

REGION 2—GENESEE

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A generally warm, pleasant fall, but with the usual variations to keep things interesting. September started off with the first 11 days cool, then the last 19 days 10°F warmer than normal. There were four consecutive 90° days, with the 24th, 26th, and 27th setting new record highs. Temperatures averaged 65.6°, 3.8° above normal. Rainfall at 1.28" was 1.08" below normal, and 0.35" of the total fell on the 3rd. The 20 days from 9-28 September without rainfall was the longest such stretch since 1977 and the fifth longest on record. October brought warm afternoons for outdoor activities. Mid-September to mid-October was the warmest on record for that period, then it cooled by month's end. It ended the sixth warmest October on record. Temperatures averaged 57.7°, 7.1° above normal. It was also the fourth wettest October on record, with a total of 6.71", 3.99" above normal. However, two days saw record rainfall, 2.39" on the 9th and 2.10" on the 29th, accounting for 2/3 of the total. Finally, November was a cooler month, with temperatures averaging 40.5°, right on normal for the month. A flow of Pacific air kept us warm but damp for much of the month, with the last week rising above normal. The month started with six days of rain followed by an Arctic surge bringing the first 1"+ snowfall in a day at 1.65" on the 5th. It was dry then until our first lake effect event on 19-20 November, with 1.1" in Rochester but over a foot of snow falling in the east end of the Region. Precipitation totaled 4.13", 1.19" above normal, and snowfall added up to 2.6", 4.8" below normal. 7 November, as the first fall day averaging < 32°, gave us 212 days since the last freezing day, the second longest such period on record behind only 216 days in 1938.

In keeping with the weather, this fall was generally pleasant for birding, but also comments generally revolved around relatively low numbers and slow progress for migration. Total species remained close to or above the 10-year averages each month at 221 vs. 215.2 for September, 201 vs. 201.7 for October, and 156 vs. 150.6 for November. The banding total at the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) station echoed the general feel, with 3475 new bands the lowest for the past seven years for which I have data at hand and > two standard deviations below the prior 6-year average. The total species reported for the Region for the season was 253 plus one likely escape—Ruddy Shelduck at the DEC Avon ponds near Avon on 1-11 November. This season, eBird downloads after eliminating out-of-Region records were approximately 19,580, 18,252, and 14,826 for the three months, respectively.

Moving to the checklist, waterfowl movement was slow in September, with only three species' maxima even reaching 100 birds. Numbers were even low in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) for

waterbirds generally. Snow Goose, Brant, and Cackling Goose were noted at relatively early arrival dates. As the season progressed through October, waterfowl numbers remained low for most species, though there were a few days with good Brant numbers, and scoters, Long-tailed Duck, and Red-breasted Merganser increased as expected. Greater White-fronted Goose and Harlequin Duck arrived and Cackling Goose numbers increased. The expected loons and grebes were reported in decent numbers on occasion but well below historical expectations. November saw some increase in waterfowl maxima, a few larger loon counts, and even a triple digit peak for Red-necked Grebe. Ross's Goose and King Eider at five locations were additions for the month, as well as the Ruddy Shelduck at the DEC ponds. Among the other interesting waterbirds, we had a Northern Gannet spotted moving west along the south shore of Lake Ontario on 19 November tracked with times of sighting at several sites. We also had the recently typical Cattle Egrets in early November and a *Plegadis* ibis species on 5 November. Departure dates were all unremarkable. Wrapping up this section, one or two Black Vultures were reported in each month.

Among the hawks, there were no focused efforts at counts. The numbers of Bald Eagle reports to eBird were very good—167 and 117 lines, respectively, for October and November. There was only a single Northern Goshawk report on 27 November and few Red-shouldered and Broad-winged Hawk reports. Rough-legged Hawk arrived on 27 October, a typical arrival date, with only one other October report, then about 19 individuals in November.

The rails and their allies is usually a sparse section of this report, but this season a special occurrence was a **Yellow Rail** photographed by Jodie Stahl on her deck in the Town of Brockport on 15 September. This is the fifth record for the Region and the first since 1935. Sandhill Cranes lingered through the season, with numbers to 94 in the NMWMA on 29 November, with higher numbers nearby and a few days later even in this Region. Cranes were reported from at least seven locations in the Region.

There was little habitat for shorebirds in the Region, with larger bodies of water still high into September and little rain in August, leaving fields dried up. Still, twenty-five species for the season is a good showing for variety, with Whimbrel, Red Knot, and Wilson's and Red-necked Phalaropes among those present. Numbers remained low other than a couple of counts of 117 for Killdeer in September and 175 for Dunlin on 1 November, even those low by historical standards. There were also no unusual departure dates. The high(maybe low)light in this group was Upland Sandpiper unreported for the season and thus for the year for the Region. Purple Sandpiper was reported only as a single on 28 October at Sodus Point.

Good numbers of jaegers were seen along the Lake Ontario shore, including: three Long-tailed Jaegers on 5 September by Andy Guthrie, Pomarine Jaegers on 10 and 28 October and 12 November, and about 20 Parasitic Jaegers and eight jaeger sp. seen scattered from 1 September to 27 November. Black-legged Kittiwake was noted near the north end of Irondequoit Bay on 26

November and farther into the Bay on the next day. Passing Bonaparte's Gulls usually bring us the rarer smaller gulls, and Bonaparte's numbers were generally low excepting a day with a peak of 1000 on 16 October. On that date at least seven Little Gulls were reported. More Little Gulls were then reported off and on through 4 November, and a first winter Franklin's Gull was found by Greg Lawrence at Sodus Point on 1 November. We occasionally have interesting gatherings of our regular gulls, and two of these were 5000+ Ring-billed Gulls spotted passing Geneseo by Jim Kimball on 22 November, and 2500 Herring Gulls in the Town of Riga on 7 November by Brad Carlson. Good numbers of Lesser Black-backed Gull were reported each month. Iceland Gull arrived on 20 November and Glaucous Gull on 3 November. Other than the last Black Tern report, an early departure on 5 September, our regular terns stayed to normal departure dates in the second half of October.

Non-passerine landbirds often receive scant attention this season. We had only two reports of the Eurasian Collared-Doves at the Greenwell farm in the Town of Hamlin on 29 and 31 October. The first Snowy Owl report was from the Summerville Pier at the mouth of the Genesee River on 11 November, but by the 29th at least 20 individuals had been reported from 15 locations; a start to a BIG Snowy Owl winter. Short-eared Owl arrived on 15 October and good numbers were reported from the usual locations through the season including on the first of the DEC's bi-weekly surveys on 21 November. A N. Saw-whet Owl responded to whistled imitations and flew at our Muck Race team in the Town of Savannah on 15 September. Other saw-whets were found and banded in the BBBO banding area in mid-September. Common Nighthawk numbers were poor this season, but there were several good Chimney Swift tallies in late September. Numbers for all three falcon species were good for each month.

All of the really expected passerine species were reported. Only a few of the usually early departing or rarer species were "missed". Among the special finds were: three White-eyed Vireos, one of them banded at BBBO and the last on 13-14 November in Webster; 22 Cave Swallows from 23 October to 8 November; three Bicknell's Thrushes banded on 22, 24, and 26 September; a Golden-winged, five Connecticut and one Prairie Warblers banded in September; a Nelson's Sparrow banded on 28 September; and a female Summer Tanager, a 25th Regional record, photographed by Jonathan Blades during a brief stop at his Irondequoit feeder on 29 November. Overall the migration seemed slow and weak for numbers both from field reports and from the BBBO banding tallies. Departure dates were typical until quite a few toward the late end of expectations in November. Still, only House Wren was record late on 17 November. Some of the late dates were for species for which some individuals fairly regularly linger into winter making the assignment of departures dates a judgment call. Lapland Longspur and Snow Bunting arrived at normal dates of 1 October and 22 October, respectively. Blackbird counts were generally poor. The predicted possibility of a finch winter did not reach us this season, with only

a lone Red Crossbill on 6 October, small numbers of Common Redpoll and Pine Siskin, and a lone Evening Grosbeak on 4 November reported from that group.

As usual, the BBBO banding summary provides a chance to make some more quantitative comparisons of this fall with the past six years. There actually were few species whose totals varied significantly from their averages. It was a down year in the Black-capped Chickadee seesaw, with only 14 banded for the fall vs. 236 last year. Hermit Thrush, Cedar Waxwing, Nashville Warbler, and Yellow Warbler were way below normal; Blackpoll Warbler was back toward long-term normal; and Cape May Warbler was up, though banding numbers for that species are typically so low that such a note means little even if the calculation appears statistically significant. The records section to follow will provide many examples of dates and numbers to help complete the picture of this fall's birding scene.

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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; **MP** – Mendon Ponds P, MONR, **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; **W** – Town of Webster, MONR; **WP** – Webster P, MONR.

WATERFOWL – VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: arr TCEA 5 Oct (GL); Webster 31 Oct (JiM).

Snow Goose: arr 2 HB 28 Sep, early; max 50 CL 23 Nov.

Ross’s Goose: arr TCEA 21 Nov (MW), only report.

Brant: arr 5 HB 30 Sep (PMar, DSh), early; max 620 HB 16 Oct (PMar, MG); 600 Wolcott WAYN 27 Oct (W&MR); last 3 SPt 17 Nov.

Cackling Goose: arr HB 29 Sep (MG, PMar); max 10 HB 19 Oct (JD); total 30 at 11 loc Oct; total 39 at 14 loc 5-27 Nov.

Canada Goose: max 5600 TCEA 8 Nov.

Mute Swan: max 97 G (Round Pd) 19 Nov (NK).

Trumpeter Swan: max 60 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 11 Nov (JMcG, JCo, SB).

Tundra Swan: arr 7 G (Round Pd) 21 Oct; max 160 G (Round Pd) 9 Nov (MG); 150 CL 24-25 Nov (TB).

RUDDY SHELDUCK: 1 TCEA 1-11 Nov (MW, 4 oth obs), likely escape.

Wood Duck: max 52 NMWMA (Marten Tract) 15 Sep, low fall max.

Gadwall: max 150 G (Northrup Crk) 25 Nov (JMcG, AS, SD, TBr).

Am. Wigeon: max 300 G (Round Pd) 28 Oct (KG), good count.

Am. Black Duck: max 42 near Clarendon 12 Nov, low.

Mallard: max 290 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 11 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: max 40 NMWMA (Marten Tract) 5 Sep; last 5 HANA 17 Nov.

N. Shoveler: max 30 NMWMA (Marten Tract) 5 Sep.

N. Pintail: max 146 HB 16 Oct, low max.

Green-winged Teal: max 250 NMWMA (MRdM) 8 Oct.

Canvasback: arr HB 31 Oct; max 30 T Groveland LIVI 1 Nov, low.

Redhead: max 800 CL 25 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 2 G (Salmon Crk) 30 Sep; max 86 G (Round Pd) 19 Nov.

Greater Scaup: arr 2 BB-ES 2 Sep; max 76 HB 20 Nov, low max.

Lesser Scaup: arr 5 BB & 2-3 HB 30 Sep; max 110 G (Round Pd) 19 Nov, low max.

King Eider: arr 7 f, 1 imm m HB & 1f OB 18 Nov (AGu); 4 f, 1 imm m HB 19 Nov (AGu, ph); 4 West Port Bay WAYN 19 Nov (W&MR); 1 ad m G (off E. Manitou Rd) 18-23

Nov (GL, 30+ oth obs, ph); 1 imm m W (off Sandbar P) 25 Nov (JeB, KB, CW).

Harlequin Duck: arr f SPt 7-10 Oct (JW, MG, ph, 4 oth obs); 1 f IBO 11-25 Oct (MG, ph, 17+ oth obs); 1 f G (off Edgemere Dr) 29 Oct (JeB, LiB, AGu); 1 f G (off E. Manitou Rd) 19 Nov (A&DGu); 1 f HB 24 Nov (D&MK, ph).

Surf Scoter: arr HB 22 Sep; max 76 HB 16 Oct.

White-winged Scoter: arr 2 HB 22 Sep; max 367 HB 16 Oct, low max.

Black Scoter: arr HB 28 Sep; max 108 G (off Edgemere Dr) 29 Oct.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 3 HB & 5 & 12 G (off Edgemere Dr) 16 Oct; max 645 HB 6 Nov.

Bufflehead: arr BB-ES 11 Sep; max 210 CL 25 Nov; 150 Silver L – S, WYOM 24 Nov.

Com. Goldeneye: arr 2 HB 26 Oct; max 180 Broadway Rd WAYN 11 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: max 69 IBO 26 Nov, low max.

Com. Merganser: max 350 G (Northrup Crk) 22 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser: arr HB 5 Sep (DTe), early; 1700 G (Long Pnd) 19 Nov (NK); 1350 G (Cranberry Pnd) 23 Nov (AGu); max 1763 G (Edgemere Dr) 26 Nov (JeB, CW).

Ruddy Duck: arr Groveland Pnd 25 Sep (KC), early; max 73 Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye L ONTA 4 Nov.

Red-throated Loon: arr 3 HB 21 Sep (MG, PMar), early; max 341 HB 18 Nov, low max.

Com. Loon: 113; 150 HB 13 Oct, 1st date over 100; max 412 HB 17 Oct, low max; 307 HB 6 Nov.

Horned Grebe: arr HB 5 Sep; max 98 HB 17 Oct, low max.

Red-necked Grebe: max 128 HB 25 Nov (AGu), low relative to recent late peaks.

N. Gannet: 1 imm heading W along S shore Lake Ontario 19 Nov; 10:15 AM IBO (NK, RBA YBC); G (Edgemere Dr) (JeB); 11:05 G (off E Manitou Rd) (DHo, DSh); 1:00 PM HB (AGu, PMar); & later off MONR/ORLE county line (AGu, ph).

Double-crested Cormorant: max 2000 OB 2 Sep.

Great Egret: last LaSalle Landing P MONR 5 Nov (JWi).

CATTLE EGRET (R2): arr T Ogden MONR 3 Nov (GL, BCar, JW, MG, ph); near G (Buck Pnd) 6 Nov (JiB); sev others just outside Region early Nov.

Green Heron: last DEP 16 Oct.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 16 NMWMA (MRdM) 1 Sep; last G (Salmon Crk) 21 Oct.

plegadis ibis species: NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 5 Nov (LSt, TS., 8+ oth obs).

Black Vulture: ICW 21 Sep (RRy); HANA 3 Oct (SJ); LSP 22 Oct (GL); 2 LSP 18 Nov (RSt).

HAWKS – LARIDS

Osprey: last HANA 17 Oct (MG).

Bald Eagle: 167 lines eBird many loc Oct; 116 lines eBird 39+ loc Nov; good numbers.

N. Goshawk: DEP 27 Nov (MSh, ph), only rep.

Red-shouldered Hawk: only 3 rep.

Broad-winged Hawk: N Wolcott WAYN 25 Oct, only rep.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr G 27 Oct, typical arrival date; 16 rep of approx 19 ind Nov.

YELLOW RAIL: near Brockport 15 Sep (JSt, ph), 5th Reg record and 1st since 1935, *intro*.

Virginia Rail: last MP 7 Nov.

Com. Gallinule: max 75 NMWMA (VDS) 3 Sep; last 2 NMWMA (VDS) 3 Nov.

Sandhill Crane: 47 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 23 Nov (MTe); max 94 NMWMA (Rt 89 n of end of East Rd) 29 Nov (MTe, DSh), *intro*.

Black-bellied Plover: max 29 HB 22 Oct; last Perry Rd WYOM 9 Nov.

Am. Golden-Plover: max 32 T Elba GENE 3 Sep; last 3 HB 28 Oct, early dep.

Semipalmated Plover: last G (Salmon Crk) 28 Oct.

Killdeer: max 117 H 2 Sep & Rose Valley Rd WAYN 16 Sep; H 5 Sep (W&MR); last 6 Roseburgh Rd LIVI 21 Nov (KC).

Spotted Sandpiper: last BB-ES 19 Oct.

Solitary Sandpiper: last NMWMA (MRdM) 7 Sep.

Greater Yellowlegs: last Webster Arboretum 14 Nov, ph.

Lesser Yellowlegs: last 2 TCEA 27 Oct.

Whimbrel: BB-ES 2 Sep (AGu); last SPT 19 Sep (GF, W&MR).

Ruddy Turnstone: last BB-ES 9 Oct.

Red Knot: BB-ES 2-24 Sep (14+ obs).

Stilt Sandpiper: last 2 MAC 15 Sep, early dep..

Sanderling: max 42 BB-ES 2 Sep (BCar, AGu); last 7 OB 17 Nov.

Dunlin: arr OB 5 Sep; max 175 IBO 1 Nov (DHo, DSh), low max; last BB-ES & SPt 21 Nov.

Purple Sandpiper: arr SPt 28 Oct, only rep.

Baird's Sandpiper: last SPT 19 Sep.

Least Sandpiper: last off G 21 Oct.
White-rumped Sandpiper: last SPt 17 Nov.
Pectoral Sandpiper: max 26 NMWMA (Marten Tract) 20 Oct, low max; last T Riga MONR & NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 6 Nov.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 40 NMWMA (Marten Tract) 1 Sep, low max; last 2 G (Buck Pnd) 27 Oct.
Short-billed Dowitcher: last Shore Acres NMWMA (Marten Tract) 15 Sep.
Long-billed Dowitcher: last NMWMA (MRdM) 8 Oct, early dep. (JMcG, SP).
Wilson's Snipe: 1B M 20 Oct, unusual capture; last NMWMA (Guy Baldassare Marsh) 22 Nov.).
Am. Woodcock: Honneoye Falls 19 Oct (BCae), not many late fall birder reports.
Wilson's Phalarope: arr NMWMA (Marten Tract) 3-5 Sep (BP, 8 oth obs).
Red-necked Phalarope: arr NMWMA (Marten Tract) 2-9 Sep (37+ obs); 2 NMWMA (Marten Tract) 6, 7 Sep (JWi, RMi).
phalarope sp.: HB 31 Oct.
Pomarine Jaeger: arr HB 10 Oct (AGu); HB 28 Oct (AGu, AGa); Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 13 Nov (W&MR).
Parasitic Jaeger: arr 2 HB 1 Sep; HB 5 Sep; total approx 14 at 5 loc 5-28 Oct (9 obs); 3 loc 4, 25, 27 Nov.
jaeger species: HB 1, 7, 9 Sep; approx 14 at 3 loc 5-31 Oct (6 obs); last Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 8 Nov (W&MR).
LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 3 HB 5 Sep (AGu).
Black-legged Kittiwake: arr imm IBO and nearby 26 Nov (CW, AGu, BriM); imm IB-W 27 Nov (KH).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 1000 HB 16 Oct (MG, PMar); 200 IB-W 26 Nov.
Little Gull: arr 7 ad HB 16 Oct (MG, PMar, AGu); 2 ad HB 16 afternoon Oct (AGu, ph); 1 ad G (off Edgemere Dr) 17 Oct (JiB); 1 ad HB 18 Sep (AGu); 3 ad HB 26 Oct (MG, PMar); 3 ad HB 27 Oct (AGu); 1 G (off Edgemere Dr) 29 Oct (JeB, LiB, AGu); 1 ad T Huron WAYH 2 Nov (W&MR); 1 ad HB 4 Nov (BCar, AGa, DSh).
FRANKLIN'S GULL: 1 1st win SPt 1 Nov (GL).
Ring-billed Gull: max 5000+ Nations Rd, Geneseo 22 Nov (JK).
Herring Gull: max 2500 T Riga 7 Nov (BCar).
Iceland Gull: arr HB & HANA 20 Nov; 2 Mill Seat landfill, T Riga 23 Nov (AGu, BriM).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: total 8 at 4 loc 16-28 Sep; total 7 at 6 loc Oct; 13 rep, 21 ind 8 loc 7-26 Nov.
Glaucous Gull: arr T Riga 3 Nov; total 6 at 5 loc 3-26 Nov.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 50 OB 21 Sep (LM).
Caspian Tern: last G (Salmon Crk) & IBO 16 Oct.
Black Tern: last 5 HB 5 Sep (DTe), early dep.
Com. Tern: last CL 20 Oct.
Forster's Tern: last 2 SPt 28 Oct (W&MR).

PIGEONS – PARROTS

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: 2 H (Greenwell farm) 29, 31 Oct (AGu), surprising how rarely reported.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: last NMWMA (Marten Tract) 10 Sep.
Black-billed Cuckoo: last G 9 Sep.
Snowy Owl: arr Summerville Pier 11 Nov; total approx 20 at 15 loc 11-29 Nov (50+ obs).
Short-eared Owl: arr IBO 15 Oct; max 15 Nations Rd IBA 10 Nov.
N. Saw-whet Owl: NMWMA (Savannah) 15 Sep (Windbirders), during Muck Race; M (BBBO) 14 Oct (CS); 6b M (BBBO) 20 Oct (TS).
Com. Nighthawk: last Silver L – S, WYOM 18 Sep.
Chimney Swift: 250 Piffard LIVI 18 Sep & York Central School, Greiggsville 25 Sep; max 310 Culver Rd, T Irondequoit 26 Sep (KS); last 3 N Irondequoit Crk Trail 8 Oct.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Penfield 10 Oct; total b 8 BBBO 9-17 Sep.
Red-headed Woodpecker: 1-8 HB thru; WP 24 Sep; 8 Irondequoit Crk 7 Oct (SG); Co Rd 10 LIVI 19 Nov; T Albion 2 Nov.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: total 14 ind 12 loc 7-29 Nov (18 obs), good number late in season.
Am. Kestrel: 25 rep, 25 ind 19 loc Nov, good number late in season.
Merlin: 22 rep, 22 ind 17 loc Sep; total 24 at 11 loc Oct; 24 rep, 21 ind 19 loc 1-25 Nov.
Peregrine Falcon: 19 rep, 21 ind 11 loc Sep; total 24 at 16+ loc Oct; 18 rep, 17 ind 14 loc Nov.

FLYCATCHERS – WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: last BB-ES 6 Sep.
E. Wood-Pewee: last Ellison P, T Penfield 4 Oct.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: total b 10 BBBO 1-11 Sep; last S Conesus 20 Sep.

Acadian Flycatcher: last NMWMA (Carncross Rd) 1-5 Sep (GD, JMcG), late.

Alder Flycatcher: last 2 Ganondagan 10 Sep.

Willow Flycatcher: last Ontario Center Greenway P 11 Sep (JWi).

“Trail’s Flycatcher: last 3 NMWMA (VDS) 16 Sep (RB, NK). BBBO 11 Sep.

Least Flycatcher: last 1M (Owl Woods) 16 Sep.

E. Phoebe: last 2 Canadice Lake & 1 WAYN 20 Oct.

Great Crested Flycatcher: last 2 M (Owl Woods) 17 Sep.

E. Kingbird: last CL Inlet 10 Oct (KC), late.

N. Shrike: arr Rochester 27 Oct; 20 rep 13 ind 12 loc Nov.

WHITE-EYED VIREO (R2): 1 Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 3 Oct (W&MR); 1b BBBO 27 Sep; 1 Webster Arboretum 13-14 Nov (JiM), late.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last Palmyra WAYN 19 Sep.

Blue-headed Vireo: last 1b BBBO 27 Oct.

Warbling Vireo: last Indian Fort Pres, Geneseo 1 Oct.

Philadelphia Vireo: total b 9 BBBO 4-24 Sep.

Red-eyed Vireo: total b 84 BBBO 1 Sep - 6 Oct; last N Irondequoit Crk Trail 8 Oct.

Am. Crow: max 5200 U of Rochester 26 Nov (JG).

Fish Crow: 1-14 resident in the area from the mouth of the Genesee River west into N Greece; occasional singles elsewhere.

Purple Martin: max 250 Summerville Pier 5 Sep; last T Bergen GENE 25 Sep.

Tree Swallow: max 800 NMWMA (MRdM) 8 Oct, low max; last MAC 21 Oct.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: last MAC 21 Oct.

Bank Swallow: last NMWMA (VDS) & MAC 16 Sep.

Cliff Swallow: last 4 HB 4 Oct.

CAVE SWALLOW: arr 3 HB 23 Oct (AGu); SPt 3 Nov (MG, ph); 11 HB 5 Sep (RB, NK, JiM); 3 HB 5 (later) Sep (JiM); 1; 2 G (Buck Pnd) 5; 6 Nov (JiB); 1 Lakeshore Marshes WAYN 8 Nov (W&MR), *intro*.

Barn Swallow: max 300 NMWMA (Marten Tract) 21 Sep; last HB 24 Oct.

Black-capped Chickadee: max 32 WP 26 Nov, low max; max b 1 BBBO 9 days; total b 9 BBBO 7 Sep - 27 Oct, low, *intro*.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 10 WP 3 Oct; max 19 WP 26 Nov, only double digit tallies.

Brown Creeper: total b 64 BBBO 21 Sep - 27 Oct.

House Wren: last DEP 17 Nov (DH), Reg record late.

Winter Wren: arr 1b BBBO 10 Sep; max b 10 BBBO 22 Sep; max 16 HB-YC 1 Oct (R&SS, RB); total b 78 BBBO 10 Sep-27 Oct.

Marsh Wren: last NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) 29 Nov (DSh, MTe), late.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last HB 8 Oct.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr BB 20 Sep; max 36 HB-YC 20 Oct (DBe, RSp), low max; max b 52 BBBO 16 Oct; total b 293 BBBO 25 Sep - 28 Oct.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Rochester 2 Sep; max 28 M (Owl Woods) 1 Oct, low max; max b 156 BBBO 16 Oct; total b 441 BBBO 15 Sep - 27 Oct; last BB-WS 25 Nov (AGu), late.

Veery: total b 21 BBBO 4-26 Sep; last IB 28 Sep.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: max b 10 BBBO 25 Sep; total b 97 BBBO 7 Sep- last 6 Oct; last HB-WE 13 Oct.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell’s Thrush: max b 10 M 26 Sep; total b 56 BBBO 13 Sep - last 6 Oct.

BICKNELL’S THRUSH: 1 each b BBBO 22, 24, 26 Sep.

Swainson’s Thrush: max 19 Seneca Parkway, Rochester 22 Sep (RB); max b 18 BBBO 13 Sep; total b 189 BBBO 1 Sep - last 16 Oct.

Hermit Thrush: arr migr BB 21 Sep; max 25 HB-WE 13 Oct (RSp); max b 20 BBBO 16 Oct; total b 98 BBBO 23 Sep - 28 Oct.

Wood Thrush: last 2 IBO 13 Oct.

Am. Robin: max 400 Lehigh Swamp 22 Nov (CN).

Gray Catbird: max 31 WP 13 Sep (RSp); 30 MP 16 Sep (TL); total b 110 BBBO 1 Sep - 27 Oct; last 1 b BBBO 28 Nov (AP).

Brown Thrasher: last HANA 14 Oct.

Am. Pipit: arr BB-ES 2 Sep; last 2 HB 15 Nov.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: arr HB 1 Oct.

Snow Bunting: arr BB-ES 22 Oct; 150 H 2 Nov; max 200 West Port Bay WAYN 17 Nov (W&MR).

Ovenbird: total b 9 BBBO 2 Sep - last 5 Oct.

N. Waterthrush: last HB-YC 17 Sep.

Golden-winged Warbler: 1B BBBO 18 Sep, now scarce in fall, late.

Blue-winged Warbler: last St. John Fisher Natural Area 19 Sep.

Black-and-white Warbler: last H 20 Sep.

Tennessee Warbler: last BB - Dalheim Unit 14 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr WP 13 Sep; BB-ES 30 Sep; Indian Fort Pres, Geneseo 1 Oct; 1b BBBO 20 Oct; last 1b BBBO 15 Nov, late.

Nashville Warbler: total b 17 1 Sep – last 21 Oct.

Connecticut Warbler: arr BB 12 Sep (MG); 1 each b BBBO 13, 14, 19, 27, Sep.

Mourning Warbler: last 1b BBBO 4 Oct, late.

Com. Yellowthroat: total b 88 BBBO 1 Sep – 5 Oct; last G (Salmon Crk) 25 Nov (AG, AW), late.

Hooded Warbler: last 1b BBBO 6 Oct.

Am. Redstart: total b 65 M 1 Sep – 6 Oct; last CL inlet 24 Oct.

Cape May Warbler: last 1b BBBO 11 Oct.

N. Parula: last BB-ES 1 Oct.

Magnolia Warbler: max b 18 BBBO 10 Sep; total b 124 BBBO 1 Sep – 3 Oct; max 25 M (Owl Woods) 11 Sep; last Beechwood SP WAYN 17 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: total b 23 BBBO 1-21 Sep; last IBO 13 Oct.

Blackburnian Warbler: last T Gates MONR 7 Oct.

Yellow Warbler: 1 each b BBBO 2, 7 Sep, low; last Sherburne P, Walworth WAYN 23 Sep.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: last 1 b BBBO 5 Oct.

Blackpoll Warbler: max b 21 BBBO 4 Oct; total b 124 BBBO 1 Sep – last 23 Oct; *intro*.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: total b 33 BBBO 1 Sep – 5 Oct; last 3 T Conesus LIVI & 1 Webster Arboretum 6 Oct.

Palm Warbler: arr HB 2 Sep; max 17 G (Burger P) 5 Oct (KG); last NMWMA (Marten Tract) 14 Oct.

Pine Warbler: last HB 14 Oct.

Prairie Warbler: 1 b BBBO 21 Sep, only report.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 30 G (Canal P) H 14 Oct; max b 22 BBBO 10 Oct; total b 35 BBBO 23 Sep – 18 Oct; last NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) 29 Nov (DSh, MTe), late.

Black-throated Green Warbler: total b 9 BBBO 1-28 Sep; last 1 Penfield & 3 G(Burger P) 8 Oct.

Canada Warbler: last G 20 Sep.

Wilson's Warbler: total b 27 BBBO 1-30 Sep; last T Wolcott WAYN 6 Oct.

TOWHEES – WEAVERS

E. Towhee: last WP 29 Nov (RSp), late.

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Ellison P, Penfield 20 Oct.

Chipping Sparrow: last Highland P, Rochester 28 Nov (KH), late.

Field Sparrow: last 2 TCEA 4 Nov (CG).

Savannah Sparrow: last NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 13 Nov (BF).

NELSON'S SPARROW (R2): 1 b BBBO 28 Sep.

Fox Sparrow: arr 1b BBBO 5 Oct; last Highland P, Rochester 19 Nov (KH).

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Oatka Crk P MONR 5 Sep; total b 11 BBBO 6 Sep – 6 Oct; last HANA 16 Oct.

White-throated Sparrow: max 80 Webster Arboretum 28 Sep (JiM); max b 65 BBBO 10 Oct; total b 429 BBBO 6 Sep – 28 Oct; 76 M (Owl Woods) 1 Oct (AGu).

White-crowned Sparrow: arr 1b BBBO 25 Sep; max 35 HANA 14 Oct (R&SS).

Dark-eyed Junco: max b 32 BBBO 26 Oct; total b 78 BBBO 22 Sep – 27 Oct.

SUMMER TANAGER: f Irondequoit 29 Nov (JBl, ph), brief stop at feeder.

Scarlet Tanager: last Oatka Crk P 25 Sep.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Webster P 24 Sep.

Indigo Bunting: last Highland P, Rochester 5 Oct.

Bobolink: last 3 G (Beatty Pt) 24 Sep.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 4000 NMWMA (MRdM) 8 Oct.

E. Meadowlark: last G (BurgerP) 22 Nov (DR, VW).

Rusty Blackbird: arr BB-ES 16 Sep; 35 rep, 97 ind 21 loc Oct (25 obs); 6 rep, 15 ind 6 loc 1-8 Nov (7 obs); last Oatka Crk P 20 Nov; no sizable flocks reported this season.

Com. Grackle: max 2500 BB-Dalheim Unit 5 Oct (KG).

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 700 CR 10 LIVI 3 Nov.

Baltimore Oriole: last Palmyra WAYN 21 Sep.

Red Crossbill: arr HB 6 Oct (AGu), only report.

Com. Redpoll: arr 2 HB 22 Oct; HB 9, 15 Nov; only reports.

Pine Siskin: arr HB 16 Sep; 400 DEP 21 Oct (JiM); max 510 HB 22 Oct (AGu); sev other counts > 100.

Am. Goldfinch: max b 30 BBBO 18 Oct; total b 98 8 Sep – 28 Oct; max 172 HB 27 Oct; 146 BBBO 15 Nov (GL); 150 HB 15 Nov (AGu).

Evening Grosbeak: arr HB 4-5 Nov (BCar, AGa, DSh, NK); irregular visitor now.