

## REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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Following a warm and dry spring, June was humid and very wet. The average temperature was 67.0° F, 1.2° above average. A total of 8.13" of rain fell at the Buffalo airport, 4.31" above normal, with much of it falling in the first week. July was consistently warm and mostly dry. The average temperature was 73.5°, 2.7° above normal. Rainfall was 3.17", a mere 0.03" above average. The fabulous summer weather continued through August. The average temperature was 71.7°, 2.6° above normal. There was 1.84" of rain, 2.03" below average. Weather data was excerpted from National Weather Service *Monthly Weather Summary* for Buffalo.

With a wet June and warm summer, the expectation is that it was a good year for nesting birds. I read or received several comments tending to positive nesting success and none to the contrary; however, this is mostly anecdotal evidence. It was encouraging to hear from Jeff Reed that Eastern Meadowlarks had an excellent year, with many second nests in his purview of Cattaraugus County grasslands. Most references to meadowlarks in recent years have been about declining numbers. Likewise, there was an encouraging report out of Iroquois NWR that Carl Zenger tracked 113 fledgling Purple Martins. This species has declined dramatically in recent decades, especially at inland locations.

Several raptor species continued to expand in breeding status again this summer. The number of active **Peregrine Falcon** nests expanded to five, in addition to the cliff-dwelling pair below Niagara Falls that chose the Canadian side this year. All were successful this year. Connie Adams also indicated that there were pairs regularly observed at a grain elevator on the Buffalo waterfront and at Gates Circle but with no apparent nesting attempts.

**Merlins** were found in three areas this summer, with at least two of them apparently new breeding locations. During Ted Floyd's "bare naked birding" lecture and walk for the Roger Tory Peterson Birding Festival, the large group was watching a Red-shouldered Hawk in flight when a Merlin came out of nowhere and made a pass at the hawk and gave short chase. There were no follow up reports. Merlins were reported in Jamestown last summer; however, it is uncertain if this location was proximate to last year's sightings. Jeff Reed tracked a family group of four Merlins along the Allegany River in Olean from mid-June through 1 August. This is apparently a new breeding location. Mike Zebehazi was surprised to find Merlins in the Village of Hamburg in mid-July. Up to four birds were found at this newly discovered breeding location.

The number of Osprey nests along the Niagara River increased to three; all relatively recent. Nests are also slowly increasing in the vicinity of the Allegheny Reservoir and Iroquois NWR.

NYSDEC monitored colonial waterbird nests along the Niagara River. The heronry at Motor Island held breeding Great Blue Herons (71 nests), Great Egrets (38 nests), and Black-crowned Night-Herons (52 nests). The egret total is another new maximum as nests at this location have steadily increased since the first nests were discovered in the mid 1990s. Double-crested Cormorants had 868 nests, down from 975 last year, and NYSDEC once again implemented nest and bird reduction measures.

**Sandhill Cranes** were again found in summer on multiple occasions at Watts Flats WMA. Three in Dayton, Cattaraugus County, were observed on several occasions after Amish residents notified Jamestown Audubon Society of them. While I am not aware of any confirmed breeding in the Region, I wouldn't be surprised if it has already occurred unbeknownst to birders.

**Upland Sandpipers** were found at only two breeding areas. **Sedge Wren** was found in three locations. Henslow's Sparrow went unreported in the Region for the third consecutive year. A targeted search of suitable habitat would be a worthwhile endeavor next summer.

Most of the other uncommon and/or declining breeding species were found in similar numbers as in recent years. **Common Nighthawks** were again reported in small numbers in North Buffalo throughout the summer, with several sightings of migrants throughout the Region in late summer. One identified in Alfred, Allegany County, on 19 June could have been a very late migrant or possible breeder. **Red-headed Woodpeckers** were reported in greater numbers than previous summers. A **Golden-winged Warbler** in the Town of Pomfret was the only one reported. **Yellow-throated Warblers** were once again present in the Red House Section of the Allegany State Park, a now annual occurrence for most of the last decade. **Prothonotary Warblers** were at their regular location at Tonawanda WMA again. **Clay-colored Sparrows** were reported from three locations, including one new location in Conewango, Cattaraugus County.

The summer shorebird season was fair at best. Sites with the most coverage included Tonawanda WMA, Batavia WWTP, and various locations along the Lake Erie shoreline. A new Regional maximum of **nine American Avocets** was reached when David Wheeler found them foraging with two **Willetts** at the outlet of Cattaraugus Creek on Lake Erie. This sighting occurred on a day (16 July) with strong southwest winds. Summer sightings of both of these species have increased over the past decade, with most occurrences along Lake Erie. A Willet was also found at Barcelona Harbor on 3 July by Jeanine Smith. Three **Red-necked Phalaropes** were found by Bill Watson on 27 August at Tonawanda WMA, and another was sighted over Lake Ontario in late August.

There were three notable gull sightings in June. David Wheeler witnessed a brief appearance by a **Laughing Gull** at Batavia WWTP on 1 June. He saw the bird fly in and then continue on its way. This is the first report for the location and a very rare record away from the Great Lakes or Niagara River. Two first-summer **Little Gulls** among Bonaparte's Gulls at Fort Niagara SP on 16 June follows a trend from recent years. Willie D'Anna identified four immature **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** among many large gulls in a field in Somerset on 6 June; an excellent count for early summer.

Migrant warblers were reported in seemingly typical numbers over the last two weeks of August.

There were some interesting rarities this summer, highlighted by the first **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** for the Region. Paul Hess, Iroquois NWR biologist, spotted and photographed the bird along Route 77 on the Tonawanda WMA in the evening of 11 August. Subsequently we learned that Will Stuart and Jill Palmer had also spotted it earlier in the day. Numerous birders were able to see this duck over the next two weeks at the same location. However, it was often not an easy find as the bird would stay hidden from view in cattails. Many birders' first looks came when the duck would suddenly burst out of the vegetation and fly around in circles while giving its bizarre whistling call, only to return to the same or a nearby spot. The sighting follows an apparent northerly incursion of this species that began in the spring.

There were multiple reports to David Suggs (Buffalo RBA hotline) and the NYSDEC of an **American White Pelican** observed flying over Hamburg on 22 June and then again the next morning on the Buffalo waterfront. This could have been the same bird that was reported the next day in Byron (Region 2).

David Neveu identified a juvenile **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** at Dunkirk Harbor on 9 August that remained throughout August, although not regularly observed after the first few days.

During a late summer lakewatch from Fort Niagara SP, Jim Pawlicki and David Wheeler identified an immature **Long-tailed Jaeger**. The jaeger briefly chased a Bonaparte's Gull before flying out of view. This is one of only a handful of reports for the Region and the first for the summer season. As summer lake watching is practiced much more frequently to the west (Hamilton, Ontario) and east (Region 2) of the Region, it is likely that this rare species is a tad under-reported here.

On 7 July, Willie D'Anna and Betsy Potter had the unusual occurrence of watching a bird at a feeder in their yard whose identity they didn't know. An aberrant goldfinch was ruled out, and a review of European field guides revealed the identity as a **European Greenfinch**. European Greenfinch is an Old World species that has never been accepted as reaching North America as a wild bird. European Greenfinch is one of several European species kept as cage birds that have been documented in recent years in the Great Lakes Region. It is believed that these occurrences stem from the release of caged birds from a dealer in the Chicago area. As this sighting along Lake Ontario fits the pattern of other sightings, it is considered a likely escapee.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AlSP – Allegany SP, CATT; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWT – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; MI – Motor I, NR, ERIE; NF – Niagara Falls, NIAG; NR – Niagara R; OOWMA – Oak Orchard WMA, ORLE/GENE; PB – Point Breeze, ORLE; PG – Point Gratiot, CHAU; Tift NP – Tift Nature Preserve, Buffalo, ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; WFWMA – Watts Flats WMA, CHAU.

### WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

#### BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK:

TWMA 11-23 Aug (WS, PHI!, mob, NYSARC), first for Region, *intro*.

**Mute Swan:** 2 PB 12 Jun; 2 Wilson NIAG 1 Jul; 2 Barcelona CHAU 16 Jul; 3 ad, 3 yg Olcott NIAG 25 Aug (PF); only reports.

**Wood Duck:** max 126 OOWMA 19 Jul (MW); 28 Tift NP 21 Aug.

**Gadwall:** 4, 5 BWWT 1, 21 Jun; 2, 2 TWMA 14 Jun, 18 Jul; 2 NF 8 Jul; max 10 BWWT 16 Aug; 6 Warsaw WYOM.

**Am. Wigeon:** 2, 6 BWWT 1 Jun, 9 Jul; Buffalo ERIE 13 Jun; 2 TWMA 21 Jun; only reports.

**Am. Black Duck:** max 6 BWWT 14 Aug; not reported from any other location.

**Blue-winged Teal:** 6 TWMA 21 Jun; arr 6 Alexander GENE 1 Aug; max 50 BWWT 16 Aug.

**N. Shoveler:** 1, 3, 1 BWWT 1 Jun, 10 Jul, 7 Aug; only reports.

**Green-winged Teal:** 14 TWMA 21 Jun; 3 BWWT 7 Jul; arr Tift NP 4 Aug; max 15 INWR 31 Aug.

**Redhead:** BWWT 14, 24 Aug (DW), only reports.

**Ring-necked Duck:** 2 BWWT 1 Jun (DW), only report.

**Greater Scaup:** BWWT 1 Jun – 7 Jul (DW, WW), unusual in summer.

**L. Scaup:** NF 23 Jun (WW), only report.

**White-winged Scoter:** arr 5 FNSP 29 Aug (DW).

**Bufflehead:** BWWT 14-22 Aug (KF, WD, WW), only report.

**Com. Goldeneye:** Sheridan CHAU 27 Jun (DW), unusual in summer.

**Com. Merganser:** W Seneca ERIE 24 Jun, slowly extending north in summer along creeks; 5, 4 NF 8, 31 Jul.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** 2 Wilson NIAG 31 Jul (WD); 2 NF 31 Jul (WW, JP), unusual in summer.

**Ruddy Duck:** 16, 32, 19 BWWT 21 Jun, 7 Jul, 22 Aug, regular in summer at this location.

**Com. Loon:** S. Dayton CATT 6 Jun (JM); 2 Mayville CHAU 16 Jul (TL); 2 NF 31 Jul (JP, WW); arr FNSP 29 Aug (DW).

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 2 + 6 yg Tift NP 11 Jun; max 79 TWMA 27 Aug.

**AM. WHITE PELICAN:** Hamburg ERIE 22 Jun; Buffalo Harbor ERIE 23 Jun; 2-3 secondhand reports in short time span; *intro*.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 868 nests from NR, L Erie locations (CA), down from 975 last year; max 964 BuSP 1 Aug.

**Am. Bittern:** INWR two reports of singles each month; 2, 1 TWMA 26 Jul, 12 Aug; Warsaw WYOM 27 Jul (DBi); only reports.

**Least Bittern:** 4 nesting pairs Tift NP Jun (CA); INWR 15, 21 Jun; OOWMA 1 Jul; Warsaw WYOM 2 Aug (DBi); Tift NP 4, 29 Aug; TWMA 12, 22 Aug.

**Great Blue Heron:** 71 nests MI (CA).

**Great Egret:** 38 nests MI, highest count yet (CA); 87, 87 MI 24 Jun, 6 Jul (WW); max 104 TWMA 4 Aug, roost; 20 BWWT 19 Aug.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** BWWT 7 Jul; 3 TWMA 30 Jul; only reports away from NR; 52 nests MI (CA).

**YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON:** juv DH 9 Aug thru (DN, mob, NYSARC); rare.

### HAWKS - ALCIDS

**Osprey:** 3 nests NR; Alexander GENE 1 Aug; Alfred ALLE 10 Aug; expanding as breeder.

**Bald Eagle:** well reported from nesting areas.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** last imm Elma ERIE 20 Jun.

**Merlin:** Jamestown CHAU 12 Jun (TB! TF); 4 Olean CATT 19 Jun – 31 Jul (JR!); 4 Hamburg ERIE 15 Jul (MZ, DH!); good showing for breeders; 2, 1 Randolph CATT 15, 28 Aug.

**Peregrine Falcon:** regional total to five nests - 3 in Buffalo, 2 on Grand Island bridges; non-nesting pairs also reported at two additional Buffalo locations.

**Virginia Rail:** max 4 TWMA 12 Aug.

**Sora:** N. Harmony CHAU 10 Jul; 3 TWMA 12 Aug; only reports.

**SANDHILL CRANE:** WFWMA 11, 12 Jun, 18 Jul (WD, JB), regular reports in recent years; 3 S. Dayton CATT 23, 27 Jul (AB, DN).

**Black-bellied Plover:** arr BWWT 19 Aug, only report.

**Am. Golden-Plover:** arr 1, 2 Alexander GENE 26, 27 Aug.

**Semipalmated Plover:** last 2 Hartland NIAG 6 Jun; arr TWMA 19 Jul.

**AM. AVOCET:** 9 Hanover CHAU 16 Jul (DW!), new Regional high count.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** max 57, 31 BWWT 10 Jul, 7 Aug.

**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr N. Harmony CHAU 18 Jul; 12 Elba GENE 24 Jul; max 13 BWWT 7 Aug.

**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr 2 BWWT 1 Jul (DW!), slightly early.

**Willet:** arr Barcelona CHAU 3 Jul (JS); 2 Hanover CHAU 16, 19 Jul (DW!); only reports.

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr 2 BWWT, TWMA 7 Jul; max 30 INWR 31 Aug.

**Upland Sandpiper:** Wales ERIE 3 Jun (CN); Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 14 Jun, regular location; only reports.

**Whimbrel:** Buffalo NR 30 Aug, only report.

**Ruddy Turnstone:** BWWT 1 Jun; arr Buffalo NR 30 Aug.

**Sanderling:** arr DH 15 Aug; 3 Buffalo NR 30 Aug.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** last 2, 1 TWMA 6, 21 Jun.

**Least Sandpiper:** last 7 Newstead ERIE 3 Jun; arr 9 TWMA, 3 BWWT 1 Jul; max 50 INWR 19 Jul.

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** no reports.

**Baird's Sandpiper:** arr BWWT 14, 19 Aug; Alexander GENE 26 Aug; Buffalo NR 30 Aug; only reports.

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** arr N. Harmony CHAU 10 Jul; 2 DH 14 Jul; max 4 INWR 31 Aug.

**Dunlin:** last TWMA 1 Jun.

**Stilt Sandpiper:** arr BWWT 14 Jul (DW); OOWMA 19 Jul; only reports.

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** arr 11 N. Harmony CHAU 10 Jul (JB); Sheridan CHAU 3 Aug; Elba GENE 22, 23 Aug; only reports.

**Wilson's Snipe:** 2 INWR 19 Jul; TWMA 14 Aug; 2 Elba GENE 22 Aug; Grand I ERIE 28 Aug; max 6 INWR 31 Aug.

**Red-necked Phalarope:** arr FNSP 26 Aug (DW); 3 TWMA 27 Aug (WW).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** 17 ad + 1 juv Wilson NIAG 30 Jul; 22 FNSP, 32 NF 31 Jul; juv BWWT, juv OOWMA 1 Aug; max 80 FNSP 16 Aug.

**LITTLE GULL:** 2 FNSP 16 Jun (WW!), continued reports at this location in recent Junes.

**LAUGHING GULL:** BWWT 1 Jun (DW!), rare.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** 4 Somerset NIAG 6 Jun (WD), good count for early summer when rare.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** max 7 NF 8 Jul.

**Caspian Tern:** 2 Times Beach NP ERIE 11 Jun; 6 PB 12 Jun; N. Harmony CHAU 4 Jul; Alexander GENE 1 Aug; max 27 PB 21 Aug.

**Black Tern:** max 17, 21 INWR 14, 27 Jun; FNSP 31 Jul; 6 FNSP 16 Aug (JP, DW).

**Com. Tern:** 49 BuSP 4 Jun; max 155 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 11 Jun; 67 NF 8 Jul; 120 FNSP 16 Aug.

**LONG-TAILED JAEGER:** juv FNSP 16 Aug (JP! DW! NYSARC), 1<sup>st</sup> summer record.

## PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

**Com. Nighthawk:** 1-2 Buffalo ERIE 1 Jun thru Aug (PY); Tonawanda ERIE 5 Jun; Alfred ALLE 19 Jun (EB); max 20 Buffalo ERIE 28 Aug (JW); arr 1, 9 Williamsville ERIE 10, 30 Aug; 6 E Aurora ERIE 21 Aug; 3 Tonawanda ERIE 29 Aug; max 6 Lancaster ERIE 30 Aug; 2 Amherst ERIE 30 Aug; only reports.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** 2 OOWMA 1 Jun; Clarence ERIE thru Jul; Chautauqua Institution CHAU Jun (NK); Buffalo NR 13 Jun; 4 ad + 2 yg Hamburg ERIE 1-24 Jul; GHSP 10 Jul; 2 ad + 2 yg PG 20 Jul; 2 Como P ERIE 28 Jul; 2 Amherst 30 Aug; better showing than recent summers.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** Como P ERIE 14 Jul; near extent of breeding range.

## FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** last AISP 12 Jun (TB).

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr Tifft NP 28 Aug.

**Acadian Flycatcher:** last Tifft NP 1 Jun, continued from late May; max 5 AISP 3-10 Jul; last Tifft NP 22, 23 Aug (CN).

**Least Flycatcher:** arr Williamsville ERIE 20 Aug  
**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr Buffalo ERIE 20 Aug (JP, DG); Tifft NP 27 Aug; only reports.  
**Com. Raven:** no reports away from ALLE, CATT.  
**Purple Martin:** max 8, 30 Bethany GENE 14 Jun, 5 Jul; 25 Oakfield GENE 20 Jun; Yorkshire CATT 26 Jun; N. Harmony CHAU 4 Jul; 26 DH 20 Jul; 113 fledglings INWR (CZ, CM).  
**Tree Swallow:** max 180 BeSP 4 Jul.  
**N. Rough-winged Swallow:** max 95 BWWT 7 Aug.  
**Bank Swallow:** max 1000 NF 31 Jul (WW, JP); 170 BWWT 7 Aug.  
**Cliff Swallow:** max 80 Tonawanda I NR 4 Jun, apparent nest destruction occurred before 2 Jul (WW).  
**Winter Wren:** reported from 4 locations.  
**SEDGE WREN:** 1, 2 Lancaster ERIE 8, 21 Jun (CR, CA); 2, 1 INWR 20 Jun, 27 Jul (S&TO, JP); Leon CATT 3 Jul (RR), absent in two follow up visits.  
**Marsh Wren:** max 25 OOWMA 19 Jul (MW).  
**Veery:** arr E Aurora ERIE 24 Aug, window kill; Wilson NIAG 27 Aug; 3 Tonawanda ERIE 29 Aug (PH), night migrants.  
**Swainson's Thrush:** AISP 5-12 Jun, 7 Jul; only report.  
**N. Mockingbird:** Tonawanda ERIE 11, 14 Jun; Eden ERIE 20 Jun; Aurora ERIE 30 Jun; BWWT 9 Jul; 3 Bethany GENE 10 Jul; Warsaw WYOM 25 Jul; 2 Tifft NP 29 Aug; only locations away from L Ontario plains.  
**AMERICAN PIPIT:** BWWT 5 Aug (RR), very early, 1<sup>st</sup> summer report.

### WARBLERS

**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr Tifft NP 21 Aug.  
**Golden-winged Warbler:** Pomfret CHAU 5, 8, 11 Jun (TM), only report.  
**Tennessee Warbler:** arr Williamsville ERIE 20 Aug.  
**Nashville Warbler:** Andover ALLE 11 Jun (EB); arr Williamsville ERIE 27 Aug.  
**N. Parula:** 3, 8 AISP 5-12, 22 Jun (TB, PY); arr Tifft NP 22 Aug.  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr Alden ERIE 20 Aug.  
**Magnolia Warbler:** last Buffalo ERIE 13 Jun (PY); INWR 12 Jul (WW); arr Alden ERIE 20 Aug.  
**Cape May Warbler:** arr Tifft NP 17 Aug; max 4 Tifft NP 22 Aug (CN).

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** last Newstead ERIE 14 Jun (PH); Ward ALLE 20 Jul; arr Wilson NIAG 27 Aug.  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr Tifft NP 23 Aug.  
**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr Wilson NIAG 27 Aug.  
**YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER:** AISP 12 Jun (TB!), has bred at this location in most recent summers.  
**Pine Warbler:** reported from five breeding locations.  
**Prairie Warbler:** 4 Eagle WYOM 8 Jun (WW, MS); Carroll CHAU 11, 12 Jun (MM); max 12 Yorkshire CATT 26 Jun (DW); N. Harmony CHAU 10 Jul (JB); only reports away from ALLE, CATT (except max).  
**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr Tifft NP 22 Aug.  
**Blackpoll Warbler:** last Williamsville ERIE, Pomfret CHAU 3 Jun; arr Tifft NP 17 Aug.  
**Cerulean Warbler:** 2 AISP 6 Jun; TWMA 14, 20 Jun; Royalton NIAG 29 Jun; only reports.  
**Black-and-white Warbler:** AISP 22 Jun; Ward ALLE 26 Jun; arr Alden ERIE 18 Aug.  
**Am. Redstart:** arr Tifft NP 17 Aug.  
**Prothonotary Warbler:** 3 TWMA 12 Jun (WW, MS), only regular recent breeding location.  
**N. Waterthrush:** INWR 12 Jun; 2 TWMA 14 Jun; Aurora ERIE 24 Jul; arr Tifft NP 4 Aug; Williamsville ERIE 20 Aug; 2 Wilson NIAG 27 Aug.  
**Louisiana Waterthrush:** reported from four locations.  
**Wilson's Warbler:** arr Tifft NP 22 Aug.  
**Canada Warbler:** WFWMA 2-18 Jul, 1 Aug (JB); Ward ALLE 18 Jul; arr Williamsville ERIE 16 Aug (RS).

### TOWHEES - WEAVERS

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** 1-2 Eagle WYOM 8 Jun (WW, MS); 2 Conewango CATT 25 Jun (PM, MD), previously unreported breeding location; 1-3 Yorkshire CATT 26 Jun, 6, 10 Jul (DW, PY, CN).  
**Vesper Sparrow:** Yorkshire CATT 6 Jul; Carlton Hill MUA WYOM 9 Jul; only reports.  
**Grasshopper Sparrow:** Pomfret CHAU 3 Jun; Newstead ERIE 3 Jun; 1, 2 Lewiston NIAG 5, 12 Jun; 3-5 Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 14 Jun; 2 Bethany GENE 6 Jul; 3 Carlton Hill MUA WYOM 9 Jul; Warsaw WYOM 27 Jul; only reports.  
**Henslow's Sparrow:** no reports.  
**White-throated Sparrow:** 2 Ward ALLE 7 Jun; Wilson NIAG 14 Jun (WD), unusual location for date; max 10 Alfred ALLE 21 Jun

(EB); 3 Lyndon CATT 27 Jun (MD); 2 Warsaw WYOM 13 Jul; only reports.

**Scarlet Tanager:** arr Wilson NIAG 19 Aug.

**Bobolink:** max 40 TWMA 14 Aug.

**Orchard Oriole:** 2 AlSP 10 Jun; 3 Portland CHAU 14 Jun (CH); Conewango CATT 16 Jun (PM, MD); 2 Alfred ALLE 20 Jun; 3 Wilson NIAG 30 Jun; 2-3 Bethany GENE 5, 8, 11 Jul;

2 Silver Creek CHAU 12 Jul; last Wilson NIAG 1 Aug.

### **ESCAPES & EXOTICS**

**N. Bobwhite:** Andover ALLE 18 Jul (EB), presumed escape.

**European Greenfinch:** Wilson NIAG 7 Jul (BP, WD!), presumed escape.