

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The warm and sunny weather continued in September. The average temperature for the month was 66.9° F, which was 5.4° above normal and the warmest September in more than 40 years at Buffalo. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 2.54", 1.3" below normal, with 1.5" of it occurring on the 27th with the remnants of Tropical Depression Isidore. October remained warm through the first two weeks but turned chilly and wet for the remainder of the month. The average temperature was 49.3°, 1.4° below normal, and the monthly precipitation was a normal 3.21". Very strong wind events occurred on 4–7 and 19–20 October, resulting in some good wind-blown bird records on Lake Erie in Athol Springs. The 13th was cool and wet, making viewing conditions less than desirable for the Buffalo Ornithological Society's (BOS) October count. November was blustery and winter-like. The average temperature was 39.4°, 0.8° below normal. The monthly precipitation was 3.57", 0.35" below normal; snowfall of 8.9" was 2.1" below normal. No major weather events occurred in the month.

The warm summer and September resulted in an extended breeding season for some species, including Mourning Dove, Red-eyed Vireo and Northern Cardinal. Fall passerine migrants seemed to trickle through during the warm September weather, although higher numbers were recorded on the 15th and 28th. Several birders commented on the impressive number of nocturnal migrants flying overhead on the night of 3–4 October. This corresponds with Art Clark's report of about 200 bird kills under area TV towers found on the morning of the 4th, which was the second highest total in the last ten years (R. Wagner, BOS, *The Prothonotary*, Vol. 68, No. 10, October 2002). The wet and chilly conditions in late October and November likely resulted in less birder coverage on Lake Ontario, as reports and notable findings from that area were decreased this year. By mid-November, many of the Region's birders turn their attention to gulls on the Niagara River, where large numbers were still building up during the last week of the month.

Alan Wormington identified the Region's second **Great Cormorant** (the second in two years) while leading a group of Michigan birders on the Niagara River. The bird was observed exiting the river to Lake Ontario on 23 November.

There were some impressive counts of waterfowl made from inland locations such as Attica Reservoir and Cuba Lake in addition to the better covered Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant and Chautauqua Lake. High numbers of Northern Shovelers and Ruddy Ducks continued at Batavia, while good counts of Hooded and Common mergansers were made at several locations in November. "Richardson's" Canada Geese (*B. c. hutchinsii*) were observed again this fall at Iroquois NWR, and there were unverified reports of up to five in East Aurora. Two

Barrow's Goldeneyes were documented by Dominic Sherony at Niagara Falls. This species is much less than annual in the Region.

For the third consecutive fall, piscivorous waterbirds along Lake Erie were affected by an outbreak of type E botulism. The impact on migrating waterfowl has been severe and mortality has increased each year on the lake. The outbreak had previously been restricted to Lake Erie, but NYSDEC's fears of geographic expansion of this outbreak were realized when 50 Long-tailed Ducks were collected along Lake Ontario shores this fall. Lake Ontario represents a greater potential risk to waterfowl populations as fall migration is typically heavier there than on Lake Erie.

The NYSDEC again conducted counts of dead birds at 13 500-meter transects to document the number killed by species and to make mortality projections for the entire New York Lake Erie shoreline. A total of 985 birds of 13 species were found dead during the surveys this fall, indicating that as many as 18,000 birds died due to botulism. This number far exceeds those of the previous two fall seasons. This mortality estimate only accounts for birds washed up on shore. Considering that the birds die in the water and perhaps just as many never wash ashore, the situation is all the more dire. Counts and projected mortality for the entire New York Lake Erie shoreline (2002 fall season) included: 728 Long-tailed Duck (projected mortality 13,300), 112 Common Loon (2050), 46 Red-breasted Merganser (840), 26 Herring Gull (475), 21 merganser species (385), 15 Horned Grebe (275), 15 Ring-billed Gull (275), 7 Greater Scaup (128), 5 unidentified gulls (92), 2 Great Black-backed Gull (37), 2 Red-necked Grebe (37), 2 unidentified ducks (37), and 1 each of Wood Duck, scoter species, Common Merganser and Bonaparte's Gull (18 each).

Increased reports of Bald Eagles, Merlins and Peregrine Falcons continued this season and are encouraging. On 12 September, Peter Yoerg found a Merlin at the annual winter roosting site at the University of Buffalo, South Campus. This early return is somewhat surprising; five were present by the end of November. Brett Ewald found a large field in Porter containing an impressive count of 26 Northern Harriers and five Short-eared Owls.

Fall shorebirding was average and no locations provided high or consistent numbers. Most notable were the two **Hudsonian Godwits** that Willie D'Anna and Betsy Potter found in Somerset. Purple Sandpipers were recorded at two locations in November, both away from the sites of nearly annual records at Niagara Falls, from which there were no reports this year.

Gull numbers were still increasing on the Niagara River as the season ended. Eleven species were present in November. One adult and one third-winter **California Gull** were found, making 11 consecutive years for this species on the river. An adult **Black-headed Gull** and immature Black-legged Kittiwake there were enjoyed by many observers.

The usual late summer and early fall reports of Common Nighthawks were made, but the numbers were lower than even the poor counts of recent years. Far more nighthawks are typically seen in fall migration than in spring migration. This year reports were low for both seasons.

The highlight of the season was the Region's first **Cave Swallow**. On 16 November, Willie D'Anna found one among a large group of swallows on the Niagara River, as viewed from Goat Island. Several others were able to see the bird, sometimes perched, on subsequent days. Cave Swallows were sighted in several Great Lakes locations outside this Region earlier in the week. Swallows of any species are rare in November and the group of more than 100, primarily Northern Rough-winged, with two Tree swallows, was unprecedented.

A real surprise was a **Yellow-throated Warbler** that frequented Carol Harding's yard in Portland, Chautauqua County, 5–19 November. This is the second very late occurrence in the Region for this very rare species.

Don Roberson found 15 Cape May Warblers in a fallout of warblers at Goat Island on 19 September; 11 were found in one group several days later. These high numbers parallel similar numbers last year at the same location and are unusual given the typical scarcity of this species in recent migrations. Late warblers this year included a **Prairie** in October and **Tennessee** and **Pine** in November.

Linda Holmes saw a **Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow** on one of her nearly daily trips to Sinking Ponds Sanctuary in East Aurora. This makes the second year in a row for this species that had not been reported in the Region since 1983.

Finches were extremely scarce this fall. There were only two reports of **Pine Siskins** and no reports of **grosbeaks**, **crossbills** or **redpolls**. **Purple Finch** numbers were also very low.

Other significant sightings not previously mentioned included **Eared Grebe**, **Harlequin Duck**, **Sandhill Crane**, **Barn Owl** and **White-eyed Vireo**.

The 67th annual BOS October Count was held on the 13th and compiled by Mike Hamilton. The count recorded 163 species, with an impressive eight record high counts and no record low counts. Highest counts since inception in 1935 were recorded for: **Northern Shoveler** (387), **Green-winged Teal** (401), **Ruddy Duck** (1271), **Bald Eagle** (7), **Merlin** (6), **Peregrine Falcon** (3), **Northern Saw-whet Owl** (6) and **Red-bellied Woodpecker** (61). Low counts for the past decade were made for 13 species, including **American Crow** (3185). Several observers noted declines in crow numbers and theorized it is due to mortality from **West Nile Virus**. However, too many variables exist with the count and with bird mortality in general to reach any conclusions due to cause.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP ERIE; BOSOC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 13 Oct Count; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP ERIE; BWWT – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor CHAU; FMCSP – Four Mile Creek SP NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP NIAG; GI – Goat I NIAG; INWR – Iroquois NWR GENE/ORLE; JAS – Jamestown Audubon Sanctuary CHAU; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP ORLE; NF – Niagara Falls NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project on NR, Lewiston NIAG; NR – Niagara R ERIE/NIAG; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA GENE; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary, E Aurora ERIE; Tift NP – Tift Nature Preserve, Buffalo ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA GENE/NIAG; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP NIAG.

LOONS – DUCKS

Red-throated Loon: arr 9 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 20 Oct (WD); max 58 Yates ORLE 23 Nov (BK).

Com. Loon: arr GHSP 30 Sep.

Pied-billed Grebe: 3 yg BuSP 13 Sep (WW), on the late side for young birds.

Horned Grebe: arr 3 Somerset NIAG 30 Sep; 3 BOSOC, near record low; Dayton CHAU 9 Nov; very few reports.

Red-necked Grebe: arr BWWT 2 Nov (MM); 2 FNSP 3 Nov (PY); Somerset NIAG 3 Nov (MM); only reports.

EARED GREBE: 4 BWWT thru 2 Nov (MM! WW! BK!), 2 remained thru 24 Nov (WW!), continued presence since summer, latest stay to date there.

GREAT CORMORANT: Youngstown NR 23 Nov (AW!), flying out to L Ontario, 2nd for Reg.

Double-crested Cormorant: 500 Buffalo ERIE 15 Sep; max 940 BuSP 7 Oct; 811 BOSOC; 240 DH 5 Nov; Cuba L ALLE 9 Nov; lower max than recent fall seasons.

Am. Bittern: INWR 5 Sep; ChauL 14 Sep; Sheridan CHAU 10 Oct; last INWR 27 Oct (PY); only reports.

Great Egret: max 4 NR 6 & 13 Sep; last

3 BOSOC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: Frewsburg CHAU 9 Nov (PB); 2 Buffalo ERIE 6-16 Nov (PY), traditional wintering location.

Turkey Vulture: last Tonawanda ERIE 30 Oct.

Greater White-fronted Goose x Snow Goose: possible hybrid showing many field marks of both species, Barcelona Harbor CHAU 30 Sep (LD! TS!).

Snow Goose: arr Amity L ALLE 22 Sep (VP!), early; Newstead ERIE 29 Sep (BK!); 3 BWWT 6 Oct; 2 Westfield CHAU 12 Oct; max 7 INWR 20-27 Oct; Attica Res WYOM 9 Nov; 6 OOWMA 12 Nov; SPNS 20 Nov.

Canada "Richardson's" Goose (*B. c. hutchinsii*): max 25 INWR 27 Oct (PY!), in same location in similar numbers as recent fall seasons; 5,1 INWR 2,3 Nov (MM! NYSARC); 5 SPNS 19 Nov (LH).
Brant: arr 5 Olcott NIAG 4 Oct (STO); Athol Springs ERIE 5 Oct (MM); Yates ORLE 6 Oct (BK!); all slightly early; last 4 FMCSP 3 Nov.

Mute Swan: max 4 Wilson NIAG 23 Nov.

Trumpeter Swan: ChauL 4-13 Oct (BS,

PB), unbanded, origin unknown.
Tundra Swan: arr 2 SPNS 21 Oct; 6 BWWT 2 Nov; 5 Amity L ALLE 7 Nov; 38 Attica Res WYOM 9 Nov; max 81 OOWMA 12 Nov; 70 ChauL 15 Nov; 36 ChauL 30 Nov.
N. Shoveler: 75 ChauL 5 Oct; 387 BOSOC, count high; max 420 BWWT 19 Oct (WW), high; 202 BWWT 24 Nov.
Green-winged Teal: max 401 BOSOC, count high, included 250 Akron Res WYOM; 80 Tiff NP 13 Nov.
Canvasback: BuSP 4 Sep (WW!), very early; 2 BWWT 7 Sep (BK!), summered; 22 ChauL 15 Oct; max 500 NF 5 Nov.
Redhead: 16 BOSOC; 4 BWWT 2 Nov; 4 NF 5 Nov; only reports.
Ring-necked Duck: arr BuSP 4 Sep (WW!); 11 BWWT 29 Sep; 280 Brocton Res CHAU 2 Nov; max 310 Attica Res 9 Nov; 110 INWR 12 Nov.
Greater Scaup: BWWT 14 Sep (WW!), summered; arr 6 Buffalo ERIE 29 Sep; max 1000 NF 5 Nov.
Lesser Scaup: INWR 7 Sep, early; max 70 Somerset NIAG 26 Oct.
HARLEQUIN DUCK: Yates ORLE 9 Nov (BK, DH); nearly annual.
Surf Scoter: arr 5 Athol Springs 5 Oct, 4 Athol Springs 20 Oct; 2 Silver Creek CHAU 5 Nov; AISP 9 Nov (MD), unusual inland; max 50 Buffalo NR 24 Nov (PY), good count.
White-winged Scoter: arr 2 GHSP 7 Sep.
Black Scoter: arr 15 Athol Springs ERIE & 7 Olcott NIAG 20 Oct; DH 27 Oct; NF 30 Oct; 4 Somerset NIAG 3 Nov; BWWT 12 & 17 Nov, very unusual inland; 2 Buffalo NR 24 Nov.
Long-tailed Duck: arr BOSOC.
Bufflehead: arr 2 GHSP 6 Oct (BK!), early; max 300 Buffalo NR 28 Nov.
Com. Goldeneye: arr 2 BOSOC.
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: 2 NF 24 Nov (DoS!), very rare.
Hooded Merganser: 137 INWR 26 Oct (STO); max 550 Attica Res WYOM 9

Nov (BK), very good count; 90 Cuba L ALLE 9 Nov.

Com. Merganser: 180 Attica Res WYOM 9 Nov; max 950 ChauL 29 Nov (JB); excellent inland counts.

Ruddy Duck: 1271 BOSOC, count high; max 1470 BWWT 19 Oct (WW); 160 ChauL 26 Oct; 49 Attica Res WYOM 9 Nov; 36 Cuba L ALLE 9 Nov.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: last 3 BOSOC.

Bald Eagle: Watts Flats WMA CHAU 28 Sep; Hamburg ERIE 6 Oct; 7 CATT BOSOC, count high; JAS 27 Oct; Frewsburg CHAU 31 Oct; 2 ad INWR 2 Nov; ad DH 5 Nov; 2 ad Rushford CATT 9 Nov; ad Olean CATT 25 Nov; ad Westfield CHAU 30 Nov; ad ChauL 30 Nov; good showing, especially for adults.

N. Harrier: 26 Porter NIAG 15 Nov (BE), impressive count for one large field.
N. Goshawk: imm Wethersfield WYOM 18 Oct (DJ); Pike WYOM 9 Nov (BK!), typical number for season.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 9 BOSOC; Busti CHAU 3 Nov (JB); few reported in fall.

Broad-winged Hawk: 5 BOSOC; few reported in fall.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr Westfield CHAU 12 Oct; Frewsburg CHAU 15 Oct; 7 other reports.

Merlin: arr winter roost Buffalo ERIE 12 Sep (PY), up to 5 by end of Nov; 6 BOSOC, count high; 10 other reports; excellent showing, reports continue to increase.

Peregrine Falcon: INWR 30 Sep; Athol Springs ERIE 5 Oct; INWR 6 Oct, 3 BOSOC, count high; BWWT 22 Oct & 12 Nov; 2 Buffalo ERIE 28 Oct; Lewiston NIAG 23 Nov; good showing.

Virginia Rail: TWMA 7 Sep & 6 Oct (BK, DH); last SPNS 17 Oct; few reported in fall.

Sora: TWMA 7 Sep & 6 Oct (BK, DH); few reported in fall.

Com. Moorhen: last BWWT 22 Oct

(DR).

SANDHILL CRANE: BWWTP 10 Nov (MM!), first for location; fall reports very rare.

Black-bellied Plover: DH 26 Sep; BWWTP 29 Sep, 2 DH 2 Oct; only reports.

Am. Golden-Plover: LBSP 6 Sep; BWWTP 14 Sep; INWR 14 & 29 Sep; BWWTP 6 Oct; last 2 BOSOC.

Semipalmated Plover: last 5 BOSOC.

Killdeer: INWR 3 Nov; BWWTP 17 Nov; only reports beyond Oct.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 22 INWR 3 Nov; last TWMA 24 Nov.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 20 BWWTP 14 Sep; last Tift NP 9 Nov (WW), late.

Solitary Sandpiper: last BOSOC.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT: 2 Somerset NIAG 20 Oct (WD! BP); rare in Reg.

Ruddy Turnstone: 6 Somerset NIAG 22 Sep (MM); only report.

Sanderling: DH 13 Oct; DH 5 Nov (FR); only reports.

Least Sandpiper: BWWTP 20 Nov (DoS!), very late.

White-rumped Sandpiper: last NF 3 Nov (WD).

Baird's Sandpiper: ChauL 4 Sep; 2 BWWTP 7 Sep; last INWR 29 Sep.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 35 INWR 27 Oct; last Attica Res WYOM 9 Nov.

Purple Sandpiper: WTSP 3 Nov (PY); 3 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 24 Nov (PY); different locations from where typically found.

Dunlin: arr 9 BOSOC; BWWTP 19 Oct; max 105 INWR 3 Nov; 62 NF 3 Nov; last 6 DH 18 Nov.

Stilt Sandpiper: 3 INWR 6 Oct; only report.

Short-billed Dowitcher: 3 INWR 7 Sep; only report.

Wilson's Snipe: max 15 INWR 29 Sep; last BWWTP 17 Nov.

Am. Woodcock: last Pomfret CHAU 1 Nov (TM).

Red-necked Phalarope: 4 GHSP 7 Sep

(BK, DH); migrants on L Ontario; BWWTP 10 Oct (MZ), on the late side.

Parasitic Jaeger: Athol Springs ERIE 5 Oct (RA!); only report.

jaeger sp.: Athol Springs ERIE 20 Oct (RA), reported as possible Long-tailed; no jaeger reports from L Ontario this season.

Little Gull: Buffalo NR 13 Oct; Somerset NIAG, GHSP 20 Oct; Athol Springs ERIE 1 Nov; Somerset NIAG 3 Nov; NF 19-23 Nov; Buffalo NR 24 Nov; modest number of reports.

BLACK-HEADED GULL: NF 22 Nov (GB!); Porter NR 23 Nov (WD!); likely same bird.

Bonaparte's Gull: 3 BWWTP 2 & 10 Nov; 3 Cuba L ALLE; max 3420 NR 28 Nov (GB) counted at Niagara-on-the-Lake flypast; 57 ChauL 30 Nov.

CALIFORNIA GULL: 2 NPP 23 Nov (WD!), ad & third-winter; both seen and documented in same area by others 23-30 Nov (MM! JB! KF); 11th consecutive year on NR.

Thayer's Gull: a few reported NPP & NF late Nov, undocumented.

Iceland Gull: arr NF 10 Nov.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 4 NF 6 Oct; DH 9 Nov (FR); Buffalo NR 24 Nov; max 5 NF/NPP 23 Nov.

Black-legged Kittiwake: imm Athol Springs ERIE 18 Nov (MT, JL, RA); imm NF 20-30 Nov (WD; mob).

Caspian Tern: max 11 BeSP 13 Sep; last 2 Buffalo ERIE 28 Sep (MM!), slightly late.

Com. Tern: last DH & Buffalo NR 9 Nov.

Forster's Tern: DH 5 Nov (FR); only report.

DOVES – WOODPECKERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Tift NP 15 Sep (MM); BuSP 17 Oct (EL); fall reports unusual.

BARN OWL: Oakfield GENE 6 Oct (BK, DH), heard but not seen, caution should be exercised to eliminate yg Great Horned;

rarely reported.

Snowy Owl: Pomfret CHAU 26 Nov (AB); only report.

Short-eared Owl: 5 Porter NIAG 15 Nov (BE); 3 Shelby ORLE 24 Nov (STO); traditional locations.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 34 banded Wethersfield WYOM 5-27 Oct (DJ); GHSP 6 Oct (BK! DH).

Com. Nighthawk: max 21 Falconer CHAU 2-4 Sep (LD), lower max than usual; last TWMA 6 Oct; only 6 other reports.

Chimney Swift: last 23 BOSOC.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Tift NP 15 Sep.

Red-headed Woodpecker: reports from 6 traditional locations.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 61 BOSOC, count high.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Tift NP 12 Sep.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: last INWR 7 Sep (BK).

E. Wood-Pewee: last 2 BOSOC.

Least Flycatcher: last Tift NP 15 Sep.

E. Phoebe: last Lancaster ERIE 2 Nov.

Gr. Crested Flycatcher: last Buffalo ERIE 5 Oct (PY!), late.

E. Kingbird: last Tift NP 8 Sep.

N. Shrike: arr INWR 3 Nov; 6 other Nov reports.

White-eyed Vireo: Tift NP 5 Oct (DeS); very rare in fall.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last 3 INWR 8 Sep.

Blue-headed Vireo: last SPNS 17 Oct.

Warbling Vireo: last GI 19 Sep.

Philadelphia Vireo: 3 Sep reports; last Tift NP 6 Oct.

Red-eyed Vireo: 2 ad + 3 fl Yates ORLE 14 Sep (STO), late for fl; last 4 BOSOC.

Com. Raven: 14 BOSOC; 2 Wethersfield WYOM 22 Oct (DJ); reports from 4 ALLE, CATT locations.

Tree Swallow: max 900 BWWT 14 Sep;

2 GI 16 Nov (WD!); 1 GI until 23 Nov, very late; 4 & 2 Silver Creek CHAU 29 & 30 Nov (DN), unfortunately not documented or could be latest record for Reg.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: 114 GI 17 Nov (WD! WW!), late and in high numbers, flock dwindled thru Nov; last 4 NF 28 Nov (WD!).

CAVE SWALLOW: GI 16-18 Nov (WD! NYSARC), 1st for Reg, with large group of swallows on NR.

Barn Swallow: last BWWT 19 Oct (WW).

Carolina Wren: well reported again this season.

House Wren: last 2 BOSOC.

Winter Wren: arr FNSP & FMCS 14 Sep.

Marsh Wren: last 2 INWR BOSOC.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr NF 29 Sep.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 2 NF 21 Sep.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last 3 INWR 29 Sep (BK).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: 7 reports; last 3 BOSOC.

Swainson's Thrush: max 10, nocturnal migrants tallied in 1 hr, Lancaster ERIE 3 Oct (MM), last 4 BOSOC.

Wood Thrush: last 2 BOSOC.

Gray Catbird: Wheatfield NIAG 7 Nov; on the late side.

Brown Thrasher: last Tift NP 28 Sep.

Am. Pipit: arr 5 BWWT 14 Sep; max 120 Stockton CHAU 2 Nov (TM).

WARBLERS

Golden-winged Warbler: GI 15 Sep (WD, BP); only report.

Tennessee Warbler: Tift NP 13 Nov (RA! BB), very late.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr GI 15 Sep; GI 22 Sep; Attica Res WYOM 28 Sep; 2 AISP 5 Oct (MD); Pomfret CHAU 10 Oct; 2 BOSOC.

Nashville Warbler: last Tift NP 17 Oct.

N. Parula: max 3 GI 15 Sep; 4 other Sep reports.

Cape May Warbler: max 15 GI 19 Sep (DR); 11 GI 22 Sep (BK), very high counts, similar occurrence at same location last fall; last BOSOC.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: last Wheatfield NIAG 18 Oct.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: at feeder Portland CHAU 5-19 Nov (CH, TM! JB!); very rare; 2nd very late occurrence in Reg.

Pine Warbler: 2 GI 21 Oct (DR!); last FNSP 9 Nov (WD), late.

Prairie Warbler: Ashford CATT 26 Oct (MD!), late; 1st Oct record.

Palm Warbler: arr GI 23 Sep.

Blackpoll Warbler: Wheatfield NIAG 22 Oct (BP, WD!), slightly late.

Connecticut Warbler: Tift NP 28 Sep (RA, BB); only report.

Hooded Warbler: last Attica Res WYOM 28 Sep.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: last Tift NP 28 Sep.

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 47 BOSOC.

Chipping Sparrow: last Fredonia CHAU 22-30 Nov (DM).

Vesper Sparrow: 7 BOSOC; last

Cambria NIAG 20 Oct.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED

SPARROW: SPNS 17 Oct (LH), unverified; 2nd report in Reg in 2 years after long absence.

Fox Sparrow: arr, max 5 Tonawanda ERIE 24 Oct (WW); 5 Frewsburg CHAU 5 Nov (JB).

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr SPNS 19 Sep; last 11 BOSOC.

White-throated Sparrow: arr AmSP 15 Sep.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr FMCSP 28 Sep.

Lapland Longspur: arr Lewiston Res NIAG 5 Oct (TC); Cambria NIAG 20 Oct; 12 Yates ORLE 26 Oct; Stockton CHAU 1 Nov; 2 Pomfret CHAU 2 Nov.

Snow Bunting: arr INWR 27 Oct; max 35 BWWT 2 Nov.

E. Meadowlark: Attica WYOM 9 Nov; Gerry CHAU 26 Nov; rare in Nov.

Rusty Blackbird: arr SPNS 19 Sep.

Baltimore Oriole: last BWWT 7 Sep.

Purple Finch: 34 ALLE BOSOC; few reports.

Pine Siskin: arr 7 BOSOC; Frewsburg CHAU 5 Nov (JB); only reports.