

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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September was unusually cloudy and wet. The average temperature for the month was 60.5° F, which was 1.0° F below normal, the first below normal month for 2006. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 6.95", 3.11" above normal. At least some rain fell on 17 days and it was the fourth wettest September on record. The remnants of Hurricane Ernesto passed on the 2nd and other days with substantial rain were the 14th, 19th, and 28th. October was also very wet and cool. The average temperature was 49.0° F, 1.7° F below normal, and the monthly precipitation was 8.75", 5.56" above normal. It was the second wettest October on record. On 12-13 October, a surprise lake effect snow storm devastated the Buffalo area, stretching from Hamburg to Lockport. Over 22" of snow fell at the Buffalo airport and some areas had even greater amounts. The snow was very heavy in water content and, combined with leaf cover, resulted in heavy damage to trees and left over 500,000 homes without power, many for more than one week. Following the wettest September-October period on record and with many people still cleaning up from the surprise October storm, November was fortunately very mild. The average temperature was 44.6° F, 4.4° F above normal, making it the eighth warmest November on record. The month ended with a highly unusual warm and dry spell, with six consecutive days in the 60s. The monthly precipitation was 2.15", 1.77" below normal, with only 2.1" of snow, 8.9" below normal.

The unusual weather this fall made for some interesting birding at times. At the start of the season, local birders went out in search of displaced seabirds; however the passage of the remnants of Hurricane Ernesto did not provide any unusual sightings. The wet September seemed to bring more passerines to the migration hot spots and elsewhere, possibly because there were fewer nights of favorable conditions for migration. Especially good numbers of passerines were noted on the morning of 16 September and again during the last week of September.

The impact of the surprise October snow storm on birds may not be realized until the nesting season next year, as significant tree damage occurred and numerous trees fell over a wide area. On the night of the storm, Peter Yoerg was surprised to hear two Gray-cheeked Thrushes flying through the snow. On the morning following the storm, several observers noted many American Robins flying south; it's unknown if these birds were departing the afflicted area or just passing over normally in migration. In the days just after the storm, David Suggs received four reports to the Buffalo RBA of hummingbirds, two of which were identified from photos as Ruby-throated, while no further information was received on the other two.

Very strong southwesterly and westerly winds during the night of 28 October and all day on the 29th brought remarkable numbers of gulls and other

waterbirds to the eastern end of Lake Erie. Viewing from several locations along the waterfront in Hamburg, birders came up with many exciting finds including 2-3 **Sabine's Gulls**; up to 7 **Black-legged Kittiwakes**; up to 12 jaegers, with 2-3 reported as **Pomarine Jaegers**; and a **Northern Gannet**. The winds also pushed thousands of gulls on to the Niagara River that day, including the only **Franklin's Gull** of the season. Willie D'Anna estimated 20,000 Bonaparte's Gulls on the river, a remarkable number for late October. Seven record-late Chimney Swifts and hundreds of Northern Rough-winged Swallows observed that day were also likely the result from the strong winds.

The mild November weather allowed waterfowl to linger and concentrate and provided nicer conditions than usual for birders to count them. Rare, but expected, geese included four **Greater White-fronted Geese** along Lake Ontario in Somerset and two reports of **Cackling Geese**. The highlights among duck sightings included a record early **Harlequin Duck** at Dunkirk Harbor and a **Eurasian Wigeon** at Niagara Falls. **Eared Grebes** made their annual appearance at Batavia WWTP, with up to three birds this fall. There was an outbreak of type E botulism among piscivorous waterbirds for the seventh consecutive year on Lake Erie, and it also worsened on Lake Ontario. 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 201 birds were found dead during the Lake Erie transect surveys conducted from early October through early December, and another 91 non-transect birds were found. NYSDEC estimates that over 3,500 total birds, mostly Common Loons, were killed due to botulism on Lake Erie during this period. Common Loon (266) made up most of the carcass counts on Lake Erie this year. A total of 11 birds were found during mortality transect counts from transects on the Lake Ontario shoreline in NYSDEC Region 9 or Kingbird Region 1 and another 186 non-transect birds were found, 164 of which were Common Loons.

Raptor migration was extremely sparse during the fall season, as usual. Rough-legged Hawks appeared in average numbers. Bald Eagle sightings continue to increase and are too numerous to include mention of all reports. The seasonal maximum was nine along Lake Erie in Sheridan. The Buffalo News reported that the Bald Eagle found near death in June in Amherst was sighted in Quebec in September, offering positive feedback for the rehabilitation effort. However, the Peregrine Falcon news was not positive. The resident female from the Buffalo nest that produced 24 chicks in seven years was found dead on a city street in October. The cause of death was uncertain but may have involved a fight with another falcon.

The highlights of the fall shorebirding season were the second October record of **American Avocet**, on the beach at Hamburg Town Park; the record late report of a **Hudsonian Godwit**, seen by multiple observers on 11 November in Dayton; a **Long-billed Dowitcher** observed and heard as it flew off Lake Ontario; and single reports of **Red-necked Phalarope** and **Red Phalarope**.

Bonaparte's Gulls were especially numerous on the Niagara River in Buffalo this year, with the help of the late October wind event. Two adult **Black-legged Kittiwakes** were found on the Niagara River in November along, with a few of

the more expected juveniles. Large gulls were still building in numbers on the Niagara River in late November. For the 15th consecutive year, **California Gull** was found on the Niagara.

There did not appear to be any finch flights this fall. "Winter" finch reports were limited to only a handful of Pine Siskin reports and single report of Evening Grosbeak. Purple Finches were also present in lower numbers than usual.

The Region had three extreme rarities in fall 2006, two of which allowed viewing by numerous birders. While birding at Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant on the morning of 21 October, I had the good fortune of finding a **Northern Wheatear**. Many birders were able to see and photograph the cooperative bird that day and over the next two days before it departed. This was a first-year bird and presumed to be of the *leucorhoa* subspecies that breeds in Greenland and eastern Canada and crosses the Atlantic Ocean to winter in sub-Saharan Africa. It was the third record for the Region. The two previous Regional records were in 1965 and 1967, both in the last week of September. There was a marked increase in sightings of this vagrant in northeastern North America this fall.

During a joint BOS and Rochester Birding Association field trip to the Niagara River on November 19, Norma Platt spotted a diving alcid just off shore at Fort Niagara State Park. When the bird resurfaced, Bob Spahn identified it as a **Razorbill**. Although sometimes absent or difficult to find, the bird remained in this area into January, allowing many birders the opportunity to see it. This was the third Regional record with the previous two Razorbills (1982 and 1985) also occurring in the rip current where the Niagara River enters Lake Ontario.

Unlike the Northern Wheatear and Razorbill sightings that were enjoyed by many, the other mega rarity of the season was only seen by one person. On September 10, Frank Voelker was nearing the completion of several days of tractor-mowing a large meadow in Ellicottville when he saw a small dark bird flush and fly a short distance to a small unmowed patch. He was able to find the bird and study it closely. He noted "dark black feathers on the body, some of which had distal white-tipped fringe that created a flecked appearance of white on black; a red/brown nape that seemed to meld into a lateral crown stripe; red/orange eyes; buff color below the tail; black/brown legs and beak; and head and tail bobbing." He estimated the bird was slightly larger than a starling, appeared healthy, and was fully feathered. His intrigue with this unusual bird led him to research field guides and determine that it must have been a **Black Rail**. The only Regional record prior to this report is from May 1933.

While not considered an 'extreme' rarity like the three species described above, the **Summer Tanager** that frequented the feeders and yard of Willie D'Anna and Betsy Potter was nonetheless another remarkable rarity for the season and only the second fall record for the Region. The bird was observed by many, 13-21 November.

The 71st annual BOS October Count was held on the 8th and compiled by Mike Hamilton. The weather featured seasonable temperatures and fair skies. The count recorded 161 species with two first count records, Warbling Vireo and Tricolored Heron (in Ontario), 14 record high counts, and one record low

count. Highest counts since inception in 1935 were recorded for: Mute Swan (36), Green-winged Teal (409), Red-throated Loon (7), Common Loon (698), Double-crested Cormorant (2803), Turkey Vulture (469), Cooper's Hawk (30), Red-bellied Woodpecker (149), Common Raven (34), Northern Rough-winged Swallow (139), Tufted Titmouse (132), Carolina Wren (45), Blackpoll Warbler (23), and Northern Cardinal (408). Many of these species have showed continued increases over the last few years. The total of 48 American Black Ducks was the lowest in the 71-year history of the count.

Other notable sightings not previously mentioned include: **Snowy Egret**, **Sandhill Crane**, **White-eyed Vireo**, and an unidentified pale-rumped swallow.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP ERIE; BOSOC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 8 Oct Count; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP ERIE; BWWT – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor CHAU; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP NIAG; INWR – Iroquois NWR GENE/ORLE; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP ORLE; NF – Niagara Falls NIAG; NFSP – Niagara Falls SP NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project on Niagara R, Lewiston NIAG; NR – Niagara R ERIE/NIAG; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA GENE/ORLE; PG – Point Gratiot CHAU; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary ERIE; TBNP – Times Beach NP, 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

Gr. White-fronted Goose: 4 Somerset NIAG 28 Oct (JP!,WD), good count for fall.

Snow Goose: arr 2 Alexander GENE 6 Oct; 3 Somerset NIAG 28 Oct; max 18 Dayton CATT 9 Nov (DN); 3 Orchard Park ERIE 25 Nov; few reports.

Cackling Goose: 4 BWWT 22 Oct (JP); Somerset NIAG 30 Nov (WW!), only reports.

Brant: arr 89 Yates ORLE 28 Oct (WD, JP); PG 30 Oct (JL); 7 FNPS 12 Nov; only reports.

Mute Swan: 8, 12 Wilson NIAG 23 Sep, 13 Nov; 3 LBSP 30 Sep; 8 WTSP 21 Oct; 2 ad + 5 im Shadigee ORLE 22 Oct; 7 Cassadaga L CHAU thru Nov; Dayton CATT 12 Nov; increasing.

Tundra Swan: arr 6 Hamburg ERIE 29 Oct; 10 Dayton CATT 5 Nov; 20 Lancaster ERIE 10 Nov; 43 OOWMA 10 Nov; max 75 BeSP 13 Nov (DS).

Wood Duck: max 62 Alexander GENE 2 Sep.

Gadwall: max 27 ChauL 22 Nov.

EURASIAN WIGEON: male NF 12 Nov (JP), likely same bird sighted on Canadian side of NF 5 Nov (TJ), rarer in fall.

Am. Wigeon: max 74 INWR 30 Nov.

Am. Black Duck: max 22 BWWT 10 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: last Wilson NIAG 14 Oct.

N. Shoveler: max 178, 177 BWWT 10 Sep, 10 Nov.

N. Pintail: max 29 BWWT 21 Oct.

Green-winged Teal: max 50 Alexander GENE 2 Nov.

Canvasback: arr Wilson NIAG 14 Oct.

Redhead: arr 19 BOSOC.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 13 Attica WYOM 26 Sep; 127 Hanover CHAU 31 Oct; max 697; 700 Dayton CATT 9; 17 Nov (DN), good counts.

Greater Scaup: arr 3 Wilson NIAG 29 Sep (WD).

Lesser Scaup: arr 2 Wilson NIAG 24 Sep.

HARLEQUIN DUCK: arr ad male DH 15 Oct thru (TiL!, DN), record early.

Surf Scoter: arr 2 Somerset NIAG 2 Oct; 13 NIAG BOSOC; 11 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; Sheridan CHAU 16, 20 Oct; 3, 2 Buffalo NR 17 Oct, 9 Nov; 2 BWWT 21 Oct (MM), rare inland; 8 Hamburg ERIE 29 Oct; 16 Somerset NIAG 30 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: arr Wilson 15 Sep; 50 Buffalo NR 17 Oct (TiL), good count for location; 2 Dayton CATT 25 Oct (JM), uncommon inland; 40 Hamburg ERIE 29 Oct, much less common in migration on L Erie than L Ontario.

Black Scoter: arr 3, 13 Wilson NIAG 14, 15 Oct; 5 DH 18 Nov; NF 18 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr Wilson NIAG 28 Oct; 800 Buffalo NR 19 Nov (MM), less

common in migration on L Erie than L Ontario.

Bufflehead: arr Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; max 4100; 1800 Buffalo NR 5; 18 Nov (TJ; WW), at mouth of L Erie, good counts.

Com. Goldeneye: arr 33 BOSOC.

Hooded Merganser: max 234 Dayton CATT Nov (DN).

Com. Merganser: 108 Sheridan CHAU 10 Sep, good count for date; max 224 Dayton CATT 17 Nov (DN).

Ruddy Duck: 269 BWWT 28 Sep; 82 ChauL 18 Oct (DN); max 532 BWWT 21 Oct (MM); 24 AISP 24 Oct (TB); 95 Dayton CATT 17 Nov; 4 Allegany CATT 19 Nov (JR); 4 Alfred ALLE 23, 29 Nov (EB).

Red-throated Loon: arr 7 NIAG BOSOC; max 20 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct (WD); Dayton CATT 13 Nov (JM), only report away from L Ontario.

Com. Loon: arr 9 Wilson NIAG 10 Sep; 2 Dayton CATT 12 Sep (DN), unusual location for date; max 75 Wilson NIAG 14 Oct; *intro*.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 147 ChauL 22 Nov (DN), good count at Celeron.

Horned Grebe: arr Wilson NIAG 23 Sep; 73 Silver Creek CHAU 7 Nov; max 151 DH 18 Nov (DN); 131 Sheridan CHAU 19 Nov (DN).

Red-necked Grebe: arr 3 Wilson NIAG 10 Sep (WD! BE), early; 1, 7 Wilson NIAG 7, 15 Oct (WD); 6 BOSOC; 7 Somerset NIAG, Yates ORLE 21 Oct; 2 Buffalo ERIE 29 Oct; 5 Sheridan CHAU 6 Nov (FR, BW).

EARED GREBE: 3 BWWT 3 Sep (MM!), at least one remained thru 10 Nov, annual at this location.

NORTHERN GANNET: juv Hamburg ERIE 29 Oct (MZ!), during strong SW winds on L Erie, first Oct record for Reg.

Double-crested Cormorant: 225; 450 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 5 Sep; 2 Nov; max 545; 640 BuSP 12 Sep; 4 Oct (WW); 74 BuSP 27 Nov, high count for date.

Am. Bittern: Farmersville CATT 6 Oct (BC), only report.

Great Egret: Alfred ALLE 1-30 Sep; 6; 6 BWWT 3; 28 Sep; 6 TBNP 5 Sep; max 39 Strawberry I NR 8 Sep (WW); 4 Alexander GENE 14 Sep; 3 Wethersfield WYOM 22 Sep (RR); 12 Tift NP 5 Oct; 25 BOSOC; last FNPS 28 Oct.

SNOWY EGRET: Tift NP & TBNP 2-19 Sep (JP, WW, mob), very rare in fall, only 2nd Sep record for Reg.

Green Heron: last Alexander GENE 28 Oct.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 34 NF 29 Nov, good number for date.
Turkey Vulture: last 12 Wethersfield WYOM 1 Nov.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: last BWWTP 21 Oct.
Bald Eagle: reported from numerous locations; 15 BOSOC; max 9 Sheridan CHAU 20 Sep (DN).
N. Goshawk: ORLE BOSOC, only report.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 6 BOSOC; Ashford CATT 10 Oct; Wethersfield WYOM 1 Nov; few typically reported in fall.
Broad-winged Hawk: last 3 BOSOC.
Rough-legged Hawk: arr Wethersfield WYOM 1 Nov.
Merlin: SPNS 14 Sep; 3 Buffalo ERIE 15, 29 Sep (PY), traditional winter roost; Tift NP 17 Sep; Buffalo ERIE 24 Sep; NIAG BOSOC; AISP 15 Oct (TiL); BWWTP 21 Oct; NF 29 Oct; 2 Batavia GENE 9 Nov (LC).
Peregrine Falcon: INWR 23 Sep; Yates ORLE 24 Sep; NIAG BOSOC; Somers NIAG 21 Oct; Buffalo ERIE 21 Oct; female from Buffalo pair found dead in Oct, *intro*.
BLACK RAIL: Ellicottville CATT 10 Sep (FV! NYSARC), flushed while mowing wet field with tractor, observed at close range, 2nd Regional record, *intro*.
Virginia Rail: no reports.
Sora: last Farmersville CATT 6 Oct (BC), only report.
Com. Moorhen: last INWR 22 Oct.
Am. Coot: max 663 ChauL 18 Oct (DN); 161 Dayton CATT 22 Oct; 312 INWR 30 Nov.
SANDHILL CRANE: INWR 23 Sep (JP!), much rarer in fall than spring, only 2nd Sep record for Reg.
Black-bellied Plover: 6 WBSP 17 Sep; 2 Yates ORLE 24 Sep; 2 BWWTP 28 Sep; max, last 9 Hamburg ERIE 31 Oct.
Am. Golden-Plover: Clarence ERIE 3 Sep; WBSP 17 Sep; max 26 NIAG BOSOC; last BWWTP 21 Oct.
Semipalmated Plover: max 9 Tift NP 9 Sep; last 6 BOSOC.
Killdeer: last 9 Alexander GENE 5 Nov.
AMERICAN AVOCET: Hamburg ERIE 12 Oct (RA! FR), increasing reports of this rarity, only 2nd Oct record for Reg.
Greater. Yellowlegs: last BWWTP 21 Oct.
Lesser Yellowlegs: last 24 BOSOC.
Solitary Sandpiper: last 4 Bethany GENE 15 Oct.

Willet: DH 3 Sep, only report.
Spotted Sandpiper: last 3 BOSOC.
HUDSONIAN GODWIT: Dayton CATT 11 Nov (JL, DN, BS, KV), latest report for Reg.
Sanderling: max 17 Sheridan CHAU 3 Sep; last 2 Hamburg ERIE 12 Oct.
Pectoral Sandpiper: 24 Wilson NIAG 24 Sep; last 4 BOSOC.
Dunlin: arr BWWTP 28 Sep; max 115 Wilson NIAG 3 Nov (BE); last FNSP 5 Nov.
Stilt Sandpiper: 4 Clarence ERIE 4, 5 Sep (JP); 6 BOSOC; only reports.
Short-billed Dowitcher: 1; 2 Tift NP 3; 9 Sep, only reports.
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: LBSP 30 Sep (WD! JP), identified by call as it flew off of L Ontario.
Wilson's Snipe: 11 INWR 23 Sep; 2 Amherst ERIE 26 Sep; Newfane NIAG 7 Oct; 11 BOSOC; last 4 Findley L CHAU 23 Nov (JL).
Am. Woodcock: 3 BOSOC; last Ashford CATT 13 Nov (JR).
Red-necked Phalarope: BWWTP 27 Sep - 5 Oct (MZ, GS), only report.
Red Phalarope: Hanover CHAU 19 Nov (DN), at mouth of Cattaraugus Creek.
POMARINE JAEGER: 2-3 Hamburg ERIE 29 Oct (JP), during strong wind event.
Parasitic Jaeger: 3 Wilson NIAG 2 Sep (BE); 2 Hamburg ERIE 24 Sep (PY!); 8 Hamburg ERIE 29 Oct (RA!), during strong wind event; FNSP 5 Nov (TJ, PY).
jaeger sp.: 2 Hamburg ERIE 24 Sep (PY); Wilson NIAG 17 Oct (WD); 12 Hamburg ERIE 29 Oct (PY), includes overlap with reports above from same date.
FRANKLIN'S GULL: NF 29 Oct (WD), only report.
Little Gull: arr Wilson NIAG 15, 17 Oct; Lewiston NR 23 Oct; 4 Buffalo NR 29 Oct; 4 NF 29 Oct; Hamburg ERIE 29 Oct; 2 max NR thru Nov.
Bonaparte's Gull: 1182 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct (WD), migrating along L Ontario; estimated 20,000 Buffalo NR & NF 29 Oct (WD!), following strong wind event, remarkable count for date.
CALIFORNIA GULL: NPP 12, 13, 18 Nov (JP WW! WD! NYSARC); NF 18 Nov (WD!); 15th consecutive year on NR.
Thayer's Gull: several reported NPP and NF in late Nov, undocumented.
Iceland Gull: arr NF 18 Nov (BP).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Hamburg ERIE 10 Sep (FR); 4 NF 29 Oct; 2 Hamburg ERIE

29 Oct; max 6 NF 22 Nov (JP); Wilson NIAG 29 Nov.

Glaucous Gull: arr NF 18 Nov.

Sabine's Gull: arr 2 Hamburg ERIE 29 Oct (MM), during strong wind event; Wilson NIAG 11, 16 Nov (WD).

Black-legged Kittiwake: arr, max 7 juv Hamburg ERIE 29 Oct (PY!), during strong wind event; juv NF 29 Oct, 5 Nov; ad NF 18 Nov (WD!, BP); ad DHSP 18 Nov (WD!), adults very rare; 2 juvs NF 22 Nov.

Caspian Tern: max 29 BeSP 7 Sep; last 3 Wilson NIAG 29 Sep.

Com. Tern: 2 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; last 5; 1 Buffalo NR 2; 14 Nov (PH).

Forster's Tern: Hamburg ERIE 2 Sep; 2 Silver Creek CHAU 6 Sep (DN); 2 Carlton ORLE 30 Sep (JP); Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; 2 DH 6 Nov (DN), late; Barcelona Harbor CHAU 10 Nov (BS), late.

RAZORBILL: FNSP 19 Nov thru (NP; mob NYSARC), third Regional record, all have been at same location.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Newstead ERIE 3 Sep (MM); TBNP 16 Sep (RS); BeSP 19 Sep (DS); last AmSP 27 Sep (RS); more fall reports than usual.

Snowy Owl: no reports.

Short-eared Owl: 18; 22 Porter NIAG 2; 6 Nov (DS), traditional wintering location.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 40 banded AISP 1 Oct - 24 Nov (ToL); 15 banded Wethersfield WYOM 1-31 Oct (DJ), wet and windy weather blamed for lower numbers than recent years.

Com. Nighthawk: 13 Williamsville ERIE 6 Sep; 10 Buffalo ERIE 6 Sep; max 46 Falconer CHAU 8 Sep (LD), good count for recent years.

Chimney Swift: last 7 Buffalo NR 29 Oct (WD!); during strong wind event, record late.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: Amherst ERIE 9-14 Oct; last N Tonawanda NIAG 16 Oct (PD); plus two other secondhand reports of hummingbirds to DAB following surprise October storm.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 3 Hamburg ERIE 3 Sep; 3 FNSP 9 Sep; BeSP 16, 27 Sep; 3 LBSP 30 Sep; only reports.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Orchard Park ERIE 2 Sep.

N. Flicker: 17 Brant ERIE 30 Sep, good count for one location.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 2 Tift NP 10 Sep (MG,GR), rarely reported in fall.

E. Wood-Pewee: last BOSOC.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Williamsville ERIE 4 Sep (RS); Eden ERIE 11 Sep (RA); last AISP 21 Sep (TB).

"Traill's" Flycatcher: last Amherst ERIE 14 Sep (JP), only report.

Least Flycatcher: last 3 AmSP 26 Sep.

E. Phoebe: last Brant ERIE 4 Nov (DN).

Great Crested Flycatcher: last Amherst ERIE 14 Sep.

E. Kingbird: last 2 Tift NP 16 Sep.

N. Shrike: arr AmSP 30 Oct.

White-eyed Vireo: Amherst ERIE 21 Sep (JP!), third consecutive fall report.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last AmSP 26 Sep.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr Sheridan CHAU 17 Sep; last Tonawanda ERIE 24 Oct.

Warbling Vireo: AmSP 29 Sep (RS), late; NF BOSOC, very late.

Philadelphia Vireo: 10 reports Sep; last AmSP 26 Sep.

Red-eyed Vireo: last 7 BOSOC.

Com. Raven: Attica WYOM 26 Sep;

Darien GENE 29 Sep, 11 Nov; 3

Bennington WYOM BOSOC; 2 Stockton CHAU BOSOC; only reports away from ALLE, CATT.

Horned Lark: max 200 Chautauqua CHAU 18 Nov (DN).

Purple Martin: last 2 Tillman WMA ERIE 6 Oct (RS).

Tree Swallow: 400 BWWTP 3 Sep; 17 BWWTP 21 Oct; 2 NF 29 Oct (WD); BWWTP 4 Nov (SG), late; last NF 17 Nov (SM), late.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 200 NF 29 Oct (WD); last 31 NF 19 Nov (WW! WD!), often reported late in season from this location.

Bank Swallow: last 10 BWWTP 3 Sep.

Cliff Swallow: last BWWTP 3 Sep.

Barn Swallow: max 300 BWWTP 11 Sep (WW); Carlton ORLE 28 Oct (WD!), late; last NF 5 Nov (TJ), second latest report ever.

swallow sp: pale-rumped swallow NF 17-18 Nov (SM, JP), poorly seen on two occasions, presumed Cave or Cliff.

Carolina Wren: max 8 TBNP 16 Sep (RS); 45 BOSOC, highest in 71 year history of count.

House Wren: last 11 BOSOC.

Winter Wren: arr Wilson NIAG 6 Sep; Hanover CHAU 19 Nov.

Marsh Wren: AmSP 1 Oct (RS), migrant; INWR 7 Oct; last 3 BOSOC.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Wilson NIAG 12 Sep.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr WTSP, Tift NP 9 Sep; Silver Creek CHAU 5 Nov; Sherman CHAU 18 Nov; last NF 29 Nov (WW).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last 3 TBNP 16 Sep.
NORTHERN WHEATEAR: BWWTP 21-23 Oct (MM!, mob, NYARC), third Regional record.
Veery: last 2 Orchard Park ERIE, Wilson NIAG 16 Sep.
Gray-checked Thrush: arr Tonawanda ERIE 5 Sep; 2 Wilson NIAG 16 Sep; 2 NF 3 Oct; 4 Tonawanda ERIE 26 Sep; last 2 Buffalo ERIE 13 Oct (PY).
Swainson's Thrush: arr Salamanca CATT 3 Sep; 5 TBNP 16 Sep; 30 Orchard Park ERIE 16 Sep (MM), nocturnal calls within ~30 mins; last 6 BOSOC.
Hermit Thrush: arr Wilson NIAG 26 Sep; 17 AISP 24 Oct, good count.
Wood Thrush: last 7 BOSOC.
N. Mockingbird: Amherst ERIE 26 Sep; Sherman CHAU 18 Nov; Silver Creek CHAU 23 Nov; Tift NP 28 Nov; Alexander GENE 30 Nov; less common in these locations.
Brown Thrasher: last 2 BOSOC.
Am. Pipit: arr 3 LBSP 30 Sep; max 40 Alexander GENE 14 Oct; max 40 Somerset NIAG 22 Oct.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: last Tift NP 15 Sep (DS).
"Brewster's" Warbler: last AmSP 11 Sep (RS).
Tennessee Warbler: last 2 BOSOC.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr NF, Amherst ERIE 15 Sep; last Pomfret CHAU 15 Oct (TM).
Nashville Warbler: 7 Tift NP 3 Sep; last Hamburg ERIE 21 Oct.
N. Parula: last BOSOC.
Yellow Warbler: last Tift NP 23 Sep (RS).
Chestnut-sided Warbler: last BOSOC.
Magnolia Warbler: last 2 BOSOC.
Cape May Warbler: 6 Wilson & Porter NIAG 7 Sep (JP); Pomfret CHAU 17 Sep; Wilson NIAG 29 Sep; 2 BOSOC; only reports.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: last 2 BOSOC.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 275 NFSP 30 Sep (DR).
Black-throated Green Warbler: last Salamanca CATT 19 Oct (TB).
Blackburnian Warbler: last Silver Creek CHAU 30 Sep.
Pine Warbler: arr NFSP 3 Sep; 3 Wilson NIAG 7 Sep; AISP 23 Sep; last Somerset NIAG 21 Oct (WD, BP).
Palm Warbler: arr 4 TBNP 9 Sep; last BuSP 15 Oct.
Bay-breasted Warbler: last Tift NP 2 Oct.
Blackpoll Warbler: last 23 BOSOC.
Black-and-white Warbler: last Tift NP 5 Oct.
Am. Redstart: last Tift NP 5 Oct.
Ovenbird: last Tift NP 1 Oct (JM).
N. Waterthrush: last Wilson NIAG 9 Sep.
Connecticut Warbler: TBNP 10 Sep (RA); BeSP 18 Sep (DS); only reports.
Com. Yellowthroat: last 15 BOSOC.
Hooded Warbler: last AISP 27 Sep.
Wilson's Warbler: last Tift NP 5 Oct.
Canada Warbler: last Tift NP 13 Sep.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

SUMMER TANAGER: Wilson NIAG 13-21 Nov (BP, WD! mob), 2nd fall record.
Scarlet Tanager: last AmSP 26 Sep.
E. Towhee: 44 BOSOC.
Am. Tree Sparrow: arr AmSP 26 Sep (RS), very early, 1st Sep record for Reg.
Chipping Sparrow: last 16 Alexander GENE, 4 Attica WYOM 12 Nov.
Vesper Sparrow: Clarence ERIE 4 Sep (JP); BuSP 21 Sep (EL); BWWTP 24 Oct (EL); last Hamburg ERIE 25 Oct (RA).
Fox Sparrow: arr 3 BOSOC; last TBNP 19 Nov.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 2 Olcott NIAG 7 Sep (JP); BuSP 20 Oct; last Pomfret CHAU 26 Oct (TM), late.
White-throated Sparrow: arr Tift NP 9 Sep.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 26 Sep.
Lapland Longspur: arr BOSOC; max 23 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct (WD, BE); 2 Pomfret CHAU 4,8 Nov.
Snow Bunting: arr BOSOC, early; 12 BWWTP 25 Oct; 50 Porter NIAG 27 Oct; max 80 Somerset NIAG 28 Oct.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last BOSOC.
Indigo Bunting: 3 AISP 27 Sep; last AmSP 29 Sep.
E. Meadowlark: AISP 5 Nov (TB); 2 Dayton CATT 17 Nov (DN); only reports beyond Oct.

Rusty Blackbird: arr TWMA 1 Oct; max 35 Hanover CHAU 21 Oct; last 7 Wilson NIAG 10 Nov (WD).

Baltimore Oriole: last Tifft NP 9 Sep.

Purple Finch: 52 BOSOC, low total; few reports.

Pine Siskin: arr 9 BOSOC; 4 Wilson NIAG 13 Nov; 2 Alfred ALLE 30 Nov (EB); only reports.

Evening Grosbeak: arr 3 ALLE BOSOC, only report.