

REGION 2—GENESEE

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An up-and-down winter 2018-19, generally on the warmer side, with snowfall in bursts and a bit below average total and some significant wind events late in the season. December was warm with snowfall about half normal, a stark contrast with November's cold. It was one of the warmest and least snowy Decembers on record. Still, each local Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was affected by some combination of cold and rain or snow on the count day plus the lingering effects of the very cold and snowy November, which pushed out many typical lingering

birds, especially waterfowl. Most lakes, ponds, and bays were largely ice-free for most of the month, but they had been frozen in November and again during cold snaps in December. Temperatures averaged 33.8°F, 3.8° above normal, and precipitation totaled 2.60", 0.03" below normal. Snowfall was 11.5", 10.3" below normal.

January continued the green grass look and mild feel through the 9th, with temperatures averaging 9° above normal. For the rest of the month, only five days reached normal highs, and four days dropped below 0°. Temperatures averaged 23.9°, 0.8° below normal. Precipitation totaled 2.56", 0.15" above normal, with snowfall at 32.8", 4.6" above normal. Snow fell on 24 of the 31 days of the month, with a record for the date of 7.8" on the 19th and more the next day. There were rain events on the 8th and the 23rd-24th. The snowfall in addition to the cold fluctuations led to bays and ponds freezing and thawing and to an increase in shore ice on Lake Ontario.

February brought a generally warm and windy ride. After a low of 0° on the 1st, temperatures spiked to 63° on the 4th. Days were about evenly split between above and below average, with a temperature average of 28.7°, 2.3° above normal. Precipitation totaled 2.91", 0.96" above normal, with half falling as rain and the larger events, wintry mixes of rain and sleet. Snowfall ended at 19.2", 2.3" below normal, but with a record for the date of 6.5" on the 27th. There were four wind events on the 8th, 12th-13th, 18th, and finally most serious on the 24th-26th, when gusts reached to 66 mph.

In general, this was a lackluster winter for birding. As noted in the weather summary, there were ups and downs, but overall it was just average. A major impact was the November deep freeze that seemed to push many potential lingerers out of the Region before the season began. Records posted to eBird were close to the same as for last winter at approximately 17,111 for December, 22,801 for January, and 19,348 for February. There were the usual additions of geneseebirds posts, the CBC data, and the annual January NY State Waterfowl Count. Each CBC was at least somewhat impacted by conditions on the count days, but ended up with high average species totals and with numbers of individuals increased from last year, though in the Rochester CBC case that mostly meant the American Crow roost was again found back inside the circle this year; that one species typically accounts for about 1/3 of the total count of individuals. New species for the local counts were: Greater White-fronted Goose and Orange-crowned Warbler for Letchworth-Silver Lake, Green Heron for Rochester, and Tufted Duck for Conesus-Hemlock. Record high counts for the CBCs were: Rochester – Pied-billed Grebe, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Common Raven, Hermit Thrush, and Gray Catbird; Letchworth-Silver Lake – Redhead, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Common Merganser, and Bald Eagle; and Conesus-Hemlock – Sandhill Crane and Common Raven. Most water was open, yet waterfowl numbers were really high only in the Letchworth-Silver Lake area. There were similar comments through the season of birds being hard to find. Even toward

season's end, there was essentially no sign of movement of early spring migrants.

Moving right into the family groups, we start with all really expected waterfowl reported each month. Counts were generally low except for Redhead on Conesus Lake and Red-breasted Merganser off Hamlin Beach in December. Rarer reports included: Greater White-fronted Goose in December and February, Cackling Goose all season, Tufted Duck in December and January, and Barrow's Goldeneye in January and February at two typical locations. February arrivals were only Gadwall and Northern Pintail. The Waterfowl Count again hit the arrival of real winter, which resulted in various parts being done over most of a week in the various sectors. The total for species and individuals was very close to the average for the most recent 20 years. The only ducks above average were Long-tailed Duck and Red-breasted Merganser. Canada Goose numbers approached double their average and really were what drove the overall total to near normal. Shore ice had increased to well offshore after any time the wind blew from the north for an extended period. This hampered counts in some sectors.

There were no shorebird reports for the season. I do not recall the last occurrence of a total shutout. In December and January, there were some good concentrations of Ring-billed and Herring Gulls on the ponds and bays and modest numbers of the usual white-winged gulls and Lesser Black-backed Gull typical of winter here. By February, numbers of even these had dropped to lower than typical. We often look to Bonaparte's Gull for the possibility of accompanying rarer species, but Bonaparte's numbers were low, a 10 January departure date was normal, and there were only a couple of reports in February, and no reports of rarer species. A passing Parasitic Jaeger off Webster Park on 6 January was a nice surprise. In this general area of the new checklist order, up to 11 Sandhill Cranes were seen in the Ashley Road area of the Town of Livonia through 18 January, a record high count for the area and that late date. Loons and grebes continued the storyline of low numbers. An exception was several high counts of Red-necked Grebe along the south shore of Lake Ontario in the Towns of Parma and Hamlin, with the peak 804 and 1033 at two locations on 1 December and 123 on 30 December, high for that late. These high late-fall counts are a relatively recent trend. Double-crested Cormorant again lingered on Irondequoit Bay in numbers from 25 in mid-December to 17 through the Waterfowl Count.

Next, we can work through the rest of the non-passerine species. As a group, the diurnal raptors provided few special notes. Starting with the vultures, we have the usual winter roosts for Turkey Vulture and then a surprise Black Vulture spotted over Rochester by Andy Garland on 21 February. Bald Eagle numbers were good, though down a bit from last winter, with Irondequoit Bay again a good place to be sure to see birds. Another surprise was four reports of immature Northern Goshawks in December, but then no more for the rest of the season. It was also a low number season for Rough-legged Hawk. The official Braddock Bay hawk watch did not start until after season's end.

Among the owls, we had the usual good numbers of Eastern Screech-Owl on the CBCs. It was an off year for Snowy Owl; still there were birds each month, with over 20 individuals reported in January. The Short-eared Owl surveys out of the DEC office in Avon started great, reaching a new record high tally of 33 on the 29 January count. Weather was a problem on several of the count days, with both counts in February cancelled, though birders out on other days reported up to a maximum of 16 individuals in the Nations Road IBA. There were more Northern Saw-whet Owl reports than usual in December from several locations. Then February brought the best start in recent years to the annual monitoring of roosting, migrating owls in the Owl Woods area, with 11 reports for Northern Saw-whet Owl and one Long-eared Owl.

Among the woodpeckers, 3-4 Red-headed Woodpeckers were found in Durand-Eastman Park in Rochester on 14 December and continued to be seen in the same area through the season. Lingering Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were present in good numbers, with about 12 in December and five still being found through most of February. Our regular three falcon species were all reported in good numbers each month of the season.

Moving on to the passerines, it was interesting to look at the birds lingering into a warm December and beyond, especially after the really cold November. The general feeling was that passerines were hard to find. Yet the list of half hardies reported was long and the numbers reported were good. For December, we had: four Eastern Phoebes, about 15 Winter Wrens, a Marsh Wren, three Ruby-crowned Kinglets, many Eastern Bluebirds, 16 Hermit Thrushes, five Gray Catbirds, four Eastern Towhees, two Chipping Sparrows, four Field Sparrows, many Fox, White-crowned, and White-throated Sparrows, a few blackbirds, Orange-crowned Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, and Yellow-rumped Warblers—certainly a good list. In January, wintering passerines seemed even harder to find, yet again the list of half hardies was little changed and numbers of individuals still good. Marsh Wren, Gray Catbird, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Common Yellowthroat were missed, while Vesper and Savannah Sparrows and Pine Warbler were added. February's deep cold snaps and periods of heavy snows had some effects, but our wintering half hardies mainly persisted, with only Eastern Phoebe and Yellow-rumped Warbler dropped and Gray Catbird and Eastern Meadowlark added. Regular irruptive species saw Northern Shrike numbers fair, no sign of a Red-breasted Nuthatch invasion, and only a lone Bohemian Waxwing reported in early February. Lapland Longspur was scarce through the season, while Snow Bunting was occasionally seen in high numbers.

Through the fall there were tantalizing, scattered reports of winter finches, giving rise to hopes for later numbers. But December brought only a dozen reports of Evening Grosbeak, a lone Pine Grosbeak, some flocks of Common Redpoll, a lone Red Crossbill, and modest numbers of Pine Siskin. January and February saw the same story continuing, with a lone Hoary Redpoll with the Commons in the Town of Hamlin in January and with another lone Pine Grosbeak found in February.

Species totals for the months and their 10-year averages were: December – 132 (131.3), January – 127 (126.7), and February – 125 (117.7).

For other notes of interest, we start with the continued field summaries from Jim Adams' regular surveys in Oatka Creek Park. Diversity remained close to or a bit below average. The creek remained high, impacting waterbird records, and dying ash trees plus construction and logging along the creek are having negative impacts. Generally, his notes mirror the inputs from others for the season. Next, the Great Backyard Bird Count in mid-February again added 100 or so to the usual observer list. Finally some thoughts relating to using care with the raw eBird data in trying to assess numbers of observations or sites. Virginia Rail in January presents a good example. An individual was noted in Sherry Pond marsh in Durand-Eastman Park on 1 January and another two in the Deep Pond area of Mendon Ponds Park on 2 January. Then from 22-29 January, there were about 23 reports from the Quaker Pond part of Mendon Ponds Park, with various descriptions of the sites and with five pins on the eBird map. In fact this was generally one bird (other than a single report suggesting two) all from the south end of the pond, NOT the traditional wintering location noted most years. Only one report plotted the pin at that spot; the rest were at spots as far as 0.8 miles north! It can take some effort to derive details from the content of databases.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BB – Braddock Bay, T Greece, MONR; **BB-HW** – at or from Braddock Bay hawk watch; **CHCBC** – Conesus-Hemlock CBC 29 Dec; **CL** – Conesus L, LIVI; **DEP** – Durand-Eastman P, MONR; **G** – T Greece; **H** – T Hamlin, MONR; **HB** – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; **IBO** – Irondequoit Bay Outlet, MONR; **IB-S** – Irondequoit Bay south end, including LaSalle Landing P area; **LSLCBC** – Letchworth-Silver Lake CBC on 15 Dec; **M (OW)** – owl woods area off Manitou Beach Rd on W side of Braddock Bay; **MP** – Mendon Pd P, MONR; **NMWMA** – Northern Montezuma WMA, T Savannah, WAYN; **NMWMA (AR)** – north side of Armitage Rd; **NMWMA (CR)** – Carncross Rd area flooded fields; **NMWMA (MR)** – Morgan Rd marshes area; **NMWMA (VDS)** – woods and wetlands along Van Dyne Spoor; **RCBC** – Rochester Christmas Bird Count on 16 Dec; **SBotP** – Sandy Bottom P, T Honeoye, ONTA; **Spt** – Sodus Pt, WAYN; **TCEA** – Twin Cedars Environmental Area at Avon DEC offices; **WP** – Webster P, MONR.

WATERFOWL - GREBES

Snow Goose: max 8500 T Galen WAYN 3 Dec (DO); 2100 N. Avon LIVI 3 Dec (MW); 3000 Honeoye Falls 9 Jan (BCar); last 60 Geneseo 20 Jan (JK); 125 NMWMA (AR) 8 Feb (LC-B, SBe).

Greater White-fronted Goose: 2 HB

2Dec (JiM, LMa, RRe); Mt Morris area 15, 17, 20 Dec (JK, DBe, MW); variable to 45 PtB 10-23 Feb (8 mob), on border between Regions 1 & 2.

Cackling Goose: 42 rep, ~ 68 ind 18 loc Dec (28+ obs); max 11 Kings Bend P,

Pittsford 31 Dec (BCar); 2 BB-HW 14 Feb (KGr); Kings Bend P, Pittsford 14 Feb (RW); Bear Creek Harbor WAYN 20 Feb (MG).

Canada Goose: max 8000 Mt Morris Dam 18 Jan (JK).

Mute Swan: max 242 IBO area 2 Feb (GF); 75 SPt 7 Feb (MG).

Trumpeter Swan: 20 NMWMA (AR) 8-9 Dec; 14 NMWMA (CR) 3 Jan; 4 IB 4-22 Feb (mob).

Tundra Swan: max 1015 NMWMA (VDS) 5 Jan (NK).

Wood Duck: 5 T Galen WAYN 1 Dec; Caledonia 2 Feb (DT); Bear Creek WAYN 8 Feb (LKah); scarce in winter.

N. Shoveler: 2 HANA 8 Jan (RRe); 8 IBO 2 Feb (JGe, SJ, RRe); scarce in winter.

Gadwall: max 62 Northrup Crk, G 5 Jan (AGu); arr 14 BB14 Feb (GL, RC).

Am. Wigeon: last IB – S 11 Jan (RB).

Mallard: max 630 HB-YC 8 Dec.

Am. Black Duck: max 107 CL 21 Jan (MW), low max.

N. Pintail: last CL 21 Jan (MW); arr 11 IBO & 31 NMWMA (SCU) 10 Feb (JMi; LKah).

Green-winged Teal: max 8 Caledonia Fish Hatchery 2, 23 Feb (DT, RSt).

Canvasback: max 500 CL 2 Feb (DSH); 150 SPT. 23 Feb (JMcGo, LS).

Redhead: max 4500 2 Jan (MW).

Ring-necked Duck: 580 Hemlock L P 14 Dec (BH).

TUFTED DUCK: 1 m CL 29 Dec-CHCBC 2 Jan (JK, RSt, 28+ oth obs, ph), 6th Reg record.

Greater Scaup: max 1500 SPt 23 Feb.

Lesser Scaup: max 250 CL 29 Dec & Hemlock 1 P 1 Jan.

White-winged Scoter: max 250 SPt 23 Feb, low; generally scarce.

Long-tailed Duck: 1000 SPt 23 Feb; max 1800 mouth of Genesee R 24 Jan (RSp).

Bufflehead: max 60 CL 8 Dec, low max.

Com. Goldeneye: max 250 IBO-Newport marina 20 Jan.

Barrow's Goldeneye: arr 1 m PtB 13-31 Jan, 1-20 Feb (RB, LBer, mob, ph); 1 f

SPt 26-29 Jan, 8-28 Feb (DC, JWi, mob, ph).

Com. Merganser: max 2000 IB-N 17 Feb (PMar).

Red-breasted Merganser: 1000 HB 1 Dec (BCar); max 2063 SB-Fairhaven, Waterfowl Count 17 Jan (M&JT, JCh).

Ruddy Duck: max 15 SBotP ONT 5 Dec.

Red-necked Grebe: 804 HB-YC boat ramp 1 Dec (R&SSp); max 1033 North Ave Overlook, T Parma 1 Dec (R&SSp); 123 HB-YC boat ramp 30 Dec (AGu), late for number.

RAILS - LARIDS

Virginia Rail: DEP 1 Jan (5 obs); 2 MP-Deep Pd 2 Jan (NK); MP-Quaker Pd S 22-29 Jan (MG), 20+ oth obs, ph), *intro*.

Am. Coot: max 29 IB 23 Dec, low.

Sandhill Crane: max 11 Ashley Rd, T Livonia LIVI 29 Dec (LBer, RB, CGi), 5, 9 Jan (BHo, TB).

Parasitic Jaeger: off WP 6 Jan (RSp), unusual date.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 94 IB-S 15 Dec, low max; last IBO 10 Jan, typical; 3, 23 Feb, unusual at dates.

Ring-billed Gull: max 6500 BB-ES 16 DEC-RCBC (R&SSp); 1400 Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 10 Jan (W&MR).

Herring Gull: max 5259 Edgemere Dr, G 26 Dec (RB); 3500 Long Pd, G 1 Jan (AGu); 1900 Buck Pd, G 5 Jan (AGu); 1700 BB 17 Feb (BriM).; good numbers.

Iceland Gull: ~ 28 ind 12 loc 8-31 Dec; max 6 Cranberry Pd, G 29 Dec (AGu); ~ 9 ind 8 loc 1-27 Jan; ~ 25 ind 7 loc Feb.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: ~ 12 ind 10 loc 10-31 Dec; 7 ind 6 loc 1-29 Jan; ~ 8 ind 3 loc 4-24 Feb.

Glaucous Gull: ~ 9 ind 6 loc 8-31 Dec; ~ 8 ind 7 loc 1-23 Jan; ~ 6 ind 4 loc 2-23 Feb.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 63 IB 7 Feb (GL).

LOONS - FALCONS

Red-throated Loon: max 39 HB 1 Dec; highest in Jan & Feb 4 & 6, respectively.

Com. Loon: max 15 SPT 30 Dec, low.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 25 IB-W 15 Dec; 24 IB 9 Jan, good number for date; IB 5 Feb, few reports in Feb.

BLACK VULTURE (R2): over Rochester 21 Feb (AGa), few Feb reports.

Turkey Vulture: max 35 Hickory P, T Bergen GENE 27 Dec, typical near winter gatherings.

N. Goshawk: single imms – DEP 1 Dec (KRy); West Walworth WAYN 1 Dec (MG); DEP 16 Dec (MT); Johnson Rd, Churchville 31 Dec (BriM); good showing for recent years; no more rep for season.

Bald Eagle: approx 80 ind Dec; 232 lines eBird Jan; 227 lines eBird Feb.

Red-shouldered Hawk: Stoner Hill Rd, T West Sparta LIVI 31 Dec (JGo); WP 7 Feb (DTe), unusual site for winter

Rough-legged Hawk: ~ 7 ind 7 loc 9-25 Dec; ~ 7 ind 6 loc 1, 22-31 Jan; ~ 20 ind 14 loc Feb.

E. Screech-Owl: 75 RCBC 16 Dec; 35 CHCBC 29 Dec; typical totals.

Snowy Owl: ~ 11 ind 11+ loc Dec; ~ 48 rep, 20+ ind 13+ loc 1-26 Jan; 7 ind 6 loc 5-20Feb.

Long-eared Owl: M (OW) 16 Feb, first of the year by owl counters in usual roost area, early.

Short-eared Owl: 32 DEC survey out of Avon 4 Dec; record max 33 DEC survey out of Avon 29 Jan; month max 16 Nations Rd IBA 1 Feb (GL, LH); weather cancelled DEC surveys in Feb.

N. Saw-whet Owl: M (OW) 8, 11 Dec (TLe, JF, TS, LBer), Torpey Hill, Bergen Swamp 20 Dec (NK); Quayle Rd ONTA 29 Dec (NK); more than usual for Dec; 11 rep M (OW) Feb (mob), early for so many in this roost and count area, notes from Jim Adams.

Belted Kingfisher: total 23 ind 23 loc 1-26 Jan, many for mid-winter.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 3-4 DEP 14 Dec (BMai, JSI) thru, mob, many ph; no reports from other areas.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: total ~ 12 ind 10 loc 6-26 Dec; 14 ind 12 loc Jan; 5 ind 5 loc 3-20 Feb; good numbers for winter.

Am. Kestrel: totals – 28 in Dec, 23 in Jan, and 10 in Feb; slow decrease thru.

Merlin: totals – 25 in Dec, 21 in Jan, and 17 in Feb; good for winter.

Peregrine Falcon: totals – 11 in Dec, 10 in Jan, and 20 in Feb.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

E. Phoebe: Ellison P, Penfield 9 Dec (JiM, LM); Oatka Crk P 9 Dec (JAd); Bear Crk Harbor WAYN 13 Dec (JWi); DEP 15 Dec (RRy); SBotP 1, 4 Jan (KGa, BH, ph); usually rare in winter.

N. Shrike: ~ 17 ind 14 loc 4-28 Dec; ~ 12 ind 11 loc Jan; ~ 20 ind 16 loc Feb.

Am. Crow: max 24200 RCBC 16 Dec Feb, early winter roost back in count circle.

FISH CROW (R2): 1-7 Northgate Plaza area, G off and on thru.

Horned Lark: max 90 Stewart Rd LIVI 28 Feb, low.

Winter Wren: ~35 ind 22 loc Dec; max 6 DEP 16 Dec (AGa, DSh); 18 ind 12 loc Jan; 9 ind 8 loc 2-24 Feb.

Marsh Wren: Beatty Pt, G 16 Dec (GL).

Golden-crowned Kinglet: total 26 ind 12 loc Jan, half of last Jan number.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: BB-ES 14-16 Dec (GL, 5 oth obs); Jenks Rd, T Lima LIVI 29 Dec (RB); Hemlock L area 29 Dec (KW); IBO 19 Jan (CV); HB 4 Feb (DT); scarce in winter.

E. Bluebird: 24 HincerRd, G 16 Dec (R&SSp), many for loc & date; 16 Caledonia Fish Hatchery 2 Feb (DT).

Hermit Thrush: total 16 ind 7 loc Dec; max 6 DEP 16 Dec (DSh); 6 ind 5 loc 1-22 Jan; Beatty Pt, G 2 Feb; M (OW) 3 Feb; max 5 WP 7 Feb (DT); WP 20 Feb; good numbers thru.

Am. Robin: max 800 Jefferson Rd, Rochester 13 Dec (PW); widespread thru, many counts in 100s.

Gray Catbird: 5 ind 5 loc 3-23 Dec; near Fairport 20 Feb (MG); scarce in winter.

European Starling: max 25000 North Rush 15 Dec (NK).

Bohemian Waxwing: HB 4 Feb (DT), only report.

Cedar Waxwing: max 128 Honeoye L area 29 Dec; generally in low numbers.

Evening Grosbeak: ~ 47 ind 9 loc 1-20 Dec; max 16 T Ontario WAYN 1 Dec (NC); 4-6 Penfield 13, 26-31 Jan, 1-2 Feb (DR, sev oth obs); 2 Rochester 27 Jan (APe); Marion WAYN 4 Feb (DMcK); best showing in many years.

Pine Grosbeak: DEP 1 Dec (KR); 4 HB 4 Feb (DT).

Com. Redpoll: max 225 H 14 Dec (AGu); flock persisted in area thru.

HOARY REDPOLL (R2): H 23-28 Jan (AGu, CGi, MG, LBer).

Red Crossbill: DEP 16 Dec (JPow, RSt).

Pine Siskin: max 54 DEP-W 15 Dec (AGa).

Lapland Longspur: max 35 Nations Rd IBA 27 Jan; relative scarce this season.

Snow Bunting: max 1000 Jenks Rd, T Lima LIVI 30 Dec (BCar); 560 Lakeshore Rd ORLE 18 Feb (KGr).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

E. Towhee: 4 ind 4 loc 2-20 Dec; 1 f Springwater LIVI 19 Jan (BH, ph); Cook & Redman Rds, H 2 Feb (AGu); ShakerHeights WAYN 18 Feb (NS); Palmyra WAYN 22 Jan, 20 Feb (TC); usually scarce in winter.

Am. Tree Sparrow: max 63 Nations Rd IBA 29 Jan, low max.

Chipping Sparrow: Irondequoit 16 Dec (SG, ph); Fowlerville LIVI 17 Dec (SBu, KMcC); Woodbrooke Rd, T Victor ONTA 27, 30 Jan, 13 Feb (BBer); rare in winter.

Field Sparrow: 4 ind 4 loc 2-23 Dec; 3 ind 3 loc 10, 18, 20, 28 Jan; T Livonia LIVI 10-11 Feb (TB); 18-19 Feb (SGo); rare in winter.

Vesper Sparrow: Nations Rd IBA 12-13 Jan (DT, BCar, ph); Jacobs Rd, H 28-29 Jan, 1 Feb (AGu, ph, 6 oth obs, DT), rare in winter.

Savannah Sparrow: 4, 2 Jones Bridge & Perry Rds, T Leicester LIVI 24, 28 Jan; Jacobs Rd area, H 28-29 Jan; max 5 T West Sparta LIVI 19 Feb (DT); scarce & local in winter.

Fox Sparrow: DEP-Zoo Rd 5 Dec (CGi, SG); DEP-W 16 Dec (AGa, DSh); DEP 7 Jan (CGi, RRe, ET); Purcell Rd, T Canadice ONTA 21, 29 Jan, 15, 27 Feb (BH); North Rose WAYN 27-28 Jan (MG, KGa); Mil-Benski Farm WAYN 17-27 Feb (LC-B, SBe); rare in winter.

White-throated Sparrow: 438 lines in eBird Jan, illustration of good numbers wintering.

White-crowned Sparrow: 112 lines in eBird Jan, illustration of good numbers wintering.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 85 T Riga MONR 2 Feb (DT).

E. Meadowlark: Nations Rd IBA 3 Feb (JGo), only rep.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 200 Jeffords RD, T Rush MONR 13 Feb (BCar).

Rusty Blackbird: Fowlerville Rd, T Avon MONR 3 Dec, only rep.

blackbird species: max 2000 T Victor ONTA 1 Dec; blackbirds generally scarce this winter.

Orange-crowned Warbler: LSLCBC 15 Dec (DBa), 1st for CBC.

Com. Yellowthroat: T Victor ONTA 21 Dec (JPow). Conesus In 6 Dec (MW).

Pine Warbler: HB 14 Jan, 4 Feb (DT), rare in winter.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 5 old railroad bed, G 16 Dec (PD, DBem); max 5 Owen Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 17 Jan (MT).