

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The wonderful summer weather continued in September. The average temperature, 62.6° F, was 1.1° F above normal. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 2.85", 0.99" below normal. The Region was only lightly touched (0.5") by the massive coastal rain storm on the 30th. October was tranquil and uneventful. The average temperature was 50.9° F, 0.2° F above normal, and the monthly precipitation was 3.06", 0.13" below normal. The tranquil weather continued through November, with sunnier conditions and only negligible snow. The average temperature was 41.5° F, 1.3° F above normal. The monthly precipitation was 3.55", 0.37" below normal, with only 1.6" of snow, 9.4" below normal. Weather information was obtained from National Weather Service monthly summaries at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport.

It seemed to be a typical migration for Canada Geese for recent years in terms of timing and numbers. A group of 8-9 **Greater White-fronted Geese** was frequently seen at Iroquois NWR for almost a week in early November. Snow Geese were largely absent, with only a few reports and a maximum of only three geese at a time. All were blue morph. There were just three reports of **Brant**, including a group of four flying over Grand Island. **Cackling Goose** sightings were from four locations, with the highest counts (maximum of 18) being at Iroquois NWR. Waterfowl migration was fairly typical. Surf Scoter was the only species observed in higher than normal numbers, as more than 200 were counted several times in October at the source of the Niagara River. Eared Grebes were once again present at Batavia WWTP through the season, with a maximum of two birds.

Great Egrets continue to roost in large numbers at Iroquois NWR and vicinity. A maximum of 151 was counted coming to roost on 7 September. Two separate **Cattle Egrets** were found in the last week of October. Bob Ensminger found one in Royalton that several other birders were able to observe that day, while Joe Salvador found one in Bethany. The juvenile Yellow-crowned Night-Heron at Dunkirk Harbor that was first discovered in August was sighted occasionally until at least 20 September.

The maximum count of Bald Eagles this fall was 11 on 28 November by Tim Baird at Allegany SP and the adjacent Allegheny Reservoir. Baird also sighted the season's only **Northern Goshawk** and **Golden Eagle** on 31 October, both at Allegany SP.

Shorebird reports were mostly from Batavia WWTP and Iroquois NWR and vicinity. The highlight was the first Regional fall season report of a **Ruff**. Bill Watson and Mark Schlacter found this juvenile with several Lesser Yellowlegs at Batavia WWTP on 18 October. Based on a review of numerous

photos taken, Watson feels it was likely a female, a Reeve. Reports of this species in any season have been very scarce lately, and this was our first record since 1997. Two **American Avocets** at Times Beach Nature Preserve in Buffalo were much more cooperative in enabling many birders the opportunity to see them 9-12 October. Rounding out the shorebird highlights: David Harrison found two **Willetts** at Barcelona Harbor on 1 September, there were two **Red-necked Phalaropes** at Batavia WWTP 27 September, and an unidentified phalarope was seen on Lake Ontario in late October which by date is likely a Red.

The fall gull season was marked by few rarities and seemingly lighter coverage than usual. An immature **Black-legged Kittiwake** was found at Niagara Falls on 25 November. There was at least one adult **California Gull** on the Niagara River, with a grouping of sightings at Niagara Falls SP in late October and early November and another grouping at the Niagara Power Project in late November. This makes 18 out of the last 19 years that at least one California Gull has been documented on the Niagara River. Several Thayer's Gulls are reported regularly on the Niagara River each fall and winter. However, very few are ever documented via verification report and/or photographs. Willie D'Anna photographed an adult Thayer's Gull found by Andy Guthrie at close range standing with other large gulls at Niagara Falls SP on 31 October. D'Anna's verification report detailed the field marks for Thayer's Gull including: dark eyes; black primary tips with "very reduced black on the underside of the primaries"; slightly smaller than adjacent Herring Gulls; shorter bill than Herring Gull but seemingly longer than most Iceland Gulls; "blockier" head than an Iceland; extensive brown streaking on the head, neck, and breast; and slightly darker gray mantle than Herring Gull. Several **Parasitic Jaegers** were observed along Lake Ontario, and a maximum of seven was found on Lake Erie at Hamburg by David Wheeler during a windy day on 28 October.

David Junkin banded 44 **Northern Saw-whet Owls** at his banding station in Wethersfield, with a maximum of nine on 31 October. Short-eared Owls were only reported at a regular location in Shelby late in the season. No Snowy Owls were reported for the second consecutive fall. There were only two reports of **Common Nighthawks** and only a maximum of 10. Dave Tetlow found a **Cave Swallow** in the Oak Orchard Creek gorge near Point Breeze on 23 November. Despite several searches no others could be found in Region 1 over the next few days.

There were no large buildups of migrants likely due to the tranquil weather; however, there were several days or periods of days with good numbers of passerine migrants in September. Three **Olive-sided Flycatcher** reports were more than usual. Late appearances were made by Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and Eastern Kingbird. Warbler highlights were a **Connecticut Warbler** at Tiffet NP photographed by Chris Newton and a **very late Prairie Warbler** in first basic (female) plumage at the yard of Willie D'Anna and Betsy Potter on 20 November. The Prairie Warbler was a bonus find for those birders present to get a look at the **Lark Sparrow** visiting feeders in the same yard. The **Lark Sparrow**, the Region's seventh, was present 17-24 November.

There were two separate **Dickcissel** reports, with one found foraging at Amherst SP on 11 September by Chris Hollister and another found by David Gordon in Porter that was seen by several birders 22-25 October. Some higher counts of Rusty Blackbirds were made, even well into November. Kurt Fox witnessed a large stream of blackbirds flying over his house in Alexander in the early morning of 6 November. He counted 6,000 blackbirds and estimated 30% of them were Rusty Blackbirds. He suspected that they were coming from a night roost in a cattail marsh on nearby Old Creek Road. Lynette Rivers was delighted to have a female **Baltimore Oriole** take up residence in her yard from 7 November until the end of the month. The oriole no doubt was delighted to have meal worms and jelly placed in feeders for its consumption.

Pine Siskins seemed to pass through the Region in relatively low numbers in October and November. Purple Finches were present in slightly higher numbers than recent fall seasons. There were single sightings of **White-winged Crossbill** and **Common Redpoll** late in the season and several sightings of **Evening Grosbeaks** at the D'Anna/Potter feeders in November.

The 75th annual BOS October Count was held on the 10th and compiled by Marcie Jacklin. The weather was pleasant, with partly cloudy skies and a passing warm front. The count recorded 169 species, with two second count records—American Avocet and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher—and nine record high counts—4 Cackling Goose*, 41 Mute Swan*, 258 Surf Scoter, 39 Great Egret*, 553 Turkey Vulture*, 33 Pileated Woodpecker*, 2808 Tree Swallow, and 50 Carolina Wren. (* indicates increasing trend in recent years.)

It is with great sadness to report that David Neveu passed away in November at the age of 43. Dave was one of the Region's most active birders, as he birded almost daily while making his rounds in Chautauqua County as an audiologist. From his home base in Silver Creek he would regularly cover the Lake Erie shoreline from Dunkirk Harbor to the mouth of Cattaraugus Creek, and he was one of the few birders regularly reporting from northern Chautauqua County. He had many great finds through the years, most recently the juvenile Yellow-crowned Night-Heron at Dunkirk Harbor in August; a bird I suspect that many birders would have passed over. He would regularly post lists of his sightings to the geneseebirds listserv and often with some funny anecdotes or quips. He will be missed.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP ERIE; BOSOC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 10 Oct Count; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP ERIE; BWWT – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor CHAU; DLSP – Darien Lakes SP GENE; 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; TBNP – Times Beach NP ERIE; Tift NP – Tift Nature Preserve, Buffalo ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA GENE/NIAG; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: 8-9 INWR 7-13 Nov (CN, CM, mob), only report, 9 is new fall max.

Snow Goose: arr 1, 2, 3 INWR 25 Oct, 7 Nov, 9 Nov, all blue phase; 2 Newfane NIAG 28 Oct; Olcott NIAG 19 Nov; only reports.

Brant: arr 4 Grand I ERIE 21 Oct (JeL, DG), flyovers; FNSP 7 Nov; Yates ORLE 14 Nov; only reports.

Cackling Goose: arr Somerset NIAG 9 Oct (WD); 4 Yorkshire CATT BOSOC (JiL); 13 INWR 25 Oct, 13 Nov (CN, WD, WW); max 18 INWR 18 Nov (CN, WD, WW); 3 BWWT 28 Nov (KF).

Mute Swan: 41 BOSOC, including areas in Ontario; 3 WTSP 24, 29 Oct; Jamestown CHAU 28 Nov; only reports.

Tundra Swan: arr Bird Swamp CATT BOSOC (JiL), slightly early; 2 INWR 25 Oct; 4 Buffalo ERIE 30 Oct; Carlton ORLE 30 Oct; 25 TWMA 10 Nov; max 165 BeSP 26 Nov; 110 ChauL 28 Nov.

Wood Duck: max 58 BWWT 19 Sep.

Gadwall: 30 BWWT 31 Oct; 30 BWWT 6 Nov; max 50 Buffalo NR ERIE 30 Oct; 48 Tift NP 8 Nov.

Am. Wigeon: max 115 BWWT 2 Oct.

Am. Black Duck: max 45 BWWT 28 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: max 42 BWWT 12 Sep; last Tift NP 9 Nov (CN).

N. Shoveler: Buffalo ERIE 2 Sep; max 216 BWWT 16 Oct; 183 BWWT 18 Oct.

N. Pintail: 35 FNSP 25 Sep (DW), 35 FNSP 1 Oct (DW); max 87 BWWT 9 Oct (KF); 79 BWWT 6 Nov (KF).

Green-winged Teal: 50 INWR 25 Sep; max 59 BWWT 23 Oct; 36 Alexander GENE 7 Nov.

Canvasback: arr BOSOC; 4 Youngstown NIAG 22 Oct; 6, 3 BWWT 1, 6 Nov.

Redhead: arr 2 Buffalo NR 17 Sep; Youngstown NIAG 22 Oct; 2 Somerset NIAG 30 Oct.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 6 BWWT 19 Sep; max 192 BWWT 23 Oct (KF); 145 BWWT 13 Nov (KF).

Greater Scaup: arr Wilson NIAG 25 Sep; 4 BWWT 28 Nov, less common inland.

Lesser Scaup: arr BWWT 12 Sep; max 55, 60 BWWT 31 Oct, 6 Nov.

Surf Scoter: arr Wilson NIAG 25 Sep (WD); 3, 1, 1 BWWT 1, 18 Oct, 6 Nov (JM, WW, CM); max 262 Buffalo NR 6 Oct (WW); 258 BOSOC; 17 GHSP 16 Oct; 60 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 29 Oct.

White-winged Scoter: 6 Wilson NIAG 25 Sep; 5 Buffalo NR 7 Oct; 3 BWWT 6 Nov, uncommon inland.

Black Scoter: arr 7 BOSOC; 1 Hamburg ERIE 28 Oct, 17 Nov, 27 Nov; FNSP 29 Oct; 2, 1 BWWT 6, 13 Nov (WW, CM, KF), rare inland.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 24 GHSP 16 Oct; 25 Buffalo Harbor 28 Oct; 1 BWWT 31 Oct, 6, 28 Nov; Bethany GENE 26 Nov; 50 Hamburg ERIE 27 Nov.

Bufflehead: BWWT 4 Sep, from summer; arr 22 BOSOC.

Com. Goldeneye: arr 117 BOSOC; max 279 NF 5 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: 120 INWR 10 Nov; max 125 INWR 20 Nov; max 125 AISP, Allegheny Res 28 Nov (TB).

Red-breasted Merganser: arr 42 BOSOC; Salamanca CATT 15 Oct (CB); Mayville ChauL 16 Oct; 1, 2 BWWT 6, 19 Nov.

Ruddy Duck: 1270, 1322, max 1371 BWWT 23 Oct, 31 Oct, 6 Nov (KF), increase over past few years but still lower than historical for location; 30 ChauL 28 Nov.

Red-throated Loon: arr 2 BOSOC; max 16 GHSP 24 Nov.

Com. Loon: 4 Wilson NIAG 5 Sep; 1, 2 Hamburg ERIE 5, 29 Sep; 4 FNPS 25 Sep; Dayton CATT 3 Oct; max 175 GHSP 16 Oct.
Pied-billed Grebe: max 55 TWMA 7 Sep (WW).
Horned Grebe: arr BWWT 19 Sep; 2 Sheridan CHAU 29 Sep; max 75 Sheridan CHAU 13 Oct (DW).
Red-necked Grebe: arr 2 BOSOC; 5 GHSP 16 Oct; Whirlpool NIAG 2, 11 Nov; 7 Wilson NIAG to Shadigee ORLE 14 Nov; only reports.
EARED GREBE: 1-2 BWWT 4 Sep thru (mob), annual at this location.
Double-crested Cormorant: 711 BuSP 1 Sep (WW); 618 BuSP 1 Oct (WW); 69 BWWT 12 Sep; 856, 763, 1325 Buffalo ERIE 17 Sep, 6, 9 Oct (WW); leucistic Wilson NIAG 4 Oct; 20, 3 INWR 24 Oct, 10 Nov.
Least Bittern: Tift NP 11 Sep (JM), only report.
Great Egret: 21 BWWT 4 Sep; max 151 INWR 7 Sep (WW); last 3 INWR 17 Oct.
CATTLE EGRET: Royalton NIAG 24 Oct (BE); Alexander GENE 29 Oct (JS); near annual in late fall.
Green Heron: last TBNP 15 Oct.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: last Tift NP 26 Oct.
YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: juv DH 6, 20 Sep (JeL), continued from Aug.
Turkey Vulture: last Grand I ERIE 11 Nov.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

Osprey: last Depew ERIE 4 Nov.
Bald Eagle: 23 BOSOC; max 11 AISP & Allegheny Res 28 Nov (TB).
N. Goshawk: AISP 7 Sep (TB), only report.
Red-shouldered Hawk: imm Alden ERIE 23 Oct; RTPI 27 Oct; Orchard Park ERIE 31 Oct; 2 Busti CHAU 21 Nov; only reports beyond BOSOC.
Broad-winged Hawk: Alden ERIE 1 Sep; last Williamsville ERIE 10 Sep.
Rough-legged Hawk: arr GHSP 27 Oct.
GOLDEN EAGLE: AISP 31 Oct (TB), has wintered at this location.
Merlin: Salamanca CATT, Alden ERIE 23 Sep; FNPS 2 Oct; BOSOC; Porter NIAG 2 Nov; BWWT 6 Nov; only reports.
Peregrine Falcon: reported from 7 locations.
Virginia Rail: Tift NP 12 Sep; BWWT 14 Sep; last BOSOC; only reports.
Sora: Randolph CATT 12 Sep; TWMA 30 Sep; last BOSOC; only reports.
Com. Moorhen: last Tift NP 12 Oct.
Am. Coot: max 200 Mayville ChauL 18 Oct; 120 TWMA 10 Nov.

Black-bellied Plover: Buffalo ERIE 17 Sep; S. Dayton CATT 18 Sep; 3, 1 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 8 Oct, 26 Oct; max 10 BWWT 23 Oct.
Am. Golden-Plover: 2 S. Dayton CATT 18 Sep; BWWT 19 Sep; last BOSOC; only reports.
Killdeer: last 6 Jamestown CHAU 28 Nov (JBe).
AM. AVOCET: 2 TBNP 9-12 Sep (JBU, CR, mob); becoming a regular occurrence in summer and fall.
Spotted Sandpiper: last BWWT 21 Oct.
Solitary Sandpiper: last BOSOC.
Gr. Yellowlegs: max 24 BWWT 4 Sep; last 2 BWWT 6 Nov.
Willet: 2 Barcelona CHAU 1 Sep (DH); only report.
Lesser Yellowlegs: max 39 BWWT 19 Sep; last Elba GENE 24 Oct.
Ruddy Turnstone: 1, 5 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 2, 24 Sep; only reports.
Sanderling: 1 BWWT 12, 19 Sep, 1-2 Oct; max 12 DH 23 Sep.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: last 6 BOSOC.
Least Sandpiper: max 23 BWWT 12 Sep; BOSOC; last Elba GENE 24 Oct (DW!).
White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 BOSOC; 4 Wilson NIAG 17 Oct (WD); 1 Elba GENE 18, 24 Oct (DW).
Baird's Sandpiper: 1 BWWT 4, 26 Sep, only reports.
Pectoral Sandpiper: max 16 BWWT 14 Sep; 12 Elba GENE 23 Oct; last 9 Elba GENE 24 Oct.
Dunlin: 15 INWR 25 Oct; max 212 FNPS 29 Oct (JP, DW); 138 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 30 Oct.
Stilt Sandpiper: BWWT 12 Sep (KF), only report.
RUFF: juv BWWT 18 Oct (WW!, MS, NYSARC), first fall report for Region.
dowitcher species: 1-2 INWR 27 Oct (DW), likely Long-billed.
Wilson's Snipe: max 15 S. Dayton CATT 18 Sep (RR).
Am. Woodcock: last 2 Shelby ORLE 16 Oct.
Red-necked Phalarope: 2 BWWT 27 Sep (JM, DB, ED); only report.
phalarope species: Barker NIAG 30 Oct (SO, WW), likely Red.
Black-legged Kittiwake: imm NF 25 Nov (WD, BP), only report.
Bonaparte's Gull: max 8825 FNPS 26 Nov (BD).
Little Gull: arr FNPS 15 Oct; 2 Buffalo ERIE 28 Oct; Lewiston NR 29, 31 Oct.
CALIFORNIA GULL: ad NFSP 29 Oct-5 Nov (JP! DW! WD! WW! NYSARC); ad NPP

26, 28 Nov (WD! NYSARC); annual in fall at this location.

Thayer's Gull: ad NFSP 31 Oct (WD! AG, photo), well documented; several undocumented reports from NPP and NF.

Iceland Gull: arr NFSP 29 Oct; max 6 NPP 25 Nov.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: arr 3, 4 NFSP 19, 26 Sep; DH 23 Sep; Sheridan CHAU 29 Sep; juv Wilson NIAG 17 Oct; 7 NF 31 Oct; max 11 NF 21 Nov (WD, AW).

Glaucous Gull: arr NF 21 Nov; 3 NPP 25 Nov.

Caspian Tern: last 3 NFSP BOSOC (MG).

Black Tern: BWWT 12 Sep (KF); last 2-1 FNSP 25-26 Sep (DW, JP).

Com. Tern: max 178 FNSP 4 Sep (WW,JP); max 200 FNSP 26 Sep (WW, JP); 170, 58 Wilson NIAG 5, 8 Sep (WD); 3 BWWT 19 Sep (KF); 5 BOSOC; last Buffalo ERIE 30 Oct.

Parasitic Jaeger: arr Wilson NIAG 5, 8 Sep (WD); 1, 5, 1, 5 FNSP 25, 26 Sep, 1, 15 Oct; 2 GHSP 16 Oct; max 7 Hamburg ERIE 28 Oct (DW); Buffalo ERIE 28 Oct; last Porter NIAG 2 Nov.

jaeger species: 3 FNSP 29 Sep (PY); 2 BOSOC; Buffalo ERIE 28 Oct.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Tift NP 17 Sep (WW), only report.

Snowy Owl: no reports.

Short-eared Owl: 3, 2 E Shelby ORLE 22, 25 Nov (CM); only reports.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 44 banded Wethersfield WYOM 9 Oct-12 Nov (DJ), max 9 on 31 Oct.

Com. Nighthawk: 3 Alden ERIE 13 Sep; max 10 Buffalo ERIE 22 Sep; only reports.

Chimney Swift: 70 BWWT 4 Sep (KF); max 100 Tift NP 12 Sep (CN); last 16 Buffalo ERIE BOSOC.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last BOSOC.

Red-headed Woodpecker: Tift NP 9, 10 Sep; 3 LBSP 17 Sep; 3 BOSOC; Hamburg ERIE 27 Oct; Alabama GENE 9 Nov (CM); only reports.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr 2 Tift NP 17 Sep.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: INWR 5 Sep (R&DD); AmSP 11 Sep (CH); Pomfret CHAU 13 Sep (TM); only reports.

E. Wood-Pewee: last SPNS BOSOC.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: six Sep reports; last W Valley CATT BOSOC (JiL), late.

Least Flycatcher: last Williamsville ERIE 16 Sep.

E. Phoebe: last 2 WTSP 24 Oct.

Gr. Crested Flycatcher: last WTSP 11 Sep.

E. Kingbird: 3 Wilson NIAG 7 Sep; AmSP 13 Sep; last BWWT 26 Sep (DB!), late.

N. Shrike: arr Tift NP 26 Oct.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last BeSP 15 Sep (DS), only report.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr WTSP, Tift NP 10 Sep; last 2 Alden ERIE 17 Oct.

Warbling Vireo: last Williamsville ERIE 17 Sep.

Philadelphia Vireo: 8 reports Sep; last BOSOC.

Red-eyed Vireo: last 4 BOSOC.

Com. Raven: 2 Poland CHAU 26 Sep (JBe); Bethany GENE 18 Oct; only locations away from ALLE, CATT.

Horned Lark: max 20 E Shelby ORLE 1, 23 Nov.

Purple Martin: last 2 BWWT 19 Sep.

Tree Swallow: max 500 BWWT 4 Sep (KF); last BWWT 6 Nov (KF).

N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 65 BWWT 4 Sep; last 16 BOSOC.

Bank Swallow: last 25 BWWT 19 Sep.

Cliff Swallow: last BWWT 19 Sep.

CAVE SWALLOW: Carlton ORLE 23 Nov (DT), in Oak Orchard Creek gorge.

Barn Swallow: max 75 BWWT 19 Sep; last BWWT 31 Oct (KF).

Carolina Wren: 50 BOSOC, increased over past few years.

House Wren: last 4 BOSOC.

Winter Wren: arr 2 Tift NP 5 Sep.

Marsh Wren: TBNP 15 Oct; last 3, 1 INWR 9, 13 Nov (CM! WD!).

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Wilson NIAG 15 Sep.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 2 WTSP 11 Sep.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last Tift NP 8 Sep.

Veery: last GHSP BOSOC (HS!).

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Williamsville ERIE 10 Sep; last BOSOC.

Swainson's Thrush: arr 3 Tift NP 5 Sep; last Shelby ORLE 24 Oct (CM).

Hermit Thrush: arr Williamsville ERIE, Wilson NIAG 16 Sep.

Wood Thrush: last BOSOC.

Gray Catbird: Tift NP 8, 9 Nov; only report beyond Oct.

N. Mockingbird: slight increase in reports away from L Ontario.

Brown Thrasher: BOSOC; last Tift NP 9 Nov (CN); five other earlier reports.

Am. Pipit: arr 30 Alabama GENE 26 Sep; max 200 Porter NIAG 13 Oct (VR); 150 Shelby ORLE & 150 INWR 24 Oct (CM); last INWR 20 Nov.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: arr BOSOC; 1, 20, 1 Shelby ORLE 24 Oct, 1, 23 Nov (CM); only reports.
Snow Bunting: arr 20 BWWTP 28 Oct; max 300 Shelby ORLE 23 Nov; 250 Bethany GENE 28 Nov.
Blue-winged Warbler: Tifft NP 10 Sep; last BeSP 12 Sep.
Tennessee Warbler: last BOSOC.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr NFSP 11 Sep; 4 Poland CHAU 26 Sep (JBe); BOSOC; last Tifft NP 24 Oct; seven other reports.
Nashville Warbler: last Wethersfield WYOM 31 Oct (DJ), banded.
N. Parula: last Tifft NP 1 Oct.
Yellow Warbler: last 2 Tifft NP 12 Sep.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: last 2 BOSOC.
Magnolia Warbler: last Tifft NP 7 Oct.
Cape May Warbler: seven Sep reports; last Bethany GENE 12 Oct.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: last 2 BOSOC.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 150 NFSP 2 Oct (WD); BWWTP, Portland CHAU 13 Nov.
Black-throated Green Warbler: last BOSOC.
Pine Warbler: arr ChauL 5 Sep; max 6 Como P ERIE 12 Sep (LC); last BOSOC.
Prairie Warbler: Ashford CATT 1 Sep (JR); Wilson NIAG 20 Nov (WD!), very late.
Palm Warbler (*D.p. palmarum*): arr Tifft NP 10 Sep; last 2 BOSOC.
Bay-breasted Warbler: arr WTSP, Wilson NIAG 5 Sep; last 2 BOSOC.
Blackpoll Warbler: last Wethersfield WYOM 29 Oct (DJ), banded.
Black-and-white Warbler: last BOSOC.
Am. Redstart: max 15 Tifft NP 8 Sep; last BOSOC.
Ovenbird: last Tifft NP 1 Oct.
N. Waterthrush: Williamsville ERIE 8 Sep, only report.
Connecticut Warbler: Tifft NP 10 Sep (CN, photo), only report.
Mourning Warbler: last Buffalo ERIE 19 Sep.
Com. Yellowthroat: last BOSOC.
Hooded Warbler: last Yates ORLE 27 Sep.
Wilson's Warbler: last Pomfret CHAU 26 Sep.
Canada Warbler: last 2 Tifft NP 9 Sep.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr Newfane NIAG 4 Oct.
Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 4 BOSOC.
Vesper Sparrow: DLSP 19 Oct (DW); only report.
LARK SPARROW: Wilson NIAG 17-24 Nov (BP, WD!), 7th record for Region.
Savannah Sparrow: last Wilson NIAG 17 Oct.
Fox Sparrow: arr 3 Tifft NP 4 Oct; max 11, 10 Tonawanda ERIE 24 Oct, 3 Nov (WW); last Colden ERIE 19 Nov.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 2 Tifft NP 11 Sep; last Tifft NP, Tonawanda ERIE, Porter NIAG 24 Oct.
White-throated Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 10 Sep.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr BWWTP 19 Sep.
Dark-eyed Junco: arr Wilson NIAG, Williamsville ERIE 16 Sep.
Scarlet Tanager: last 2 Tifft NP 4 Oct.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Alabama GENE, Poland CHAU 26 Sep.
Indigo Bunting: BeSP 2 Oct; last 3 BOSOC.
DICKCISSEL: AmSP 11 Sep (CH); Porter NIAG 22-25 Oct (DG!, mob), with many sparrows.
Bobolink: no reports.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 3900 Alexander GENE 6 Nov (KF), coming from roost.
Rusty Blackbird: arr BWWTP 19 Sep; 50 WTSP 24 Oct; max 1800 (est) Alexander GENE 6 Nov (KF), coming from roost in large blackbird flock; 300, 40 Shelby ORLE 13, 20 Nov (CM).
Baltimore Oriole: WTSP 6 Sep; 3, 1 Williamsville ERIE 8, 11 Sep; Hamburg ERIE 7 Nov thru (LR), at feeder, late.
Purple Finch: 100 BOSOC, better than last few years but still not widespread; leucistic Wilson NIAG 1 Nov (WD, BP).
White-winged Crossbill: arr Wilson NIAG 29 Nov (BP), only report.
Com. Redpoll: arr Wilson NIAG 25 Nov (BP), only report.
Pine Siskin: arr S Wales ERIE 29 Sep; 16 Colden ERIE 1 Nov; max 40-60 Wilson NIAG 17 Nov thru; moderate number of reports mostly in single digits Oct, Nov.
Evening Grosbeak: arr 5 Wilson NIAG 8-9 Nov (BP); 1 Wilson NIAG 25 Nov (BP), only location with reports.