

REGION 3 - FINGER LAKES

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Birding in Region 3 got off to a good start on 6 September, with the first annual Montezuma Muckrace. Eight teams competed to find the largest number of species of birds in the Montezuma Wetland Complex. All the teams together found 146 species and raised \$850 for Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. Bard's Sandpipers, the team representing the Cayuga Bird Club, finished first with 119 species. Most of the area of competition was in Region 3, though some was in both Regions 2 & 5. The highlight of the day was a Willet, found by the FLiCCers of the Finger Lakes Community College.

Migration monitors (SJD, BE, AFa, MF, SK, AW, JW) were posted from time to time at Mt. Pleasant, the Stewart Park lighthouse jetty, Michigan Hill and East Shore Drive, in the Ithaca area. Their contributions occur frequently in the Regional summary. Especially interesting were single day flights of 2525 Brant, 200 Northern Pintails, 457 Red-tailed Hawks, and 3 Golden Eagles. A single Sabine's Gull and a single jaeger (sp) were the rarest birds reported from these locations.

At the Taughannock Falls State Park Loon Watch, loon migration got serious with 1100 counted on 8 November. A single day record for the six-year count was set 10 November with 6064. That day was followed by 3287, 11 November. Meanwhile, Bill Evans, and John and Sue Gregoire noted large numbers over Seneca Lake. Bill reported 1119, 10 November. The first-hour flight, believed to consist largely of birds resting on the Finger Lakes overnight, was unusually large this year.

Shorebirds were not monitored as closely at Montezuma NWR as they were the prior three years. Nevertheless, the few reports (from DS and KM) accounted for most of the shorebirds noted in the Region, with some additional contribution from the Elmira Dam (DR).

Reports of neotropical migrants were very sparse after the Montezuma Muckrace. Even with eight teams of some of the Region's top birders on Muckrace Day, very few warblers were found. Several maxima of passerines were from the Clements' Farm in Pine City, 13 September (RC).

Perhaps to make up for the lack of neotropical migrants, all of the winter finches showed signs of a major irruption, with Pine and Evening grosbeaks, Red and White-winged crossbills, Pine Siskins, and Common Redpolls all reported by the middle of November.

Other observations of note were 23 American Golden-Plovers at Perry City, a Franklin's Gull at Myer's Point, an adult **Sabine's Gull** for several days at the Elmira Dam, a probable Regional record of 21 Common Ravens at Gleason Meadows, a **Western Kingbird** in Enfield, tree-perching, berry-foraging Ring-

billed Gulls at Cass Park (AFa), and an unexpectedly low maximum of three Wild Turkeys.

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Abbreviations: BiFl - Big Flats CHEM, BoFa - Boors' Farm CHEM, CaL - Cayuga Lake, CaGr - Castel Grisch SCHU, ChR - Chemung River, ClFa - Clements' Farm CHEM, Corn - Corning STEU, CoSq - Consumer Square CHEM, Cove - Covert SE, Danb - Danby TOMP, DryL - Dryden Lake TOMP, DRSP1 - Dodge Road Spruce Plantation TOMP, Dryd - Dryden TOMP, ECRA - Elmira-Corning Regional Airport CHEM, ElDa - Elmira Dam CHEM, Elmi - Elmira CHEM, Enfi - Enfield, ESSC - East Shore Sailing Club TOMP, FaHo - Farnsworth Home TOMP, GAWS - Gleason Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary STEU, GlMe - Gleason Meadows CHEM, Grot - Groton TOMP, HoHo - Hog Hole TOMP, Hors - Horseheads CHEM, HHip - Harris Hill Park CHEM, Ith - Ithaca TOMP, Lans - Lansing TOMP, Lind - Lindley STEU, LoPd - Lowe Pond CHEM, MaPt - May's Point SENE, MiHi - Michigan Hill TOMP, MNWR - Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge SENE, MSPd - Mill Street Pond CHEM, MtPl - Mt. Pleasant TOMP, MTSP - Mark Twain State Park CHEM, MWCo - Montezuma Wetlands Complex, MyPt - Myer's Point TOMP, NeCr - Newtown Creek CHEM, OBHi - Old Baldy Hill CHEM, OPTr - Ontario Pathways Trail ONTA, PSt - Park Station CHEM, PeCi - Perry City SCHU, SaWo - Sapsucker Woods TOMP, SERI - Seneca River CAYU, Shel - Sheldrake SENE, Sout - Southport CHEM, StP - Stewart Park TOMP, SuDa - Sullivanville Dam CHEM, Summ - Summerhill CAYU, TCAH - The Center at Horseheads (a/k/a The Holding Point) CHEM, TFSP - Taughannock Falls State Park TOMP, TaFo - Tanglewood Forest CHEM, Vete - Veteran CH.

LOONS-DUCKS

Red-throated Loon: arr StP 22 Oct; max 5 CaL 17 Nov; last StP 27 Nov.

Com. Loon: arr MtPl 13 Sep; max 5671 TFSP 10 Nov; last StP 27 Nov.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 6 DryL 3 Nov; last PSt 15 Nov.

Horned Grebe: max 2 StP 25 Oct; last StP 25 Oct.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 230 StP 1 Oct; last MiHi 26 Oct.

Am. Bittern: MNWR 6 Sep; last MiHi 21 Oct.

Least Bittern: MWCo 6 Sep.

Great Blue Heron: max 16 StP 1 Oct; last SuDa 8 Nov.

Great Egret: max 20 MNWR 6 Sep; last MNWR 6 Sep.

Green Heron: MNWR 6 Sep; last ElDa 11 Sep.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: ChR 5 Sep; last MNWR 29 Oct.

Turkey Vulture: max 196 Lans 11 Oct; last GIMe 30 Oct.
Snow Goose: max 690 Ith 22 Oct; last DryL 2 Nov.
Brant: arr Lans 11 Oct; max 2525 Ith 22 Oct; last CaL 17 Nov.
Canada Goose: max 5850 StP 1 Oct; last Lind 27 Nov.
Mute Swan: MWCo 6 Sep.
Tundra Swan: 50 MNWR 29 Oct.
Wood Duck: max 53 LoPd 9 Oct; last LoPd 7 Nov.
Gadwall: arr MNWR 6 Sep; max 2 MNWR 6 Sep; last MNWR 6 Sep.
Am. Wigeon: max 10 MNWR 6 Sep; last MNWR 29 Oct.
Am. Black Duck: max 275 Ith 22 Oct; last DryL 24 Nov.
Mallard: max 110 TCAH 4 Nov; last MSPd 29 Nov.
Blue-winged Teal: max 20 MNWR 6 Sep; last LoPd 28 Sep.
N. Shoveler: max 13 MNWR 6 Sep; last PSt 15 Nov.
N. Pintail: arr MNWR 6 Sep; max 200 Ith 22 Oct; last StP 22 Oct.
Green-winged Teal: arr MNWR 6 Sep; max 57 LoPd 7 Nov; last SuDa 8 Nov.
Canvasback: max 10 MNWR 29 Oct; last StP 28 Nov.
Redhead: arr MWCo 6 Sep; max 40 StP 28 Nov; last StP 28 Nov.
Ring-necked Duck: arr MWCo 6 Sep; max 60 MNWR 29 Oct; last PSt 15 Nov.
Greater Scaup: 2 StP 28 Nov.
Lesser Scaup: max 6 MyPt 5 Nov; last StP 28 Nov.
scaup sp: arr StP 22 Oct; max 10 Ith 22
Surf Scoter: 3 ESSC 4 Nov.
White-winged Scoter: arr ESSC 4 Nov; max 4 CaL 22 Nov; last CaL 22 Nov.
Black Scoter: max 14 StP 27 Oct; last CaL 22 Nov.
scoter sp: StP 30 Oct; 8 StP 28 Nov.
Bufflehead: max 120 CaL 17 Nov; last DryL 24 Nov.
Hooded Merganser: 24 DryL 24 Nov.
Com. Merganser: max 39 LoPd 1 Nov; last DryL 24 Nov.
Red-breasted Merganser: arr DryL 3 Nov; last DryL 24 Nov.
Ruddy Duck: arr StP 22 Oct; max 5 PSt 15 Nov; last PSt 15 Nov.

HAWKS-ALCIDS

Osprey: max 9 StP 1 Oct; last Hors 8 Nov.
eagle sp: Hors 12 Nov.
Bald Eagle: max 2 MNWR 6 Sep; last ECRA 16 Nov.
N. Harrier: max 11 Lans 11 Oct; last TCAH 8 Nov.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 11 Lans 11 Oct.
Cooper's Hawk: max 5 MtPl 16 Sep.
N. Goshawk: max 2 GIMe 30 Oct; Enfi 7 Nov.
Red-shouldered Hawk: max 8 Lans 11 Oct; last Elmi 31 Oct.
Broad-winged Hawk: max 432 MtPl 16 Sep; last StP 1 Oct.
Red-tailed Hawk: max 457 MiHi 26 Oct.
Rough-legged Hawk: arr MiHi 22 Oct; max 4 Ith 22 Oct; BiFi 24 Oct.
Golden Eagle: arr FaHo 8 Oct; max 3 Lans 11 Oct; last Ith 22 Oct.
Am. Kestrel: max 15 MtPl 16 Sep.
Merlin: max 2 MtPl 16 Sep; BiFi 14 Nov.
Peregrine Falcon: arr EIDa 14 Sep; last StP 1 Oct.
Ring-necked Pheasant: max 2 Hors 18 Oct.
Ruffed Grouse: max 2 GAWS 4 Oct.
Wild Turkey: max 3 GIMe 22 Oct.
Virginia Rail: MWCo 6 Sep.
Sora: MWCo 6 Sep.
Com. Moorhen: MWCo 6 Sep; last LoPd 9 Oct.
Am. Coot: max 400 MyPt 5 Nov.
Black-bellied Plover: max 4 MNWR 17 Oct; last MNWR 29 Oct.
Am. Golden-Plover: arr MNWR 6 Sep; max 23 PeCi 7 Sep (BE & AFi); last MNWR 17 Oct.
Semipalmated Plover: max 20 MNWR 6 Sep; last MNWR 17 Oct.
Killdeer: max 30 MNWR 6 Oct; last BoFa 8 Nov.
Greater Yellowlegs: max 10 MNWR 6 Sep; last PSt 15 Nov.
Lesser Yellowlegs: max 40 EIDa 10 Sep; last TCAH 4 Nov.
Solitary Sandpiper: MWCo 6 Sep.
WILLET: MWCo 6 Sep.
Ruddy Turnstone: MWCo 6 Sep.
Sanderling: StP 25 Oct.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 10 MNWR 6 Sep; last MNWR 6 Oct.
Least Sandpiper: max 10 MNWR 6 Sep; last MNWR 17 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: max 12 MNWR 29 Oct; last MNWR 29 Oct.
Baird's Sandpiper: MNWR 17 Oct.
Pectoral Sandpiper: max 75 MNWR 6 Oct; last MNWR 29 Oct.
Dunlin: arr MNWR 6 Oct; max 125 MNWR 1 Nov; last MyPt 22 Nov.
Stilt Sandpiper: MNWR 6 Sep.
Short-billed Dowitcher: MNWR 6 Sep.
Long-billed Dowitcher: max 4 MNWR 17 Oct.
Com. Snipe: max 5 MNWR 6 Sep; last LoPd 8 Nov.
Am. Woodcock: max MWCo 6 Sep.
jaeger sp: StP 30 Oct (BE!).
FRANKLIN'S GULL: MyPt 5 Nov (SJD!).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 21 StP 1 Oct; last StP 25 Oct.
Ring-billed Gull: max 1125 StP 1 Oct.
Herring Gull: max 75 EIDa 25 Oct.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: arr MWCo 6 Sep; 2 MNWR 12 Oct.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 3 StP 1 Oct.
SABINE'S GULL: arr EIDa 10 Sep (JS, DR, mob); last StP 1 Oct (AFa!).
Caspian Tern: max 2 MNWR 6 Sep; last StP 13 Sep.
Com. Tern: StP 13 Sep.

DOVES-WOODPECKERS

Rock Dove: max 100 Elmi 25 Oct.
Mourning Dove: max 225 ClFa 1 Sep.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: MWCo 6 Sep.
E. Screech-Owl: MWCo 6 Sep; DRSP1 18 Nov.
Great Horned Owl: max 2 BiFl 17 Oct.
Barred Owl: BiFl 20 Sep.
N. Saw-whet Owl: Route 79 Enfi 11 Nov.
Com. Nighthawk: max 5 EIDa 11 Sep; last EIDa 11 Sep.
Chimney Swift: max 75 EIDa 11 Sep; last EIDa 11 Sep.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: max 4 OBHi 1 Sep; last Sout 15 Oct.
Belted Kingfisher: max 2 MNWR 6 Sep; last NeCr 11 Nov.
Red-headed Woodpecker: MWCo 6 Sep.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 2 ClFa 21 Sep.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: GiMe 27 Sep; last Elmi 10 Oct.
Downy Woodpecker: max 9 GiMe 5 Nov.

Hairy Woodpecker: MaPt 6 Sep; HHIP 29 Nov.
N. Flicker: max 20 ClFa 13 Sep; last HHIP 29 Nov.
Pileated Woodpecker: max 2 OBHi 1 Sep.

FLYCATCHERS-WAXWINGS

E. Wood-Pewee: max 4 ClFa 13 Sep; last ClFa 13 Sep.
Least Flycatcher: last LoPd 9 Oct.
E. Phoebe: max 2 ClFa 21 Sep; last Cove 17 Nov.
Great Crested Flycatcher: MNWR 6 Sep.
WESTERN KINGBIRD: Enfi 27 Oct - 18 Nov (JB!).
E. Kingbird: MWCo 6 Sep.
N. Shrike: PSt 15 Nov; Danb 26 Nov.
Blue-headed Vireo: max 3 GAWS 4 Oct; last GAWS 4 Oct.
Yellow-throated Vireo: MWCo 6 Sep.
Warbling Vireo: MNWR 6 Sep.
Philadelphia Vireo: MNWR 6 Sep.
Red-eyed Vireo: max 8 ClFa 1 Sep; last GAWS 4 Oct.
Blue Jay: max 63 GiMe 4 Oct.
Am. Crow: max 324 MiHi 26 Oct.
Fish Crow: StP 25 Oct.
Com. Raven: max 21 GiMe 27 Sep (DR).
Horned Lark: max 100 Vete 8 Nov.
Purple Martin: max 32 MtPl 13 Sep; last MtPl 13 Sep.
Tree Swallow: max 2100 MtPl 13 Sep; last lth 22 Oct.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: MNWR 6 Sep.
Bank Swallow: MWCo 6 Sep.
Barn Swallow: max 2 MNWR 6 Sep; last EIDa 10 Sep.
Cliff Swallow: MWCo 6 Sep.
Black-capped Chickadee: max 33 GiMe 5 Nov.
Tufted Titmouse: max 8 OBHi 1 Sep.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 6 TaFo 26 Sep.
White-breasted Nuthatch: max 3 GiMe 4 Oct.
Brown Creeper: max 3 HHIP 29 Nov.
Carolina Wren: MWCo 6 Sep; LoPd 8 Nov.
House Wren: max 2 GiMe 4 Oct; last GiMe 4 Oct.

Winter Wren: max 2 ClFa 21 Sep; last StP 25 Oct.
Marsh Wren: MWCo 6 Sep; last MTSP 18 Oct.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 10 Summ 26 Oct.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max 3 GlMe 4 Oct; last HHIP 13 Oct.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: MWCo 6 Sep.
E. Bluebird: max 11 MiHi 26 Oct; last HHIP 29 Nov.
Veery: max 2 OBHi 1 Sep; last BiFl 7 Sep.
Swainson's Thrush: MWCo 6 Sep.
Wood Thrush: max 12 ClFa 21 Sep; last ClFa 21 Sep.
American Robin: max 282 MiHi 26 Oct; last BiFl 15 Nov.
Gray Catbird: max 10 ClFa 13 Sep; last BiFl 6 Oct.
N. Mockingbird: max 4 StP 13 Sep.
Brown Thrasher: OBHi 1 Sep; last MWCo 6 Sep.
Am. Pipit: max 23 StP 1 Oct; last MiHi 26 Oct.
European Starling: max 10000 Elmi 10 Oct.
Cedar Waxwing: max 565 Cove 17 Nov; last Elmi 20 Nov.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: OBHi 1 Sep; last MWCo 6 Sep.
Golden-winged Warbler: ClFa 1 Sep.
Tennessee Warbler: MWCo 6 Sep.
Nashville Warbler: max 2 ClFa 13 Sep; last GAWS 4 Oct.
Yellow Warbler: MWCo 6 Sep.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 3 ClFa 13 Sep; last ClFa 13 Sep.
Magnolia Warbler: max 4 ClFa 21 Sep; last DRSPi 21 Nov.
Cape May Warbler: OBHi 1 Sep.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: OBHi 1 Sep; last MWCo 6 Sep.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 15 MTSP 18 Oct; last LoPd 7 Nov.
Black-throated Green Warbler: max 5 OBHi 1 Sep; last GAWS 4 Oct.
Blackburnian Warbler: OBHi 1 Sep; last MWCo 6 Sep.
Pine Warbler: TaFo 26 Sep; last HHIP 13 Oct.
Palm Warbler: arr MtPl 16 Sep; last HoHo 6 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: MWCo 6 Sep.
Blackpoll Warbler: GAWS 4 Oct.
Black-and-white Warbler: 2 OBHi 1 Sep.
Am. Redstart: max 3 ClFa 1 Sep; last GlMe 4 Oct.
Ovenbird: OBHi 1 Sep; last MWCo 6 Sep.
Com. Yellowthroat: max 20 ClFa 21 Sep; last GlMe 4 Oct.
Hooded Warbler: MWCo 6 Sep.
Wilson's Warbler: arr 2 ClFa 1 Sep; last ClFa 21 Sep.

TANAGERS-WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: OBHi 1 Sep; last GlMe 4 Oct.
E. Towhee: max 10 ClFa 21 Sep; last GlMe 30 Oct.
Am. Tree Sparrow: arr LoPd 1 Nov; max 27 ClFa 9 Nov.
Chipping Sparrow: max 15 StP 13 Sep; last BiFl 14 Oct.
Field Sparrow: max 6 GlMe 4 Oct; last MiHi 21 Oct.
Vesper Sparrow: MWCo 6 Sep.
Savannah Sparrow: max 4 Route 31 6 Sep; last MiHi 21 Oct.
Fox Sparrow: arr Grot 28 Oct; max 3 GlMe 3 Nov; last Corn 21 Nov.
Song Sparrow: max 12 MiHi 21 Oct; last BiFl 25 Nov.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr GlMe 4 Oct; max 2 HoHo 6 Oct; last MiHi 21 Oct.
Swamp Sparrow: max 10 HoHo 6 Oct; last TCAH 8 Nov.
White-throated Sparrow: max 15 CoSq 12 Oct; last BiFl 30 Nov.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr GlMe 4 Oct; max 2 MiHi 7 Oct; last BiFl 5 Nov.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 275 ClFa 9 Nov.
Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco: NeCr 11 Nov.
Lapland Longspur: arr lth 22 Oct; max 2 lth 22 Oct; last Sout 24 Nov.
Snow Bunting: arr TCAH 18 Nov; max 30 TCAH 18 Nov.
N. Cardinal: max 5 GlMe 27 Sep.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 6 ClFa 13 Sep; last ClFa 13 Sep.
Indigo Bunting: 2 Route 31 6 Sep.
Bobolink: MNWR 6 Sep.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 4500 LoPd 8 Nov; last BiFl 16 Nov.
E. Meadowlark: CaGr 21 Sep; last TCAH 6 Nov.

Yellow-headed Blackbird: max OPTr 27 Oct.

Rusty Blackbird: arr MWCo 6 Sep; max 66 LoPd 7 Nov; last LoPd 8 Nov.

Com. Grackle: max 12000 Elmi 10 Sep; last Hors 15 Nov.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 50 BiFl 22 Oct; last BiFl 19 Nov.

Baltimore Oriole: MWCo 6 Sep.

Pine Grosbeak: Summ 26 Oct - 29 Oct.

Purple Finch: max 8 MiHi 26 Oct; last BiFl 30 Oct.

House Finch: max 151 MiHi 26 Oct.

Red Crossbill: arr PSt 15 Nov; max 10 PSt 15 Nov; StP 28 Nov.

White-winged Crossbill: arr MiHi 21 Oct; max 2 Summ 29 Oct; Dryd 24 Nov.

Com. Redpoll: arr MiHi 26 Oct; max 22 Shel 17 Nov.

Pine Siskin: arr MiHi 7 Oct; max 14 MiHi 26 Oct; Corn 23 Nov.

Am. Goldfinch: max 66 MiHi 21 Oct.

Evening Grosbeak: arr SaWo 19 Sep; max 40 Arnot Forest 19 Oct; HHIP 29 Nov.

House Sparrow: max 70 BiFl 15 Nov.

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