

REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

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Weather data obtained from the Binghamton Station for December showed a high of 53° F on 25 December and a low of 3° on 19 December. The average temperature for the month was 29.1° which was 1.8° above normal. December precipitation was 5.88" which was 2.91" above normal. The high temperature for the month of January was 44° on 2 January and the low was 11° on 29 January. The average temperature for January was 24.4° which was 2.3° above normal. January precipitation was 1.87" which was 0.63" below normal. For the month of February the high temperature was 48° on 24 February and a low of 2° on 8

February. The average temperature was 23.3° which was 0.7° below normal. The precipitation for February was 2.61" which was 0.23" above normal.

Waterfowl, once again, were well represented this period with the highlights being the two Tundra Swans seen by many observers on Boland Pond and the female Black Scoter found by David Nicosia at Lisle Park. Canvasback was reported in both Broome and Chenango Counties and Red-breasted Merganser was found in both Broome and Cortland Counties.

The Cortland Gravel Pits had a trifecta of good gull species with Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull and Greater Black-backed Gull all being reported there. A Lesser Black-backed Gull was also reported from Dorchester Park in Broome County on 11 December.

The most interesting reports of raptors included a long staying adult Northern Goshawk in Oxford in Chenango County as well as a Snowy Owl in Guilford which was reported from 20 January through 20 February. This was a very good year for Rough-legged Hawk with many reports throughout the Region. The big disappointment was the lack of any reports of Northern Saw-whet Owls in the Region.

There were reports of Northern Shrike in Broome, Otsego and Chenango Counties. With the exception of Pine Grosbeak all the winter finches were reported in the Region including both crossbill species and multiple reports of Hoary Redpoll. Other interesting finds for the period was the only report of Lapland Longspur in Delancey (Delaware County), a Pine Warbler in Apalachin (Tioga County) and a Wilson's Warbler in Lisle (Broome County).

The bird of the period for the Region goes to the Long-eared Owl reported by Adam Troyer at the Birdsong Meadows Farm. Any report of this increasingly rare species is a welcome sight.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ALk – Allen L, OTSE; **AqPk** – Aquaterra P, BROO; **BCBC** – Binghamton CBC, BROO; **BMF** – Birdsong Meadows Farm, TIOG; **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; **DeIR** – 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; **SStBS** – Spring Street Bird Sanctuary, BROO; **StPd** – Stupke Pd, T Cortlandville, CORT; **SusRB** – Susquehanna Ri, Greater Binghamton, BROO; **UL** – Upper Lisle, BROO, **ULCP** – Upper Lisle CP, T Triangle, BROO; **WPres** – Whitney Pt Res, BROO.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: 175 Oxford, CHEN 17 Dec (MD); 150 Johnson City, BROO 17 Dec (JH); 100 Endicott, BROO (JP); 150 TC Airport, BROO 22 DEC (MJ); 150 SStBS 23 Dec (GW).

Canada Goose: 1000 Kilroy Rd. CHEN 7 Dec (MD); 1100 Spring Ctr. OTSE 9 Dec (TB); 600 Mead Pd 16 Dec (ATri).

Tundra Swan: 2 BPd 25 Feb - 26 Feb (mob).

Wood Duck: Plymouth Res CHEN 1 Dec (CM); LHNC 3 Dec (PH); Chenango Ri CHEN 16 Dec (MD); 2 BPd 27 Feb-28 Feb (MRy,JH); 2 Harold Moore Pk, BROO 27 Feb (DN); 2 Downsville DELW 28 Feb (LVe).

Gadwall: ULCP 3 Dec (ATri); Cooperstown OTSE 17 Jan (DD); Marathon CORT 24 Jan (MY); max site 7 CRes 30 Jan (LVe); max site 5 Nichols Boat Launch, TIOG 25 Feb (DG); max site 3 BPd 3 Feb-26 Feb (WK,DN,mob).

American Wigeon: Sherburne, CHEN 19 Dec (MD); max site 3 CRes 10 Jan (LVe); Nichols Boat Launch 25 Feb (DM); site max 28 BPd 27 Feb (SR).

Mallard: 95 Deposit 10 Jan (JB); site max 170 HCP 10 Feb (JWe)74 Chenango Ri 17 Feb (MD); 152 Deposit, 21 Feb (LVe); site max 118 BPd 26 Feb (AS,BF,LVi).

American Black Duck: site max 36 Chenango Ri 17 Feb (MD); site max 94 CRes 21 Feb (LVe); site max 46 BPd 27 Feb (DN).

Northern Pintail: 2 Portlanville OTES 8 Jan (SS); 2 Cooperstown 17 Jan (DD); max site 4 BPd 27 Jan-28 Feb (mob); 2 CRes 30 Jan (LVe); 3 Nichols Boat Launch 25 Feb (DM); 2 Endwell BROO 26 Feb (JA,AM).

Green-winged Teal: 2 StPd 3 Dec (JJ); site max 3 LHNC 10 Dec-22 Feb (mob); Chenango Ri 21 Jan (MD); 3 Cooperstown 17 Jan (DD); HCP 21 Feb (DN); site max 2 BPd 26 Feb (DN).

Canvasback: Cortland Gravel Pits CORT 2 Dec (JC); max site 6 HCP 10 Feb-27 Feb (mob); 2 Chugnut River Walk BROO 26 Feb-28 Feb (MJ,DN,GW).

Redhead: 3 Cortland Gravel Pits 6 Dec (JC); 8 Allen Lk , OTSE 9 Dec (TB); max site 16 HCP 13 Feb (MD); 4 Chenango Ri 22 Feb (MD); 3 Honeymoon Cottage 25 Feb (DG).

Ring-necked Duck: max site 450 Allen Lk 7 Dec (TB); max site 60 CRes 24 Jan (LVe); site max 11 HCP 13 Feb (SD).

Greater Scaup: 5 Cortland Gravel Pits 16 Dec (JM,JC); 4 Binghamton 15 Feb (WK); 3 HCP 24 Feb (DW).

Lesser Scaup: 2 Cortland Gravels Pits 6 Dec (JC); 11 Allen Lk 7 Dec (TB); max site 4 HCP 24 Feb (DW).

Black Scoter: 1 ULCP 2 Dec - 7 Dec (DN).
Long-tailed Duck: 2 Cortland Gravel Pits 8 Dec (JM).
Bufflehead: max site 26 ULCP 2 Dec (DN); max site 37 Lake Front Pk, OTSE 17 Jan (DD).
Common Goldeneye: 80 Allen Lk 3 Dec (TB); 16 CRes 2 Jan (LVe); 22 Downsville 21 Feb (LVe).
Hooded Merganser: 90 Canadarago Lk, OTSE 9 Dec (TB); site max 24 ChenL 14 Dec (MD); site max 190 OtsL 15 Dec (TB); site max 75 Otsiningo Pk, BROO 31 Jan (WK); site max 58 HCP 12 Feb (SB); site max 55 River Walk, BROO 15 Feb (MRy).
Common Merganser: max site 135 ULCP 8 Dec (DN); max site 100 Chenango Lk 14 Dec (MD); max site 300 OtsL 16 Dec (TB); 516 Canadarago Lk 8 Jan (TS).
Red-breasted Merganser: max site 6 ULCP 11 Dec (ATri); Chenango Lk, CHEN 26 Dec (MD); HCP 10 Jan (DN).
Ruddy Duck: site max 32 ULCP 2 Dec (DN).
Ring-necked Pheasant: Lk Delaware, DELA 1 Dec (RP); MHL 3 Dec-28 Feb (WB,SCo); ULCP 5 Dec (DN); Handen, DELA 31 Dec (JWo); Binghamton 10 Jan (DN); ULCP 7 Feb (KW).
Ruffed Grouse: Scattered reports in all counties throughout Region.
Wild Turkey: Many reports in all counties throughout Region.
Pied-billed Grebe: Millbrook Town Pk, CHEN 1 Dec (MD); ULCP 4 Dec-12 Dec (JWe, ATri); River Walk 10 Jan (DN,MJ); Lake Front Pk 4 Feb (SS); River Walk 28 Feb (DN).
Horned Grebe: ULCP 2 Dec-11 Dec (DN,JWe,ATri,GW,VL).

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

American Coot: max site 36 Lake Front Pk 1 Jan (SS).
Killdeer: 2 Vestal, BROO 25 Feb (GW); 2 HCP 27 Feb (DN); Deposit 27 Feb (LVe); Hamden,DELA 28 Feb (MN); Mercereau Pk, BROO 28 Feb (LVi).
Ring-billed Gull: scattered reports in all counties in Region. max Region 700 Broome Cty Lanfill, BROO 5 Dec (DN).
Herring Gull: scattered reports in all counties in Region. max Region 70 ULCP 8 Dec (DN).
Iceland Gull: 2 Cortland Gravel Pits 6 Dec (JC).
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Cortland Gravel Pits 2 Dec (JC); Dorchester Pk, BROO 11 Dec (DW).

Great Black-backed Gull: site max 7 Cortland Gravel Pits 6 Dec (JC); LHNC 23 Dec (PH); Cortland, CORT 6 Feb (JC).

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: ULCP 2 Dec (DN).
Common Loon: 6 Cortland Gravel Pits 6 Dec (JC); OtsL 15 Dec (TB); Mead Pd 16 Dec-19 Dec (MD,ATri); PRes 1 Jan (LVe); Lake Front Pk 1 Jan - 14 Jan (SS,DD).
Double-crested Cormorant: Cortland Gravel Pits 5 Dec (JC); 2 ULCP 7 Dec (DN,ATri,GW).
Great Blue Heron: scattered reports of 1-2 birds in all counties in Region
Turkey Vulture: 3 Marathon 5 Feb (JN); Candor, TIOG 14 Feb (RD); many late Feb records in Binghamton with a max count of 14 Giles Street 24 Feb (RH,MH).
Golden Eagle: max site 6 FMHW 15 Dec (reported by site); PRes 8 Jan (SCa,MRI); 2 Sherburne, 2 Roscoe, DELA 9 Jan (AP); CHEN 18 Jan (MD); Bovina Ctr. 28 Jan (RP); Roscoe 14 Feb (LV).
Northern Harrier: 4 Plymouth, CHEN 12 Dec (MD); 2 Sherburne 16 Dec (MD); other scattered reports of single birds in CHEN, BROO and OTSE counties.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: scattered reports of single birds in all counties in Region with the exception of OTSE.
Cooper's Hawk: Reports by many observers in all counties in Region.
Northern Goshawk: Oxford, CHEN 5 Jan-27 Feb (MD); Johnson City, BROO 29 Jan (JH).
Bald Eagle: 54 CRes 8 Jan (SCa,MRe); reported in all counties in Region.
Red-shouldered Hawk: Johnson City 30 Jan (DN); Conklin, BROO 21 Feb (JWe); Kirkwood, BROO 24 Feb (JWe); Springfield Ctr, OTSE 26 Feb (ML).
Red-tailed Hawk: many reports throughout Region.
Rough-legged Hawk: A good year for this species. Many reports throughout entire Region.
Eastern Screech-Owl: Sherburne 27 Dec - 25 Feb (FvM); Downsville 3 Jan (LVe,RDa); Norwich, CHEN 26 Jan (AO); Fly Creek, OTSE 10 Feb (DD), Newark Valley, TIOG 11 Feb (DG); Delhi,BROO 14 Feb (OO); 2 Candor, TIOG 14 Feb (RDi).
Great Horned Owl: many reports throughout Region.
Snowy Owl: Guilford, CHEN 20 Jan - 20 Feb (mob); Sherburne 5 Feb (MD).

Barred Owl: many reports throughout Region.

Long-eared Owl: BMF 7 Dec (ATro).

Belted Kingfisher: many reports throughout Region.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: StPd 4 Dec (JJ); Scott 15 Dec - 26 Feb (PH); Plymouth Res 29 Jan (CM); Fly Creek 6 Feb (DMi).

American Kestrel: many reports throughout Region.

Merlin: Kinney Golf Swamp, CORT 23 Dec (JJ); Bainbridge, CHEN 14 Jan (MD); 2 Owego, TIOG 21 Jan (DM); Greene, CHEN 27 Jan (JC); Norwick 30 Jan (TW,MV); Grippen Pk, BROO 5 Feb (MJ).

Peregrine Falcon: Region max 3 downtown Binghamton 21 Feb (AS).

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Eastern Phoebe: Owego 24 Jan (CW).

Northern Shrike: Fly Creek 5 Dec (DD); Cortland 18 Jan (JC); Lisle, BROO 19 Jan (JH,GW); Hoag, CHEN 4 Feb (MD).

Fish Crow: max Region 15 Vestal 20 Feb (GW); 14 Chugnut River Walk 21 Feb (DN,LVi).

Common Raven: 16 Downsview 16 Jan (LVe); many other reports throughout Region.

Horned Lark: 24 Springfield Ctr. 15 Jan (TB); 60 Sherburne 27 Feb (FvM); 50 Harold Moore Pk 27 Feb (DN); 64 Delancy, DELA 28 Feb (LVe).

Winter Wren: CVSP 29 Dec-4 Feb (Wk,DN,GW,KW); BPd 1 Jan (DN); Newaark Valley 12 Feb (CK); S. Owego, TIOG 12 Feb (RF); Castle Creek, BROO 13 Feb (SJ); Binghamton 27 Feb (SD).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: BPd 19 Feb (DN).

Eastern Bluebird: many reports throughout Region.

Hermit Thrush: BUNP 6 Dec-18 Jan (DN,JA,RA,MM,AM); Cooperstown, TIOG 19 Dec (JM); Spencer, TIOG 19 Jan (WB); BMF 11 Feb-20 Feb (ATro); Endicott, BROO 13 Feb-14 Feb (DN,AS,JH); Johnson City 13 Feb (LVi).

Northern Mockingbird: scattered reports in BROO, TIOG, CORT and OTSE counties.

Cedar Waxwing: 22 Scott 30 Jan (PH); 30 Welsh Road Grassland, TIOG 13 Feb (DG); 32 Downsview 27 Feb (LVe); many other reports throughout the Region.

Evening Grosbeak: 28 Plymouth Res 9 Dec (MD); 100 Otselic, CHEN 3 Jan (MFP); site max 40 Otsego 3 Feb (SS). Many other reports throughout Region.

Purple Finch: small numbers scattered throughout Region.

Common Redpoll: many reports throughout Region.

Hoary Redpoll: Lisle 7 Dec (GW); Homer, CORT 31 Dec (JC); Scott, CORT 1 Jan (PH); Owego 17 Feb-thru (ATro); Owego 18 & 20 Feb (DG,DM).

Red Crossbill: max Region 26 LHNC (DG); this species was well represented this period with many reports throughout the Region.

White-winged Crossbill: max site 5 Greene, CHEN 15 Dec (ATri); 6 BMF 23 Dec (ATro); 3 Binghamton 1 Jan (DN); 2 Endicott 10 Feb (NG); 5 Endicott 13 Feb (DN).

Pine Siskin: max site 80 Bainbridge 10 Dec (RB); max site 75 Binghamton 22 Jan (DN); many other reports throughout Region.

Lapland Longspur: Delancey 28 Feb (LVe).

Snow Bunting: 63 Camillus, OTSE 6 Jan (SS); 60 MHL 8 Jan (SCo); 150 Greene 22 Jan (GW); 150 Homer 31 Jan (JJ); 80 Sherburne 5 Feb (MD).

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Eastern Towhee: Lake Delaware 18 Dec (RP).

Chipping Sparrow: Scott 20 Dec-2 Feb (PH); North Norwich, CHEN 30 Jan (CE).

Savannah Sparrow: Maine, BROO 19 Dec (JS); Binghamton 26 Dec-30 Dec (DN).

Fox Sparrow: Fly Creek 18 Dec (DD); South Owego, TIOG 23 Dec (BC); Otsego 11 Jan-27 Jan (SS).

Swamp Sparrow: Owego 14 Dec (DG); max site 2 BUNP 15 Dec - 10 Jan

(DN,RA,CT,SW); 2 Sherburne 16 Dec (MD).

White-crowned Sparrow: Homer 2 Dec (JJ); Lockheed Martin Pd, TIOG 2 Jan (DG); 2 Cortland 8 Jan & 20 Feb (PH).

Rusty Blackbird: 3 Sherburne 19 Dec FvM); 5 Sherburne 3 Feb (MD).

Pine Warbler: Apalachin, TIOG 13 Feb-15 Feb (JP).

Wilson's Warbler: Lisle 16 Dec (DW).

