

REGION 2—GENESEE

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A “sandwich” summer, with a cool, wet July between two very warm and drier months. As usual, birding observations are driven by a combination of factors—weather a primary driver in the origin and timing of fronts and storms and the locations of rain and drought events and periods; the ongoing Breeding Bird Atlas fieldwork focused in this season; and the varied effects of the continuing COVID “event”. Add to this the human factors involving the who and why relating to the observers, and we end up with the assignment of cause and effect around observations really highly speculative; but maybe still interesting or at least fun.

The season began with the third warmest June in 151 years of records. Temperatures averaged 70.8° F, 3.7° above normal. Records were set for a new high on the 29th and a new high low for the 27th and tied for the high low on the 28th. Eighteen days exceeded 80°, four days >90°, and there was a brief cooler break from 14-18 June. Precipitation totaled 1.73", 1.64" below normal, with 0.47" of that falling on the 19th. There were occasional showers and thunderstorms, but the heaviest rain and some wind damage occurred south of the Rochester area. Flip the switch from last July to a cool, wet month this year, with temperatures averaging 69.6°, 2.7° below normal. There was only one day above 90°, 11 days above 80°, and eight days below their averages. Temperatures were also variable, with only six days the longest stretch for periods either above or below average. Precipitation totaled 7.66", 3.56" above normal, making it the fifth wettest July on record. There were 20 days with rainfall, 11 of these heavy, another July record. The longest stretch without measurable rainfall was four days, a record short interval. The 3.03" on 17 July broke the old record of 2.04" set in 1873 and was the thirteenth wettest day in Rochester weather records. Damaging thunder storms occurred on the 20th, with the hardest hit areas west of Rochester seeing damage from high winds and hail (to tennis ball size in Lewiston, Region 1!). The month ended with a relatively quiet period from 22-29 July and a cold front pushing south to end that.

Back to a warm, humid month in August. Temperatures averaged 73.8°, 3.1° above normal, with warm muggy nights dominating and only two days in the latter half of the month even dipping below 65° at any time. There were no 90° days, but five days hit 89°, and all maxima were >70°. It was the seventh warmest August on record. Precipitation totaled 2.55", 0.76" below normal. Light rain fell on 14 days, but the only heavy rainfall was 0.74" on 1-2 August. The longest dry stretch was again four days, 3-6 August.

All three months produced species counts above their 10-year averages but below 2020 numbers. Increases in eBird lists submitted in June and July are likely due to NY BBA III fieldwork games at the end of June and work into July and to

increased monitoring of the barrier beach island at the mouth of Braddock Bay. August saw some drop due to only one day of banding during the first half of the month. As usual, nearly all expected species were reported, with misses in some of the later spring migrants often banded into June and some of the breeding species that require special effort to locate. There were some interesting rarities found each month, mostly waterbird-associated. The eBird downloads by month, with changes from 2020 in parentheses were: June – 51,421 (+5%), July – 41,541 (+15%), and August – 35,068 (-10%). The drop in August may relate to the weather, a slow start to fall migration, and a change in the type of Atlas birding.

Moving to more detail in families, we start with the waterfowl and the usual low numbers of species and individuals counted in summer. The major observations this summer were first in low counts in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife management Area (NMWMA) in southern Wayne County due to low water levels and heavy plant growth making observations more difficult early, and then locally very heavy rainfall inundating most of the area later. In contrast, near Lake Ontario we had species reported through the summer, some of which had bred in the lakeshore marshes in the past and many of which had only rarely been reported in this season in recent years. Most of these reports were associated with the “new” barrier beach island off the end of the east spit of Braddock Bay. In this area, only Mute Swan was reported in large numbers, but Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, and Ruddy Duck were all reported through June and July and most on through August. Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, and Red-breasted Merganser also lingered into June, and the latter two were observed again in August, and Ring-necked Duck appeared briefly in July. The usual breeding waterfowl species were noted in typical locations. Continuing with some of the marsh species, Pied-billed Grebe numbers were still good in the NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) all season, and the usual few Red-necked Grebes passed through scattered through August. Common Gallinule and American Coot were poorly reported in the NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) but were seen in good numbers in the usually underbirded, nearby Guy Baldassarre Marsh. Virginia Rail and Sora were both noted in few reports. Sandhill Cranes were reported from the usual suspected breeding areas but only in small numbers and with no young noted.

Gypsy Moth outbreaks in some areas brought good numbers of cuckoo reports through the season. The usual Common Nighthawks were seen into early June, and single reports were added in late June and early August before the first fall migrants later in August. Ruby-throated Hummingbird reports were numerous, noted as high counts of lines in the eBird downloads, probably related to BBA activity. An interesting surprise was a passing **Eurasian Collared-Dove** seen by Dave Tetlow at Hamlin Beach on 29 August. It is a lingering mystery why the species has never prospered here as it has in spreading to many other parts of the country.

Moving on to the shorebirds, the timing and location of heavy rains left us with much of the NMWMA area we usually search with too much water and also

with many farm fields not yet harvested and plowed and disced, so the barrier beach island off the east spit of Braddock Bay and passing birds at other sites on the south shore of Lake Ontario saw the bulk of observation time and yielded most of the more unusual reports. Species counts were decent at 19, 20, and 26 for the three months, respectively, but peak counts were low all season other than a good 918 Semipalmated Sandpipers on 3 June, a day with many species reported. Late spring migrants continued well into June, with Least and White-rumped Sandpipers, Short-billed Dowitcher, and Lesser Yellowlegs, then also found later in the month as probable early fall migrants. A continuing rarity was **Marbled Godwit** at two locations. Upland Sandpiper continued unreported as breeding but with singles reported on 1 June and in mid-August. July shorebird arrivals continued much as expected, with Whimbrel, Marbled Godwit, Long-billed Dowitcher, and Willet the most interesting, and returning plovers weak. Things picked up more in August, with a good count of 75 Whimbrel off the East Spit plus many elsewhere on 1 June; Hudsonian Godwit at Point Breeze; an immature **Western Sandpiper** well documented; at least five Willets; and several Wilson's Phalaropes. Still, low counts were the norm.

The gulls, terns, and allies brought us much the same story—some special records, good variety, low counts, and the barrier beach island the hotspot, and the rest of the regular Lake Ontario sites filling in with a few reports from the NMWMA. Spring migration ended with **Laughing** and **Franklin's Gulls** present through the first week along with up to 10-12 Lesser Black-backed Gulls present through 3 June and small numbers of that species seen essentially all season. A surprise was an Iceland Gull seen off and on 28 June-3 July. Bonaparte's Gull numbers were low, but the species was present all season, so assignment of departure and arrival dates was not possible this year. Our expected tern species were all reported, though in unexceptional numbers, and Black Tern was especially low, with the maximum only five at the Guy Baldassarre Marsh in the NMWMA. Jaegers made a typical late August appearance, with a **Long-tailed Jaeger** well seen on 25 August and one not identified to species on 27 August, both off Hamlin Beach State Park.

Among the rest of the waterbirds, we start with both loons reported into early June, neither in July, and a few Common Loons back in August. Double-crested Cormorant numbers were disappointing, and there were no large counts for our herons or egrets. Part of the reason may be that the long-staying Roseate Spoonbill and Wood Stork just outside our Region had most birders focused there. But we had our good finds, with the Region's sixth **White-faced Ibis** on 29 June at Braddock Bay and the Region's sixth **Wood Stork** occurrence in one soaring with a group of Red-tailed Hawks over the Braddock Bay hawkwatch on 23 August.

This year there was again no organized late spring hawk watch into June, though interested observers did record good numbers of Broad-winged Hawk on 5 and 6 June. We have the now-usual stories of no Black Vulture and Northern Goshawk reports for the season and few reports for breeding Red-shouldered and Broad-winged Hawks. There was an organized, volunteer hawk watch at

Braddock Bay in August, with 3107 total raptors counted, very close to the 2020 total—3271. Two nice surprises were the Region's seventh **Swallow-tailed Kite** photographed over the Town of Rush on 16 August by Clayton Kusse and a rare summer **Swainson's Hawk** passing the hawkwatch on 22 August seen by Jill Frier and Gerri Sweet. Among our three regular falcons, reports were a bit low in June and July but good in August. In June, there were two locations reported with nesting Merlins, and the website rfalconcam.com followed the progress of the downtown Rochester Peregrine Falcons—four eggs laid, two hatched in May, the male and female young were banded on 2 June, and the female was found dead on 30 June. One other less encouraging note for the Breeding Bird Atlas season was the low number of sites with Red-headed Woodpeckers reported, only eight and nine, respectively for June and July.

The passerines again provide a story of all truly expected species reported and interesting observations in the details. Among the species often banded in good numbers in early June, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, and Lincoln's Sparrow were missed and numbers for Gray-cheeked and Swainson's Thrushes and many of the late migrant warblers were very low. On the positive side, there were reports for **Sedge Wren** and **Yellow-breasted Chat** from possible breeding sites, with the wrens continuing into July, and scarcer species, Clay-colored Sparrow and Prothonotary and Prairie Warblers, all continuing all season. Additionally, we had more White-crowned and White-throated Sparrows than usual for summer, a Pine Siskin in Late July, **Yellow-headed Blackbird** at the barrier beach island in August, and a Northern Parula banded on 20 July. Unfortunately, the comments relating to low numbers, supported by few really good counts, also continued.

Overall, another very interesting summer season. Species reported each month were well above their 10-year averages: June – 202 (vs. 188.1), July – 180 (176.1), and August – 205 (198.0), and a total of 226 for the season. Rarities included: **Eurasian Collared-Dove**, **Western Sandpiper**, **Long-tailed Jaeger**, **Wood Stork**, **White-faced Ibis**, **Swallow-tailed Kite**, and **Swainson's Hawk** plus about ten other species that are scarce and of less than annual occurrence in this season. In terms of counts and the continuing trend to low numbers and peak counts, we do need to think about possible artificial causes, such as how we ask for data. The general request has been to make lists for as short a time and small a geographical area as one is willing, as they can always be aggregated to larger time periods or areas. With the Breeding Bird Atlas work in progress and using eBird as the input tool, this is further emphasized. Such an approach will lead to individual inputs of smaller numbers vs. submitting trip lists or day lists accumulating numbers on those larger scales.

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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; **CIWMA** – Conesus In WMA, LIVI; **DE** – Durand-Eastman P, Rochester at Lake Ontario;

G – T Greece, MONR; **H** – T Hamlin, MONR; **HB** – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; **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; **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; **PtB** – Point Breeze, ORLE; **SPt** – Sodus Pt, WAYN.

WATERFOWL – HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose: last T Savannah, WAYN 5 Jun.

Mute Swan: 136 IB-S 26 Jun; max 151 IB-S 10 Jul; 145 IBP-W 18 Aug; monthly peak counts.

Trumpeter Swan: max 6 NMWMA (GBM) 11, 25 Jul.

Wood Duck: max 150 CIWMA 11 Aug (MGi), good count.

Blue-winged Teal: 1-6 BB-ES Jun; 1-4 IB-S 11-20 Jun; 1-3 BB-S Jul; max 78 BB-ES 20 Aug (MGi); 35 NMWMA (SCU) 14 Aug; interesting for dates & loc vs. historical.

Northern Shoveler: 1-4 BB-ES Jun; 1-2 BB-ES Jul; scarce at dates and loc recent past.

Gadwall: 1-2 BB-ES 10-30 Jun, thru Jul; scarce in summer.

American Wigeon: 1-2 BB-ES 11-22 Jun; 1-3 BB-ES 4-31 Jul; unusual for loc & dates.

Mallard: max 650 NMWMA (SCU) 14 Aug (TL), good count.

Northern Pintail: arr 1-2 BB-ES (sev obs) & 1 NMWMA (SCU) (TL) 14 Aug, early.

Green-winged Teal: 1-3 sev nr Lake Ontario loc Jun; 1-6 BB-ES Jul; max 45 BB-ES 28 Aug (JMcG); unusual loc for dates, usually scarce in summer.

Redhead: NMWMA (SCU) 14 Aug, sometimes breed.

Ring-necked Duck: BB-ES 5 Jul (AS, KWh), scarce in summer.

Lesser Scaup: last 2 BB-ES 4 Jun.

White-winged Scoter: arr HB 27 Aug (AGu), early.

Bufflehead: Alder Beach, T Parma, MONR 14 Jun (JiM, LMa); arr 1 f 8-15 BB-ES Aug (11+ obs).

Common Merganser: max 30 HB 20 Aug (R&SSp), good count for date.

Red-breasted Merganser: Beechwood SP, WAYN 27 Jun (MMi); arr 4 HB 6 Aug (RMc).

Ruddy Duck: 1-4 IB-S 11-30 Jun; off Lowden Pt, G 22 Jun (MB); BB-ES 18 Jul (MGi, JiM, TBo, PMar); 2 BB-ES 24 Jul (RRy); 1-2 BB-ES 1-21 Aug; unusual for dates & loc.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 24 NMWMA (SCU) 3 Aug, low high count.

Horned Grebe: arr HB 30 Aug (AGu, BriM, DSh), early.

Red-necked Grebe: arr HB 14 Aug (AGu), typical early arr; 2-6 HB 18-31 Aug (AGu, JiM), early.

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE: HB 29 Aug (DT), rare, *intro*.

Common Nighthawk: max 27 Grand View Hts, G 2 Jun (KGri); last Ellison P, T Penfield 8 Jun; T Bloomfield, ONTA 26 Jun (BCar), scarce in summer; Long Pnd, G 2 Aug; 11 T Rush, MONR 21 Aug, early fall max.

Chimney Swift: max 50 NMWMA (SCU) 3 Aug (PMcN, PMar).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 514 eBird lines many loc Jul; 717 eBird lines many loc Aug; up from last year.

RAILS – TROPICBIRDS

Common Gallinule: max 161 NMWMA (GBM) 15 Aug (BCar).

American Coot: max 6 NMWMA (GBM) 25 Jul, very low max.

Sandhill Crane: max 19 T Savannah, WAYN 3 Jun; only 3 NMWMA (SCU) 3 Aug; Aug max, low.

Black-bellied Plover: last 1 ad alt Slater Creek, G 15 Jun (KD); arr BB-ES & HW 5 Aug.

American Golden-Plover: arr HB 29 Aug.

Semipalmated Plover: 24 Hemlock L 1 Jun; last 3 BB-ES 23 Jun (JKe); arr BB-ES 2 Jul (GL); max 25 NMWMA (GBM) 14 Aug (TL).

Killdeer: max 73 Redman Rd, H 25 Aug (AGu), low max.

Upland Sandpiper: Genesee, LIVI 3 Jun (LH); arr BB-ES 15 Aug (CW), only reps.

Whimbrel: arr BB-ES 3-14 Jul; SPt 11 Jul; 1-2 BB-ES 1-28 Aug, phs; max 75 BB-ES 1 Aug (AGu, BCar, JMcG, BriM, JaG, phs); HB 7, 15 Aug (AGu, DT); 2 SPt 13 Jul (JWi, ph); Beechwood SP, WAYN 27 Aug (JWo).

MARBLED GODWIT (R2): BB-ES 1 Jun (DBr); last Long Pnd, G 3 Jun (CGi, ph); 1; 2 BB-ES 13 Jul (MG, SG, AGae, NK).

Hudsonian Godwit: arr PtB 6 Aug (R&SSp), early.

Ruddy Turnstone: last BB-ES 3 Jun; arr 2 SPT 25 Jul (DSH), early.

Red Knot: last BB-ES 3 Jun (MG), only report.

Stilt Sandpiper: arr BB-ES 28 Jul; max 8 BB-ES 10 Aug.

Sanderling: 11 BB-ES 3 Jun (MG); last 1 BB-ES 9 Jun; arr SPT 8 Jul; max 20 BB-ES 31 Aug (BWa).

Dunlin: 10 & 13 BB-ES 1 Jun; 1-3 sev loc 1-30 Jun, mix of spring dep, fall arr, & lingering; scarce rest of season.

Baird's Sandpiper: arr BB-ES 15 Aug.

Least Sandpiper: last 40 SPT (BCar) & 1 TCEA 3 Jun; arr 2 BB-ES 19 Jun; max 54 BB-ES 7 Jul (GL, JiM), low max.

White-rumped Sandpiper: last BB-ES 26 Jun (MGi), Reg record late; arr BB-ES 12 Aug.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 1-3 Jones Bridge & Perry Rds, T Leicester, LIVI 24 Jul; max 30 NMWMA (GBM) 14 Aug (TL).

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 918 BB-ES 3 Jun (GL), high count; last BB-ES 27 Jun (MGi), late; arr 3 BB-ES 6 Jul; 80 BB-ES 21 Aug (MGi), good count.

WESTERN SANDPIPER: 1 imm BB-ES 27-31 Aug (AGu, JiM, LMa, mob, phs)

Short-billed Dowitcher: last 6 BB-ES 3 Jun; arr 2 BB-ES 27 Jun (MGi); max 22 BB-ES 18 Aug (MG).

Long-billed Dowitcher: arr BB-ES 12 Jul, only report.

Spotted Sandpiper: max 18 BB-ES 16 Jul (JiM).

Solitary Sandpiper: last BB-ES 1 Jun; arr 2 BB-ES 1 Jul (RB, GL, JiM, LMa).

Lesser Yellowlegs: last BB-ES 10 Jun; arr BB-ES 21 Jun (MGi), early; max 25 BB-ES 20 Aug, low max.

Willet: arr BB-ES 11-14 Jul (GL, MG, mob), early; PtB 6 Aug (MGi, PMar, CMo, ph); BB-ES 9-20 Aug (mob); IB 9 Aug (ES); 2 BB-ES 10 Aug (MGi); good showing.

Greater Yellowlegs: last Genesee Valley Greenway, Chandler Rd, LIVI 6 Jun (JKi); arr BB-ES & NMWMA (SCU) 2 Jul.

Wilson's Phalarope: last BB-ES 1 Jun (NR); arr 1-3 BB-ES 5-14 Aug (mob, phs).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: arr HB 25 Aug (DT).

jaeger sp: HB 27 Aug (AGu).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 44 BB-ES 22 Jun, low max.

LAUGHING GULL (R2): 1 1st sum BB-ES 2-7 Jun (8 obs, ph).

FRANKLIN'S GULL (R2): BB-ES 2, 7 Jun (Lma, NU, phs).

Iceland Gull: BB-ES 28-30 Jun (MG, MG, CGo, JGo, SP) 1, 3 Jul (GL, 8 oth obs), rare at dates.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1-4 BB-ES 1-26 Jun; max 10-12 BB-ES 1-3 Jun (sev obs); Alder Beach, T Parma, MONR 14 Jun (JiM, LMa); 1-2 BB-RS 1, 6, 18 Jul; 1 ad BB-ES 29 Aug (MGi, NU, ph); good numbers for summer.

Caspian Tern: max 120 BB-ES 8 Aug (BHa).

Black Tern: max 5 NMWMA (GBM) 4 Jul (D&EB), very low max.

Common Tern: max 48 HB 14 Aug.

Forster's Tern: arr BB-ES 13 Aug.

LOONS – PARAKEET

Red-throated Loon: last HB 1 Jun.

Common Loon: max 5 BB-ES 8 Jun; 10 rep, 1-4 ind HB 7-31 Aug.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 1000 Blind Sodus Bay, WAYN 12 Aug (JuA).

WOOD STORK: BB-HW 23 Aug (JFri, GS), soaring with Red-tailed Hawks, 6th Reg record.

WHITE-FACED IBIS: 1 ad BB-ES 29 Jun (JiM, PMi), ph, 6th Reg record.

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

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE: Rotzel Rd, T Rush, MONR 16 Aug (CKu), 7th Reg record.

Northern Goshawk: no reports.

Bald Eagle: 139 eBird lines Jun; 149 eBird lines Jul; 232 eBird lines Aug; max 19 BB-HW 10 Aug; 347 lines in eBird many loc Aug.

Red-shouldered Hawk: total 5 ind 5 loc Jun; Graham Rd, T Canaseraga, LIVI 7 Jul (SH), only Jul rep; total 10 ind 6 loc Aug.

Broad-winged Hawk: 61 BB-HW 5 Jun; 72 HB 6 Jun; max 94 BB 11 Aug (DT); total 100 BB-HW Aug.

SWAINSON'S HAWK: BB-HW 22 Aug (JFri, GS).

Red-tailed Hawk: max 502 BB-HW 10 Aug; total 2453 BB-HW Aug.

Red-headed Woodpecker: 23 rep, 12 ind 8 loc 2-27 Jun; 23 rep, 16 ind 9 loc 6-31 Jul; 29 rep, ~11 ind 7 loc Aug; good showing for this Reg.

American Kestrel: total ~52 ind 44 loc Jun; ~134 ind many loc Jul; ~64+ ind 43+ loc Aug.

Merlin: nesting pr Casey P, T Ontario, WAYN 24-28 Jun (JWi); nesting pr 19th Ward Rochester 19 Jun (LBra); total 10 ind 8 4-28 Jun; ~14 ind 10 loc 2-31 Jul; ~18 ind 15 loc 3-31 Aug.

Peregrine Falcon: total ~7 ind 6 loc Jun; ~18 ind 13 loc 5-27 Jul; total 17+ ind 15 loc 4-31 Aug; 2 hatched May, 2 banded 2 Jun, 1 found dead 30 Jun, Rochester, *intro*.

FLYCATCHERS – SNOW BUNTING

Olive-sided Flycatcher: arr Sandra L. Frankel NP 12 Aug (PD, MG); CIWMA 23 Aug (MA); Beechwoods SP, WAYN 29-30 Aug (TL, MG, JWi, JWo).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: max b 6 BBBO 1 Jun; total b 18 BBBO 1-5 Jun; LSP-Dishmill Crk 9 Jun; last LSP-Lee's Landing 19 Jun (BCar), late; arr BB-ES 15 Aug (7 obs); total b 5 BBBO 21-30 Aug.

Acadian Flycatcher: Wilbert Tree Farm, Webster 19 Jun (RSp), interesting loc.

“Traill’s” Flycatcher: max b 10 BBBO 2 Jun; total b 29 BBBO 1-7 Jun; total b 8 BBBO 6, 18-30 Aug.

Philadelphia Vireo: arr 2 BB-ES 28 Aug.

Red-eyed Vireo: max 24 Finger Lakes Trail, ONTA 10 Jun (BHo); total b 17 BBBO 20-31 Aug.

Purple Martin: max 70 CR 239 quarry, T Sodus, WAYN 21 Aug, low max.

Tree Swallow: max 325 NMWMA (GBM) 25 Jul, low max.

Bank Swallow: max 300 NMWMA (Morgan Rd) 25 Aug, low max.

Cliff Swallow: max 23 Black Crk Access, MONR, low max.

swallow sp.: 500 NMWMA (SCU) 17 Jul; 1000 NMWMA (VDSR) 23 Aug (JGar).

Winter Wren: total ~14 ind 7 loc Jul, good number; no reports Aug.

SEDGE WREN (R2): Zurich Bog, WAYN 1-10 Jun (EK, 13+ oth obs, aud recs); 1-2 Fisher Rd, ROCH 19-30 Jun, 1-14 Jul (BriM, mob, phs & aud recs); 1-2 Ballantyne Rd, T Chili, MONR 19-30 Jun, 1-18 Jul (BriM, 4 oth obs, aud recs); now rare in Reg.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1b BBBO 2 Jun, unusual date for loc.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: last BB-ES & 1b BBBO 3 Jun. **Swainson’s Thrush:** max 23 N Rush, MONR 2 Jun (NK), flight calls; total b 8 BBBO 1-4 Jun; last N Rush, MONR 8 Jun (NK), flight calls; arr Ellison P, T Penfield 12 Aug (JiM).

Hermit Thrush: arr Beech SP, WAYN 30 Aug (JWi), early.

American Robin: 495 lines eBird Jul.

Gray Catbird: total b 28 BBBO Jun; 1183 eBird lines Jul; total b 107 BBBO 6, 20-31 Aug.

Cedar Waxwing: max 240 HB 25 Aug (DT), low max.

Pine Siskin: Lake Rd, Webster 22, 31 Jul (PMab), only Jul reps; T Canadice, ONTA 4 Aug; Ellison P, T Penfield 12, 18 Aug.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS – CARDINALIDS

Clay-colored Sparrow: Cook Rd, Hamlin 2-13 Jun (9 obs), 1-10 Jul (4 obs); Conesus-Sparte TLR, LIVI 10-16 Jul (LC, EL, JCo, 5 oth obs).

White-throated Sparrow: Nunda, LIVI 27-29 Jun (DSm); Hojack Trail & Big Field, T Webster 6, 10, 11 Jul (AGar, JiM); Nations Rd IBA, LIVI 10 Jul (RCi); Four Mile Crk Pres, T Webster (JiM); rare in summer.

White-crowned Sparrow: BB-ES 29 Jun (JiM); Grandview Heights, G 12-29 Jul, 3-7 Aug (KGri); unusual for dates & locs.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (R2): 1b BBBO 5 Jun; Greenway Trail, T Scottsville, MONR 14-25 Jun (NK, mob, phs & aud recs); now rare in Reg.

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (R2): 1 juv f 15-31 Aug (CW, mob, phs).

Bobolink: max 100 NMWMA (Morgan Rd) 25 Aug (JMcG), good count.

Eastern Meadowlark: max 18 Genesee Airfield 5 Aug (JKi), good count.

Baltimore Oriole: total b 6 BBBO 20, 22 Aug.

Northern Waterthrush: arr BB-ES 14 Aug (JeB, CW); total b 16 BBBO 6, 20-27 Aug.

Black-and-white Warbler: arr BB-ES 8 Aug.

Prothonotary Warbler: 1-3 NMWMA (Armitage Rd) thru Jul (mob); BB-ES 10 Aug (GL).

Tennessee Warbler: last Beechwood SP, WAYN 3 Jun; arr Ellison P, T Penfield 12 Aug.

Nashville Warbler: arr Lake Rd, Webster 18 Aug.

Mourning Warbler: last 1b BBBO 4 Jun; arr 1 BBBO 28 Aug.

Common Yellowthroat: total b 7 BBBO 1-5 Jun; 521 eBird lines Jul; total b 21 BBBO 6, 20-31 Aug.

American Redstart: total b 22 BBBO 1-5 Jun; max 21 Chimney Bluffs, WAYN 5 Jul, low max; total b 16 BBBO 6, 20-28 Aug.

Cape May Warbler: arr 1-2 BB-ES 15 Aug.

Northern Parula: last Norway Rd, T Kendall, ORLE 14 Jun (KGa, BCar); 1b BBBO 20 Jul; unusual locs for dates; arr BB-ES 21 Aug.

Magnolia Warbler: last 3b BBBO 5 Jun; TCEA 25 Jun (MW), unusual loc for date; total b 51 BBBO 6, 20-31 Aug, good number b.

Bay-breasted Warbler: last 1b BBBO 2 Jun; arr BB-ES 15 Aug.

Blackburnian Warbler: arr 1-2 BB-ES 15 Aug.

Yellow Warbler: 30 MP 10 June (DHo) & BB-ES 27 Jul (MGi); total b 126 BBBO Jul; 563 lines in eBird Jul; max 45 BB-ES 10 Aug (MB), low max; total b 7 BBBO 6, 22-27 Aug, low number b.

Blackpoll Warbler: total b 17 1-7 Jun; last M-Owl Woods 5 Jun; arr BB-ES & Mt Albion Cemetery 29 Aug.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: arr BB-ES 15 Aug.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: arr BB-ES 31 Jul (AB).

Prairie Warbler: White Rd, T Conesus, LIVI 9 Jun (SMu); Lehigh Valley Trail, ONTA 10, 11 Jul (NK, MPa, BH); Turkey Hill Rd, T Conesus LIVI 12 Jul (AH); Conesus-Sparta TLR, LIVI 13 Jul (LHow); BB-ES 14 Aug (JeB, CW); Lake Rd, Webster 20, 22 Aug (AGar).

Black-throated Green Warbler: arr BB-ES 15 Aug.

Canada Warbler: last 1b BBBO 5 Jun; arr M-Owl Woods 15 Aug.

Wilson's Warbler: 5b BBBO 2 Jun; last 1b BBBO 7 Jun; arr Webster Village 19 Aug.

Northern Cardinal: 626 eBird lines Jul.