

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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September was warm, dry and sunny, as usual. The average temperature for the month was 65.2° F, which was 3.7° above normal. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 4.07", 0.23" above normal, with nearly all of it occurring with the remnants of Hurricane Frances on 8 and 9 September. The first half of October was fairly warm, and then cooler air moved in for the second half of the month. The average temperature was 51.6°, 0.9° above normal, and the monthly precipitation was 2.98", 0.21" below normal. Strong and gusty winds on 17 and 31 October made for excellent 'wind-birding' along Lake Erie. November was mild and dry. The average temperature was 42.5°, 2.3° above normal. The monthly precipitation was 2.91", 1.01" below normal. Only 0.2" of snow fell, 11.1" below normal. It was the third lowest November snow total in the 62-year record at Buffalo airport.

With its new status as a species, no longer "just a subspecies," birders seemed more eager to look for **Cackling Goose**. This species was found at four locations, including three dates at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, where recorded for the sixth straight fall season but not in the flock sizes associated with the previous years. Extreme care is urged in identifying this species, and verification reports are encouraged for NYSARC. I advise that if you find yourself trying to decide if the geese in question are small enough, then you are likely not looking at Cacklings.

Piscivorous waterbirds along Lake Erie and Lake Ontario were affected by an outbreak of type E botulism again. This marks the fifth consecutive year on Lake Erie. NYSDEC again conducted counts of dead birds at thirteen 500-meter transects to document the number killed by species and to make mortality projections for the entire New York Lake Erie shoreline. Over 300 birds were found dead during the Lake Erie transect surveys conducted from mid-September through early January, while numerous others were found beyond transect boundaries. NYSDEC estimated that 5889 total birds were killed due to botulism on Lake Erie during this period. This mortality estimate only accounts for birds washed up on shore. Common Loon (154) and Long-tailed Duck (148) carcass counts were the most numerous, while others included Ring-billed Gull (11), Herring Gull (11), Great Black-backed Gull (2), unidentified gull (1), White-winged Scoter (1) and Great Horned Owl (1). Mortality counts from transects on the Lake Ontario shoreline of NYSDEC Region 9, Kingbird Region 1, included Ring-billed Gull (5), White-winged Scoter (3), Long-tailed Duck (22), Herring Gull (3), Double-crested Cormorant (6) and Common Loon (1).

On a more positive note, some high waterfowl counts were recorded this season. Brett Ewald counted 915 Common Loons sitting on Lake Ontario in Wilson during the late afternoon of 15 October. Large numbers of waterfowl usually accumulate on Chautauqua Lake in late November, and this year's

impressive counts included 550 Hooded Mergansers and 2500 American Coots. As usual, high numbers of Ruddy Ducks and Northern Shovelers were counted at Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant and 2-3 **Eared Grebes** were present through at least 27 November.

Due mostly to geography, raptor migration is extremely sparse in the Region during the fall season. However, a few still trickle through. Bob Andrie counted 150 raptors, mostly Red-tailed Hawks, at Times Beach Nature Preserve along Lake Erie over ten days with west or northwest winds in October and November. The highlight was a **Golden Eagle** on 26 October; two more were reported from Niagara County the next week, marking an excellent showing for this species in fall.

There were several other notable raptor reports for the season. Willie D'Anna submitted a report to NYSARC of a "**Western**" **Red-tailed Hawk** (*B. j. calurus*) that was observed at Devil's Hole State Park on 31 October. An early Rough-legged Hawk was documented in Bethany on 18 September. An Osprey lingered at Allegany State Park through 30 November, marking the latest documented occurrence of this species in the Region. A banded Bald Eagle observed for several weeks along Lake Erie in Wanakah was determined to be an individual hacked in Manhattan, New York City, in June. By the end of the fall season, seven Merlins were at the annual winter roosting grounds at the University of Buffalo, South Campus.

Fall shorebirding was average, at best. Unlike regions to the east, no significant shorebird fallout was found following the remnants of Hurricane Frances in early September. The season highlights were two reports of Whimbrel and a probable Long-billed Dowitcher. The dowitcher was observed on a Cattaraugus County Bird Club field trip to Conewango WMA on 23 October. There were several strong frontal passages with gusty winds that drew birders to the shorelines of Lakes Erie and Ontario in search of jaegers and gulls. A flock of **15 Parasitic Jaegers** was seen on Lake Erie from Athol Springs on 31 October by several observers. This marks the highest count of this species for the Region. There were several **Black-legged Kittiwakes** and **Sabine's Gulls** reported during these wind events as well. Kittiwakes observed in the Region are nearly always juveniles; therefore, an adult documented by Peter Yoerg at Athol Springs on 17 October was an exceptional find.

Large gull numbers were still building on the Niagara River in late November. Gordon Bellerby reported that Bonaparte's Gulls arrived about two weeks later than normal and the peak number for the season, 10,000, was around 8 November, which quickly dwindled to 2000 a few days later before starting to rise again late in the month. For the thirteenth consecutive year, **California Gull** was found on the Niagara River.

At his property in Wethersfield, Wyoming County, Dave Junkin banded 44 **Northern Saw-whet Owls** in October. Four of them were foreign retraps, including birds banded earlier in the month at Kingston and Ottawa, Ontario. Tom LeBlanc joined the action and banded 13 saw-whets at Allegany State Park this fall.

There were several days of notable passerine migrants in September, especially around the 17th to 20th. Nocturnal migrants were noted by several

birders to be numerous during the night/morning of 8/9, 16/17 and 23/24 September. Two reports of White-eyed Vireo and a record late Eastern Kingbird were the migrant highlights.

The fall season did not produce any extreme rarities. The most unexpected sighting was a **Black Vulture** over the New York State Thruway near Batavia on 10 October. While reports of this species have been increasing recently in spring, this was the Region's first fall record.

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows were observed for the fourth straight year and in the same areas, Iroquois NWR and the SUNY Buffalo bike path in Amherst, as previous sightings. Now that local birders have experience in finding this species, it is expected that there will be annual or near-annual fall sightings. Pine Siskins arrived in early October and were then widely reported. A male **White-winged Crossbill** attended a feeder in Wilson from 14 to 18 October. This early arrival had birders optimistic that it would be a good year for crossbill sightings, but it turned out to be the only report. Only one Common Redpoll was reported and there were no Evening Grosbeak reports.

The 69th annual BOS October Count was held on the 10th and compiled by Mike Hamilton. The weather featured moderate temperatures and cloudy skies. The count recorded 154 species with ten record high counts and no record low counts. Highest counts since inception in 1935 were recorded for: Mute Swan (29), mostly in the Ontario sections of the count area; White-winged Scoter (716); Common Merganser (267), second consecutive record high; Common Loon (379); Bald Eagle (11); Merlin (10); Sandhill Crane (3), all in Ontario; Common Raven (34); Tufted Titmouse (117); and Pine Warbler (5). Black Vulture and Black-legged Kittiwake were recorded on the count for the first time. House Finch numbers, at 398, were the lowest in a decade.

Other notable sightings not previously mentioned include: **Greater White-fronted Goose**, **Bohemian Waxwing** and "**Oregon**" **Junco**.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP ERIE; BMAC – Beaver Meadow Audubon Center WYOM; BOSOC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 10 Oct Count; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP ERIE; BWWT – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor CHAU; EvSP – Evangola SP ERIE; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP NIAG; GI – Goat I NIAG; INWR – Iroquois NWR GENE/ORLE; JDSP – Joseph Davis SP NIAG; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP ORLE; LESP – L Erie SP CHAU; NF – Niagara Falls NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project on Niagara R, Lewiston NIAG; NR – Niagara R ERIE/NIAG; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA GENE/ORLE; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary ERIE; TBNP – Times Beach Nature Preserve, Buffalo ERIE; Tift NP – Tift Nature Preserve, Buffalo ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA GENE/NIAG; WBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS -VULTURES GREATER WHITE-FRONTED

GOOSE: 2 INWR 13, 16 Nov (BK, WW), rare but regular.

Snow Goose: arr Buffalo Harbor ERIE 23 Sep; 5 BOSOC; 2 SPNS 12 Oct; max 75 Alfred ALLE 16 Oct; 5 INWR 20 Oct; Somerset NIAG 20 Oct; 6 Porter NIAG 25 Oct; BWWT 14 Nov; 2 INWR 16 Nov.

ACKLING GOOSE: 2 INWR 30 Oct (GC); 5, 2 Oakfield GENE 14, 16 Nov (PY! WW! NYSARC); INWR 16 Nov (WW! NYSARC); max 6 BWWT 27 Nov (JL! JW NYSARC); GHSP 27 Nov (BCa).

Brant: arr 160 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct (BE); 9, 25 Athol Springs ERIE 16, 17 Oct (RA, PY); 3 Somerset NIAG 23 Oct; 20 LBSP 23 Oct; Wilson NIAG 31 Oct; 2 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 2 Nov.

Mute Swan: max 9 WTSP 26 Sep (WW); 2 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; 3 Cassadaga L CHAU 19 Nov; 3 FNSP 26 Nov; Langford ERIE 27 Nov.

Tundra Swan: arr 2 INWR 30 Oct; 9 Athol Springs ERIE 31 Oct; max 32 OOWMA 13 Nov; 12 ChauL 17 Nov; 16 INWR 27 Nov; only reports.

Am. Black Duck: max 140 INWR 13 Nov (BK); 60 BWWT 20 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: last 2, 2 INWR, OOWMA 27 Oct.

N. Shoveler: 279, 560 BWWT 27 Sep, 17 Oct; Somerset NIAG 23 Oct; max 638 BWWT 16 Nov (WW); Buffalo ERIE 21 Nov.

N. Pintail: max 105 Wilson NIAG 18 Sep (BE); 57 BWWT 16 Nov.

Canvasback: arr 3, 1 SPNS, BWWT 17 Oct.

Redhead: arr 2 Buffalo NR 2 Oct; 7 BOSOC; SPNS 19 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 11 BWWT 12 Sep.

Greater Scaup: arr Wilson NIAG 9 Sep (WW!); 700 NF 18 Oct; 23 BWWT 16 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: arr Wilson NIAG 10 Sep; max 200 NF 2 Nov.

eider sp.: Buffalo NR 7 Nov (WW, JP), rare on L Erie.

Surf Scoter: arr 12 Buffalo NR 3 Oct (WW); 32 NIAG/ORLE BOSOC; 3, 2 Wilson NIAG 17, 31 Oct; 2 NF 18 Oct; 4 Somerset NIAG 23 Oct; 18 Buffalo NR 7 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: 12 Wilson NIAG 10 Sep; 12 Buffalo NR 18 Oct, few reported away from L Ontario.

Black Scoter: arr Wilson NIAG 18 Sep (BE); 9 Buffalo NR 6 Oct; 2 Somerset NIAG 23 Oct; 10 Olcott NIAG 24 Oct; 4 Wilson NIAG 25 Oct; 3 Athol Springs ERIE 31 Oct; max 15 Buffalo NR 7 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 14 Wilson NIAG 17 Oct; Hamburg ERIE 31 Oct; max 2013 Wilson NIAG 31 Oct (BE); 200 Buffalo NR 6 Nov; see intro.

Bufflehead: arr 2, 1 BWWT 19 Sep, 3 Oct (KF, WW!), early; max 1000 Buffalo NR 20 Nov.

Com. Goldeneye: arr 4 ALLE BOSOC.

Hooded Merganser: 79 INWR 27 Oct; max 550 ChauL 19 Nov (RR); 52 TBNP 21 Nov.

Com. Merganser: 37 BuSP 4 Sep, good count for date; 2 W Seneca ERIE 5 Oct; 789 Oakfield GENE 16 Nov, good count for location.

Red-breasted Merganser: arr Somerset NIAG 18 Sep; 18 Machias CATT 5 Oct; 2500 Wilson NIAG 11 Nov (WD), in one flock.

Ruddy Duck: 259 BWWT 12 Sep; max 1233 BWWT 17 Oct (WW); 2 INWR 20 Oct; Buffalo NR 7 Nov; 11 Oakfield GENE 16 Nov; 3 Buffalo ERIE 21 Nov.

Red-throated Loon: arr Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; Somerset NIAG 20 Oct; 6 Yates ORLE 23 Oct; max 47 Wilson NIAG 31 Oct.

Com. Loon: 3, 12 Wilson NIAG 10, 18 Sep; max 915 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct (BE), record count for Reg, all counted on water in afternoon; 4 Hamburg ERIE 6 Nov; INWR 13 Nov; 4 ChauL 17 Nov; 3 NF 20 Nov; 2 Sturgeon Pt ERIE 27 Nov; see intro.

Horned Grebe: arr 2 Wilson NIAG 3 Oct; BWWT 17 Oct; 15 Yates ORLE 20 Oct; 113 EvSP 27 Nov; 183 Sturgeon Pt ERIE 27 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: arr Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; Yates ORLE 20 Oct; 3 Somerset NIAG 23 Oct; GHSP 24 Oct; Wilson NIAG 13 Nov; AISP 15 Nov (TB).

EARED GREBE: 3, 2 BWWT 12, 27 Sep (WW!); 2 BWWT 17 Oct; 3, 1 BWWT 13, 27 Nov (BK! JL!); continued presence since late summer.

Double-crested Cormorant: 500, 200 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 6 Sep, 7 Nov; 300 Somerset NIAG 14 Sep; max 923 BuSP 15 Sep; 2274 BOSOC; 200 DH 19 Nov.

Great Egret: 7, 7 BWWT 2, 27 Sep; Machias CATT 16 Sep; 8 TBNP 1 Oct; Hinsdale CATT 17 Oct; max 16 INWR 27 Oct; DH 14 Nov (TM!), late.

Green Heron: last BOSOC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: last Buffalo ERIE 11 Nov.

BLACK VULTURE: Batavia GENE 10 Oct (D&DS!), first fall report for Reg.

Turkey Vulture: last 3 Lancaster ERIE 29 Oct.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: last AISP 30 Nov (TB!), bird present thru Nov, latest record in Reg.

Bald Eagle: 2 ad INWR thru; Wanakah ERIE thru Oct (SM), yearling hacked in Manhattan in June; Darien L SP GENE 6 Sep; TBNP 25 Sep; 1, 3 Grand I ERIE 15 Oct, 29 Nov; 2 Machias CATT 22-29 Oct; max 6 AISP 23 Oct; Farmersville CATT 23 Oct; 2 OOWMA 14 Nov.

N. Goshawk: imm Wilson NIAG 31 Oct (BE), coming across Lake O.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1-2 Bethany GENE 7-29 Oct (DB); 3 BOSOC; INWR 13 Oct (MT); TBNP 1 Nov (RA), migrant; few typically reported in fall.

Broad-winged Hawk: 2 Birdsall ALLE 1 Sep; Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 5 Sep; only reports.

Red-tailed Hawk (B.j. calurus): Devil's Hole SP NIAG 31 Oct (WD! NYSARC), rare and rarely documented.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr 1, 2 Bethany GENE 18 Sep, 9 Oct (DB!), very early; max 13 Somerset NIAG 27 Nov (JL, JW); good numbers reported along L Ontario plain.

GOLDEN EAGLE: imm TBNP 26 Oct (RA!); Lockport NIAG 31 Oct (D&DS!); Porter NIAG 3 Nov (DS); good showing for Region, rarely reported in fall.

Merlin: 2-7 Buffalo ERIE 2 Sep thru (PY), traditional winter roost; Buffalo ERIE 14 Sep; AISP 21 Sep (MD, TB); Buffalo NR 2 Oct; 10 BOSOC; Somerset NIAG 20 Oct.

Peregrine Falcon: BWWT 25 Sep; 2 TBNP 29 Sep; Gasport NIAG 6 Oct; Wilson NIAG & Jamestown CHAU BOSOC; WBSP 20 Oct; Athol Springs ERIE 7 Nov; NF 26 Nov; NPP 28 Nov; 2 Grand I ERIE 29 Nov; 2 Buffalo ERIE 30 Nov; good showing.

Virginia Rail: TWMA 3 Oct; last OOWMA BOSOC.

Sora: Machias CATT 23 Oct (MD), few reported in fall.

Com. Moorhen: last INWR 3 Oct.

Am. Coot: 37 INWR 16 Nov; max 2500 ChauL 19 Nov (RR).

Black-bellied Plover: Buffalo NR 10 Sep; 2, 6 BWWT 13 Sep, 3 Oct; 3 Wilson NIAG 19 Sep; max 9 WBSP 26 Sep; Porter NIAG 3 Oct; last LBSP 23 Oct.

Am. Golden-Plover: BWWT 13 Sep, 3 Oct; 3 Porter NIAG 3 Oct; Somerset NIAG 6 Oct; last 3 NIAG BOSOC.

Gr. Yellowlegs: 19 INWR 20 Oct; max 20 BWWT 22 Oct; last INWR 14 Nov.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 19 BWWT 3 Oct; last 8 BWWT 17 Oct.

Solitary Sandpiper: Newfane NIAG 7 Oct (WD); last Jamestown CHAU BOSOC.

Spotted Sandpiper: last BWWT 3 Oct.

Whimbrel: Tift NP 11 Sep (RA); Wilson NIAG 19 Sep (WD, BP); rarely reported in fall.

Ruddy Turnstone: 5 Buffalo NR 10 Sep (KF), only report.

Sanderling: max 30 Buffalo NR 10 Sep (KF); BWWT 12 Sep; 5 Wilson NIAG 18 Sep; 6 Buffalo NR 6 Oct; 5 Athol Springs ERIE 17 Oct.

Least Sandpiper: last 4 BWWT 17 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: BWWT 3 Oct (JP); last Hamburg ERIE 17 Oct (PY).

Pectoral Sandpiper: 12 Newfane NIAG 3 Oct; max 20 GHSP 31 Oct (D&DS).

Dunlin: arr 4 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; 19 BWWT 17 Oct; 21 INWR 20 Oct; 6 Yates ORLE 23 Oct; max 215 Wilson NIAG 31 Oct (BE); last Buffalo NR 14 Nov.

dowitcher sp.: Randolph CATT 23 Oct (MD, TB, SE), date suggests Long-billed.

Wilson's Snipe: 6 BMAC 17 Sep; TWMA 3 Oct; 5 Machias CATT 5 Oct; 2 BOSOC; 2, 3 Amherst ERIE 16, 30 Oct; only reports.

Am. Woodcock: last 6 BOSOC.

Parasitic Jaeger: 1, 3, 1 Wilson NIAG 9, 10, 17 Sep (BE); max 15 Athol Springs ERIE 31 Oct (RA! FR! PY!), max count for Reg, one flock.

jaeger sp.: Wilson NIAG 17 Sep (BE); 2 Wilson NIAG 17 Oct (WD!); 2 Athol Springs ERIE 17 Oct (PY!); Hamburg ERIE 6 Nov (MM!).

Little Gull: 3, 2 Lewiston NR 17 Oct, 11 Nov; Athol Springs ERIE 5 Nov (MT, DD); FNSP 25 Nov; only reports.

Bonaparte's Gull: 2000 Buffalo NR 31 Oct (PY); max 10,000 NR 8 Nov (GB), Bellerby reports the gulls were two weeks later than usual.

CALIFORNIA GULL: NPP 31 Oct -28 Nov (CB WD! NYSARC); 13th consecutive year on NR.

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

Iceland Gull: arr 2 NPP 14 Nov (BP); max 6 NPP 28 Nov.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Cambria NIAG 24 Oct (PY); Athol Springs ERIE 31 Oct (PY); 4, 3 NF 31 Oct, 20 Nov; EvSP 27 Nov (MM); rarely reported on L Erie away from NR.

Glaucous Gull: arr NF 13 Nov.

SABINE'S GULL: arr NF 17 Oct (JB); WBSP 5 Nov (MT, WW); NF 7-14 Nov (BP).

Black-legged Kittiwake: 2, 1 imm Wilson

NIAG BOSOC, 31 Oct (BE!); ad Athol Springs ERIE 17 Oct (PY!), adults very rarely reported in Reg; 2 imm Athol Springs ERIE 5 Nov (MT!, DD); imm Wilson NIAG 11 Nov (BP, WD); imm FNSP 26 Nov (TiL); imm NPP 27 Nov (BP); excellent showing.
Caspian Tern: last Wilson NIAG 28 Sep (BP).
Com. Tern: 57 Buffalo NR & 60 Wilson NIAG 10 Sep; 5 Lewiston NR 17 Oct; WBSP 31 Oct; last NF 28 Nov (WD, BP).

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Snowy Owl: arr FNSP 27 Nov (S&TO).
Short-eared Owl: arr 2, 7 Porter NIAG 9, 12 Nov (DS); 3 Yates ORLE 27 Nov (S&TO).
N. Saw-whet Owl: Wethersfield WYOM 5 Oct (DJ), 44 banded Oct with max 9 on 26 Oct (DJ); GHSP BOSOC (DH); 13 banded AISP thru 7 Nov (ToL).
Com. Nighthawk: max 16 Eggertsville ERIE 24 Sep, low max.; last Amherst ERIE 8 Oct; only 6 other reports.
Chimney Swift: last Tift NP 2 Oct.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Alexander GENE 26 Sep.
Red-headed Woodpecker: Hamburg ERIE 1 Sep; Tift NP 26 Sep; only reports.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr AmSP 21 Sep; 5 BOSOC, low count.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: AmSP 11 Sep (RS), only report.
E. Wood-Pewee: last TBNP 8 Oct (KF).
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Alfred ALLE 11 Sep (EB), only report.
Least Flycatcher: last Wilson NIAG 18 Sep.
E. Phoebe: last Bethany GENE 25 Oct.-5
E. Kingbird: Bethany GENE 18 Sep; last Somerset NIAG BOSOC (AM!), latest record for Reg.

N. Shrike: arr imm Somerset NIAG 12 Oct; ad Lancaster ERIE 18 Oct; five Nov reports.
White-eyed Vireo: Tift NP 30 Sep (DD!); Tift NP 23 Oct (RA!); fall reports rare.
Blue-headed Vireo: last Alfred ALLE 26 Oct.
Warbling Vireo: last GI 8 Sep.
Philadelphia Vireo: last Tift NP 26 Sep; four other reports.
Red-eyed Vireo: last 2 BOSOC.
Com. Raven: Darien GENE BOSOC (KF!), only report away from ALLE, CATT.
Horned Lark: 18 Alabama GENE 2 Oct; max 60 Buffalo NR 7 Nov.
Purple Martin: max 400 BuSP 4 Sep (WW).
Tree Swallow: 200 BWWTP 3 Oct; last 20 BOSOC.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: last NF 25 Oct.
Barn Swallow: last 6 BOSOC.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 10 Wilson NIAG 18 Sep; max 14 Somerset NIAG 19 Sep.
Carolina Wren: 20 BOSOC; reported from 5 locations thru.
House Wren: last 3 BOSOC.
Winter Wren: arr Wilson NIAG 18 Sep.
Marsh Wren: Deveaux Woods SP NIAG 2 Oct, rarely reported in migration; last Amherst ERIE 15 Oct.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 3 Wilson NIAG 19 Sep.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Wilson NIAG 17 Sep; last Bethany GENE 25 Oct.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last 2 Bethany GENE 25 Sep (DB).
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Tonawanda ERIE 8 Sep; last 2 BOSOC; five other reports including nocturnal flyovers.
Swainson's Thrush: last Bethany GENE 25 Oct (DB!), late.
Hermit Thrush: arr Wilson NIAG 20 Sep.
Wood Thrush: last 2 BOSOC.

N. Mockingbird: Bethany GENE 25 Sep; Hamburg ERIE 6 Nov; Buffalo ERIE 28 Nov; less common in these locations.
Brown Thrasher: last 2 BOSOC.
Am. Pipit: max 300 Porter NIAG 3 Oct.
BOHEMIAN WAXWING: GHSP 10 Nov (DS), only report.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: last BeSP 4 Sep.
Golden-winged Warbler: AmSP 14-16 Sep (RS), only report, late.
Tennessee Warbler: last Ellicottville CATT 25 Sep.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Bethany GENE and Tift NP 17 Sep; INWR 3 Oct; 4 BOSOC; Blasdell ERIE 22 Oct; Salamanca CATT 9 Nov (TB!), late.
Nashville Warbler: last Tift NP 26 Oct (BCh!), late.
Yellow Warbler: last Wilson NIAG 17 Sep.
Magnolia Warbler: last BOSOC.
Cape May Warbler: Pomfret CHAU 10 Sep; SPNS 21 Sep; last BOSOC; only reports.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: last Wilson NIAG 24 Oct.
Black-throated Green Warbler: last 8 BOSOC.
Pine Warbler: last 5 BOSOC.
Palm Warbler: arr AISP 21 Sep.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr AmSP 2 Sep.
Blackpoll Warbler: arr GI 4 Sep; last Williamsville ERIE 25 Oct (RS), late.
Black-and-white Warbler: last BOSOC.
Am. Redstart: last Alfred ALLE 20 Oct.
Ovenbird: last Lancaster ERIE BOSOC.
N. Waterthrush: last AmSP 17 Sep.
Hooded Warbler: Orchard P ERIE 2 Sep (LH), flew inside a Target store; SPNS 18 Sep; BMAC & Somerset NIAG 19 Sep, each of these birds reported singing repeatedly.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: last Wilson NIAG 18 Sep.

E. Towhee: last 2 Ashford CATT 6 Nov.
Am. Tree Sparrow: arr GHSP 23 Oct.
Chipping Sparrow: last Lancaster ERIE 29 Oct.

Vesper Sparrow: last Somerset NIAG 20 Oct.

NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED

SPARROW: Amherst ERIE 27 Sep, 29-30 Oct (JP! WW! NYSARC), same location as last fall; INWR 3 Oct (PY); fourth consecutive year in Region.

Fox Sparrow: arr Somerset NIAG 20 Oct; max 8 Ashford CATT 6 Nov; last Lancaster ERIE 11 Nov.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 20 Sep; Pomfret CHAU 29 Sep; 5 BOSOC; last INWR 17 Oct.

White-throated Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 10 Sep.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr 4 JDSP 26 Sep.

Dark-eyed Junco: arr Wilson NIAG 18 Sep.

Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco (J. h. oregonus): AISP 21, 30 Nov (TB!).

Lapland Longspur: arr Somerset NIAG 6 Oct (MM); 8 NIAG BOSOC.

Snow Bunting: arr 6 BWWTP 22 Oct; 50 Athol Springs ERIE 31 Oct; max 300 Porter NIAG 4 Nov.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last AmSP 26 Sep.

Indigo Bunting: last Wilson NIAG 19 Sep.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 5 INWR 3 Oct; max 150 BuSP 24 Oct.

Baltimore Oriole: last BuSP 4 Sep.

Purple Finch: arr 3 Somerset NIAG 6 Oct; NF 8 Oct; Tift NP 9 Oct; 101 BOSOC.

White-winged Crossbill: Wilson NIAG 14-18 Oct (BP, WD!), early, only report.

Com. Redpoll: arr LESP 13 Nov.

Pine Siskin: arr 2 Somerset NIAG 6 Oct; max 30 Wilson NIAG 11-31 Oct; well reported in Oct & Nov.

Evening Grosbeak: no reports.