

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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September 2018 was warm and closed out the warmest 5-month stretch ever recorded in Buffalo. The average temperature was 67.2°F, 5.0° above normal, and the monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 3.58", 0.32" below normal. The first 10 days of October were warm, while the remainder was cool and damp. Fall foliage was delayed by several weeks following the warm summer. The average temperature was 50.5°, 0.3° below normal, and the monthly precipitation was 4.23", 0.71" above normal. One tenth of an inch of snow fell on the 20th, which seemed early for recent years but was still 0.8" below the long term monthly average. November was cold and dreary. The average temperature was 35.5°, 5.2° below normal, which was the eleventh coolest November on record. The monthly precipitation was 4.90", 0.89" above normal, and 13.4" of snow fell, 5.5" above normal. Notable weather events included strong gusty winds on the 6th and a brief arctic air mass around Thanksgiving. Weather information was obtained from National Weather Service monthly summaries for the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport.

The highlight from the fall waterfowl season was clearly the Region's third **Tufted Duck** record. Sue Barth found a female among scaup on the Buffalo waterfront at LaSalle Park on 18 November. The duck was regular but never a 'sure thing' at this location into early December. It's notable that all Regional sightings have been of immatures or females and all since 2013.

An early **Greater White-fronted Goose** was found on 19 September, and there were several other fall reports consistent with recent years. There were a few **Brant** reports away from Lake Ontario, including one that stayed at Black Rock Canal Park and four at Times Beach Nature Preserve that allowed easy sightings for many birders. There were also the more usual sightings along Lake Ontario. A **Eurasian Wigeon** was documented among many American Wigeon on 21 October at Iroquois NWR by Celeste Morien. Fall reports of Eurasian

Wigeon have been rare even as spring reports are on an increasing trend. **Harlequin Ducks** returned again to the rapids above Niagara Falls, where regular in recent years. Thirty **Black Scoters** at Dunkirk Harbor on 5 October are notable for number, location, and for being on the early side. An **Eared Grebe** was found at Batavia WWTP in October, keeping the annual trend alive for occurrence at this location back into the 1990s.

I'm often skeptical of 'heard only' cuckoo reports in the fall, as I know some birders mistake chipmunk calls for them, but they do occur into October. This season provided a surprising ten reports of **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** (plus one **Black-billed Cuckoo**) in September and October, including some with photographs. Whether this is an anomaly related to the warm weather and/or related to increased presence is uncertain. There were three Chimney Swifts identified at Batavia WWTP on 12 November, marking a late record for this species. Again, we have to wonder if the warm summer and early fall had something to do with it.

Alec Humann identified the fall season's lone **Upland Sandpiper** by its call at night as it flew over Buffalo on 6 September. The Buffalo Waterfront hosted a **Whimbrel**, one or two **Red Knots**, and one or more **Willetts** in September. Four Willets were also found at Dunkirk Harbor on 1 September. A smattering of **Baird's Sandpiper** and **White-rumped Sandpiper** reports occurred in the fall season as usual.

Perhaps the most notable item with gulls this season was the relatively low number of both small and large gulls on the Niagara River compared to usual seasons. The maximum Bonaparte's Gull count was only 750, while the usual large influx of Herring Gull and other large gull species didn't occur in November. There were late arrivals and low report numbers for Iceland and Glaucous Gulls. A few sightings of some uncommon but regular fall species kept things interesting. There were one to three **Black-legged Kittiwakes** on the Niagara River and one **Sabine's Gull** report at Buffalo. One to two Little Gulls were found at Batavia WWTP in late October, an unusual location. **Franklin's Gulls** were found on consecutive days in Somerset and at Woodlawn Beach SP. The last Common Tern report was 19 November, and there were four **Forster's Tern** reports this season. **Parasitic Jaegers** were reported on five occasions from Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

Four reports of **Cattle Egret** were good and consistent in the window of mid-October to early November. There were up to five **Black Vultures** in Lewiston this season and two reports of two in nearby Lockport. Rough-legged Hawk was scarce this fall.

An early **Snowy Owl** was sighted in Wilson on 21 October. The only other reports were of one at Lakeside Beach SP and up to three throughout November on the Buffalo Waterfront. **Long-eared Owls** were found in Colden and Porter, while **Short-eared Owls** were found at three locations. **Northern Saw-whet Owls** were identified in three locations, including the Erie Basin Marina in Buffalo where Shelley Seidman watched a Cooper's Hawk take one as prey.

Josh Ketry found a **Western Kingbird** in the Town of Concord on 17 October. It stuck around for another week allowing many birders to get a look at our tenth Regional record of this species. A **Least Flycatcher** was documented at Times Beach NP until the slightly late date of 4 October. September reports included four of **Olive-sided Flycatcher** and seven of **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**. Two Red-eyed Vireo sightings in early November were late. Northern Rough-winged Swallows were present in good numbers at Niagara Falls SP and held on until the third week of November.

Evening Grosbeaks made their best showing in the last ten or so years, delighting those whose feeders were visited. It was apparent that the grosbeaks were not sticking around for long, as the feeder visits were a few days at most. Single **Pine Grosbeaks** were found in late November near the Lake Ontario shoreline for the first Regional records since 2013. David Crowe photographed a **Red Crossbill** at Hanging Bog WMA on 19 October, also marking our first record since 2013. There were seven reports of **Common Redpolls**, and **Pine Siskins** were fairly regular but not in huge numbers this fall. American Goldfinches were also on the move, with migration flights noted along Lake Ontario in late October and early November.

Clay-colored Sparrow was found at Olcott into September, while Sue Barth photographed a migrant at Times Beach NP. Two **Grasshopper Sparrow** reports were more than usual for this species in fall. There were two **Baltimore Oriole** reports beyond the normal September departures, including feeder visitors in Hamburg in October and Orchard Park in November.

The warm weather and delayed fall foliage may have had something to do with some later warbler reports than normal. The season's only **Golden-winged Warbler** was late at 29 September. A **Connecticut Warbler** was found by Gale VerHague at Canadaway Creek WMA on the late side at 13 October. Most remarkable was a female **Hooded Warbler** photographed by Wendy Bale in her Kiantone yard on 17 and 18 November, our latest record. There were several **Yellow Warbler** reports later than typical, including one that lingered at Times Beach NP until 18 November.

The 83rd BOS October Count was held on the 13th and compiled by Marcie Jacklin. A total of 190 birders contributed to recording 157 species. Record high counts included two Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 22 Sandhill Crane, 928 Turkey Vulture, 32 Cooper's Hawk, 288 Red-bellied Woodpecker (up from last year's record of 256), and 245 Northern Rough-winged Swallow. American Black Duck had a record low of 34 (down from last year's record low of 43), and Ring-necked Pheasant had a record low of four.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP, CATT; **AmSP** – Amherst SP, ERIE; **BeSP** – Beaver I SP, ERIE; **BOSOC** – Buffalo Ornithological Society 13 Oct Count; **BufH** – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; **BuSP** – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; **BWWTP** – Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant, GENE; **ChauL** – Chautauqua L, CHAU; **DH** – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; **EvSP** – Evangola SP, ERIE; **FLC** – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; **FNSP** – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; **GHSP** – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; **HBWMA** – Hanging Bog WMA, ALLE; **INWR** – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; **JAS** – Jamestown Audubon Society, CHAU; **LBSP** – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; **NF** – Niagara Falls, NIAG; **NFSP** – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; **NPP** – Niagara Power Project on Niagara R, NIAG; **NR** – Niagara R, ERIE/NIAG; **OOWMA** – Oak Orchard WMA, ORLE/GENE; **PB** – Point Breeze, ORLE; **RWNP** – Reinstein Woods NP, ERIE; **TBNP** – Times Beach NP, Buffalo, ERIE; **Tiftt NP** – Tiftt Nature Preserve, Buffalo, ERIE; **TWMA** – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; **WoBSP** – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE; **WTSP** – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

WATERFOWL - HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: arr INWR 29 Sep; 5 BOSOC; max 5 Alfred ALLE 19 Nov; six other reports 1-2 each.

Greater White-fronted Goose: arr Wilson NIAG 19 Sep (WD!), early; 3, 3 INWR 6, 10 Oct; max 3, 4 Oakfield GENE 21-23, 30 Oct. **Brant:** arr 1, 8 Buffalo NR 28 Sep-2 Oct, 20 Oct; 4 TBNP 14-23 Oct; DH 19 Oct; 3 PB 20 Oct; 5 GHSP 27 Oct; max 50 LBSP 26 Oct; 18 Somerset NIAG 28 Oct.

Cackling Goose: arr BufH 27-30 Sep; 3 Middleport NIAG 6 Oct; max Oakfield GENE 21 Oct; 10 Lyndonville NIAG 25 Oct; BWWTP 6 Nov; Cuba L ALLE 8, 12 Nov; GHSP 24 Nov.

Mute Swan: 7 WTSP 20 Oct; DH 2 Oct-19 Nov; max 8 FNSP 11 Nov; Cassadaga CHAU 25 Nov.

Trumpeter Swan: 6-9 INWR 3-27 Oct, cont from summer.

Tundra Swan: arr 2 TWMA 24 Oct; max 320 NFSP 23 Nov.

Wood Duck: max 222 TWMA 11 Sep; 108 BWWTP 11 Sep.

Blue-winged Teal: max 15 INWR 6 Oct; last OOWMA 3 Nov.

N. Shoveler: max 202, 221 BWWTP 6, 23 Oct.

Gadwall: max 75 Tiftt NP 18 Oct.

EURASIAN WIGEON (R1): INWR 21 Oct (CM ph), rarely reported in fall.

Am. Wigeon: max 200, 250 INWR 10, 21 Oct.

Am. Black Duck: 34 BOSOC, record low for 2nd straight year; max 22 Wilson NIAG 17 Oct.

N. Pintail: max 253 INWR 19 Oct.

Green-winged Teal: max 240 INWR 21 Oct.

Canvasback: arr 3 BOSOC; max 7200 NFSP 23 Nov (CW, JBa).

Redhead: max 376, 1200 Ellery ChauL 25 Oct, 18 Nov (WS); 300 Buffalo NR 30 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 4 Buffalo ERIE 30 Sep; max 220 INWR 6 Oct.

TUFTED DUCK: f BuFH 18-30 Nov (SBa! mob); third Reg record.

Greater Scaup: arr Buffalo NR 3 Sep; max 500 NF 20 Oct.

Lesser Scaup: arr DH 29 Sep; max 1000 Ellery ChauL 25 Oct (WS).

Harlequin Duck: arr 3 NFSP 4, 25 Nov (TK, mob); regular at this location in recent years.

Surf Scoter: arr Somerset NIAG, Olcott NIAG 29 Oct; max 31 Buffalo NR 15 Oct; 25 Wilson NIAG 17 Oct; N Harmony CHAU 13 Nov (KV); DH 19 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: arr 5 GHSP 27 Sep; max 532 Wilson NIAG 17 Oct; Ellery ChauL 18 Nov.

Black Scoter: arr, max 30 DH 5 Oct; 6 Buffalo NR 17 Oct; 2 LBSP 23 Oct; 5 Somerset NIAG 28 Oct; 6 BuFH 3 Nov; Ellery ChauL 18 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 13 BOSOC; 300 BuFH 23 Oct; Olean CATT (KH), unusual loc; max 325 Lewiston NR 23 Nov.

Bufflehead: arr Amherst ERIE 6 Oct; max 600 BuFH 26 Oct; 400 Buffalo NR 26 Oct; 115 Cuba L ALLE 11 Nov; 326 Ellery ChauL 12 Nov.

Com. Goldeneye: arr 7 Wilson NIAG 16 Oct; max 750 NFSP 25 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: 111, 125 INWR 25 Oct, 9 Nov; max 236 Ellery ChauL 11 Nov; 115 Cuba L ALLE 11 Nov; 110 S Dayton CATT 22 Nov.

Com. Merganser: max 500 DH 5 Oct.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 405 GHSP 24 Nov.

Ruddy Duck: max 11, 494, 238 BWWT 11 Sep, 17 Oct, 1 Nov; 71 Cuba L ALLE 25 Oct; 50 S Dayton CATT 4 Nov.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 30 INWR.

Horned Grebe: arr BuSP 19 Sep; max 100, 161 WoBSP 25, 26 Oct; 46 LBSP 26 Oct; 26 DH 19 Nov; 26 BuFH 30 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: arr 3, 9 GHSP 3, 30 Oct; 2 Ellery ChauL 25 Oct; Cuba L ALLE 30 Oct; 1, 2 DH 11, 19 Nov; Buffalo NR 17 Nov; 6 LBSP 20 Nov; Grand I NR ERIE 22 Nov; max 13 GHSP 24 Nov; BuFH 24, 30 Nov.

Eared Grebe: BWWT 5-21 Oct (KG); regular at this location.

Mourning Dove: 253 TWMA 11 Sep (WD, CM), high count.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: ten Sep & Oct rpts, more than usual; last NFSP 16 Oct.

Black-billed Cuckoo: last Arkwright CHAU 23 Sep (GV).

Com. Nighthawk: max 11 TWMA 11 Sep; last 4 OOWMA 25 Sep.

Chimney Swift: 19, 2 Yates ORLE 22, 25 Oct (WD); 5 INWR 25 Oct (PH); last 3 BWWT 12 Nov (WT, DM, JP); later reports than usual.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Grand I ERIE 11 Oct.

RAILS - LARIDS

Virginia Rail: last INWR 6 Oct.

Sora: 2 JAS 12 Sep; last 2 BWWT 6 Oct.

Com. Gallinule: max 19, last 1 INWR 15 Sep, 20 Oct.

Am. Coot: max 155, 251 Celoron ChauL 5, 30 Oct; 53 INWR 24 Oct; 127 N Harmony ChauL 1 Nov.

Sandhill Crane: 2 OOWMA 2 Sep; INWR 14 Sep; Ellery CHAU 5 Oct (JBe); max 6, 9 INWR 13, 18 Oct; 2 TWMA 25 Oct.

Black-bellied Plover: max 4 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; last 2 Celoron ChauL 17 Oct.

Am. Golden-Plover: max 8 Basom GENE 4 Sep; last 2 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct.

Semipalmated Plover: max 16 TWMA 28 Sep; last BWWT 22 Oct.

Killdeer: max 134 Oakfield GENE 2 Sep.

Upland Sandpiper: last Buffalo ERIE 6 Sep (AH), nocturnal flight call.

Whimbrel: BuFH 3 Sep (JK, SSi), only report.

Ruddy Turnstone: 2 Buffalo NR 1 Sep; max 3, 8 BuFH 6, 16 Sep (AH).

Red Knot: Buffalo NR 1-3 Sep (AH); BuFH 18 Sep (JK); only reports.

Sanderling: max 15, last 2 BuFH 16 Sep, 4 Nov.

Dunlin: max 55 John White WMA GENE 23 Oct; last NFSP 25 Nov.

Baird's Sandpiper: max 4 INWR 2 Sep; Somerset NIAG 10 Sep; Buffalo NR 10 Sep; only reports.

Least Sandpiper: max 25 TWMA 28 Sep; last 2 INWR 18 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: Wilson NIAG 16 Sep; INWR 30 Sep; TWMA 18 Oct; max 3 Oakfield GENE 21 Oct; last Lockport NIAG 24, 26 Oct.

Pectoral Sandpiper: 16 INWR 2 Sep; max 60 TWMA 18 Oct; last Newstead ERIE 1 Nov (JM).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 17 BuFH 16 Sep; last BWWT 27 Oct.

Dowitcher species: 4 TWMA 2 Sep, only dowitcher report.

Wilson's Snipe: max 33 Amherst ERIE 18 Oct; 21, last 1 Lockport NIAG 18 Oct, 4 Nov.

Spotted Sandpiper: last Buffalo ERIE 25 Oct.

Solitary Sandpiper: last INWR 11 Oct.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 30 INWR 2 Sep; last Cuba L ALLE 12 Nov.

Willet: max 4 DH 1 Sep; 1, 1, 1 BufH 6, 7, 14 Sep.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 22 TWMA 28 Sep; last Cuba L ALLE 15 Nov.

Parasitic Jaeger: arr GHSP 27 Sep (WD); Wilson NIAG 17 Oct (WD); LBSP 26 Oct (CM); Hamburg ERIE 3 Nov (JM); BufH 7 Nov (KR).

Black-legged Kittiwake: arr 1, 1, 1 Buffalo NR 29, 31 Oct, 23 Nov; only reports.

Sabine's Gull: Buffalo NR 31 Oct (KR, TM), only report.

Bonaparte's Gull: 750 Buffalo NR 15 Oct; max 1000 Hanover CHAU 26 Oct; 500 NPP 11 Nov; 600 Lewiston NR 22 Nov; relatively low numbers on NR for season.

Little Gull: 2-3 Buffalo NR 13 Oct-28 Nov; 1-2 BWWT 21 Oct-1 Nov (DB, CR, MT, mob), unusual location; Wilson NIAG 23 Oct; max 6 BufH 10 Nov (JM); Ellery ChauL 12 Nov (WS), unusual location; 1, 1 Lewiston NR 12, 29 Nov.

Franklin's Gull: Somerset NIAG 22 Oct (WD); WoBSP 23-25 Oct (SBa); only reports.

Iceland Gull: arr GHSP 23 Nov, late arrival.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 4, 7 NFSP 17 Sep, 23 Nov; 1, 2 WoBSP 18 & 30 Sep, 5 Oct; 4, 2 Cuba L ALLE 4 Oct, 10 & 30 Nov; Celoron ChauL 29 Nov (KV).

Glaucous Gull: arr Buffalo NR 11 Nov; NFSP 29 Nov; only reports.

Caspian Tern: max 27 DH 11 Sep; last 2 BWWT 14 Oct.

Com. Tern: max 70 DH 11 Sep, 70, 40 Grand Island NR 16 Oct, 2 Nov; 31 Buffalo NR 27 Oct; last 2 BufH 19 Nov.

Forster's Tern: max 2 Hamburg ERIE 13 Sep; BufH 13 Sep; DH 29 Sep; INWR 18 Oct.

LOONS - PARROTS

Red-throated Loon: arr GHSP 12 Oct; Buffalo NR 21 Oct; max 33 GHSP 24 Nov; BufH 30 Nov.

Com. Loon: Buffalo NR 8 Sep; 25 GHSP 25 Sep; max 51 Wilson NIAG 24 Oct; 23 PG 12 Nov.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 1200, 1527 BufH 16 Sep, 20 Oct.

Am. Bittern: last 3 INWR 6 Oct.

Least Bittern: 1-3 TBNP 2-14 Sep (SSi); 3 INWR 2 Sep (AG); last OOWMA 18 Oct (MR).

Great Egret: max 421 TWMA 15 Sep (CM); last INWR 9 Nov.

Cattle Egret: INWR 10 Oct (CM); Busti CHAU 22, 28 Oct (TL, JBe); BufH 2 Nov (DM; MK); DH 2 Nov (GV); continues trend of good showing in recent years.

Green Heron: last BOSOC.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: Buffalo NR 2 Nov; BufH 18, 19 Nov; only reports beyond Oct.

Black Vulture: 3, 5 Lewiston NIAG 9 Sep, 29 Nov, regular at location; 2 Lockport NIAG 18, 22 Oct (J&AS, MG).

Osprey: last Orchard Park ERIE 3 Nov (CB).

Bald Eagle: widespread reports; 43 BOSOC.

Broad-winged Hawk: Arkwright CHAU 23 Sep; Fredonia CHAU 9 Oct; last BOSOC.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr INWR 17 Oct; few reports.

Snowy Owl: arr Wilson NIAG 21 Oct (MF), early; LBSP 2 Nov; 1-3 BufH 3-30 Nov.

Barred Owl: Tift NP 25 Oct (DS), unusual loc.

Long-eared Owl: Colden ERIE 18 Sep (SH); Porter NIAG 25 Nov (PY); only reports.

Short-eared Owl: arr GHSP 30 Oct; Dunkirk Airport CHAU 29 Nov; max 2 Shelby ORLE 29 Nov; only reports.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 1, 2 banded Wethersfield WYOM 4, 13 Oct (DJ); BufH 22 Oct (SSi), taken by Cooper's Hawk; Alden ERIE 9 Nov (JM).

Red-headed Woodpecker: max 5 FNSP 20 Sep; 4 EvSP 8 Oct; Sheridan CHAU 12 Nov.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: last RWNP 17 Sep.

Myiarchus flycatcher: Carlton Hill MUA WYOM BOSOC; likely late Great Crested but could not rule out Ash-throated based on description.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: HBWMA 5 Sep; last Arkwright CHAU, FLC, GHSP 8 Sep.

E. Wood-Pewee: last 2 BOSOC.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: last Alma ALLE 15 Sep; 6 other reports; good showing.

Least Flycatcher: last TBNP 1-4 Oct (SBa), late.

E. Phoebe: last AmSP 19 Nov.

WESTERN KINGBIRD: Concord ERIE 17-24 Oct (JK, mob), 10th Reg record.

E. Kingbird: last Grand Island ERIE 16 Sep.

N. Shrike: arr Somerset NIAG 22 Oct.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last HBWMA ALLE 23 Sep.
Blue-headed Vireo: last Unity I ERIE & Carlton ORLE 26 Oct.
Warbling Vireo: last BuSP 27 Sep.
Philadelphia Vireo: last WoBSP BOSOC (SBa ph).
Red-eyed Vireo: Wilson NIAG 4 Nov (MM); Wales ERIE 9 Nov (CC, ph); late.
Com. Raven: becoming more regular throughout Reg.
Horned Lark: max 164 Wellsville ALLE 22 Nov.
Purple Martin: last 2 Chautauqua CHAU 2 Sep.
Tree Swallow: max 180 INWR 6 Oct; last 3, 2 BWWT 12, 20 Nov.
N. Rough-winged Swallow: max 400, 350, last 5 NFSP 22 Sep, 24 Oct, 18 Nov.
Bank Swallow: last 5 WoBSP 10 Sep.
Cliff Swallow: last WoBSP 10 Sep.
Barn Swallow: max 80 BWWT 11 Sep; last 2 Shelby ORLE 9 Oct.
House Wren: last TBNP 22 Oct.
Winter Wren: arr AmSP 20 Sep.
Marsh Wren: OOWMA 3 Nov; Tonawanda ERIE 18 Nov; only reports beyond Oct.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last TBNP 15 Sep.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr AmSP 12 Sep.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr AmSP & Orchard Park ERIE 9 Sep.
Veery: last AmSP 25 Sep.
Gray-cheeked Thrush: max 12 AISP 5 Oct (SM, PL), nocturnal flight calls; last 2 LBSP 14 Oct.
Swainson's Thrush: last Arkwright CHAU 23 Oct.
Wood Thrush: last Tift NP 27 Sep.
Brown Thrasher: last BufH 20 Oct.
Gray Catbird: BWWT 12 Nov; RWN 19 Nov; only reports beyond Oct.
Am. Pipit: arr Grand Island ERIE 24 Sep; max 35 Sheridan CHAU 7 Oct; max 35 Cuba L ALLE 13 Nov.
Evening Grosbeak: arr Somerset NIAG 30 Oct; WTSP 31 Oct; 6 Attica WYOM 3 Nov; 7 Orchard Park ERIE 11 Nov; max 11 Alfred ALLE 18 Nov; 5 Caneadea ALLE 22 Nov; 10 Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 25 Nov; 1-4 at 10 other locs in Nov.
Pine Grosbeak: arr Wilson NIAG 23 Nov (WD); Olcott NIAG 29 Nov (WD, BP); first reports since 2013.
Purple Finch: max 16 Wellsville ALLE 21 Oct.

Com. Redpoll: arr 4 LBSP 30 Oct; max 11 WTSP 31 Oct; five Nov reports.
Red Crossbill: HBWMA 19 Oct (DC ph), first report since 2013.
Pine Siskin: Lakewood CHAU 14 Sep (TS); Wilson NIAG 16 Sep (BP); max 25 Cattaraugus CATT 3 Nov; fairly regular in Oct, Nov.
Am. Goldfinch: max 126 LBSP 4 Nov.
Lapland Longspur: arr Buffalo NR 19 Oct; Lockport NIAG 26 Oct; 3 Attica WYOM 29 Oct; 1, 3 Sheridan CHAU 2, 21 Nov; 2, 1 Java WYOM 17, 18 Nov.
Snow Bunting: arr 12 Yates ORLE 20 Oct; max 35 Attica WYOM 23 Nov.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr 3 Ellery CHAU 19 Oct.
Chipping Sparrow: 3 loc Nov.
Clay-colored Sparrow: 2 Olcott NIAG 11 Sep (WD, BP), continued from summer, breeding location; TBNP 24 Sep (SBa ph).
Field Sparrow: TBNP 5 Nov, only report beyond Oct.
Vesper Sparrow: BufH 21 Oct; 2 BWWT 21 Oct (DB); only reports.
Grasshopper Sparrow: INWR 14 Sep (CM); last Newfane NIAG 8 Oct (JS); not often reported in fall.
Fox Sparrow: arr 2 BOSOC; max 6 INWR 21 Oct.
Lincoln's Sparrow: arr GHSP 2 Sep; last Arkwright CHAU 23 Oct.
White-throated Sparrow: arr INWR 7 Sep.
White-crowned Sparrow: arr HBWMA 28 Sep.
Bobolink: max 36 INWR 2 Sep; last 2 Sherman CHAU 3 Sep.
Baltimore Oriole: Hamburg ERIE 26 Oct (JV); Orchard Park ERIE 17, 18 Nov (R&LM, RF ph); late, feeder visitors.
Red-winged Blackbird: max 6000 OOWMA 1 Nov (MW).
Rusty Blackbird: arr 2 TBNP & Tift NP 23 Sep; max 35 TWMA 30 Oct.
Com. Grackle: max 9000 OOWMA 1 Nov (MW).
Ovenbird: last TBNP 3 Oct.
N. Waterthrush: last Leon CATT 14 Oct.
Golden-winged Warbler: BuSP 29 Sep (AH), late, only report.
Blue-winged Warbler: last HBWMA 17 Sep.
"Brewster's" Warbler: GHSP 2 Sep (BP, WD), rarely reported in fall.

Black-and-white Warbler: last Bond Lake CP NIAG 2 Oct.

Tennessee Warbler: last Buffalo ERIE 25 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr BWWT 18 Sep; last AmSP 26 Oct.

Nashville Warbler: max 9 BuSP 11 Sep; last AmSP 26 Oct.

Connecticut Warbler: Canadaway Creek WMA CHAU BOSOC (GV); on the late side.

Mourning Warbler: four Sep reports.

Com. Yellowthroat: last Carlton ORLE 26 Oct.

Hooded Warbler: Kiantone CHAU 17, 18 Nov (WB ph), record late.

Am. Redstart: last WoSP 25 Oct.

Cape May Warbler: last 4 BOSOC.

N. Parula: last TBNP 5 Oct.

Magnolia Warbler: last Tift NP 18 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: last BeSP 17 Oct.

Blackburnian Warbler: last TBNP 3 Oct.

Yellow Warbler: Tift NP 27 Sep; 3 DH 30 Sep (GV); last TBNP 2, 3 Oct, 18 Nov (SBa ph), late.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: last AmSP 30 Sep.

Blackpoll Warbler: last NFSP 24 Oct.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: last Amherst ERIE 21 Oct.

Palm Warbler: arr BWWT 4 Sep; last WoBSP 28 Oct.

Pine Warbler: last Forestville CHAU 1 Nov (GV), only report beyond Oct.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 11, 6 BuSP 12, 28 Nov; GHSP 23 Nov; Grand Island ERIE 29 Nov.

Prairie Warbler: last Alfred ALLE 9 Sep (FB), banded.

Black-throated Green Warbler: last 3 BOSOC.

Canada Warbler: last TBNP 14 Sep.

Wilson's Warbler: last Lewiston NIAG 21 Oct (WD ph), late.

Scarlet Tanager: last TBNP 3 Oct.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Orchard Park ERIE 25 Oct.

Indigo Bunting: GHSP 18 Sep; last TBNP 16 Oct.

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