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This is the Voice of the Naturalist, a service of the Audubon Naturalist Society. This report covers the week starting Tuesday, September 4, and was completed on Tuesday, September 11 at about 10:00 a.m.

Information on noteworthy birds during this week is presented below in taxonomic order, as set forth in the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist for North and Middle American birds, as revised through the 57th Supplement (July 2016).

**BIRDS OF INTEREST: TRUMPETER SWAN, MISSISSIPPI KITE, BROAD-WINGED HAWK, UPLAND SANDPIPER, BAIRD'S SANDPIPER, BONAPARTE'S GULL, SANDWICH TERN, RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET, ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER, and CONNECTICUT WARBLER**

Three TRUMPETER SWANS were reported September 4 at the Clifton Institute (restricted access) in Fauquier Co VA.

A single MISSISSIPPI KITE was seen September 5 from the Rockfish Gap Hawk Watch, Augusta Co VA.

Hawk migration is just getting started. Along the coast, only 2-3 BROAD-WINGED HAWKS were seen, September 6 & 10 from the Kiptopeke Hawk Watch (Northampton Co VA), but in the mountains 38 were counted September 4 from the Rockfish Gap Hawk Watch.

At Violette's Lock in Montgomery Co MD, a late UPLAND SANDPIPER was seen September 7. BAIRD'S SANDPIPERs were reported: one September 6 at Harford Co (MD) Airport, three September 9 at Wicks Potato Farm in Kent Co DE, one September 9 at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (Prince George's Co MD), and three September 9 at Central Sod Farms (Queen Anne's Co MD).

On September 4, a BONAPARTE'S GULL was reported at Cape Henlopen SP in Sussex Co DE. Up to 3 SANDWICH TERNS were reported September 4, 7, & 8 at Skimmer Island, Worcester Co MD.

Two single early RUBY-CROWNED KINGLETs were seen, September 8 in Arlington VA and September 10 not far away in Fairfax Co VA. An early ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER was seen September 6 in Cromwell Valley Park, Baltimore Co MD. A few CONNECTICUT WARBLERs were spotted: one September 5 & 6 at Oregon Ridge Park in Baltimore (city); on September 6 at Cromwell Valley Park; one September 7 near the bird-banding station at Occoquan Bay NWR, Prince William Co VA; and one S September 8 at Soldiers Delight Natural Area, Baltimore Co MD.

This report was based on reports on the DE, MD, VA, and WV list servers via the ABA Internet links, and on eBird records.

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Thank you for your interest, and enjoy the birds.

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