

## REGION 3 – FINGER LAKES

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Overall, fall 2001 was drier and warmer than normal. September, however, managed to contradict both those assessments. The average temperature in September was just 0.1°F cooler than normal. A storm, 24-26 September, dropped just over 4" of rain on the Ithaca area and more than 3" on the Elmira area. Total precipitation for the month was nearly 2.5" above normal in Ithaca and 1" above normal in Elmira. Precipitation was 55% of normal in October and 70% in November. There was no measurable snowfall in the entire season. October temperatures were 2.5° warmer than normal. November temperatures were 5.9° warmer than normal, and the last seven days of the month averaged 14° warmer than normal. The warm weather undoubtedly led to the Regional record late departures reported for eight species.

The following account includes comparisons of bird populations in the Region between fall 2001 and fall 2000, with occasional reference to a species' status in prior years. 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 issue of *The Kingbird*.

Both Red-throated and Common loons were up this fall from last year. Observers at the Cayuga Lake Loon Watch counted a total of 6285 Common Loons between 15 October and 30 November, up from 4563 over the same period last year, but well below the record 12,446 recorded in 1995. Horned Grebes were also up in numbers. For the third year in a row, Red-necked Grebes appeared on Cayuga Lake on 20 October. Unlike the last two years, however, there were two instead of one. Also unlike the last two years, two more showed up on 24 November. Double-crested Cormorants were down about 20% from last year when the numbers were normal. This may reflect some success in efforts to manage the species' nesting population on Lake Ontario.

Large numbers of Great Blue Herons at Montezuma NWR and elsewhere in the Montezuma Wetlands Complex boosted their numbers to nearly 50% more than last fall. In contrast, Black-crowned Night-Herons were sharply down. The Matts Montezuma Muckrace team and the Spahn/Strong team spotted Least Bittern on race day. Matt Victoria also found one at Montezuma 18 September. Fall sightings of the species are rare in the Region. A Black Vulture in Dryden was reported to the Laboratory of Ornithology's new online database, BasinBirds. Virtually all of the database's records from the fall were contributed by Lab staff prior to the database's exposure to the general public.

Most waterfowl species were down in numbers. The warmer temperatures and complete lack of wintry conditions may have allowed swans, geese and ducks to linger farther north. Exceptions were Canada Goose, Green-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Long-tailed Duck and Common and Red-breasted mergansers, all increasing. It was the second straight year of increases for the American Wigeon. Mallards declined for the second consecutive year. Greater White-fronted Geese were again found in the Region, but there were no reports of Ross's Goose, whose usual companions, the Snow Geese, were 80% fewer than last year.

The reported numbers of Sharp-shinned and Red-tailed hawks were the only diurnal raptor numbers to change, both increasing. All of the gallinaceous species increased. Common Moorhens were up, but American Coots were down. While Sandhill Cranes have been appearing regularly in the Montezuma Wetlands Complex the last few years, the one found by Dave Neveu, David Prill and Chris Tessaglia-Hymes was a rare find in the Region 3 portion of the Complex.

Most shorebird species showed increases or no change from last year. Solitary, Western, Least and White-rumped sandpipers were all down. The Least Sandpiper is the only species in any family to decline three years in a row in this Region. The most exciting species of the season was the Piping Plover that remained at Myers Point 15-22 September. All of the Region's common gull species showed changes

in numbers. Ring-billed Gull numbers declined by about 20% while Herring Gull numbers more than doubled and Great Black-backed Gull numbers more than quadrupled. Black Terns lingering into the fall in the Region are unusual. Allison and Jeff Wells's report of one at Montezuma NWR on 1 October was a Regional late record.

Both Rock and Mourning doves were down more than 40% from last year. Owl numbers do not usually show much fluctuation from year to year, but this year Eastern Screech-Owls more than tripled. The lone Snowy Owl report was down from the total of five last year. Chimney Swifts were down about 85%. This may be a species to watch as the number of chimneys available as nest sites declines. Many homeowners are upgrading to more fuel-efficient furnaces with chimney liners and caps.

Among woodpeckers, only Yellow-bellied Sapsucker showed a significant change, more than doubling in number. None of the flycatcher species demonstrated changes in number. Among the vireos, only the increase in Blue-headed was a significant change. Swallows, however, were up markedly, due in large measure to Robert Spahn's willingness to hazard estimates of the huge numbers at Montezuma NWR on Muckrace day. Bob estimated a total of one million, with about 90% being Tree Swallows. The occurrence of these large numbers is an annual event at the Refuge, but few observers offer estimates of their numbers. Even without regard to the importance of the Refuge to other avian species, the site well deserves its designation as an Important Bird Area based solely on its provision of food, water, cover and space to the Tree Swallow. One wonders from what part of this species' breeding range the Montezuma birds derive? Are they solely from Montezuma and points farther north, or is there a significant gathering from the south as well?

Blue Jay numbers were up this fall. Another good crop of acorns may have spurred more acorn storage flights by the birds, exposing them to greater observation by birders. American Crows were down about 45%. Though West Nile Virus did not receive the publicity this year that it has in the past, it may be an important factor. It is interesting, however, that the crow population was down about the same percentage as its cornfield companions, Rock Dove and Mourning Dove.

Black-capped Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, White-breasted Nuthatches and Golden-crowned Kinglets were all up. House Wrens and Blue-gray Gnatcatchers were both down. The only thrush to decline was Eastern Bluebird. All of the others increased, though the increases for Swainson's and Hermit were not significant. The increases among the woodland thrushes were mostly due to greater effort by Ithaca birders to listen for night migrants. The increase for Wood Thrush was the second consecutive one for the species.

Gray Catbirds and Northern Shrikes decreased in numbers this fall. American Pipits, Cedar Waxwings and European Starlings increased. Most warbler species were unchanged. Yellow-rumped and Palm warblers and Common Yellowthroat declined in number. Black-throated Green and Canada warblers increased. Jeff

Gerbracht and Meena Haribal located a Yellow-breasted Chat at Montezuma NWR for a rare fall report of this species.

Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were down about 50% from last year. Among the sparrows there were many significant changes. Field, Vesper, Savannah, Fox and White-throated sparrows and Dark-eyed Junco were all up. Song and Swamp sparrows were both down, perhaps influenced by the summer drought conditions in parts of the Region. John and Sue Gregoire banded a Clay-colored Sparrow at Kestrel Haven Avian Migration Observatory in Hector. The numbers of early arriving Lapland Longspurs and Snow Buntings were both down this fall. Bobolinks and Common Grackles were up. Red-winged Blackbirds, Eastern Meadowlarks and Brown-headed Cowbirds were down. In anticipation of an interesting winter, all of the winter finch species except Red Crossbill were up, as were all of the locally breeding finch species. For both Purple Finch and American Goldfinch, this was the third consecutive increase in fall numbers. Purple Finches may be taking advantage of the lessened competition from the conjunctivitis plagued House Finch. Though not yet close to its former numbers, House Finch also increased this fall. Finally, House Sparrow decreased by about one third.

Sixty-nine species increased in numbers from last fall to this fall. Forty-five decreased. Eighty species showed no significant change.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AuB – Aurora Bay, CAYU; CayL – Cayuga L; CLB – Cayuga L Basin; CorU – Cornell University; CVT – Catharine Valley Trail, SCHU; DryL – Dryden L; GMFB – Gleason Meadows/Frenchman’s Bluff, CHEM; HH – Hog Hole, TOMP; HHP – Harris Hill P, CHEM; JCAP – Jacksonville Community Association P, TOMP; KH – Kestrel Haven Avian Migration Observatory, SCHU; LoPd – Lowe Pd, CHEM; MNWR – Montezuma NWR; MWC – Montezuma Wetlands Complex; MtPl – Mt. Pleasant, TOMP; MyPt – Myers Pt, TOMP; PSt – Park Station, CHEM; SaW – Sapsucker Woods, TOMP; SCNC – Spencer Crest Nature Center, STEU; StP – Stewart Park, TOMP; TCAH – The Center at Horseheads, CHEM; TF – Tanglewood Forest, CHEM; TFSP – Taughannock Falls SP.

### LOONS – DUCKS

**Red-throated Loon:** arr 2 StP 27 Oct; max 8 TFSP 28 Oct; last StP 27 Nov.  
**Com. Loon:** max 1829 TFSP 9 Nov.  
**Horned Grebe:** arr AuB 21 Oct; max 12 AuB 28 Oct (CT), high.  
**Red-necked Grebe:** arr 2 MyPt 20 Oct (BF, PH, MMe); max & last 2 CayL 24 Nov (BB).  
**Am. Bittern:** MNWR 22 Sep; last MNWR 4 Oct.  
**Least Bittern:** MNWR 8 Sep (MMe, MSa, MWs, MY); last MNWR 18 Sep.  
**Great Blue Heron:** max 200 MNWR 30 Sep (DR), high.  
**Great Egret:** max 28 MWC 8 Sep; last TFSP 16 Nov.  
**CATTLE EGRET:** arr Romulus 21 Nov (FS); last Romulus 22 Nov.  
**Green Heron:** max 18 TCAH 5 Sep; last West Danby 29 Sep.  
**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** max 4 MWC 8 Sep.

**BLACK VULTURE:** Dryden 14 Nov (BB), only report.

**Turkey Vulture:** max 101 MyPt 13 Oct; last 2 Dryden 14 Nov.

### GREATER WHITE-FRONTED

**GOOSE:** arr MWC 29 Sep (GDa), early; max 2 MNWR 7 Oct (BGU, LJ, LL); last MNWR 22 Oct.

**Snow Goose:** arr MNWR 18 Sep; max 200 MWC 3 Nov; last 150 MNWR 24 Nov.

**Canada Goose:** max 20,000 MNWR 30 Sep (DR), high.

**Brant:** arr & max 9 Pyramid Mall TOMP 29 Sep, early & low; last 3 MyPt 19 Nov.

**Mute Swan:** arr & max 2 Clute Memorial P SCHU 20 Sep, late; last Dryden 19 Nov.

**Tundra Swan:** arr 2 MWC 8 Oct (BGU), early; max 350 MNWR 24 Nov.

**Wood Duck:** max 40 MWC 8 Sep; last Dryden 19 Nov.

**Gadwall:** arr MNWR 13 Oct; max 60 MNWR 21 Oct.

**Blue-winged Teal:** max 20 MNWR 25 Sep; last 2 MWC 3 Nov.  
**N. Shoveler:** arr MNWR 1 Sep; max 40 MNWR 21 Oct; last Seybolt Rd Bait Pds 24 Nov.  
**N. Pintail:** arr 6 MNWR 30 Sep, late; max 100 MWC 13 Oct; last 15 MWC 24 Nov (JGe, WH, SK), late.  
**Green-winged Teal:** arr MNWR 3 Sep; max 101 MWC 8 Sep; last 8 MNWR 24 Nov.  
**Canvasback:** arr MNWR 19 Oct; max 26 MWC 3 Nov.  
**Redhead:** arr StP 9 Oct; max 26 MWC 3 Nov.  
**Ring-necked Duck:** arr 20 MWC 13 Oct, late; max 501 MWC 3 Nov.  
**Greater Scaup:** arr Newtown Creek CHEM 4 Nov; max 2 PSt 25 Nov; last 2 PSt 25 Nov.  
**Lesser Scaup:** arr DryL 7 Oct; max 10 MyPt 27 Oct.  
**Surf Scoter:** CayL 28 Oct (CT), only report.  
**White-winged Scoter:** arr 2 StP 20 Oct; max 10 Red Jacket Yacht Club SENE 16 Nov; last 2 MyPt 30 Nov (BB), late.  
**Black Scoter:** arr 2 StP 28 Oct, late; max 35 TFSP 30 Oct; last StP 28 Nov (SK), late.  
**Long-tailed Duck:** arr MyPt 27 Oct; max 41 DryL 28 Oct; last StP 15 Nov.  
**Bufflehead:** arr MNWR 19 Oct; max 54 MNWR 21 Nov.  
**Com. Goldeneye:** arr StP 28 Oct; max 7 CayL 24 Nov.  
**Hooded Merganser:** max 31 StP 12 Nov.  
**Red-breasted Merganser:** arr & max 4 StP 7 Oct; last TFSP 17 Nov.  
**Ruddy Duck:** arr StP 27 Sep (DA, JGe, MH, BoMc), early; max 6 MWC 3 Nov, low.

#### HAWKS – ALCIDS

**Osprey:** max 5 MWC 8 Sep; last Coming 27 Oct.  
**Red-shouldered Hawk:** max 2 KH 17 Oct; last Caroline 17 Nov (SK), late.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** SCNC 2 Sep; last Dryden 24 Sep.  
**Rough-legged Hawk:** arr MtPl 11 Oct; max 3 Summerhill 17 Nov.  
**Golden Eagle:** arr Caroline 10 Oct; Veteran 10 Nov.  
**Peregrine Falcon:** max 2 MNWR 13 Oct; last KH 15 Nov.  
**Ring-necked Pheasant:** max 8 CLB 24 Nov (JGe, WH, SK), high.  
**Sora:** max & last 2 MNWR 22 Sep.  
**Com. Moorhen:** max 50 MWC 8 Sep (RSp, ASt), high; last CLB 22 Oct.  
**SANDHILL CRANE:** MWC 16 Sep (DNe, CT, DPr).  
**Black-bellied Plover:** max 30 MNWR 30 Sep (DR), high; last 9 MNWR 21 Nov (BB), Reg record late.  
**Am. Golden-Plover:** max 12 MNWR 18 Sep; last MNWR 14 Oct.  
**Semipalmated Plover:** max 40 MNWR 15 Sep; last 3 MNWR 21 Oct.  
**PIPING PLOVER:** arr MyPt 15 Sep (PH, MMe, mob, ph); last MyPt 22 Sep (BT).  
**Killdeer:** max 76 MWC 8 Sep; last MyPt 16 Nov.  
**Greater Yellowlegs:** max 100 MNWR 25 Sep (BB), high; last 3 MNWR 24 Nov.  
**Lesser Yellowlegs:** max 101 MWC 8 Sep; last 3 MNWR 21 Nov (BB), ties Reg late record.  
**Solitary Sandpiper:** MWC 8 Sep (RSp ASt), only report.  
**Spotted Sandpiper:** SaW 8 Sep; last HH 21 Oct.  
**Hudsonian Godwit:** arr & max 3 MNWR 25 Sep (BB); last CLB 22 Oct (BB).  
**Ruddy Turnstone:** max 2 StP 10 Sep (BE, MSa, MWs), only report.  
**Sanderling:** max 4 MNWR 14 Sep; last MyPt 18 Sep.  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** max 80 MNWR 25 Sep; last 12 MNWR 3 Nov.  
**W. Sandpiper:** arr MNWR 1 Sep; last MNWR 20 Oct.  
**Least Sandpiper:** max 31 MWC 8 Sep (RSp, ASt); last 23 MNWR 21 Nov (BB),

ties Reg late record.

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** max 10 MNWR 18 Sep; last 3 MNWR 21 Oct.

**Baird's Sandpiper:** max 5 MNWR 1 Sep; last MNWR 22 Sep.

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** max 101 MNWR 23 Sep; last 3 Tyre 3 Nov.

**Dunlin:** arr MNWR 23 Sep; max 105 MNWR 3 Nov; last 5 MNWR 24 Nov.

**Stilt Sandpiper:** max 21 MNWR 22 Sep; last 3 MNWR 3 Nov (PH), late.

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper:** last MNWR 20 Sep.

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** max & last 3 MNWR 14 Sep.

**Long-billed Dowitcher:** max 20 MNWR 21 Oct (AM&TJ), high; last 4 MNWR 3 Nov (SUNY, BC, MY), late.

**Com. Snipe:** max 41 MWC 8 Sep; last Tyre 3 Nov.

**Am. Woodcock:** max 4 Etna 11 Sep (SA), high; last Beam Hill 16 Oct.

**Wilson's Phalarope:** MNWR 11 Sep (CSa), only report.

**Red-necked Phalarope:** last MNWR 18 Sep (BF).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** max 2 DryL 5 Nov; last TFSP 20 Nov (mob), late.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** arr MNWR 14 Sep; MNWR 13 Oct.

**Caspian Tern:** max 4 CVT 1 Sep; last MNWR 15 Sep.

**Com. Tern:** arr & max 8 MNWR 13 Oct (BB), late & high.

**Black Tern:** max 2 MNWR 14 Sep (BF, PH), high; last MNWR 1 Oct (A&JWe), Reg late record.

#### DOVES – WOODPECKERS

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** Mark Twain SP 9 Sep (DR), only report.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** TF 2 Oct (BO), only report.

**Great Horned Owl:** max 6 KH 23 Sep (J&SGrg), high.

**Snowy Owl:** Phelps 7 Nov (BGu, C&JSI), only report.

**Barred Owl:** max 2 Caroline 4 Nov

(MGr), high.

**Short-eared Owl:** arr & max 2 Ledyard 21 Nov.

**N. Saw-whet Owl:** Summerhill 11 Nov.

**Com. Nighthawk:** max 6 Elmira 4 Sep; last MNWR 8 Sep, early.

**Chimney Swift:** max 5 SaW 8 Sep; last 2 Mark Twain SP 23 Sep.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** max 12 KH 2 Sep (J&SGrg), high; last KH 28 Sep.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** last LoPd 22 Sep (BO, DR).

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** max 3 MWC 8 Sep (RSp, ASt), high.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** max 6 CorU 29 Sep (JEl, MH), high; last 2 Covert 24 Nov.

**N. Flicker:** max 10 MWC 8 Sep, low.

#### FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

**E. Wood-Pewee:** max 5 MWC 8 Sep; last StP 29 Sep.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** max 2 Hector 5 Sep (J&SGrg), high; last CorU 29 Sep.

**Alder Flycatcher:** KH 23 Sep; last KH 25 Sep.

**Willow Flycatcher:** KH 23 Sep; last KH 25 Sep.

**Least Flycatcher:** KH 6 Sep; last KH 10 Sep.

**E. Phoebe:** max 6 SCNC 15 Sep; last JCAP 29 Oct.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** SaW 8 Sep; last CorU 14 Sep.

**E. Kingbird:** max 2 SaW 8 Sep (BB); last KH 28 Sep.

**N. Shrike:** arr T Ithaca P 28 Oct; Halderman Hollow CHEM 6 Nov.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** max 2 MWC 8 Sep; last SCNC 29 Sep.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** max 6 CorU 15 Sep; last SaW 6 Nov (GDe JGe), Reg record late.

**Warbling Vireo:** max 2 KH 6 Sep; last KH 10 Sep.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr Sullivanville Dam CHEM 11 Sep, late; max 2 HHP 13 Sep;

last Caroline 21 Sep.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** max 12 Newtown Battlefield Reservation CHEM 10 Sep (BO); last KH 21 Oct.

**Fish Crow:** max 15 StP 24 Oct (J&KMc), high.

**Horned Lark:** max 75 DryL 18 Nov, low.

**Purple Martin:** max 101 MWC 8 Sep (RSp, ASst), only report.

**Tree Swallow:** max 900,000 MWC 8 Sep (RSp, ASst), high; last 30 MWC 21 Oct.  
**N. Rough-winged Swallow:** max 60,000 MWC 8 Sep (RSp, ASst), high; last 20 MWC 21 Oct.

**Bank Swallow:** max 30000 MWC 8 Sep (RSp, ASst), high.

**Cliff Swallow:** max 4 StP 27 Sep (DA JGe, MH, BoMc), high; last 4 StP 27 Sep.

**Barn Swallow:** max 10,000 MWC 8 Sep (RSp, ASst), high; last 5 MWC 21 Oct.

**Tufted Titmouse:** max 8 SCNC 16 Sep (BB), high.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** max 18 SCNC 22 Sep (BB), high.

**Brown Creeper:** max 6 CorU 15 Sep (MH), high.

**House Wren:** Caroline 3 Sep; last TF 2 Oct, early.

**Winter Wren:** max 6 StP 17 Oct (BE), high; last Elmira 31 Oct.

**Marsh Wren:** max 6 MNWR 22 Sep (BT), high; last Lansing 13 Oct.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr 2 SaW 8 Sep; max 21 Lansing 29 Sep; last SCNC 11 Nov.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** CVT 1 Sep; last StP 6 Sep.

**Veery:** max 50 MtPl 11 Sep (CT), high; last HHP 4 Oct.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr MtPl 10 Sep; max 11 West Danby 29 Sep (GK), high; last 2 Arnot Forest TOMP 28 Oct (PH), late.

**Swainson's Thrush:** max & last 75 West Danby 29 Sep (GK), high.

**Hermit Thrush:** max 3 SCNC 13 Oct; last KH 29 Oct.

**Wood Thrush:** max 50 MtPl 11 Sep (CT),

high; last Caroline 5 Oct.

**Am. Robin:** max 400 SaW 5 Nov (KR), high.

**Gray Catbird:** max 11 Lansing 29 Sep; last Dryden 4 Nov.

**Brown Thrasher:** max 3 Lansing 29 Sep (MSa, MSt), high; last Lansing 20 Oct.

**Am. Pipit:** arr MNWR 18 Sep; max 75 Dryden 28 Oct; last MWC 24 Nov.

## WARBLERS

**Blue-winged Warbler:** last SCNC 15 Sep.

**Tennessee Warbler:** max 3 CorU 15 Sep; last StP 29 Sep.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** arr Lansing 29 Sep; max & last 2 MWC 21 Oct (CT), high.

**Nashville Warbler:** max 10 SCNC 15 Sep (BB), high; last KH 27 Oct.

**N. Parula:** arr CorU 12 Sep; max 3 CorU 14 Sep; last Beam Hill 16 Oct.

**Yellow Warbler:** max & last 2 SaW 8 Sep (BB), high.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** max 12 CorU 14 Sep (PH), high; last KH 10 Oct (J&SGrg), Reg late record.

**Magnolia Warbler:** max 12 CorU 14 Sep (PH), high; last KH 10 Oct.

**Cape May Warbler:** last StP 29 Sep (MH).

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** max 2 HHP 22 Sep; last SaW 4 Oct.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** max 27 HHP 13 Sep; last 5 CLB 16 Nov.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** max 10 CorU 29 Sep (JEl, MH), high; last HH 24 Oct.

**Blackburnian Warbler:** max 2 SCNC 1 Sep; last SCNC 15 Sep.

**Pine Warbler:** max 6 HHP 22 Sep (CVAS), high; last TF 5 Oct.

**Prairie Warbler:** last LoPd 22 Sep.

**Palm Warbler:** arr KH 12 Sep; max 6 StP 29 Sep; last E Shore P TOMP 3 Nov (GB, CaBC), late.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** max & last 2 TF 20 Sep.

**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr 2 SaW 8 Sep; max 5 HHP 13 Sep; last KH 29 Oct (J&SGrg), Reg late record.  
**Black-and-white Warbler:** max 3 CorU 15 Sep (MH), high; last Southport 30 Sep.  
**Am. Redstart:** max 5 SaW 8 Sep; last Beam Hill 30 Sep.  
**Ovenbird:** max 2 SaW 8 Sep; last GMFB 28 Sep.  
**N. Waterthrush:** last StP 29 Sep (MH), Reg late record.  
**Mourning Warbler:** last KH 25 Sep.  
**Com. Yellowthroat:** max 11 Lansing 29 Sep; last KH 17 Oct.  
**Hooded Warbler:** last Southport 30 Sep.  
**Wilson's Warbler:** arr KH 9 Sep; max 2 CorU 12 Sep; last StP 28 Sep.  
**Canada Warbler:** max & last 2 SCNC 15 Sep (BB), high.  
**YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT:** MNWR 3 Sep (JGe, MH), only report.

#### TANAGERS – WEAVERS

**Scarlet Tanager:** max 3 TF 17 Sep; last KH 29 Sep.  
**E. Towhee:** max 17 GMFB 28 Sep; last Lansing 20 Oct.  
**Am. Tree Sparrow:** arr 2 HH 28 Oct; max 16 Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve TOMP 28 Oct.  
**Chipping Sparrow:** max 47 HHP 4 Oct; last KH 25 Nov.  
**CLAY-COLORED SPARROW:** KH 8-9 Oct (J&SGrg).  
**Field Sparrow:** max 12 PSt 4 Oct; last GMFB 3 Nov.  
**Vesper Sparrow:** max 5 HHP 8 Oct (JSc, ATh), high; last MNWR 21 Nov (BB), late.  
**Savannah Sparrow:** max 10 Dryden 30 Sep; last 6 CLB 24 Nov, late.  
**Fox Sparrow:** arr Lansing 13 Oct; max 8 GMFB 3 Nov; last 4 SCNC 11 Nov, early.  
**Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr KH 1 Sep (J&SGrg), early; max 5 KH 15 Sep; last

KH 29 Oct.

**Swamp Sparrow:** max 20 DryL 30 Sep; last KH 31 Oct, early.  
**White-crowned Sparrow:** arr 2 LoPd 27 Sep; max 11 LoPd 11 Oct; last KH 16 Nov.  
**Dark-eyed Junco:** max 120 Dryden 27 Oct (LS), high.  
**Lapland Longspur:** arr & max 2 DryL 18 Nov (BB), late.  
**Snow Bunting:** arr 15 Union Springs CAYU 26 Oct; max 40 MNWR 24 Nov.  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** max & last 6 Ithaca 28 Sep, low.  
**Indigo Bunting:** max 6 Dryden 30 Sep; last 2 Hector 29 Nov (J&SGrg), late.  
**Bobolink:** max 4 MWC 8 Sep; last StP 29 Sep.  
**Red-winged Blackbird:** max 10,000 MWC 30 Sep; last 3 DryL 18 Nov.  
**E. Meadowlark:** max 2 PSt 23 Sep; last Summerhill SF CAYU 2 Nov.  
**Rusty Blackbird:** arr CayL 16 Sep; max 75 Ithaca 3 Nov; last PSt 10 Nov, early.  
**Com. Grackle:** max 10,000 MNWR 30 Sep; last E. Corning 17 Nov.  
**Brown-headed Cowbird:** max 1000 TCAH 13 Sep; last KH 18 Oct, early.  
**Baltimore Oriole:** last GMFB 5 Sep.  
**PINE GROSBEEK:** arr & max 3 Ithaca College 24 Nov (St&SuF).  
**House Finch:** max 75 CLB 24 Nov (BB), high.  
**Red Crossbill:** arr Summerhill 2 Nov; max 2 Dryden 4 Nov.  
**White-winged Crossbill:** arr 4 Summerhill 2 Nov; max 10 Ithaca 7 Nov.  
**Com. Redpoll:** arr Dryden 29 Oct; max 150 KH 25 Nov (J&SGrg), high.  
**Pine Siskin:** arr Dryden 14 Oct; max 33 Summerhill 2 Nov (MY), high.  
**Evening Grosbeak:** arr 2 Beam Hill 30 Sep; max 51 Hector 29 Nov.  
  
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