

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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It was a beautiful September and a nearly rain-free month until a lake effect rainstorm soaker on the 28th. The average temperature of 62.4° F was 0.9° above normal. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 5.65", 1.81" above normal, with most of this occurring during the late rain event, which featured the greatest one-day precipitation since 1987 and was accompanied by a five foot seiche on Lake Erie. October was gloomy and wet with a warm finish. The average temperature was 48.6°, 2.1° below normal, and the monthly precipitation was 4.77", 1.58" above normal, with officially a trace of snow on the 15th and 16th. However, several inches fell in Southern Tier on those days. November was sunny and warmer than usual and, most surprisingly, snow-free for only the fifth time in the 126-year weather record. The average temperature was 44.0°, 3.8° above normal. The monthly precipitation was 2.94", 0.98" below normal, with only a trace of snow, 11.0" below normal. Weather information was obtained from National Weather Service monthly summaries at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport.

The peak numbers of migrant Canada Geese occurred later in the season than previously. **Cackling Goose** sightings were all in the vicinity of Iroquois NWR and adjacent WMAs, which is the largest staging area for the fall goose migration in the Region. There were eight reports of Snow Goose, including two sightings in September which should no longer be considered 'early'. A **Ross's x Snow Goose** hybrid at Chautauqua Lake in late November was nicely documented by Jim Pawlicki. A group of eight **Greater White-fronted Geese** found by Chris Newton at Iroquois NWR lingered for nearly a week, allowing several observers to see this record Regional fall maximum count. Another group of six was found at Waterport in late November by Mickey Scillingo. There were three reports of **Brant** along Lake Erie, where they are much less frequent than along Lake Ontario in fall. A **Barnacle Goose** identified by Bill Watson on the pier at Olcott had a leg band and was likely a bird that escaped from the Gooseneck Hill Wildlife Sanctuary aviary during the late summer flooding; the band was similar to theirs. Individual Trumpeter Swans found at Iroquois NWR and nearby Oak Orchard WMA were thought to be the same bird. Notable duck counts from the fall season included an estimated 550 Wood Ducks coming in to Tonawanda WMA prior to dusk and 2,250 Bufflehead in Buffalo Harbor in mid-November, which is their peak staging time on the Niagara River during migration.

Ken Roblee of the NYSDEC provided some welcome news that, for the first time in ten years, type E botulism mortality among piscivorous waterbirds was nearly non-existent on Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. **Eared Grebes** were present at Batavia WWTP through 12 November, with a maximum of five birds.

There was one **Northern Gannet**: a juvenile flying west over Lake Ontario in Wilson. A Regional maximum count of 1,625 Double-crested Cormorants occurred at Buffalo Harbor during the strong storm on 28 September.

A drained impoundment along Griswold Street at Tonawanda WMA provided excellent habitat for shorebirds through October. Birders regularly checked this location, primarily to look for **Long-billed Dowitchers** that were sighted frequently between 25 September and 16 October, with a maximum of six found by David Wheeler on 11 October. Kyle Horton found two Long-billed Dowitchers at Darien Lakes SP in late November, representing the latest documented in the Region. The increase in **American Avocet** sightings in summer and fall continued, with a group of five at Beaver Island SP on 27 September and two at Dunkirk Harbor on 28 September. The strong southwesterly winds around those dates may have factored in their presence in the Region. Other shorebird highlights included a **Western Sandpiper** at Dunkirk Harbor, two reports of **Red-necked Phalaropes**, and a **Red Phalarope**. Two of three phalarope reports were associated with the late September storm.

There were six **Parasitic Jaegers** identified along the Great Lakes. A juvenile **Sabine's Gull** found at Niagara Falls on Halloween was observed the next day but not again. Two juvenile **Black-legged Kittiwakes** were much more accommodating. Originally found by David Wheeler on Lake Ontario at Fort Niagara SP on 5 September, many observers saw them through 9 September. **California Gull** was again present on the Niagara River, with at least two birds this fall. An adult at Niagara Falls SP on 7 October was the second earliest ever. A third-winter bird was found on 17 October, and another or possibly the same bird was sighted several times in late November at the Niagara Power Project. This makes 17 out of the last 18 years that at least one California Gull has been documented on the Niagara River. An adult **Black-headed Gull** was found between Niagara Falls and the Niagara Power Project on at least three occasions in the 15-24 November period. "Nelson's Gull" (Glaucous x Herring hybrid) was spotted on several occasions, which is typical for this season on the Niagara River. Birders grappled with probable Herring x Lesser Black-backed and Herring x Great Black-backed hybrids as well.

Snowy and Short-eared Owls went unreported this fall. David Junkin banded 37 **Northern Saw-whet Owls** at his banding station in Wethersfield, with a maximum of eight on 17 October. **Common Nighthawks** were not widespread, with only eight reports and a maximum count of 21. There were only three reports of Red-headed Woodpecker, all from September. A remarkable 1,290 Northern Rough-winged Swallows congregated off Niagara Falls SP on 7 October. Despite several birders searching along Lake Ontario, no Cave Swallows were found in early November as occurred in neighboring Region 2.

The evening of 23 September and morning of 24 September were notable for the large number of nocturnal flight calls heard and migrant passerines observed. The warmth in early November may have contributed to record late Regional reports of Indigo Bunting and Eastern Wood-Pewee. Northern Shrikes occurred in decent numbers. Following the bonanza of finches last year, birders

couldn't be too disappointed in their near absence this fall. There were a handful of Pine Siskin reports, all in single digits, plus a single **Evening Grosbeak** visiting a feeder in Colden.

The highlight of the fall season was undoubtedly the discovery of a juvenile **White Ibis** coming to roost at dusk with Great Egrets at Tonawanda WMA. Mark Pearce made the discovery on the evening of 20 September, and many birders lined up to wait and watch, most successfully, in the following days. The last sighting was on 29 September. On 3 October, a juvenile White Ibis was found in Whitby, Ontario, 35 miles north of Tonawanda WMA. Then on 21 October, Bill Watson was surprised to see presumably the same juvenile White Ibis come in to roost at the same location at Tonawanda WMA. There were several sightings over the next 1-2 days but the ibis was not seen after that. There had only been one previous sighting in the Region.

Details were submitted by two observers who made separate observations of a bird they identified as a juvenile **Ferruginous Hawk**. The sightings occurred on 3-5 September near the Lake Erie shore in Dunkirk. All sightings were of a perched bird. Both reports pointed to this species and detailed several identifying field marks, including feathered legs, large size, and some distinctive plumage characteristics. However, some other features were not observed or described. Given that this species has not been accepted for the New York State List, it is included here under the category of 'possible' and awaits NYSARC review. Even if these reports do not result in the first accepted Ferruginous Hawk for New York, birders should be aware of the late summer movements of raptors, mostly juveniles, in seemingly 'reverse migration' along the shorelines of the Great Lakes. Of linked interest to this sighting, a Swainson's Hawk was reported by experienced birders along the Lake Ontario shoreline in Region 2 on 29 August just a few days prior to these sightings, thereby providing an association to possible movements of juvenile western raptor species into New York in the same time period.

The 74th annual BOS October Count was held on the 11th and compiled by Mike Hamilton. The weather featured high pressure, cloudy skies, and the passage of a cold front with strong northwest winds. The count recorded 158 species with one first record for the count, Prairie Warbler; 5 record high counts: three Cackling Goose, 38 Mute Swan, 30 Bald Eagle, six Long-billed Dowitcher, and five Lesser Black-backed Gull; and one record low count, 45 American Black Duck.

Other notable sightings not previously mentioned include **Cattle Egret** 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 11 Oct Count; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP ERIE; BWWTWP – 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; PB – Pt Breeze ORLE; PG – Pt Graciot CHAU; Tifft NP – Tifft Nature Preserve, Buffalo ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA GENE/NIAG; WoBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP ERIE.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

G. White-fronted Goose: 8, 1 INWR 21-26 Oct, 6 Nov (CN, PY), eight a Reg record high for fall; 6 Waterport ORLE 21 Nov (MSc).

Snow Goose: arr 6 Buffalo ERIE 17 Sep (GD); Shelby ORLE 26 Sep (BC, JS, GC); 2 BOSOC; 2 BWWTWP 18 Oct; Somerset NIAG 21 Oct; 2 OOWMA 21 Oct; 6, 5 Oakfield GENE 28 Oct, 8 Nov; 1, 1 Dayton CATT 13, 28 Nov.

Ross's x Snow Goose: ChauL 29 Nov (JP!, photo), bill showed classic field marks of hybrid.

Cackling Goose: arr 8 TWMA 6 Oct (WD); 2 BOSOC; 5, 1, 1 INWR 21 Oct, 6, 14 Nov (CN); 3 Oakfield GENE 8 Nov (KF).

Brant: arr Buffalo Harbor ERIE 13-26 Oct (KH, mob); max 140 Somerset NIAG 24 Oct (WD); Sturgeon Pt ERIE 24 Oct (DW, JPa); DH 26 Nov (JL, JG); only reports.

Mute Swan: 38 BOSOC, including areas in Ontario; 3 Olcott NIAG 25 Oct; 3 Lewiston NR 21 Nov; only reports.

Trumpeter Swan: INWR 12 Oct (JPa!); OOWMA 21 Oct (JPa!); observer considered it to be same bird.

Tundra Swan: arr 15 Wilson NIAG 1 Nov; 22, 55 BeSP 7, 20 Nov; 13 OOWMA 14 Nov; max 131 ChauL 29 Nov (JPa); 2 Attica WYOM 30 Nov; only reports.

Wood Duck: 45 Orchard Park ERIE 19 Sep; max 550 TWMA 25 Oct (KF), coming in to

roost at dusk, ties Reg record count; West Seneca ERIE thru 30 Nov.

Gadwall: 20 Alexander GENE 27 Oct; max 63 INWR 28 Oct; 40, 38 BWWTWP 31 Oct, 22 Nov; 34 Tifft NP 8 Nov.

Am. Wigeon: max 400 INWR 13 Oct (WW, JL).

Am. Black Duck: max 40 BWWTWP 8 Nov; 20 Attica WYOM 30 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: last OOWMA 21 Oct.

N. Shoveler: 2 WoBSP 14 Sep; max 175 BWWTWP 31 Oct (KF).

N. Pintail: max 44 TWMA 21 Oct.

Green-winged Teal: max 52 BWWTWP 28 Oct.

Canvasback: arr 18 BOSOC.

Redhead: arr 7 BOSOC; 3 BWWTWP 22 Nov; Carlton ORLE 22 Nov; only reports.

Ring-necked Duck: arr BWWTWP 2 Oct; max 275 INWR 28 Oct (WW).

Greater Scaup: arr 5 Buffalo NR 29 Sep.

Lesser Scaup: BWWTWP 3 Sep; arr Buffalo NR 29 Sep; max 40 BWWTWP 31 Oct.

Surf Scoter: arr 2 FNSP 5 Sep (WD, WW), early; 3 Buffalo NR 29 Sep; 2 BOSOC; max 50 Somerset NIAG 24 Oct; 8, 1 Sturgeon Pt ERIE, DH 24 Oct (DW); BWWTWP 22 Nov (WW).

White-winged Scoter: 5 FNSP 5 Sep; 2, 1 Hamburg ERIE, DH 24 Oct, much less frequent on L Erie compared w. L Ontario.

Black Scoter: arr Wilson NIAG 5 Oct; 7 BOSOC; 6 Somerset NIAG 24 Oct; 8, 3

Hamburg ERIE, Sturgeon Pt ERIE 24 Oct; max 12 Wilson NIAG 1 Nov; 4 DH 24 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr Buffalo NR 29 Sep; only inland reports were INWR 18 Oct; Attica WYOM 30 Nov.

Bufflehead: BWTP 3, 27 Sep, from summer; 240 Sheridan CHAU 11 Nov; max 2250 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 13 Nov (DG); 574 ChauL 29 Nov (JPa).

Com. Goldeneye: arr BOSOC; 76 ChauL 29 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: max 133 Dayton CATT 13 Nov; 116 ChauL 29 Nov; 64 DH 30 Nov.

Com. Merganser: 53 DH 11 Sep; 47 Sheridan CHAU 19 Sep; 83 BWTP 2 Oct; max 182 Dayton CATT 17 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser: arr 5 Wilson NIAG 5 Oct.

Ruddy Duck: 20, 317, 446 BWTP 3 Sep, 28 Oct, 22 Nov; 7 Attica WYOM 7 Nov; 5 Carlton Hill MUA GENE 13 Nov; max 941 ChauL 29 Nov (JPa).

Red-throated Loon: arr FNSP 18 Oct; Sturgeon Pt ERIE 24 Oct; max 136 Wilson NIAG 7 Nov (WD); BWTP 22 Nov (WW); ChauL 29 Nov.

Com. Loon: 7 Olcott 24 Sep; 60 Wilson NIAG 5 Oct; max 67 Somerset NIAG 24 Oct; 35 Sturgeon Pt ERIE 24 Oct; botulism mortality on L Erie nearly non-existent, *intro*.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 30, 34 TWMA 25 Sep, 21 Oct; 12 ChauL 29 Nov.

Horned Grebe: arr Buffalo NR 29 Sep; 75 Silver Creek CHAU 21 Oct; max 102 Sturgeon Pt ERIE 24 Oct (DW).

Red-necked Grebe: arr 2 Wilson NIAG 12 Oct; max 13 Wilson NIAG 1 Nov (WD, DD); 2 Olcott NIAG 15 Nov; only reports.

EARED GREBE: 2-5 BWTP thru 12 Nov (mob), annual at this location.

N. GANNET: Wilson NIAG 1 Nov (WD), nearly annual in fall now.

Double-crested Cormorant: 863, 698 BuSP 3 Sep, 1 Oct (WW); max 1625 Buffalo ERIE 28 Sep (WW), max count influenced by strong winds; Dayton CATT 21 Nov; BWTP 27 Nov.

Am. Bittern: Wales ERIE 2 Oct (DC); last INWR 13 Oct; only reports.

Great Egret: max 102, 126 TWMA 25 Sep, 3 Oct (WW); 24 BWTP 26 Sep; 22 Strawberry I NR 5 Oct; last BeSP 21 Nov (DeS).

CATTLE EGRET: Wilson NIAG 3-10 Nov (JPe), brought to rehabilitator.

Green Heron: last 4 BOSOC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 11 TWMA 25 Sep (RS); last 5 BOSOC.

WHITE IBIS: juv TWMA 20-29 Sep (MP!, mob); 21-22 Oct TWMA (WW, JM); thought to be same bird; 2nd Reg report.

Turkey Vulture: max 125 Lewiston NR 10 Oct (DW); 30 Warsaw WYOM 7 Nov (JKi); 2 NF 11 Nov.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: last 3 BOSOC.

Bald Eagle: reported from numerous locations; 30 BOSOC; max 4 Sheridan CHAU 3, 12 Sep.

N. Goshawk: AISP 1 Nov (JR), only report.

Red-shouldered Hawk: Busti CHAU 12 Sep; 9 BOSOC; 2 Ashford CATT 4 Nov; Orchard Park ERIE 6, 23 Nov; only reports.

Broad-winged Hawk: 4 rep Sep; last ALLE BOSOC.

possible FERRUGINOUS HAWK: juv Dunkirk CHAU 3-5 Sep (MSa, SC), details to NYSARC, *intro*.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr BOSOC; only 3 other reports.

Merlin: WoBSP 19 Sep; BOSOC; INWR 21 Oct; Buffalo ERIE 29 Oct; AISP 1 Nov; only reports.

Peregrine Falcon: reported from 9 loc.

Sora: last Alexander GENE 27 Oct (DB!), late.

Com. Moorhen: last OOWMA 2 Oct.

Am. Coot: 200 TWMA 28 Oct; max 574 ChauL 29 Nov (JPa).

Sandhill Crane: 1, 1 Dayton CATT BOSOC, 13 Nov (JM, JPa; DN), fall reports still rare.

Black-bellied Plover: last DH 24 Oct.

Am. Golden-Plover: 25 Alabama GENE 12 Sep (DW); DH 12 Sep; 8 Shelby ORLE 26 Sep; last Buffalo ERIE 20 Oct.

Semipalmated Plover: last 3 Alexander GENE 4 Oct.

Killdeer: last 10 Darien GENE 25 Nov.

AM. AVOCET: 5 BeSP 27 Sep (DeS); 2 DH 28 Sep (JG); becoming a regular in summer & fall.

Spotted Sandpiper: last West Seneca ERIE 5 Oct.

Solitary Sandpiper: last Wilson NIAG 4 Oct.

Gr. Yellowlegs: last TWMA 8 Nov.

Lesser Yellowlegs: last BWTP 31 Oct.

Ruddy Turnstone: 2, 1 DH 12 Sep, 14 Oct; max 7 Alexander GENE 4 Oct (DB), rare inland.

Sanderling: max 21 Buffalo ERIE 5 Oct.

WESTERN SANDPIPER: DH 10 Sep (DW), rare.

Least Sandpiper: last 2 TWMA 26 Oct (WW, JPa), late.

White-rumped Sandpiper: BWTP 2 Oct (WW), only report.

Baird's Sandpiper: DH 10-11 Sep (DW, JG), only report.

Pectoral Sandpiper: last TWMA 26 Oct.

Dunlin: max 19 Angola ERIE 24 Oct.

Stilt Sandpiper: 1-3 TWMA 25 Sep - 11 Oct; only reports.

Short-billed Dowitcher: no reports.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER: 1-6 TWMA 25 Sep - 16 Oct (mob); 2 Darien Lakes SP GENE 24-26 Nov (KH, JM, CN), record late.

Wilson's Snipe: max 5 Wilson NIAG 18 Oct.

Am. Woodcock: 9 BOSOC; last Buffalo ERIE 27 Oct, found dead under HSBC tower.

Red-necked Phalarope: FNPS 12 Sep (DW); 2 Tifft NP 29 Sep (JKu); only reports.

Red Phalarope: LaSalle P Buffalo ERIE 28 Sep (KF), during strong wind event; only report.

Black-legged Kittiwake: 2 juv FNPS 5-9 Sep (DW, mob); early.

Sabine's Gull: juv NF 31 Oct - 1 Nov (BP, WD); only report.

Bonaparte's Gull: INWR 21 Oct; BWWT 8 Nov; max 6000 FNPS 28 Nov (BD); 850 Barcelona CHAU 29 Nov.

BLACK-HEADED GULL: NF 15 Nov (DW); NPP 16 Nov (WW); NF 24 Nov (BC, DoS); all possibly same bird.

Little Gull: max 4, 3 NF 22 Sep, 31 Oct; 2 NF BOSOC; Silver Creek CHAU 21 Oct; Sturgeon Pt ERIE 24 Oct; 2 Lewiston NR 31 Oct; 2 Wilson NIAG 11 Nov; Barcelona CHAU 29 Nov.

CALIFORNIA GULL: ad NF 7 Oct (JPa!, WW!, NYSARC), 2nd earliest report; 3rd-winter NPP 17 Oct (JM); ad NFSP 7 Nov (CN); ad NPP 15 Nov (DW); 3rd-winter Lewiston NR 21, 26, 28 Nov (WD!, WW!, NYSARC).

Thayer's Gull: sev undocumented rep from NPP and NF.

Iceland Gull: arr NF 15 Nov; max 6 NPP 28 Nov.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: arr NFSP 24 Sep; 5 BOSOC; 2 PB 17 Oct; DH 21 Oct; max 4, 5 NFSP 22 Oct, 29 Nov; FMCSP 6 Nov.

Glaucous Gull: arr 2 NF, 1 Whirlpool NIAG 28 Nov.

G. Black-backed Gull: max 150 DH 12 Nov.

Caspian Tern: last 3 Buffalo ERIE 12 Oct.

Com. Tern: max 30 FNPS 5 Sep; 1, 1 Buffalo ERIE 28 Sep, 7 Oct; NR BOSOC; Sturgeon Pt ERIE 24 Oct; only reports.

Forster's Tern: 2 DH 11 Sep (DN); last DH 5, 7 Nov (DN).

Black Tern: last FNPS 5 Sep.

Parasitic Jaeger: arr 2, 1 FNPS 5, 12 Sep (DW); Buffalo ERIE 28 Sep (JPa); Hamburg

ERIE 28 Sep (DW); 1, 1 Wilson NIAG 29 Sep, 5 Oct (WD).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 2 INWR 26 Sep (BC, JS, GC), only report.

Black-billed Cuckoo: Tifft NP 4 Sep (DeS); Wilson NIAG 26 Sep (WD); last BeSP 30 Sep (DeS).

Snowy Owl: no reports.

Short-eared Owl: no reports.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 37 banded Wethersfield WYOM 10 Oct - 10 Nov (DJ), max 8 on 17 Oct.

Com. Nighthawk: rep from eight loc thru 20 Sep; max 21 Williamsville ERIE 3 Sep.

Chimney Swift: last 6 BOSOC.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last 2 BOSOC.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 GHSP 6 Sep; 2 PG 13 Sep; Ashford CATT 30 Sep; only reports.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr 2 Orchard Park ERIE 13 Sep.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Tifft NP 3-5 Sep (CN), only report.

E. Wood-Pewee: 6 BOSOC; last AISP 1 Nov (TB!), Reg record late.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: AmSP 3 Sep; Williamsville ERIE 11 Sep; last Buffalo ERIE 30 Sep (PY).

Willow Flycatcher: last Busti CHAU 6 Sep (JB).

Least Flycatcher: last Wilson NIAG 15 Sep.

E. Phoebe: last West Seneca ERIE 30 Oct.

Gr. Crested Flycatcher: last Williamsville ERIE 11 Sep.

E. Kingbird: last GHSP 6 Sep.

N. Shrike: arr TWMA 21 Oct; 14 other reports.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr GHSP 20 Sep.

Warbling Vireo: last Wilson NIAG 24 Sep.

Philadelphia Vireo: 8 rep Sep.

Red-eyed Vireo: last BeSP 24 Oct.

Com. Raven: Arcade WYOM 9 Sep; 2 Alexander GENE 16 Nov; only locations away from ALLE, CATT.

Horned Lark: max 150 Shelby ORLE 26 Sep (BC).

Purple Martin: last Williamsville ERIE 14 Sep.

Tree Swallow: max 95 BWWT 2 Oct.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 1290 NFSP 7 Oct (JPa, WW); last 95 BOSOC.

Bank Swallow: last 4 TWMA 27 Sep.

Cliff Swallow: last TWMA 26 Sep (JPa!), late.
Barn Swallow: last 22 BOSOC.
Carolina Wren: last 2 BOSOC, low count for recent years.
House Wren: last 4 BOSOC.
Winter Wren: arr Wilson NIAG 9 Sep.
Marsh Wren: last 2 AmSP 8, 12 Oct (PY), migr; INWR 12 Oct.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 5 Olcott NIAG 24 Sep.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 2 Tift NP 12 Sep; Tift NP 8 Nov; 2 Bethany GENE 25 Nov.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last Alden ERIE 1 Oct.
Veery: 55 Tonawanda ERIE 12 Sep (PH), nocturnal migrants; last, fresh roadkill found Carlton Hill MUA WYOM 11 Oct (KF).
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Tonawanda ERIE, Williamsville ERIE 13 Sep; last BOSOC.
Swainson's Thrush: 2 AISP 5 Sep (TB); 29, 31 Tonawanda ERIE 12, 15 Sep (PH), nocturnal calls; last WoBSP 24 Oct (JPa, DW), late.
Hermit Thrush: arr Williamsville ERIE 24 Sep.
Wood Thrush: last 2 Alfred ALLE 6 Sep.
Gray Catbird: GHSP 15 Nov; only report beyond Oct.
N. Mockingbird: Alexander GENE 29 Oct, 12 Nov; Tift NP 8, 10 Nov; Bethany GENE 26 Nov; less common in these loc.
Brown Thrasher: Williamsville ERIE 12 Sep; Ashford CATT 23 Sep, 9 Oct; 3 BOSOC; Alfred ALLE 3 Nov (EB); last Tift NP 8 Nov (WW), late.
Am. Pipit: arr DH 11 Sep; 50 Shelby ORLE 26 Sep; 50 Alexander GENE 6 Oct.

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: last AISP 5 Sep.
Tennessee Warbler: last Wilson NIAG 29 Sep.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Tift NP 12 Sep; 5 BOSOC; last Tift NP 18 Oct; six other reports.
Nashville Warbler: last Tift NP 17 Oct.
N. Parula: last NFSP 5 Oct.
Yellow Warbler: last DH 11 Sep.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: last Williamsville ERIE 30 Sep.
Magnolia Warbler: last 3 BOSOC.
Cape May Warbler: arr Williamsville ERIE 9 Sep; 2 AISP 25 Sep (TB); only reports.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: last NFSP 5 Oct.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 50 Orchard Park ERIE 30 Sep (MZ); 4 NFSP 8 Nov; 2 BuSP 9 Nov; Tift NP 10 Nov; GHSP 13 Nov.
Black-throated Green Warbler: last 5 BOSOC.
Pine Warbler: last OOWMA 4 Oct.
Prairie Warbler: TWMA BOSOC (DR!), late; only report.
Palm Warbler (*D.p. palmarum*): arr LBSP, Watts Flats 13 Sep; last 17 BOSOC.
Bay-breasted Warbler: last Williamsville ERIE 30 Sep.
Blackpoll Warbler: last Wilson NIAG 3 Oct.
Black-and-white Warbler: last BOSOC.
Am. Redstart: last 2 BOSOC.
Ovenbird: last BeSP 30 Sep.
N. Waterthrush: last Williamsville ERIE 1-3 Oct (RS).
Mourning Warbler: last AISP 5 Sep.
Com. Yellowthroat: last 4 BOSOC.
Hooded Warbler: INWR 26 Sep; last Fredonia CHAU 25 Oct (CH), late.
Wilson's Warbler: last BOSOC.
Canada Warbler: last Wilson NIAG 5 Sep.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 3 BOSOC.
Chipping Sparrow: last 2 Williamsville ERIE 28 Oct.
CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: Williamsville ERIE 11 Sep (RS), rare in fall.
Field Sparrow: last Ashford CATT 21 Oct.
Vesper Sparrow: BOSOC, only report.
Savannah Sparrow: last 2 INWR 21 Oct.
Grasshopper Sparrow: last 2 Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 4 Sep (DG).
Fox Sparrow: arr 2 AmSP 8 Oct; max 12 AISP 21 Oct (TB); last 2 Colden ERIE 2 Nov thru (J&KL).
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 4 Amherst ERIE 15 Sep; last Tift NP 17 Oct.
White-throated Sparrow: arr Tift NP 5 Sep.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 24 Sep.
Lapland Longspur: arr 1, 1 Porter NIAG 16 Oct, 4 Nov; 3 Shelby ORLE 6 Nov; Wilson NIAG 8 Nov; only reports.
Snow Bunting: arr 7 Sturgeon Pt ERIE 24 Oct; max 30 Shelby ORLE 6 Nov.
Scarlet Tanager: last 2 ChauL 12 Sep.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Holland ERIE 1 Oct.
Indigo Bunting: Amherst ERIE 1 Oct; last Tift NP 8 Nov (WW), Reg record late.
Bobolink: no reports.
E. Meadowlark: max 29 Knox Farm SP ERIE 5 Oct (MZ); last AISP 1 Nov.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 2 TWMA 25 Sep; 6 TWMA 6 Nov, only report beyond Oct.
Baltimore Oriole: last Grand Island ERIE 7 Sep.
Purple Finch: 41 BOSOC; not widespread.
Pine Siskin: 2 Eden ERIE 3 Sep; arr Alexander GENE 6 Oct; 2, 1 N Tonawanda NIAG 14 Oct, 21 Nov; 2 BOSOC; Holland

ERIE 2 Nov; 7 Wilson NIAG 11 Nov; 4 GHSP 13 Nov.
Evening Grosbeak: Colden ERIE 4 Nov (K&JL), only report.

EXOTIC

Barnacle Goose: Olcott NIAG 24 Sep (WW), leg band, escape from Gooseneck Hill Sanctuary CATT.

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