

were reported in Vermont and Maine, while 200 was more typical in Massachusetts. In the North, flock size was highest in Dec; by Feb the birds had become very local, with large flocks only at certain feeders and less likely away from them. In Massachusetts, flock size peaked in Jan, with most flocks numbering less than 50 in Dec and Feb. A few Com. Redpolls made it to Connecticut and Rhode Island, primarily in Dec. Along with the Commons came the Hoary Redpolls, and even if some of these sightings are unsubstantiated, it would appear that this was one of the better Hoary Redpoll showings in some time. Total available reports

indicate two in Vermont, four in New Hampshire, ± 10 in Maine, and three in Massachusetts.

Other finches were relatively scarce. Both species of crossbills were again along the coasts of s. New England, with the highest numbers (25–45) in Dec on Cape Cod, M.V., and Nantucket. Numbers reported in n. New England, these species' traditional stronghold, were generally lower. Pine Siskins made it all the way to Connecticut and Rhode Island in Dec, but then disappeared from most of the Region. Purple Finches and Evening Grosbeaks were generally scarce once again, although the latter species was relatively common, even occasionally abun-

dant, in the far-flung localities of w. Massachusetts and e. Maine.

CORRIGENDA

The calling Pied-billed Grebe and inland-nesting Osprey, both reported in Coventry, CT, in the Summer 1999 report, were actually in Canterbury, CT.

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December and early January were unusually warm, but bitter cold weather arrived in mid-January and persisted into

early February, when somewhat warmer than normal weather returned. Precipitation was below normal in December and February, and near to above-normal in January. There was little snowfall over much of the region until 25 January. The warm early winter brought with it even some non-hardies such as Northern Rough-winged Swallow and Summer Tanager, while no fewer than seventeen species of warblers were recorded.

The highlights of the season were Delaware's first Tufted Duck and third Northern Lapwing, Black Guillemot inland in Pennsylvania, New York's first MacGillivray's Warbler, the return of last year's Mew Gull, and what will become New Jersey's first California Gull if accepted by the New Jersey Bird Records Committee. Also notable were a major die-off of American Woodcocks in the late January freeze, and unusually large numbers of Bald Eagles, Rough-legged Hawks, Northern Shrikes, Common Redpolls, and in northern New York, Bohemian Waxwings. In addition, there were Ivory Gull and Indigo Bunting in New York; Brown Pelicans and Rufous Hummingbirds, which survived well into February, in both New Jersey and Delaware; two Varied Thrushes and Cave Swallows in New Jersey; Painted Buntings in Pennsylvania and Delaware; and a Le Conte's Sparrow in Delaware.

Abbreviations: Barnegat Light (*Barnegat Light State Park, Ocean, NJ*); Bombay Hook (*Bombay Hook N.W.R., Kent, DE*); Hamlin Beach (*Lake Watch at Hamlin Beach S.P., Monroe, NY*); I.R.I. (*Indian River Inlet, Sussex, DE*); Jones Beach (*Jones Beach S.P., Nassau, NY*); Montauk (*Montauk Point, Suffolk, NY*); Montezuma (*Montezuma N.W.R., Wayne, NY*); Prime Hook (*Prime Hook N.W.R., Sussex, DE*); Sandy Hook (*Sandy Hook Unit, Gateway National Recreation Area, Monmouth, NJ*); Tinicum (*John Heinz N.W.R. at Tinicum, Philadelphia, PA*).

LOONS THROUGH IBISES

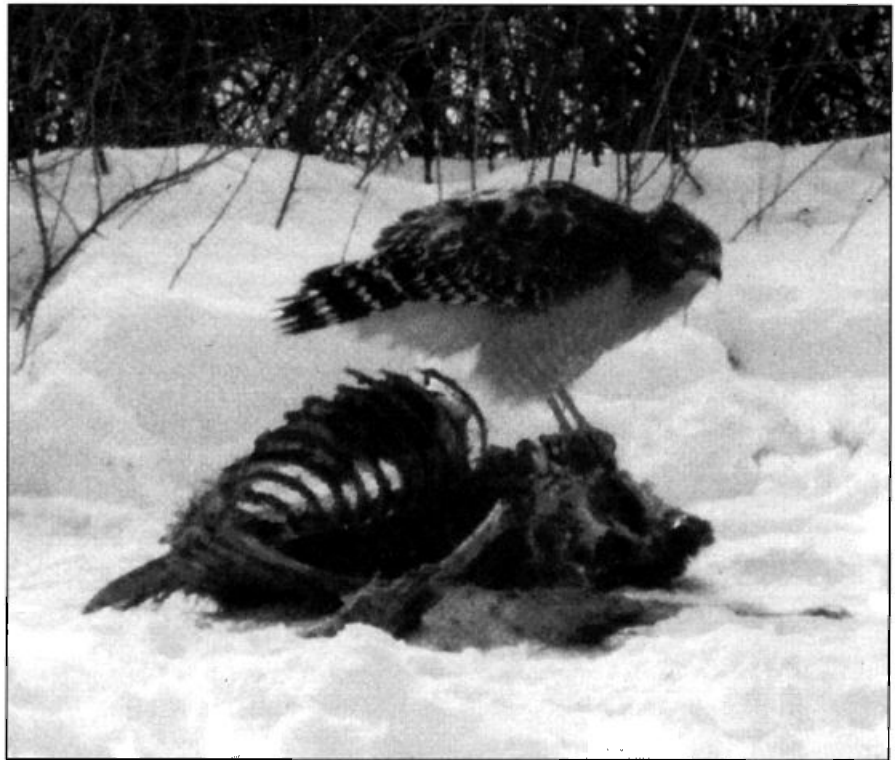
The region's only Pac. Loon was reported 31 Dec from Hamlin Beach (DT). In spite of the mild December, there was a larger southward migration of Red-necked Grebes this season than in the past two, with a peak of 23 at Hamlin Beach 15 Dec (BE, SSo, WS); the top CBC count was eight from Montauk 18 Dec (RJK). Seven Eared Grebes were present in New York, and four in New Jersey, all in late Dec or Jan. Pelagic trips to about 65 mi offshore, one on 4 Dec out of Manasquan Inlet, NJ, led by Guris with many observers, and another on 4–5 Dec out of Montauk by Guthrie and Wilson, produced a number of tubenoses. Recorded were five N. Fulmars (PG et al.); two Greater Shearwaters off Manasquan (PG et al.) and four off Montauk (AG, AWi); and two Manx Shearwaters off Manasquan (PG et al.) and one off Montauk (AG, Awi). Brown Pelicans were unexpected 26 Dec at Port Mahon, Kent, DE (MG, BGP), where they are rare at any season, and 13 Feb in the Manasquan R., Ocean, NJ (LM, SB). These provided the first Kent, DE, and 4th New Jersey winter records. American Bitterns were well represented in coastal areas with three in the marsh at I.R.I. 1 Jan (MG); one at Tinicum 19 Jan

(Philadelphia Birdline); 11 in New Jersey; and three on Long Island in Dec and Feb (RJK). Unusual was a Cattle Egret 31 Jan at Bombay Hook (MG). There are perhaps a dozen prior Delaware records at this late date. And more unusual was a Green Heron that wintered at Georgica Pond, Suffolk, NY.

WATERFOWL

Reports of 26 Greater White-fronted Geese were above normal. One at Monsey, NY, 9 Jan (J.&K. McDermott) provided a second Rockland record, and three in early Feb at Moorestown (C. Taylor, WD), were a record-high number for Burlington, NJ. Snow Geese were present in good numbers in n. parts of the Region and scarce in s. parts until mid-Jan, when temperatures dropped. Subsequently the pattern was reversed, and Cutler reported a large influx into the Delaware Valley: 75,000 at Middlecreek N.W.R., Lancaster, PA, 29 Feb (DH) was remarkable even for that goose paradise. Ten Ross's Geese was about normal. As usual, most were reported from the s. parts of the Region, with nine from Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. But a brief appearance of one at Oswego 8 Jan (JBr) provided a rare winter record for n. New York. Continuing the trend of last year, four Richardson's (Canada) Geese visited New York, with one at Pointe au Roche, Clinton, 2 Dec (B. Krueger, C. Mitchell), one at Watervliet Res., Albany, 2–18 Dec (W. Ellison), and two on the Sagaponack, Suffolk, CBC 19 Dec (*vide* PAB). A Black Brant 9 Jan at Zach's Bay, Jones Beach (*vide* TWB), was easily spotted when it was on land. Small numbers of Trumpeter Swans in nw. New York have become normal, with 1–2 at Irondequoit Bay, Monroe 8–16 Jan (J. Bounds, RS, D.&G. Strong) and one at Montezuma N.W.R. 12 Jan (GP). But two at Ft. Hunter, Dauphin, PA, 17 Jan (DH) were unusual.

Eurasian Wigeon numbers improved slightly from last winter, with five in se. New York, one in Delaware, and one in New Jersey. A probable Am. x Eur. Wigeon hybrid was an interesting find at Cedar Creek Mill Pond 8 Jan near Milford, Sussex, DE (FR). Single Green-winged Teal of the Eurasian race *crecca* were present in early Dec at Beltsville, Carbon, PA (Philadelphia Birdline); 25 Dec at Prime Hook (MG); 27 Jan at Jamaica Bay NWR, Queens, NY (ROP); and 9 Jan in the Manasquan River (N. Mardones) for possibly the first Monmouth, NJ, record. Redheads were present in outstanding though not record numbers, with peak counts in w. NY as usual: 8000 were recorded 12 Feb at Hog Hole, Tompkins, NY, a six-year high; and 4174 were at Conesus Lake, Livingston, NY,



Frigid conditions can lead to desperate measures, as with this predator-become-scavenger, an adult Red-shouldered Hawk feeding on a White-tailed Deer carcass at Pt. Phillips, Northampton, Pennsylvania, 9 Feb 2000. Photograph by Rick Wiltraut.

16 Jan (G. Hartestein, J. Olson). A female **Tufted Duck** at ponds near Rehoboth Beach, Sussex, DE, present for about three weeks beginning 18 Feb (P. Dumont, ph. FR, m.ob.) provided the first record for Delaware. Another female continued until 4 Dec in Pt. Pleasant, Ocean, NJ (m.ob.) and a male visited Claverton, Suffolk, NY, 7 Jan (JCI, P. Montonaldo) and nearby Riverhead 4–12 Feb (AB). The Region's largest numbers of Greater Scaup were off Sandy Hook in Raritan Bay until the mid-Jan freeze, and on the ocean side thereafter even when the bay re-opened. The maximum count was 20,000 in the ocean 11 Feb (PB). Other good concentrations were 7089 on the Rochester, NY, CBC 19 Dec; and 4900 at the Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary near Rye, Westchester, NY, 15 Jan. The peak count of nine King Eiders came from Hamlin Beach 2 Dec (BE, WS, SSo), with singles there on 15, 18, and 30 Dec. Several wintered at Montauk (m.ob.), and a lone individual was at Cape May, 6 Dec (A. Robinson). The Montauk CBC recorded 243 Com. Eiders 18 Dec; 200–300 wintered there, with one other in New York and seven in New Jersey. The usual wintering flock of Harlequin Ducks at Barnegat Light peaked at 30 on 9 Feb (EB, AS, DJ). Another flock wintering at Pt. Lookout, Nassau, NY, built from 4–12 as the season progressed. About a dozen others, mostly singles, were all coastal. Barrow's Goldeneye had another strong year. One male

and two females 20–26 Feb at Foul Rift in the Delaware River between Warren, NJ, and Northampton, PA, provided the first Northampton record (m.ob.), and a second male was reported 26 Feb further up-river at Portland, PA (RW, Steve Boyce). About three wintered in e. Long Island; one to two were on Cayuga L. Seneca, NY 11–12 Feb (B. Fambrough, M. Williams); and a half-dozen others were scattered through NY and NJ.

HAWKS THROUGH CRANES

Wintering Bald Eagles were almost abundant, with nearly 400 reported, though undoubtedly some were counted more than once. The s. New Jersey Eagle Census 9 Jan tallied 84, while John Askildsen reported 56 along the lower Hudson River 12 Feb. Reporters from all over the Region commented on the largest invasion of Rough-legged Hawks in perhaps a decade. Though there were no large concentrations, reports came from almost anywhere suitable habitat existed. Illustrative was a huge northbound migration on 27 Feb, with 128 at Manitou Beach at Braddock Bay, Monroe, NY (DT, DN), and 121 at Derby Hill, Oswego, NY.

Ruffed Grouse remained scarce with the exception of a few hotspots in n. New York, where a high of 11 was reported 1 Jan on the Ithaca, Tompkins, NY, CBC; 36 were reported on nine CBCs in the Hudson-Mohawk Region; five each were at Selkirk Shores SP, Oswego, NY, 4 Dec and W. Winfield, Oneida,

NY, 19 Feb, and four were at Gleason Meadows, *Chemung*, NY, 23 Feb. Surprising, however, were two on the *Cumberland*, NJ, CBC 2 Jan (M. Fritz, A. Nicholson). Native N. Bobwhite populations have greatly declined and the species is scarce except where stocked for hunting. Nevertheless there were a few good reports, including 15 at Cape Henlopen SP, Sussex, DE, 2 Jan (KB), and 12 on the Long Branch, *Monmouth*, NJ, CBC 2 Jan.

Single Sandhill Cranes visited Conejohela Flats, *Lancaster*, PA, 5 Dec (BS) and Green Pond near Heckville, *Northampton*, PA, from early Jan–Mar (m.ob.). Two were present near Cream Ridge, *Monmouth*, NJ, 16 Dec–15 Jan (m.ob.) and one was over Cape May 28 Feb (J. Lukens, KL). Very surprising was a report of up to eight in early Feb on private land in *Cumberland*, NJ (*vide* WD).

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH ALCIDS

A **Northern Lapwing** at Bombay Hook 26 Dec–1 Jan (M. Selzer, m.ob.) provided Delaware with its 3rd record. Interestingly, this individual appeared at the very site of the state's first record in 1953. A Whimbrel on a sandbar off Jones Beach, present until 7 Jan (m.ob.), provided New York with its 6th winter record. Other out-of-season shorebirds included White-rumped Sandpipers at Port Mahon, *Kent*, DE, 26 Dec (MG, BGP), and more unusual, at Salmon Creek, *Greece*, in

SA On 14 January, after a long warm early season, the weather in Cape May County, NJ, turned very cold. On 21 Jan came the first reports of large numbers of American Woodcocks feeding along roadsides. By 25 Jan the ground was snow-covered, and although Dowdell reported the high count of 210 still feeding on 26 Jan, dead ones had already begun to appear on roadsides, in back yards, and all along the southern end of the Garden State Parkway. Lehman collected some 60 freshly dead birds himself and reported many more as flattened roadkills. He sent the bodies to the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, where they were found to be incredibly underweight and had starved, presumably because of the snow cover and frozen ground. The cold persisted until early February, and Lehman estimated from his own observations that the mortality rate must have been 80% or more. Concern diminished slightly with the start of a strong return movement of early migrants about three weeks later.

upstate NY 26 Dec (DT), as well as a Pectoral Sandpiper, also in upstate NY at Manitou Beach, *Monroe*, 27 Feb (DT, DN).

Great Skuas, two each 4 and 5 Dec, were reported 65 mi off Montauk (AG, AWi). A late jaeger, presumed to be Pomarine, over L. Ontario at Oswego, NY, 7 Feb (GP) provided the Oneida Lake Basin with its second winter report. An ad. Franklin's Gull in full breeding plumage 6–17 Feb in Dunkirk Harbor, *Chatauqua*, NY, provided the Region's only report (m.ob., v.t.). A second-winter **Mew Gull**, undoubtedly the same individual as last year, was found 30 Jan just e. of Shinnecock Inlet (M. Anderson, N. Laviola, C. Jager, P. Anderson) and remained until 26 Feb. An ad. **California Gull** was found 27 Dec at Florence, *Burlington*, NJ (WD), and was followed by other reports in Jan and Feb. This would furnish the state's first record if accepted by the New Jersey Bird Records Committee. Another ad. California Gull was present in the Niagara River, Niagara, NY, 4–12 Dec and 1–2 Jan (Willie D'Anna), where it is rare in winter. There were also several sightings of a possible Yellow-legged Gull (for which some details are available and additional ones are requested) at Florence on both the NJ and PA sides of the river. A first-winter **Thayer's Gull** was observed at Cape May 12–19 Feb (PL, v.t. SF, RC et al.) And a number were also reported from Florence, with one videotaped 29 Jan (E. Obercian, R. Machover, DL). Dasey's own observations indicated the presence of at least five individuals. This increases the number of New Jersey Thayer's Gull records to four, with others still pending. An all-white, first-winter Great Black-backed Gull was seen at Florence 26 Feb (WD, DD, F. Winfelder, B. Murphy). Dasey points out that, though seen only once, this bird probably was present for the entire season among more than 50,000 Herring Gulls because "this place is a chaser's nightmare." An Ivory Gull appeared 31 Dec at Hamlin Beach (BE, DT) in New York, where there are only about 15 prior records. Also unusual was a very late Com. Tern at Montauk 3 Jan (AB, Orhan Birol). An amazing 946 Forster's Terns were tallied 1 Jan on the Rehoboth Beach, Sussex, DE, CBC (*vide* J. Swertinski).

Two Dovekies were seen 18 Dec on the Lakehurst, *Ocean*, NJ CBC, and one to two others were at Montauk for much of January. Two Com. Murres and one Thick-billed Murre were 5–10 mi off Manasquan Inlet, *Monmouth*, NJ, 13 Feb (GW), and single Thick-billed Murres were reported from two other New Jersey locations. The highest count of Razorbills was 125+ at Montauk 9

Jan (AB). But the alcid of the season was a **Black Guillemot** 8 Jan at Lake Ontelaunee, PA (J. Pushcock et al.), for only the second *Berks* record of the past century. Another the same day was a fly-by at Montauk (S.&K. Feustel). A single Atlantic Puffin was off Manasquan Inlet 4 Dec (PG, m.ob.).

OWLS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Two to four Barn Owls wintered on commercial property in Keensburg, *Monmouth*, NJ (m.ob.) and one was at W. Bloomfield, *Ontario*, NY, 26 Dec (RS). An injured Snowy Owl at Port Mahon, *Kent*, DE, 5–14 Dec (v.o.) was captured and taken to a rehabilitation center, but did not survive. Three other Delaware reports of Snowy Owl, possibly all of the same individual, came from I.R.I. and Broadkill Beach, *Sussex*, DE, 26–27 Dec and 4 Feb (J.&R. Multhropp, M. Marino, E. Sabo). New Jersey had a single report 5 Dec at Jenkins, *Burlington* (PS), while ≤ 3 elusive individuals moved about e. Long Island through early Feb, and four others were in n. and w. New York. Short-eared Owls were present in excellent numbers, with high counts of 26 on the Barnegat, *Ocean*, NY, CBC 2 Jan; 14 in the Ft. Plain, *Montgomery*, NY, area; 12 on the Bombay Hook CBC 26 Dec; and 12 at Amasas Landing, NJ, in December (WD, DD). Last fall's two Rufous Hummingbirds both survived into Feb: the one at Blackwood, NJ, until 10 Feb, and the one at Hockessin, DE, at least until 19 Feb. Single, unidentified hummingbirds were reported 16 Dec Eaton Township, *Wyoming*, PA (WR), and 20 Dec Webster, *Monroe*, NY (L. Grosshans). Numbers of Red-headed Woodpeckers remained low, although with a few bright spots. A high of 10 was recorded 18 Dec on the Great Swamp, *Morris*, CBC (B. Boyle, K. Thompson), with at least two wintering. Three wintered at New Lisbon, *Burlington*, NJ (EB). Three in early Feb were at the Mashomack Preserve, *Suffolk*, NY, and four in late Dec were at scattered locations in *Bucks*, PA.

SHRIKES THROUGH WAXWINGS

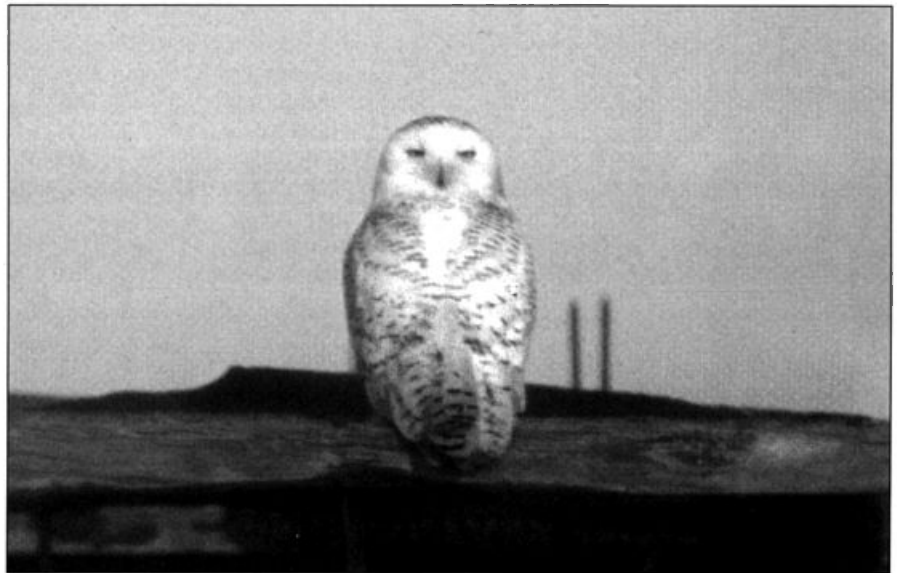
Loggerhead Shrikes made an unusually good showing by today's standards, with five reports. In Delaware, one each was reported from Pickering Beach, *Kent*, 26 Dec (MG, BGP), from Prime Hook 2 Jan (MG, BGP), and from Bombay Hook 20 Feb (MS). In New Jersey, one was at Cedarville, *Cumberland*, 2–17 Jan (E. Manners, m.ob.) and one at Cape May 5 Feb (RC). N. Shrikes staged one of their biggest movements here in memory, with 150+ reported from all over the region, predominantly in Dec and Feb. Some reporters simply said "too numerous to mention."

Once again Com. Ravens showed up at a

small number of new locations, particularly in s. New York and n. New Jersey. Two reports of note for their southern locations were one at Palmyra, *Burlington*, NJ, 1 Dec (H. Tomlinson) and one on the Delaware, PA, CBC 18 Dec (J. Waldie, T. McParland, A. Mostrom). A **Northern Rough-winged Swallow** 24 Dec was a surprise at Trenton, NJ, and across the Delaware at Morrisville, PA (SF, PL). On 21 Jan a weak, emaciated one, probably the same individual, was picked up in Trenton and taken to a rehabilitation center where it died the same day (R. Frock, L. Larson, *Princeton U. collection). Lehman points out that these records are probably the latest for Pennsylvania and surely for New Jersey. A Cave Swallow 1 Dec and another or perhaps the same on 17–21 Dec at Cape May provided the state's latest record (PL, SF, RC, B. Glaser), while another was observed at Avalon, *Cape May*, NJ, 11 Dec (C. Wood, MO). Carolina Wrens reached strong levels over the middle portions of the Region, with a high of 170 on the Long Branch, *Monmouth*, CBC 1 Jan, and reports of 12 scattered over *Dutchess*, NY, in Feb suggest that a reasonable number survived the cold spell. A House Wren (well-described per R. Radis) was reported at a feeder in Bloomfield, Essex, NJ, 10 Feb, exceptionally late for n. New Jersey (C. Sashano). American Robins were reported plentiful to abundant, but a 26 Dec report of over 40,000 flying to a roost at French Creek SP, *Berks*, PA (J. Cook, R. Keller), had no competition. A male Varied Thrush visited a feeder in Buena, Atlantic, NJ, 29 Jan–9 Feb (G. Murtha, m.ob.), and another of unreported sex visited a feeder in Tabernacle, *Burlington*, NJ, 25 Jan–mid-Feb (D. Fallstick, AS). Upstate New York had a major influx of Bohemian Waxwings, with reports totaling over a thousand individuals. The highest counts were 270 at Pulaski, *Oswego*, 15 Jan (BP) and 150 at Peru, *Clinton*, 25 Feb (E&HF). Most interesting however, were reports of singles on the Oceanville, *Atlantic*, NJ, CBC, 26 Dec (B. Moscatello), Westhampton Dunes, *Suffolk*, NY, 30–31 Jan (A. Lauro, AG), and probably the same individual at E. Moriches, *Suffolk*, NY, 7 Feb (AB).

WARBLERS

A Tennessee Warbler 18 Dec at Inwood Park, Bronx, (C. Lyons), provided a record-late date for New York. Five Nashville Warblers were present, all in mid-Dec: two in New York, two in New Jersey, and one in Delaware. A late N. Parula was at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, NY, 12 Dec (v.o.). A Magnolia Warbler was in Central Park, NYC, 12 Dec (m.ob.). A Cape May Warbler at Columbia, *Warren*, NJ, 5 Feb–April (ph. BH, T. Hardiman, m.ob.) apparently wintered for



Unlike its kin in Florida (see the Pictorial Highlights), this immature Snowy Owl at Port Mahon, Delaware, 5–14 Dec 1999 was in a far more likely locale. Photograph by Alan Brady.

only the second time in NJ. Another 19 Dec at Fulton, *Oswego*, NY (BP), provided the 2nd winter record for the Oneida Lake Basin. And a third 19 Dec–26 Jan at Central Park (J. DiCostanzo, G. Lee, m.ob.), provided a New York record-late date. Black-throated Blue Warblers were at Bridgehampton, *Suffolk*, NY, 27 Dec (v.o.) and Atglen, Chester, PA, in early Jan (BS). Yellow-throated Warblers visited feeders in Skaneateles, *Onondaga*, NY, 13–27 Dec—the 8th Oneida Lake Basin record at any season (R. Jowiasis, L. Pietrowski)—and in Edison, *Middlesex*, NJ, 30 Dec–mid-Jan (C.&P. McNulty). Although infrequent in the Region after the breeding season because of its southerly range, Yellow-throated Warbler has occasionally migrated in reverse. Prairie Warblers were at Montauk 4 Dec (JCI et al.), and on the Moorestown, *Burlington*, CBC 26 Dec and the Philadelphia Mid-Winter Bird Census 8 Jan (K. Somerville). Palm Warblers were common in the s. parts of the Region, but an outlier was at New Baltimore, *Green*, in upstate New York 8 Jan (R. Guthrie). Ovenbirds were at a Monroe Township, *Middlesex*, NJ, feeder late Dec–27 Jan (E. G. Strasser, ph.) for a NJ record-late date and at Irondequoit, *Monroe*, NY, 15–16 Jan (DT, M. Mattei). A **MacGillivray's Warbler** at Staten Island, 15 Dec–1 Jan provided New York's first state record (RV, m.ob.). Wilson's Warblers were at Broadkill Beach, *Sussex*, DE, 26 Dec (I. Goverts, D. Bruce) and at Washington Boro, *Lancaster*, PA, 23 Jan–10 Feb in a sheltered ravine with warm water discharged by a Lancaster Water Authority plant, for what is possibly a record-late PA date.

TANAGERS THROUGH FINCHES

A female Summer Tanager at St. Luke's Garden in Greenwich Village was a big surprise 4 Dec († H. Tetrault, N. Wageric). This report may represent a record-late date for New York. Six Clay-colored Sparrows were reported: one from Martin's Creek, *Northampton*, PA, 12 Dec for the second consecutive winter (ph. BH, RW); one each on the Brooklyn CBC 26 Dec, and on the Assunpink, *Monmouth*, Middletown, Salem, and Cape May CBCs in New Jersey 19 Dec; and one at Villas, *Cape May*, NJ, 3 Feb (JD). Lark Sparrows were at w. Cape May on the Cape May CBC 19 Dec (MO, L. Zemaitis); at Thompson Park on the Long Branch, *Monmouth*, NJ, CBC 1 Jan (T. Bailey); and at a feeder in Pilesgrove Township, *Burlington*, NJ, in Jan (F. Lenik, T. Petrongolo). A Grasshopper Sparrow was at Cape May 11 Dec (G. Myers, KL) and another was a big surprise 6 Feb at Union Beach, *Monmouth*, NJ (T. Boyle), representing a New Jersey record-late date. A Le Conte's Sparrow was observed at Bombay Hook 5 Dec and 8 Jan (ph. FR, m.ob.). This sparrow is rare in Delaware, where there are only a handful of records. White-crowned Sparrows were present in better-than-average numbers, with a record 312 on the Bernville CBC, *Berks*, PA, 1 Jan. Gambel's White-crowned Sparrows were recorded at Martin's Creek 9 Jan (BH, RW, ph.) and on the Sagaponack, *Suffolk*, NY, CBC 19 Dec (*fide* PAB). An Oregon Junco was reported on the Boonton CBC, *Morris*, NJ, 26 Dec; another was at Pompey, *Onondaga*, NY, after 17 Jan; and a third was at

York, *Livingston*, NY, 18 Jan (DT). More unusual, a Pink-sided Junco was reported on the Bronx, NY, CBC 26 Dec (RV, PAB) by observers familiar with that race. A Rose-breasted Grosbeak frequented a number of feeders at Medford, *Burlington*, NJ, in Dec (E. W. Marshall). An **Indigo Bunting** wintered at a Central Park feeder, providing New York's 5th winter record and the first to be present for an entire winter. Female Painted Buntings were at Amity Township, *Berks*, PA, 19 Dec (S. Goldberg), where it spent most of last winter, and at Prime Hook 2 Jan (MG, BGP). A Dickcissel at an Oneida, NY, feeder 11 Dec–2 Jan (A. J. Wood, m.ob.) provided the 5th Oneida Lake Basin winter record. And others were observed on the *Delaware*, PA, CBC 19 Dec (J. Lockyer, D. Washabough, L. Ferreri); on the Long Branch CBC 1 Jan (SB, LM, PB); on the Cape May CBC 19 Dec (S. Sherman); and at Peace Valley Park, *Bucks*, PA, 9–10 Dec (A. Mirabella).

Only four Yellow-headed Blackbirds were reported this season: from n. Wilmington, DE, 10 Feb (MS); from Buck, *Lancaster*, PA, 24 Feb (Philadelphia Birdline); from Cutchogue, *Suffolk*, NY, 26 Feb (B. Prentice); and from Upper Deerfield Township, *Cumberland*, NJ, 22 Jan (M. Ivanick). Brewer's Blackbirds were at their usual location near Leipsic, *Kent*, DE, in Dec and early Jan, with a peak count of over 40 on 17 Dec (G. Lovelace). The only other report was of two at Buck 24 Feb (Philadelphia Birdline). A flock of 250,000 blackbirds, mostly Com. Grackles, were reported roosting at Great Meadows, *Warren*, NJ, 27 Dec (D. Breide), down from last year's 700,000. Baltimore Orioles made strong showing, with more than 25 reported this winter. But overshadowing them was a female oriole showing characteristics of a Bullock's at a feeder in Mt. Joy, *Lancaster*, PA, 13 Jan–Mar (ph. M. Gockley, m.ob.).

Modest numbers of Pine Grosbeaks visited the Adirondacks, with highest counts being 25 on the Saranac L. CBC, *Franklin*, NY, 2 Jan, and 12 on the Elizabethtown CBC, *Essex*, NY, 26 Dec. Red Crossbills were reported in small numbers from many locations over the entire Region, mostly in Jan and Feb. White-winged Crossbills were reported in a similar pattern, but in much lower numbers. Common Redpolls staged a big invasion, with well over 6000 individuals reported, and were present in roughly equal numbers through the whole season. Whereas the largest numbers were reported from the north, no part of the Region was missed. The highest counts were 1000 on the Johnstown-Gloversville CBC, *Fulton*, NY, 27 Dec, and

527 on the Elizabethtown CBC 26 Dec. Along with these came no fewer than 25 reports of Hoary Redpolls totaling 31 individuals; whereas some may be in error, the ratio of Hoary to Common Redpolls is realistic. As in recent years, there were relatively few Evening Grosbeaks, nearly all in upstate New York. The highest counts were 245 on the Johnstown-Gloversville CBC 27 Dec, 136 on the Ithaca CBC, and 111 at Summerhill State Forest, *Cayuga*, NY, 5 Jan.

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