

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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September was warm with an average temperature of 65.5° F, 3.3° F above normal. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 4.07", 0.17" above normal. October included a week of summer-like weather but also several bouts of low-pressure-driven wind and rain. The average temperature was 52.2°, 1.4° above normal, and the monthly precipitation was 5.21", 1.69" above normal. November was very mild and without measurable snow in Buffalo for the second year in a row. The average temperature was 46.5°, 5.8° above normal, the sixth warmest November on record. The monthly precipitation was 3.10", 0.91" below normal with only a trace of snow, 7.9" below normal. Weather information was obtained from National Weather Service monthly summaries at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport.

There was an excellent showing of the other goose species that mix in with the plentiful Canada Geese. **Greater White-fronted Geese** were seen on multiple occasions from several locations, including our earliest fall record. A Regional maximum of nine was tied on 9 November at Iroquois NWR. **Cackling Geese** were regularly reported around Iroquois NWR and also at two other locations with a maximum of 10. **Ross's Goose** is occurring more often, and this was the Region's best showing with reports of singles from four locations. Snow Geese were reported irregularly with a maximum at one location of 11. There was a large movement of Brant on the relatively early date of 1 October, and more sightings than in recent fall seasons. At least two Trumpeter Swans continued long stays around Oak Orchard WMA and Iroquois NWR. Out of season swans are expected to be Trumpeters; however, that maxim proved wrong, with separate individual Tundra Swans that were sighted and photographed on 17 September and 25 September in Attica and Busti, respectively. Tundra Swan migration peaked in mid-November as usual.

Waterfowl migration was fairly typical. A group of 75 Blue-winged Teals in early September at Kumph Marsh at Iroquois NWR was a high number for recent years. Bill Watson reported an odd duck at Batavia WWTP that he felt was a hybrid teal, possibly a Blue-winged x Cinnamon. Ruddy Duck numbers swelled to over 2,600 at Batavia WWTP in mid-October, the highest count in recent years. Surf Scoters were sighted at several inland locations where rare. A female **Harlequin Duck** on the Niagara River in Buffalo was a good find.

Horned Grebes were documented in large numbers in late October and early November along Lake Erie, which is typical although counts are rarely made by birders. Red-necked Grebes were in modest numbers along Lake Ontario, with a maximum of 25. **Eared Grebes** continued at Batavia WWTP into early October. A **Northern Gannet** sighted and photographed along Lake Ontario in Olcott on 26 October was the second earliest on record.

A maximum of 228 Great Egrets was counted coming to roost at Iroquois NWR on 16 September. No rare or uncommon waders were found this season. Continuing the pattern from spring and summer, **Black Vultures** were observed along the Niagara River between Niagara Falls and Lewiston on several occasions and with more frequency in November. Turkey Vultures continued in this area beyond their typical late October departure from the Region. There were no unusual raptor reports. Merlins continue to become more common in all seasons.

Two **Sandhill Cranes** at Iroquois NWR on 20 September was the only report for the season. Several counts of American Coots topped 700 at Iroquois NWR, and 500 were counted at the sand and gravel ponds in South Dayton.

Kumph Marsh at Iroquois NWR continued from summer as the best spot for shorebird numbers and diversity. Fall highlights from this location included a **Western Sandpiper** on 13-14 September originally found by Joe Mitchell and up to six **Long-billed Dowitchers** during 18-26 October. Kurt Fox found an **American Avocet** at the sand and gravel ponds in South Dayton on 12 November, which is an excellent record considering the later date, well inland location, and probably a first for Cattaraugus County. Jim Pawlicki counted 635 Dunlin migrating along Lake Ontario on 26 October. There were more Ruddy Turnstone reports than usual in the fall. There was a **Red-necked Phalarope** at Dunkirk Harbor on 1 October and at least one **Red Phalarope** on the Niagara River on 16 October, with reports from Squaw Island and Fort Niagara SP on that day.

The warm November made for some downright pleasant birding conditions along the Niagara River during 'gull season' with little to no shivering, and coverage was good. A juvenile **Franklin's Gull** was found by Willie D'Anna on 5 November at Artpark SP and was seen fairly regularly for the remainder of the month. Immature **Black-legged Kittiwakes** were found at Fort Niagara SP on 3 November and likely another at several spots along the Niagara River 21-27 November. Jim Pawlicki identified an adult **Black-headed Gull** on the Niagara River at Squaw Island on 15 October and again on Lake Erie at Barcelona Harbor on 31 October. Through review of close photographs, Pawlicki determined that it was the same bird. Pawlicki identified an adult **California Gull** at Dunkirk Harbor on the relatively early date of 1 October. This is our first documented record away from the Niagara River. There was at least one California Gull on the Niagara River in November, with three documented reports from Niagara Falls and the Niagara Power Project. As has become recent custom, Lesser Black-backed Gulls were identified well inland with large numbers of roosting gulls at Cuba Lake and Rushford Lake. Strong west winds on 14-15 October brought an estimated 13 unidentified jaegers to Lake Erie in Hamburg as well as several to the Buffalo waterfront. **Pomarine Jaeger** is rarely documented in the Region but is likely a regular occurrence along Lake Ontario based on reports to the west and east. Pawlicki documented this species on two occasions along Lake Ontario and photographed one along the shoreline in Buffalo on 17 October.

The mild fall weather was likely a factor in the plethora of reports for species occurring beyond their normal departure times. An unidentified **cuckoo species** on 7 November is the latest cuckoo on record for the Region and the first November report. An adult male Hooded Warbler photographed by Craig Smith in his Bemus Point yard on 1 November was record late. A Wilson's Warbler frequented the yard of Richard Salembier in Williamsville from late October into December. This is the latest occurrence on record, and it is intriguing to wonder if this was a vagrant from the western population rather than a long-staying eastern migrant. Late reports were also documented for Chimney Swift, House Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Northern Parula, Blackpoll Warbler, and Bobolink.

David Junkin banded 33 **Northern Saw-whet Owls** at his yard in Wethersfield, with a maximum of 16 on 29 October. Junkin commented that he might have caught many more on the 29th if he had continued banding past 2 a.m. There were single reports of Snowy Owl, Long-eared Owl, and Short-eared Owl. **Common Nighthawks** were reported in low numbers with a maximum of nine.

Richard Salembier reported a large number of migrant flycatchers at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo on 5 September including 14 Eastern Wood-Pewees and an Olive-sided Flycatcher among others. A nearly all-white Tree Swallow was reported by Kurt Fox at Batavia WWTP and observed and photographed by several birders 14-22 October. A count of 950 Northern Rough-winged Swallows at Niagara Falls SP on 2 October was a record count for the Region. Eleven reports of Brown Thrasher in September–October were far more than usual in recent fall seasons; contributions from eBird are a factor in this increased number. Use of eBird is growing in Region 1. However, many if not most of the Region's active birders do not report their sightings to it regularly.

Other than those previously mentioned, additional migrant warbler highlights were a **Connecticut Warbler** at Amherst SP and a **Golden-winged Warbler** at Tifft Nature Preserve. Blackpoll Warblers were seen in much larger numbers than usual, and there were also several reports into late October, which is later than usual. Several birders reported high counts of blackpolls along the Lake Ontario shoreline in late September and early October. On a much lesser scale, Cape May Warblers were reported in above average numbers.

Where have the Purple Finches gone? They were scarce this fall, which is becoming the normal. Flocks of **White-winged Crossbills** were observed flying west along the Lake Ontario shoreline on 12 November, and there was one other report. **Pine Siskins** appeared in low numbers in October and November. There was a single **Common Redpoll**.

The Region's second **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** discovered in August at Conewango Swamp WMA remained at that location until at least 3 September. The same or another was on Chautauqua Lake in Stow on 19-25 September, where found by Brant Gamma and Peter Landon.

While on a fishing trip on Lake Ontario off Fort Niagara SP Josh Stiller was amazed to find a **Razorbill** diving near the boat. The bird was observed at this location for the remainder of the month by many birders but was not always

easy to find as it often lingered out on the lake waters and dove frequently when foraging in the strong currents where the Niagara River enters Lake Ontario. This was the fourth occurrence in the Region, with all records coming from the same location. The bird was identified as a juvenile.

Jim Pawlicki found a **Nelson's Sparrow** at Amherst SP on 6 October, and it was observed by several others in the next few days. This was the first Regional sighting in five years.

The 76th annual BOS October Count was held on the 9th and compiled by Marcie Jacklin. The weather was warm and pleasant and fell during a prolonged mild stretch. The count recorded 168 species, with three first count records—Greater White-fronted Goose, Purple Gallinule [in Ontario], and Clay-colored Sparrow—and four record high counts—288 Common Merganser, 23 Eastern Screech-Owl, 14 Pine Warbler, and 188 Blackpoll Warbler.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AlSP – Allegany SP, CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP, ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BOSOC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 9 Oct Count; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L, CHAU; CSWMA – Conewango Swamp WMA, CATT; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; 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, ORLE/GENE; PB – Point Breeze, ORLE; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary, ERIE; TBNP – Times Beach NP, 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

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK:

CSWMA thru 3 Sep (BS); Stow CHAU 19-25 Sep (BG, PL, JB, photo, NYSARC), possibly same bird as seen in nearby CATT in late Aug.

Greater White-fronted Goose: arr 5, 7, 7 Oakfield GENE 9, 22, 26 Oct (KS, JA, PY); 1, 2 INWR 12, 13 Oct (NS, WD); SPNS 18 Oct (LH); 2 Somerset NIAG 29 Oct (WD); max 9, 7 INWR 9, 13 Nov (WD, CM); 9 ties Fall max; excellent showing.

Snow Goose: arr DH 1 Oct (JP); 11 BOSOC; 3, 1 SPNS 18-20, 29 Oct; 2 Somerset NIAG 29 Oct; 4 blue Yates ORLE 29 Oct; 3 S Dayton CATT 12 Nov; INWR 15 Nov; max 11 Oakfield GENE 22 Nov.

ROSS'S GOOSE (R1): INWR 23, 28 Oct, 13 Nov (RD, WD, BB, CM); Yates ORLE 29 Oct (WD); juv ChauL 18 Nov (TS, photo); Oakfield GENE 26 Nov (JW); best fall showing.

Brant: arr 557 Wilson NIAG, 75 DH 1 Oct (WD, JP), strong early push; 211 FNSP 26 Oct; 29 WoBSP 27 Oct; 13 Wilson NIAG 27 Oct; Barker NIAG 29 Oct; 25, 15 DH 29, 31 Oct; last 2 PB 6 Nov.

Cackling Goose: arr 6 INWR 12, 13 Oct (CM); 5 BWWT 23 Oct; 3, 7, 8 Oakfield GENE 24, 26 Oct. 5 Nov; max 10 INWR 9 Nov; 4 Franklinville CATT 12 Nov (KF).

Mute Swan: 3 CSWMA 1 Sep; 4, 5 PB 13 Oct, 25 Nov; 5 Olcott NIAG 29 Oct; max 8 WTSP 6 Nov; 2 FNSP 10, 21 Nov; Waterport ORLE 25 Nov; only reports.

Trumpeter Swan: INWR 6 Sep – 18 Oct (mob); OOWMA 6 Sep, 12 Oct (WW); 2 OOWMA 27 Oct, 5, 22 Nov (CM, WW), long staying birds.

Tundra Swan: arr Attica WYOM 17 Sep – 9 Oct (KM!, photo), very early; Busti CHAU 25 Sep (JB!, photo), early; 3 INWR 30 Oct; 125 BeSP 11 Nov; 28 Orchard Park ERIE 12 Nov; 22 Clarence ERIE 13 Nov; max 150 Findley L CHAU 17 Nov; 85 ChauL 18 Nov; 88 NF 20 Nov; 52 OOWMA 22 Nov.

Wood Duck: 127 BWWT 11 Sep; 233 INWR 28 Sep (CM); max 241 TWMA 20 Oct (MW).

Gadwall: max 105 INWR 13 Nov; 65 OOWMA 23 Nov.

Am. Wigeon: 145, max 200 INWR 20 Sep, 27 Oct; 154, 140 BWWT 3, 14 Oct.

Am. Black Duck: max 30 BWWT 6 Nov; 25 Cuba L ALLE 12 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: max 75 INWR 5 Sep (MM); last BWWT 22 Nov (WW), slightly late.

hybrid teal: BWWT 5 Nov (WW!), observer suggested possible Blue-winged x Cinnamon but origins uncertain.

N. Shoveler: max 156, 150 BWWT 3, 14 Oct; 20 JAS 25 Nov.

N. Pintail: 19 FNSP 19 Oct; max 64 INWR 21 Oct; 37, 44 BWWT 30 Oct, 6 Nov (KF).

Green-winged Teal: 46 Franklinville CATT 7 Oct; max 92, 54 OOWMA 20 Oct, 5 Nov; 65 Cuba L ALLE 12 Nov.

Canvasback: arr 25 NF 5 Nov; 6 BWWT 6 Nov.

Redhead: 1, 5, 3 BWWT 18 Sep, 23 Oct, 26 Nov; 3 BOSOC; 21 Wilson NIAG 5 Nov; 12 S Dayton CATT 12 Nov; max 29 ChauL 13 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 4, 11 BWWT 6, 21 Sep; 205 BWWT 16 Oct; max 244 S Dayton CATT 12 Nov (KF).

Gr. Scaup: arr ChauL 1 Oct; 4 Buffalo ERIE 2 Oct; 300 NF 10 Nov; 365 Yates ORLE 25 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: 18 BOSOC; max 101 Wilson NIAG 16 Oct; 91 ChauL 13 Nov.

Harlequin Duck: Buffalo NR 20 Nov (D&DS), only report.

Surf Scoter: arr 3 DH 1 Oct; 2 GHSP 2 Oct; 84 BOSOC; BWWT 23 Oct; 2 BuSP 10-30 Oct; 8 Wilson NIAG 16 Oct; ChauL 22 Oct (JB); S Dayton CATT 12 Nov (KF), rare inland; max 9 FNSP 21 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: arr 2 Wilson NIAG & 3 ChauL 1 Oct.

Black Scoter: arr 6, 4 Wilson NIAG 16 Oct, 5 Nov; 4 Olcott NIAG 27 Oct; 2 Somerset NIAG 29 Oct; 2 PB 6 Nov; 4, 4 FNSP 21, 25 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr TBNP, 2 BWWT 22 Oct; ChauL 26 Nov.

Bufflehead: arr BOSOC; 5, 60 BWWT 22 Oct, 11 Nov; 60 Cuba L ALLE 12 Nov; max 1300 Buffalo NR 16 Nov.

Com. Goldeneye: arr 4 Yates ORLE; max 320 NF 20 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: 64 Cuba L ALLE 12 Nov; max 87 INWR 13 Nov.

Com. Merganser: 96 BWWT 16 Oct; max 140, 82 Cuba L ALLE 12, 22 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser: 10 BWWT 16 Oct; max 2000 Yates & Carlton ORLE 29 Oct.

Ruddy Duck: 100, 55 S Dayton CATT 19 Oct, 12 Nov; max 2303, 2657, 1387 BWWT 22, 30 Oct, 5 Nov (CM, KF, WW); 14 Cuba L ALLE 12 Nov; 32 OOWMA 23 Nov.

Red-throated Loon: arr Wilson NIAG 16 Oct; 10 Somerset NIAG 29 Oct; max 91 Wilson NIAG 5 Nov; 35 FNSP 10 Nov.

Com. Loon: arr 2 GHSP 2 Oct; max 60 Somerset NIAG 29 Oct.

Pied-billed Grebe: 27 INWR 15 Sep; max 30 ChauL 22 Oct.

Horned Grebe: 51 BOSOC; 376 Shadigee ORLE 29 Oct; max 955 Silver Creek to Westfield CHAU 31 Oct (JP, WW); 100 FNSP 10 Nov; 7 ChauL 26 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: BWWT 8, 11, 26 Oct; 8 BOSOC; 2, 8 Wilson NIAG 16 Oct, 5 Nov; max 25 Somerset NIAG & Yates ORLE 29 Oct; 3 FNSP 6 Nov; BeSP 14 Nov; 2 Barcelona CHAU 18 Nov.

EARED GREBE (R1): BWWT thru 3 Oct (WW, KF), annual at this location.

N. GANNET (R1): Olcott NIAG 26 Oct (JP), on the early side.

Double-crested Cormorant: 788, 763 BuSP 2 Sep, 6 Oct (WW); 90 ChauL 1 Oct; max 1500 Buffalo ERIE 27 Oct (NS); OOWMA 23 Oct.

Am. Bittern: INWR 2 Sep, 12, 23, 28 Oct; 3 BOSOC; only reports.

Least Bittern: no reports.

Great Egret: max 228, 188 INWR 16, 24 Sep (WW); 20 Tift NP 29 Sep; 13 BWWT 1 Oct; last 2 INWR 5 Nov.

Green Heron: last 5 BOSOC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 4 INWR 4 Sep; BWWT 3, 7 Oct; TWMA 22 Oct, last report.

BLACK VULTURE (R1): 3 Lewiston NIAG 13 Sep (JF); 2 NF 20 Sep (JP); 1, 3 Lewiston NIAG 19, 28 Oct (JP, WW, TK); 3, 4 Lewiston NIAG 12, 24 Nov; seen regularly toward end of period.

Turkey Vulture: 236 Buffalo ERIE 21 Oct; 80, 16 Lewiston NIAG 22 Oct, 10 Nov, seen regularly in this area thru; Franklinville CATT 12 Nov.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: Orangeville WYOM 1 Nov; last Clarence ERIE 19 Nov.

Bald Eagle: 12 BOSOC; widespread.

N. Goshawk: no reports.

Red-shouldered Hawk: TBNP 30 Oct (JP, JM), migrants rarely observed in fall; Bennington WYOM 4 Nov; Tonawanda ERIE 6 Nov; only reports beyond BOSOC.

Broad-winged Hawk: last Alfred ALLE 25 Sep.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr 2 Alabama GENE 25 Oct.

Merlin: 2 CSWMA 1 Sep; 12 other reports from 8 locations.

Peregrine Falcon: max 5 Buffalo ERIE 22 Oct.

Virginia Rail: 2 Tift NP 11 Sep, only report.

Sora: 2, 2 INWR 5, 20 Sep; SPNS 12 Sep; BWWT 18 Sep; Aurora ERIE 29 Sep; last AmSP 7 Oct.

Com. Gallinule: max 43 INWR 20 Sep; last INWR 27 Oct.

Am. Coot: max 754, 785 INWR 30 Oct, 9 Nov (CM, WD), high counts; 152 Tift NP 9 Nov; 500 S. Dayton CATT 12 Nov (KF); 85 ChauL 26 Nov.

Sandhill Crane: 2 INWR 20 Sep (CM), only report.

Black-bellied Plover: 4 INWR 3 Sep; BWWT 6, 25 Sep; WoBSP 17 Sep; 3 DH 30 Oct; max 9 Buffalo ERIE 8 Oct; last 3 Shelby ORLE 7 Nov.

Am. Golden-Plover: arr 4, 15 INWR 2, 14 Sep; 18 Porter NIAG 5 Sep; only reports.

Semipalmated Plover: last INWR 11 Oct.

Killdeer: max 100 INWR 10 Sep.

AM. AVOCET (R1): S Dayton CATT 12 Nov (KF!), on the late side and unusually far inland.

Spotted Sandpiper: last BeSP 16 Oct.

Solitary Sandpiper: last BeSP 1 Oct.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 43 INWR 21 Oct; last Franklinville CATT 12 Nov.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 22 INWR 10 Sep; last 2 INWR 27 Oct.

Ruddy Turnstone: 1, 2, 2 BWWT 4-11 Sep, 3, 8 Oct; INWR 5 Sep; 2, 2 DH 1, 14 Oct; 2 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 17 Oct; last FNSP 26 Oct.

Sanderling: BWWT 11 Sep; 11 Buffalo ERIE 29 Sep; 6 WoBSP 21 Oct; 3 FNSP 26 Oct; 8 last Buffalo Harbor 12 Nov.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: last 2 Yates ORLE 11 Oct.

WESTERN SANDPIPER: INWR 13, 14 Sep (JM, WD!), NYSARC), rare.

Least Sandpiper: last INWR 11 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 3, 2, 2 INWR 5, 15, 28 Sep; max 6 Oakfield GENE 6 Oct (DB); last 4 BOSOC; only reports.

Baird's Sandpiper: 1, 1 INWR 5, 9 Sep; 1, 1 BWWT 6, 8 Sep; only reports.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 12 Oakfield GENE 6 Oct; last INWR 27 Oct.

Dunlin: arr DH 2 Oct; max 635 FNSP 26 Oct (JP); 40 BWWT 26 Oct; 200, 80 INWR 26, 27 Oct; last NFSP 20 Nov.

Stilt Sandpiper: 1, 2 INWR 9, 21 Sep, only reports.

Short-billed Dowitcher: 2, 1 BWWT 4-8, 12 Sep; 2 INWR 5-18 Sep; only reports.

Long-billed Dowitcher: 1, 6 INWR 27 Sep, 18-26 Oct (JP, JM), now annual in fall.

Wilson's Snipe: max 40 INWR 10 Sep (CM).

Am. Woodcock: last Buffalo ERIE 28 Oct.

Red-necked Phalarope: DH 1 Oct (JL, WW), only report.

Red Phalarope: NFSP 16 Oct (JP, KH); Squaw I NR 16 Oct (MZ, DH); only reports.

Black-legged Kittiwake: arr FNSP 3 Nov (JP); NF – Lewiston NR 21-27 Nov.

Black-headed Gull: Squaw I NR 15-18 Oct (JP); Barcelona CHAU 31 Oct (JP); observer determined this to be same bird through photo review.

Little Gull: arr 2 Squaw I NR 15 Oct; 4 Lewiston NR 19 Oct; BeSP 21 Oct; Barcelona

CHAU 31 Oct; FNSP 3, 13 Nov; 2 NPP 27 Nov; 2 Buffalo NR 30 Nov.

Franklin's Gull: Artpark SP NIAG, NPP 5-28 Nov (WD, mob), many reports of this bird in Nov.

CALIFORNIA GULL: ad DH 1 Oct (JP, JM, NYSARC), on early side; ad NPP 13, 26 Nov (WD, NYSARC); NFSP 20 Nov (JM, NYSARC); annual in fall at this location.

THAYER'S GULL: several undocumented reports from NPP and NF.

Iceland Gull: arr 1, 5 NPP 13, 26 Nov.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Porter NIAG 4 Sep; NFSP 17 Sep; max 9, 9 NFSP 7 Oct, 5 Nov (JP); Rushford L ALLE 12 Oct; WoBSP 27 Oct; juv PB 29 Oct (WD); 2 Cuba L ALLE 26 Nov (JP, JM).

Glaucous Gull: arr NPP 26 Nov.

apparent Great Black-backed x Glaucous Gull: DH 2 Oct; Hamburg ERIE 15 Oct; WoBSP 21 Oct (MZ); same bird.

Caspian Tern: last 8 Buffalo ERIE 4 Oct.

Com. Tern: 35 FNSP 7 Oct; 5 BeSP 16 Oct; NFSP 26 Oct; last Hamburg ERIE 20 Nov.

Pomarine Jaeger: Buffalo ERIE 17 Oct (JP, photo); 2 FNSP 26 Oct (JP); Olcott NIAG 26 Oct (JP); good showing; rarely documented via photo or verification report.

Parasitic Jaeger: arr 2, 1 Buffalo ERIE 29 Sep, 15 Oct (JP, WW); 3, 3 FNSP 26 Oct, 10 Nov (JP); Olcott NIAG 27 Oct.

jaeger sp: max 13, 4 Hamburg ERIE 14, 15 Oct (PY, JP); 1, 1 FNSP 19 Oct, 10 Nov.

RAZORBILL: FNSP 8 Nov thru (JS!, mob, NYSARC), fourth record for Reg, all from same location in the rip current where NR enters L Ontario.

PIGEONS – WOODPECKERS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Buffalo ERIE 24 Sep; LBSP 29 Sep; only reports.

cuckoo sp: Cheektowaga ERIE 7 Nov (MM), unidentified to species but presumed yellow-billed, latest cuckoo ever for Reg.

Snowy Owl: arr BWWT 2 Nov; only report.

Long-eared Owl: Tonawanda ERIE 6 Nov (WW), only report.

Short-eared Owl: 3 E Shelby ORLE 21 Nov (CM), only report.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 33 banded Wethersfield WYOM 8 Oct – 4 Nov (DJ); max 16 Wethersfield WYOM 29 Oct.

Com. Nighthawk: max 9 Buffalo ERIE 22 Sep; 8 Williamsville ERIE 25 Sep; last Depew ERIE 29 Sep; seven other Sep reports.

Chimney Swift: 5 BOSOC; last 39 Buffalo ERIE 22 Oct (JP!), on the late side.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Williamsville ERIE 4 Oct; secondhand report of hummingbird species Cheektowaga ERIE 23 Oct.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 Como P ERIE 15 Sep; OOWMA 20 Oct; only reports.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr AmSP 16 Sep; Fredonia CHAU 24 Nov.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Buffalo ERIE 5 Sep (RS); last 2 BeSP 25 Sep (DS).

E. Wood-Pewee: max 14 Buffalo ERIE 5 Sep (RS); last 4 BOSOC.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Buffalo ERIE 5 Sep; last AmSP 27, 28 Sep (RS).

Least Flycatcher: last Williamsville ERIE 24 Sep.

E. Phoebe: last BuSP 30 Oct.

Great Crested Flycatcher: last 2 Buffalo ERIE 24 Sep.

E. Kingbird: last 3 Clarence ERIE 3 Sep.

N. Shrike: arr Shelby ORLE 25 Oct; four other reports.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last Wilson NIAG 19 Sep.

Blue-headed Vireo: arr Buffalo ERIE 16 Sep; last Williamsville ERIE 22 Oct.

Warbling Vireo: last AmSP 27 Sep.

Philadelphia Vireo: last Buffalo ERIE 3 Oct.

Red-eyed Vireo: last 2 Williamsville ERIE 15 Oct.

Com. Raven: 3 Carroll CHAU 18 Oct; Bennington WYOM 30 Oct – 25 Nov; only locations reported away from ALLE, CATT.

Purple Martin: last BWWT 11 Sep.

Tree Swallow: nearly all white bird BWWT 14-22 Oct; max 92 BWWT 22 Oct; last 2 NFSP 26 Oct.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: 800, 950 NF 20 Sep, 2 Oct (JP, WD), maximum count for Reg; last 2 INWR 21 Oct.

Bank Swallow: last 25 BWWT 11 Sep.

Cliff Swallow: last BWWT 11 Sep.

Barn Swallow: max 100 BWWT 18 Sep; last BWWT 30 Oct (KF).

Brown Creeper: arr NFSP 17 Sep.

Carolina Wren: 20 BOSOC, big drop from 50 on last year's count.

House Wren: last Buffalo ERIE 22 Oct (JP), slightly late.

Winter Wren: arr AmSP 19 Sep.

Marsh Wren: last INWR 11 Oct.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Wilson NIAG, 2 AmSP 27 Sep.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Alfred ALLE 7 Sep.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last WoBSP 21 Oct (JP), late.
Veery: max 31 Tonawanda ERIE 6 Sep (PH), nocturnal flyovers; last Aurora ERIE 20 Sep.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 4 Tonawanda ERIE 6 Sep, nocturnal flyovers; last Williamsville ERIE 11 Oct.
Swainson's Thrush: max 27 Tonawanda ERIE 6 Sep (PH); last 20 BOSOC.
Hermit Thrush: arr Wilson NIAG 26 Sep.
Wood Thrush: last BOSOC.
Gray Catbird: no reports beyond Oct.
N. Mockingbird: slight increase in reports away from L Ontario.
Brown Thrasher: 11 reports in Sep – Oct, well more than usual for recent years.
Am. Pipit: arr INWR 16 Sep; max 30 French Creek CHAU 20 Oct.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: arr TBNP 30 Oct; only report.
Snow Bunting: arr BWWT 22 Oct; max 110 Wilson NIAG 5 Nov.
Ovenbird: last Tift NP 3 Oct.
N. Waterthrush: AmSP 19 Sep, only report.
Golden-winged Warbler: last Tift NP 8 Sep (DSh), rarely seen in fall.
Blue-winged Warbler: last Tift NP, BeSP 8 Sep.
Black-and-white Warbler: max 5 Tift NP 29 Sep.
Tennessee Warbler: last Tift NP 13 Oct.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Tift NP 16 Sep; 2 BOSOC; six other reports.
Nashville Warbler: last Buffalo ERIE 22 Oct.
Connecticut Warbler: AmSP 27 Sep (RS), only report.
Mourning Warbler: last 2 Attica WYOM 27 Sep.
Com. Yellowthroat: last Tonawanda ERIE 6 Nov.
Hooded Warbler: last Bemus Pt CHAU 1 Nov (CS, photo), record late.
Am. Redstart: last BOSOC.
Cape May Warbler: max 3 Farmersville CATT 7 Oct; last BOSOC; well reported.
N. Parula: last Tonawanda ERIE 30 Oct (WW), late.
Magnolia Warbler: last 5 BOSOC.
Bay-breasted Warbler: last 2 BOSOC.
Blackburnian Warbler: last BOSOC.
Yellow Warbler: last Tift NP 11 Sep.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: last 2 AmSP 30 Sep.
Blackpoll Warbler: 35 GHSP 27 Sep (JP); 188 BOSOC, abundant near L Ontario shore; 19

WTSP 10 Oct; 4, 2 Bethany GENE 23, 24 Oct (DB); last 2 NFSP 26 Oct (JP), late.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: last 2 BOSOC.
Palm Warbler (*D.p. palmarum*): last 3 AISP 22 Oct.
Pine Warbler: last AmSP 22 Oct.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 100 AISP 22 Oct; 3 OOWMA 23 Nov.
Black-throated Green Warbler: last BeSP 19 Oct.
Canada Warbler: last Buffalo ERIE 24 Sep.
Wilson's Warbler: last Williamsville ERIE 26 Oct thru (RS!), record late.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: arr AmSP 7 Sep; Busti CHAU 5 Nov.
Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 3 Alfred ALLE 25 Oct.
Clay-colored Sparrow: S. Dayton CATT BOSOC (JM!), fall reports rare.
Vesper Sparrow: 2 BWWT 8 Oct (GL); 2 BOSOC; only reports.
Savannah Sparrow: last 14 BOSOC.
NELSON'S SPARROW (R1): AmSP 6-9 Oct (JP, RS), first report in several years.
Fox Sparrow: arr BOSOC; max 5, 6 Tonawanda ERIE 30 Oct, 6 Nov.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Buffalo ERIE 18 Sep; last INWR 26 Oct.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 26 Sep.
Dark-eyed Junco: arr Wilson NIAG 13 Sep.
Scarlet Tanager: last Tift NP 3 Oct.
N. Cardinal: 2 fledglings Cheektowaga ERIE 25 Oct (KM), late breeding evidence.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last 4 BOSOC.
Indigo Bunting: 15 Elba GENE 6 Sep (DB, ED); 2, 1 BeSP 1, 2 Oct; last 4 BOSOC.
Bobolink: 10, 6 INWR 5, 12 Sep; 8 Elba GENE 6 Sep; last Sheldon WYOM BOSOC (ER!).
Rusty Blackbird: arr 3 Grand I ERIE 7 Oct; max 125 Alden ERIE 15 Nov (JM).
Com. Grackle: max 1000 CHAU 13 Oct.
Baltimore Oriole: last Grand I ERIE 8 Sep.
Purple Finch: 17 BOSOC, very low total.
White-winged Crossbill: arr 59 FNFP 12 Nov (MM), flocks along lake shore to west; 5 PB 25 Nov.
Com. Redpoll: arr 15 WTSP 6 Nov (BP), only report.
Pine Siskin: arr 10, 10 Wilson NIAG 4, 27 Oct; 69 BOSOC; max 60 INWR 9 Nov (WD); 10 Bennington WYOM 12 Nov; several other reports in single digits.
Evening Grosbeak: no reports.