

BLACKBIRDS-SPARROWS: E. Meadowlark: max 50 Sep 26 Belm (LDB). Redwinged Blackbird: max 1000, Oct 1 Hamburg and Oct 22 INWR and Tonawanda Indian Reservation (AEU). Baltimore Oriole: last, one Sep 21. Rusty Blackbird: twelve reports Sep 22 to Nov 30; max 26 Nov 12 Mayville (FMR). Common Grackle: many reports; max 200 Oct 1 S Bflo to Hamburg (AEU). Brown-headed Cowbird: thru period; max 600 Oct 23 SPk (JK). Scarlet Tanager: last, one Oct 23 Alleg (JAG).

Cardinal: small numbers reported Batavia, Belm, N Boston, Chau L. Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last, one Oct 1 Springbrook (DD). Indigo Bunting: last, one Oct 18 Alleg (JAG). Evening Grosbeak: first and max three Nov 13 Wilson Cemetery (HWK); few reports, very low compared to previous years, and late. Purple Finch: several reports Aug 28 to max and last, six Oct 25 Springbrook. Pine Grosbeak: two Nov 13 Wilson Cemetery (HWK). Pine Siskin: first, two Sep 19 Alleg (JAG), one Oct 2 Lancaster (JAG), two Nov 16 Oakland Cemetery (HWK). Am. Goldfinch: Sep max 500 Sep 13 Alleg Co (LDB); Oct max 50 Oct 31 also Alleg Co. Rufous-sided Towhee: several Oct reports, max 12 Oct 29 Athol Springs (WC).

Sparrows: Savannah: seven reports Sep 21 to Oct 12; max 25 Sep 21 Belmont. Grasshopper: two males singing Aug 31 Lakeview, Eden (TLB). Henslow's: one Aug 18 Royalton (JAG). Vesper: last, three Oct 16 Chau L (FMR); many Alleg Co. Slate-colored Junco: max 75 Alleg Co, Oct. Tree: one Oct 29 Athol Springs (WC) and three Oct 30 Alfred (CWK). Chipping: abundant Alleg Co Sep 12-27 and Oct 1-17; max 150 Oct 16, last four Oct 25, Alleg (JAG); few other records. Field: last, six Oct 16 Chau L (FMR). White-crowned: well distributed reports from Sep 24; max 30 Oct 16 Chau L (FMR); last, two Oct 21 Cheektowaga (RR). White-throated: well distributed thru Region Sep-Oct; one Nov 20-27 Bflo (KP). Fox: one Sep 28 Delaware Pk (PB); eight Oct reports of one-four; four Nov 6 Clarksville; one-four Nov 1-11 Lewiston (HWK). Lincoln's: singles Sep 5 CPk (JAG) and Sep 18 Delaware Pk (AF). Swamp: max 200 Oct 1 Cuba M (LDB); four other Oct reports; last, one Nov 12 Mayville (FMR). Song: many reports thru Region during period. Lapland Longspur: two, one Nov 15, 16, 30, Elma, Belm (DD, HS, JK, LDB). Snow Bunting: first, one Oct 12 BIP (JB); five flocks reported, max 200 Nov 15 Batavia (GB).

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Ed. Note: All records for the Region 1 reports beginning with the next (May) issue should be sent to Robert A Sundell, 19 Chestnut Street, Jamestown, N.Y. 14701 who is the new Regional Editor. We wish to express our thanks to the Ulrichs for filling in for the past year after Richard Rosche's sudden departure.

REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Temperatures for the latter half of August and for September were slightly below average, with the rest of the period near normal. Precipitation for August and October was well below normal, for September only slightly below normal. November was the first month since January with above normal precipitation.

Outstanding birds seen included Eared Grebe, Gannet, European Widgeon, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Red Phalarope, Parasitic Jaeger, Black-legged Kittiwake, Peregrine Falcon, Carolina Wren and Orange-crowned Warbler.

Observers cited: GD Gertrude Davis; JJD—James Doherty; WH—William Hartman; AEK—Allen Kemnitz; RL—Raymond Ladwig; WCL—Walter Listman; WL—Warren Lloyd; RM—Ruth Macrae; JTM—Joseph and Thelma McNett; HSM—Howard Miller; RTO—Richard O'Hara; FP—Frank Phelps; ES—Esther Stiles; MS—Maryann Sunderlin; ST—Stephen Taylor; FT—Frank Templeton; PW—Paul Weld.

Localities: CL—Conesus Lake; ELS—East Lake Shore; HSPk—Hamlin State Park; IBO—Irondequoit Bay Outlet; OB—Oklahoma Beach; SB—Sodus Bay; WPk—Webster Park; WLS—West Lake Shore; WS—West Spit.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 500 Nov 19 SB (AEK, WCL). Red-throated Loon: 54 Nov 20 ELS (AEK). Horned Grebe: 300 Oct 22 WLS (GOS Hike). EARED GREBE: one of these rare western grebes was at Hamlin Nov 5 (WCL). GANNET: two different birds seen, the first a sub-adult at OB (WL), the other an imm at SB (AEK, WCL). Double-crested Cormorant: seven Oct 20 SB (ES). Whistling Swan: reported at five different locations—27 Nov 6 CL (JJD, HSM); 16 Nov 11 SB (AEK, WCL, ST); 45 Nov 11 OB (WL, MS); 33 Nov 12 WPk (AEK); one imm Nov 26 at Braddock's Bay (HSM, JJD, RTO). Canada Goose: seven Sep 11 ELS (JTM). Brant: 6,000 Oct 29 HSPk (WCL); this was the big day, a few small flights trickled thru the rest of the week. Blue Goose: an imm Oct 8–10 at WS (JJD, HSM, FP). Fall game ducks showed up in fairly good numbers. EUROPEAN WIDGEON: one male Oct 17 at Round Pond (JJD)—the first fall record in several years. Wood Duck: 148 Aug 28 Palmyra (WH). Redhead: six Sep 24 WS (WCL). Ring-necked Duck: 30 Nov 6 Mendon Ponds Pk (GD). Canvasback: one Sep 18 (JTM). Greater Scaup: 50 Sep 24 WLS (WCL). Oldsquaw: 1,600 Oct 29 HSPk (WCL); 5,000 Nov 27, Charlotte Pier (HSM, JJD). Ruddy Duck: five Nov 20–27 Durand Eastman Pk (PW).

HAWKS—OWLS: Broad-winged Hawk: two Sep 9 Ellison Pk (ST). Bald Eagle: one imm Oct 25 (JJD). PEREGRINE FALCON: one Nov 11 SB (AEK, WCL, ST)—the *only* record this year. It seems to be scarcer every year. Pigeon Hawk: one Oct 2 WS (GOS Hike). Killdeer: eight Nov 29 WPk (AEK). Am. Golden Plover: seven Sep 7–30 at Hamlin and Parma. High counts of Black-bellied Plover were at SA, 25 Sep 29 and 75 there on Oct 2 (WCL). Am. Woodcock: one Nov 12 Palmyra (WH). Upland Plover: one Sep 25 WLS (WL, RM). Purple Sandpiper: five Nov 11–26 SB (AEK, WCL, ST). BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER: three with Golden Plover Sep 11 at Hamlin (WCL et al) and two Sep 18 WLS (RTO). RED PHALAROPE: two Nov 20 IBO (AEK). PARASITIC JAEGER: one Oct 17 SB (WCL). Bonaparte's Gull: 1,000 Nov 12 ELS (WL, MS). BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE: five Oct 29 HSPk (WCL); one Nov 12 IBO (AEK). Forster's Tern: three Aug 28 WS (WCL). Common Tern: 750 Sep 3 SB (AEK); a late bird lingering at SB Nov 19–26 (AEK, WCL). A high count of 20 Great Horned Owls were seen and heard on Sep 17 Wayne Co (WCL et al) and a single Barred Owl heard in the same area the same night.

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: one Nov 24 Holy Sepulcher Cemetery (Mr & Mrs Ted Mack). Tree Swallow: max 8,000 Oct 1 SB (WCL). Purple Martin: two Oct 2 WS (WCL)—late. CAROLINA WREN: one at the home of Richard Edwards for the month of Oct; this species has been very uncommon in the past few years. Mockingbird: one Aug 16 Avon (WCL). Wood Thrush: one Oct 31 Webster (JTM). E. Bluebird: ten Oct 4 Hamlin (WCL); 13 Nov 12 CL (FT).

VIREOS—SPARROWS: ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: one Sep 27 in Island Cottage Woods (WCL); one to two birds Oct 1–17 SB (several observers); one

Nov 24 CL (WCL). Bobolink: 75 Aug 8-26 Sweden (WCL). Scarlet Tanager: nine Aug 31 Powder Mill Pk (ST). Northern finches were scarce or unreported. Pine Siskin: one Sep 11 Hamlin (AEK). Vesper Sparrow: two Nov 13 Newark (ES)- a late date. Fox Sparrow: one Nov 14-28 Penfield (GD). Lincoln's Sparrow: five Oct 1 SB (AEK, WCL); two Oct 24 Webster (WCL).

ADDENDUM: A record of four Whimbrel Aug 9 on WS (RL) was received too late for the October *Kingbird*.

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REGION 3 — FINGER LAKES

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The period was very open with above normal temperatures, including an occasional high in the 60's in November. Precipitation was almost normal for the first time in years. Birds have been scarce at feeding stations, probably partly due to the abundance of wild food and lack of snow cover. There has been no indication of an invasion of northern finches, but of course that could develop later in the winter. On the other hand there seemed to be fewer than usual late-lingering 'half-hardies' such as Robins, Flickers and White-throats.

At Elmira, dead birds were again collected at the TV tower, the night of 19-20 September, and brought to Cornell for use in the skeleton and skin collection. Eight families were represented, 192 individuals of 27 plus species (the Empidonax were not identified to species). Of note were 63 Ovenbirds, 20 Olive-backed Thrushes, 13 Wood Thrushes and 11 Bay-breasted Warblers. These four accounted for over half of the kill.

At Montezuma the personnel reported a peak of 3,500 Canada Geese (on Nov. 23) below last year's peak of almost 5,000. The duck peak was around 50,000, Baldpate accounting for 26,000 of this. Only Mallards, Blacks and Buffleheads showed an increase, however. The largest drop was in Redheads (from 2,600 last year to 200 this year) Wood Ducks (from 3,900 last year to 645 this year), and Blue-winged Teal (4,200 last year to 415 this year).

Outstanding records for the season were: Marbled Godwit (first record), American Avocet and Buff-breasted Sandpiper.

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Abbreviations: MNWR—Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; SWS—Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary; Cay L—Cayuga Lake; Sen L—Seneca Lake.

LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: one Aug 18 Cay L (early); 60 Oct 16 East Varick (RW). Red-throated Loon: one Nov 13 Sen L near Geneva (JAW et al). Red-necked Grebe: one Newark Reservoir Oct 2 (JAW). Great Blue Heron: max 25 Sep 17 MNWR (FGS); reported in good numbers at s. end Sen L (JB). LITTLE BLUE HERON: one imm Oct 21 MNWR (WEB). Cattle Egret: one only, Oct 21-23 near Wellsburg (MS). Common Egret: max 16 Sep 8 MNWR (WEB); one (last) Oct 9. Black-crowned Night Heron: max 27 (high) Sep 15 MNWR (WEB);