

## REGION 3 – FINGER LAKES REGION

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September temperatures and precipitation in the Region were normal. October precipitation was also very close to typical with the average temperature just 1.5°F above normal. November temperatures were 1.2° cooler than mean and precipitation was below. In Elmira, precipitation was well below the norm every month of the season. Many cold fronts passed through the Region to hurry migrants through. September featured at least seven cold fronts, October had four and November saw six.

The following account includes comparisons of bird populations in the Region between fall 2000 and fall 1999, with occasional reference to a species' status in fall 1998. Unless otherwise noted, the cited comparisons showed statistically significant changes ( $\chi^2 > 3.84$ ;  $P = 0.05$ ). A discussion of my methodology and its limitations can be found in the Region 3 report that appeared in the December 1999 Vol 49(4) issue of *The Kingbird*.

A report received from the Cayuga Lake Loon Watch announced the beginning of the migration through the Region on 29 October. The peak day at the Loon Watch was not posted on the internet, mistakenly giving the impression of a decrease in the number of Common Loons reported. Ken Rosenberg spotted the only two Red-throated Loons of the season flying over Dryden. Horned Grebe declined for the second consecutive year. A rare fall report of Red-necked Grebe came from John Ascher at Stewart Park 20 October. Double-crested Cormorant rebounded to its highest fall numbers since the initiation of cormorant control measures on Lake Ontario.

An increase in Great Egret was the only notable change among the herons. Turkey Vulture numbers were down.

Snow Goose and Brant numbers were both way up this fall. This was the second consecutive increase for Brant. Canada Geese were reported in lower numbers. A few reports of Ross's Geese all came from the Savannah Mucklands, now a part of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex. Mute Swan, Tundra Swan and most of the dabblers were up in numbers. Green-winged Teal and Mallard were down, however. Wood Duck and Blue-winged Teal showed no change. All *Aythya* species were up. Long-tailed Duck numbers were down, but Black Scoter was way up. Ken Rosenberg discovered and Kevin McGowan photographed a Surf Scoter on Dryden Lake. Hooded Merganser increased. Red-breasted Merganser decreased for the second consecutive year.

Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier and American Kestrel all showed increases. Red-shouldered and Red-tailed hawks were both reported in lower numbers. Joan Scrocarelli and Anne Thurber noted a migration of red-tails past Harris Hill in Big Flats on 19 October and Geo Kloppel noted one at West Danby the following day.

Both Ruffed Grouse and Wild Turkey showed declines this fall. A good mast crop, however, may aid the winter survival of the turkeys. American Coot numbers were way up, particularly in the Main Pool at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge.

Cayuga Basin birders did not organize shorebird counts at Montezuma this fall, which may account for the generally lower numbers reported. Semipalmated Plover, Least Sandpiper and Common Snipe reports declined for the second consecutive year. Also declining this fall were Killdeer, Greater and Lesser yellowlegs, Pectoral and Stilt sandpipers, Dunlin and Short-billed Dowitcher. No Hudsonian Godwits appeared. The one bright spot among the shorebirds was an increase in White-rumped Sandpiper. Five Western Sandpipers discovered by Dominic Sherony, Mike Tetlow and Matt Victoria at Montezuma, and two Red-necked Phalaropes found by Jay and Kevin McGowan at Stewart Park, Ithaca were the highlights of the shorebird migration.

Ring-billed Gull increased this year, but Herring and Great Black-backed gulls both declined for the second consecutive year. Meena Haribal discovered a first-year Sabine's Gull at Stewart Park and Ken Rosenberg spotted an unidentified jaeger while attempting to photograph the gull. Unusual for the Region in fall were several sightings of Forster's Tern, mostly at Stewart Park.

Mourning Dove increased. Chimney Swift increased for the second consecutive year. Common Nighthawk decreased for the second straight year. Most of the migrants, however, passed through during the summer season. The only Whip-poor-will was one that landed in the road in front of Matt Young on Mt. Pleasant near Ithaca.

The only species of woodpecker to change was Downy, which increased. A Chemung Valley Audubon Society field trip turned up an immature Red-headed Woodpecker at Mark Twain State Park. The decline in Eastern Phoebe was the only change among flycatchers. A Western Kingbird was scrutinized well by most of the staff at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

Horned Lark decreased. Tree, Northern Rough-winged, Bank and Barn swallows were all reported in higher numbers this fall. Blue Jay, American Crow and Common Raven were all down this year, as were Black-capped Chickadee and Brown Creeper. House and Winter wrens and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher were up. Thrushes presented a mixed picture, with Eastern Bluebird and Swainson's Thrush both increasing for the second consecutive year, Wood Thrush increasing and Gray-cheeked Thrush and American Robin decreasing.

Gray Catbird increased for the second consecutive year. European Starling, American Pipit and Cedar Waxwing all decreased. There were relatively few changes among warbler species. Tennessee and Magnolia warblers and Common Yellowthroat all increased. Yellow-rumped Warbler increased for the second year in a row. Cape May, Black-throated Green and Blackpoll warblers all declined. American Redstart, which was down during the summer, was up during the fall. The most exciting warbler sighting was Bill Purcell's Connecticut Warbler, which showed up along the Esker Brook Trail for the Montezuma Muckrace.

Sparrows also presented a mixed scenario. Eastern Towhee increased. Song and Swamp sparrows increased for the second consecutive year. American Tree, Chipping, Fox and White-crowned sparrows and Dark-eyed Junco decreased. Lapland Longspurs arrived in increased numbers, but Snow Buntings were down. Ken Rosenberg found the only Vesper Sparrow of the season. Steve Kelling and Geo Kloppel each heard Dickcissels calling as the birds flew overhead.

Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark and Brown-headed Cowbird were all up. Common Grackle was down. Montezuma Muckracers, who usually count grackles by the hundred thousands in the Montezuma Wetlands Complex, were hard pressed to get the species on their lists this year. This phenomenon may have been due to the late ripening of corn, the planting of which was delayed by the wet spring.

All winter finches were down this year except the locally breeding Purple Finch and American Goldfinch, which showed increases for the second year in a row. In spite of several early reports of White-winged Crossbill in more northern regions, Dave Russell spotted the only flock to appear in the Finger Lakes Region. Ironically, this flock appeared in Big Flats in the southern part of the Region. Finally, House Sparrow was reported in higher numbers this fall.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

CLSP – Cayuga Lake State Park; CorU – Cornell University; DryL – Dryden Lake; EIDa – Elmira Dam; ENPr – Etna Nature Preserve; GlMe – Gleason Meadows CHEM; HHP – Harris Hill Park CHEM; KH – Kestrel Haven Avian Migration Observatory SCHU; Lan – Lansing; LoPd – Lowe Pond CHEM; MNWR – Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge; MtPl – Mt. Pleasant TOMP; MuLo – Mud Lock CAYU; MWC – Montezuma Wetlands Complex SENE; MyPt – Myers Point TOMP; SaMu – Savannah Mucklands SENE; SaWo – Sapsucker Woods TOMP; StP – Stewart Park TOMP; SuSF – Summerhill State Forest CAYU; TCAH – The Center at Horseheads CHEM; TFSP – Taughannock Falls State Park; WDan – West Danby

### LOONS – DUCKS

**RED-THROATED LOON:** 2 Dryden 15 Nov (KR), only report.

**Com. Loon:** arr TFSP 17 Oct; max 1075 TFSP 12 Nov; 810 Dryden 15 Nov.

**Horned Grebe:** arr MNWR 24 Oct, late; max 4 Aurora Bay, CAYU 29 Nov.

**RED-NECKED GREBE:** StP 20 Oct (JAs), only report.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** max 255 MNWR 10 Sep; 200 StP 6 Oct; last MNWR 24 Oct, early.

**Am. Bittern:** max 2 MNWR 24 Sep; DryL 19 Sep; last SaMu 6 Oct.

**Least Bittern:** max 2 DryL 20 Sep, high; last DryL 22 Sep (BPr), late.

**Great Egret:** max 55 MNWR 16 Sep; last MNWR 24 Oct.

**Green Heron:** max 6 MtPl 13 Sep; 4 DryL 20 Sep; last MNWR 7 Oct.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** max 20 MNWR 5 Sep; last 7 MNWR 22 Sep.

**Turkey Vulture:** max 52 Snyder Hill, TOMP 26 Sep; 21 Lan 11 Oct; last KH 24 Nov (J&SGr), late.

**Snow Goose:** arr MWC 22 Oct, late; max & last 1201 SaMu 29 Nov (MY), late.

**ROSS'S GOOSE:** arr & max 3 SaMu 19 Nov, high; last SaMu 29 Nov (MY), late.

**Brant:** arr StP 6 Oct; max 1000 Ithaca 8

Oct; last 200 StP 11 Nov.

**Canada Goose:** max 12001 SaMu 29 Nov, high; 6775 MNWR 1 Oct.

**Mute Swan:** arr 4 MuLo 16 Sep, late, max & high.

**Tundra Swan:** arr 2 MNWR 29 Oct; max 501 CLSP 29 Nov, high; 275 MNWR 18 Nov.

**Wood Duck:** max 20 TCAH 30 Sep, low; 18 MNWR 1 Oct; last KH 28 Nov (J&SGr), late.

**Blue-winged Teal:** max 28 MNWR 10 Sep; last MNWR 24 Oct.

**N. Shoveler:** max 37 MNWR 1 Oct; last 5 CLSP 29 Nov (MY), late.

**N. Pintail:** max 180 StP 24 Sep; 70 Route 5/20, Tyre 16 Sep; last 3 MNWR 19 Nov.

**Green-winged Teal:** max 81 MNWR 5 Nov; last 4 Union Springs Mill Pond 29 Nov.

**Redhead:** max 201 CLSP 29 Nov, high; 19 MNWR 5 Nov.

**Ring-necked Duck:** arr 2 MNWR 16 Sep; max 624 MNWR 5 Nov.

**Greater Scaup:** arr StP 7 Oct; max 3 CLSP 29 Nov; 3 MyPt 29 Oct.

**Lesser Scaup:** arr MNWR 16 Sep (Bfa,MH,GK,TN), early; max 67 CLSP 29 Nov; 52 MNWR 5 Nov.

**scoter sp:** max 400 StP 18 Oct, high.  
**SURF SCOTER:** DryL 10 Oct (KR & KMc ph), only report.

**White-winged Scoter:** arr StP 13 Sep (BE), early; max 4 TFSP 29 Oct; 2 StP 10 Oct; last 2 MyPt 12 Nov.

**Black Scoter:** arr 6 TFSP 17 Oct; max & last 200 East Shore Sailing Club TOMP 18 Oct, high & early.

**Long-tailed Duck:** arr StP 17 Oct (BFo), early; last StP 18 Oct, early.

**Bufflehead:** arr 2 StP 10 Oct (AMJ), early; max 41 Ledyard 29 Nov; 26 Aurora Bay CAYU 29 Nov.

**Com. Goldeneye:** arr 4 Cayuga L 13 Nov, late; max 26 Ledyard 29 Nov.

**Com. Merganser:** max 13 CorU 4 Sep, low; 12 EIda 21 Oct.

**Ruddy Duck:** max 20 DryL 10 Oct; last MNWR 5 Nov, early.

#### HAWKS – ALCIDS

**Osprey:** max 3 MNWR 10 Sep, low; 2 EIda 4 Sep; last KH 28 Oct.

**Bald Eagle:** max 8 MNWR 3 Sep, high.

**N. Harrier:** max 11 Ledyard 27 Nov; 4 KH 28 Sep.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** KH 29-30 Sep.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** SuSF 7 Sep; last MNWR 16 Sep, early.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** max 56 WDan 20 Oct; 45 HHP 19 Oct.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** arr Dryden 16 Oct (TG); max 2 Ledyard 27 Nov; 2 CorU 20 Oct.

**Golden Eagle:** arr & max 2 TFSP 28 Oct; last MNWR 27 Nov.

**Peregrine Falcon:** max 2 SaMu 6 Oct; MNWR 7 Oct; last MNWR 27 Nov (BFa), late.

**Virginia Rail:** LoPd 3 Sep; last MNWR 16 Sep, early.

**Com. Moorhen:** max 26 MNWR 10 Sep; last MNWR 29 Oct (NB,Bfo,MatW), late.

**Black-bellied Plover:** max 4 MNWR 16 Sep; last 2 MyPt 11 Nov, late.

**Am. Golden-Plover:** max & last 16 Genoa 9 Oct; 3 MNWR 7 Sep.

**Semipalmated Plover:** max 15 MNWR 10 Sep, low; last MNWR 22 Sep.

**Killdeer:** 16 CorU 1 Sep; max 35 HHP 4 Sep; last MyPt 11 Nov.

**Greater Yellowlegs:** max 16 MNWR 10 Sep; last 7 MNWR 29 Oct.

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** max 10 MNWR 3 Sep, low; last 2 MNWR 29 Oct.

**Solitary Sandpiper:** max 2 CorU 1 Sep; MNWR 16 Sep; last LoPd 23 Sep.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** max 2 EIda 2 Sep; last 2 KH 15 Oct.

**Ruddy Turnstone:** max 2 MNWR 13 Sep, high; last MNWR 16 Sep.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** 6 EIda 2 Sep; max & last 6 MNWR 16 Sep, low.

**WESTERN SANDPIPER:** max 5 MNWR 4 Sep (DSh,MT,MV), high, only report.

**Least Sandpiper:** max 50 MNWR 10 Sep; last 8 Fayette 8 Oct.

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** max 30 MNWR 7 Sep; last MNWR 24 Sep.

**Baird's Sandpiper:** MNWR 4 Sep; EIda 7 Sep; last MNWR 24 Sep.

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** 3 Fayette 8 Oct; max & last 6 MNWR 24 Oct, low.

**Dunlin:** max 40 MNWR 8 Oct; last 2 MNWR 29 Oct.

**Stilt Sandpiper:** max 13 MNWR 4 Sep, low; last MNWR 22 Sep.

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper:** max & last 2 MNWR 4 Sep, early.

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** max 9 MNWR 7 Sep; last MNWR 16 Sep.

**Long-billed Dowitcher:** max 13 MNWR 7 Oct; last MNWR 24 Oct.

**Com. Snipe:** max 2 MNWR 5 Sep; last MNWR 24 Oct.

**Am. Woodcock:** KH 1 Sep; last Dryden 17 Oct.

**RED-NECKED PHALAROPE:** 2 StP 14 Sep (J&KMc), only report.

**jaeger sp:** StP 7 Oct (KR), only report.

**Bonaparte's Gull:** MNWR 6 Oct; last

StP 7 Oct, early.

**Herring Gull:** max 51 MNWR 5 Nov, low; 11 Elmira 12 Sep.

**SABINE'S GULL:** StP 7 Oct (MH!, mob).

**Caspian Tern:** max 5 MNWR 3 Sep; 5 StP 13 Sep; last EIDa 24 Sep.

**Com. Tern:** max 3 StP 13 Sep; last 2 MuLo 16 Sep.

**FORSTER'S TERN:** max 2 StP 14 Sep, high; last 2 StP 21 Sep, early.

#### PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** KH 1 Sep; last KH 4 Sep.

**Snowy Owl:** arr SaMu 17 Nov (GP), early; max 3 SaMu 30 Nov, high.

**Short-eared Owl:** arr 2 Ledyard 18 Nov; max 3 SaMu 24 Nov.

**Com. Nighthawk:** max 4 MNWR 6 Sep; last Dil Woods 18 Sep.

**WHIP-POOR-WILL:** MtPl 13 Sep (MY), only report.

**Chimney Swift:** max 84 Elmira 2 Sep; last 2 MNWR 16 Sep.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** max 5 KH 13 Sep; last KH 24 Sep.

**RED-HEADED WOODPECKER:** Mark Twain SP 14 Oct (CVAS), only report.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** max 3 MNWR 16 Sep, high; LoPd 23 Sep.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** Slaterville Springs 19 Sep; HHP 29 Sep; last Dryden 19 Nov.

**Downy Woodpecker:** 8 Southport 30 Sep; max 12 KH 18 Nov, high.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** 2 SaWo 27 Sep; max 4 KH 18 Nov, high.

#### FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

**E. Wood-pewee:** max 10 CorU 21 Sep, high; last 15 Big Flats 29 Sep.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** max 2 KH 10 Sep, high; MNWR 16 Sep; last Caroline 20 Sep.

**Least Flycatcher:** MNWR 16 Sep; last

Tanglewood Forest CHEM 28 Sep.

**E. Phoebe:** max 3 GIme 4 Sep; 3 SaWo 27 Sep; last KH 4 Nov.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** KH 3 Sep; last KH 8 Sep.

**WESTERN KINGBIRD:** SaWo 13 Sep (mob).

**E. Kingbird:** DryL 19 Sep; last Willseyville Valley Railroad TOMP 3 Oct (CCBC, MarW), Regional late record.

**N. Shrike:** arr MNWR 22 Sep (AMJ, MatW), early; last Dryden 26 Nov.

**WHITE-EYED VIREO:** MNWR 1 Oct (MOV), only report.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** MNWR 16 Sep; last HHP 29 Sep, late.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** max 2 WDan 19 Sep, low; last Lan 16 Oct.

**Warbling Vireo:** max 3 MNWR 10 Sep; last SaWo 26 Sep.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr KH 5 Sep; max 2 CorU 24 Sep; last DryL 8 Oct, late.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** 8 HHP 4 Sep; max 10 CorU 24 Sep, high; last SaWo 28 Sep, early.

**Am. Crow:** max 1200 KH 22 Oct, high.

**Purple Martin:** MNWR 16 Sep; last MNWR 30 Sep.

**Tree Swallow:** max 2000 MNWR 16 Sep; last 6 DryL 6 Oct.

**N. Rough-winged Swallow:** max & last 200 MNWR 1 Oct, high; 24 MWC 1 Oct.

**Bank Swallow:** max & last 100 MNWR 1 Oct, high.

**Barn Swallow:** 7 Lodi 8 Sep; max & last 400 MNWR 1 Oct, high.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** 20 CorU 19 Sep; max 21 SaWo 22 Sep, low.

**Tufted Titmouse:** max 6 SaWo 28 Sep, low; 6 KH 18 Nov.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** max 20 SuSF 7 Sep, high.

**Carolina Wren:** 4 StP 13 Sep; 4 Catharine Valley Trail SCHU 13 Oct, high.

**House Wren:** max 37 MWC 1 Oct, high;

last MWC 22 Oct.  
**Winter Wren:** max 2 StP 24 Sep; 2 MNWR 7 Oct; last WDan 21 Oct.  
**Marsh Wren:** TCAH 30 Sep; last MNWR 9 Oct.  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr MNWR 16 Sep; max 20 MNWR 7 Oct; 20 Lan 16 Oct; last KH 4 Nov.  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** max 7 MNWR 16 Sep, high; last MNWR 7 Oct.  
**E. Bluebird:** max 48 HHP 14 Sep; 16 KH 17 Oct.  
**Veery:** max 6 WDan Sep; 3 MNWR 16 Sep; last 2 Caroline 20 Sep.  
**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr 2 MtPl 13 Sep; max 3 Tyre 16 Sep; last SaWo 23 Sep, early.  
**Swainson's Thrush:** arr & max 51 MtPl 13 Sep, high; 10 MNWR 16 Sep; last 10 Ithaca College 3 Oct.  
**Hermit Thrush:** max 2 KH 12 Oct; last Long Point SP 27 Nov (BFa), late.  
**Wood Thrush:** max 8 MtPl 13 Sep, low; 3 MNWR 16 Sep; last Caroline 20 Sep, early.  
**Gray Catbird:** max 35 ENPr 13 Sep, high; 17 SaWo 27 Sep; last KH 19 Oct.  
**N. Mockingbird:** max 3 TCAH 30 Sep, low; 3 Ledyard 29 Nov.  
**Brown Thrasher:** ENPr 13 Sep; max 2 Southport 16 Sep; last MWC 8 Oct.  
**Am. Pipit:** arr 2 MNWR 16 Sep; max 34 MWC 22 Oct; last 30 MtPl 3 Nov.  
**Cedar Waxwing:** max 60 SaWo 17 Oct, low; 60 KH 18 Nov.

#### WARBLERS

**Blue-winged Warbler:** max 2 GlMe 4 Sep, high; last CorU 21 Sep late.  
**Tennessee Warbler:** arr CorU 9 Sep; max 4 MWC 1 Oct, high; last 3 Lan 16 Oct.  
**Orange-crowned Warbler:** arr KH 20 Sep; max 2 MWC 7 Oct, high; last MWC 9 Oct.  
**Nashville Warbler:** 5 KH 25 Sep; max 9 MWC 1 Oct, high; last KH 12 Oct.

**N. Parula:** arr 2 CorU 12 Sep; max 2 HHP 13 Sep; last CorU 24 Sep.  
**Yellow Warbler:** KH 6 Sep; last MWC 7 Oct, Regional late record.  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** max 5 CorU 24 Sep; last SaWo 26 Sep.  
**Magnolia Warbler:** max 6 Danby 23 Sep; 6 MWC 1 Oct; last WDan 3 Oct.  
**Cape May Warbler:** arr CorU 24 Sep, late; last MWC 1 Oct.  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** max 3 SaWo 26 Sep; 2 KH 25 Sep; last SaWo 18 Oct, late.  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 47 MWC 1 Oct; max 101 MNWR 7 Oct, high; last 2 Ledyard 29 Nov.  
**Black-throated Green Warbler:** 3 HHP 13 Sep; max & last 3 MWC 1 Oct, low.  
**Blackburnian Warbler:** max 2 CorU 21 Sep; last Etna 23 Sep.  
**Pine Warbler:** max 4 HHP 13 Sep; last SaWo 18 Oct.  
**Prairie Warbler:** max 2 HHP 13 Sep, high; last LoPd 23 Sep.  
**Palm Warbler:** arr Southport 16 Sep; max 12 MWC 9 Oct, high; last Lan 11 Oct.  
**Bay-breasted Warbler:** max 2 MNWR 10 Sep; last 2 CorU 24 Sep.  
**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr & max 2 CorU 9 Sep; last Willseyville Valley Railroad TOMP 3 Oct.  
**Black-and-white Warbler:** Newtown Battlefield Reservation 17 Sep; Danby 24 Sep; last WDan 27 Sep.  
**Am. Redstart:** 2 MNWR 10 Sep; max 7 SuSF 13 Sep; last StP 24 Sep.  
**Ovenbird:** max 4 ENPr 13 Sep; 2 KH 26 Sep; last KH 28 Sep.  
**CONNECTICUT WARBLER:** MNWR 16 Sep (BPu), only report.  
**Mourning Warbler:** ENPr 13 Sep; SaWo 25 Sep; last CorU 26 Sep (JGl), late.  
**Com. Yellowthroat:** 15 ENPr 13 Sep; max 49 MWC 1 Oct; last KH 9 Oct.  
**Hooded Warbler:** max 2 WDan 19 Sep;

last Dryden 3 Oct (KR), late.

**Wilson's Warbler:** SaWo 13 Sep; max 2 MNWR 16 Sep; last WDan 2 Oct.

#### **TANAGERS – WEAVERS**

**Scarlet Tanager:** ENPr 13 Sep; Slaterville Springs 19 Sep; last MWC 1 Oct.

**E. Towhee:** max 14 GI Me 19 Sep; 10 Southport 24 Sep; last 4 GI Me 7 Oct, early.

**Am. Tree Sparrow:** arr SaWo 17 Oct; max 26 Dryden 11 Nov.

**Chipping Sparrow:** max 23 HHP 29 Sep; 20 Dryden 6 Oct; last Ithaca 30 Nov (MatW), late.

**Field Sparrow:** max 15 GI Me 4 Sep; last MWC 22 Oct.

**VESPER SPARROW:** DryL 28 Oct (KR), only report.

**Savannah Sparrow:** max 4 MWC 1 Oct; last 2 MWC 22 Oct.

**Fox Sparrow:** arr Hammond Hill State Forest TOMP 21 Oct; max 11 Park Station CHEM 11 Nov, high; last KH 30 Nov late.

**Song Sparrow:** max 236 MWC 1 Oct, high; 201 MNWR 7 Oct.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr KH 18 Sep; max 11 MWC 1 Oct, high; last 3 Lan 16 Oct.

**Swamp Sparrow:** 34 SaWo 28 Sep; max 41 MNWR 7 Oct, high; last TCAH 18 Nov.

**White-throated Sparrow:** max 97 MWC 1 Oct; 60 Lan 16 Oct; last Dryden 19 Nov.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** arr KH 16 Sep, early; 15 Lan 16 Oct; max 15 SaWo 17 Oct; last SuSF 25 Oct.

**Lapland Longspur:** arr & max 10 Marshall Rd YATE 14 Oct, high; StP 19

Oct.

**Snow Bunting:** arr MNWR 24 Oct; max 24 Long Point SP 5 Nov, low; 23 MyPt 24 Nov.

**N. Cardinal:** max 16 CorU 12 Sep, high; 9 MWC 1 Oct.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** 8 ENPr 13 Sep; max 10 CorU 21 Sep; last 6 Ithaca College 3 Oct.

**Indigo Bunting:** 3 KH 18 Sep; last 3 MWC 1 Oct.

**DICKCISSEL:** arr Caroline 15 Sep; last Genoa 22 Sep.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** max 100012 MNWR 1 Oct; 5000 MWC 19 Nov; last KH 25 Nov.

**E. Meadowlark:** max 50 Southport 9 Nov, high; last Rt 31 CAYU 18 Nov.

**Rusty Blackbird:** arr 3 TCAH 30 Sep; 26 SuSF 7 Oct; max 201 Neimi Rd Pd TOMP 27 Oct, high; last 13 TCAH 18 Nov.

**Com. Grackle:** 50 Elmira 6 Sep; max 2000 Tyre 16 Sep; last KH 30 Nov, late.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** 90 Horseheads 11 Sep; max 2000 Tyre 16 Sep, high; last KH 30 Nov, late.

**Baltimore Oriole:** max 2 HHP 2 Sep, high; last KH 8 Sep.

**Purple Finch:** max 26 SuSF 3 Nov, high.

**WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL:** max 5 Big Flats 3 Sep (DR), early, only report.

**Pine Siskin:** max 6 SuSF 3 Nov.

**Evening Grosbeak:** arr Dryden 13 Sep (KM), early; Hector 25 Oct.

**House Sparrow:** max 28 Seneca Falls 8 Sep, low.