

Lakeplain counties but southern and eastern sectors had excellent tallies.

Rarities for the season include Eared Grebe (1,3), White-fronted Goose (1), Harlequin Duck (1,5), Common Eider (2), Common Gallinule (8), Ivory Gull (1), Dovekie (2), Hawk Owl (5,6 — three birds in one winter probably constitutes an irruption for New York State), Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker (4), Varied Thrush (6), Townsend's Solitaire (4), Bohemian Waxwing (6), Common Yellowthroat (7), Hoary Redpoll (1,2,7,8,9), European Goldfinch (1), and Dickcissel (7).

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REGION 1 — NIAGARA FRONTIER

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"A reasonable amount of fleas is good for a dog," said David Harum. Even so, some bad weather keeps feeder-watches happy. It was another fairly mild winter with a nearly normal December but of no major snowfall. Weather pattern for January and February was a repeat performance: very cold the first half with snow but delightfully spring-like with little ground cover the last and temperature reaching 55° Jan 27th and one degree less Feb 22nd. However, winter kept control with night temperatures dipping well below freezing nearly every night and Lake Erie finally reached 32° Feb 5th. Deceptively, March came in with a week of real spring — 60° the 7th — and lakes and ponds south of the snow belt¹ began to open. The Genesee River was mostly unfrozen all winter. The second week of March a succession of exceptionally cold nights slowed the warming trend and the winter, gathering momentum, finally roared out with a 2° below zero the 25th, ice storms in some areas the 29th and considerable snow accumulation by the 31st. (Data from Alfred Coop. Weather Station and WBEN — TV.) Many bird-feeders who had complained over "So few birds!" most of the winter, were saying during that last week of March, "We're going bankrupt!"

Perhaps because of increasing numbers of bird feeders as well as the relatively reasonable winter, "half-hardies", including Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Carolina Wren, Mockingbird, American Robin, Hermit Thrush and Rusty Blackbird, were reported throughout the season. The Tufted Titmouse broke records by appearing on all eight Christmas Counts for the Region. Further, increased numbers and areas of occurrence of this species through the winter indicates an incursion year for our latitude and possibly a more successful breeding season here.

¹Snowfall at Buffalo in the "Snow Belt" was over 9 inches above normal this winter.

Of northern species, the Snowy Owl appeared in fair numbers but the finches were scarce until a few showed in February with many reports of White-winged Crossbills. During late February and through March, Common Redpolls were sighted in several areas. All winter, Evening Grosbeaks again returned to the Southern Tier areas in large numbers, but Pine Grosbeaks were very rare.

Whistling Swans held admiring observers spell-bound from the first appearance

of a few in early February, through the sluggish migration the last of that month, and on into the record numbers for Allegany County the last week in March.

Exciting rarities accented our season: Eared Grebe, White-fronted Goose, adult male Harlequin Duck, Ivory Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Pine Warbler, House Finch, European Goldfinch and Hoary Redpoll.

A Bird-banding Report was received, underlining scarcity of northern finches: 794 birds were banded by Don Clark at Farmersville Station, N.Y., January through March this year: 2 Downy Woodpecker, 4 Blue Jay, 22 Black-capped Chickadee, 1 White-breasted Nuthatch, 1 American Robin (Mar 23), 1 Northern Shrike (Jan 2), 60 Starling, 24 Red-winged Blackbird (from Mar 17 on), 3 Rusty Blackbird (Mar 17, 22 23), 2 Common Grackle (Mar 24, 26), 1 Brown-headed Cowbird (Mar 28), 2 Cardinal, 258 Evening Grosbeak "practically every day" (116 Jan, 94 Feb, 48 Mar), 1 Purple Finch (Mar 2), 20 American Goldfinch (from Feb 2 on), 15 Dark-eyed Junco, 293 Tree Sparrow (daily, maxima: Jan 34, Feb 109, Mar 150), 84 Song Sparrow (first Mar 11).

Five Winter Bird-Population Studies for Audubon's *American Birds* were conducted in Allegany County this year, one submitted by each of the following: Dan Babcock, Elizabeth Brooks, John Flurschutz, Clarence Klingensmith and Vivian Pitzrick.

Abbreviations: AC—Allegany County; AL—Amity Lake; Alf—Alfred; Bflo—Buffalo; BgS—Burgeson Sanctuary, Frewsburg; Blm—Belmont; BOS—Buffalo Ornithological Society; Cb—Cuba; CC—Christmas Count; Chaut—Chautauqua; Frd—Fredonia; Fr St—Farmersville Station; GI—Grand Island; HEA—Hamburg-East Aurora; INWR—Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge; Jms—Jamestown; M—Marsh; mob—many observers; Nia—Niagara; Ont—Ontario; OO—Oak Orchard; OOGMA—Oak Orchard Game Management Area; Sc—Scio; ScAudC—Scio Audubon Census; St Bon—Saint Bonaventure; T/T—Township of; TGMA—Tonawanda Game Management Area; WFC—Waterfowl Count, Jan 13–20, WGF—White Game Farm, Alabama.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Common Loon: 2 Dec 1–18 Cb L (RK, RhK); 1, 2, Dec 1, 2 Nia F, Ont (PA, RA, HM, *et al*); 2 Dec 13 Lakewood, Chaut L (RS); 1 Dec. 16 BOSCC; 1 WFC (average); no more until 1 Mar 28 Chaut L (RS). Red-necked Grebe: only 1 Dec 2 Nia F, Ont (Schaffner, Clark). Horned Grebe: 2 to 3 reported most of winter with 2 Dec 16 BOSCC; 1 Dec 29 ACCC; first of migration 2 Mar 5 INWR (JM). One *EARED GREBE* appeared Jan 1 FrdCC. Pied-billed Grebe: 2 Dec 1–18 Cb L (RK, RhK); 2 wintered Dec 15th through Mar 9 Blm (LB, DB, *et al*), 1 picked up, latter part of Mar, on steps of Blm Hotel, photographed and released in Genesee R (LB); 1 Dec 29 ACCC; 2 Jan 1 FrdCC; 7 Dec 16 JmsCC; first migrant 1 Mar 4 INWR (Olsen). Great Blue Heron: 1 to 2 reported all through winter period with Max 8 Dec 29 ScAudC. Black-crowned Night Heron; the only one, Dec 29, appeared on HEACC. Least Bittern: over a month early 1 Mar 22 Dunkirk (Stanley). American Bittern: one must have

tried to winter, seen Jan 2 Belfast (R. Smalley).

Whistling Swan: (see introductory remarks.) 5 Dec 18 Cb L (RK, RhK, *et al*); 214 Dec 6 and 154 Dec 13 Chaut L (RS); 4 Dec 16 St Bon CC; the first of the New Year were 7 Feb 8 Sc(VP) which began the "Year of the Swan" for AC where, out of the snow belt, waters opened unusually early; one stayed Feb 26 through Mar 30 Blm (LB, DB, *et al*); reports increased in the county through March with Max 500+ the 28th (RK, RhK, *et al*); other areas had first one Feb 28 Ft. Erie, Ont (Schwartz) with March maxima: 52 Mar 2 Celeron (FE, RS), 75 Mar 27 OOGMA (DB), 50 Mar 28 BgS (FE), 93 Mar 31 St John (WK, HK), 110 Mar 31 INWR, TGMA (mob). Canada Goose: appeared on two CCs: 184 Dec 27 OCCC and 1 Dec 29 ACCC; up to 160 Feb 22-28 INWR (JM) were probably wintering birds; first of spring Mar 3 INWR (JM, *et al*), with peak: "countless" Mar 27 OOGMA (DB) and 1000 Mar 31 Lakeside Pk to St John (L. Ontario shore) (WK, HK). Snow Goose (white): first Mar 10 with 1 to 2 seen through the 20th INWR, OOGMA and TGM areas (Olsen, DD, RW, WM, AM, *et al*); 5 Mar 27 OOGMR (DB, *et al*); (blue) arr 1 Mar 10 TGMA 1 Mar 18 INWR (Olsen); 4 Mar 20 Stafford's P, OOGMA (DD). **WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE:** an individual was sighted Dec 2 INWR (Schrader).

Mallard: on all but one CC, max 854 Dec 16 BOS; 1503 WFC (average). American Black Duck: 761 WFC (low); 294 Dec 16 BOSCC; 175 Dec 16 JmsCC; 29 Dec 29 ACCC; 75 Mar 28-31 Caneadea (LW). Gadwall: 1-17 Dec 2-30 Nia R (HM, *et al*); 49 Dec 16 BOSCC; 4 Jan 1 FrdCC; 15 WFC (average); 1 Feb 22 INWR (JM); 2 Mar 16 BgS (RS, Richardsons, Kibler); 18 Mar 30 INWR (RA). Pintail: 9 Dec 16 BOSCC; 8 WFC (low average); a few scattered through region to Feb 3; first migrants 4 Mar 5 Oakfield (Seamans); peak 2000 Mar 15 INWR (JM). Green-winged Teal: 4 Dec 30 Dufferin I, Ont (Schaffner, Clark, *et al*); 1, late, Jan 24 Forest Lawn Cem, Bflo (Kikta), and 2, early, Mar 10 TGMA (RW, *et al*); 2 Mar 15 CbL (KP). Blue-winged Teal: 1, a month and a half late, Dec 30 Dufferin I, Ont (RA, *et al*); arr early, 1 Mar 7 TGMA (Rebovich); and 1 Mar 11 INWR (Heck, Fisher); 1 Mar 27 Caneadea (LW); 3 Mar 29 Fillmore (KP); 2 Mar 31 Wellsville (CF). American Wigeon: 52 WFC (average); 3 Dec 16 JmsCC; 87 Dec 16 BOSCC; 3 Dec 29 HEACC; 2 Jan 1 FrdCC; 4 Jan 31 INWR (JM, Olsen); 7 Mar 8, Mar 20, 20 Mar 27 Cb L α M (mob). Northern Shoveler: several arr early. 2 Mar 3 TGMA (Heck, RW); 3 Mar 8 T/Oakfield (Seaman); 4 Mar 10 Wolcottsville Sinks (MW, MaW). Wood Duck: 1 Dec 27 JmsCC; 1 arr early INWR Mar 7 (Heck, RW); 1 to 4 reported through Mar from Fr St, Cb L, INWR and Fillmore. Redhead: 110 WFC (low); 6 Dec 1-18 Cb L where 3 died, frozen in ice (RK, RhK); 20 Dec 16 JmsCC; 47 Dec 16 BOSCC; 2 Jan 1 FrCC; up to 20 appeared through period of Mar 8-31 at Cb L α M (RK, RhK, LBDB, *et al*). Ring-necked Duck: 45 Dec 6 Chaut L (RS); 10 Dec 16 JmsCC; 3 Jan 1 Nia F, Ont (Schaffner, FR, *et al*); first migrant 1 Mar 5 INWR (JM); max for Mar at Cb L, 100 the 24th; 12 Mar 28 Caneadea (KP). Canvasback: 4355 WFC (high average); on two CCs: 10 Dec 16 Jms and 2656 Dec 16 BOS; 9 Mar 10, 18 Fr St (DC, JC); up to 6 Mar 20 to 30 Cb L α M (mob). Greater Scaup 2678 WFC (low). Lesser Scaup: appeared on only 1 CC: 6 Dec 16 BOS; spring arr 3 Mar 25 INWR (JM) and 5 Mar 29 South Park L, Bflo (Kikta); undifferentiated "Scaup" max 400 Mar 16 Cb L α M (RK, RhK, *et al*). Common Goldeneye: 4743 WFC (low average). Buffiehead: 2884 WFC (highest). Oldsquaw: 1401 WFC (high average); 428 Dec 16 BOSCC; no reports until Mar with maxima 300 Mar 3 Nia R, Lewiston (WK, HK and 237 Mar 28 Chaut L (RS). **HARLEQUIN DUCK:** 1 adult male Jan 5, 6 Nia F, Ont (HA, *et al*). King Eider: first of migration and for the year 2 Dec 8 Nia F (HM, *et al*); 5 Dec 16 BOSCC; 5 Dec 23 Nia R, Ont (AV); 1 Dec 30 Dufferin I, Ont (Schaffner, Clark); 1 Feb 3 Nia-on-L, Ont (RW); 6 Jan 1 Nia F, Ont (HM, FR, *et al*); 7 WFC (average). White-

winged Scoter: 8 WFC (low). Surf Scoter: 2 WFC (ties for high). Black Scoter: 2 Dec 6 Chaut L (RS); 1 Dec 23 Nia F, Ont (AV); 1 Dec 30 Nia F Gorge (Schaffner, Clark). Ruddy Duck: first and only report 13 Mar 28 Chaut L (RS). Hooded Merganser: 4 WFC (average); first spring report 2 Mar 4 INWR (JM). Common Merganser: 13,355 WFC (high). Red-breasted Merganser: 8 WFC (low); only 2 migrants reported Mar 16-21 AL(RP,VP).

HAWKS—OWLS: Turkey Vulture: arr 1 Mar 17 Arkwright (FR); 1 Mar 20 INWR (Silvermail); 1 Mar 22 Fr St (DC,JC). Sharp-shinned Hawk: total 11 reported on four of eight CCs; singles reported from 11 areas through season; arr 1 Mar 19 T/A (VP); 1 took turns with a Cooper's Hawk Dec 6 through Mar 31 Blm feeder (LB,DB), almost daily but not at same time. Cooper's Hawk: total 8 on CCs; singles seen in Mar. Red-tailed Hawk: on all CCs, max 59 Dec 27 OCCC; pairs and singles sighted regularly through season, max 4 Dec 24 24 Alf (EB). Red-shouldered Hawk: late: 1 Dec 16 BOSCC; 1 Dec 27 OCCC; 1 Dec 27 INWR (Fisher); 1 Jan 13 Irving (RA, *et al*); 1 early Feb 13 Kickox Rd, Hamburg (TB); first of migration 2 Mar 7 INWR (Olsen); 1 Mar 14 Alf (EB); 2 Mar 30 E Aurora (AV). Rough-legged Hawk: on four CCs: 2 on 00, 1 HFA, 5 AC, 1 Frd; singles in several areas; 3 Jan 13 T/Yates (JT, Reckhow); 2 Jan 25 Alf (CK); 2 Feb 17 Clarence Center (WM, AM); 2, 4 Mar 17, 29 Kent Switch, South Dayton (FR). Marsh Hawk: 1 Dec 16 BOSCC; 1 Dec 29 ScAudC; 5 Dec 29 ACCC; 1 Dec 27 OCCC; singles reported from 9 areas. American Kestrel: appeared on all CCs, max 40 BOSCC and 30 HEACC; a female, whose broken wing was properly set by a veterinarian, has been in care of E. Brooks, Alfred, since mid-November, although otherwise healthy, for unknown reasons the bird permanently incapacitated herself by pecking off the wing just below the shoulder joint.

Ruffed Grouse: max on CCs: 37 Dec 29 ACCC and 10 Dec 29 ScAudC. Ring-necked Pheasant: very scarce: 17 Dec 16 BOSCC; 5 Dec 16 JmsCC; 13 Dec 27 OCCC; 111 Dec 29 HEACC; 4 Dec 29 ACCC; 1 Jan 1 FrdCC. Turkey: very few reported; 3 Dec 16 JmsCC; 6 Dec 29 ScAudC; 29 Dec 29 ACCC.

SPECIAL REPORTS on WILD TURKEY:

(1) A "Preseason Banding Program" for the Wild Turkey has been conducted for the past five years by Dr. Stephen W. Eaton. During the months of August and Septembtr, 1973, this was carried out in four "towns of central Cattaraugus County." There were "banded and released at the trap site 275 turkeys, 56 adult or yearling hens, 5 adult or yearling toms and 214 poults." The study showed that "the average hatching date was the earliest in 5 years, May 29. It was the poorest year for poult production 3.7 poults per hen. . . ."

(2) A "Trap-and-Transfer Program" for the Wild Turkey was carried out in Allegany County during the winter with Bruce Penrod directing the work as wildlife technician with the N.Y. State Dept. of Environmental Conservation. 31 wild birds were taken from State lands in the county for release in other areas.

American Coot: 12 WFC (average); 40 JmsCC; 10 FrdCC; 8 Jan 2 Dunkirk Harbor (FE,EP); arr 1 Mar 5 INWR (Olsen); 8 Mar 16 Canadaway Crk. Sanctuary (AV); 5 to 8 Mar 5 eo 24 Cb L (RK,RhK, *et al*).

Killdeer: on three CCs: 2 BOS; 4 Jms; 2 AC; a few scattered reports until general arr first week Mar. American Woodcock: appeared early in most areas; first of season 1 Mar 3 N. Davis Rd, Elma (Kikta). Common Snipe: 6 Dec 16 JmsCC; arr early 1 Mar 9 Wolcottsville (Rebovich); another 1 early Mar 13 TGMA (JM); 1 Mar 17 Cherry Creek (FR); 4 Mar 29 Blm (LB,DB). Greater Yellowlegs: only report 1 Mar 29 Blm (LB,DB), first of migration. Pectoral Sand-

piper: only sighting and first of season 2 Mar 28 Frewsburg (FE). Purple Sandpiper: a very late individual Jan 13 Dunkirk Harbor (Benton, *et al*).

Glaucous Gull: 1 Dec 2 Nia F, Ont, max 9 Dec 30 Goat I, Ont (Schaffner, Clark). Iceland Gull: 1-3 Dec 2, 23, 30 Nia F, Ont (PS, Clark, AV); singles Jan 1 Nia F, Ont (HM, *et al*) and Beck Power Plant, Ont (FR); 3 Jan 3, 5 Nia R (HA, RaA, *et al*); individuals Nia F, Ont, Feb 3 (RW) and Mar 20 (Bourne); 1 Mar 17 Ft Erie, Ont (RW, *et al*). Great Black-backed Gull: 49 Dec 16 BOSCC; 4 Dec 29 HEACC; 17 Jan 1 FrdCC. Herring Gull: max 7870 Dec BOSCC. Ring-billed Gull: max 6650 Jan 1 FrdCC. Bonaparte's Gull: max 300, 325 Jan 2, 25 Dunkirk Harbor (FE, EP, FR); 1 arr Mar 10 Sc (RP, VP). Little Gull: 5 Jan 1 FrdCC; 2 Dec 3 Nia F, Ont (RA, *et al*); 1-5 reported Jan 1-14 Dunkirk Harbor (mob); 1 over a month late Feb 24 Lewiston (WM, AM). **IVORY GULL**: An imm found Jan 29 at Dufferin I outlet, Nia R, Nia F, Ont (William Vaughan) was observed and photographed Jan 31 (WV, *et al*) and again sighted Jan 31 at Buckhorn I State Pk, GI (William Birch); the only prior report for the area was Feb 10, 1934 (WC); one of this northern species has also been seen this winter at London, Ont, and another at Oshawa, Ont (mob). **BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE**: one appeared Dec 30 Nia F, Ont (RA, *et al*). Common Tern: last — 1 Dec 2 Nia F (HM, *et al*).

Mourning Dove; reported all winter; on all CCs: 397 Dec 29 HEA, 168 Dec 16 BOS, 131 Dec 29 ScAudC, 105 Dec 29 AC, 80 Dec 27 00, 52 Jan 1 Frd, 33 Dec 16 Jms, 4 Dec 16 StBon. Screech Owl: 5 Dec 16 JmsCC; 4 Dec 16 BOSCC; 1 Dec 27 OCCC; 1 Dec 29 HEACC; 1 Dec 29 ACCC; 1 Jan 2, 3 Fr St (DC, JC). Great Horned Owl: widely reported; nesting pairs: Mar 10 T/Aurora (Patterson, AV), early Apr Blm (N. Ives, B. Jordan, *et al*). Snowy Owl: a good year (see introductory remarks): arr 1 Dec 11 Holley (Smith); 1 Dec 16 JmsCC, 1 Dec 16 BOSCC, 1 Dec 27 OCCC, 1 —an 1 FrdCC; 1 Jan 18 Alma (D. Fantons); 1 Jan 23, 26 WGF (JM, Rebovich); 1 Feb 5 Allegany (LB, DR, SE): field mice formed most of the diet for this Snowy Owl; it also ate a previously unobserved Saw-whet Owl; (SE). other Snowy sightings: 1 Feb 22 WGF (JM); 2 Mar 11 Bflo Harbor (RA); 1 Mar 15 Bflo Harbor (FR); 1 Mar 27 Lakewood (RS, Moe, Lennas). Barred Owl: 1 Dec 27 OCCC, 1 Dec 29 ACCC, 1 Dec 29 HEACC; 112 Dec 2-24 AL (RP, VP); 1 Jan 22 T/Hamburg (TB). Long-eared Owl: 2 Mar 16 Bg S (RS, *et al*); 1 (dead) Mar 18 Olean (SE, *et al*). Short-eared Owl: 5 Dec 16 BOSCC; 5 Dec 8 GI (HM, *et al*); 1 Jan 1 GI (FR); 1 Jan 3-9 Rose Hill Rd, Ont (HA, RaA); 6 Jan 13/Pendleton (WM, AM); 1 Jan 14 Ft Erie, Ont (Sommerville); 1 Jan 19 INWR (Heck); 1 Mar 24 OO (RW); 1 Mar 29 S Dayton (FR). Saw-whet Owl: 1 Dec 16 JmsCC; 1 in early Feb eaten by Snowy Owl, Allegany (SE); 1 Mar 21 Rose Hill Rd, Ont (HA, RaA).

GOATSUCKERS—STARLING: Belted Kingfisher: a few wintered on open streams. Common Flicker, Hairy Woodpecker and Downy Woodpecker: reported in good numbers all winter. Pileated Woodpecker: 8 Dec 29 ACCC, 3 Dec 29 ScAndC, 2 Dec 16 JmsCC, 1 Dec 16 StBonCC, 1 Dec 20 HEACC; 1 Dec 8 Alf (CK); 2 Feb 19 INWR (Olsen); 1 Mar 10 Sc (VP); 1 Mar 28 Caneadea (LW). Red-bellied Woodpecker: 16 Dec 29 ACCC, 7 OCCC, 2 Dec 29 HEACC; 1 to 2 were sighted in eight areas through the season. Red-headed Woodpecker: scarce during winter: 2 Dec 16 BOSCC; 1 Dec 29 ACCC; 2 Jan 3 Nia on the L. Ont (HA, RaA); 1 Jan 19, 20 Beaver I State Pk (JT, WM, AM). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: four reports of singles: Dec 16 BOSCC, Jan 1 FrdCC, Dec 29 HEACC, and Jan 9 Forest Lawn Cemetery, Bflo (Kikta). Eastern Phoebe: first of migration 2 Feb 21 AL (Hampton). Horned Lark: highs for the period: 50 Jan 1 FrdCC, 35 Dec 16 BOSCC; 85, 52 Feb 10 Cambria, Wilson (WM, AM); 35, 30 Jan 6, 16 Alf (CK). Tree Swallow: first lone bird arr Mar 31 Shadigee (WK, HK). Blue Jay: max on CCs:

702 Dec 29 ACCC. Common Crow: max 1090 Dec 29 ACCC; several flocks at Scio from 300-500 each, Jan 12-31, and one of 583 Feb 8, counted mornings flying down Genesee R from Wellsville area roost.(VP)

Black-capped Chickadee: highs: 930 Dec 29 ACCC, 836 Dec 29 HEACC. Tufted Titmouse: a record year: (see introductory remarks) reported on all CCs: 44 Dec 29 ACCC, 33 Dec 29 HEACC, 30 Dec 16 JmsCC, 17 Dec 16 StBonCC, 12 Jan 1 FrdCC, 6 Dec 16 BOSCC, 4 Dec 29 ScAudC, 2 Dec 27 OCCC; other appearances: 1 Dec 1-7 Fillmore(LW); 1-2 Dec 1-Mar 31 Spring Brook (feeder) (DD); 1 Jan 4 Bentley Sanctuary (Beal); 1 Jan 4 Hamburg(TB); 1 Jan 6-31 Athol Springs (feeder) (Csont); 2 Mar 16 Canadaway Cr Sanctuary (FR,AV); 1,2 Mar 24,28 Northrup Rd, Elma(Kikta). White-breasted Nuthatch: max on CCs: 254 Dec 29 ACCC, 143 Dec 16 JmsCC, 143 Dec 29 HEACC. Red-breasted Nuthatch: 35 Dec 29 HEACC, 10 Dec 29 ACCC, 6 Dec 16 JmsCC, 2 Jan 1 FrdCC, 1 Dec 16 BOSCC; 1 to 3 individuals were reported throughout winter from Alfred, Amherst, Belmont, Hamburg, Houghton, Jamestown, Lewiston, Little Genesee and Orchard Park, Brown Creeper: max on CCs: 18 Dec 29 HEACC, 14 Dec 16 BOSCC, 12 Dec 16 JmsCC; 1-4 reported regularly through winter from most areas of AC. Winter Wren: 2 Dec 16 BOSCC, 1 Dec 16 JmsCC, 2 Dec 29 ScAudC, 2 Dec 29 ACCC, 1 Jan 1 FrdCC; 2 Dec 2 Dufferin I, Ont (HM,et al); 1 Jan 26 Lakeside Cemetery, Hamburg(TB); 1 Mar 2 Fillmore(LW). Carolina Wren: a good winter: 5 Dec 29 ACCC, 2 Dec 29 ScAudC, 2 Dec 16 BOSCC, 1 Dec 16 JmsCC, 1 Dec 29 HEACC, 1 Jan 1 FrdCC; also: 1 Dec 4-21, Jan 1-31 Blm (Smalley); 1 Dec 1-7, Feb 17,18, Mar 6-24 Spring Brook(DD); 1 Jan 5-14 Athol Springs (Csont); 1 Feb 12 Fillmore (LW; 1 Mar 14 stow(RS). Mockingbird: 2 Dec 16 BOSCC, 1 Dec 16 JmsCC, 2 Dec 29 HEACC; singles reported from six scattered areas.

American Robin: scattered individuals and small groups wintered, increasing from 5 Mar 3 Fillmore(LW) until max, also at Fillmore, 175 Mar 20(LW). Hermit Thrush: none on CCs; singles Jan Nia on the L,Ont(HA,RaA), and Jan 11 GI (FR). Eastern Bluebird: 5 apparently wintered, seen Jan 8 INWR (Heck, Olsen); one to six were seen Feb 22,26,28,9 INWR (Olsen, Heck,et al) and from then on appeared in small numbers throughout region. Golden-crowned Kinglet: 77 Dec 29 HEACC, 62 Dec 29 ScAudC, 45 Dec 29 ACCC, 35 Dec 16 BOSCC, 21 Dec 16 JmsCC, 17 Jan 1 FrdCC, 3 Dec 27 OCCC; reported from all areas through season in AC (mob) with max 25 Mar 14 Alf(EB), "a good winter for them" in Cattaraugus Co(SE). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: only one individual (late) Dec 1 Alf(CK). Water Pipit: first, 3 Mar 25 INWR (JM); 2 Mar 29 Stockton FR); 2 Mar 28 Fillmore(KP). Cedar Waxwing: max onCCs: 384 HEACC; very small numbers reported all season except for: 140 Dec 29 E Aurora(HM), up to 135 Jan 15-28 Jms(RS), 35 Mar 10 Jms(RS), and 20 Mar 5,19 Alf(CK). Northern Shrike: regular reports of 1 to 5 through season; max on CCs: 8 Dec 16 BOSCC. Loggerhead Shrike: one very early, Feb 12,14 Cheektowaka (Off,Stein); first of migration, 1 Mar 29 Langford (FR); 1 Mar 31 OO(Wilcove, Goodman). Starling: max 44,443 Dec 16 BOSCC.

VIREOS-SPARROWS: Yellow-rumped Warbler: one on Dec 29 HEACC, and first of season: 1 Feb 13 N Creek Rd, Eden(TB). A very early Pine Warbler Jan 1 Chippewa,Ont(FR). American Redstart: addendum for summer, a late individual Oct 28 T/Hume(Moores). House Sparrow: max 2912 Dec 29 HEACC. Eastern Meadowlark: on only two CCs: 7 Dec 27 OCCC, 2 Dec 29 ScAudC; very few for winter: 6 Dec 11T/Amity(LB,DB3, 7 Dec Clarence Center (WM,AM), 1 Jan 18 Wiscoy(M. Pitzrick), 4 Jan 18 Fillmore(KP), 1,2 Jan 24,26 INWR (JM,Rebovich);- 1 Mar 5 N Davis Rd,Elma(Kikta). Red-winged Blackbird: max on CCs: 52 Dec 27 OCCC; a few individuals wintered, spring migration

began late Feb with 50 Feb 28 Blm(LB,DB), max 1200 Mar 19 Sc-Blm Rd(VP). Rusty Blackbird: 43 Dec 29 ACCC, 1 Dec 29 ScAudC; 1 Dec 2 INWR(RW); 1 Dec 9 Blm(Smith); 1 Dec 19,20 Blm(LB,DB); 1 Dec 28 Spring Brook(DD); 1 Jan 1,2 Rose Hill Rd,Ont (HA,RaA); 1 Jan 24D26 and Feb 2,10,11 Blm(LB,DB); arr-- 6 Mar 21 Blm(LB,DB); 1 Mar 25 Rost Hill Rd,Ont(HA, RaA); 1 Mar 30 AL(RP,VP). Common Grackle: a few individuals scattered through region for winter period; max 16 Dec 29 HEACC; arr-- 1-2 Mar 3 Williamsville, INWR, Ft Erie,Ont(HM,et al). Brown-headed Cowbird: small numbers appeared throughout winter; highs; 147 Dec 16 BOSCC, 109 Dec 29 ACCC, 65 27 OCCC.

Cardinal: winter feeders continue to encourage this species in our latitude: 169 Dec 16 BOSCC; 42 Dec 16 StBonCC; 248 Dec 16 JmsCC; 352 Dec 29 HEACC; 46 Dec 27 OCCC; 67 Jan 1 FrdCC; 344 Dec 29 ACCC; 84 Dec 29 ScAudC. Evening Grosbeak: flocks reported throughout period, max 250 Jan 6 Cb L area (RK,RhK); on all CCs: 1464 Dec 29 ACCC, 876 Dec 29 HEACC, 858 Dec 16 JmsCC, 403 Dec 29 ScAudC, 138 Jan 1 FrdCC, 91 Dec 16 StBonCC, 27 Dec 27 OCCC, 1 Dec 16 BOSCC. Purple Finch: 2 to 11 on all CCs except highs: 52 Dec 29 HEACC and 42 Dec 29 ACCC; 1 to 6 appeared at feeders through the winter. Pine Grosbeak: a low, low year: 3 Dec 29 ACCC; 1 Dec 29 ScAudC; 2 Jan 28 Hamburg(TB). *HOUSE FINCH*: 1 Jan 1-3 Athol Springs (Csont); up to 30 at Amherst Jan 1-31 and again Mar 1-31 at Eggertsville (Ward). *EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH*: one at feeder Mar 1-31 Orchard Park(HM,Kidder). *HOARY REDPOLL*: one Mar 5-31 Lewiston(WK,HK). Common Redpoll: on only two CCs: 15 Dec 29 HEACC, 5 Dec 29 ACCC; 8 Dec 29 E Aurora (HM); 1 Jan 15 Alf(CK); 1 Jan 19 and 38 (banded) Feb 19-28 E Aurora (AV); 1 Feb 21-23 Blm (LB,DB,et al); 3 Feb 22 Cb (RK,RhK); more sightings in March, max 50 Mar 25 Fletcher Chapel Rd, Shelby (Olsen,JM). Pine Siskin: CCs low: 2 Dec 29 ScAudC, 27 Dec 16 JmsCC, 6 Dec 29 HEACC; 1,2,1 Feb 2,3,9 E Aurora (AV); 2-5 Mar 1-31 Blm(LB,DB,Casterline); 2 Mar 24 Jms (RS); 1 Mar 30 Orchard Park (AV,Kidder). American Goldfinch: max on CCs: 314 Dec 29 ACCC, 288 Dec 29 HEACC, 222 Dec 16 JmsCC; singles and small flocks, max 82, reported all winter from most areas. Red Crossbill: on one CC: 2 Dec 29 ScAudC; 1,3 appeared Dec 24,25 7 Aurora feeder(AV), 2 Jan 1 E Aurora(AV) and 1 Jan 5 Jms(RS) with no more reported. White-winged Crossbill: 2 Dec 16 BOSCC and 1 Dec 27 OCCC; small numbers, max 7 Jan 23-31 Blm feeder (Casterline, LB,DB,et al), reported regularly in AC from Jan 23 to end of period, including one injured in Feb and accepted as star boarder at Fillmore(KP); singles at feeders Jan 23-27 TGMA (Rebovich) and Jan 23-31 Lyndonville (Smiths); 2 Jan 26 Fr St (VP); 3 Feb 2 Lakewood (feeder) (RS); singles also at feeders Feb 3 Hamburg (TB) and Feb 9 Lyndonville (Smiths). Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 Dec 16 JmsCC, 3 Dec 29 ACCC, 2 Dec 29 HEACC, 1 Jan 1 FrdCC; at feeders: 1 Dec 24-Feb 28 Lyndonville (Smith), Jan 1-10 Athol Springs (Csont), 1 Jan 17 Hamburg (TB), and 1 Mar 1-31 Orchard Park (Saville).

Savannah Sparrow: arr four days early 1 Mar 22 Beaver Meadow (Bigelow); 1 Mar 30 Alf (CK). Dark-eyed Junco: high on CCs: 105 Dec 16 BOSCC; 149 Dec 16 StDonCC; 409 Dec 16 JmsCC; 39 Dec 27 OCCC; 87 ScAudC; 87 ScAudC; 589 Dec 29 ACCC; 561 Dec 29 HEACC; 123 Jan 1 FrdCC. Tree Sparrow: 901 Dec 16 BOSCC; 236 Dec 16 StBonCC; 547 Dec 16 JmsCC; 219 Dec 27 OCCC; 951 Dec 29 ACCC; 165 Dec 29 ScAudC; 460 Dec 29 HEACC; 478 Jan 1 FrdCC; in AC at Alfred, very small numbers this winter (CK; other areas flocks about average except highs at Cb L (100+) and AL (68) (RK,RhK,VP). Chipping Sparrow: on one Christmas Count: 2 Dec 29 (HEACC). Field Sparrow: more reported than usual: 8 16 JmsCC; 1 Dec 29 ACCC; 7 Dec 29 ScAudC; 8 Dec 29 HEACC; 2 Jan 1 FrdCC; in the field at Sc: max 9 Jan 14 and 3,9 (VP); at feeders 1 Hamburg (T) and 1 Mar 1-31 Orchard Park (Saville). White-crowned Sparrow:

low numbers reported from few areas; on 5 CCs max 14 Jan 1 FrdCC; singles appeared Jan 1, 9-11 Rise Hill Rd, Ont (feeder) HA,RaA) and Mar 17-31 Fillmore (LW). White-throated Sparrow: 32 BOSCC; 1 Dec 16 StBonCC; 24 Dec 16 JmsCC; 43 Dec 29 ACCC; 8 Dec 29 ScAudC; 75 Dec 29 HEACC; small numbers wintered in most areas with max 20 Jan 1-16 Rose Hill Rd, Ont (feeder) (HA,RaA). Fox Sparrow: first of season 1 Mar 17 Fillmore (LW; singles Mar 26w30 Blm (LB, DB); Mar 26 Blm (Jordan) and Mar 28 Alf (CK). Swamp Sparrow: on one CC: 9 Dec 16 JmsCC and a single in the field Feb 8, 9 Sc(VP). Song Sparrow on eight CCs: 97 Dec 29 ACCC and 46 Dec 16 JmsCC. Lapland Longspur: 1 Jan 1 FrdCC and 2 Dec 29 ACCC; 4 Jan 14 Sc (VP); 55 Feb 10 T/Porter (WM,AM); 1 Feb 13 Hickox Rd, Eden (TB); 10 Mar 26 Posson Rd, Shelby (Olsen) Snow Bunting: 1 Dec 16 BOSCC; 2 Dec 16 JmsCC; 120 Dec 27 OCCC; 561 Dec 29 ACCC; 98 Jan 1 FrdCC very small numbers appeared in Southern Tier section of the region with max 100 Ch area Mar 5 (RK,RhK), 50 Jan 18 Fillmore (KP), and 30 Feb 24 Alf(CK); northern counties reported at least five flocks of between 225 and 500 with max 500 Jan 13 Olcott to Lyndonville (JT, Reckhow) and 500 Mar 25 Posson Rd, Shelby (Olsen, JM).

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REGION 2 — GENESEE

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Weather-wise, Rochester experienced a very uneventful season. With the exception of late March, the remainder of the period was average or slightly above in temperature.

Snowfall throughout the period was about average, but like last year, the mild temperature prevented any accumulation.

Rarities include: Common Eider, King Eider, Bald Eagle, Virginia Rail, Red Phalarope, Little Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Dovekie, Hoary Redpoll.

ABBREVIATIONS: BB—Braddocks Bay; ELS—East Lake Shore; GS—Genesee River; HAM—Hamlin; HBSP—Hamlin Beach State Park; IROND—Irondequoit; IB—Irondequoit Bay; IBO—Irondequoit Bal Outlet; LLCC—Little Lakes Christmas Count; LIV—Livonia; RCC—Rochester Christmas Count; WEB—Webster; WJ—Webster Park; WLS—West Lake Shore.

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LOONS—DUCKS: Most diving ducks were reported in small numbers throughout the period, although some observers reported excellent numbers of Oldsquaws