

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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September was warm, dry and sunny. The average temperature for the month was 62.8° F, which was 1.3° above normal. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 3.91" (0.07" above normal), with 3" occurring during the last week of the month. There were very strong winds on 19 September following the passage of the remnants of Hurricane Isabel. October was fairly typical but slightly cooler than usual, especially during the first week. The average temperature was 48.8°, 1.9° below normal, and the monthly precipitation was 3.43", 0.24" above normal. Strong winds associated with a cold front occurred on the 21st. November was mild overall but with many warm and cold events. The average temperature was 43.1°, 2.9° above normal. The monthly precipitation was 4.09", 0.17" above normal, and 4.2" of snow was 6.8" below normal. Major weather events included a wind storm on the 13th, record high temperature on the 23rd and lake effect snowfall on the 25th.

The remnants of Hurricane Isabel were originally forecast to hit Western New York directly on 19 September after turning inland from the mid-Atlantic coast. Birders eagerly anticipated the arrival of this storm because the path was nearly the same that Hurricane Fran took in 1996, which brought many pelagic species to Lake Erie. The storm turned a bit further west than expected, but many interesting sightings still occurred.

Hurricane Isabel will be remembered for the influx of **Wilson's Storm-Petrels** to the Region. More than a century passed since this species had been recorded in the Region in 1875 and 1882. Kirk Vanstrom and Bob Sundell found a group of five on Chautauqua Lake from Prendergast Point on the 19th and two were still present the next day. Kurt Fox found and identified one near Lake Erie at Hamburg Town Park on the 19th and many birders likely saw the same bird the next day at Woodlawn Beach State Park. Two Wilson's Storm-Petrels were found dead along Lake Erie at the mouth of Cattaraugus Creek on 26 September.

Despite much searching, no other true pelagics could be found. There were many tantalizing reports, e.g., Black-capped Petrels, Greater Shearwater and Sooty Tern, from the north shore of Lake Erie in nearby Ontario, but none of these could be found or positively identified in New York waters. Other likely hurricane-related birds included a **Sabine's Gull** on Chautauqua Lake and scattered reports of Red-necked Phalaropes.

A flock of "Richardson's" Canada Geese was located for the fifth straight year in the same location at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. As in previous years, they tended to stay very cohesive among the thousands of other Canada Geese, which made them more visible due to their overall small size, lighter color and smaller bills. Another regular rarity is **Greater White-fronted Goose**. Sharon

Krawczyk picked out three among Canadas at a landfill in Cheektowaga on 30 November. There were very few Snow Geese and Tundra Swans reported this fall. Once again, piscivorous waterbirds along Lake Erie were affected by an outbreak of type E botulism. This was the fourth consecutive year of this occurrence on Lake Erie and it has now spread to Lake Ontario, fortunately to a lesser degree so far. 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 138 dead birds was found during the transect surveys conducted this fall, far fewer than the 985 in 2002. NYSDEC estimated that more than 2500 birds were killed due to botulism on Lake Erie this year. This mortality estimate only accounts for birds washed up on the New York shore. The Common Loon carcass count (93) far exceeded that of other species, including: Ring-billed Gull (14), Herring Gull (9), Long-tailed Duck (8), Great Black-backed Gull (3), Red-breasted Merganser (2), Common Goldeneye (2), Double-crested Cormorant (2), unidentified gulls (2), Common Tern (1), White-winged Scoter (1), Bonaparte's Gull (1). Of note, the number of Red-breasted Merganser carcasses dropped dramatically from previous years. NYSDEC questions if that species was less susceptible this year or if fewer birds were using Lake Erie. Mortality counts from the Lake Ontario shoreline (NYSDEC Region 9, Kingbird Region 1) included: Ring-billed Gull (11), White-winged Scoter (10), Long-tailed Duck (7), Herring Gull (5), Double-crested Cormorant (2), Great-black Backed Gull (1), Mallard (1), Common Loon (1), Red-throated Loon (1), Common Goldeneye (1).

By the end of the fall season, nine Merlins were at the annual winter roosting grounds at the University of Buffalo, South Campus.

Fall shorebirding was an improvement over the summer season, but was generally considered below average. Most notable was a **Willet** found on the Bird Island Pier along the Niagara River in late November. Another Willet, or possibly the same bird, was found at this location in September. Dunlin were widely reported in November, including 230 feeding in a manured field in Somerset. Purple Sandpipers were found at Buffalo Harbor and Niagara Falls in late November.

Gulls were still building in numbers on the Niagara River in late November. In recent years, the highest numbers and diversity seem to have shifted from late November to early and mid December. **California Gull** was found once again, making 12 consecutive years for this species on the Niagara. An adult **Black-headed Gull** was found in late November along the Niagara in Lewiston.

On the late afternoon of 15 October, Bill Watson was looking for jaegers at Woodlawn Beach State Park because of the strong winds coming off Lake Erie. Much to his surprise, he found a medium sized tern roosting on the beach that he identified as an **Elegant Tern**. This Pacific Coast species has rarely been reported in the east or inland. This would be a state first if accepted by NYSARC. However, it was a single observer sighting and no photographs were taken, precluding the possibility of NYSARC adding it to the NYS Checklist.

Nonetheless, it is important to file NYSARC reports on such events, as Bill admirably did, for the archive and possible future reference. Searches the next day could not relocate the bird. As on more than one occasion, the circumstances regarding this remarkable sighting have reminded this editor to carry a small camera while birding!

Dave Junkin banded 20 Northern Saw-whet Owls between 6 October and 10 November. His efforts continue to show that there are more individuals of this species around than most birders think.

Common Nighthawks were widely reported in September and early October. The highest count, 120, was reported on the evening of 14 September in Eggertsville.

Passerine migration was mostly slow during the warm weather of early September but picked up in mid September. Nocturnal migrants were noted by several birders during the pre-dawn hours on 18 and 21 September, among other dates. Sparrows were widespread through October, with good numbers during the first two weeks of the month.

For the third consecutive year, **Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows** were observed in the Region. Jim Pawlicki found one at a wet grassy swale along the University of Buffalo bike path in Amherst on 6 October. Many birders were able to see up to two individuals of this elusive species over the next few days at this convenient location. Pawlicki later found one at this same location on 1 November, the latest date for the Region. Don Harris also reported a Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow at Iroquois NWR on 12 October.

Finches were reported in mostly small numbers. Pine Siskins were first reported in late October and this species was the most widespread of the "winter finches," although reports were less frequent than in an invasion year. Common Redpoll and Evening Grosbeak were first reported in late November.

The 68th annual Buffalo Ornithological Society October Count was held on the 12th and compiled by Mike Hamilton. The weather featured moderate temperatures and mostly sunny skies prior to and following passage of a midday front. The count recorded 152 species, with eight record high counts and no record low counts. Highest counts since inception in 1935 were recorded for: Mute Swan (29 – most in the Ontario sections of the count area), Surf Scoter (150 – also in Ontario), Common Merganser (262), Bald Eagle (10), Merlin (6), Lesser Black-backed Gull (2), Eastern Screech-Owl (18) and Red-bellied Woodpecker (108). Ruffed Grouse numbers (9) were very low for the second year in a row after last year's record low of eight. Hooded Warbler was recorded on the count for the first time.

Other significant sightings not previously mentioned included: **Harlequin Duck, Eared Grebe, Sandhill Crane and Brewer's Blackbird**. Special thanks go to Ken Roblee of NYSDEC for providing an update and data on the botulism outbreak. Weather information was obtained from National Weather Service monthly summaries.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP CATT; BeSP – Beaver I SP ERIE; BOSOC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 12 Oct Count; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP ERIE; BWWT – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor CHAU; FMCS – Four Mile Creek SP NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP NIAG; GI – Goat I NIAG; INWR – Iroquois NWR GENE/ORLE; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP ORLE; NF – Niagara Falls NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project on Niagara R, Lewiston NIAG; NR – Niagara Ri ERIE/NIAG; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary, E Aurora ERIE; Tift NP – Tift Nature Preserve, Buffalo ERIE; Times Beach NP – Times Beach Nature Preserve, Buffalo ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA GENE/NIAG; WoBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES GREATER WHITE-FRONTED

GOOSE: 3 Cheektowaga ERIE 30 Nov (SK), rare but regular.

Snow Goose: arr BeSP 2 Oct (STO); 2 BOSOC; 5, 4 SPNS 20 Oct, 1 Nov (LH); only reports, fewer than usual.

“Richardson’s” Canada Goose (*B. c. hutchinsii*): 14 INWR 13, 18 Oct (WD!, MM!, NYSARC); 2 INWR 9 Nov (MM!); now annual at this location in fall.

Brant: arr 4 BeSP 21 Oct (DAB); max 132 Somerset NIAG 23 Oct.

Mute Swan: Olcott NIAG 28 Sep; GHSP 28 Sep; only reports.

Tundra Swan: arr BWWT 9 Nov; max 76 INWR 23 Nov (KF); only reports, fewer than usual.

Gadwall: max 34 Tift NP 19 Oct.

Am. Wigeon: max 100 INWR 5 Oct.

Am. Black Duck: max 96 BWWT 30 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: last 9 BOSOC.

N. Shoveler: 224, 285 BWWT 13, 28 Sep; max 775 BWWT 11 Oct (KF); SPNS 27 Nov.

N. Pintail: max 80 BWWT 9 Nov.

Green-winged Teal: max 200 INWR 5 Oct; 80 Tift NP 19 Oct.

Canvasback: arr BOSOC.

Redhead: 2 NF 19 Oct; max 83 Mayville CHAU 31 Oct.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 2 BWWT 13 Sep.

Greater Scaup: BWWT 28 Sep (WW), summered; max 572 GHSP 24 Nov (KF).

Lesser Scaup: arr 4 Somerset NIAG 5 Oct; max 62 BWWT 18 Oct.

HARLEQUIN DUCK: fem GHSP 23 Nov (KF); nearly annual.

Surf Scoter: arr 3 Athol Springs ERIE 21 Oct; Yates ORLE 25 Oct; 3 Buffalo NR 15 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: arr 6 WoBSP 20

Sep (MM); 4 FNSP 21 Sep; 5 Buffalo NR 15 Nov; few reported away from L Ontario.

Black Scoter: arr 12 Somerset NIAG 23 Oct; 2 NF 30 Oct; 7 LBSP 30 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr Lewiston Res NIAG 10 Oct; 5 BWWT 9 Nov; 450 Buffalo NR 15 Nov, high count for location; 100 S Dayton CATT 29 Nov, good count for location.

Bufflehead: arr 15 BWWT 18 Oct; 200 BWWT 9 Nov; max 1450 Buffalo NR 15 Nov.

Com. Goldeneye: arr BWWT 18 Oct; max 400 Buffalo NR 15 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: max 68 Times Beach NP 21 Nov.

Ruddy Duck: 260, 541 BWWT 13, 28 Sep; max 2241 BWWT 18 Oct (WW, MM), high count; 19, 12 S Dayton CATT 19 Oct, 29 Nov; AISP 19 Oct; NF 30 Oct; 36 Mayville CHAU 31 Oct; 835, 344 BWWT 9, 30 Nov.

Red-throated Loon: arr 4 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 25 Oct (WD); SPNS 16-17 Nov (LH); Oakfield GENE 22 Nov (KF); BWWT 30 Nov (WW!), unusual inland; max 1082 LBSP 30 Nov (KF).

Com. Loon: arr 4 Somerset NIAG 5 Oct; max 300 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 25 Oct (WD); 180 LBSP 30 Nov.

Horned Grebe: arr 5 BOSOC; Amherst ERIE 21 Oct; 30 Somerset NIAG 23 Oct; 200 DH 27 Nov; max 318 LBSP 30 Nov (KF).

Red-necked Grebe: arr Somerset NIAG 23 Oct; 5 Yates ORLE 25 Oct (WD); Somerset NIAG 9 Nov; 5 LBSP 30 Nov (KF).

EARED GREBE: 2 BWWT 13 Sep (WW!); 3 BWWT 18 Oct (MM!); 2, 3 BWWT 9, 15 Nov (MM! GC); continued presence since summer.

WILSON'S STORM-PETREL: 5 ChauL 19 Sep; 2 ChauL 20 Sep (KV, WD!, JM, NYSARC); Hamburg ERIE 19 Sep (KF!); WoBSP 20 Sep (MH!, WD!, MM!); 2 dead Sheridan CHAU 26 Sep

(fide RR); only previous records were in 1875 and 1882.

Double-crested Cormorant: 992 BuSP 3 Sep; 106 Motor I 15 Sep; 705 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 8 Oct; max 2007 BOSOC; 311 DH 31 Oct; 60 Buffalo NR 15 Nov. **Am. Bittern:** TWMA 5 Oct (WD, BP); INWR 5 & 13 Oct (WD, BP); typically few reports in fall.

Great Egret: max 10 Tift NP 7 Sep; 5 BeSP 8, 12 Sep; BWWT 15 Sep; 5 INWR 18 Oct; DH 14 Nov (TM!), late.

Green Heron: last 5 BOSOC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: SPNS 7 & 16 Oct, unusual inland; 3 DH 28 Nov, late.

Turkey Vulture: last NF 30 Nov (TO!), late.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: last 4 BOSOC.

Bald Eagle: Silver Creek CHAU 4 Sep; 2, 2 Westfield CHAU 8 Sep, 16 Oct; 2 Ripley CHAU 12 Sep; Sheridan CHAU 21 Sep; 5 INWR 18 Oct; max 9 AISP 19 Oct (PY).

Red-shouldered Hawk: Bush Hill SF CATT 5 Oct; 4 BOSOC; Charlotte CHAU 10 Nov; few reported in fall.

Broad-winged Hawk: Alfred ALLE 1 Sep, only report.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr Clarence ERIE 20 Oct; max 4 Gerry CHAU 15 Nov.

Merlin: 4 Buffalo ERIE 9 Sep thru (PY); up to 9 at this winter roost by end of Nov; NF 13 Sep, 27 Sep, 2 Oct; WoBSP 20 Sep; Falconer CHAU 3 Oct; Amherst ERIE 11 & 15 Oct; Somerset NIAG 23 Oct.

Peregrine Falcon: 2, 1 Buffalo ERIE 13 Sep, 8 Oct; WoBSP 20 Sep; Amherst ERIE 4 Oct; 2 NF 20 Nov.

Virginia Rail: Tift NP 3 Sep, only report.

Com. Moorhen: last 3 BWWT 13 Sep.

Am. Coot: max 360 ChauL 23 Nov.

SANDHILL CRANE: INWR 12 Oct (DH, DR!); 2 INWR 1 Nov (GL); rare in fall.

Black-bellied Plover: WoBSP 20 Sep, 16 Oct; BWWT 18 Oct; last 2 BWWT 9 Nov.

Am. Golden-Plover: BeSP 7 Sep (EL); last BWWT 9 Nov (MM).

Semipalmated Plover: last 2 Hamburg ERIE 20 Sep.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 12 INWR 18 Oct; last 2 Grand I ERIE 16 Nov.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 17 BWWT 13 Sep; last 3 Tift NP 6 Nov.

Solitary Sandpiper: last Tift NP 26 Sep.

WILLET: Buffalo ERIE 20 Sep (WW, PY); Buffalo ERIE 26 & 28 Nov (PY!, WW!), record late, possibly same bird as Sep.

Spotted Sandpiper: last Amherst ERIE 28 Oct (JP), late.

Sanderling: WoBSP 20 Sep, 8 Oct; 3 Buffalo ERIE 12 Oct; last 2 WTSP 9 Nov.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: last 2 BWWT 11 Oct.

Least Sandpiper: last NF 4 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: WoBSP 20 Sep (JP); Times Beach NP 10 Nov (RA); only reports this year.

Baird's Sandpiper: BeSP 7 Sep (EL), only report.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 3 BWWT 20 Sep; Tift NP 26 Sep; 2 BWWT 18 Oct; last 2 Randolph CATT 19 Oct.

Purple Sandpiper: arr 3, 2 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 26, 30 Nov; NF 30 Nov.

Dunlin: arr 11 BOSOC; 8 BWWT 18 Oct; WoBSP 23 Oct; max 230 foraging in mowed field Somerset NIAG 3 Nov (BE); 38 BWWT 9 Nov; 5 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 26 Nov.

Stilt Sandpiper: Tift NP 13 Sep; 2, 1 BWWT 20, 28 Sep; only reports.

Wilson's Snipe: 2 INWR 18 Oct; 6 Randolph CATT 19 Oct; last 2 Amherst ERIE 2 Nov.

Am. Woodcock: 7 BOSOC.

Red-necked Phalarope: 2 Buffalo ERIE 19 Sep (MM); 5 BWWT 20 Sep (JS); likely hurricane related.

phalarope sp: 9 FNSP 21 Sep (MM),

probable Red-necked.

Parasitic Jaeger: FMCS 21 Sep (MM!); Athol Springs ERIE 21 Oct (RA!); only reports.

Little Gull: Lewiston NR 26 Oct, 8 Nov; NF 2 Nov; few reports.

BLACK-HEADED GULL: Lewiston NR 30 Nov (KM), annual at this location last few years.

CALIFORNIA GULL: NPP 9, 15, 29, 30 Nov (JI, WD!, NYSARC); 12th consecutive year on NR.

Thayer's Gull: several reported NPP and NF in late Nov, undocumented.

Iceland Gull: arr NPP 8 Nov; FMCS 22 Nov.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1, 3 NF 12, 16 Sep; max 10 NF-NPP 30 Nov.

Glaucous Gull: arr NF 30 Nov.

SABINE'S GULL: ChauL 20 Sep (JM), likely hurricane related.

Caspian Tern: last GHSP 23 Sep.

ELEGANT TERN: WoBSP 15 Oct (WW!, NYSARC), roosting on beach during high winds; NYS first if accepted by NYSARC, however, single observer sighting, no photographs taken, precluding possible addition to NYS Checklist, although NYSARC report still important..

Com. Tern: 6 WoBSP 20 Sep; 44 FNSP 21 Sep (MM); last 2 BOSOC.

Forster's Tern: WoBSP 20 Sep (MM); FNSP 21 Sep (MM); 2 Hamburg ERIE 22 Sep (FR); more fall reports than usual.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Short-eared Owl: Bennington WYOM 19 Nov (JF); migrating over L Erie Sheridan CHAU 23 Nov (NS); max 3 Porter NIAG 30 Nov (S&TO).

N. Saw-whet Owl: Bethany GENE 7 Sep (DB!), unusual location; 20 banded Wethersfield WYOM 6 Oct-10 Nov (DJ).

Com. Nighthawk: 35 Amherst 13 Sep; max 120 Eggertsville ERIE 14 Sep (DS); last 25 Hamburg ERIE 10 Oct.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last

Kenmore ERIE 14 Oct (DAB).

Red-headed Woodpecker: no reports, unusual.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr

Williamsville ERIE 21 Sep.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Ridgeway ORLE 2 Sep (WW); Wilson NIAG 13 Sep (STO); more reports than usual.

E. Wood-Pewee: FNSP 4 Oct; last BOSOC.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Tift NP 7 Sep (BE), only report.

Least Flycatcher: last Bethany GENE 8 Sep.

E. Phoebe: last Lancaster ERIE 13 Nov, juv found dead.

E. Kingbird: last Tift NP 7 Sep.

N. Shrike: arr INWR 18 Oct.

Blue-headed Vireo: last 16 BOSOC.

Warbling Vireo: last WTSP 21 Sep.

Philadelphia Vireo: last Tift NP 10 Oct; 6 other reports.

Red-eyed Vireo: last WoBSP 30 Oct (RA!), late.

Com. Raven: 2 Charlotte CHAU 14 Sep; Bennington WYOM Oct; 16 BOSOC; Java WYOM 30 Oct (DJ); only reports away from ALLE, CATT.

Tree Swallow: max 1500 BWWT 28 Sep (WW); last BOSOC.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: last 15 INWR 12 Oct.

Bank Swallow: NF 4 Oct (WD!), late.

Barn Swallow: BWWT 28 Sep; last BWWT 11 Oct.

Carolina Wren: well reported again this season.

House Wren: last 8 BOSOC.

Winter Wren: arr FMCSP, Buffalo ERIE 21 Sep.

Marsh Wren: last BOSOC.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr NF & Tift NP 26 Sep; last Alfred ALLE 6 Nov.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last Tift NP 3 Sep.

Veery: last Grand I ERIE 12 Oct.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: 3 nocturnal

flyovers Eggertsville ERIE 18 Sep; last INWR 12 Oct.

Swainson's Thrush: max 30, 40 nocturnal migrants near dawn Eggertsville ERIE 18, 21 Sep (MM); last 3 BOSOC.

Hermit Thrush: arr Times Beach NP ERIE 30 Sep.

Wood Thrush: last 9 BOSOC.

Gray Catbird: Tift NP 15 Nov, on the late side.

N. Mockingbird: Lancaster ERIE 21 Nov, unusual location.

Brown Thrasher: WTSP 21 Sep; last 3 BOSOC.

Am. Pipit: arr Olcott NIAG 14 Sep; max 40 Porter NIAG 26 Oct; last 2 BWWT 15 Nov.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: last Alfred ALLE 6 Sep.

Tennessee Warbler: last BuSP, Bush Hill SF CATT 5 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr GI 26 Sep; WTSP 29 Sep; Amherst ERIE 4-9 Oct; Stockton CHAU 4 Oct; last Tonawanda ERIE 21 Oct.

Nashville Warbler: max 27 GI 26 Sep (DR); last 5 BOSOC.

N. Parula: last Tift NP 25, 28 Oct (RA!), late.

Yellow Warbler: last Bethany GENE 13 Sep.

Magnolia Warbler: max 17 GI 8 Sep (DR); last 8 BOSOC.

Cape May Warbler: last BOSOC; 5 other reports.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: last BOSOC.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr 2 GI 12 Sep; 2 Jamestown CHAU 1 Nov; 2 Lancaster ERIE 25 Nov.

Black-throated Green Warbler: last AISP 19 Oct.

Pine Warbler: last BOSOC.

Palm Warbler: arr SPNS 18 Sep; last 20 BOSOC.

Bay-breasted Warbler: last INWR 12 Oct.

Blackpoll Warbler: last AISP 19 Oct.

Hooded Warbler: last BOSOC.

Wilson's Warbler: last GI 27 Sep.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: last BOSOC.

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 2 Somerset NIAG 23 Oct.

Chipping Sparrow: last Lancaster ERIE 31 Oct.

Vesper Sparrow: last 10 BOSOC.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED

SPARROW: 1, 1, 2, 2 Amherst ERIE 6, 7, 9, 10 Oct (JP!, WD!, MM!, NYSARC, mob); INWR 12 Oct (DH); 3rd consecutive year in Reg; Amherst ERIE 1 Nov (JP!), late.

Fox Sparrow: arr 2 LBSP 28 Sep; BOSOC; max 16 Tonawanda ERIE 24 Oct (WW); last 2 Amherst ERIE 15 Nov.

Lincoln's Sparrow: Times Beach NP 30 Sep, 3 Oct; 5 BOSOC; last INWR 18 Oct.

White-throated Sparrow: arr 2 WTSP 13 Sep.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr WTSP 29 Sep; max 787 BOSOC; widespread in good numbers mid-to-late Oct.

Dark-eyed Junco: arr 2 GI & 1 Amherst ERIE 4 Oct.

Lapland Longspur: arr 14 Porter NIAG 26 Oct (WD); 2 INWR 2 Nov; max 25

Wilson NIAG 22 Nov; 4 Bethany GENE 23 Nov.

Snow Bunting: arr 3 Shadigee ORLE 23 Oct; 250 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 9 Nov; max 400 GHSP & Wilson NIAG 22 Nov.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last 2 BOSOC.

Indigo Bunting: SPNS 18 Sep; last 5 BOSOC.

E. Meadowlark: 2 Amherst ERIE 1-2 Nov; 2 Lancaster ERIE 4 Nov; unusual in Nov.

Rusty Blackbird: arr SPNS 18 Sep.

BREWER'S BLACKBIRD: Hamburg ERIE 17 Oct (MO), at feeder with Red-winged Blackbirds; rare.

Com. Grackle: 2 Lancaster ERIE 25 Nov, late.

Baltimore Oriole: last Amity L ALLE 17 Sep (VP).

Purple Finch: arr Amherst ERIE 4 Oct; 52 BOSOC; 4 FMCS 19 Oct; very few reports.

Com. Redpoll: arr 75 LBSP 22 Nov (KF).

Pine Siskin: arr GHSP 23 Oct; Somerset NIAG 25 Oct; 6 Eggertsville ERIE 15 Nov; 2 LBSP 22 Nov; 8 Bennington WYOM 29 Nov.

Evening Grosbeak: arr Wethersfield WYOM 9 Nov; GHSP 22 Nov; only reports.

