

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The warm and dry summer weather extended into the first week of September 2012 before moderating conditions occurred. The average temperature was 63.2° F, 1.3° above normal. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 4.39", 0.49" above normal, the first month with above normal precipitation since April. October was substantially wetter than usual and included 1.42" of rain on 29 October with the passage of the remnants of Hurricane *Sandy*. The average temperature was 52.2°, 1.4° above normal, and the monthly precipitation was 6.98", 3.46" above normal. November was cool and dry. The average temperature was 39.3°, 1.4° below normal. The monthly precipitation was 1.05", 2.96" below normal, with only 2.4" of snow at Buffalo, 5.5" below normal. Weather information was obtained from National Weather Service monthly summaries at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport.

Superstorm *Sandy* brought strong northerly winds and heavy rain to the Region as it passed during the evening of 29 October but fortunately did not bring much damage. Birders went out for several days following the passage and recorded strong waterfowl movements on Lake Ontario on 30-31 October and then plenty of gulls and jaegers on Lake Erie on 1 November as the winds shifted to the west and southwest. The only pelagic bird sighting was the Region's first Leach's Storm-Petrel, found by Jim Pawlicki and Joe Mitchell on the morning of 30 October as it struggled to fly west on Lake Ontario past Fort Niagara. Approximately 90 minutes later, perhaps the same bird was sighted at Van Wagner's Beach in Hamilton, Ontario, 35 miles away. The massive storm system clearly influenced migration, as observers from multiple locations on Lake Ontario documented a steady movement of waterfowl including Regional record counts of Brant and Black Scoter. On 1 November, birders picked out a group of six Pomarine Jaegers plus several Black-legged Kittiwakes and Little Gulls among the many Bonaparte's Gulls blown toward Buffalo and Hamburg on Lake Erie. Birders viewing across on the Ontario side witnessed even more rarities including a Ross's Gull, which was not seen in New York waters.

Consistent with recent fall seasons, there were several Greater White-fronted Goose reports. Cackling Geese were reported from more locations than usual, with a maximum of 35 at Iroquois NWR. Tundra Swan migration in November was most prominent at inland Chautauqua County locations of Chautauqua Lake and Bear Lake in Stockton; consistent with its greater migration over Lake Erie than Lake Ontario in fall. One of the long staying Trumpeter Swans at Oak Orchard WMA was shot during hunting season in mid November. Kurt Fox documented some impressive counts of Ring-necked Ducks and Ruddy Ducks, among other divers, from Attica Reservoir in late October. Ruddy Duck numbers at Batavia WWTP were lower than usual in fall. One Harlequin Duck was identified this fall; a passing bird on Lake Ontario.

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With no standardized migration lake watches in Region 1, our maximum records for waterfowl are often lacking and likely not indicative of the true status of many common species. Birders using eBird seem to be paying more attention to estimating numbers of passing waterfowl. Thus a count of 1,500 Common Loons is a new Regional record but is likely a result of a smaller sample size of birders making systematic counts through the years. Willie D'Anna was surprised by a seemingly 'white-headed' loon flying past Wilson on 15 October that he studied and identified as an adult Pacific Loon; only the third ever documented in the Region.

The highest count of Great Egrets going to roost at Iroquois NWR was 317 on 13 September. A Cattle Egret near the Cayuga Pool parking lot in late October and early November was the only uncommon wader found this season.

Black Vultures were observed along the Niagara River at Lewiston throughout the fall, with a maximum count of six. This is the only location in the Region to expect Turkey Vultures beyond early November. There were fewer Rough-legged Hawks than usual this fall.

There was one Sandhill Crane report this fall; a bird at Clymer on 12 October. Kurt Fox had a Sora in the same location at Batavia WWTP up until a record late date of 14 November.

Fall shorebird highlights featured a juvenile Western Sandpiper found by Dean DiTommaso at Tifft Nature Preserve on 10 September and a record late Wilson's Phalarope found and photographed by Steve Taylor at Batavia WWTP. Other notable sightings included two groups of Whimbrels, a large flock of White-rumped Sandpipers flying along Lake Erie, a Buff-breasted Sandpiper at Batavia WWTP, two reports of Long-billed Dowitchers, and several Red-necked Phalaropes.

Bonaparte's Gulls were in good numbers on the Niagara River in November, especially when blown in with strong south or southwesterly winds. One or more Black-headed Gulls were picked out among them this fall. A juvenile Sabine's Gull was blown to Buffalo Harbor on 15 October where Jim Pawlicki and Joe Mitchell even saw it standing on the shore for a while. Dean DiTommaso identified an adult Franklin's Gull at Woodlawn Beach SP on 3 October, while a 2nd cycle Franklin's Gull found by Jim Pawlicki was more obliging during its extended stay at the Niagara Power Project 7-25 November. Large gulls started to show up on the Niagara River in larger numbers by the end of November. Birders documented the same apparent Glaucous x Great Black-backed Gull at several locations along the Lake Erie shoreline that was observed last fall. David Junkin banded 37 Northern Saw-whet Owls at his yard in Wethersfield, with a maximum of 12 on 11 October. Kirk Vanstrom reported a Short-eared Owl at the Chautauqua County Airport and remarked that they can be found at this location with some regularity during their migration in November. The only other Short-eared Owl report was from the regular location in Shelby adjacent to Iroquois NWR.

Brett Ewald found a Western Kingbird, the Region's first since 2004, in Yates on 10 September. The bird was only seen for one day but allowed many birders the opportunity for a successful chase. A White-eyed Vireo at Woodlawn

Beach SP was a rare fall record, and the latest Philadelphia Vireo on record occurred 14 October.

Alec Humann found a late summer Purple Martin roost at Buckhorn Island SP, with up to 4,500 birds on 7 September. Northern Rough-winged Swallows again lingered at Niagara Falls into November and beyond. Willie D'Anna verified at least three Cave Swallows along Lake Ontario at Wilson on 26 October, and the eight other swallows on the same morning were likely Caves as well. Jim Pawlicki found a Cave Swallow at Woodlawn Beach SP 1-2 November and then one or two passing Buffalo Harbor on 8 November; which were the first reports for Erie County.

Red-breasted Nuthatches were widespread after being nearly absent last fall. There were multiple sightings of Bohemian Waxwings along Lake Ontario in November. Warbler highlights included a Golden-winged Warbler at Beaver Island SP and a record late Mourning Warbler for an extended stay 10-20 October at Woodlawn Beach SP. Nelson's Sparrows were found at two locations, including a record count of four at Iroquois NWR.

The predictions for a big finch year proved accurate as all irruptive finch species showed up this fall. Pine Siskins started things off with the bulk of their movement in October. Evening Grosbeaks were welcomed for their best showing in years with many reports in late October and early November. White-winged Crossbills made a push in late October and continued through November. The first Common Redpolls arrived at the end of October, and reports and numbers were building toward the end of November. One Hoary Redpoll was found and photographed among Common Redpolls at Fort Niagara by Brett Ewald on 22 November. Red Crossbills found the Lake Ontario shoreline by mid-November for their first noticeable fall flight in some time. Willie D'Anna videotaped a group of 22 Red Crossbills at his yard in Wilson from which Matt Young identified Type 3 and Type 10 calls. Pine Grosbeaks were reported at two locations along Lake Ontario in November. None of these irruptive species appeared to be staying in one place for long and were considered to be mostly passing through the Region.

The 77th annual BOS October Count was held on the 14th and compiled by Marcie Jacklin. It was a blustery day with strong southerly winds following passage of a warm front and the temperature reaching 74°. The count recorded 156 species with no first count records, two second count records (Greater White-fronted Goose, Black Vulture), 13 record high counts (five Cackling Goose, 76 Mute Swan, 523 Wood Duck, 98 Gadwall, 766 Green-winged Teal, 637 Common Merganser, two Black Vulture, 669 Turkey Vulture, 4 Peregrine Falcon, 37 Common Raven, 561 Eastern Bluebird, 40 Snow Bunting, and 467 Northern Cardinal).

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ABBREVIATIONS

AmSP – Amherst SP, ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BMAC – Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, WYOM; BOSOC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 14 Oct Count; BufH – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWT – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; ChauL – Chautauqua L, CHAU; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; EVSP – Evangola SP, ERIE; FLC – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; LBSP – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; LESP – Lake Erie SP, CHAU; 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; PG – Point Gratiot, CHAU; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary, ERIE; Tiftt NP – Tiftt Nature Preserve, Buffalo, ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; WoBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: arr 2 Somerset NIAG 7 Oct (WD, DD), record early arrival; SPNS 8 Oct (LH); INWR 22, 25 Oct (JP, WW).

Snow Goose: arr Albion ORLE 12, 13 Sep (TKI); INWR 8 Oct; 2 Shadigee ORLE, GHSP 30 Oct; max 49 DH (WW, JP); BMAC 2 Nov; 10 PB 22 Nov; Oakfield GENE 23 Nov.

Brant: arr Wilson NIAG 17 Oct; 38 Shadigee ORLE 25 Oct; 400 Shadigee ORLE 31 Oct; 314 PB 28 Oct; max 4455 GHSP, 2823 Shadigee ORLE, 2675 LBSP, 1397 FNSP 30 Oct (WW, BE, KF, JP, CM), record count, heavy movement with Sandy passage; DH 31 Oct; 50 WoBSP, 40 BufH 1 Nov; 2 Barcelona CHAU 8 Nov.

Cackling Goose: arr Oakfield GENE 30 Sep (PY); 14, 8 Somerset NIAG 7, 20 Oct; 2 Lewiston NIAG 10 Oct; Franklinville CATT 19 Oct; max 25, 35 INWR 22, 25 Oct (JP, WW); 7 S Dayton CATT 31 Oct; 8 Wilson NIAG, SPNS 4 Nov; 9 BWWT 23 Nov; Orangeville WYOM 24 Nov; Stockton CHAU 29 Nov.

Mute Swan: max 12 FNSP 30 Oct.

Trumpeter Swan: 2 OOWMA 29 Sep; male shot OOWMA 14 Nov, likely one of pair residing in area over past year.

Tundra Swan: arr 17 INWR 2 Nov; 10, 59 BeSP 9, 14 Nov; max 109 Stockton CHAU 13

Nov (TM); 73 Mayville ChauL 13 Nov; 26, 35 NF 16, 25 Nov.

Wood Duck: 133 BWWT 7 Sep; max 500, 600 INWR 11, 13 Oct (CM, KF), record count.

Gadwall: max 129, 114 INWR 28 Oct, 3 Nov; 49 BWWT 30 Oct; 38 Tiftt NP 14 Nov.

Am. Wigeon: max 137, 126, 182 INWR 20 Sep, 25 Oct, 3 Nov; 65 BWWT 23 Oct.

Am. Black Duck: max 15 Tiftt NP 11 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: max 57, 50 INWR 6 Sep, 8 Oct; 30 Tiftt NP 11 Sep; last 2 INWR 27 Oct.

N. Shoveler: max 112 BWWT 14 Sep; 6 Kiantone CHAU 12 Oct; 4 Olcott NIAG 31 Oct; 20 Alexander GENE 9 Nov.

N. Pintail: max 157 Wilson NIAG 7 Oct; 119 Shadigee ORLE, 84 GHSP, 40 BWWT 30 Oct; 103 INWR 2 Nov; 17 WoBSP 2 Nov.

Green-winged Teal: 350, 495 OOWMA 20, 21 Sep (MW, CM); 70 Tiftt NP 12 Oct; max 786, 360 INWR 20, 25 Oct (KF, WW); 100 Alexander GENE 9 Nov.

Canvasback: arr NF 24 Oct; 5 Attica Res WYOM 26 Oct; S Dayton CATT 31 Oct, 1 Nov.

Redhead: 3 BWWT 3 Sep; 2 BufH 8 Sep; 21 Celeron ChauL 25 Oct (TL); 2 S Dayton CATT 31 Oct; 32 NF 8 Nov; 6 Findley L CHAU 27 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 2 INWR 21 Sep; max 939, 900 Attica Res WYOM 26 Oct, 2 Nov (KF).

Greater Scaup: arr 6 Wilson NIAG 19 Sep; max 1100 NF 24 Oct.

Lesser Scaup: BWWT 3 Sep, continued from summer; arr BufH 18 Sep.

Harlequin Duck: Wilson NIAG 12 Nov (WD), only report.

Surf Scoter: arr 2, 33 Wilson NIAG 6, 15 Oct; 24 WoBSP 11 Oct; 20 BufH 15 Oct; max 40 GHSP 30 Oct; 2 Hamburg ERIE 31 Oct.

White-winged Scoter: 2 Wilson NIAG 19 Sep; 198 GHSP 30 Oct; max 440 Wilson NIAG 3 Nov.

Black Scoter: arr 23 BOSOC; 245 FNSP 30 Oct (JM, JP); max 880 GHSP 31 Oct (CM, WD), record count, huge movements following Sandy passage; 2 BufH 4 Nov; DH 17, 19 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr Wilson NIAG 6 Oct; max 570, 1000 GHSP 30, 31 Oct (WW, CM); 61 BufH 1 Nov.

Bufflehead: BWWT 2 Sep; arr 3 INWR 24 Sep; max 630 BeSP 16 Nov.

Com. Goldeneye: arr Wilson NIAG 21 Oct; max 250 NF 24 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: 50 DH 9 Nov; 87 Attica Res WYOM 10 Nov; max 169 INWR 16 Nov; 69 Findley L CHAU 27 Nov.

Com. Merganser: max 230 FNSP 30 Oct.

Red-breasted Merganser: 2 Wilson NIAG 16 Sep; 1048 GHSP, 1000 FNSP 30 Oct; max 1855 Wilson NIAG 15 Nov.

Ruddy Duck: 162, 562, 224 BWWT 28 Sep, 30 Oct, 14 Nov; much lower numbers than last fall; 78, 77 Attica Res WYOM 26 Oct, 2 Nov; 158, 200 S. Dayton CATT 31 Oct, 1 Nov; 198 ChauL 31 Oct.

Red-throated Loon: arr 2 Wilson NIAG 6 Oct; 100 GHSP 31 Oct; max 261 Wilson NIAG 15 Nov; Lewiston Res NIAG 16 Nov; Buffalo ERIE 29 Nov.

PACIFIC LOON: ad Wilson NIAG 15 Oct (WD!, NYSARC), flyby; only third regional record.

Com. Loon: max 1500 GHSP 21 Oct (CM), record count.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 57 S Dayton CATT, 47 ChauL 31 Oct.

Horned Grebe: 3 Wilson NIAG 15 Sep; max 296 Barcelona CHAU, 100 Olcott NIAG, 77 ChauL, 100 GHSP 31 Oct.

Red-necked Grebe: 3, 7, 8 Wilson NIAG 9 Sep, 8, 21 Oct; max 9, 22 GHSP 30, 31 Oct; 1, 2 S Dayton CATT 31 Oct, 4 Nov.

Eared Grebe: 1-2 BWWT 28 Sep thru 3 Nov (KF), annual at this location.

LEACH'S STORM-PETREL: FNSP 30 Oct (JP! JM! NYSARC), flying west, brief sighting, first for Reg.

Double-crested Cormorant: 704, 599 BuSP 2 Sep, 4 Oct (WW); 519, 835, 600 BufH 13 Sep, 23 Oct, 1 Nov; 129 INWR 20 Sep; 410 DH 31 Oct.

Am. Bittern: INWR 3, 7 Sep, 8 Oct; OOWMA 2 Nov; only reports.

Least Bittern: Carroll CHAU 7 Oct (JB), only report.

Great Egret: 2 Findley L CHAU 9 Sep; max 317 INWR 13 Sep (JP); last 2 INWR 23 Oct.

Cattle Egret: INWR 31 Oct – 2 Nov (J&KL, BM, CM), only report.

Green Heron: max 18 Tift NP 3 Sep; last BOSOC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 44 INWR 13 Sep; DH 17 Nov; Tift NP 24 Nov; only reports beyond Oct.

Black Vulture: 1 - 6 Lewiston NIAG 9 Sep – 20 Nov; regularly seen at this location.

Turkey Vulture: AmSP 6 Nov; 30 Lewiston NIAG 11 Nov, seen regularly in this area thru.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Osprey: max 5 INWR 1 Sep.

Bald Eagle: 27 BOSOC; 9 Evans ERIE to Barcelona CHAU 23 Nov; widespread.

N. Goshawk: Attica WYOM BOSOC (DB), only report.

Red-shouldered Hawk: Watts Flats WMA 26 Oct; Orchard Park ERIE 4 Nov; only reports beyond BOSOC.

Broad-winged Hawk: last 2 SPNS 27 Sep.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr Shelby ORLE 3 Nov.

Virginia Rail: BMAC 5 Sep; 1, 3 BWWT 14, 16 Sep; only reports.

Sora: 2 INWR 11 Sep; 3, 1, 1 BWWT 16 Sep, 20 Oct, 14 Nov (KF), latest on record.

Com. Gallinule: last 2 INWR BOSOC.

Am. Coot: 400, 720 Mayville ChauL 21 Oct, 18 Nov; max 955 ChauL 31 Oct (CC); 188, 196 DH 31 Oct, 24 Nov.

Sandhill Crane: Clymer CHAU 12 Oct (TL); only report.

Black-bellied Plover: 1, 1 DH 1, 15 Sep; 3 Allegheny Res CATT 18 Sep; 5 BufH 5 Oct; BeSP 13 Oct; Hamburg ERIE 15 Oct; 2 INWR 22, 25 Oct; only reports.

Am. Golden-Plover: BufH 8 Sep; 2, 6 INWR 12 Sep, 2 Oct; last 7 BOSOC.

Semipalmated Plover: 31 Tift NP 8 Sep; last DH 17 Oct.

Killdeer: 6 Findley L CHAU 27 Nov; 2 Orchard Park ERIE 29 Nov; only reports beyond early Nov.

Solitary Sandpiper: last BOSOC.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 18 INWR 20 Oct; last BeSP 5 Nov.

Lesser Yellowlegs: last LBSP 31 Oct.
Whimbrel: DH 6 Sep (GV); 4 BufH 8 Sep (MM); only reports.
Ruddy Turnstone: BWWT 9 Sep; only report.
Sanderling: 1, 3 BWWT 4, 5 Sep; Onoville CATT 18 Sep (JP, WW), unusual location.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 60 BWWT 3 Sep; last 2 INWR 23 Oct.
WESTERN SANDPIPER: juv Tift NP 10 Sep (DD!), rare.
Least Sandpiper: max 75 BWWT 3 Sep; 2 Jamestown CHAU 26 Oct.
White-rumped Sandpiper: BWWT 4, 5 Sep; Tift NP 7, 8 Sep; max 80 Hanover CHAU (JP!), flock flying along L Erie 6 p.m.; INWR 12 Sep; last 2 INWR 28 Oct.
Baird's Sandpiper: 2-3 BWWT 2-5 Sep; INWR 3 Sep; Tift NP 7-10 Sep; only reports.
Pectoral Sandpiper: max 32 INWR 16 Sep; last BWWT 30 Oct.
Purple Sandpiper: arr 6 FNSP, 2 Shadigee ORLE 30 Oct (JP, JM); only reports.
Dunlin: arr 4 Wilson NIAG 6 Oct; max 39 INWR 22 Oct; WoBSP 8 Nov; NF 29 Nov.
Stilt Sandpiper: max 5 OOWMA 4 Sep (JM); 1, 1, 2 INWR 12 Sep, 7 Oct; 22-23 Oct, only reports.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper: BWWT 2, 3 Sep (WW, CM), only report.
Short-billed Dowitcher: no reports.
Long-billed Dowitcher: 4 TWMA 4 Sep (JM!); OOWMA 16 Sep (PY); only reports.
Wilson's Snipe: 40 TWMA18 Oct; max 59 Jamestown CHAU 26 Oct (TL); last 4 Findley L CHAU 27 Nov.
Am. Woodcock: Orangeville WYOM 17 Nov (KF); last Grand I ERIE 20 Nov (AH); only report beyond Oct.
Wilson's Phalarope: OOWMA 1-3 Sep, continued from late Aug; BWWT 18-20 Oct (ST!), latest ever for Reg.
Red-necked Phalarope: OOWMA 1 Sep; 1, 1 INWR 22 Sep, 7 Oct; 3, 3 BWWT 28, 30 Sep (KF); last BWWT 12 Oct; good showing continued from summer.
Black-legged Kittiwake: 3 BufH 1 Nov (JP, JM); WoBSP 1 Nov; Buffalo NR 8, 29 Nov; BufH 23 Nov.
Sabine's Gull: BufH 15 Oct (JP, JM), only report.
Bonaparte's Gull: 3 SPNS 8 Oct, unusual location; max 12,750 Buffalo NR 23 Nov (JP).
Black-headed Gull: Squaw I NR 2, 8, 18 Nov (JP, RS); BeSP 11 Nov (JP); possibly same individual.
Little Gull: arr Wilson NIAG 1 Oct; GHSP 31 Oct; 2 WoBSP 1 Nov; Buffalo NR 4, 29 Nov;

BeSP 5, 16 Nov; max 3 DH 17 Nov; BufH 23 Nov.
Franklin's Gull: ad WoBSP 3 Oct (DD); 2nd-yr NPP 7-25 Nov (JP), observed by many.
Thayer's Gull: several undocumented reports from NPP and NF in late Nov.
Iceland Gull: arr NPP, Barcelona CHAU 18 Nov; max 8 Lewiston NR 25 Nov.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 2 juv EVSP 15 Sep; 3 DH 18 Sep; Wilson NIAG 6 Oct; Cuba L ALLE 19 Oct (CW); Olcott NIAG 23 Oct; max 15 NFSP 26 Nov (JP); 8 Lewiston NR, 6 NF 25 Nov (WD).
Glaucous Gull: arr DH 24 Nov; NPP 25 Nov.
Apparent G. Black-backed x Glaucous Gull: Hanover CHAU 5, 13, 15 Oct; LESP 31 Oct; Barcelona CHAU 24 Nov; same bird seen over past two years.
Caspian Tern: max 22 BeSP 7 Sep; last BOSOC.
Com. Tern: Allegheny Res CATT 6 Sep; Newstead ERIE 15 Sep, inland locations unusual; 29, 23 Wilson NIAG 19, 23 Sep; max 40 FNSP 29 Sep; BWWT 6 Oct; PB 7 Oct; Wilson NIAG 21 Oct; last BeSP 11 Nov.
Forster's Tern: 3 BufH 14 Sep (JP); BWWT 19 Oct (JM); Buffalo NR 1 Nov (JP); last INWR 2 Nov (MW).
Pomarine Jaeger: 6 BufH 1 Nov (JP, BM); together in group following storm passage.
Parasitic Jaeger: arr FNSP 29 Sep (AG); BufH 5 Oct (JP, JM); 1, 1 Wilson NIAG 15, 26 Oct (WD); FNSP 23 Oct (JM, JP); GHSP 31 Oct (CM).
jaeger species: 2 FMCSP 26 Oct (PY); LBSP 31 Oct (KF); 1, 1 BufH 1, 23 Nov (WW, JP).
PIGEONS – PARROTS
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Tift NP 12 Sep; last WoBSP 27 Sep; only reports.
Black-billed Cuckoo: N Harmony CHAU 2 Sep, only report.
Snowy Owl: no reports.
Short-eared Owl: arr Jamestown CHAU 10 Nov (KV); 2 Shelby ORLE 25 Nov (CM), only reports.
N. Saw-whet Owl: 37 banded Wethersfield WYOM 3 Oct – 31 Oct (DJ), max 11 on 12 Oct.
Com. Nighthawk: max 6 Colden ERIE 1 Sep; 3 Bethany GENE 3 Sep; 4 Alden ERIE 5 Sep; BuSP 7 Sep; INWR 13 Sep; last AmSP 26 Sep.
Chimney Swift: last 26 BOSOC.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Alfred ALLE 11 Oct.
Red-headed Woodpecker: PG 2 Sep; Tift NP 3 Sep; WoBSP 1 Oct; 2 BOSOC; only reports.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: arr Tift NP 3 Sep.
Merlin: reported from 7 loc in Sep.

Peregrine Falcon: Bethany GENE 1 Sep; 1, 1 INWR 3, 7 Sep; BuFH 26 Sep; Grand I NR 30 Sep; only reports.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Tift NP 3 Sep (AH); 2 BeSP 3 Sep (DS); only reports.

E. Wood-Pewee: last WoBSP 17 Oct (DD).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: AmSP 3, 4, 6, 11 Sep (RS), only reports.

Least Flycatcher: AmSP 1 Sep; only report.

E. Phoebe: FLC 2, 6 Nov (CC); last AmSP 15 Nov (RS).

Great Crested Flycatcher: last AmSP 18 Sep.

WESTERN KINGBIRD: Yates ORLE 10 Sep (BE, mob), hatch year, first since 2004.

E. Kingbird: last Clay Pond WMA CHAU 1 Sep.

N. Shrike: arr INWR 25 Oct; seven other reports.

White-eyed Vireo: WoBSP 22, 27 Sep (JP!, RS), rare in fall.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last WoBSP 22 Sep.

Blue-headed Vireo: last Ward ALLE 18 Oct.

Warbling Vireo: last AmSP 16 Sep.

Philadelphia Vireo: last Lancaster ERIE BOSOC (MM!), record late.

Red-eyed Vireo: last Amherst ERIE 25 Oct.

Com. Raven: reported from three locations away from ALLE, CATT, WYOM.

Purple Martin: 3000, 4500 BuSP 6, 7 Sep (AH), roost discovered; last INWR 22 Sep.

Tree Swallow: max 500 BWWT 14 Sep; max 500 INWR 20 Sep.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: 18 INWR 13 Oct; 21, 4 NFSP 7, 22 Nov (JP), regular location for late season sightings.

Bank Swallow: last 25 BWWT 9 Sep.

Cliff Swallow: no reports.

CAVE SWALLOW: 3 Wilson NIAG 26 Oct (WD, BP); WoBSP 1, 2 Nov (JP, JM); 1-2 BuFH 8 Nov; first reports for ERIE.

Barn Swallow: max 150 BuSP 6 Sep; last INWR 25 Oct.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: present in good numbers.

House Wren: last Bennett Beach ERIE 15 Oct.

Winter Wren: arr AmSP 12 Sep; 3 Nov reports.

Marsh Wren: last INWR 18 Oct.

Carolina Wren: 27 BOSOC, up from 20 on last year's count but still relatively low.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Amherst ERIE 21 Sep.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Jamestown CHAU 7 Sep.

Veery: last 2 AmSP, Wilson NIAG 16 Sep.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: six reports in Sep.

Swainson's Thrush: last Williamsville ERIE 15 Oct.

Hermit Thrush: arr AmSP 15 Sep.

Wood Thrush: last Wilson NIAG 17 Oct.

Gray Catbird: two reports beyond Oct.

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

Brown Thrasher: eight reports in Sep – Oct; Blasdel ERIE 2-17 Nov (MO), late.

Am. Pipit: arr 30 Porter NIAG 25 Sep; 60 Wilson NIAG 6 Oct; max 87 Lyndonville ORLE 3 Nov.

Bohemian Waxwing: arr 2, 6, 2 Newfane NIAG 8, 10, 11 Nov (BP, WD); max 9, 2 FMCS 9, 20 Nov (JP, JM).

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: arr 2 BOSOC; 10, 10 Wilson NIAG 19, 23 Oct; Orangeville WYOM 17 Nov; only reports.

Snow Bunting: arr 1, 19 BWWT 20, 24 Oct; 60 Wilson NIAG 9 Nov; max 120 GHSP 11 Nov.

Ovenbird: last Tift NP 12 Oct.

N. Waterthrush: last BOSOC.

Golden-winged Warbler: BeSP 18 Sep (DS), rarely seen in fall.

Blue-winged Warbler: last INWR 17 Sep.

Black-and-white Warbler: last Como P ERIE 26 Sep.

Tennessee Warbler: last 27 Sep.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Tift NP 9 Sep; max 5 AmSP 9 Oct; last Aurora ERIE 16 Oct; four other reports.

Nashville Warbler: last 2 BOSOC.

Mourning Warbler: AmSP 1 Sep; Tift NP 22 Sep; last WoBSP 10-20 Oct (DD!), record late.

Com. Yellowthroat: 5 BOSOC; last SPNS 22 Nov (LH).

Hooded Warbler: last Aurora ERIE 22 Sep.

Am. Redstart: last WoBSP 7 Oct.

Cape May Warbler: last BOSOC; well reported.

N. Parula: last Squaw I NR 10 Oct.

Magnolia Warbler: last 2 AmSP 5 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: last AmSP 5 Oct.

Blackburnian Warbler: last Tift NP 28 Sep.

Yellow Warbler: last WoBSP 27 Sep.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: last AmSP 26 Sep.

Blackpoll Warbler: last Squaw I NR 21 Oct.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: last FLC 15 Oct.

Palm Warbler (*D.p. palmarum*): last 2 AmSP 24 Oct.

Pine Warbler: last BOSOC.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 60 Tift NP 30 Sep; 2 AmSP 6 Nov, only report beyond Oct.

Black-throated Green Warbler: last 2 AmSP 5 Oct.

Canada Warbler: last 2 Tift NP 19 Sep.

Wilson's Warbler: last FNSP 21, 22 Nov (TKe, AG, WD), late.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: last N Clymer CHAU 4 Nov.

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 11 BOSOC.

Chipping Sparrow: last Portland CHAU 19 Nov.

Clay-colored Sparrow: Bennett Beach ERIE 13, 15 Oct (JP, JM, photo), fall reports rare.

Field Sparrow: last 5 Tonawanda ERIE 29 Oct.

Vesper Sparrow: last 2 BOSOC, only reports.

Savannah Sparrow: last 15 BOSOC.

Nelson's Sparrow: 4 INWR 7, 8 Oct (JP), record count; EVSP 13 Oct (JP, WW); 1, 1 INWR 13, 21 Oct (KF, R&DD).

Fox Sparrow: arr Williamsville ERIE 7 Oct; max 16 Tonawanda ERIE 26 Oct; 13 Alfred ALLE 27 Oct; 6 Lyndonville ORLE 3 Nov.

Song Sparrow: 1 ad + 2 fl Salamanca CATT 12 Sep, on the late side for fledglings.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 10 Sep; last 4 AmSP, Squaw I NR 24 Oct.

White-throated Sparrow: arr 2 AmSP 8 Sep; leucistic Williamsville ERIE 1-12 Nov (RS).

White-crowned Sparrow: arr 4 AmSP 27 Sep.

Dark-eyed Junco: arr WTSP 13 Sep.

Dark-eyed Junco (*J. h. oreganus*): Colden ERIE 22 Oct – 25 Nov (J&KL, photo); apparent adult male.

Scarlet Tanager: last AmSP 30 Sep.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last 2 BOSOC.

Indigo Bunting: Orangeville WYOM 23 Sep; last Watts Flats WMA CHAU 13 Oct (TL).

Bobolink: INWR 2 Sep; last Porter NIAG 8 Oct (WD!).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 7500 INWR 13 Oct (KF).

E. Meadowlark: 6 BWWTP 19 Oct; max 10 Watts Flats WMA CHAU 26 Oct; INWR 2 Nov.

Rusty Blackbird: arr Amherst ERIE 20 Sep; 40 Lewiston NIAG 3 Oct; max 1500, 500 INWR 8, 11 Oct; 55 Alexander GENE 30 Oct; 2 OOWMA 3 Nov; BMAC 28 Nov.

C. Grackle: max 8000 INWR 8 Oct.

Baltimore Oriole: Tift NP 7 Sep; last Orchard Park ERIE 4 Nov (mob).

Pine Grosbeak: arr Wilson NIAG 17 Nov (WD, BP); 2 WTSP 18 Nov (PY).

Purple Finch: not widespread; xanthochromistic Williamsville ERIE 15 Nov (RS).

Red Crossbill: arr Wilson NIAG 14 Nov; 22 Wilson NIAG 17 Nov, 5 type 3, 17 type 10 (WD); Orangeville WYOM 17 Nov (KF); 2 Alexander GENE 21 Nov (KF); good showing for recent years.

White-winged Crossbill: arr 30 Lancaster ERIE, 12 Wilson NIAG, 2 LBSP 26 Oct (MM, JM, BP); 16 Lancaster ERIE 2 Nov; 14, 25 FNSP 9, 18 Nov; 6 FLC 10 Nov; 13 Wilson NIAG 12 Nov; 6 FMCSP 18 Nov; several other reports of five or less in Nov.

Com. Redpoll: arr 10 Shadigee ORLE 31 Oct (BP); 12 PB 11 Nov; 35 Wilson NIAG 11 Nov; max 18, 50 FMCSP 18, 20 Nov; 14 LES 19 Nov; six other reports of six or less in Nov.

HOARY REDPOLL: FNSP 22 Nov (AG, photo), rare.

Pine Siskin: arr Wilson NIAG 6 Sep; FLC 15 Sep; 20 Grand I ERIE 1 Oct; 20 Fredonia CHAU 11-31 Oct; 29 Shelby ORLE 23 Oct; 27 Wilson NIAG 26 Oct; 25 Newfane NIAG 11 Nov; many other reports of 10 or less in Oct and Nov.

Am. Goldfinch: max 85 Wilson NIAG 26 Oct.

Evening Grosbeak: arr 2 ALLE BOSOC; 3 Wethersfield WYOM 20 Oct; max 13, 20 Wilson NIAG 21, 26 Oct; 8 Burt NIAG 23 Oct; 12 Clarence ERIE, 12 S Wales ERIE 2 Nov; 13 Ashford CATT 3 Nov; many other reports of 6 or less in late Oct and Nov; best showing in years.

