

In 1955 the society published a *Date Guide*, giving the dates within which a species may be reported without this written verification, these dates having been determined by the accepted records of previous years. Birds which have been reported only infrequently — that is, not often enough to establish a definite period of residence or migration — are listed without dates, and reports of these must *always* be accompanied by a written verification. The *Date Guide* is revised every five years to conform to changes in nomenclature as authorized by the AOU and to changes of the status of birds within the area.

With the publication in 1964 of Beardslee and Mitchell's *Birds of the Niagara Frontier*, some might think that the need for our many bird counts has disappeared. However, as every ornithologist knows, change is the order of bird life too. Already several birds not mentioned in the book have been found in the area since the date of publication, and new records of early and late migrants and of abundance occur each year. There is never a time to stop learning, and with the recent increased interest in the abundance of birds this is no time to stop counting.

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INFORMATION ON BONAPARTE'S GULLS REQUESTED

Joanna Burger and Richard Brownstein of Buffalo are working on the distribution and migratory behavior of the Bonaparte's Gull. Any data from personal records on the distribution and movement of these gulls would be helpful. The direction, date, time and location of their movements would be especially useful. Some of these gulls in Buffalo have been dyed a bright color and banded. The color of the dye used denotes the date of the marking session. If you see any unusually colored Bonaparte's Gull, please send the following information to the address listed below: Date, Location, Color, Number of marked individuals, Number of Unmarked Bonaparte's Gulls with the color-marked gulls.

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