

REGION 2—GENESEE

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Fall 2020 saw a pleasant, seasonal-to-mild period of weather. September brought a plunge to tying record cold on 18 and 19 September, with an early frost away from Lake Ontario. Temperatures averaged 62.2° F, 0.4° above normal, and precipitation totaled 2.29", 1.09" below normal, with $\frac{3}{4}$ of that falling on the last two days of the month. October began cool and continued warming through days ideal for viewing the fall color show to a peak at a record 80° on 23 October. A sharp cold front late that day led to colder temperatures for the rest of the month, with a few flurries and the first hard freeze on 31 October.

Temperatures averaged 50.9°, 0.3° above normal, and precipitation totaled 2.76", 0.04" above average. Nine days of rain, 19-27 October was a record length stretch for an October. The really mild autumn showed in November, with the period 4-10 November running 10° above normal. Temperatures averaged 45.5°, 5.0° above normal, for the ninth warmest November on record. Record highs occurred on the 9th and 10th at 77° and 78°, respectively, and the latter a warmest on record for so late in the season. Precipitation at 2.28" was 0.66" below average. Rain turned to snow on 1 November, and 0.99" of rain fell on 30 November, with the rest of the precipitation scattered between. Snowfall totaled only 1.2", 6.1" below normal and in great contrast with the same month a year earlier.

Generally, starting with the weather, this was an excellent season for birding. Each month saw the species count close to record high, with 219 species in October a new high. Relative to their 10-year averages by month we had: September – 220 vs. 218.4, October – 219 vs. 203.5, and November 165 vs. 154.3. The eBird downloads for our Region were well above those of last year, with September's 34,413 lines of data up 56%, October at 36,559 lines more than double, and November at 29,372 lines up 67%. Some of this may be due to small drops in those numbers last year, but these are large increases. Other causes include more people enjoying birding as a safe outdoor activity in this year of COVID and likely also a continuation of bird listing or data-gathering related to Breeding Bird Atlas activity. But then, as a more natural set of causes, we have the warm fall, many species lingering on to later departure dates, most of the winter finches arriving in October and all present in November, an influx of owls in the usual spring roosting area in Owl Woods, and a good number of rarer species. The increase also showed in banding numbers at the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) site, up 75% over 2019 through October and banding in November pushing that to up 78%. There was also still a decent collection of warblers into November. But for all the late birds in October, eight species late relative to the 1984 Monroe County Checklist, only one species, Mourning Warbler, set a record late date. In addition, Jim Adams noted in his series of data from Oatka Creek Park that the species counts by half month for that site were at or near records highs until dropping back to normal in the latter half of November.

Moving to the usual sets of species, we start with waterfowl and hit basically the same broken record as in recent years—essentially all really expected species were reported in each month of the season, and generally numbers and especially peak counts were low. As usual, there are interesting details to add. In September, Snow Goose, Brant, and the scoters arrived at fairly early dates. Only Mallard and Red-breasted Merganser were reported at counts >100. Some of the depressed counts are certainly due to the low water levels in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA), where peaks are often tallied. Into October, the picture was no clear misses and Greater White-fronted Goose, Cackling Goose, and Harlequin Duck as rarer records. November was similar, with Ross's Goose, Blue-winged Teal, and Eurasian Wigeon almost regular and missed. Most numbers remained low, but quite a few species had one good count and a few species several decent counts. King Eider was reported in good numbers, with up to 11 off Wayne County, and there were three Harlequin Ducks reported. Both Horned and Red-necked Grebes had good peak counts.

The mix of species following waterfowl to Sandhill Crane had few noteworthy observations; typical. Of some note were: no large Common Nighthawk numbers and the usual large Chimney Swift spectacle at the York Central School in Griegsville missed, leaving 100 at the south end of Irondequoit Bay the high for that species. With the low water in the NMWMA area, the large numbers of American Coot and Common Gallinule of recent years were missed. A bright spot was Sandhill Crane in the NMWMA (Van Dyne

Spoor Rd.) area with up to 70 in October, but with a new Regional high of 150 reported in November, with higher yet counts in nearby Region 3.

As usual, the shorebird picture was interesting. Lake Ontario levels dropping provided mudflats and sandbars along the south lakeshore and in its bays, but lack of heavy rains limited the farm-field and NMWMA habitat. So all season, the bulk of the records are from the areas near Lake Ontario, with the barrier beach at the mouth of Braddock Bay a prime site. Species variety was good through the season, with 25 to 20 to still 16 species through the three months. Counts were generally poor other than a few Dunlin counts in October and November. Stilt Sandpiper was missed in the Region for the season. Among the more interesting observations were: Upland Sandpiper, Whimbrel, Red Knot, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, and a count of four Red-necked Phalaropes passing Hamlin beach in September. In October, 1-3 Hudsonian Godwits on the barrier beach island until the 17th and Purple Sandpiper at the south end of Irondequoit Bay at month's end drew the most attention. By November, lingering Purple Sandpiper and a long-staying Red Phalarope at the south end of Irondequoit Bay were best. Departures were typical, other than a Spotted Sandpiper and a Lesser Yellowlegs a bit late.

The regular gulls and terns of the area provided no real highlights, with species recorded as expected and numbers modest to low. Passing Bonaparte's Gull numbers were low, so no Little Gull reports is not a surprise. In contrast, it was a very good fall for jaegers, with Parasitic at 63 in September, ~ 14 in October, and one more on 1 November. In addition, there were one Long-tailed Jaeger on 4 September, an adult on 16 September, and two Long-tailed/Parasitic on 5 September. There were also ten jaegers not identified to species in September and one in October. Rarer or otherwise interesting gulls included: three different Black-legged Kittiwakes scattered across the Region along the Lake Ontario shore; two immature **Sabine's Gulls (R2)** passing Hamlin Beach on 14 September; an immature Laughing Gull on 4 September and two more photographed on 4 and 9 October; good numbers of Lesser Black-backed Gulls each month; and Iceland and Glaucous Gulls arriving in November on the 1st and 17th, respectively.

The loon movement was generally disappointing, with only one Red-throated and a peak of 34 Common Loons in September, when we often see the first 100+ count for a day. Common Loons peaked at 217 in October, then Andy Guthrie caught a good Red-throated Loon movement of 1051 past Hamlin Beach on 25 November. The best Double-crested Cormorant gatherings were in feeding frenzies off Hamlin Beach. The lone Northern Gannet report was from Tim Lenz and Davey Walters lakewatching at Beechwood State Park in Wayne County. These observers also reported a **Neotropic/Double-crested Cormorant** passing this area on 12 September. Two **American White Pelicans** were seen and photographed passing the Braddock Bay barrier island on 1 September, and Mitchell Barry contacted Andy Guthrie at home south of Hamlin Beach where he later spotted them to the north as they flew by headed west. Kim Hartquist spotted a very rare **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** at the barrier beach on 25 September, and it was seen there by a few others that day and then off and on around Braddock through the 29th. The Region's third **White-faced Ibis** was found by Sheryl Gracewski and Tom Nash on Salmon Creek just inland from Braddock Bay on 7 October and seen and photographed there by many that day. On 23 October, Jessie Barry, Jim Barry, and Chris Wood spotted a *plegadis* ibis species passing off the Greece shore over Lake Ontario. Black-crowned Night-Heron provided a late departure date on 23 November.

Typical of this time of year, the raptors through the rest of the non-passerine species provided few noteworthy observations. Among the raptors, the missing and scarce included the usual, no Black Vultures or Northern Goshawks, only a few Red-shouldered Hawks,

and Broad-winged Hawk absent after September. Bald Eagle numbers remained good. Rough-legged Hawk arrived as four reports starting on 23 October, then about 30 more records for November. Jumping ahead, all three regular falcons were reported each month in good numbers from many locations. Merlin numbers were especially good. Moving into the owls, we had only Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, and Barred Owl in September. Short-eared Owl arrived on 10 October, with good numbers reported on regular DEC owl surveys later. Four Snowy Owls were reported from 6-11 November, then a fifth was added, photographed on the roof at BBBO on 24 November. The big story was a surprising influx of Northern Saw-whet Owls. Eleven were tallied in the Manitou-Owl Woods area in October and 19 more were found there in November. Also nearby at the BBBO site, 25 N. Saw-whet Owls were banded from 5-21 November, with 18 of those banded on the 21st, and eight more were banded from 5-14 November. Additionally, one was recorded calling in Zurich Bog, Wayne County, on 6 November by Tim Lenz. One negative in the owl event was that a long-staying, tolerant Barred Owl in the Owl Woods area received too close and long attention from several photographers, who showed no regard for birding/photography ethics. Finishing this grouping of species, Red-headed Woodpecker was not reported in November, and Northern Shrike arrived, with at least eight individuals at six locations in November.

Passerines too showed a strong fall migration, with all expected species reported and numbers of species reported and banded substantially up from the previous year. The migration push was strong from the last half of September through October and into November, with good numbers of half-hardies lingering at season's end. Many species that often depart near 1 October were reported into the month, though a couple flycatcher and swallow species and Bobolink, typically on that list, were not reported after September. This year, 31 species of warblers were recorded in September and still 25 species in October and even six species into November. There are so many interesting passerine observations that I must just pick a few to expand upon here, then note data samples in the species section following and reference the Rochester Birding Association's monthly reports on their website for more detail. Starting in September, we find warblers highlighting the rarer species, with two rare-in-fall Worm-eating Warblers; one Prothonotary Warbler banded; six Orange-crowned Warblers, none banded; six Connecticut Warblers, four of these banded at BBBO; **Yellow-throated Warblers** at the Church & Firehouse trails in Greece on 5, 6, and 12 September and possibly one of these at Kevin Griffith's yard nearby on 15 September; and two Prairie Warblers. October brought 15 more Orange-crowned Warblers, still none banded; one Connecticut Warbler banded on 1 October; and a record late Mourning Warbler photographed in Durand-Eastman Park on 17 October by Greg Lawrence. November added late Orange-crowned Warbler and Northern Parula and record late Tennessee Warbler on 26 November and Blackpoll Warbler on 27 November. Checking with other rare species, we find: two **Cave Swallows** seen passing Hamlin Beach on 6 November by Andy Guthrie; **Nelson's Sparrows** at three sites in October and found record late at the Genesee Airfield on 8 November by Jim Kimball and seen there the next day by Terry Bohling and Brad Carlson; and a Dickcissel photographed in Livonia by Terry Bohling on 28 October. Most of the winter finches arrived in late October and Pine Grosbeak and Hoary Redpoll completed the group in November. On 19 November, Dominic Sherony photographed a **Common "Greater" Redpoll** (*Acanthis flammea rostrata*) at the Braddock Bay barrier beach island, for the first report of that subspecies here in many years. Among the lingering half-hardy species in November, some illustrations of numbers are: 32 Ruby-crowned Kinglets, 35 Hermit Thrushes, 35 Winter Wrens, and 15 Gray Catbirds. The Black-capped Chickadee

influx is illustrated by a maximum count of 1036 on 7 November, and for Red-breasted Nuthatch 710 lines in eBird records in November vs. 45 lines in 2019.

Banding at BBBO just west of Braddock near the Lake Ontario shore provides a great deal of data, sometimes hard to summarize. Trying to apply statistics, changes can be hard to detect due to high variances in annual numbers for a variety of reasons. In September, species with high numbers banded, some of the highest here noted with () after the species name, were: Philadelphia Vireo (38), Red-eyed Vireo (108), Gray-cheeked Thrush (78), Swainson's Thrush (327), Gray Catbird, White-throated Sparrow (416), Ovenbird, Nashville Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Magnolia Warbler (206), Bay-breasted Warbler (70), and Blackpoll Warbler (316). In October, the banded numbers for nine species were > two standard deviations more than their averages for the past nine years: Philadelphia and Red-eyed Vireos; Black-capped Chickadee; Swainson's Thrush; Worm-eating Warbler (only 2); Cape May, Bay-breasted, and Blackburnian Warblers; and Purple Finch. All were increases.

The overall picture this fall of increased numbers and good variety is a combination of a warm fall with great birding weather; lots of people birding— a safe COVID-time activity, post BBA activity, ..., a winter finch year; and a variety of rare species visiting. May we have many more of these seasons.

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ABBREVIATIONS

b – banded; **BB** – Braddock Bay, T Greece, MONR; **BB-ES** or **BB-WS** – east or west spit at the mouth of Braddock Bay; **BB-HW** – Braddock Bay hawkwatch; **BBBO** – Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, banding station near end of Manitou Beach Rd west of Braddock Bay; **CL** – Conesus L, LIVI; **G** – T Greece, MONR; **H** – T Hamlin, MONR; **HANA** – High Acres Nature Area, T. Perinton, MONR; **HB** – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; **HB-WE** – West End Trail in HB includes Devil’s Nose area; **HB-YC** – Yanty Creek trail area at east end of park; **IBO** – Irondequoit Bay Outlet to Lake Ontario; **IB-S** – LaSalle Landing P, South end of Irondequoit Bay; **IB P-W** – Irondequoit Bay P West, T of Irondequoit along SW side of the bay, MONR; **M** – along Manitou Beach Rd NE of Lake Ontario Parkway including the BBBO banding station, MONR; **MP** – Mendon Ponds P MONR; **NMWMA** – Northern Montezuma WMA (formerly Northern Montezuma Wetlands Complex), WAYN; **NMWMA (CRd)** – Carncross Rd; **NMWMA (SCU)** – Sandhill Crane Unit; **NMWMA (VDSRd)** – Van Dyne Spoor Rd. area; **OB** – Ontario Beach area, Charlotte, MONR; **Spt** – Sodus Pt, WAYN; **TCEA** – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, Avon DEC; **W** – Town of Webster, MONR; **WP** – Webster P, MONR.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: arr 3 HB 18 Sep; max 18 HB 12 Nov.

Greater White-fronted Goose: arr HB 24, 30 Oct (BCar, mob); 1 N. Hamlin Rd. 28 Oct (NU); HB 8-9 Nov (DHo, BCar); Hemlock L SP 11 Nov (TBo).

Brant: arr 2 Spt 17 Sep (MG); max 1046 Spt 24 Oct (JMcG, LS); last Pultneyville Harbor WAYN 10 Nov (DD).

Cackling Goose: arr 5 HB 2 Oct (MG); max 6 Everhart Rd. Pnd WAYN 17 Oct (TLe, MI) & Perry Public Beach 25 Nov (NK); total ~ 40 ind 5 loc 2-30 Oct (5+ obs); 27 rep, ~ 32 ind 12 loc Nov (20+ obs).

Canada Goose: max 25000 N Hamlin Rd. nr Westphal Rd. 25 Oct (R&SSp); 8500 Perry Public Beach 25 Nov (NK).

Mute Swan: max 144 IB-S 21, 23 Nov.

Trumpeter Swan: max 25 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 3 Nov (JMcG, LS).

Tundra Swan: arr 7 Burger P, G 5 Oct; max 87 CL – N 17 Nov (TBo), typical for loc.

Wood Duck: max 78 BB – ES 25 Sep (KH, PMar), fall max.

Blue-winged Teal: max 65 BB-ES 2 Sep (GL), good count for loc; last 2-3 CL-N 3 Oct.

Northern Shoveler: max 46 NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 14 Nov (MC, DSi), good number for date.

Gadwall: max 160 Buck Pnd, G 27 Nov, good count.

Eurasian Wigeon: arr 1 ad m HB 8 Oct (AGu, 6 oth obs).

American Wigeon: max 140 Round Pnd, G 16 Nov (JMi), low max.

Mallard: 1500 NWMA (SCU) 14 Nov (JMcG, LS); 1400 IB-S 21 Nov (JMcG); max 3077 NMWMA (SCU) 25 Nov (IBA Monitoring).

American Black Duck: max 125 NMWMA (SCU) 25 Nov (IBA Monitoring).

Northern Pintail: max 3100 NWMA

(Armitage Rd) 23 Oct (BVD, SD), good count.

Mallard x Northern Pintail: IB – S 21 Nov (JMcG).

Green-winged Teal: max 140 HB 25 Oct (AGu), low max.

Canvasback: arr 2 IB-S 15 Oct.

Redhead: max 1530 Groveland Hill Pnd LIVI 23 Nov (NK).

Ring-necked Duck: max 120 Round Pd, G 16 Nov (JiM).

Greater Scaup: max 150 Round Pd, G 16 Nov, low max.

Lesser Scaup: max 105 HB 27 Nov, low max.

Aythya sp.: max 500 Northrup Crk, G 25 Nov (RB).

King Eider: 1 f E Manitou Rd Overlook, G 3, 24-28 Nov (MB, mob), phs; **max 11** Beechwood SP WAYN 3 Nov (TLe, DW), high count; 5 Brown Rd, T Wolcott WAYN 8 Nov (W&MR); 1 f HB 22 Nov (AGu); 1 imm m HB 27 Nov (AGu).

Harlequin Duck: arr 1 f HB 21 Oct (AGu); 1 f HB 15 Nov (BCar); 1-2 f E Manitou Rd Overlook, G 23-29 Nov (JiM, mob), phs.

Surf Scoter: arr HB 19 Sep (AGu), early.

White-winged Scoter: arr 2 off Edgemere Dr, G & 3, 5 HB 18 Sep; max 103 HB 3 Nov, low max.

Black Scoter: arr off Lakeshore DR, W 27 Sep (DM); max 95 E Manitou Rd Overlook, G 3 Nov (RB, JWa).

Long-tailed Duck: arr 3-4 HB 8 Oct; max 1505 HB 3 Nov (GL), good count.

Bufflehead: arr BB – ES 3 Oct; max 180 Silver L – S WYOM 25 Nov (NK).

Common Goldeneye: arr 2 BB – ES 12 Oct; max 120 BB 29 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: max 165 Silver L – S WYOM 25 Nov (NK).

Common Merganser: max 100 off Cornwall Pres WAYN 17 Oct, low max.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 2530 HB 3 Nov (GL); 1520 HB 22 Nov (AGu); good counts.

duck sp.: max 5000 NMWMA (VDSRd) 13 Nov (MJ, BHa, JHu).

Pied-billed Grebe: max 56 IB P - W 3 Nov (JiM).

Horned Grebe: max 452 HB 3 Nov (AGu), good count.

Red-necked Grebe: max 440 15 HB 27 Nov (AGu), good count.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: last MP 1 Oct (MSc).

Black-billed Cuckoo: last Hemlock L – S 4 Oct (GL).

Common Nighthawk: max 12 Honeoye Falls 2 Sep; last Silver L – S WYOM 23 Sep.

Chimney Swift: max 100 IB – S 11 Sep, low max; last Ellison P, T Penfield 1 Oct.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Rochester 11 Oct (JoP).

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Virginia Rail: MP 24 Nov (NK), late, typical wintering area.

Sora: last Ellison P, T Penfield 9 Oct.

Common Gallinule: last 2 HANA 22 Oct (DSH).

American Coot: max 300 BB – ES 23 Oct (TBU).

Sandhill Crane: 70 NMWMA (VDSRd) 23 Oct (DK); max 150 NMWMA (VDSRd) 10 Nov (AJ), very high count, but more reported just outside this Reg.

Black-bellied Plover: last BB-ES 12 Nov (NU).

American Golden-Plover: last NMWMA (VDSRd) 21 Oct.

Semipalmated Plover: last 2 SPT 19 Nov (PMar).

Killdeer: max 139 Nations Rd IBA 7 Sep.

Upland Sandpiper: last BB –HW 23 Sep (KMCD), only record.

Whimbrel: HB 11 Sep (BHa, GH, JHu, MJ); last Webster Golf Club 26 Sep (GF).

Hudsonian Godwit: 1-3 BB-ES & nr 1-17 Sep (ST, mob), many phs.

Ruddy Turnstone: max 10 BB – ES 7 Sep; last SPT 4 Oct.

Red Knot: last OB 16 Sep (KM, J&TV).

Stilt Sandpiper: no reports.

Sanderling: max 38 BB – ES 9 Sep (JGo); last SPT 12 Nov (DW).

Dunlin: max 197 BB - ES 31 Oct (JGo).

Purple Sandpiper: arr IBO 28 Oct (NU, AGu, GL, ph); IBO 29 Oct (JiM, mob, phs); 1-2 BB-ES 14; 27-28 Nov (mob); SPT 21 Nov (MG, JMcG, phs); IBO 25 Nov (A&CGu, NU, phs).

Baird's Sandpiper: last SPT 12 Sep.

Least Sandpiper: last Salmon Crk, G & BB-ES 2-4 Nov (KG, GL, PMar, SG).

White-rumped Sandpiper: last BB – ES 17 Nov (NU).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: Cy farms area GENE 7 Oct (RB, JWa, NR, DBea), only rep.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 42 Hemlock L – S 25 Oct (BCar); last BB-ES 16 Nov (Nu, KB).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: last BB – ES 10 Nov (6 obs).

Short-billed Dowitcher: last Salmon Crk, G 5 Oct.

Long-billed Dowitcher: arr 2 BB-ES 27 Sep; last NMWMA (Armitage Rd) 22 Oct (MG).

Wilson's Snipe: last Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester & NMWMA (Martens Tract) 14 Nov.

Spotted Sandpiper: last SPt 6 Nov (MG, ph), late.

Solitary Sandpiper: last TCEA 20 Oct (MW).

Lesser Yellowlegs: last IB – S 12 Nov (JiM).

Red-necked Phalarope: arr BB – ES 13 Sep (JiM, LM, S 3 oth obs); 4 HB 16 Sep (AGu), passing.

Red Phalarope: IB-S 18-30 Nov (JiM, mob), many phs.

Parasitic Jaeger: total ~ 63 ind 4 loc 4-28 Sep; max 9 HB 7 Sep (AGu, *et al.*); 1 ea off Edgemere Dr, G 22, 23 Oct (JiB, JeB, CW); 7 singles HB 2-16 Oct (6 obs); 3 HB 17 Oct (GT); Beechwood SP WAYN 17 Oct (TLe, MI); 1; 2 SPt 15; 29 Oct (AT; JW); last HB 1 Nov.

Long-tailed Jaeger: 1 HB 4 Sep (6 obs); 1 ad HB 16 Oct (JiM, DSh).

Parasitic/Long-tailed Jaeger: 2 HB 5 Sep (AGu, DSh); HB 8 Oct (AGu, BCar, KH).

jaeger species: total 10 ind HB 4-21 Sep (7 obs); HB 8 Oct (SG, JiM, PMar).

Black-legged Kittiwake: arr 1 imm Beechwood SP WAYN 3 Nov (TLe, phs); 1 ad off Broadway Rd, WAYN 12 Nov (MG) 1 imm HB 24 Nov (AGu, ph).

SABINE'S GULL (R2): 2 imm HB 14 Sep (RSto, 7 oth obs);

Bonaparte's Gull: max 295 IB-S 21 Nov (JMcG).

Little Gull: no reports.

LAUGHING GULL (R2): 1 imm HB 4 Sep (AGu); 1 ad Salmon Crk, G 4 Oct (8 obs, phs); OB 9 Oct (LBe, ph).

Ring-billed Gull: max 3500 CL 12 Nov (TBo).

Iceland Gull: arr HB 1 Nov.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: total ~ 13 ind 5 loc Sep (16+ obs); 12 rep, 16 ind 8 loc 1-29 Oct (14+ obs); 6 rep, 6 ind 4 loc 7-26 Nov (4 obs).

Glaucous Gull: arr HB 17 Nov.

Caspian Tern: max 40 BB-ES 1 Sep, low max; last OB 24 Oct (NU).

Black Tern: last Hemlock L 4 Sep.

Common Tern: max 94 HB & SPt 29 Sep (SG); last OB 24 Oct (NU).

Forster's Tern: last OB 10 Oct (SG).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: arr HB 24 Sep (AGu), early; max 1051 HB 25 Nov (AGu), good count.

Common Loon: Sep max 34 24 Sep, often 1st 100+ count by about this date; max 216 HB 24 Oct, low max.

Northern Gannet: Beechwood SP WAYN 12 Nov (TLe, DW), only rep.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 1100 OB 23 Oct (JiM, LM). Sep, good count; 250 Buck Pnd, G (JiB) & SPt (TLe) 2 Nov, good counts for date.

NEOTROPIC/DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT: SPt 12 Sep (TLe, DW).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R2): 2 BB- ES then later H 1 Oct (MB, then A&DGU), *intro*.

Least Bittern: last Salmon Crk, G 23 Sep.

Great Egret: max 77 NMWMA(CR) 2 Sep (SD), good count.

Green Heron: last CL WMA 14 Oct (OA).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (R2): 1 imm BB – ES later BB 25; 29 Sep (KH, mob, ph), rare in Reg, *intro*.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: last Old Duck Inn, T Tyre WAYN 23 Nov (DO), late.

WHITE-FACED IBIS: Salmon Crk, G 7 Oct (SG, TN, mob), phs, 3rd Reg record.

plegadis ibis sp.: off Edgemere Dr, G 23 Oct (JeB, JiB, CW).

Black Vulture: no reports.

Osprey: last CL WMA 23 Oct (OA).

Bald Eagle: 238 lines eBird many loc Sep; 181 lines eBird many loc Oct; 183 lines eBird many loc Nov; good numbers.

Northern Goshawk: no reports.

Red-shouldered Hawk: Old Stone Lane, G 20 Oct (JRY), interesting loc; only ~ 9 rep for season.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr HB 23 Oct (AGu); total ~ 30 many loc Nov, good showing.

Snowy Owl: arr SPt 6 Nov (MG, ph); IBO 8 Nov (JiM, ET, mob, phs); BB – ES 9 Oct (GL, NU); BBBO on roof 23 Nov (MRE, ph, *fide* AP).

Barred Owl: M – Owl Woods 23-30 Oct (mob, phs), many failed birding and photo ethics with this bird, *intro*.
Short-eared Owl: arr 1-2 BB – ES 10 Oct; max 7 Buckland P, MONR 29 Nov (GL, MP).
Northern Saw-whet Owl: total 11 M – Owl Woods 16-31 Oct (count team, *fide* JAd); max 3 M – Owl Woods 23 Oct (count team); total b 25 BBBO 5-21 Oct (owl banders); max b 18 BBBO 21 Oct (owl banders); total ~19 M – Owl Woods Nov (counters); total b 8 BBBO 5, 9, 14 Nov (owl banders); Zurich Bog WAYN 6 Nov (TLe), heard calling and recorded.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 10 Whiting Rd NP, W 3 Oct (8+ obs).
American Kestrel: ~53 ind 30 loc Sep; ~27 ind 21 loc Oct; 10 ind 10 loc 5-24 Nov (16+ obs).
Merlin: total ~56 ind 30 loc Sep; total ~41 ind 26+ loc Oct; ~40 ind 29 loc Nov.
Peregrine Falcon: total ~18+ ind 11+ loc Sep; total ~29 ind 23+ loc Oct; 12 ind 10 loc Nov.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Olive-sided Flycatcher: total 10 ind 10 loc 1-28 Sep (19 obs).
Eastern Wood-Pewee: last Webster Village 10 Oct (GF).
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: total b 20 BBBO 1-19 Sep; last Ellison P, T Penfield & NMWMA (SCU) 3 Oct.
Willow Flycatcher: last Beechwood SP WAYN 26 Sep (JWi).
“Traill’s” Flycatcher: total b 5 BBBO 2-25 Sep; last 1b BBBO 2 Oct, recap 6 Oct.
Least Flycatcher: total b 7 BBBO 8-23 Sep; last Burger P, G 3 Oct.
Eastern Phoebe: total b 9 BBBO 3-27 Oct; last Mission Rd, T Conesus LIVI 2 Nov (BCar).
Great Crested Flycatcher: last Beechwood SP WAYN 25 Sep (JWo).
Eastern Kingbird: last near Clyde WAYN 26 Sep.
Northern Shrike: arr Burger P, G 28 Oct (BCar); 14 rep, ~7 ind 6 loc 3-29 Nov (18+ obs).
Yellow-throated Vireo: last Durand-Eastman P 20 Sep.
Blue-headed Vireo: last HB – campground 24 Oct (4 obs).
Philadelphia Vireo: total b 38 BBBO 1-28 Sep; last 1b BBBO 20 Oct, late.
Warbling Vireo: last HB 4 Oct (AGu), late.
Red-eyed Vireo: total b 118 BBBO 1 Sep - 8 Oct; last Rochester 24 Oct (MMo).

Common Raven: max 15 Frost Hill Rd, T Naples ONTA 5 Nov (KK), phs on trail cam.
Horned Lark: max 64 HB 23 Oct, low max.
Purple Martin: last BB – ES 7 Sep.
Tree Swallow: max 750 BB – ES 5 Sep, low max; last 15 Sonyea LIVI & 2 NMWMA (VDSRd) 23 Oct.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: max 640 NMWMA (VDSRd) 23 Sep (JMcG); last 30 NMWMA (VDSRd) 10 Oct (DK).
Bank Swallow: last 50 NMWMA (Malone Marsh) 29 Sep.
Cliff Swallow: last SPt 13 Sep.
CAVE SWALLOW: 2 HB 6 Nov (AGu), only report.
Barn Swallow: last BB – ES 15 Oct.
swallow sp.: max 1000 NMWMA (VDSRd) 2 Oct (RP).
Black-capped Chickadee: total b 544 BBBO 5 Sep – 14 Nov; max b 169 BBBO 27 Oct; 153 b BBBO 25 Oct; 414 HB 6 Nov (AGu); max 1036 BB – WS 7 Nov (GL).
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 710 eBird lines Nov, contrasting with 45 line for Nov 2019.
Brown Creeper: total b 30 BBBO 1–31 Oct.
House Wren: last Fairport MONR & Beechwood SP WAYN 9 Oct.
Winter Wren: total b 13 BBBO 19 Sep - 27 Oct; max 13 HB-WE 11 Oct (AGu); total ~35+ ind 23 loc Nov, very good late numbers.
Marsh Wren: last IB – S 25 Nov (JiM, DSh), late.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: IB P – W 6 Nov (JiM); BB – WS 7; 24 Nov (GL), late.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr Turning Point P, Rochester 3 Sep; max 55 HB – YC 3 Oct (AGu); max b 16 BBBO 22 Oct; total b 99 BBBO 3-31 Oct.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Ellison P, T Penfield 3 Sep; max 62 HB – YC 11 Oct (AGu); max b 27 BBBO 9 Oct; total b 171 BBBO 11 Sep – 31 Oct; ~32 ind 18 loc 1-27 Nov (18+ obs), many for so late.
Veery: total b 25 BBBO 1-28 Sep; last 1 recap BBBO 5 Oct. **Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr HB 6 Sep; max b 21 BBBO 26 Sep; total b 100 BBBO 5 Sep – 6 Oct, low; last HB – campground 29 Oct (DBem, RSp).
Gray-cheeked/Bicknell’s Thrush: total b 33 BBBO 15 Sep – 5 Oct; last 1 recap BBBO 14 Oct.
Swainson’s Thrush: 24 Webster P 19 Sep (R&SSp); max 25 HB – YC 24 Sep (DBem, RSp); Walworth, WAYN 25 Sep; max b 47 BBBO 24 Oct; total b 401 BBBO 3 Sep – 12 Oct; last Whiting Rd NP, W 30 Oct (AGa).

Hermit Thrush: arr HB – YC 9 Sep; max b 33 BBBO 9 Oct; max 16 Webster P 14 Oct (NU); total b 201 BBBO 17 Sep – 31 Oct; ~35 ind 21 loc Nov; Nov max 7 Webster P 6 Nov (RSp).

Wood Thrush: last Durand-Eastman P 10 Oct.

American Robin: max 325 HB – campground 25 Nov (GL).

Gray Catbird: max 24 Whiting Rd NP, W 3 Sep (GF); total b 102 BBBO 1 Sep – 24 Oct; ~15 ind 12 loc 3-27 Nov, many for so late.

Brown Thrasher: last Ellison P, T Penfield 31 Oct (JiM).

Bohemian Waxwing: 2 M – Owl Woods 20 Nov (NU), only rep.

Cedar Waxwing: max 635 Beechwood SP WAYN 9 Nov (TLe); 440 HB – YC 10 Nov (AGu).

American Pipit: max 90 Nations Rd IBA28 Oct (TBo); 40 Jones Bridge & Perry Rds, LIVI 7 Nov (JKi).

Evening Grosbeak: arr Ellison P, T Penfield 12 Oct (JiM); max 81 HB 23 Oct (AGu); 27 HB - YC 6 Nov (AGu).

Pine Grosbeak: arr Webster P – campground area 6 Nov (AGa, JaG, RR).

Purple Finch: total b 30 BBBO 12-30 Sep, usually few banded.

Common Redpoll: arr Grandview Heights, G 13-15 Oct (KG); max 141 HB 9 Nov (AGu).

COMMON “GREATER” REDPOLL: BB – ES 19 Nov (DSH, ph), first report locally in many years, see photo p. 52, *intro*.

Hoary Redpoll: BB-ES 14 Nov (KH, PMar, phs) & 19 Nov (DS, ph. p. 52), only reps.

Common/Hoary Redpoll: BB-ES 20, 23 Nov (DMcD, NK, phs).

Red Crossbill: arr Webster P 18 Oct (GL, DMcD); max 76 HB 6 Nov (AGu).

White-winged Crossbill: arr 1-4 M – Owl Woods 11 Oct (GL, mob, phs); max 34 M – Owl Woods 3 Nov (6 obs).

Pine Siskin: 125 BB-ES 25 Sep (JiM); max 210 HB 23 Oct (AGu) & HB – campground 29 Oct (DBem, RSp); 120 T Sodus WAYN 16 Nov (JWo); some good counts.

American Goldfinch: total b 27 BBBO 6-31 Oct; max 295 HB 6 Nov (AGu).

Lapland Longspur: arr 2 NMWMA (SCU) 23 Sep (JMcG); max 12 T Caledonia LIVI 25 Oct.

Snow Bunting: arr 20 Buck Pnd, G 24 Oct (MB); max 225 HB 20 Nov (PMar, KG).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: last Ellison P, T Penfield 27 Nov (JiM, LM), late.

American Tree Sparrow: arr HANA 21 Oct (JiM); max 34 CL Inlet WMA 26 Nov.

Chipping Sparrow: max 50 HB 30 Sep (AGu).

NELSON’S SPARROW (R2): 2 Burger P, G 2-4 Oct (PMar, mob, ph); BB – ES 4 Oct (JeB, JiB, MB, VR); Buck Pnd, G 17 Oct (JeB, MBa); Genesee Airfield 8 Nov (JKi), seen again 9 Nov (TBo, BCar), Reg record late.

Fox Sparrow: arr M – Owl Woods & Barry Property, T Clarendon GENE 11 Oct; max 12 Wright Rd, T Savannah WAYN 13 Nov (MJ, BHa, JHu).

Song Sparrow: max 55 Beechwood SP WAYN 9 Oct (TLe); total b 35 BBBO 2 Sep – 26 Oct.

Lincoln’s Sparrow: arr Lake Rd, W 11 Sep; total B 8 BBBO 11-29 Sep; last Beatty Pt, G 23 jct (JeB, CW).

White-throated Sparrow: arr G 8 Sep (KG); 120 Beechwood SP WAYN 19 Sep (TLe); max 200 Beechwood SP, WAYN 9 Oct (TLe); max b 81 BBBO 24 Sep; 67 b BBBO 4 Oct; total b 764 BBBO 14 Sep – 31 Oct; Nov max 40 Beechwood SP, WAYN 7 Nov (TLe).

White-crowned Sparrow: arr 2 Palmer Farms ORLE 22 Sep. **Dark-eyed Junco:** arr T Irondequoit 9 Sep; max 100 Webster Arboretum 23 Oct (RR, ET); total b 22 BBBO 2-29 Oct.

Bobolink: last 2 NMWMW (VDSRd) 29 Sep.

Eastern Meadowlark: last T Bloomfield ONTA 8 Nov (L&PK).

Baltimore Oriole: last 2 Northampton P, T Ogden 27 Sep (AS).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 5000 NMWMW (VDSRd) 24 Sep (BCar).

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 400 NMWMW (VDSRd) 17 Sep (TLe).

Rusty Blackbird: arr NMWMW (SCU) 23 Sep; max 90 Genesee Airfield 9 Nov (TBo, BCar).

Common Grackle: max 5000 Rochester 21 Oct (ML).

blackbird sp.: max 10,000 NMWMW (SCU) 23 Sep (JMcG).

Ovenbird: total b 18 BBBO 2-27 Sep; last Hemlock L ONTA 12 Oct (KA).
Worm-eating Warbler: 1 ea b BBBO 14; 19 Sep, very rare in fall.

Northern Waterthrush: total b 6 BBBO 2-25 Sep; HANA 5 Oct.

Blue-winged Warbler: last 1b BBBO 1 Oct.

Black-and-white Warbler: last Fairport 2 Oct.

Prothonotary Warbler: 1b BBBO 2 Sep, rare in fall.

Tennessee Warbler: total b 12 BBBO 6-21 Sep, 12 Oct; last Churchville dam MONR 26 Nov (PI, ph), Reg record late.

Orange-crowned Warbler: total 21 ind 21 loc 15 Sep – 30 Oct, good number, none banded.

Nashville Warbler: total b 27 BBBO 4-24 Sep, 3, 16 Oct; last BB – ES 28 Oct (JSI).

Connecticut Warbler: Beechwood SP WAYN 24 Sep (JWi); TCEA 25 Oct (BCar, MW); 1 ea b BBBO 15, 16, 24, 26 Sep, 1 Oct; high number of reps.

Mourning Warbler: last Durand-Eastman P 17 Oct (GL, ph), Reg record late.

Common Yellowthroat: max 20 Honeoye L WMA 8 Sep (BHo); total b 58 BBBO 1 Sep – 3 Oct; last 2 CL Inlet WMA LVI 17 Nov (OA), late.

Hooded Warbler: last Fawn Ridge, T Bristol ONTA 11 Oct (KK).

American Redstart: total b 59 BBBO 1- 28 Sep. 1 Oct; last singles 3 loc 3 Oct (mob).

Cape May Warbler: last Hogan Pt, G 24 Oct (DTe).

Northern Parula: total b 22 BBBO 1 Sep – 4 Oct; max 19 Beechwood SP WAYN 12 Sep (TLe, DW); last Durand-Eastman P 9 Nov (SG), late.

Magnolia Warbler: max b 25 BBBO 15 Sep; total b 213 BBBO 1 Sep – 4 Oct; last Chimney Bluffs WAYN 24 Oct (DW).

Bay-breasted Warbler: max 22 Webster P – campground 12 Sep (AGa); total b 73 BBBO 2 Sep – 5 Oct; last 2 Casey P, T Ontario WAYN 8 Oct (JWi).

Blackburnian Warbler: last 1b BBBO 4 Oct.

Yellow Warbler: last HANA 9 Oct (MBr), late.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: total b 11 BBBO 1- 25 Sep; last TCEA 6 Oct (BCar).

Blackpoll Warbler: max b 34 BBBO 26 Sep; max 20 BB – ES 4 Oct (JiM, LM); total b 417 BBBO 2 Sep – 20 Oct; 1 recap BBBO 29 Oct; last MP – Quaker Pd 27 Nov (AS, ph), Reg record late.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: total b 56 BBBO 2 Sep – 6 Oct, 20, 24 Oct.

Palm Warbler: arr OB 7 Sep (AGu); last HANA 21 Oct (DSH).

Pine Warbler: max 15 DEP 3 Sep (ET); last Webster P 21 Oct (SG).

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 54 BB-ES 3 Oct (GL); total b 33 BBBO 15 Sep - 14 Oct; 35 rep, ~ 43 ind 23 loc Nov (24+ obs), many lingering late.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R2):

Lakeview Community Church & Firehouse trails, G 5, 6, 12 Sep (JCu, JGa, JiM, LM); Grandview Heights, G 15 Sep (KG), possibly same ind.

Prairie Warbler: Nunda-Dalton Rd LIVI 19 Sep (JGo); N Wolcott WAYN 19 Sep (W&MR); scarce in fall.

Black-throated Green Warbler: total b 27 BBBO 1 – 9 Oct; last BB – WS 23 Oct (BrIM).

Canada Warbler: last CL Inlet WMA 18 Sep.

Wilson's Warbler: total b 28 BBBO 9-26 Sep; last HANA 9 Oct (DSH).

Scarlet Tanager: last Beechwood SP WAYN 9 Oct (TLe).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last HB – YC 6 Oct (AGu).

Indigo Bunting: last Beatty Pt, G 23 Oct (JeB, CW), late.

Dickcissel: T Livonia LIVI 28 Oct (TBo, ph), rare.