr (Nuc Lk to Great Swamp) KH.

Wood Thrush: 50 records, Most 15/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD; 7/7 Reese Sanctuary KH.

Brown Thrasher: 2/1 Knight Rd, Clinton Corners MR; 1/12 Vassar Fm DW; 1/21 Peach Hill SC. 1/28 CIES Lowlands DK.

Northern Mockingbird: 26 records. Most 4/14 Southlands MP; 4/30 Bowdoin Pk DK.

Starlings and Cedar Waxwings in good numbers.

WARBLERS – 15 species of summer residents....

Ovenbird: 16 records, Most 3/9 Deep Hollow Rd FT.

Worm-eating Warbler: 1/3 CIES BH (only record).

Louisiana Waterthrush: 7 records. Most 4/9 Deep Hollow Rd AMP, FT.

Northern Waterthrush: 1/14 Clinton Nature Trl BMA (only record).

Blue-winged Warbler: 5 records, **avg 2 each.** Most 4/18 Buttercup East DK; 3/26 Buttercup East GC.

Black-and-white Warbler: 6 records, 1 each in 6 different locations.

Common Yellowthroat: 65 records, avg 3 each. Most 13/8 CIES Lowlands CP, HT; 9/18 Buttercup East DK.

Hooded Warbler: 1/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD; 1/18 App Tr Dover MD.

American Redstart: 15 records, avg 2 each. Most 5/4 Buttercup MR; 2/9 Deep Hollow Rd FT; 2/26 Dennings Pt AL.

Blackburnian Warbler: 2/3 Deep Hollow Rd high in the hemlocks, singing, chasing DK; 3/9 Deep Hollow Rd FT.

Yellow Warbler: 33 records, Most 3/2 CIES DK; 3/7 Buttercup West Two adults, one feeding a fledgling Y. Warbler, the other feeding a fledgling Cowbird JCo; 3/29 Wapp Crk SI.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 11 records, Most 2/3 Deep Hollow Rd DK; 2/4 Buttercup MR.

Pine Warbler: 2/3 CIES BH; 1/18 CIES BH.

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Prairie Warbler: 6 records, Most 5/1 Knight Rd, Clinton Corners MR; Also at Buttercup, CIES, Clinton Nature Trl, App Trl Pawling.

Black-throated Green Warbler: All from Deep Hollow Rd - 1/2 DK; 5/3 DK; 5/8 DK; 7/9 FT.

SPARROWS – Chipping Sparrows and Song Sparrows well reported, with young noted.

Field Sparrow: 47 records, Most 9/18 Red Wing LaGrange FT; 6/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD; 5/21 Peach Hill SC.

Savannah Sparrow: 1/2 Robinson Ln BJM; 1/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD.

Swamp Sparrow: 29 records, Most 5/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD; 4/8 CIES Lowlands CP, HT; 4/30 App Tr (Nuc Lk to Great Swamp) KH.

Eastern Towhee: 45 records, Most 8/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD; 7/18 Buttercup East DK.

TANAGERS to BUNTINGS -- Northern Cardinal and Rose-breasted Grosbeak in good numbers with young.

Scarlet Tanager: 41 records, Most 13/17 App Tr East Fishkill MD; 9/17 App Tr Beekman to Dover MD; 7/30 App Tr (Nuc Lk to Great Swamp) KH.

Indigo Bunting: 39 records, avg 2 each. Most 6/12 Orvis Sandanona, Millbrook BB, AMP; 4/17 Allen Rd Salt Pt BMA; 4/26 Dennings Pt AL.

BLACKBIRDS – Red-winged Blackbirds, Brown-headed Cowbirds, and Common Grackles noted in flocks of 50 to several hundred.

Bobolink: 25/3 Burger Hill JClo; 1/14 Southlands MP; 2/22 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln EL.

Orchard Oriole: 1/3 Burger Hill JClo; 3/4 FDRNHS DV, AS; 1/5 Long Dock Pk Beacon WK; 2/18 Red Wing LaGrange FT; 2/30 App Tr (Nuc Lk to Great Swamp) KH.

Baltimore Oriole: 23 records, Most 3/5 Long Dock Pk Beacon WK.

FINCHES – House Finches and American Goldfinches in good numbers. Also **House Sparrows**.

Purple Finch: 8 records, 1-2 thru the month in BB, SJ, and CP yards.

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Field trips

4th – Stony Kill

9th – Deep Hollow (postponed from the 8th)

11th – Poet's Walk

18th – Red Wing Park

25th -- Nuclear Lake - cancelled

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Abbreviations – App Tr – Appalachian Trail; HRA – Hudson River Almanac

AUGUST 2018 RECORDS

August is the month when we look forward to migration activity beginning to pick up. While there were no real surprises in store for us, slow and steady might be a good way to describe this month's birding. The rainy weather during the first half of the month kept water levels up, and variety and numbers of shorebird species down. Lush summer vegetation showed no signs of typical August wilt or "die-back", so birds were tougher to see, especially marsh birds. Migrating birds will have plenty to eat, though.

After mid-month when the rains slowed down, if you were looking out your window into some of that lush vegetation bearing fruit (as member Deb Tracy-Kral was), you might have had the same proverbial "bird's eye view" of warblers on the move as she did- proof that nature was still in charge despite what had been looking like a quiet month.

WATERFOWL –

Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Mallard were reported in average numbers.

Wood Duck: 25 records. MAX 56/23 Schoolhouse Rd Swamp Heronry BMA; NOTABLES: 25/3 Pond- Bulls Head Rd. Clinton Corners-204-210 County Rd 19 SJ.

American Black Duck: 3 records, avg 3 each. MAX 7/2 The Fly DK.

Mallard x American Black Duck (hybrid): 2/21 Mashomack CP (only record).

Green-winged Teal: 3/6 Red Schoolhouse Rd, Fishkill FI (only record).

UPLAND GAME BIRDS –

Wild Turkey: 22 records, avg. 7 each. MAX 23/21 Fm & Home Center SC.

PIGEONS AND DOVES –

Rock Pigeon and Mourning Dove were reported in expected numbers.

CUCKOOS –

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 11 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/2 Pd Gut AL; LAST 1/25 Kral yd Stanfordville DK.

Black-billed Cuckoo: 1/18 DRT Lk Walton AS, DV; 1/19 Dennings Pt AS, DV. 1/21 Dennings Pt AL;

NIGHTJARS –

Common Nighthawk: 6 records. FIRST 1/5 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon FI; LAST Date 23, 2 records; MAX 16/20 190 Old Sylvan Lake Rd, Hopewell Junction JB; NOTABLES: 5/19 Pooth yd Poughquag CP; 7/22 Wappingers Falls Home DV.

SWIFTS and HUMMINGBIRDS –

Chimney Swift: 22 records. FIRST 8/3 FDRNHS MK; LAST 2/31 Peach Hill AL; MAX 20/9 Millbrook BB; NOTABLES: 15/28 Depot Hill CP.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 120 records, avg 2 each. LAST Date 31, 6 records; MAX 8/22 HVRT Sharon Stn MS, KS; NOTABLES: 6/1 Michelin yd Wapp BAM "3f/3m feeders".

RAILS and GALLINULES –

Virginia Rail: 1/18 DRT Lk Walton AS, DV (only record).

Common Gallinule: 4 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 2/6 HVRT Sharon Stn AM; LAST 3/28 HVRT Sharon Stn AM; MAX 3/28 HVRT Sharon Stn AM.

SHOREBIRDS and GULLS –

Killdeer: 33 records, avg. 8 each. FIRST Date 3, 2 records.; LAST 12/31 Strever Fm CP; MAX 28/18 Route 82 Polo Field MR.

Least Sandpiper: 13 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 2/3 Strever Fm CP; LAST 2/31 Strever Fm CP; MAX 5/18 Strever Fm MR; NOTABLES: 2/13 Salt Pt Tpk - Pderosa Pd BMA.

Spotted Sandpiper: 7 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/5 Strever Fm CP, HT; LAST 1/29 Tymor Pk AM; MAX 2/15 DRT - Van Wyck Ln FT; .

Solitary Sandpiper (all reports are from Strever Farm): 19 records, avg 3 each. FIRST 5/3 Strever Fm CP; LAST 1/31 Strever Fm CP; MAX 6/17 Strever Fm SJ.

Greater Yellowlegs : 3 records. FIRST 1/3 Strever Fm CP; LAST 5/31 Strever Fm CP;

Lesser Yellowlegs (all reports are from Strever Farm), 6 records: FIRST 1/3 Strever Fm MR; LAST 3/30 Strever Fm CP; MAX 6/29 Strever Fm CP;

Ring-billed Gull: 9 records, avg 8 each. FIRST Date 5, 3 records.; LAST 2/30 Tivoli Bays SR; MAX 32/20 Mills-Norrie SP SJ.

Herring Gull: 1/19 Dennings Pt AS, DV (only record).

Double-crested Cormorant: 16 records, avg . 4 each. FIRST 1/5 9D, Beacon FI; LAST 1/30 Tivoli Bays SR; MAX 28/15 Hudson River, Staatsburg SJ.

HERONS and ALLIES –

Great Blue Heron: 73 records. MAX 9/4 Wapp Lk AM.

Great Egret: 27 records (also at Mashomack and 6 other places), avg 4 each. FIRST Date 1, 2 records.; LAST Date 30, 2 records.; MAX 18/7 Wappinger Crk tidewater HD; NOTABLES: 9/6 Bowdoin Pk SJ; 9/30 Tivoli Bays SR.

Green Heron: 37 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 2/1 Wapp Crk AM; LAST 1/31 Payton yd Rhinebeck MP; MAX 8/21 Hillside Lk BJM; NOTABLES: 7/18 DRT Lk Walton DV, AS; 6/24 Dennings Pt AL.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 3 records, avg 3 each. FIRST Date 1, 2 records.; LAST 4/2 Bowdoin Pk BB, LK.

RAPTORS –

Black Vulture: 3 records. FIRST 1/22 HVRT Sharon Stn KS, MS; LAST 3/29 CIES Lowlands DK.

Turkey Vulture: 53 records. MAX 11/27 Travis Rd, Hyde Pk LM.

Osprey: 3 records . 2/15 Hudson River, Staatsburg SJ; 1/19 Dennings Pt AS, DV; 1/20 Mills-Norrie SP SJ.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/21 Wappingers Falls Home DV (only record).

Cooper's Hawk: 20 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/6 HVRT Sharon Stn AM; LAST 1/30 Michelin yd Wapp AJM; MAX 2/21 Wappingers Falls Home DV.

Bald Eagle: 15 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 2/1 Bowdoin Pk AM; LAST Date 30, 2 records.; MAX 4/23 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd BD.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 17 records. FIRST 2/2 Kral yd Stanfordville DK, "2 immatures vocalizing and flying together"; LAST 1/27 Pd Gut Rd, PI Valley DK; NOTABLES: 2/8 Nuclear Lk CP.

Broad-winged Hawk: 5 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/2 Payton yd Rhinebeck MP; LAST 1/25 Nellie Hill PC.

Red-tailed Hawk: 65 records, avg 1 each. MAX 4/25 Milan Hill Hawkwatch JS.

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OWLS –

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/28 Bog Hollow yd DF (only record).

Great Horned Owl: 1/26 Roosevelt Vanderbilt Home, Hyde Pk JG (only record).

Barred Owl: 24 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/1 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; LAST 1/31 Kral yd Stanfordville DK.

KINGFISHERS AND WOODPECKERS – Downy, Hairy, Red-bellied, and Pileated Woodpeckers and Northern Flickers were all reported in normal numbers.

Belted Kingfisher: 28 records. NOTABLES: 2/2 Gidley Rd. AL; 2/15 DRT - Van Wyck Ln FT.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 9 records. MAX 2/13 Nuclear Lk CP.

FALCONS – There was a good showing of falcons for August.

American Kestrel: 14 records. NOTABLES: 2/12 Haight Rd, Amenia DK; 2/21 Ludlow Woods Rd DK.

Merlin: 1/31 N Parliman AM (only record).

Peregrine Falcon: 2 records. 1/15 Tivoli Bays DC; 1/20 Rockefeller Ln CP.

FLYCATCHERS –

Eastern Wood-Pewee: 97 records, avg 2 each. LAST Date 31, 4 records. MAX 8/26 Peach Hill SC; NOTABLES: 7/12 Thompson Pd FT; 7/16 Depot Hill CP.

Alder Flycatcher: 1/2 Pd Gut AL (only record).

Willow Flycatcher: 2 records. 1/10 Andrew Haight Rd. CP; 1/13 West Clove Mtn. Rd, Pd AM.

Alder/Willow Flycatcher (Traill's Flycatcher): 4 records, avg 1 each. LAST Date 31, 2 records.

Least Flycatcher: 4 records. FIRST 1/12 Southlands MP; LAST 1/30 Depot Hill CP.

Eastern Phoebe: 77 records, avg 2 each. NOTABLES: 6/19 Buttercup MR; 6/26 CIES Lowlands CP, HT.

Great Crested Flycatcher: 23 records. LAST Date 31, 2 records.; MAX 3/19 Dennings Pt DV, AS.

Eastern Kingbird: 51 records, avg 2 each. LAST 2/31 Andrew Haight Rd. DK; MAX 10/22 HVRT Sharon Stn KS, MS. NOTABLES: 6/30 Tivoli Bays SR.

6 records of **Empidonax** and 3 records of **Tyrannidae** flycatchers were also submitted. Certain species in this family are difficult to identify at this time of year when they do not vocalize.

VIREOS –

Yellow-throated Vireo: 9 records, avg 1 each. LAST 2/30 Depot Hill CP.

Blue-headed Vireo: 2 records. 1/4 Wapp Lk AM; 1/15 Tivoli Bays DC.

Philadelphia Vireo: 1/25 Milan Hill Hawkwatch JS (only record).

Warbling Vireo: 15 records, avg 2 each. LAST 6/30 Depot Hill CP.

Red-eyed Vireo: 59 records, avg 2 each. LAST Date 31, 4 records.; MAX 9/30 Depot Hill CP. 8/8 Nuclear Lk CP.

JAYS and CROWS – Blue Jays and American Crows continue to have robust populations.

Fish Crow: 6 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 1/2 Bowdoin Pk BB; LAST 1/22 HVRT Sharon Stn KS, MS; MAX 4/6 Red Schoolhouse Rd, Fishkill Fl.

Common Raven: 20 records. FIRST 1/2 Pd Gut AL; LAST 1/30 Depot Hill CP; MAX 5/13 Depot Hill CP.

SWALLOWS –

Purple Martin: 3 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 1/5 Washington Ave, Beacon Fl; LAST Date 31, 2 records.; MAX 3/31 Depot Hill CP.

Tree Swallow: 68 records. LAST 5/31 Depot Hill DK; MAX 400/28 HVRT Coleman Stn JK, "Some in the air, and massive quantity on power lines." NOTABLES: 250/5 Twin Island Lk MR.

Barn Swallow: 50 records. LAST 10/29 Tymor Pk AM; MAX 62/12 Southlands MP.

Cliff Swallow: 1/6 Wappingers Falls Home DV (only record).

CHICKADEES and NUTHATCHES – Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse and White-breasted Nuthatch numbers remain strong.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 4 records, avg.1 each. FIRST 1/16 Depot Hill CP; LAST 1/28 Joseph yd Milan SJ; MAX 2/26 Kral yd Stanfordville DK.

WRENS –

House Wren: 57 records, avg. 2 each. MAX 10/8 Buttercup East DK.

Winter Wren: 1/12 Deep Hollow Rd DK (only record).

Marsh Wren: 4 records, avg. 1 each. LAST 1/30 Tivoli Bays SR; NOTABLES: 1/15 Burger Hill DC; 1/26 CIES Lowlands CF, HT, CP.

Carolina Wren: 63 records. MAX 6/21 Dennings Pt AL.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 16 records, avg .2 each. FIRST 1/2 Pd Gut AL; LAST 1/26 Peach Hill SC; MAX 6/19 Dennings Pt DV, AS.

THRUSHES and MIMICS – Eastern Bluebirds, American Robins, Gray Catbirds, and Northern Mockingbirds prevail in strong numbers.

Brown Thrasher: 4 records. 1/3 Woodstock Rd, Millbrook SJ; 1/13 Field, Waterbury Hill Rd. AM; 1/20 Peach Hill SC; LAST 1/22 HVRT Sharon Stn KS, MS.

Veery: 30 records, avg 1 each. LAST Date 31, 2 records; NOTABLES: 3/26 CIES Lowlands HT, CP.

Hermit Thrush: 3 records. 1/2 Pd Gut AL; 1/21 Dennings Pt AL; 1/25 Nellie Hill PC.

Wood Thrush: 20 records, avg 1 each. LAST Date 30, 2 records.; MAX 3/6 Pleasant Valley TO.

STARLINGS and WAXWINGS – normal numbers

FINCHES –

House Finch: 103 records, avg 5 each. MAX 23/14 Martens yd Salt Pt LM.

Purple Finch: 6 records, avg 2 each. FIRST Date 1,2 records.; LAST 1/24 Wappingers Falls Home DV, "pair at the feeder"; MAX 6/1 Kral yd Stanfordville DK.

American Goldfinch- everywhere!

SPARROWS and ALLIES –

Chipping Sparrow: 90 records. MAX 40/19 Dennings Pt DV, AS "conservative estimate of large flock in grasses below solar panels at park entrance"; NOTABLES: 24/25 Red Hook Golf Club MP.

Field Sparrow: 26 records, avg 2 each. LAST 1/31 Peach Hill AL; MAX 7/5 Buttercup MR.

Dark-eyed Junco: 1/4 Pok TO (only record).

Savannah Sparrow: 2 records. 3/12 Southlands MP; 1/25 Andrew Haight Rd. DK

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Song Sparrow: 103 records, avg 2 each. MAX 12/5 Buttercup MR.

Swamp Sparrow: 9 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/4 Bog Hollow yd DF; LAST 1/24 Buttercup PST; MAX 3/19 HVRT Sharon Stn HT, CP.

Eastern Towhee: 35 records, avg 3 each. FIRST 2/3 Woodstock Rd, Millbrook SJ; LAST 8/31 Peach Hill AL. NOTABLES: 7/16 Depot Hill CP.

BLACKBIRDS –

Bobolink: 6 records, avg 10 each. FIRST 40/5 Field, Waterbury Hill Rd. AM, “I thought it was only a handful of birds until the flock flew from the grass further back in the field. Estimate. I checked this field a number of times this summer

and never saw any bobolink so this is certainly a migrating flock”; LAST 3/27 Milan Hill Hawkwatch JS; NOTABLES: 2/12 Southlands MP; 2/15 Burger Hill DC.

Eastern Meadowlark: 4/13 Field, Waterbury Hill Rd. AM (only record).

Orchard Oriole: 1/18 CIES Lowlands CP, BB (only record).

Baltimore Oriole: 36 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 2/7 Wappingers Falls Home DV; LAST 2/31 Peach Hill AL; MAX 10/19 Dennings Pt DV, AS; NOTABLES: 6/26 Peach Hill SC, “several juveniles”.

Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird: flocks of 75 -120+ noted.

WOOD WARBLERS –

Ovenbird: 5 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/2 Pd Gut AL; LAST 1/28 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; NOTABLES: 1/12 Deep Hollow Rd DK; 1/22 HVRT Sharon Stn MS.

Worm-eating Warbler: 1/19 Dennings Pt AS, DV (only record).

Blue-winged Warbler: 10 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 1/12 Deep Hollow Rd DK; LAST 1/30 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; MAX 4/19 Dennings Pt DV, AS.

Black-and-white Warbler: 14 records, avg 1 each. LAST Date 31, 3 records.; MAX 2/21 Dennings Pt AL.

Tennessee Warbler: 1/20 Kral yd Stanfordville DK (only record).

Nashville Warbler: 5 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/15 Tivoli Bays DC; LAST 2/29 Wappingers Falls Home DV; MAX 2/29 Wappingers Falls Home DV.

Common Yellowthroat: 32 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 1/2 Pd Gut AL; LAST 2/31 Peach Hill AL; MAX 4/20 Peach Hill SC.

Hooded Warbler: 2 records. X/4 E Cedar Ln, Rhinebeck DS; 1/25 Nellie Hill PC.

American Redstart: 33 records, avg 2 each. LAST Date 31, 6 records.; MAX 4/19 Dennings Pt AS, DV. NOTABLES: 3/30 Michelin yd Wapp, “m/f/juv crab apple tree & birdbath yd”.

Cape May Warbler: 6/19 Dennings Pt AS, DV (only record).

Northern Parula: 1/26 Peach Hill SC (only record).

Magnolia Warbler: 7 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/15 DRT - Van Wyck Ln FT; LAST 1/31 Peach Hill AL; MAX 2/29 Wappingers Falls Home DV.

Blackburnian Warbler: 1/24 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; 1/30 Depot Hill CP.

Yellow Warbler: 10 records. LAST 1/29 Wappingers Falls Home DV; MAX 6/19 Dennings Pt DV, AS.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 23 records. LAST Date 31, 2 records.; MAX 4/17 Depot Hill CP.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1/30 Depot Hill CP (only record).

Pine Warbler: 2 records. 1/30 Depot Hill CP; 1/31 Wappingers Falls Home DV.

Prairie Warbler: 3 record. 1/16 Depot Hill CP; 2/25 Nellie Hill PC; 1/26 Peach Hill SC.

Black-throated Green Warbler: 5 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 1/20 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; LAST Date 31, 2 records; NOTABLES: 2/25 West Clove Mtn. Rd, Pd AM.

Canada Warbler: 14 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/11 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; LAST Date 31, 3 records; NOTABLES: 2/13 Nuclear Lk CP; 2/30 Depot Hill CP.

Wilson's Warbler: 1/24 Wappingers Falls Home DV (only record).

TANAGERS, CARDINALS, and ALLIES –

Scarlet Tanager: 32 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/1 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; LAST 4/30 Depot Hill CP; MAX 4/30 Depot Hill CP.

Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Buntings, and House Sparrows were well-represented in their customary locations.

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SEPTEMBER 2018 RECORDS

September had a lot of rain but temperatures still warm days for the start of migration. Shorebirds were found mostly at Strever Farm, a rare find of a Red-headed Woodpecker and Connecticut and Mourning Warblers were seen. A few species are missing from this report due to newsletter space.

Waterfowl: Canada Geese, Mute Swan, Wood Duck and Mallard were found on most lakes & ponds in good numbers. **Snow Goose:** 1/27 Metro North Railroad, Beacon JD (only record).

Blue-winged Teal: 4/16 Buttercup MR (only record).

American Black Duck: 4 records, 1/8 Wapp Lk HT, CP; 1/16 Buttercup MR; 2/16 Rhinecliff shoreline DO, LQ; 5/26 Buttercup West FT.

Green-winged Teal: 2 records. 2/11 Dutchess Rail Trl--Rt. 55 to Rt. 44 AM; 10/26 Buttercup West FT.

Common Merganser: 2/4 CIES Lowlands DK (only record).

Upland Game

Wild Turkey: 30 records, avg 6 ea. 3/2 Deep Hollow Rd DK; 10/15 Allen Rd Salt Pt BMa; 12/28 River Edge Dr, Poughkeepsie CC, MC; MAX: 14/28 field Titusville Rd. tw. Pok. Pok BJM.

Cuckoos

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 4 records, 1/20 yd. Wappingers Fls DV; 1/23 Buttercup East GL, JL; 1/23 Buttercup West JL, GL; 1/30 Bangall-Amenia Rd/Pugsley Hill Rd ES.

Black-billed Cuckoo: 1/30 Buttercup East JAll (only record).

Nighthawks to Kingfisher

Common Nighthawk: 4 records, 1/1 Plass & Overlook Rd, Lagrange SC; 1/4 yd, Lagrangeville AM; 2/9 Peach Hill CC, MC; MAX 4/16 Wapp Lk betw 6:30-7:30pm KH.

Chimney Swift: 13 records, avg 36 ea. 20/7 Reese Pk KH; 2/30 Southlands MP; MAX 400/18 Tivoli Bays Cruger Isl. Rd @ 5:30pm PSt.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 77 records, avg 2 ea. 5/8 yd Stanfordville DK; 1/24 yd. Wappingers Falls DV, AS; MAX 8/1 Peach Hill AS, DV.

Belted Kingfisher: 23 records, avg 1 ea. 1/30 Rokeby (private) JG; MAX 2/28 Verbank DK.

Shorebirds

Common Gallinule: 2/2 HVRT Amenias SR (only record).

Black-bellied Plover: 1/28 Sheffield Hill Rd BMa, CP (only record).

Killdeer: 14 records, avg 14 ea. - 2/2 Strever Fm SR; 29/6 Strever Fm CP; MAX: 40/28 Sheffield Hill Rd CP.

Least Sandpiper: 3 records, 1/1 Strever Fm DV, AS, CP; 1/4 Dennings Pt LW; 3/5 Strever Fm CP.

Pectoral Sandpiper: 1/28 Sheffield Hill Rd BMa, CP (only record).

American Woodcock: 1/8 DRT Titusville - Rt55 CP (only record).

Wilson's Snipe: 1/30 Southlands MP (only record).

Spotted Sandpiper: 2 records, 2/3 Wapp Lk KH; 2/12 Dennings Pt AL.

Solitary Sandpiper: 4 records, 1/1 Strever Fm AS, DV; 2/5 Ryder Pd CP; 3/5 Strever Fm CP; 2/6 Strever Fm CP.

Greater Yellowlegs: 4 records, 4/1 Strever Fm DV, AS, CP; 3/3 Strever Fm CP; 5/2 Strever Fm HT, CP; 1/28 Sheffield Hill Rd BMa.

Lesser Yellowlegs: 4 records, 3/1 Strever Fm CP; 1/2 Strever Fm SR, CP, HT; 2/1 Strever Fm AS, DV; 2/3 Strever Fm CP.

Wading Birds

Double-crested Cormorant: 29 records, avg 3 ea. 1/1 Lk Oniad Dr SI; 8/12 Dennings Pt AL, AL; 7/19 Wilderstein FT, JClo; 1/30 Rokeby (private) JG; MAX 12/26 Mills-Norrie SP MW.

Great Blue Heron: 54 records, avg 2 ea. 5/18 Tivoli Bays Cruger Isl Rd PSt; MAX 7/3 Wapp Lk KH.

Great Egret: 34 records, avg 2 ea. from many locations, 4/19 Wilderstein FT, JClo; 4/28 Mashomack DK; 1/29 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln EAx; MAX 7/20 Vanderburgh Cove TL.

Green Heron: 20 records, avg 2 ea. 5/1 Dennings Pt KH; 1/26 Wapp Lk KH; MAX 6/4 Hillside Lk BJM.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1/13 Bowdoin Pk AL (only record).

Raptors: Turkey Vultures and Red-tailed Hawks in good numbers throughout the county.

Black Vulture: 8 records, avg 5 ea. 2/4 Myers Corners Rd BJM; 12/6 Oak Summit Rd, Millbrook CP; MAX 20/29 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln EAx.

Osprey: 8 records, avg 1 ea. 1/12 Andrew Haight Rd. DK; 1/12 Slate Dock Rd, Rhinebeck US-NY SJ; 1/13 Tymor Pk BMa. 1/27 Vanderbilt NHS CPe; MAX 2/19 Wilderstein JClo, FT.

Northern Harrier: 2 records, 1/28 Sheffield Hill Rd BMa, CP; 1/29 Lower Sharon Stn Rd HT, CP.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 10 records, avg 1 ea. 1/30 Vassar Fm MC, CC.

Cooper's Hawk: 21 records, avg 1 ea. 1/30 yd Salt Pt LM; MAX 3/19 Wilderstein JClo, FT.

Bald Eagle: 14 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 Dennings Pt KH; 1/25 Mills-Norrie SP MW; MAX 3/18 Ryder Pd DK.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 26 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 yd Stanfordville DK; 2/29 Twin Island Lk CP, HT; 2/30 Stissing Mountain MUA BMa.

Broad-winged Hawk: 11 records, avg 2 ea. 2/4 CIES Lowlands DK; 4/19 Peach Hill (kettle together with turkey vulture overhead top of hill) JAll; 4/19 Wilderstein (kettle going south & low over house) FT, JClo; MAX 6/22 yd. Wappingers Falls DV; LAST 1/29 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln EAx.

Owls

Great Horned Owl: 4 records, 2/11 Mudder Kill Swamp TOD; 2/30 yd Stanfordville DK.

Barred Owl: 16 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 & 2/30 yd Stanfordville DK; 2/2 yd. Wappingers Falls DV; 2/12 yd. Milan - SJ.

Woodpeckers: Red-bellied, Downy, Hairy Woodpeckers and Flicker well reported throughout the county.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 17 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 Pleasant Valley TO; 3/5 Depot Hill CP; 3/5 PNR FT; 1/30 Buttercup East JAll.

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Red-headed Woodpecker: 3/12 Baptist Home at Brookmeade SS (only record).

Pileated Woodpecker: 53 records, avg 1 ea. throughout county; MAX 4/5 PNR FT.

Falcons

American Kestrel: 18 records, avg 2 ea. 3/1 Strever Fm AS, DV; 3/8 Ludlow Woods Rd DK; 1/28 Sheffield Hill Rd BMa, CP.

Merlin: 3 records, 1/11 Daley Fm, North Ave, Salt Pt BMa; 1/16 Southlands MP; 1/15 Long Dock Pk Beacon SCm.

Peregrine Falcon: 4 records, 1/1 Plass & Overlook Rd, Lagrange SC; 1/2 Kidd Ln, Tivoli MR; 1/19 Wilderstein FT, JClo; 1/30 Southlands MP.

large macaw sp.: 2/23 N Parliman AM (only record).

COMMENTS: Escaped birds. Two different species.

Flycatchers: Eastern Wood-pewee and Eastern Phoebe still in good numbers.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1/1 Pleasant Valley TO (only record).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1/15 Peach Hill AL (only record).
COMMENTS: Vibrant olive-green back, bright orange lower beak, white wing bars, and crown.

Alder/Willow Flycatcher (Traill's Flycatcher): 5 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 Peach Hill DV, AS; LAST 1/23 Buttercup West GL, JL.

Least Flycatcher: 2 records, 1/1 Madam Brett Pk KH; 1/30 Wisseman Rd AM.

Empidonax sp.: 6 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 West Clove Mtn. Rd, Pd AM; LAST 1/23 Buttercup West JL, GL;

Great Crested Flycatcher: 6 records, avg 1 ea. 2/1 Dennings Pt KH; 1/12 Dennings Pt AL; 1/12 Rhinebeck Water Treatment Plant SS.

Eastern Kingbird: 2/8 Ludlow Woods Rd DK (only record).

Vireo

White-eyed Vireo: 3 records, 1/1 Dennings Pt KH; 1/1 Madam Brett Pk KH 1/12 Burger Hill SS.

Yellow-throated Vireo: 10 records, avg 1 ea. 2/4 Depot Hill CP; 2/5 Depot Hill CP; LAST 1/24 Upton Lk Christian School JCI.

Blue-headed Vireo: 10 records, avg 1 ea. 1/8 Depot Hill CP; 1/26 Buttercup West CP, FT; LAST 1/30 Rokeby (private) JG; MAX 2/24 Upton Lk Christian School JCI.

Philadelphia Vireo: 1/23 Buttercup West JL (only record).

Warbling Vireo: 9 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 Strever Fm DV, AS; LAST 1/15 Long Dock Pk Beacon SCm; MAX 3/5 Depot Hill CP.

Philadelphia/Warbling Vireo: 1/15 Peach Hill AL (only record).

Red-eyed Vireo: 60 records, avg 2 ea. 6/4 Depot Hill CP; 6/19 Wilderstein JClo, FT; Last date 29th.

Jays and Crows: Blue Jays and American Crows well reported throughout the county.

Fish Crow: 9 records, avg 4 ea. 5/28 Wapp Falls BJM; MAX 17/13 Wappingers Falls - Big Lots KH.

Common Raven: 32 records, avg 1 ea. 3/8 Mashomack DK; MAX 10/24 CIES KH;

Swallows

Tree Swallow: 10 records, avg 7 ea. 6/1 Strever Fm AS, DV; 20/4 CIES Lowlands DK; 2/5 App Tri Pawling KH 4/26 Buttercup West FT; 1/14 Peach Hill DK; 20/26 Mashomack DK; 7/29 Lower Sharon Stn Rd HT, CP; Max: 200/30 Sunset Ridge Farm CV.

Bank Swallow: 5/11 Wappingers Falls - Crk Rd KH (only record). **Late record.**

Barn Swallow: 5 records, avg 5 ea. LAST 1/14 Peach Hill AL; MAX 12/1 Route 82 (near Mashomack), Pine Plains DV.

Chickadee to Brown Creeper

Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse and White-breasted Nuthatch: Well reported throughout the county.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 48 records, avg 1 ea. 3/13 Tymor Pk BMa; MAX 8/9 Tymor Pk AM; COMMENTS: AM/9: I would estimate somewhere around 12-15 but they were moving around quite a bit in relatively small area & hard to get an accurate count. I got a definite count of 8 all at the same time betw. two adjacent trees. LAST Date 30.

Brown Creeper: 3 records, 1/20 yd Wapp AJM; 1/24 CIES KH; LAST 1/29 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln EAx.

Wrens

House Wren: 41 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 Buttercup (Molting adult, tailless) MR; 4/1 Peach Hill AS, DV; 4/8 Depot Hill CP; LAST 2/30 Buttercup East JAIL.

Marsh Wren: 2/29 Lower Sharon Stn Rd CP, HT (only record).

Carolina Wren: 92 records, avg 2 ea. 4/12 Dennings Pt AL, AL; 4/24 Upton Lk Christian School JCI; 4/27 Buttercup West KS, MS.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 3 records, 1/1 Dennings Pt KH; 1/1 Peach Hill DV, AS; LAST 1/7 Depot Hill CP;

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/29 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln EAx (only record).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 7 records, avg 1 ea. 1/9 Depot Hill CP; MAX 2/20 yd. Wappingers Falls DV; LAST 1/30 Southlands MP.

Thrushes: Eastern Bluebird, American Robin and Gray Catbird in good numbers throughout the county.

Veery: 7 records, avg 1 ea. 2/1 Peach Hill AS, DV; 2/5 PNR FT; LAST 1/13 yd Stanfordville DK.

Swainson's Thrush: 6 records, avg 1 ea. 1/14 yd Wapp BAM; 1/16 Buttercup MR; 1/23 Buttercup West JL, GL; LAST 1/24 CIES KH. **Wood Thrush:** 10 records, avg 1 ea. 1/5 PNR FT; MAX 3/9 Peach Hill CC, MC; LAST 1/24 CIES KH.

Brown Thrasher: 5 records, avg 1 ea. 1/9 Peach Hill MC, CC; 1/26 Buttercup West FT; LAST 1/29 Lower Sharon Stn Rd HT, CP.

Northern Mockingbird: 17 records, avg 1 ea. seem scarce - MAX 3/12 Andrew Haight Rd. DK.

European Starling and Cedar Waxwings: in good numbers throughout the county.

Finches: House Finch and American Goldfinch: in good numbers throughout the county.

Purple Finch: 41 records, avg 3 ea, 7/4 yd Wapp BAM; 9/28 yd Salt Pt LM; MAX 18/27 yd Salt Pt BMa; LAST Date 30th.

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Sparrows: Field, Song and Chipping Sparrow, Eastern Towhee in good numbers with Chipping Sparrow - LAST Date: 1/28 Ludlow Woods Rd DK

Dark-eyed Junco: 1/29 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln EAx (only record).

White-crowned Sparrow: 2/30 yd. Lagrangeville AM (only record).

White-throated Sparrow: 14 records, avg 4 ea. FIRST: 1/12 Burger Hill SS; MAX 15/26 Buttercup West FT.

Savannah Sparrow: 4 records, 1/12 Andrew Haight Rd. DK; 1/16, 3/22 & 8/30 Southlands MP.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 1/20 yd, Wappingers Falls DV (only record). COMMENTS: With large flock of Chipping Sparrows - Finely streaked below. buffy chest; eyering and long tail compared to chippings

Swamp Sparrow: 6 records, avg 4 ea. 2/5 App Trl Pawling KH; 4/26 Buttercup West FT; 7/29 Lower Sharon Stn Rd HT, CP LAST 7/30 Vassar Fm MC, CC.

Blackbirds

Orchard Oriole: 1/2 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln MR (only record).

Baltimore Oriole: 1/4 Depot Hill CP (only record).

Red-winged Blackbird: 10 records, avg 45 ea. 1/1 Peach Hill DV, AS; 30/29 Lower Sharon Stn Rd CP, HT; 3/30 Rokeby (private) JG; Max 400/5 App Trl Pawling KH.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 4 records, 56/1 RHGC MP; 40/12 Baptist Home at Brookmeade SS; 20/27 yd Salt Pt LM; 21/30 Southlands MP.

Common Grackle: 19 records, avg 33 ea. 4/1 Plass & Overlook Rd, Lagrange SC; 100/11 yd Verbank BB; Max 300/30 yd Salt Pt BMa.

blackbird sp.: 1000/28 yd Verbank BB (only record).

Warblers: Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Northern Parula, Magnolia, Chestnut-sided & Black-throated Green in good numbers with Chestnut-sided last date 24th, Redstart last date 26th & Common Yellowthroat, Northern Parula, Magnolia & Black-throated Green last dates - 30th.

Ovenbird: 5 records, avg 1 ea. 1/5 yd Stanfordville DK; LAST/Max 3/26 Buttercup West CP.

Black-and-white Warbler: 27 records, avg 1 ea. 4/1 Peach Hill DV, AS; 1/7 yd. singing Milan-Brooklyn Heights Rd SJ; 3/19 Wilderstein FT, JCl; 1/24 CIES KH; LAST 1/30 Rokeby (private) JG.

Tennessee Warbler: 16 records, avg 2 ea. 1/1 Dennings Pt KH; 3/24 yd. Wappingers Falls (Varying shades of olive green & yellow) DV; LAST 1/26 yd Stanfordville DK.

Nashville Warbler: 11 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 yd Stanfordville DK; MAX 3/23 Buttercup West GL, JL; LAST 1/27 yd. Wappinger Sl.

Connecticut Warbler: 1/26 Buttercup West - complete white eye-ring and gray hood FT (only record).

Mourning Warbler: 2 records, 1/1 Long Dock Pk Beacon KH; 1/24 Upton Lk Christian School JCl.

Hooded Warbler: 1/18 Stormville Mtn, I-84 rest stop - Adult male, seen well KM (only record).

Cape May Warbler: 9 records, avg 2 ea. 2/1 Peach Hill AS, DV; MAX 4/28 South Rd, near IBM Poughkeepsie CC, MC; LAST 1/30 Wapp Lk KH.

Bay-breasted Warbler: 4 records, 1/4 Depot Hill CP; 1/11 Reese Sanctuary KH; 1/19 yd Stanfordville DK; 1/24 Upton Lk Christian School JCl.

Blackburnian Warbler: 9 records, avg 1 ea. 1/3 yd Stanfordville DK; 2/5 Depot Hill CP; 2/13 yd Stanfordville DK; LAST 1/29 Tivoli Bays Kidd Ln EAx.

Yellow Warbler: 1/9 Peach Hill CC, MC (only record).

Blackpoll Warbler: 9 records, avg 1 ea. FIRST 1/7 yd Stanfordville DK; LAST 1/30 Vassar Fm CC, MC.

Bay-breasted/Blackpoll Warbler: 2 records, 1/7 & 14 yd Stanfordville DK.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 5 records, avg 2 ea. 2/5 PNR FT; 2/24 Upton Lk Christian School JCl; LAST 2/28 Sand Dock Rd Trl MC, CC.

Palm Warbler: 7 records, avg 2 ea. FIRST 1/16 Southlands MP; 1/16 yd. Wappingers Falls DV; MAX 3/24 CIES KH; LAST 2/30 Vassar Fm CC, MC.

Pine Warbler: 9 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 Peach Hill DV; 2/26 Buttercup West FT; 2/27 Vanderbilt NHS CPe; 1/30 Buttercup East JAl.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 10 records, avg 3 ea. FIRST 1/18 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd PSt; MAX 10/26 Buttercup West FT; LAST date 3/30 Wapp Lk KH.

Prairie Warbler: 3 records, 1/4 & 5 Depot Hill CP; 1/20 yd Stanfordville DK.

Canada Warbler: 11 records, avg 2 ea. 1/1 Peach Hill DV; 2/8 yd Stanfordville DK; 2/11 & 22 yd. Wappingers Falls DV; LAST 1/24 Upton Lk Christian School JCl.

Wilson's Warbler: 3 records, 1/11 yd. Wappingers Falls DV; 1/24 CIES KH; 1/26 Buttercup West MN.

Tanagers to Buntings: Northern Cardinals in good numbers throughout the county.

Scarlet Tanager: 23 records, avg 1 ea. MAX 4/5 Depot Hill CP; LAST 1/27 Vanderbilt NHS CPe.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 39 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 yd Stanfordville DK; 3/20 yd. (1 f/two imm. males in Dogwood most of morning) Wappingers Falls DV; LAST 3/26 & 2/27 yd Salt Pt LM.

Indigo Bunting: 9 records, avg 2 ea. 1/1 Madam Brett Pk KH; 3/8 yd. Wappingers Falls (F. feeding 2 juveniles) DV; MAX 4/15 Long Dock Pk Beacon SCm; LAST 2/23 Reese Pk KH.

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OCTOBER 2018 RECORDS

eBirders: PLEASE USE HOTSPOTS. When you enter your sightings, before using a personal location of your own, please check for an established eBird hotspot that works.

78 observers reported a combined total of 152 wild species (22 more species than in 2017 and 7 more than in 2016).

BEST BIRDS this month were **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**, **Snowy Owl**, **Evening Grosbeak**, and **Clay-colored Sparrow**.

WEATHER. Fall colors lacked most reds after a warm September. October temperatures averaged 51, ranging from 26 to 84, and total rainfall was normal at 4.5 inches.

FINCH FORECAST PREDICTS AN INTERESTING WINTER.

This year's Winter Finch Forecast by Ron Pittaway of Ontario Field Ornithologists, noting inadequate cone crops up north, is already being borne out by unusually high numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches and Purple Finches, plus a scattering of Pine Siskins and Evening Grosbeaks. More to follow!

WATERFOWL. Common year-round geese and ducks dabbled about in good numbers: **Canada Goose**, **Mute Swan**, **Wood Duck**, and **Mallard**.

We had some interesting geese in October:

Snow Goose: 1/28 Strauss Marsh, blue morph JA.

Brant: 21 records, mostly 1-2, plus 24/18 Tivoli Bays SR and a SPECTACULAR riverwatch on the 16th by Sean Carroll and his band of Krieger Elementary School students, netting **1200** Brant passing by Quiet Cove Park over the course of 5 hours!

Cackling Goose: Lavalley Rd Pd Amenia: 3-4/23 CP, AM; 2/25 HT, CP, 1/28 JA.



Bufflehead (female) – photo by Carena Pooth

Migrating and winter ducks included:

Northern Shoveler: 3/24 Round Pd Amenia DK.

Gadwall: 2/25 The Fly HT, CP; 2/28 Sylvan Lk CP.

American Wigeon: 1/6 Strever Fm DK; 3/18 DRT Pok MK.

American Black Duck: 23 records, 1-11 each, avg 3.

Northern Pintail: 7 records of 1-11 each, avg 3.

Green-winged Teal: 31 records, 1-36 each, avg 13.

Ring-necked Duck: 10 records, 1-4 each, avg 6.

Greater Scaup: 1/14 Round Pd Amenia CV.

Lesser Scaup: 1/18 OverlookPk SI, LK; 1/18 Sylvan Lk CP.

Long-tailed Duck: About 2 weeks early - 1/29 Sylvan Lk CP.

Bufflehead: 10 records, 2-15 each, avg 6.

Common Goldeneye: 4/30 Tivoli Bays SR.

Hooded Merganser: 6 records, 1-32 each, avg 7.

Common Merganser: 10 records, 1-10 each, avg 4.

Ruddy Duck: Sylvan Lake was their favorite spot. 6 arrived there on the 11th and built to 140 by the 30th. Groups of 3 to 22 were seen at other lakes starting on the 14th.

Conspicuously absent was **Blue-winged Teal**, which had made its first fall appearance in September.

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS. **Wild Turkey** was the only wild species observed, but more were reported than last year (32 records, avg 9 each). The largest flock had 50 birds, seen at Tamarack (Bontecou) Lake by DK on the 26th.

GREBES. **Pied-billed Grebe:** 11 records, 1-2 each, avg 1.

PIGEONS, DOVES. Very good numbers.

CUCKOOS were seen much later than usual this year.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1/4 West Mountain St Forest AL; 1/5 CIES Lowlands BCA; 1/26 & 27 Strever Fm CV.

*As I write this, I see that a Yellow-billed Cuckoo was just seen in northern Columbia County on **November 10th**!*

Black-billed Cuckoo: 1/22 Dennings Pt SR

SWIFTS – Chimney Swifts also stayed around later than usual. They are normally gone by October, but this year there were 12 records of 1 to 25 (avg 6) between the 1st and 16th.

RAILS AND COOTS.

Virginia Rail is quite unusual for October, but GZ found one on the 29th along the HVRT south of Sharon Station Road. **American Coots** are dribbling in from the north; there were 5 records averaging 3 each, all at Sylvan Lake starting on the 19th. No **Common Gallinule** was reported this year.

SHOREBIRDS.

Killdeer: 30 records of 1-19 each, avg 5.

Dunlin: 2 were found on the 28th by JK and DV at Strever Pond; these birds were also seen there by CP, MR, DK.

Least Sandpiper: 2/7 Creed Ankony Fm PSt

Pectoral Sandpiper: 11 records of 1-7 each, avg 2, mostly at Strever Fm. This species is usually gone by mid-October, but was seen through the 28th this year.

Wilson's Snipe: 1/21 Strever Pd DK; 1/22 Tivoli Bays SR.

Spotted Sandpiper: 5 records, 1 each, all at Dennings Point except one at Strever Fm.

Yellowlegs were way down from last year:

Greater Yellowlegs: 9 records, avg 2, vs. 21 records, avg 4 last year (about 18 birds this year vs. about 84 last year).

Lesser Yellowlegs: 3 records, avg 2, vs. 20 records, avg 3 last year (about 6 birds this year vs. about 60 last year). One L. Yellowlegs was found dead along the road at Tamarack Lk.

GULLS. **Ring-billed** and **Herring Gulls** were reported in normal numbers, and there was one report of **Great Black-backed Gull** (4/16 Kaal Rock Pk LG).

LOONS, GREBES, CORMORANTS, HERONS.

Common Loon (not so common in Oct): 1/27 Sylvan Lk CP.

Double-crested Cormorant: 38 records, 1-42 each, avg 2.

Great Blue Heron: 66 records, 1-12 each, avg 2.

Great Egret: 22 records, 1-18 each, avg 3. 18 were seen at Dennings Point on the 9th by AL.

Green Heron: 1/6 Dennings Pt DW; 1/14 Bard Campus ESh

The BIG SURPRISE in this cohort was a **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**. SL reported one on the river bank at Beacon. There are

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only two other October records of this species in Dutchess (in 1997 and 2009)

VULTURES, OSPREY.

30 records (avg 4) of **Black Vulture** and 155 records (avg 3) of **Turkey Vulture** – about twice as many of each as last year.

Osprey: 1/4 Lower Sharon Stn Rd CV; 1/10 Mashomack CV, DK; 1/17 CIES FT, CV, AMP.

HAWKS, EAGLES.

Golden Eagle: 1/20 Lake Rd Pine Plns DK

Northern Harrier rebounded after a sharp downturn last October. This year there were 24 records, 1-3 each, avg 1. **Sharp-shinned** and **Cooper's Hawks** (our common accipiters) were seen in normal numbers, as were **Bald Eagle** and our common buteos, **Red-shouldered** and **Red-tailed Hawks**. **Conspicuously absent** (like last year) was **Broad-winged Hawk**, which is seen almost every October.



OWLS. Trick or treat! Halloween brought a super special treat in the form of a very early **SNOWY OWL**. Big thanks go to Barb Mansell, who spotted it sitting in a horse paddock while she was driving to work, and immediately got the word out via PEEPS. Blissful birders converged on Clinton Corners to catch a glimpse, and the owl stayed into November. This was the earliest fall record for this species since *photo by Aimee LaBarr* 1923, when a Snowy Owl up in Hyde Park on October

turned 12th.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/31 Gray phase, Strever Fm BB, CV.

Great Horned Owl: 1/14 Bard EAx; 1/20,24 Tivoli Bays SR.

Barred Owl: 8 records, 1-2 each, avg 1.

KINGFISHER. Very good numbers for **Belted Kingfisher**.

WOODPECKERS. While no **Red-headed Woodpeckers** were reported, there were good numbers of all our other woodpeckers – **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**, **Red-bellied**, **Downy**, **Hairy**, **Pileated**, and **Northern Flicker**.

FALCONS.

American Kestrel – 25 records, mostly 1 each (vs only 10 records last year!). 3 records were for banded birds at Mashomack and Strever Farm (DK, SJ, LM). DK was able to read one band and found out the bird had been banded at Shawngunk NWR by Zach Smith only 4 months before. Were the 3 banded birds actually a single individual?

Merlin: 11 records, 1 each (9 records of 1 each last year).

Peregrine Falcon: 1/4 Sheffield Hill Rd CV; 1/31 Thompson Pd BB, AMP, FT, JClo, CV. Last year there were 5 records.

PASSERINES. The remaining birds in this report all belong to the largest taxonomic order of birds – *Passeriformes*. This order comprises more than half of all bird species. By contrast, all our other birds are distributed among a total of 18 different orders! Passerines are often called “Perching Birds” because their toes are arranged in a way that makes perching easy (three pointing forward and one pointing back).

FLYCATCHERS.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: 2/3 Dennings Pt MCa; 1/3 Mills-Norrie SP MW; 1/26 Strever Fm CV; 1/27 Strever Fm CV.

Eastern Phoebes were still here in good numbers – there were 72 records, averaging 2 each, throughout the month.

VIREOS. The first three were later than usual:

Yellow-throated Vireo: 1/6 Dennings Pt DW.

Red-eyed Vireo: 1/10 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SI; 1/12 Stony Kill SI.

Philadelphia Vireo: 1/5 Buttercup West KCF.

Blue-headed Vireo: 20 records avg 1 each through the 26th.

CORVIDS. **Fish Crow**: 4/4 Lower Sharon Stn Rd CV; 1/25 Dennings Pt AL. **Common Raven** brought in 42 records. **Blue Jay** numbers were excellent (258 vs. 173 last year). **American Crow** records numbered 164, averaging 7 each.

SWALLOWS. **Tree Swallow**: 11 records through the 11th, 1 to 21 each, avg 7. **Barn Swallow**: 1/6 Dennings Pt DW.

CHICKADEES, TITMICE, NUTHATCHES.

Black-capped Chickadee, **Tufted Titmouse**, and **White-breasted Nuthatch** were abundant. On a very bright note, unlike last year, **Red-breasted Nuthatch** was well reported, netting 26 records of 1 to 2 each, averaging 1 each.

CREEPERS, WRENS. **Brown Creeper** is always fun to see. There were 4 records averaging 1 each. There were still a few **House Wrens**: 14 records of 1-3 each. Another wren that needs to head south for the winter is **Marsh Wren**, of which there were two records: 2/4 CIES AMP, KCF; 2/14 CIES Lowlands AM. **Winter Wrens** breed in a few places in Dutchess, but most of them go further north to nest, passing through here during migration. There were 4 reports: 1/22 Dennings Pt SR; 1/24 Dennings Pt FT; 2/24 Nuclear Lk CP; 1/30 CIES KH. While the other wrens move out, **Carolina Wrens** stay and are now visiting feeders, singing loudly to brighten even the dreariest day. There were 118 records of Carolinas (versus only 42 last year!) throughout the month.

KINGLETS. Many **Golden-crowned Kinglets** migrate through Dutchess, but some can be found here throughout the winter. This year there were 23 records of 1-7 each. **Ruby-crowned Kinglets** also migrate through each year in good numbers – this year there were 63 records of 1-12 each.

THRUSHES AND MIMICS. Most thrushes are largely absent in winter, including Gray-cheeked, Swainson's, Hermit, and Wood Thrush; Gray Catbird; and Brown Thrasher. This year we had no Gray-cheeked Thrush, but **Swainson's Thrush** turned up 3 times (1/4 Nuclear Lk AL; 1/4 West Mountain State Forest AL; 1/17 Reese Sanctuary KH). There were 10 records of **Hermit Thrush**, averaging 1 each. There was one **Wood Thrush** (1/17 Reese Sanctuary KH). **Gray Catbirds** were reported through the 26th, which is normal, and thrashers were gone as expected.

Others in the Thrushes & Mimics group are found throughout the winter every year: **Eastern Bluebird**, **American Robin**, and **Northern Mockingbird**. Bluebirds and robins flock together as they search for and consume ripe berries on bushes and trees. In October there were 117 records of **American Robin**, avg 12 each (the biggest flock had 200 birds). **Eastern Bluebird** was on 98 records of 1 to 11 each (avg 3). There were 44 records of **Northern Mockingbird**, 1 to 7 in each (vs. 25 records of 1 to 3 each last year).

STARLINGS, PIPITS, WAXWINGS.

European Starling was abundant as usual.

Cedar Waxwing: 57 records, 1 to 126 each, avg 22.

American Pipits: 30/13 Rockefeller Ln BMa, SJ; 12/17, 25/31 Greig Fm SR; 25/21, 30/25 Taylor Rd Millerton HT, CP, DK.

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FINCHES. Ron Piscataway's prediction of a finch irruption is coming true.

EVENING GROSBEAK: 1/27, 2/28 yd Verbank BB; 5/27 Stanford feeder JS. (Most of us hardly ever see this species.)

Purple Finch: 116 records, 1 to 25 each, avg 6.

Although some Purple Finches are seen every year, these huge numbers indicate - without question - an irruption.

Pine Siskin: 19 records, 1 to 17 each, avg 4. This irruptive species is not as unusual by far as Evening Grosbeak, but in most years it is not easy to find.

House Finches and American Goldfinches – non-irruptive species – were plentiful as usual.

SPARROWS.

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW! Anthony Macchiarola found and photographed one at Stony Kill on the 7th. This species was also reported there by BMa, AL, and SC. It is in the category of "casual visitant" in Dutchess – a true rarity.

Clay-colored Sparrow – photo by Anthony Macchiarola



Field Sparrow appeared on 25 records through the 25th. There were 18 records of **White-crowned Sparrow**. **Song** (116 records), **Swamp** (18 records) and **Savannah** (30 records) were as expected. **Eastern Towhee** numbers were normal too, with 19 records. There were 74 records of **Chipping Sparrow** through the 31st, the highest being 75 on the 4th. By November most of them have headed south.

Other migrating sparrows were **Vesper** (8 records from BMa, CP, AM, SR, MK, CV, SJ, KH), and **Lincoln's** (11 records from MK, CP, CV, BMa, SJ, AL, SC, DK).

Moving on to winter birds, **American Tree Sparrow** was reported only once (1/28 Mabbettville AMP). **Dark-eyed Juncos** started showing up on the 4th, and the highest count was 20. **White-throated Sparrow** was everywhere all month (128 records). Our beloved **Fox Sparrow** was spotted only a few times: 1/17 Stony Kill JM; 1/26 Ludlow Woods Rd DK; 1/26 yd Salt Pt BMa; 1/29 Stanfordville DK.

ICTERIDS/BLACKBIRDS. A surprisingly late **Baltimore Oriole** was reported in Poughkeepsie on the 9th by MC.

The largest flocks of **Red-winged Blackbirds** had 300 birds each, while **Brown-headed Cowbirds** maxed out at 150. **Common Grackles**, on 20 records, topped out at 200.

Rusty Blackbird was reported on 7 records of 1-62 each, averaging 14.

WARBLERS. We must bid most of these beloved gems farewell for the winter. The ones we see in October are mostly wearing their

drabber "confusing fall" plumage. Still, we love to see them (and most of us enjoy the ID challenge!).

Ovenbird: 1/3 Vassar Fm FT, JClo; 1/5 Buttercup West KCF; 1/6 Rockefeller Research Ctr KSc.

Black-and-white Warbler: 1/2 yd Verbank BB; 1/9 Madam Brett Pk AL.

Tennessee Warbler: 1/6 Stony Kill BMa; 1/7, 2/9 yd Wappingers DV; 2/9 Pok MC; 1/17 Stony Kill DK, JM.

Nashville Warbler: 1/5 yd Stanfordville DK; 2/7 yd Lagrville AM; 1/10 Montgomery PI FT; 1/12 Stony Kill SI.

Common Yellowthroat: 11 records, 1st through 14th.

Cape May Warbler: 1/6 yd Lagrangeville AM; 1-3/6-10 yd Wappingers DV.

Northern Parula: 1/3,6,21 Dennings Pt MCa, DW, MRi; 1/6 Rockefeller Rsrch Ctr KSc; 1/17 Reese Sanctuary KH.

Magnolia Warbler: 1/5 Buttercup West KCF; 1/7 yd Wappingers DV; 1/8 Stony Kill AL; 1/9 Hopeland SR; 1/16 Old Post Rd JClo; 1/24 Nuclear Lk CP.

Yellow Warbler: 1/8 Stony Kill AL (LATE).

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1/6 yd Wappingers DV.

Blackpoll Warbler: 19 records 1st thru 24th.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1/5 Buttercup West KCF.

Palm Warbler: 43 records, 1-15 each, through the 30th.

Pine Warbler: 6 records, 1-15 each, through the 10th.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 98 records of 1-45 each.

Black-throated Green Warbler: 1/3 Vassar Fm FT; 2/5 Buttercup W KCF; 1/6 Wapps SI; 2/10 yd Wapps DV.

TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS, ALLIES.

Scarlet Tanager: 1/3 Chet's yd LaGrange CV; 1/3 Dennings Pt MCa; 1/5 Buttercup West KCF.

Rose-breasted Grosbeaks: 1/6 yd Wappingers DV.

Indigo Buntings: 1/7 yd Wappingers DV.

Northern Cardinals were red (or reddish) & normal!

The much reviled **House Sparrow** frolicked in usual numbers.

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NOVEMBER 2018 RECORDS

Temperatures were in the 30's and 40's with snow squalls on the 10th. Our first surprise snow (nor eastern storm) came on the 15th with 8 to 12 inches. By months end be were back to rain and windy weather. Some notable finds this month were: Black Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, American Woodcock, Horned Grebe, a late Broad-winged Hawks and a Snowy Owl continued since Halloween. Some permanent species were omitted from this report.

Waterfowl: Mute Swans, Mallards and Black Ducks were found on most lakes & ponds in good numbers. **Canada Geese** - most: 2000/18 Round Pd Amenia JA and were seen on most lakes and ponds in smaller numbers. **Wood Ducks** still reported in small numbers with most: 18/11 Hillside Lk FT. Migrants were slow to move south with open waters in the northern part of New York again this year.

Snow Goose: 3/24 Stringham Rd AM (only record).

Brant: 7 records, incl. 2/2 Clinton Corners HT, CP; 2/3 Strever Fm JA; 2/7 Strever Fm DK.; LAST 1/18 Round Pd Amenia JA.

Cackling Goose: 4 records, 1/3 Strauss Marsh JA; 1/3 The Fly JA; 2/4 The Fly BB, FT; LAST 1/15 Hunns Lk DK.

Northern Shoveler: 2 records, 3/6 Salt Pt Tpk/ Uphill Fm DK; 3/6 Uphill Fm BMa..

Gadwall: 1/23 Mill Rd Pd, red Hook AM (only record).

American Wigeon: 4/4 Shaw Swamp, Millbrook JA (only record).

Northern Pintail: 7 records, INCL. 7/1 The Fly DK; 11/3 The Fly; 3/3 Strever Fm JA; LAST 2/29 Route 82 Pd SR.

Green-winged Teal: 20 records, incl. 1/4 The Fly BB; 25/4 Shaw Swamp, Millbrook JA; 36/4 Strever Fm Pd FT 4/21 Strever Fm DV, AS.

Ring-necked Duck: 28 records, incl. 36/20 Stringham Rd. BJM; LAST 11/25 Stissing Pd MR.

Lesser Scaup: 4 records, incl. 1/4 Round Pd Amenia JA; 6/10 Sylvan Lk CP; 1/12, 1/18 Sylvan Lk CP.

Greater/Lesser Scaup: 2 records, 6/10 Sylvan Lk BB; 1/12 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR.

Black Scoter: 4 records, all at Sylvan Lake & incl. 1/12 Sylvan Lk CP, JAD, SJ; LAST 1/23 Sylvan Lk AS, DV.

Long-tailed Duck: 4/10 Mills SP CP (only record).

Bufflehead: 17 records, incl. 3/1 Sylvan Lk CP; 38/10 Sylvan Lk CP; 24/10 Mills SP CP; 7/11 Wapp Lk FT; LAST 1/24 Sylvan Lk CP.

Common Goldeneye: 5 records, incl. 2/23 Sylvan Lk AS, DV; 1/24 Sylvan Lk CP; LAST 2/28 Sylvan Lk CP.

Hooded Merganser: good numbers incl. 12/4 Round Pd, Amenia FT; 8/11 Hillside Lk DV; 22/24 Sylvan Lk CP; LAST 2/28 Sylvan Lk CP.

Common Merganser: good numbers incl. 22/15 Wapp Lk KH; 28/18 Hunns Lk DK; MAX: 23/29 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR; LAST 7/30 Wappingers Falls - Crk Rd KH.

Ruddy Duck: 39 records, incl. 88/4 Round Pd Amenia JA; 196/7 Sylvan Lk CP; LAST 30/28 Sylvan Lk CP.

Wild Turkey: 21 records, incl. 40/1 Shuman Rd DK; 14/30 yd Poughquag CP.

Pied-billed Grebe: 13 records, incl. 2/2 Sylvan Lk CP; 1/10 Overlook Pk, Poughkeepsie AM; 1/14 Hunns Lk DK; LAST 1/25 Stissing Pd MR.

Horned Grebe: 1/19 HHRA Boat house or rowing on Hudson JAD (only record).

Shorebirds: Virginia Rail: 1/29 Thompson Pd SR (only record).

American Coot: 8 records, incl. 4/1 Sylvan Lk CP; 4/11 Hillside Lk FT; LAST 10/25 Sylvan Lk BB; MAX 16/18 Sylvan Lk CP.

Killdeer: 4 records, all at Strever Fm. 3/1, 2 Strever Fm AS, DV; 1/3 MR; LAST 1/4 FT.

American Woodcock: 2 records, 2/24 Millbrook JA; 1/25 Baxtertown WMA SCm. (A surprise sighting in November!)

Greater Yellowlegs: 2 records, 1/3 Strever Fm MR; 1/10 Mansell yd Salt Pt BMa.

Common Loon: 1/4 Mills-Norrie SP CP (only record).

Double-crested Cormorant: 22 records, incl.1/1, 27 Sylvan Lk CP; MAX 6/12 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR

Great Blue Heron: 42 records, 1 ea. LAST 1/30 Wappingers Falls - Crk Rd KH;

Hawks: Red-tailed Hawks were well reported throughout the county. **Cooper's Hawk:** 26 reports and **Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 12 records.

Black Vulture: 23 records, incl. 4/2 Salt Pt Tpke, Clinton Corners DK; MAX 65/29 Bard Athletic Fields SR.

Turkey Vulture: 47 records, 1 ea. most reports; MAX 12/2 Myers Corners Rd BAM.

Osprey: 2/8 Lakeside Pk Pawling KH (only record).

Golden Eagle: 2 records, 1/12 Hunns Lk DK; 1/28 Mashomack DK.

Northern Harrier: 13 records, incl. 1/1 Mashomack DK; 3/11 Roger Perry Prsv JE, SJ; 3/22 Mashomack DK. LAST 1/29 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR.

Northern Goshawk: 1/25 Clove Cemetery, Union Vale BB (only record).

Bald Eagle: Good numbers of 1-2 reported near water - mostly Pine Plains & through county.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 20 records, avg 2 ea. MAX 14/4 Southlands (all same buteo species, soaring so high above the field in multiple layers) MP; LAST 1/28 Martens yd Salt Pt LM.

Broad-winged Hawk: 2 records, 1/11 5 Water St, Wappingers Falls DV; 1/11 New Hamburg FT. (Late migrant)

Owls: Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/11 Plan Bee Fm SC (only record).

Great Horned Owl: 2 records, 1/11 Plan Bee Fm SC; 1/18 yd Pok BL.

Snowy Owl: 4 records, 1/2 & 3 Salt Pt Tpke, Clinton Corners BMa, DV, SI, JAD, DK, JS, CP, HP & RM

Barred Owl: 7 records, avg 1 ea. 2/5 yd Stanfordville DK; LAST 1/18 yd Pok BL. Reported in 6 different places.

Belted Kingfisher: 31 records, avg 1 ea. incl. 1/1 Strever Fm DV, AS; 2/6 Ludlow Woods Rd DK; 2/25 Reese Pk & Crk Rd KH. LAST 1/30 Wappingers Falls - Crk Rd KH.

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Woodpeckers: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 14 records, avg 1 ea. incl. 1/7 Buttercup VH; LAST 1/29 Montgomery PI SR; MAX 2/25 Wapp Crk SI.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 1/11 Payton yd Rhinebeck MP (only record).

American Kestrel: 5 records, avg 1 ea. incl. FIRST 1/4 Mashomack FT; LAST 1/29 Strever Fm SR.

Merlin: 1/13 Beacon Waterfront Pk MKi (only record).

Peregrine Falcon: 1/11 Route 376, across from McDonalds Fishkill Plains FT; 1/11 Van Wyck Junior High School, Fishkill Plains DV.

Flycatchers: Eastern Phoebe: 1/8 yd Hyde Pk DC (only record).

Common Raven: 29 records, incl. 1/1 Dover Plains DK; 2/7 over yd Wapp BJM; 2/17 yd Stanfordville DK; 2/21 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd AS, SR, DV; LAST 1/28 Mashomack DK.

Horned Lark: 2 records, 7/21 Rockefeller Ln AS, SR, DV; X/28 Winchell Mtn & Carson Rds JR.

swallow sp.: 2/12 Madam Brett Pk KHR (only record).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 28 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 yd Wapp BJM; 2/15 yd Wappingers DV; 2/23 yd Pok BL; LAST 2/29 Bedell Rd Pok CF.

Brown Creeper: 10 records, avg 1 ea. incl. 1/7 Stony Kill FT; 2/21 Rockefeller Ln DV, SR, AS.

Winter Wren: 8 records, avg 1 ea. incl. 1/1 Plan Bee Fm SC; 2/10 singing Dennings Pt DP; LAST 2/25 Baxtertoun WMA SCm.

Carolina Wren: 85 records, avg 2 ea. 10/12 Madam Brett Pk KHR; 6/21 Vassar Campus FT; LAST 1/30 van Zyl yd Wappingers DV. Numbers seem up this month.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 19 records, avg 2 ea. incl. 1/1 yd Wapp BJM; 4/4 Plass & Overlook Rd, Poughkeepsie SC; 4/9 Dennings Pt AL; LAST Date 25, 3 records.

Ruby-Crowned Kinglet: 13 records, avg 1 ea. 1/1 yd Wappingers DV; LAST 1/15 Dennings Pt AL; MAX 6/11 Dennings Pt MR.

American Robin, Eastern Bluebird and Cedar Waxwing well reported and **Northern Mockingbird 1-2 reported throughout Co.** JClo noted Robins 50/2 Mills SP/Hopeland; MP noted Eastern Bluebirds 8/4 Southlands & 8/28 Millbrook School FT; SR noted Cedar waxwings 120/29 Montgomery PI. **Hermit Thrush:** 4 records, 1/4 App Trl Pawling LG; 1/8 Tymor Pk BB; 1/11 36 Railroad Ave, Hopewell Jct DV; 1/11 DRT Lk Walton FT.

American Pipit: 3 records, 2/1 Strever Fm DV, AS; 1/2 calling overhead Strever Fm DV; 1/4 Taylor Rd Millerton FT.

Evening Grosbeak: 7 records, avg 5 ea. 4/17 yd Poughquag CP; 15/18 yd Salt Pt LM; LAST Date 30, 2 records.

Purple Finch: 38 records, avg 3 ea MAX 12/2 & 9/9 yd Wappingers DV; LAST 4/30 St Andrews Ln, Hopewell Jct EM.

Pine Siskin: 32 records, avg 3 ea. incl. 2/6 yd Lagrangeville AM; MAX 12/15 yd Wappingers DV; LAST 2/27 yd. Brooklyn Heights Rd Milan SJ.

Snow Bunting: 5 records, avg 13 ea. incl. 2/21 Rockefeller Ln SR, DV, AS; LAST 17/22 Stringham Pk LK, SI; MAX 19/21 Stringham Pk AM.

Sparrows: Chipping Sparrow: 4 records, 1/1 Mashomack DK; 4/6 & 1/7 yd Wappingers DV; 1/7 yd Wapp BAM.

American Tree Sparrow: 5 records, 3/21 Rockefeller Ln DV, SR, AS; 1/23 N. Mabbettsville Rd AMP; 2/25 yd Mabbettsville JA.

Fox Sparrow: 23 records, incl. 1/7 Buttercup VH; 4/15 & 16 yd Stanfordville DK; LAST 1/28 yd Stanfordville DK.

White-crowned Sparrow: 6 records, incl. 4/2 Stony Kill AL; LAST 1/24 yd Lagrangeville AM; MAX 8/13 yd Stanfordville DK.

Savannah Sparrow: 3 records, 5/7 Stony Kill FT; 2/10 Dennings Pt DP; 1/21 Rockefeller Ln AS, SR, DV.

Swamp Sparrow: 1/25 Baxtertoun WMA SCm (only record).

Red-winged Blackbird: 10 records, avg 4 ea. incl. 3/1 The Fly DK; LAST 2/17 Martens yd Salt Pt LM; MAX 13/11 Roger Perry Prsv JE, SJ.

Rusty Blackbird: 2 records, 4/1 The Fly DK; 1/12 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR;

Common Grackle: 12 records, avg 2 ea. incl. 1/2 yd Wappingers DV; LAST 1/25 143 Palen Rd, Hopewell Junction DS; MAX 8/3 Salt Pt Tpke, Clinton Corners MR.

Blackbird sp.: 2 records, 10/1 DRT Titusville - Rt55 FT; 150/5 Mashomack DK.

Warblers: Palm Warbler: 3 records, 1/2 Stony Kill AL; 1/4 App Trl Pawling LG; 1/8 yd Hyde Pk DC.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 6 records, avg 1 ea. incl. 1/1 The Fly DK; LAST 1/29 Tivoli Bays Cruger Island Rd SR.

Black-throated Green Warbler: 1/9 Madam Brett Pk AL. Late- foraging near parking lot in company of a Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Field Trips: 4th – Northern Duck Tour, 7th – Stony Kill, 11th – Southern Duck Tour, 14th – Vanderbilt Mansion, 21st – Vassar College Campus, 28th – Millbrook School

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DECEMBER 2018 RECORDS

There were only 2 days of half-inch snowfalls, which melted quickly. December's 4 inches of precipitation topped off 2018 with a total of 66 inches, 19+ inches above normal. The result was no snow cover for nearly all of the month. Ponds, lakes, and streams were open and high.

Several stragglers stayed into December... Green-winged Teal, Gray Catbird, Chipping Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, and Yellow-rumped Warbler. Our usual winter residents, Golden-crowned Kinglets and Snow Buntings were notably scarce. Evening Grosbeaks and Pine Siskins continued to delight some lucky feeder watchers.

Waterfowl highlights were Surf and White-winged Scoters, Long-tailed Duck, and Horned Grebe, which put in brief appearances.

Some reports from the Christmas Bird Counts (CBC) are included. "Dutchess CBC" is centered at Baird Park. "UD CBC" is the Ulster/Dutchess count, which includes Red Hook and Rhinebeck.

Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Mallard in normal numbers.

Snow Goose: a few reports, most 10/14 Upton Lake Christian School JCLI.

Greater White-fronted Goose: several reports of 1 at various ponds, Pine Plains Rt 199 at Bean River and Tripp Roads on the 29-31.

Cackling Goose: 1/31 at the same area as the White-fronted.

Wood Duck: 1/27 HVRT Amenia CV

Northern Shoveler: 1/7 Tivoli Bays SC (only record).

American Black Duck: 28 records, avg 7 each. MAX 29/30 Hudson R at Tivoli MR; 23/7 Tivoli Bays SC.

Mallard x American Black Duck (hybrid): 1/19 Baird Pk FT, AP; 6/31 Strauss Marsh SJ.

Northern Pintail: 4/1 Rhinecliff MR; 1/4 Stringham Pk AM; 1/5 Stringham Pk MK.

Green-winged Teal: 1/26 Mills-Norrie SP CF (only record).

Canvasback: 19-37 at Wilderstein from 1st-4th MR, DK, BMA, SJ; 14/30 Mills Norrie SP SR.

Ring-necked Duck: 8 records, avg 24 each. Most 62/16 Sylvan Lk CP; 57/7 Stissing Pd DK.

Greater Scaup: 3/2 Sylvan Lk CP; 4/3 Sylvan Lk CP.

Lesser Scaup: 4/2 Sylvan Lk CP; 3/9 Payton yd Rhinebeck MP; 2/30 Mills Norrie SP SR.

Surf Scoter: 2/1 Wilderstein SJ, BMA (only record).

White-winged Scoter: 1/26 Mills-Norrie SP BB, FT, CF, SJ (only record).

Long-tailed Duck: 2/30 Mills-Norrie SP MR; 2/31 Mills-Norrie SP CV.

Bufflehead: 13 records. Most 5/25 Mills SP DC; 3/1 Wilderstein SJ, BMA; 2/31 Sylvan Lk CV.

Common Goldeneye: 18 records, avg 8 each. Most 52/29 Slate Dock Rd DK; 27/1 Wilderstein BMA.

Hooded Merganser: 30 records, avg 10 each. Most 35/16 Sylvan Lk CP; 31/2 Round Pd Amenia DK.

Common Merganser: 68 records, avg 12 each. Most 65/27 in Hudson at mouth of Wappingers Creek AS, DV; 32/31 Drake Lk LM.

Ruddy Duck: 13 records, avg 36 each. Most 80/3 Sylvan Lk CP; 3/2 Round Pd Amenia DK; 1/5 Mills-Norrie SP LM; rest of reports from Sylvan Lk

Wild Turkey: 12 records, avg 13 each. Most 30/27 Ludlow Woods Rd DK; 28/31 Woodward Hill Rd MR.

Horned Grebe: 1/1 Rhinecliff MR; 1/27 Madam Brett Pk SI. This lone grebe swam up and down Fishkill creek, diving regularly, for almost 2 hours before heading out towards the Hudson River; 1/31 Dennings Pt PM; These continue the December records for the past few years. None in December before 2014.

Rock Pigeon and Mourning Dove as usual for December.

American Coot: 2-3 Sylvan Lk all month CP, BP; 1/27 21 Westage Dr, Fishkill SI, LK.

Ring-billed Gull: 51 records, avg 27 each. Most 250/11 Sylvan Lk CP; 100/24 Red Wing Pd, Beekman BP, CP; 100/31 Wappingers Falls - Big Lots KH.

Herring Gull: 7 records. Most 6/27 Wapp Lk DV, AS.

Great Black-backed Gull: 7 records, avg 2 each. Most 4/4 Dennings Pt AL.

Common Loon: 2/1 Rhinecliff MR (only record).

Double-crested Cormorant: 1/4 Dennings Pt AL; 1/4 Sylvan Lk AM; 1/10 Wapp Crk JAD.

Great Blue Heron: 27 records each. Most 4/7 Tivoli Bays SC.

Black Vulture: 16 records, avg 18 each. Most 160/5, 60/9 Bard College compost area AB; 17/7 Wapp Falls RO; 8/29 Millbrook JA.

Turkey Vulture: 16 records, avg 2 each. Most 4/7 Fishkill BJM; 4/7 Tivoli Bays SC; a few all month.

Northern Harrier: 18 records, avg 1 each. Most 3/5 Mashomack DK; 2/16 Tivoli Bays, Male and female hunting together over marsh SC.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 8 records, avg 1 each. 1/6 & 1/21 van Zyl yd Wappingers DV; the rest widely distributed.

Cooper's Hawk: 28 records. Most 3/11 Dover Plains DK

Northern Goshawk: 1/14 Verbank Dutchess CBC BB, GE.

Bald Eagle: 74 records, avg 2 each. Most 7/9 Berkshire Rd Dover MRI; 6/18 Shaughnessy Rd Clove Valley DK; 5/23 Tivoli Bays, four immature, one mature SR.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 20 records, avg 1 each. 2/5 Hillside Lk BF; 2/30-31 Hunns Lk DK.

Red-tailed Hawk: 96 records, avg 2 each. Most 11/31 Dover Plains DK; 1/19 Clinton Corners, "Lucy" the leucistic RTHA well off the road high on a hill, possibly perched near Taconic Parkway?, DK; 1/30 Rudd Pd Rd JA "Abieticola" subspecies.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 12 records. First 1/4 Mill Rd Rhinebeck DK; 1/9 Schultz Hill Rd, Pine Plains red phase JW, seen by 3 others thru the 14th; 2/29 UD CBC SR, RM, PS.

Great Horned Owl: 9 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 2/6 Ludlow Woods Rd DK; 2/17 duet Kral yd Stanfordville DK; 2/30 Very distant pair calling on a far ridgeline Rudd Pd Rd JA.

Barred Owl: 16 records, avg 1 each. Most 2/10 Wilcox calling back and forth to each other near northern end of the park JA; 2/30 Rudd Pd Rd birds flew across the swamp within 5 minutes of each other JA.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: 2/29 UD CBC sector D nocturnal, Responded to tooting RM, PS, SR (only record).

Belted Kingfisher: 28 records, avg 1 each. 2/1 Lk Oniad Dr, One of 2 kingfishers feeding. Caught something which looked more like a caterpillar than a fish and was beating it on a tree branch before eating. LK, SI, MB; Most 3/7 Tivoli Bays SC.

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Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker in the usual numbers. Listed in order of increasing # of reports.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 1/29 Greig Fm RM; 1/29 & 30 Mudder Kill Swamp DK, SR.

American Kestrel: 1/2 Strever Fm DK; LAST 1/8 Overlook Rd, Poughkeepsie DS.

Merlin: 5 records. 1/4 Stringham Pk AM; 1/11 Mills SP SJ; 1/19 Clinton Corners DK; 1/22 Sheffield Hill Rd DK; 1/27 Wisseman Rd AM.

Peregrine Falcon: 1/19 Greig Fm SR (only record).

Blue Jay: as usual.

American Crow: They have moved their winter roost north to the east end of the Mid-Hudson Bridge, where it is difficult to see and estimate it's size.

Fish Crow: 10/10 Arlington BB; 6/14 Vassar College Campus AL; 2/31 Wappingers Falls - Big Lots KH; 1/27 van Zyl yd Wappingers AS, DV.

Common Raven: 29 records, avg 2 each. Most 11/23 Milan yard FM Very vocal, "kettle-like"; 4 reports from Dover Plains.

Horned Lark: 12/19 Greig Fm SR; 30/20 Salt Pt BMA; 30/22 Flint Hill Rd. Amenia DK; 18/29 Greig Fm RM.

Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, and White-breasted Nuthatch: At our feeders as usual, but seem more scarce than usual on outings.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 10 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/2 Hopewell Junction DS; LAST 1/31 Chet's yd LaGrange CV.

Brown Creeper: 15 records, avg 1 each. Most 2/25 Mills SP DC; 2/26 Mills SP FT; 2/30 Pooth yd Poughquag CP.

Winter Wren: 7 records, avg 2 each. First 1/3 HVRT Sharon Stn SL; Last 2/19 Baird Pk FT, AP; Most 3/11 CIES AP, FT.

Carolina Wren: 72 records, avg 2 each. Most 16/15 LaGrangeville RM; 8/8 Vassar Fm FT; 7/19 Baird Pk AP, FT.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 3/15 LaGrangeville RM; 1/30 HVRT Sharon Stn DK – scarce this month.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1/19 Lakeside Pk Pawling KH; 1/29 Greig Fm RM.

Eastern Bluebird: 33 records, avg 4 each. Most 12/1 Hickory Hill Rd, Clinton Corners JP; 8/19 Lakeside Pk Pawling KH.

Hermit Thrush: 1/27 HVRT Sharon Stn CV (only record).

American Robin: 33 records, avg 8. Most 25/8 Vassar Fm FT; 20/11 Verbank Club Rd DK; 21/30 HVRT Sharon Stn DK.

Gray Catbird: 1/13 NE Mountain Rd, Dover Plains MS (only record).

Northern Mockingbird: 28 records, avg 1 each. Most 3/11 Dover Plains DK.

Cedar Waxwing: 13 records, avg 8 each. Most 35/7 van Zyl yd Wappingers DV; 12/4 Dennings Pt AL; 10/8 Vassar Fm FT; 11/10 Wappingers Falls - Creek Rd KH.

Evening Grosbeak: 5 records, avg 9 each. Continuing from November; LAST 1/8 Joseph yd Milan SJ; Most 20/1 Hopewell Junction DS; 5/1 Hollow/Center Rd Salt Pt feeder DK; 15/1 Mabbettville yd AMP; 4/7 Joseph yd Milan SJ.

Purple Finch: 10 records, avg 1 each. FIRST 1/2 Hopewell Junction DS; LAST 1/31 Chet's yd LaGrange CV; Also 2/13 NE Mountain Rd, Dover Plains MS; 1/30 Rudd Pd Rd JA.

Pine Siskin: 13 records, avg 2 each. Continuing from November. LAST 4/31 Stengle yd, Wappingers Falls JS; Most 5/3 HVRT Sharon Stn SL; 5/5 Lenhart yd Millbrook SL.

Snow Bunting: 11/1 Tymor Pk AM; 1/20 Salt Pt BMA.

European Starling, House Finch, American Goldfinch as usual.

Dark-eyed Junco and White-throated Sparrow in good numbers.

Chipping Sparrow: 1/8 & 1/27 Joseph yd Milan SJ In the brush under the feeders- pink bill, clear breast, black eye line extending into lores, broken white eyering.

Field Sparrow: 1/5 Bowdoin Pk FT; 1/9 Stony Kill AL, KB; 1/15 LaGrangeville RM.

American Tree Sparrow: 25 records, avg 3 each. Most 8/30 Rudd Pd Rd JA; 7/4 Dennings Pt AL; 6/8 Vassar Fm FT.

White-crowned Sparrow: 1/9 Stony Kill KB; 1/27 Lower Sharon Stn Rd CV; 1/29 Greig Fm RM.

Song Sparrow: 52 records, avg 3 each. Most 19/8 Vassar Fm FT; 6/11 CIES FT, AP; 11/19 Baird Pk FT, AP.

Swamp Sparrow: 5 records, avg 2 each. FIRST 2/8 Vassar Fm FT; LAST 1/29 Greig Fm RM; Also 5/16 Tivoli Bays SC; 2/11 CIES AP, FT; 1/19 Greig Fm SR.

Eastern Towhee: 1/14 Haight Rd, Amenia AMP (only record).

Baltimore Oriole: 1/5 Bowdoin Pk FT well seen by the group. (only record).

Red-winged Blackbird: 9 records, avg 16 each. Most 41/15 LaGrangeville RM; 30/5 Mashomack DK; 22/9 Stony Kill AL; 20/23 Butler yd Verbank BB.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 6 records, avg 7 each. Most 20/5 Butler yd Verbank BB; 8/24 Kral yd Stanfordville DK; 8/30 Boston Corners Rd JA

Rusty Blackbird: 17/30 Boston Corners Rd JA (only record).

Common Grackle: 6 records, avg 82 each. FIRST 2/2 van Zyl yd Wappingers DV; LAST 15/23 Butler yd Verbank BB; Most 300/6 Butler yd Verbank, 100s of grackles in the tree line to the east of the yard BB.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1/13 NE Mountain Rd, Dover Plains MS (only record).

Northern Cardinal: 153 records, avg 3 each. Most 10/14 DRT Titusville - Rt55 LK, MB, SI; 10/26 Mills SP, Seen all at once in one group in a brushy area FT.

House Sparrow: 49 records, avg 10 each. Most 36/7 van Zyl yd Wappingers DV.

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