

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Fall 2021 continued the theme from summer of 'warmer than average'. September's average max temperature was 75.9° F, 2.8° above normal, with minimum temps 3.4° higher at 52.7°. Rainfall was a little below expected and 21 days were partly sunny or better. October was exceptionally warm at 67.3°, 7.2° above normal, with overnights faring even better at 50.8° and a whopping 8.4° better than usual. It was a rainy month with 7.48" falling, nearly double the historical average. Only 14 days were partly sunny or better. November average temperatures and rainfall were just a touch above normal, insignificant by the standards of the two months preceding. Snowfall was less than half expected and 12 days were partly sunny or better.

Fall duck and goose numbers seemed about usual at the Region's waterfowl hotspots. Jay McGowan and Livia Santana spotted a Ross's Goose flying with a small group of Snow Geese on 20 November at the Loop Road Unit of Montezuma east of the Seneca River. The movement of Snows would pick up during the last four days of the month. Sandy Pond again hosted good counts of teal. Matt Brown counted 60 Blue-winged on 9 September and 242 Green-winged on 18 October. King Eider were noted from Derby Hill on 22 October and 19 November. Scoters also put in a decent showing as diving ducks gradually replaced lingering dabbling ducks.

A Yellow-billed Cuckoo in Syracuse on 12 October was noted by the observer to be possibly ill or injured, but the species is known for occasional lingering individuals or possibly reverse migrants late in the season. It was not to be a great year for Common Nighthawks in September, with a group of three and a few singles noted. A Chimney Swift seen by Jeremy Collison flying by Derby Hill on 17 October was a full month later than the previous sighting, but Derby Hill is a good place to catch these late movers. Onondaga Lake hosted 32 American Coots on 15 October, a good number for the area. Jonathan Kresge observed 90 Sandhill Cranes going over the DeWitt Marsh on 28 November, likely headed for Montezuma where a record-setting year was in progress. Mickey Scilingo had 53 flying by West Monroe on the same day.

Good shorebird conditions at Sandy Pond produced a first state record **Snowy Plover** on 13 September for Sarah Forestiere, Kennedy Sullivan, and Matt Brown. The bird stayed four days on the tip of the south spit giving great looks to the 45 or so birders willing to walk up or paddle to the location. While there on the 13th for the Snowy, Jay McGowan, Drew Weber, and Larry Chen spotted an equally rare **Common Ringed Plover** and were able to differentiate it with certainty from the similar Semipalmated Plover. This mega was a first Regional record and third

state record. It was not to remain as birders over the next few days searched for it in vain. Sandy Pond also yielded Hudsonian Godwit on 7-8 October as well as Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, and Stilt Sandpiper, which also put in an appearance at Oneida Shores Park. Gary Meyers spotted an increasingly uncommon Upland Sandpiper at Ditch Bank Road on 3 September, while David Wheeler contributed the season's only Purple Sandpipers from Derby Hill on 26 November. A **Western Sandpiper** found by Bill Purcell at Oneida Shores Park on 9 September was seen by many over its four day stay. Purcell also found a **Long-billed Dowitcher** there on 15 September and the bird was seen through 26 September. Brown meanwhile found one at Sandy on the 13th, adding to the list of targets for birders at the spot. The species is regularly seen to our west but remains very scarce (less than annual) in Region 5. Rounding out an exciting shorebird season, Tonia Jordan photographed (from a boat) five Red-necked Phalaropes near a buoy in Oneida Lake on 4 September. While both species of pelagic phalarope undoubtedly stop on our waters, they are very rarely found.

Lakewatching at Derby Hill on strong west to northwest winds produced all three jaeger species. An incursion of **Razorbills** on Lake Ontario had birders scrambling to find one. Watching from Derby, Drew Weber had one fly by on 30 October and Larry Chen and Jay McGowan saw one from the same spot the next day. David Wheeler and Bill Purcell were lucky enough to add one on 22 November. Do these birds perish on fresh-water Lake Ontario? Farther south on Onondaga Lake, Weber spotted five juvenile **Sabine's Gulls** on 15 September, at least one of which remained until the 19th. McGowan and Weber also found a **Laughing Gull** at the Liverpool marina the same day. The bird would linger on the lake for almost six weeks, frequenting the west shore docks at Lakeview Point. Back at Derby Hill on 17 October, Wheeler spotted a distant **Franklin's Gull** which would remain in the Mexico Bay area long enough for other birders to see. While watching that bird Scott Peterson picked up two Little Gulls. It would be a good year for our smallest gull with additional sightings from Fair Haven, Sandy Pond, and Oneida Shores Park. The Derby lakewatch would produce Black-legged Kittiwake on eight different days plus two at Fair Haven on 3 November for Gregg Dashnau and at Oneida Shores Park on 30 November for Weber, Dennis Anderson, and Santos Rodriguez. Sandy and Oneida Shores would also produce a few Forster's Terns in mid-September, always an elusive species.

The excitement at Oneida Shores Park was not over, however. While birding on the beach there on 27 September, Paul Novak and Mark Fitzsimmons observed a **Magnificent Frigatebird** flying past. This is only the third record for Region 5. Formerly thought to be a 'hurricane bird', recent sightings without extreme weather suggest some may reach the Great Lakes area every year without need of a strong northbound storm. While birding the south end of Onondaga Lake on 18 November, Aidan Perkins spotted an immature **Northern Gannet**. The bird was still flying and sitting on the water the next day as well, and is a first county record. A **Cattle Egret** was seen on 12 November by Ian Davies and Drew Weber trying to land on the water amongst roosting gulls out from the end of the Onondaga

Lake Creekwalk. The bird realized its mistake and retreated to the rock jetties but was not seen again. Near the Pleasant Valley Preserve in the town of Onondaga, another (or the same one) was found on 21 November by Ryan Andrew and Molly McManus.

Black Vultures appeared again in Jamesville and Little Falls and several Golden Eagles were reported. A few lucky observers caught a big burst of hawk migration from Onondaga Lake Park on 24 October. Gregg Dashnau found Long-eared, Short-eared, and Saw-whet Owls at Three Rivers in October. At the same spot Dashnau found a Sedge Wren on 20 October, a very late date for the species. Back at Sandy Pond on 6 October Matt Brown found a third Regional record **Northern Wheatear** in the south spit sand dunes. It remained another day as birders now familiar with the trek made their way to the channel area. No real invasion of finches occurred but a few Common Redpoll were noted. Dashnau found a Clay-colored Sparrow at Onondaga Lake Park on 19 September. While lakewatching at Derby Hill, a very late female (type) American Redstart surprised David Wheeler and Bill Purcell on 22 November. A well-described **Yellow-throated Warbler** was found on 15 October at Three Falls Woods Nature Preserve near Manlius by Kevin Murphy. Rounding out the passerine highlights was a **Dickcissel** found by Deborah Dohne and Dennis Anderson on 15 September near the parking lot for the 'marshy spits' area of Onondaga Lake. It remained three days but was elusive to many that looked. Gary Meyers found another near the huge brush piles on the west end of Ditch Bank Road on the 19th.

Region 5 currently has five operating MOTUS stations at Derby Hill, Three Rivers WMA, Rome WMA, Utica Zoo, and a site four miles south of Williamstown known as 'Fassler'. These register radio-tagged birds that fly through their 15-mile-diameter circle of detection. This season 33 'hits' were logged of seven different species. All birds had been recently tagged in the preceding few months. A brief summary is below with highlights from birds that passed stations subsequent to ours. Of particular note is the amount of time many of the birds spent preparing in the northeast for the long-distance part of their journey.

Swainson's Thrush - Twelve individuals of which five were detected by more than one station in Region 5. All were tagged in Montreal but for one tagged in Springfield MA. ID#57370 was detected by Three Rivers on 14 September, then several sites including one in South Carolina and the Florida panhandle on 30 September, then a final hit in Panama on 16 October. Note that true departure and landfall locations and dates most likely don't conform to the last MOTUS detections as the bird may have passed locations without a receiver. Three other birds followed the same general flight path with two last heard from in south Florida where they likely jumped off to their choice of next landfall, presumably the Yucatan Peninsula and points south where their migration over land would continue. Of the remaining birds, three were last detected from the Maryland panhandle, two in Virginia, one in Tennessee, and

the rest last heard from during their stay in Central NY.

Blackpoll Warbler - Four individuals all tagged at the Braddock Bay banding station near Rochester. ID#53927 was tagged on 21 September then picked up by Three Rivers on 2 October and then a station on outer Long Island on 1 November, the bird having spent nearly six weeks in NY state preparing for its long over-water journey. Departure and landfall dates and locations were not detected. The other three birds were last heard from in Central NY.

American Pipit - Three individuals all tagged at Tadoussac Quebec. Picked up at Fassler on 27 October and at Castleton View Virginia on 3 November, ID#57315 next checked in from a station in Baja California 60 miles south of Tijuana! What route to the west coast did it follow? Did the other two undertake a similar flight but undetected? One bird was last heard from at Derby Hill, the other near Kiptopeke Virginia.

Horned Lark - Four individuals tagged as part of the same project as the Pipit. All were last heard from in NY or PA.

Bobolink - A sole individual tagged south of Coatsville PA on 19 May then presumably near or on territory near Canton NY on 26 May, followed by Rome on 1 September. Subsequent hits were at Lewes DE on 2 September (implying a lengthy overnight flight from Rome) and last contact at Newport News VA on 17 September.

Ovenbird - A single individual tagged in mid-May near Cleveland OH then presumably on territory northwest of Toronto. Rome picked it up on 28 September as did Harrisburg PA. Next detection would be from coastal South Carolina on 16 October, then Bradenton FL the next day.

Tennessee Warbler - A bird tagged in Montreal on 10 September and checking in at Rome on September 26. It was last heard from on the Maryland panhandle on 12 October.

As the MOTUS network grows we can look forward to a more fine-scale map of tagged-bird movement. A substantial number of receivers are in place throughout upstate NY and the northeastern US and Canada but are thinly-distributed in southern, midwestern, and western states and mostly lacking in the Caribbean islands, Mexico and Central/South America. Additionally, only a small number of birds are equipped with tags. The author hopes these very small devices will eventually replace conventional bands at banding stations due to the potential of much greater data return. Cost will likely be the limiting factor.

This season a total of 259 species and one hybrid was reported, which is 19 above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights of the season included: Ross's Goose, King Eider, **Snowy Plover**, **Common Ringed Plover**, Hudsonian Godwit, Red Knot, **Western Sandpiper**, Long-billed Dowitcher, Red-necked Phalarope, **Long-tailed Jaeger**, **Razorbill**, **Sabine's Gull**, **Laughing Gull**, **Franklin's Gull**, Forster's Tern, **Magnificent Frigatebird**, **Northern Gannet**, **Cattle Egret**, Black Vulture, Sedge Wren, **Northern Wheatear**,

Evening Grosbeak, Red Crossbill, Clay-colored Sparrow, **Yellow-throated Warbler**, and **Dickcissel**.

Fall 2021 produced 60,587 eBird records for Region 5, and were processed by Swan Swan Hummingbird v5.5. Reports were submitted by 515 people and the Contributor list assembled as described in previous reports.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADK – Adirondacks, n. HERK; **BW** – Baltimore Woods, Marcellus; **BLNC** – Beaver L Nature Center, Baldwinsville; **Brew** – Oneida L at Brewerton; **BRH** – Bishop Road Hawk Watch, T Richland; **Bville** – Baldwinsville; **Const** – Oneida L at Constantia; **DB** – Ditch Bank Rd & vicinity, T Sullivan/Lenox, MADI; **DC** – Deer Creek Marsh, T Richland; **DH** – Derby Hill, T Mexico; **DL** – Delta L; **Dolge** – Dolgeville, HERK; **FH** – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and West Barrier Bar; **Fult** – Fulton area including Oswego Ri, Indian Pt, L Neatahwanta; **GB** – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; **GLSP** – Green Lakes SP, Fayetteville; **HF** – Highland Forest CP; **HI** – Howland I WMA, CAYU; **HM** – Hamlin Marsh, Clay; **HV** – Happy Valley WMA, Parish; **KK** – Kindred Kingdom Wildlife Center, Pennellville; **LH** – Labrador Hollow Unique Area; **LOnt** – L Ontario; **LoopR** – Loop Rd, Montezuma NWR, CAYU; **MCL** – Madison County Landfill; **MexPt**

– Mexico Pt SP; **MH** – Morgan Hill State Forest, Fabius; **MSI** – Madison St Impoundment, Hamilton; **MW** – McKoons Rd Wetland, Colombia Center, s. HERK; **OakC** – Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse; **OF** – Old Forge; **OLC** – Onondaga L Creekwalk; **OneiL** – Oneida L; **OnonL** – Onondaga L; **OLP** – Onondaga L P (east and west shore); **OSP** – Oneida Shores P, Brewerton; **OswH** – Oswego Harbor; **Phx** – Phoenix dam area; **Ppt** – Oneida L at Phillips Pt, W Monroe; **PSS** – Peter Scott Swamp, Phoenix; **RCFS** – Rice Creek Field Station, Oswego; **RRP** – Radisson Ri P, Three Rivers confluence, Phoenix; **SBP** – Sunset Bay P, Scriba; **SFNS** – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; **Sithe** – trails at Independence P, formerly Sithe Energy, Scriba; **SH** – Southern Highlands of ONON & MADI; **SHTF** – Sky High Turf Farm, Chittenango; **Skani** – Skaneateles; **SNC** – Sterling Nature Center, Sterling; **SP** – Sandy Pd and vicinity; **SSSP** – Selkirk Shores SP; **SVB** – Sylvan & Verona Beach; **Syr** – Syracuse; **TNP** – Tuscarora Nature P, MADI; **TR** – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; **UM** – Utica Marsh; **VBSP** – Verona Beach SP; **WH** – Whiskey Hollow, Memphis; **WP** – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

Snow Goose: arr Van Buren 6 Oct; max 750 Hamilton 30 Nov.

Ross's Goose: LoopR 20 Nov (JMc, LSn); only rep.

Brant: arr 200 DH 17 Oct; max 490 DH 22 Oct; last OswH 23 Nov.

Cackling Goose: SP 19 Sep & 8 Oct; OakC 23 Oct; Madison 28 Oct; 2 Utica 30 Nov; max 4 Fulton 25 Nov; only reps.

Canada Goose: max 2300 DB 15 Nov.

Mute Swan: most reps OnonL & FH; max 60 FH 7 Nov.

Trumpeter Swan: 1-4 var expected locs.

Tundra Swan: arr 5 DC 30 Oct; max 65 LoopR 20 Nov.

Wood Duck: max est 120 Earlville 7 Nov.

Blue-winged Teal: max 60 SP 9 Sep; last 2 UM 25 Oct.

Northern Shoveler: max 14 OnonL 20 Sep.

Gadwall: max 15 SP 8 Oct.

American Wigeon: max 145 FH 15 Oct.

Mallard: max 300 SP 8 Oct.

American Black Duck: max 45 FH 3 Nov.

Northern Pintail: max 600 LoopR 20 Nov.

Green-winged Teal: max 242 SP 18 Oct.

Canvasback: arr 3 DH 16 Oct; max 5 OneiL 13 Nov.

Redhead: arr 2 FH 9 Oct; max 50 OnonL 28 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: arr 2 WP 7 Sep; max 1100 WP 16 Nov.

Greater Scaup: arr OswH & OnonL 24 Sep; max 750 OneiL 15 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: arr WP 6 Oct; max 150 OneiL 30 Nov.

Greater/Lesser Scaup: max 1200 OneiL 30 Nov.

King Eider: arr DH 22 Oct; 2 DH 19 Nov; only reps.

Surf Scoter: arr 3 SP 8 Oct; max 27 SP 18 Oct; last DH 19 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: arr 2 OnonL 4 Oct; max 100 DH 22 Oct.

Black Scoter: arr 5 DH 16 Oct; max 16 Hinckley Dam 27 Oct.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 2 DH 16 Oct; max 500 SP 24 Nov.

Bufflehead: arr 6 OtiscoL 5 Oct; max 220 OnonL 10 Nov, good num.

Common Goldeneye: arr SP 8 Oct; max 100 OneiL 29 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: max 107 SP 23 Nov.

Common Merganser: max 280 SP 8 Oct.

Red-breasted Merganser: arr 5 OnonL 25 Sep; max 500 OswH 23 Nov.

Ruddy Duck: arr 3 WP 2 Oct; max 35 WP 10 Nov & OnonL 18 Oct.

Wild Turkey: max 39 Cazenovia 9 Oct.

Ruffed Grouse: small nums var locs.

Ring-necked Pheasant: small nums var locs.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 17 OnonL 25 Sep.

Horned Grebe: arr OnonL 12 Sep; max 26 DH 4 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: arr WP 8 Oct; max 3 OnonL 28 Nov.

Rock Pigeon: max est 185 Clay 15 Nov.

Mourning Dove: max 64 WMonroe 5 Sep.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Syr 12 Oct, late, poss injured/ill (JLu).

Black-billed Cuckoo: no reps.

Common Nighthawk: max 3 OnonL 11 Sep; last OnonL 17 Sep; several other reps.

Chimney Swift: max 8 OnonL 6 Sep; last DH 17 Oct (JCo), very late-five weeks after next latest; few reps.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: max 4 var locs early Sep; last Manlius 27 Sep.

Virginia Rail: max 6 HI 11 Sep; last 2 Clay 9 Oct; few reps.

Sora: DC 24 Oct, late (MBr); only rep.

Common Gallinule: max 12 HI 19 Sep; last OnonL 13 Nov.

American Coot: max 32 OnonL 15 Oct, good num.

Sandhill Crane: 53 WMonroe (MSc) and max est 90 DeWitt Marsh 28 Nov (JKr); several other reps var dates.

Black-bellied Plover: max 21 SP 19 Sep; last SP 2 Nov.

American Golden-Plover: max 12 Cato 11 Sep; last Lakeport 21 Oct.

Killdeer: 54 Geddes 15 Sep; max 83 Cato 8 Sep, good num.

COMMON RINGED PLOVER: SP 13 Sep (JMc, DWe, LCh), 1st Reg & 3rd state rec.

Semipalmated Plover: max 40 SP 15 Sep; last SP 23 Oct.

SNOWY PLOVER: SP 13-16 Sep (MBr, SFo, KSu, mob, ph), 1st state and Reg rec.

Upland Sandpiper: DB 3 Sep (GMe); only rep.

Whimbrel: no reps.

Hudsonian Godwit: SP 7-8 Oct (MBr).

Ruddy Turnstone: 1-2 SP & FH var dates; last 2 FH 5 Oct.

Red Knot: max 4 SP 9 Sep (MBr); last SP 7 Oct.

Stilt Sandpiper: max 2 SP 11 Sep (MBr) & OSP 1 Sep (BPu); last SP 6 Oct (MBr).

Sanderling: max 89 SP 7 Sep; last 20 SP 11 Nov.

Dunlin: arr DB 3 Sep; 63 SP 2 Nov; max 88 FH 3 Nov; last 4 SP 24 Nov.

Purple Sandpiper: 3 DH 26 Nov (DWh); only rep.

Baird's Sandpiper: max 4 SP 15 Sep; last 2 SP 19 Sep.

Least Sandpiper: max 18 SP 16 Sep; last SP 15 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: singles only OSP & SP; last SP 6 Oct.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: no reps.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 19 SP 19 Sep; last DB 21 Oct.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 55 SP 1 Sep; last SP 13 Oct.

WESTERN SANDPIPER: OSP 9-13 Sep (BPu, mob, ph).

Short-billed Dowitcher: max 7 SP 9 Sep; last 2 SP 19 Sep.

Long-billed Dowitcher: 2 SP 15-18 Sep (MBr); OSP 15-26 Sep (BPu); species always scarce in Reg.

American Woodcock: max 6 TR 12 Oct; last Poland 5 Nov.

Wilson's Snipe: 1-2 var locs Oct; last SP 11 Nov.

Spotted Sandpiper: max 4 DB 19 Sep; last OnonL 19 Nov, very late (JCo).

Solitary Sandpiper: 1-2 var locs Sep; last SP 8 Oct.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max OSP 8 Sep; last 2 WMonroe 17 Oct.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 30 SP 18 Oct; last OnonL 11 Nov.

Red-necked Phalarope: 5 OneiL 4 Sep (TJo, ph), exc num; only rep.

Red-necked/Red Phalarope: 1 DH 19 Sep.

Pomarine Jaeger: 2 DH 1 Nov (DWh, mob).

Parasitic Jaeger: FH 24 Sep (MIn); SP 8 Oct (mob); Oswh 17 Oct (GDa); 1-3 DH var dates; max 3 DH 31 Oct.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER: SP 8 Oct (JMc, DWe).

RAZORBILL: DH 30, 31 Oct (DWe, JMc); DH 22 Nov (DWh, BPu), 1st & 2nd Reg rec.

Black-legged Kittiwake: arr DH 19 Oct; 2 DC 30 Oct (MBr), unusual loc; max 8 DH 31 Oct; 1-6 var dates DH; 2 FH 3 Nov (GDa); 2 OSP 30 Nov (DWe, mob), unusual loc.

SABINE'S GULL (R5): 5 juv OnonL 15 Sep (DWe, mob, ph), 1 continues 16-19 Sep (mob), exc num.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 350 OneiL 17 Sep.

Little Gull: OSP 29 Sep (DWe); 2 DH 17 Sep (SPe, DWh, MBr); SP 2 Nov (MBr); FH 3 Nov (GDa); DH 22 Nov (DWh, BPu); 3-4 DH 26 Nov (DWh, GDa).

LAUGHING GULL (R5): OnonL 15 Sep (JMc, DWe, mob, ph), continues thru 25 Oct.

FRANKLIN'S GULL (R5): DH 17 Oct (DWh, mob, ph).

Ring-billed Gull: max est 2200 OnonL 12 Nov.

Herring Gull: max est 900 MCL 15 Nov.

Iceland Gull: arr SSSP 19 Nov; MCL 20, 26 Nov; DH 22 Nov; Fulton 23 Nov; only reps.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 4 Fulton 25 Nov; 1-2 var locs throughout period.

Glaucous Gull: arr SP 13 Oct, early; SP 24 Nov; MCL 25 Nov; only reps.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 40 SVB 30 Nov.

Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid): SSSP 27, 30 Nov (MBr).

Caspian Tern: max 35 SP 9 Sep; last OnonL 4 Oct.

Black Tern: no reps.

Common Tern: max 18 SP 11 Sep; last OnonL 18 Oct.

Forster's Tern: 1-3 SP 14-16 Sep; OSP 29 Sep; only reps.

Red-throated Loon: arr 2 OnonL 23 Oct; 33 OnonL 28 Nov; max 52 Hamilton (RCo), exc num, unusual loc.

Common Loon: max 55 DH 19 Nov.

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD: OSP 27 Sep (PNo, MFi), 3rd Reg rec.

NORTHERN GANNET (R5): juv OnonL 18-19 Nov (APe, mob, ph), 1st county rec.

Double-crested Cormorant: max est 3500 SP 8 Oct.

American Bittern: singles 5 typ locs; last Old Forge 14 Oct.

Least Bittern: Tully 5 Sep; HI 11 Sep; Phoenix 28 Sep; only reps.

Great Blue Heron: max 8 SP 8, 13 Oct & OLP 18 Sep.

Great Egret: max 16 WMonroe 21 Sep; last OLP 20 Nov, late.

CATTLE EGRET (R5): OnonL 12 Nov (DWe); T Onondaga 21 Nov (MMc, RAn).

Green Heron: max 7 Clay 3 Sep & Syr 28 Sep; last 4 TR 14 Oct.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: OLP 7 Sep; Fayetteville & SP 13 Sep; OLP 17, 26 Sep, 6-8 Oct; only reps.

Black Vulture: 3 Little Falls 2 Oct & Jamesville 23 Nov; known locs; only reps.

Turkey Vulture: 604 BRH 27 Oct; max 977 OLP 24 Oct.

Osprey: max 4 OnonL 2 Sep; last SP 16 Nov, very late (MBr).

Golden Eagle: Erieville 9 Oct; Baldwinsville 25 Oct; Constantia 4 Nov; Holland Patent 26 Nov.

Northern Harrier: max 5 OLP 24 Oct.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 7 Constantia 19 Sep.

Cooper's Hawk: max 4 SFNS 1 Oct.

Northern Goshawk: Norway HERK 15 Oct.

Bald Eagle: max 15 SP 18 Oct.

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 7 OLP 24 Oct; last Syr & Clay 28 Nov.

Broad-winged Hawk: max 130 Syr 18 Sep; last Rome 8 Oct.

Red-tailed Hawk: max 41 BRH 27 Oct.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr T Onondaga 13 Oct; max 3 BRH 27 Oct.

Eastern Screech-Owl: singles/pairs typical locs.

Great Horned Owl: widespread resident.

Snowy Owl: arr T Fenner MADI 21 Nov; singles typ locs thru.

Barred Owl: widespread resident.

Long-eared Owl: TR 14, 28 Oct (GDa); only reps.

Short-eared Owl: TR 14-25 Oct; Oneida & OLP 21 Nov.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: TR 4 Oct (GDa).

Belted Kingfisher: widespread; max 5 SP 14 Sep.

Red-headed Woodpecker: reps from established locs; Remsen 10 Oct; Pennellville 12 Oct.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: widespread resident.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 4 Erieville 19 Sep.

Downy Woodpecker: widespread resident.
Hairy Woodpecker: widespread resident.
Northern Flicker: max 12 SP 15 Sep & TR 18 Sep.
Pileated Woodpecker: widespread resident.

American Kestrel: family groups Sep; singles thru var locs.
Merlin: singles/pairs scattered about Reg.
Peregrine Falcon: singles/pairs typ locs.

Great Crested Flycatcher: max 2 Pulaski 9 Sep; last NSyr 17 Sep.
Eastern Kingbird: singles several locs thru 22 Sep; last Danube HERK 6 Oct, late.
Olive-sided Flycatcher: SFNS 3 Sep; Clinton 6 Sep; Sullivan 9 Sep; Waterville 10 Sep; last Hastings 11 Sep; only reps.
Eastern Wood-Pewee: max 5 FH 5 Sep; last Chittenango 3 Oct.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1-2 several locs; last FH 21 Sep.
Alder Flycatcher: no reps.
Willow Flycatcher: several reports; last 2 SP 16 Sep.
Least Flycatcher: max 2 several locs; last OLP 19 Sep.
Eastern Phoebe: max 8 SP 19 Sep.

Yellow-throated Vireo: max 5 HI 11 Sep; last Manlius 12 Oct, late.
Blue-headed Vireo: max 4 GLSP 15 Oct; last 2 SP 23 Oct.
Philadelphia Vireo: max 5 Syr 8, 20 Sep, good num; last OSP 2 Oct.
Warbling Vireo: max 5 OSP 13 Sep; last OSP 29 Sep.
Red-eyed Vireo: max 11 Syr 8 Sep; last Chittenango 14 Oct.

Northern Shrike: arr Salisbury 24 Oct; Salisbury 27 Nov; only reps.

Blue Jay: max 444 Constantia 19 Sep.
American Crow: max 2800 OakC 30 Nov.
Fish Crow: max 6 IH 19 Nov; reps typ locs.
Common Raven: max 8 Constantia 2 Nov; widespread reps.

Black-capped Chickadee: widespread resident; max 34 Old Forge 18 Sep.
Tufted Titmouse: widespread resident except N HERK & N ONEI.

Horned Lark: max 137 BRH 5 Nov.

Bank Swallow: max 20 LoopR 11 Sep; last Constantia 24 Sep.
Tree Swallow: max 50 FH 9 Sep; last 7 HI 11 Oct.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: max & last 9 HI 11 Sep.
Purple Martin: max 5 SP 9 Sep; last DH 12 Sep.
Barn Swallow: max 20 OLC 6 Sep; last 2 FH 18 Sep.
Cliff Swallow: SP 19 Sep, only rep.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Fayetteville 3 Sep; max 55 HI 9 Oct; last OSP 24 Nov.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 30 SP 18 Oct.

Cedar Waxwing: max 100 OtiscoL 7 Sep; flocks widespread.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: small groups typ locs; max 18 MH 5 Sep.
White-breasted Nuthatch: widespread resident.

Brown Creeper: small nums typ locs; max 4 TR 2 Oct & SP 7 Oct.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: max & last 3 DB 25 Sep.

House Wren: max 7 DB 11 Sep; last OLP 22 Oct.
Winter Wren: max 7 Noyes S 13 Oct & SSSP 22 Oct.
Sedge Wren: TR 20 Oct (GDa), late, well seen; only rep.
Marsh Wren: max 5 Brew 12 Sep; last DeWitt 28 Oct.
Carolina Wren: small nums typ locs, mostly ONON.

Gray Catbird: max 29 OSP 19 Sep; last New London ONEI 26 Nov.
Brown Thrasher: max 4 Earlville 14 Sep; last Syr 11 Nov, late, window strike.
Northern Mockingbird: singles/pairs typ locs, mostly ONON.

European Starling: max 3200 DB 21 Oct.

Eastern Bluebird: widespread; max 57 Constantia 1 Nov.
Veery: max 10 HI 11 Sep; last 3 Syr 28 Sep.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr Pulaski 9 Sep; singles 8 locs; max 25 Syr 5 Oct, NFCs (DWe); last TR 14 Oct.

Swainson's Thrush: arr 2 OSP 2 Sep; 10 SP 13 Sep & Syr 28 Sep; 14 RCFS 20 Sep; max 65 HI 11 Sep, NFCs; last 2 TR 10 Oct; good nums.

Hermit Thrush: max 8 TR 20 Oct.

Wood Thrush: max 20 HI 11 Sep; last GLSP 30 Sep.

American Robin: max 1048 Constantia 10 Nov.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR: SP 6-7 Oct (MBr, mob, ph), 3rd Reg rec.

House Sparrow: flocks widespread resident in urban/suburban environs.

American Pipit: best flocks late Sep-early Nov; max 100 Baldwinsville 26 Oct; last 2 Minetto 20 Nov.

Evening Grosbeak: Clinton 6 Sep (JCl); 3 Remsen 23 Oct (DCh); only reps.

House Finch: widespread resident; max 35 OLP 21 Nov.

Purple Finch: small nums typ locs; max 25 Thendara 29 Nov.

Common Redpoll: arr Hastings 3 Nov; 4 DH 4 Nov; max 20 SP 11 Nov; 8 SP 16 Nov; 2 T Onondaga 21 Nov; only reps.

Red Crossbill: HI 11 Sep, unusual loc; Bear L HERK 24 Nov; max 5 HF 25 Nov; only reps.

White-winged Crossbill: no reps.

Pine Siskin: few reps; max 6 Manlius 30 Nov.

American Goldfinch: flocks common & widespread; max 328 DH 13 Nov.

Lapland Longspur: SP 8-9 Oct (MBr, mob); 1-2 Richland 4-6 Nov (BPu, MBr); max 4 Richland 3 Nov (MBr); DH 23 Nov (JMc); only reps.

Snow Bunting: arr 7 FH 23 Oct; max 45 SP 28 Oct.

Grasshopper Sparrow: no reps.

Chipping Sparrow: max 32 WMonroe 17 Oct; last Whitesboro 19 Nov.

Clay-colored Sparrow: OLP 19 Sep (GDa); only rep.

Field Sparrow: max 17 DeWitt 1 Oct; last Syr 25 Nov.

Fox Sparrow: arr Pulaski 7 Oct; max 8 T Onondaga 21 Nov; last Hastings 26 Nov.

American Tree Sparrow: arr Lebanon MAD1 10 Oct; max 16 OLP 25 Nov.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 40 OLP 16 Nov.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr OSP 16 Sep; max 28 OLP 22 Oct; last GLSP 25 Nov.

White-throated Sparrow: max 210 OLP 22 Oct, good num.

Vesper Sparrow: OLP 8 Oct; Salisbury 11 Oct; Remsen 18 Oct; 1-5 Richland 24 Oct – 8 Nov; max 5 Richland 25 Oct; last Richland 8 Nov; only reps.

Savannah Sparrow: max 9 OLP 1 Oct; last Richland 4 Nov.

Song Sparrow: max 120 OLP 3 Oct.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Salisbury 6 Sep; max 7 OLP 3 Oct; last OLP 22 Oct.

Swamp Sparrow: max 21 Tully 26 Sep.

Eastern Towhee: max 6 SFNS 16 Sep & GLSP 15 Oct; last FH 28 Oct.

Bobolink: max 22 MSI 3 Sep; last SFNS 20 Sep.

Eastern Meadowlark: max 26 Pulaski 13 Oct, good num; last Manlius 21 Nov.

Baltimore Oriole: max 2 var locs early Sep; last SFNS 14 Sep.

Red-winged Blackbird: max est 5000 HI 11 Sep & Rome 14 Nov.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 60 Warren HERK 15 Nov.

Rusty Blackbird: arr SFNS 19 Sep; max 180 Van Buren 23 Oct; last T Mexico 23 Nov.

Common Grackle: max est 20000 Constantia 27 Oct (MSc).

blackbird sp: 180000 Constantia 5 Nov; max 300000 Constantia 4 Nov (MSc).

Ovenbird: max 4 SFNS 9, 16 Sep; last GB 5 Oct.

Louisiana Waterthrush: no reps.

Northern Waterthrush: Baldwinsville 6 Sep; OLP 11 Sep; SFNS 15 Sep; last & max 2 UM 1 Oct; only reps.

Golden-winged Warbler: WP 6 Sep (RWi); 2 New Hartford 12 Sep (KSk, LMo); only reps.

Blue-winged Warbler: max 2 OSP 3 Sep; last Clinton 14 Sep.

Black-and-white Warbler: max 3 var locs 3-12 Sep; last Kirkland 28 Sep.

Tennessee Warbler: max 10 Clinton 14 Sep; last OLP 22 Oct.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr OSP 27 Sep; max 3 OLP 1 Oct; last Hastings 22 Oct.

Nashville Warbler: max 9 OLP 1, 3 Oct; last SSSP 21 Oct.

Mourning Warbler: MH 5 Sep (DWe); SP 14 Sep (JKe); only reps.

Common Yellowthroat: max 12 OLP 3 Oct; last SP 23 Oct.

Hooded Warbler: Pulaski 8 Sep; Syr 9 Sep; TR 22 Sep; only reps.

American Redstart: max 5 Syr 8 Sep; last Chittenango 11 Oct; DH 22 Nov (DWh, BPu, ph), female type, likely record late for Reg.

Cape May Warbler: max 4 Lysander 6 Sep; last Skaneateles 13 Oct.

Northern Parula: max 7 OSP 3 Sep; last OSP 5 Oct.

Magnolia Warbler: max 7 OSP 7 Sep; last TR 12 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: max 8 OSP 3 Sep; last Fabius 11 Oct.

Blackburnian Warbler: max 5 OSP 5 Sep & TR 21 Sep; last FH 5 Oct.

Yellow Warbler: max 3 SP 1, 19 Sep; last OLP 2 Oct.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 5 HI 11 Sep & MH 5 Sep; last TR 2 Oct.

Blackpoll Warbler: max 14 Jamesville 21 Sep; last GLSP 15 Oct.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 3 Jamesville 24 Sep; last Manlius 10 Oct.

Palm Warbler: arr SFNS 3 Sep; max 23 OLP 3 Oct; last SP 6 Nov.

Pine Warbler: max 4 Stillwater Res 7 Sep; last Camillus 12 Oct.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 35 FH 18 Sep; 40 SP 8 Oct; max 44 HM 9 Oct; last SSSP 21 Nov.

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R5): Three Falls Woods Nature Preserve, Manlius 15 Oct (KMu), well-described.

Prairie Warbler: Tully 5 Sep (ABu); only rep.

Black-throated Green Warbler: max 9 OSP 6 Sep; last Syr 21 Oct.

Canada Warbler: max 2 SFNS 2 Sep & Manlius 4 Sep; last Jamesville 24 Sep.

Wilson's Warbler: max 3 SP 11 Sep; last Syr 5 Oct.

Scarlet Tanager: max 3 Marcellus 1 Sep; last 2 Manlius 5 Oct.

Northern Cardinal: widespread resident.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 4 HI 11 Sep; last Fayetteville 30 Sep.

Indigo Bunting: max 9 DB 11 Sep; last HI 9 Oct.

DICKCISSEL (R5): OLP 15 Sep (DDo, DAn, mob, ph); DB 19 Sep (GMe).