

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The warm, dry, and sunny conditions from summer continued in September. The average temperature for the month was 66.1°F, which was 4.6°F above normal. It was the tenth warmest September in the 136 years of records at Buffalo. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 3.55", 0.29" below normal. A strong thunderstorm on the night of the 11th followed by a few days of cooler weather brought many migrants to the area. It was the warmest October in 60 years and third warmest on record. The average temperature was 58.8°F, 8.1°F above normal, and the monthly precipitation was 2.73", 0.46" below normal. Autumn foliage was at least two weeks behind normal. Drought conditions eased a little but continued over much of the Region. November was slightly cooler than normal and with some wet and windy weather, especially over the last ten days. The average temperature was 39.0°F, 1.2°F below normal. The monthly precipitation was 5.38", 1.46" above normal, with only 3.4" of snow, 7.6" below normal.

The warm September and October weather seemed to delay waterfowl migration, at least a little. However, there were two documented reports of **Cackling Geese** in September, making them the earliest ever in fall. There were several other Cackling Goose reports in October. Snow Geese migrate through Region 1 in very low numbers compared with the rest of the state, but only two reports this season were unusually few, especially considering that there were an equal number of reports of **Ross's Goose**. I found an immature Ross's Goose in a cut corn field with Canada Geese in Bennington on 14 October. Another immature, or possibly the same bird, was observed by many at or near Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary 10-12 November. The hybrid question was raised, as this bird showed a slight grin patch but seemingly within variation for Ross's Goose. As Snow and Ross's geese are close relatives, it is often difficult to discern what constitutes a hybrid. There would be little surprise if a feather on this bird was analyzed for DNA and found some distant Snow Goose ancestry, but how many generations must pass, if ever, before a bird is no longer considered a hybrid? It is worth noting that most Ross's Geese reported in this Region have accompanied Canada Geese and not Snow Geese. **Eared Grebes** made their annual appearance at Batavia WWTP, with up to four birds this fall, much to the delight of visiting birders attending the NYSOA annual meeting in Batavia.

The type E botulism outbreak among piscivorous waterbirds continued for the eighth consecutive year on Lake Erie. NYSDEC again closely monitored bird deaths along the shoreline by conducting counts of dead birds at 13 500-meter transects. A total of 437 dead birds were found during the Lake Erie transect surveys. Common Loon (406) again made up most of the carcass counts

on Lake Erie this year as it has been especially hard hit throughout the eight years of outbreak. Fortunately, very few dead birds were found this year along Lake Ontario in Niagara County. NYSDEC projected mortality of over 7,500 total birds, mostly Common Loons, due to botulism along the New York Lake Erie shoreline during this period.

Northern Gannet sightings have increased in recent years and are now of annual occurrence. There were two reports along Lake Ontario in November. There are usually more reports on Lake Ontario to the east and west of Region 1 because more lake watching is conducted in those areas, e.g., Hamlin Beach lake watch; therefore, gannets are likely underreported here.

Like Bald Eagles in recent years, Merlin sightings continue to increase and are now too numerous to include mention of all reports in spring and fall migration. Peregrine Falcon sightings are close to reaching this stage as well. Rough-legged Hawks were reported in average numbers in late October and November. An Osprey in Lancaster on 17 November was late.

Shorebirds were seen with regularity through early October at Tonawanda WMA and Oak Orchard WMA. The highlights from these locations, both on 4 September, included a **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** and two **Long-billed Dowitchers** identified with a group of Short-billed Dowitchers. All three phalarope species were reported this fall. Many birders were able to observe a **Red-necked Phalarope** at close range on a small pond at a cemetery in Hamburg on 18-19 September.

Strong winds on 6 November brought two **Sabine's Gulls** and a **Black-legged Kittiwake** to the Niagara River in Buffalo. One of those juvenile Sabine's Gulls was found freshly dead in the Bird Island Pier parking lot. A **Black-headed Gull** was found along the Niagara River in Buffalo on 24 November and was relocated several times afterward. Birder coverage along the Niagara River in November seemed a little less than usual for 'gull season'. Reduced coverage may have been a factor in California Gull being unreported for the first time in 16 years. Bonaparte's Gull numbers were also very low for October; however, they increased throughout November. It's conceivable that the very mild October weather kept them north.

Passerine migration seemed to peak in mid-September. Warblers were especially numerous at Tiff Nature Preserve at that time. A count of 14 Brown Thrashers along the Ellicott Creek bike path in Amherst on 16 September was very much unexpected and evidence of a possible migration fallout. Despite mild October weather there were only a few obviously late lingering passerines, including Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Baltimore Oriole, and a group of Bobolinks. This was the fourth consecutive fall season with a **White-eyed Vireo** sighting, which is an unusual trend.

It was best overall finch flight this decade. Pine Siskins and Common Redpolls were the most plentiful of the irruptive finches. While still lower than 'average' numbers just a decade or two ago, the number of **Evening Grosbeak** reports was exciting. They did not seem to stay more than a few days at most locations though. Multiple reports of **Pine Grosbeaks** and **Red Crossbills** were indicative of a good finch flight year. One **White-winged Crossbill** was

reported from a feeder in Wilson. **Bohemian Waxwings**, lumped here with the finches because of their irruptive nature and similar seasonal occurrence to most of the irruptive finches, were also present along the Lake Ontario shoreline.

The most notable rarities of the season were **two Rufous Hummingbirds** that frequented a feeder in Houghton, Allegany County. Larry Wilson spotted one hummingbird at his feeder on 10 & 11 October and along with Michael Raybuck identified it as a female Rufous. While hoping for this bird to appear during the BOS October Count on the 14th, they were surprised to see a different hummingbird appear that they identified as an immature male Rufous. Both birds appeared in subsequent days and dozens of birders were able to see one or the other or both. On 17 October, Erin Karnatz, a licensed bander, was able to capture and band the female and conclusively identify it as a hatch-year female Rufous. The male was last seen on 20 October and the female was last seen on the 21st.

The 72nd annual BOS October Count was held on the 14th and compiled by Mike Hamilton. The weather featured seasonable temperatures and cloudy skies. The count recorded 159 species with three first count records, Ross's Goose, Cackling Goose, and Rufous Hummingbird; 15 record high counts; and no record low counts. Highest counts since inception in 1935 were recorded for: Canada Goose (24,650), Bald Eagle (18), Cooper's Hawk (31), unidentified jaegers (2), Lesser Black-backed Gull (4), Northern Saw-whet Owl (11), Red-bellied Woodpecker (204), Downy Woodpecker (406), Hairy Woodpecker (125), Pileated Woodpecker (28), Tufted Titmouse (167), Eastern Bluebird (428), Pine Warbler (9), Northern Cardinal (416), and Bobolink (20). With the exception of the jaegers and very late Bobolinks, these species have shown continued increases in recent years.

Other notable sightings not previously mentioned include: **Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret, Sandhill Crane, and Dickcissel.**

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ABBREVIATIONS

AlSP – Allegany SP CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP ERIE; BOSOC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 14 Oct Count; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP ERIE; BWWT – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor CHAU; FMCSP – Four Mile Creek SP NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP NIAG; INWR – Iroquois NWR GENE/ORLE; NF – Niagara Falls NIAG; NFSP – Niagara Falls SP NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project on Niagara R NIAG; NR – Niagara R ERIE/NIAG; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA GENE/ORLE; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary ERIE; Tiff NP – Tiff Nature Preserve, Buffalo ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA GENE/NIAG; WoBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: arr 12 BOSOC; 2 blue INWR 10-11 Nov; only reports, fewer than usual.

ROSS'S GOOSE: Bennington WYOM BOSOC (MM!); SPNS 10-12 Nov (MZ!,MM!,JeL!, WW! mob), possibly same bird, *see intro*.

Cackling Goose: arr 2 Clarence ERIE 16 Sep (JP), earliest ever in fall; INWR 30 Sep, 5 Oct (WD!, MM!), on the early side; BWWT BOSOC; 2,4 Somerset NIAG 27,28 Oct (WW,WD).

Brant: arr Olcott NIAG 10 Oct; 100, 150 FNSP 17,18 Oct (JM, EL); 2 Athol Springs ERIE 20 Oct; 36 Somerset NIAG 27 Oct; last FNSP 4-10 Nov.

Mute Swan: 2 Olcott NIAG 10 Oct; 2 Waterport ORLE 13 Oct; 6 WTSP 24 Oct, 6 Nov; 2 Cassadaga L CHAU 28 Oct; regular locations.

Tundra Swan: arr 2 OOWMA 10 Nov; 29 Dayton CATT 24 Nov; max 120 BeSP 29 Nov (DS).

Wood Duck: max 298 Alexander GENE 18 Sep, a high count; Grand I ERIE 29 Nov; SPNS 30 Nov; lingering.

Gadwall: 30 Athol Springs ERIE 20 Oct; max 57 INWR 5 Nov.

Am. Wigeon: max 153 INWR 10 Nov.

Am. Black Duck: max 76 BWWT 10 Nov; 40 BWWT 21 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: last 3 Alexander GENE 7 Nov (DB).

N. Shoveler: max 161, 242, 130 BWWT 20 Sep, 30 Oct, 10 Nov; 18 Alexander GENE 7 Nov; 10 NF 24 Nov.

Red-throated Loon: arr 2 Olcott NIAG 10 Oct; max 11 FNSP 4 Nov.

N. Pintail: max 158, 69 GHSP 29 Sep, 28 Oct (WD, BP); 6 BOSOC, very low total.

Green-winged Teal: max 250 OOWMA 15 Sep; 85 GHSP 29 Sep; 75 Tiff NP 18 Nov.

Canvasback: arr 2 NF 26 Oct.

Redhead: arr 2 Buffalo ERIE 13 Oct; max 75 GHSP 17 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: 3 BWWT 20 Sep, continued from summer; arr 2 INWR, BWWT 5 Oct.

Greater Scaup: arr BWWT 20 Sep; max 1000 NF 30 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: arr 7 GHSP 29 Sep; max 220 NF 26 Oct.

Surf Scoter: arr 3 Olcott NIAG 28 Sep; 3 GHSP 29 Sep; 25 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 18 Oct; max 37 GHSP 28 Oct.

White-winged Scoter: arr 16 GHSP 15 Sep; NF 28 Sep; 4 Cuba L ALLE 16 Oct (WW, JeL), uncommon inland.

Black Scoter: arr 8 GHSP 29 Sep; max 17 FMCSP 28 Oct; Buffalo NR 7,12 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 18 BOSOC; 1,2 BWWT 1 Oct, 21 Nov.

Bufflehead: arr 4 BOSOC; 200 Mayville CHAU 28 Oct.

Com. Goldeneye: arr BOSOC.

Hooded Merganser: max 138 INWR 10 Nov.

Com. Merganser: 52 BWWT 30 Oct, decent count for location.

Ruddy Duck: 45 Alexander GENE 16 Sep (DB); 82 BWWT 30 Sep; 125,100 Dayton CATT 28 Oct, 24 Nov (JM); max 800 Mayville ChauL 30 Oct (JP,WW,JeL); 428 BWWT 30 Oct; 5 Buffalo NR 12 Nov.

Com. Loon: arr 14 GHSP 15 Sep; max 135 GHSP 28 Oct; botulism toll continued, *see intro*.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 93 Mayville ChauL 28 Oct.

Horned Grebe: arr 9 BOSOC; max 171 Hamburg ERIE 3 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: arr 9 GHSP 29 Sep (WD!), early; BOSOC; FNSP 21 Oct; 7 GHSP 3 Nov; Pt Breeze ORLE 17 Nov.

EARED GREBE: 2 BWWT 1 Sep (WD); 4 BWWT 6 Oct, 10 Nov (WW, mob), at least one remained thru 21 Nov (MZ), annual at this location.

N. GANNET: FMCS 18 Nov (PY); Wilson NIAG 23 Nov (D&DS); now annual.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 765, 701 BuSP 6 Sep, 10 Oct (WW); 600 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 11 Sep.

Am. Bittern: no reports.

Great Egret: max 199, 218 TWMA 4,11 Sep (WW), following record count in late Aug; Tift NP, BWWT 5 Oct; 112 TWMA 10 Oct (WW), historical maximum for Oct; last BeSP 19 Oct.

SNOWY EGRET: Tift NP 8-20 Sep (mob), continued from late summer, only 3rd Sep record for Reg.

CATTLE EGRET: Carlton ORLE 20 Oct (DT, JP), only report.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: ChauL 3,15 Sep, 22 Oct (TS), unusual location.

Turkey Vulture: last FNSP 24 Nov.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: FMCS 3,8 Nov (JP,RS; DS); last Lancaster ERIE 17 Nov (RV,CO), late.

Bald Eagle: reported from numerous locations; 18 BOSOC; max 5 OOWMA 6 Oct.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 2 OOWMA 8 Sep; juv Tift NP 13,16 Sep, unusual locations; Cuba L ALLE 4 Nov; Orchard Park ERIE 17,19 Nov.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr Centerville ALLE 20 Oct.

Merlin: reported from 13 locations throughout Reg; increasing; too numerous to list all fall reports.

Peregrine Falcon: im, ad TWMA 4,8 Sep; Tift NP 22 Sep; WoBSP 26 Sep; NF 28 Sep; INWR 5 Oct; Orchard Park ERIE 8 Oct; Olcott NIAG 10 Oct; Amherst ERIE 24 Oct; FMCS 4 Nov; Grand I ERIE 18 Nov; well reported.

Virginia Rail: TWMA 4 Sep; 3,1 OOWMA 4,23 Sep; only reports.

Sora: 4 OOWMA 4 Sep, only report.

Com. Moorhen: last BOSOC.

Am. Coot: max 850 Mayville ChauL 28 Oct; 79 DH 28 Oct; 550 TWMA 5 Nov.

SANDHILL CRANE: 2 Watts Flats CHAU 1 Sep (JP!); 5 TWMA 4,8 Sep (JP, AG); 5 OOWMA 23 Sep (WD), likely same as previous reports; only two previous Sep records for Reg; 10 BOSOC, record for count.

Black-bellied Plover: 3 Porter NIAG 11 Sep; 2 WoBSP 16 Sep; 2 TWMA 17 Sep; OOWMA 23 Sep; Buffalo NR 7 Oct; TWMA 13 Oct; last 2 BOSOC.

Am. Golden-Plover: 13 Clarence ERIE 15 Sep; 5 Barre ORLE 15 Sep; 16 Olcott NIAG 28 Sep; max 32 Porter NIAG 28 Sep.

Semipalmated Plover: max 10 Tift NP 13 Sep.

Killdeer: last 11 Attica Res WYOM, Machias CATT 11 Nov (KF).

Greater Yellowlegs: last 10 OOWMA 20 Oct.

Lesser Yellowlegs: last 40 BOSOC.

Solitary Sandpiper: max 5 TWMA 4 Sep; last 3 Tift NP 13 Sep.

Sanderling: 2 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 8 Sep; 5 WoBSP 16 Sep; last 6 Buffalo NR 7 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 3 OOWMA 2 Sep (PY); TWMA 6 Sep (DB, ED); last TWMA 6 Oct (JP).

Baird's Sandpiper: WoBSP 2 Sep; OOWMA 2 Sep; max 4 TWMA 8 Sep (WD); Tift NP 5,13 Sep; Barre ORLE 15 Sep; last Allegheny Res CATT 8 Oct (PY).
Pectoral Sandpiper: max 16 OOWMA 15 Sep; 24 Wilson NIAG 24 Sep; Allegheny Res CATT 8 Oct; last 13 BOSOC.

Dunlin: arr 3 INWR 5 Oct; 9 Buffalo NR 7 Oct; max 230 GHSP 28 Oct (BP,WD); 200 FMCS 28 Oct (PY); last Porter NIAG 10 Nov.

Stilt Sandpiper: 3 OOWMA 1 Sep; TWMA 4,6 Sep; last OOWMA 6 Oct.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: TWMA 4 Sep (JP), only report.

Short-billed Dowitcher: DH 1 Sep; max 11 OOWMA 4 Sep; 2 TWMA 6 Sep; 2,1 Tift NP 15,22 Sep; only reports.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 2 OOWMA 4 Sep (WW), distinguished from short-billeds in same group.

Wilson's Snipe: max 12 OOWMA 20 Oct.

Am. Woodcock: 3 Wethersfield WYOM 13 Sep (RR); Tift NP 16 Sep; 2 BOSOC; last Cambria NIAG 10 Nov (JP).

Wilson's Phalarope: OOWMA 8 Sep (WD), only report.

Red-necked Phalarope: Tift NP 15 Sep (HS,RS); Hamburg ERIE 18-19 Sep (RA, mob), well observed at small pond.

Red Phalarope: Buffalo NR 6 Nov (WW), only report.

Parasitic Jaeger: WoBSP 26 Sep (RA); GHSP 28 Oct (WD,BP); only reports.

jaeger sp.: GHSP 15 Sep (JP,WD); max 3 Athol Spring ERIE 22 Sep (JP), observed circling high and flying inland off L Erie; 2 L Ontario BOSOC; Athol Springs ERIE 27 Oct (PY); FMCSP 28 Oct (PY).

Little Gull: arr 2 Athol Springs ERIE 27 Oct; 2 FMCSP 28 Oct; GHSP 5 Nov; 2 max NR Nov.

BLACK-HEADED GULL: ad Buffalo NR 24, 29 Nov (JP,PY).

Bonaparte's Gull: surprisingly few during Oct wind events on L Erie; 3500 Buffalo NR 6 Nov (WW, JP).

Thayer's Gull: arr ad NPP 25 Nov, undocumented.

Iceland Gull: arr 2,3 NPP 18,24 Nov (WD).

Herring Gull: 1150 Rushford L ALLE 15 Oct (JP, WW), good count for inland.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: NFSP 20 Sep (JP); 4,2 Rushford L ALLE BOSOC, 16 Oct (LW), rare inland; 2 NFSP 26 Oct; Cuba L ALLE 4 Nov (KF); BeSP 22 Nov; 2 NPP 25 Nov.

Glaucous Gull: no reports.

Sabine's Gull: 2 juv Buffalo NR 6 Nov (JP, WW, DG), including one found deceased at Bird Island Pier during strong wind event.

Black-legged Kittiwake: arr juv Buffalo NR 6 Nov (JP, WW, WD).

Caspian Tern: last 2 Olcott NIAG 28 Sep.

Com. Tern: ChauL 28 Oct (JP, WW, JeL); last Buffalo NR 6 Nov.

Forster's Tern: Athol Springs ERIE 20 Oct, only report.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: BeSP 10 Sep (DS); last Tift NP 16 Sep (MM).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: GHSP 15, 29 Sep (BP); last BOSOC.

Snowy Owl: arr Ellicott CHAU 8 Nov (MR, JB).

Short-eared Owl: arr 2 Porter NIAG 9 Nov (DS), traditional wintering location.

N. Saw-whet Owl: max 13 banded Wethersfield WYOM 12 Oct (DJ).

Com. Nighthawk: 2 Salamanca CATT 1 Sep; 4 max Tonawanda ERIE 3-18 Sep (PH); max 55 Buffalo ERIE 4 Sep (PY), good count for recent years; 7 AISP 5 Sep

(TB); 3 BeSP 6 Sep (JM); Amherst ERIE 16 Sep (JP).

Chimney Swift: last 2 BOSOC.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Alma ALLE 2 Oct.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1-2

Houghton ALLE 10-21 Oct (LW, mob, NYSARC), hatch-year fem banded on 17 Oct (EK), other selasphorus hummingbird present 14-20 Oct was identified as an immature male Rufous.

Red-headed Woodpecker: BeSP 13 Sep; Hamburg ERIE 18 Sep; Olean CATT 6 Oct; 2 ORLE BOSOC; FMCSP 24 Nov; only reports.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Tift NP 16 Sep.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: AmSP 4 Sep (RS); Amherst ERIE 9 Sep (JP); AISP 16 Sep (TB); last Charlotte CHAU 23 Sep (FR).

E. Wood-Pewee: last Bethany GENE 13 Oct.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: arr Wilson NIAG 9 Sep (WD,BP); Tift NP 15 Sep; last Williamsville ERIE 21 Sep (RS).

"Traill's" Flycatcher: last 2 AISP 16 Sep (TB).

Least Flycatcher: last AmSP 19 Sep.

E. Phoebe: last Grand I ERIE 11 Nov.

Gr. Crested Flycatcher: last Tift NP 13 Sep.

E. Kingbird: last 2 TWMA 8 Sep.

N. Shrike: arr Ellery CHAU 28 Oct.

White-eyed Vireo: Tift NP 4 Oct (RS!), fourth consecutive fall report.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last INWR 8 Sep.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr 2 Wilson NIAG 9 Sep; last AmSP 16 Oct.

Warbling Vireo: last Williamsville ERIE 21 Sep.

Philadelphia Vireo: 6 reports Sep; last AmSP 30 Sep.

Red-eyed Vireo: max 22 AmSP 4 Sep (RS); last BeSP 10 Nov (NU, AH), late.

Com. Raven: 2 Jamestown Audubon CHAU 2 Nov (TS); 2 Hunter's Creek P ERIE 20 Nov (LC); 2 Springville ERIE 27 Nov (RR); only reports away from ALLE, CATT.

Horned Lark: max 45 Porter NIAG 21 Sep.

Tree Swallow: last 41 BOSOC.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: last 6 NFSP 8 Nov (JP).

Bank Swallow: last TWMA 15 Sep.

Barn Swallow: last 7 BOSOC.

Carolina Wren: ad, 2 fl E Aurora ERIE 22 Sep (RR), late fledgling date; 16 BOSOC, big drop following last year's count maximum of 45.
House Wren: last Tift NP 18 Oct.
Winter Wren: arr Wilson NIAG 9 Sep; max 7 Tift NP 11 Oct; FMCSP 10 Nov.
Marsh Wren: last BuSP 21 Oct.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Wilson NIAG 24 Sep.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Williamsville ERIE, Wilson NIAG 9 Sep; WTSP 10 Nov; AmSP 17 Nov.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last Tift NP 28,30 Oct (DS; RS), late.
Veery: last Tift NP 22 Sep.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Tift NP 11 Sep; max 8 Tonawanda ERIE 26 Sep (PH), nocturnal calls; AmSP, Tonawanda ERIE 10 Oct; last 2 BOSOC.
Swainson's Thrush: arr Wilson NIAG 1 Sep; 55 Tonawanda ERIE 26 Sep (PH), nocturnal calls; last 2 BOSOC.
Hermit Thrush: arr Tift NP 13 Sep; Porter NIAG 23 Nov.
Wood Thrush: last 2 BOSOC.
Gray Catbird: last Tift NP 3 Nov.
N. Mockingbird: INWR 6 Oct; 2 Tift NP 11,18 Oct; Houghton ALLE 15,16 Oct; less common in these locations.
Brown Thrasher: max 14 Amherst ERIE 16 Sep (JP), impressive count; last Tift NP 30 Oct
Am. Pipit: arr OOWMA 15 Sep.
Bohemian Waxwing: arr 32 FNPS 24 Nov (J&GK); 10 FNPS 26 Nov (VR).

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: no reports.
Golden-winged Warbler: 1-2 AmSP 4 Sep (RS), only report.
Tennessee Warbler: last Wilson NIAG 8 Oct.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Tift NP 15 Sep; last Alfred ALLE 25 Oct; 6 other reports.
Nashville Warbler: max 28 Tift NP 15 Sep (RS); last BeSP 15 Oct.
N. Parula: 3 Tift NP 15 Sep; last 2 Williamsville ERIE 27 Sep.
Yellow Warbler: last 2 Tift NP 16 Sep (MM).
Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 10 Tift NP 15 Sep (RS).
Magnolia Warbler: max 22 Tift NP 15 Sep (RS); last NFSP 7 Oct.

Cape May Warbler: max 5 AISP 9 Sep (TB); last NFSP 7 Oct.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: last BOSOC.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 150 Tift NP 4 Oct; 2 Porter NIAG, INWR 10 Nov.
Black-throated Green Warbler: last Tift NP 22 Oct.
Blackburnian Warbler: last AmSP 24 Sep.
Pine Warbler: 9 BOSOC; last FNPS 25 Nov (DS).
Palm Warbler (*D.p. palmarum*): arr 2 Amherst ERIE 9 Sep; last AmSP 24 Oct.
Palm Warbler (*D.p. hypochrysea*): AmSP 24 Oct (RS,JP), rare.
Bay-breasted Warbler: max 8 Tift NP 13 Sep; last BOSOC.
Blackpoll Warbler: last BOSOC.
Black-and-white Warbler: last BOSOC.
Am. Redstart: last Williamsville ERIE 27 Sep.
Ovenbird: last Tift NP 6 Oct.
N. Waterthrush: AmSP 3,5 Sep; Wilson NIAG 9 Sep; only reports.
Connecticut Warbler: no reports.
Mourning Warbler: last 2 AISP 23 Sep (TB).
Com. Yellowthroat: last 2 BOSOC.
Hooded Warbler: last AISP 28 Sep.
Wilson's Warbler: 8 Wilson NIAG 9 Sep (WD,BP); max 12 Tift NP 12 Sep (RS).
Canada Warbler: last Tift NP 15 Sep.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

Scarlet Tanager: last 2 Amherst ERIE 30 Sep.
E. Towhee: arr Wilson NIAG 12 Oct.
Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 7 BOSOC.
Chipping Sparrow: last 4 BeSP 26 Oct.
Vesper Sparrow: Alabama GENE 1 Sep; 2 BOSOC, only reports.
Fox Sparrow: arr Williamsville ERIE 12 Oct; max 5 Tonawanda ERIE 26 Oct; last Kennedy CHAU 24 Nov.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr DH 1 Sep; max 3 INWR 30 Sep; last 11 BOSOC.
White-throated Sparrow: arr Williamsville ERIE, Wilson NIAG 6 Sep.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr GHSP 29 Sep.
Dark-eyed Junco: arr Wilson NIAG 20 Sep.
Lapland Longspur: arr Porter NIAG 21 Sep (WD), early; 3 BWWT 5 Oct; only reports.
Snow Bunting: arr 2 FNPS 28 Oct; max 255 FNPS 4 Nov; 75 BWWT 12 Nov.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Lancaster ERIE BOSOC.

Indigo Bunting: Orchard Park ERIE 29 Sep; last Tift NP 11 Oct.

DICKCISSEL: Lewiston NIAG 3 Nov (JP, RS), flyover, very rare.

Bobolink: last 20 BOSOC, group found near INWR, only third count record, unusually late.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 3 Tift NP 13 Sep (JP, WW), slightly early; 50 TWMA 5 Oct; max 300 INWR 20 Oct (JP); last 30 Pembroke GENE 16 Nov.

Baltimore Oriole: Tift NP 22 Sep (RS); last Williamsville ERIE 26 Oct (RS), late.

Pine Grosbeak: arr 7 FNSP 22 Nov (WD); 6 FMCSP 24 Nov (WD); max 20 FNSP 25 Nov.

Purple Finch: 175 BOSOC; few reports, not widespread.

Red Crossbill: arr 2 Houghton ALLE 1 Nov (LW); Alexander GENE 12 Nov (KF);

2 Arcade WYOM 17 Nov (KF); FNSP 18 Nov (WD, BP).

White-winged Crossbill: arr Wilson NIAG 23, 27 Nov (BP).

Com. Redpoll: arr Wilson NIAG 30 Oct; max 120 FMCSP 18 Nov; 28 BWWT 21 Nov; 65 FMCSP 24 Nov; 50 WTSP 24 Nov; 50 Orchard Park ERIE 24 Nov.

Pine Siskin: arr Colden ERIE 9 Oct; 6 BOSOC; 25 Houghton ALLE 21 Oct; 14 Sheridan CHAU 26 Oct; 12 Scio ALLE 27 Oct; max 49 Colden ERIE 26 Nov (JiL); 18 Canaseraga ALLE 30 Nov.

Evening Grosbeak: arr 24 Sheridan CHAU 26 Oct (R&CB); 5-18 Houghton ALLE 27-31 Oct (LW); 4 N Collins ERIE 31 Oct; 5 Collins ERIE 1 Nov; 11 Eden ERIE 2 Nov (RA); GHSP 3 Nov; max 30 Frewsburg CATT 4 Nov (JF); 20 Amity ALLE 7 Nov (KD); 8 Wethersfield WYOM 10 Nov; Scio ALLE 23 Nov (MB); 20 Canaseraga ALLE 29 Nov (LP).