

REGION 3—FINGER LAKES

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June was a little cooler and drier than normal. The average low temperature was 51.7° F, 1.4° below normal. The average high temperature was 75.6°, 0.1° below normal. Total precipitation was 3.52", 0.46" less than normal. July's average low temperature was 57.1°, 0.8° below normal, but the average high temperature was 82.8°, 2.9° above normal. The total precipitation was 1.64", 2.36" less than normal. August was warmer and wetter than normal. The average low temperature was 57.5°, 1.2° above normal. The average high was 81.4°, 2.9° above normal. Total rainfall was 4.72", 0.95" more than normal.

Members of several species of waterfowl lingered at the north end of Seneca Lake. These included a White-winged Scoter, a Long-tailed Duck, a Bufflehead, a few Common Goldeneyes, two Red-necked Grebes, and eight Common Loons. Four Red-breasted Mergansers lingered on Cayuga Lake. Waterfowl began gathering in the Region in late August, producing some high summer counts. At Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) were high counts of Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shovelers, Mallards, and Ring-necked Ducks. Also at Montezuma NWR at the end of August was a Eurasian Wigeon.

Observers reported late spring departure dates for several species. Late Dunlins and Semipalmated Sandpiper were at Montezuma NWR. Late White-rumped Sandpipers were at Montezuma NWR and Myers Point. A Pectoral Sandpiper lingered at Leet Road Pond. Red-necked Phalaropes at Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve were late to leave. A Greater Yellowlegs arrived early in mid-July at Montezuma NWR. High counts were reported for Sanderlings at the Elmira Dam and for Spotted and Solitary Sandpipers at Montezuma NWR. The only American Avocet was at Keuka Lake in mid-July and the only Upland Sandpiper report came from the Town of Venice in late July.

A high count of Great Black-backed Gulls was at Stewart Park in mid-August. Reports of single Lesser Black-backed Gulls came from several locations. A Laughing Gull was at One Franklin Square in mid-June.

The two most interesting wading bird reports both came from Montezuma NWR. A high count of Cattle Egrets was there in late June. The season's only report of Glossy Ibis was in late August.

Observers reported high counts for several species of raptors. The high count of Black Vultures was at Sapsucker Woods and of Turkey Vultures at the Stevenson Road Compost Piles. Ospreys were high at Montezuma NWR, Sharp-shinned Hawks in the Town of Canandaigua, Cooper's Hawks at Farley's Point and in the Town of Caroline, Red-shouldered Hawks in the Town of Van Etten, and Peregrine Falcons at Taughannock Falls State Park. The most unusual raptor for the season was a Snowy Owl in the Town of Reading from mid-June through late July.

Observers also reported high counts of several species of woodpeckers and flycatchers. In the Town of Potter were high counts of Red-headed Woodpeckers and Olive-sided Flycatchers. The high count of Red-bellied Woodpeckers came from the Big Flats Trail and of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers from Shindagin Hollow State Forest. Stony Brook State Park produced the high count of Great Crested Flycatchers. A location in the Town of Enfield had a very high count of Eastern Kingbirds in mid-August. Acadian Flycatchers were high at Cayuta Gulf and Alder Flycatchers at Arnot Forest and at Dotson Community Park. A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in the Town of Dryden in late June was a late spring migrant as was a Philadelphia Vireo in the Town of Starkey in early June.

Some miscellaneous high counts were Blue Jays at Sapsucker Woods, Carolina Wrens at Stewart Park, Bobolinks at Queen Catharine Marsh, and Eastern Meadowlarks in the Town of Pulteney. A maximum count of three Grasshopper Sparrows in the Town of Italy was low. A Swainson's Thrush singing along the Jim Schug Trail in mid-June was a late spring migrant. Unusual observations were a Ruby-crowned Kinglet in the Town of Prattsburg in early August; several Red Crossbill reports; a Pine Siskin in Ithaca and another in the Town of Danby in July; Clay-colored Sparrows in the Town of Lodi and in the Town of Canandaigua; a Yellow-breasted Chat at the Seneca Army Depot; and a Dickcissel in the Town of Seneca.

There were high counts for several species of warblers: Louisiana Waterthrushes at Cayuta Gulf, Common Yellowthroats in the Town of Danby, Hooded Warblers in the Burdett CE Breeding Bird Atlas block, Chestnut-sided Warblers in Danby State Forest, Pine Warblers in Fillmore Glen State Park, Prairie Warblers in Dotson Community Park, Canada Warblers in Shindagin Hollow State Forest, and migrating Wilson's Warblers in Palmer Woods in late August. The only late spring migrant was a Cape May Warbler at the Caswell Road Grasslands. Early fall migrant species were Golden-winged Warbler at the Bishop Preserve, Cape May Warbler at Monkey Run, and Northern Parula at the Durland Preserve.

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ABBREVIATIONS

DP – Durland Pres, TOMP; **FPt** – Farley’s Pt, CAYU; **LRPF** – Leet Rd Pd and Fields, ONTA; **MNWR** – Montezuma NWR; **MyPt** – Myers Pt, TOMP; **PW** – Palmer Woods, TOMP; **SenL** – Seneca L; **SHSF** – Shindagin Hollow State Forest, TOMP; **SLSP** – Seneca L SP; **TVE** – T Van Etten, CHEM.

Snow Goose: max 16 SLSP 6 Jun.

Blue-winged Teal: max 210 MNWR 31 Aug (KR!), high.

Northern Shoveler: arr 5 MNWR 14 Aug; max 70 MNWR 31 Aug (KR!), high.

Eurasian Wigeon: MNWR 31 Aug (KR!).

Mallard: max 2500 MNWR 30 Aug (BeB!), high.

Northern Pintail: arr MNWR 23 Jul.

Ring-necked Duck: arr & max 6 MNWR 25 Aug (DSH, MTE), early, high.

Greater Scaup: 1-3 SenL SENE 2 Jun-21 Aug (TL, RS), high.

Lesser Scaup: arr SenL SENE 26 Aug.

White-winged Scoter: last SenL YATE 6 Jun (TL!), late.

Long-tailed Duck: last SenL SENE 1-21 Jun (TL), late.

Bufflehead: last SenL SENE 12 Jun.

Common Goldeneye: max 4 SenL SENE 11-13 Jun (TL, RaK), high; last 2 Bozzuto Boathouse SENE 16 Jul; arr SenL SENE 28 Aug (AFa, ph), early.

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Red-breasted Merganser: last 4 Cayuga L SENE 27 Jun (JAB), late.

Red-necked Grebe: last 2 SenL SENE 1-23 Jun (TL, ph), late.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: max 6 TVE 11 Jun (JCo), high.

Common Nighthawk: last T Seneca ONTA 17 Jun; arr 3 Ithaca Tompkins Airport TOMP 18 Aug; TCan 18 Aug; max 5 Park Station P CHEM 25 Aug.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: TVE 13 Jun (TFR, rec).

American Avocet: Keuka L YATE 11 Jul (AeB, ph).

Black-bellied Plover: last 2 Melvin Hill Cemetery ONTA 4 Jun; LRP 4 Jun; arr 2 MNWR 19 Jul.

American Golden-Plover: arr MNWR 24 Aug.

Semipalmated Plover: last 8 MNWR 20 Jun; arr 4 MNWR 13 Jul; max 75 MNWR 29 Aug;

Upland Sandpiper: T Venice CAYU 29 Jul (AP, rec).

Ruddy Turnstone: max 40 SenL SENE 3 Jun; last Kershaw P ONTA 6 Jun; arr FPt 6 Aug.

Stilt Sandpiper: arr 2 MNWR 13 Jul; max 6 MNWR 19 Jul.

Sanderling: max 52 Elmira Dam CHEM 3 Jun (SG, ph), high; last 2 SenL SENE 3 Jun; arr SLSP 18 Jul.

Dunlin: last 2 MNWR 14 Jun (JM!), late; arr SLSP 25 Aug.

Baird's Sandpiper: arr 2 MNWR 16 Aug.

Least Sandpiper: last MyPt 4 Jun; arr 4 MNWR 3 Jul; max 350 MNWR 13 Jul.

White-rumped Sandpiper: last 3 MyPt 18 Jun (mob, ph); MNWR 18 Jun (JM), late; arr 3 MNWR 13 Aug; max 6 MNWR 20 Aug.

Pectoral Sandpiper: last LRP 3 Jun (RN), late; arr MNWR 13 Jul; max 18 MNWR 8 Aug.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: last 14 MNWR 18 Jun (JM), late; arr 30 MNWR 13 Jul; max 120 MNWR 8 Aug.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr 6 MNWR 9 Jul; max 35 MNWR 21 Aug.

Long-billed Dowitcher: arr MNWR 23 Jul; max 8 MNWR 27 Aug.

Wilson's Snipe: max 21 MNWR 15 Aug.

Spotted Sandpiper: max 35 MNWR 13 Jul (JM), high.

Solitary Sandpiper: last MNWR 6 Jun; arr MNWR 28 Jun; max 36 MNWR 17 Jul (MTe!), high.

Lesser Yellowlegs: last MNWR 4 Jun; arr 2 MNWR 29 Jun; max 250 MNWR 13 Jul.

Greater Yellowlegs: last MNWR 4 Jun; arr MNWR 18 Jun (ASh), early; max 86 MNWR 25 Jul.

Wilson's Phalarope: last LRP 3 Jun; MNWR 30 Jul; MNWR 6 Aug.

Red-necked Phalarope: MNWR 3 Jun; last 2 Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Pres TOMP 14 Jun (KB!), late; arr MNWR 31 Aug, late.

Laughing Gull: One Franklin Square ONTA 14 Jun (TL!, ph);

Lesser Black-backed Gull: SenL SENE 23 Jun; MyPt 5 Jul; SLSP 4 Aug; Salt Pt Natural Area TOMP 22 Aug; Long Pt SP 28 Aug; Stevenson Road Compost Piles 31 Aug.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 15 Stewart P TOMP 19 Aug (MeHau, LL), high.

Black Tern: max 58 MNWR 5 Jul; last 3 MNWR 20 Aug.

Common Tern: max 5 FPt 20 Jun.

Common Loon: max 8 SenL SENE 1 Jun.

Cattle Egret: max 7 MNWR 26 Jun (MHy!), high.

Glossy Ibis: MNWR 18 Aug (mob!, ph).

Black Vulture: max 4 Sapsucker Woods TOMP 27 Jun (KMcl), high.

Turkey Vulture: max 150 Stevenson Road Compost Piles TOMP 27 Jul (PH, TH!), high.

Osprey: max 30 MNWR 17 Aug (DW!), high.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 3 TCan 2 Aug (BM!), high.

Cooper's Hawk: max 5 FPt (DSu!); 5 T Caroline TOMP 30 Jun (S. Krasnoff), high.

Red-shouldered Hawk: max 4 TVE 14 Jun (JCo!), high.

Snowy Owl: T Reading SCHU 15 Jun-25 Jul (mob, ph).

Red-headed Woodpecker: max 4 T Potter YATE 31 Aug (HH, ph), high.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 15 Big Flats Trail CHEM 16 Jun (TBe), high.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 14 SHSF 11 Jul (DCa, ID, BL), high.

Peregrine Falcon: max 5 Taughannock Falls SP 2 Jun (SL!), high.

Great Crested Flycatcher: max 10 Stony Brook SP 3 Jun (CF), high.

Eastern Kingbird: max 100 T Enfield 12 Aug (AZL!, ph), high.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: last T Erin CHEM 5 Jun; arr T Catharine SCHU 13 Aug; max 3 T Potter YATE 24 Aug (HH!), high.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: last T Dryden TOMP 23 Jun (JF!), late; arr T Prattsburgh STEU 10 Aug; max 2 Hector Land Use Area SCHU 15 Aug.

Acadian Flycatcher: max 7 Cayuta Gulf SCHU 21 Jun (SP!, ph), high.

Alder Flycatcher: max 8 Arnot Forest TOMP 16 Jul (BW); 8 Dotson Community P TOMP 17 Jul (WEv), high.

White-eyed Vireo: 2 Townsend-Grady Wildlife Pres YATE 21 Jul (JHa!); Hile School Road Wetland TOMP 23 Jul (JE!).

Philadelphia Vireo: last T Starkey YATE 4 Jun (TSh, rec), late; arr Ithaca 23 Aug.

Blue Jay: max 59 Sapsucker Woods TOMP 13-14 Aug (AZL), high.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: T Prattsburg STEU 7 Aug (LD, NJ!).

Carolina Wren: max 10 Stewart P TOMP 8 Aug (CW), high.

Swainson's Thrush: last Jim Schug Trail TOMP 17 Jun (KC, rec), late; arr Northeast Ithaca 7 Aug; max 2 PW TOMP 24 Aug.

Red Crossbill: max 4 TVE 12 Jun; 4 SHSF 20 Jun; 4 Potato Hill State Forest TOMP 26 Jul.

Pine Siskin: Ithaca 2 Jul (DN, ph); T Danby TOMP 13 Jul (SH).

Grasshopper Sparrow: max 3 T Italy YATE 20 Jul, low; last T Caroline TOMP 9 Aug.

Clay-colored Sparrow: 1-2 T Lodi SENE 3-12 Jun; TCan 27 Jun.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Seneca Army Depot SENE 24-28 Jun (RS; mob, ph, rec).

Bobolink: max 4650 Queen Catharine Marsh SCHU 20 Aug (JG!), high.

Eastern Meadowlark: max 50 T Pulteney STEU 28 Aug (JCa!), high.

Orchard Oriole: max 7 MyPt 18 Jun; last Cornell Botanic Gardens TOMP 10 Aug, early.

Worm-eating Warbler: last Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Pres TOMP 20 Jul, early.

Louisiana Waterthrush: max 12 Cayuta Gulf SCHU 21 Jun (SP!), high; last Six Mile Creek Natural Area TOMP 17 Aug.

Golden-winged Warbler: arr Bishop Pres SENE 24 Aug (TL, ph), early.

"Lawrence's" Warbler: Northeast Ithaca 4 Jul (TSc!); Sullivanville Dam CHEM 17 Jul (JG, ph).

Prothonotary Warbler: MNWR 7 Aug (SM, GS, ph).

Tennessee Warbler: arr Queen Catharine Marsh SCHU 6 Aug;

Common Yellowthroat: max 65 T Danby TOMP 23 JUL (SP!), high.

Hooded Warbler: max 22 Burdett CE 25 Jun (MHa!), high.

Cape May Warbler: last Caswell Road Grasslands TOMP 8 Jun (CW!), late; arr Monkey Run TOMP 30 Jul (JBa, CW!), early; max 3 PW TOMP 24 Aug; 3 Ringwood House TOMP 31 Aug.

Northern Parula: arr DP 18 Aug (JM), early.

Bay-breasted Warbler: max 3 PW TOMP 18 Aug; 3 PW TOMP 31 Aug.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 21 Danby State Forest TOMP 11 Jun (RN), high.

Blackpoll Warbler: arr & max 3 Cornell Botanic Gardens TOMP 27 Aug; PW TOMP 27 Aug.

Palm Warbler: arr DP 27 Aug (JK, AS!), early.

Pine Warbler: max 7 Fillmore Glen SP 29 Aug (DR!), high.

Prairie Warbler: max 9 Dotson Community P TOMP 17 Jul (WEv!), high.

Canada Warbler: max 11 SHSF 21 Jun (PH, TH!), high.

Wilson's Warbler: arr DP 18 Aug; max 2 PW TOMP 26 Aug (JHu), high.

Dickcissel: T Seneca ONTA 2 Jun (BryB, rec).