



REGION 2—GENESEE

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The summer of 2016 was hot and dry, with drought deepening to severe drought through the season. It seemed like most of the season there was threat of rain, with storms approaching from the Midwest splitting just west of us to pass north over or north of Lake Ontario, or south well below the NY Thruway and then off to our east. The summer ended with temperatures averaging 4.0° F above normal and rainfall 4.10" below normal. Turning to the individual months, June temperatures averaged 67.5°, 1.3° above normal, with four 90° days and 16 days above 80°. Rainfall totaled 0.91", 2.43" below normal, with the only significant rain 0.49" on the 2nd. Lake Ontario remained cool, rising to 71° only on the last day of the month. July was hot and dry, with temperatures averaging 74.8°, 4.0° above normal, and precipitation totaling 1.22" was 2.11" below normal. It was the seventh warmest July on record but with no record highs. Add nine more 90° days, and note that half the rainfall total fell on the 7th-8th. Finally, August was the warmest on record for that month and the second warmest month on record for Rochester. Still it was not a month of extremes, just consistent hot days and warm nights. One record high was tied on the 12th and record high lows

occurred on the 12th and 13th. Also, ten 90° days is third on the all-time list and 29 days > 80° set a new record. Temperatures averaged 75.9°, 6.6° above normal. Precipitation at 3.91" was actually 0.44" above normal. It was the wettest month since September 2015 and the first above normal since May of this year. Nearly all of the rain fell in the second half of the month, with heavy rains in the last week bringing some local drought relief. There were no major pushes of migrants.

In general, it was a good season for birders and likely a good breeding season for most species. Clearly the drought added stress on plants and on agriculture with passing time, and the good growing conditions early allowed an early first hay cutting, possibly negatively affecting grassland species. Dry conditions yet high Lake Ontario levels limited shorebird habitat. The lack of major fronts passing led to weak counts for migrants. Numbers of reports submitted were high, as indicated by approximately 20,690, 17,689, and 19,578 eBird "records" for June, July, and August, respectively. The "approximately" is due to potential errors in my deletion of records from other Regions in shared counties from our Region 2 download and to differences in what one may define as a record. The download includes shared lists and different birders reporting the same bird at the same place and time on separate lists, maybe even labeling the site differently. Persons analyzing the data must study the raw data and handle such potential duplication as appropriate to the particular analysis. With good numbers of reports, we amassed good species counts, with 185 in June vs. a 10-year average of 179.9; 181 vs. 168.1 for July; and 198 vs. 191.0 for August.

Once more, I will stick with my approach of looking at this season as really containing three different bird seasons—the end of spring migration, most of the breeding season, and the start of fall migration. The starting point is the smallest, the tail of spring migration extending into about half of June. Results for this part are strongly affected by both weather and the schedules of the local bird banding and hawk counting efforts. This year there was official banding only to 3 June and no official hawk count after May. Late migrant waterfowl were very scarce. Only a few puddle ducks that breed irregularly remained into June mainly in the NMWMA, where breeding is most likely. Diving ducks were scarcer yet, with only Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Long-tailed Duck, Common Goldeneye, and Red-breasted Merganser into June and Red-breasted Merganser on 25 June the only one into the second half of the month. The only late loon was Common Loon on 25 June.

At the hawkwatch, dihard observers caught a late movement on 20 June that included: an adult **Mississippi Kite**, 170 Turkey Vultures, 11 Bald Eagles, and 212 Broad-winged Hawks. The usual late shorebird movement did not include any notable counts and only five species to June departure dates, with four of these at one site on 14 June—Ruddy Turnstone and Least, White-rumped, and Semipalmated Sandpipers. Similarly, there were no really good late counts of gulls and terns, though Caspian and Common Terns continued through most of the month and a lone Lesser Black-backed Gull was noted in Hamlin on

11 June. The usual Common Nighthawk passage early in the month was weak and only to 4 June. Among the passerines, there are a few species that typically continue migration well into June, some with peak banding numbers then. This year only relatively small numbers of Yellow-bellied and “Traill’s” Flycatchers were banded; no Gray-cheeked or Swainson’s Thrushes were caught; and only one Mourning, three Magnolia, three Blackpoll, one Canada, and two Wilson’s Warblers were banded among species not typically nesting nearby. A lone Lincoln’s Sparrow topped off the late migrant list.

The breeding season is the most difficult to assess without some special efforts underway, like a breeding bird atlas. One must try to glean tidbits from limited data from MAPS projects, BBS routes, notes from a few observers, and from the general observations. Most of this is in the June and July data, though birds clearly breed far to either side of this period. There were no particularly strong negative events flagged other than the possible effects of early hay mowing. Starting with the waterbirds, we find reports relatively few, driven mostly by dried ponds and abundant vegetation making it hard to see into even wetland areas in the NMWMA. Trumpeter Swan breeding sites reported were again few. Our regular breeders: Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Wood Duck, Am. Black Duck, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Hooded Merganser, and Common Merganser all seemed to do reasonably well, though Am. Black Duck and Blue-winged Teal numbers are low. Hooded Merganser broods are rarely reported, so a family on a pond in Bushnell’s Basin tracked by the Hallers was interesting. Rarer potential breeders reported from the NMWMA were Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, and Green-winged Teal. Double-crested Cormorant made the local newspapers with large numbers breeding on a small island in Irondequoit Bay. WAGs of 10,000 birds were tossed about. Great Egret was present all season, but no confirmed breeding was reported.

Moving on, Black Vultures were reported from Letchworth State Park from 10-26 June; again no breeding evidence. Among the raptors, Red-shouldered Hawk was reported only from typical locales, Broad-winged Hawk reports from the hills were few, Merlin was noted in former breeding areas with no nesting confirmed, and the Rochester Peregrine Falcons fledged four young. Marsh bird reports were again mainly from the NMWMA. Sandhill Crane reports were from fewer sites than usual, with no notes confirming young in our Region, only suspicions. There was no input relative to our expected breeding shorebirds. Finally, Black Tern was again reported only from the NMWMA during the breeding season, with a maximum of 15 birds on 4 July.

Among the passerine breeders there was little detail noted. Most families seemed to have a good season. The rarer species we track—Fish Crow, Prothonotary Warbler, Prairie Warbler, and Clay-colored Sparrow—were present long enough to suggest likely breeding success. Again, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, and Golden-crowned Kinglet were especially scarce in the breeding season in areas where breeding is expected.

In this section, we try also to pick up a few records for likely summering, wandering, or rarer individuals. An injured Snow Goose lingered in the Van Dyne Spoor area of the NMWMA until at least 13 July. Lots of Great Blue Herons, mostly young birds, gathered at the Shore Acres Ponds along the Lake Ontario Parkway in late August, with a maximum count of 84 on 23 August. A surprise was 32 Great Egrets visiting the Northrup Creek area on 28 July. **Monk Parakeet** showed up at Jim Kimball's feeders in Geneseo on 29 June, a new site. A Canvasback was seen at the Sandhill Crane Unit of the NMWMA on 29 July. Even stranger was a Common Goldeneye on 6 August at Hamlin Beach SP. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** was found and photographed by Cody Nichols near the MAC on 22 July. A subadult Laughing Gull was seen passing Hamlin Beach SP by Andy Guthrie on 28 July. A Swainson's Thrush banded at BBBO on 17 July falls into this in-between gap. Interesting warblers included: "Lawrence's" Warbler on 3 June in Northampton Park, Palm Warbler on 21 June at BBBO, and **Yellow-throated Warbler** photographed by Jim Kimball at Indian Fort Preserve, Geneseo, on 3 June. White-throated Sparrows were noted away from expected breeding areas on 17 and 29 June and 24 July. A feeder bird surprise for Sue Albright on 12 June was a male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** along Edgemere Drive in Greece. Pine Siskins showed up off and on at a few sites.

Finally, we look at fall migration beginning with shorebirds arriving in late June. Generally, the start of fall migration was late and weak, probably mainly driven by the drought making it hard to find the shorebirds we first look for and a lack of fronts to push much of anything.

The start of the fall waterfowl migration was slow, with most of the potential early arrivals in the NMWMA in late August and hard to separate certainly from breeding birds there. Diving ducks were mainly missing other than the surprise Common Goldeneye noted above and an early Red-breasted Merganser at Hamlin Beach SP on 7 August, both possibly summer visitors. Both regular loons were reported in late July, and Common Loon off and on through August. Red-necked Grebe again appeared in late July, with a few additional August reports, likely birds overshooting their molting area in NE Lake Huron. Large numbers of Double-crested Cormorant were seen at times, most probably foraging flocks out of Irondequoit Bay. Even with no concerted hawkwatch, observers caught a good movement on 5 August including: 61 Turkey Vultures, 75 Bald Eagles, 75 Broad-winged Hawks, and 542 Red-tailed Hawks. After nesting, Sandhill Cranes can be hard to find, so it was interesting that 18 individuals were found on 18 and 22 August at the adjacent Marten Tract and Morgan Road Marsh areas in the NMWMA.

Moving on to the eagerly awaited fall shorebirds, we ended up with 27 species, though mostly in relatively small numbers, other than some good counts at the Morgan Road Marsh area. The late June start was only Lesser Yellowlegs on 27 June and Least Sandpiper on 30 June. There were twelve more new arrivals in July, including: Willet, Whimbrel, and a rare **Marbled Godwit** at

Hamlin Beach SP of 30 July. August brought eight more new species, including: another Willet; a Regional record high 14 Buff-breasted Sandpipers found in Hamlin on 21 August by Andy Guthrie, with many observers seeing good numbers in subsequent days; Long-billed Dowitcher; Wilson's Phalarope; and passing Red-necked Phalarope. Among the higher counts were: 105 Semipalmated Plovers, 170 Killdeer at the Buff-breasted Sandpiper site, 10 Stilt Sandpipers, 400 Least Sandpipers, 12 White-rumped Sandpipers, and 250 Semipalmated Sandpipers. The fall movement of gulls and terns and allies was also off to a slow start. July brought a few Bonaparte's Gulls and an influx of Caspian Terns and young, Common and Forster's terns, and the now-expected few Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Jaegers were represented only by a Parasitic/Long-tailed individual passing Hamlin Beach on 22 August. Adding on the rest of the non-passerines, we had a start to the Common Nighthawk movement, with one on 15 August, small numbers scattered after that, and a maximum of 18 on 24 August.

Among the passerine migrants, we got off to another slow start in both field observations and banding at BBBO. Yet all expected species were reported, including most of those whose early arrival dates are on the August/September border. Olive-sided Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, and Philadelphia Vireo arrived in August. There were some decent swallow congregations, though low by historical standards. There were some signs of a Red-breasted Nuthatch irruption, with individuals at feeders where normally infrequent and some good counts in parks. Winter Wren and Swainson's Thrush were also reported by late August, though Ruby-crowned Kinglet and Gray-cheeked Thrush were not. In all, 26 species of warblers were noted. In July we had the unusual banding of Tennessee and Nashville and LOTS of Yellow Warblers. August brought the arrival of all the other species expected, with no really unusual species or dates. Other August surprises included a female **Yellow-headed Blackbird** seen and photographed at the outlet to Sodus Bay on 21 August and a flyover White-winged Crossbill at Hamlin Beach SP on 5 August.

An added interesting event was a photo of an odd, substantially red bird appearing similar to a Flame-colored Tanager from a feeder in Dansville. Andrea Patterson pursued the case and found it to be due to plumage coloring caused by eating alien honeysuckle berries at just the right time during plumage development or molt. The bird was a Baltimore Oriole, and the phenomenon has been reported and studied; e.g., Tom Flinn, Jocelyn Hudon, and Dan Derbyshire, "When Baltimore Orioles Stop Being Orange," *Birding*, September/October 2007, pp. 62-68. Subsequently, many orioles were caught and banded at BBBO with variations of this effect. Photos, feather samples, and blood samples were taken for analysis and further study.

POINTS TO PONDER

Jim Adams continued to remind me of a loss to our understanding of what is happening in the bird/birding world, as many only submit checklists to eBird and few provide personal communications with thoughts and anecdotes from their times out birding. Jim's reports summarizing daily walks in Oatka Creek Park include information on timing of activity of various species and notes on how the weather and other happenings are affecting the park. Only a very few other regular reporters do this. More would be helpful.

The slow month provides an opportunity to once more advocate for eBird as the best way to input and archive your records in a database from which interested people can download and analyze the data in many ways. eBird provides many tools to help in this and continues to add to these. However, this month's data also provides reminders that such data cannot be simply dumped and played with statistically uncritically. The user should be sure to read the notes that accompany the tools and also to think about how the data is gathered and exactly how it can be analyzed. Examples of potential distortions include shared lists; e.g., a group of 19 birders out together and sharing a list of 28 species shows as $19 \times 28 = 542$ records instead of the 28 records appropriate to most analyses; the issues around "aggregation" in comparing high counts; and how one treats daily submissions for likely the same bird(s) coming to a feeder or food source. Just a reminder to stop and think or to ask questions relative to conclusions based on such data.

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ABBREVIATIONS

B – after a number of individuals indicates banded; BB – Braddock Bay, MONR; BBBO – Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, off Manitou Beach Rd, MONR; CLI – Conesus L Inlet, including WMA marshes, LIVI; Cuy – Cuylerville area, LIVI; DE – Durand-Eastman P, Rochester at Lake Ontario; G – Greece, MONR; H – T of Hamlin, MONR; HB – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; HANA – High Acres Nature Area, T Perinton, MONR; IBO – Irondequoit Bay Outlet to Lake Ontario; ICW – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; LSP – Letchworth SP; M – Manitou, MONR; MAC – Montezuma Audubon Center, T Savannah, WAYN; MP – Mendon Ponds P, MONR; NC – back end of Long Pd inland from Lake Ontario Parkway, T Greece; NMWMA – Northern Montezuma WMA, WAYN; OB – Ontario Beach, Charlotte, MONR; OCP – Oatka Creek P, MONR; PtB – Point Breeze ORLE; S – Savannah, WAYN; SPt – Sodus Point, WAYN; TCEA – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, Avon DEC, LIVI.

WATERFOWL – VULTURES

Snow Goose: last NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 1 Jun - 13 Jul (mopb), injured bird.

Mute Swan: max 30 Buck Pond (Greece) 4 Jun, nonbreeding.

Trumpeter Swan: 1-4 four sites WAYN 5-17 Jun; 1-90, Pittsford 10 Jul; Williamson WAYN 28 Jul.

Wood Duck: max 95 Conesus Inlet WMA 14 Jun; 75 NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 13 Aug.

Gadwall: 3 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 27 Jun; HB 30 Jul; 6 NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 13 Aug; scarce in summer.

Am. Wigeon: HANA 24, 28 Jun (JRo, AT), unusual loc for date; arr 3 CLI 30 Aug.

Am. Black Duck: monthly max – 2 in Jun, 1 in Jul, & 6 in Aug, very low.

Mallard: max 333 MAC 10 Jun, good count for date.

Blue-winged Teal: 20 IBO 14 Aug, high for loc and date.

N. Shoveler: 2 NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) 29 Jul; 6 NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) 5 Aug; summer birds or early arr?

N. Pintail: arr NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 28 Aug (DNu, *et al.*), early.

Green-winged Teal: max 8 NMWMA (Carncross Rd) 12 Aug, low.

Canvasback: 3 NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) 29 Jul, unusual loc for date.

Redhead: last CL (Vitale P) 14 Jun TBo).

Ring-necked Duck: last Hemlock Lake P 4 Jun (KS, MLy).

Long-tailed Duck: last IBO 1 Jun (JMi).

Com. Goldeneye: last SP 8 Jun (W&MR), late; HB 6 Aug (AGu), unusual loc for date.

Hooded Merganser: f & 7 yng Bushnell's Basin 1-18 Jun (H&CH), rep of broods scarce.

Com Merganser: 5 HB 28 Jul (AGu), scarce on Lake Ontario mid summer.

Red-breasted Merganser: last HB 25 Jun (AGu), late; HB 7 Aug (AGu, WD), scarce in summer.

Red-throated Loon: 2 HB 21 Jul (AGu), scarce in summer.

Com. Loon: 2 HB 25 Jun (AGu); 1-3 HB 3, 14, 28, 29 Jul, 4 Aug (AGu, EG, GL), scarce in summer.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 28 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 14 Aug, good count.

Red-necked Grebe: arr HB 28 Jul (AGu), early; 5 HB 6 Aug (AGu), early; 3 HB 7 Aug (AGu), early.

Double-crested Cormorant: 350 IBO 21 Aug (JiM, LM); 880 off OB 27 (EG, GL); WAG's of 10,000 IB Aug, in local newspaper quoting nearby residents.

Least Bittern: HANA 3-28 Jun (JRu, sev), unusual loc, breeding suspected in past.

Great Blue Heron: max 84 Snore Acres MONR 23 Aug (EG, GL), many imm.

Great Egret: max 32 Northrup Crk, T Hamlin 28 Jul (ST, AGu, *et al.*) high for site; 26 NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 13 Aug (JMcG), good count.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (R2): 1 NMWMA near MAC 22 Jul (CN, ph).

BLACK VULTURE (R2): 2 Letchworth Spt 10-26 Jun (EK, KS).

Turkey Vulture: max 170 BB hawkwatch 20 Jun (MT, DNi, ES); 61 BB hawkwatch 5 Aug (MT, ES).

HAWKS – LARIDS

MISSISSIPPI KITE: 1 ad BB hawkwatch 20 Jun (MT, DNi).

Osprey: HANA 19 Jun, interesting loc for date.

Bald Eagle: 11 BB hawkwatch 20 Jun (MT, DNi, ES); 75 BB hawkwatch 5 Aug (MT, ES).

N. Goshawk: no reports.

Red-shouldered Hawk: Huckleberry Swamp WAYN 3 Jun (JAK); Canadice Lake area 6 Jun, 3 Jul; scarce.

Broad-winged Hawk: 212 BB hawkwatch 20 Jun (MT, DNi, ES); 75 BB hawkwatch 5 Aug (MT, ES).

Red-tailed Hawk: max 542 BB hawkwatch 5 Aug (MT, ES); few counts reported.

Com. Gallinule: max 14 & 40 NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) 9 & 14 Aug.

Sandhill Crane: 2 Beechwoods SP WAYN 2 Jun (JW); 2 Avon Rd near Rt 39 2 Jun (JK, ph); Beatty Pt., Greece 7 Jun (DH); max 18 NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 14 Aug (RBA Field Trip); max 18 NMWMA (Marten Tract) 22 Aug (KB); 2 ad Allen Hill Rd ONTA (KK), Taylor Marsh birds.

Black-bellied Plover: arr CLI 16 Aug.

Am. Golden-Plover: arr H (Church Rd) 18 Aug.

Semipalmated Plover: last Grovelnd Hill Pnd LIVI 9 Jun; arr 2 NMWMA (Colvin Marsh) 26 Jul; max 105 NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 11 Aug (DSh, RB).

Killdeer: 74 H (Church Rd) 21 Jul (AGu); max 170 H (Church Rd) 21 Aug (PMar), high count.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr 2 Hogan Pt, Greece 3 Jul.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr IBO 6 Jul (JiM).
Willet: Summerville Pier 25 Jul (MT, 4 other obs); SPt 16 Aug (W&MR).
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr TCEA 27 Jun (MW).
Upland Sandpiper: arr Geneseo Airfield 22 Jul (RB); max 9 Rt 256 Conesus 20 Aug (KC).
Whimbrel: arr West Port Bay WAYN 22 Jul (W&MR), only report.
MARBLED GODWIT: HB 30 Jul (CC, AGu, BriM).
Ruddy Turnstone: last SPt 14 Jun; arr 2 SPt 1 Aug.
Stilt Sandpiper: arr Kings Bend P, Pittsford 17 Jul; max 10 NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 28 Aug.
Sanderling: arr 2 SPt 15 Jul; max 21 OB 21 Aug (JiM,LM).
Baird's Sandpiper: arr NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 10 Aug.
Least Sandpiper: last 2 SPt 14 Jun; arr TCEA 30 Jun (MW), early; max 400 NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 10 Aug (MW), good count.
White-rumped Sandpiper: last SPt 14 Jun (W&MR); arr Henpeck P, Erie Canal 7 Jul (PH), early; SPt 9 Jul (MG), early; TCEA 15 Jul (MW), early; max 12 NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 10 Aug (MW).
Buff-breasted Sandpiper: arr H (Church Rd) 21 Aug (AGu), max 14 H (Church Rd) 24 Aug (AGu, *et al.*), Reg record high; 11- 1 H (Church Rd) 25-271 Aug (mob); 5 Transit & Byron Rds, T Byron GENE 27 Jul (EG, GL).
Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 5 Groveland Hill Pnd LIVI 22 Jul.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: last 2 SPt 14 Jun; arr NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 9 Jul; max 250 NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 13 Aug (JMcG).
Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 2-4 Kings Bend P, Pittsford 13 Jul; max 3 SPt 19 Aug, low.
Long-billed Dowitcher: NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes) 13 Aug (SP).
Wilson's Phalarope: HANA 30-31 Aug (MG, mob), only report.
Red-necked Phalarope: HB 22 Aug (AGu), flyby.
Parasitic/LONG-TAILED JAEGER: arr 1 lt morph juv HB 22 Aug (AGu, WD, DSh).
Bonaparte's Gull: arr 2 IBO & 3 HB 19 Jul; max 68 BB 20 Aug, low.
Little Gull: 2 ad HB 7 Aug (AGu, WD); 1 ad HB 7 Aug (B&BM), different bird.
LAUGHING GULL (R2): 1 subad HB 28 Jul (AGu).

Ring-billed Gull: 500 HB 25 Jun, many for date.
Iceland Gull: BB- W 1 Jun (BriM), late; last 1st sum HB 13 Jun (AGu), late.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: H 11 Jun (AGu); 1st sum HB 5. 8, 8, 31 Jul (AGu); 1st sum Lakeshore Rd, Kent ORLE 9 Jul (AGu, BriM); 1 ad Summerville Pier 26 Aug (PMar).
Caspian Tern: max 84 HB 30 Jul, low max; 75 SPt 11 Aug; 74 HB 17 Aug.
Black Tern: max 15 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 4 Jul (AL, NM, AC).
Com. Tern: last IBO 14 Jun (JiM); arr 2 HB 25 Jun (AGu); max 57 OB 31 Aug (AGu).
Forster's Tern: arr 1 subad HB 14-15 Jul (AGu).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 1 Greenwell farm H 30, 31 Aug (RS, TS, NK).
Com. Nighthawk: last Casey P WAYN 4 Jun; arr Macedon WAYN 15 Aug.
Chimney Swift: max 300-400 York Central School LIVI 28 Aug (JK).
Red-headed Woodpecker: approx. 61 rep 1-7 ind 11 loc thru; max 7 HB 26 Aug (DH).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 20 Cumming Natyre Center ONTA 24 Jul (R&SS).
Am. Kestrel: max 16 Genesee County Airport 24 Jul (SBa). Nations Rd area, Avon 1 Aug (KS).
Merlin: 2 rep Jun; 3 rep Jul; 15 rep Aug; no rep on any nests this sum.
Peregrine Falcon: 2 ad, 4 yg Roch (falconcarn) thru; approx 13 other rep.
MONK PARAKEET: Geneseo 29 Jun (JK), at feeders, new site.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr T Victor MONR 19 Aug (BBE), only report.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: max B 5 M 2 Jun (BBBO); last 1 CLI 14 Jun (KC); arr 1B BBBO 17 Aug; total B 12 BBBO 17-30 Aug.
"Traill's" Flycatcher: max 15B BBBO 2 Jun.
Least Flycatcher: 3B BBBO 16-17 Jul (AP), unusual loc at date; total B 21 BBBO 15-30 Aug.
Philadelphia Vireo: arr 1B BBBO 29 Aug.
Red-eyed Vireo: max 31 LSP 10 Jun (DSh, MT); total B 25 BBBO Aug.
Blue Jay: max 100 BB – WS 2 Jun (MG), late for so many.
Fish Crow: 2+ Dobson Rd, Greece 1 Jun (BD); Edgemere DR, Greece 4 Jun (JiB); 2 N.

Wolcott WAYN 17 Jul (W&MR); max 16 OB area 5, 26 Aug.

Com. Raven: max 7 Lake Ontario Parkway ORLE 7 Aug (WD). **Purple Martin:** 50 MAC 12, 26 Jun; max 74 BB 4 Aug.

Tree Swallow: max 500 HB 20 Jul.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 200 BB 5 Jul.

Bank Swallow: 850 HB 1 Jul (AGu); max 1000 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 28 Aug (SH, LKah, STo, AWi).

Cliff Swallow: max 15 Hemlock Lake P 29 Jun.

Barn Swallow: max 250 BB 23 Aug.

Winter Wren: singles 6 loc all month Jun, improved over past few yrs; 3 Webster P 19 (RS), ad & yng, unusual breeding site.

Marsh Wren: max 20 Buck Pnd, Greece 4 Jun (JiB) & NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 11 Jun (SD, BMcG, AnM), good counts.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 8 H.H. Spencer SRA, ONTA 3 Jul (EG, GL), scarce this summer.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1B BBBO 1 Jun, late; last Beechwoods SP WAYN 3 Jun (JW), late.

Swainson's Thrush: 1B BBBO 17 Jul, unusual for loc and date; arr 1B BBBO 23 Aug.

Gray Catbird: max 59 U. of Rochester 25 Jun (EG); 42 & 40 Webster P 19 & 30 Aug (RS); total B 67 BBBO Aug.

Cedar Waxwing: max 100 BB-WS 2 Jun & HANA 1 Aug, low.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Ovenbird: 2B BBBO 11, 15 Jul (AP), unusual loc for date.

N. Waterthrush: arr 2B BBBO 15 Aug.

Blue-winged Warbler: arr HB-W 23 Aug.

"Lawrence's" Warbler: 1 Northampton P 3 Jun (AGu), rare. **Black-and-white Warbler:** arr 1B BBBO & 2 Church Trail, Greece 19 Aug.

Prothonotary Warbler: 1-2 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) thru 20 Jun (sev), nesting.

Tennessee Warbler: arr 1B 2nd yr m BBB) 24 Jul (AP).

Nashville Warbler: Williamson Town P WAYN 24 Jul (PHe), unusual loc for date.

Mourning Warbler: last 1B BBBO 2 Jun; arr 5B BBBO 27 Aug.

Com. Yellowthroat: 18 MP (esker trail) 28 Jul (RB); max 24 MP (100A Pnd) 24 Jul (LB, RB); total B 23 BBBO 1-31 Aug.

Am. Redstart: total B 18 BBBO 1-31 Aug, low.

Cape May Warbler: arr 1B BBBO 28 Aug.

N. Parula: arr 1B BBBO 28 Aug.

Magnolia Warbler: last Webster P 7 Jun; arr 3B BBBO 17 Aug, early; total B 34 17-30 Aug.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr 1 G 31 Aug.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr Church Trail, Greece 19 Aug.

Yellow Warbler: 31B BBBO 21 Jul; 14B BBBO 22 Jul; 18B BBBO 23 Jul; 78B BBBO 24 Jul; total B 9 BBBO 13-19 Aug.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: arr 1B M 17 Aug.

Blackpoll Warbler: CLI 8 Jun (KC), late; last Beechwoods P WAYN 16 Jun (JW); arr 1B BBBO 25 Aug.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: Indian Fort Preserve, Genesee 1 Jun (JK), unusual loc for date; arr 1B BBBO 27 Jul.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr HB 12 Aug (AGu), early or breeding.

Palm Warbler: 1 BBBO 21 Jul (AP), unusual loc for date.

Pine Warbler: max 14 HB 20 Aug (JPa), high for date.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R2): Indian Fort Preserve, Genesee 3 Jun (JK, MG, ph), rare.

Prairie Warbler: CLI 14 Jun (MW), unusual loc for date.

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr IBO 29 Aug.

Canada Warbler: last 1B BBBO 1 Jun; arr 2B BBBO 15 Aug.

Wilson's Warbler: last 1B BBBO 6 Jun; arr Four Mile Creek Preserve, Webster 25 Aug.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

Clay-colored Sparrow: 1-2 Cook Rd, Hamlin 6 Jun, 1, 6 Jul (BriM, AGu, KG); 1-2

Ballantyne Rd area, Chili 15-30 Jun, 3-11 Jul (KH, *et al.*, 5 obs); 1-2 Sand Taft Rds W.

Bloomfield 17-19 Jun (DSH, MG); T Kendall ORLE 9 Jul (AGu, BriM).

Savannah Sparrow: max 40 Nations Rd IBA 18 Jun (DSH), good count.

White-throated Sparrow: BB 17 Jun (DH), late; HANA 29 Jun (DSH, MG), late; 2 BBBO 24 Jul (AP), unusual for date and loc.

N. Cardinal: max 36 U. of Rochester 25 Jun (EG), good count.

Bobolink: 50 Nations Rd IBA 18 Jun (DSH); max 80 Honeoye Creek WMA (KK); good counts.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 6,000 NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor) 14 Aug (RB), good count

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: 1 m Edgemere Dr, Greece 12 Jun (SA), unusual date and loc.

Com. Grackle: max 1300 T Rush MONR 15 Aug (NK), good count.

Baltimore Oriole: 1 red-colored from eating alien honeysuckle berries ph Dansville feeder 24 Jun +, fide AP, *intro*; total B 23 BBBO 27,

29 Aug, ph, feather and blood samples taken to study variations in red coloring in plumage, *intro*.

White-winged Crossbill: HP 5 Aug (AGu), flyover.

Pine Siskin: rep of 1-4 ind scattered across lakeshore area thru.