

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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September 2015 was warm and pleasant other than heavy rainfall events on the 12th-13th and 29th-30th. The average temperature was 67.2° F, 5.1° above normal, and the monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 4.29", 0.39" above normal. The warmth continued through the middle of October until a cold air mass arrived 16-18 October and even brought a trace of snow. The average temperature was 51.4°, 0.6° above normal, and the monthly precipitation was 3.81", 0.29" above normal. A cold front along with the remnants of Hurricane Patricia passed on the 28th and 29th along with very strong winds out of the southeast and then southwest. November was mild and sunny. The average temperature was 46.2°, 5.5° above normal, and the monthly precipitation was 1.32", 2.69" below normal and only a trace of snow was reported, 7.9" below normal. The most notable events were strong winds on five occasions, including 60 mph winds out of the west/southwest on the 12th. Weather information was obtained from National Weather Service monthly summaries for the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport.

The bouts of strong winds made for some interesting birding along Lake Erie. Birders gathered at Hamburg, Buffalo Harbor, and along the Niagara River in Buffalo as usual when strong west or southwest winds occur in the fall. Two **Red Phalaropes** and a Red/Red-necked were reported on 29 October. Several **Parasitic Jaegers** were sighted during these events, with the maximum of three on 29 October. One or two juvenile **Sabine's Gulls** appeared during the same event, with one lingering at Niagara Falls into early November. There were three reports of juvenile **Black-legged Kittiwakes**. The numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls and Little Gulls swelled during these events, with nine **Little Gulls** on both 29 October and 13 November being good counts. Consistent with reports from elsewhere in the east and northeast, **Franklin's Gulls** arrived with the strong system that blew through 12-13 November. Individuals were sighted along the Niagara River and inland at Cuba Lake on the 13th. Tim Lenz returned to Cuba Lake on the 14th and counted four, which is all the more remarkable as this is believed to be a first county record. Lenz observed another at Barcelona Harbor on Lake Erie on the 14th. There was also an earlier report of one at Buffalo Harbor on 15 October.

There were three reports of **Greater White-fronted Geese**, including up to seven that were observed by many at Kumpf Marsh at Iroquois NWR through much of November. **Cackling Goose** reports continue to increase, and there was a maximum of ten at Iroquois NWR and Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary. There were relatively few Snow Goose reports and just two Brant reports along Lake Ontario. It is interesting to note that maximum counts of Snow Goose were less

than the maxima for Greater White-fronted and Cackling Geese this fall, providing additional evidence of how Snow Goose migration pathways typically miss Region 1. The duck migration was not especially notable, with the highlights being a pair of eider sightings by Willie D'Anna. He identified a **King Eider** along with Dean DiTommaso during a field trip to Golden Hill SP on 24 October, while on the previous day he documented an **eider species** flying past Wilson that he suspected was a Common Eider, but the brief look did not allow for a definitive ID. D'Anna's 105 Red-necked Grebes on 23 October was a good fall count. Up to two **Eared Grebes** remained at Batavia WWTP well into November.

There was one Least Bittern and two American Bittern reports, with Terry Belke providing a stunning photo of an **American Bittern** perched in a tree outside the WGRZ-TV station in Buffalo on 11 November. Great Egret roost counts hit a maximum of 267 in September at Oak Orchard WMA, while at least two remained along the Niagara River in Buffalo through November.

Lewiston's resident **Black Vultures** were observed throughout the fall and grew to a maximum count of 12 in November. With the warmer fall Turkey Vultures remained a bit longer than most years. Most are typically gone by the first few days of November, but they were around until mid-month Region-wide, with up to 69 remaining in Lewiston in late November, the only reliable late fall and into winter location. Rough-legged Hawks were again relatively uncommon. Sightings of Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, and Merlin have become too numerous to include.

Mike Wasilco heard a Virginia Rail grunting at Oak Orchard WMA on the later date of 7 November. Up to nine **Sandhill Cranes** were reported at Iroquois NWR, with a group of seven frequently observed there into mid-October. Reports at nearby Oak Orchard WMA and Town of Alabama may have represented different individuals.

There were no exceptional shorebirding locations this fall, with most birder activity occurring around Iroquois NWR. A newly discovered, at least for birding, pond at Lakeside Beach SP provided another good location with decent diversity and some good finds including a **Willet** and **Whimbrel** in September. I'll call the shorebird highlight Celeste Morien's delightful surprise of four **Buff-breasted Sandpipers** in a field in the Town of Alabama that several birders managed to enjoy in early September. A late Pectoral Sandpiper was notable at Iroquois NWR through 30 November, as was a **Purple Sandpiper** on Lake Ontario at Wilson on 30 October. Jim Pawlicki identified a Long-billed Dowitcher at Tonawanda WMA on 10-12 September. **Red-necked Phalaropes** were reported at Tifft NP and Batavia WWTP in September.

Only a single report of two **Snowy Owls** was received. Short-eared Owls were reported at their usual location in Town of Shelby along with one off Lake Ontario from Lakeside Beach SP. A Barred Owl at Tifft NP in late November was an unusual location. David Junkin captured only one **Northern Saw-whet Owl** at his banding station in Wethersfield this fall.

Photographs documented late occurrences of both cuckoo species. Heather Desorcie photographed a juvenile **Black-billed Cuckoo** at Forest Lawn Cemetery on 13 October, while Jerry Anderson photographed a **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** at Tifft NP on 31 October. Jim Wojewodzki was surprised to hear an **Eastern Whip-poor-will** calling at dusk in his yard in Holland; this species is very rarely reported in the fall in Region 1. There were relatively few reports of Common Nighthawks in September and all in low numbers.

A **Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird** made an extended appearance in the yard of Julie and Walt Heilman in Poland, Chautauqua County. Photographs were circulated to some hummingbird experts but it could not be conclusively identified to species and was considered an adult female. A **White-eyed Vireo** was found at Tifft NP on the unusually late date of 26 November by Lee Langenfield and observed by several birders in the following days. It is unusual that there have been more fall reports of this species than spring reports in recent years. Oliver Platt identified a **Fish Crow** coming to roost in Buffalo in mid-November. A few Fish Crows have been regularly found across the Niagara River from Buffalo in Fort Erie, Ontario.

A joint field trip held by the Buffalo Ornithological Society and New York State Purple Martin Project resulted in an estimated **30,000 (!) Purple Martins** coming to roost just prior to dusk at Grass Island, the cattail marsh just offshore in the Niagara River at Buckhorn Island SP, on 5 September. D'Anna and Morien identified two **Cave Swallows** off Golden Hill SP in November following reports of this species elsewhere on Lake Ontario.

The highlight of fall warblers was a **Golden-winged Warbler** on 9 September at Amherst SP. There were two **Clay-colored Sparrow** reports, with one from the breeding area in Olcott in September and one photographed in Sheridan on 11 October by Gale VerHague. Doug Beattie had a **Grasshopper Sparrow** in Alexander in early September; this species is rarely reported in fall although this one was apparently a holdover on breeding grounds. Jim Pawlicki found a **Nelson's Sparrow** at Amherst SP on 3-5 October. An "**Oregon**" **Junco** again returned to the Colden yard of Jim and Karen Landau in late October, where it has wintered in recent years.

For the third consecutive November, a late **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** appeared at a feeder, with an adult male in Pomfret reported and photographed by Dale Mirth and Andrea Andrews 16-29 November. A **Summer Tanager** was briefly sighted at Forest Lawn Cemetery on 17 October by Jim Pawlicki.

It was not a good fall for seeing northern finches. **Pine Siskins** made a push through in October but few seemed to linger. There was a single report of **Common Redpoll** in late November.

The 80th annual BOS October Count was held on the 10th and compiled by Marcie Jacklin. It was a decent day weather wise, with slightly below average temperatures and no precipitation. The count recorded 163 species. There was one record high count (15 Sandhill Cranes) and no record low counts.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ALSP – Allegany SP, CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP, ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BMAC – Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, WYOM; BOSOC – Buffalo Ornithological Society 11 Oct Count; BufH – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; CSWMA – Conewango Swamp WMA, CATT; 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; TBNP – Times Beach NP, Buffalo, ERIE; Tift NP – Tift Nature Preserve, Buffalo, ERIE; TWMA – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; WoBSP – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

G. White-fronted Goose: arr OOWMA 25 Oct (JiM); max 7 INWR 7-20 Nov (CM); PB 25 Nov (GL, MG).

Snow Goose: arr Buffalo NR 2 Oct; max 6 Shelby ORLE 13 Nov; relatively few reports.

Brant: arr 7 Wilson NIAG 8 Oct (WD); 8 LBSP 7 Nov (DBem); only reports.

Cackling Goose: arr LBSP 12 Oct; 9 Oakfield GENE 25 Oct; max 10, 8 INWR 9, 17 Nov (PH, CM); 3 OOWMA 10 Nov; 6 BWWTP 19 Nov; max 10, 1 SPNS 23, 28 Nov (LH).

Mute Swan: no reports away from L Ontario.

Trumpeter Swan: CSWMA 20 Sep (GV), only report.

Tundra Swan: arr 2 BOSOC; 150 OOWMA 25 Nov; max 175 NF 28 Nov; 139 Ellery CHAU 29 Nov.

Wood Duck: 200 BWWTP 12 Sep; 196 OOWMA 6 Oct; max 250 TWMA 22 Oct.

Gadwall: 80 Tift NP 23 Oct; max 328, 127 INWR 6, 24 Nov (CM).

Am. Wigeon: max 350 TWMA 22 Oct (MW); 202 INWR 6 Oct.

Am. Black Duck: max 25 OOWMA Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: max 103 BWWTP 20 Sep; last BWWTP 14 Nov.

N. Shoveler: 224, max 314, 301 BWWTP 16 Sep, 15 Oct, 23 Nov.
N. Pintail: 449 Wilson NIAG 30 Sep (WD); max 630 INWR 21 Oct.
Green-winged Teal: max 302 INWR 21 Oct.
Canvasback: arr FNSP 7 Oct.
Redhead: 2 Tift NP 10-13 Sep; 48 ChauL 20 Oct; max 135 BufH 27 Nov.
Ring-necked Duck: arr 3 BWWTP 25 Sep; max 70 Oct 21.
Greater Scaup: arr 3 Wilson NIAG 26 Sep.
Lesser Scaup: arr LBSP 11 Sep; max 13 Wilson 16 Oct, 13 BWWTP 17 Nov.
King Eider: arr GHSP 24 Oct (WD!), slightly early.
Common/King Eider: Wilson NIAG 23 Oct (WD!), suspected as the rarer Common.
Surf Scoter: arr 44 Wilson NIAG 30 Sep (WD); 45 BOSOC; 38 BufH 13 Oct; max 59 Buffalo NR 20 Oct.
White-winged Scoter: max 267 Wilson NIAG 18 Oct.
Black Scoter: arr 2 GHSP 17 Oct; max 21 Buffalo NR 20 Oct.
Long-tailed Duck: max 800 Buffalo NR 6 Nov (JP).
Bufflehead: arr BOSOC; 232 N Harmony ChauL 14 Nov; max 600 Buffalo NR 27 Nov.
Com. Goldeneye: arr BOSOC; 130 N Harmony ChauL 21 Nov; max 375 NF 29 Nov.
Hooded Merganser: max 113 INWR 24 Nov.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 693 Wilson NIAG 30 Oct.
Ruddy Duck: 65 Findlay L CHAU 24 Oct; 509 BWWTP 27 Oct; 8 Wilson NIAG 5 Nov; max 850 Lakewood ChauL 21 Nov (KV); 500 Ellery ChauL 29 Nov.
Red-throated Loon: arr Wilson NIAG BOSOC; max 144 GHSP 12 Nov; 122 Shadigee ORLE 16 Feb.
Com. Loon: arr Wilson NIAG 10 Sep; max 166 Wilson NIAG 31 Oct.
Horned Grebe: BWWTP 14 Sep; max 109 Shadigee ORLE 16 Nov.
Red-necked Grebe: 2 LBSP 11 Sep; max 105 Wilson NIAG 23 Oct (WD); Cuba L ALLE 2 Nov (R&DR); AISP 29 Nov (DC).
Eared Grebe: max 2 BWWTP thru 23 Nov; annual at this location.
Double-crested Cormorant: max 2600 BufH 20 Oct.
Am. Bittern: INWR 6 Oct; Buffalo ERIE 11 Nov (TB, photo), "hiding" in tree in busy urban area, *intro*; only reports.
Least Bittern: 2 INWR 10 Sep, only report.

Great Egret: max 254, 267 OOWMA 10, 19 Sep (JP, CM), roost location; up to two remained Buffalo NR thru 28 Nov (AH).
Green Heron: last Tift NP 23 Sep.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: 12 Buffalo NR 1 Nov, only report beyond Oct.
Black Vulture: 6, 6, 12 Lewiston NIAG 26 Sep, 31 Oct, 15, 26 Nov, regular at location; Forestville CHAU 27 Sep (GV).
Turkey Vulture: reported thru first two weeks of Nov; 69 Lewiston NIAG 26 Nov, max beyond Oct.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: last Shelby ORLE 26 Nov (CM).
Bald Eagle: widespread reports; 24 BOSOC.
Red-shouldered Hawk: several reports each month.
Broad-winged Hawk: Alfred ALLE 5 Sep; last BOSOC.
Rough-legged Hawk: arr Alabama GENE 7 Nov; few reports.
Virginia Rail: 4, 2, 1 BWWTP 7, 14 Sep, 8 Oct; Orchard Park ERIE 17 Sep; TBNP 18 Sep; last OOWMA 7 Nov (MW), heard grunting four times in two hours, late.
Sora: last BWWTP 18 Oct.
Com. Gallinule: max 61 INWR 10 Sep; BMAC 10 Sep; last INWR 24 Oct.
Am. Coot: max 400 Mayville ChauL 8 Nov.
Sandhill Crane: 3, 3 Alabama GENE 2 Sep, 29 Nov; max 9 INWR 16 Sep (MT), seven at this location through most of Oct; 7, 3 OOWMA 6 Oct, 10 Nov.
Black-bellied Plover: six reports; last S Dayton CATT 23 Oct.
Am. Golden-Plover: reported from seven loc; max 9 Shelby ORLE 10 Sep; last BWWTP 27 Oct.
Semipalmated Plover: max 14 TWMA 7 Sep; last BWWTP 17 Oct.
Killdeer: max 275 Alabama GENE 2 Sep; 2 INWR 27-30 Nov, on late side.
Spotted Sandpiper: last Porter NIAG 15 Nov (DeSh).
Solitary Sandpiper: last Grand Island ERIE 6 Oct.
Greater Yellowlegs: max 7 INWR 21 Oct; last INWR 20 Nov.
Willet: LBSP 1-2 Sep (DoSh, WD, BP), only report.
Lesser Yellowlegs: max 28 TWMA 2 Sep; last 2 BWWTP 17 Oct.
Whimbrel: LBSP 11 Sep (GL), only report.

Ruddy Turnstone: PB 8 Sep; DH 12-13 Sep; last BufH 27 Sep; only reports.

Stilt Sandpiper: 2-4 LBSP 1-11 Sep; 2 BuSP 5 Sep (CM, AH); 4 TWMA 10 Sep; only reports.

Sanderling: 6 BufH; max 10 DH 15 Sep; 1, 1 PB 26 Sep, 12 Oct; last WoBSP 25 Oct.

Dunlin: arr BOSOC; 1, 7 FNFP 25 Oct, 7 Nov; 8 BWWT 25 Oct; max 24 INWR 7 Nov; fewer reports than usual.

Purple Sandpiper: arr Wilson NIAG 30 Oct (WD).

Baird's Sandpiper: BufH 1 Sep; LBSP 1-8 Sep; TWMA 2 Sep; 2, 3 BWWT 2, 12 Sep; only reports.

Least Sandpiper: last BWWT 25 Oct (JP, JoM).

White-rumped Sandpiper: 4 INWR 6 Oct; Wilson NIAG 8, 16 Oct; 4 LBSP 12 Oct; 3 BWWT 27 Oct; last INWR 8 Nov (JoM); only reports.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 3-4 Alabama GENE 1-2 Sep (CM, mob); only report, good count.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 41 TWMA 7 Sep; last INWR 27-30 Nov (JoM, RD, JL, CM), late.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: last BWWT 17 Oct.

Short-billed Dowitcher: LBSP 1-8 Sep; 1, 2 TWMA 10, 12 Sep; only reports.

Long-billed Dowitcher: TWMA 10, 12 Sep (JP, TL), only report.

Wilson's Snipe: fewer reports; last OOWMA 7 Nov.

Am. Woodcock: 5 Grand Island ERIE 17 Sep (AH); 2 Forestville CHAU 25 Oct; 5, 2, 2 OOWMA 5, 7, 11 Nov (MW); Ashford CATT 11 Nov; good reporting.

Red-necked Phalarope: Tift NP 14 Sep (DeSh); 2, 2 BWWT 16, 17 Sep (JP, DBea); only reports.

Red Phalarope: 2 Buffalo NR 29 Oct (JP), only report.

Red/Red-necked Phalarope: BufH 29 Oct (JP, WD, SB), during wind event.

Parasitic Jaeger: arr 1, 1 Wilson NIAG 30 Sep, 25 Oct (WD); BufH 15 Oct (JP); Hamburg ERIE 29 Oct (JP); max 3, 1 Buffalo NR 29 Oct, 13 Nov (JP, WD, SB).

Black-legged Kittiwake: juv BufH 20 Oct (JP); juv Buffalo NR 1 Nov (JP, DD, CK); juv NPP 18 Nov (CK); only reports.

Sabine's Gull: Buffalo NR 29 Oct, 1 Nov (JP); NF 29 Oct, 9 Nov (BP, WD, CK); all juveniles as would be expected.

Bonaparte's Gull: 2000 Buffalo NR 29 Oct; max 3000 NFSP 1 Nov.

Black-headed Gull: NPP 30 Nov (CK), only report.

Little Gull: Grand Island NR 8 Sep (RT), unusual location for date; max 9, 9 Buffalo NR 29 Oct, 13 Nov (JP, AH); 2 Wilson NIAG 31 Oct; 2 NF 1 Nov; 1, 1 DH 7, 11 Nov.

Franklin's Gull: BufH 15 Oct (JP); 1, 4 Cuba L ALLE 13, 14 Nov (TL), 1st ALLE record, high number; Buffalo NR 13 Nov (AH); Barcelona Harbor CHAU 14 Nov (TL); excellent showing.

Herring Gull: 600 Cuba L ALLE 9 Oct; known roost location for fall/early winter.

Iceland Gull: arr 3 NFSP 13 Nov (CK).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: PB 8 Sep; Wilson NIAG 26 Sep; 3, 5 NFSP 3 Oct, 7 Nov; max 11 Cuba L ALLE 9 Oct (TL), remarkable count for location; DH 22 Oct; 5 NPP 27 Nov.

Glaucous Gull: arr LBSP 12 Nov.

Caspian Tern: last 2 BOSOC.

Black Tern: 6 PB 8 Sep (JP), only report.

Com. Tern: 112 Wilson NIAG 30 Sep; 47 FNFP 7 Oct; last 2 Buffalo NR 1 Nov.

Forster's Tern: 1, 1 NFSP 10 Sep, 7 Oct (JP, WD); only reports.

PIGEONS – PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Tift NP 31 Oct (JA), ph, late.

Black-billed Cuckoo: FLC 13 Oct (HD, RF), ph, late.

Snowy Owl: arr 2 BufH 21 Nov (AH).

Barred Owl: Tift NP 27, 28 Nov (AH), unusual location.

Short-eared Owl: arr LBSP 9 Nov (DBem); 2-3 Shelby ORLE 14-29 Nov (CM).

N. Saw-whet Owl: banded Wethersfield WYOM BOSOC (DJ), only report.

Com. Nighthawk: 1-4 at six locations in Sep.
E. Whip-poor-will: Holland ERIE 3 Sep (JW!), heard singing at dusk, unusual for location and date.

Chimney Swift: last FLC 20 Oct.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Amherst ERIE 6 Oct.

RUFOUS/ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD: Poland CHAU 29 Sep -18 Oct (J&WH, SF, JB), long-staying bird, *intro*.

Red-headed Woodpecker: max 6 LESP 3 Sep (JS); OOWMA 5 Sep; 2 Wilson NIAG 5 Sep; 2 LBSP 7 Sep; 4 PB 18 Sep; 3 PG 21 Sep; FLC, Erie Basin Marina ERIE 14 Oct; Tift NP 15-16 Oct.

Merlin: too many reports to summarize.

Peregrine Falcon: too many reports to summarize.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: AmSP 3, 14 Sep (JP, RS); FLC 6 Sep (JP); only reports.
E. Wood-Pewee: last Wales ERIE 13 Oct.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 2 AmSP 9 Sep; Tift NP 10 Sep; last Wilson NIAG 24 Sep.
Alder/Willow Flycatcher: BWWT 2 Sep; last LBSP 6 Sep.
Least Flycatcher: last Buffalo NR 26 Sep.
E. Phoebe: last AmSP 30 Oct.
E. Kingbird: last LBSP 14 Sep.
N. Shrike: arr Shelby ORLE 21 Oct.
White-eyed Vireo: Tift NP 26-27 Nov (LL, mob), odd that species has occurred more in fall than spring in recent years.
Yellow-throated Vireo: last 3 INWR 10 Sep.
Blue-headed Vireo: arr BMAC 11 Sep; last Tift NP 25 Oct.
Warbling Vireo: Buffalo NR 1 Oct; last Tift NP 8 Oct (SB! ph), late.
Philadelphia Vireo: max 4 AmSP 13 Sep.
Red-eyed Vireo: last AmSP 20 Oct.
FISH CROW (R1): Buffalo ERIE 15 Nov (OP), headed toward roost.
Com. Raven: Pomfret CHAU 3 Sep; Pembroke GENE 23, 25 Oct; 2 Buffalo NR 6 Nov; 2 Tonawanda ERIE 16 Nov; continuing upward trend beyond the Southern Tier.
Purple Martin: max 30,000 Grass I BuSP 5 Sep (CM, AH, CA), estimated count from known roost location.
Tree Swallow: max 1000 BWWT 12 Sep; 450 OOWMA 15 Oct.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 1055 NFSP 3 Oct (JP).
Bank Swallow: last BWWT 18 Oct (JP), late.
Cliff Swallow: last 2 BWWT 4 Oct.
CAVE SWALLOW: 2 GHSP 12 Nov (WD, CM), following a typical October weather pattern that drives them to northeast.
Barn Swallow: last LBSP 6 Oct.
House Wren: last FLC, BeSP 17 Oct.
Winter Wren: arr Orchard Park ERIE 13 Sep.
Marsh Wren: last INWR 4 Nov (CM).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last Buffalo ERIE 27 Sep.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 2 AmSP 14 Sep.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Reinstein Woods NP ERIE 3 Sep.
Veery: last 2 Grand Island ERIE 3 Sep.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 2 AmSP 9 Sep; last BOSOC.

Swainson's Thrush: last FLC, Amherst ERIE 17 Oct.

Hermit Thrush: arr Lewiston NIAG 18 Sep.

Wood Thrush: last LESP, Batavia GENE 26 Sep.

Gray Catbird: Tift NP 1-28 Nov; LBSP 8 Nov; Yates ORLE 28 Nov; only reports beyond Oct.

Brown Thrasher: last AmSP 8 Oct.

Am. Pipit: arr 4 Shelby ORLE 24 Sep.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: arr BWWT 1 Nov; FNSP 7 Nov; Cuba L ALLE 14 Nov; only reports.

Snow Bunting: arr BWWT 27 Oct; max 135 Wilson NIAG 8 Nov.

Ovenbird: last Tift NP 23 Oct.

N. Waterthrush: last Tift NP 18 Sep.

Golden-winged Warbler: AmSP 9 Sep (JP, RS), only report.

Blue-winged Warbler: last AmSP 14 Sep.

Black-and-white Warbler: last BOSOC.

Tennessee Warbler: last AmSP 14 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Forestville CHAU 8 Oct; last 3 BOSOC.

Nashville Warbler: last 2 FLC 17 Oct.

Mourning Warbler: 2 TBNP 1 Sep; last AmSP 3 Sep; only reports.

Com. Yellowthroat: last 2 BOSOC.

Hooded Warbler: last AmSP 30 Sep.

Am. Redstart: last AmSP 4 Oct.

Cape May Warbler: last Wilson NIAG 11 Oct.

N. Parula: last FLC 24 Oct.

Magnolia Warbler: last Lancaster ERIE 23 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: last 2 BOSOC.

Blackburnian Warbler: last Tillman Rd WMA ERIE 4 Oct.

Yellow Warbler: last Wilson NIAG 24 Sep.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: last Cassadaga CHAU 20 Oct.

Blackpoll Warbler: last ChauL 12 Oct.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: last BOSOC.

Palm Warbler: arr TBNP 5 Sep; last FLC 18 Oct.

Pine Warbler: last 2 BOSOC.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Andover ALLE 9 Nov; 3-8 BuSP 12-20 Nov; only reports beyond early Nov.

Black-throated Green Warbler: last AmSP 30 Oct.

Canada Warbler: last Grand Island ERIE 20 Sep.

Wilson's Warbler: last 2 BOSOC.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: Wilson NIAG 2 Nov' only report beyond Oct.

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 24 Oct.

Clay-colored Sparrow: Olcott NIAG 15 Sep (AS); Sheridan CHAU 11 Oct (GV), ph; only reports.

Field Sparrow: West Seneca ERIE 5 Nov (GY), only report beyond Oct.

Vesper Sparrow: BOSOC, only report.

Savannah Sparrow: BWWT 8 Nov; last Alabama GENE 11 Nov.

Grasshopper Sparrow: last Batavia GENE 8 Sep (DBea).

Nelson's Sparrow: AmSP 3-5 Oct (JP), only report.

Fox Sparrow: arr 2 Cassadaga CHAU BOSOC; max 9 FLC 24 Oct (JP).

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr 2 Alfred ALLE 9 Sep; last AmSP 14 Oct.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Wilson NIAG 24 Sep.

Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco (*J.h. oreganus*): Colden ERIE 27 Oct thru (JL), rare, likely same indiv has returned to location for multiple winters.

SUMMER TANAGER: FLC 17 Oct (JP), rare in fall.

Scarlet Tanager: last AISP 4 Oct.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Pomfret CHAU 16-29 Nov (DM, AA), late, at feeder.

Indigo Bunting: last Buffalo NR 26 Sep.

Bobolink: last 20 Tonawanda WMA 12 Sep.

Rusty Blackbird: arr 2 BuSP 3 Oct; max 350 INWR 21 Oct;

Baltimore Oriole: last Tift NP 20 Sep.

Com. Redpoll: arr Tift NP 27 Nov (PY).

Pine Siskin: arr Buffalo NR 8 Oct; 163 BOSOC; max 800 Barker NIAG 24 Oct.