

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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September 2008 was seasonable and mostly pleasant and sunny. The average temperature was 64.2° F, which was 2.7° F above normal. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 3.96", 0.12" above normal, with most of it falling during a stalled warm front ahead of the remnants of Hurricane *Ike* on the 13th. October was sunny and comfortable with an average temperature of 49.7° F, 1.0° F below normal. The monthly precipitation was 4.13", 0.94" above normal. November averaged out normal. However, it was very warm for the first two weeks and colder than normal for the last two weeks. The average temperature was 39.9° F, 0.3° F below normal. The monthly precipitation was 3.3", 0.58" below normal, with 6.2" of snow, 4.8" below normal. Weather information was obtained from National Weather Service monthly summaries at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport.

Like the season's weather, the waterfowl migration was mostly normal and without significant events. Nine reports of **Cackling Goose** demonstrate that most birders are now closely scanning groups of Canada Geese for their smaller cousins. There were two early Snow Goose reports, including a record early fall arrival of 10 September at Oak Orchard WMA. Snow Geese remain uncommon in fall in Region 1, especially compared to the rest of the state, as evidenced by a maximum count of five birds this fall. There were only two reports of Brant, which might be attributed more to poor coverage along Lake Ontario on flight days than an actual decreased flight. A wing-tagged Trumpeter Swan remained at Clay Ponds WMA throughout the season, continuing from late spring. Two other **Trumpeter Swans** were discovered at a pond in the Town of Chautauqua. The landowner indicated that the birds had a failed nesting attempt in the summer. While breeding has yet to be confirmed for the Region, it may not be far away whether the birding community likes it or not.

There were some good counts of Common Loons on Lake Ontario in late October. The Type E botulism outbreak among piscivorous waterbirds continued for the ninth consecutive year on Lake Erie; however, carcass counts and projected mortality estimates were not available from NYSDEC at the time of preparing this report. Common Loon has been the most affected species during this outbreak. **Eared Grebes** made their annual appearance at Batavia WWTP, with up to three birds through mid-November. The only **Northern Gannet** report was from the Peace Bridge area of the Niagara River, where sightings are much less common than along Lake Ontario. A Regional maximum count of 1,500 Double-crested Cormorants was obtained on 27 October at Buffalo Harbor. It was likely influenced by strong winds on Lake Erie.

There were two Osprey reports in November. These would have been considered unusual formerly but have become regular in recent years. Sightings of Bald Eagle, Merlin, and Peregrine Falcon are now too numerous to include all reports. Rough-legged Hawks were reported in average numbers in late October and November.

Shorebirding was unremarkable. There were two reports of **Whimbrel**, including two birds present at Batavia WWTP for almost a week in September, to the delight of many observers. Reports of Whimbrel away from the Great Lakes are rare. A **Red Phalarope** along Squaw Island on the Niagara River in late October was close and cooperative (Fig. B, p. 51). There were also two reports of **Red-necked Phalaropes** during the season.

There were only three jaeger reports this season despite good lakewatching effort on several days of strong southwest and west winds on Lake Erie. All were identified as **Parasitic Jaegers**. For the second year in a row Bonaparte's Gull numbers were lower than expected for October. However, they increased throughout November, including an estimated 25,000 on the lower Niagara River on the 16th. A juvenile **Sabine's Gull** was observed at very close range off Squaw Island on the Niagara River in late October and early November (Fig. C, p. 52). Possibly the same bird was observed a few days later at Niagara Falls for the only other report this season. There were also two reports of **Black-legged Kittiwake**, including a second-winter individual observed at close range on at least two dates in Buffalo Harbor (Fig. D, p. 52). After a one year absence, the Niagara River again hosted a **California Gull**; a second-winter bird was found on 23 & 30 November at the Niagara Power Project. This makes 16 out of 17 years that this species has been documented on the Niagara River.

It was possibly the best fall season this decade for **Snowy Owl** sightings, with seven reports from widely scattered locations in November. Dave Junkin banded 15 **Northern Saw-whet Owls** at his banding station in Wethersfield; this was his lowest total but was affected by reduced effort. **Common Nighthawks** trickled through in September, with a maximum count of only 16. Margaret Rose did nightly tracking of a group of 14 Chimney Swifts residing in Alden until they departed on September 20. It would be useful to obtain data from more roosts throughout the Region to get a better sense of departure dates. The last sighting for the season was one swift in Buffalo on 10 October.

Kathy Krolbart spotted a hummingbird hawking insects from atop a bush in her Orchard Park backyard on November 7th. She put her hummingbird feeder back up and soon had a regular visitor to it. She realized it was very unusual to have a hummingbird around and welcomed a few birders to come and photograph the bird. An identification debate ensued for a while until numerous photos by Jim Pawlicki and Willie D'Anna revealed enough features to arrive at an identification of a female Ruby-throated Hummingbird. The bird remained into early December making it the latest for the Region by far.

No "fallouts" or days of exceptional activity were noted this fall for passerine migration. There were late reports of Eastern Kingbird and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and a slightly early report for Northern Shrike. However, shrikes did not appear to be numerous this fall. An unexpected trend continued as a

White-eyed Vireo was found for the fifth consecutive fall season, this one a backyard bird for Willie D'Anna and Betsy Potter in late October.

White-winged Crossbills irrupted in unprecedented numbers, with several counts over 100 easily exceeding previous maxima. There were several reports early in November but then the crossbills were widespread starting on 23 November through the remainder of the month and into the winter season. Pine Siskins were also widespread, with the peak movements around the third week of October. Other finches were relatively sparse. It was a poor fall season for Purple Finch sightings. There was only one Common Redpoll report, one **Pine Grosbeak** report, and no reports of Evening Grosbeaks. There were two sightings of **Red Crossbill**, both from Allegany County, including a singing bird from Palmer's Pond, where they were present in late summer. An audiospectrographic analysis revealed they were Type 1 birds, consistent with Matt Young's analysis from the same location in the summer.

There were several notable rarities this season including a potential new species for the Region. While birding at Batavia WWTP on October 22, Brad and Bill Carlson flushed a **Say's Phoebe** that was lost from view after approximately 20 minutes. Repeated searches of the area that afternoon and the next day did not result in any additional sightings. This will be the first record for the Region if accepted by NYSARC. The third fall record, all in this decade, of **Summer Tanager** was the result of Darrell Stevens' inspection of some apple trees at Delaware Park in Buffalo on 11 November. He was initially uncertain of the identification, however he took some excellent photographs that revealed a female or first-year male Summer Tanager. The bird was re-found the next day but not again. Willie D'Anna identified 14 to 22 **Cave Swallows** flying west on Lake Ontario past the town of Wilson. The date, 3 November, of the sighting is consistent with past occurrences of Cave Swallows and coincided with observations that day to the east in Region 2.

The 73rd annual BOS October Count was held on the 12th and compiled by Mike Hamilton. The weather featured warm temperatures and clear skies. The count recorded 163 species, with two first count records—Curlew Sandpiper and White-winged Dove—both in the Ontario portion of the BOS Study Area; eight record high counts; and no record low counts. Highest counts since inception in 1935 were recorded for: Trumpeter Swan (2), Common Merganser (358), Peregrine Falcon (4), Killdeer (1,427), Eastern Screech-Owl (23), Pileated Woodpecker (32 = 2nd consecutive record count), Northern Shrike (1), and Northern Cardinal (443 = 2nd consecutive record count).

Other notable sightings not previously mentioned include: **Glossy Ibis**, **Black Vulture**, "**Yellow**" **Palm Warbler**, and **Clay-colored Sparrow**.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ALSP – Allegany SP, CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP, ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BOSOC – Buffalo Ornithological Society, 12 Oct Count; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWT – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L, CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; FMCSP – Four Mile Creek, SP NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill 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, NIAG; NR – Niagara R, ERIE/NIAG; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; TBNP – Times Beach Nature Preserve, Buffalo, ERIE; Tift NP – Tift 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 OOWMA, INWR 10, 20 Sep (WW!), earliest ever in fall; 2 Houghton ALLE 16 Sep (LW); 1, 5 Dayton CATT 11 Oct, 5-7 Nov (DN); 5 BOSOC; 3, 5 Hanover CHAU 24, 31 Oct; only reports.

Cackling Goose: arr 1 Wilson NIAG & 2 INWR 4 Oct (WD!; WW!); max 16 INWR 23 Oct (WW); TWMA 23 Oct; Freedom CATT 7 Nov (JP, WW); FNSP 9 Nov; Grand I ERIE 28 Nov; 5 BWWT 28 Nov; 10 Oakfield GENE 28 Nov (PY).

Brant: arr 2 DH 30 Oct (DN); FNSP 13 Nov (AH); only reports.

Mute Swan: 5 LBSP 4 Oct; 32 BOSOC; 5 Olcott NIAG 15, 30 Nov; only reports.

Trumpeter Swan: 2 Chautauqua CHAU 8-12 Oct (JS, JL, JB), second-hand report of failed breeding attempt from summer for this location; Clay Ponds WMA CHAU 8, 31 Oct, 25 Nov (JB), continued from late spring.

Tundra Swan: arr 8 BeSP 10 Nov; max 175 BeSP 21 Nov (DSH); 15 Cheektowaga ERIE 11 Nov; 31 Salamanca CATT 17 Nov; 39 ChauL 26 Nov; 11 Pomfret CHAU 26 Nov; 10 OOWMA 28 Nov; only reports.

Wood Duck: 51 Alexander GENE 1 Oct; max 55 Sherman CHAU 7 Oct.

Am. Wigeon: max 152 INWR 23 Nov.

Am. Black Duck: max 31 Silver Creek CHAU 29 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: last 20 BOSOC.

N. Shoveler: Silver Creek CHAU 6 Sep; max 268 BWWT 19 Oct, 10 Nov.

N. Pintail: 29 Wilson NIAG 4 Oct; max 86 OOWMA 4 Oct; 80 INWR 23 Oct; 75 BWWT 23 Oct.

Green-winged Teal: max 30 TWMA 4 Oct.

Canvasback: arr ChauL 7 Oct.

Redhead: arr BOSOC; BWWT 19 Oct; 2 ChauL 22 Oct; only reports.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 3 Tift NP 4 Sep; max 157 Hanover CHAU 31 Oct (DN); 150 ChauL 26 Nov.

Greater Scaup: arr 8 Wilson NIAG 4 Oct.

Lesser Scaup: arr 3 Wilson NIAG & 4 BWWT 4 Oct.

Surf Scoter: arr 14 Buffalo NR & 8 LBSP 4 Oct; 15 GHSP 18 Oct; 2 Hamburg ERIE 26 Oct; max 30 Buffalo NR 29 Oct (WW).

White-winged Scoter: arr 7 Wilson NIAG 3 Oct; BWWT 22 Oct (JP, WW), uncommon inland.

Black Scoter: arr BWWT 5 Oct (ED, DB), unusual inland; Olcott NIAG 6 Oct; 8 GHSP 18 Oct; Hamburg ERIE 26 Oct; DH 31 Oct; 9 Wilson NIAG 2 Nov; max 13 FNSP 16 Nov; Barcelona CHAU 26 Nov (JP, DN).

Long-tailed Duck: arr 3 Buffalo NR 6 Oct.

Bufflehead: arr 15 BOSOC; max 600 Buffalo ERIE 13 Nov; 255 ChauL 26 Nov.

Com. Goldeneye: arr GHSP 18 Oct; 50 ChauL 27 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: 159 Dayton CATT 5 Nov; 485 N. Harmony CHAU 12 Nov (DN); max 596 ChauL 26 Nov (JP, DN); 91 DH 25 Nov.

Com. Merganser: 81 Silver Creek CHAU 10 Sep; 64 BWWT 5 Oct; 190 Sheridan CHAU 8 Oct; max 232 Dayton CATT 5 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser: arr 5 Wilson NIAG 3 Oct; max 1250 Wilson NIAG 9 Nov.

Ruddy Duck: 135, 285 BWWT 20 Sep, 19 Oct; Wellsville ALLE 28 Sep; 2 Hanover CHAU 4 Oct; Cassadaga L CHAU 22 Oct; Findley L CHAU 23 Oct; max 137, 371 Dayton CATT 25 Oct, 11 Nov; 27 ChauL 22 Nov.

N. Bobwhite: W. Seneca ERIE Sep thru Oct (DE), regular at feeder, undoubtedly a released bird.

Red-throated Loon: arr 2 Wilson NIAG 4 Oct (WD); max 148 Wilson NIAG 9 Nov.

Com. Loon: arr 5 Wilson NIAG 29 Sep; 810 Wilson NIAG 19 Oct (WD); max 1480 Wilson NIAG to Shadigee ORLE 25 Oct (JP, WD); 12 ChauL 12 Nov; botulism on L Erie continued.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 84 Celeron ChauL 12 Nov.

Horned Grebe: arr 12 LBSP 4 Oct; max 91 DH 21 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: arr BOSOC; 2 GHSP 18 Oct; max 6 Wilson NIAG 19 Oct; Porter NIAG 19 Oct; 2 Olcott NIAG 9 Nov; BWWT 20 Nov (MZ).

EARED GREBE: 2-3 BWWT 10 Sep-12 Nov (mob), annual at this location.

N. GANNET: Buffalo NR 13 Nov (JP), sightings much less frequent on NR and L Erie than L Ontario.

Double-crested Cormorant: 790 BuSP 9 Sep, (WW); 658 BuSP 3 Oct (WW); 300 DH 11 Oct; max 1500 Buffalo ERIE 27 Oct (WW), maximum count influenced by strong winds.

Am. Bittern: BWWT 22 Sep (ED, DB); INWR 4 Oct (CH), only reports.

Great Egret: max 139 TWMA 4 Sep (WW); 124 TWMA 19 Sep (WW); 9 Tift NP 5 Sep; last Cuba L ALLE 7 Nov (WW, JP).

Green Heron: last BWWT 13 Oct.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: TWMA 4, 19 Sep; 2 Alexander GENE 9 Sep; BWWT 10 Sep, 5 Oct; DH 22 Sep; 3 BOSOC; Strawberry I NR 19 Oct; last Pike WYOM 14 Nov, rare for location.

GLOSSY IBIS: 3 Tift NP 5 Sep (WW), very rare in fall.

BLACK VULTURE: Williamsville ERIE 13 Sep (RSa), fall reports very rare.

Turkey Vulture: N. Clymer CHAU 10 Nov; last 25 Lewiston NIAG 13 Nov.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: last Clarence ERIE 5-14 Nov (M&BM); DH 8 Nov (DN); on the late side.

Bald Eagle: reported from numerous locations; 17 BOSOC; max 4 Ripley to Sheridan CHAU 28 Sep.

Red-shouldered Hawk: reported from six locations; 7 BOSOC.

Broad-winged Hawk: 2 Orchard Park ERIE 1 Sep; BWWT 28 Sep (D&DS); last BOSOC.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr Ischua CATT 22 Oct; max 3 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 5 Nov.

Merlin: reported from 6 locations throughout Reg; two returned to winter roost at SUNY Buffalo 10 Nov.

Peregrine Falcon: reported from 11 locations.

Sora: TBNP 6 Sep (DW), only report.

Com. Moorhen: last INWR 11 Oct.

Am. Coot: 110, 227 Celeron ChauL 7, 22 Oct; 102 DH 28 Oct; 96 INWR 23 Oct; max 463 ChauL 26 Nov (DN, JP).

Black-bellied Plover: last 3 Hamburg ERIE 26 Oct (JP).

Am. Golden-Plover: 2-3 DH 5-7 Sep; 2 WoBSP 6 Sep; 3 Porter NIAG 8 Sep; BeSP 10 Sep; max 36 Pembroke GENE 24 Sep (WW); only reports.

Semipalmated Plover: last 5 BOSOC.

Killdeer: last 13 Wilson NIAG 16 Nov.

Gr. Yellowlegs: last Grand I ERIE 2 Nov (NU).

Lesser Yellowlegs: last 7 BOSOC.

Solitary Sandpiper: last Fredonia CHAU 7 Oct.

Spotted Sandpiper: last 2 BOSOC.

Whimbrel: TBNP 6-7 Sep (DW); last 2 BWWT 17-22 Sep (MZ, mob), rarely found inland.

Ruddy Turnstone: DH, 2 WoBSP, TBNP 6 Sep; 2, 2 BWWT 10, 17 Sep; only reports.

Sanderling: max 25 DH 7 Sep; last DH 8 Nov.

Least Sandpiper: last BWWT 11 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: DH 6 Sep; Sheridan CHAU 11 Sep; only reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: 2 Sherman CHAU 19 Sep; last BOSOC.

Dunlin: 2 BWWT 29 Sep; 1, 1 Buffalo NR 28 Oct, 13 Nov; last 3 Wilson NIAG 16 Nov.

Short-billed Dowitcher: last Sherman CHAU 2 Oct (DN), only report.

Wilson's Snipe: BOSOC; last Chautauqua CHAU 14 Nov.

Am. Woodcock: AISP 11 Sep; Westfield CHAU 13 Sep; 3 BOSOC; Salamanca CATT 7 Nov (TB); last Arcade WYOM 15 Nov (KF).

Red-necked Phalarope: BeSP 5 Sep (DSH); Hamburg ERIE 9 Oct (DW), only reports.

Red Phalarope: Buffalo NR 28-29 Oct (JP, mob), only report.
Parasitic Jaeger: Hamburg ERIE 2 Oct (DW); NIAG BOSOC (WD); Wilson NIAG 26 Oct (WD); only reports.
Little Gull: NF 29 Oct; 3 Lewiston NR 29 Oct; max 4 Lewiston NR 11 Nov.
Bonaparte's Gull: 5000 NR 1 Nov (WW, JP); 3000 NFSP 10 Nov (JP, RSa); max 25,000 lower NR 16 Nov (RSp), estimated; very few around until late Oct.
CALIFORNIA GULL: 2nd-winter NPP 23, 30 Nov (WD!, JP!, NYSARC), returns after one year absence on NR.
Herring Gull: 1600 Cuba L ALLE 7 Nov (JP, WW), good count for inland location.
Thayer's Gull: several undocumented reports from NPP.
Iceland Gull: arr 1,8 NPP 11, 30 Nov; NF 23 Nov.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: arr NFSP 7 Oct (MM); DH 19 Oct; Olcott NIAG 25 Oct; 3 Cuba L ALLE 7 Nov (WW, JP), rare inland; max 7 NF 11 Nov (WD).
Glaucous Gull: arr Wilson NIAG 22 Nov; NPP, NF 23 Nov; only reports.
Sabine's Gull: juv Buffalo NR 27 Oct-4 Nov (WW, mob), observed at extremely close range; NFSP 9 Nov (DK), possibly same bird.
Black-legged Kittiwake: Lewiston NR 8 Nov; 2nd-winter Buffalo Harbor ERIE 16, 28 Nov (JP!), plumage rarely seen in Reg.
Caspian Tern: last DH 22 Sep.
Com. Tern: last Hamburg ERIE, 2 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 16 Nov.
Black Tern: Buffalo ERIE 6 Sep; last 4 BOSOC.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Black-billed Cuckoo: last BeSP 4, 13 Sep (DSh); Elma ERIE 11 Sep (MM).
Snowy Owl: arr Ransomville NIAG 6 Nov (DMu), found dead; Buffalo ERIE 11 Nov (TC); 2 NF Airport NIAG 21 Nov (CR); Dunkirk Airport CHAU 22 Nov (KV); Chautauqua Airport CHAU 23 Nov (JB, BS); Wilson NIAG 25 Nov (GT); good showing.
Short-eared Owl: no reports.
N. Saw-whet Owl: 15 banded Wethersfield WYOM 7 Oct-6 Nov (DJ), reduced effort compared with other recent years.
Com. Nighthawk: 2 Alden ERIE, Elma ERIE 1 Sep; TBNP 6 Sep; max 16 Williamsville ERIE 13 Sep (RSa); 10 Buffalo ERIE 20 Sep; 3 Eggertsville ERIE 25 Sep; 4 AmSP 25 Sep; last 3 Williamsville ERIE 27 Sep (RSa).

Chimney Swift: 14 Alden ERIE thru 20 Sep (MR), tracked group at night roost; last Buffalo ERIE 10 Oct.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 2 BOSOC: last Orchard Park ERIE 7 Nov thru (KK, JP, WW, WD, photo), latest ever.
Red-headed Woodpecker: Orchard Park ERIE 21 Sep; 2 BOSOC; only reports.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Buffalo ERIE 22 Sep; INWR 12 Nov; Williamsville ERIE 14 Nov; AISP 23 Nov; Silver Creek CHAU 29 Nov.
Pileated Woodpecker: WTSP 5 Oct (D&DS), less common along L Ontario shore.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

E. Wood-Pewee: last AmSP 30 Sep.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Tifft NP 5 Sep; Westfield CHAU 13 Sep; Sheridan CHAU 13 Sep; dead Lakewood CHAU 30 Sep (JB); last NFSP 30 Sep (DR).
"Traill's" Flycatcher: last 2 TBNP 6 Sep.
E. Phoebe: last 2 AmSP 20 Oct.
SAY'S PHOEBE: BWWT 22 Oct (BC! NYSARC), would be first Regional record if accepted by NYSARC.
Gr. Crested Flycatcher: last 2 Ripley CHAU 13 Sep.
E. Kingbird: NFSP 14 Sep; last Busti CHAU 27 Sep (JB), late.
N. Shrike: arr BOSOC (S&TO), slightly early; Charlotte CHAU 30 Oct; BWWT 20 Nov; Somerset NIAG 30 Nov; 2 AISP 30 Nov (TB); only reports.
White-eyed Vireo: Wilson NIAG 24, 28 Oct (BP! WD!), fifth consecutive fall report.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr Williamsville ERIE 16 Sep.
Warbling Vireo: last AmSP 28 Sep.
Philadelphia Vireo: 6 Ripley, Westfield CHAU 13 Sep (JP); 9 other reports Sep; last AmSP 3 Oct.
Red-eyed Vireo: max 25 Tifft NP 6 Sep (JP); last 4 BOSOC.
Com. Raven: 2 Arkwright CHAU 27 Sep; 2 Bethany GENE 18 Oct; 2 Charlotte CHAU 31 Oct; 2 Colden ERIE 10 Nov; only locations away from ALLE, CATT.
Purple Martin: max 204 Ripley CHAU 7 Sep (JP); last NFSP 17 Sep.
Tree Swallow: max 40 BWWT 4 Oct; last 9 BOSOC.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: last 5 NF 11 Nov (WD).
Bank Swallow: last 16 Clymer CHAU 5 Sep (AB).
Cliff Swallow: last 2 Buffalo ERIE 6 Sep.

CAVE SWALLOW: 14-22 Wilson NIAG 3 Nov (WD!), flying west over L Ontario.
Barn Swallow: last BWWT 23 Oct.
Carolina Wren: 30 BOSOC, up from last October's recent low of 16.
House Wren: last AmSP 15 Oct.
Winter Wren: arr AmSP 1 Sep; max 7 AmSP 18 Oct; BuSP 28 Nov.
Marsh Wren: last 8 BOSOC.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 14 INWR 22 Sep.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 2 Amherst ERIE 19 Sep; AISP 23 Nov.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last Fredonia CHAU 29 Oct (JG), late.
Veery: last 11 Tonawanda ERIE & 1 Westfield CHAU 28 Sep.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: max 5 Tonawanda ERIE 28 Sep (PH), nocturnal calls; last 3 BOSOC.
Swainson's Thrush: 62, 37 Tonawanda ERIE 15, 28 Sep (PH), nocturnal calls; last 4 BOSOC.
Hermit Thrush: arr Williamsville ERIE 28 Sep; 2 Alfred ALLE 23 Nov.
Wood Thrush: last BOSOC.
Gray Catbird: last Porter NIAG 23 Nov.
N. Mockingbird: Dunkirk CHAU 1, 8 Nov; Tift NP 29 Nov; less common in these locations.
Brown Thrasher: last BOSOC.
Am. Pipit: arr Hanover CHAU 13 Sep; max 90 Somerset NIAG 26 Oct (D&DS); last 2 DH 25 Nov.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: last Bethany GENE 15 Sep.
Tennessee Warbler: last AmSP 7 Oct.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr INWR 22 Sep; last WoBSP 18 Oct (LC).
Nashville Warbler: last INWR 23 Oct.
N. Parula: last AmSP 4 Oct.
Yellow Warbler: last Amherst ERIE 19 Sep.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 6 AmSP 29 Sep (RSA); last BOSOC.
Magnolia Warbler: last 10 BOSOC.
Cape May Warbler: 3 NFSP 8 Sep (WD, BP); 3 Salamanca CATT 4 Oct (TB); last BOSOC.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: last 3 BOSOC.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr NFSP 4 Sep; 2 AmSP 12 Nov; 4 INWR 12 Nov.
Black-throated Green Warbler: last AmSP 19 Oct.
Blackburnian Warbler: last AmSP 30 Sep.

Pine Warbler: arr 2 NFSP 20 Sep; last FNSP 22 Nov (DMA).
Palm Warbler (*D.p. palmarum*): arr NFSP 17 Sep; max 18 Amherst ERIE 29 Sep (JP); last AmSP 24 Oct.
Palm Warbler (*D.p. hypochrysea*): AmSP 25 Oct (RSA), rare.
Bay-breasted Warbler: last 2 Williamsville ERIE 2 Oct.
Blackpoll Warbler: last BeSP 26 Oct (LC), late.
Black-and-white Warbler: last AmSP 1 Oct.
Am. Redstart: last 3 BOSOC.
Ovenbird: last Ripley CHAU 13 Sep.
N. Waterthrush: Westfield CHAU 7 Sep; last Williamsville ERIE 29 Sep; only reports.
Connecticut Warbler: CATT BOSOC, only report.
Mourning Warbler: BeSP 17 Sep; last Tift NP 1 Oct.
Com. Yellowthroat: last 20 BOSOC.
Hooded Warbler: last 2 Tift NP 1 Oct.
Wilson's Warbler: last AmSP 3 Oct.
Canada Warbler: last AISP, BeSP 17 Sep.

TANAGERS – WEAVERS

SUMMER TANAGER: Buffalo ERIE 11, 12 Nov (DSt, PH, photo); 3rd fall Regional record, all this decade.
Scarlet Tanager: last AmSP 29 Sep.
E. Towhee: arr RTPI 3 Oct.
Am. Tree Sparrow: arr AmSP 8 Oct.
Chipping Sparrow: last 2 AmSP 6 Nov.
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: Williamsville ERIE 25 Sep (RSA), rare in fall.
Field Sparrow: last 2 Tonawanda ERIE, AmSP 30 Oct.
Vesper Sparrow: 8 BOSOC; Charlotte CHAU 1 Nov (R&CB), only reports.
Savannah Sparrow: last Yates ORLE 25 Oct.
Fox Sparrow: arr Alma ALLE 27 Sep; 8 INWR 23 Oct (JP, WW); 14 AISP 24 Oct (TB); max 15 Tonawanda ERIE 30 Oct (WW); last 2 Portland CHAU, RTPI 21 Nov.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Amherst ERIE 19 Sep; last AmSP 18 Oct.
White-throated Sparrow: arr 5 Bethany GENE 12 Sep.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr Joseph Davis SP NIAG 28 Sep.
Dark-eyed Junco: arr Buffalo ERIE 22 Sep.
Lapland Longspur: arr NIAG BOSOC; Wilson NIAG 16 Nov; 5 Porter NIAG 20 Nov; 2 Pomfret CHAU 23 Nov; only reports.
Snow Bunting: arr 6 Wilson NIAG 19 Oct; 200 Somerset NIAG 25 Oct; 250 Bethany

GENE 19 Nov; max 400 Porter NIAG 20 Nov (S&TO).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last AmSP 4 Oct.

Indigo Bunting: last BOSOC.

Bobolink: 2 Lancaster ERIE 10 Sep; last Amherst ERIE 29 Sep.

E. Meadowlark: max 39 Charlotte CHAU 30 Oct (R&CB); 2 S. Dayton CATT 18 Nov; last 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 24 Nov.

Rusty Blackbird: last 6 BWTP 11 Nov.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 2000 Royalton NIAG 13 Oct (WD, BP).

Baltimore Oriole: last 1 TBNP & 3 Williamsville ERIE 6 Sep.

Pine Grosbeak: arr Bennington WYOM 16 Nov (KF), only report.

Purple Finch: 57 BOSOC, low count total; not widespread.

Red Crossbill: W. Almond ALLE 18 Oct (TL), singing, analyzed as Type 1; 8 Houghton ALLE 19 Oct (LW); only reports.

White-winged Crossbill: arr 7 Wilson NIAG 3 Nov; 11 INWR 11 Nov; 5 Bethany GENE 14 Nov; 5 Bennington WYOM 16 Nov; 90, 120, 100 Wilson NIAG 22, 23, 29 Nov; 95 Porter NIAG 22 Nov; widespread in late Nov; *see intro.*

Com. Redpoll: arr 3 FMCS 2 Nov (PY), only report.

Pine Siskin: arr 3 Wilson NIAG 6 Oct; max 460 Wilson NIAG 19 Oct (WD); 130 Porter NIAG 19 Oct; 230 DH 19 Oct (TL); 240 FMCS 2 Nov (PY); 100 Arkwright CHAU 7 Nov (DN); 100 AISP 23 Nov (TB).

Evening Grosbeak: no reports.