

seen again on Sep 1, 5, 6, and 7. The bird frequents ponds and fields along Patmos Rd/Rte 763, in the vicinity of Fravel Rd.

A MERLIN flew over the intersection of Old Georgetown Rd and Democracy Blvd, in Bethesda, Montgomery Co, MD on Sep 2.

Shorebirds, especially grasspipers, continue to be reported widely. AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER sightings include one on Rt 331 west of Preston, Caroline Co, MD on Sep 6; 8 on the Patton Turf Farm on River Rd near Whites Ferry, Montgomery Co, MD on Sep 6; one in the potato fields on Rt 9 near Bombay Hook NWR, Kent Co, DE on Sep 4 and 3 in that spot on Sep 5; one on the Summit Hall Turf Farm on River Rd near Poolesville, Montgomery Co, MD on Sep 7 and 10 at the Patton Turf Farm that day. BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER finds included one in the Rt 9 potato fields near Bombay Hook on Sep 4, two there on Sep 5 and one on Sep 7; one on the north end of Assateague Island on Sep 7 and one at the Patton Turf Farms on Sep 7.

In other shorebird news, a WHIMBREL was found on the Central Sod Farm, John Brown Rd, Queen Annes Co, MD on Sep 3. A HUDSONIAN GODWIT was seen in Bombay Hook NWR in either Shearneck Pool or Bear Swamp on Sep 3, 4, and 5. Forty WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPERS and 4 WILSON'S PHALAROPES were along Broadkill Beach Rd, Sussex Co, DE on Sep 4 and up to two dozen WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPERS were there on Sep 5 and 7 along with a BAIRD'S SANDPIPER and 5 WILSON'S PHALAROPES. A STILT SANDPIPER was seen in the Dulles Wetlands, Loudoun Co, VA on Sep 7.

A flock of BLACK TERNS were reported from Riverside Park near Mt Vernon, Fairfax Co, VA on Sep 5.

Birders enjoyed a show of some 2000 CHIMNEY SWIFTS entering a stand alone chimney on the parade ground at Ft Belvoir, Fairfax Co, VA on Sep 5.

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHERS were seen at Schoolhouse Pond, Prince Georges Co, MD on Sep 3; Selby's Landing, Prince Georges Co, MD on Sep 5, Long Branch Stream Valley, Annandale, Fairfax Co, VA on Sep 6, Hughes Hollow, Montgomery Co, MD on Sep 5 and two birds at Cylburn, Baltimore, MD on Sep 7.

Reports of YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER came from Hughes Hollow on Sep 4; Cabin John Reg Park, Montgomery Co, MD, on Sep 4 and 5; Schooley Mill Park, Howard Co, MD on Sep 6 and Cromwell Valley Park, Baltimore Co, MD on Sep 7.

An immature WESTERN KINGBIRD was found in Eastern Neck NWR, Kent Co, MD on Sep 5.

A SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER* occasionally seen near Sudlersville, Queen Anne's Co, MD was found on Sep 1 and 2; it has shed its tail streamers. (From Rte 301, go east on Rte 300 to Sudlersville, then turn north on Rte 313/Millington Rd for a couple of miles to 1421, a house with a small produce stand. Check the power lines as well as a line of trees bordering a field across the road and to the south.)

A LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE * was seen in Hagerstown, Washington Co, MD on Sep 4.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO appeared at Swan Creek, Anne Arundel Co, MD on Sep 2; the Gateway Business Park in Columbia, Howard Co, MD on Sep 5; Middle Patuxent Environmental Area, Howard Co, MD on Sep 6; and the north end of Assateague Island on Sep 7.

A SEDGE WREN was noted in Bear Swamp, Bombay Hook NWR on Sep 4.

Warbler reports were a bit slow over the past week with the notable exception of a BREWSTER'S WARBLER (a hybrid) seen at the Fran Uhler Natural Area, Bowie, Prince Georges Co, MD on Sep 5. The most consistent reports of migrant warblers continue to come from the maintenance area in Rock Creek Park, Washington, DC.

A CLAY-COLORED SPARROW was found in Highland Co, VA on Sep 6. A VESPER SPARROW was seen near the junction of West Offut and Mt Nebo Rds, Montgomery Co, MD on Sep 7.

Some of this week's reports have been gleaned from the MDOsprey, VA-Bird, and DE-Birds list servers.

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Thank you for calling, and GOOD BIRDING.

*Of interest to the records committee.