

REGION 2 – GENESEE

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Looking at averages, this fall season began with a continuation of above normal temperatures, then cooled below normal in November. Rainfall was above normal in the first two months, then dry for November. Averages and totals are as follows: September: temperature 62.0° F, 0.2° above normal, and precipitation 4.45", 1.07" above normal; October: temperature 52.8°, 2.2° above normal, and precipitation 4.93", 2.23" above normal; and November: temperature 39.3°, 1.2° below normal, and precipitation 0.71", 2.23" below normal. Snowfall in November was 0.8", 6.5" below normal. However, effects on birds and birding are in the details, not the averages. September was a split month, with a week 5-10° above normal, then 23 days averaging 15° below. Of the 4.45" of rainfall, over half, 2.64", fell on 4 September. October brought a series of storms through the month, with 15 days cloudy, 13 days partly cloudy, and only three days fair. Heavy rain fell on four days and light rain on 21 days. The tail end of Hurricane *Sandy* arrived the night of 29-30 October, fortunately with less severe winds than feared. November started with nine days of cool temperatures and rainfall due to a pressure trough behind the departing *Sandy*, then spiked to a record high on the 11th, back to normal for about two weeks, then a return to cool for the last week. Some of this detail shows clearly in the timing of records.

For the season, the arrival dates of most species were on the early end of local historical distributions, though with only one record early date tied. On the other end, departure dates were biased to the late end—the fourth quartile—but with only two record late dates. It seemed like departures dates were earlier than last year, but in checking the details, it was the usual mixed bag with some earlier and some later. Species counts for the months were all well above the 10-year averages: September 222 (205.9), October 205 (191.4), and November 168 (140.4). The September count was the second highest on record behind only 224 in 1999, and the November number far surpassed the previous high of 150 in 1999 and 2005. Winding up the statistics, there were about 33,291 eBird records for the Region this season.

Among the waterfowl, arrivals were a typical mix, but peak counts and overall numbers were low across the board. There were few good puddle duck counts in late September, and, while the numbers improved in October and there were some good counts, they were not many. There were few big diving duck counts through the season. Looking at observations and counts of note, we start with a major passage of Brant accompanying the tail of Hurricane *Sandy* on 30 October, with an estimated 12,000+ moving west to east along the south shore of Lake Ontario that day; this number is pieced together from notes posted to the geneseebirds listserv for locations and times of observation both west of and within the Region. Up to a couple thousand additional Brant were tallied the *The Kingbird* 2013 March; 63 (1)

next day and a few lingered longer. Cackling Goose arrived with increasing numbers of Canada Goose on 4 October at Hamlin Beach SP. Maxima of 20 and 25 were reported from there for October and November, respectively, with totals of about 40 and 32 for those months, including smaller numbers from several other sites. On 13 November, Dave Tetlow counted **Trumpeter Swans** at several sites in our Region in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) and totaled a new record high of **87**. Canvasback and Redhead remained very low in the Region for the season, with Canvasback not even reported until November and then only four, and the Redhead maximum only six. Maxima for all the diving ducks were low by historical standards, and even peaks were often the only double or triple digit reports for a species for the season. An exception was a good passage of 3,060 Black Scoters caught by Kurt Fox and Dave Tetlow off West Port Bay (WAYN) on 31 October. This is the third highest Regional single day count. Rarer waterfowl included four Ross's Geese, a flyby female Harlequin Duck, and the returning male Barrow's Goldeneye at Pt. Breeze, this latter floating back and forth across the Region 1-2 boundary. The fall loon passage was weak, with the first 100-bird count for Common Loon on 16 October. The crossover in counts for the loons occurred near the normal 10 November date, after which there were some good Red-throated Loon counts. In late November there was also a good count of 490 Horned Grebes, and again several days with very good numbers of Red-necked Grebe on the lake or passing, a trend of only the past few years.

Continuing with other waterbirds, an **adult Northern Gannet** spotted by Dave Tetlow on 1 September tied a record early date for the Region and is one of very few adults recorded here. There were quite a few very good counts of Double-crested Cormorants through the season and good numbers of Great Egret into October, but not approaching the peaks in Regions either side of us. Typical of recent years, the Regional Cattle Egret of the year turned up near the border with Region 1 on 10-11 November, coincident with other birds appearing also in Regions both sides of us.

Black Vulture was reported in each month, continuing its upward trend. A good roost count of 64 Turkey Vultures was again noted in November in the Town of Lima. Among records vying for the birds of the season were **two Mississippi Kites** spotted by Kurt Fox and Dave Tetlow at Braddock Bay on 25 October, a very rare fall record anywhere in the Northeast, record late for the Region, and just short of record late for the State. A subadult, likely one of these birds, was again seen nearby along the Lake Ontario Parkway on 1 November by Tetlow, now State late. Osprey continued through October and into November, late for here, and Bald Eagles were reported through the season. We also had the now-typical few reports of Northern Goshawk and Red-shouldered Hawk for the season. Rough-legged Hawk arrived on 3 October, but few additional reports were received. Golden Eagle, rare in the fall along the lakeshore, was seen on 20 October and 12 November. Also extending trends, good numbers of both Merlin and Peregrine Falcon were reported each month.

Often the rails and allies are little reported in this season, so Virginia Rail and Sora to 27 October and Common Gallinule to 10 November were

interesting. Once again Sandhill Cranes lingered in this part of the State, with birds in the NMWMA into November, though higher numbers were seen just south of the Region along Rt. 31 in Region 3, and three birds were video taped by Marcia Mundirk on 7 November just north of Taylor Marsh (T of Richmond, ONTA) where breeding has been suspected for several years. Unfortunately, once again there is not enough detail to confirm one of the birds as a bird-of-the-year and, being fully flighted, that would not prove it nested there anyway. These birds were seen again in the same general area late in the month.

On 22 September, Andy Garland found a basic-plumaged adult Black-headed Gull on the mudflats at the south end of Irondequoit Bay. The next day Gary Chapin sought the gull and located the Region's second and the State's fifth **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** there, a juvenile, among Pectoral Sandpipers very near where our first was seen 10 years ago. Observers gathered to view these and, wandering afterward, found two **American Avocets** and a **Thayer's Gull** at Ontario Beach near the mouth of the Genesee River. The Black-headed Gull persisted to 10 October; the other birds were one-day events. In subsequent days many species of sandpipers were reported, including two Buff-breasted Sandpipers. Shorebird habitat was good due to low Lake Ontario levels. A good variety of shorebirds was located, but numbers in the Region were generally poor. Additional interesting finds included: another Am. Avocet on 31 October; Hudsonian Godwit, though only a single; and all three phalaropes. Long-billed Dowitcher was missed and only a single report of four Purple Sandpipers was received. Small numbers of expected species lingered into November and a few beyond.

Among the larids, we have Black-legged Kittiwake arriving on 31 October, but then only one other record on 3 November, and Bonaparte's Gulls few; so too were the species that often accompany their passage, with only a lone adult Little Gull passing Webster Park and 1-2 more Black-headed Gulls at Sodus Bay. As usual, Lesser Black-backed Gull was reported each month, with maxima of seven at Braddock Bay and Hamlin Beach SP and eight near the Riga landfill. Both Iceland and Glaucous Gulls arrived in late November. Tern counts were low and departures were as expected. It was a good fall for jaegers after a latish start in late August, with about 21 Parasitic, three Long-tailed, and 13 not identified to species, but no Pomarine reported. After an absence of several months, the Eurasian Collared-Doves in Hamlin on the Greenwell farm and nearby were again reported in September, missed in October, and seen off and on through November. Another surprise was a posting by Mike Wasilco after following up on a report from a Rochester animal control officer of a large stick nest on a cell tower behind West Ridge Plaza. He found it occupied by **Monk Parakeets**, and numbers reported by many visiting the site ranged from a most common 3-4 to as many as six and one count of seven. Subsequently there was a report of a September flyby of one past Hamlin Beach and possibly another bird in Irondequoit earlier. There have been very few prior reports here, all considered escapes, since the first few in the late '70s and very early '80s. In a very recent note from Kevin McGowan, he found in searching for them that nearby residents have had 4-6 of the birds at their feeders since May of this year

and speculated they were two adults plus young. They were unaware of the nest until very recently.

Owls usually rate little attention in the fall other than note of typical arrivals of Short-eared Owl—14 October this year—and whether Snowy Owls are moving—none this fall. However, this fall there was a project at BBBO to band N. Saw-whet Owls and 54 were banded in October and 30 in November through the 13th, with also five foreign recoveries through the period. One of the other birds of the season was a **Boreal Owl** heard by Dave Tetlow near his home on 22 November; the earliest date for the species in the Region.

Among the non-passerine landbirds, the highlight was Monroe County's first **Rufous Hummingbird**, a female found at the feeder of Monika Herrmann-Kokis on 21 October in the Town of Henrietta. It was seen and photographed by many thru 30 November. Otherwise in this grouping, Common Nighthawk was very scarce and Chimney Swift erratic, with birds departing early or not building up at historically active sites, then 300 on 24 September and 150 on 2 October appearing over the mudflats at the south end of Irondequoit Bay.

Moving into the passerines, we had four reports of Olive-sided Flycatcher, good for recent years, and a **Western Kingbird** found and photographed by Jim Tarolli on Van Dyne Spoor (NMWMA) on 5 October and seen by many that day. Otherwise, flycatchers departed at typical dates; similarly for the vireos. A count of 136 Blue Jays passing Hamlin Beach on 26 September is good for fall. Fish Crow was reported off and on all season in the usual Charlotte area of Rochester in numbers to six, plus two reports elsewhere. After some good counts in August, swallows dropped off rapidly, a trend of the past few years, but then birds with some good counts for most species appeared again in October. Tree, N. Rough-winged, and Barn continued into November.

One of the highlights of this fall was another major incursion of **Cave Swallows** into the Region. A first wave of approximately 323 was noted from 14-29 October, first at Salmon Creek, Town of Greece, just inland from Braddock Bay, then mostly as passing Hamlin Beach SP. The next burst occurred beginning with the temperature spike on 11 November, peaking on the 12th, and with at least one bird to the 15th, again most were tallied at Hamlin Beach and Braddock Bay with the total 84. The potential softness in the numbers reported comes from multiple reports from observers spending some or all of their time at the same sites but without details to allow totally sorting out overlaps. The numbers reported should be considered minima but close to the actual totals.

The early season also brought observations and banding numbers suggesting irruptions of Black-capped Chickadee and Red-breasted Nuthatch. The nuthatch move fizzled, but the chickadee banding number increased over last fall, though not spectacularly so. Winter Wren and both kinglets were observed and banded in very good numbers, way up from last fall. Veery departed early, but Gray-cheeked, Swainson's, and Hermit Thrushes were banded and tallied in the field in very good numbers. Also, three of the rarer **Bicknell's Thrush** were positively identified and banded at BBBO. A peak of 40 Wood Thrush noted by one Muck Race team on 7 September, a less than

great morning for monitoring nocturnal flights, also indicates the potential for obtaining large thrush counts if dedicated observers who know the calls get out at the appropriate dates and habitats: Veery and Wood Thrush late August into September, Gray-cheeked and Swainson's the last half of September, and Hermit Thrush early October. An intriguing find at the BBBO banding station was a Swainson's Thrush first banded on 14 August and recaptured there on 7 October; where had it been over the interim?

Bohemian Waxwing began to show up with passing Cedar Waxwings on 6 November, with small numbers totaling approximately 72 seen at lakeshore locations through 23 November. Cedar Waxwings seemed spotty, but a good maximum of 1,260 was reported from Hamlin Beach on 10 November. Lapland Longspur and Snow Bunting arrived as expected in early October, with decent maxima of 42 and 200, respectively, reported in early November.

Warbler numbers seemed only moderate for most species, yet almost all banded in significant numbers were up from last year, especially Yellow Warbler, American Redstart, and Common Yellowthroat. Among the rarer warblers, 13 Orange-crowned and six Connecticut were reported, many of these banded. Only Black-throated Blue and Blackpoll were banded in smaller numbers, and 575 banded Blackpoll Warblers was still far above average, just not up to last fall's record of 760. A lone Blackpoll Warbler plus Pine, Yellow-rumped, and Black-throated Green Warblers, were reported in November, the latter record late.

Among the sparrows, we find good peak counts for Chipping and Savannah in September; at least three Nelson's Sparrows at the Marten Tract (NMWMA) on 30 September to 9 October and another in the Braddock Bay WMA on 14 October; some good Fox Sparrow counts; and 785 White-throated Sparrows banded, up 50% from last fall. An "Oregon" Junco was photographed in North Wolcott in November, and a beautiful partial albino Northern Cardinal in Webster on 3 November. A Yellow-headed Blackbird was found in the Van Dyne Spoor area (NMWMA) from 30 September to 9 October. Rusty Blackbird, a species of concern, was counted in good numbers in several locations.

Winter finches were seen through the season, starting with a few crossbills and Pine Siskins in September, picking up in the last half of October with crossbills increasing and Pine Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, and Evening Grosbeak added by month's end, and a Hoary Redpoll reported by Dave Tetlow from Hamlin Beach on 24 November completing the list. Most of the species dropped off by late November, with nearly all the remaining Pine Grosbeak reports from Webster Park and Evening Grosbeak essentially gone but Common Redpoll continuing to increase. Once again for several of these species it was difficult-to-impossible to arrive at accurate total numbers without detailed notes accompanying reports.

For the season, 264 species were reported plus Trumpeter Swan, Monk Parakeet, and Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco and hybrids, including a White-throated Sparrow x Dark-eyed Junco.

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Adding another comment on records: Bird records require decision making on the part of records keepers or reporters—individuals or committees. Sticking to fall, how do you detect arrivals of migrant individuals of species that breed in a Region? When does a last report change from a late migrant to likely a lingering winter visitant that may finally perish? In reporting numbers and recognizing record high counts, what is the appropriate level of aggregation? At the very least, one must make known what criteria are used. But if one debates passing birds at a single point vs. counts of resting birds over some span of shore (as for waterbird counts), then what about the rare cases of passing boats, especially large, fast boats, kicking up birds off the water which would otherwise not be visible? Are repeated sightings at a feeder, or even an orchard or plantation, a series of passing flocks, short-term resident flocks, or a mix? Many of these are not simple-to-answer questions. If one is looking at the question of screening records or requiring verifications, key questions become: Why? and When are there enough for a given species?

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ABBREVIATIONS

b – banded; BB – Braddock Bay, T Greece, MONR; CL – Conesus L, LIVI; DE – Durand-Eastman Park, MONR; G – T Greece, MONR; HANA – High Acres Nature Area, T Perinton, MONR; HB – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; HP – Hogan Point, T Greece, MONR; IBO – Irondequoit Bay Outlet (north end outlet to Lake Ontario); IB-S – LaSalle Landing P, South end of Irondequoit Bay; ICW-Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; K – T Kendall, ORLE; M – along Manitou Beach Rd NE of Parkway including the BBBO banding station, MONR; MAC – Montezuma Audubon Center, T Savannah, WAYN; MP – Mendon Ponds CP, T Mendon, MONR; NMWMA – Northern Montezuma WMA (formerly Northern Montezuma Wetlands Complex), WAYN; NMWMA (MT) – Marten Tract; NMWMA (RR) – Railroad Rd marshes area; NMWMA (SCU) – Sandhill Crane Unit; NMWMA (VDS) – Van Dyne Spoor area; NC – Northrup Creek (back of Long Pond), T Greece; NWTP – NW Water Treatment Plant, T Greece; OB – Ontario Beach, Charlotte, MONR; SC – Salmon Creek inland from Braddock Bay, Towns of Greece & Parma; SP – Sodus Pt, WAYN; WP – Webster Park, MONR.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: arr 6 HB 25 Oct; max 150 NMWMA (Armitage) 25 Oct.

Ross's Goose: 4 NMWMA (Armitage) 25 Oct (W&MR), only report.

Brant: arr 62 SPB 7 Oct; max 5030 Brighton Cliff ORLE 30 Oct (DT); total >12,000 S shore Lake Ontario 30 Oct (mob), assembled from many reports (RS); 1770 W Port Bay WAYN 31 Oct (W&MR).

Cackling Goose: arr 6 HB 4 Oct; max 25 HB 6 Oct (AG); total ~ 40 Oct; 20 HB 10 Nov (DT); total ~ 32 Nov.

Canada Goose: max 17,970 Lake LaGrange WYOM 10 Nov (KF).

Trumpeter Swan: max 87 NMWMA (Savannah) 13 Nov (DT), Reg & State record high.

Tundra Swan: arr 34 NMWMA (VDS) 3 Nov; max 108 CL 21 Nov.

Wood Duck: max 150 NMWMA 7 Sep.

Am. Wigeon: max 186 BB 11 Oct.

Am. Black Duck: max 41 HB 14 Oct, low.

Blue-winged Teal: max 65 NMWMA (RR); last 4 BB 24 Oct.

N.Shoveler: max 116 BB 11 Oct.

N. Pintail: max 635 HB 29 Oct (DT).

Green-winged Teal: max 230 NMWMA (Malone Unit) 5 Oct (JMcG).

Canvasback: arr 4 HB 3 Nov, very late arr.

Redhead: arr 1 NMWMA (MT) 16 Sep; max 6 G & HB 3 Nov, very low max.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 1 T Galen WAYN 7 Sep, early; max 567 Lake Lagrange WYOM 10 Nov (KF).

Greater Scaup: arr 4 HB 22 Sep; max 230 HB 12 Oct, low.

Lesser Scaup: arr HB 9 Sep; max 160 HB 24 Nov, low.

Harlequin Duck: arr 1 fem HB 25 Nov (KF).

Surf Scoter: arr 3-5 HB 28 Sep; max 71 HB 25 Oct, low.

White-winged Scoter: max 644 HB 3 Nov.

Black Scoter: 1 HB 28 Sep; max 3060 West Port Bay WAYN 31 Oct (KF,DT), high count.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 3 HB 2 Sep; 730 Brighton Cliff ORLE 30 Oct (DT); max 1250 HB 25 Nov (DT).

Bufflehead: arr 2-3 BB 20 Oct; max 137 HB 28 Oct.

Com. Goldeneye: arr HB 22 Oct; max 149 HB 3 Nov, low.

Barrow's Goldeneye: arr 1 m Pt Breeze 17 Nov thru, likely the winter resident returning.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 2800 HB 11 Nov (KF, DT).

Ruddy Duck: max 220 Greece Ponds 9 Nov (KG), high for this Reg.

Red-throated Loon: arr HB 19 Sep; max 858 HB 26 Nov (RS).

Com. Loon: 123 HB 16 Oct; 1st date over 100, late; 320 West Port Bay WAYN 31 Oct.

Pied-billed Grebe: 81 NMWMA(SCU) 1 Oct (JMcG,PMcG); max 92 BB 11 Oct (DT), good counts.

Horned Grebe: arr 2 HB 5 Sep; max 490 HB 25 Nov (KF, DT), good count.

Red-necked Grebe: max 226 HB 25 Nov, again a good late fall count, sev other similar counts near this date this year, max depends on aggregation decision.

EARED GREBE (R2): 1 HB 25 Nov (DT).

NORTHERN GANNET (R2): 1 ad HB 1 Sep (DT), ties Reg record early and one of very few adults seen here.

Double-crested Cormorant: 585 West Lakeshore 18 Sep (KG); max 710 BB 6 Oct (KG), good counts.

Am. Bittern: last BB 26 Oct (GL).

Great Egret: max 24 NMWMA(VDS) 11 Sep; last 21 NMWMA(SCU) 6 Oct.

CATTLE EGRET (R2): 1 T Barre GENE 10-11 Nov (DT, mob), trend of recent years.

Green Heron: last DE 9 Oct (KG), late.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: last NMWMA(VDS) 5 Oct (GL), late.

BLACK VULTURE (R2): WAYN 29 Sep (BVD, TL, LS, JeB); WP 30 Sep (R&SS); H 15 Oct (DT); Port Bay 13 Nov (W&MR); HF 26, 29

Nov (BC); T Lima LIVI (DT); continues increasing.

Turkey Vulture: max 64 T Lima 30 (DT), good late count.

HAWKS – ALCIDS

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 2 BB 25Oct (KF, DT), Reg record late, very few this late in Northeast; 1 sub ad Lake Ontario Parkway Greece 1 Nov (DT), likely 1 of previous 2 birds, State record late.

Osprey: last BB 7 Nov (DT), late.

Bald Eagle: max N Wolcott WAYN 10 20 Oct.

N. Harrier: max 38 T Lima 23 Nov (DT).

N. Goshawk: 5 reports.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 5 rep Sep; 1 rep Oct.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr Conesus WMA 3 Oct.

Golden Eagle: 1 imm East Bay WAYN 20 Oct (MT); 1 imm HB 12 Nov (DT, MT, sev); rare in fall.

Virginia Rail: last 1 NMWMA (MT) 27 Nov.

Sora: last 1 NMWMA (SCU) 27 Nov.

Com. Gallinule: last NMWMA (SCU) 10 Nov (TL), late.

Am. Coot: max 400 CL 19 Nov (KC).

Sandhill Crane: 1 MAC 3 Nov (CL), late; 3 T Richmond ONTA 7 Nov (MM), video taped, *intro*; 3 N of Hemlock 29 Nov (DC).

Black-bellied Plover: last BB 16 Nov.

Am. Golden-Plover: last BB 7 Nov.

Killdeer: max 65 IB-S 20 Sep.

AMERICAN AVOCET (R2): 2 OB 23 Sep (ST, mob); 1 Summerville area 31 Oct (RS, AGa, sev), late.

Spotted Sandpiper: last DE 27 Sep.

Solitary Sandpiper: last 1 G 6 Oct.

Greater Yellowlegs: last BB 7 Oct

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 45 IB-S 22 Sep, low; last SC-G 5 Nov.

Upland Sandpiper: last 1 M 7 Oct.

Whimbrel: HB 1 Sep (DT), only report.

Hudsonian Godwit: I Russell Station, Greece 27 Sep (KG), only report.

Ruddy Turnstone: 5 rep Sep.

Sanderling: last BB 20 Oct.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 65 IB-S 3 Sep, low.

Least Sandpiper: max 101 S 2 Sep; last SC-G 22 Oct..

White-rumped Sandpiper: max 9 SC-G 7 Nov (KG, DT); 4 Port Bay WAYN 13 Nov (W&MR); last 3 SC-G 19 Nov (RS).

Baird's Sandpiper: last 2 IB-S 28 Sep.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 47 IB-S 24 Sep; last 1 SC-G 7 Nov.

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER: 1 juv IB-S 23 Sep (GC, mob), 2nd Reg, 5th State, *intro*.

Purple Sandpiper: arr 4 IBO 24 Nov (GC), only report.
Dunlin: arr SP 21 Sep; max 50 SC-G 4 Nov, low.
Stilt Sandpiper: last IB-S 9 Oct.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper: arr 1-2 IB-S 3-6 Sep (KH, AGa, mob); 1 SE of Cuylerville 5 Sep (JK).
Wilson's Snipe: max 31 BB 14 Oct (JeB, CW).
Am. Woodcock: last Hamlin (2 loc) 12 Nov (DT).
Wilson's Phalarope: arr MAC 8, 15 Sep (JGK, JMcG, LL).
Red-necked Phalarope: Greece Ponds 28 Sep (KG).
Red Phalarope: arr IB 4 Nov (S&SF); SP 5-6 Nov (ST, *et al*).
Black-legged Kittiwake: arr 1 imm West Port Bay WAYN 31 Oct (KF, DT); 1 imm HB 3 Nov (AGu, DT).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 130 HB 25 Nov, low.
BLACK-HEADED GULL (R2): 1 basic ad IB-S 22 Sep-10 Oct (AGa, mob); SB 6 Nov (DT); SB 7 Nov (W&MR); 2 SB 16 Nov (W&MR).
Little Gull: 1 ad off WP 1 Nov (RS), only report.
THAYER'S GULL: 1 1st cycle OB 23 Sep (ST).
Iceland Gull: arr 2 HB 25 Nov (KF, DT).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 7 rep Sep; ~15 rep Oct; 7 HB 14 Oct (JeB, CW); 7 BB 20 Oct (GL, KS); ~15 rep Nov; max 8 Riga landfill (DT).
Glaucous Gull: arr Rigney Bluff, Greece 29 Nov.
Caspian Tern: last BB 12 Oct.
Black Tern: 1 HB 6 Sep (DT); last 2 NMWMA 8 Sep (JGK).
Com. Tern: last 1 Summerville Pier 21 Oct.
Forster's Tern: last 1 HB 5 Sep.
Parasitic Jaeger: total 9 HB 5-28 Sep; max 5 HB 5 Sep (DT); 9 rep, 13 individuals HB loc 1-29 Oct; 4 lt ad HB 5 Oct (ST).
Long-tailed Jaeger: 1 imm HB 7 Sep (DT); 1 drk ad HB 25 Sep (ST); 1 HB 12 Oct (AGu).
jaeger species: 2 rep Sep; 4 rep, 7 ind 14-31 Oct; 2 rep, 4 ind 3, 14 Nov.

PIGEONS – PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 1 Greenwell farm-H 10 Sep (DT); 2 w of Greenwell farm 5 Nov (R&SS) & 27 Nov (BrB, MV); less frequently seen than past sev yrs.
Short-eared Owl: arr G & HB 14 Oct.
BOREAL OWL: 1 heard HP 22 Nov (DT), Reg record early

N. Saw-whet Owl: NMWMA (VDS) 7, 9 Sep (BP, LL); total b 84 M-BBBO 1 Oct-15 Nov (DM, AP), also 5 foreign recoveries, *intro*.
Com. Nighthawk: last NMWMA (VDS) 11 Sep.
Chimney Swift: max 300 IB-S 24 (BCar); last 150 IB-S 2 Oct.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last 3 G 4 Oct (LB).
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: 1 fem Henrietta 21 Oct-30 Nov (MH-K, JG, mob, ph), 1st MONR, 2nd Reg record
Merlin: total 18 sev loc all Sep; total 22 sev loc all Oct; total 24 sev loc all Nov.
Peregrine Falcon: total 13 sev loc all Sep; total 14 sev loc all Oct; total 2 all Nov.
MONK PARAKEET: 1 flyby HB 9 Sep; 3-7 West Ridge Plaza, Rochester 21 Nov thru (MW, mob), detailed origin and status ??, *intro*.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr MP 2 Sep; H 4 Sep; Riverside Cemetery Rochester 9 Sep; last SE of Cuylerville LIVI 20-22 Sep.
E. Wood-Pewee: last Rattlesnake Hill WMA 6 Oct.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: total b 14 M 1-17 Sep (BBBO); last 1 Victor 22 Sep.
"Traill's" Flycatcher: last 1b M 4 Oct.
Willow Flycatcher: last N. Wolcott WAYN 24 Sep.
Least Flycatcher: last 1 HB 2 Oct.
E. Phoebe: last 1 N Wolcott WAYN 27 Oct.
Great Crested Flycatcher: last HB 20 Sep.
WESTERN KINGBIRD: NMWMA (VDS) 5 Oct (JTa, ph, mob), 13th Reg record.
E. Kingbird: last Conesus Inlet 14 Sep.
N. Shrike: arr G & Perinton 21 Oct; total 9 sev loc Nov.
Yellow-throated Vireo: last DE 16 Sep.
Warbling Vireo: last G 22 Sep.
Philadelphia Vireo: total b 22 M 4-30 Sep (BBBO); last MP 3 Oct.
Red-eyed Vireo: last N. Wolcott WAYN 10 Oct.
Blue Jay: max 136 HB 26 Sep (DT), good count for fall.
Fish Crow: scattered rep, 1-6 ind along Genesee River near Charlotte thru; 2 Dewey Ave Wendy's, Greece 17± Nov (KD); 2 Riga Landfill 28 Nov (DT).
Purple Martin: last 1-5 NMWMA 13 Sep.
Tree Swallow: max 5000 NMWMA (VDS) 5 Oct (JBr, DaW); last 3 WP (R&SS) & IB-S (DT) 1 Nov.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: last HB 12 Nov (DT, MT), Reg record late.

Bank Swallow: last NWTP 21 Oct (DT), late.
Cliff Swallow: last 3 NWTP 15 Oct (DT), late.
CAVE SWALLOW: arr 1 SC-G 14 Oct (JeB, CW); early (4th earliest for Reg); 1 HP & 4 Burger P 14 Oct (DT), early – only 3 earlier Reg records; NWTP 15 Oct (DT); ~ 77 HB 22 Oct (DT, KH, et al); ~ 159 HB 25 Oct (DT, KF, et al); 76 HB 26 Oct (DT, CMO); 1 T Carlton ORLE 29 Oct (DT); 1 HB 11 Nov (DT, KF); 11 BB 12 Oct (DT); 61 HB 12 Oct (DT, MT); 1 Lake Ontario Pky at Rt 272 12 Oct (DT); 3 Summerville Pier 12 Oct (KH); 4 PB 12 Oct (DT); 2 NWTP 14 Oct (DT); last 1 DE 15 Oct (DT); a major event in two parts with about 407 individuals passing, *intro*.

Barn Swallow: last 3 NWTP (DT) 7 Nov, late.

Black-capped Chickadee: total b 175 M thru, vs. 28 for 2011, maybe an irruption starting.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: total 17b M Sep (BBBO), suggested irruption, but only 30b M for season; max 39 HB 23 Sep (KH, R&SS).

Brown Creeper: total b M 132 9 Sep-27 Oct (BBBO).

House Wren: last 1b M 15 Oct.

Winter Wren: arr 1-2 BB & HB-West 10 Sep; max 31 HB-Yanty Creek 8 Oct (R&SS); total b 88 M thru (BBBO).

Sedge Wren: no reports.

Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher: last T Galen WAYN 17 Sep.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max b 64 M 7 Oct; max 100 M-Owl Woods 28 Sep (ST); 100 WP 30 Sep (R&SS); total b M 329 season.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max b 58 M 5 Oct; max 100's M-Owl Woods 16 Oct (PMar); total b 339 M season; total 14 sev 1-14 Nov, many for so late; last 1 HB-Yanty Creek 14 Nov (RS).

Veery: last 2b M 25 Sep.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: max 17 HB-West 20 Sep (RS); max b 12 M 16, 21 Sep; total b 120 M 5 Sep-15 Oct; last HANA 15 Oct.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: max b 9 M 17, 24 Sep; total b 70 M thru 8 Oct.

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: 1b M 16, 24, & 30 Sep (BBBO), a high number for a season here.

Swainson's Thrush: max est 30 M-Owl Woods 16 Sep (PMar); max b 34 M 17 Sep; total b 306 M thru 13 Oct; 1 recap M 7 Oct, initially banded on 14 Aug, *intro*; last 1b HB 13 Oct.

Hermit Thrush: arr WP & HB-West 20 Sep; max 58 HB-Yanty Creek 8 Oct (R&SS); max b 81 M 7 Oct; total b 288 M 20 Sep-24 Oct.

Wood Thrush: max 40 NMWMA (VDS) 7 Sep (JMcG); last HP 13 Oct.

Gray Catbird: total b 290 M season; last WP 20-25 Nov (R&SS, BC).

European Starling: max 32,000 NMWMA (VDS) 17 Oct (DT).

Am. Pipit: arr 1 HB 2 Sep; max 300+ SE of Cuylerville 20 Oct (JK).

Bohemian Waxwing: arr 6 East Bay Marshes, T Huron, WAYN (DT); 17, 22 HB 10, 23 Nov (DT); total ~ 72 6-23 Sep.

Cedar Waxwing: 870 West Port Bay WAYN 31 Oct (KF, DT); max 1260 HB 10 Nov (DT).

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: arr 1 HB 2 Oct (AGu); max 42 11 Nov.

Snow Bunting: arr 8 HB 4 Oct (R&SS); max 200 Port Bay WAYN 5 Nov.

Ovenbird: last 1 Rochester 3 Oct.

N. Waterthrush: last 1b M 24 Sep.

Blue-winged Warbler: last 1 M 20 Sep.

Black-and-white Warbler: last 1 Oatka Creek P 22 Oct (JA).

Tennessee Warbler: last 1 HB14 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr 1b M 31 Sep; 10 rep, 12 ind, 3b sev loc 3-15 Oct.

Nashville Warbler: total b 45 M season; last 1 HANA 15 Oct.

Connecticut Warbler: 1b M 6, 8, 19 Sep, 7 Oct (BBBO), good banded total; 1 M-Owl Woods 7 Sep (ST); 1 Kent Arboretum, Webster 9 Sep (JMi)..

Mourning Warbler: last 1 Badgerow P, Greece 20 Oct (KG).

Com. Yellowthroat: total b 167 M season.

Hooded Warbler: last 1 M-Owl Woods 24 Sep.

Am. Redstart: total b 107 M thru Oct 1; last 1b M 1 Oct.

Cape May Warbler: last 1 M-Owl Woods 21 Sep.

N. Parula: last 1 ICW & NMWMA (VDS) 2 Oct.

Magnolia Warbler: total b 183 M season; last 2b M 27 Sep.

Bay-breasted Warbler: last 1 Conesus 4 Oct.

Blackburnian Warbler: last 1 HB 23 Sep.

Yellow Warbler: total b 126 M season; last 1 BBWMA 7 Oct (AGu).

Chestnut-sided Warbler: last 1b M 28 Sep.

Blackpoll Warbler: max b 63 M 20 Sep; total b 575 M thru 4 Oct (BBBO), down from last fall's 760, but still very high, *intro*; last BB 1 Nov (DT), late.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: total b 52 M thru 13 Oct; last 1b M 13 Oct.

Palm Warbler: arr 1 NMWMA (RR) 2 Sep; last Burger P, Greece 25 Oct.

Pine Warbler: 1 Webster 6, 19 Nov (NP, PMab), late; last HB 27 Nov (RS), late.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 80 HANA 10 Oct (DSH); total b 125 M thru 21 Oct; last HB 27 Nov, late.

Black-throated Green Warbler: last 1 fem SB 6 Nov (DT), Reg record late.
Canada Warbler: last 1 Lucien Morin P 13 Sep.
Wilson's Warbler: total b 48 M season; last 1 HB 14 Oct.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 1, 2 NMWMA & N Wolcott WAYN 17 Oct.
Chipping Sparrow: max 64 HB 26 Sep (DT), good count; last Beatty Pt, Greece 9 Nov.
Clay-colored Sparrow: 1 M-Owl Woods 30 Sep (KH).
Savannah Sparrow: max 60+ SE of Cuylerville LIVI 12 Sep (JK), good count.
Nelson's Sparrow: arr 1-3 NMWMA (MT) 30 Sep, 5, 9 Oct (CT-H, JBr, DaW, mob), good site for this species in recent falls; 1 BBWMA 14 Oct (JeB, CW).
Fox Sparrow: arr Beatty Pt, Greece 8 Oct; 17 Honeoye Inlet WMA 30 Oct (MW); 18 WP 31 Oct; max 21 SB marshes 6 Nov (DT), good counts; last WP 11 Nov.
Lincoln's Sparrow: last Nations Rd 22 Oct (KC), late.
White-throated Sparrow: max 100's M-Owl Woods 16 Sep (PMar); total b 785 M season.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr 1b M 16 Sep.
Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco: N Wolcott WAYN 25 Nov thru (W&MR, ph)
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW X DARK-EYED JUNCO: DE 4 Oct (TF), interesting bird.
Scarlet Tanager: last M-Owl Woods 17 Sep.
N.Cardinal: partial albino Webster 5 Nov (John Pochan, ph), beautiful bird.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last 1 fem Webster 7-10 Nov (D&DTr), very late.
Indigo Bunting: last HANA 7 Oct (JP), late.
Bobolink: last BBWMA 7 Oct (AGu), late.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 360,000 NMWMA (VDS) 17 Oct (DT).
E. Meadowlark: last HB 10 Nov.
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 m NMWMA (VDS) 30 Sep-9 Oct (LL, mob)
Rusty Blackbird: arr & max 200+ Bushnell's Basin (RM); 180 NMWMA (VDS) 17 Oct.
Com. Grackle: max 40,000 NMWMA (VDS) 27 Oct (NS, StS, MS); 17,000 T Murray GENE 3 Nov (DT).
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 5000 NMWMA (Armitage) 27 Oct (TL, BW).
Baltimore Oriole: last MAC 8 Sep.
Pine Grosbeak: arr 5, sev West Port Bay WAYN (KF, DT) & T Ontario WAYN (JoP) 31 Oct; 37 rep, 32+ ind sev 5-25 Nov; max 17 WP 20 Nov (GL), most Nov rep from WP.
Purple Finch: max 19 HB 23 Sep; 24 rep 1-24 Oct.
House Finch: max 282 HB 22 Sep (DT), very high count.
Red Crossbill: 1 Burger P, Greece 29 Sep; HB & Burger P, Greece 2, 25 Oct; 21 rep, 57+ ind, max 12 many loc 5-23 Nov; 4 ea Types 3 & 10 DE 10 Nov (KH), from analysis (Matt Young) of recorded calls.
White-winged Crossbill: arr 2 HB 23 Sep (AGu); 2-5 sev lakeshore sites 22-30 Oct; 56 rep, 413+ ind many loc 4-28 Nov; max 200 HB 6 Nov (R&SSp, KG).
Com, Redpoll: arr 1 West Port Bay WAYN 31 Oct; 69 rep Nov; max 164 HB 11 Nov (KF, DT); 160 HB 12 Nov (DT, MT).
Hoary Redpoll: arr 1 HB 24 Nov (DT).
Pine Siskin: 105 rep Nov; max 84 S Conesus 3 Nov (KC).
Am. Goldfinch: max 1210 HB 26 Oct (DT), very high.
Evening Grosbeak: arr 1 Victor 18 Oct (BaB); total ~ 173 many loc 18-31 Oct; 28 rep, 86+ ind, max 18 many loc 1-23 Nov.

