

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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The fall season had a warm and dry beginning. In Syracuse the mean temperature for September was 64.5°F, 2.5° higher than normal. A high temperature of 91° was recorded on 27 September. Precipitation for the month barely exceeded 1.5", which is 2.3" lower than average. The mercury continued to surge (a relative term) in October. The average temperature for the month was 57°, 6.4° above normal. Rainfall in October amounted to 6.09", fully 2.65" above average. The highest winds for the entire period occurred on 15 October. On that day sustained winds out of the west reached 45 MPH and peak gust speeds were recorded at 54 MPH. The season's warming trend ended in November, with a mean temperature in Syracuse of 38°, 2.6° below average. Rainfall amounted to 3.65", which is slightly above normal. 5.2" of snow fell in November, which is 4.3" less than average for Syracuse.

A lack of strong fronts pushing into the Region for the better part of the

season contributed to low overall counts of most migrants. This seemed especially true in the September through mid-October time frame. The season's winds seemed to offer little assistance to migrating raptors. In late October and early November, low pressure and cold fronts responsible for dumping nearly a season's worth of rain finally ushered waterfowl by Derby Hill, including good numbers of all three scoter species.

Migrating Snow Geese began showing up in the Region in the last week of November, while the Brant flight peaked in mid-October. On Halloween, Gary Meyers observed seven Cackling Geese on Woodman Pond in Madison County. Our best counts of Tundra Swans came from northwestern Oneida Lake. 412 were reported from Constantia on 19 November. Generally, duck numbers were low this period, but a tally of 215 Wood Ducks at Delta Lake on the first day of October is respectable. Dabbling duck numbers were mixed. Continuing a lamentable trend of recent years, tallies of migrant Blue-winged Teal were very low. American Wigeon numbers were fairly high, with a maximum of 150 reported from the eastern part of Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge (Cayuga County) and Fair Haven. Those observations occurred on 1 November and 28 October, respectively. 128 Northern Pintail were counted at Fair Haven on 1 November and 113 were counted at Derby Hill a couple days before. Diving duck numbers were down with few exceptions. Canvasbacks were completely missed, while Ring-necked Duck numbers peaked in mid-October. Best numbers for that species, 345 and 260, occurred in mid-November on a few small lakes in Madison County. Three **King Eider** flew past Derby Hill on 19 November. On 30 October, 40 MPH west winds facilitated a good flight of bay ducks over Derby Hill. The flight included 52 Surf Scoters, 157 White-winged Scoters, 195 Black Scoters, and 290 Long-tailed Ducks. Numbers of Hooded Mergansers were high on some of the Region's small lakes. 100 were tallied at Beaver Lake Nature Center on 21 November and 77 on Otisco Lake on 25 November. A maximum of 400 Red-breasted Mergansers was seen at Oswego Harbor on 25 November.

Wild Turkey numbers continue to be low, but perhaps the season's bountiful mast will lead to greater winter survival rates and set the species up for a more successful breeding season in 2018. Drew Weber counted 68 Common Loons over Derby Hill on 6 November. According to Gary Lee, three Common Loons tempted fate by remaining on Big Moose Lake in the Adirondacks right through the end of the period. A maximum number of 37 Horned Grebes was counted at Derby Hill on 4 November. On 16 September, a team competing in the Muckrace at MNWR found two Least Bitterns at Howland Island. That species is often missed in the fall. Single **Cattle Egrets** were found three places in the Region. Gregg Dashnau's watch at the Three Rivers confluence found a bird flying the corridor on 25 and 27 November. Other sightings included one in Madison County and another at an unlikely spot in Brewerton. At the Onondaga Lake Creekwalk Deborah Dohne kept tabs on what turned out to be a record late Green Heron. Dohne meticulously documented the bird's behavior from 24

October to the last sighting on 23 November. The bird survived 15 nights below freezing and a low of 16°F. She also noted its interactions with a group of Black-crowned Night-Herons and a gray fox. On 27 October, a second Green Heron was seen. The species has little desire to linger beyond mid-October, but exceptionally mild weather in the first three weeks of October was likely a factor. On 31 October, Dohne found a total of seven Black-crowned Night-Herons at the same location. Five Black-crowned Night-Herons were reported at Howland Island on 15 September.

Amid overcast skies, light rain, and winds out of the northeast, 454 Turkey Vultures migrated over the Bishop Road hawkwatch on 11 October. The last Osprey of the season occurred at Woodman Pond in Madison County on 9 November, which is late for the species. Although sightings were widespread, high counts of the two common accipiter species were low. A maximum of 10 Sharp-shinned Hawks was counted at Bishop on 11 October, and there was only a single report of Northern Goshawk for the period. On 9 September, winds out of the north, coupled with an eastward breeze off Lake Ontario compelled Bill Purcell to neglect his Bishop Road site in favor of his own Hastings property (well inland from Lake Ontario). There he was rewarded with a decent fall raptor flight that featured (among other species) six Bald Eagles, six Osprey, and 129 Broad-winged Hawks. Rough-legged Hawks arrived on 11 October and were reported from a total of six locations.

Virginia Rails were found at three sites. The last straggler was seen at the Clay Marsh on 19 October. The season's only Sora was photographed by Deborah Dohne while kayaking at Onondaga Lake on 14 September at an unusual location not accessible on foot. At the same site, a runner-up high count of 34 American Coots was observed on 5 November. Migrant shorebirds were unremarkable in terms of diversity and number. The last Black-bellied Plover of the season was observed at Fair Haven on 7 November. On 5 September, a maximum of nine American Golden Plovers was counted at the traditional stopover site at the Sky High Turf Farm, north of Chittenango. Greg Dashnau found one Purple Sandpiper at Fair Haven on 20 October. The species is expected annually there, although the arrival date is very early. The Purple Sandpiper continued for nine days, perhaps aware it need be in no hurry. The last Wilson's Snipe was reported from Woodman Pond on 28 November. Two Red Phalaropes flew past Derby Hill on 30 October and another on 10 November. Bill Purcell observed three Black-legged Kittiwakes at Derby Hill on 19 November. All of the expected gull species occurred in low or otherwise unremarkable numbers. Fair Haven produced a Little Gull for David Wheeler and Deborah Dohne on 28 October. A distant jaeger was seen by Wheeler at both Fair Haven and Oswego Harbor. A dark-mantled hooded gull was seen poorly after passing Derby Hill. The observers could not be sure if it was Laughing or Franklin's.

Reports of the Region's common owl species were widespread and relatively numerous. The first Snowy Owl arrived at Oswego Harbor on 21

November. Additional reports of the species came from four other locations. Two ended up with local wildlife rehabilitators after being involved in vehicle impacts. The season's first Short-eared Owl was struck by a car in North Syracuse on 17 October. A month later, on 17 November, two were reported from Three Rivers WMA. One Short-eared Owl continued at that location until at least 23 November. The only Northern Saw-whet Owl report came from Redfield on 12 November and involved yet another victim of vehicle impact. On 13 September, Maryanne Adams observed 91 Chimney Swifts entering their roost in a large chimney in Weedsport. This was fully ten days after the last swift was reported by anyone else in the Region. On 4 September, Wayne Fidler counted 45 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds as they migrated along the Sandy Pond south spit shoreline.

There were widespread reports of single Merlins. Two were observed in Brewerton on 10 September and two at Fair Haven on 6 October. Peregrine Falcons were seen at a dozen locations including Utica and Syracuse, where there continue to be territorial pairs. The Utica pair was observed defending their territory from interloping Peregrines on several occasions. Reports of Olive-sided Flycatchers came from seven locations. A high count of three was found at Sandy Pond on 1 September, and they were an easy find at Oakwood Cemetery in Syracuse. The last Eastern Wood-Pewee was found in Hastings on 20 October, a record late date for the Region. Northern Shrike arrived on 22 November, and there was a total of eight reports of singles. Numbers of Warbling Vireo reports were generally down, with only a handful of them from areas east of Oneida Lake. However, reports of Philadelphia Vireos were up. The last Philadelphia Vireo was reported by Joe Brin at Beaver Lake Nature Center on the very late date of 27 October. The bird was heard singing, likely another individual that saw no need to move on during October's "second summer". One Gray Jay was reported on 23 September in the vicinity of Old Forge in the Adirondacks. Mickey Scilingo observed migrating Blue Jays from his property on the north shore of Oneida Lake at Constantia. He counted 184 on 26 September and 427 on 29 September. Overall, the number of migrant Blue Jays at Constantia and other areas fell well short of the previous year's amazing totals. Undoubtedly there is a correlation between the number of migrant jays and the amount of mast available in forests this season.

There were relatively few reports of Horned Larks this period, although a good tally of 140 was counted at the Bishop Road Hawk Watch on 5 November. Several successive days of southeast winds at the end of October created favorable conditions for the occurrence of Cave Swallows along the Lake Ontario shoreline. Ultimately, a few were observed at Fair Haven on 1 November and 7 November. On 23 September, three Boreal Chickadees were reported in the vicinity of Old Forge, where they are expected. Reports of Red-breasted Nuthatches mainly emanated from the species' known year-round territories. No appreciable migration or irruption was detected. A late Marsh Wren was observed at Selkirk Shores State Park on 12 November. Maryanne

Adams obtained great photos of a **Sedge Wren** that visited her Cato property on 15 September, but there were no subsequent reports of the rarity. A pre-dawn visit to Oneida Shores County Park in Brewerton on 9 September yielded a fallout of thrush species. In less than 15 minutes, Tom Auer, Ian Davies and Sarah Dzielski identified the twilight descent calls of 17 Veerys, four Gray-cheeked Thrushes, and 195 Swainson's Thrushes. A maximum number of 25 Gray-cheeked Thrushes was identified by their nocturnal flight calls at Howland Island on 16 September.

The first Lapland Longspur report came from Fair Haven on 4 November. There was only one other report of the species. The general consensus among birders was that warbler migration was disappointing. High counts for most species occurred in mid-September, which is the traditional time for peak movement. Generally though, most species were found in low numbers. Tennessee Warblers again defied the trend and were found in good numbers in several locations. Orange-crowned Warblers were reported in a total of five locations. The last one was seen at Three Rivers WMA on 21 October. In Dolgeville, on 25 September, a **Connecticut Warbler** was observed by Larry Hall as it skulked in the brambles near a feeding station. The rarity was well described. Cape May Warblers were found with more frequency this season. The last one was reported on 2 November, which is fairly late. Bay-breasted Warblers were also relatively well represented during the period. However, there were surprisingly few reports of Blackburnian Warblers. In fact, the maximum daily counts of that species didn't surpass two. That was also the case with Black-throated Blue Warblers. By contrast, Palm Warblers were fairly numerous. On 8 October, 15 Palm Warblers were found at Three Rivers WMA. There was only a single report of Canada Warbler this period.

Sparrow migration was also slow and disorganized. There were very few reports of Fox Sparrows. In stark contrast to relatively imperceptible sparrow migration, blackbird migration was staggering for some observers. Blackbirds concentrated in some areas and grew into flocks of vast proportions. 17,300 Red-winged Blackbirds were tallied at the Bishop Road Hawk Watch on 4 November. On the same date a more astounding estimate of 355,000 Common Grackles were observed and videotaped by Deborah Dohne at the Onondaga Lake Creekwalk. Dohne wrote, "This was a massive river of birds that took eight minutes to pass." She analyzed still pictures and video to arrive at her estimated total. On 2 November at Constantia, Mickey Scilingo estimated the size of a mixed flock of blackbirds to contain 250,000 individuals.

Given the fact that our Region is jam-packed with finch food, primarily in the form of spruce cones and birch seeds, it came as a great disappointment not to have winter finches taking advantage of the bounty. There were only a handful of crossbills reported. Pine Siskins were encountered in some numbers, but there were no sightings of redpolls. The only report of Evening Grosbeaks came from Old Forge in the Adirondacks, where the species has been a yearlong resident. Through much of the fall period the editors of this report fielded

questions from a great number of birders regarding the lack of songbirds visiting bird feeding stations. This is a perennial question and the standard answer is that birds are not coming to feeders because they prefer feeding on abundant wild food supplies. That answer is problematic since those of us who were spending a lot of time in the woods, meadows, and wetlands weren't seeing the birds either. Perhaps there was another reason for the birds' absence, or maybe there were multiple reasons. In November, when temperatures dropped and snow covered the ground, some birds did return to feeders, but it amounted to only a fraction of the normal clientele. At Spring Farm Nature Preserve in Kirkland, Matt Perry tried calling birds in with recorded bird song in the vicinity of three different inner-woods feeding stations. At two of the stations, following 20 minutes of playing the calls, winter foraging flocks including a familiar complement of feeder birds made brief visits to the feeders. About half of the species fed before disappearing back into the forest. Although the results of the test couldn't be considered definitive due to the small scale of the experiment, they support the conventional wisdom that songbirds are being satiated by mast and have little need to visit feeding stations.

A total of 238 species and three hybrids was reported for the season, which is two more than the recent 10-year average of 236. Highlights included: Greater White-fronted Goose, King Eider, **Cattle Egret**, Golden Eagle, Red Phalarope, Parasitic Jaeger, Black-legged Kittiwake, Little Gull, Snowy Owl, Short-eared Owl, Gray Jay, **Cave Swallow**, Boreal Chickadee, **Sedge Wren**, Orange-crowned Warbler, and **Connecticut Warbler**.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Adks – Adirondacks (n. HERK); **BLNC** – Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville; **BRH** – Bishop Road Hawk Watch, T Richland; **Bville** – Baldwinsville; **CM** – Clay Marsh, Clay; **Const** – Oneida L at Constantia; **DB** – Ditch Bank Rd & vicinity, T

Sullivan/Lenox; **DH** – Derby Hill, T Mexico; **DL** – Delta L; **Dolge** – Dolgeville, HERK; **FH** – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and vicinity; **GB** – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; **GLSP** – Green Lakes SP, Fayetteville; **Hast** – Hastings; **HI** – Howland I WMA; **MNWR** east – Montezuma NWR, CAYU; **OF** – Old Forge, HERK; **OLC** – Onondaga L Creekwalk; **OneiL** – Oneida L; **OnonL** – Onondaga L; **OSP** – Oneida Shores P, Brewerton; **OswH** – Oswego Harbor; **SFNS** – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; **SH** – Southern Highlands of ONON & MADI; **SHTF** – Sky High Turf Farm, Chittenango, MADI; **Skan** – Skaneateles; **SSSP** – Selkirk Shores SP; **SVB** – Sylvan & Verona Beach; **Syr** – Syracuse; **TR** – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; **UM** – Utica Marsh; **VBSP** – Verona Beach SP; **WP** – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: WP 15 Oct (GM), only report.

Snow Goose: arr 4 Phoenix 8 Oct; arr 8 OswH 21 Nov; max 80 Tully 27 Nov; small numbers early in season likely summered nearby.

Brant: arr 16 WP 8 Oct; max 1400 DH 16 Oct; 326 FH 16 Oct; last 3 OswH 22 Nov.

Cackling Goose: arr WP 8 Oct; max 7 WP 31 Oct; 2 BLNC 31 Oct – 11 Nov.

Canada Goose: max 5000 Conquest, CAYU 11 Nov.

Snow Goose X Canada Goose: BLNC 1 – 6 Nov (GD).

Mute Swan: max 63 FH 14 Nov.

Trumpeter Swan: 6 Mallory 25 Oct; max 8 FH 11 Nov.

Tundra Swan: arr WP 3 Nov; max 412 Const 19 Nov; best numbers from northwest OneiL.

Wood Duck: 35 WP 28 Sep – 14 Oct; max 215 DL 1 Oct.

Gadwall: arr Brewerton 10 Sep; 8 OnonL 15 Oct; 8 FH 1 Nov; max 49 SP 30 Nov.

Am. Wigeon: max 150 MNWR east 28 Oct & 150 FH 1 Nov.

Am. Black Duck: 29 WP 15 Oct; max 48 DH 16 Oct.

Mallard: 244 Brewerton 10 Sep; max 249 WP 28 Nov.

Am. Wigeon X Mallard: TR 14 Sep (GD).

Blue-winged Teal: max 10 Little Falls 16 Sep; 8 HI 16 – 23 Sep; last 8 WP 17 Oct.

N. Shoveler: 9 DL 1 Oct; max 13 MNWR east 28 Oct; 12 UM 1 Nov.

N. Pintail: arr Central Square 8 Sep; 113 DH 30 Oct; max 128 FH 1 Nov.

Green-winged Teal: max 32 FH 10 Oct; 26 WP 12 – 26 Oct.

Canvasback: no reports.

Redhead: arr SP 11 Sep; 12 OneiL 15 Nov; max 19 Cazenovia 20 Nov; relatively few reports.

Ring-necked Duck: max 345 West Eaton 15

Nov; 260 WP 19 Nov; best numbers from MADI.

Greater Scaup: 13 DL 3 Oct; 19 FH 1 Nov; max 22 SP 12 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: arr 2 DL 1 Oct; 78 DH 30 Oct; max 115 12 Nov.

King Eider: 3 DH 19 Nov (BP), only report.

Surf Scoter: arr 2 OswH 9 Oct; max 52 DH 30 Oct.

White-winged Scoter: arr 46 DH 16 Oct; max 157 DH 30 Oct; 38 FH 11 Nov.

Black Scoter: arr 2 DH 16 Oct; 195 DH 30 Oct; max 233 SSSP 1 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr FH 28 Oct; max 300 DH 6 Nov; 130 SSSP 12 Nov.

Bufflehead: arr 2 Oswego 20 Oct; 30 SP 4 Nov; max 80 FH 2 Nov; 60 Erieville 15 Nov.

Com. Goldeneye: arr 14 DH 30 Oct; 20 Otisco Lake 13 Nov; max 50 West Eaton 25 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: 63 DeRuyter 14 Nov; max 100 BLNC 21 Nov; 77 Otisco Lake 25 Nov.

Com. Merganser: 230 SVB 15 Oct; max 320 West Eaton 30 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser: arr 7 DH 16 Oct; 350 DH 11 Nov; max 400 OswH 25 Nov.

Ruddy Duck: arr WP 11 Sep; max 39 BLNC 7 Oct; 31 WP 22 Oct.

Ring-necked Pheasant: max 4 Tully 23 – 29 Sep & 4 HI 17 Nov; reports of mostly singles from 10 locations.

Ruffed Grouse: max 7 SH 23 Sep; 2 SFNS 17 Oct; 2 Fairfield 5 Nov; 2 Hast 25 Nov.

Wild Turkey: 15 Richland 2 Sep; max 27 SH 30 Sep – 6 Oct.

Red-throated Loon: arr FH 28 Oct; 2 DH 6 Nov; max 4 FH 14 Nov; 2 OswH 25 Nov.

Com. Loon: max 68 DH 6 Nov (DWe), good number; 15 OswH 7 Nov; 19 FH 14 Nov.

Pied-billed Grebe: 9 SSSP 14 Sep; 10 FH 10 Oct; max 21 DeRuyter 11 Nov; 9 Cazenovia 20 Nov.

Horned Grebe: max 37 DH 4 Nov; 21 FH 14

Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: arr DL 3 Oct; max 2 FH 7 Nov; individuals at 3 other locs.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 430 OswH 5 Sep; 425 Lysander 30 Sep.

Least Bittern: 2 HI 16 Sep, only report.

Great Blue Heron: max 26 Lysander 30 Sep.

Great Egret: 11 OnonL 6 Sep; max 20 HI 16 Sep; 8 Hamilton 21 Sep; last OnonL 12 Nov, late.

Cattle Egret: TR 25, 27 Oct (GD); Poolville, MADI 3 Nov (EAS); Brewerton 4 Nov (DA).

Green Heron: max 25 Volney 1 Sep; 6 DeWitt 2 Sep; 4 UM 10 – 12 Sep; 2 OnonL 27 Oct, late; last OnonL 24 Oct - 23 Nov (DD), *intro*, rec late for Reg.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 5 HI 15 Sep; max 7 OnonL 31 Oct (DD); only 2 locs.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Turkey Vulture: 63 DH 16 Oct; 52 Phoenix 17 Oct; 63 DH 3 Nov; max 454 BRH 11 Oct.

Osprey: max 6 Hast 9 Sep; last WP 9 Nov.

Bald Eagle: 7 DH 2 Sep; 7 SP 5 Sep; 7 MNWR east 30 Sep; 7 DH 16 Oct; Bville 3 Nov (JS), rehab case, tangled in fishing line; max 8 BRH 4 Nov.

N. Harrier: 2 UM 12 Sep; 2 TR 22 Oct; 2 SFNS 28 Oct; max 5 BRH 4 Nov.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 3 Hast 9 Sep; max 10 BRH 11 Oct; 3 DH 28 Oct.

Cooper's Hawk: 4 Const 29 Sep; max 6 BRH 11 Oct.

N. Goshawk: DH 28 Oct, only report.

Red-shouldered Hawk: singles at 7 locs.

Broad-winged Hawk: max 129 Hast 9 Sep; 12 Syr 9 Sep; last Dolgeville 28 Sep.

Red-tailed Hawk: max 49 BRH 4 Nov; 7 DH 9 Nov.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr BRH 11 Oct; max 4 BRH 4 Nov; 5 other locs.

Golden Eagle: arr Hinckley Reservoir 26 Oct; WP 4 Nov; South Columbia, HERK 23 Nov; Lysander 28 Nov; only reports.

Virginia Rail: 2 Madison 15 Sep; max 3 HI 16 Sep; Madison 19 Sep; last CM 19 Oct.

Sora: OnonL 14 Sep, unusual loc (DD), only report.

Com. Gallinule: max 9 Madison 9 Sep; 8 Volney 12 Sep; 5 HI 16 Sep; last OnonL 15 Oct.

Am. Coot: max 40 MNWR east 28 Oct; 34 OnonL 5 Nov; 24 Skan 13 Nov.

Sandhill Crane: max 5 Conquest 10 Sep; last 2 DH 9 Nov; reports from 3 other locs.

Black-bellied Plover: max 3 SHTF 5 – 30 Sep;

2 SP 5 Sep; last FH 7 Nov.

Am. Golden-Plover: max 9 SHTF 5 Sep; last 3 DL 1 Oct.

Semipalmated Plover: max 9 SP 1 Sep; 8 SHTF 4 Sep; 8 OnonL 11 Sep; last OSP 29 Sep.

Killdeer: 50 SHTF 3 Sep; max 86 OnonL 15 Oct; last SP 12 Nov.

Spotted Sandpiper: 2 SP 1 Sep; 2 Oswego 6 Sep; 2 OnonL 10 – 14 Sep; last OF 22 Sep.

Solitary Sandpiper: 2 Madison 11 – 24 Sep; 2 Amboy 12 Sep; 2 OLC 27 Sep; last 2 OLC 27 Sep.

Greater Yellowlegs: 6 Madison 19 Sep; 6 OnonL 14 – 21 Oct; max & last 9 Port Byron 6 Nov.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 17 Madison 8 Sep; 7 Port Byron 4 Nov; last 4 Port Byron 6 Nov.

Ruddy Turnstone: OswH 3 – 4 Sep; SVB 14 Sep; OswH 14 – 16 Sep; only reports.

Red Knot: 2 SP 4 Sep, only report.

Stilt Sandpiper: SP 1 Sep, only report.

Sanderling: max 40 SP 5 Sep; 18 DL 3 Oct; 23 FH 1 Nov; last 2 FH 7 Nov.

Dunlin: 18 Port Byron 6 Nov; max 75 FH 31 Oct; last 2 FH 11 Nov.

Purple Sandpiper: FH 20 Oct – 29 Oct (GD), early.

Least Sandpiper: 7 SP 1 Sep; 8 Jamesville 4 Sep; max 9 Madison 14 Sep.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 Madison 14 – 15 Sep; last Conquest 11 Nov.

Pectoral Sandpiper: 11 DL 1 Oct; max 13 OnonL 22 Oct; last 2 Port Byron 6 Nov.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 5 SP 1 Sep; max 18 OnonL 11 Sep; 5 Madison 14 Sep; last 2 Madison 19 Sep.

Short-billed Dowitcher: SP 2 Sep; Jamesville 7 Sep; only reports.

Long-billed Dowitcher: 5 MNWR east 28 Oct (AN), only report.

Wilson's Snipe: max 6 HI 16 Sep & 6 TR 7 Oct; last WP 28 Nov.

Am. Woodcock: 3 HI 16 Sep; 3 TR 7 Oct; max 4 TR 3 – 25 Oct; 3 Tully 21 Oct.

Red Phalarope: max 2 DH 30 Oct; last DH 10 Nov; only reports.

Red-necked Phalarope/Red Phalarope: DH 30 Oct.

Parasitic Jaeger: arr OswH 9 Oct (DW); FH 20 Oct (MG); max 4 DH 30 Oct.

jaeger species: FH 3 Sep (DW); OswH 4 Sep (DW); FH 20 Oct (GD); OswH 20 Oct (GD).

Black-legged Kittiwake: DH 30 Oct; max 3 DH 19 Nov (BP); only reports.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 250 SVB 14 Sep; 161 OLC 16 Oct; last 3 Cleveland 29 Nov.

Little Gull: FH 28 Oct (DW, DD, TS); FH 2 Nov (DD); DH 10 Nov (BP, KM, DA).
LAUGHING GULL/FRANKLIN'S GULL: DH 6 Nov (DWe).
Ring-billed Gull: max 5200 DH 10 Nov; 1500 OLC 12 Nov.
Herring Gull: 140 OswH 9 Oct; max 789 DH 19 Nov.
Iceland Gull: arr FH 11 Nov; DH 19 Nov; OswH 22 Nov.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: SP 12 Nov, only report.
Glaucous Gull: Phoenix 8 Nov; OswH 10 Nov; FH 24 Nov.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 43 SVB 10 Sep; 20 OswH 9 Oct.
Caspian Tern: 32 SP 1 – 4 Sep; max 65 SVB 10 Sep; last 2 FH 17 Oct.
Com. Tern: 8 OSP 10 Sep; max 150 SVB 14 Sep; last 27 SVB 15 Oct.
Com. Tern/Forster's Tern: 2 Bridgeport 23 Sep.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Rock Pigeon: 150 OswH 28 Sep; 160 Phoenix 1 Nov; max 328 n Syr 28 Nov.
Mourning Dove: 74 OnonL 17 Sep; max 77 Dolge 22 Nov.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Mexico 11 Sep (JS), vehicle impact; last 2 HI 16 Sept & 2 Hamilton 16 Sep; only reports.
Black-billed Cuckoo: max 2 Hast 7 Sep; HI 16 Sep; last Erieville 17 Sep.
E. Screech-Owl: 2 HI 15 Sep; 2 Manlius 20 Sep – 17 Nov; 2 Waterville 24 Oct.
Great Horned Owl: 2 Manlius 7 – 16 Sep; 2 Fayetteville 24 Sep; 2 Waterville 22 Oct – 9 Nov.
Snowy Owl: OswH 21 Nov; FH 24 Nov; Utica 25 Nov; Parrish 25 Nov (JS), vehicle impact; OLC 26 Nov; only reports.
Barred Owl: 3 Mexico 13 Sep; 3 HI 16 Sep; max 5 OF 23 Sep; 3 Tully 21 Oct.
Short-eared Owl: n Syr 17 Nov (JS), vehicle impact; 2 TR 17 Nov.
N. Saw-whet Owl: Redfield 12 Nov (DS), vehicle impact, only report.
Com. Nighthawk: max 12 SSSP 2 Sep; 7 BRH 2 Sep; 10 TR 3 Sep; 5 WP 3 Sep; last TR 15 Sep.
Chimney Swift: max 3 Syr 1 Sep; SP 1 Sep; last WP 3 Sep. last & max 91 Weedsport 13 Sep (MA), entering roost.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 8 Stillwater Reservoir 2 Sep; max 45 SP 4 Sep (WF), good number; 6 SFNS 8 Sep; last Bridgeport 23 Sep.

Belted Kingfisher: 6 SP 24 Sep; max 9 HI 30 Sep; 5 DL 3 Oct.
Red-headed Woodpecker: Noyes Sanctuary 15 Sep, only report.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 6 SFNS 7 Sep & 6 OSP 10 Sep & 6 Syr 24 Sep.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 3 VBSP 10 Sep; 3 Hamilton 23 Sep; 3 TR 24 Sep – 3 Oct; max 4 TR 13 Oct.
Downy Woodpecker: 10 SFNS 2 – 15 Sep; max 11 OSP 10 Sep.
Hairy Woodpecker: max 4 SFNS 7 – 15 Sep & 4 Dolge 11 Sep – 12 Nov & 4 HI 23 Sep.
N. Flicker: 8 SH 6 Sep; 9 TR 23 Sep; 10 TR 24 – 26 Sep; max 11 CM 1 Nov.
Pileated Woodpecker: 4 OSP 10 Sep; 4 OF 23 Sep; max FH 28 Nov.
Am. Kestrel: 3 SHTF 5 – 10 Sep; 3 Hast 9 Sep; 3 SH 7 Sep; max 9 Deerfield 14 Sep.
Merlin: 2 OSP 10 Sep; 2 FH 6 Oct; widespread reports of singles.
Peregrine Falcon: resident pr in Utica thru; max 3 Syr 2 Oct; singles from 10 locs.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: max 3 SP 1 Sep (WF); 1-2 Syr 1-10 Sep (DD); 2 SFNS 4 Sep (MP); last Hamilton 12 Sep (GM).
E. Wood-Pewee: 7 GLSP 9 Sep; max 10 Syr 10 Sep; last Hastings 20 Oct (BP), rec late for Reg.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: Jamesville 6 Sep; OSP 10 Sep; TR 12 Sep; Dolge 13 Sep; last Tully 2 Oct.
Willow Flycatcher: Hast 4 Sep; last TR 7 Sep.
Alder/Willow Flycatcher: 2 TR 1 Sep; 2 HI 16 Sep; last GB 18 Sep.
Least Flycatcher: max 3 SP 2 Sep & 3 SH 8 Sep & 3 SFNS 8 Sep; last 2 Hamilton 23 Sep.
Empidonax species: max 8 SP 2 Sep.
E. Phoebe: max 9 SP 2 Sep; 6 WP 6 Sep; 6 UM 10 Sep; last OLC 1 Nov.
Great Crested Flycatcher: 2 UM 10 – 12 Sep; last 2 FH 15 Sep.
E. Kingbird: 2 SP 4 Sep; last DH 13 Sep.
N. Shrike: arr SH 22 Nov; 7 other reports of singles.
Yellow-throated Vireo: 2 SSSP 9 Sep; 2 Const 10 Sep; max 3 HI 16 Sep; last Const 27 Sep.
Blue-headed Vireo: max 4 OF 24 Sep & 4 Bridgeport 24 Sep; last Dolge 24 Oct.
Warbling Vireo: 5 FH 2 Sep; max 7 SP 2 Sep & 7 OLC 17 Sep; last TR 25 Sep.
Philadelphia Vireo: 2 DH 8 – 9 Sep; 2 OSP 10 Sep; 2 TR 15 Sep; 2 HI 16 Sep; last BLNC 27 Oct (JB), late.

Red-eyed Vireo: 11 SP 2 Sep; max 24 Brewton 10 Sep; last SH & OLC 5 Oct.

Gray Jay: OF 23 Sep (CW).

Blue Jay: 184 Const 26 Sep; max 427 Const 29 Sep; 36 TR 1 Oct.

Am. Crow: 3920 BRH 4 Nov; max 10000 Utica 12 Nov (DM); 2515 Syr 28 Nov.

Fish Crow: 3 WP 26 Oct; max 8 Syr 21 Nov; singles and small numbers at expected locs.

Com. Raven: 8 DH 16 Oct; max 14 Grant, HERK 19 Nov; 6 OF 29 Nov; widespread reports.

Horned Lark: 17 SHTF 6 Sep; max 140 BRH 5 Nov; 28 Paris 27 Nov; relatively few reports.

Purple Martin: max 19 TR 7 Sep; last 2 HI 16 Sep.

Tree Swallow: max 850 HI 8 Oct; 28 BRH 11 Oct; 75 FH 1 Nov; last 6 FH 7 Nov.

N. Rough-winged Swallow: 2 WP 3 Sep; max & last 25 HI 16 Sep; only 2 locs.

Bank Swallow: 4 TR 3 Sep; max 28 HI 16 Sep; last HI 8 Oct (JM), late.

Barn Swallow: max 62 Mallory 3 Sep; 40 SHTF 5 Sep; 20 OLC 8 Sep; last TR 19 Sep.

Cliff Swallow: OswH 3 – 5 Sep; last HI 16 Sep; only reports.

CAVE SWALLOW: max 3 FH 1 Nov (GD); FH 7 Nov (GD, DA); only reports.

Black-capped Chickadee: max 24 Sterling 2 Sep & 24 HI 16 Sep.

Boreal Chickadee: 3 OF 23 Sep (CW, JB).

Tufted Titmouse: max 10 SFNS 4 Sep & 10 Syr 10 Sep.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: 9 Hamilton 20 Sep; 8 OF 24 Sep; max 16 Tully 21 Oct.

White-breasted Nuthatch: 10 GLSP 9 Sep; 10 OSP 10 Sep; max 11 HI 16 Sep.

Brown Creeper: 4 FH 10 Oct; max 3 VBSP 16 Sep & 3 TR 29 Sep.

House Wren: 5 SP 1 Sep; 5 DH 2 Sep; max 8 TR 15 Sep; last SFNS 22 Oct.

Winter Wren: 4 TR 29 Sep; 4 TR 12 Oct; 4 BLNC 27 Oct; max 8 SFNS 31 Oct.

Marsh Wren: max 8 HI 16 Sep; 2 TR 27 Sep; SSSP 12 Nov (BP).

Sedge Wren: Cato 15 Sep (MA, ph).

Carolina Wren: 2 Marcellus 9 – 10 Oct; max 4 Fayetteville 20 Oct.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 2 SP 2 Sep; max 3 West Monroe 10 Sep; 2 TR 6 Sep; 2 TR 6 Sep; last 2 TR & Dolge 13 Sep.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 20 SFNS 10 Oct; max 25 Grant 19 Nov.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 17 FH 10 Oct; 12 SFNS 12 Oct; max 25 DH 14 Oct; last DH 11 Nov.

E. Bluebird: max 23 SH 8 Oct; 20 Baltimore Woods 4 Nov.

Veery: max 17 OSP 10 Sep (SD, TA, ID), nocturnal flight calls; last SP 5 Oct; singles at 10 other locs.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: 4 OSP 10 Sep; max 25 HI 16 Sep (RB, NK), nocturnal flight calls, great number; last 5 TR 29 Sep.

Swainson's Thrush: max 195 OSP 10 Sep (SD, TA, ID), nocturnal flight calls; 40 HI 16 Sep (RB, NK), nocturnal flight calls; 8 TR 16 Sep; 14 OF 23 Sep; last Tully 21 Oct.

Hermit Thrush: max 7 OF 1 Sep; 4 SFNS 28 – 29 Oct.

Wood Thrush: 3 SFNS 2 – 15 Sep; 3 OSP 10 Sep; max 12 HI 16 Sep; last SFNS 10 Oct.

Am. Robin: 93 TR 3 Sep; 89 Tully 7 Oct; max 220 SFNS 5 Nov.

Gray Catbird: 16 SP 2 Sep; 17 OSP 10 Sep & 17 TR 15 Sep; max 20 CM 20 Nov; last OnonL 12 Nov.

N. Mockingbird: max 3 OnonL 19 Sep & 3 Syr 25 Oct; only one report east of OneiL.

Brown Thrasher: max 3 SP 1 Sep & 3 SFNS 4 Sep & 3 GLSP 16 Sep; last DB 15 Oct.

European Starling: 600 HI 8 Oct; 800 Mexico 28 Nov; max 980 DH 21 Oct.

Am. Pipit: 40 SHTF 30 Sep; 22 Port Byron 6 Nov; max 45 Fabius 3 Nov; last 4 Fabius 21 Nov.

Cedar Waxwing: 40 Scriba 1 Sep; 65 SFNS 8 Sep; max 309 DH 28 Nov.

LONGSPURS - WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: arr FH 4 Nov; OswH 7 Nov; only reports.

Snow Bunting: arr FH 25 Oct; max 125 FH 5 Nov; 45 Tully 17 Nov.

Ovenbird: max 2 GB 3 Sep; last OF 23 Sep.

N. Waterthrush: SP 2 Sep; OSP 10 Sep; last SFNS 17 Sep.

Blue-winged Warbler: max 3 SH 4 Sep; last Hamilton 23 Sep.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: SSSP 2 Sep, only report.

Black-and-white Warbler: 2 Hamilton 4 Sep; last 2 Hamilton 24 Sep.

Tennessee Warbler: 4 OSP 10 Sep; 4 Hamilton 11 Sep; max 6 UM 12 Sep; 5 SFNS 15 Sep; last SH 9 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr OF 23 Sep; 2 TR 11 Oct; 2 Mexico 14 Oct; last 2 TR 21 Oct; singles at 2 other locs.

Nashville Warbler: max 3 OSP 10 Sep & 3 HI 16 Sep & 3 GLSP 1 Oct; last Solvay 12 Nov (DD), rec late for Reg.

Connecticut Warbler: Dolge 25 Sep (LH).
Mourning Warbler: max 2 SHTF 7 Sep; SFNS 7 Sep; Madison 15 Sep; last SFNS 16 Sep.
Com. Yellowthroat: 10 OSP 10 Sep; max 11 Hast 15 Sep; last GLSP 20 Oct.
Hooded Warbler: 2 BLNC 1 Sep; 2 SH 1 Sep; 2 Sterling 2 Sep; last SFNS 23 Sep.
Am. Redstart: 5 Sterling 2 Sep; 5 SFNS 8 Sep; max 8 OSP 10 Sep; last BLNC 2 Nov.
Cape May Warbler: 3 SH 4 Sep; 3 Oswego 6 Sep; max 6 OSP 10 Sep; last FH 1 Nov, late; many reports.
N. Parula: 3 SP 2 Sep; max 4 OSP 10 Sep; 3 SP 11 Sep; 3 OnonL 3 Oct; last OnonL 17 Oct.
Magnolia Warbler: 11 SP 2 Sep; 10 TR 10 Sep; max 18 OSP 10 Sep; last SFNS 10 Oct.
Bay-breasted Warbler: max 6 SFNS 6 Sep; 4 OSP 10 Sep; 3 HI 16 Sep; last TR 8 Oct.
Blackburnian Warbler: max 2 Hamilton 7 Sep; last Dolge 7 Oct; relatively few reports.
Yellow Warbler: 3 Oswego 6 Sep; max 6 SP 2 Sep; 2 OnonL 15 Sep; last Fabius 29 Sep.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 3 Hamilton 7 Sep & 3 OSP 10 Sep & 3 Hamilton 12 Sep.
Blackpoll Warbler: max 5 OSP 10 Sep; 3 SFNS 15 Sep; 3 Hast 15 Sep; last Syr 12 Oct.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 2 Hamilton 13 Sep & 2 SFNS 21 Sep; FH 10 Oct; poor numbers.
Palm Warbler: 4 Madison 19 Sep; max 15 TR 8 Oct; 4 SFNS 10 Oct; SFNS 31 Oct.
Pine Warbler: 2 Dolge 16 Sep – 3 Oct; 2 OF 23 – 24 Sep; last Dolge 15 Oct.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 24 OswH 9 Oct; 30 SFNS 11 Oct; max 32 TR 22 Oct.
Prairie Warbler: Hamilton 20 Sep, only report.
Black-throated Green Warbler: max 6 SP 1 Sep & 6 OSP 10 Sep; 5 UM 10 Sep; last SFNS 12 Oct.
Canada Warbler: SSSP 2 Sep, only report.
Wilson's Warbler: max 5 SP 2 Sep; 3 OSP 10 Sep; 2 OswH 11 Sep; 2 UM 12 Sep; last SFNS 28 Sep.

TOWHEES - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: 6 SFNS 1 – 10 Sep; max 8 TR 27 Sep; last Dolge 3 Nov.
Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Dolge 2 Nov; 8 Dolge 22 – 28 Nov; max 15 TR 23 Nov.
Chipping Sparrow: 20 Van Buren 6 Oct; max 39 Syr 25 Oct.
Field Sparrow: 6 GLSP 16 Sep; 6 GLSP 16 Sep; max 9 TR 30 Sep; 6 Jamesville 1 Oct; last 2 OnonL 11 Nov.

Vesper Sparrow: 2 Prospect, HERK 11 Oct; last Lysander 27 Oct; singles at 3 other locs.
Savannah Sparrow: 2 HI 16 Sep; max 8 SHTF 1 Oct; 2 Dolge 18 Sep – 21 Oct; 2 SFNS 23 Sep; last Dolge 9 Nov.
Fox Sparrow: arr 2 Fulton 1 Oct; max 3 TR 21 Oct; last SFNS 22 Nov.
Song Sparrow: 25 SFNS 2 Sep; max 30 TR 15 Sep; 25 HI 8 Oct.
Lincoln's Sparrow: max 4 TR 15 Sep; 3 HI 16 Sep; 3 TR 23 Sep – 8 Oct; last Dolge & CM 21 Oct.
Swamp Sparrow: 15 TR 4 Oct; max 18 HI 8 Oct; last Fayetteville 17 Nov.
White-throated Sparrow: max 70 SFNS 18 Oct; 55 GLSP 14 Oct; 60 TR 21 Oct.
White-crowned Sparrow: max 20 TR 5 Oct; 11 Syr 7 Oct; last Manlius 6 Nov.
Dark-eyed Junco: 20 OnonL 31 Oct; 22 FH 1 Nov; max 40 FH 1 Nov; 20 Fabius 12 Nov.
Scarlet Tanager: max 4 SFNS 1 Sep; 2 HI 16 – 17 Sep; 2 Hamilton 16 Sep; last Manlius 1 Oct.
N. Cardinal: max 12 HI 16 Sep; 10 OnonL 5 Oct.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 8 SHTF 5 – 7 Sep; 6 OSP 10 Sep; 5 SFNS 21 Sep; last SFNS 5 Oct.
Indigo Bunting: max 3 Salisbury 5 Sep; 2 SFNS 11 Sep; last SFNS 4 Oct; only 10 reports.
Bobolink: max 37 SFNS 2 Sep; 25 Fabius 7 Sep; 28 HI 16 Sep; last OF 24 Sep.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 17300 BRH 4 Nov; 15000 Port Byron 6 Nov; 2000 OnonL 11 Nov.
E. Meadowlark: max 7 BRH 11 Oct; last SFNS 18 Oct; reports from 5 other locs.
Rusty Blackbird: 15 WP 4 Oct; 16 Kirkville 10 Oct; max 62 TR 27 Oct; last 3 Waterville 25 Nov.
Com. Grackle: 3300 Hast 6 Nov; max 355000 OLC 4 Nov (DD), *intro*; 3400 NSyr 8 Nov.
Brown-headed Cowbird: 35 Canastota 14 Sep; max 80 MNWR east 16 Sep.
Baltimore Oriole: max 5 SFNS 1 Sep; last 3 OnonL 8 Sep; few reports.
blackbird species: max 250000 Const 2 Nov (MS).
House Finch: 15 n Syr 12 Oct; 15 West Winfield 10 Nov; max 18 OswH 19 Nov; 15 Dolge 22 – 29 Nov.
Purple Finch: 7 Mexico 14 Oct; max 8 SH 21 Oct; 6 Manlius 23 Nov.
Red Crossbill: 2 OF 23 Sep; SH 21 Oct; only reports.
White-winged Crossbill: 7 SH 1 Nov, only

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Pine Siskin: 12 DH 22 Oct; max 30 SFNS 23 Oct; 14 SH 25 Nov.

Am. Goldfinch: 75 SFNS 11 Oct; 430 DH 23 Oct; 575 DH 9 Nov.

Evening Grosbeak: max 2 OF 22 Sep; handful of reports all from ADKs.

House Sparrow: 40 SFNS 2 Sep; max 50 OnonL 30 Sep.