

REGION 2—GENESEE

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The fall of 2021 was mostly just a normal, average transition season. September remained warm, with temperatures averaging 64.0° F, 0.4° above normal. There were no temperature extremes, but 25 days reached or exceeded 70°, and the first date below 50° was 20 September, the fourth latest for that event on record. Precipitation totaled 3.16", 0.02" below normal, with 2/3 of that total falling in the two day period 22-23 September. The only serious weather event was on 12 September, with some heavy rains and an EF-1 tornado in the Conesus to Springwater area near the southern edge of the Region. October brought a split month, the first half the second warmest for that period on record, and the second

half bringing a drop toward autumn and leaving the overall temperature average 57.6°, 5.4° above normal, the sixth warmest October on record. There were no days reaching below freezing, and fall foliage color was weeks delayed. It was a wet month, with total rainfall 7.46", 4.24" above normal. Major rainfall events were: 1.22" on the 3rd, a record for the date; 1.50" over the 15th to 16th; 2.12" on the 25th to 26th, with 1.81" of that on the 26th a record for that date; and 2.02" over the 29th to 30th. There was some flooding after the rains on the 26th and later. Yet there were only 13 rainy days for the month, one above average, leaving some good birding times. November was another normal fall month, with temperatures averaging 40.6°, 0.9° below normal. Below normal days outnumbered above 2:1. The first frost on 4 November was 194 days since the last below freezing date, 19 days greater than the norm. Precipitation totaled 1.72", 1.04" below average, and snowfall was just 3.9", 4.2" below normal. There was light snow on 3 November and the first lake effect event was not until 28-29 November, when over 1-1/2 feet of snow fell just outside our Region to the south.

In a quick overview of the birding scene, we find most of the recent trends continuing. Overall, the September species count was near the 10-year average at 219 vs. 219.3, October was well above that average at 213 vs. 204.7, and November was well down at 146 vs. 156.2. In the November case, most of our expected species were still reported, but there were few of the extra species found that had pushed the 2020 count to 10 species above the average—e.g. almost no winter finches or late warblers and fewer lingering half-hardy species. This also showed in the November eBird data download at 20,566, down nearly 30% from the 2020 number and erasing a big jump up from 2019 to 2020. The September download was 34,200, close to that for 2020, and for October it was 32,509, about 11% down, probably affected by the heavy rains.

Later in the report, when you look at the species section, you will find that this is the first season where *The Kingbird* will move to the most recent (June 2021) AOS taxonomic species order. Having done these reports for a long time, I will enter the species records in that order but here in the introduction will continue with an order that has long made some sense to me. This should cause very little issue to anyone seriously using the materials.

Turning now to our regular species groupings, we find the waterfowl tracking the trends of the past several years—essentially all expected species reported each month, but with peak counts generally down. As usual, there are interesting details. September was interesting for many of the higher counts being found near the barrier beach island at the mouth of Braddock Bay or passing along the Lake Ontario shore nearby. This year, neither Snow Goose nor Brant were reported in September, after several years of first sightings late in that month. Conditions in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) in southern Wayne County eliminated most of the good totals usually tallied there. October saw good Brant numbers on the 18th, a few good Canada Goose counts, and some good tallies of passing Northern Pintail. We also had the arrival in October of several rarer species: Ross's Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose,

Cackling Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, King Eider, and Harlequin Duck, with a pair of harlequins taking up residence near the Round Pond outlet to Lake Ontario and nearby for what would turn out to be the whole winter. In November, counts of Mallard, Northern Pintail, and Green-winged Teal were back to notable in the NMWMA. With very few exceptions, the counts of diving ducks passing Hamlin Beach remained low. One interesting surprise was a mass of 5000+ mixed Common and Red-breasted Mergansers on Cranberry Pond, Town of Greece on 22 November. It appeared to be due to a concentration of bait fish mainly in the NE part of that pond and was relatively short lived but impressive. Peak grebe counts remained well below expectations, though there were three reports of Eared Grebe as consolation. By November, we were down to no rail or gallinule reports. To end that grouping, the recent trend to large numbers of Sandhill Crane continued, with a maximum of 102 on 31 October and 95 on 7 November in different parts of the NMWMA and numbers continuing into the next season.

Among the goatsuckers, Common Nighthawk was scarce, with the only count above five being 30 on 10 September and none reported in October. There was one rare fall report of an Eastern Whip-poor-will on 16 September in the Town of Hamlin. For Chimney Swift, we had the only really large gathering of 450 on 15 September in Rochester, but none of the usual large migration roosts in early October were reported this fall. Finally, there was only a lone Ruby-throated Hummingbird report into October in Rochester on the 11th.

Water levels and rainfall patterns left us with little shorebird habitat in September. Still, 26 species were recorded and only Upland Sandpiper and Wilson's Phalarope might be classed as misses. Especially interesting species were: Whimbrel, Hudsonian Godwit, Red Knot, and Buff-breasted Sandpiper. However, peak counts were low and this continued into October. The heavy rains in October continued the habitat issues, then with too much water in many places. In October, 18 species were reported and only White-rumped Sandpiper and Red-necked Phalarope were expected species missed. Wilson's Phalarope was reported on the record late date of 16 October at the south end of Irondequoit Bay. Eight species of shorebirds lingered into November in small numbers other than a decent count of 405 Dunlin passing Hamlin Beach on 2 November. Purple Sandpiper was a bit late in arriving and with few reports through season's end.

Moving on to the larids and relatives, we had another good fall for jaegers, down a bit from 2020 but still: one Pomarine Jaeger on 31 October, ~42 Parasitic Jaegers from 10 September to 1 November, one **Long-tailed Jaeger** on 24 September, and at least 10 jaegers not identified to species. Late October brought an influx of **Razorbills** into the Lake Ontario basin, and we had reports of at least three, possibly as many as six, individuals from 30 October to 2 November, with an exact count requiring more details on timing than available. In addition, there were several reports of 5+ Black-legged Kittiwakes in single viewing sessions in the 27-30 October period plus at least one more in November. Bonaparte's Gull numbers were low, but there were three Little Gulls recorded in October and November, Lesser Black-backed Gull counts were good, and the white-winged

gulls of winter both arrived on 6 November but remained scarce. Generally, our regular gulls and terns were present through expected dates in typical numbers. No really rare gulls or terns were reported.

Loon counts were generally poor. The fall's first Red-throated Loon was early, recorded on 3 September. Typically Common Loon passes the 100 number for a day's watch in September, but this year that peak was only 59. The season's peaks for the two regular species passing Hamlin Beach were Red-throated Loon 272 on 28 November and Common Loon 234 on 1 November, both low. The crossover time from more Common to more Red-throated Loons is typically about 10 November. A **Pacific Loon** was noted passing Hamlin Beach on 30 October by Chris Wood, and a Northern Gannet there by several observers on 19 November. There were good peak counts for Double-crested Cormorant each month, and a report of a **Great/Double-crested Cormorant** seen near Sodus Point by Tim Lenz on 14 November. The Region's seventh and same or eighth **Wood Stork** records were of photographed individuals in the Town of Clarkson, Monroe County near Brockport on 8 October by Steve Davis and Christa Filipowicz and about 10 miles north at Bald Eagle Creek Marina, Orleans County on 11 October by Jacob Bensley, *et al.*. Great Egret lingered at the Conesus Inlet WMA from 25-30 November, and Cattle Egret records include: one in the NMWMA along Armitage Road on 17 October, two on Hogmire Road in the Nations Road IBA on 31 October, one in Webster on 9 November, and a last at the Braddock Bay - East Spit area on 20 November. The other herons and egrets were noted to typical departure dates.

Next, the raptors and remainder of the non-passerines. We start with the broken record of no Black Vulture or Northern Goshawk records for the season and few Red-shouldered Hawk reports. Fall diurnal raptor records of interest are often sparse, but working through we have: Osprey to 2 November; Bald Eagle reports dropping off as expected but still good; a latest Broad-winged Hawk on 25 October; a surprise immature **Swainson's Hawk** near the home of G. McGrain (plus 13+ other observers) on Beadle Road near Brockport from 14-15 October, unfortunately dying; and Rough-legged Hawk arriving on 11 October, with numbers relatively low through season's end. Among the owls, we start with 19 reports of about 11 different Snowy Owls from 19-30 November. Short-eared Owl was first reported on 11 October at Burger Park near Braddock Bay and then in small numbers on both the regular DEC owl surveys and by birders searching the usual wintering sites. A rare, fall Long-eared Owl report was from the Owl Woods area along Manitou Beach Road on 19 September and heard again there by owl banders on 26 September. Northern Saw-whet Owl banding there netted two on 30 September and 21 more from 5-23 October, with a foreign retrap on 23 October. Other N. Saw-whet Owls were found at three other sites; overall a good showing for the owls. As usual, records for our three regular falcons remained stable, with American Kestrel numbers up a bit. The woodpeckers produced no outstanding notes; the most interesting were Red-headed Woodpecker remaining scarce and gone by mid-October, and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker back to normal

lingering numbers following a couple of winters with high numbers. As a sort of transition species, Northern Shrike arrived on 24 October and about 10 individuals were reported at seven locations in November.

With lots of birder activity in this Region, it is typical now that essentially all of the expected species (for a given month) are at least reported each month. The interesting notes are all in the details. In September, migration seemed generally to be shifted toward earlier dates, and this feel continued through October. Rarer species recorded in September included: Fish Crows appearing at more sites; a **Bicknell's Thrush** banded; a "Lawrence's" Warbler hybrid; seven Orange-crowned Warblers, one banded; four Connecticut Warblers, with two of these banded at BBBO; and three Dickcissels. Details can be found in the species section. Species with higher numbers banded, in parentheses after the name, included: Ruby-crowned Kinglet (87), Swainson's Thrush (293), Gray Catbird (30), White-throated Sparrow (220), Magnolia Warbler (137), and Blackpoll Warbler (468). Black-capped Chickadee was in a low year of its alternate-year see-saw numbers, with only two banded in September and 12 more added later vs. 551 banded last fall. Many of our passerine migrants have the last quartile of their departure-date distributions extending into October or even a bit beyond, so there is high variability in which species and how many in total will be found after September. In October, only Warbling Vireo, Blackpoll Warbler, and Indigo Bunting were reported to dates beyond the latest in our 1985 Monroe County Checklist, and in those cases there have been other records beyond those dates in the 46 intervening years, so none were record late departures. Also, only two banding totals this fall were more than two standard deviations from their 10-year averages, Tennessee Warbler—high, and Yellow Warbler—low, and most were less than one standard deviation from their average. Wrapping up with a few more notes, we have 18 species of warblers in October, winter finches very few, and **Nelson's Sparrow** the only scarcer species in October. Into November, there was a reasonable list of half-hardy species found, but the list was much shorter and numbers well down from those of the past two late fall summaries. There were really no special species, no significant numbers for irruptive species, and almost no concentrations of wintering field-bird species, probably due to no snow coverage.

As always, it was a season with some interesting highlights but overall just basically "normal".

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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; **LSP** – Letchworth SP; **M** – along Manitou Beach Rd NE of Lake Ontario Parkway including the BBBO banding station, MONR; **MP** – Mendon Ponds P, MONR; **NMWMA** – Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (formerly Northern Montezuma Wetlands Complex), WAYN; **NMWMA (AR)** – muck fields along Armitage Rd.; **NMWMA (CR)** – Carncross Road; **NMWMA (GBM)** – Guy Baldassarre Marsh; **NMWMA (SCU)** – Sandhill Crane Unit; **NMWMA (VDSR)** – Van Dyne Spoor Rd. area; **OB** – Ontario Beach area, Charlotte, MONR; **PtB** – Point Breeze, ORLE, border of Regions 1 & 2 at Lake Ontario; **Spt** – Sodus Pt, WAYN; **TCEA** – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, Avon DEC; **W** – Town of Webster, MONR; **WP** – Webster P, MONR.

Snow Goose: arr North Pds P, Webster 2 Oct; max 100 NMWMA (VDSR) 8 Nov (MHau).

Ross’s Goose: 1 imm TECA 22, 24 Oct (MW, MG, fT).

Greater White-fronted Goose: arr Church Rd, H 9, 11-15 Oct (AGu, 5 oth obs); Hogan Pt Rd, G 12 Oct (JiM, 4 oth obs); N Hamlin Rd 20, 23 Oct (AGu, 12 oth obs); 3 HB 10, 14 Nov (AGu, NU, NR).

Brant: arr 55-2135 ind 8 loc 18 Oct (14+ obs); max 2135 HB 18 Oct (GL, DSh, CW); 1257 Spt 18 Oct (MTe).

Cackling Goose: arr 5 HB 19 Sep (AGu); total ~30 ind 14+ loc 18-31 Oct; ~43 ind 15 loc Nov; max 9 HB 20 Oct (AGu).

Canada Goose: max 5000 nr Mt Morris exit from I-390 LIVI 28 Nov (JaS, Je&AS, KS), low max.

Snow x Canada Goose: Church Rd, H 14 Nov (AGu).

Mute Swan: max 150 IB-S 29 Oct.

Trumpeter Swan: 80 NMWMA (SCU) 11 Sep (BHac, AN, EW); max 125 NMWMA (AR) 9 Nov (R&SSp).

Tundra Swan: arr 2 Buck Pd, G 23 Oct; max 250 NMWMA (AR) 19 Nov (7 obs); 192 CL-N 26 Nov (TBo).

Tundra/Trumpeter Swan: 500 NMWMA (West Shore Trail) 21 Nov (RCo).

Wood Duck: max 140 BB-ES 23 Sep (MB), fall max.

Blue-winged Teal: max 90 NMWMA (SCU) 6 Sep (JoGB, BRo, MBab); 68 BB-ES 3 Oct (GL), good count for loc.

Northern Shoveler: max 36 HB 18 Oct, good number for date.

Gadwall: max 64 Round Pd, G 15 Nov, good count.

Eurasian Wigeon: 1 ad m Long Pd, G 15 Oct (JeB, CW), only rep.

American Wigeon: max 266 off Edgemere Dr, G 5 Oct (MB).

Mallard: 500 NWMA (VDSR) 6 Nov (14 obs).

American Black Duck: max 274 HB 18 Oct (GL, DSh, CW), good count.

Northern Pintail: 2010 HB 18 Oct; max 4000 NWMA (VDSR) 6 Nov (RZ).

Green-winged Teal: 336 HB 18 Oct; max 1000 NWMA (VDSR) 6 Nov (RZ). Oct (AGu), low max.

Canvasback: arr 2 BB-ES 19 Oct; max 27 HB 7 Nov, low max.

Redhead: arr 2 BB-ES 2 Sep, early; max 500 CL-N 30 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 2 BB 5 Sep; max 130 Buck Pd, G 18 Oct.

Greater Scaup: arr PtB 6 Sep; max 258 HB 17 Oct, low max.

Lesser Scaup: arr 1-2 HB 10 Sep; max 128 off Edgemere Dr, G 11 Nov, low max.

King Eider: 5 Spt 31 Oct (TL, ph); 1 basic m HB 5 Nov (RSp, BHaa).

Harlequin Duck: arr 1 f & 1 f HB 30 Oct (MGi, AGu, CW); AGu; 1-2 off Edgemere Dr, G to Round Pd Outlet, G Nov (mob, phs).

Surf Scoter: arr 2 f HB 19 Sep (AGu), early; max 28 HB 18 Oct.

White-winged Scoter: arr HB 3 Sep (AGu), early; max 1059 HB 18 Oct (GL, DSh, CW), low max.

Black Scoter: arr HB 1 Oct; max 23 HB 2 Nov, low max.

Long-tailed Duck: arr HB 30 Sep; max 1375 HB 6 Nov (AGu), good count.

Bufflehead: arr BB-ES 15 Oct; max 126 HB 15 Nov.

Common Goldeneye: arr HB 16 Oct; max 150 BB 11 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: max 207 Conesus Inlet WMA 25 Nov (NK).

Common Merganser: max 100 Beechwood SP, WAYN 2 Sep, low max.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 2330 HB 2 Nov (AGu), good count.

Common/Red-breasted Merganser: max 5000+ Cranberry Pd, G 22 Nov (R&SSp), huge feeding frenzy, *intro*.

Ruddy Duck: max 19 Long Pd, G 15 Oct (CW).

Pied-billed Grebe: max 58 BB-ES 9 Oct (AGu).

Horned Grebe: arr HB 10 Sep; max 60 West Port Bay WAYN 6 Nov, low max.

Red-necked Grebe: 1-10 HB Sep; max 78 HB 1 Nov, low max.

Eared Grebe: HB 30 Oct (AGu, CW); IB-S 10 Nov (JWi, 14+ oth obs); SPT 21 Nov (JMcG).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: last BBBO 15 Sep.

Black-billed Cuckoo: last Nunda-Dalton Rd, LIVI 11 Oct (JGo).

Common Nighthawk: max 30 NMWMA (SCU) 10 Sep, low max; last BB P 25 Sep.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: T Hamlin 1 Sep (AGu), rarely reported in fall.

Chimney Swift: max 450 Blossom Rd, Rochester 15 Sep, only large gathering; last 6 Ellison P, T Penfield 12 Oct.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 423 eBird lines Sep, many rep; last Rochester 11 Oct (JoP).

Virginia Rail: Beatty Pt, G 18 Oct (CW).

Sora: last Sandra L Frankel NP, T Brighton MONR 23 Oct.

Common Gallinule: max 50 NMWMA (GBM) 6 Sep; last NMWMA (VDSR) 28 Oct (DA).

American Coot: max 85 IB-N 25 Nov, low max.

Sandhill Crane: max 102 NMWMA (Olmstead Rd) 31 Oct (KRo); 95 NMWMA (West Shore trail) 7 Nov (W&MR); high counts, but more reported just outside this Reg.

Black-bellied Plover: last BB-ES 13 Nov (AGu).

American Golden-Plover: max 31 Moscow & Redman Rds, H 22 Sep, low max; last N Hamlin Rd 23 Oct.

Killdeer: max 115 T Walworth WAYN 10 Sep (MGU); last DK's Woods, LIVI 14 Nov (RSm).

Semipalmated Plover: max 37 BB-ES 5 Sep; last BB-ES 15 Oct.

Upland Sandpiper: no reports.

Whimbrel: PtB 6 Sep (MB, AGu, CW); BB-ES 9 Sep (NR); last SPT 6, 14, 15 Sep (TL, JiW, MGU).

Hudsonian Godwit: SPT 8 Sep (MGU, ph); BB-ES 22 Sep (MGU, 11 oth obs, ph).

Ruddy Turnstone: max 6 SPT 1 Sep, low max; last PtB 2 Oct.

Red Knot: SPT 15, 16 Sep (MGU, JWi, JWo, ph); BB-ES 18-26 Sep (MGU, 11 oth obs, ph); last 2 off Edgemere Dr, G 28 Sep (MB).

Stilt Sandpiper: last 4 NMWMA (AR) 24 Oct.

Sanderling: max 27 HB 3 Sep (AGu).

Dunlin: max 405 HB 2 Nov (RSp).

Purple Sandpiper: arr SPT 20-22 Nov (MGU, 8 oth obs, ph).

Baird's Sandpiper: last SPT 26 Sep.

Least Sandpiper: last 6 NMWMA (AR) 24 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: last BB-ES 24 Sep, early dep.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: Rt 98 N of Rt 104, T Carlton ORLE 13 Sep (CMor), only rep.

Pectoral Sandpiper: last NMWMA (AR) 28 Oct.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 73 Hemlock L – S 5 Sep, low max; last BB-ES 16-17 Nov (CGi, MGU, JiM, KS, ph).

Short-billed Dowitcher: last BB-ES 21 Sep.

Long-billed Dowitcher: last NMWMA (AR) 28 Oct.

American Woodcock: Montezuma Audubon Center 18 Nov (MMi), late.

Wilson's Snipe: last NMWMA (VDSR) 30 Oct.

Spotted Sandpiper: last BB-ES 12 Oct.

Solitary Sandpiper: last 2 loc 25 Sep.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 45 NMWMA (AR) 23 Oct (RMcG); last NMWMA (AR) 28 Oct.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 35 NMWMA (AR) 20 Oct (DSH, MTe); last 2 Wolcott WAYN 20 Nov (W&MR).

Wilson's Phalarope: IB-S 16 Oct (JiM, LM), Reg record late; NMWMA (ARd) 17 Oct (MGU), Reg record late.

Red-necked Phalarope: arr off Edgemere Dr, G 28 Sep (MB); BB – ES 13 Sep (JiM, LM, 3 oth obs); 4 HB 16 Sep (AGu), passing.

Red Phalarope: off Edgemere Dr, G 17 Oct (JeB, KaB, CW).

Red-necked/Red Phalarope: HB 23 Sep (AGu).

Pomarine Jaeger: SPt 31 Oct (BHac, GSHal, RZ), only rep.

Parasitic Jaeger: total ~26 ind 8 loc 10-29 Sep; ~15 ind 7 loc 8-31 Oct (16+ obs); last SPt HB 1 Nov.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: 1BB-ES 24 Sep (ST).

jaeger species: total 5 ind 2 loc 1-18 Sep (4 obs); total 5 ind 3 loc 18-31 Oct (5 obs).

RAZORBILL: 2 SPt 30 Oct (JMcG, LS, ph), 4th Reg record; SPt 30 Oct (19+ oth obs, phs), likely 1 of prior 2; HB – PL4 30 Oct (CW, phs), 9:21; HB – PL5 30 Oct (AGu), 10:16; BB-ES 30 Oct (CW), 2:49 PM; HB – PL5 31 Oct (CW, JGar), 10:15; HB – PL4 31 Oct (JaG, RR), 11:12; off Edgemere Dr, G 2 Nov (MB), *intro*, hard to establish a good number of individuals.

Black-legged Kittiwake: arr off Edgemere Dr, G 27 Oct (MB); 6 HB – PL5 (AGu); 5 HB – PL4 27 Oct, later (AGu); 5 HB – PL4 30 Oct (CW); Sandbar P, Webster 30 Oct (GF); 2 off lighthouse museum, SPt 30 Oct (TL); 1 imm SPt 10 Nov (RN); total hard to assess, typically passing migrants.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 143 Long Pd – Northrup Crk, G 15 Oct, low max.

Little Gull: 1 ad off Edgemere Dr, G 30 Oct (MB); 1 ad HB 15 Nov (AGu); 1 ad HB 22 Nov (AGu).

Ring-billed Gull: max 2600 N Hamlin Rd 5 Sep (MB).

Iceland Gull: arr 1 imm HB 6 Nov.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: total ~11 ind 5 loc 8-23 Sep (7 obs); total 16 ind 8 loc 5-31 Oct (14+ obs); 8 rep, 8 ind 7 loc 2-28 Nov (8 obs).

Glaucous Gull: arr HB 6 Nov.

gull sp: max 5000 CL 10 Nov (TBo).

Caspian Tern: max 24 BB – ES 18 Sep, low max; last 2 BB-ES 13 Oct.

Black Tern: last 2 off Edgemere Dr, G 10 Sep (MB).

Common Tern: max 32 HB 6 Sep, low max; last off lighthouse museum, SPt 31 Oct (TL).

Forster's Tern: last BB-ES 24-30 Sep.

Common/Forster's Tern: 2 SPt 10 Nov (RN).

Red-throated Loon: arr HB 3 Sep (AGu), early; max 272 SPt 10 Nov (RN), low max.

PACIFIC LOON: HB 30 Oct (CW), rare, but almost annual.

Common Loon: Sep max 59 HB 25 Sep, often first 100+ count by about this date; max 234 HB 1 Nov (AGu), low max.

WOOD STORK: Hafner P, Brockport 8 Oct (SD, CF, ph), 7th Reg record; Bald Eagle Crk Marina, ORLE 11 Oct (J. Bensley, *et al.*, ph), likely same individual?, *intro*.

Northern Gannet: HB 19 Nov (JaG, PMar, NU), only rep.

Double-crested Cormorant: 1200 off Edgemere Dr, G 29 Sep (MB); max 1450 SPt 30 Oct (JMcG, LS).

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CORMORANT (R2): SPt 14Nov (TL).

American Bittern: last 2 Edgemere Dr, G 17 Oct (JeB, KaB, MB, CW).

Least Bittern: last NMWMA (GBM) 11 Sep.

Great Egret: max 40 NMWMA (SCU) 29 Sep, good count; last Conesus Inlet WMA 25-30 Nov (CKe, 4 oth obs), late.

Cattle Egret: NMWMA (ARRd) 17 Oct (DK, MGu, W&MR); 2 Hogmire Rd, Nations Rd IBA LIVI 31 Oct (C&JR); Hard Rd, Webster 9 Nov (JHei, 6 oth obs); BB-ES 20 Nov (JaB, NR).

Green Heron: last NMWMA (CRRd) 13 Oct (W&MR).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: last Bausch & Lomb Riverside P, Rochester 20 Oct (EV).

Black Vulture: no reports.

Osprey: last IBO 2 Nov (JiM), late.

Northern Goshawk: no reports.

Bald Eagle: 267 lines eBird many loc Sep; 240 lines eBird many loc Oct; 182 lines eBird many loc Nov; good numbers.

Red-shouldered Hawk: total 4 ind 4 loc 6-13 Oct; T Springwater LIVI 6 Nov (J&KGo); N Wolcott WAYN 7 Nov (W&MR).

Broad-winged Hawk: last LSP 4 Oct (RBea, MGr).

SWAINSON'S HAWK: 1 imm Beadle Rd, T Sweden GENE 14-15 Oct (GNcG landowner, 13+ oth obs, ph), bird died.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr E Manitou overlook 30 Oct (CW); total ~ 10 ind 7 loc 1-24 Nov (6 obs).

Snowy Owl: 19 rep, 11 ind 11 loc 19-30 Nov (25+ obs), good showing.

Long-eared Owl: M – Owl Woods 19, 26 Sep (CW, AP), rare in fall.

Short-eared Owl: arr BB – Burger P 11 Oct; max 3 NMWMA (VDSR) 6 Nov (14 obs).

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Beechwood SP WAYN 27 Sep (TL); Lakeshore Marshes WMA WAYN 27 Oct (MGU); total 21 M – Owl Woods 5-23 Oct (count team, *fide* JAd); total b 10 BBBO 23 Oct (owl banders); 1 foreign retrap BBBO 23 Oct (owl banders); Lakeshore Marshes WMA WAYN 7 Nov (W&MR, ph); M – Owl Woods 14 Nov (9 obs).

Red-headed Woodpecker: ~13 ind 8 loc 4-26 Sep; last Webster MONR 11 Oct.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 3 NMWMA (VDSR) 9 Nov (R&Sp), many for date and loc.

American Kestrel: ~56 ind 43 loc Sep; ~25 ind 23 loc Oct; ~35 ind 33 loc Nov.

Merlin: total ~47 ind 31 loc Sep; total ~38 ind 29 loc Oct; ~22 ind 21 loc Nov.

Peregrine Falcon: total ~27 ind 17+ loc Sep; total ~30 ind 22+ loc Oct; 12 ind 11 loc Nov.

Great Crested Flycatcher: last Hemlock Lake P LIVI 18 Sep (LHo).

Eastern Kingbird: last BB-ES 17 Sep.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: total 5 ind 5 loc 2-13 Sep (6 obs).

Eastern Wood-Pewee: last Abraham Lincoln P, T Penfield 11 Oct (RM).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: total b 16 BBBO 1-29 Sep; last BBBO 1 Oct.

Willow Flycatcher: last Beechwood SP WAYN 3 Sep.

“Traill’s” Flycatcher: total b 6 BBBO 2-29 Sep.

Least Flycatcher: max 23 HB-WE 4 Sep (AGU, CW); total b 14 BBBO 2-13 Sep.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last Hip Brook Pres, T Penfield 19 Sep.

Blue-headed Vireo: last Beechwood SP WAYN 24 Oct (KGa).

Philadelphia Vireo: total b 13 BBBO 1-17 Sep, 3 Oct.

Warbling Vireo: last HB-YC 3 Oct (AGU), late.

Red-eyed Vireo: total b 49 BBBO 1-28 Sep, 15 Oct; last Alpine neighborhood, T Pittsford 16 Oct (RM).

Northern Shrike: arr Montezuma Audubon Center WAYN 24 Oct (LP); 17 rep, ~10 ind 7 loc 3-28 Nov (16 obs).

Fish Crow: max 7 OB area 9 Nov.

Black-capped Chickadee: total b 11 BBBO 17, 20 Sep, 7-27 Oct, plus 3 b in Aug; max 35 Whiting Rd NP, Webster 10 Sep; 1070 eBird lines Sep; 1123 eBird lines Oct; 837 eBird lines Nov.

Horned Lark: max 60 H – 2 loc 22 Sep & 5 Nov, low max.

Bank Swallow: last 2 Webster 27 Sep.

Tree Swallow: max 1800 NMWMA (VDSR) 19 Sep (LSt); last 3 NMWMA (VDSR) 30 Oct.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: max 210 NMWMA (Hogback Rd) 7 Oct; last 3 NMWMA (VDSR) 9 Oct (W&MR).

Purple Martin: max 280 N Hamlin Rd 4 Sep; last 5 IB-S 15 Sep.

Barn Swallow: last Sandra L Frankel P, T Brighton MONR 12 Oct.

Cliff Swallow: last H 12 Sep.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr BB-ES & T Pittsford MONR 2 Sep; max 75 Church Trail, G 30 Sep (ST); 70 HB 6 Oct (AGU); max b 81 BBBO 2 Oct; total b 416 BBBO 2 Sep – 28 Oct; IBO 1 Nov (JWi); T Rush Riverside Refuge 5 Nov (AMcM); last Rochester 17 Nov (JPo), late.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr BB-ES 7 Sep; max 60 BB-ES 2 Oct; max b 15 BBBO 22 Oct; total b 127 BBBO 16 Sep – 28 Oct.

Cedar Waxwing: max 160 Webster P 17 Nov (CKi), low max.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: total b 11 BBBO 6-28 Sep; 225 eBird lines Sep; 192 eBird lines Nov.

Brown Creeper: total b 42 BBBO 13-30 Sep, 3-28 Oct.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last BB-ES 24 Sep.

House Wren: last HANA 11 Oct.

Winter Wren: arr M 14 Sep; total b 18 BBBO 15 Sep – 24 Oct; max 10 HB-YC 14 Oct (RSp); total ~25+ ind 18 loc Nov, good late numbers.

Marsh Wren: last Hemlock L Inlet 6 Nov (MKe), late.

Gray Catbird: max 30 Whiting Rd NP, W 7 Sep (DH); total b 95 BBBO 2 Sep – 23 Oct; ~8 ind and 8 loc 3-17 Nov, good for so late.

Brown Thrasher: last 2 HB-WE (RSp, JaG, RR) & 1 Lakeshore Marshes WMA WAYN (MGU) 22 Oct.

Veery: total b 26 BBBO 1-18 Sep; last BB-ES 3 Oct.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Grandview Heights, G 4 Sep (KG); max b 5 BBBO 19 Sep; total b 50 BBBO 7 Sep – 11 Oct, low; last HB-WE 22 Oct (RSp).

BICKNELL'S THRUSH: 1 b BBBO 28 Sep.

Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush: total b 13 BBBO 7 Sep – 29 Sep.

Swainson's Thrush: max 150 Jacobs Rd, H 16 Sep (AGu); max b 38 BBBO 7 Sep; total b 327 BBBO 1 Sep – 13 Oct; last Nunda-Dalton Rd LIVI 23 Oct (JGo).

Hermit Thrush: arr Beechwood SP WAYN 2 Sep (TL); 21 HB–YC 14 Sep; max 24 HB–WE 22 Sep; max b 19 BBBO 6 Oct; max 16 Webster P 14 Oct (NU); total b 95 BBBO 10 Sep – 28 Oct; ~25 ind 13 loc Nov (19+ obs), good number.

Wood Thrush: last 1b BBBO 21 Oct.

American Robin: max 350 T Gates MONR 5 Sep (BriM).

American Pipit: arr Jones Bridge Rd, T Leicester LIVI 4 Sep; max 100 Jacobs Rd, H 6 Nov (AGu).

Common Redpoll: arr 20 HB (AGu) & 4 IBO (JiM) 21 Oct; max 158 HB 24 Nov (AGu).

White-winged Crossbill: arr 4 M – Owl Woods 23 Oct (5 obs); max 12 M – Owl Woods 11 Nov (NR, JaG, JeG).

Pine Siskin: 125 BB – ES 2 Oct (TB, JGa, AGu, BriM); max 25 HB 24 Oct (AGu).

American Goldfinch: max 230 HB 4 Nov (AGu).

Lapland Longspur: arr N Hamlin Rd 9 Oct (AGu); max 3 Jones Bridge & Perry Rds, T Leicester LIVI 26 Nov.

Snow Bunting: arr 4 HB 18 Oct (GL, CW); max 120 Bateau P, T Irondequoit 16 Nov (MGU).

Chipping Sparrow: max 33 HB 11 Sep (AGu); last Leicester Rd, T Caledonia (MW) & Archer Acres, T Clarendon (JSh) 7 Nov.

Field Sparrow: last Buckland P, T Brighton MONR 25 Oct.

Fox Sparrow: arr M – Owl Woods & 3 Beechwood SP WAYN 18 Oct; last 2 MP 30 Nov (AMcM).

American Tree Sparrow: arr Walker Estate, T Pittsford MONR 19 Oct (VW); max 30 HANA 4 Nov (DSh).

Dark-eyed Junco: max 50 Durand-Eastman P 23 Oct, low max; total b 19 BBBO 19 Sep – 27 Oct.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Wood Rd, T Clarendon ORLE 24 Sep; max 32 Red Crk WAYN 5 Oct (DDo).

White-throated Sparrow: arr M – Owl Woods 2 Sep (JiM); max 120 Beechwoods SP WAYN 30 Sep (TL); max b 60 BBBO 24 Sep; total 565 BBBO 7 Sep – 29 Oct; Nov max 93 Whiting Rd NP, W 5 Nov (JiM).

Vesper Sparrow: last Church Rd, H 30 Oct (ST).

NELSON'S SPARROW (R2): BB – point woods 3 Oct (MB); BB – Burger P, G 6-7 Oct (JaG, RR, 9 oth obs, ph); BB- Burger P 15 Oct (CW).

Song Sparrow: max 30 BB – Burger P 7 Oct; total b 22 BBBO 2 Sep – 28 Oct.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Genesee Valley Greenway LIVI 5 Sep (JKi); last 1b BBBO 23 Oct.

Swamp Sparrow: max 45 BB – point woods 3 Oct (MB).

Eastern Towhee: last Abraham Lincoln P, T Penfield 5 Nov (JiM).

Bobolink: last BB-HW 19 Sep.

Eastern Meadowlark: last 4 Nations Rd, T Avon LIVI 23 Oct.

Orchard Oriole: last Whiting Rd NP, W 7 Sep (DHo).

Baltimore Oriole: last BB-ES 16 (Sep (JHe).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 15000 MP - Outlet Marsh Oct 2 JMo).

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 3000 NMWMW (Olmstead Rd, T Savannah) 22 Oct (JMcG).

Rusty Blackbird: arr 1-2 BB-ES 14 Sep (SG, DSh, NU); max 100 Wood Rd, T Clarendon ORLE 28 Oct (DBe); 33 HANA 6 Nov (SG, DSh); last 2 Quaker Rd, Scottsville 25 Nov (BHaa).

Common Grackle: max 2000 S Holley Rd, T Clarendon ORLE 25 Oct (GL).

Ovenbird: total b 11 BBBO 11 Sep – 10 Oct.

Worm-eating Warbler: 1 ea b BBBO 14; 19 Sep, very rare in fall.

Northern Waterthrush: total b 11 BBBO 2-19 Sep.

Golden-winged Warbler: 1b BBBO 3 Sep; Manitou Beach Pres 4 Sep (PMar).

Blue-winged Warbler: last BB-ES 25 Sep (MGi).

“Lawrence’s” Warbler: Four Mile Crk Pres, W 3 Sep (MGU).

Black-and-white Warbler: last 2 BB-ES 1 Oct.

Tennessee Warbler: max 18 HB-WE 4 Sep (AGU, CW); total b 18 BBBO 1-28 Sep, 3 Oct; last Beechwood SP WAYN 23 Oct (TL, MMi).

Orange-crowned Warbler: 2b BBBO 29 Sep, 10 Oct; total 17 ind 13 oth loc 15 Sep – 18 Oct (22 obs), good number.

Nashville Warbler: total b 15 BBBO 1-29 Sep; last BB – WS 21 Oct (GL).

Connecticut Warbler: 2b BBBO 7, 11 Sep; BB-ES 12 Sep (JiM, LMa); Beatty Pt, G 19 Sep (CW).

Mourning Warbler: last BB-ES 16 Sep.

Common Yellowthroat: max 11 HB-WE 4 Sep (AGU, CW); total b 37 BBBO 4-30 Sep, 19 Oct; last T Groveland LIVI 19 Oct (LHo).

Hooded Warbler: last Grandview Heights, G 24 Sep.

American Redstart: max 21 HB-WE 4 Sep (AGU, CW); total b 37 BBBO 1-29 Sep; last M – Owl Woods 9 Oct (MTo).

Cape May Warbler: last Cranberry Pd Trail, G 13 Oct (CHo).

Northern Parula: max 26 HB-WE 4 Sep (AGU, CW); total b 25 BBBO 1-29 Sep; last Abraham Lincoln P, T Penfield 11 Oct (RM, ph).

Magnolia Warbler: max 38 HB-WE 4 Sep (AGU, CW); max b 35 BBBO 3 Sep; total b 141 BBBO 1 Sep – 3 Oct; last Cranberry Pd Trail, G 13 Oct (CHo).

Bay-breasted Warbler: max 20 M – Owl Woods 15 Sep (ST); total b 31 BBBO 1-27 Sep; last 2 HB 10 Oct (RRy).

Blackburnian Warbler: last Grandview Heights, G 29 Sep.

Yellow Warbler: 1 b BBBO 1 Sep, only one banded this season, 3b Aug, very low; last HANA 9 Oct (MBr), late.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: total b 11 BBBO 2-18 Sep; last BB-ES 28 Sep.

Blackpoll Warbler: max b 54 BBBO 23 Sep; max 50 BB – ES 25 Sep (ET); 21 HB 3 Oct (AGU); total b 513 BBBO 1 Sep – 15 Oct; last 3 HB – campground 20 Oct (JaG, RR, 9 oth obs).

Black-throated Blue Warbler: total b 64 BBBO 1 Sep – 19 Oct.

Palm Warbler: arr Jacobs Rd, H & BB-ES 4 Sep (AGU); last HB 21 Oct (AGU).

Pine Warbler: last Beechwood SP WAYN 18 Oct.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 75 Church Trail, G 30 Sep (STay); 68 BB – Burger P 15 Oct (CW); total b 67 BBBO 7 Sep - 19 Oct; 13 LSP 3 Nov (BCar); last HANA 21 Nov (DSh), late.

Black-throated Green Warbler: last M – Owl Woods 15 Oct.

Canada Warbler: last Grandview Heights, G 19 Sep.

Wilson’s Warbler: total b 27 BBBO 1-30 Sep, 5 Oct; last Sandra L Frankel NP, T Brighton 28 Oct (PDem).

Scarlet Tanager: last 1b BBBO 5 Oct.

Northern Cardinal: total b 33 BBBO 7 Sep – 27 Oct; 1046 eBird lines Oct.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last Wood Rd, T Clarendon ORLE 1 Oct.

Indigo Bunting: last T Livonia LIVI 11 Oct (TBo), late.

Dickcissel: Bennett Rd, T Parma MONR 4 Oct (CW); Jacobs Rd, H 4 Oct (AGU); Jones Bridge & Perry Rds, T Leicester LIVI 25-26 Oct (JKi, DBea); usually rare in Reg.

