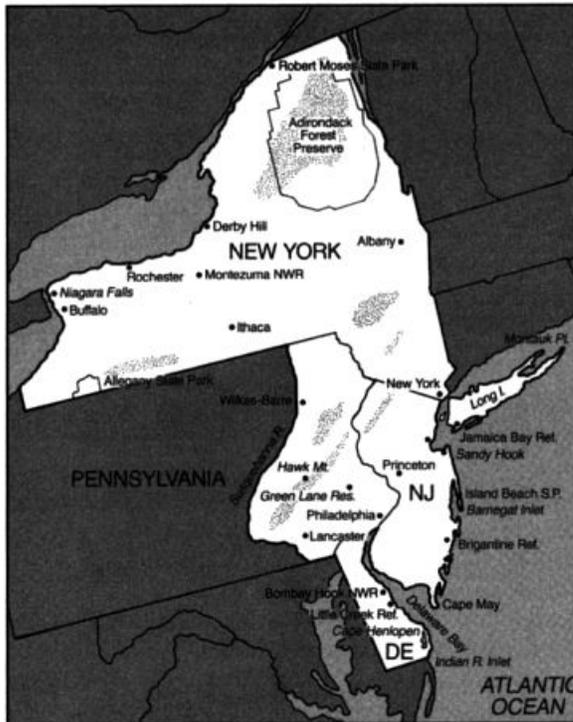


# Hudson-Delaware



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Though the year 2000 was a warm one overall, December was very cold over the entire Region, and while precipitation was below normal, much of it fell as snow. January and February were somewhat warmer than normal with less than normal precipitation. In spite of the harsh December, a reasonable number of half-hardy species continued well into the winter. Except in the extreme northern portion, winter finches were nearly nonexistent. Christmas Bird Counts on the first weekend of the count interval suffered rain, sometimes very heavy, even in the northern parts, while

those on the last weekend had deep snow.

Highlights of the season were American White Pelican in Delaware; a modest incursion of Gyrfalcons; gulls, including reports of Black-tailed, Mew, California, Ivory, Ross's, and Sabine's; two Northern Hawk Owls and a Chestnut-collared Longspur in New York; Ash-throated Flycatcher in Pennsylvania; and Le Conte's Sparrow in New Jersey. Continuing from last season were Allen's Hummingbird in New Jersey and Hammond's Flycatcher in Pennsylvania.

**Abbreviations:** Avalon (Sea Watch at Avalon, *Cape May*, NJ); Barnegat (Barnegat Light S.P., *Ocean*, NJ); Bombay Hook (Bombay Hook N.W.R., *Kent*, DE); Cape Henlopen (Cape Henlopen S.P., *Sussex*, DE); Jones Beach (Jones Beach S.P., *Nassau*, NY); Montauk (Montauk Point S.P., *Suffolk*, NY); N.J.B.R.C. (New Jersey Bird Records Committee); N.Y.S.A.R.C. (New York State Avian Records Committee); Peace Valley (Peace Valley Park, near Doylestown, *Bucks*, PA); P.O.R.C. (Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee); Sandy Hook (Sandy Hook Unit, Gateway National Recreation Area, *Monmouth*, NJ).

## Grebes Through Vultures

Over 30 Red-necked Grebes were reported from Long Island, with a peak of 12 on the Montauk C.B.C. 16 Dec, and a maximum of 15 were at Whalon's Bay, *Essex*, NY 3 Dec (JP, PT) Elsewhere they were scarce. With a total of 8 reported, Eared Grebes made a good showing. The only report outside New York was of one in New Jersey at High Bar near Barnegat 6 Jan (Roger Johnson) and 14 Jan (SB, Linda Mack) An **American White Pelican** spent more than a month in Delaware, which has only about a half-dozen previous records. First found near Dover, *Kent* 29 Dec (Dave Wolanski), it was seen four more times until 19 Feb at various locations in *Kent* and *Sussex* (v.ob.). American Bitterns were present along the coast in normal numbers, with 3 reported from Long Island and 5 each from Delaware and New Jersey. An extremely late **Least Bittern** in upstate New York, where it is virtually unknown in winter, visited a pond in Greece, *Monroe* 17 Dec (Dave Tetlow). A Yellow-crowned Night Heron was present on the Cape May C.B.C. 17 Dec in New Jersey with fewer than ten state winter records

## Waterfowl

Regular since the 1980s, Greater White-fronted Geese were present in good numbers, with nearly 30 reported. Two Delaware C.B.C.s had the top Snow Goose counts, with 78,000 on the Cape Henlopen-Prime Hook C.B.C., *Sussex* 17 Dec and 77,000 on the Bombay Hook C.B.C. 31 Dec. And numbers built to 70,000 at Middlecreek WMA, *Lancaster*, PA by the end of Feb (DH) Ross's Geese, once a rarity, made an excellent showing, with 16 at customary locations in all four states. **Black Brant**, a rare visitor, appeared one each in Moorestown, *Burlington*, NJ 15 Jan (Glenn Mahler) and at Floyd Bennet Field in Brooklyn 13 Feb (PT). In mid-Jan, a second Brant die-off similar to one last Nov occurred at the Brigantine Unit of the Forsythe N.W.R., *Ocean*, NJ and left about 1000 dead. Experts at the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin, are trying to determine the cause. Candidates include algal blooms or biotoxins, pollutants, and diseases. There is no sign of trauma, and starvation appears to be ruled out because the birds seem to have adequate body fat. One and later two Barnacle Geese of unknown origin were present at Peace Valley and nearby L. Galena for much of Dec (AM). A total of 11 Trumpeter Swans, presumably from reintroduction programs in Ontario and elsewhere, visited nw. New York, with a maximum of 6 at Fair Haven, *Cayuga* 2 Dec (BP). But 2 at Blue Marsh L., *Berks* 31 Dec into Feb (Harold & Joan Silagy), being hand fed, were probably of captive origin.



No longer a rarity in most coastal plain sites in the East, at least where large numbers of gulls gather, Lesser Black-backed Gulls were again widely reported in double- and even triple-digit figures. These 20 birds were at the Churchville Reservoir, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where up to 160 were tallied in middle December. *Photograph by Alan Brady.*

Eurasian Wigeon numbers seem to be down some from previous years, with only 13 reported, of which 8 were on Long Island, and only one well inland at Cayuga L., *Tompkins*, NY 6–7 Jan (BFo, BF). The peak count of Canvasbacks was 8000 on the Ithaca C.B.C., *Tompkins*, NY 1 Jan, with 6800 in the Niagara River at Grand I., *Erie*, NY 15 Jan (BK). And the peak count of Redheads was 13,500, also on the Ithaca C.B.C. After lower numbers through most of the 1990s, for the 2nd consecutive year Redheads have been staging a comeback in the Finger Lakes Region of New York, though the extraordinary high of 50,000 at Seneca L. in 1976 is still a long way off. A Tufted Duck in Oswego, NY 4 Feb through the end of the period (BP, Gerard Phillips, KM) provided the 2nd record for the Oneida L. Basin. Single females at Rehoboth Beach, *Sussex*, DE 7 Dec to season end (m.ob.) and at Brick Twp., *Ocean*, NJ 5 Jan–15 Feb (m.ob.) are believed to be returning birds (the one at Brick frozen out of the ponds in Point Pleasant). Four others were reported from Long Island. Once again the maximum count of Greater Scaup was in the Sandy Hook area. Thirty thousand were present in Raritan Bay 7 Feb (Rich Kane). Fifteen King Eiders in the L. Ontario Littoral, *Oswego*, NY 24 Feb (KM, BP) provided the 2nd highest one-day count for the Oneida L. Basin. As many as 8 more were present along the L. Ontario shore of New York's Genesee region, 8 at Montauk, and singles in Buffalo and at Shark River Inlet, *Monmouth*, NJ. The Montauk C.B.C. 16 Dec tallied 250 Com. Eiders and similar numbers remained in the area through the season. While this is a good count, it is a far cry from the thousands that graced the same area in the mid-nineties. Four others were reported from

New Jersey. Twenty-two Harlequin Ducks was the top count at Barnegat 15 Jan (Sandra Keller). Six more were present on the Montauk C.B.C. 16 Dec, with about 4 others scattered over the remainder of Long Island. Other reports included singles in New York at Niagara Falls, at Orleans, *Jefferson*, and in the Oswego R., *Oswego*; and in New Jersey at Avalon. No longer a rarity in much of the region, 12 Barrow's Goldeneye were reported, one at Sandy Hook (m.ob.) returning for its 7th season. And a well-described Barrow's x Common Goldeneye hybrid visited Yard's Cr. Res., *Warren*, NJ 13 Jan (†Brian & Tiffany Hardiman).

### Raptors To Cranes

An Osprey surprised observers on the Salem County Raptor Survey, *Salem*, NJ 10 Feb (Flora Woessner et al.). There are only three or four mid-winter records for New Jersey in the last quarter century. Five others remained in the region until mid-Dec. With over 350 reported (some possibly more than once), Bald Eagles continue to rebound. The Bombay Hook C.B.C. 31 Dec tallied 75 Northern Harriers, an outstanding total; and about 175 more were reported from the rest of the Region. With 33 reported, Northern Goshawks made a good showing. Rough-legged Hawks also made a good showing with about 265 reported, though in some areas it was not as good as last year's. And with 5 in New York, 3 in New Jersey and one in Pennsylvania, Golden Eagles numbers were down slightly from last year. Wintering Merlins in unusual locations included one in Tewksbury, *Hunterdon*, NJ (EO) and one at Onondaga Park in Syracuse, NY, which also frequented the University campus and downtown Syracuse (m.ob.). Twenty-

**SA** Cranes were present all season in the area around Bostwick L., *Cumberland*, NJ, not far from where up to 5 were reported last fall. They remained on large tracts of private land and more often than not could not be seen. The largest daily total was 9 on 3 Feb (Tom Bailey, Don Jones), but did not include the **Common Crane** that had been frequenting the area, and may or may not have included the Sandhill Crane that normally accompanied it. During the past year, Jim Dowdell has made something of a study of these birds and believes he has identified 14 separate individuals: 1 Common Crane, 6 apparently pure Sandhill Cranes, and 7 showing characters suggesting they are Common x Sandhill hybrids. This concentration of cranes is consistent with the increase in Sandhill Cranes in other states in the northeast and in the middle Atlantic region. Bruder has received a photograph taken by a local landowner last spring showing the Common Crane together with a Sandhill Crane and a chick less than a foot high. The Common Crane that bred with a Sandhill Crane in 1995 in nearby central *Salem* had a crooked toe on its left foot and is presumed to have escaped from a farm in upstate New York in 1991. But though the present bird is probably the same individual, its origin remains unconfirmed. Many thanks are due to Jim Dowdell, Ed Bruder, and Laurie Larson for providing information.

two others were also reported. In New York, a white-morph Gyrfalcon was reported at Tupper L. Marsh, *Franklin* 26 Dec (Charlie Delehanty, details requested for N.Y.S.A.R.C.), an imm. gray morph at Venice, *Cayuga* 28 Jan (†BF, Meena Haribal), and an imm. dark morph at Little Sodus Bay, Fair Haven, *Cayuga* most of Feb (MAK, m.ob.; details to N.Y.S.A.R.C.). In New Jersey, another imm. white morph was reported just outside of The Great Swamp, *Morris* 22 Feb (Ron Boughman, details to N.J.B.R.C.), a gray morph at Berkeley Twp. *Ocean* (Brian Vernachio, details requested for N.J.B.R.C.), and an unspecified morph at Merrill Creek Res., *Warren* 2 Jan (Jane Bullis, details requested for N.J.B.R.C.). Should all six of these reports be accepted by the respective state records committees, the ratio of one-third white morphs would be high; historically this ratio has been closer to one tenth. Northern Bobwhite remain in serious trouble. The only reports were of 8 at Cape Henlopen S.P., *Sussex*, DE 17 Dec (AE), 14 on the Bombay Hook C.B.C. 31 Dec, and one on the Barnegat C.B.C., *Ocean*, NJ 31 Dec.

#### Shorebirds Through Alcids

Killdeer numbers were low. For example, only 4 were recorded on the Bombay Hook C.B.C. 31 Dec where frequently more than 100 would be (Martin Selzer). A Solitary Sandpiper at the Hackensack Meadows Environmental Center, *Bergen*, NJ 2 Dec (Ken Prytherch) was exceptionally late. There is only one published New Jersey record with a later date. The participants in a pelagic trip from Manasquan Inlet, *Ocean*, NJ on 9 Dec were treated to a Great Skua (FONT, PG et al.). Depending upon how pelagic state boundaries are drawn, this is the 5th accepted state record. The same pelagic trip tallied 2 Pomarine and 2 unidentified jaegers. Other jaegers included 2 Pomarine and one Parasitic from Cape May, NJ in Dec.

Seventeen species of gull, 13 on Long Island alone, provided much interest this season. A **Black-tailed Gull**, potentially New York's 2nd record, appeared at Jones Beach and Pt. Lookout, *Nassau*, NY 1 Jan (TWB, GB et al., details to N.Y.S.A.R.C.). The Mew Gull returned to Shinnecock Inlet, *Suffolk*, NY for the 3rd consecutive year on 14 Dec (AB), was rediscovered 24 Feb (TL) and remained into Mar. Large concentrations of Ring-billed Gulls at Round Valley Res., *Hunterdon*, NJ continued into this winter, with 25,000 present during Jan (EO). An ad. California Gull was reported from Southold, *Suffolk*, NY 24 Dec (TL), while another continued from Nov until 10 Dec near Niagara Falls (†MM, †WD'A, †BK), where it has been a returning bird. An ad. gull the size

of a Herring Gull with darker mantle and yellow legs at L. Ontelaunee, *Berks*, PA and, at the same time, a similar bird at Easton, *Northampton*, PA caused much discussion. Both birds remain unidentified (*vide* RK & AK). On 2 Dec an ad. Thayer's Gull was present at Perinton, *Monroe*, NY (Dominic Sherony); an ad. and 2 first-year birds were at Florence, *Burlington*, NJ 13 Jan (Matt Sharp, EO, details to N.J.B.R.C. and P.O.R.C.); and another first-year bird spent time in the Delaware R. near Easton, *Northampton*, PA (RW, D. DeReamus, J. Horn). The explosion of Lesser Black-backed Gulls continues for the 3rd consecutive year, with up to 160 in mid-Dec at the Churchville Res., *Bucks*, PA, 60+ at Florence, *Burlington*, NJ (WD), and 50-60 at Peace Valley Dec and Feb (AM). Last season's Sabine's Gull remained at the Niagara R. until 6 Dec (WD'A et al.). Avalon produced a probable Ross's Gull 18 Dec (†Clay Sutton); only one accepted New Jersey record exists. An imm. Ivory Gull in L. Ontario near Scriba, *Oswego*, NY delighted one observer on 29 Dec (KM, details to N.Y.S.A.R.C.), while another was reported in the Hudson R. off Edgewater, *Bergen*, NJ 15 Feb (RR, details requested for N.Y.S.A.R.C.). In New York, about 15 previous accepted records are about evenly divided between upstate and the coast, while in New

Jersey all three are coastal. A Black Skimmer at Cape Henlopen 17 Dec (CB, DK) provided Delaware with its first winter record in nearly thirty years.

The season was a good one for alcids, particularly Razorbills, with all six Atlantic species represented. A Dovekie was recorded on the Montauk C.B.C. 16 Dec, with 2 at Montauk 6 Jan and one at Jones inlet, *Nassau*, NY 23 Jan. And in New Jersey, one was recorded on the Sandy Hook C.B.C. 16 Dec (RR) for a first count record. A slightly oiled Common Murre at Shinnecock, *Suffolk*, NY 13 Jan (Paul Maldonado, Jim Clinton) was captured, cleaned, and released. Two Thick-billed Murres appeared at Montauk 3 Feb (R. J. Kurtz), with one remaining until 11 Feb. The peak Razorbill count occurred at Montauk 4 Feb when over 150 were present (HM, TWB, AB), with 50 or more present for the entire season. And in New Jersey, 32 were recorded on a whale-watching trip from Manasquan Inlet, *Ocean* 4 Feb (SB, Pete Bacinski, Derek Lovitch). The pelagic trip from Manasquan Inlet 9 Dec recorded the remaining species, an Atlantic Puffin (FONT, PG et al.).

#### Owls Through Woodpeckers

Snowy Owls continued their modest invasion of last Nov, with one as far south as Port



This Ash-throated Flycatcher at Safe Harbor Dam, Lancaster County, was one of three in the Region this winter and constituted a second record for Pennsylvania. *Photograph by Rick Wiltraut.*

Mahon, *Kent*, DE 4–18 Feb (Bob Lego, m.ob.). About 35 more were reported from New York and another dozen from New Jersey. A Northern Hawk Owl at Bloomingdale Bog, *Franklin*, NY 30 Dec into Mar (Ed Grant, m ob ) provided the county with its 4th record, while another along the Adirondack Northway at Exit 39, *Clinton*, NY (Nancy Olsen) was the first record for that county. Peterson remarks that these two individuals were but a suggestion of some 200 reported just to the north in Québec. The season was a weak one for Northern Saw-whet Owls. Only 25 were reported from the entire Region, with just 4 in New Jersey, one in Pennsylvania, one on Long Island, and the remainder in upstate New York. A late swift sp. on 4 Dec at Braddock Bay Park, *Monroe*, NY (†J. & J. Barry) was not recorded as Chimney Swift. Though details were well written, other species of swift could not be ruled out at the very late date. Rufous Hummingbirds holding over from last fall included one at Nazareth, *Northampton* until 7 Dec (RW, AM) and one in Hockessin, *New Castle*, DE into Dec (Jim White, MG). And last season's **Allen's Hummingbird** at Cape May remained until 2 Jan. Only 8 reported Red-headed Woodpeckers may be an all-time winter low. Recent s. strongholds such as Redden S F, *Sussex*, DE (FR) and The Great Swamp, *Morris*, NJ (m.ob.) each produced only one. One was recorded on the Cape May C.B.C., NJ 17 Dec, and possibly the same individual was reported at the Cape May N.W.R. 7 Feb (Fred Lesser, John Danzenbaker). From New York came reports of 2 at Lakeside Beach S.P. *Orleans* 2 Jan (BK), one at Point Gratiot, *Chautauqua* 14 Jan (Tom Simmons), and an imm off Shunpike near Milbrook, *Dutchess* (Jesse Bontecou) for the month of Jan.

### Flycatchers Through Waxwings

Last November's **Hammond's Flycatcher** at Bethlehem, PA remained until 22 Dec. An **Ash-throated Flycatcher** at Safe Harbor Dam, *Lancaster* 28 Dec-6 Jan (m.ob.) will give Pennsylvania its 2nd record and *Lancaster* its first if accepted by P.O.R.C. Meanwhile individuals at two New York City Parks remained from last season: one at Prospect Park until 1 Dec, and one at Alley Pond Park until 24 Dec. A rare and irregular visitor, the only Loggerhead Shrike of the season was recorded at Prime Hook N.W.R., *Sussex*, DE 17 Dec (MG, Bruce Peterjohn). Though less widespread than last winter, with over 130 reported Northern Shrikes staged a modest invasion, particularly in northernmost areas. Ninety-six of them were concentrated in the Oneida Lake Basin, St. Lawrence, Adirondack-Champlain,

and Hudson-Mohawk Regions of New York. Late Blue-headed Vireos included 2 on the Cape May C.B.C. 17 Dec and one at Lansdale, *Montgomery*, PA (KR, AM). Having survived the severest part of the winter, a lone Tree Swallow was found at Cape May, NJ 6 Jan (Dave Hedeem). Except in the n. portion with a peak count of 138 on the Saranac L. C.B.C., *Franklin*, NY 30 Dec, Red-breasted Nuthatches were scarce. Cape Henlopen with 7 Brown-headed Nuthatches on 17 Dec (CB, AE, DK) still has the largest population in Delaware (and of course the Region). A House Wren on the Ferrisburg C.B.C., *Essex*, NY 16 Dec (†JT) was exceptionally late at this n. location. And a Winter Wren outside of L. Placid, *Essex*, NY on 7 Feb (Brian McAllister) was equally misplaced. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at Cape May Point, NJ 4–9 Dec (Bill Schule et al.), another on the Delaware County C.B.C., PA 16 Dec (Robert Miller), and 2 more on the Lancaster C.B.C., PA 30 Dec were also late. A Hermit Thrush observed on the Ferrisburg C.B.C., NY 16 Dec (Gary Worthington) was approximately the 5th *Essex* winter record. Still a rare vagrant, the only Varied Thrush of the season visited Mansfield, *Cattaraugus*, NY 24 Feb (†Doug Happ, †Mike Zebehazy). Bohemian Waxwings did not repeat their invasion of last year. Only 3 were reported: one each from Fort Niagara S.P., NY 1 Dec (BK); the Saranac L. C.B.C., *Franklin*, NY; and Oswego, NY 7 Jan (KM, BP, Brenda Best, MAK).

### Warblers Through Finches

The Cumberland County C.B.C., NJ 31 Dec tallied a massive 1383 Yellow-rumped Warblers. Very rare and late on Long Island, a Yellow-throated Warbler remained until 27 Dec in E. Northport, *Suffolk*, NY (Vinnie Schiappa et al.). Gone from interior New York by early Nov, with most of the state's approximately ten winter records coming from Long Island, N. Waterthrushes—one each at the Watervliet Res., *Albany* upstate 16 Dec (WE) and on the Central Suffolk C.B.C. on Long Island 27 Dec—were also very late. Only 2 Clay-colored Sparrows were reported: one at Peace Valley 2 Jan to season end (KR) and one, possibly a hybrid with Chipping Sparrow (per PL), at Cape May Point, NJ 24 Feb (Shawnee Finnegan). Common into Dec on Long Island and in New Jersey as recently as the 1970s, Vesper Sparrow has undergone a sharp decline. This was one of the better recent winters with reports of 8: in *Suffolk*, Long Island there were 3, one each at Nappague 16 Dec (Steve D'Amato), at Cutchogue 29 Dec (TL), and at Shinnecock 27 Jan (Doug Futuyma); and in New Jersey five, 2 in Tewksbury, *Hunterdon* 24

Dec (EO), and 3 at Cape May until 6 Jan (m.ob.). As in about half of recent winters, Lark Sparrows lingered into the season in New Jersey: one each on the Lakehurst C B C , *Ocean* 16 Dec (Don Sutherland); at Dias Creek, *Cape May* 18–29 Dec (PL); and at Cape May Pt. 19–20 Dec (Judy & Karl Lukens). A Grasshopper Sparrow on the Cumberland County C.B.C., 16 Dec was a rare winter record for New Jersey, while another on the Rehoboth C.B.C., *Sussex* 31 Dec was a very rare winter record for Delaware. Also very rare was a Le Conte's Sparrow on the Great Swamp C.B.C , *Morris*, NJ 16 Dec (Bill Boyle, Karen Thompson). A White-crowned Sparrow on the Ferrisburg C.B.C., *Essex*, NY 16 Dec was exceptional there, with only about five county winter records, and an ad. of the Gambel's race was of interest in Green Twp. *Sussex*, NJ 24 Jan (JB, Marge Barrett). The Emberizid of the season, however was a **Chestnut-collared Longspur** at Jones Beach 5 Jan (TWB, GB et al ) and 18–19 Feb (SS), which provided New York with its 6th record and first in midwinter, pending review by N.Y.S.A.R.C.

Two Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were a pleasant surprise near Geneva, *Ontario*, NY 16–17 Dec (Ann & Don Cobb, v.ob.) This species has persisted into Dec on numerous occasions. An Indigo Bunting, with only about three previous New Jersey winter records, was an excellent find at Cape May Point 9 Dec (George Meyers, Tom Parsons) and again on the Cape May C.B.C. 16 Dec. And November's Painted Bunting at Cape May, NJ remained until 1 Dec. This was a reasonably good winter for Dickcissel, with 9 reported. Eighty-two Eastern Meadowlarks on the Bombay Hook C B C 31 Dec was the top count, with good numbers in several other locations; but as expected, nearly all reports came from s. parts of the region. A female Yellow-headed Blackbird visited Bombay Hook 27 Jan (Glen Lovelace), and another, of unspecified sex, also in Delaware, was at Taylor's Bridge, *New Castle* 25 Feb (FR). A Rusty Blackbird at a feeder in Bloomingdale, *Franklin*, NY 10 Feb (Debbie & Ed Kanze) was a bit out of range for approximately the 5th county winter record. The Bombay Hook C.B.C. 31 Dec recorded a total of 75 Brewer's Blackbirds (DAC), with only 4 others reported elsewhere in the Region.

Winter finches remained largely in the north this winter. The only reports of Pine Grosbeak were of one each on the Elizabethtown and Minerva C.B.C.s, both in *Essex* in the northeasternmost corner of New York. With over 500 Purple Finches on 19 Feb in Speculator (Paul Kelley), *Hamilton*, NY had record numbers. The Saranac L. C.B.C.,



This striking dark-morph *calurus* Red-tailed Hawk, rare anywhere in the East, returned for its tenth winter near Tatamy, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Photograph by Rick Wiltraut.

Franklin, NY 30 Dec tallied 326, while flocks of 25–40 were common in the Adirondacks farther south. But numbers were much lower over the remainder of the Region. Red Crossbills were scarce everywhere, with the only five reports: 13 on the Elizabethtown C.B.C., Essex, NY 23 Dec; 10 at Oseetah L., Franklin NY (Linda LaPan); 11 at Jenny L., Saratoga, NY 11 Dec (Robert Yunick); 2 at Summerhill S.F. Cayuga, NY (BFo); and one at Dallas, Luzerne, PA 16 Dec (BR). In contrast, White-winged Crossbills staged a major invasion in ne. New York with frequent evidence of breeding and a maximum of 269 on the Saranac L. C.B.C. 30 Dec, but remained scarce elsewhere. Common Redpolls, while also scarce, were widely scattered, with maxima of 36 on the Ithaca C.B.C., Tompkins, NY 1 Jan, and 30 at Orwell, Bradford, PA 15 Jan (Trudy Gerlach). Pine Siskins, while common in the northeast corner, were more uniformly though less densely dis-

tributed elsewhere. And finally Evening Grosbeaks were nowhere abundant, with the highest though still modest total for the area being 160 on the Saranac L. C.B.C. 30 Dec, and a small number of reports scattered over the rest of the Region.

#### Corrigenda

Thanks to P. A. Buckley, we learn that the date given in our report on the spring 2000 season for the Fire I. Yellow-nosed Albatross sighting was in error. The correct date is 9 May, only a little more than six hours earlier than the sighting at Penikese I. He also calls to our attention an additional report on 27 May at Manasquan Inlet, Ocean, NJ (Larry Moniz). Also, with apologies to Scott, Brian Vernachio was incorrectly listed in our summer 2000 report as the sub-regional compiler for New Jersey's North Coast Region, whereas Scott Barnes actually performs this function.

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