

REGION 1 – NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The winter season started off relatively mild in December and January with seasonably cold temperatures eventually settling in during February. December 2020 was mostly mild with a heavy snow event on the 26th, which dropped 18.4". The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 33.5° F, 3.4° above normal, with 4.96" of precipitation, 1.07" above average. Snowfall totaled 33.0", 5.6" above normal. The mild weather continued in January. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 29.4°, 4.5° above average. Precipitation was low with just 1.85", 1.33" below average and 10.2" of snowfall, 15.1" below normal. February brought colder temperatures, with four days dipping into single digits. The average temperature was 24.7°, 1.6° below normal. Rainfall was 2.06", 0.43" below normal and snowfall was 27.5", 10.2" above normal.

The mild winter weather in December and January resulted in waterfowl lingering longer than normal within the Region, taking advantage of the yet unfrozen ponds and shorelines. A new Regional winter maximum of 74 Cackling Geese was set, at the surprising date of 6 January, and this species put on a good showing in numerous counties throughout the winter season. Many of the Cackling Geese sighted in February, as well as numerous Greater White-fronted Geese, were likely "spring" arrivals. Greater White-fronted Geese have now made a good showing for three straight years in February. Two King Eiders continued into early December from the fall season along the Niagara River in Buffalo and an additional eider was found in mid-January at Fort Niagara SP. A reliable Harlequin Duck continued throughout December and January at its usual location at Niagara Falls SP. There were few reports of single Surf and Black Scoters during the season, while White-winged Scoters were numerous, with a healthy county of 340 at Fort Niagara SP in January. Fort Niagara SP also produced a beautiful drake Barrow's Goldeneye found by Joel Strong in February

that lingered in the area for at least five days. An Eared Grebe found by Gale VerHague at Dunkirk Harbor rounds out the waterfowl highlights for the winter season. This bird was observed over a five-day window, allowing numerous birders to enjoy this Regional rarity at fairly close range.

The fourth Regional record of **White-winged Dove** graced Carol Hardenburg's Portland yard from 4-13 December and was enjoyed by many. Astonishingly, this same yard also hosted White-winged Dove two previous times!

In the shorebird arena, Killdeer were reported in all three winter months and up to four Purple Sandpipers were observed at Buffalo Harbor throughout the winter, likely representing rare overwintering birds.

Gulls were plentiful along the Niagara River and the lakeshore, including the continuing Sabine's Gull from late November in Buffalo. Up to 750 Bonaparte's Gulls were counted along the Niagara River in Lewiston as well as up to five Little Gulls at the same location. Iceland Gulls made a nice showing, including a high count of 14 at Devil's Hole SP on the Niagara River. Glaucous Gulls were much less common with a high count of just two. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were regular at Niagara Falls SP, with up to 12 reported. Though still considered a great rarity for the Region, **Slaty-backed Gull** has recently come to be recorded nearly annually. First reported across the border in Canada on 19 December, presumably this same bird eventually made its way to Niagara Falls SP and was found by Chris Rockwell on 22 December. This on again-off again bird was last reported for the winter on 19 January.

Red-throated Loons were reported throughout the winter on Lake Ontario, with a large count of 50 by Peter Yoerg at Fort Niagara SP on 24 January. Black and Turkey Vultures continued at their known Lewiston roost site with as many as 8 and 35 reported, respectively. A Turkey Vulture was also reported in Chautauqua County on 1 January, a rare winter occurrence outside of the Niagara Gorge area.

Winter raptors were fairly abundant this season with numerous Rough-legged Hawk reports throughout the Region and an impressive count of 10 Northern Harriers at John White WMA on 17 January by Bruce Hoover. Conewango produced impressive counts of Short-eared Owls with up to 14 on 7 December, the highest count in recent years. Short-eared Owls were also found in more locations than regularly. There were eight Snowy Owl reports in December and just two January and three February reports. A rare Barn Owl was photographed on 12 January at the same location as the November pair in Fredonia. Just one Long-eared Owl was reported, and three Northern Saw-whet Owls were documented during the winter season. Surprisingly, there were no Red-headed Woodpecker reports, despite a few of this species typically overwintering in the Region in past years. The mild start to winter increased the frequency of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker reports, with several reported each month for perhaps the best winter season showing to date.

Northern Shrike was reported in good numbers throughout the winter. Small numbers of Fish Crow were found with regularity in the crow roost at Forest Lawn Cemetery and other credible reports came from elsewhere in Buffalo, consistent with recent winters. Common Raven is no longer an unusual find anywhere in the Region.

It was a good winter season for field bird sightings, especially in the late January and early February period. Maxima of 275 Horned Larks, 110 Lapland Longspurs, and 1060 Snow Buntings were recorded. The longspurs count by Willie D'Anna came after a snowy day that pushed many field birds to the roadsides.

The mild winter weather brought more sightings of the "half hardy" species than most winters, while climate and environmental change are influencing the winter ranges of many of the species that follow. Winter Wren was reported from eight locations in December and a few sightings beyond. Marsh Wren was documented from three Southern Tier locations in January, very unusual. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher lingered to at least early December at Beaver Island SP. Ruby-crowned Kinglet is becoming less rare in winter, while three sightings beyond December is still good. Eastern Bluebird is now a regular winter occurrence, while this winter they were even more numerous and widespread. Four Hermit Thrush reports beyond December was impressive. Winter Gray Catbird sightings continue to increase. A Brown Thrasher made a rare winter appearance at Rebecca Bishop's feeders in Cassadaga in February. There were more Field Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, and Fox Sparrow sightings this winter as well.

Warblers also got in on the mild weather with five species found this winter. Yellow-rumped Warbler is a regular wintering species, best found at Buckhorn Island SP where it overwinters. Shelley Seidman documented a Pine Warbler throughout the winter on the Buffalo waterfront. A Common Yellowthroat in early December is good but not especially rare, while the latest records of Tennessee Warbler and Blackburnian Warbler were surprising. Tony Dvorak photographed the Tennessee Warbler at Tiffit Nature Preserve on 14 December while Dominic Sherony documented a Blackburnian Warbler at Niagara Falls SP, where it was also seen in November.

The finch frenzy documented in the Fall Season report continued into the winter months but with much less sizzle. Some Evening Grosbeaks settled into the highlands of the Southern Tier counties with few seen elsewhere. Common Redpoll was the only irruptive finch species that really stuck around the Region in winter. While there were some counts in the hundreds, the redpolls were not widespread. Unlike most big redpoll irruption years when they hit most birders' feeders at some point in the winter, sightings this winter were more often in weedy fields. There were four Hoary Redpoll reports as they were picked out among the more numerous Common Redpolls. Crossbills were the stars of the fall finch irruption, but it did not last, and they did not linger, with only two reports each for Red Crossbill and White-winged Crossbill. Some Pine Siskins were around

this winter, but they were not widespread; the maxima of 81 is a little deceiving, since there were only a few other reports in double digits.

Blackbirds returned in good numbers in late February. Eastern Meadowlarks were found at three locations in the winter season, including one photographed at a Cambria feeder 17 February. It is uncertain if this was an overwintering bird or an early arrival looking for nourishment.

Lastly, an “Oregon” Junco was photographed by Bethany Morrow at her feeders in Lockport in February.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP, CATT; **BeSP** – Beaver I SP, ERIE; **Bond L CP** – Bond L CP, NIAG; **BufH** – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; **BuSP** – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; **BWWTP** – Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant, GENE; **ChauL** – Chautauqua L, CHAU; **CSWMA** – Conewango Swamp WMA, CATT; **DH** – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; **DHSP** – Devil’s Hole SP, NIAG; **EvSP** – Evangola SP, ERIE; **FMCSP** – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; **FNSP** – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; **GHSP** – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; **HBWMA** – Hanging Bog WMA, ALLE; **INWR** – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; **JWWMA** – John White WMA, GENE; **Krull CP** – Krull CP NIAG; **LBSP** – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; **NF** – Niagara Falls, NIAG; **NFSP** – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; **NR** – Niagara R; **PB** – Point Breeze, ORLE; **RWNP** – Reinstein Woods Nature Pres, ERIE; **Tifft NP** – Tifft Nature Pres, ERIE; **WTSP** – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: max 3 Albion ORLE 8 Dec; 3 other Dec reports, four Jan reports, 1 each.
Greater White-fronted Goose: WTSP, Somerset NIAG 1 Jan; Bond L CP NIAG 12 Jan; Wilson NIAG, DH 14 Jan; Hamburg ERIE 16 Jan; Tonawanda NR ERIE 25 Jan, 1, 4, Feb; good showing.

Cackling Goose: 2 Dayton CATT 6, 14 Dec; 2 Oakfield GENE 6, 28 Dec; 4 Ridgeway ORLE 28 Dec; 10, 74 Lyndonville ORLE 29 Dec, 6 Jan (AH, WD!), Reg winter maxima; 7 Sheridan CHAU 8 Jan; 4 Wilson NIAG 27 Jan; Fredonia CHAU 28 Feb.
Canada Goose: max 2600 Lyndonville ORLE 6 Jan.

Mute Swan: max 5, 6 PB 5 Dec, 27 Jan; 4 other Dec reports 1 each; 3 other Jan reports 2 each; Celoron ChauL 2 Feb; 5 Olcott NIAG 14 Feb; 4 Waterport ORLE 28 Feb.

Trumpeter Swan: max 7 INWR 4 Dec; 1, 2 Dayton CATT 20, 21 Dec, rare for county.

Tundra Swan: 117 Grand Island NR 16 Dec; 325 NF 27 Dec; 100 Chautauqua ChauL 28 Dec; 26 Prendergast Point ChauL 6 Jan; max 310, 423 BeSP 29 Jan, 20 Feb.

Wood Duck: five Dec reports; Unity I NR 1 Jan; Orchard Park ERIE 2 Jan; arr Silver Creek CHAU 23 Feb; BuSP 27 Feb.

Northern Shoveler: 105, 68, 28 BWWT 5, 14 Dec, 8 Jan; 25, 2 Oakfield ORLE 31 Dec, 2 Jan INWR 16 Jan; arr 3 Jamestown CHAU 25 Feb.

Gadwall: max 162. 10 Tift NP 1 Dec. 1 Jan; 22 INWR 6 Dec; 11, 25 NFSP 27 Dec, 25 Jan; 15 Chautauqua ChauL 17 Jan; 25 BuSP 23 Jan; arr 3 Fredonia CHAU 13 Feb.

American Wigeon: 11 NFSP 6 Dec; 3 Cuba L ALLE 12 Dec; 4 GHSP 2 Jan; arr FNSP 21 Feb; 11 DH 27 Feb.

Mallard: max 550 INWR 7 Dec; max 550 Oakfield ORLE 31 Dec.

American Black Duck: max 50 INWR 8 Dec; 28, 22 Machias CATT 23 Dec, 16 Jan; 22 Oakfield ORLE 31 Dec; 14 Lyndonville ORLE 9 Jan; 12 BuSP 17 Jan; 22 NFSP 14 Feb; 29 Lewiston NIAG 18 Feb.

Northern Pintail: 3 INWR 6 Dec; 4 Middleport NIAG 12 Dec; 3 New Albion CATT 23 Dec; WTSP 16 Jan; Wellsville 17, 24 Jan, 12 Feb; arr 10 BuFH 28 Feb.

Green-winged Teal: max 130 INWR 5 Dec; 7 Cuba L ALLE; 2 East Aurora ERIE 2 Jan; Allegheny Res CATT 10 Jan.

Canvasback: max 7000 NFSP 27 Dec; 3600 NF 2 Jan; 1400 BeSP 13 Feb; 250 DH 25 Feb.

Redhead: max 1000 Ellery ChauL 5 Dec; 400, 200 NF 27 Dec, 10 Jan; 600, 400 BuFH 18 Jan, 12 Feb; 152 DH 19 Jan; 525 Grand Island NR 27 Feb; 210 Celoron ChauL 28 Feb.

Ring-necked Duck: 25 Tift NP 8 Dec; max 49 BuFH 31 Dec; 20 Wheatfield NIAG 1 Jan; 15 Buffalo NR 15 Jan; 6 Barcelona CHAU 23 Jan; 10 BeSP 15 Feb; 10 Celoron ChauL 28 Feb.

Greater Scaup: 200 NF 27 Dec; max 300, 750, 4000 BuFH 28 Dec, 23 Jan, 25 Feb; 92, 250 DH 31 Dec, 27 Feb; 1500 NR 10 Jan.

Lesser Scaup: max 2500 Ellery ChauL 5 Dec; 50 BuFH 11 Jan; 40, 40 DH 18 Jan, 26 Feb; 50 BeSP 23 Jan.

King Eider: 2 Buffalo NR 4 Dec (KR), continuing from fall; FNSP 14 Jan (PY).

Harlequin Duck: NFSP 19, 31 Dec, 2, 9 Jan (WD & BP, PM); regular location.

Surf Scoter: FNSP 27 Dec, 30 Jan, 4 Feb; BuSP 2 Jan; only reports.

White-winged Scoter: max 100, 340 FNSP 9, 30 Jan.

Black Scoter: FNSP 2, 26 Dec; EvSP 13 Dec; LBSP 21 Dec; BuSP 2 Jan; only reports.

Long-tailed Duck: 150, 164, 175 PB 8 Dec, 19 Jan, 6 Feb; 200 BuFH 3 Jan; max 300 Lewiston NR 18 Feb.

Bufflehead: max 2500 Buffalo NR 5 Dec; 175 NFSP 26 Dec; 650 Buffalo NR 3 Jan.

Common Goldeneye: 320 Barcelona CHAU 11 Dec; 540, 900 Buffalo NR 20 Dec, 3 Jan; 825 Grand Island ERIE 17 Jan; 125 Point Chautauqua ChauL 17 Jan; max 1350 BuSP 4 Feb.

Barrow's Goldeneye: FNSP 17-19, 21 Feb (JS! mob), drake; good find.

Hooded Merganser: 61 Tift NP 1 Dec; max 91 Dayton CATT 12 Dec; 75 BeSP 1 Jan; 88 DH 9 Jan.

Common Merganser: 195 Cassadaga 11 Dec; 330 Cuba L ALLE 12 Dec; 200 DH 16 Jan; 150 Buffalo NR 26 Jan; 300 BeSP 17 Feb.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 600, 525 Buffalo NR 5, 20 Dec; 350 BuFH 5 Dec; 297 BeSP 17 Jan.

Ruddy Duck: 71 BWWT 5 Dec; max 252 Ellery ChauL 7 Dec; 2 BeSP 14 Jan; 12 Celoron ChauL 16 Jan; CSWMA 1 Feb (BR); arr 3 Jamestown CHAU, DH, BeSP 28 Feb.

Wild Turkey: max 76 Royalton NIAG 31 Jan (S&TO), good count.

Pied-billed Grebe: BuSP 14, 28 Jan, 4, 7 Feb; BeSP 20 Jan; Barcelona CHAU 23 Jan; arr FNSP 18 Feb; Jamestown CHAU 27 Feb.

Horned Grebe: max 26 DH 7 Dec; 10 FNSP 9 Jan.

Red-necked Grebe: max 11 Wilson NIAG 19 Dec; 9 PB 21 Dec; BuFH 1 Jan; Yates ORLE 1 Jan.

Eared Grebe: DH 14, 16-18 Jan (GV ph!, mob), rare.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: Portland CHAU 4-15 Dec (CH, mob), 4th Reg record.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

American Coot: 4, 6 DH 14 Jan, 28 Feb; max 9 BuFH 31 Jan.

Sandhill Crane: max 21 INWR 4 Dec (PHess); Tonawanda NIAG 20 Dec; INWR 20,

24 Jan, 14 Feb; 2 Randolph CATT 24 Feb (KB).

Killdeer: Belfast ALLE 3 Dec; Buffalo ERIE 5 Jan; arr Machias CATT 24 Feb; max 9 Dayton CATT 27 Feb.

Purple Sandpiper: PB 8 Dec (BC); 4, 3, 3, 3 BuFH 25 Dec, 2, 17 Jan, 25 Feb (PY, mob); apparently overwintered.

Sabine's Gull: Buffalo ERIE 1-5 Dec (MK, mob), continued from late fall.

Bonaparte's Gull: 500, 750 Lewiston NR 16 Jan, 18 Feb; 600 DHSP 22 Jan.

Little Gull: max 5, 4, 3 Lewiston NR 6, 27 Dec, 18 Feb.

Iceland Gull: 7, 8 NFSP 27 Dec, 15 Jan; BuFH 27 Dec; DH 28 Dec; max 14, 14 DHSP 31 Dec, 18 Jan.

"THAYER'S" ICELAND GULL: DHSP 31 Dec, 17, 18, 22 Jan; 1-2 NFSP 2-31 Jan (mob); only locations with reports.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Cuba L ALLE 12 Dec; max 12, 10, 11 NFSP 20 Dec, 4, 18 Jan; BuFH 28 Dec.

SLATY-BACKED GULL: NFSP 22 Dec – 19 Jan (ChR, mob), still rare but increased reports in recent years.

Glaucous Gull: max 1, 2, 2 NFSP 21 Dec, 2 Jan, 4 Feb; BuFH 28 Dec, 4 Feb; DHSP 31 Dec; BeSP 14 Jan.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 50 NFSP 27 Dec.

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: 24 Wilson NIAG 19 Dec; max 50 FNPS 24 Jan (PY); 2 GHSP 8 Feb.

Common Loon: BuSP 27 Dec; 3 FNPS 27 Dec; 4 DH 1 Jan; BuSP 1, 14 Jan; BuFH 6 Jan; Olcott NIAG 15 Feb, only report beyond early Jan.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 12 DH 13 Dec, 20 Jan; 6 BuFH 7 Jan; fewer around this winter.

Black Vulture: 7, 8, 6 Lewiston NIAG 27 Dec, 19 Jan, 18 Feb; regular winter location.

Turkey Vulture: 35, 21 Lewiston NIAG 14 Dec, 30 Jan; regular winter location; Pomfret CHAU 1 Jan (GV), rare for date.

Northern Harrier: max 10 JWWMA 17 Jan (BH).

Bald Eagle: 5 Franklinville CATT 12 Dec; 6 Allegheny Res CATT 13 Dec; 5 Dayton CATT 20 Dec; 5 Hume ALLE 27 Dec; max 7 Leon CATT 3 Jan; 6 Mayville CHAU 10 Jan; 5 Caneadea ALLE 17 Jan.

Red-shouldered Hawk: five Dec reports; 2 Jamestown CHAU 5 Jan; 2 Darien GENE 24 Jan; reports from 19 locations in Jan; six reports Feb.

Rough-legged Hawk: 3 Conewango CATT 2 Jan; 3 INWR 15 Jan; reports from 21 locations in Jan and 21 locations in Feb 1 each; 3 Somerset NIAG 28 Feb.

Barn Owl: Fredonia CHAU 12 Jan (GV ph!); same location as Nov reports.

Snowy Owl: eight Dec reports 1 each; 2 Ellery CHAU 1 Jan; 3 BuFH 2 Jan; Concord ERIE 12 Feb; Lyndonville NIAG 14 Feb; Hamburg ERIE 24 Feb.

Long-eared Owl: Tift P 18 Feb (AG), only report.

Short-eared Owl: 5 INWR 4 Dec; 2, 4 Shelby ORLE 4 Dec, 4 Feb; 14, 13, 9 Conewango CATT 7 Dec, 16 Jan, 6 Feb, highest Reg counts in years; 2 Dunkirk CHAU 11 Dec; 4, 5 Jamestown CHAU 22 Dec, 5 Jan; 2 NF 27 Dec; 4, 6, 5 Newstead ERIE 3, 27 Jan, 3 Feb; Granger ALLE 4 Feb; good showing.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: 2 Pembroke GENE 28 Dec (GR); WTSP 1-30 Jan (CB, JKet, mob); only reports.

Red-headed Woodpecker: unusual with no reports.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: eight Dec reports, six Jan reports, five Feb reports 1 each; max 3 Alexander GENE 7 Jan.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Northern Shrike: 16 Dec reports, 19 Jan reports, five Feb reports, 1 each.

Fish Crow: 1-3 Buffalo ERIE 4 Dec thru (SD); 3, 4, 1 FLC 3, 14 Jan, 5 Feb; becoming regular at these locations in winter.

Common Raven: increased number of reports.

Horned Lark: 50 Java WYOM 20 Dec; 65 Oakfield ORLE 29 Dec; 120 Alabama GENE 5 Jan; 185, 100 Bethany GENE 28 Jan, 2 Feb; max 275 Somerset NIAG 30 Jan.

Winter Wren: eight Dec reports 1-2 each; 2 FMCS 14 Jan; 2 BeSP 30 Jan; only reports beyond Dec.

Marsh Wren: North Harmony CHAU 11 Dec, 17 Jan (TL ph!); CSWMA 3 Jan (JM!); Ellicottville CATT 7 Jan (JKea ph!); good showing for winter.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: BeSP 4 Dec (DeS), late.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: four Dec reports 1 each; Hamburg ERIE 2 Jan (SB); NFSP 2, 31

Jan, 3 Feb (WD & BP, PY); Amherst ERIE 22 Feb.

Eastern Bluebird: max 22 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 4 Feb; well reported thru Reg.

Hermit Thrush: Machias CATT 20 Dec; Medina ORLE 28 Dec; Sturgeon Point ERIE 28 Jan; 2, 1 GHSP 30, 31 Jan (JJ, PM); Alfred ALLE 3 Feb (FB); Amherst ERIE 14 Feb (HD); good showing.

American Robin: 130 Medina ORLE 28 Dec; 115 LBSP 14 Jan; 100 BeSP 19 Jan; 300 Scio ALLE 7 Feb; max 550 Buffalo ERIE 15 Feb (JKEt); 203 Orangeville WYOM 23 Feb.

Gray Catbird: 7 Dec reports, 4 Jan reports, six Feb reports 1 each; excellent showing.

Brown Thrasher: Cassadaga CHAU 9, 13 Feb (RB), rare winter report.

Bohemian Waxwing: no reports.

Cedar Waxwing: max 360 Newfane NIAG 6 Jan; 125 Chautauqua CHAU 17 Jan; 150 Scio ALLE 7 Feb.

American Pipit: BufH 7 Dec (KR); only report.

Evening Grosbeak: 50 Mayville CHAU 3 Dec; 40, 65 Machias CATT 5 Dec, 12 Jan; 28, 10, 8 Andover ALLE 9 Dec, 31 Jan, 10 Feb; 33, 14 Alfred ALLE 14 Dec, 2 Feb; 18, 19 New Hudson ALLE 28 Dec, 24 Feb; 38 Gerry CHAU 31 Dec; 24 Rushford ALLE 8 Jan; 30 Gerry CHAU 19 Jan; 12 AISP 13 Feb; good showing; few away from Southern Tier.

Purple Finch: max 20 HBWMA 27 Dec; 12 Jamestown CHAU.

Common Redpoll: 200 Java WYOM 17 Dec; 300 Lewison NIAG 27 Dec; max 365, 451 Yates ORLE 29 Dec, 2 Jan; 260 Grove ALLE 29 Dec; 300 Holland ERIE 1 Jan; 250 Elba GENE 7 Jan; 225 Somerset NIAG 18 Feb; 250 Porter NIAG 22 Feb.

Hoary Redpoll: 2, 1 Yates ORLE 29, 31 Dec (AH, BC ph!); Carlton ORLE 6 Feb (GL); 2 Somerset NIAG 8 Feb (JS ph!); Porter NIAG 22 Feb (VR); good showing.

Red Crossbill: Buffalo ERIE 6 Dec (JPe); 3, 14 Canadea ALLE 12 Dec, 28 Feb (KS); only reports.

White-winged Crossbill: FMCSP 1 Jan (JKEt); Holland ERIE 13 Jan (RS); only reports.

Pine Siskin: max 81, 61 East Aurora ERIE 2, 16 Dec; 24 Grand Island ERIE 5 Jan; 33 Newfane NIAG 10 Jan; 20, 23 Somerset NIAG 29, 31 Jan; 30 Attica WYOM 14 Feb.

American Goldfinch: max 127 Orangeville WYOM 26 Dec.

Lapland Longspur: 3 Wilson NIAG 19 Dec; 2 Olcott NIAG 19 Dec; 2 Dunkirk CHAU 2 Feb; max 110 Yates ORLE 9 Feb (WD); 2 Fredonia CHAU 12 Feb; 8 Porter NIAG 18 Feb; BufH 20 Feb (JKEt); 3 Newstead ERIE 24 Feb; Clymer CHAU 26 Feb.

Snow Bunting: 100 Java WYOM 17 Dec; 125 Bethany GENE 27 Dec; 125 Pembroke GENE 28 Dec; 150, 200 Yates ORLE 31 Dec, 9 Feb; max 1060 Shelby ORLE 10 Jan; 500, 500 Wilson NIAG 30 Jan, 19 Feb; 500, 300 Somerset NIAG 31 Jan, 14 Feb; 204 Freedom CATT 10 Feb; 150 Attica WYOM 24 Feb.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: no reports.

Chipping Sparrow: four Dec reports; Wilson NIAG 17 Jan.

Field Sparrow: Krull CP 11 Dec; RWNP 13 Dec; Wethersfield WYOM 1-31 Jan; Portland CHAU 20 Jan, 1, 4 Feb; Sheridan CHAU 26 Jan; Fredonia CHAU 19 Feb; good showing.

Savannah Sparrow: Canadea ALLE 12 Dec; 2, 1 Silver Creek CHAU 26 Dec, 15 Feb (JPo); Dunkirk Airport CHAU 4 Feb (GV); Somerset NIAG 4, 15 Feb (JS); Shelby ORLE 15 Feb (MN, CIR); good winter showing.

Fox Sparrow: five Dec reports 1 each; Tift NP 24 Feb (MM).

Swamp Sparrow: 3 Tift NP 27 Dec; Stockton CHAU 29 Dec; 2 Oakfield ORLE 31 Dec; Jan reports from 4 locations 2-3 each; Feb reports from 5 locations 1 each.

White-crowned Sparrow: 3, 4, 5 Portland CHAU 7 Dec, 19 Jan, 21 Feb; max 17, 5, 10 Porter NIAG 26 Dec, 1 Jan, 19 Feb; 3 Bethany GENE 27 Dec; 6, 8 Carlton ORLE 27 Jan, 12 Feb.

Dark-eyed “Oregon” Junco: Lockport NIAG 6 Feb (BM ph!), rare.

Eastern Meadowlark: North Harmony CHAU 5 Dec, 6 Jan; Farmersville CATT 20 Dec; Cambria NIAG 17 Feb (PS); only reports.

Red-winged Blackbird: six Dec reports 6-10 each; 6 Tonawanda ERIE 1 Jan; 8 Grand Island ERIE 1 Jan; 14, 35, 55 BuSP 1, 31 Jan, 10 Feb; 9 Machias CATT 10 Jan; arr late Feb.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 79, 67 Grand Island ERIE 29 Dec, 20 Jan; 24 Oakfield ORLE 10 Jan.

Rusty Blackbird: 4 West Seneca ERIE 9 Dec; Machias CATT 10 Jan; Hume ALLE 22 Jan; only reports.

Common Grackle: 2 Pomfret CHAU 11 Dec; 2 BuSP 19 Dec – 6 Feb; Fredonia CHAU 25

Dec; Stockton CHAU 2 Jan; 2 Shelby ORLE
31 Jan; arr late Feb.

Tennessee Warbler: Tift NP 14 Dec (TD
ph!), record late.

Common Yellowthroat: North Harmony
CHAU 11 Dec (TL), late.

Blackburnian Warbler: NFSP 6 Dec (WD,
BP, DoS ph!), record late.

Pine Warbler: BufH 1 Dec thru (SS), apparent
successful overwintering.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 14, 15, 12 BuSP 22
Dec, 11 Jan, 10 Feb (AH); 4 other Dec reports
1-4 each.

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