

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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September 2019 was pleasant but with several heavy rain events. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 65.2° F, 3.0° above normal, with 6.28" of precipitation, 2.38" above average. October continued the mild but wet trend. The mean temperature was 52.3°, 1.5° above average. Precipitation was 5.83", 2.31" above average with rain falling on more than half the days. The weather turned very cold in November. The average temperature was 35.8°, 4.9° below normal. Precipitation was 1.97", 2.04" below normal, with 12.6" of snow, 7.9" of which that fell on Veterans Day. Strong southwest winds brought high seiche events to Lake Erie on the 1st and 27th, while polar air reached the area on the 12th and 13th. The multiple strong seiche events caused significant damage to Times Beach Nature Preserve and the Bird Island Pier, closing portions of both locations that are popular with birders.

Fall waterfowl migration was mostly typical for recent years. The same as last fall, the highlight was a female **Tufted Duck** as viewed from LaSalle Park (recently renamed Ralph Wilson Centennial Park) in Buffalo on 15-18 November. It was found by Kevin Rybczynski and represents the fourth Regional record, all since 2013. It's possible this was the same bird as last year as it was in the same location and similar timing. A female King Eider found at close range in Olcott Harbor 15-19 November by Joel Strong was another highlight. Up to three Harlequin Ducks were found at "the usual spot" off Three Sisters Islands at Niagara Falls SP, while one at Dunkirk Harbor and two on the Niagara River off Unity Island were good finds in November. One White-winged Scoter and three Surf Scoters at Cuba Lake on 18 October were notable for their inland location.

There were a handful of Snow Goose and Cackling Goose reports. There were only two Brant sightings, both in Buffalo Harbor area with surprisingly no reports from Lake Ontario. Tundra Swans arrived in the last few days of October and numbers picked up in November. Trumpeter Swans remained regularly visible at Iroquois NWR with up to 13 reported; these likely represent the family groups that bred there in the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

Shorebird numbers and diversity were not especially good at any locations this fall but there were some notable reports throughout the season. An American Avocet found by Mike Zebehazy in Blasdell on 24 October was later than most Regional sightings. Buffalo Harbor produced a few Whimbrel sightings in early September, the season's lone Red Knot on 11 September, and three Purple Sandpipers arriving on 25 November. Up to five Long-billed Dowitchers were reported at Iroquois NWR from the last week of September through October. All three phalarope species were found this season. A Wilson's Phalarope and a Red-necked Phalarope were both one day sightings at Oak Orchard WMA in early September. A Red Phalarope found by Bev Seyler on the Niagara River at Fort Niagara SP on 17 October allowed some birders to chase this Regionally uncommon species. A Red/Red-necked Phalarope was also sighted on the Niagara River at Buffalo. The most unusual shorebird report came from Kevin Rybczynski who on 14 November found six dead American Woodcocks high atop Buffalo City Hall when he was there for a photography shoot. Each woodcock was placed in a separate location, undoubtedly by a Peregrine Falcon. Take a look for yourself at:

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S61443131>

Two Parasitic Jaegers were found on the Niagara River in Buffalo on 27 October while an unidentified jaeger was at Dunkirk Harbor in November. Interesting gull sightings included Black-legged Kittiwakes at Dunkirk Harbor and Buffalo Harbor in mid-November, a juvenile Sabine's Gull on the Niagara River off Unity Island on 27 October, and a Black-headed Gull found by Jean Iron at the Whirlpool on 30 November. Tim Lenz and Sarah Toner counted 21 Lesser

Black-backed Gulls at Cuba Lake on 18 October, an impressive tally, even more so for an inland location. They noted that many different ages were represented.

Up to four Forster's Terns were found on the Niagara River in Buffalo among many Common Terns from mid-October into early November. Ryan Griffiths carefully identified an Arctic Tern late in the afternoon on 27 October, but alas, it stayed close to the Ontario shoreline of the Niagara River and thus not actually seen in New York waters, but still worthy of a mention here.

American White Pelican reports have been increasing in spring, summer, and fall over the past decade. There were several reports in October including multiple sightings from Buffalo locations that makes it uncertain how many pelicans were present. One at Tift NP was observed by many 20 October-3 November. Two American White Pelicans at Browns Marsh in Wellsville caused a stir of excitement for Allegany County birders. Initially found by Frederic Beaudry on 16 October, they were reported through 25 October.

Up to 17 Sandhill Cranes were sighted around Iroquois NWR this fall as sightings and numbers continue to increase. Black Vultures continued around Lewiston with a maximum of five reported this season, while one found by TJ Mudd in Cheektowaga on 6 October was notable as it was well away from the Lewiston area. At least one Snowy Owl showed up in Buffalo Harbor in November where it was reported on several days. There was only one report of Short-eared Owl, while David Junkin again had the only fall Northern Saw-whet Owl reports as he banded nine over two October nights on his Wethersfield property.

Gale VerHague noticed that a hummingbird that appeared in her Forestville yard didn't seem like the usual Ruby-throated. The bird remained for two weeks in October during which time Gale and visiting birders took photographs, but the identification could only be narrowed to **Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird**. A great sighting and yard bird nonetheless! The following month a **Rufous Hummingbird** enjoyed a three week stay in the yard of Nancy and Lee Hintz in West Valley, marking the first Cattaraugus County record.

Eastern Whip-poor-wills are rarely reported in Region 1 in the fall season, which made two reports this fall a nice surprise. Gale VerHague heard one calling in her Forestville yard while Josh Ketry came across one on the forest floor at Tift NP. White-eyed Vireos were found at Tift NP in September and Lake Erie SP in October; this species has oddly showed up more often in the fall season than the spring season over the past decade. A Philadelphia Vireo photographed at Audubon Community Nature Center in Jamestown was record late on **9 November**.

It was a very poor fall season for finches. None of the northerly species irrupted and there were only three reports of Pine Siskin.

Brad Felton photographed a towhee at Tift Nature Preserve on 17 November that was identified as the Region's first **Spotted Towhee**. Despite multiple searches in the following days the bird was not refound. The heavy snowfall on Veterans Day likely influenced a spate of excellent sparrow sightings

in the days after. Gale VerHague photographed a **LeConte's Sparrow** along a roadside at Dunkirk Airport on 12 November, which represented the sixth Regional record. The birders that showed up in search of the LeConte's found two Grasshopper Sparrows, a Savannah Sparrow, and a Vesper Sparrow in the same area! Vesper Sparrows were found at three other locations in November. Tim Lenz found a Nelson's Sparrow in Chautauqua on 19 October for the only report this season.

A Connecticut Warbler found by Tom Kerr at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center stuck around a few days and allowed birders to catch up with the rare skulker, and two were even reported in the same location the next day. A record late Mourning Warbler was photographed by Shelley Seidman on **3 November** on the Buffalo waterfront. Seidman also had a handful of sightings of a Prairie Warbler spanning from early September through late November around the Buffalo waterfront, which photographs revealed to be the same bird. Other late sightings included American Redstart, Northern Parula, and Indigo Bunting, all in early November.

The 84th BOS October Count was held on 12 October on a day slightly cooler than normal and with gusty afternoon winds. Marcie Jacklin was the compiler. A total of 174 birders contributed to recording 146 species and 78,236 birds. Record high counts were tallied for Trumpeter Swan (14), Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird (1), Bald Eagle (56), Cooper's Hawk (34), Purple Martin (28), and Baltimore Oriole (1). Record low counts included Ring-necked Pheasant (2) and Dark-eyed Junco (115). Purple Martin is not typically found beyond September in Region 1, so finding them coming out of the marshes at Iroquois NWR was somewhat of a surprise addition to the count totals this year.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACNC – Audubon Community Nature Center, Jamestown, CHAU; **AmSP** – Amherst SP, ERIE; **BeSP** – Beaver I SP, ERIE; **BMAC** – Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, WYOM; **BOSOC** – Buffalo Ornithological Society 12 Oct

Count; **BufH** – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; **BuSP** – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; **BWWTP** – Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant, GENE; **ChauL** – Chautauqua L, CHAU; **CSWMA** – Conewango Swamp WMA, CATT; **DH** – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; **EvSP** – Evangola SP, ERIE; **FLC** – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; **FNSP** – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; **GHSP** – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; **Hamburg HW** – Hamburg Hawk Watch, ERIE; **INWR** – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; **LBSP** – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; **LESP** – Lake Erie SP, CHAU; **NF** – Niagara Falls, NIAG; **NFSP** – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; **NPP** – Niagara Power Project on Niagara R, NIAG; **NR** – Niagara R; **OOWMA** – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; **PB** – Point Breeze, ORLE; **RWNP** – Reinstein Woods Nature Pres, ERIE; **SPWS** – Sinking Ponds Wildlife Sanctuary, ERIE; **TBNP** – Times Beach NP, Buffalo, ERIE; **Tiftt NP** – Tiftt Nature Pres, ERIE; **TWMA** – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; **WoBSP** – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE; **WTSP** – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: arr BOSOC; 3 Oakfield GENE 20 Oct; Lyndonville NIAG 23 Oct; Somerset NIAG 30 Oct; INWR 4 Nov; max 75 OOWMA 7 Nov (MW); ACNC 23 Nov.

Brant: 4 Unity I NR 9 Nov (D&TM); BufH 18 Nov; only reports.

Cackling Goose: arr 2 BMAC 11 Oct; 2 Attica WYOM 15 Oct; 5 INWR 19 Oct; Lyndonville NIAG 29 Nov.

Mute Swan: DH 1 Sep thru; 7 PB 15 Sep; max 11 WTSP 8 Oct; 7 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; 9 Waterport ORLE 19 Oct.

Trumpeter Swan: 9-13 INWR 1 Sep thru, includes 7 yg of year.

Tundra Swan: arr Portland CHAU 24 Oct; 67 ACNC 8 Nov; max 150 Chautauqua CHAU 22 Nov.

Wood Duck: max 72 Keeney Swamp SF ALLE 11 Oct.

Blue-winged Teal: max 72 INWR 25 Sep; last BufH 17 Nov.

Northern Shoveler: max 96, 199, 191 BWWTP 26 Sep, 31 Oct, 3 Nov.

Gadwall: max 55, 63 Tiftt NP 26 Oct, 10 Nov; 53 INWR 8 Nov; 21 Cuba L ALLE 24 Nov.

American Wigeon: max 601, 270 INWR 30 Oct, 8 Nov.

American Black Duck: 15 Wilson NIAG 18 Oct; max 153 OOWMA 29 Nov.

Northern Pintail: 22 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; max 41, 26 INWR 25 Oct, 8 Nov.

Green-winged Teal: max 360 INWR 18 Oct.

Canvasback: arr 2 NF, 6 BWWTP 3 Nov.

Redhead: 2 BWWTP 26 Sep; 60, 69 Ellery ChauL 29 Oct, 18 Nov; max 200 BufH 12 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: 132 INWR 4 Oct; max 175 TWMA 17 Oct.

TUFTED DUCK (RI): fem LaSalle P Buffalo ERIE 15-18 Nov (KR), 4th Reg record, all since 2013, conceivably multiple sightings of same bird(s).

Greater Scaup: max 500 BufH 18 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: Tonawanda NR ERIE13-16 Sep; BWWTP 20 Sep; max 1826 Ellery ChauL 9 Nov (WS).

King Eider: Olcott NIAG 15-19 Nov (JSt); only report.

Harlequin Duck: 1, 3 NFSP 24 Oct, 27 Nov, regular location; DH 5 Nov (GV); 2 Unity I NR 30 Nov (AG, CW).

Surf Scoter: arr 1, 12, 6 Buffalo NR 16, 23 Oct, 1 Nov; 3 Cuba L ALLE 18 Oct (TL, ST); max 18 Wilson NIAG 18 Oct; 8 PB 3 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: max 237 Wilson NIAG 18 Oct; Cuba L ALLE 18 Oct (TL, ST).

Black Scoter: arr 3 DH, 24 Buffalo NR 17 Oct; EvSP 2 Nov; BufH 9, 16 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 2 Somerset NIAG 26 Oct; max 530 BufH 30 Nov.

Bufflehead: arr BWWTP 11 Oct; 143 Ellery ChauL 8 Nov; max 770 BufH 30 Nov.

Common Goldeneye: 147 Ellery ChauL 18 Nov; max 150 BufH 30 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: 137 INWR 8 Nov; 250 Chautauqua ChauL 22 Nov; max 263 Dayton CATT 28 Nov.

Common Merganser: 152 Cuba L ALLE 19 Nov; 162 BWWTP 22 Nov; max 350 Dayton CATT 28 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 850 WTSP 11 Nov.

Ruddy Duck: 130 Dayton CATT 18 Oct; 163 Ellery ChauL 30 Oct; max 559 BWWT 31 Oct; 450 Chautauqua ChauL 3 Nov.
Pied-billed Grebe: max 25, 23 INWR 25 Sep, 25 Oct.
Horned Grebe: 8 GHSP 23 Oct; max 63, 40 DH 15, 30 Nov; 42 WoBSP 19 Nov.
Red-necked Grebe: arr 1, 1, 1 BufH 17 Oct, 16, 29 Nov; Sturgeon Pt ERIE 30 Oct; Olcott NIAG 18 Nov.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Tift NP 4 Oct; last Buffalo ERIE 5 Oct.
Common Nighthawk: max 12 OOWMA 2 Sep; max 12 BeSP 6 Sep; last Buffalo ERIE 18 Sep.
Eastern Whip-poor-will: Forestville CHAU 3 Sep (GV), calling; Tift NP 19 Sep (JK), sighted; few reports received in fall.
Chimney Swift: last 14 INWR BOSOC.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Grand Island ERIE 15 Oct (AH).
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: West Valley CATT 6-26 Nov (N&LH, SB ph!), first record for CATT.
RUFIOUS/ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD: Forestville CHAU 6-20 Oct (GV), despite many photos the ID could not be determined.

RAILS-LARIDS

Virginia Rail: BMAC 10 Sep; Pomfret CHAU 3 Oct; TBNP 5 Oct; INWR 10 Oct; last BWWT 19 Oct.
Sora: last INWR 14 Oct.
Common Gallinule: max 94 INWR 10 Sep; last Tift NP 28 Oct.
American Coot: max 290 INWR 30 Oct; 250 Chautauqua ChauL 22 Nov.
Sandhill Crane: 10, 6 Shelby ORLE 24, 29 Sep; 3, 15, 16 INWR 25 Sep, 11 Oct, 27 Nov; 2 CSWMA 28 Oct (AL); max 17 Alabama GENE 29 Nov (TJM).
American Avocet: Blasdell ERIE 24 Oct (MZ), on the late side.
Black-bellied Plover: 3 BufH 2, 11 Sep; DH 27 Sep; 3 BuSP 3 Oct; INWR 30 Oct; last BufH 3 Nov.
American Golden-Plover: Somerset NIAG 14 Sep; max 26 Alabama GENE 16 Sep; 2 Sheridan CHAU 22 Sep; INWR 30 Sep; last Wethersfield WYOM 15-19 Nov (D&SJ, MK).
Semipalmated Plover: max 15 BufH 4 Sep; last Yates ORLE 13 Oct.
Killdeer: 102 N Collins ERIE 7 Nov (SB), good count for date.
Whimbrel: 1, 2 BufH 2, 6 Sep (SB); only reports.

Ruddy Turnstone: Sheridan CHAU 12, 14 Sep; last 4, 1 BufH 21, 23 Sep.
Red Knot: BufH 11 Sep (SB, TK), only report.
Stilt Sandpiper: last 1, 1 OOWMA 3, 22 Sep.
Sanderling: 22 DH 5 Sep; 38 BufH 11 Sep; last 3 BufH 20 Nov.
Dunlin: 6 INWR 30 Oct; max 47 Unity I NR 1 Nov; 16 WoBSP 14 Nov; BWWT 19 Nov.
Purple Sandpiper: arr 3 BufH 25 Nov (PY).
Baird's Sandpiper: Ischua CATT 1 Sep (JR); BufH 4 Sep; last 2 Somerset NIAG 15 Sep.
Least Sandpiper: max 54 INWR 5 Sep; last 4 INWR BOSOC.
White-rumped Sandpiper: no reports.
Pectoral Sandpiper: 13 OOWMA 5 Sep; max 15 INWR 29 Sep; last 2 BWWT 19 Oct.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 14 BufH 1 Sep; last Alabama GENE 16 Sep.
Short-billed Dowitcher: last OOWMA 2 Sep; only report.
Long-billed Dowitcher: 1-5 INWR 22 Sep – 30 Oct (PY, CM), only reports.
American Woodcock: at least 6 dead Buffalo ERIE 14 Nov (KR), captured by Peregrine; *see intro*.
Wilson's Snipe: max 18 New Albion ALLE 26 Oct.
Spotted Sandpiper: last Unity I NR 27 Oct.
Solitary Sandpiper: last Hanging Bog WMA ALLE 21 Sep.
Lesser Yellowlegs: 33 OOWMA 5 Sep; max 37 INWR 10 Sep.
Greater Yellowlegs: max 12 OOWMA 5 Sep; last INWR 3 Nov.
Wilson's Phalarope: OOWMA 7 Sep (PY); only report.
Red-necked Phalarope: OOWMA 2 Sep (BP, WD); only report.
Red Phalarope: FNSP 17 Oct (BS, mob), irregular.
Red/Red-necked Phalarope: Buffalo NR 23 Oct, during wind event.
Parasitic Jaeger: 2 Buffalo NR 27 Oct (PY), only report.
jaeger sp.: DH 11 Nov (TM), only report.
Black-legged Kittiwake: arr DH 16 Nov (KG); BufH 19, 20 Nov (SS).
Sabine's Gull: Unity I NR 27 Oct (PY), only report.
Bonaparte's Gull: 900 Unity I NR 1 Nov; max 1000 Lewiston NR 9 Nov.
Black-headed Gull: Whirlpool SP NR 30 Nov (JI, WD), only report.
Little Gull: max 5 NF 16 Oct (WD, BP); 2 Hanover CHAU 2 Nov; Sturgeon Pt ERIE 3

Nov; DH 11 Nov; last three only reports away from NR.

Iceland Gull: arr Unity I NR15 Nov; max 6 NPP 28 Nov.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 2 WoBSP 11 Sep; max 21 Cuba L ALLE 18 Oct (TL, ST), remarkable inland count.

Glaucous Gull: arr BufH 20 Nov; three other reports.

Caspian Tern: max 90 BufH 1 Sep; last Wilson NIAG 18 Oct.

Black Tern: last Buffalo NR 17 Oct (SB, JF, JK).

Common Tern: max 46 Wilson NIAG 12 Sep; 40 Unity I NR 27 Oct; last 1, 1 Unity I NR, DH 16 Nov.

Forster's Tern: 1-4 Buffalo NR 17 Oct – 4 Nov; good showing for season.

LOONS-FALCONS

Red-throated Loon: arr 3 Wilson NIAG 14 Oct; 2 Bennett Beach ERIE 19 Oct; max 108 WTSP 21 Nov (WD); Oakfield GENE 29 Nov (JM).

Common Loon: 93 Wilson NIAG 15 Oct; max 176 Olcott 2 Nov.

Double-crested Cormorant: 1100, 3600 BufH 23 Sep, 13 Oct; max 4500 DH 17 Oct (GV).

American White Pelican: 3 Buffalo ERIE 14 Oct; South Park L Buffalo ERIE 15 Oct; 2 Wellsville ALLE 16-25 Oct (FB, mob); Buffalo R ERIE 19 Oct; Tift NP 20 Oct – 3 Nov (mob); BufH 28 Oct; uncertain how many birds were around Buffalo.

American Bittern: 2 Alabama GENE 7 Sep; INWR 10, 15 Sep, 14, 28 Oct; Tift NP 18 Sep; TWMA 19 Oct; only reports.

Least Bittern: DH 2 Sep; max 5, 4 TBNP 2, 8 Sep (SS, JRB); last TBNP 9 Oct.

Great Egret: max 104 INWR 13 Oct; last 2 INWR 4 Nov.

Green Heron: last TWMA 29 Oct.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: TWMA 16 Nov; FNSP 29 Nov; only reports beyond Oct.

Black Vulture: max 4, 5 Lewiston NIAG 3 Oct, 30 Nov; Cheektowaga ERIE 6 Oct (TJM), unusual location.

Turkey Vulture: 73 BufH 3 Nov (JP, JM), migrants.

Osprey: last ACNC 21 Oct.

Northern Harrier: max 6 INWR 13 Oct.

Bald Eagle: well reported; max 8 TWMA 5 Oct.

Broad-winged Hawk: last Sunnyside Marsh Pres CHAU 24 Sep.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr Forestville CHAU 2 Nov.

Snowy Owl: arr BufH 8, 20, 24 Nov.

Short-eared Owl: arr 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 19 Nov (GV), only report.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: 2, 7 Wethersfield WYOM 18, 20 Oct (DJ), banded.

Red-headed Woodpecker: reported from seven locations.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: three reports beyond Oct.

Peregrine Falcon: Chautauqua ChauL 20 Oct (TL); INWR 1 Nov; Barcelona CHAU 28 Nov; reports away from breeding areas.

FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: last Hanover CHAU 21 Sep.

Eastern Kingbird: last Tonawanda ERIE 13 Sep.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: last Canadaway Creek WMA 14 Sep; 3 other reports.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: last AmSP 25 Oct (JSa), late.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: last Batavia GENE 27 Sep; 8 other reports.

Willow Flycatcher: last LBSP 6 Sep.

Least Flycatcher: last INWR 30 Sep.

Eastern Phoebe: 5 reports beyond Oct.

Northern Shrike: arr Pomfret CHAU 24 Oct; only 3 other reports.

White-eyed Vireo: Tift NP 12-13 Sep (DS, DD); LESP 26 Oct (GV); more regular in fall than spring in recent years.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last 2 BMAC 25 Sep.

Blue-headed Vireo: last FLC 3 Nov.

Philadelphia Vireo: last ACNC 9 Nov (J&JP ph!), record late.

Warbling Vireo: Gaines ORLE 4 Oct (DBem); last Buffalo ERIE 5 Oct (JRB), late.

Red-eyed Vireo: last BOSOC.

Fish Crow: 1-2 LaSalle P Buffalo ERIE 5 Nov (JK, SB); record numbers just across NR in Ontario.

Common Raven: continued spread throughout northern portion of Reg.

Horned Lark: max 150 Brant ERIE 13 Nov.

Purple Martin: last 28 INWR BOSOC.

Tree Swallow: last INWR, BWWTP 20 Oct.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: last NF 10 Nov.

Bank Swallow: last INWR 30 Sep.

Barn Swallow: max 210 BWWTP 1 Sep; last BOSOC.

House Wren: last Sturgeon Pt ERIE 14 Oct.

Winter Wren: arr Bond L CP NIAG 27 Sep; 5 WoBSP 6 Nov; 4 BeSP 10 Nov; max reports beyond Oct.

Marsh Wren: last TWMA 31 Oct.

Carolina Wren: 18 BOSOC.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last EvSP 18 Sep.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 4 Forestville CHAU 29 Sep.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Bethany GENE 5 Sep.

Veery: last Buffalo ERIE 25 Sep, nocturnal flight call.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: last Carlton ORLE 8 Oct.

Swainson's Thrush: last EvSP 15 Oct.

Hermit Thrush: well reported Oct, Nov.

Wood Thrush: last FLC 6 Oct.

Gray Catbird: reported from five locations in Nov.

Brown Thrasher: last Unity I NR 10, 11 Nov.

American Pipit: arr LaSalle P Buffalo ERIE 3 Oct; max 37 Attica WYOM.

Purple Finch: max 15 Orchard Park ERIE 7 Sep.

Pine Siskin: arr Waterport ORLE 11 Oct; Boston ERIE 12 Nov; Buffalo ERIE 19 Nov; only reports.

American Goldfinch: max 171 Carlton ORLE 5 Nov.

Lapland Longspur: arr 3 Brant ERIE 13 Nov; only report.

Snow Bunting: arr BWWTP 28 Oct; max 80 WTSP 21 Nov.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

SPOTTED TOWHEE: Tift NP 17 Nov (BF ph!), 1st Reg record.

Eastern Towhee: eight reports beyond Oct.

American Tree Sparrow: arr Tift NP 28 Oct; max 80 Olcott NIAG 23 Nov.

Chipping Sparrow: reported from 19 locations in Nov; much more than usual; max 10 Cuba ALLE 3 Nov; 8 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 12 Nov.

Field Sparrow: reported from 5 locations in Nov.

Vesper Sparrow: 1, 1 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 15 Oct, 12 Nov; Forestville CHAU 9 Nov (GV); Pomfret CHAU 15, 16 Nov (GV, JG); Sheridan CHAU 18 Nov (GV); late.

Savannah Sparrow: 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 12 Nov (CR); LaSalle P Buffalo ERIE 13-16 Nov (KR); only Nov reports, late.

Grasshopper Sparrow: 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 12 Nov (CR, JK, KR), late.

LeCONTE'S SPARROW: Dunkirk Airport CHAU 12 Nov (GV ph!), 6th Reg record.

Nelson's Sparrow: Chautauqua CHAU 19, 20 Oct (TL), nearly annual in fall.

Fox Sparrow: 4 Cuba ALLE 10, 13 Nov; 4 Portland CHAU 14 Nov; max 6 Ellicott CHAU 15 Nov; 4 Grand Island ERIE 16, 17 Nov.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Hanging Bog WMA ALLE, RWNP 9 Sep; last Bird Swamp CATT 14 Oct.

White-throated Sparrow: arr Bond L CP NIAG 20 Sep.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Bond L CP NIAG 25 Sep.

Bobolink: last Krull P NIAG 5 Sep.

Eastern Meadowlark: max 9 Somerset NIAG 5 Oct; last 2 Jamestown Airport CHAU 1 Nov.

Baltimore Oriole: last 2 BeSP 17 Sep.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 750 TWMA 31 Oct.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 145 Shelby ORLE 31 Oct.

Rusty Blackbird: arr Carlton Hill MUA WYOM 24 Sep; max 75 TWMA 19 Oct.

Common Grackle: max 475 BuSP 3 Sep; 400 SPWS 27 Oct.

Ovenbird: last Forestville CHAU 20 Oct.

Northern Waterthrush: last Ellery CHAU 10 Sep.

Blue-winged Warbler: last Bond L CP NIAG 16 Sep.

Black-and-white Warbler: last FLC 28 Oct.

Tennessee Warbler: last Chaffee ERIE 14 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr AmSP 16 Sep; last WoBSP 6 Nov.

Nashville Warbler: max 11 AmSP 29 Sep; last AmSP 25 Oct.

Connecticut Warbler: 1, 2, 1 BMAC 24, 25, 26 Sep (TK), only report.

Mourning Warbler: four Sep reports; last BufH 3 Nov (SS, ph!), record late.

Common Yellowthroat: last Tift NP 20 Oct.

Hooded Warbler: last Unity I NR ERIE 13 Oct (JF).

American Redstart: max 12 Tift NP 24 Sep; last Rushford ALLE 2 Nov (KS).

Cape May Warbler: last Genesee CP GENE 20 Oct.

Northern Parula: last Sturgeon Pt ERIE 8 Nov (SB), late.

Magnolia Warbler: last Sturgeon Pt ERIE 30 Oct (SB), late.

Bay-breasted Warbler: last WTSP 7 Oct.

Blackburnian Warbler: last Bethany GENE 15 Oct (DBea).

Yellow Warbler: last WTSP 18 Sep.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: last TBNP, Brant ERIE 5 Oct.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr Grand Island ERIE 1 Sep; last BuSP 18 Oct.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr TBNP, WTSP, Wilson NIAG 1 Sep; last Gaines ORLE 13 Oct.

Palm Warbler: arr BufH 13 Sep; last Hanging Bog WMA ALLE 21 Oct.

Pine Warbler: Orchard Park ERIE 16, 17 Nov (SB), only report beyond Oct.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 15 BuSP 19 Nov, max report in Nov.

Prairie Warbler: BufH 9, 19, 29 Sep, 30 Oct, 28, 29 Nov (SS), determined to be same bird based on photographs.

Black-throated Green Warbler: last BOSOC.

Canada Warbler: last Charlotte CHAU 15 Sep.

Wilson's Warbler: last BeSP 5 Oct.

Scarlet Tanager: last AmSP 8 Oct.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last INWR, LBSP 10 Oct.

Indigo Bunting: BeSP 16 Sep; 2 AmSP 4 Oct; Buffalo ERIE 5 Oct; Orchard Park ERIE 7 Oct; last Bennett Beach ERIE 2 Nov (JP, JM), late; more fall reports than usual.