

REGION 2 – GENESEE

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We started the season off with the cool of May continuing on into June, with an average temperature that was 1.1 F below normal at 64.7. The month even saw a low of 41 on 2 June. Total precipitation was a mere 2.23", which was 1.13" below normal. The bulk of that total fell during the first half of the month. July saw an average temperature of 70.6, which was about as close to the norm of 70.7 as you can get. Yet it was still not your typical month, with a warm week at the beginning and cool temperatures during the remainder of the month. Sunshine was limited. Precipitation was also just about normal, with a total only 0.67" below normal at

2.26". Rain was frequent but light. August panned out as generally warm and a tad wet. The average temperature of 70.7 was 1.8 above normal. The precipitation was 0.61" above normal with a total of 3.37". The bulk of the precipitation fell during a 12-day period at the beginning of the month. Things dried out considerably after that, with many sunny days.

June was indeed an interesting month. Due to the cold and wet conditions at the end of May, a flurry of activity occurred in early June. This was particularly true for shorebirds and the traditionally later arriving passerines. [This was actually more a reporting phenomenon than a special migration event. The burst of shorebirds and the passage of late migrants for ten days or more into June is annual. This year, because of the poor conditions for much of May, people simply stayed with the hawkwatch and Braddock Bay Bird Observatory banding longer and recorded these birds instead of quitting on 1 June. *RREd*.] Reports from both the Braddock Bay Hawkwatch and the Kaiser-Manitou Beach banding station reflected this also. Some migrant passerines, particularly flycatchers, thrushes and warblers, were noted early in the month. Some special Regional highlights also occurred in June. The Region's first and the state's second MacGillivray's Warbler was banded at the Kaiser-Manitou Beach station. This was followed by the first confirmation of Sandhill Crane breeding in the state.

Breeding Bird Atlas work contributed to the data for the season. Pluses included Trumpeter Swan, Cooper's Hawk, Indigo Bunting and Hooded Warbler. Numerically on the plus side, but really negatives, were the continued highly successful Mute Swans and Canada Geese. On the down side was Blue-winged Teal, which seems to be dropping in numbers each year. There seemed to be a few more reports of Northern Goshawk this year. The Peregrine Falcon nest on the Kodak Tower produced five young this year, but at least one perished. Many observers noted a lack of Common Moorhens in the marshes along the lake, and there were fewer reports of rails. Black Tern went unreported as a breeder and simple sightings were few. As has been the case in recent years, Common Nighthawk and Whip-poor-will were poorly reported. The report of six Common Ravens from three sites in Livingston County was another plus, as we continue to monitor the increase of sightings in the Region. Blue-winged Warblers continued their increase, yet this is associated with the decline of Golden-winged as the habitat changes and becomes less desirable for the latter and interbreeding swamps them. The August Connecticut Warbler banded at the Kaiser-Manitou Beach station was a highlight. An unprecedented number of breeding pairs of Clay-colored Sparrows was noted. Grassland sparrows were also noted for their scarcity, with it an especially poor year for Henslow's Sparrow.

The lakewatch at Hamlin Beach was carried out during most of the season and was responsible for the bulk of the waterbird and shorebird reports. On the whole, it was a generally lackluster season. Common Loons were reported throughout and a smattering of grebes and lingering waterfowl passed the watch. Most shorebird reports came from that location, as habitat was limited anywhere in the Region.

June's species total was 187. That was above the ten-year average by nearly ten species, but the yearly total still lagged behind at 258. July's total was above the ten-

year average with 164 species. With three new for the year, that total reached 261. This was well behind last year's end of July total of 281. August was significantly below the ten-year average of 176.6 species at a paltry 139. One new species during August brought the yearly total to 262.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BB – Braddock Bay MONR; CA – Canadice LIVI; CH – Charlotte/Ontario Beach MONR; CU – Cuylerville LIVI; G – Greece MONR; GE – Geneseo LIVI; HB – Hamlin Beach SP MONR; HL – Honeoye L LIVI; IC – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece MONR; M – Manitou MONR; P – Parma MONR; PN – Perinton MONR.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Brant: arr 17 HB 1 Jun.

Trumpeter Swan: 1 on nest WAYN all Jun (very near MONR line).

Gadwall: max 10 HB 29 Jul, high for date.

Am. Wigeon: HB 7 Jul; max 4 HB 28 Jul.

N. Pintail: arr 4 HB 24 Aug.

Green-winged Teal: 2 HB 16 Jun; 2 CU 28 Jun; HB 28 Jul; max 130 HB 24 Aug.

Lesser Scaup: 2 Irondequoit Bay 17 Jun.

White-winged Scoter: arr 2 HB 12 Aug.

Long-tailed Duck: 5 HB 3 Jun; f HB 20 Jul.

Bufflehead: f HB 19 Jul.

Com. Goldeneye: imm m HB 1 Jun.

N. Bobwhite: Byron 5 Jun, probable escapee; P 16-30 Jun, probably escaped or released.

Red-throated Loon: 2 HB 1 Jun (WS); 1 HB 16 Jun (WS); out of season.

Com. Loon: 1-10 HB all Jun; 1-6 HB all Jul.

Horned Grebe: arr HB 30 Aug.

Red-necked Grebe: 11 HB 30 Aug.

Least Bittern: arr 3 Hamlin 26 Jun (RS), very late for first report.

TRICOLORED HERON: G 17 Jun (KG), rare.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: 10 BB 9 Jun (CC), good number so late.

Bald Eagle: max 8 (2 ad, 5 imm) BB 6 Jun; 7 HL 8 Jul.

N. Goshawk: Letchworth SP 1 Jun, defending nest site.

Red-shouldered Hawk: juvenile CA 16 Jul; declining as a breeder.

Merlin: HB 29 Jul.

SANDHILL CRANE: 2 ad, 1 fledgling Savannah WAYN (JVN, JF); first NYS confirmed breeding.

Black-bellied Plover: arr 2 HB 22 Jul (WS), record early.

Semipalmated Plover: arr HB 1 Jul (WS), record early.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr HB 29 Jun.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr 2 CU 28 Jul.

Upland Sandpiper: max 10 GE 18 Aug (JK).

Whimbrel: arr HB 11 Jul; HB 21 Jul, 25 Jul, 4 Aug, 31 Aug.

Ruddy Turnstone: max 119 HB 1 Jun, very good total; arr 5 CH 29 Jul.

Sanderling: arr 2 HB 11 Jul.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 2 CH 11 Jul.

Least Sandpiper: arr 2 HB 29 Jun.

Baird's Sandpiper: arr 2 CH 29 Jul.

White-rumped Sandpiper: last 2 HB 1 Jun.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr HB 29 Jun.

Dunlin: max 390 HB 1 Jun; arr juv HB 29-31 Aug, plumage not normally seen this far south.

Stilt Sandpiper: HB 27 Jul, alternate plumage.

Short-billed Dowitcher (*L.g. griseus*): PN 1-3 Jun (DS).

jaeger sp: HB 18 Aug.

Laughing Gull: ad HB 2 Jul (BE).

Little Gull: ad Hamlin 28 Jul.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: sub-ad HB 1,4 Jun.

Black Tern: ad BB 1 Aug.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Com. Nighthawk: max 12 G 2 Jun, low total; P last half Jun.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: last M 3 Jun.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: max 16 M 7 Jun, banded; arr M 18 Aug, banded.

“Traill’s” Flycatcher: max 27 M 7 Jun, banded.

Philadelphia Vireo: last M 7 Jun, banded.

Com. Raven: 6 LIVI 3 sites 1-30 Jun (JK); HL 23 Jul; BB 16 Aug.

Carolina Wren: max 14 T Naples 26 Jul.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: last M 3 Jun, late.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: last 9 M 7 Jun, banded.

Swainson’s Thrush: last M 8 Jun, banded.

WARBLERS

Tennessee Warbler: last 2 M 6 Jun.

N. Parula: last IC 5 Jun.

Blackpoll Warbler: CA 8 Jun; m Webster 24 Jun, extremely late.

Worm-eating Warbler: last IC 5 Jun (KG).

Connecticut Warbler: arr M 27 Aug, banded.

MACGILLIVRAY’S WARBLER: M 4 Jun (CM), banded, ph; 1st Regional, 2nd NYS.

Wilson’s Warbler: arr M 26 Aug, banded.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: 1-2 P 20 Jun, 13 Jul (BE); 2 PN 22-30 Jun (MP, DS); 2 PT 28-30 Jun, 1-6 Jul (MT, TL); 2, 3 Warsaw WYOM 29 Jun, 14 Jul (JK), 2 Pittsford Jun-Jul MONR; unprecedented numbers.

Savannah Sparrow: max 150 GE 21 Aug.

Henslow’s Sparrow: Mendon Ponds MONR 24-30 Jun, first report for year.

White-throated Sparrow: 1 singing Bergen Swamp GENE 28 Jun.

Dark-eyed Junco: juv M 18 Aug, banded.