

REGION 2—GENESEE

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Summer 2020 was an interesting season to summarize, from the standpoint of the weather, from the tangled mix of effects from that and the NY Breeding Bird Atlas III (BBA) fieldwork with eBird data entry, and from COVID restrictions, potentially keeping some home and pushing others to spend more time outdoors doing things like birding alone or in small groups.

This summer ended the 13th warmest on record in the Rochester area. June started us off as a pleasant summer month, the first half at normal temperatures, then warming to a second half at 4° F above normal. Temperatures overall averaged 67.9°, 1.2° above normal. Interestingly, there were two records set, a tie high of 94° on the 6th followed by a low of 41° on the 14th. Precipitation totaled 1.48", 1.86" below normal. Thunderstorms were a bit above average, with severe ratings on 10, 22, 23, and 27 June, but all missing the immediate Rochester area. Lake Ontario levels remained high but dropping. July rated HOT, but with some drenching rains breaking a possible drought and reviving vegetation. Temperatures overall averaged 75.6°, 4.8° above normal, the third warmest on record. Eight days exceeded 90°, with six days in a row 5-10 July. 97° on the 9th was the highest since 98° on 21 July 2011. No records were set other than 59° as a low for the month, tying the highest low for a month, previously seen in 1887 and 1897. A dry start was followed by consistent rain, with 3.18" on the 11th and 1.70" on the 16th. Precipitation totaled 5.5", 2.21" above normal for the 12th wettest July. Half a dozen days with thunderstorms included a weak tornado in southern Monroe County on 29 July. Lake Ontario was down to only about half a foot above average. August saw 17 days reach above 80°, but no 90-degree days. A low of 52° on 6 August was the lowest since 17 June. Temperatures overall averaged 70.7°, 1.4° above normal. Precipitation totaled 2.70", 0.77" below normal, with 1/3 of that on the 3rd. There was only one severe weather event, on the 27th, with large hail and some wind damage south of Lake Ontario between Buffalo and Rochester.

Generally, it was a good summer for birding and should have been good for most of our breeding birds. The NY BBA III was off to a good start, but details will not be known until much work is done to separate breeding from non-breeding data due to both being submitted through the same eBird BBA data-entry

portal. The Regional eBird data downloads for the three months were: June – 47,462, July – 36,357, and August – 38,584, up about 50%, 40%, and 50% over the respective months in 2019. Clearly, a good deal of the jump in data is due to the BBA data being entered as eBird lists. The effects of COVID are unknown between some people staying home and others spending more time outdoors birding alone or in small groups. To add confusion to attempts at analysis, we also have the number of new bands at BBBO up about 50% over last year in spite of fewer helpers and Jim Adams, in his regular study of Oatka Creek Park, finding the numbers of species in each half month from late May through July at record highs and both halves of August still well above the medians.

Moving along to the waterfowl, we find a common thread of scarcity, low species diversity and counts for each month. In June, only Wood Duck and Mallard were tallied in good numbers, Mallard again in August. Most of the entries in the monthly Noteworthy Records tables were for departure dates, for species lingering, or for summer visitants. Common Goldeneye was added as a rare summer visitor in both June and July along with Long-tailed Duck and Bufflehead at Lake Ontario sites in July. Blue-winged Teal, a former breeder in the lakeshore marshes, was found in June and July in three near-lakeshore locations. The usual Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) breeding species were not well reported, mainly due to changes in habitat in those usually good areas, such as the Sandhill Crane Unit. Lingering and early arriving diving ducks were few, though both scaup and Red-breasted Merganser were reported as a few individuals. Extending the grouping a bit, we have the typical arrival of Horned Grebe at the end of August, and Red-necked Grebe reports from 7 August off and on for the rest of the month passing Hamlin Beach SP. Common Nighthawk was first noted on 19 August, with only a few more after that. With numbers of records up generally, perhaps it is not surprising that we find 639 lines of records in eBird for Ruby-throated Hummingbird, but about half of those are from just 15 locations. There was an interesting hummingbird photographed by Marie Costanza at a feeder in Webster on 28-29 July, with species identification ultimately undetermined. Originally thought to be a Rufous Hummingbird, the two photos posted to eBird showed traits of a young, brightly-colored Ruby-throated. Unfortunately there were no spread tail or perched wing photos to analyze, and queries to several hummingbird experts went unanswered. Rails to Sandhill Crane continued the low-count picture. No Sandhill Crane colts were reported.

The shorebird picture was interesting, with 19, 20, and 27 species reported, respectively, in the three months. Habitat was limited first by the high levels of Lake Ontario and then by little rainfall after 3 August, leading to few field puddles and drying marshes. Key locations were the barrier beach island at the mouth of Braddock Bay and some wet areas in the NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit). Late spring species variety was good into June, but there were few really good counts, the best being 43 Ruddy Turnstones, 12 Red Knots, and 580 Semipalmated Sandpipers on 1-2 June. There was a more than typical number of species in the

mid-June to early July period where late spring departure, early fall arrival, and summer visitant are hard to separate. Rare reports were only **American Avocet** at Braddock Bay on 28 July and **Marbled Godwit** in the NMWMA area on 17-22 August. Interesting, less rare but scarce species included: an Upland Sandpiper in August, Whimbrel in each month, Red Knot and Willet in June and August, White-rumped Sandpiper on 4 July, Buff-breasted Sandpiper in August, and Red-necked Phalarope, including four at Braddock Bay on 4 June.

The gulls and terns were spiced up a bit by a **Sabine's Gull** off Hamlin Beach SP on 30 August; **Laughing Gull** reported on 4 June, 29 July, and 3 August; and a first summer Glaucous Gull seen at various sites along the Lake Ontario shore from Braddock Bay to Sodus Point off and on from 2 June to 15 August. There were also the now regular Lesser Black-backed Gull reports each month. Otherwise gull and tern counts were low. The peak Black Tern count in the NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit), the Region's usual stronghold for breeding now, was only 14.

Moving along toward the waders, we start with the last Red-throated Loon on 2 June and a few Common Loons scattered through the season. Two alternate-plumage Common Loons on Conesus Lake on 18 July is especially interesting. Peak heron counts were: Great Blue Heron—226 on 25 July and 350 on 23 August—and Great Egret—92 on 25 July and 200 on 23 — in that same area from 11-17 June, a *plegadis ibis* species there on 17 June, and an immature **Little Blue Heron** flying over there on 10 August and later seen for several days just south into Region 3 in the Knox Marsellus wetlands. **Black Vulture** singles were reported from North Wolcott, Wayne County on 14 July and Letchworth SP on 17 August.

Among the raptors, we find generally typical summer reporting, with BBA fieldwork not particularly increasing the numbers of reports of scarcer breeders. There were no Northern Goshawk reports, few Red-shouldered Hawk reports, and relatively few Broad-winged Hawk reports beyond the late migrants passing Braddock Bay. Good hawkwatch numbers included 23 June counts of 21 Bald Eagles, 10 Broad-winged Hawks, and 16 Red-tailed Hawks; then peaks of 65 Bald Eagles on 19 July and 65 Red-tailed Hawks on 27 July. There was again a formal, volunteer hawkwatch this summer at Braddock Bay beginning with 27 July and then all August, with 10 different birders sharing the official counter duties. There were some additional helpers and visitors, limited by the COVID issues. The peak counts were: 35 Turkey Vultures, 32 Bald Eagles, 46 Broad-winged Hawks, and 613 Red-tailed Hawks (on 11 August). There were nine days with Red-tailed Hawk counts exceeding 100. The total of 3271 raptors tallied was up almost 25% from the 2019 total. However, 30 July to 17 August brought the Birds of the Season, with the Region's sixth record of **Swallow-tailed Kite**, two birds first seen by Vaughn Bates on private land on 30 July, photographed there by Kathy Habgood on 1 August, and then seen and often photographed regularly from or not far from the Mount Olive Baptist Church parking lot (birders given permission to gather to view from there) on Rt. 272, the Monroe/Orleans County Line.

Birders came from all over NY State and farther to view these birds. Most had good views and many logged them as a life bird, certainly for NY, and county birds for both counties. Moving into the owls, only the regular Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, and Barred Owl were reported. Next, in the woodpeckers we find good numbers of sites and locations for Red-headed Woodpecker through July, likely due to the BBA searches. Finally, the three regular falcons were all reported in good numbers other than a dip in Peregrine Falcons in June. Merlin nesting was only detailed at two locations in Wayne County by Joe Wing. The Rochester Peregrine Falcons hatched four young and three fledged, one on 11 June and two on 16 June. They were monitored through the nesting cycle by a dedicated group of volunteers, with details and many photos and videos on the rfalconcam.com website.

Next, to the passerines, nearly half of our records and nearly all species expected reported each month of the season. There were no really rare species this season, but many interesting observations. The monthly Noteworthy Records tables for the Rochester Birding Association included mostly typical departure and arrival dates; peak counts, mostly not really unusual but useful for comparisons across years; and some banding summaries for species also good for comparisons. June brought us a good complement of the expected late spring migrants, both banded and just reported. These included: Olive-sided Flycatcher; Yellow-bellied and "Traill's" Flycatchers at peak spring numbers; Philadelphia Vireo; the only spring banding of Gray-cheeked Thrush (3); Swainson's Thrush; Lincoln's, White-throated, and White-crowned Sparrows; and Tennessee, Mourning, Magnolia, Bay-breasted. Blackpoll, Canada, and Wilson's Warblers. As an aside, this illustrates why one needs to be very careful until nearly mid-June in doing BBA fieldwork to avoid assigning breeding codes to locally late migrants. Rarer late spring records included: **Sedge Wrens** (1-3), now a very rare local breeder, on Beatty Point, Town of Greece, continuing from late May and noted occasionally through 20 August; a record late Ruby-crowned Kinglet in Mendon Ponds Park on 7 June; a very late Palm Warbler on 14-15 June and a first June record for Monroe County for **Yellow-throated Warbler** on June 3-5, these latter two in Hamlin Beach SP; and Prairie Warbler at four sites. Another surprise was 835 and 655 Cedar Waxwings, otherwise only in low numbers, on 5 and 6 June moving along the Lake Ontario shore. In June and July, BBA fieldwork produced many records, but surprisingly few for some of the species we know breed in the hills south of Rochester, e.g. Letchworth SP. Maybe a large part of that is that almost none of that wonderful park habitat lies within a priority Atlas Block, a known issue with doing an Atlas based on a sampling subset of the Blocks in NY State. Nashville, Black-throated Blue, and Canada Warblers were not reported in July. Continuing banding at BBBO did pick up Swainson's Thrush on 18 July, White-crowned Sparrow on 14 July, and a Magnolia Warbler recaptured on 30 July, which had been banded on 7 June and in molt on both dates. 30 and 31 July also saw 40 and 38 Yellow Warblers banded, high numbers but in historically a peak period for the species migrating along the lakeshore. Another

location was added for **Sedge Wren**, with reports from the Nations Road IBA south of Avon in July. The Prothonotary Warbler(s) on Armitage Road in the NMWMA were also reported through 23 August. August produced a good start to the fall warbler migration, with 27 species reported, but we had no great rarities, really surprising fall arrival dates, or large counts. The most notable count of the month was 40,000 Red-winged Blackbirds in the NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) on 16 August. The rarest passerine of the month was at the end of the checklist, a passing **Dickcissel** heard by Andy Guthrie at Hamlin Beach SP on 22 August.

In summary, an interesting season, with few great surprises. The Bird of the Season was clearly the two **Swallow-tailed Kites**. There was good species diversity each month as indicated by the species totals vs. the monthly 10-year averages: June – 207 vs. 184.1, July – 187 vs. 174.2, and August 207 vs. 196.1. As usual, Jim Adams supplied monthly notes with many interesting observations from Oatka Creek Park, Monroe County. A new one to me was that as he observed a Black-capped Chickadee nest from a distance, a Red-bellied Woodpecker showed up and ate all the nestlings. Too bad few people pass along such stories anymore. Always more to learn!

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ABBREVIATIONS

b – after a number of individuals indicates banded; **BB** – Braddock Bay, T Greece, MONR; **BB-ES** – East spit of Braddock Bay; **BB-HW** – Braddock Bay Hawkwatch; **BBBO** – Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, off Manitou Beach Rd, MONR; **CL** – Conesus L, LIVI; **CLWMA** – Conesus L WMA marshes, LIVI; **DE** – Durand-Eastman P, Rochester at Lake Ontario; **G** – T Greece, MONR; **H** – T Hamlin, MONR; **HB** – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; **HB – WE** – trails at west end of park; **HB-YC** – Yanty Creek area of HB; **IBO** – Irondequoit Bay Outlet to Lake Ontario; **IB-S** – LaSalle Landing P and vicinity at S end of Irondequoit Bay; **IB-W** – Irondequoit Bay P West; **ICW** – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; **LSP** – Letchworth SP; **M** – Manitou, NW side of Manitou Beach Rd, MONR; **MP** – Mendon Ponds P, MONR; **NMWMA (GBM)** – Northern Montezuma WMA, Guy Baldassarre Marsh, WAYN; **NMWMA (SCU)** – Northern Montezuma WMA, Sandhill Crane Unit often interchangeable with the Van Dyne Spoor Rd label; **NMWMA (VDSR)** – Van Dyne Spoor Rd area, WAYN; **OB** – Ontario Beach area, T Charlotte MONR; **PtB** – Point Breeze, ORLE; **SB** – Sodus Bay WAYN; **SPt** – Sodus Pt, WAYN.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Mute Swan: 75 IB-W 3 Jun; 75 Irondequoit Crk 12 Jun; 90 IB-S 6 Jul; max 108 IB-W 29 Aug, good sum counts.

Wood Duck: max 100+ CLWMA 8 Jun; 70 NMWMA (SCU) 13 Jul; good counts.

Blue-winged Teal: Shore Acres, Hamlin 2 Jun (CW); 1-2 IB-S & W 12-13 Jun, 1, 6 Jul (SG, *et al.*); 2 Northrup Crk, G 13 Jun (MB); BB-ES

15 Jun (JiM, LM), interesting for dates; 1-25 BB Aug (mob), many for loc and dates.
Northern Shoveler: arr 2 BB 19 Aug (JiB, MB), early.
Gadwall: max 14 NMWMA (SCU) 2 Jun; 1-3 BB 15-17 Jul, scarce in summer.
American Wigeon: 2 NMWMA (VDSR) 14, 27 Jun (W&MR); 4 NMWMA (SCU) 28 Jun (TLe); BB 29 Jul (JeB, MB), unusual in summer; 1-4 BB Aug (mob), unusual for loc & date.
Mallard: max 900 NMWMA (VDSR) 20 (JMcG, LS); 350 NMWMA (SCU) 23 Aug, good counts.
Northern Pintail: arr NMWMA (VDSR) 23 Aug (LV), early.
Green-winged Teal: last BB 25 Jun (MB) & Genesee Valley Greenway 28 Jun (JK), late or sum vis?; 2 BB 9 Jul (RB, JW, BCar), unusual loc for date; BB-ES 27, 30 Jul (RB, JiM), unusual loc for date; Hogan Pt, G 31 Jul (LB, RB), unusual loc for date; max 48 BB-ES 25 Aug, usually scarce in summer.
Ring-necked Duck: last Nations Rd IBA 6 Jun.
Greater Scaup: last 2 BB-WS 1 Jun; BB-ES 2 Jun (JV), scarce for date and loc; HB 7 Jul (AGu, ph), scarce in summer.
Lesser Scaup: 2 CL 13 Jul (TBo); Bear Crk Harbor WAYN 14-19 Jul, 11-31 Aug (JWi); IB-S 25 Jul (RRo); scarce in summer.
Long-tailed Duck: last HB 16 Jun (AGu), late; Summerville Pier 31 Jul, 2-3 Aug (sev obs); PtB 10 Aug (RB, JW); scarce in sum.
Bufflehead: BB-ES 15, 25 Jun (sev obs); Irondequoit Crk 19, 26, Jun (SG); IB-S 1 Jul (SG, MD); BB 12, 15-24 Jul (mob, ph); usually scarce in sum.
Common Goldeneye: 2 IB – Newport Yacht Club 18 Jun (JBo), late, unusual loc; BB-ES 18 Jul (MBE), scarce in sum.
Common Merganser: max 42 Beechwood SP WAYN 21 Aug (TLe), good count for date.
Red-breasted Merganser: last HB 5 Jun.
Ruddy Duck: last 3 Buck Pnd, G 11-23 Jun (sev obs), late; BB-ES 17-28 Aug (mob), unusual for dates & loc.
Northern Bobwhite: 1-2 Irondequoit flats 16-26 Jul (JPi, mob), likely releases.
Chukar: 2 T Wayland, LIVI 6 Jun (TBo, LH), likely release.
Pied-billed Grebe: max 55 NMWMA (VDSR) 20 Jun; 50 NMWMA (SCU) 4 Jul, low high counts.
Horned Grebe: arr HB 30 Aug (AGu, BriM, DSh), early.

Red-necked Grebe: arr HB & SPT 7 Aug (AGu; TLe), early; 1-6 HB 15-30 Aug (4 obs), early.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo: max 11 MP 14 Jun (JGoe), good count.
Common Nighthawk: last Long Pnd, G 9 Jun; arr 2 Casey P, T Ontario WAYN 19 Aug.
Eastern Whip-poor-will: last Rochester 1 Jun.
Chimney Swift: max 63 IB-S 11 Aug (KH).
Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 367 lines in eBird many loc Jul, 639 lines in eBird many loc Aug; *intro*.
hummingbird sp.: Webster 28-29 Jul (MCoz, phs), not determined to species, *intro*.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Common Gallinule: max 12 NMWMA (GBM) 13, 15 Jul, low max.
American Coot: max 8 NMWMA (2 loc) 4 Jul, 3 Aug, low max.
Sandhill Crane: 4 Taylor Marsh area, T Richmond ONTA 6 Aug (LBra); max 15 NMWMA (SCU) 22 Aug (DNu).
AMERICAN AVOCET (R2): arr BB-ES 28 Jul (PMar, ph), rare.
Black-bellied Plover: last BB 2 Jun; arr 3 loc Lake Ontario 2 Aug.
American Golden-Plover: arr BB-ES 31 Jul (BCar, 9 oth obs), Reg record early.
Semipalmated Plover: last BB-ES 18 Jun; BB-ES 12 Jul; arr BB-ES 19 Jul; max 85 NMWMA (VDSR) 8 Aug (KR), good count.
Killdeer: max 250 Church Rd, H 24 Aug (RB, JW, JaG), high.
Upland Sandpiper: arr HB 10 Aug (AGu), now scarce.
Whimbrel: last BB-ES 2 Jun; arr HB 22 Jul (AGu); 5 BB-ES 29 Jul (JeB, MB); max 29 Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 1 Aug (W&MR, ph); 5-6 BB-ES 2 Aug (sev obs); 10 NMWMA (VDSR) 2 Jul (DK); 12-14 SPT 2 Jul (JWi, MG).
MARBLED GODWIT (R2): NMWMA (SCU) 17-22 Aug (W&MR, mob, many phs), rare.
Ruddy Turnstone: arr 1-43 at 6 loc 1 Jun; max 43 BB-ES 1 Jun (BCar, JiM); last BB-ES 5 Jun; arr BB-ES 21 Jul (JeB), early; 20 SPT 2 Aug, fall max.
Red Knot: arr BB-ES 1 Jun; last 3 off Edgemere Dr, G & max 12 BB-ES 2 Jun (JeB); arr 4 SPT 2 Jul.
Stilt Sandpiper: arr BB-ES 9 Jul (JMcG, LS), early, only rep.

Sanderling: last 1-2 BB-ES 5 Jun; Moscow Rd, H 5 Jun; arr 4 BB-ES & SPT 13 Jul; max 21 Summerville Pier & SPT 2 Jul (JiM & JSt).

Dunlin: 1-3 sev loc 1-28 Jun, mix of spring dep, fall arr, & lingering; 1-3 BB-ES 4-31 Jul.

Baird's Sandpiper: arr NMWMA (SCU) 15 Aug.

Least Sandpiper: last 5 SB 2 Jun; arr BB-ES 25 Jun; 90 NMWMA (SCU) 11 Jul (TL); max 100 BB-ES 16 Aug (MB).

White-rumped Sandpiper: BB-ES 16, 28 Jun (JiM, LM, BCar, SG), late dep or?; arr BB-ES 4 Jul (SG, DSh), Reg record early.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: 1-2 Church Rd, H 23-28 Aug (AGu, mob, phs).

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 3 NMWMA (SCU) 4 Jul; max 55 NMWMA (VDSR) 8 Aug (JMcG, LS).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 580 BB-ES 2 Jun (JeB), high count; last BB-ES 18 Jun (JiM, LM, BCar); arr 3 BB-ES 9 Jul; 200 NMWMA (VDSR) 8 Jul (KR), good count.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 3 NMWMA (SCU) 9 Jul; max 32 NMWMA (SCU) 11 Jul (TL).

Solitary Sandpiper: last Old Duck Inn, T Tyre WAYN 1 Jun; arr Old Duck Inn, T Tyre WAYN 23 Jun (DO).

Lesser Yellowlegs: last Hogan Pt, G 1 Jun; arr BB-ES 25 Jun (MB), early; max 120 NMWMA (SCU) 1 Aug (TL).

Willet: BB-ES 15-16 Jun (JiM, LM, MB, SG), unusual for date & loc; arr OB 2 Aug (AGu, 4 oth obs, ph); 2 IBO 10 Aug (JSt, 3 oth obs); 5 PtB 11 Aug (JiM, 7 oth obs); SPT 27 Aug (W&MR); good showing.

Greater Yellowlegs: arr NMWMA (VDSR) 22 Jun (KGra), early; max 27 N. Hamlin Rd 17 Jul, low max.

Red-necked Phalarope: BB-ES 2 Jun (JeB); 4 BB-ES 4 Jun (BCar), many for date.

SABINE'S GULL (R2): 1 juv HB 30 Aug (AGu, BriM, DSh).

Bonaparte's Gull: arr BB-ES 11 Jul (BCar), early; arr HB 11 Jul (AGu), early; max 50 BB-ES 28 Aug, low max.

LAUGHING GULL (R2): 1 1st sum off Edgemere D., G 4 Jun (JeB, CW); 1 ad SPT 29 Jul (JWi); 1 juv HB 3 Aug (AGu).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1 1st sum PtB 2 Jun (CW); 1 1st sum West Port Bay Pt, WAYN 12 Jun (W&MR); 2 HB 16 Jul (AGu, phs); 1 imm BB-ES 2 Aug (AGu, 7 oth obs); 1 imm PtB 10 Aug (RB, JW); 1 1st sum Crescent Beach, G 20 Aug (JeB, CW); 1 2nd sum HB 30 Aug (AGu), good numbers for summer.

Glaucous Gull: 1st sum 4 loc Lake Ontario shore 2-16 Jun, 4, 13, 23 Jul; 2, 7, 15 Aug (mob, phs), likely all one ind.

Caspian Tern: max 100 SPT 14 Aug (DEs).

Black Tern: max 14 NMWMA (SCU) 8 Aug (TL), very low max.

Common Tern: max 15 BB-ES 18 Jun, low max.

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: last PtB 2 Jun.

Common Loon: 1-5 HB 5-23 Jul (AGu); 2 alt CL 18 Jul (BCar), unusual loc for alt; Silver Lake-S WYOM 3 Aug (RSt); 9 rep, 1-6 ind HB 7-31 Aug (AGu, BriM, JiM); SPT 7, 29 Aug (TL).

Double-crested Cormorant: max 525 HB 22 Aug (AGu).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R2): NMWMA (SCU) 11-17 Jun (mob).

Great Blue Heron: 170 NMWMA (SCU) 28 Jun (TL); 226 NMWMA (SCU) 25 Jul (TL); max 350 NMWMA (SCU) 23 Aug (JMcG, LS, DNi), high counts.

Great Egret: 92 NMWMA (SCU) 25 Jul (TL); max 200 NMWMA (SCU) 19 Aug (JMcG), good counts.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (R2): 1 imm NMWMA (SCU) 10 Aug (DK, ph), later found nearby in Reg 3.

Plegadis ibis sp. (R2): NMWMA (SCU) 17 Jun (IBA Monitoring, phs), rare.

BLACK VULTURE (R2): N Wolcott WAYN 14 Jul (W&MR); LSP 17 Aug (JAK).

This summer there was again an organized, volunteer hawk watch from late July thru August at the BB-HW, with 10 different official counters sharing the lead. Some data are included with the species listing. More details may be found in www.hawkcount.org, *intro*.

Turkey Vulture: 66 BB-HW 23 Jun; peak 35 BB-HW 23 Aug.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: 2 Hamlin MONR/Kendall ORLE 30 Jul-17 Aug (VB, *fide* KHab, mob, many phs), 6th Reg, *intro*.

Northern Goshawk: no reports.

Bald Eagle: 21 BB-HW 23 Jun; 65 BB-HW 19 Jul (MT), high for date & sum migr; peak HW 32 BB-HW 11 Aug; 347 lines in eBird many loc Aug.

Red-shouldered Hawk: Marrowback Rd, T Conesus LIVI 27 Jun SMu), only Jun rep; Wesley Hill NP ONTA 24 Jul (BCar), only Jul rep; 1-3 NY T Bloomfield 7-23 Aug (LK), good BBA find.

Broad-winged Hawk: 10 BB-HW 23 Jun; max 46 BB-HW 10 Aug.

Red-tailed Hawk: 65 BB-HW 27 Jul; max 613 BB-HW 11 Aug.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 24 rep, 21 ind 13 loc Jun; 33 rep, 16 ind 10 loc Jul, good showing for this Reg.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 10 Bristol Springs area ONTA 3 Jul (BH), typical of counts in breeding areas.

American Kestrel: total ~ 47 ind 42 loc Jun; ~ 72 ind 43 loc Jul; ~ 75 ind many loc Aug.

Merlin: 2 nesting pr Casey P, T Ontario WAYN 4, 6 Jun & 2 ad, 4 juv same loc 1-19 Aug (JWi, ph); 2 nesting T Williamson WAYN 3 Jun (JWi); total 7 oth 6 loc 3-25 Jun; ~ 9 ind 9 loc 5-31 Jul; ~ 31 ind many loc Aug.

Peregrine Falcon: total ~ 5 ind 4 loc 6-22 Jun; ~ 18 ind 13 loc 4-30 Jul; total 18+ ind many loc Aug; 4 hatched, 3 fledged Rochester 11-16 Jun, tracked thru Jul, *intro*.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Olive-sided Flycatcher: last First Bible Baptist Church, G 3 Jun; arr MP 5 Aug (BaB); MP 31 Aug (JiM, LM).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: max b 12 BBBO 3 Jun; total b 28 BBBO 2-4 Jun; last 10b BBO 4 Jun; arr NMWMA (West Shore Trail – W) 16 Aug (DK); total b 11 BBBO 18-31 Aug.

“Traill’s” Flycatcher: max b 24 BBBO 4 Jun; total b 82 BBBO 1-16 Jun; total b 11 BBBO 8-31 Aug.

Least Flycatcher: total b 20 BBBO 20-28 Aug.

Philadelphia Vireo: last 1b BBBO 6 Jun; arr HB-YC 30 Aug.

Red-eyed Vireo: max 41 Bristol Springs area ONTA 3 Jul (BH); 28 T Mendon MONR 11 Jul (PMar); total b 22 BBBO 7-31 Aug.

Horned Lark: max 75 Church Rd, H 24 Aug.

Purple Martin: max 250 Conesus Lake Marine P 22 Jun (DD) & off Edgemere Dr, G ES 28 Aug (JiB); 225 BB-ES 15 Aug (GLaw, NK).

Tree Swallow: max 800 NMWMA (VDSR) 18 Aug (5 obs).

Bank Swallow: max 400 IB-S 2 Jul (SG) & HB-WE 4 Jul (AGu).

Cliff Swallow: max 36 Hemlock L P 7 Jun.

Barn Swallow: max 1200 NMWMA (VDSR) 18 Aug (JG, TSc).

swallow sp.: 2000 NMWMA (VDSR) 8 Aug (KR); 1000 NMWMA (VDSR) 23 Aug (JGar).

Winter Wren: total ~11 ind 7 loc Jul, good number; arr Beechwood SP WAYN 21 Aug (TLe), early.

SEDGE WREN (R2): Beatty Pt, G 8, 11, 12 Jun, 8, 20 Aug (AGu, JeB, NR, CW); 3 Beatty Pt, G 10 Jul (RB, JW, NK); 1-3 Nations Rd, Geneseo 3-22 Jul (mob); now rare in Reg.

Marsh Wren: max 50 NMWMA (GBM) 20 Jun (JMcG, LS); 40 Irondequoit Crk 26 Jun (SG); good counts.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: last MP 7 Jun (GF), Reg record late.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: total b 3 BBBO 2, 6 Jun, only spring bands for species; last Edgemere Dr, G & Lucien Morin P – N, Penfield 9 Jun.

Swainson’s Thrush: total b 10 BBBO 1-6 Jun; last 1b BBBO 6 Jun; BB – Manitou Beach Pres 25 Jun (AP), unusual date for loc; 1b BBBO 18 Jul, unusual date for loc; arr 1b BBBO 21 Aug.

American Robin: 465 lines eBird Jul.

Gray Catbird: total b 44 BBBO Jun; 938 line in eBird Jul; total b 97 BBBO Aug.

Cedar Waxwing: 450 BB-ES 3 Jun (BCar); max 835 HB 5 Jun (JeB); 655 Edgemere DR, G 6 Jun (JeB, CW); 245 Beatty Pt, G 20 Jul; 240 Beechwood SP WAYN 21 Jul (TLe); 360 HB 22 Jul (AGu); high counts amid low numbers.

American Pipit: arr 8 Moscow Rd, H 30 Aug.

Pine Siskin: East Rush roads & trails 18 Jul (TBA), only rep.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Clay-colored Sparrow: Cook Rd, Hamlin 19 Jun (AGu); Reed Rd Tree Farm, T Chili 15; 30 Jun (JGoe; NK); 1-2 Cook Rd, Hamlin 3, 24, 27 Jul (GF, JaG, RRe, LB).

Song Sparrow: total b 30 BBBO 1-30 Aug, high banding number.

Lincoln’s Sparrow: last 1b BBBO 4 Jun.

White-throated Sparrow: last Irondequoit 13 Jun (SG).

White-crowned Sparrow: last 1b BBBO 6 Jun; 1b BBBO 14 Jul, unusual for date & loc.

Dark-eyed Junco: 1b BBBO 6 Jun, unusual loc for date.

Bobolink: 80 Nations Rd IBA 3 Jun (BBec); max 145 HB 22 Aug (AGu); good counts.

Eastern Meadowlark: max 16 Geneseo Airfield 11 Aug (JK), good count.

Orchard Oriole: max 12 Mumford GENE 19 Jul, good count.

Baltimore Oriole: total b 23 BBBO 7-26 Aug.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 40000 NMWMA (SCU) 16 Aug (JMcG, BMc, DNi).

Common Grackle: max 8500 T Springwater ONTA 25 Jul (RB, JW).
Ovenbird: max 20 Zurich Bog WAYN 25 Jun (TLe).
Blue-winged Warbler: max 10 MP 5 Jun (CGoe).
“Brewster’s” Warbler: HB-YC 30 Aug (AGu).
Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler: SPT 29 Aug (TLe).
Black-and-white Warbler: arr HB 21 Aug.
Prothonotary Warbler: 1-2 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) thru 22 Jun (mob); NWMWA (VDSR) 17 Jul (BBec); NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 23 Aug (DK).
Tennessee Warbler: last BBBO 7 Jun; arr BB-ES 22 Aug.
Nashville Warbler: arr 1b BBBO 28 Aug.
Mourning Warbler: last 1b BBBO 7 Jun; arr 1b BBBO 23 Aug.
Common Yellowthroat: total b 13 BBBO 1-6 Jun; 569 lines in eBird Jul; total b 17 BBBO 1-31 Aug.
American Redstart: total b 19 BBBO 1-8 Jun; max 18 Northampton P 26 Jun, low max; total b 43 BBBO 1-31 Aug, good number.
Cape May Warbler: arr G 21 Aug.
Northern Parula: LSP – Dishmill Crk Trail 9 Jun (KSch), unusual loc for date.
Magnolia Warbler: total b 19 BBBO 1-7 Jun; last 2b BBBO 7 Jun; 1 recap BBBO 30 Jul, from Jun, *intro*; total b 30 BBBO 15-31 Aug, good number b.

Bay-breasted Warbler: last 1b BBBO 5 Jun; arr HB & 1b BBBO 20 Aug.
Blackburnian Warbler: arr 3 Sandra Frankel NP, Brighton 17 Aug.
Yellow Warbler: max 40 Four Mile Crk Pres, Webster 15 June (DHo); 40b BBBO 30 Jul; 38b BBBO 31 Jul, *intro*; 523 lines in eBird Jul; total b 76 BBBO 1-26 Aug, high number b.
Blackpoll Warbler: total b 17 1-7 Jun; last 2b BBBO 8 Jun; arr HB & MAC 30 Aug.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: last Firehouse Woods Trail, G 3 Jun; arr 1b BBBO & G 22 Aug; total b 11 BBBO 22-31 Aug.
Palm Warbler: HB 14-15 Jun (AGu, ph, aud), very late; arr BB-ES 25 Aug.
YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R2): HB 3-5 Jun (AGu, CW, JeB, *et al.*, ph, aud), 1st MONR in Jun.
Prairie Warbler: Marrowback Rd, T Conesus LIVI 5 Jun (SMu); 3 T Springwater ONTA 6 Jun (TBo, LH); Hoes Hill Rd, T Conesus LIVI SMu); T Savannah WAYN 21 Jun (DSc).
Black-throated Green Warbler: arr 1b BBBO 20 Aug.
Canada Warbler: last 1b BBBO 8 Jun; arr Beechwood SP WAYN 13 Aug (TLe).
Wilson’s Warbler: last 1b BBBO 7 Jun; arr 2b BBBO 20 Aug.
Northern Cardinal: 376 lines in eBird Jul.
DICKCISSEL (R2): HB 22 Aug (AGu), flyover, rare here.