

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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September 2021 was a warm and wet month, finishing as the eleventh warmest and nineteenth wettest on record for Buffalo. The mean temperature was 66.5° F, 3.1° above normal, with 5.28" of precipitation, 1.18" above average. A particularly strong southwest wind and rain event on the 24th contributed to some exceptional birds along the Buffalo waterfront. The warm temperatures continued into the first half of October, followed by more typical, autumn-like conditions for the second half. The mean temperature was 59.4°, 7.7° above average. Precipitation was 6.14", 2.11" above average. November brought the first snows of the season and finished with fairly typical temperatures and precipitation for the month. The average temperature was 42.2°, 1.2° above normal. Rainfall was 3.28", 0.22" below normal and there was 5.0" of snow, 2.8" below normal.

Waterfowl migration was typical for recent years, which has shown a later movement of dabblers and geese. Two juvenile Ross's Geese entertained many birders on the Buffalo waterfront during a three week stay in November with near daily sightings; they were found by Rebecca Ploeger. There were three Greater White-fronted Goose reports, with a maximum of seven at Iroquois NWR on 24 November. Brant were sighted on only several occasions this fall, with all being along Lake Ontario as usual. A maximum of 32 Cackling Geese was recorded in Lyndonville, where a reservoir in the village makes for pleasant viewing conditions to search for the smaller cacklers among the many Canada Geese. A count of 22 Mute Swans in Waterport is higher than Region 1 is accustomed to, as breeding has been limited in the area compared to the adjacent areas in Ontario

and Rochester. Trumpeter Swans were found at their now regular locations around Iroquois NWR and vicinity, while two in Hanover on 8 October were an unusual location and date. Tundra Swans arrived on 20 October.

The most unusual waterfowl sighting this fall was of a Wood Duck x Mallard hybrid described by Chris Wood and Mitchell Barry at Batavia WWTP in early September. Joel Strong found the only King Eider this fall with an immature male off Golden Hill SP. There were three reports of Harlequin Duck, including one at Niagara Falls SP, where it has been a regular in recent years. There were Surf Scoter and Black Scoter reports just a little earlier than usual in September, and it was a typical season in which numbers of these species were dwarfed by the much more numerous White-winged Scoter. Chris Bertola had a good count of 1,250 Bufflehead at the Niagara River in Buffalo on 24 November, which is on target for the peak of their migration phenology. Numbers of Hooded Mergansers have increased this century with the highest counts occurring in November, and a few counts above one hundred are now normal for the month.

Sandhill Cranes were on the move on 25 November, with flyover flocks of 36 and 30 observed from Tiffitt NP and over North Collins, perhaps the same group. On the same day, 19 were tallied at Oak Orchard WMA.

Fall shorebird migration was not especially bountiful at any particular location; however, collectively, there were some nice species highlights this season. Joel Strong found a large group of American Golden-Plovers during the BOS October Count in Orleans County; the count of 99 is the highest in Region 1 this century. Whimbrel was reported from two locations in early September. A Hudsonian Godwit in an agricultural field puddle in Yates in early November was another nice find by Joel Strong. Baird's Sandpipers were reported from five locations, continuing the good showing from August. There were three reports of White-rumped Sandpiper, including one photographed on Wilson Pier on the late side 20-21 November. Four reports of Buff-breasted Sandpiper were a treat in September; many birders were able to see one at Buffalo Outer Harbor over a two-day period.

The strong southwest winds and lake effect rain on 24 September brought out the birders to the Niagara River in Buffalo. Five Red-necked Phalaropes, three Parasitic Jaegers, two Black-legged Kittiwakes, Sabine's Gull, Little Gull, Forster's Tern, and Black Tern were well worth it for those braving the elements.

There were three other Parasitic Jaeger reports and eight jaeger species reports for the season, plus three other Black-legged Kittiwake reports. Bonaparte's Gulls were plentiful late in the season. Tim Lenz counted 11 Little Gulls among the Bonaparte's Gulls leaving the Niagara River for roosting on Lake Ontario in the late afternoon of 20 November. Other gull highlights included a Laughing Gull at Olcott on 13 November, two "Thayer's" Gull reports, and a count of 13 Lesser Black-backed Gulls inland at Cuba Lake on 11 October. Great Black-backed Gulls are still regular but in nowhere near the numbers of years past. It is telling that the seasonal high count for Lesser Black-backed was higher than that of Great Black-backed (13 to 7).

Willie D'Anna received a tip from Canadian birders that Razorbills were being reported in higher numbers than usual on the St. Lawrence River in Quebec in September, and then some made it to the Ottawa area in early October. The prediction was that Razorbills would be found on Lake Ontario this fall, and it turned out to be correct. Following a late October nor'easter, the spotting scopes were up around Lake Ontario, with flyby **Razorbill** sightings from Krull County Park and Fort Niagara SP. A large alcid species report from that same day of 30 October at Golden Hill SP was likely a Razorbill, as was one on 14 November at Fort Niagara SP. More obliging was a Razorbill found by Joel Strong and Willie D'Anna at Fort Niagara SP that was first seen flying upriver and then back out to the lake where it was viewed foraging in late November. Stay tuned for the winter season report with more Razorbill excitement from this location.

Ryan Griffiths spotted an immature Northern Gannet from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, that U.S. birders chased to observe from Fort Niagara SP on 18 November. This was the first gannet for Region 1 since 2013.

Cattle Egrets were scattered throughout the Region with four reports in November. Late October through November has been the time period for the most reports of this species, and it is puzzling why that is and uncertain where they are coming from. Gale VerHague photographed a dark ibis in flight to the northeast on 12 September in Dunkirk. The photos were not considered to be enough to identify to species, other than Glossy/White-faced Ibis; a fine record regardless.

Black Vultures continued around the known Lewiston roost, with a maximum of five reported this season. Gale VerHague also found one at Point Gratiot, which is a noteworthy record outside of the Lewiston vicinity. Rough-legged Hawks were well-represented this season, with numerous sightings throughout the Region, and Red-shouldered Hawks were well reported, mostly in the Southern Tier counties.

The first Snowy Owl of the season showed up on the recently constructed breakwall in Olcott, which attracted several more over the season. Though no Long-eared Owls were reported for the fall, there were a handful of Northern Saw-whet Owl reports, including an impressive 19 banded at Wethersfield by David and Sandy Junkin.

The Region's fifth and sixth records for **Scissor-tailed Flycatchers** were found on 18 and 19 October, respectively, if accepted by NYSARC. Mitchell Barry reported one flying over the windshield of his car and landing in a tree while he was driving on the NYS Thruway in Pembroke on the 18th. Despite several birders subsequently searching for the bird, it was not refound. The very next day, Gale VerHague reported one from the Dunkirk Airport. Much to the delight of area birders, this rarity stuck around for four days, providing ample opportunity for viewing and photographing.

The first Northern Shrike of the season was reported on 24 October, with two more reported in October and 18 reported throughout the Region in November. Alex Colucci reported an impressive count of eight Fish Crows from Niagara Falls

and three other reports came from Buffalo in October and November, where this species is becoming regular.

The winter finch activity paled in comparison to last fall's irruption event. The only Evening Grosbeak report of the season came from Krull County Park on 21 November, where Eric Schill managed to get a recording of the "peer" call. Common Redpolls were scarce with only two reports for the Region. No crossbills were reported within the Region.

No rare sparrows were reported during fall migration. A late Grasshopper Sparrow continued until 3 October in Sheridan and several reports of Chipping and Field Sparrow into late November were getting late for these species and potentially represent lingerers into winter. Mike Morgante counted an impressive 104 Swamp Sparrows at Tonawanda WMA on 9 October during a slow, 2-mile hike around the drawn-down Wood Marsh. Bill Massaro photographed a late male Baltimore Oriole at his feeding station on 22 November.

Connecticut Warblers made a great showing this season, with six reports from Erie County and one from Chautauqua County between 13-24 September. Sue Barth photographed a very late first year Northern Parula on 20 November at Beaver Island SP. The warbler highlight of the season came as a big surprise when Alec Humann was reviewing eBird photographs from Erie County. He came across Ken Czworka's photograph of a **Townsend's Warbler** that was misidentified as a Black-throated Green Warbler. Unfortunately, this was discovered nearly two weeks after the photograph was taken, so the warbler was long-gone by then. This represents the Region's first record for this species, which was nicely documented with Ken's photographs.

The 86th BOS October Count was held on 9 October on a warm (high of 71° F) and cloudy day. This count, compiled by Marcie Jacklin, includes both Region 1 and the adjacent area to the west in Ontario, Canada. A total of 208 birders on both sides of the border contributed to tallying 160 species totaling 106,333 birds. This count set several record high counts since the first count in 1935, including Black-bellied Whistling Duck (1 on Canadian side; first count record), Lesser Black-backed Gull (7), Least Bittern (1), Great Egret (198), Turkey Vulture (1294), Cooper's Hawk (49), Barred Owl (12), Red-bellied Woodpecker (318), Merlin (20), Blue Jay (2283), Fish Crow (1; first count record), Barn Swallow (93), Baltimore Oriole (1), Yellow Warbler (1), and Northern Cardinal (596). This represents the third year in a row that Cooper's Hawk set a new high record (38 last year) and second year in a row for Merlin (12 last year). Greater Yellowlegs set the only record for low count, with two individuals tallied.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AISP – Allegany SP, CATT; **AmSP** – Amherst SP, ERIE; **BeSP** – Beaver I SP, ERIE; **BMAC** – Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, WYOM; **BOSOC** – Buffalo Ornithological Society 09 Oct Count; **BufH** – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; **BuSP** – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; **BWWTP** – Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant, GENE; **ChauL** – Chautauqua L, CHAU; **DH** – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; **DHSP** – Devil’s Hole SP, NIAG; **EvSP** – Evangola SP, ERIE; **FLC** – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; **FNSP** – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; **GHSP** – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; **HBWMA** – Hanging Bog WMA, ALLE; **INWR** – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; **JDSP** – Joseph Davis SP, NIAG; **Krull CP** – Krull CP, NIAG; **LBSP** – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; **LESP** – Lake Erie SP, CHAU; **NF** – Niagara Falls, NIAG; **NFSP** – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; **NR** – Niagara R; **OOWMA** – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; **PB** – Point Breeze, ORLE; **PG** – Point Gratiot, CHAU; **RWNP** – Reinstein Woods NP, ERIE; **TBNP** – Times Beach Nature Pres, Buffalo, ERIE; **Tift NP** – Tift Nature Pres, ERIE; **TRWMA** – Tillman Road WMA, ERIE; **TWMA** – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; **WoBSP** – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE; **WTSP** – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

Snow Goose: arr Newfane NIAG 25 Sep; six Oct records 1 each; max 19 FNSP 18 Nov; 13 Wilson NIAG 19 Nov; Oakfield GENE 24 Nov; Westfield 30 Nov.

Ross’s Goose: 2 BufH 7-27 Nov (RP, mob), seen by many during 3-week stay.

Greater White-fronted Goose: arr 3 OOWMA 14 Oct (CM); Middleport NIAG 10 Nov (CM); 7 INWR 24 Nov (NK, RB).

Brant: arr 16, 102 GHSP 17, 18 Oct (CW, JS); Yates ORLE 31 Oct (CM); 12 PB 16 Nov (JL).

Cackling Goose: arr 2, 10 Somerset NIAG 4, 18 Oct; 7 Alexander GENE 14 Oct; max 32 Lyndonville ORLE 10 Nov; 16 OOWMA 21 Nov; 9 INWR 25 Nov.

Canada Goose: max 3500 INWR 24 Nov.

Mute Swan: 5 WTSP 5 Sep; max 22, 12 Waterport ORLE 17 Oct, 3 Nov; 17 Carlton ORLE 23 Oct.

Trumpeter Swan: 5 TWMA 30 Sep; 2 Hanover CHAU 8 Oct; max 9, 6 INWR 18 Oct, 25 Nov.

Tundra Swan: arr 7 Dayton CATT 20 Oct; 4 INWR 24 Oct; max 160 NF 27 Nov.

Wood Duck: 93 BWWTP 5 Sep; max 207 TWMA 30 Sep; 81 Buffalo ERIE 9 Oct; 48 AISP 15 Oct; 76, 65 OOWMA 27 Oct, 4 Nov.

WOOD DUCK X MALLARD: BWWTP 5 Sep (CW, MB), rare hybrid.

Blue-winged Teal: 31, 18 BWWTP 23 Sep, 13 Oct; 32 GHSP 26 Sep; max 40 INWR 9 Oct; 24 LBSP 17 Oct; last TRWMA 23 Nov.

Northern Shoveler: max 116, 203, 290, 169 BWWTP 10, 24 Sep, 16 Oct, 1 Nov; 75 OOWMA 28 Oct.

Gadwall: 25 LBSP 17 Oct; 60 OOWMA 28 Oct; max 72, 136 Tift NP 11, 30 Nov; 33 INWR 13 Nov.

American Wigeon: 65 OOWMA 28 Oct; max 150 INWR 24 Nov.

Mallard: max 1200 INWR 24 Nov.

American Black Duck: 30 GHSP 17 Oct; max 26, 54 OOWMA 28 Oct, 24 Nov; 43 FNSP 11 Nov.

Northern Pintail: 29, 100 OOWMA 24 Sep, 28 Oct; 111 GHSP 17 Oct; 144, 55 Wilson NIAG 27 Oct, 3 Nov; 73 FNSP 11 Nov; max 200 INWR 24 Nov.

Green-winged Teal: 200 OOWMA 14 Oct; 85 Olcott NIAG 3 Nov; max 1350 INWR 24 Nov (NK, RB).

Canvasback: arr BWWTP 15 Oct; GHSP 17 Oct; 2, 30 NF 14, 22 Nov; DH 30 Nov.

Redhead: 2, 2 BWWTP 4, 24 Sep; 1, 14 GHSP 26 Sep, 18 Oct; 18 BeSP 18 Oct; max 200 NF 27 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: 6 Tift NP 29 Sep; max 250 Hanover CHAU 25 Oct; 128, 92 North Collins ERIE 30 Oct, 4 Nov; 171 Dayton CATT 14 Nov.

Greater Scaup: arr Olcott NIAG, PB 6 Sep; max 197 GHSP 17 Oct; 75 DH 29 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: BWWTP 5 Sep; Buffalo NR 24 Sep; max 75 GHSP 17 Oct; 40 DH 21 Nov.

King Eider: arr GHSP 22 Nov (JS); only report.

Harlequin Duck: arr 2 FNSP 11 Nov (WD, JK, BP, JS); Olcott NIAG 27 Nov (WD); NFSP 28 Nov (WD, MM, BP, JS).

Surf Scoter: arr GHSP 19 Sep (WD, JS), early; 28 Wilson NIAG 27 Oct; max 83 Buffalo NR 29 Oct (JK); 32 BufH 11 Nov; 15 FNSP 11 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: arr GHSP 6 Sep; max 323 Olcott NIAG 27 Oct; 83, 214 FNSP 11, 20 Nov; 54 BufH 11 Nov.

Black Scoter: arr 2 Buffalo NR 23 Sep (AH), slightly early; max 10 DH 23 Oct; 7 Olcott NIAG 27 Oct; 6 WoBSP 5 Nov; 9 PB 16 Nov; 4 DH 30 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr GHSP 9 Oct; 354 Olcott NIAG 27 Oct; max 421, 222 GHSP 31 Oct, 13 Nov; 250 Buffalo NR 13 Nov.

Bufflehead: arr 2 LBSP 17 Oct; 122 Dayton CATT 14 Nov; 350 BeSP 20 Nov; max 1250 Buffalo NR 24 Nov (CB).

Common Goldeneye: arr Amherst ERIE 12 Oct; max 200 NF 17 Nov; 100 Olcott NIAG 26 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: 110 INWR 18 Nov; max 196 Dayton CATT 21 Nov; 85 Cuba L ALLE 28 Nov.

Common Merganser: 75 DH 22 Sep; max 300 Sheridan CHAU 20 Oct (MG); 250 Dayton CATT 21 Nov; 150 Cuba L ALLE 29 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser: 393, 1231 GHSP 31 Oct, 6 Nov; 660 Yates ORLE 31 Oct; max 4500 Westfield CHAU 21 Nov (TL).

Ruddy Duck: arr 2, 46, 255, 60 Dayton CATT 11, 30 Sep, 17 Oct, 7 Nov; max 81, 369, 244 BWWTP 24 Sep, 18 Oct, 8 Nov; 70, 60 North Collins ERIE 30 Oct, 16 Nov; 56 ChauL 3 Nov.

Wild Turkey: max 37 Bethany GENE 19 Sep.

Ring-necked Pheasant: max 4 WTSP 9 Oct; release area.

Pied-billed Grebe: 17 Dayton CATT 7 Nov; max 22 Lakewood ChauL 13 Nov (BR).

Horned Grebe: arr Olcott NIAG 6 Sep; max 82 GHSP 30 Oct; 44 FNSP 30 Oct; 41 Hamburg ERIE 8 Nov; 30 PB 20 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: arr 1, 1, 11 GHSP 12 Sep, 9, 23 Oct; 2 Olcott NIAG 19 Sep; DH 16 Oct; 3 PB 20 Nov.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: reported from five locations in Sep; last BufH 6 Oct.

Black-billed Cuckoo: last Grand Island ERIE 26 Sep.

Common Nighthawk: 10 INWR 5 Sep; max 19, last RWNP 13, 29 Sep (CH, JRB).

Chimney Swift: 8 Buffalo ERIE 8 Oct; last 14 INWR 9 Oct.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Orchard Park ERIE 15 Oct.

Virginia Rail: max 3 Tift NP 13 Sep; 2 BWWTP 13 Oct; last TWMA 19 Oct.

Sora: BWWTP 17 Oct; last OOWMA, Tift NP 23 Oct.

Common Gallinule: last OOWMA 28 Oct.

American Coot: max 140, 344 Lakewood ChauL 26 Oct, 13 Nov (BR).

Sandhill Crane: 12 TWMA 12 Sep; 17, 19 OOWMA 28 Oct, 25 Nov; 30 North Collins ERIE 25 Nov; max 36 Tift NP 25 Nov (JRB), flyover flocks, record count.

Black-bellied Plover: 2 PG 9 Sep; max 6, 12 Porter NIAG 22 Sep, 3 Oct; 3 Albion ORLE 23 Sep; 8, 7, 3 BufH 27 Sep, 3, 13 Oct; 10 Yates ORLE 15 Oct.

American Golden-Plover: HBWMA, BufH 5 Sep; TWMA 13 Sep; 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 18 Sep; 11 Porter NIAG 22 Sep; 3 Albion ORLE 24 Sep; 16 Cambria NIAG 2 Oct; 19 Somerset NIAG 5 Oct; max, last 99 BOSOC (JS, RW, ph!), highest count in decades.

Killdeer: max 105 Porter NIAG 3 Oct; 55, 49 Dayton CATT 6, 14 Nov; 57 Chaffee ERIE 10 Nov.

Semipalmated Plover: max 12 BufH 9 Sep;

last DH 27 Oct.

Whimbrel: BufH 5 Sep (AH, SB, JK); PB 6 Sep (AG, CW, MB); only reports.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (R1): Yates ORLE 5, 6 Nov (JS, mob, ph!), rare.

Ruddy Turnstone: 2, 2 BufH 3, 18 Sep; 7 DH 15 Sep; last PB 2 Oct.

Stilt Sandpiper: TWMA 13 Sep; 2 Porter NIAG 22 Sep; only reports.

Sanderling: max 50 DH, 30 WoBSP 5 Sep; 29 BufH, 25 Barcelona CHAU 14 Sep; 3 Sturgeon Point ERIE 19 Oct; 8 DH 22 Oct; 6 GHSP 1 Nov; last 2 BufH 11 Nov.

Dunlin: WoBSP 19 Sep; 4 Buffalo NR 23 Sep; max 68 GHSP 1 Nov (JS).

Baird's Sandpiper: WTSP 1 Sep; 2 BWWT 6 Sep; PB 6 Sep; DH 7 Sep; continued good showing from Aug; last 2 Porter NIAG 3 Oct.

Least Sandpiper: max 14 INWR 1 Sep; 2 Dayton CATT 18 Oct; last INWR 28 Oct, late.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 2 Porter NIAG 23 Sep; BufH 5, 6 Oct; last Wilson NIAG 20, 21 Nov (BH, PM, ph!), late.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: HBWMA 7 Sep (DC); BufH 8-9 Sep (AH); Porter NIAG 23 Sep (WD, BP); Albion ORLE 23 Sep (CM); good showing.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 16 Porter NIAG 23 Sep; last OOWMA 16 Oct.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 10 Porter NIAG 23 Sep; last BufH 3 Oct.

Short-billed Dowitcher: Hamburg ERIE 2 Sep (SB); only report.

Long-billed Dowitcher: no reports.

American Woodcock: last 2 Holland ERIE 14 Nov.

Wilson's Snipe: 14, 11 Dayton CATT 2 Oct, 21 Nov; max 18, 45 OOWMA 28 Oct, 4 Nov.

Spotted Sandpiper: last BWWT 17 Oct.

Solitary Sandpiper: max 5 INWR 12 Sep; last RWN 16 Oct.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 15 BufH 8 Sep; 9 OOWMA 14 Oct; last Carlton ORLE 17 Oct.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 9 OOWMA 14 Oct; max 9 Alexander GENE 29 Oct; last 2 Chaffee ERIE 31 Oct.

Red-necked Phalarope: 5 Buffalo NR 24 Sep (AH), during wind event; no reports from other days.

Red Phalarope: 2 FNPS 7 Nov (RG), as viewed from Ontario side; only report.

Parasitic Jaeger: max 3 Buffalo NR 24 Sep (AH); EvSP 26 Sep (NJ); Buffalo NR 1, 13 Nov (SS & JK, mob).

jaeger species: Olcott NIAG 6 Sep; 1, 2, 1 Buffalo NR 12, 24 Sep, 1 Nov; GHSP 30 Oct; 1, 1 FNPS 31 Oct, 11 Nov; 2 Krull CP 21 Nov (JS), one probable Pomarine.

RAZORBILL: Krull CP 30 Oct (WD, JS, ph!); FNPS 30 Oct (JK, GL); FNPS 28, 29 Nov (WD, BP, JS), part of increased presence on Lake Ontario this fall; *see intro*.

large alcid species: GHSP 30 Oct (JS); FNPS 14 Nov (WD, JS, JK); likely Razorbills.

Black-legged Kittiwake: 2 Buffalo NR 24 Sep; GHSP 30 Oct; Buffalo NR 5-13 Nov; all juveniles.

Sabine's Gull: juv Buffalo NR 24 Sep (AH, mob); only report.

Bonaparte's Gull: 250 Buffalo NR 29 Oct; max 7500 FNPS 20 Nov (TL); 2000 DHSP 27 Nov.

Little Gull: 4 Buffalo NR 24 Sep; DH 4 Nov; max 11 FNPS 20 Nov (TL), flying out of NR to roost on lake; 5 Lewiston NR 28 Nov.

LAUGHING GULL (R1): Olcott NIAG 13 Nov (JS, WD, ph!), rare.

Iceland Gull: arr NFSP 6 Nov; max 4 DHSP (WD, MM, BP) 27 Nov.

"Thayer's" Iceland Gull: NFSP 9 Nov (WD); DHSP 27 Nov (TK); only reports.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Olcott NIAG 8, 19 Sep; WoBSP 12 Sep; 1, 3, 7 NFSP 20 Sep, 6 Oct, 27 Nov; PB 23 Sep; max 13 Cuba L ALLE 11 Oct, high inland count.

Glaucous Gull: arr DHSP 24 Nov; NFSP 28 Nov; DH 28 Nov.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 7 Olcott NIAG 25 Nov.

Herring x Great Black-backed Gull: GHSP 13 Nov (JS, WD); Krull CP 20 Nov (JS); Long Pt SP CHAU 21 Nov (TL); careful IDs.

Caspian Tern: max 32 BufH 1 Sep; last 2 BuSP 2 Oct.

Black Tern: 3 Buffalo NR 24 Sep; only report.

Common Tern: 53 Olcott NIAG 6 Sep; max 55 Buffalo NR 24 Sep; 40 Buffalo NR 1 Nov; last Hanover CHAU 9 Nov.

Forster's Tern: Barcelona CHAU 1 Sep (BR); Buffalo NR 24 Sep (AH); only reports.

Red-throated Loon: arr 1, 10 GHSP 23 31 Oct; 11 Yates ORLE 31 Oct; max 222 FNPS 20 Nov (WD, JS); 169 Olcott NIAG 25 Nov.

Common Loon: 2 Olcott NIAG 6 Sep; max 63, 55 GHSP 22 Oct, 13 Nov.

Northern Gannet: juv FNPS 18 Nov (RG, WD, mob), first found on Canadian side by RG.

Double-crested Cormorant: 850 DH 24 Sep; max 2000 DH, BH 5 Oct, 1 Nov.

American Bittern: last INWR 17 Sep.

Least Bittern: TBNP 5 Sep; Grand Island ERIE 20 Sep; West Seneca ERIE 20 Sep; last INWR 9 Oct.

Great Blue Heron: max 14 INWR 2 Oct.

Great Egret: 28 BWWT 6 Sep; max 117, 104 INWR 10 Sep, 9 Oct; last Gaines ORLE 11 Nov.

Cattle Egret: Sheridan CHAU 8 Nov (GV); Hamburg ERIE 12 Nov (JK); Carlton ORLE 20 Nov (TL); Albion ORLE 23-26 Nov (CM); good showing.

Green Heron: last INWR 15 Oct.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: last Tift NP 24 Oct.

Glossy/White-faced Ibis: DH 12 Sep (GV ph!), flying northeast.

Black Vulture: 3 FNSP 4, 15 Sep (WD); PG 9 Sep (GV), unusual location; max 4, 5 Lewiston NIAG 30 Oct, 28 Nov.

Turkey Vulture: max 72 Barcelona CHAU 19 Sep; 1294 BOSOC, record high for count; 46 Fredonia CHAU 4 Nov.

Osprey: last GHSP 17 Oct.

Northern Harrier: max 7 INWR 18 Oct (CM).

Cooper's Hawk: 49 BOSOC, record high for count.

Bald Eagle: max 5 DH 27 Oct.

Red-shouldered Hawk: reported from 10 locs in Nov.

Broad-winged Hawk: last Harmony CHAU, AmSP 20 Sep.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr Grove ALLE 29 Oct; Yates ORLE 31 Oct; reported from 16 locations in Nov.

Snowy Owl: arr Olcott NIAG 16 Nov; BufH 20 Nov; Yates ORLE 21 Nov; Attica WYOM 30 Nov.

Long-eared Owl: no reports.

Short-eared Owl: arr GHSP 17 Oct; Alfred ALLE 22 Nov; only reports.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Forestville CHAU 14, 15 Oct; total 19 banded Wethersfield WYOM 14 Oct - 5 Nov (DJ&SJ); BMAC 5 Nov; Gerry CHAU 6 Nov.

Red-headed Woodpecker: max 3 Knox Farm SP ERIE 10 Sep; max 3 PB 12 Sep; four Oct and two Nov reports.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 318 BOSOC, record high for count.

Northern Flicker: max 33 Sheridan CHAU 25 Sep.

Merlin: 20 BOSOC, record for count.

Great Crested Flycatcher: last Cassadaga CHAU 16 Sep.

Eastern Kingbird: last Orangeville WYOM 11 Sep.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER:

Newstead ERIE (MB) 18 Oct, sighted along NYS Thruway; Dunkirk CHAU 19-22 Oct (GV, mob, ph!); 5th and 6th Reg records if both accepted by NYSARC; *see intro*.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1, last 1 AmSP 2, 16 Sep; HBWMA 4 Sep; FLC 14 Sep.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: last Lockport NIAG 16 Oct.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 2 WoBSP 10 Sep; 2 AmSP 14 Sep; last Porter NIAG 21 Sep.

Acadian Flycatcher: INWR 16 Sep (DB audio), late.

Alder/Willow Flycatcher: last AmSP 15 Sep.

Least Flycatcher: last Wellsville ALLE 25 Sep.

Eastern Phoebe: Buffalo NR 21 Nov (DB, KD); RWNP 29 Nov (SB); latest Nov reports.

White-eyed Vireo: 1, 1 WoBSP 25 Sep, 5 Nov (SB ph!), surprising annual fall presence in recent years.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last INWR 20 Sep.

Blue-headed Vireo: last Cheektowaga ERIE 31 Oct.

Philadelphia Vireo: max 4 WTSP 5 Sep; max 4 AmSP 13 Sep; 3 HBWMA 20 Sep; BWWT 5 Oct; last Perrysburg CATT 10 Oct.

Warbling Vireo: last Orchard Park ERIE 30 Sep.

Red-eyed Vireo: last Rushford ALLE 15 Oct.

Northern Shrike: arr Krull CP 24 Oct; BWWT 28 Oct; Ischua CATT 31 Oct; reports from 18 locations in Nov.

Blue Jay: 2283 BOSOC, record for count.

Fish Crow: max 8 NF 4 Sep (AC); 2, 1, 1 Buffalo ERIE 29 Oct, 4 Nov, 24 Nov.

Common Raven: max 8 BufH 22 Nov.

Horned Lark: 50 Porter NIAG 28 Sep; max 150 Dayton CATT 31 Oct.

Bank Swallow: last 3 BWWT 24 Sep.

Tree Swallow: 125 BWWT 24 Sep; max 150 INWR 3 Oct; last Dunkirk CHAU 23 Oct.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: max 80 Grand Island ERIE 10 Sep; last 5 INWR 9 Oct.
Purple Martin: last 10 INWR 12 Sep.
Barn Swallow: max 200 Dayton CATT 7 Sep; last BWWT 17 Oct.
Cliff Swallow: last 3 GHSP 12 Sep.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: BuSP 27 Nov, last report for season.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 2 FLC 15 Sep.

Bohemian Waxwing: no reports.
Cedar Waxwing: max 100 Krull CP 28 Nov.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last AmSP 20 Sep.

House Wren: last AmSP 23 Oct.
Winter Wren: arr AmSP 2 Sep.
Marsh Wren: OOWMA 15 Nov; INWR 21 Nov; Tift NP 25 Nov; reports from second half of Nov getting on late side.
Carolina Wren: 67 BOSOC.

Brown Thrasher: last BeSP 18 Oct.

Eastern Bluebird: max 32 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 19 Oct.
Veery: last LBSP 26 Sep;
Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr AmSP, Hamburg ERIE 6 Sep; max 7 Grand Island ERIE 19 Sep (AH), NFCs; last 2 LBSP 17 Oct.
Swainson's Thrush: max 14 Grand Island ERIE 14 Sep (AH), NFCs; last Batavia GENE 24 Oct.
Hermit Thrush: max 9 AmSP 19 Oct; several Nov reports might be ready to linger or winter.
Wood Thrush: last AISP 11 Oct.
American Robin: max 400 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 7 Nov.

American Pipit: arr BufH 14 Sep; 20 Dunkirk Airport CHAU, 20 Porter NIAG 26 Sep; max 100 N Collins, Chaffee ERIE 22, 31 Oct; 17 Dayton CATT 13 Nov; 25 WoBSP 20 Nov.

Evening Grosbeak: Krull CP 21 Nov (ES), flyover; only report.
House Finch: max 40 Krull CP 17 Sep.
Purple Finch: max 9 LBSP 3 Oct.
Common Redpoll: arr 4 Krull CP 25 Nov; 2 Whirlpool SP NR 28 Nov.
Pine Siskin: arr Grand Island ERIE 30 Sep; max 11, 14 LBSP 20, 21 Oct; 7, 13 Rushford ALLE 9, 20 Nov; 7 BeSP 20 Nov.
American Goldfinch: max 90 AmSP 4 Sep.

Lapland Longspur: arr 1, 2 Sheridan CHAU 1, 3 Oct; 2 Middleport NIAG 12 Oct; 2 Somerset NIAG 17 Oct; Dunkirk CHAU 24 Oct; Sturgeon Pt ERIE 4 Nov; 2 Shelby ORLE 10 Nov.

Snow Bunting: arr 3 Dunkirk CHAU 24 Oct; 25 Randolph CATT 28 Oct; 75, 80 Somerset NIAG 5, 17 Nov; max 100 Krull CP 21 Nov; 40 Fredonia CHAU 30 Nov.

Grasshopper Sparrow: last 2, 1 Sheridan CHAU 1, 3 Oct (GV), late.

Chipping Sparrow: several reports in late Nov getting on late side.

Field Sparrow: several reports in late Nov getting on late side.

Fox Sparrow: arr TBNP 6 Oct; max 5 Ashford CATT 20 Nov.

American Tree Sparrow: arr multiple locations 24 Oct.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Grand Island ERIE 26 Sep; 18 Sheridan CHAU 7 Oct; max 28 Youngstown NIAG 10 Oct; 18 BeSP 18 Oct.

White-throated Sparrow: arr GHSP 3 Sep; max 110 GHSP 17 Oct.

Vesper Sparrow: Yates ORLE 10 Sep; Sheridan CHAU 25 Sep, 1 Oct; BWWT 15 Oct; last BeSP 22 Oct.

Savannah Sparrow: BufH 28 Nov (AH, JR), late.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Tift NP 11 Sep; West Seneca ERIE 24 Oct; last Sheridan CHAU, INWR 27 Oct.

Swamp Sparrow: max 104 TWMA 9 Oct (MM).

Eastern Towhee: last LBSP 18 Nov.

Bobolink: max 25, last 5 TWMA 1, 13 Sep.
Eastern Meadowlark: last BufH 10 Nov.

Baltimore Oriole: AmSP 28 Sep; E Aurora ERIE 2-9 Oct; Elma ERIE 22 Nov (BM), late.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 540 TWMA 9 Oct; 500 East Aurora ERIE 30 Oct.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 350 Alabama GENE 2 Nov.

Rusty Blackbird: arr BuSP 23 Sep; 140 INWR 18 Oct; max 200 JDSP 31 Oct.

Common Grackle: 1000 Salamanca CATT 17 Sep; 650 Albion ORLE 22 Sep; max 3000 Orchard Park 4 Oct; 2300 LBSP 23 Oct.

Ovenbird: Tift NP 2 Sep; last Forestville CHAU 15 Oct.

Northern Waterthrush: TBNP 4 Sep; last WoBSP 1 Oct.

Blue-winged Warbler: last INWR 17 Sep.
Black-and-white Warbler: last RWNP 3 Oct.
Tennessee Warbler: last BuSP 28 Oct.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr Tift NP 11 Sep; 2 AmSP 19 Sep; last Forestville CHAU, WoBSP 24 Oct.
Nashville Warbler: last Forestville CHAU 15 Oct.
Connecticut Warbler: arr Gerry CHAU (BR); AmSP 13 Sep (BS); Grand Island ERIE 15 Sep (AH); WoBSP 16 Sep (SB); LESP 18 Sep (TL); Tift NP 20 Sep (KR); Newstead ERIE 24 Sep (CR); excellent showing.
Mourning Warbler: Wilson NIAG 2 Sep; AmSP 15 Sep; Chautauqua CHAU, West Seneca ERIE 17 Sep; last Gerry CHAU 19 Sep.
Common Yellowthroat: last West Seneca ERIE 24 Oct.
Hooded Warbler: last 2 Portland CHAU 27 Sep.
American Redstart: last Sturgeon Pt ERIE 19 Oct.
Cape May Warbler: 8 BeSP 3 Sep; max 11 Chautauqua CHAU 23 Sep (KV); last BeSP 8 Oct.
Northern Parula: max 6 Tift NP 12 Sep; last BeSP 20 Nov (SB), late.
Magnolia Warbler: max 12 AmSP 14 Sep (CH); last Grand Island ERIE, Sheridan CHAU 13 Oct.
Bay-breasted Warbler: max 14 AmSP 5 Sep (CH); last W Seneca ERIE 9 Oct.

Blackburnian Warbler: last Hamburg ERIE 2 Oct.
Yellow Warbler: last Dayton CATT 26 Sep (JM).
Chestnut-sided Warbler: last BufH 6 Oct.
Blackpoll Warbler: 19 LESP 18 Sep (TL); max 25 Chautauqua CHAU 22 Sep (KV); 10 BuSP 1 Oct (RGo); 14 BWWT 5 Oct (JK, SS); last Hamburg ERIE 25 Oct.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: last Elma ERIE 23 Oct.
Palm Warbler: arr 2 TBNP 2 Sep; max 12 West Seneca ERIE 9 Oct (BM); last Dunkirk Airport CHAU 11 Nov (PM).
Pine Warbler: max 5 AISP 11 Sep; last 4 Forestville CHAU 16 Oct.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 60 Krull CP 30 Sep; max 120 Buffalo ERIE 10 Oct (JK).
TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: Tift NP 13 Sep (KC ph!), first for Reg; *see intro*.
Black-throated Green Warbler: max 10 Gerry CHAU 18 Sep; last Amherst ERIE, Cambria NIAG 16 Oct.
Canada Warbler: last Wilson NIAG 16 Sep.
Wilson's Warbler: last BufH 10 Oct.
Scarlet Tanager: max 5 Olean CATT 11 Sep; last WoBSP 13 Oct.
Northern Cardinal: 596 BOSOC, record high for count.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last WoBSP 23 Oct.
Indigo Bunting: last Sheridan ERIE, BeSP 10 Oct.