

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Weather during summer 2019 was unremarkable overall but for the exceptionally high water levels that continued from spring. Most of the west barrier bar at Fair Haven continued to be flooded, with some low-lying but normally dry spots under as much as 12" of water. Matters improved throughout June and July with entrance road and paths eventually passable by car and on foot. A similar scenario played out elsewhere along Lake Ontario, with flooding in low-lying areas improving slowly throughout the summer but remaining much higher than normal for the date. Inland water, especially Onondaga Lake, was also much higher than normal with only a little mud emerging at the south end in late August. June average temperature for Syracuse was within a degree of historical norms, but rainfall was 1.08" higher at 4.39". Mid-July brought us our only real heat wave and the month averaged 85.6 ° F, a substantial 4.0° above average and with eight days above 90° (compared to a typical of three). August was quiet with no hot days (above 90°) recorded and average temps, but with 5.20" rain, 1.63" more than normal. The authors wonder to what extent high water levels in June affected ground nesting birds.

Trumpeter Swans were confirmed nesting by Gregg Dashnau at Three Rivers WMA for the second year in a row. Six young were hatched. Pairs were reported in mid June from the Rte 6 marsh in Volney and Beaver Lake, but nesting status is unknown. Successful nesting in the Howland Island area continues and a pair in northern Cayuga County will likely try if they haven't already. Joe Carey reported Blue-winged Teal with eight chicks, a scarce nester in the Region, from the pond at Sterling Nature Center. Fewer than normal Green-winged Teal were reported in August, perhaps due to high water levels.

Bill Lenhart found a Common Goldeneye on 15 June at Sunday Lake, a remote location north of Old Forge. The bird, a female or immature male, is intriguing as a possible nester for the area. An injured Greater Scaup was seen in August at Oswego Harbor. Gary Meyers reported a good year for nesting Hooded Mergansers at the Madison Street impoundment in Hamilton, while Common Merganser sightings came mostly from the Region's northeast area. Elizabeth Frascatore found Ruddy Ducks nesting at the McKoons Road marsh in Herkimer County and reported four chicks, another unusual nesting species for the Region. August was exceptionally poor for dispersing dabbling ducks, with usual hotspots like Delta Lake having high water and little edge habitat.

Matt Perry found a Common Nighthawk in downtown Utica on 4 July. The species formerly nested atop gravel-covered roofs in upstate NY but is thought mostly absent now. The bird was likely a failed nester or immature bird as its continued presence would have been noticed during the Utica Peregrine Falcon fledge watch. Still, the authors hope some may persist, unnoticed, flying above the cities of central NY around dusk. Frank Brosch recorded a calling Whip-poor-will from his home south of Oswego on 8 June, and included excellent audio with his eBird checklist. The species is considered a late-April/early-May migrant along the Ontario lakeshore but is virtually unknown there in June. The bird, likely an immature, was in an undeveloped area and perhaps happy to have moths over the city all to itself. Gary Lee reports that 45 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were banded at the Stillwater Hotel in northern Herkimer County on 6 July. This seems to be a typical number for the site and its ample feeders, but an impressive count nonetheless. Along Onondaga Lake's west shore near the Nine Mile Creek outlet, Gregg Dashnau confirmed breeding of Common Gallinule for the first time in many years. Five adults and eight young were seen, increasing to 16 total birds by late July and 19 in mid-August. Habitat restoration along the west shore seems to have paid off for the species, likely absent from the area since the 1970s when the outlet area sustained a cattail marsh. Phragmites had completely taken over for at least the last 20 years, with the associated loss of marsh nesters. While west shore development/restoration may have claimed the lake's Bank Swallow colony with removal of the waste-bed bluffs, efforts may finally be paying off for other species. Several American Coots were seen starting in late July but are not thought to have bred there (yet). Molly Jacobson reported eight Sandhill Cranes from Cook Pond on Howland Island on 4 August. Some juveniles were seen but it is not known whether they nested on the island or in the now-traditional nearby areas of Wayne County. Another crane was seen flying over Ditch Bank Road in Madison County on 28 June, a possible nester in the area, and Matt Brown observed a flyby at Deer Creek Marsh on 2 June.

Shorebird migration, much of which occurs during the summer reporting period, was average to poor for both northbound and southbound birds. Exceptionally-high water levels along Lake Ontario in early June continued

through the period and flooded much shoreline habitat. At Sandy Pond, none of the usual north-spit beach was exposed during the period, and little of the south-spit beach also. David Wheeler estimated the Carl Island sandbar was under 1-2 feet more water than normal, with no chance of emerging in time for use by gulls, terns, and shorebirds. Recreational pressure on the area is extreme under the best of circumstances, but Piping Plovers again nested successfully at Sandy Island Beach State Park under the watchful eye of park personnel. Three chicks were hatched and two were known to fledge, with most human users respectful of the situation. The female bird was known to leave first for points south, the male left to attend to matters into late-July. The authors hope continued cooperation among stakeholders will assure the success of these special nesters, absent from the Region since the early 1970s. Elsewhere, Drew Weber found a single Black-bellied Plover with 40 American Golden-Plover at the Sky-high Turf Farm in Lakeport. Another Black-bellied was seen at Sandy Pond. No Buff-breasted Sandpipers were found through the end of August. A single Upland Sandpiper, not seen during spring at the Oswego County airport in Fulton, was found by Gregg Dashnau on 26 July. The airport grounds are large and adjacent to a capped, grassy landfill that contains much habitat for the species. Hopefully it continues there. Whimbrel were seen twice at both Sandy Pond and Fair Haven with Mike Gullo tallying five birds on 19 August. Ruddy Turnstone was reported but a single time, on 22 July. Deborah Dohne found a Stilt Sandpiper at the south end of Onondaga Lake in spite of high water levels.

Black Tern went unreported for the Region, save for a single bird seen cruising only feet over the Wayne/Cayuga County line by David Wheeler while kayaking the Seneca River west of Howland Island and in the Region 'in name only.' Two more under identical circumstances were seen the next day. The Region's main hope for the species to continue as a nester lies with Deer Creek Marsh north of Port Ontario. While not reported there this summer, difficult access is hopefully to blame. Sandy Pond hosted a late nesting attempt by a Common Tern pair, likely frustrated by high water levels a month earlier. Eggs were laid in mid-July amid incredible disturbance by recreational users. On one visit, Wheeler observed boaters playing horseshoes within 20 feet of the roped-off nest. The terns incubated faithfully early on, dealing with matters surprisingly well, but were often absent thereafter. While the eggs may not have been viable due to constant flushing of the birds, they suddenly disappeared overnight in late-July. A trail cam set up at the site caught the culprit, a fox. After all the human disturbance and efforts to protect the nest therefrom, things came to a thoroughly natural end. Other sightings at Sandy Pond included a dead Least Bittern on the Lake side, a known nester in the pond's northeast marsh, but noted by Wheeler as his first ever for the channel area. Gary Kosmoski photographed an **American White Pelican** near the south shore of Oneida Lake east of Lakeport. It was not seen again. Mary Magistro had the good luck to photograph a flyby Black-crowned Night-Heron from the bluff at

Fort Ontario on 22 June. Seen off and on at Oswego Harbor over the years, the species is thought to nest in Snake Swamp west of the city. It continues as a scarce breeder known only from a few spots. Kevin Topping found a **Black Vulture** in Herkimer County on 30 August.

The inaccessible wilderness of northern Herkimer County contains boreal nesters, presumably at lower density than found in the higher elevations of the central Adirondacks. Bill Lenhart found a Black-backed Woodpecker at Sunday Lake, a very remote spot 15 miles north-northwest of Old Forge. The species has a long history in the area and is found occasionally in swamps closer to the village. Red-headed Woodpecker was seen in traditional locations such as Fair Haven, Verona Beach, and the central portion of Oneida Lake's north shore. Two seen at Toad Harbor on 3 July were likely nesting. Meanwhile, a pair continued at Derby Hill and were thought by Gerry Smith to be nesting east of the north lookout. Matt Brown found four at Sandy Pond on 11 August, presumably a family group, and an unusual location. Utica's Peregrine Falcon fledge watch followed the antics of the adults and four fledglings as they fine-tuned their skills before dispersing in late July.

Though it may contain suitable nesting habitat, an Acadian Flycatcher heard at the west-side parking lot on Howland Island on 1 June was not found again. A bird continues holding territory at Sterling Nature Center and is hopefully nesting successfully there. One or possibly two pairs continue at Whiskey Hollow, a traditional location. Though Region 5 lies at the northern edge of the species range, more nesters are likely present in the dark ravines of the 'southern highlands' area of Madison and Onondaga Counties. Perhaps these will be found during the upcoming Breeding Bird Atlas III. Common Ravens have indeed become fairly common, with 248 separate reports submitted to eBird during the season. Gregg Dashnau observed 25 Cliff Swallows on 28 August at Oswego Harbor. The bird has traditionally nested on the library building at SUNY-Oswego thus they were presumably of local origin, staging before heading south. David Wheeler recalls finding the nests while atlasing during summer 2003, with House Sparrows commandeering a few and seeming 'out of place' so high up. Destruction of Cliffie nests on commercial buildings continues to be a problem, with Wheeler noting that nests in a shopping center in Cicero disappeared suddenly in early June. The swallows rebuilt, one glob of mud at a time, and were hopefully undisturbed until fledging. Some of the nests were only seven feet above the ground. An excellent initiative for local bird clubs would be to communicate and educate store managers about the birds and their protected status.

Throughout July Gregg Dashnau monitored a singing Sedge Wren at Three Rivers WMA, a second confirmed on 6 August. In a summary to the authors Dashnau wrote of the thick weeds at the area and the skulky behavior of the bird, thinking they may have fledged young without anyone knowing. Matt Brown contributed as many as 30 Marsh Wrens from Deer Creek Marsh,

testimony to continued excellence of the spot. A pair of Evening Grosbeaks were found in the Herkimer County town of Manheim on 8 July by Larry Hall, the only report. Did they breed successfully? Ida Sheppard contributed Pine Siskins to eBird on a near-daily basis from her Oneida County patch. All reports of the species were in June.

A Clay-colored Sparrow, presumed initially to be a migrant, continued from May and took up residence at Oakwood Cemetery in Syracuse. The bird's daily activities were carefully documented by Deborah Dohne (both in her own field notes and on eBird) as it advertised territory in this very unusual location. The species is known as a scarce, thinly-distributed nester in New York state. Would it find a mate? Things got interesting fast for Dohne, as the bird paired up with a female Chipping Sparrow and commenced breeding. Her article documenting this very unusual and significant breeding event may be found on pages 317-323 in the present issue of *The Kingbird*. Elsewhere, the Region's only other consistent Clay-colored Sparrows continue at Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary in Oneida County. Matt Perry could not confirm successful nesting but noted a male bird returning to the same place and singing the same Chipping-like song of previous years.

On 24 June Chris Wood, Jessie Barry, and Estevao Santos recorded a singing Lincoln's Sparrow in a remote area southeast of Old Forge. As mentioned earlier, the unbirded portions of northern Herkimer County likely contain far more boreal nesters than currently known. Hopefully the forthcoming Breeding Bird Atlas starting next summer will provide more insight. Wood also turned up a first-year male Orchard Oriole at Peter Scott Swamp near Phoenix. He remarked in his field notes "presumably scarce here" and it is indeed a first record for the spot in eBird despite seemingly good habitat for the species. Lack of summertime coverage of this excellent birding spot is likely to blame. This theme sadly applies to Louisiana Waterthrush as well, reported only twice (!) during the season though presumably found along most flowing creeks in the southern part of the Region. Present-day birding emphasizes listing and the species is often twitched soon after it arrives, not to be bothered with again until the following April. This disappointing trend in birding habits affects other species as well, including Golden-winged Warbler. The only visually-confirmed report this season came from Fabius where Andrea Burke had good looks on 18 August, supplemented by several heard-only records of birds singing the appropriate song (which is no longer adequate to assume a pure bird). Paul DeBenedictis wrote in the summer 1985 *Kingbird* report that Golden-winged still outnumbered Blue-winged in central Oswego County. While this is no longer the case, the area may still hold a few nesters.

Several observers, including Jay McGowan, Livia Santana, and David Wheeler kayaked the Seneca River north from Carncross Road in June and found as many as six Prothonotary Warblers, most in the flooded woods on the west side of the river across from Howland Island. Much of the waterway that

loops the island has good quality habitat and may contain dozens of these gorgeous birds. Status of the birds at the traditional Toad Harbor spot is unknown. They were last reported there in 2012 but the Three Mile Bay Area contains substantial (but hard to reach) habitat. Meanwhile, Deborah Dohne found Northern Parulas twice in late June. One was atop Morgan Hill State Forest, vaguely suitable for the species to nest, and the other bird in a decidedly curious spot along McCloud Road near the Three Mile Bay WMA. Dave Nicosia birded the Shackham Road-area conifer forest near the Onondaga/Cortland County line and came up with excellent counts of Ovenbird, Magnolia and Blackburnian Warblers, and Blue-headed Vireo. Elizabeth Frascatore contributed an early migrant Wilson's Warbler from her yard in Herkimer County.

This season a total of 203 species and two hybrids was reported, which is five below the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights of the season included: Blue-winged Teal, Common Nighthawk, Sandhill Crane, Piping Plover, Whimbrel, **American White Pelican**, **Black Vulture**, Black-backed Woodpecker, Sedge Wren, Evening Grosbeak, Clay-colored Sparrow, Clay-colored x Chipping Sparrow (hybrid), Lincoln's Sparrow, and Prothonotary Warbler.

Summer 2019 produced 60,155 eBird records for Region 5, and were processed by Swan Hummingbird v5.1. Reports were contributed by 465 people.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADK – Adirondacks, n. HERK; **BLNC** – Beaver L Nature Center, Baldwinsville; **Brew** – Oneida L at Brewerton; **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; **DC** – Deer Creek Marsh, T Richland; **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; **HI** – Howland Island WMA; **HV** – Happy Valley WMA, Parish; **KK** – Kindred Kingdom Wildlife Center, Pennellville; **LH** – Labrador Hollow Unique Area; **LoopR** – Loop Rd Unit, Montezuma NWR, CAYU; **MCL** – Madison County Landfill; **MW** – McKoons Road Wetland, Colombia Center, s. HERK; **OakC** – Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse; **MSI** – Madison St Impoundment, Hamilton; **OF** – Old Forge; **OLC** – Onondaga L Creekwalk; **OneiL** – Oneida L; **OnonL** – Onondaga L; **OSP** – Oneida Shores P, Brewerton; **OswH** – Oswego Harbor; **Phx** – Phoenix dam area; **Ppt** – Oneida L at Phillips Pt, W Monroe; **RCFS** – Rice Creek Field Station, Oswego; **RRP** – Radisson River P, Three Rivers confluence, Phoenix; **SBP** – Sunset Bay P, Scriba; **SFNS** – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; **SH** – Southern Highlands of ONON & MAD; **SHTF** – Sky High Turf Farm, Chittenango; **Skan** – Skaneateles; **SNC** – Sterling Nature Center, Sterling; **SP** – Sandy Pd and vicinity; **SSSP** – Selkirk Shores SP; **SVB** – Sylvan & Verona Beach; **Syr** – Syracuse; **TR** – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; **UM** – Utica Marsh; **VBSP** – Verona Beach SP; **WH** – Whiskey Hollow; **WP** – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: FH 4 Jun; OswH 14 Jul; only reps.
Canada Goose: 221 Dolge 12 Aug; max 250 WP 17 Aug.
Mute Swan: 4 OnonL 13 Aug; max 22 FH 14 Jul.
Trumpeter Swan: 5 HI 1 Jun; 2 Volney 16 Jun; 2 BLNC 24 Jun; 6 FH 5 Aug; max 8 TR 22 Jun.
Wood Duck: 29 CM 31 Jul; 39 DC 9 Aug; max 60 UM 11 Aug; 33 MW 24 Aug.
Blue-winged Teal: 9 SNC 7 Jul, f. with young (JCa); max 14 DC 31 Aug (MB); reps from 6 other locs.
Gadwall: no reps.
American Wigeon: 2 OnonL 12 Aug, only rep.
Mallard: max 250 OLC 28 Jul.
American Black Duck: 4 OF Adk 8 Jun; 4 OnonL 16 Aug; max 5 Eaton 14 Aug.

Green-winged Teal: OnonL 14 & 28 Jul; MSI 27 Aug; max 5 DL 25 Aug; only reps.
Ring-necked Duck: 6 WP 1-9 Jun; last 2 WP 11 Jun; 2 OF 11 Jun; only locs.
Greater Scaup: OswH 1-13 Aug, injured; only rep.
Lesser Scaup: WP 1-9 Jun; only rep.
Common Goldeneye: HI 7 Jun; Sunday Lake HERK 15 Jun; OF 1-13 Aug; only reps.
Hooded Merganser: 10 Skan 9 Jun; max 17 Madison 24 Jun, 2 f with young.
Common Merganser: 11 OF 26 Jul; max 13 Fayetteville 2 Aug.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 2 Bville 6 Jun, one thru 25 Aug; only rep.
Ruddy Duck: max 6 MW 4 Jul, adults with 4 imms, only rep.
Ring-necked Pheasant: max 12 Great Swamp Conservancy 29 Jul; 2 Chittenango 19 Aug; singles from 6 other locs.
Ruffed Grouse: 4 Williamstown 5-6 Jun; max 6 Pulaski 26 Jun.

Wild Turkey: 13 Eagle Bay ADK; 12 Jun; 13 Herkimer 25 Jul; max 30 Hamilton 12 Aug.
Pied-billed Grebe: max 9 UM 9 Jun, ad with young.
Rock Pigeon: max 70 OswH 22 Aug.
Mourning Dove: max 64 OnonL 28 Jul; 32 Dolge 6 Aug.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: max 2 Const 26 Jun; singles at about 25 other locs.
Black-billed Cuckoo: max 2 DB 3 Jun, 2 Coldbrook 27 Jun; singles from about 30 other locs.
Common Nighthawk: last 2 Pulaski 1 Jun; Cicero 18 Jun (DN), 2 OSP 29 Jun (DA), Utica 4 Jul (MP), unusual dates; 6 Earlville 26 Aug; 6 TR 28 Aug; 1-2 NBT Bank Stadium lights 26-27 Aug; 6 TR 28 Aug; max 8 WP 28 Aug; relatively reps.
Eastern Whip-poor-will: Oswego 8 Jun, unusual loc, date; ONEI 19 Jun; max 3 Salisbury 29 Jun; only reps.
Chimney Swift: 17 Syr 1 Aug; max 25 Dolge 22 Aug; low numbers.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: max 45 Stillwater ADK 6 Jul (GL); 41 DCM 29 Aug (MB).

RAILS-LARIDS

Virginia Rail: 3 TR 19 Jun; max 4 UM 15 Aug.
Sora: max 2 DC 8 Jun & MSI 30 Jul; PSS 10 Jun; MW 18 Aug; only reps.
Common Gallinule: 19 OnonL 12 Aug, incl juv, *intro*; max 20 UM 15 Aug, breeding; 9 HI 25 Aug.
American Coot: max 4 OnonL 23 Aug, all reps same loc.
Sandhill Crane: DC 2 Jun (MB); DB 28 Jun (DW); max 8 HI 4 Aug (MJ).
Black-bellied Plover: SP 2 Aug (DD); SHTF 29 Aug (DWe); only reps.
American Golden-Plover: max 40 SHTF 29 Aug (DWe); SP 29 Aug (MB); only reps.
Semipalmated Plover: 3 Mannsville 26 Jul; max 11 SP 24 Aug.
PIPING PLOVER (R5): 2 ad breed SP, 3 juv hatch, 2 juv & ad thru early Aug, *intro*.
Killdeer: 35 Osw Airport 22 Jul; max 76 Marietta 25 Aug.
Upland Sandpiper: Osw Airport 26 Jul (GD); Poland 29 Jul (BLH); only reps.
Whimbrel: FH 12 Jul (DW); max 5 FH 19 Aug (MG); SP 14, 19 Jul; (DW); only reps.

Ruddy Turnstone: FH 22 Jul (GD); only rep.
Stilt Sandpiper: OnonL 25 Jul (DD); only rep.
Sanderling: arr SP 14 Jul; 7 FH 22 Jul; max 9 SP 27 Jul & 17 Aug; small num 3 other locs.
Least Sandpiper: arr Fayetteville 11 Jul; max 24 Skan 15 Jul; 16 Madison 27 Aug; 18 SHSF 29 Aug.
Pectoral Sandpiper: arr OnonL 8 Jul; 2 MW 22 Jul; 2 MSI 11 Aug; small num 3 other locs.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: arr 4 HI 13 Jul; 7 OnonL 25 Jul; max 23 SP 14 Aug.
Short-billed Dowitcher: SP 11, 20 Jul (DW); MW 23 Jul (BLH); only reps.
American Woodcock: 4 Manlius 3 Jul; max 6 TR 29 Aug.
Wilson's Snipe: 3 MW 8 Aug; max 5 Richfield Springs 22 Aug; few reps.
Spotted Sandpiper: 8 OnonL 25 Jul; max 19 Eaton 29 Jul.
Solitary Sandpiper: arr Barneveld 2 Jun; 8 Osw Airport 22 Jul; max 13 Eaton 6-14 Aug.
Lesser Yellowlegs: arr MW & Skan 14 Jul; max 38 Skan 15 Jul; 20 MW 21 Jul; 16 OnonL 5 Aug.
Greater Yellowlegs: arr HV 10 Jul (DW), unusual loc; 3 SH 26 Aug; max 6 Skan 27 Aug.
Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs: max 30 Skan 14 Jul.
Bonaparte's Gull: arr 6 SP 8 Aug; max 117 SVB 18 Aug; 28 Const 27 Aug.
Ring-billed Gull: 400 OswH 9 Aug; max 1500 DB 18 Aug; 400 OnonL 20 Aug; 400 Marietta 25 Aug.
Herring Gull: max 100 FH 23 Jun.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 18 SVB 18 Aug; 4 SP 24 Aug.
Caspian Tern: 70 SP 5 Jun; 75 SP 24 Jun; max 206 FH 9 Aug; 52 SP 21 Aug; 34 OswH 22 Jul, unk Jun num at OswH due to no reps.
Black Tern: Seneca River/HI 7 (DW), 8 Jun (JM, LS), just over Reg border, only reps.
Common Tern: 100 Const 26 Jun; 100 SP 17 Aug; max 221 OSP 20 Aug; 115 SP 21 Aug; 80 SP 24 Aug; accurate count not available from OneiL breeding colony near Const; attempted breeding SP beach late July, *intro*.

LOONS-FALCONS

Common Loon: max 9 OF; 7 Moss Lake, ADK 8 Aug.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 1700 SP 24 Aug (MB), flocks flying south; 500 OLC 26 Aug.

American White Pelican: OneIL Lakeport 21 Aug (GK).

American Bittern: max 2 DC 11 Jun: reps of singles from 9 other locs.

Least Bittern: max 2 DeWitt 18 Jun & UM 11 Aug; SP 28 Jun, 12 & 28 Jul, 21 Aug; singles 6 other locs.

Great Blue Heron: max 50 SNC 8 Jun, breeding colony; 32 HI 8 Jun.

Great Egret: 13 MW 21-23 Jul; max 21 UM 4 Aug; 12 OnonL 7 Aug.

Green Heron: 6 SNC 15 Jun; max 7 SP 14 Jul; 6 Madison 11 Aug.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: OswH 22 Jun (MM); max 3 OLC 26 Jul; WP 22 Aug; only reps.

Black Vulture: Middleville 30 Aug (KT).

Turkey Vulture: max 67 Canastota 12 Jul; 48 Little Falls 20 Jun; 48 DC 29 Aug.

Osprey: max 7 Bville 18 Aug; 6 OnonL 25 Jul; 6 FH 29 Jul.

Northern Harrier: max 3 DC 29 Aug; 2 SHTF 29 Aug.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: relatively few reps.

Cooper's Hawk: 2 BLNC 24 Jun; max 3 Fayetteville 21 Jul-6 Aug; 2 SH 27 Aug.

Northern Goshawk: OF 24 Jun, only rep (CW, JB).

Bald Eagle: max 28 HI 8 Jun (JM, LS); 16 DH 18 Aug.

Red-shouldered Hawk: DB 21 Jun; WP 26 Jun; Fairfield 28 Jun; SH 4 Jul; Pulaski 21 July; WMonroe 25 Aug; Hastings 31 Aug; only credible reps.

Broad-winged Hawk: max 51 DH 18 Aug; 8 SFNS 24 Aug.

Red-tailed Hawk: 34 DH 6 Aug; max 55 DH 18 Aug.

Eastern Screech-Owl: singles from 6 locs.

Great Horned Owl: max 2 Kirkland 14 Jun; singles from 6 other locs.

Barred Owl: max 3 BLNC 24 Jun; reps from over 40 locs.

Long-eared Owl: no reps.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: no reps.

Belted Kingfisher: 6 SP 14 Jul; max 11 HI 16 Aug.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 2 DH thru, likely nesting (GS); FH thru, likely nesting; 2 WMonroe 3 Jul (DD), unusual loc; 4 SP 11 Aug (JCh); VBSP thru & max 5 VBSP 29

Aug, incl juvs; scattered reps north shore OneIL.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 8 HI 8 Jun.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 4 GLSP 15 Jun, 4 SFNS 14 Jul.

Black-backed Woodpecker: Sunday Lake HERK 11 Jun (BL); only rep.

Downy Woodpecker: 6 HI 26 Jun; max 7 Dolge 26 Jun.

Hairy Woodpecker: max 5 Dolge 12 Jun.

Northern Flicker: max 7 HI 1 Jun & Syr 19 Aug.

Pileated Woodpecker: 4 WP 3 Jul; 4 GLSP 3 Jul; max 5 SFNS 20 Aug.

American Kestrel: 5 Earlville 9 Jul; max 6 Dolge 9 Aug; scattered reps.

Merlin: max 3 OF 24 Jun; 2 Syr 31 Aug.

Peregrine Falcon: max 6 Utica Jun-Jul (MP) fledged 4 young; Little Falls 30 Jun; 2 MCL 19 Aug; a few other reps from expected locs.

FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: max 14 HI 8 Jun; 7 SP 20 Aug.

Eastern Kingbird: 12 HI 8 Jun; max 16 WP 22 Aug, great number.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Syr 20 Aug; SP 25 Aug; only reps.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: max 12 HI 1 Jun; 8 SFNS 20 Aug.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: reps from 5 locs.

Acadian Flycatcher: HI 1 Jun; max 3 WH 12 Jun; SNC 16 Jun; only locs.

Alder Flycatcher: 6 SFNS 1 Jun; max 10 Otter Lake 4 Jun; 6 TR 5 Aug.

Willow Flycatcher: max 14 HI 6 Jun; 10 DB 1 Aug.

Least Flycatcher: max OnonL 7 Jun, 10 Jul; 5 SP 25 Aug.

Eastern Phoebe: 6 Dolge 6-30 Jun; max 8 Oswego 19 Aug;

Yellow-throated Vireo: 5 Otter Lake 4 Jun; max 23 HI 8 Jun, great number.

Blue-headed Vireo: max 15 SH 8 Jul; 5 OF 25 Aug.

Warbling Vireo: max 25 HI 8 Jun; 12 FH 24 Aug.

Red-eyed Vireo: 28 OF 23 Jun; max 30 SH 8 Jul.

Canada Jay: no reps.

Blue Jay: max 100 Kirkland 25 Aug, 100 WP 28 Aug.

American Crow: max 196 Dolge 12 Jul; 107 Marcy 11 Aug.

Fish Crow: max 3 OnonL 11 Jul; 2 Herkimer 23 Jul; reps from 8 other locs.

Common Raven: max 4 Camillus 9 Jun; 4 TR 10 Jun; 4 Hast 22 Jun-8 Jul.

Horned Lark: max 11 SHTF 30 Aug; singles and small numbers at 3 other locs.

Purple Martin: 20 Const 26 Jun; max 38 RRP 27 Aug; more locs than typical.

Tree Swallow: 60 MW 23 Jul; max 235 Cicero 27 Jul; 60 SP 31 Aug.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 8 SNC 1 Jun; 13 HI 13 Jul; max 15 UM 15 Jul.

Bank Swallow: max 40 Volney 21 Jun; 20 Oswego 26 Jul; 21 Cicero 27 Jul.

Cliff Swallow: 6 TR 25 Jul; 6 Brew 1 Aug; max 25 OswH 28 Aug; small numbers at several other locs.

Barn Swallow: max 90 OnonL 12 Aug; 50 TR 17 Aug; 65 Mexico 21 Aug.

Black-capped Chickadee: 17 BLNC 1 Jul; max 22 SH 28 Jul.

Boreal Chickadee: no reps.

Tufted Titmouse: max 21 Atwood Lake HERK 19 Jul.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 7 ADK 1 & 24 Aug; most reps from SH & n HERK.

White-breasted Nuthatch: max 6 mult locs.

Brown Creeper: max 4 HI 8 Jun.

House Wren: 8 DB 1 Jul & 1 Aug; max 11 Cazenovia 30 Jun & Pulaski 25 Aug.

Winter Wren: max 8 SH 8 Jul.

Sedge Wren: TR 14 Jul-6 Aug (GD); 2 TR 6 Aug (GD), nesting status unknown.

Marsh Wren: 8 HI 8 Jun; max 30 DC 11 Jun (MB), good num.

Carolina Wren: most reps from ONON.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: max 15 HI, good num.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 20 SH 8 Jul; most reps SH & n. HERK.

Eastern Bluebird: max 9 GLSP.

Veery: max 14 Const 23 Aug.

Swainson's Thrush: 4 reps, all n. HERK.

Hermit Thrush: max 10 HV 10 Jul & Atwood L 29 Jun.

Wood Thrush: max 14 GLSP.

American Robin: max 35 Syr.

Gray Catbird: 35 Utica 27 Jun; 43 UM 15 Aug.

Brown Thrasher: max 6 GLSP 4 Jun; scattered locs.

Northern Mockingbird: most reps ONON; max 3 OakC 20 Aug.

European Starling: max 2500 Pulaski 29 Aug (MB).

Cedar Waxwing: max 60 Phx 7 Aug.

House Sparrow: max 35 Liverpool 15 Aug.

Evening Grosbeak: 2 TManheim 8 Jul (BLH), only rep.

House Finch: max 12 UM.

Purple Finch: max 24 Dolge 10 Aug.

Pine Siskin: 1-2 Cassville ONEI & Dolge thru Jun, only reps.

American Goldfinch: max 60 Rome 17 Aug.

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Eastern Towhee: 6 SFNS 8 Jun; max 7 GLSP 10 Jul.

Chipping Sparrow: 20 Clay 4 Jul; 30 OakC 15 Aug.

Clay-colored Sparrow: OakC thru 19 Jul (DD), *intro*; max 2 SFNS 22 Jul (MP).

Clay-colored x Chipping Sparrow (hybrid): 3 juv OakC mid-July (DD), *intro*.

Field Sparrow: 14 TR 22 Jun; max 16 GLSP 4 Jun.

Vesper Sparrow: Waterville 28 Jun; Dolge 3 Aug; TR 6 Aug; max 5 TManheim 22 Jul; only reps.

Savannah Sparrow: 6 Osw Airport 22 Jul; max 7 SH 31 Jul; few reps than expected.

Grasshopper Sparrow: max 3 MSI 5 Jul; Jul-Aug Mason Hill, Hamilton; singles 5 other locs, scarce in Reg.

Song Sparrow: max 30 multiple locs.

Lincoln's Sparrow: n HERK 24 Jun (CW, JB); only rep.

Swamp Sparrow: max 23 PSS 16 Jun.

White-throated Sparrow: max 5 Atwood L 14 Jul; low nums.

White-crowned Sparrow: Hamilton 3 Jun; last SNC 9 Jun.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 30 SH 8 Jul.

Bobolink: 55 TR 22 Jun; 65 SFNS 24 Aug; max 80 Pulaski 16 Aug (MB).

Eastern Meadowlark: max 22 Osw Airport 22 Jul; low nums elsewhere.

Orchard Oriole: HI 6, 8 Jun; 3 DB 3 Jun; PSS 10 Jun; 2 Marcellus 22 Jun; max 7 GLSP 22 Jun; SFNS 4, 14 Jul; only reps.

Baltimore Oriole: max 8 HI 8, 14 Jun.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 400 SHTF 22 Aug.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 25 Rome 7 Jul.

Common Grackle: max 216 Dolge 26 Jul.

Ovenbird: max 40 SH 8 Jul.

Louisiana Waterthrush: Jamesville 15 Jun; Redfield 27 Jun (DN); only reps, *intro*.

Northern Waterthrush: max 4 TR 22 Jun & LH 18 Jun.

Golden-winged Warbler: Fabius 18 Aug (AB); only rep.

Blue-winged Warbler: max 6 HI 1 Jun.

“Brewster’s” Warbler: Pulaski 15 Jun & 20, 23, 28 Aug; only rep.

Black-and-white Warbler: max 5 McKeever BBS HERK 23 Jun.

Prothonotary Warbler: 6 HI 7, 8 Jun; only reps, *intro*.

Tennessee Warbler: Fayetteville 1 Jun; last SFNS 2 Jun; arr Oswego 28 Aug.

Nashville Warbler: max 3 Sunday L HERK 11 Jun; most reps n. HERK.

Mourning Warbler: max 3 SH 2 Jun.

Common Yellowthroat: max 23 GLSP 10 Jul; 20 TR 25 Jul.

Hooded Warbler: max 5 Kirkland 5 Jun; Camillus 9 Jun.

American Redstart: max 25 HI 8 Jun.

Cerulean Warbler: WMonroe 26 Jun & 2 Jul; Cicero Swamp 20 Jul; max 24 HI 8 Jun; only locs.

Northern Parula: WMonroe 26 Jun (DD), unusual loc; SH 29 Jun (DD); max 5 Atwood L 26 Jun.

Magnolia Warbler: max 15 SH 8 Jul.

Blackburnian Warbler: max 25 SH 8 Jul.

Yellow Warbler: max 25 HI 14 Jun.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 5 SH 2 Jun.

Blackpoll Warbler: max 3 SVB 4 Jun; last FH 11 Jun.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 10 SH 23 Jun.

Pine Warbler: max 5 OF 24 Jun; few reps.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 4 SH 1 Jun & n. HERK 24 Aug; low nums.

Prairie Warbler: no reps.

Black-throated Green Warbler: max 11 n. HERK 23 Jul.

Canada Warbler: 3 LH 9 Jul; max 4 n. HERK 5 Jul.

Wilson’s Warbler: arr Dolge 31 Jul; BLNC 20 Aug; Erieville 29 Aug.

Scarlet Tanager: max 7 Erieville 7 July.

Northern Cardinal: max 17 Elbridge 22 Jul.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 9 Pulaski 15 Jun; max 10 Minetto 28 Aug.

Indigo Bunting: 7 HI 1 Jun; max 8 DB 4 Aug.