

REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

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Typically the most remarkable weather factors for the fall season are tropical storms. In fact, last year's report noted that the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season was the most active on record. This fall was a complete turnaround, with no hurricanes or other major storms affecting the Northeast. Statistics from the Binghamton weather station indicate that temperatures and precipitation for September were near normal. Only one date brought over one inch of rain. October's temperatures were again normal, but precipitation was 1.3 inches above average. Most of this increase came in a wet second half of the month when 13 of the last 15 days had at least a trace of precipitation. November remained damper than normal, with rain or snow recorded on over half the dates. It was also warm, with 18 days with above average temperature. Highs the final week of the month were 10 to 20 degrees F above normal.

A handful of rarities were reported in the Region, most likely a result of chance and good observation, rather than weather. A late September/early October Rufous Hummingbird in Delaware County may be a Regional first - certainly there have been no reports in recent years. This species and other out-of-range hummingbirds seem to be on the increase in fall and early winter. Katie Ray's thorough monitoring of Buckhorn Lake, Otsego County, turned up White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Red-breasted Merganser, and Red-necked Grebe, all uncommon at best in the Region. A Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society field trip led by Bob Donnelly found a Greater White-fronted Goose on Allen Lake, Otsego County.

Otherwise, waterfowl were fair. Brant continue to be regularly reported as flyovers at the Franklin Mountain Hawkwatch (FMHW) as well as elsewhere.

Wood Duck, Green-winged Teal, and Pied-billed Grebe reports again were good. Loon numbers were down somewhat and Blue-winged Teal remain low.

Green Heron was well reported, and this species appears to be continuing a comeback from its downturn in past years. Sara Kinch turned up an uncommon Black-crowned Night-Heron in BROO in early September.

The Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch had a good season, with 5432 raptors tallied, marking the 5th time the 5000 hawk mark has been reached in the 18 year history of the site. New seasonal records were set for Red-shouldered Hawk at 115 and Merlin at 39. Notable was a large flight of 43 red-shoulders on 11 November, the largest single day count for the species at FMHW. Golden Eagles topped 200 for the fourth consecutive season, with a big day of 33 coming on 18 November. A good two day flight of 743 Red-tailed Hawks 25-26 October contributed to the second highest season for the species at this site. Species below average included Osprey and Am. Kestrel, the former likely a normal fluctuation, but the later a continuation of a troubling long term decline. Osprey were also low Region-wide.

Elsewhere in the Region, Bald Eagle continues to spread and increase. Northern Harrier remains low, but Sharp-shinned Hawk numbers show some promise. Both Cooper's Hawk and Merlin remain healthy. Late season species, Rough-legged Hawk and Northern Goshawk, did not make much of a showing.

As usual, BROO carries the shorebird load for the Region. Reports were mixed, with few peeps spotted, but Regionally-uncommon Upland Sandpiper and Pectoral Sandpiper were found. American Woodcock numbers were down.

Bonaparte's Gull is becoming a regular late fall visitor to the Region. Four late-November sightings, all Broome County, included 25+ at Dorchester Park on 15 November, reported by Marie Petuh and Dan Watkins from a Naturalists' Club of Broome County Weed Walk. Jon Weeks located two Black Terns, rare in the Region, in early September.

No cuckoos were reported, and owls, nighthawks and Ruby-throated Hummingbird were all low. Pileated Woodpecker was again well reported through the Region.

Gail Kirch at the Vestal Banding Station (VBS) described a mixed season, with favorable conditions in September, but wind, rain and fog less conducive for banding in October and November. Highlights included a big day 30 September when 53 birds of 13 species were caught in two hours. Gail noted the value of her assistant Andrea Martin on this day and through the season. A Hooded Warbler and a Yellow-breasted Chat were banded at VBS, both species only the second records since 1989. A Sharp-shinned Hawk flew into the nets on 10 November, creating a scramble to deal with a bird much larger than the usual songbirds encountered here! Gail also commented on the high numbers of hatching year Gray Catbirds at the site - 60 of the 65 banded this fall - attributing it to ideal nesting habitat and abundant food supply in the vicinity. On the down side were low numbers of Dark-eyed Junco, late season migrants affected by the poor weather the second half of October and through November.

Flycatchers were reported in low numbers this season, with single reports of Olive-sided Flycatcher and Yellow-throated Flycatcher being bright spots. Great-crested Flycatcher was missed.

Vireos were fair, although no Yellow-throated Vireos were reported. Notable among swallows were reports of the Regionally uncommon Bank Swallow and Cliff Swallow in early September.

Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Carolina Wren, and Winter Wren all made good showings, while House Wren remains low. Marsh Wren appears regular at Boland Park, Broome County.

The thrush reports reflect counts of night flights of these and other species made by Steve Broyles of Cortland, using recording equipment and computer programs to identify the call notes of the birds. This technology, now evidently within the capabilities of the layperson, has the potential to revolutionize the monitoring of songbird migration. As most of these species travel over a broad front, a good sampling of nocturnal movements is now possible. As numbers were not precise, these results are often noted as "flights" in the reports below. Counts were typically in the hundreds, however. Note also that these night flights often correspond with daytime sightings and banding records in the same periods. Other species reported via this technology include Bobolink and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. These impressive thrush numbers should not be viewed as a jump in their populations. More traditional counts remain low for all spotted-breast thrushes. Of note is a Bicknell's Thrush banded by Bob Pantle in Candor, Tioga County on 27 September.

Warblers were mixed this season, with Nashville, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Palm, and N. Waterthrush all doing well, while Chestnut-sided and Black-and-white were down. Showing up from the often missed category were Tennessee, N. Parula, Blackburnian, Mourning, and Hooded. Missed were Blue-winged, Orange-crowned, and Yellow.

Notable among sparrows were three reports of Vesper Sparrow. Dark-eyed Junco numbers were down generally, although some reports indicated normal or good counts. Modest numbers of Snow Buntings showed from late October on. Indigo Bunting remains low.

E. Meadowlark, another declining species, held its own with six reports this season. Rusty Blackbird was a bright spot with a number of widespread reports. A late Baltimore Oriole appeared in McGraw CORT 21 November.

Among finches, Purple Finch was low relative to recent seasons. Red and White-winged crossbills were reported by Matt Young from their usual locations in Chenango County. These are likely breeders rather than early migrants. No other winter finches were reported.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AqPk - Aquaterra Park BROO; BHL - Buck Horn L OTSE; BUNP - Binghamton University Nature Preserve BROO; BPd - Boland Pd BROO; CVSP - Chenango Valley State P BROO; DorP - Dorchester P BROO; FMHW - Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch DELA; Ots - Otsego L OTSE; UL - Upper Lisle BROO; VBS - Vestal banding station BROO; WCM - W Corners Marsh BROO.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES GREATER WHITE-FRONTED

GOOSE: Allen L OTSE 10 Nov (BD), rare in Region.

Snow Goose: 4 rep BROO; 100+ Glen Aubrey BROO 10 Oct; flock FMHW 10 Oct; 30+ Tioga TIOG; 1000 FMHW 20 Nov; 350 FMHW 22 Nov.

Cackling “Richardson’s” Goose: DorP 1 Nov.

Canada Goose: max 1500 FMHW 25 Sep.

Brant: 3 rep BROO; 4 rep FMHW 5 Oct - 27 Oct; max 70 FMHW 26 Oct; 11 BHL 28 Oct; continuing to be reported in good numbers throughout Region.

Mute Swan: OtsL 10 Nov; no spread in Region.

Wood Duck: 55 rep; 60+ BPd 9 Oct; continues steady.

Am. Wigeon: “many” Cincinnatus L Cort 1 Nov; 2 BPd 2 Nov; Allen L OTSE 10 Nov.

Am. Black Duck: 46 rep, mostly pairs or small flocks.

Mallard: max 160 Chenango BROO 17 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: 7 BHL 10 Sep; 4 BHL 26 Sep; remains low.

N. Shoveler: 8 BPd 12 Oct.

N. Pintail: 5 BHL 26 Sep, often missed.

Green-winged Teal: 40 rep BROO, good count; max 11 Chenango BROO 1 Oct.

Canvasback: 2 Canadarago Lk OTSE 17 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: 9 rep Oct & Nov.

White-winged Scoter: Vestal BROO 14 Nov; 3 BHL 20 Oct; 1 BHL 21 Oct; good showing for Region.

Black Scoter: BHL 15 Nov, 17 Nov (KR), uncommon in Region.

Bufflehead: 11 rep Nov; max 12 BHL 2 Nov, 4 Nov, good count.

Com. Merganser: numerous reports, particularly BROO; max 32 BHL 18 Oct; 32 Triangle BROO 15 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser: 3 BHL 4 Nov, 5 Nov, uncommon in Region.

Ruddy Duck: 8 Quaker L BROO 28 Sep; present BHL 9 Oct - 5 Nov; DorP 1 Nov;

Allen’s L OTSE 10 Nov; max 12 BHL 29 Oct.; fair count for recent years.

Ruffed Grouse: 9 rep BROO; 1 rep CHEN; 3 rep CORT; 4 rep OTSE; multiple rep TIOG; fair count.

Wild Turkey: 20 rep; max 34 Colesville BROO 28 Nov; continues below peak.

Red-throated Loon: 4 DorP 15 Nov; Vestal BROO 13 & 20 Nov.

Com. Loon: Triangle BROO 3 Sept, early; multiples FMHW 25 Oct; OtL 10 Nov; Cincinnatus L CORT 26 Nov; low.

Loon, sp.: 9 FMHW 26 Oct; 4 FMHW 29 Oct; 4 FMHW 4 Nov; 3 Colesville BROO 19 Nov; FMHW 21 Nov; 3 FMHW 25 Nov.

Pied-billed Grebe: 32 rep BROO; present BPd most of season; present BHL most of Oct; N Norwich CHEN 10 Nov; Allen L OTSE 10 Nov; good count.

Horned Grebe: DorP 4 Nov; 2 DorP 5 Nov; often missed.
Red-necked Grebe: BHL 1 Nov, 5 Nov, uncommon.
Double-crested Cormorant: 24 rep; max 98 Vestal BROO 25 Oct.
Great Egret: BPd 4 Sep; Ots 4 Sep; 9 Brick Pd TIOG 6 Sep, good count; Greenwood Pk BROO 21 Sep.
Green Heron: 21 rep Sep; "many" Brick Pd TIOG 6 Sep; BUNP 6 Oct; BUNP 10 Oct.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: WCM 8 Sep (SaK), uncommon in Region.
Turkey Vulture: common thru mid-Oct; max 87+ Owego TIOG 21 Oct; total 393 FMHW, 17% above avg.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

(FMHW totals cover 20 Aug to 1 Jan, 2007; averages reflect 2001-2006 data).
Osprey: total 121 FMHW, 23% below avg; 8 other rep, low.
Bald Eagle: total 127 FMHW, avg; 28 other rep, very widespread.
N. Harrier: total 70 FMHW, 9% below avg; 13 other rep.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: total 574 FMHW, 6% above avg; 23 other rep, good count.
Cooper's Hawk: total 115 FMHW, 4% below avg; 23 other rep, continues increase.

N. Goshawk: total 8 FMHW, 72% below; 3 other rep; poor season.
Red-shouldered Hawk: total 115 FMHW, 73% above avg; Vestal BROO 17 Sep; max 43 FMHW 1 Nov.
Broad-winged Hawk: total 774 FMHW, 20% below avg; max 174 FMHW 17 Sep; 5 other rep, low.
Red-tailed Hawk: total 2730 FMHW, 18% above avg; max 433 FMHW 25 Oct.
Rough-legged Hawk: total 4 FMHW, 71% below avg; Otselic CHEN 13 Oct; Scott CORT 14 Nov; Lincklaen CHEN 18 Nov.
Golden Eagle: total 207 FMHW, avg; max 33 FMHW 18 Nov; 2 other rep.
Am. Kestrel: total 85 FMHW, 28% below avg; 34 other rep, fair count; max 4 Lisle BROO 21 Sep.
Merlin: total 39 FMHW, 31% above avg; 19 rep BROO, several from same Binghamton location; 2 other rep.
Peregrine Falcon: total 14 FMHW, 12% below avg; 6 rep BROO.
Virginia Rail: WCM 11 Sep; 2 WCM 14 Sep; BPd 22 Sep.
Am. Coot: regular BPd Oct - early Nov; Otl 11 Nov; BHL 13 Oct; 2 BHL 14 Oct.

Killdeer: 50 rep; max 37 Chenango BROO 2 Sep.
Greater Yellowlegs: 5 rep BROO; max 7+ Vestal BROO 25 Oct.
Lesser Yellowlegs: 2 DorP 3 Sep; 2 Oxford CHEN 12.
Solitary Sandpiper: DorP 3 Sep; Brick Pd TIOG 6 Sep; WCM 11 Sep.
Spotted Sandpiper: Norwich CHEN 28 Sep; 5 rep BROO Sep, Oct.
Upland Sandpiper: Pitcher CHEN 14 Oct (MT), uncommon in Region.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: Tri-cities Airport, Endicott BROO 6 Sep.
Least Sandpiper: 2 Tri-cities Airport, Endicott BROO 8 Sep; Chenango BROO 14 Sep.
Pectoral Sandpiper: Chenango BROO 14 Sep (JW, BG), uncommon.
Am. Woodcock: 2 Burlington OTSE 4 Sep; Richford CORT 22 Sep; Triangle BROO 1 Nov, in flight display at dusk; low.
Bonaparte's Gull: 10 Kirkwood Industrial Pk BROO 15 Nov; 2 Hillcrest Pits BROO 15 Nov; 25+ DorP 15 Nov; Chenango BROO 19 Nov; good count for Region, apparently increasing.
Ring-billed Gull: numerous thru; max 148+ Chenango BROO 2 Nov.
Great Black-backed Gull: Otl 10 Nov; DorP 18 Nov; uncommon.
Black Tern: 2 DorP 3 Sep (JW), rare in Region.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

E. Screech-Owl: Burlington OTSE 5 Sep; multiple rep TIOG Sep & Oct; low count.
Great Horned Owl: BHL 9 Oct; 2 Cortland CORT 22 Oct; Burlington OTSE 19 Nov; low.
Barred Owl: FMHW 1 Sep, 14 Sep, 17 Sep; Barker, BROO 7 Sep; low.
Com. Nighthawk: Hillcrest Pits BROO 4 Sep; 12+ Binghamton BROO 6 Sep; Binghamton BROO 8 Sep; Delhi DELA 19 Sep; remains low.
Chimney Swift: 8 rep BROO early Sep; last AqPk 24 Sep; BHL 6 Sep.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 2 Sep rep BROO; 3 Sep reports DELA; 4 Sep & Oct reports OTSE; 1 Sep report TIOG; quite low; last Delhi DELA 6 Oct.
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: Andes, DELA 30 Sep-6 Nov (RP).
Red-bellied Woodpecker: 11 rep BROO; 1 rep OTSE; multiple rep TIOG; continues regular.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 8 rep BROO; 1 rep DELA; 1 rep OTSE; multiple rep TIOG; FMHW 25 Nov, late.

Pileated Woodpecker: 31 rep BROO; 1 rep CORT; 5 rep OTSE; multiple rep TIOG; another good year.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Vestal BROO 5 Oct, uncommon.

E. Wood-Pewee: Burlington OTSE 4 Sep; BHL 3 Sep; Delhi DELA 15 Sep; BUNP 16 Sep; BUNP 18 Sep.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: VBS 4 Sep, uncommon.

Least Flycatcher: TIOG 1 Sep; VBS 4 Sep; BUNP 16.

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E. Kingbird: Triangle BROO 3 Sep; 2 BPd 5 Sep; 5 Plymouth CHEN 5 Sep; WCM 11 Sep.

N. Shrike: Carr Rd. CORT 1 Nov; Richford CORT 4 Nov; Lisle BROO 11 Nov; Richford CORT 12 Nov; Pharsalia CHEN 18 Nov.

Warbling Vireo: Conklin BROO 1 Sep; Brick Pd TIOG 6 Sep; 2 WCM 9 Sep.

Philadelphia Vireo: 6 VBS thru early Oct; WCM 9 Sep; Vestal BROO 11 Sep.

Red-eyed Vireo: 16 rep BROO; 15 VBS 15 Sep; max 16 VBS 4 Sep.

Am. Crow: max “100s” Nanticoke BROO 25 Sep.

Fish Crow: TIOG Oct; Tioga TIOG 7 Nov; CVSP 17 Nov; no indication of extending range.

Com. Raven: 27 widespread rep; nearly daily FMHW.

Horned Lark: DorP 1 Oct; Lisle BROO 8 Oct; 20+ Lisle BROO 11 Nov; 39 Lisle BROO 14 Nov.

Tree Swallow: “massive number” BPd 4 Sep; 8 other rep.

Bank Swallow: BPd 4 & 5 Sep, uncommon.

Cliff Swallow: BPd 4 & 5 Sep, uncommon

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 22 rep; “all month” Kirkwood BROO Oct; large flock Oneonta OTSE 1 Oct; good count.

Brown Creeper: 33 rep, mostly Oct & Nov.

Carolina Wren: 1 VBS; 64 other rep; continues steady expansion in Region.

House Wren: 15 rep BROO; multiple rep TIOG Sep; last Glen Aubrey BROO 10 Oct; continues low.

Winter Wren: CVSP 17 Sep; Milford OTSE 1 Oct; VBS 15 Oct; CVSP 17 Nov; BUNP 30 Nov; good count.

Marsh Wren: BPd 22 Oct; BPd 6 Nov; BPd 8 Nov.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: widely reported, but no large flocks.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: last DorP 5 Nov.

E. Bluebird: 57 rep thru; max 16 Kirkwood BROO 14 Oct.

Veery: BHL 3 Sep; 150+ Cortland CORT 4-5 Sep; VBS 5 Sep; flight Cortland CORT 9-10 Sep; approx 60 Cortland CORT 20-21 Sep; multiple rep TIOG Sep.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: Cortland CORT 5 Sep; flight Cortland CORT 9-10 Sep; approx 125 Cortland CORT 20-21 Sep; flight Cortland CORT 25 Sep, 26 Sep; 2 VBS 26 Sep; VBS 27 Sep; Candor, TIOG, banded; 2 VBS 1 Oct; 3 VBS 3 Oct.

Bicknell’s Thrush: Candor TIOG 27 Sep, banded (BP); rarely reported in Region.

Swainson’s Thrush: flight Cortland CORT 9-10 Sep; 2 AqPk 17 Sep; approx 950 Cortland CORT 20-21 Sep; 21 VBS mid Sep-early Oct; Candor TIOG 22 Sep; Ely Pk BROO 25 Sep; flight Cortland CORT 25 Sep, 26 Sep.

Hermit Thrush: Candor TIOG 4 Sep; flight Cortland CORT 4-5 Sep; 12 VBS thru mid Sep; 3 Burlington OTSE 13 Oct; 5 rep BROO.

Wood Thrush: flight Cortland CORT 4-5 Sep; flight Cortland CORT 9-10 Sep; approx 60 Cortland CORT 20-21 Sep; Candor TIOG 26 Sep; 6 VBS thru mid Oct.

Gray Catbird: 66 VBS Sep-Oct; well reported BROO thru early Oct; last Vestal BROO 25 Oct.

Brown Thrasher: Candor TIOG 1 Sep; WCM 14 Sep; 2 AqPk 17 Sep; remains scarce.

N. Mockingbird: 8 rep BROO, low.

Am. Pipit: 12+ Lisle BROO 8 Oct; 3-4 Lisle 18 Oct; multiples FMHW 25 Oct; Glen Aubrey BROO 26 Oct, 31 Oct; BPd 1 Nov, 11 Nov; 7 Maine BROO 11 Nov; 2 Lisle BROO 14 Nov.

Cedar Waxwing: well-reported thru; max 125+ BPd 4 Sep.

WARBLERS

Tennessee Warbler: VBS 29 Sep, often missed.

Nashville Warbler: 16 VBS mid Sep-mid Oct; 11 other rep BROO; Candor TIOG 22 Sep; FMHW 27 Sep; second consecutive good year.

N. Parula: VBS 15 Sep; 2 VBS 16 Sep, uncommon.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: 2 VBS Sep; BUNP 16 Sep; low.

Magnolia Warbler: 22 rep thru early Oct; total 38 VBS; good count.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: 6 VBS; 8 other rep thru early Oct.
Black-throated Green Warbler: 15 rep; max 4 UL 23 Sep; 4 Ely Pk BROO 26 Sep; 3 VBS.
Blackburnian Warbler: BHL 11 Sep, often missed.
Pine Warbler: Otsiningo Pk BROO 25 Sep; Roundtop Pk BROO 25 Oct.
Prairie Warbler: Mirror L CHEN 6 Sep; AqPk 20 Sep; fourth consecutive fall reported.
Palm Warbler: 2 WCM 14 Sep; "Western" VBS 16 Sep; Glen Aubrey BROO 26 Sep; Ely Pk BROO 26 Sep; Johnson City BROO 4 Oct, 8 Oct; FMHW 7 Oct; BHL 13 Oct.
Blackpoll Warbler: VBS 15 Sep, 16 Sep; 2 UL 23 Sep; BPd 4.
Black-and-white Warbler: Binghamton BROO 10 Sep; Vestal BROO 11 Sep; remains low.
Am. Redstart: 2 BUNP 16 Sep (DG); BUNP Sep 19 (DG); 7 VBS.
Worm-eating Warbler: Vestal BROO 8 Sep (DW), uncommon.
Ovenbird: Richford CORT 9 Sep; Glen Aubrey 22 Sep; AqPk 24 Sep; Burlington OTSE 29 Sep; 11 VBS, last 1 Oct.
N. Waterthrush: 12 VBS thru mid Sep; max 6 VBS 4 Sep; good count, often missed.
Mourning Warbler: VBS 4 Sep, uncommon.
Com. Yellowthroat: 14 VBS Sep; 25 other rep; last BPd 21 Oct.
Hooded Warbler: Barker BROO 1 Oct, uncommon.
Wilson's Warbler: 9 VBS thru mid Sep; Binghamton BROO 10 Sep; BUNP 19 Sep; Ely Pk BROO 26 Sep.
Canada Warbler: VBS 4 Sep; 2 VBS 6 Sep; Ely Pk BROO 18 Sep.
Yellow-breasted Chat: VBS 15 Sep; rare in Region.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: 2 BHL 11 Sep; 6 VBS; CVSP 17 Sep; AqPk 17 Sep; 2 BUNP 17 Sep; Ely Pk BROO 26 Sep; FMHW 7 Oct; low.
E. Towhee: VBS 25 Sep; VBS 1 Oct; 28 other rep Sep-Oct; 2 rep TIOG Nov.
Am. Tree Sparrow: regular BROO Nov; FMHW 14 Nov; 4 Sherburne CHEN 21.
Chipping Sparrow: 36 rep BROO; max 30+ Vestal BROO 1 Sep; last Doty Rd. CORT 26 Nov.

Field Sparrow: 2 VBS Oct; 25 rep BROO; Candor TIOG 1 Sep; max 11+ Cole Pk BROO 10 Sep.
Vesper Sparrow: Lisle BROO 22 Oct; 3 Maine BROO 22 Oct; 3 Maine BROO 25 Oct; often missed.
Savannah Sparrow: 5 rep BROO, often missed.
Fox Sparrow: VBS 15 Oct; FMHW 23 Oct - 14 Nov; VBS 2 Nov; Middlefield OTSE 1 Nov; Glen Aubrey BROO 8 Nov; Norwich BROO 10 Nov; Richford CORT 12 Nov.
Lincoln's Sparrow: 2 VBS 17 Sep; 2 AqPk 24 Sep; Milford OTSE 1 Oct; BPd 15 Oct.
Swamp Sparrow: 3 VBS Oct; 17 rep BROO; last BPd 8 Nov.
Dark-eyed Junco: 23 rep; max 22 BHL 24 Oct; somewhat low.
Snow Bunting: 10+ DorP 29 Oct; 3 DorP 12 Nov; 13 DorP 14 Nov; "flock" Decatur OTSE 20 Nov; fair count.
N. Cardinal: 20 VBS, good count.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: flight Cortland CORT 9 Sep; 6 rep BROO; multiple reports TIOG Sep.
Indigo Bunting: TIOG 4 Sep; AqPk 17 Sep, low.
Bobolink: flight Cortland CORT 9 Sep.
Red-winged Blackbird: max "10,000s" BPd 19 Oct.
E. Meadowlark: 2 Lisle BROO 21 Sep; 6 Triangle BROO 27 Sep; UL 17 Oct; 7 Virgil CORT 22 Oct; multiples FMHW 25 Oct; UL 5 Nov; fair count.
Rusty Blackbird: 12 WCM 26 Sep; 3 Arnold Pk BROO 22 Oct; 5 Maine 25 Oct; multiples FMHW 25 Oct; Finch Hollow Nature Center BROO 2 Nov; UL 4 Nov; 2 WCM 15 Nov; 2 Lisle BROO 20 Nov; good count.
Com. Grackle: max "10,000s" BPd 19 Oct.
Baltimore Oriole: flight Cortland CORT 9 Sep; McGraw CORT 21 Nov, late.
Purple Finch: Richford CORT 9 Sep; Burlington OTSE 22 Sep; VBS 26 Sep; multiples FMHW 30 Sep; multiple rep TIOG Sep; 2 CVSP 17 Nov; Pharsalia CHEN 18 Nov; 3 Richford CORT 18 Nov; 3 Otego OTSE 19 Nov; dropoff from recent years.
Red Crossbill: 6 Pharsalia CHEN 18 Nov; multiples Pharsalia CHEN 19 Nov; regular at this location.
White-winged Crossbill: 2 Pharsalia CHEN 18 Nov.
Am. Goldfinch: max 35+ CVSP 19 Nov.