



REGION 2—GENESEE

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This fall season ended as the third warmest on record, a bit over an inch short on rainfall, and with only 1.2" of snowfall arriving on 22-24 November. September started the season off warm and dry. Temperatures averaged 67.9° F, 6.1° above normal, for the fifth warmest September on record. The “dry” might seem strange, with 4.06" of rainfall, 0.69" above normal, but 3.52" of the total fell on 12-13 and 30 September with the rest of the month very dry. There were only weak fronts passing and correspondingly weak migration movements. October continued as a pleasant month at near average conditions; temperatures 51.0°, 0.4° above normal, and precipitation 2.78", 0.06" above normal. No hard freezes in the first half of the month delayed leaf peeping. The first drop into the 30s on the 15th was the third latest for that occurrence on record, yet a high of 45° on the 17th tied the record low high for the date and the official growing season ended on the next day. One third of the total rain for the month fell on the 28th with the passage of the remnant of Hurricane Patricia. November was the fourth warmest and eighth driest on record, temperatures averaging 46.6°, 6.1° above normal, and precipitation at 0.97", 1.97" below normal. The persistent storm track was mainly to our west, but pulses our way, well-spaced through the month, brought some interesting birds from the southwest. A spell of four days from 4-7 November with highs above 70° was a new long period for the month,

and the first three of these dates also recorded record highs. The hoped for waterfowl movements remained weak through season's end. Interestingly, Bill Howe, at the north edge of the Finger Lakes part of the Region, recorded rainfall well above the official Rochester airport data for each month of the season.

From the birding standpoint, this season was fairly lackluster, though such feelings are usually not totally accurate. Generally the migration was weak, as measured by a below average passerine banding season, though less than one standard deviation below average, and a slow, weak waterbird passage. Yet nearly all of the expected species were reported; really only a few relatively rarer species missed, and a decent number (at least 21) species of rarities found. Unfortunately, many of the rarities were seen by few observers or for only short times. The species counts by month were near or above the 10-year averages each of the months though below last year's totals for September and November. The total for the fall season was a respectable 258 species plus two subspecies.

Probably the best way to look in more detail is to take the usual walk through the checklist. Jumping right into the waterfowl, we have a long history of lake watching from Hamlin Beach SP and other spots plus more recently regular counts from our part of the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) in southern Wayne County. This fall many of the lakewatch days were slow, with southerly or easterly breezes and little happening. As the season progressed, there were some good counts but the usual numbers and peaks just did not happen. 1098 Northern Pintail on 30 September and 837 Long-tailed Ducks and 2499 Red-breasted Merganser on 16 November were among the few numbers at Hamlin Beach approaching notable, and the NMWMA numbers remained unremarkable. Extending past waterfowl, loon numbers remained relatively low; Red-necked Grebe peaks of 47 in October and 147 in November were historically good for fall; and Double-crested Cormorant counts of 3500 on 20 September off Edgemere Drive in Greece and over 1000 on several other dates through mid October off Irondequoit Bay to Greece were typical of very recent years. Generally waterfowl arrival dates were average to even early; e.g., Snow Goose, Brant, the scoters, and Red-breasted Merganser in September. Greater White-fronted Goose was found in November and good numbers of Cackling Geese were reported from 4 September through the season. Ross's Goose was missed, though seen in Regions both sides of us. For rarer ducks, Eurasian Wigeon was on Round Pond in Greece from 3-26 October, Andy Guthrie noted a King Eider passing Hamlin Beach on 10 November, and a (the?) male Barrow's Goldeneye returned to Point Breeze on 25 November. Rounding out the waterbirds, we had Great Egret present through October and a few other marsh bird species to mid-October. Finally, once again Cattle Egret put in a November appearance, 6-7 November in the Town of York, Livingston County.

There was apparently no concerted hawk watch effort this fall. Pulling from a few parts of the checklist we find: Black Vulture missed for the season,

though there were some good counts for Turkey Vulture; Osprey reports to a late 24 November at the south end of Conesus Lake by Andrew Consler; good Bald Eagle numbers through the season; only a lone Northern Goshawk on 12 September; and Rough-legged Hawk arrival on 14 November at Braddock Bay. Taxonomically out of their order after the woodpeckers, Merlin and Peregrine Falcon counts remained good through the season.

As usual, rails and their allies were poorly reported, but we did have a Sora reported on 26 October at Round Pond in Greece, counts of up to 42 Common Gallinule reported to 17 November in the NMWMA, and 110 American Coot on Conesus Lake on 14 November. This year a group of 60 of the Sandhill Cranes that gather in the NMWMA in the fall were seen along Armitage Road in Wayne County on 25 October, with 31 still at Van Dyne Spoor on 21 November. Also, a local high of five associated with the birds in the Taylor Marsh area were seen in the Town of Livonia, Livingston County, on 8 November.

Shorebirds again were reported in good variety but generally low numbers through the season. Upland Sandpiper, Whimbrel, Red Knot, and Red-necked Phalarope were among the regularly expected that were not reported. On the positive side we had good numbers of American Golden-Plover, with a flock to **214** counted in a wet field on Martin Road in the Town of Hamlin just inland from the Lake Ontario Parkway from 15-17 September; some good Killdeer counts; Hudsonian Godwits at Salmon Creek on 8-9 and 27 September; Purple Sandpipers at Sodus Point in November; a decent count of 120 Least Sandpipers on 19 September and a record late individual at the High Acres Nature Area (HANA) on 26-27 November; several reports of Buff-breasted Sandpiper, with a maximum of six in the Town of Hamlin on 2 September; and Long-billed Dowitcher with the plover event on Martin Road and at the Montezuma Audubon Center (MAC) in the Town of Savannah, along with a Wilson's Phalarope, during the Montezuma Muck Race on 19 September.

Larids continued the season's main refrain: all regular species at least reported, excepting Black-legged Kittiwake, but numbers generally low other than occasional observations of huge resting flocks of mostly Ring-billed Gulls on the water or fields near the Lake Ontario shore near Hamlin Beach, or the Shore Acres area about six miles to the east. Jaegers were on the low average side, with a lone Pomarine on 4 October, about nine Parasitic and a Long-tailed on 20 September, plus at least three more not identified to species. We had no huge movements of Bonaparte's Gulls, though there were some good counts at resting areas just inland from the lakeshore. Among the rarer gulls, Andy Guthrie spotted a juvenile Sabine's Gull from Hamlin Beach on 20 September and Jessie Barry and Chris Wood picked out a juvenile Black-headed Gull on 17 October. There was a total of four reports of adult Little Gulls in September and November, good numbers of Lesser Black-backed Gull in each month, and Iceland and Glaucous Gulls arriving in late November. The gull event of the season was our part of the huge movement of Franklin's Gulls to the East Coast.

We had three first winter individuals found at Sodus Point, the mudflats at the south end of Irondequoit Bay, and Salmon Creek on 13 November, with the Irondequoit Bay bird present off LaSalle Landing Park through the 26th. Birders searching for this bird found an adult Thayer's Gull on 14 November. Interestingly, a record-tying influx of six Franklin's Gulls occurred at the same Irondequoit Bay location from 13-21 November 1998. Finishing off the larids with the terns, counts were low average and the regular species continued to typical October departure dates.

Among the non-passerine land birds, we again had all the regular species reported, numbers unremarkable, and departure dates average. Some of the more interesting observations included: two Eurasian Collared-Doves on 11 November at the Greenwell farm in Hamlin—interesting how seldom seen now but nearly always here when found; Snowy Owl back on the 26 and 27 November but only at two locations; the Short-eared Owl counts off to a good start; a Northern Saw-whet Owl at BBBO on 4 October; few Common Nighthawks even in September; a peak of only 186 Chimney Swifts at the York Central School chimney and no other sizable numbers reported; Red-headed Woodpeckers apparently gone from Hamlin Beach SP early, but singles in Webster, Henrietta, and Durand-Eastman Park later; and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker lingering through season's end.

Moving along to our final big order, the passerines, we again find all regularly expected species reported, but most peak counts relatively low. Departure dates of many species extended well into the fourth quartile of their departure date distributions, possibly to be expected with the warm late fall, yet with only a single record late departure. Again, the best way to cover these is to work through the checklist.

Our final Olive-sided Flycatcher was on 7 September. The rest of the flycatcher species departed in September or very early October, other than Eastern Phoebe with two banded on 24 October, and a record late Great Crested Flycatcher seen off and on from 8-22 November, and photographed, at a deer hunter's blind above the east side of Hemlock Lake. Northern Shrike arrived on 16 November, with about 10 more reports of six individuals scattered through the rest of the month. Good numbers of Red-eyed Vireo were banded, and the other vireo species were found in expected-to-low numbers. Our Fish Crows in the Ontario Beach area continued, though they were harder to find by season's end. A lone bird was also reported near the CED office near Avon and a couple were found in the Mt. Hope Cemetery/University of Rochester area south of the city. There were no reports in the Region of really large gatherings of swallows, though numbers just outside the Region in the Montezuma NWR were good. The event of the fall in this family was another good influx of Cave Swallows again in November. Arrival in this Region was on 6 November at Hamlin Beach SP. After that reports came in from the lakeshore from as far east as Sodus Point. Most were seen on 13-14 November, and the maximum reported was

eight near the old bathhouse at Ontario Beach Park and into the adjacent neighborhood.

Continuing on, we have some of the potential irruptive species and more migrants. Black-capped Chickadee should have been on a high-count year in its seesaw appearances, but banding numbers did not really spike up this fall. There were also no numbers to suggest a Red-breasted Nuthatch irruption. There were a few good days in the woods with Winter Wren, but the total banded was about half the average. Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglet banding totals seemed impressive at 257 and 357, respectively, but are really only average or a bit below for these numerous migrants. Among the thrushes, we have a few decent counts and average to low banding numbers, with a very low Hermit Thrush total. A Bicknell's Thrush banded on 2 October is a relatively rare event here. On the other hand, Gray Catbird numbers were high and birds persisted to season's end. Cedar Waxwings seemed scarce and Bohemian Waxwing was not reported. Lapland Longspur and Snow Bunting arrived at typical October dates and were noted in modest numbers afterward.

Among the warblers, we had 18 species with October or later departure, a bit on the high side. But none were record late. Looking to banding data, Northern Waterthrush, American Redstart, Northern Parula, and Yellow Warbler were banded in especially high numbers, and Blackpoll Warbler numbers were low for very recent years, though really just moving back toward the long-term average. The rest of the warbler species were in typical numbers. Of special interest were: five Connecticut Warblers banded from 6 September to 1 October; ten Orange-crowned Warblers reports, all in October; a Yellow-rumped "Audubon's" Warbler photographed in the Van Dyne Spoor area of the NMWMA by Wade and Melissa Rowley and Drew Fowler on 11 October; and a Yellow-breasted Chat found in Greece by Kevin Griffith on 22 September.

The sparrows made a good showing this fall, with quite a few rarities. A Lark Sparrow at Hogan Point and Hincer Roads in Greece on 20 September kicked off the show, with Nelson's Sparrows found nearby at Burger Park on 26 and 27-30 September and later on 5 and 17 October. A Clay-colored Sparrow was found at HANA by Dominic Sherony on 5 October, a first for the site. On 18 October, a search of appropriate habitat turned up another Nelson's Sparrow at the Bennett Road Preserve in Parma near Hilton and near that a very rare LeConte's Sparrow found by Andy Guthrie and seen by at least eight others. Fox Sparrow made a good showing from 12 October-24 November. Many of the other sparrows also lingered to November departures, and White-throated Sparrow was banded in good numbers. An interesting find was a very large-sized White-throated Sparrow photographed by Joe Wing in the Town of Ontario in Wayne County on 25 October. A finale for this family was a Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco photographed by Michele Rosenbaum at her feeders on 29 November and present well into December.

Among the blackbirds, a male Yellow-headed Blackbird at Van Dyne Spoor on 19 September was likely the bird first seen there on 22-27 August.

Otherwise blackbird highlights were weak. Birders did search for and report Rusty Blackbirds, but the peak numbers were low, with a high of 200 on 7 November in Caledonia. Winter finches were almost among the missing. Interestingly, there was a flurry of passing Pine Siskins, mainly along the Lake Ontario shore in September and October, with a banding spike for Pine Siskin and American Goldfinch from 23-27 October. Also in late October there were two single White-winged Crossbills and a few Common Redpoll flocks. After that in November we had a very few Common Redpolls and Pine Siskins, often at feeders, and a lone report of one Evening Grosbeak.

This fall season we received about 41,473 eBird “records” plus about 10% more geneseebirds records posted, additional banding data, and a few personal checklists and notes. As always, an interesting season.

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ABBREVIATIONS

b – banded; BB – Braddock Bay, T Greece, MONR; BB-WS – west spit at the mouth of Braddock Bay; BBBO – Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, usually banding station near end of Manitou Beach Rd west of Braddock Bay; BCH – Bear Creek Harbor and offshore, WAYN; CL – Conesus L, LIVI; DE – Durand-Eastman P, MONR; G – T Greece, MONR; HANA – High Acres Nature Area, T Perinton, MONR; H – T Hamlin, MONR; HB – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; HB-YC – Yanty Creek Trail in HB; HB-WE – West End Trail in HB; IB-S – LaSalle Landing P, South end of Irondequoit Bay; ICW – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; M – along Manitou Beach Rd NE of Parkway including the BBBO banding station, MONR; MP – Mendon Ponds CP, T Mendon, MONR; NMWMA – Northern Montezuma WMA (formerly Northern Montezuma Wetlands Complex), WAYN; NMWMA (SCU) – Sandhill Crane Unit; NMWMA (VDS) – Van Dyne Spoor area; OB – Ontario Beach, Charlotte, MONR; OCP – Oatka Creek P, MONR; PB – Point Breeze area, ORLE, nw border of Regions 1 & 2; SPT – Sodus Pt, WAYN; WP – Webster P, MONR.

WHISTLING-DUCKS – VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: arr Hemlock L 21 Nov (NG, EG, GL, JPod); e of PB 25 Nov (GL, MG).

Snow Goose: arr 1 H 28 Sep; max 140 NMWMA (SCU) 17 Nov.

Brant: arr 11 HB 26 Sep (GL, EG), early; 116 HB 30 Sep (TLe); max 250 SPT 18 Oct, low max; last HB 14 Nov.

Cackling Goose: arr HB 4 Oct; max 6 HB 8 Oct (RS); total approx 18 sev loc 4-31 Oct; total 16 sev loc 1-30 Nov.

Mute Swan: max 27 G (Round Pond) 14 Nov.

Trumpeter Swan: max 51 NMWMA (Savannah) 14 Nov (JMc), good count.

Tundra Swan: arr 3-6 BB area 17 Oct; max 180 CL 22 Nov (GM, RSw).

Wood Duck: max 164 NMWMA (SCU) 18 Sep.

Gadwall: max 176 G (Northrup Creek) 14 Nov.

Eurasian Wigeon: arr m G (Round Pond) 3, 17-26 Oct (A. Guthrie, mob, ph).

Am. Wigeon: max 275 G (Round Pond) 1 Nov.

Am. Black Duck: monthly max 50 HB 30 Sep; 48 BCH 21 Oct; 36 off G 15 Nov; all max low.

Mallard: max 200 G (Round Pond) 1 Nov, very low max.

Blue-winged Teal: max 50 NMWMA (SCU) 22 Sep; last 2 BB 22 Oct.

N. Shoveler: max 122 HB 30 Sep.

N. Pintail: max 1098 HB 30 Sep (NG, GL, TLe); 789 OB 18 Oct (JeB, ID, BSu, CW).

Green-winged Teal: max 150 NMWMA (Colvin Marsh) 19 Sep (JMc).

Canvasback: arr G (Round Pond) 17 Oct; max 50 CL 23 Nov NK).

Redhead: max 370 CL 21 Nov, low max.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 4 G (Round Pond) 20 Sep (CW); max 200 T West Bloomfield 25 Nov.

Greater Scaup: arr 17-21 HB 20 Sep; max 187 HB 29 Nov, low.

Lesser Scaup: max 34 HB 8 Nov, low.

King Eider: arr 1 imm m HB 10 Nov (AGu), only report.

Surf Scoter: arr 4-5 HB 20 Sep (AGu, SB, CeM), early; max 40 HB 30 Sep, low.

White-winged Scoter: arr 7 HB 13 Sep; max 382 HB 18 Oct, low max.

Black Scoter: arr 6 HB 20 Sep (EG, GL), early; max 43 OB 14 Nov, low; 10-11 CL 19-21 Nov (BH, mob), high for the loc.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 4 HB 5 Oct; max 837 HB 16 Nov. **Bufflehead:** arr HB 15 Oct; max 122 Sandy Bottom P Honeoye L ONTA 24 Nov (DD).

Com. Goldeneye: arr HB 30 Sep; max 175 Sandy Bottom P Honeoye L ONTA 24 Nov (DD).

Barrow's Goldeneye: arr m e of PB 25 Nov (GL), m here late fall past 10 yrs, same ind?

Red-breasted Merganser: arr SPt 13 Sep (W&MR), early; 1950 OB 14 Nov (JeB, LS, CW); max 2499 HB 16 Nov (RS).

Ruddy Duck: arr 2 SPt 9 Oct.

Red-throated Loon: arr HB & IBO 3 Oct; max 64 HB 16 Nov, very low max.

Com. Loon: 125 HB 3 Oct, 1st date over 100; max 403 HB 5 Oct, low max.

Horned Grebe: max 92 HB 16 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: max 147 HB 5 Nov (AGu); 118 HB 10 Nov; 122 HB 29 Nov; historically good fall counts.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 3500 off Edgemere Dr, G 20 Sep (JeB); 1960 off Russell Station, G 20 Sep (CW); 2500 off Sandbar P, Webster 2 Oct (JMi).

Am. Bittern: last NMWMA (SCU) 17 Nov (KB), late.

Great Egret: max 32 MAC 12 Sep, good count; last 2 HANA 31 Oct (DS).

CATTLE EGRET (R2): T York LIVI 6-7 Nov (DT, mob), continues trend of recent years.

Green Heron: last Beechwoods SP WAYN 15 Oct.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: last 8 NMWMA (SCU) 10 Oct.

Black Vulture: no reports.

Turkey Vulture: max 170 Riga Landfill 4 Sep (BriM).

HAWKS – LARIDS

Osprey: last CL south 24 Nov (AC), late.

Bald Eagle: 56 rep, approx 41 ind sev loc Nov.

N. Harrier: max 14 Nations Rd IBA 27 Nov (KS).

N. Goshawk: Wolcott 12 Sep (W&MR), only report.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr 1-2 BB 14 Nov; few rep.

Sora: last G (Round Pond) 26 Oct

Com. Gallinule: max 42 NMWMA (SCU) 18 Sep (MW); NMWMA (SCU) 17 Nov (KB), late.

Am. Coot: max 110 CL 24 Nov.

Sandhill Crane: max 60 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 25 Oct (DNu); 31 NMWMA (VDS) 21 Nov (JMc); part of large fall congregation in the Knox-Marcellus area; 5 T Livonia LIVI 8 Nov (KK), likely from Taylor Marsh group.

Black-bellied Plover: last SPt 4 Nov.

Am. Golden-Plover: 77-111 Nations Rd IBA 15 Sep (MW, sev); max 214 H (Martin Rd) 16 Sep (RS); 91-186 H (Martin Rd) 15-17 Sep (sev obs), sev flocks in and out of wet area with time of day; last 26 H 19 Oct, early dep.

Semipalmated Plover: last G (Salmon Crk) 19 Oct.

Killdeer: 150 H 3 Sep (BK); max 156 H 18 Oct (AGu); last 3 CL 27 Nov.

Spotted Sandpiper: last University of Rochester 5 Oct.

Solitary Sandpiper: last HANA 14 Oct.

Greater Yellowlegs: last HANA 8 Nov.

Lesser Yellowlegs: last 3 HANA 31 Oct.

Hudsonian Godwit: arr Greece (Salmon Crk) 8-9 Oct (RS, mob); last G (Salmon Crk) 27 Oct (MG).

Ruddy Turnstone: last SPt 25 Sep.

Stilt Sandpiper: max 11 MAC 19 Sep; last 6 MAC 20 Sep.

Sanderling: max 16 OB 14, 19 Sep; last OB 18 Oct, early dep.

Dunlin: arr OB 21 Sep; max 158 T Huron WAYN 25 Oct, low; last G (Salmon Crk) 29 Nov.

Purple Sandpiper: arr 1-4 SPt 13-14 Nov (DS, MT, W&MR, mob); SPt 28 Nov (JW, BPu).

Baird's Sandpiper: last 1-2 G (Salmon Crk) 8-9 Oct.

Least Sandpiper: max 120 MAC 19 Sep; last HANA 26-27 Nov (MG), Reg record late.

White-rumped Sandpiper: max 45 HB 4 Oct (BriM); last HB-S 7 Nov.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: arr T Sodus WAYN 2 Sep (JW); arr & max 6 H (East Fork) 2 Sep (AGu, B&BM, mob); 1-3 H (East Fork) 2 Sep (AGu, B&BM, mob).

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 28 H (Martin Rd) 17 Sep; last HANA 5 Nov.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 30 MAC 19 Sep, low; last 2 G (Salmon Crk) 19 Oct.

Short-billed Dowitcher: last OB 18 Sep.

Long-billed Dowitcher: arr H (Martin Rd) 17 Sep, 2 there later same day; last MAC 19 Sep.
Wilson's Snipe: last HANA 26 Nov.
Wilson's Phalarope: MAC 19 Sep (mob), only report.
Pomarine Jaeger: 1 ph BCH 4 Oct (JW), only report.
Parasitic Jaeger: arr 1 HB 4 Sep; total 6 sev loc 4-30 Sep (mob); 1 imm SPt 7 Oct (W&MR, ph, *et al.*); M 17 Oct; last 1 imm HB 30 Oct.
LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 1 ad HB 20 Sep (SB, AGu, CeM).
jaeger species: BCH 20 Sep (JW); HB 30 Sep; HB 4 Oct.
SABINE'S GULL (R2): 1 juv HB 20 Sep (AGu).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 360 G (Salmon Crk) 13 Nov (AGu), resting area; 145 BB-WS 29 Nov.
BLACK-HEADED GULL (R2): 1 juv HB 17 Oct (JeB, CW).
Little Gull: 1 ad G (off Edgemere Dr) 19 Sep (JeB, Ji&LB, CW); 1 ad Sodus Bay bridge 2 Nov (W&MR); 1-2 ad OB 14 Nov (8 obs); 1 ad BB 23 Nov (BriM).
FRANKLIN'S GULL: 1 1st win SPt 13 Nov (W&MR); 1 1st win IB-S 13-26 Nov (KH, DT, mob); 1 1st win G (Salmon Crk) 13-14 Nov (AGu, mob); all part of the large movement of this species to the East Coast.
THAYER'S GULL: 1 ad IB-S 14 Nov (CW, 17 other obs).
Iceland Gull: arr 1 ad G (off Edgemere Dr) 21 Nov.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: arr HB 11 Sep; total 10 sev loc 11-30 Sep; max 5 OB 18 Oct; 4 rep sev loc 17-24 Nov.
Glaucous Gull: arr 1 1st win HB 29 Nov.
Caspian Tern: last IB-S 10 Oct.
Black Tern: 6 PtB 8 Sep (JPa), high for loc & date; last 3 Hilton 17 Sep (RCL).
Com. Tern: max 79 HB 23 Sep (AGu), good count; last HB 17 Oct.
Forster's Tern: last West Port Bay WAYN 29 Oct (W&MR).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 2 H (Greenwell farm) 11 Nov (MT), only report.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: last Twin Cedars Environ Area, Avon 10 Oct.
Black-billed Cuckoo: last Nations Rd IBA 10 Oct.
Snowy Owl: arr HB 26 Nov (AGu); Pultneyville Harbor 27 Nov (CW).

Short-eared Owl: arr 1 OB 18 Oct; max 8 Nations Rd IBA 22 Nov (KS).
N. Saw-whet Owl: 1b BBBO 4 Oct, rarely reported at this time.
Com. Nighthawk: last 2 NMWMA (VDS) 22 Sep.
Chimney Swift: max 186 York Central School 15 Sep (JK); last Whiting Rd Preserve, Webster 10 Oct.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last 1 G 14 Oct (KG); total b 4 BBBO 17-24 Sep.
Red-headed Woodpecker: max 5 HB 15 Sep; last at HB 21 Sep; Sandy Bottom P Honeoye L ONTA 2 Sep (KK), unusual loc; Gosnell Big Woods, Webster 7 Oct; T Henrietta 2 Nov (JCa); DE 16 Nov (KH).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: last North Rush 30 Nov.
Am. Kestrel: max 3 Hilton MONR 23 Sep, very low max; scarce this fall.
Merlin: 6 rep, 6 ind sev loc Sep; total 15 sev loc 1-23 Oct; total 16 sev loc 3-29 Nov.
Peregrine Falcon: 22 rep, 19 ind sev loc Sep; total 14 sev loc 3-28 Oct; total 10 sev loc Nov.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: last MP 7 Sep (BB).
E. Wood-Pewee: last OCP 8 Oct.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: last 1b M 21 Sep.
Alder Flycatcher: last 1 Auburn Trail MONR 10 Sep.
Willow Flycatcher: last 1 HANA 20 Sep.
"Traill's Flycatcher: last 1b M 9 Sep.
Least Flycatcher: last Gosnell Big Woods, Webster 7 Oct (GL, JPod), late.
E. Phoebe: 2b BBBO 24 Oct.
Great Crested Flycatcher: Genesee Country Museum 4 Oct (MG), late; last T Canadice ONTA 8-22 Nov (BPc, ph), State record late, *intro*.
E. Kingbird: last H 4 Oct.
N. Shrike: arr T Kendall ORLE 29 Oct; 7 rep, 7 ind sev loc 16-30 Nov.
Yellow-throated Vireo: last NMWMA (VDS) 20 Sep.
Blue-headed Vireo: last M (Owl Woods) 18 Oct.
Warbling Vireo: last 2 MP 25 Sep.
Philadelphia Vireo: last 1 HB-YC & 1b M 22 Sep, early dep.
Red-eyed Vireo: last M 12 Oct; total b 87 M 1 Sep - 7 Oct (BBBO).
Fish Crow: 1-6 OB area thru 24 Oct (sev obs); 3 G (Buck Pond) 18 Oct (JeB, ID); Twin Cedars Environ Area, Avon 26 Oct (MW); 1-2

Mt Hope Cemetery & U of Rochester area 7 Nov (EG).

Com. Raven: 16-19 reported each month, mostly from areas south of Rochester, but ind may show up anywhere in the Region now.

Horned Lark: max 150+ se of Cuylerville LIVI 28 Nov (JK).

Purple Martin: max 36 T Parma 7 Sep, low max; last NMWMA (Railroad Rd) 19 Sep.

Tree Swallow: max 1000 NMWMA (SCU) 5 Sep, low max; last 1 M 23 Oct.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 49 MAC 19 Sep, low max; last 2 NMWMA (Morgan Rd) 11 Oct.

Bank Swallow: last 2 NMWMA (Morgan Rd) 11 Oct.

CAVE SWALLOW: arr 5 HB 6 Nov (DT, AGu, ST); 4 HB 13 Nov (DT, AGu); 4 DE (Sherry Pond) 13 Nov (DS, MT, *et al.*); 1 DE (Sherry Pond) 13 Nov (MG); 1 DE (Tamarack Swamp) 13 Nov (KH); 2-8 OB and nearby 13 Nov (DS, MT, mob); 1 Lakeshore Rd ORLE 13 Nov (GL); OB 14 Nov (mob); G (BeattyPt) 14 Nov (AGu, CW); BCH 14 Nov (JW); SPt 14 Nov (DrF, W&MR).

Barn Swallow: last 6 G (Northrup Crk) 17 Oct.

Black-capped Chickadee: total b 35 M 3 Sep-2 Nov, lower than expected, *intro*.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: no irruption.

Brown Creeper: total b 35 M 23 Sep-2 Nov, low.

House Wren: last Rochester 13 Oct.

Winter Wren: total b 36 M 11 Sep-27 Oct, low; max 14 HB-YC 22 Sep (RS).

Marsh Wren: last IB-S 9 Nov (KH).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last G (Beatty Pt) 19 Sep.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 2 HB 10 Sep; max 87 WP 11 Oct (R&SS), low max; max b 44 M 18 Oct; total b 257 M 24 Sep-2 Nov (BBBO).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr M (Owl Woods) 14 Sep; max 60 WP 11 Oct (R&SS), low max; max b 52 M 10 Oct (BBBO); total b 357 M 21 Sep-30 Oct.

Veery: total b 27 M 1-25 Sep; last North Rush MONR 28 Sep.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: max b 11 M 25 Sep; max 20 HB-WE campground rd 28 Sep (RS); 20 HB-WE 30 Sep (TLe); total b 68 M 10 Sep-last 8 Oct; last U of Rochester 18 Oct.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: max b 7 M 25 Sep; total b 41 M 9 Sep- last 5 Oct.

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: 1b M 2 Oct

Swainson's Thrush: max 23 HB-YC 16 Sep (RS); max b 16 M 22 & 24 Sep; total b 189 M 1

Sep-16 Oct; last M & Webster Arboretum 21 Oct.

Hermit Thrush: arr M & HB 16 Sep; max 34 HB-WE 7 Oct (RS); max b 9 M 10 Oct, low max; total b 83 M 29 Sep-27 Oct, low; 9 Webster P 28 Nov (R&SS), many for so late.

Wood Thrush: last U of Rochester 8 Oct.

Gray Catbird: max 29 Whiting Rd Nature Pres, Webster 11 Sep (GF); total b 104 M 2 Sep-12 Oct; last HB 29 Nov (AGu).

Brown Thrasher: last 1b M 6 Oct.

Am. Pipit: arr 6 H (Martin RD) 15 Sep (RS), early; max 100+ se of Cuylerville LIVI 1 Nov (JK).

Cedar Waxwing: max 270 HB 12 Nov, scarce.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: arr H 18 Oct.

Snow Bunting: arr 4 HB 15 Oct; max 200 Sodus Bay bridge 14 Nov (LL).

Ovenbird: max 6 HB-YC 22 Sep (R&SS); last HB 6 Oct.

N. Waterthrush: total b 14 M 1 Sep – 3 Oct; last M 7 Oct (AN), late.

Blue-winged Warbler: last HB 6 Sep.

Black-and-white Warbler: last Four Mile Crk Pres, Webster 2 Oct.

Tennessee Warbler: last 2 Batavia GENE 10 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr 1b M 1 Oct; 1b M 2, 8 Oct; 2b M 3 Oct; BBBO 4 Oct (RK); Twin Cedars Environ Area, Avon 8 Oct (MBo); Bennett Rd Pres, Parma 17, 18 Oct (JeB, LB, ID, AGu, BSu, CW); last Letchworth SP 19 Oct (GL).

Nashville Warbler: total b 27 1 Sep – 17 Oct; last 1b M 2 Nov (BBBO), late.

Connecticut Warbler: arr 1b M 6 Sep; 1b M 14, 17, 23 Sep; last 1b M 1 Oct, high number banded.

Mourning Warbler: last HB-WE 4 Oct (BriM), late.

Com. Yellowthroat: max b 10 M 21 Sep; total b 80 1 Sep – 8 Oct; last IB-S 15 Nov.

Hooded Warbler: last HB-WE 30 Sep.

Am. Redstart: total b 47 M 1 Sep – 25 Sep; last West Port Bay WAYN 7 Oct.

Cape May Warbler: last T Gates MONR 21 Sep.

N. Parula: total b 22 M 6 Sep – 2 Oct, high number banded; last G 6 Oct.

Magnolia Warbler: max b 35 M 14 Sep; total b 203 M 1 Sep - last 8 Oct; last M 12 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: last 1b M 5 Oct.

Blackburnian Warbler: last Twin Cedars Environ Area, Avon 5 Oct.
Yellow Warbler: last b M 1 Sep, 229b earlier in “season”; last G 25 Sep.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: last HB-YC & Four Mile Crk Pres, Webster 22 Sep.
Blackpoll Warbler: max b 7 M 14 Sep; total b 56 M 1 Sep – 22 Oct; last 1b M 22 Oct (BBBO), late; sharp drop from past 4 years.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: total b 36 M 1 Sep – 5 Oct; last 1b M 10 Nov, only ind lingering into Dec in 2006 and 2009 later.
Palm Warbler: arr HANA 8 Sep; last se of Cuylerville LIVI 2 Nov (DBea), late.
Pine Warbler: last 2 Beechwoods SP WAYN 27 Oct (DS), late.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 40 Webster Arboretum 7 Oct (JMi); last HB 17 Nov.
YELLOW-RUMPED “AUDUBON’S” WARBLER: NMWMA (VDS) 11 Oct (W&MR, ph, DrF).
Black-throated Green Warbler: last 1b M 22 Oct.
Canada Warbler: last 1b M 14 Sep.
Wilson’s Warbler: total b 33 M 1 Sep – 25 Oct; last 1 G (Burger P) 27 Sep.
Yellow-breasted Chat: G 22 Sep (KG), seldom reported now.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 1b M 14 Oct.
Chipping Sparrow: last T Pittsford MONR 2 Nov.
Clay-colored Sparrow: HANA 5 Oct (DS), first for site.
Vesper Sparrow: last Batavia GENE 10 Oct.
LARK SPARROW: 1 imm G (Hogan Pt & Hincer Rds) 20 Sep (DT, sev obs, ph), 10th Reg record.
Savannah Sparrow: last Nations Rd IBA 20 Nov (JS), late.
Grasshopper Sparrow: last Batavia GENE 8 Sep.
LECONTE’S SPARROW: Bennett Rd Preserve, T Parma 18 Oct (AGu, 8 other obs), 11th Reg record.
NELSON’S SPARROW (R2): arr 2 G (Burger P) 26 Sep (EG, GL); 1-2 G (Burger P) 27-30 Sep (8 obs); G (Burger P) 5 Oct (BriM); G (Burger P) 17 Oct (AGu, CW); Bennett Rd Preserve, T Parma 18 Oct (AGu, 9 other obs).

Fox Sparrow: arr 1b M & 1 HB-YC 12 Oct; last Rochester 24 Nov (R&SS), late.
Lincoln’s Sparrow: arr 1b M 20 Sep; NMWMA (VDS) 2 Nov (GD), late; last IB-S 19 Nov (MG, ph), late.
White-throated Sparrow: arr sev loc 14 Sep; max b 60 M 24 Sep – 31 Oct; max 125 Webster Arboretum 21 Oct (JMi); total b 588 M 14 Sep – 2 Nov; a very large ind was photographed by Joe Wing in T Ontario WAYN 25 Oct.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr G (Burger P) 26 Sep.
Dark-eyed Junco: max 100+ Holy Sepulchre Cem, Rochester 14 Oct (KD); total b 73 M 25 Sep – 30 Oct.
Dark-eyed “Oregon” Junco: Webster 29 Nov thru (MiR, ph).
Scarlet Tanager: last HB-WE 12 Oct.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Bushnell’s Basin MONR 30 Oct (C&HH).
Indigo Bunting: last H 10 Oct (AGu, BriM), late.
Bobolink: last G (Burger P) 26 Sep.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 2000 NMWMA (Morgan Rd) 24 Sep (W&MR).
E. Meadowlark: last Nations Rd IBA 28 Oct.
YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 m NMWMA (VDS) 19 Sep (GL, EG, JPod), previously seen in area in late Aug.
Rusty Blackbird: arr 3 HANA 24 Sep; 50 HANA 16 Oct; max 200 T Caledonia LIVI 7 Nov (SB).
Com. Grackle: max 3400 North Rush 18 Oct (NK).
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 5000 NMWMA (VDS) 3 Nov (KB).
Baltimore Oriole: last Webster (Whiting Rd Ponds) 27 Sep.
White-winged Crossbill: arr Bennett Rd Preserve, T Parma 19 Oct (SB, GL); G 26 Oct (KG); only reports.
Com. Redpoll: arr & max 25 T Leicester LIVI 21 Sep (MW); max b 14 M 25 Sep; 1 Mill Landing 26 Nov.
Pine Siskin: max 280 M 17 Oct (ID); max b 93 M 23 Oct; 75b M 27 Oct; 30 HB 2 Nov; good numbers thru Oct, then dropped off.
Am. Goldfinch: max b 73 M 27 Oct, end of 5 day finch influx, *intro*.
Evening Grosbeak: 1 Victor MONR 20 Nov (BB), only report

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