

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Fall 2019 kicked off with average precipitation and slightly warmer temperatures for September, 2.3° F higher than normal. October continued the trend at 2.7° warmer, but at 6.88" was twice the average rainfall. Several days near the end of the month delivered over an inch of rain. November was cooler than usual by a substantial 5.2° with only 1.2" of rain, 2.3" below normal. 6.6" of snow was recorded, 2.9" less than our recent average.

The early-fall duck migration was unremarkable, possibly caused by high water levels continuing from summer in our best dabbling duck locales. Sam Hough and Gary Meyers found an early Greater White-fronted Goose near Woodman Pond on 28 September, with Meyers finding three at the same place but on a more typical date of 9 November. Small numbers of early Snow Geese arrived in October and November but no huge flight was reported through the end of the season. Bill Purcell contributed the season's only King Eider while lakewatching from Derby Hill on 12 November. Highlight of the season's waterfowl was unquestionably a gorgeous Harlequin Duck found on 17 November by Kaye Fenlon and Mary Magistro at Oswego Harbor. A breeding adult male, the bird was so bright and bold that many observers wondered aloud if they had ever really seen the plumage before. Birders from throughout the upstate NY area enjoyed it through the 24th.

While hoping for Common Nighthawks during a dusk visit to Three Rivers WMA on 10 September, Gregg Dashnau suddenly heard the loud calling of a Whip-poor-will. The species is rarely reported in fall but Dashnau noted the night as "warm and buggy" and could see the bird's silhouette as it hawked insects. Chimney Swifts are not so optimistic about the food supply and leave our area in late summer. Only nine reports from early September were submitted. Several late

Common Gallinules were spotted nearly a month after the previous sightings. While birding Sandy Pond on 25 November, Matt Brown had the good fortune to see 30 Sandhill Cranes passing over. Lightning struck twice for Brown who later saw the same flock passing the Pine Grove Road boat launch at Selkirk Shores. Robert Williams reported nine from the Skaneateles Falls area on 11 November and Sam Hough contributed two from the Lakeport turf farm on 22 September. Are they nesting in northern Madison County?

The fall shorebird season was poor in our Region, with very high water levels continuing on Lake Ontario and Onondaga Lake. Buff-breasted Sandpiper was found at Ditch Bank Road on 2 September by Drew Weber, but did not linger, while Chris Wood observed a Whimbrel passing Fair Haven on the 14th. Matt Brown found a Hudsonian Godwit at Sandy Pond on 6 September. Meanwhile, Gary Meyers reported Long-billed Dowitcher from the Madison Street Impoundment in Hamilton throughout September. While kayaking the south end of Onondaga Lake, Ronda Roaring found a small mud flat with five Long-billeds on 8 October. Deborah Dohne saw three flying by the Nine Mile Creek outlet on the 11th. Although Montezuma enjoys good numbers, Long-billed Dowitcher is rare for Region 5. While lakewatching from Derby Hill on 1 November, observers were treated to an excellent shorebird flight along the lakeshore. Dominated by Dunlin, 1482 birds flew by in flocks ranging from 5-50 birds. 17 Black-bellied Plover were also seen, plus a few Sanderlings and two Greater Yellowlegs. This day was also the best day of a bad lakewatch season, with a Little Gull and 6-8 Parasitic Jaegers seen. At Fair Haven on 10 November, Deborah Dohne had a close encounter with the species as it worked its way along the interior breakwall. Black-legged Kittiwake was missed altogether, but what would December bring?

The east end of Oneida Lake hosts huge numbers of gulls every year during the October-November time frame, and this year was no exception. David Wheeler kept track of the chaos and thought there might be 5000 gulls in the four mile stretch from south bay to north bay. While going gull-by-gull through the Herring and Great Black-backed Gulls that populate the rocky breakwalls, Wheeler found an immature **Great Cormorant** on 24 October. It stayed for three more days. Derby Hill failed to produce any big gull flights, at least during the few days appropriate for observing. Matt Brown contributed the season's only Forster's Tern on 26 October from Sandy Pond. A **White Pelican** found in Fulton was taken into rehab by Jean Soprano on 27 September. While birding the west shore trail at Onondaga Lake, Deborah Dohne found a roosting **Yellow-crowned Night-heron** on 9 October. The immature bird was hard to see, and in an unusual area not historically associated with the lake's few BCNH. Showing great patience, Dohne eventually got good photographs and the bird was seen intermittently over the next few days.

The Bishop Road Hawk Watch near Pulaski produced typical numbers of migrating hawks, including a Golden Eagle on 19 October. Mickey Scilingo reported a bird flying by Derby Hill on 1 September, and added two more from the north shore of Oneida Lake on 6 November. Kaye Fenlon photographed one

in Marcellus on 10 November, while Gregg Dashnau described long scope views at Onondaga Lake on 11 November. Still another was reported from Canastota on 17 November, rounding out a good fall season for the species. Karl Curtis found two **Black Vulture** on 10 October at the Jamesville spot familiar for winter Turkey Vultures, and added a single on 18 November. Deborah Dohne lucked out at Onondaga Lake on 25 September when she saw a Red-headed Woodpecker migrating with Blue Jays, a sight familiar from Derby Hill in May when the woodpecker can be surprisingly inconspicuous passing during a big jay flight. While checking for the Yellow-crowned Night-heron at Onondaga Lake on 15 October, Dohne found a **White-eyed Vireo** amidst a flock of mostly Golden-crowned Kinglets. As expected, the birds left on favorable overnight winds.

Always unusual in fall, a Sedge Wren was seen by Bill Purcell and Matt Brown on 19-20 September at Sandy Island Beach. American Pipits were reported between 4 September and 14 November with an excellent count of 35 tallied on 26 October in Verona. No irruption of Pine Siskin occurred in October and only one report was filed, four birds on 10 October, possibly local nesters in the Dolgeville area. Fall's only Common Redpolls were seen by Deborah Dohne at Oakwood Cemetery on 13 November following a strong cold front. Dohne noted the temperature that morning at 15° F, very cold for the date. Would this be an irruption year for redpolls? Earlier in the season, Dohne caught up with a molting juvenile Clay-colored x Chipping Sparrow hybrid on 6 September, presumably one of the birds hatched nearby in July (refer to Deborah's article and the Summer report in the previous issue of *The Kingbird* for more details). Always scarce in Region 5, a single Lapland Longspur was seen in the Baldwinsville area between 11 and 14 November. Back at Onondaga Lake a small drainage basin in the State Fair upper parking lot produced sparrows on 12-13 October, most notably a **Nelson's Sparrow** seen and heard calling by Dohne and Gregg Dashnau. The species is reported less than annually in Region 5.

An excellent count of 648 Bobolinks were observed flying in to roost in goldenrod at Three Rivers WMA on 5 September, while a spot in Baldwinsville birded by Joe Brin and Renee Kittleman hosted a very late single on 19 October. Along Oneida Lake's north shore in Constantia, Mickey Scilingo intercepted several strong flights of blackbirds and grackles. 1500 Rusties and 40,000 Common Grackles were estimated on 24 October, and 80,000 blackbird species in mixed flocks on 30 October. In Rome, Bruce Carpenter estimated 200,000 birds on 1 November, writing in his field notes that the flock was "as wide as a football field and went on for two minutes." Flights of this magnitude are possible at Clay Marsh during the same time frame, but David Wheeler notes it was not covered this year.

Fall warbler migration was unexceptional overall this year. Kevin McGann found a **Yellow-throated Warbler** in Baldwinsville on 5 September while several species lingered later than usual. Mickey Scilingo spotted a Tennessee while birding Deer Creek marsh on 20 October, and a very late Nashville was seen at Van Buren Park by Gregg Dashnau on 13 November. The cattails along

Onondaga Lake's west shore again produced a late Common Yellowthroat for Deborah Dohne on 17 November. A single report of Prairie Warbler came from Constantia on 26 September and Orange-crowned was represented at the usual locations.

This season a total of 236 species and two hybrids was reported, which is one above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights of the season included: Greater White-fronted Goose, King Eider, Harlequin Duck, Sandhill Crane, Whimbrel, **Hudsonian Godwit**, **Long-billed Dowitcher**, Little Gull, Forster's Tern, **Great Cormorant**, **American White Pelican**, **Yellow-crowned Night Heron**, **Black Vulture**, **White-eyed Vireo**, Sedge Wren, Clay-colored x Chipping Sparrow (hybrid), **Nelson's Sparrow**, and **Yellow-throated Warbler**.

Fall 2019 produced 45,198 eBird records for Region 5, and were processed by Swan Swan Hummingbird v5.1. Reports were contributed by 313 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 West Barrier Bar; **Fult** – Fulton area including Oswego Ri, Indian Pt, L Neatahwanta; **GB** – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; **GLSP** – Green Lakes SP, Fayetteville; **HF** – Highland Forest Co P; **HI** – Howland I WMA, CAYU; **HV** – Happy Valley WMA, Parish; **KK** – Kindred Kingdom Wildlife Center, Pennellville; **LH** – Labrador Hollow Unique Area;

L Ont – L Ontario; **LoopR** – Loop Rd, Montezuma NWR, CAYU; **MCL** – Madison Co. Landfill; **MexPt** – Mexico Pt SP; **MSI** – Madison St Impoundment, Hamilton; **MW** – McKoons Road Wetland, Colombia Center, s. HERK; **OakC** – Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse; **OF** – Old Forge; **OLC** – Onondaga L Creekwalk; **OneiL** – Oneida L; **OnonL** – Onondaga L & Onondaga L P (east and west shore); **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 Ri P, Three Rivers confluence, Phoenix; **SBP** – Sunset Bay P, Scriba; **SFNS** – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; **SH** – Southern Highlands of ONON & MADI; **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; **TNP** – Tuscarora Nature P, MADI; **TR** – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; **UM** – Utica Marsh; **VBSP** – Verona Beach SP; **WH** – Whiskey Hollow; **WP** – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: arr WP 25 Sep; max 300 Rome.
Greater White-fronted Goose: WP 28 Sep (GM, SH, ph); 3 WP 9 Nov (GM).
Brant: arr 46 OswH 4 Oct; 805 OswH 1 Nov; max 1164 DH 1 Nov.
Cackling Goose: arr WP 27 Sep (GM); max 3 OswH 25 Nov (FL).
Canada Goose: max 5000 Fult 19 Nov (BP).
Mute Swan: max 50 FH 19 Nov; small nums elsewhere.
Trumpeter Swan: 7 TR 11 Oct; 4 FH 20 Oct.
Tundra Swan: arr SP 8 Oct; max 320 Const 11 Nov.
Wood Duck: max 43 UM 2 Oct; peak early Oct; small nums thru.
Blue-winged Teal: max 8 OnonL 29 Sep; last TR 15 Oct.
Northern Shoveler: max 9 WP 4 Nov.
Gadwall: arr 5 OnonL 29 Sep; max 28 OnonL 24 Nov.
Eurasian Wigeon: no reps.
American Wigeon: arr 3 FH 15 Sep; max 120 DH 1 Nov.
Mallard: 220 OswH 26 Oct; max 233 WP 18 Nov.
American Black Duck: 64 WP 16 Nov; 66 DH 1 Nov; 70 DH 12 Nov; 100 BLNC 13 Nov.
Northern Pintail: 1245 DH 17 Oct; 2336 DH 1 Nov (BP).
Green-winged Teal: max 52 WP; best counts all WP
Canvasback: arr 12 Oct Little Falls; max 2 Ppt 6 Nov.

Redhead: arr 3 Ppt 6 Nov; max 50 OnonL 19, 30 Nov.
Ring-necked Duck: arr FH 16 Sep; max 850 WP 18 Nov; good nums WP thru Nov.
Greater Scaup: arr FH 15 Sep; max 800 OneiL 30 Nov.
Lesser Scaup: arr FH 16 Sep; max 214 Ppt 30 Oct.
King Eider: DH 12 Nov (BP), only rep.
Harlequin Duck: OswH 17-24 Nov (KF, MM, ph).
Surf Scoter: arr OswH 18 Oct; max 20 Ppt 30 Oct.
White-winged Scoter: arr OswH 4 Oct; 214 OswH 18 Oct; 296 Port Ontario 18 Oct.
Black Scoter: arr 2 DH 1 Nov; 10 DH 3 Nov.
Long-tailed Duck: arr 9 Port Ontario 18 Oct; max 300 OswH 23 Nov.
Bufflehead: arr WP 18 Nov; 61 SSSP 30 Nov; max 65 SVB 26 Oct.
Common Goldeneye: arr FH, DH 1 Nov; max 75 OneiL.
Hooded Merganser: 120 Cazenovia 18 Nov; 167 SP 18 Nov; 173 BLNC 10 Nov; 270 Bradley Brook Res (GM), good nums on SH lakes.
Common Merganser: 300 SVB 5 Oct; 300 Fult 18 Nov; max 450 Fult; 19-28 Nov.
Red-breasted Merganser: small nums L Ont Sep-Oct; 100-250 DH, OswH thru Nov.
Ruddy Duck: arr WP 18 Oct; 36 Marietta 10 Nov; max 64 Marietta 27 Oct.
Ring-necked Pheasant: max 4 TR 19 Oct.
Ruffed Grouse: max 4 Lafayette 23 Nov.
Wild Turkey: max 35 Oneida 23 Nov.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 16 OnonL 2 Nov.
Horned Grebe: arr 3 UM 15 Oct; max 8 DH 1 Nov, FH 3 Nov, OswH 23 Nov.
Red-necked Grebe: arr 2 SSSP 12 Oct; 4 OnonL 28 Oct & 29 Nov; max 5 Port Ontario 18 Oct.
Rock Pigeon: max 300 Bville 18 Sep.
Mourning Dove: 84 DB 2 Sep.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: OakC 28 Sep (DD); Liverpool 5 Oct (DB); late dates.
Black-billed Cuckoo: no reps.
Common Nighthawk: max 3 Pulaski 2 Sep (MB); last 2 Syr 19 Sep (DD).
Eastern Whip-poor-will: TR 10 Sep (GD), rare in fall.
Chimney Swift: max & last 10 Syr 12 Sep; few sightings, low nums.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: max 5 SFNS 12 Sep; last 2 Marcellus 5 Oct.

RAILS-LARIDS

Virginia Rail: max 4 HI 7 Sep; last TR 5 Oct; few reps.
Sora: HI 1 Sep; MSI 2, 8 Sep & last 14 Sep; only reps.
Common Gallinule: max 20 OnonL 12 Sep; OnonL 28 Oct & 24 Nov; last Earlville 30 Nov, late.
American Coot: 14 WP 11 Nov; max 33 OnonL 6 Nov; good nums OnonL & WP thru Nov.
Sandhill Crane: 2 HI 7 & 21 Sep (MJ); 2 Cato 8 Sep (AD); 2 SHTF 22 Sep (SH); 9 Skan Falls 11 Nov (RWi); max 30 SSSP & SP 25 Nov (MB).
Black-bellied Plover: arr FH 14 Sep; SP 8, 18, 19 Oct; max 17 DH 1 Nov (BP); only reps.
American Golden-Plover: 2 SHTF 7 Sep, only rep.
Semipalmated Plover: max 5 Kirkville 6 Sep; last OSP 26 Sep.
Killdeer: max 61 Bville.
Upland Sandpiper: no reps.
Whimbrel: FH 14 Sep (CW), only rep.
Hudsonian Godwit: SP 6 Oct (MB), only rep.
Ruddy Turnstone: 4 OswH 2 Sep; OswH 4 Sep, only reps.
Red Knot: no reps.
Stilt Sandpiper: no reps.
Sanderling: 15 DH 4 Sep; max 16 SP 15 Sep; 10 DH 1 Nov.
Dunlin: arr 8 Oct SP; max 1482 DH 1 Nov, massive flight; last DH 6 Nov.
Purple Sandpiper: no reps.
Baird's Sandpiper: no reps.

Least Sandpiper: max 9 MSI 7 Sep; last 4 MSI 22 Sep.
White-rumped Sandpiper: no reps.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper: DB 2 Sep (DWe, BP), only rep.
Pectoral Sandpiper: max 3 MSI 14 Sep; last Marcellus 5 Oct.
Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 3 MSI 3 Sep; last OnonL 29 Sep; very few reps.
Short-billed Dowitcher: no reps.
Long-billed Dowitcher: MSI 4-25 Sep (SH, GM); 3 OnonL 11 Oct (DD); 5 OnonL 8 Oct (RR); rare to very rare in Reg, esp multiples.
American Woodcock: max 2 TR 6 Sep-1 Oct; last WP 4 Nov.
Wilson's Snipe: max 2 MSI 8 Sep; last Skaneateles 5 Oct.
Spotted Sandpiper: max 2 several locs Sep; last OnonL 13 Oct
Solitary Sandpiper: max 4 several locs Sep; last Mindenville HERK 21 Oct.
Lesser Yellowlegs: max 34 Marcellus 5 Oct; last WP 22 Oct.
Greater Yellowlegs: max 8 OnonL 2 Oct; last 2 OnonL 3 Nov.
Wilson's Phalarope: no reps.
Red-necked Phalarope: no reps.
Red Phalarope: no reps.
Pomarine Jaeger: no reps.
Parasitic Jaeger: DH 17 Oct (MB); 8 DH 1 Nov (BP, DWh, MB); FH 10 Nov (DD).
Black-legged Kittiwake: no reps.
Bonaparte's Gull: max 350 SVB 25 Oct; typ nums at usual locs.
Little Gull: DH 1 Nov (BP, DWh); 2 DH 22 Nov (BP, DWh); only reps.
Ring-billed Gull: max est 2000-3000 SVB 25-26 Oct; typ nums at usual locs.
Herring Gull: 620 MCL 30 Nov; 800 SVB 25 Oct; no big flights in period at DH lakewatch.
Iceland Gull: arr Const 6 Nov (MS); a few singles rep at typ locs.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 4 SVB 25 Oct, incl 2 juv (DWh, ph); singles typ locs thru.
Glaucous Gull: arr OswH 22 Nov (DWh, GD); SP 30 Nov (MB); only reps.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 55 SVB 25 Oct; typ nums at usual locs.
Caspian Tern: max 34 SP 3 Sep; last OnonL 29 Sep.
Black Tern: SVB 2 Sep; only rep.
Common Tern: max 60 SVB 2 Sep; last SP 8 Oct; lower nums and earlier departure from OneIL.
Forster's Tern: SP 26 Oct (MB); only rep.

LOONS-FALCONS

Red-throated Loon: arr DH 1 Nov; max 31 OnonL 29 Nov (GD).
Common Loon: max 50 DH 22 Nov; best nums late Oct-mid Nov.
Double-crested Cormorant: max est 2000 SP 18 Oct, big flight (MB).
GREAT CORMORANT: SVB 24-27 Oct (DWh, ph); 1st Reg rec away from LOnt shore.
American White Pelican: Fult 27 Sep, taken to rehab (JS).
American Bittern: Clay 3 Sep; Fult 4 Sep; only reps.
Least Bittern: 2 HI 1 Sep; HI 6-7 Sep; only reps.
Great Blue Heron: max 12 OSP 29 Sep.
Great Egret: 11 OnonL 2 Oct (DD) max 13 WP 3 Sep & MSI 17, 22 Sep (GM); last 2 WP 28 Oct.
Green Heron: max 5 MSI 14 Sep; last SP 19 Oct (MB).
Black-crowned Night-Heron: TR 5 Sep; Fayetteville 21 Oct; Van Buren P 24 Nov, late & unusual loc (GD); only reps.
YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON: juv OnonL west shore 9-12 Oct (DD!), ph, mob) found roosting, interesting loc.
Black Vulture: 2 Jamesville 10 Oct (KC); Jamesville 18 Nov (KC); only reps.
Turkey Vulture: max 678 BRH 26 Oct; good nums BRH Oct and DB Sep.
Osprey: max 7 BRH 29 Sep; last WP 21 Oct.
Golden Eagle: DH 1 Sep (MS), early; BRH 19 Oct (MB); 2 Const 6 Nov (MS); Marcellus 10 Nov (KF, ph); OnonL 11 Nov (GD), unusual loc; Canastota 17 Nov (KM, MV).
Northern Harrier: max 5 BRH 26 Oct.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 8 BRH 29 Oct.
Cooper's Hawk: max 4 Fayetteville 14 Sep, family group.
Northern Goshawk: no reps.
Bald Eagle: max 11 Pulaski 3 Sep & BRH 29 Sep.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 8 reps of singles scattered thru period; no real flight at BRH.
Broad-winged Hawk: 183 BRH 12 Sep; max 272 TSullivan 13 Sep; last TR 30 Sep.
Red-tailed Hawk: max 149 BRH 26 Oct.
Rough-legged Hawk: arr & max 4 BRH 26 Oct; 11 other reps, mostly 2nd half of Nov.
Eastern Screech-Owl: max 4 HI 1 Sep.
Great Horned Owl: max 5 HI 7 Sep.
Barred Owl: max 3 Pulaski 17 Sep.
Long-eared Owl: no reps.
Short-eared Owl: No reps.
Northern Saw-whet Owl: No reps.

Belted Kingfisher: max 6 SNC 22 Sep.
Red-headed Woodpecker: OLC 25 Sep (DD), unusual loc; SP 9, 14 Sep unusual loc; SVB & FH thru period, known breeding locs; only reps.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: typ nums throughout period & reg.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 4 TR 30 Sep.
Black-backed Woodpecker: no reps.
Downy Woodpecker: typ nums throughout period & Reg.
Hairy Woodpecker: typ nums throughout period & Reg.
Northern Flicker: 14 OakC 3 Oct; max 15 RRP 22 Sep; best nums Sep, singles thru.
Pileated Woodpecker: typ nums throughout period & Reg.
American Kestrel: max 8 BRH 12 Sep; family groups Sep, singles thru.
Merlin: pairs at 4 locs Sep, singles thru.
Peregrine Falcon: pair OswH Oct; singles various locs thru.

FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

Great Crested Flycatcher: max 3 HI 7 Sep; last Lakeport 11 Sep.
Eastern Kingbird: max 3 Waterville 4 Sep; last SP 15 Sep; 5 other reps early Sep.
Olive-sided Flycatcher: singles in Sep; last 2 GLSP 26 Sep.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: max 16 HI 1 Sep; last SP 14 Oct.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: max 2 TR 13 Sep; last Pulaski 22 Sep.
Acadian Flycatcher: no reps.
Alder Flycatcher: no reps.
Willow Flycatcher: 4 reports early Sep.
Alder/Willow Flycatcher: 6 reports Sep.
Least Flycatcher: max 5 SFNS 7 Sep; last Hamilton 25 Sep.
empidonax sp: small nums reported Sep; last OakC 1 Oct.
Eastern Phoebe: 6 OnonL 19 Oct, max 7 Barneveld 19 Sep; last OnonL, SVB 28 Oct.
Northern Shrike: arr SVB 26 Oct (DD); 12 recs various locs thru.
WHITE-EYED VIREO: OnonL west shore 15 Oct (DD!), ph, mob).
Yellow-throated Vireo: max 4 HI 7 Sep; last TNP 1 Oct.
Blue-headed Vireo: max 4 FH 9 Oct; TR 7 Nov; last Bville 9 Nov.
Philadelphia Vireo: 4 LH 21 Sep (DD); max 6 LH 21 Sep (CW), excellent num; last OSP 29 Sep (SD).

Warbling Vireo: max 9 WP 11 Sep; last RRP 22 Sep.

Red-eyed Vireo: max 9 SFNS 19 Sep; last HV 18 Oct.

Canada Jay: no reps.

Blue Jay: max 58 Const 26 Sep; no big flight along Oneil this period.

American Crow: 1560 BRH (BP), migrating; max 6900 OakC 24 Nov (DD), eve roost flight.

Fish Crow: T Salina 2 Oct (DWh), unusual loc; max 4 OnonL 21 Nov; reps from known locs incl Bville & Inner Harbor.

Common Raven: 9 DH 10 Sep; max 10 OswH 18 Oct; many reps thru.

Horned Lark: max 100 Bville 12 Nov; small flocks at typ locs thru.

Purple Martin: max & last 8 MSI 10 Sep; 4 other reps.

Tree Swallow: max 400 5 Oct; typ nums & locs thru mid Oct; last OnonL 2 Nov (GD).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: max 10 HI 7 Sep; last 4 HI 5 Oct; 2 other reps.

Bank Swallow: max 7 HI 1 Sep; last 4 HI 7 Sep; 6 other reps.

Cliff Swallow: no reps.

Barn Swallow: max 31 Fairfield 1 Sep; typ nums & locs; last 3 SSSP 15 Sep.

Black-capped Chickadee: typ nums throughout period & Reg.

Boreal Chickadee: no reps.

Tufted Titmouse: typ nums throughout period & Reg.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 10 Little Falls 15 Nov; typ nums & locs thru, no big movement.

White-breasted Nuthatch: typ nums throughout period & Reg.

Brown Creeper: 4 FH 5 Oct; max 7 TR 7 Nov; small nums thru.

House Wren: max 12 TR 27 Sep; last Lake Julia & Dolge 23 Oct.

Winter Wren: max 7 OSP 12 Oct; small nums thru.

Sedge Wren: SP 19-20 Sep (BP, MB), very rare in fall.

Marsh Wren: max 3 HI 1 Sep-5 Oct; last West Monroe 26 Oct.

Carolina Wren: typ nums throughout period & Reg.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: max 4 HI 1 Sep; last RRP 19 Sep.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 25 TR 4 Nov; typ nums thru.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr DeRuyter 2 Sep; max 26 OSP 12 Oct; last OnonL 24 Nov.

Eastern Bluebird: 34 Const (MS) 6 Nov; max 74 Const 9 Nov (MS), migrating.

Veery: max 27 HI 7 Sep, NFC; last LH 18 Sep; 6 other reps small nums.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr HI 7 Sep NFC; RRP 18 Sep; Kirkland 25 Sep; last TR 28 Sep; only reps.

Swainson's Thrush: max 14 HI 7 Sep NFC; last SP 13 Oct.

Hermit Thrush: max 9 HV 18 Oct; last OnonL 14 Nov.

Wood Thrush: max 16 HI 7 Sep NFC; SFNS 14 Oct; last Fayetteville 21 Oct, late.

American Robin: max 1662 Const 9 Nov (MS), migrating.

Gray Catbird: max 27 TR 27 Sep; last Fayetteville 18 Nov, late.

Brown Thrasher: max 8 SFNS 19 Sep; last Liverpool 17 Oct.

Northern Mockingbird: MSI 17 Sep (GM), unusual loc; max 5 Warners 8 Sep; all other reps ONON, mostly absent east part of Reg.

European Starling: max 2000 Cicero 14 Sep.

Cedar Waxwing: max 45 WP 5 Oct.

House Sparrow: typ nums throughout period & Reg.

American Pipit: arr OswH 4 Sep; max 35 Verona 26 Oct; last BRH 14 Nov.

Evening Grosbeak: no reps.

House Finch: typ nums throughout period & reg.

Purple Finch: max 11 Dolge 1 Sep; most recs typ locs, no sign of widespread movement.

Common Redpoll: 7 OakC 13 Nov (DD); only rep.

Red Crossbill: no reps.

White-winged Crossbill: no reps.

Pine Siskin: 4 Dolge 10 Oct (EF); only report, no sign of irruption.

American Goldfinch: 145 Const 26 Oct; max 220 Dolge 7 Oct; nums thru Reg & period.

Lapland Longspur: no reps.

Snow Bunting: arr SP 26 Oct; max 150 BRH 14 Nov.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: max 8 TR 11 Oct; last Manlius 3 Nov.

American Tree Sparrow: arr 4 Marietta 27 Oct; max 38 DB 30 Nov.

Chipping Sparrow: max 36 OakC 28 Sep; small nums continue into late Nov at feeders.

Chipping x Clay-colored Sparrow (hybrid): OakC 6 Sep, molting juv known to have hatched at loc, *intro*.

Field Sparrow: max 12 OnonL 27 Oct; last OnonL 17 Nov.

Vesper Sparrow: 3 DB 26 Oct & BRH 10 Nov; max 4 Durhamville 19 Oct; last Bville 14 Nov.

Savannah Sparrow: max 10 Bville 19 Oct; last Dolge 12 Nov.

Grasshopper Sparrow: no reps.

NELSON'S SPARROW: OnonL west shore 12-13 Oct (DD, GD), seen & heard call, *intro*.

Fox Sparrow: arr BLNC 23 Oct; max 7 Const 15 Nov; last OnonL 27 Nov.

Song Sparrow: 60 TR 27 Sep & 12 Oct; max 94 OnonL 19 Oct, good num; nums thru reg and period.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr HI 7 Sep; max 7 TR 2 Oct (GD), good num; last Little Falls 21 Oct.

Swamp Sparrow: max 28 TR 10 Oct; last TR 25 Nov.

White-throated Sparrow: max 68 OSP 12 Oct; nums thru Reg and period.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Dolge 20 Sep; max 19 TR 2 Oct; last 3 DB 30 Nov.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 53 Const 12 Nov; nums thru Reg and period.

Bobolink: 45 HI 7 Sep; max 648 TR 5 Sep (GD), roost flight, *intro*; 7 TR 5 Oct; last Bville 19 Oct (JB, RK), very late.

Eastern Meadowlark: max 11 BRH 2 Oct (MB); last 3 Caughdenoy 15 Nov (BP).

Orchard Oriole: no reps.

Baltimore Oriole: max 2 HI 1 Sep; last 15 Sep.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 5000 Bville 11 Nov, but see blackbird sp below; nums thru Reg and period.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 220 Mexico 28 Oct (BP); nums thru Reg and period.

Rusty Blackbird: 87 DB 30 Sep; max 1500 Const 24 Oct (MS), migrating; last 7 WP 23 Nov.

Common Grackle: est 12000 Bville 11 Nov (GD); 14520 Hastings 26 Oct (BP); 40000 Const 24 Oct (MS), max 45000 Const 30 Oct (MS), migrating.

Blackbird sp: est 40000 Const 30 Oct (MS); est 200000 Rome 1 Nov (BrC), presumed mostly Red-winged and Grackle, *intro*; no coverage this fall at Clay Marsh (DWh).

Ovenbird: max 3 SFNS 15 Sep; last 2 TR 29 Sep.

Louisiana Waterthrush: no reps.

Northern Waterthrush: 2 SSSP 15 Sep, only rep.

Golden-winged Warbler: no reps.

Blue-winged Warbler: max 3 HI 1 Sep; last Pompey 17 Sep.

Black-and-white Warbler: max 3 HI 1 Sep; last Liverpool 2 Oct.

Prothonotary Warbler: no reps.

Tennessee Warbler: max 7 Hastings 14 Sep; 2 Fabius 10 Oct; last DC 20 Oct (MS), late.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr GB 4 Oct; last OnonL 18 Nov (DD); 8 reps total, all singles.

Nashville Warbler: max 5 SFNS 22 Sep; last Van Buren 13 Nov (GD), very late; small nums to mid Oct.

Mourning Warbler: SFNS 3 Sep; FH 15 Sep; OakC 16 Sep; TNP 19 Sep; only reps.

Common Yellowthroat: max 15 HI 7 Sep; 2 OLC 2 Nov (DD); last OnonL 17 Nov (DD); small nums to mid Oct.

Hooded Warbler: last SFNS 19 Sep; 6 total reports, all singles.

American Redstart: max 6 HI 1 Sep; SBP, Const 4 Oct; last Waterville 9 Oct, late; small nums thru late Sep.

Cape May Warbler: arr HI 1 Sep; max 7 OSP 29 Sep; last WP 5 Oct; main movement mid-late Sep.

Cerulean Warbler: HI 1 Sep; only rep.

Northern Parula: max 4 OakC 16 Sep; last Fabius 10 Oct; main movement mid-late Sep.

Magnolia Warbler: 10 TNP 9 Sep; last OSP 12 Oct; main movement mid-late Sep.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr HI 1 Sep; max 7 MexPt 14 Sep; last OakC 3 Oct.

Blackburnian Warbler: max 3 MexPt & TR 14 Sep; last Bald Mt ADK 5 Oct.

Yellow Warbler: max 4 FH 1 Sep; last OSP 23 Sep; 10 other reps early Sep.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 5 HI 7 Sep & TNP 9 Sep; last GB 4 Oct.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr HI 7 Sep; max 5 SFNS 18 Sep; last Dolge 17 Oct; small nums to early Oct.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 2 var locs mid-late Sep; last Fabius 10 Oct.

Palm Warbler: max 21 OnonL 29 Sep (GD), good num; last Waterville 12 Nov; main movement late Sep-mid Oct.

Pine Warbler: max 3 SSSP 15 Sep & Const 25 Sep; last Cazenovia 19 Oct.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 49 OSP 14 Oct (SD); small nums thru but main movement mid-Oct.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: Bville 5 Sep (KM).

Prairie Warbler: Const 26 Sep (MS); only rep.

Black-throated Green Warbler: max 12 OSP 29 Sep (SD); last Rome 12 Oct; main movement to early Oct.

Canada Warbler: last RRP 19 Sep; 10 other reps of singles.

Wilson's Warbler: max 2 var locs, all mid Sep; last TR 30 Sep.

Scarlet Tanager: max 3 FH 15 Sep; last RCFS 3 Oct.

Northern Cardinal: typ nums throughout period & Reg.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 12 DB 2 Sep, good num; last Dolge 6 Oct; main movement to late Sep.

Indigo Bunting: max 6 HI 1 Sep; last OnonL 5 Oct; main movement mid Sep.