

REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

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Weather data obtained from the Binghamton Station showed a high of 49° F on 10 and 23 December and a low of 6° on 6 December. The average temperature for the month of December was 27.8° which was 0.5° above normal. December precipitation was 3.83" which was 1.00" above normal. The high temperature for the month of January was 62° on 11 Jan and the low was 5° on 18 January. The average temperature for January was 28.4° which was 6.2° above normal. January precipitation was 2.77" which was 0.32" above normal. For the month of February the high temperature was 52° on 24 February and a low of -2° on 15 February. The average temperature was 27.9° which was 3.2° above normal. The precipitation for February was 3.40" which was 1.09" above normal.

Waterfowl were represented well in the period. Of note were the reports of Greater White-fronted Geese, Cackling Geese, Tundra Swans and the Trumpeter Swan reported by Jonathan Weeks. Gadwall and American Wigeon reports were scattered throughout the Region during the period. There were also several reports of White-winged Scoter and Long-tailed Duck in Broome and Chenango Counties.

Cortland County lead the way with gull sightings this period as Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull and Greater Black-backed Gull were all reported there. A Lesser Black-backed Gull was also reported at the Broome County Landfill on 2 February.

There were some very interesting reports of raptors, including multiple reports of Northern Goshawk as well as many reports throughout the Region of Rough-legged Hawk. There were single reports of Short-eared Owl and Northern Saw-whet Owl in the Region. One of the highlights of the period was a report of a Long-eared Owl that was heard on 15 January by Chris Wood in Cortland County.

It was nice to see multiple reports of Northern Shrike scattered over three different counties. Winter finches were virtually absent this winter with only a couple of reports of Common Redpoll coming out of Tioga and Otsego Counties and a few reports of Pine Siskin from Broome County. A Grasshopper Sparrow reported by Derek Green is a nice late record for this species.

The bird of the period for the Region undoubtedly goes to the **Varied Thrush** found in Candor, Tioga County. The eBird reports of this find show the bird was present from 2 January through 7 January and, fortunately, was seen by many observers.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ALk – Allen L, OTSE; **AqPk** – Aquaterra P, BROO; **BCBC** – Binghamton CBC, BROO; **BPd** – Boland Pd, BROO; **BUNP** – Binghamton University Nature Pres, BROO; **CaHo** – Cannon Hole, T Barton, TIOG; **CanL** – Canadarago L, OTSE; **CannR** – Cannonsville Res, DELA; **CG** – Carantouan Greenway, T Barton, TIOG; **ChenL** – Chenango L, T New Berlin, CHEN; **ChRB** – Chenango Ri, Greater Binghamton, BROO; **CoPk** – Confluence P, Owego, TIOG; **CRes** – Cannonsville Res & outflow, DELA; **CVSP** – Chenango Valley SP, T Fenton, BROO; **DelR** – Delaware Ri, Deposit, DELA; **DorP** – Dorchester P, Whitney Pt, BROO; **FMHW** – Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch, DELA; **FMt** – Franklin Mtn, T Davenport, DELA; **GrwP** – Greenwood CP, BROO; **HCP** – Hillcrest Pits, Port Dickenson, BROO; **LHNC** – Lime Hollow Nature Center, T Cortlandville, CORT; **LPSF** – Long Pd SF, CHEN; **MHL** – Michigan Hollow L, TIOG; **NSpM** – N Spencer Marsh, T Spencer, TIOG; **OnCBC** – Oneonta CBC, OTSE/DELA; **OtsL** – Otsego L, OTSE; **OwCBC** – Owego CBC, TIOG; **PRes** – Pepacton Res & outflow, DELA; **SCBC** – Sherburne CBC, CHEN (mostly); **SkaL** – Skaneateles L, L (SE), T Scott, CORT; **StPd** – Stupke Pd, T Cortlandville, CORT; **SusRB** – Susquehanna Ri, Greater Binghamton, BROO; **UL** – Upper Lisle, BROO, **ULCP** – Upper Lisle County P, T Triangle, BROO; **WPres** – Whitney Pt Res, BROO.

WATERFOWL-HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: BUNP 13 Dec (AB,GW); 20 Nichols, TIOG 17 Feb (MHoo); 75 CVSP 2 Feb (WK); 370 Grippen P, BROO 4 Feb (JH); 75 Vestal, BROO 23 Feb (MJ); 2 CVSP 28 Feb (WM).

Greater White-fronted Goose: Vestal, BROO 1 Feb (GW); SusRB 22 Feb (MJ); ChRB 23 Feb (JW,DN,SR).

Cackling Goose: Binghamton, BROO 15 Dec (GW); DelR 19 Jan (LV); 5 Deposit DELA 16 & 23 Feb (LV).

Canada Goose: 306 StPd 19 Jan (MY); 479 Deposit, DELA 23 Feb (LV).

Trumpeter Swan: Binghamton, BROO 4 Feb (JW).

Tundra Swan: 2 Tioga Ctr. TIOG 5 Jan (DG); max site 3 Chenango Ri, CHEN 9-11 Feb (MD, AT); 4 ULCP 6 Feb (GW).

Wood Duck: 3 Sherburne, CHEN 3 Dec (MD); Sherburne 19 Jan (MD,FvM); HCP 15 Feb - 19 Feb (DN,VL,JW); 2 CVSP 29 Feb (WK).

Gadwall: max site 6 CRes 8 Dec - 3 Feb (LV,GC,DHa,MR); BPD 12 Feb (DN,JW); 2 HCP 15 Feb (DN); max site 3 StPd 19-20 Feb (DG,JCo); HCP 22 Feb (SR).

American Wigeon: CRes 14 Dec (LV); BPD 3 Jan - 26 Jan (MD,WK,DN,GW,SR,RD); max site 8 HCP 26 Jan - 19 Feb (WK,JW,mob); 2 SusRB 14 Feb (MJ); 10 HCP 22 Feb (SR); 15 CG 25 Feb (MB).

Mallard: 272 DelR 14 Dec (LV); 306 Homer, CORT 1 Jan (JJ); 155 HCP 22 Jan (DN).

American Black Duck: 72 Walton, DELW 4 Jan (BP); 90 CRes 19 Jan (LV).

Northern Pintail: Portlanville, OTSE 14 Jan (SS); 3 Barton, TIOG 23 Feb (DW); 3 BPD 25 Feb (DW).

Green-winged Teal: 2 CRes 19 Jan (LV); 4 Owego Creek NT, TIOG 20 Jan (DG).

Redhead: 5 CanL 4 Dec (TB); max site 14 HCP 22 Jan - 25 Feb (JW & others); max site 6 OtsL 16-28 Feb (SS,mob).

Ring-necked Duck: 20 Allen Lk., OTSE 1 Dec (TB); 34 CRes 17 Jan (KMi).

Greater Scaup: ChRB 4 Jan (MR); SusRB 14 Jan (VL); SusRB 21 Jan (DN); ChRB 26 Jan (WK).

Lesser Scaup: 25 CanL 1 Dec (TB); 12 OtsL 8 Jan (TB); 2 SusRB 23 Jan (DN); 2 Sus RB 2 Feb (MJ).

White-winged Scoter: 2 ULCP 4 Dec (DW); Murphy Pits, BROO 4 & 5 Dec (DW,VL); Afton, CHEN 16 Jan (RBun).

Long-tailed Duck: max site 2 ChRB 14 Dec - 14 Feb (mob), CaHo 31 Jan (MB,GW); ChRB 15 Dec - 12 Jan (DG,mob).

Bufflehead: 22 OtsL 1 Dec (PF); 13 CRes 15 Dec (LV).

Common Goldeneye: 13 CRes 4 Jan (BP); 80 OtsL 5 Jan (DD); 17 Owego, TIOG 22 Feb (SO).

Hooded Merganser: 90 CanL 12 Dec (TB); 61 Port Crane, BROO 15 Dec (DG); 145 OtsL 10 Jan (TB).

Common Merganser: 200 OtsL 4 Dec (PF); 270 CanL 12 Dec (TB); 47 PRes 3 Jan (NK,RBuc).

Red-breasted Merganser: 4 OtsL 3 Dec (PF).

Ring-necked Pheasant: Downsville DELW 15 Dec (LV); max site 7 MHL 2 Dec - 29 Feb (SC); Middlefield OTSE 2 Feb - 27 Feb (PT); ULCP 16 Feb (ID,JCu,JG,AS); 5 Homer CORT 6 Dec (DWe).

Ruffed Grouse: 6 Shaver Hill Rd. DELA 14 Feb (MS); 6 Pharsalia Woods SF CHEN 29 Feb (MC).

Wild Turkey: 70 Downsville DELA 5 Jan (LV); 127 Greene CHEN 10 Feb (AT).

Pied-billed Grebe: OtsL 1 Dec (PF); Murphy Pits BROO 5 Dec (VL); HCP 7 Jan - 25 Feb. (mob).

Horned Grebe: 3 Murphy Pits BROO 4 Dec (DW).

RAILS-TROPICBIRDS

American Coot: max 36 OtsL 1 Dec - 28 Feb (SS,mob).

Killdeer: Murphy Pits BROO 25 Feb (DW).

Wilson's Snipe: 2 Vestal BROO 2 Feb (SR,VL,MJ).

Iceland Gull: SkaL 2 Feb (CW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: StPd 20 Dec (JCo); Broome County Landfill BROO 2 Feb (JW,RD,SR).

Great Black-backed Gull: 3 Cortland Gravel Pits CORT 4 Jan (KMc,DA,MV); 2 Cortland CORT 7 Jan (JEn); 5 StPd 19 Feb (JCo).

LOONS-PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: DorP 1 Dec (JW); OtsL 4 Dec (PF); CannR 8 Dec (LV).

Turkey Vulture: 25 Edicott BROO 23 Feb (MJ); 7 Binghamton BROO 25 Feb (DW).

Golden Eagle: 4 FMHW 4 Dec (TS); 2 Ottaway Pd OTSE 28 Feb (PT).

Northern Harrier: 2 Hamden DELA 27 Feb (SW).

Northern Goshawk: Bainbridge CHEN 1 Dec (KS); North Norwich CHEN 6 Dec (DR); Masonville DELA 28 Dec (JB); Oxford CHEN 26 Jan (MD).

Red-shouldered Hawk: FMHW 7 Dec (TS); Harold Mopore P BROO 12 Jan (WK); ULCP 24 Feb (DN).

Rough-legged Hawk: many records throughout Region.

Long-eared Owl: Flint Rd. CORT 15 Jan (CW).

Short-eared Owl: Waite's Corner TIOG 19 Jan (DW).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: PRes 7 Dec (LV).

American Kestrel: 15 Reports of single birds by mob throughout period.

Merlin: 2 Johnson City BROO 25 Feb (JH).
Peregrine Falcon: FMHW 7 Dec (TS); StPd 20 Dec (JCo); max site 2 Binghamton BROO (mob) throughout period.

FLYCATCHERS-SNOW BUNTING

Eastern Phoebe: Smyrna 11 Dec & 19 Jan (MD,FvM); ULCP 2 Jan & 8 Feb. (DN); Cortland CORT 13 Jan (DG).

Northern Shrike: Binghamton BROO 15 Dec (DN,GW); Glen Aubrey BROO 15 Dec (JW,DN); Sherburne CHEN 16 Dec (MD); Lisle BROO 27 Dec (AK); Whitney Point BROO 26 Jan VL); Cortland CORT 21 Feb (CW).

Fish Crow: max 12 Binghamton throughout period (WK,mob).

Horned Lark: 67 Deposit DELA 16 Feb (LV); 60 Sherburne CHEN 19 Feb (MD).

Winter Wren: ULCP 24 Dec (GC); Cortland CORT 31 Dec (JJ); Cortland 4 Jan (CW); ULCP 11 Feb (DN); 2 Castle Creek Road BROO 15 Feb (SJ).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Cortland CORT 14 Dec (ID,TA); Afton CHEN 29 Jan (DH); CG 3 Feb (MB).

Hermit Thrush: Binghamton 1 Jan - 2 Feb (DN); McCall Hill Rd. DELA 5 Jan (BP); StPd 31 Jan (JCo); Anson Rd. BROO 16 Feb (MJ).

VARIED THRUSH: Candor TIOG eBird reports from 2 Jan -7 Jan. Mark Hollenbeck was noted as original finder of bird. Many other observers.

Gray Catbird: CG 2 Feb-3 Feb (MB).

Northern Mockingbird: Johnson City BROO 11 Jan (MJ); Cortland CORT 21 Feb & 29 Feb (ZC,CW).

Common Redpoll: 8 Stanto Hill TIOG 1 Jan (DG); 2 Fly Creek OTSE 31 Jan (DWen).

Pine Siskin: Glen Aubrey BROO 14 Dec (DG); max site 3 18 Dec. Vestal BROO (TS).

Lapland Longspur: Lisle 17 Feb (JW,DN,GW).

Snow Bunting: 150+ Deposit DELA 16 Feb (LV); 150 Berkshire TIOG 26 Feb (GW).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS-CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: Spencer TIOG 17 Dec - 27 Jan (JEa, WE).

Chipping Sparrow: ULCP 22 Dec (DN); Lisle BROO 2 Jan, 20 Feb (SSt); max site 2 Castle Creek 2 Dec - 29 Feb (JW); Lake Delaware DELA 7 Dec - 9 Dec (RP).

Field Sparrow: Downsville DELA 14 Dec (LV); Vestal 15 Feb (MJ).

Vesper Sparrow: Greene CHEN 13 Dec (MD).

Savannah Sparrow: Tri- Cities Airport BROO 20 Dec (GW).

Grasshopper Sparrow: Owego TIOG 23 Dec (DG).

Eastern Meadowlark: Vestal BROO 23 Feb (MJ).

Rusty Blackbird: MHL 2 Dec-3 Dec (SC).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Endicott BROO 22 Dec-29 Dec. (MJ); Endicott 16 Feb-17 Feb (MJ,DN).

Indigo Bunting: Bainbridge CHEN 17 Dec (RBun).