

REGION 2—GENESEE

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It was a warm autumn, with the overall average temperature 55.4° F, 4.4° above average and the third warmest on record. September brought a few short cool periods, and a high of only 64° on the 24th broke a string of 102 consecutive days with highs above 70°. Still, an average of 66.8° was 5.0° above normal and made it the ninth warmest September recorded. October saw a gradual transition from summer to the unsettled weather of fall, with a warm first two-thirds then a cool final third. The first dip below freezing was not until the 31st, and temperatures averaged 54.2°, 3.6° above normal. November continued persistently mild, with only a brief cold spell around the 20th. Temperatures averaged 45.2°, 4.7° above normal for the tenth warmest November on record.

September rainfall at 2.30" was 1.08" below normal, and 1.76" of that fell on 17-18 September. But it was a bit of a break in the drought. October brought 5.26" of rain, 2.54" above normal for the ninth wettest October and even more help in drought relief. Some rain fell on 20 days of the month and 2.53" on the 21st was a record for the date. November precipitation at 2.60" was only 0.34" below normal. The first big snowfall from 20-21 November dropped 15" of lake effect snow in the Rochester area, but the month's total was just 15.9", still 7.7" above normal. The fall ended at the 19th wettest on record. All through the season, there were no major fronts to push migration.

The fall migration seemed slow and weak much of the time, but numbers of species found each month were well above the months' 10-year averages: September - 219 (213.1), October - 211 (198.5), and November - 160 (148.5). Arrival dates, in common with recent years, were mostly in the first quartile and departures split between the interquartile range and fourth quartile of their historical distributions. Peak counts were generally low, but essentially all expected species were located. Certainly, a large part of the good reporting is due to more use of eBird, with about 21,778, 19,110, and 14,235 lines of records, respectively, by month. Additional data came from the BBBO banding data, geneseebirds reports, and personal communications. About 256 full species were reported plus two subspecies, one hybrid, two with species ID not certain, and one likely escape or release (a Northern Bobwhite).

Proceeding to details, we start with the waterfowl. Generally, fall arrivals were near the early end of their distributions, with quite a few of the puddle ducks having been already moving in August. Only Canvasback was record early on 4 October. Peak numbers were mostly low and often outliers from all other reported numbers. This fall did not bring either Greater White-fronted Goose or Ross's Goose to our Region, and the usual Barrow's Goldeneye at Point Breeze was not reported. There was a Barrow's/Common Goldeneye at

Hamlin Beach State Park on 25 November. Snow Geese were few through season's end. Brant numbers were up a bit from last fall, but the peak count of 400 was low by historical standards. Cackling Goose arrived on 9 October and was reported in numbers typical of recent years through the season. As usual, there were also numbers of "intermediate" geese noted with no efforts made to separate. *B. canadensis parvipes* from *B. hutchinsii taverneri*. All three regular swan species were reported in expected numbers and locations. Puddle duck numbers were unexceptional, with several of the best counts late in the season at Round Pond in the Town of Greece. A count of 541 Northern Pintail passing the Hamlin Beach lakewatch was respectable but still historically relatively low. There was only one Eurasian Wigeon report at a late date of 5 November. Diving duck arrivals were mostly scattered through September into half of October. Numbers were low, with the best being 614 Long-tailed Ducks on 30 October and 2842 Red-breasted Mergansers on 22 November at the Hamlin Beach lakewatch. About ten King Eiders were found at several sites beginning on 24 October, and a female Harlequin Duck found at Irondequoit Bay Outlet on 13 November by an RBA field trip remained through season's end. Scaup, Redhead, and Ring-necked Ducks were only seen in low numbers near Lake Ontario and increased later in the Finger Lakes to our south, typical of recent years.

Loon and grebe numbers were poor all season, yet the first 100+ count of Common Loon was 105 at an early date of 27 September, with the highest count only 226 on 9 October. The best Red-throated Loon total was 200 on 23 October. A count of 354 Red-necked Grebes on 30 October would have been relatively high for fall until very recent years, with some much higher numbers now but typically in very late November into early December.

Other waterbird reports of special interest included: good numbers of Double-crested Cormorant through the fall, not surprising with the big colony now on Irondequoit Bay; a high 92 Great Blue Herons at NMWMA (Morgan Road Marshes) on 12 September; an American White Pelican found by Mike Gullo on Round Pond at a record late 10-11 November; an immature Little Blue Heron at Maxwell Creek, Wayne County, for several days 3-9 October after being found by Mike Gullo; the usual November Cattle Egrets missing from this Region, though found in two sites only a few miles outside; 45 Black-crowned Night-Herons at the NMWMA (Morgan Road Marshes) on 1 September; and a *plegadis* ibis species seen by Dave Tetlow on Salmon Creek, Town of Greece, on 19 October. Black Vulture records were a single at the High Acres Nature Area (HANA), Town of Perinton, on 31 October, and a few lingering in Letchworth State Park on 27 November.

Noteworthy raptor records were few, but of note were: a late Osprey on 6 November at HANA; good numbers of Bald Eagles; two Northern Goshawks each in September and October; only a few Red-shouldered Hawks seen, the last on 18 November at the Conesus Lake Inlet WMA; a decent count of Red-tailed Hawks at Braddock Bay on 8 September; and the first Rough-legged Hawk of

the season on 1 November, and only nine seen for the season. There were no late Broad-winged Hawks this season. Merlin and Peregrine Falcon numbers were good each month of the season. Moving to nocturnal raptors: we had no Snowy Owl reports, but Short-eared Owls arrived at Ganondagan on 14 October and 10 were found on the first DEC owl survey of the fall on 22 November, Long-eared Owl was found in N. Wolcott, Wayne County, and N. Saw-whet Owl was seen each month, with four banded at BBBO on 16 October and one seen, heard, and photographed by Mike Gullo at Hamlin beach SP on 28 November. Northern Shrike arrived on 26 October in the Nations Road area, with half a dozen more reports in the second half of November.

Marsh bird reports were the usual few, with the most interesting: departure dates for Sora and Common Gallinule on 8 and 11 October, respectively; a surprise, late Virginia Rail in the Brush Creek marshes on the Parma/Hilton town line on 25 November; and good numbers of lingering Sandhill Cranes, with 70-79 reported on the Region 2 side of Armitage Road, Town of Savannah, Wayne County in the NMWMA on 13 and 29-30 November.

Shorebird variety was good, with 26 species in September, dropping to 19 species in October, and with 10 species hanging on to typical departure dates in November. Of the nearly regular species, only Upland Sandpiper and the rarer Hudsonian Godwit and Red Knot were missed, and Willet, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, and Western Sandpiper were reported this fall. Generally numbers were relatively low, but some of the better counts included: 119 Killdeer in Hamlin on 5 September; 60 Lesser Yellowlegs on 1 September, 90 Least Sandpipers on 6 September, 40 Semipalmated Sandpipers on 17 September, and 4 Red-necked Phalaropes on 1 September, all at the NMWMA (Morgan Rd. Marshes); 90 least Sandpipers at the Montezuma Audubon Center on 1 September; 10-11 Long Dowitchers on 22-23 October; and 21 Wilson's Snipe on 17 September. Purple Sandpiper arrived on 11 November at Sodus Point and two more were seen briefly at Irondequoit Bay Outlet on 19 November. An American Woodcock on 22 November at HANA was unusual for birding records, though probably not so for hunters in the fall.

The gulls and terns provided fewer than usual highlights, but still there were interesting observations. After no jaegers in September, there were eight Parasitic and a jaeger species in October and one each Pomarine and Parasitic plus two more jaeger species in November. Black-legged Kittiwakes were reported in a bit above average total numbers on five dates in October and November, with rarely reported adult birds on 6 November at Hamlin Beach SP and 22 November off Edgemere Drive, Town of Greece. Passing Bonaparte's Gull numbers were very poor, but a few good collections were noted on mudflats in October and November. An adult Little Gull was seen near the Summerville Pier on 29 October by George Ford, and immature Franklin's Gulls were seen at Northrup Creek, Town of Greece, on 1 October by Andy Guthrie and Pat Martin and at LaSalle Landing Park at the south end of Irondequoit Bay on 9 October by Kim Hartquist, Brad Carlson, and Kevin Rybczynski. Among

the scarcer winter gulls, we again had Lesser Black-backed Gull each month increasing to at least 24 individuals in November, Iceland Gull arriving on 30 October, and Glaucous Gull arriving on 22 November. The regular terns were reported to typical departure dates, with a last Black Tern on 23 September and Forster's Tern to 4 October. Caspian Tern and Common Tern were last reported on 18 and 19 October, respectively.

The non-passerine landbirds, other than the falcons and owls treated earlier, are often poorly reported, but this fall brought a number of interesting records. Eurasian Collared-Dove was spotted in each month at the usual Greenwell farm site in the Town of Hamlin on surprisingly few occasions given the number of birders passing and looking. Both cuckoos were last reported on 7 October. Common Nighthawk reporting was slim this fall, with the peak 43 on 19 September and a last date to only 22 September. Similarly, Chimney Swift reports were poor, with a peak count of just 56 on 1 October and a last date of 6 October, both observations away from the usual Greiggsville school site. There were no Ruby-throated hummingbird or Red-headed Woodpecker reports after September.

Now for the special records. A HY female Rufous Hummingbird appeared at a Town of Greece feeder in the third week of October. The homeowners have kept a hummingbird feeder up late for years and finally had a special visitor. With no connection to the local birding community, they finally sent an email to Scott Weidensaul, who contacted Bob Yunick in Albany, who has long banded wintering hummers. He made arrangements to visit and captured, ID'd, and banded the bird on 13 December. The location was such that general birder access was not possible. Unfortunately, the bird was not seen after a morning feeding on 17 December, the day before the Rochester Christmas Bird Count. The homeowners kept the heater lamps up on the roosting location and feeder for over a week in case the bird might return, but it did not. Next, we had several late Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports, but on 19 November Chris Wood and Jessie Barry were birding Webster Park and found and photographed an apparent Yellow-breasted x Red-naped Sapsucker. A few others found and photographed it later that day and on 23 November. The bird certainly showed visual characteristics of both species.

Among the passerines, we again find all the expected regularly occurring species and a few interesting rarities recorded, with only a very few irregulars missed. The missed included just a few early departing warblers that don't often make it to September, Grasshopper and Nelson's Sparrows, and the several winter finches simply not here this fall. Special rarities included the Region's fourth Gray Kingbird found by Melissa Mance-Coniglio in the Town of Bergen, far western Monroe County, on 28 October and seen and photographed by many through 23 November; single Cave Swallows on 19 and 20 November at Hamlin Beach SP seen by Dave Tetlow and Kim Hartquist and then by Chris Wood, part of a weak movement of a few birds to the eastern Great Lakes at that time; Bicknell's Thrush banded at BBBO on 22 and 23 September; and the Region's

1first Dark-eyed “Pink-sided” Junco found by Andy Guthrie in Hamlin Beach SP on 24 November and seen and photographed by many through the rest of the season and beyond. Interestingly, the junco was found only a very short distance from where a “Gray-headed” Junco was found on the same date in 1990. That bird stayed into February 1991.

Less rare but still either increasingly scarce or very irregular were: four Olive-sided Flycatchers in September; White-eyed Vireo banded at BBBO on 27 September and then another banded at the late date of 2 November; Bohemian Waxwing on 31 October at Hamlin Beach plus a likely flock of 12 passing offshore in Town of Greece on 13 November; Connecticut Warbler on 9 September and 5 October; Yellow-breasted Chat banded at BBBO on 28 October; Clay-colored Sparrow during the Montezuma Muck Race on 17 September; and Evening Grosbeak in late October and in several places in November.

Most departures were split between the interquartile ranges and fourth quartiles of their old (to 1984) distributions, with only five species at later dates, though all of these have been reported later yet in one or more intervening years. Among the notable later departures were: Orange-crowned Warbler to 18 November; Bay-breasted Warbler to 16 October; Yellow Warbler to 15 October; Blackpoll Warbler to 24 October; and a record late Swainson’s Thrush photographed at Ellison Park, Town of Perinton, on 15 November by Lauri Mattle. Regular half hardies reported to late November included Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Eastern Towhee, and Fox Sparrow. Generally, peak numbers for most species were relatively low. An apparent irruption of Red-breasted Nuthatches in late summer fell off to the species being scarce this fall. Orange-crowned Warbler was well reported in 18 records, only three of which were banded at BBBO this season. Both swallow and blackbird gatherings reported this fall did not rise to anywhere near historical highs.

BBBO banding records provide a chance to make quantitative comparisons. This also provides an opportunity to illustrate the need to use care in this type of effort. This fall, eleven species were banded in numbers that look high relative to their totals for the last five fall seasons. However, if one looks more critically and compares this season’s numbers with the past five season’s averages, none of the differences are statistically significant using two standard deviations or more as a criterion. A problem is that the variances in numbers of birds banded year to year are often large, so that only very large changes can be detected as anything different from this normal variability. Either gathering data over many years to possibly improve the variance or examining the data to remove single events that produce numbers outside the normal distribution for specific reasons will reduce this problem. Overall, the number banded this fall was only slightly above the 5-year average at 4962 birds. There were 12 days, six each in September and October, with numbers of birds banded above 100. The only day higher was with 388 banded on 31 October, but 340 of these were American

Goldfinch, with only 27 prior and 28 the next day banded all fall. Among the other interesting notes are Black-capped Chickadee continuing its annual seesaw, with this year a high at 236 after last year only 50, and Blackpoll Warbler back to a high 471 banded. 2011 saw Blackpoll jump to a surprise 760 banded after most years nearer to 100. The next four years dropped back to only 60 banded last year. In the Region 2 report in *The Kingbird*: Vol. 62, No.1, p. 35, the reader was referred for some more discussion to “Returning to the Tropics: The Epic Autumn Flight of the Blackpoll Warbler” by James Baird, pp. 63-77 in *Gatherings of Angels: Migrating Birds and Their Ecology*, ed. Kenneth P. Parkes, Cornell University Press: Ithaca, NY, 1999. We have much to learn. In our analyses we need to stop and think about what statistics are really appropriate or valid with respect to our data. Maybe some of the numbers don’t really come from the same random distribution. Maybe if the variance is high we need to think of specific causes and try to remove or control those before looking at the changes. Not all calculations one might make are either useful or valid.

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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 off shore, WAYN; CL – Conesus L, LIVI; DEP – 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-WE – West End Trail in HB includes Devil's Nose area; IB-S – LaSalle Landing P, South end of Irondequoit Bay; M – along Manitou Beach Rd NE of Parkway including the BBBO banding station, MONR; MAC – Montezuma Audubon Center, T Savannah, WAYN; NMWMA – Northern Montezuma WMA (formerly Northern Montezuma Wetlands Complex), WAYN; NMWMA (MRdM) – Morgan Rd Marshes area; 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; TCEA – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, Avon DEC; WP – Webster P, MONR.

WATERFOWL – VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: no reports.

Snow Goose: arr 1 HB 2 Oct, with large flock of Canada Geese. **Ross's Goose:** no reports.

Brant: arr 23 West Port Bay WAYN & 62 BB-ES 9 Oct; max 400 SPt 17 Oct; last 20 Wolcott WAYN 22 Nov.

Cackling Goose: arr 3 Red Creek Pd WAYN 9 Oct (CW); max 14 HB 14 & 17 Nov; total approx 26 at 7 loc 9-31 Oct; total approx 30 sev loc 5-27 Nov.

Mute Swan: max 46 IBO 26 Nov.

Trumpeter Swan: max 34 MAC 6 Nov (JF, CSz), good count.

Tundra Swan: arr 2 HB 10 Oct; max 89 G (Round Pd) 21 Nov (CW).

Wood Duck: max 145 NMWMA (VDS) 22 Oct.

Gadwall: max 156 G (Round Pd) 22 Nov (AGu).

Eurasian Wigeon: m G (Round Pd) 5 Nov (JeB, CW).

Am. Wigeon: arr HB 5 Sep; 310 G (Round Pd) 29 Oct (KG), good count; max 519 G (Round Pd) 5 Nov (JeB, CW).

Am. Black Duck: max 49 G (Round Pd) 22 Nov, low
Mallard: max 300 HANA 18 Nov (BCad), interesting date and loc for max.
Blue-winged Teal: max 30 NMWMA (MRdM) 2 Sep; last 5 T Groveland LIVI 20 Oct.
N. Shoveler: max 54 Northrup Crk, G 21 Nov.
N. Pintail: max 541 HB 10 Oct, low max.
Green-winged Teal: max 159 G (Northrup Crk) 15 Oct (JeB, CW).
Canvasback: arr G (Salmon Crk) 4 Sep (NK), local record early; max 8 T Groveland LIVI 13 Nov, very low.
Redhead: arr BB 28 Sep; max 250 T Groveland LIVI 10 Nov, low max.
Ring-necked Duck: arr CL Inlet 15 Sep; max 42 T G (Round Pd) 21 Nov, low.
Greater Scaup: arr 2 HB 22 Sep; max 69 BB 22 Nov, low.
Lesser Scaup: arr HB 24 Sep; max 240 Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye ONTA 13 Nov.
King Eider: arr 1 f HB 24 Oct (RS); 2 f HB 6 Nov (JeB, AGu, CW, ph); f off Edgemere Dr, G 20 Nov (JeB, JiB, CW); f off Edgemere Dr, G 21 Nov (JeB, JiB, CW), diff bird; 2 f off Manitou Beach Rd, G 22 Nov (CW); 2 f HB 23 Nov (CW); imm m off Manitou Beach Rd, G 29 Nov (LyB, RB, NK).
Harlequin Duck: arr f IBO 13-30 Nov (KS, RBA field trip, 57+ other obs, ph); f Bear Crk Harbor WAYN 22 Nov (JW, ph); f PB 23-26 Nov (MG, GL, 7 other obs, ph).
Surf Scoter: arr 7 HB 25 Sep; max 19 off Manitou Rd, G 3 Nov, low.
White-winged Scoter: arr 5 HB 2 Sep (AGu, WD'A, DS), early; max 243 HB 23 Oct, low max.
Black Scoter: arr 3 HB 9 Oct; max 403 HB 29 Nov (JiM, LM), good count.
Long-tailed Duck: arr HB 3 Oct; max 614 HB 30 Oct; 572 HB 6 Nov; 598 off Edgemere Dr, G 22 Nov.
Bufflehead: arr 3 HB 17 Oct; max 155 Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye L ONTA 25 Nov (BH).
Com. Goldeneye: arr 10 T Groveland LIVI 19 Oct; max 504 off Edgemere Dr, G 22 Nov (JeB, JiB, LiB, CW).
Common/Barrow's Goldeneye: f HB 25 Nov (JMcG).
Barrow's Goldeneye: no reports.
Hooded Merganser: max 300 CL 23 Nov (JK), good count.
Red-breasted Merganser: arr HB 4 Sep (AGu), early; 2842 HB 22 Nov (JeB, JiB, LiB, CW); 2600 Long Pd, G 23 Nov (KG).

Ruddy Duck: arr 4 Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye L ONTA 18 Sep (B&BM), early; max 140 Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye L ONTA 20 Oct (GL, EG).
Red-throated Loon: arr 2 HB 25 Sep (AGu), early; max 200 HB 23 Oct, low max, early for max.
Com. Loon: arr 2 off DEP 3 Sep; 105 HB 27 Sep (AGu), 1st date over 100; max 226 HB 9 Oct, low max, early for max.
Horned Grebe: arr 2 HB 21 Sep; max 157 off Edgemere Dr, G 22 Nov, low max.
Red-necked Grebe: max 354 HB 30 Oct (AGu), early for this high; 74 HB 27 Nov, low relative to recent late peaks.
AM. WHITE PELICAN: 1 ad Round Pd, G 10-11 Nov (MG, 9+ other obs, many ph), Reg record late.
Double-crested Cormorant: max 2500 off Edgemere Dr, G 10 Sep (JeB, JiB, LiB); 1700 off Ontario Beach 28 Sep (GL).
Am. Bittern: last HB 9 Oct, unusual loc.
Great Egret: max 92 NMWMA (MRdM) 12 Sep (MF, MW); last U Rochester 2 Nov (EG).
LITTLE BLUE HERON (R2): imm Maxwell Crk WAYN 3-9 Oct (MG, 10 other obs).
CATTLE EGRET (R2): none in Reg, though sev just outside in typical Nov time.
Green Heron: last IB-S & T Williamson WAYN 7 Oct. Beechwoods SP WAYN 15 Oct.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 45 NMWMA (MRdM) 1 Sep (MW), good count; last 2 NMWMA (MRdM) 2 Oct.
plegadis ibis species: Salmon Crk, G 12 Oct (DTe).
Black Vulture: HANA 31 Oct (MG); 4 LSP 27 Nov (MN), present thru summer.
Turkey Vulture: max 71 LSP 25 Sep.

HAWKS – LARIDS

Osprey: last HANA 6 Nov (DH), late.
Bald Eagle: 5 ad OCP 10 Oct (Jad), unusual for loc; approx 105 rep, 81 ind many loc Oct; approx 68 rep, 55 ind many loc Nov; good numbers.
N. Goshawk: WP 15 Sep (RS); G 15 Sep (KG); 1 imm HB 31 Oct (MG, RS, ST); Glover Rd, T Sodus 31 Oct (W. & M. Rowley).
Red-shouldered Hawk: only 7 rep.
Broad-winged Hawk: max 30 BB 8 Sep; last singles 2 loc LIVI 26 Sep.
Red-tailed Hawk: max 137 BB 8 Sep, last of rep of fall movement.
Rough-legged Hawk: arr 1 Summerville Pier 1 Nov; only 8 others scattered thru Nov.

Virginia Rail: last Brush Crk Marsh, Parma/Hamlin townline 25 Nov (CW), late.

Sora: last CL Inlet 8 Oct. G (Round Pond) 26 Oct.

Com. Gallinule: last 3 NMWMA (VDS) 13 Oct.

Sandhill Crane: 70 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) area 13 Nov (LL); max 74-79 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) area 29-30 Nov (DK, PB, KG), high numbers, late.

Black-bellied Plover: last Salmon Crk, G 20 Nov, ph.

Am. Golden-Plover: max 26 H (Jacobs Rd) 1 Oct (AGu); last Salmon Crk, G 14 Nov.

Semipalmated Plover: max 33 Shore Acres, H 2 Sep; last IB-S 19 Oct.

Killdeer: max 119 H 5 Sep (W&MR); last 4 IB-S 28 Nov.

Spotted Sandpiper: last IB-S 14 Oct.

Solitary Sandpiper: last BB 8 Oct.

Greater Yellowlegs: last Salmon Crk, G 22 Nov, ph.

Willet: 2 SPt 23 Sep (W&MR).

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 60 NMWMA (MRdM) 1 Sep; last Buck Pd, G & 2 NMWMA (VDS) 22 Oct.

Whimbrel: last SPt 21 Sep (W&MR, JiM, JW, JWo), ph.

Ruddy Turnstone: last BB 26 Sep.

Stilt Sandpiper: max 9 NMWMA (MRdM) 1 Sep; last 3 Northrup Crk, G 16 Oct.

Sanderling: max 36 OB 3 Sep (JiM); last 7 HB 17 Oct.

Dunlin: max 55 SPt 17 Oct (MG), low max; last 3 Salmon Crk, G 19 Nov.

Purple Sandpiper: arr SPt 11 Nov (W&MR); 2 IBO 19 Nov (JeB, CW, JiM, MG, ph).

Baird's Sandpiper: last 1 Salmon Crk, G 8 Oct.

Least Sandpiper: max 90 MAC 1 Sep & NMWMA (MRdM) 6 Sep, low max; last 2 IB-S 19 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: max 18 IB-S 13 Oct (GF, JiM, LM); last Hemlock L-S ONTA 7 Nov.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: last SPt 2 Sep (W&MR, JW, ph).

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 40 Salmon Crk, G 19 Oct, low max; last Hemlock L-S ONTA 7 Nov.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 40 NMWMA (MRdM) 17 Sep, low max; last IB-S 19 Oct.

Western Sandpiper: SPt 18 Sep (MG, ph), only report.

Short-billed Dowitcher: last Shore Acres, H 11 Sep.

Long-billed Dowitcher: max & last 10-11 NMWMA (VDS) 22-23 Oct (JMcG, SP).

Wilson's Snipe: max 21 Salmon Crk, G 17 Oct (KG); last 4 Beechwoods SP WAYN 14 Nov (JW).

Am. Woodcock: HANA 1 Nov (MG), not many late fall birder reports.

Red-necked Phalarope: 4 NMWMA (MRdM) 1 Sep (MW, ph), 1-4 cont thru 9 Sep (mob); Summerville Pier 14 Sep (GL).

Pomarine Jaeger: imm OB area 19 Nov (CW), only report.

Parasitic Jaeger: total approx 8 HB 9-19 Oct (mob); imm HB 26 Nov (JeB, CW).

jaeger species: imm HB 9 Oct; imm HB 6, 13 Nov.

Black-legged Kittiwake: arr imm HB 9 Oct (AGu, 7 other obs); 2 imm HB 30 Oct (AGu); ad HB 6 Nov (JeB, AGu, CW); 2 imm HB 11 Nov (MG, ph); ad off Edgemere Dr, G 22 Nov (JeB, JiB, LB, CW); ad rare here.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 290 Northrup Crk, G 5 Oct; 267 IB-S 19 Nov

Little Gull: 1 ad Summerville Pier 29 Oct (GF).

FRANKLIN'S GULL: 1 1st win Northrup Crk, G 1 Oct (AGu, PMar); imm IB-S 9 Oct (KH, BCar, KR).

Herring Gull: max 2000 Mill Seat landfill, T Riga 23 Nov (AGu, BriM).

Iceland Gull: arr 1 imm T Bergen & HB 30 Oct; 2 Mill Seat landfill, T Riga 23 Nov (AGu, BriM).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: total 8 at 3 loc 4-28 Sep; total 7 at 3 loc 3-14 Oct; 12 rep, 24 ind sev loc 5-27 Nov.

Glaucous Gull: arr 1 1st win HB 22 Nov; OB area 23 Nov, only reports.

Caspian Tern: last Northrup Crk, G 18 Oct.

Black Tern: last HB 23 Sep (AGuRCl).

Com. Tern: max 11 HB 21 Sep, low max; last 2 IBO 19 Oct.

Forster's Tern: last SPt 4 Oct (MT, DS).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 1-3 H (Greenwell farm) 4 Sep, 30 Oct, 6, 26, 27 Nov, surprising how infrequently seen given the number of birders who pass here looking.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: last 2b BBBO 7 Oct.

Black-billed Cuckoo: last Avon fishing access site 7 Oct.

Long-eared Owl: N. Wolcott WAYN 19 Sep (W&MR), seldom reported away from Bergen Swamp and special counts.

Short-eared Owl: arr Ganondagan 14 Oct; max 5 NMWMA (MRdM) 23 Nov.

N. Saw-whet Owl: N Wolcott WAYN 12 Sep (W&MR), seldom reported away from M or special counts; 4b M 10 Oct (BBBO); HB 19 Nov (MG), heard, seen, & ph.

Com. Nighthawk: max 43 T Gates MONR 19 Sep (B&BM); last T Gates MONR 22 Sep.

Chimney Swift: max 56 IB-S 1 Oct, low max; last 2 Fairport MONR 6 Oct.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Honeoye Falls 30 Sep; total b 4 BBBO 4-22 Sep.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: HY f G third week Oct thru (M&SA), at feeder with heaters, not reported to birders & b (RY) until 13 Dec, 3rd Reg report, *intro*.

Red-headed Woodpecker: last HB 25 Sep.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: WP 30 Nov (JiM).

YELLOW-BELLIED x RED-NAPED

SAPSUCKER: WP 19 Nov (JeB, CW, ph; JMcG, SB, ph); WP 23 Nov (AGu); photos on eBird, *intro*.

Am. Kestrel: 12 rep, 13 ind sev loc Nov, low.

Merlin: 28 rep, 25 ind sev loc Sep; total 22 sev loc 1-30 Oct; 19 rep, 20 ind sev loc Nov.

Peregrine Falcon: 24 rep, 20 ind sev loc Sep; total 14 sev loc 7-28 Oct; 12 rep, 12 ind sev loc Nov.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: HB 4 Sep; Ellison P, T Penfield 4 Sep; Riverside Cemetery, ROCH 7 Sep; last LSP 27 Sep.

E. Wood-Pewee: last G & South Conesus LIVI 4 Oct.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: total b 37 BBBO 1-27 Sep; last 1b BBBO 27 Sep.

Alder Flycatcher: last 2 Ganondagan 10 Sep.

Willow Flycatcher: last CL Inlet 20 Sep (KC).

“Trail’s Flycatcher: last 1b BBBO 11 Sep.

Least Flycatcher: last 1b BBBO 25 Sep.

E. Phoebe: last Ontario Center Greenway PWAYN 31 Oct (JW).

Great Crested Flycatcher: last BBBO 20 Sep.

E. Kingbird: last 2 CL Inlet 29 Sep.

GRAY KINGBIRD: imm m T Bergen MONR 28 Oct-23 Nov (MM-C, 75+ other obs, many ph), 4th Reg record, *intro*.

N. Shrike: arr Nations Rd IBA 26 Oct; 6 rep 6 ind sev loc 16-28 Nov.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (R2): 1b BBBO 27 Sep; 1b BBBO 2 Nov (BBBO), late.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last CL Inlet 20 Sep.

Blue-headed Vireo: last 1b BBBO 18 Oct.

Warbling Vireo: last 2 Four Mile Crk Pres, Webster 22 Sep.

Philadelphia Vireo: total b 20 BBBO 2 Sep - 1 Oct; last BBBO 3 Oct.

Red-eyed Vireo: total b 68 BBBO 1 Sep - 12 Oct last 1b BBBO 12 Oct. M 12 Oct.

Fish Crow: 1-6 OB area all season; Longridge Ave, G 25 Nov (LyB).

Purple Martin: last 2 NMWMA (MRdM) 18 Sep.

Tree Swallow: max 5000 NMWMA (SCU) 16 Sep, low max; last 5 West Port Bay WAYN 28 Oct.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: last IB-S 27 Oct.

Bank Swallow: last 2 IB-S 9 Oct.

Cliff Swallow: last 4 Honeoye Falls 19 Oct.

CAVE SWALLOW: arr HB 19 Nov (DTe, KH); last HB 20 Nov (CW), *intro*.

Barn Swallow: last IB-S 16 Oct.

Black-capped Chickadee: max 45 North Rush 30 Oct (NK); max b 34 BBBO 31 Oct; total b 6 in Sep, 200 in Oct, 10 in Nov 2 Sep – 1 Nov, *intro*.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: early thoughts of irruption fizzled; max 10 M (Owl Woods) 10 Sep; highest after that 5 scattered across Reg and season. .

Brown Creeper: total b 54 BBBO 15 Sep – 29 Oct.

House Wren: last 1b BBBO 10 Oct.

Winter Wren: arr migr G 4 Sep, early; total b 47 BBBO 13 Sep-28 Oct.

Marsh Wren: last Northrup Crk, G 30 Oct.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last M 10 Oct.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 2 HB 22 Sep; max 35 HB 9 Oct (RB), low max; max b 26 BBBO 10 Oct; total b 204 BBBO 24 Sep – 31 Oct.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr 2 WP 15 Sep; max 53 BBBO 10 Oct (sev), low max; max b 48 BBBO 10 Oct; total b 328 BBBO 15 Sep - 31 Oct.

Veery: total b 14 BBBO 1-22 Sep; last North Rush MONR 28 Sep.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr HB-WE 1 Sep; max b 20 BBBO 25 Sep; total b 117 BBBO 12 Sep- last 8 Oct; last South Conesus 14 Oct.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell’s Thrush: max b 17 M 25 Sep; total b 86 BBBO 13 Sep - last 3 Oct.

BICKNELL’S THRUSH: 1b BBBO 22 Oct & 23 Oct.

Swainson’s Thrush: max 21 T Gates MONR 4 Oct; max b 21 BBBO 22 Sep; total b 165 BBBO 5 Sep - 16 Oct; last Ellison P, T Penfield 15 Nov (LM, ph), Reg record late.

Hermit Thrush: arr migr 2 HB-WE 5 Sep; max 44 HB-WE 14 Oct (RS); 35 HB-WE 19 Oct (RS, DB); max b 34 BBBO 17 Oct; total b 253 BBBO 25 Sep – 1 Nov; 5 WP 19 Nov (JeB, CW), good for so late.

Wood Thrush: last HB-WE 2 Oct.

Am. Robin: max 679 HB 13 Nov (AGU); 500 Walworth WAYN 28 Oct (RB).

Gray Catbird: max 47 WP 7 Sep (RS); 30 HB-WE 12 Sep (RS); total b 102 BBBO 1 Sep - 29 Oct; last 1-2 HB 23-26 Nov (JeB, CW, JMcG, JW).

Brown Thrasher: last Whiting Rd Pres, Webster 11 Oct.

Am. Pipit: arr North Rush & 2 NMWMA (MRdM) 11 Sep; last HB 30 Nov (JW).

Bohemian Waxwing: HB 31 Oct (AGU, MG), only report

Bohemian/Cedar Waxwing: 12 off Rigney Bluff, G 13 Nov, too far out over lake for certain ID.

Cedar Waxwing: max 150 Honeoye Falls 19 Nov, scarce.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: arr Jacobs Rd, H 9 Oct.

Snow Bunting: arr HB-WE 9 Oct; max 150 T Byron GENE 21 Nov.

Ovenbird: total b 19 BBBO 3 Sep – last 4 Oct.

N. Waterthrush: last 2b BBBO 22Sep.

Blue-winged Warbler: last HB-WE 11 Sep.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: last 1b BBBO 1 Sep.

Black-and-white Warbler: last M (Owl Woods) 8 Oct.

Tennessee Warbler: last 2 HANA 15 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr 1 HANA 25 Sep; 18 ind 15 loc 26 Sep – 15 Oct; last WP 18 Nov (JiM, LM), late.

Nashville Warbler: total b 37 1 Sep – last 13 Oct.

Connecticut Warbler: arr 1 Beatty Pt, G 9 Sep (BriM, ph); TCEA 5 Oct (MW); only reports.

Mourning Warbler: last 1b BBBO 3 Oct, late.

Com. Yellowthroat: total b 74 BBBO 2 Sep – 8 Oct; last Church Trail, G 25 Nov (CW), late.

Hooded Warbler: last Mumford GENE & Chimney Bluffs WAYN 24 Sep.

Am. Redstart: total b 39 M 1 Sep – 28 Sep; last M (Owl Woods) 8 Oct.

Cape May Warbler: last G 28 Sep.

N. Parula: last CL Inlet 6 Oct.

Magnolia Warbler: max b 34 BBBO 15 Sep; total b 252 BBBO 1 Sep - 8 Oct; last HB-WE 9 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: total b 37 BBBO 1 Sep - last 16 Oct, late.

Blackburnian Warbler: last BBBO 22 Sep.

Yellow Warbler: 1b BBBO 1 Oct, late; TCEA 3 Oct (MW), late; last BBBO 15 Oct, recap, very late.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: last 1 imm Beechwoods SP WAYN 10 Oct (R&SS).

Blackpoll Warbler: max b 51 BBBO 28 Sep; max 40 BBBO 3 Oct (GL); total b 470 BBBO 4 Sep - 17 Oct; last 2 BBBO 24 Oct (GL), back to large numbers.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: total b 44 BBBO 1 Sep – 10 Oct; last U Rochester 17 Oct (EG).

Palm Warbler: arr G 4 Sep; last Honeoye Falls & Huff & Reed Rds ONTA 9 Oct; none banded this fall.

Pine Warbler: max 8 HB 9 Sep (AGU); last CL Inlet 20 Oct (KC).

Prairie Warbler: last Honeoye Creek WMA 5 Sep (KK).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: total b 38 BBBO 4 Sep – 17 Oct; last 2 HB 25 Nov (JMcG), late.

Black-throated Green Warbler: total b 22 BBBO 1 Sep – last 2b 10 Oct.

Canada Warbler: last South Conesus LIVI 27 Sep.

Wilson’s Warbler: total b 43 BBBO 1-28 Sep; last Village of Webster 1 Oct.

Yellow-breasted Chat: last 1 imm f banded BBBO 28 Oct, late.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: Honeoye Falls 7-24 Nov (BCar), late; Beatty Pt, G 25 Nov (CW), late.

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 2 HANA & Canal P, G 15 Oct.

Chipping Sparrow: last HB-WE 25 Nov (JeB, CW).

Clay-colored Sparrow: Reed Rd, T Clyde WAYN 17 Sep (Wind Birders), during Montezuma Muck Race.

Vesper Sparrow: last North Pds P, Webster 28 Oct (MG).

Fox Sparrow: arr WP 7 Oct (RS); last N Wolcott WAYN 30 Nov (W&MR).

Lincoln’s Sparrow: arr HB-WE 3 Sep (RS); total b 18 BBBO 15 Sep – 10 Oct; last Bristol Hills ONTA 29 Oct (EG, GL).

White-throated Sparrow: arr 1b BBBO & 3 Beechwoods SP WAYN 9 Sep; max b 38 BBBO 10 Oct; total b 380 BBBO 9 Sep – 31 Oct; max 70 HB-WE 11 Oct.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Webster & 1b + 3 BBBO & HB 24 Sep; max 47 North Rush 10 Oct (NK).

Dark-eyed Junco: max 316 HB-WE 9 Oct (TL, TA, IC, DWeb); max b 75 BBBO 9 Oct; total b 170 BBBO 24 Sep – 26 Oct.

DARK-EYED “PINK-SIDED” JUNCO: HB 24 Nov thru (AGu, mob, many ph), 1st Reg record, *intro*.

Scarlet Tanager: last T Gates MONR & Cumming Nature Center ONTA 1 Oct.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Bushnell’s Basin MONR 3 Oct (C&HH).

Indigo Bunting: last HB-WE 9 Oct (R&SS), late.

Bobolink: last Bennett Rd, T Parma 5 Oct.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 10,000 NMWMA (VDS) 17 Sep (BMcQ, *et al.*); 9000 NMWMA (Savannah) 22 Oct (JMcG).

E. Meadowlark: last NMWMA (Guy Baldassarre Marsh) 25 Oct.

Rusty Blackbird: arr NMWMA (MRdM) 17 Sep; max 370 BBP 20 Oct (DTe); 41 Round Pd, G 5 Nov; there were about 10 loc with variable flocks to above 10 ind totaling about 400 more ind above those two flocks cited, with about 80 different reports scattered thru the season and Region.

Com. Grackle: max 2500 Nations Rd IBA 26 Oct.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 500 NMWMA (Savannah) 22 Oct & T Sweden MONR 16 Nov.

Baltimore Oriole: last G 16 Sep.

Red Crossbill: arr HB 14 Nov (RS); T Hemlock ONTA 17 Nov (BH); only reports.

Com. Redpoll: arr HB 7 Nov; 9 other rep 1-5 ind sev loc 8-28 Nov.

Pine Siskin: max 55 HB 28 Nov (MG).

Am. Goldfinch: max b 340 BBBO 31 Oct; 28b BBBO 1 Nov; total b only 396 for the fall.

Evening Grosbeak: arr 10 HB 29 Oct (AGu); 1-2 six loc 1-26 Nov; irregular visitor now.