

REGION 2—GENESEE

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Another warm and pleasant fall through October, then the other shoe dropped. September was warm, with temperatures above average on 22 days and the average 67.7°F, 5.9° above normal. There were two records hit, with a high minimum of 73° on the 2nd a tie with the old record, and 92° on the 21st both a record high and the 22nd 90°+ day for the year. Precipitation at 2.81" was 0.57" below average. October extended the warmth another 10 days, then turned cold and damp. Temperatures averaged 50.9°, 0.3° above normal. The period from the 8th-10th saw three days in a row above 80°, with record highs set on the 9th and 10th and the 72° on the 9th an all-time high for October. Two to three inches of rain fell in the first 10 days followed by cold, gray skies and much light rain and drizzle for the rest of the month; the official total was 3.38", 1.11" above normal. The first snow fell right on normal on the 18th, but only 0.1". The first freeze occurred on 30 October. November gave us a taste of a good, old-fashioned early winter month—mostly cool, cloudy, and damp. Temperatures averaged 36.4°, 4.1° below normal. A drop to 7° on Thanksgiving on the 22nd was the coldest on record for that holiday, and a drop to 4° the next morning was

the coldest ever for that early in the season. Precipitation totaled 4.54", 1.60" above normal, with snowfall 17.4", 10.1" above normal. The cold and snow resulted in many ponds and bays freezing and pushing out many of the waterfowl.

Generally this season, we saw a continuation of recent trends—warmth extending later, leaves coloring and falling later, waterfowl slow to arrive and in generally lower numbers, and reduced banding numbers. However, we ended the season with a surprise taste of winter. Records submitted, now mainly through eBird, were enhanced by the NYSOA annual meeting held in Rochester on 5-7 October. The number of eBird lines of data for that month increased to about 30,786, 50% above the number for October 2017, while September and November downloads were more typical at 23,432 and 20,781, respectively. Species counts for the months were all well above their 10-year averages: September – 221 vs. 215.8, October – 214 vs. 203.0, a new record high, and November – 160 vs. 151.8. Interestingly, few rarities were located this fall and many of those noted are fairly regular now, just scarce enough to warrant noting.

And now on to working through the new checklist order for a second time; still starts with the Waterfowl. Essentially all expected waterfowl species were at least reported in each month. However, waterfowl continued their clear trends to generally later fall arrivals and lower peak counts. The best early peak counts for puddle ducks came from the Van Dyne Spoor area of the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) in southern Wayne County. The best counts were for American Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Pintail, and Green-winged Teal in October. Also in October, there was a nice gathering of waterfowl on Round Pond in the Town of Greece, with a male Eurasian Wigeon present from 1 October-5 November. This collection also included some diving ducks, with 275 Ring-necked Ducks on 23 October a good count for there. Otherwise, diving ducks were typically noted in low peak counts, with the best passing the Hamlin Beach State Park lakewatch, many on 11 November: Long-tailed Duck – 3,730, Red-breasted Merganser – 6,245, and Horned Grebe – 178. Bill Howe also noted a good flock of 348 Hooded Mergansers on Honeoye Lake on 18 November. A Red-necked Grebe count of 81 on 21 November would have been good historically, but recently fall peak counts have jumped dramatically, as will be seen for December. Snow Goose, Brant, and Cackling Goose each continued their trend to early arrival in later September, and Greater White-fronted Goose was located by Rick Stevens at two locations in Wyoming County in early November. Both King Eider and Harlequin Duck were reported in November.

In the new checklist order, we next arrive at the goatsuckers, with no really good counts for Common Nighthawk but a 9 October departure. Once again, Chimney Swifts massed at the York Central School in Greiggsville, Livingston County, with Jim Kimball noting a peak of 540 there on 4 October. Chimney Swifts continued on for a new record late date on 22 October by Bill Howe in the Town of Canadice, Ontario County, quickly surpassed by even later records

from Durand-Eastman Park in Rochester on 30 October (Sheryl Gracewski and Mike Gullo) and 2 November (Dick Horsey). Ruby-throated Hummingbird made it to 6 October, but an intriguing, unidentified hummingbird was seen on 20 October in the Town of Conesus, Livingston County by Lynne Parsons. Touching on the rails and relatives, notable are: up to 500 Common Gallinules still being counted in the Van Dyne Spoor area to 22 September, with 321 American Coot reported there on 9 October, and Sandhill Cranes at several areas through season's end, with a maximum of 59 along Armitage Road in the NMWMA on 2 November.

This fall, shorebird diversity was reasonably good through the season, though counts were poor. An example is the high count of only 26 for American Golden-Plover. There was a decent count of 155 Dunlin in October and 76 into November, but these are still poor by historical standards. There were no other counts of note. Interesting reports included: Whimbrel, Hudsonian Godwit, and Buff-breasted Sandpiper in September; Red Phalarope early on 9-12 September and then again on 23 October; and Wilson's Phalarope to a record late 11 October at the south end of Irondequoit Bay. Shorebird departures were at typical dates, with 10 species present into November, though surprisingly neither Black-bellied Plover nor American Golden-Plover made it past late October. The Larids too provided little of great note. It was a decent fall for jaegers, though only Parasitic Jaeger (16 reports) was identified to species, with eight other reports of jaeger species. Three Parasitic Jaegers were noted passing the lakewatch on three different dates. A lone immature Black-legged Kittiwake was spotted on 10 November. Passing Bonaparte's Gulls were low in number, but there were some good congregations on mudflats at Northrup Creek, Salmon Creek, and at Irondequoit Bay south. Among the rarer gulls, adult Little Gulls were noted passing the Hamlin Beach lakewatch, at Northrup Creek, at Buck Pond in Greece, and at the south end of Irondequoit Bay, with the total approximately eight. An immature Laughing Gull was found at Hamlin Beach on 24 September and seen by five observers. Lesser Black-backed Gull numbers were typical of recent years, with 7, 4, and 12 for the respective months of the season. Both Iceland and Glaucous Gulls arrived at typical mid-November dates. Tern numbers and departure dates were also typical. As usual, details for these regular occurrences will be noted in the species section.

In the new order, we now move to loons, where a good count of 1,977 Red-throated Loons was tallied at Hamlin Beach on 11 November, as usual later than the peak Common Loon maximum on 20 October, though that latter count was a relatively poor 230. Also on 11 November, the group of Jessie Barry, Andy Guthrie, and Chris Wood spotted a rare **Pacific Loon** off the Hamlin Beach lakewatch. Good counts of Double-crested Cormorant were also noted passing the lakewatch, with 1,110 on 15 September and 1,065 on 13 October, but there were also 2,200 off Slater Creek in Greece on 23 October. Among the herons, Mitchell Barry found a record late Least Bittern at Buck Pond, Greece on 21 November, subsequently seen by other family members. A Great Egret

showed up late at Round Pond, Greece from 17-20 November. An immature Little Blue Heron was found at the south end of Irondequoit Bay by Peggy Mabb on 13 September and stayed until the 18th to be seen by many. Again, Cattle Egrets made an early November appearance, with birds seen at the Armitage Road area of the NMWMA on 2 November, Pocock Road, Town of Bergen on 3 November, and in the Town of Williamson, Wayne County on 13 November.

Among the raptors, there were singles of Black Vulture reported on 30 September in Caledonia and 25 October in Victor; an Osprey to the late date of 9 November; good numbers of Bald Eagles; three reports of Northern Goshawk; a very early Rough-legged Hawk on 28 September, with the next on 20 October, and only a few more in November; and a rare, fall Golden Eagle seen by Dave Odell at his B & B, the old Duck Inn, near the NMWMA on 8 October. Snowy Owl arrived at Sodus Point on 28 October, but there were only two more locations with later reports, Braddock Bay on 3-6 November and north of Batavia on 29-30 November. Short-eared Owl was first reported on 8 November, but by 20 November, the first DEC owl survey tallied 20 birds. Typically there are few fall N. Saw-whet Owl reports for this Region, so two in September and a banded bird at Braddock Bay on 10 October were good. We have had serious fall banding efforts on occasion with many more than these numbers banded.

Finally, the passerine story also continues with recent trends influenced by weather and bird population trends. In both September and October, essentially all expected passerine species were recorded. A very few that might have seemed missing for October, on checking, were seen to only occasionally persist into that month. There were very few good counts for any species this season. There were a good number of late individuals into November, with Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Wood Thrush, Fox Sparrow, and Pine Warbler interesting. Record late species included a Warbling Vireo in the Van Dyne Spoor area on 24 October and two *empidonax* flycatchers, one by Wade and Melissa Rowley in the Van Dyne Spoor area on 2 November and one by Robert, Susan, and Cathy Spahn in the Yanty Creek area of Hamlin Beach SP on 12 November. Unfortunately, in neither case were photographs obtained, and identification to species was not made. Overall, there were good numbers of later species suggested by 22 species of warblers into October or later and 21 half-hardy species recorded in November. Still, new bands at BBBO were at their lowest level in the past eight years and only Eastern Phoebe, Blue-headed Vireo, and Purple Finch were banded in numbers statistically significantly above their averages for those years. Sample numbers are included in the species section. Rare passerines included: the Region's third **Say's Phoebe** found at the East Spit of Braddock Bay by Eunice Thein on 21 September and seen by many observers on that and the next day; a Cave Swallow photographed by Mike Gullo at Sodus Point on 9 November; Nelson's Sparrow at Burger Park on 14-15 October found by Mike Gullo and Pat Martin and seen by at least 11 others;

and a Dickcissel heard by Andy Guthrie near his home in the Town of Hamlin on 15 September.

Looking to some of the possible late fall-early winter irruptive species, we see decent numbers of Northern Shrike beginning on 3 October; a little burst of Red-breasted Nuthatches in September but not persisting; several Bohemian Waxwing reports in November; and then a tantalizing start to the winter finches. Evening Grosbeak arrived on 26 October and then was seen off and on through November in small numbers, never persisting long in one location but totaling about 67 individuals, the best showing in many years. A female Pine Grosbeak spent much of the period 24-30 November in the orchard area of Durand-Eastman Park, with birders searching for it also reporting both crossbills. Common Redpoll was also hit and miss, but a high count was a flock of 140. We could hope for more to come next season!

In summary, an interesting season with enough to keep birders looking and many eyes still detecting nearly all the expected species. The trends to falls staying warmer later and counts of individuals for most species lower continue.

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ABBREVIATIONS

b – banded; **BB** – Braddock Bay, T Greece, MONR; **BB-ES** – east 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; **HB-YC** – Yanty Creek trail area at east end of park; **IBO** – Irondequoit Bay Outlet to Lake Ontario; **IB-S** – LaSalle Landing P, South end of Irondequoit Bay; **M** – along Manitou Beach Rd NE of Lake Ontario Parkway including the BBBO banding station, MONR; **MAC** – Montezuma Audubon Center, T Savannah, WAYN; **MP** – Mendon Ponds P MONR; **NC** – Northrup Creek mudflats and marsh south of Long Pnd, Greece; **NMWMA** – Northern Montezuma WMA (formerly Northern Montezuma Wetlands Complex), WAYN; **NMWMA (MRd)** – 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, n. border of Regions 1 & 2; **SalC** – Salmon Creek mudflats area inland from BB;

Spt – Sodus Pt, WAYN; **TCEA** – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, Avon DEC; **W** – Town of Webster, MONR; **WP** – Webster P, MONR.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: arr 11 Irondequoit 23 Sep, early; max 80 Honeoye Rd, T Canadice ONTA 21 Nov.

Greater White-fronted Goose: arr Burke Hill & Smith Rds WYOM 8 Nov (RSt, ph); Silver Lake- N WYOM (RSt).

Brant: arr 15 off Greece & 130 Spt 24 Sep (JiB & MG, W&MR), early; max 138 HB 21 Oct, low; last IBO 11-14 Nov.

Cackling Goose: arr HB 22 Sep (AGa, *et al.*, ph), early; max 17 HB 2 Nov (AGu); 15 Jacobs Rd, H 20 Oct (AGu); ~38 ind 8 loc 4-30 Oct; ~61 ind 12 loc 2-27 Nov; good showing.

Canada Goose: max 7000 TCEA 6 Nov.

Mute Swan: max 184 IB – N 19 Nov (AGu, TH, CW).

Trumpeter Swan: max 25 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 24 Nov (JGo).

Tundra Swan: arr 16 Round Pd, G 18 Oct; max 118 CL 15 Nov (TBo).

Wood Duck: max 67 NMWMA (MRd) 1 Sep, low fall max.

Blue-winged Teal: max 50 NMWMA (VDS) 22 Sep & NMWMA (SCU) 13 Oct; last 2 SalC 25 Oct.

N. Shoveler: max 125 NMWMA (VDS) 7 Oct (LBe, RB), good count; 28 Round Pd, G 12 Nov (KGr), good count for date.

Gadwall: max 200 NMWMA (VDS) 13 Oct (STo, MKir, WVH); 194 NC 21 Nov (CW).

Eurasian Wigeon: 1 m Round Pd, G 1 Oct-5 Nov (JMi, LMa, mob).

Am. Wigeon: max 1350 NMWMA (SCU) 12 Oct (AVK); 460 Round Pd, G 3 Nov (JeB, CW); 400 Round Pnd, G 8 Oct (LBe, RB, CGi, NK); good counts.

Mallard: max 2500 NMWMA (SCU) 12 Oct (AVK).

Am. Black Duck: max 80 Eagle Cliff WAYN (MG).

N. Pintail: max 1250 NMWMA (VDS) 7 Nov (LBe, RB) HB 16 Oct, low max.

Green-winged Teal: max 800 NMWMA (SCU) 12 Oct (AVK).

dabbling ducks: 5000 NMWMA (VDS) 16 Oct (DK).

Canvasback: arr 3 HB 12 Oct.

Redhead: max 2500 CL 17 Nov (JK).

Ring-necked Duck: 275 Round Pd, G 21 Oct (KGr); max 400 Hemlock L 29 Nov (BHo).

Greater Scaup: arr 4 HB 8 Sep; max 400 IBO 25 Nov (NK), low max.

Lesser Scaup: arr IBO 10 Sep; max 70 Sodus Bay 2 Nov, low max.

King Eider: 1 f HB 11 Nov (JeB, CW).

Harlequin Duck: arr Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 5 Nov (W&MR); 2 imm f HB21 Nov (CW).

Surf Scoter: arr HB 22 Sep; max 24 HB 13 Oct, low max.

White-winged Scoter: arr HB 5 Sep; max 481 HB 11 Nov.

Black Scoter: arr 3 Spt 1 Oct; max 7 HB 5 Nov, very low max.

Long-tailed Duck: arr HB 12 Oct; max 3730 HB 11 Nov (JeB, CW, AGu, PMar).

Bufflehead: arr 4 Groveland Hill Rd LIVI 11 Oct; 140 CL 17 Nov (JK); max 165 Spt 25 Nov (TH, CW).

Com. Goldeneye: arr HB 6 Oct; max 192 Hemlock L LIVI 29 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: max 348 Honeoye L ONTA 18 Nov (BHo); 214 IB – S 21 Nov (CW); good counts.

Com. Merganser: max 200 Buck Pnd, G 21 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 6245 HB 11 Nov (JeB, CW, AGu, PM); 5000 Buck Pnd, G 20 Nov (RSp).

Ruddy Duck: BB-ES 6 Sep (BCar), early; max 90 Silver L – S WYOM 26 Oct; 80 Sandy Bottom P, Honeoye ONTA 30 Oct.

Horned Grebe: arr HB 5 Sep; max 178 HB 11 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: max 81 HB 21 Nov (CW), low relative to recent late peaks, *intro*.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: last BB – Burger P 18 Oct (SGr).

Com. Nighthawk: last 3 Crittenden P Rochester 9 Oct.

Chimney Swift: 350 Piffard LIVI 16 Sep (RMi); 480 York Central School, Greiggsville 24 Sep (JK); max 540 York Central School, Greiggsville 4 Oct (JK); last 2 Purcell Rd, T Canadice ONTA 22 Oct (BHo), Reg record late; 2 DE 30 Oct (SGr, MG) & 2 DE 2 Nov (DH), Reg record late.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Leicester LIVI & North Rush MONR 6 Oct.

hummingbird sp.: T Conesus LIVI 20 Oct (LP), intriguing, but not ID'd to species.

RAILS - LARIDS

Virginia Rail: last 2 BB – Burger P 13 Oct.
Sora: last Pittsford MONR 6 Oct.
Com. Gallinule: max 500 NMWMA (VDS) 22 Sep (JMcG, LS); last 2 NMWMA (VDS) 18 Oct.
Am. Coot: max 325 NMWMA (VDS) 7 Oct (LBe, RB).
Sandhill Crane: max 59 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 2 Nov (DK); 8 T Rush MONR 15 Nov (MZ); 9 decreasing to 1 NC 17-21 Nov (B&BM, mob); 2 Ashley Rd, T Livonia ONTA 3, 23, 25 Nov (mob).
Black-bellied Plover: last SaLC 26 Oct.
Am. Golden-Plover: max 26 T Avon LIVI 7 Sep, low max; last Redman Rd, T Hamlin 21 Oct, early dep.
Semipalmated Plover: last SaLC 4 Nov.
Killdeer: max 101 Cy Farms area T Byron GENE 2 Sep, low max; last Dalton Rd, T Nunda, LIVI 23 Nov (JGo).
Whimbrel: BB-ES 9, 12, 21 Sep (MG, AGu, JiM, LMa, JMcG, LS).
Hudsonian Godwit: arr NMWMA (SCU) 12 Oct (AVK); last IB – S 19 Oct (SG, GF).
Ruddy Turnstone: last HB 30 Sep.
Red Knot: IB - S 23 Oct (CGi).
Stilt Sandpiper: last Newark WAYN 10 Oct.
Sanderling: max 23 BB-ES 9 Sep; last IBO 27 Nov (PM).
Dunlin: max 155 SaLC 22 Oct, low max; 76 SaLC 4 Nov, good count for date; last SaLC 21 Nov.
Baird's Sandpiper: last 2 Jones Bridge & Perry Rds area LIVI 22 Oct.
Least Sandpiper: last SaLC 20 Oct.
White-rumped Sandpiper: last IB - S 22 Nov.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper: arr BB-ES 11 Sep (DSH, GF).
Pectoral Sandpiper: max 30 Canadice L – S ONTA 20 Oct & Jones Bridge & Perry Rds area LIVI 23 Oct, low max; last SaLC 4 Nov.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 37 BB-ES 9 Sep, low max; last T Williamson WAYN 9 Nov.
Short-billed Dowitcher: last 2 SaLC 29 Oct (KF).
Long-billed Dowitcher: arr MAC 12 Sep; last MAC 15 Sep, early dep.
Am. Woodcock: last MP 3 Nov, not many late fall birder reports.
Wilson's Snipe: last SaLC 21 Oct.
Spotted Sandpiper: last HB 19 Oct.
Solitary Sandpiper: last Jones Bridge & Perry Rds area LIVI 22 Oct.

Lesser Yellowlegs: last SaLC 3 Nov.
Greater Yellowlegs: last 2 BB 11 Nov, (AGu, CW, ph).
Wilson's Phalarope: last IB – S 5-11 Oct (JWi, 46+ oth obs), Reg record late.
Red Phalarope: arr BB-ES 9-12 Sep (CGo, mob), early; last Sodus Bay 25 Oct (MG, *et al.*).
Parasitic Jaeger: arr BB-ES 9 Sep; BB-ES 11, 15 Sep; 3 HB 22 Sep; 2 HB 29 Sep; HB 6 Oct; 3 HB 11, 13 Oct; West Port Bay WAYN 12 Oct; off Edgemere Dr, G 3, 10 Nov.
jaeger sp.: 3 HB 8 Sep; HB 22, 30 Sep, 1 Oct; off Edgemere Dr, G 29 Sep; PtB 20 Oct.
Black-legged Kittiwake: arr 1 imm HB 10 Nov (LK, STo).
Bonaparte's Gull: max 348 IB – S 10 Nov (LK); 330 NC 13 Oct.
Little Gull: arr 1 ad HB 13 Oct (JeB, AGu, TL, LSe); arr 1 ad NC 13 Oct (JeB, AGu, TL, LSe, BCar, ph); 1 ad HB 14 Oct (JeB, AGu, TL, LSe, BCar); 2 ad IB – S 21 Nov (CW); 2 ad Buck Pnd, G 21 Nov (JeB, CW); 3 ad Buck Pnd, G 21 Nov (MiB).
LAUGHING GULL (R2): 1 imm HB 29 Sep (PMar, DSh, SGr, TNa, AGu).
Ring-billed Gull: max 4000 Groveland Flats LIVI 5 Nov (JK).
Herring Gull: max 1270 IB – S 21 Nov (CW).
Iceland Gull: arr HB 21 Nov.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: total 6 at 4 loc 2-30 Sep; total 4 at 3 loc 6-20 Oct; 14 rep, 12 ind 7 loc 5-23 Nov.
Glaucous Gull: arr IBO 15 Nov.
Caspian Tern: last BB-ES 16 Oct.
Black Tern: last HB 14 Sep.
Com. Tern: max 96 HB 3 Sep; last 2 BB-ES 4 Nov (JeB, CW).
Forster's Tern: last Silver L – S 19 Oct (RSt).

LOONS - PARROTS

Red-throated Loon: arr 2 HB 6 Oct; max 1977 HB 11 Nov (JeB, CW, AGu, PMar), good count.
PACIFIC LOON: HB 11 Nov (JeB, CW, AGu).
Com. Loon: 93 HB 22 Sep, good count for date; 150 HB 13 Oct, 1st date over 100; max 230 HB 20 Oct, low max.
Double-crested Cormorant: max 2200 off Slater Crk, G 23 Oct (KGr); 200 Broadway & Brown Rds, T Wolcott WAYN 8 Nov (W&MR), good count for date.
Least Bittern: last Buck Pd, G 21 Nov (MiB, SBa, JeB, CW), Reg record late.

Great Egret: last Round Pd, G 17-20 Nov (BriM, JiM, RSp), late.
LITTLE BLUE HERON (R2): 1 imm IB – S 13-18 Sep (PMab, mob).
CATTLE EGRET (R2): arr NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 2 Nov (GL, BCar, MG, JW); Pocock Rd, T Bergen GENE 3 Nov (JPoc, *fide* MM-C); T Williamson WAYN 13 Nov (LD, ph).
Green Heron: last BB – Burger P 18 Oct.
Black-crowned Night-Heron: last Long Pnd, G 14 Oct.
Black Vulture: Cal – Mum High School LIVI 30 Sep (KC); School Rd, Victor (DD, CJ).
Osprey: last HANA 9 Nov (KC), late.
Golden Eagle: 1 ad Old Duck Inn, T Tyre WAYN 3 Oct (DO), rare in fall.
N. Goshawk: Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 24 Sep (W&MR); 1 imm 4 Nov (CW); 1 imm IBO 11 Nov (AGa).
Bald Eagle: 184 line eBird many loc Sep; 259 lines eBird many loc Oct; 94 rep, 79 ind many loc Nov; good numbers.
Red-shouldered Hawk: only 3 rep.
Broad-winged Hawk: CL Inlet WAYN 1 Oct, only rep.
Rough-legged Hawk: arr Beechwood SP WAYN 28 Sep (JWo), early; next T Rush MONR 20 Oct.
Snowy Owl: arr Spt 28 Oct (CCon); BB-ES 5-6 Nov; n of Batavia 29-30 Nov.
Short-eared Owl: arr Geneseo airfield 8 Nov; max 8 Sand Rd, W. Bloomfield 20 Nov.
N. Saw-whet Owl: T Conesus LIVI 3 Sep (KC); Manitou - Owl Woods 30 Sep (RN, LC, JAd); 1 b M – BBBO 10 Oct.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: total 19 ind 18 loc 2-24 Nov, good number late in season.
Am. Kestrel: ~22 ind 20+ loc Oct; 8 ind at 6 loc Nov.
Merlin: total ~41 ind 19 loc 8-30 Sep; total ~36 at 21+ loc Oct; 26 rep, 24 ind 19 loc Nov.
Peregrine Falcon: total ~25 ind 14 loc 3-30 Sep; total ~23 at 17+ loc Oct; 15 rep, 15 ind 13 loc Nov.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: last Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 18 Sep.
E. Kingbird: last T York LIVI 22 Sep.
Olive-sided Flycatcher: last NMWMA (VDS) 15 Sep.
E. Wood-Pewee: last NMWMA (VDS) 18 Oct (W&MR).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: total b 9 BBBO 4-23 Sep.
Willow Flycatcher: last BB-ES 14 Sep (DH).
“Traill’s Flycatcher: last HANA 4 Oct
Least Flycatcher: last 1b BBBO 3 Oct.
Empidonax sp.: NMWMA (VDA) 2 Nov (W&MR), record late; HB – YC 12 Nov (R, S, & CSp), record late, *intro*.
E. Phoebe: total b 20 30 Sep -23 Oct, high number b; last Whiting Rd Nature Preserve, W 17 Oct.
SAY’S PHOEBE: BB-ES 21-22 Sep (ET, mob, many ph), 3rd Reg record.
N. Shrike: arr BB – Burger P 14 Oct; 11 rep 9 ind 7 loc 14-30 Nov.
Yellow-throated Vireo: last Garner Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 29 Sep.
Blue-headed Vireo: total b 22 BBBO 19 Sep – 23 Oct; last HB – YC 12 Nov (RB, AGu, PM), late.
Philadelphia Vireo: total b 8 BBBO 4 Sep – 3 Oct; last Purcell Rd, T Canadice ONTA 20 Oct.
Warbling Vireo: last NMWMA (VDS) 24 Oct (DK), Reg record late.
Red-eyed Vireo: total b 48 BBBO 1 Sep - 4 Oct; last HB 6 Oct.
Am. Crow: max 1000 Highland P, Rochester 25 Nov, low max.
Purple Martin: last 1-4 MAC 15 Sep.
Tree Swallow: max 5000 Nations Rd area 24 Sep; last 2 Silver L WYOM 28 Oct.
Rough-winged Swallow: 6 Oatka Creek P 7 Nov (JAd), late; 15 Caledonia Fish Hatchery 10 Nov & last 7 Caledonia Fish Hatchery 10 Nov (RSt), late.
Bank Swallow: last NMWMA (MRd) 30 Sep.
Cliff Swallow: last Crusoe L, T Savannah WAYN 13 Sep, early dep.
CAVE SWALLOW: Spt 9 Nov (MG, ph), only report.
Barn Swallow: max 300 NMWMA (Marten Tract) 21 Sep; last IB – S 1 Oct.
Black-capped Chickadee: total b 20 BBBO 1 Sep – 26 Oct, low, especially for a normally high year.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 18 WP 3 Sep, only count > 10, low max.
Brown Creeper: total b 40 BBBO 18 Sep – 30 Oct.
House Wren: last 2 BB – Burger P & M – Owl Woods 14 Oct.
Winter Wren: arr G 17 Sep; total b 14 BBBO 22 Sep - 16 Oct, low; last IB – S 24 Nov.
Marsh Wren: last Northrup Creek, G 18 Nov (TL), late.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last Round Pnd, G 20 Oct (BrIM).

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 55 BB 30 Sep (LBe, RB); max b 25 BBBO 5 Oct, low max; total b 157 BBBO 27 Sep – 30 Oct.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr T Livonia LIVI 7 Sep; max 57 HB 6 Oct; max b 49 BBBO 5 Oct, low max; total b 315 BBBO 22 Sep-30 Oct; last BB-ES 18 Nov (TL), late.

Veery: total b 11 BBBO 1-18 Sep; last Highland P, Rochester 6 Oct.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Manitou – Owl Woods 1 Sep; max 24 H 15 Sep; max b 6 BBBO 20 & 30 Sep; total b 41 BBBO 16 Sep - 8 Oct, low; last Oatka Creek P 20 Oct.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: max b 10 M 17 Sep; total b 17 BBBO 17 Sep-last 6 Oct, low.

Swainson's Thrush: max 120 H 15 Sep (AGu), night calls; max b 17 BBBO 3 Oct; total b 130 BBBO 1 Sep-last 14 Oct; last 3 DEP & 1 G 20 Oct.

Hermit Thrush: max 20 BBBO 21 Oct, low max; max b 25 BBBO 14 Oct; total b 203 BBBO 27 Sep-30 Oct; 5 WO 11 Nov, good number for date.

Wood Thrush: NMWMA (VDS) 2 Nov (W&MR), late.

Am. Robin: max 488 T Gates MONR 24 Nov (BrIM).

Gray Catbird: max 31 WP 13 Sep (RSp); 30 MP 16 Sep (TL); total b 94 BBBO 1 Sep - 19 Oct; last T Gates MONR 23 Nov (NK).

Brown Thrasher: last G 3 Nov.

Bohemian Waxwing: arr Whiting Rd Nature Preserve, W 11 Nov (CGI, ET, ph); WP 12-13 Nov (MG, 4 oth obs); 2 HB 19 Nov (MG, 8 oth obs, ph).

Cedar Waxwing: max 320 DEP 23 Nov.

Am. Pipit: arr 1-2 BB-ES 15 Sep; max 70 Jones Bridge & Perry Rds LIVI 23 & 25 Oct (JK); last 2 Nations Rd, Avon 20 Nov (NK).

Evening Grosbeak: arr DEP 1 26 Oct; max 11 H 6 Nov (AGu), good count for recent years; 28 rep, 67 ind 19 loc 1-27 Nov; best showing in many years.

Pine Grosbeak: 1 f DEP 24-30 Nov (GL, mob, ph).

Purple Finch: total b 24 BBBO 5-24 Oct, high number banded.

Com. Redpoll: arr 1b BBBO 30 Oct; max 140 H 30 Nov (AGu).

Red Crossbill: WP 29 Sep (R&SSp), early or summer wanderer; arr DEP 4 Nov; HB – WE 10 Nov; only reps.

White-winged Crossbill: arr DEP 23 Nov; 2 DEP 25 Nov; only reps.

Pine Siskin: arr Rochester 5 Sep; max 25 Bear Creek, Wayne Co. 24 Nov; max 25 T Sodus Wayne Co. 29 Nov; low counts.

Am. Goldfinch: max b 15 BBBO 6 Oct; total b 64 4 Sep – 30 Oct; max 470 HB 4 Nov (AGu).

Lapland Longspur: arr BB-ES & IBO 22 Sep.

Snow Bunting: arr 2-10 at 4 loc 21 Oct; max 120 H 13 Nov (AGu).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS - CARDINALIDS

E. Towhee: last CL Inlet WMA 19 Nov (KC), late.

Am. Tree Sparrow: arr Rochester & T Savannah WAYN 19 Oct.

Chipping Sparrow: last HB 4 Nov (KH).

Field Sparrow: max 18 Genesee Valley Greenway 19, 20 Oct (BHo, JK); last T Livonia LIVI 18 Nov (TBo).

Savannah Sparrow: last Bennet Rd, T Parma MONR 4 Nov.

NELSON'S SPARROW (R2): Burger P, G 14-15 Oct (MG, PMar, 11+ oth obs).

Fox Sparrow: arr 3 Burger P, G 8 Oct; many thru Nov.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Ellison P, T Penfield 9 Sep; total b 4 BBBO 9 Sep-5 Oct, low; last Eagle Cliff Farm WAYN 26 Oct (MG), late.

White-throated Sparrow: max 85 Genesee Valley Greenway 19, 20 Oct (BHo, JK); max b 57 BBBO 5 Oct; total b 455 BBBO 4 Sep-30 Oct.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr 4 HANA 28 Sep; max 30 Webster Arboretum 25 Oct (RR).

Dark-eyed Junco: max 80 DEP 29 Oct (SGr); max b 29 BBBO 5 Oct; total b 61 BBBO 18 Sep – 30 Oct.

Bobolink: last 3 H 15 Sep.

E. Meadowlark: last 2 MAC 20 Oct.

Baltimore Oriole: last T Savannah WAYN 15 Sep.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 1200 MP 3 Nov.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 500 Roseburgh Rd, T Groveland LIVI 23 Oct.

Rusty Blackbird: arr T Conesus LIVI 27 Sep; max 70 Rochester 17 Oct, low max; 44 rep, 317+ ind 28 loc Oct; 15 rep, 34 ind 11 loc 1-19 Nov (13 obs); late max 16 Burger P, G 12 Nov; last 4 T Victor ONTA 19 Nov (BaB).

Com. Grackle: max 2500 T Canadice ONTA 6 Oct (BHo).

blackbird sp.: max 3800 NMWMA (VDS) 28 Oct (JeB, GVH).

Ovenbird: total b 11 BBBO 1-27 Sep; last Churchville 5 Oct.
Louisiana Waterthrush: 1b BBBO 14 Sep, rarely reported near lakeshore.
N. Waterthrush: last 1b BBBO 20 Sep.
Blue-winged Warbler: last 2 Dansville LIVI 18 Sep.
Black-and-white Warbler: last Purcell Rd, T Canadice ONTA 4 Oct.
Tennessee Warbler: last Dalton Rd, T Nunda LIVI & Sherburne P, T Walworth WAYN 8 Oct.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr HBWP 18 Sep; total 5 ind 5 loc 18-30 Sep; total 6 b BBBO 1-18 Oct; total 16 at 12 oth loc 3-28 Oct.
Nashville Warbler: total b 10 9 Sep-6 Oct; last Webster Arboretum 23 Oct.
Connecticut Warbler: last HANA 3 Oct (DH, RR).
Mourning Warbler: last NMWMA (VDS) 22 Sep.
Com. Yellowthroat: total b 59 BBBO 1 Sep-5 Oct; last BB 24 Oct.
Hooded Warbler: last Chimney Bluffs WAYN 1 Oct.
Am. Redstart: total b 27 BBBO 1-30 Sep; last DEP 6 Oct.
Cape May Warbler: last 1b BBBO 24 Oct, late.
N. Parula: last NMWMA (VDS) 20 Oct.
Magnolia Warbler: max b 31 BBBO 9 Sep; total b 192 BBBO 1 Sep-3 Oct; max obs 16 M - Owl Woods 8 Sep; last M - Owl Woods & CL Inlet WMA LIVI 14 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: total b 16 BBBO 2 Sep – 2 Oct; last Hemlock L - S 6 Oct.
Blackburnian Warbler: last Pittsford Trails MONR 7 Oct.
Yellow Warbler: none b after 29 Aug; last Kings Bend P, T Pittsford MONR 3 Oct.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: last IB – S 3 Oct.
Blackpoll Warbler: max b 51 BBBO 28 Sep; 45b BBBO 21 Sep; 43b BBBO 4 Oct; total b 446 BBBO 2 Sep-last 21 Oct, high number banded.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 11 G 2 Sep (KG); total b 33 BBBO 3 Sep-6 Oct; last HB 14 Oct.
Palm Warbler: arr G 1 Sep; max 10 HANA 3 Oct (KG); last IB – S 23 (CGi). Oct.
Pine Warbler: max 18 HB 7 Sep (AGu); last HB 23 Nov (CGo), late.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 35 IB – S 6 Oct (NK); G (Canal P) H 14 Oct; total b 15 BBBO 3 Sep-10 Oct; last DEP 25 Nov (NK), late.
Black-throated Green Warbler: total b 15 BBBO 8-25 Sep; last 2 BB 9 Oct.
Canada Warbler: last TCEA 27 Sep.
Wilson's Warbler: total b 24 BBBO 1 Sep-last 4 Oct; last T Wolcott WAYN 6 Oct.
Scarlet Tanager: last Purcell Rd, T Canadice ONTA 5 Oct.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Fowlerville LIVI 28 Sep.
Indigo Bunting: last South Conesus LIVI 3 Oct.
DICKCISSEL (R2): H 15 Sep (AGu), flyover calling.

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