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Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*)

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GREATER TORONTO AREA BIRD REPORT – NOVEMBER 2010

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SNOW GOOSE - 5 (4 white, 1 blue) at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS), 4 on 10th & 17th (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 23rd (JES fide DRBA). 1 (blue) at Hydro Park, *Durham* on 28th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA), 5 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 28th (JWi,BKa) & 1 (white) at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 29th (BFA fide DRBA).

BRANT - 1 JUV at Burloak Park, *Halton* on 13th (DRD fide HBGG). 1 at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 14th (GRE fide HBGG), on 15th (CEE fide HBGG) & 1 at Bronte Bluffs Park, Oakville, *Halton* on 20th (GRE fide HBGG).

ACKLING (RICHARDSON'S) GOOSE - 4 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 2nd (Dan Kaczynski, Carl Jennewein, fide JI) & 5 at Parr Blvd, Bolton (W of Hwy50), *Peel* from 6th to 27th (DJM) (Brydon 2010). 3 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 8th (JI). 2 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 9th (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS), 4 on 10th & 5 on 17th (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Durham 57 & Old Scugog Rd, Bowmanville, *Durham* on 29th (BFA fide DRBA).

CANADA GOOSE - 1450 at Reesor Pond, *York* @ 10:45hrs on 20th (RBHS).

MUTE SWAN - 30 at TI on 11th (NMu) & 24 at CSSP on 20th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

TRUMPETER SWAN - 6 at Port Perry, *Durham* on 23rd (S. Pothier fide DRBA).

TUNDRA SWAN - 6 at Thicksen's Bay, *Durham* on 11th (GC).

WOOD DUCK - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 3rd (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 M at Lake Wabukayne, Meadowvale, *Peel* on 3rd & on 12th (anon fide OUTON). 6 at TI on 3rd (NMu,&) & 2 at North Toronto Sewage Plant on 22nd (ETB).

GADWALL - 33 at HBP [E] on 4th (JLH,MSF), 92 at Corner Marsh, *Durham* on 20th & 21st (DW,RRP, fide DRBA) & 90 at CSSP on 20th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

AMERICAN WIGEON - 38 at Corner Marsh, *Durham* on 20th & 21st (DW,RRP, fide DRBA).

MALLARD - 200 at LSS on 20th (NMu,MVL).

NORTHERN SHOVELER - 20 at Grenadier Pond, HP on 2nd (David Bell fide OUTON) & 4 at Bay D, LSS on 7th (RBHS).

NORTHERN PINTAIL - 6 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 13th (RRP fide DRBA) & 2 there on 20th (CMRW fide RRP). 2 at Cook's Bay (S End), *York* on 14th (BB) (Brydon 2010).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL - 10 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 6th (RBHS) & 4 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 6th (RBHS). 22 at Bay D, LSS on 7th (NMu,MVL).

REDHEAD - 150 at Cell #3, LSS on 7th, 150 on 13th, 200 on 20th (NMu,MVL) & 78 there on 28th (RBHS).

RING-NECKED DUCK - 1 F at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 24th (C. Adey,JES, fide ONTBIRDS).

GREATER SCAUP - 800 at Cell #3, LSS on 7th (RBHS), 500 on 13th, 750 on 20th (NMu,MVL) & 960 there on 28th (RBHS). 320 at CSSP on 20th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

LESSER SCAUP - 1 at CSSP on 20th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON) & 2 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 27th (RRP fide DRBA).

HARLEQUIN DUCK - 1 M at HBP [W] on 10th (Bernie Monette fide ONTBIRDS; photo on OFO-W) but not relocated the next day. 1 F at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 29th & 30th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA).

SURF SCOTER - 2+ at Pefferlaw Creek L. Simcoe, *York* on 15th (Robin Lawson) (Brydon 2010).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - 4 at Pefferlaw Creek, L. Simcoe, *York* on 7th (BB) (Brydon 2010), 12+ on 13th (KRS, MvdT,RJF) (Brydon 2010) & 2+ there on 15th (Robin Lawson) (Brydon 2010). 12 at Pefferlaw Creek, L. Simcoe, *York* on 13th (RJF,KRS,MvdT).

BLACK SCOTER - 12 at Pefferlaw Creek, L. Simcoe, *York* on 7th (BB) (Brydon 2010), 1 on 13th (RJF,KRS,MvdT) & 2 there on 15th (Robin Lawson) (Brydon 2010). 1 at Rotary Park, *Ajax, Durham* on 28th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA).

LONG-TAILED DUCK - 750 (500 off Pen C) at LSS on 7th & 1000 there on 13th (NMu,MVL). 400 at Rosetta McClain Gardens on 7th (RBHS) & 1200 at TI on 11th (NMu). 1 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 17th (Gail & Ted George fide SLo, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 20th (RBHS).

BUFFLEHEAD - 108 at TI on 3rd & 216 on 11th (NMu,&). 3 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 6th & 18 on 20th (RBHS). 120 at LSS on 7th, 100 on 13th & 143 on 20th (NMu,MVL). 60 at CSSP on 20th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

COMMON GOLDENEYE - 300 at LSS on 7th, 250 on 13th, 225 on 20th (NMu,MVL) & 102 there on 28th (RBHS). 80 at CSSP on 20th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

HOODED MERGANSER - 21 at HBP on 3rd (anon fide OUTON), 5 at HBP [E] on 4th (JLH,MSF) & 12 there on 11th (Bernie Monette fide ONTBIRDS). 9 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 6th & 7 on 20th (RBHS). 75 at LSS on 7th (RBHS), 183 on 13th was a good count (but the record here is 212), 120 on 20th (NMu,MVL) & 17 there on 28th (RBHS). 8 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (RRP fide DRBA), 4 on 20th (CMRW fide RRP) & 2 on 27th (RRP fide DRBA). 5 (2 M, 3F) at HP on 10th (SMF), 41 at TI on 11th (NMu), 15 at Pumphouse Marsh, *Durham* on 14th (RRP fide DRBA) & 15 at Corner Marsh, *Durham* on 20th & 21st (DW,RRP, fide DRBA).

COMMON MERGANSER - 38 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 4th (JLH,MSF) & 7 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 20th (RBHS).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER - 550 at TI on 3rd (NMu,&). 450 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* @ 16:20hrs on 6th flew in from main lake in groups of 50 or so; did some fishing, then suddenly at 16:22 all got up and flew back out to main lake (RBHS). 155 at LSS on 7th & 119 on 28th (RBHS).

RUDDY DUCK - 6 at Cell #3, LSS on 6th (EO'C fide OUTON), 4 on 7th (RBHS), 9 on 13th (NMu,MVL) & 6 there on 28th (RBHS). 3 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 6th (RBHS).

WILD TURKEY - 2 (1 M, 1 F) AD at Hanlan's Point, TI on 11th (NMu fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27, *York* from 22nd to 24th (JFL) (Brydon 2010).

RED-THROATED LOON - 1 at West Beach, TI on 11th was swimming/diving along the beach only 2-3' offshore beyond a small surf. It swam the whole length of the beach like that (NMu). 1 at Oshawa Harbour, *Durham* on 13th (Julia Freedman fide ONTBIRDS) & on 14th (RRP fide DRBA).

PACIFIC LOON - 1 at Oshawa Harbour, *Durham* @ 08:00hrs on 7th (RRP fide ONTBIRDS). Molting: 'the head is winter plumage, incl. the chipstrap. There is a large amount of white on its back'. Reported again there @ 10:30hrs

(Tony Bigg, Jerry Ball, AEMA) and described as 'Grey on back of head and neck, a white chin and throat with a distinct chinstrap, and it still had (a few) large white spots on the back'. 1 at Oshawa Harbour, *Durham* @ 12:30hrs on 9th (Bill Gilmour, Hugh Reid, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 (winter plumage) AD at Thickson's Bay, *Durham* @ 12:15hrs on 19th (Josh Vandermeulen fide ONTBIRDS) & again there @ 10:00hrs on 21st (MA fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON LOON - 1 at Pipit Point (SE Tip), LSS on 6th (EO'C fide OUTON). 16 at Oshawa Harbour, *Durham* on 7th & 3 there on 14th (RRP fide DRBA). 1 at Bronte Bluffs Park, Oakville, *Halton* on 20th (GRE fide HBGG).

PIED-BILLED GREBE - 1 at Reesor-Old Finch Pond on 20th (ETB).

HORNED GREBE - 1 at Pipit Point (SE Tip), LSS on 6th (EO'C fide OUTON) & 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 24th (GCarp fide DRBA).

RED-NECKED GREBE - 1 at Pipit Point (SE Tip), LSS on 6th (EO'C fide OUTON) & on 7th (MVL, NMu, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at HBP [W] on 11th (Bernie Monette fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at LSS on 13th (SMF), 5 at CSSP on 19th (SMF) & 20 there on 20th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON). 6 at Bronte Bluffs Park, Oakville, *Halton* on 20th (GRE fide HBGG).

NORTHERN GANNET – 1 at Tip, LSS at 14:05hrs on 13th (HC fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Toronto Harbour at 08:15hrs on 14th (Steve Charbonneau fide ONTBIRDS). 1 (assumed to be the same bird) was picked up dead at Lot 35, Conc 2, Clark Twp, *Durham* on 15th (A. Wood, fide JMR). While driving W on Hwy 2, Anthony Wood saw a large bird flying S, low over the fields. It crashed into the side of a truck and was still alive, sitting on the highway. It was hit by another car, died, and he recovered the specimen. This location is about 2km 'inland'. The specimen was received by JMR on 16th and transferred via GC to ROM. [Photos on file]. 1 IMM flying E at Lake Ontario off Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* @ 11:15hrs on 20th (anon fide RRP) & then seen at 11:30hrs flying E at Thickson's Bay, *Durham* (AEK, Tim Schneider, fide GCarp).



Juvenile **Northern Gannet** that crashed into a truck, was then hit by another car and died on Hwy 2, *Durham*, 15 November 2010. Anthony Wood, who witnessed the incident, recovered the dead bird and next day gave it to Jim Richards, who took these photos. The specimen was later delivered to the ROM. © Jim Richards.



Head of juvenile **Northern Gannet** found at Hwy 2, *Durham*, 15 November 2010. © Jim Richards.



Vent area showing the webbed feet of the juvenile **Northern Gannet** killed at Hwy 2, *Durham*, 15 November 2010. © Jim Richards.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT - 1 at Bay 'C', LSS on 20th (NMu,MVL).

GREAT BLUE HERON - 1 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 6th (RBHS). 1 at HP on 16th & 22nd (SMF).

GREAT EGRET - 1 at HBP on 3rd (anon fide OUTON).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - 1 IMM at Pringle Creek, Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 6th (RBHS) & 6 at HBP (E) on 13th (GVR).

TURKEY VULTURE - 145 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (CMRW fide Les Saylor, fide ONTBIRDS) & 16 on 6th (CMRW fide RRP, fide ONTBIRDS). 81 at Hawk Hill, HP on 1st (HPHW fide HSh, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Kipling & King-Vaughan Line, *York* on 28th (FP fide ONTBIRDS) was limping a bit and had frost on its wings.

OSPREY - 1 (v. late) at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS).

BALD EAGLE - 1 JUV at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 6th & 28th (CMRW fide RRP, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 AD at Holland River Mouth Heronry, *York* on 13th (RJF,KRS,MvdT).

NORTHERN HARRIER - 1 M at Ravenshoe Flats, *York* on 13th (RJF,KRS,MvdT), 1 at Top Lands, LSS on 20th (NMu,MVL) & 1 at CSSP on 20th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK - 1 at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27, *York* on 24th (JFL) (Brydon 2010) & at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 26th (C. Adey fide DRBA).

COOPER'S HAWK - 8 reports of singles from 7 different locations thro' the month & 2 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 12th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK - 3 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (CMRW fide Les Saylor, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 JUV on 2nd (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 on 6th (CMRW fide RRP, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 on 9th (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 there on 10th (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS). Singles at LSS on 7th (NMu,MVL), Hawk Hill, HP on 20th (HPHW fide HSh, fide ONTBIRDS) & at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 27th (RRP fide DRBA).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK - 6 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (CMRW fide Les Saylor, fide ONTBIRDS) & 12 on 9th (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS). 6 at Iroquois Raptor Platform, Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 2nd (ISRW fide MDW, fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-TAILED HAWK - 230 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (CMRW fide Les Saylor, fide ONTBIRDS), 108 on 6th (CMRW fide RRP, fide ONTBIRDS) & 134 there on 10th (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS). 338 at Hawk Hill, HP on 1st & 41 on 20th (HPHW fide HSh, fide ONTBIRDS). 199 at Iroquois Raptor Platform, Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 2nd & 29 on 6th (ISRW fide MDW, fide ONTBIRDS).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK - 20 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (CMRW fide Les Saylor, fide ONTBIRDS), 3 (2 dark, 1 light) on 2nd (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS), 15 on 6th (CMRW fide RRP, fide ONTBIRDS), 5 (2 light, 3 dark) on 10th (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS), 4 on 15th (CMRW fide DRBA) & 2 there on 17th (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Iroquois Raptor Platform, Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 2nd & 3 (1 dark, 2 light) on 6th (ISRW fide MDW, fide ONTBIRDS).

GOLDEN EAGLE - 3 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 1st (CMRW fide Les Saylor, fide ONTBIRDS), 5 on 6th (CMRW fide RRP, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 AD on 9th (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 25th (JES,GCarp, fide DRBA). 2 at Hawk Hill, HP on 1st & 9 on 20th (HPHW fide HSh, fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at Iroquois Raptor Platform, Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 2nd, 2 JUV on 6th (ISRW fide MDW, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Iroquois Raptor Platform, Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 11th (ISRW fide AA), 6 on 15th (ISRW fide MDW), 2 on 19th (J. Scheenaard fide DRBA) & 1 there on 29th (ISRW fide MDW, fide DRBA). 2 at Ravenscroft Rd, Ajax, *Durham* on 6th (GCarp fide DRBA), 1 at Leslie & Commissioners St. on 7th (NMu,MVL, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Port Perry, *Durham* on 20th (DRuch fide DRBA), 2 (1 juv, 1 unk) at Dundas & Beverly St on 23rd (RBHS) & 1 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 28th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

MERLIN - 7 reports of single birds from different locations thro' the month.

PEREGRINE FALCON - 1 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 4th (JLH,MSF).1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 6th (CMRW fide RRP, fide ONTBIRDS),1(*tundrius*) AD on 9th (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 20th (CMRW fide RRP). 2 (1 ad, 1 imm) at Pipit Point (SE Tip), LSS on 7th (MVL,NMu, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 hunting from a hydro tower S of railway tracks at Sun Life Financial Centre on 11th (SCH).1 at Bluffer's Park on 13th (RLau) had been

banded with blue on right leg; black w white numbering on left leg. 1 at Leslie & Commissioners St. on 20th (NMu).

VIRGINIA RAIL - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 10th (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN COOT - 8 reports from Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* beginning with 2 on 2nd (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS), and higher counts of 5 there on 7th (RRP fide DRBA) & 8 there on 27th (RRP fide DRBA). 2 at LSS on 6th (EO'C fide OUTON), 7th (RBHS) & on 20th (NMu,MVL). 3 at Reesor Pond, *York* on 6th (RBHS) & 13 at Corner Marsh, *Durham* on 20th & 21st (DW, RRP, fide DRBA). **700** at Cook's Bay (S End), *York*, viewed from Keswick on 13th (RJF,KRS,MvdT) and again there on 27th (KRS fide ONTBIRDS). **NEW RECORD COUNT for GTA**, subject to TBRC acceptance [Documented by reference to a count made there on 4 Dec 2010, also by KRS].

SANDHILL CRANE - 11 at Uxbridge, *Durham* on 1st (MW fide DRBA). 106 (in 5 flocks: 26, 30, 35, 12 and 13) all flying S at Beaverton Valley, Sunderland, *Durham* on 1st (RDJ) will be a **NEW RECORD COUNT for GTA, if documented**. 30 flying S at Beaverton Valley, Sunderland, *Durham* on 6th (RDJ).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER - 1 at Pefferlaw Creek, L. Simcoe, *York* on 13th (RJF,KRS,MvdT).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER - 1 (late) at Bay D, LSS on 7th (NMu,MVL).

KILLDEER - 1 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 6th (RBHS).

AMERICAN AVOCET - 1 at Schomberg Sewage Lagoons, *York* on 24th [No doc. seen, however a photo was posted to OFO Website] (DJM fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER - 1 at Frenchman's Bay, *Durham* on 4th (RLau).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER - 4 at Frenchman's Bay, *Durham* on 4th & 6th (RLau).

PURPLE SANDPIPER - 1 at Pipit Point (SE Tip), LSS on 6th (EO'C fide OUTON) & on 7th (MVL,NMu).

DUNLIN - 6 at Pefferlaw Creek, L. Simcoe, *York* on 13th (RJF,KRS,MvdT).

WILSON'S SNIPE - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS).

FRANKLIN'S GULL - 1 1W at Thickson's Bay, *Durham* @ 15:30hrs on 21st [No doc. seen] (GC fide ONTBIRDS), flew W past Thickson's Point, with 7 Ring-billed Gulls.

GLAUCOUS GULL - 1 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 21st (DW fide DRBA).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL - 2 at Lake Ontario off Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (Dan Kaczynski,Carl Jennewein, fide JI), 1 2W at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 6th (RBHS) & 2 at Pefferlaw Creek, L. Simcoe, *York* on 13th (RJF,KRS,MvdT). 7 (only 1 ad) at LSS on 13th (NMu,MVL) & 2 (1 ad, 1 1W) there on 28th (RBHS). 1 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 21st (DW fide DRBA).

EASTERN SCREECH-OWL - 1 at HP on 14th & 15th (SMF). 1 at Rosetta McClain Gardens on 20th (AA).

GREAT HORNED OWL - 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 1st (GDe fide ONTBIRDS) & on 13th (Julia Freedman fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 there on 15th (GC) & on 19th ([anon fide GC). 1 at Watersedge Park, Clarkson, *Peel* on 27th (Glenn Steplock fide ONTBIRDS).

SHORT-EARED OWL - 1 at Bluffer's Park on 2nd (RLau), flying hard E to W.

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL - 4 at LSS on 20th (NMu,MVL).

BELTED KINGFISHER - Singles at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS), T1 on 3rd (NMu,&), LSS on 4th (JLH,MSF) & at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 4th (JLH,MSF). 2 at Rouge Beach Park on 6th (RLau), 1 M at Bluffer's Park on 13th (RLau) & 1 at North Toronto Sewage Plant on 22nd (ETB).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER - 2 at Cedar Meadows & Mt Hope Rd., *Peel* on 2nd (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2010) & 1 M at Lambton Woods on 3rd (SMF). 1 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 12th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON), 15th to 17th (Judi Parker fide ONTBIRDS), and 21st & 27th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON). 1 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 18th (Atilla Papp fide ONTBIRDS) & on 27th (RRP fide DRBA). 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 26th (C. Adey fide DRBA).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER - 1 M at HP on 29th (SMF).

HAIRY WOODPECKER - 4 at TI on 3rd (NMu,&).

NORTHERN FLICKER - Singles at Don Valley Brickworks Park on 2nd (Richard Sigeismund fide OUTON), Cedar Meadows & Mt Hope Rd., *Peel* on 2nd (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2010) & at Pugsley Ave, Richmond Hill, *York* on 20th (GDe).

PILEATED WOODPECKER - Singles at James Rowe & Brock, Whitby, *Durham* on 6th (RBHS), Erindale Park, *Peel* on 12th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON), Bathurst N of Morning SR, *York* on 24th (BB) & at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27, *York* on 28th (JFL).

NORTHERN SHRIKE - 7 reports from 3rd to 27th of 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham*. 1 at Thicksens Woods, *Durham* on 10th (GC), 1 JUV singing and generally noisy at Bluffer's Park on 13th (RLau) & 1 at Kortright C. A., *York* on 15th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Major Mackenzie & Hwy 27, *York* on 15th (JFL), 1 at CSSP on 19th (Richard Dubiel fide OFO-W) & again on 20th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON). 1 at Ravenshoe Flats, *York* on 24th (GEL,RTC).

BLUE-HEADED VIREO - 1 at HBP [E] on 4th (JLH,MSF).

* RED-EYED VIREO - 1 at Lambton Park @ 11:30hrs on 3rd [Documented] (SMF) in line of trees N of paved pathway and S of railroad line.

COMMON RAVEN - 2 at Edward Pottage Cr, Pottageville, *York* on 8th (AEK fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Iroquois Raptor Platform, Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 11th (AA) & 1 at Lake Scugog, *Durham* on 29th (BFA fide DRBA).

CAVE SWALLOW - 1 at East Point Park @ 08:00hrs on 2nd (MAK fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Bond Head Bluffs, *Durham* @ 14:30hrs on 2nd (Jerry Ball fide RRP). [No doc seen for either]. The last two of 13 GTA reports from the 2010 invasion.

Note that as a consequence of the 2010 Cave Swallow 'invasion', the Ontario Bird Records Committee (OBRC) removed its documentation requirement for this species as of 1 January 2010 [OBRC decision posted to ONTBIRDS on 22 December 2010]. However, it will remain TBRC-reviewable. Thus far, documentation has been received for only one GTA occurrence related to the 2010 influx. Observers are reminded that photographs alone do not constitute 'documentation', and that they should use the standard documentation form, submitted as an electronic document, whenever possible.

For an interesting mini-review of the conditions leading up to the influx, including a useful weather map, see Kenn Kaufmann's blog on http://www.birdingblogs.com/2010/kennkaufmann/rising_from_the_caves#

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE - 103 at TI on 3rd & 125 on 11th (NMu). 36 at LSS on 7th, 29 on 13th & 32 on 20th (NMu,MVL).

BOREAL CHICKADEE - 1 at Edward Pottage Cr, Pottageville, *York* on 8th [Documented] (AEK fide ONTBIRDS). The last of 6 reported during this irruption.

BROWN CREEPER - Singles at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 21st & 27th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON) & at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 26th (C. Adey fide DRBA).

CAROLINA WREN - 1 at Ward's Island, TI on 3rd (NMu,&).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET - 6 at TI on 3rd (NMu,&) & 20 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 4th (JLH,MSF). 5 at LSS on 7th & 4 on 13th (NMu,MVL). 2 at CSSP on 20th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON), 2 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 21st (Reuven Martin fide OUTON) & 1 at Rotary Park, Ajax, *Durham* on 28th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET - 1 at Thicksens Woods, *Durham* on 1st (GDe fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at TI on 3rd (NMu,&), 2 at Ashbridge's Bay Park & 1 at HBP [E] on 4th (JLH,MSF). 1 at LSS on 13th (SMF), 1 at CSSP on 19th (SMF) & 2 at Rosetta McClain Gardens on 20th (AA).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD - 6 at TI on 3rd & 9 on 11th (NMu,&). 1 at Hawk Hill, HP on 6th (NMu), 2 at Kortright C. A., *York* on 15th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 21st (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

HERMIT THRUSH - 2 at HP on 2nd, 1 on 16th & 18th (SMF). 1 at Lambton Woods on 3rd (SMF), 3 at TI on 3rd (NMu,&) & 1 at 159 Pinewood Ave, on 3rd (JMack).

AMERICAN ROBIN - 69 (61 flying W) at Hawk Hill, HP on 6th (NMu) & 65 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 21st (RRP fide DRBA).

GRAY CATBIRD - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 6th (CMRW fide RRP, fide ONTBIRDS), 9th (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 10th (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD - In total, there were 17 reports, but no special surveys were done this month. There were 8 from Toronto, 4 from York, 4 from Durham and one from Peel. Thanks to the following 11 observers/sources: ETB; BB; GDe; RLau; JMack; anon; OUTON; DEP; RRP; RBHS; DW.

AMERICAN PIPIT - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 6th (CMRW fide RRP, fide ONTBIRDS) & 8 at Endikement, LSS on 13th (NMu,MVL). 1 at CSSP on 27th (BPB fide OUTON) & 1 on the beach at Darlington P. P., *Durham* on 28th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING - 60 at Port Perry, *Durham* on 27th (B. Smith fide DRBA) & a small flock at Darlington Prov. Park, *Durham* on 29th (BFA fide DRBA).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER - Singles at Island School, TI on 3rd (NMu,&), at Hawk Hill, HP on 6th (NMu) & at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 13th (Sarah Box fide DRBA).

NASHVILLE WARBLER - 1 at Island School, TI on 3rd (NMu,&) & 1 at Burloak Park (W side), *Halton* on 13th (MWJ fide HBGG).

* NORTHERN PARULA - 1 (IMM-F) at LaSalle Park, *Halton* on 11th (Tom Thomas,Gil Arden, fide HBGG) and still there on 17th (RZD fide HBGG). Latest date for Hamilton Study Area is 21 Nov 1954, fide RZD.

* YELLOW WARBLER 1 at HBP (E) on 13th (very late) [No doc. seen] (GVR).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - 1 at Ward's Island, TI on 3rd (NMu,&). 2 at Ashbridge's Bay Park, 2 at Baselands, LSS & 3 at HBP [E] on 4th (JLH,MSF). 1 at Heydenshore Park, Whitby, *Durham* on 6th (RBHS), 3 at Peninsula X, LSS on 7th (RBHS), 2 at CSSP on 7th (SMF) & 1 at HP on 12th (SMF).

* BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER - 1 at Richmond Hill Mill Pond, *York* on 6th [No doc. seen] (Denise & Rod Potter fide GDe). A photo of this bird appeared in RHNC Bulletin #493 (Nov 2010), p.1.

* BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER - 1 IMM-M at CSSP @ 11:50hrs on 19th [Documented] (SMF).

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT - 1 at Rouge Beach Park on 6th (RLau).

EASTERN TOWHEE - 4 at Ward's Island, TI on 3rd (NMu,&).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW - 75 at LSS on 7th, 50 on 13th, 57 on 20th (NMu,MVL) & 30 at Peninsula B, LSS on 28th (RBHS).

FOX SPARROW - 3 at Graydon Property, Humber Grove, *Peel* from 1st to 14th (PMG) (Brydon 2010). 3 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 2nd, 3rd & 13th (CMRW,JI;GCarp;RRP fide ONTBIRDS), 2 on 17th (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 20th (RRP fide DRBA). 2 at Bessborough Dr, Oshawa, *Durham* on 4th (THo fide DRBA), 2 at Peninsula B, LSS on 7th (MVL,NMu), 5 at Idleswift Dr, Thornhill, *York* on 8th & 1 still there on 22nd (GDe). 3 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 13th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON) & 1 at Newton Dr., Willowdale on 21st (DW).

SONG SPARROW - 1 at Woodward Ave., Thornhill, *York* from 3rd to 5th (Muriel Farrant) (Brydon 2010). 5 at HBP [E] on 4th (JLH,MSF), 8 at Peninsula B, LSS on 7th (MVL,NMu) & 1 at North Toronto Sewage Plant on 22nd (ETB).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW - 1 at Woodward Ave., Thornhill, *York* on 6th (Muriel Farrant) (Brydon 2010), 1 at Idleswift Dr, Thornhill, *York* on 8th, 2 there on 22nd (GDe) (Brydon 2010) & 2 at Maple Ave, Richmond Hill, *York* on 10th (GEL) (Brydon 2010). 1 at HP on 20th, 22nd & on 30th (SMF). 3 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 27th (RRP fide DRBA).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW - 1 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 4th (JLH,MSF) & 4 at LSS on 7th (MVL,NMu).

SNOW BUNTING - 39 flying NW at Iroquois Raptor Platform, Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 6th (ISRW,AA,&). 50 at Endikement, LSS on 7th (NMu,MVL), ~500 at Ravenshoe Flats, *York* on 13th (RJF,KRS,MvdT) & 8 there on 24th (GEL,RTC) (Brydon 2010). 23 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 20th (CMRW fide RRP).

NORTHERN CARDINAL - 9 at TI on 3rd (NMu,&).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD - 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 20th (CMRW fide RRP).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD - 6 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 6th (CMRW fide RRP, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 on 9th (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 13th (RRP fide DRBA). 1 at LSS on 7th & 20th (NMu,MVL, fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 11th (NMu).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD - 1 with a drooping wing at Lawrence & Midland on 12th (RLau).

PURPLE FINCH - Singles at Woodward Ave., Thornhill, *York* on 1st & 5th (Muriel Farrant) (Brydon 2010) & at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (RRP fide DRBA) & 24th (GCarp fide DRBA).

HOUSE FINCH - 75 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 27th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL - A flock drinking at the river bank at Riverwood Park, Erindale, *Peel* on 2nd (Carl Adam fide OUTON). 6 in spruces at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 2nd (JI fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 3rd (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 6th (CMRW fide RRP, fide ONTBIRDS). Small flock at Cranberry Marsh & 7th (RRP fide DRBA), 1 on 9th (CMRW,JI, fide ONTBIRDS), 16 on 10th (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 13th (RRP fide DRBA). 1 at Ravenscroft Rd, *Ajax*, *Durham* on 6th (GCarp fide DRBA), 5 at Edward Pottage Cr, Pottageville, *York* on 8th (AEK fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Wildfield, *Peel* on 15th (Chris Dunn) (Brydon 2010). 2 at Kortright C. A., *York* on 15th (LAF fide ONTBIRDS), 3 at Rosetta McClain Gardens on 20th (AA) & 1 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 28th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

PINE SISKIN - 12 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 1st (GDe fide ONTBIRDS) & 22 there on 7th (GC). 3 at Graydon Property, Humber Grove, *Peel* on 1st (PMG) (Brydon 2010), 9 at Woodward Ave., Thornhill, *York* on 1st (Muriel Farrant) (Brydon 2010) & 2 at Trinity-Bellwoods Park on 2nd (AIJ fide OUTON), 30 at Ravenscroft Rd, *Ajax*, *Durham* on 2nd (GCarp fide DRBA) & 1 coming to feeder at Pugsley Ave, Richmond Hill, *York* on 6th & 8th (Denise & Rod Potter) (Brydon 2010). 16 at Peninsula D, LSS on 20th (NMu,MVL).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH - 1 at Bluffer's Park on 2nd was watched working for 2 minutes pulling fine fibres out of an old nest until its beak was full of fibres; it then flew off with the material in its beak (RLau). 55 at Ashbridge's Bay Park & 35 at Baselands & 38 at HBP [E] on 4th (JLH,MSF). 125 mostly flying W at Hawk Hill, HP on 6th (NMu) & 50 at Erindale Park, *Peel* on 27th (Reuven Martin fide OUTON).

EVENING GROSBEAK - 4 (1 M, 3 F) at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 1st (GC), 1 at East Point Park on 2nd (MAK fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Palgrave, *Peel* on 4th (PMG) (Brydon 2010) & 8 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 10th (CMRW fide GCarp, fide ONTBIRDS).

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The Cackling Goose (*minima*) reported in the October 2010 Bird Report [*Toronto Birds* 4(9):162-176, November 2010] has been withdrawn by the observer (fide RJP).

Common Loon: The report of 324 at Oshawa Harbour, *Durham* on 24 October 2010 (THo) in *Toronto Birds* 4(9):162-176, November 2010 should have referred to 24.

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