

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Summer 2022 began with a June average maximum of 76.3° F, 1.0° below expected and the average low similar. 4.1" of rain was 0.5" above normal. While 19 days were partly-sunny or better only four days were fair, indicating no long periods where high pressure was in control. The rest of the season would be warm with July running 3.3° above the usual maximum at 85.0° and seven days above 90° vs. the average of four. Overnights were closer to historical expectations. A full 27 of 31 days were at least partly sunny and precipitation almost an inch below normal at 2.9". August continued the trend with an average maximum of 84.6° being 4.3° warmer than typical. The average minimum was a balmy 63.9°, 3.5° above expected. With 10 cloudy days rainfall was 0.8" high at 4.5". With warm days and nights, the month finished as fourth warmest on record.

A few diving ducks usually linger into early June and this year was no exception. Best were two female-type White-winged Scoters flying past Fair Haven on 3 June while Lake Neatahwanta in Fulton yielded a breeding male on 10 July for Gregg Dashnau, a first Regional record for the month. Several Brant lingered at Breitbeck Park in Oswego, noted first on 12 June and last on 9 July. Alison Kocek spotted two Ruddy Ducks on Onondaga Lake on 23 June for the season's only report of the species. Common Nighthawk continue their northbound migration into June with birds noted on the 4th and 15th, then on 1 July. The latter two sightings were near Constantia and possibly refer to a bird investigating nesting habitat. Status in the Region as a breeder is uncertain. The

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first southbound migrants were noted on 14 August and a peak of 15 passed Split Rock on 26 August. A Whip-poor-will near Salisbury was the only report but known birds north of Oneida Lake presumably nested. Sandhill Crane was confirmed breeding at the Biddlecum Road wetlands north of Phoenix by Dashnau, who noted two adults with a young bird on 14 August.

Summer gives the Region northbound shorebirds in the first half of June, with nonbreeders, early migrants, and failed nesters already southbound by early July. Low water levels at Sandy Pond again allowed for a large expanse of the Carl Island shoal to be exposed and provide for excellent birding. It produced 13 Black-bellied and 25 American Golden-Plovers on 23 August for Matt Brown and David Wheeler, an excellent number. Brown counted 66 Semipalmated Plovers there on 8 August. A Whimbrel was found at Sandy on 20 and 23 August, while Hudsonian Godwit made a stop on the very busy 23rd. A **Marbled Godwit** was seen on the 26th and 27th by Brown and Kennedy Sullivan. Ruddy Turnstone was well-represented in both June and August, and several Red Knots were present during the last 10 days of the period. Stilt Sandpiper, which is a Central Flyway migrant in Spring, is always a difficult bird in the Region but this year a flock of seven showed up at Sandy on 18 July for Wheeler and Brown. Sanderling numbers were decent for both north and southbound migrations. Peep flocks were typical with the highlights being 11 White-rumped Sandpipers at Sandy on 23 and 25 August and 142 Semipalmated on the 23rd. Good numbers were found for the northbound portion with 70 seen at Fair Haven by Wheeler on 3 June. Back at Sandy, 30 Short-billed Dowitchers on 23 August was an excellent count, with a Long-billed mixed in. The latter species is seldom seen in the Region in spite of its regularity at the Montezuma wetlands to our west. Brown had a brief encounter with a Red-necked Phalarope on 26 August. Fair Haven State Park gave a Willet to Tim Wing on 2 June while three were found at Sandy on 18 July. At least one bird was seen on and off throughout August. Finally, Upland Sandpipers were reported from typical locations, such as that would mean in the modern era of scarcity. Last but certainly not least, the Piping Plovers at Sandy Pond had two nests with four young thought to make it to fully-flighted and embarking upon their life journey.

Strong west to northwest winds can often be productive for lakewatching at Derby Hill in late August and the 31st yielded three Parasitic Jaegers for David Wheeler. The 23rd and 26th gave a Little Gull to Wheeler and Brown at Sandy Pond. At that time the exposed shoal had grown to nearly the outlet on both north and south sides with the water that remained only 50 feet wide and two feet deep. Wheeler noted that in 20 years of visiting the spot this was the shallowest he'd ever seen. Indeed he and Brown were able to wade easily across to the tip of the south spit and meet Gregg Dashnau, Mickey Scilingo, and Martin Mau there, the assembled crew then wading back. Possibly because of ideal conditions, it was an incredible year for Common Tern with 495 estimated on 26 August, a new Regional record. A Forster's Tern was spotted on the 3rd by Kennedy Sullivan and Brown, and noted on several other dates through the 21st. Status of Black Tern as

a nester on the Region's east Lake Ontario shoreline is uncertain but as many as four checked in at Sandy between 21 - 28 August, possibly birds associated with the nearby marshes of Jefferson County. The species may still be represented as a breeder for Region 5 at Howland Island and Oneida Lake's Three Mile Bay. Kate Finn also noted three at Fair Haven on 14 August, an unusual location. Black-crowned Night-Herons were noted from five locations, including at Sandy on 24 August and a family group seen at the Onondaga Lake Creekwalk area between 19 July and 21 August.

Black Vultures continue to be seen at known locations with new ones added to the list periodically. An estimated 300 Turkey Vultures near Ditch Bank Road on 13 August was an excellent count for Tony Shrimpton. No substantial flights of immature hawks were noted at Derby Hill. Jonathan Kresge found a Black-backed Woodpecker on 31 July on the Third Lake Creek Trail, a traditional location. Olive-sided Flycatcher, one of our scarcest regular passerine migrants, was seen at Labrador Hollow on 4 Jun. The spot is reliable for the species with some effort. Northern Herkimer County hosts nesting birds and several were noted there, while Mark Burns found the first Fall migrant on 28 August near Oneida Lake's North Bay. Acadian Flycatchers continued at known locations, all relatively new, but were not reported from the traditional Whiskey Hollow location. The habitat there continues to be suitable and hopefully a new pair will find it. Though it is possibly a nester in the northern part of the Region, Philadelphia Vireo was reported only once each in early June and late August. A Sedge Wren continued in the 'big fields' of Three Rivers and was noted up through the 12th of June and then again on 7 and 14 August. Whether it nested successfully is unknown but this is typically difficult for observers to determine with species living in overgrown grasslands. Sedge Wrens may also have several broods in different locations and July arrival of new birds is common.

Red Crossbill sightings came in from the Southern Highlands of Madison and Onondaga Counties, with 40 in Earlville on 5 June a good count for Michael DeWispelaere and Harmon Hoff. Pine Siskins continue to be very scarce as presumptive nesters with only Elizabeth Frascatore's yard near Dolgeville reliably reporting. Hopefully this is a cyclic phenomenon. A small number of Grasshopper and Vespers Sparrows were seen in typical locations but remain one of our least-common breeding sparrows. No Clay-colored was noted.

Dedicated readers of this report will recall that at least one Henslow's Sparrow held territory in overgrown fields at Three Rivers WMA, found in early May and last seen on the 29th. Alas, no sightings were recorded for Summer but the editor holds true to his promise of a brief historical perspective. Marge Rusk kept records of this species for Region 5 going back to the 1950s, before which not a lot is known. Up through the early 1970s breeding colonies were 'common' enough (or at least well enough known to birders) to have reasonably conspicuous Spring arrival and Fall departure dates documented. Many of the notes underscore the ephemeral nature of the birds as they seek out overgrown fields of a particular age to meet very specific nesting requirements. "Absent from fields where they

had been present for several years” in referring to summer 1956 and “Many former colonies unoccupied or sites deserted in summer” for 1966 are typical of many entries in Rusk's records, which also note the emergence of new colonies as the birds found fields exactly at the right stage of succession. Of particular interest, and indicative of how picky the birds are in site selection, is the size to which some of these colonies grew. “A new colony of 12 birds near Brewerton” was noted in 1966 and persisted for several years with nine sites known Region-wide in 1967. In 1968, 16 nesting sites were known, unimaginable by modern standards, while 15 (!) singing birds north of Chittenango and another 15 at eight additional locations were known in 1974. Rusk notes the difficulty of keeping up with the different fields used by the species and observed that in dry summers there appeared to be an earlier onset of song cessation, adding to the difficulty of finding and following progress. By 1984, “only 5 sites, mostly singles”, and by 1990 down to only one location: a particularly good field in West Monroe hosted a maximum of six pairs during the best of four years Henslow's were noted there. The last colony of any success was in the town of Mexico between 1998 and 2000, the first year hosting at least four pairs including several fledglings. Since then there have been only three singles, including the Three Rivers bird, in 22 years. Lastly and somewhat surprising to the Editor, the species is a somewhat early arrival with the first birds sometimes known to the colonies of yore in mid-April and almost always by May. Rusk wrote of departure dates in 1960: “the majority leave by mid-September but some are regularly present to mid-October at least”. A new record late would be established in Pompey on 28 October 1972.

Tom and Jo Anne Salo found Rusty Blackbirds with young in northern Herkimer County while atlasing. Like Lincoln's Sparrow and Palm Warbler, habitat exists for these in the area but is difficult to access. Other species (i.e., cohabitants) known mainly as breeders for New York from the Adirondacks are likely there. Matt Brown again hosted nesting Louisiana Waterthrush on his property near Pulaski. Only a couple other pairs are known to Oswego County as it mostly lacks the elevation gradients that lead to steep runoff and appropriate banks preferred by the species. Like others near the northern edge of their range, particularly Acadian Flycatcher and Prothonotary Warbler, one could wonder if the availability of mates is the primary limiting factor versus presence of suitable habitat.

Now one of our rarest breeding warblers, a well-seen, seemingly-pure Golden-winged was reported by Gary Meyers at a traditional location near Erieville on 25 June. Tyler Hodges also described one well from his home patch in the town of Sullivan on 14 August. Note that birds singing characteristic songs of either winged-warbler does not guarantee against a hybrid so it is best to see every bird and photograph if possible. Ken Burdick, king of Prothonotary Warblers in the Seneca River area around Cross Lake, contributed the Summer season's only report from a private 'wet woods' near Elbridge on 12 June. This part of western Onondaga and Cayuga Counties has substantial but hard-to-reach habitat for the species, with Burdick's hiking and paddling responsible for most

of the area records. The season's only Prairie Warbler report was contributed by Meyers from a known location near Erieville on 30 June. Apparently previously known birds at Happy Valley and Green Lakes were not present this year.

Region 5 currently has five operating MOTUS stations located 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 had several interesting highlights including Semipalmated Plovers tagged at Churchill Manitoba on 24 and 27 June picked up by Derby on 30 July and 19 August then at Chincoteague VA on 31 July and Brigantine NJ on 20 August. A Golden-winged Warbler tagged at Fort Drum on 19 May checked in at Derby on 28 August. The birds there represent the last stronghold of the species in this area and was presumably considered pure while in the hand for tagging. Bank Swallows banded near Montreal at the end of June passed the Derby Hill station on 20 July and 6 August. Finally, a Chimney Swift tagged on 28 May at Lac Edouard Quebec was detected by Utica on 11 August and Castleton VA the next day.

This season a total of 219 species and two hybrids were reported, which is seven above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights included: Brant, White-winged Scoter, Common Nighthawk, Piping Plover, Upland Sandpiper, Whimbrel, Hudsonian Godwit, **Marbled Godwit**, Red Knot, **Long-billed Dowitcher**, Red-necked Phalarope, Willet, Forster's Tern, Black Vulture, Parasitic Jaeger, Little Gull, Black-backed Woodpecker, Sedge Wren, Red Crossbill, and Prothonotary Warbler. Expected species that were missed this Summer season include Gadwall and Clay-colored Sparrow, while those represented by only one record include Long-tailed Duck, Ruddy Duck, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Red-necked Phalarope, Parasitic Jaeger, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Black-backed Woodpecker, and Prothonotary Warbler.

Summer 2022 produced 94,128 eBird records on 7,567 checklists for Region 5, and were processed by Swan Swan Hummingbird v6.1. Reports were submitted by 699 people. With so many submitting to eBird, the editor would like to take this opportunity to share how the 'Contributor' names below are compiled. Names appear in the list if at least one of the following four criteria are met: (1) a person's initials are used in the 'Synopsis' section; (2) a person submits a written list of sightings to the editor; (3) a person is the only one contributing from a particular part of the Region that would otherwise have no reports; or (4) a person submits above a 'participation threshold' number of eBird records which varies by season and was set at 200 for this report. Most listed below qualified under (4) but rest assured that all submissions contribute to this report.

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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 River, Indian Point, 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 Road Wetland, Colombia Center, s. HERK; **OakC** – Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse; **OF** – Old Forge; **OLC** – Onondaga L Creekwalk; **OneiL** – Oneida L; **OnonL** – Onondaga L; **OLP** – Onondaga Lake 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; **PV** – Pleasant Valley Pres, T Onondaga; **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; **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: Bville 6 Jun; WP 4 Jul, likely injured birds; only reps.

Brant: 1-2 OswH 12 Jun – 9 Jul, likely injured; only rep.

Canada Goose: max 300 OnonL 1-9 Jul & SP 20-24 Aug.

Mute Swan: most reps OnonL & FH; max 15 OnonL 17 Jun.

Trumpeter Swan: 1-4 at expected locs; max 7 Hannibal 17 Jun.

Wood Duck: max 35 Biddlecum Pd 21 Aug.

Blue-winged Teal: no Jun/Jul reps; arr 2 SP 8 Aug; max 50 SP 26 Aug.

Northern Shoveler: OnonL 14 Jul; arr & max 2 SP 23 Aug.

Gadwall: no reports.

American Wigeon: SP 21 Jul; arr & max 7 DH 31 Aug.

Mallard: widespread; max 225 SVB 3 Jul.

American Black Duck: 1-2 typ locs; max 13 incl young Beaver River 7 Jul.

Mallard x American Black Duck (hybrid): North Bay Oneil 8, 11 Jun.

Northern Pintail: SP 13 Jul; arr 3 SP 17 Aug.

Green-winged Teal: no Jun reps; arr SP late Jul/early Aug; max 30 SP 26 Aug.

Redhead: Skan 5 Jun – 13 Jul; only rep.

Ring-necked Duck: WP 10 Jun, 4 Jul; FH 2, 9, 21 Aug; only reps.

White-winged Scoter: 2 fem FH 3 Jun; ad m Fulton 10 Jul (GDa), first Reg rec for Jul; only reps.

Long-tailed Duck: 3 DC 5 Jun; only rep.

Hooded Merganser: nesters typ locs; max 10 incl young HI 14 Jun.

Common Merganser: nesters typ locs; max 14 incl young Poland 22 Jun.

Red-breasted Merganser: 1-2 Phoenix 11 Jun – 11 Aug; only reps.

Ruddy Duck: 2 OnonL 23 Jun (AKo); only rep.

Wild Turkey: max 22 Earlville 24 Aug.

Ruffed Grouse: small nums var locs.

Ring-necked Pheasant: small nums var locs, most presumably released by state.

Pied-billed Grebe: pr nesters var locs; max 8 incl young OnonL 15 Aug.

Rock Pigeon: flocks widespread.

Mourning Dove: widespread; max 35 Fulton 28 Aug.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1-2 var locs thru.

Black-billed Cuckoo: 1-2 var locs thru; last Phoenix 28 Aug.

Common Nighthawk: last Lebanon 4 Jun; Const 15 Jun & 1 Jul; arr Lafayette 14 Aug; max 15 Split Rock 26 Aug.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: Salisbury 29 Jun; only rep but presumed nesting 2-3 locs.

Chimney Swift: max 68 Split Rock 18 Aug.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: max 25 Williamstown 4 Jul.

Virginia Rail: reps typ locs; max 8 Verona 23 Jun.

Sora: DC 5, 10 Jun; TR 6 Jun; Pulaski 16, 24 Jul; PV 16 Aug; only reps.

Common Gallinule: reps typ locs; max 19 incl young Biddlecum Pd 28 Aug.

American Coot: 1-3 OnonL 2 Jun, 3 Jul, 1, 15 Aug; Skan 5, 13 Jun, 28 Aug; only reps.

Sandhill Crane: Cicero 9 Jun; 2 HI 11 Jun; Ilion 29 Jul; 3 Biddlecum Pd 3, 14 Aug; only reps.

Black-bellied Plover: last SP 5 Jun; arr 2 SP 28 Jul; max 13 SP 23 Aug.

American Golden-Plover: arr SP 20 Jul; max 25 SP 23 Aug (MBr), exc num; Phoenix 28 Aug; only reps.

Killdeer: max 81 Fulton 28 Aug.

Semipalmated Plover: last 9 SP 13 Jun; arr 2 SP & 4 OLP 14 Jul; max 66 SP 8 Aug (MBr), exc num.

Piping Plover: 2 pairs nest SP, have 4 young fully fledged; max 9 SP 12, 14 Jun (KSU, MBr).

Upland Sandpiper: 2 SW of Dolgeville 16 Jun (Efr); Rome 10 Aug (RSa); Syr Airport 30 Aug (MBu); only reps; Deerfield birds not rep but presumed nesting.

Whimbrel: arr SP 20, 23 Aug (MBr, DWh); only rep.

Hudsonian Godwit: SP 23 Aug (MBr, DWh); only rep.

MARbled GODWIT (R5): SP 26, 27 Aug (MBr, KSU).

Ruddy Turnstone: last 8 SP 1 Jun & SP 2 Jun; arr OnonL 18 Jul; max 18 SP 23 Aug.

Red Knot: arr SP 9 Aug (MBr); 1-2 SP 20-30 Aug (MBr, KSU, DWh)

Stilt Sandpiper: arr & max 7 SP 18 Jul (DWh, MBr); 1-2 SP 8-30 Aug; only reps.

Sanderling: 20 SP 1 Jun; last 2 SP 12 Jun; arr SP 10 Jul; max 58 SP 20 Jul (MBr).

Dunlin: last SP 5 Jun; only rep.

Baird's Sandpiper: arr SP 17 Aug; 1-max 3 SP 18-30 Aug; only reps.

Least Sandpiper: last SP 5 Jun; arr OnonL 2 Jul; max 91 SP 23 Aug.

White-rumped Sandpiper: FH 3 Jun; last SP 8 Jun; arr SP 4 Aug; max 11 SP 23, 25 Aug (MBr, DWh), good num.

Pectoral Sandpiper: arr 4 SP 5 Aug; max 7 SP 30 Aug.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: 128 SP 2 Jun; 70 FH 3 Jun (DWh); last 10 SP 14 Jun; arr 2 SP 13 Jul; max 142 SP 23 Aug.

peep sp: 132 SP 1 Jun; 51 SP 5 Jun; 42 SP 12 Aug.

Short-billed Dowitcher: arr SP 13 Jul; max 30 SP 23 Aug, good num.

Long-billed Dowitcher: SP 23 Aug (MBr, DWh); only rep.

American Woodcock: max 5 TR 28 Jun.

Wilson's Snipe: 1-3 rep 8 locs; max 5 MW 11, 16 Aug (LGo, MFi).

Red-necked Phalarope: SP 26 Aug (MBr); only rep.

Spotted Sandpiper: max 10 OnonL 3 Jul.

Solitary Sandpiper: arr Herkimer 28 Jun; max 8 MW 16 Aug.

Lesser Yellowlegs: arr 2 OnonL 1 Jul; max 31 SP 8 Aug.

Greater Yellowlegs: last OnonL 5 Jun; arr OnonL 1 Jul; max 26 SP 23 Aug.

Willet: FH 2-3 Jun (TWi); 3 SP 18 Jul (MBr, DWh), 4 Aug (MBr); SP 19, 21, 23 Aug (MBr, KSU).

Parasitic Jaeger: 3 DH 31 Aug (DWh); only rep.

Bonaparte's Gull: small nums Jun/Jul; 27 SP 26 Aug; max 38 SVB 29 Aug.

Little Gull: SP 23, 26 Aug (DWh, MBr); only rep.

Ring-billed Gull: max est 650 SVB 3 Jul.

Herring Gull: max 42 SP 9 Aug.

Great Black-backed Gull: few reps thru; max 6 SVB 14 Aug.

Caspian Tern: 90 FH 3 Jun; max 143 SP 1 Jun.

Black Tern: 2 HI 29 Jun; 3 FH 14 Aug (KFn), unusual loc; 1-4 SP 21-28 Aug (MBr, KSU, DWh); only reps.

Common Tern: max 495 SP 26 Aug (MBr, DWh), new Reg rec max.

Forster's Tern: SP 3, 8, 9, 21 Aug (KSU, MBr); only reps.

Common Loon: max 7 incl young Twitchell L 25 Jun, 31 Jul, 1 Aug.

Double-crested Cormorant: max est 500 OnonL 15 Aug.

American Bittern: max 4 DC 5, 6, 10 Jun.

Least Bittern: singles typ locs; max 2 Oswego 24 Jun.

Great Blue Heron: max 54 Cato 17 Jun; best nums all at breeding colonies.

Great Egret: singles var locs 1 Jun thru; max 2 OLP 2 Jun, 23 Aug.

Green Heron: max 8 OSP 12 Aug.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: GSC 16 Jul; SP 24 Aug (GDa); 2 UM 24 Aug; Remsen 30 Aug (DCh), unusual loc; 1-5 OLC 19 Jul – 21 Aug; only reps.

Black Vulture: reps continue known locs Jamesville, Oneida, Little Falls, Rome, Canastota; 2 Salisbury 7 Jul (KTo); Hamilton 21 Aug (PSh); unusual locs.

Turkey Vulture: max est 300 DB 13 Aug.

Osprey: max 7 OswH 4 Jul, 9 Aug.

Northern Harrier: max 7 incl young, Salisbury late Jul (KTo); few reps typ locs.
Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1-2 exp locs thru but only 20 reps.
Cooper's Hawk: max 5 incl young Const 15 Jun & Whitesboro 17 Jul.
Bald Eagle: imm & adults var locs incl nesters; max 12 DH 22 Jun, dispersal.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 1-2 rep var typ locs.
Broad-winged Hawk: 1-5 rep var locs; 6 DH 16 Jun, max 12 DH 22 Jun, 11 DH 29 Aug, dispersal flights.
Red-tailed Hawk: widespread nester/resident; max 11 DH 29 Aug, dispersal.

Eastern Screech-Owl: singles/pairs typical locs.
Great Horned Owl: widespread resident.
Barred Owl: widespread resident; reps typ locs.
Northern Saw-whet Owl: Waterville 20 Jul (RWi); only rep.

Belted Kingfisher: widespread; max 8 Forestport 19 Jul.

Red-headed Woodpecker: reps from established locs.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: widespread resident.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: max 12 Erieville 9 Jul.
Black-backed Woodpecker: OF 31 Jul (JKr); only rep.
Downy Woodpecker: widespread resident.
Hairy Woodpecker: widespread resident.
Northern Flicker: widespread; max 11 Erieville 5 Aug.
Pileated Woodpecker: widespread resident.

American Kestrel: max 9 incl young, Mindenville 11 Aug; family groups var locs.
Merlin: max 5 incl young, N Hartford 10 Jul; nesters var locs.
Peregrine Falcon: singles/nesting pairs typ locs.

Great Crested Flycatcher: max 10 Tully 2 Jul.
Eastern Kingbird: max 10 Hamilton 24 Jul.
Olive-sided Flycatcher: last LH 4 Jun (CLO); Big Moose (PPe) & Sunday L (BLe) 14 Jun, nesters; arr North Bay Oneil 28 Aug (MBu).
Eastern Wood-Pewee: max 15 MH 9 Jul.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: last Waterville 5 Jun; 1-3 N HERK 15, 16 Jun, 9 Jul, 2 Aug, nesters; arr Salisbury 16 Aug.
Acadian Flycatcher: singles/pairs Hannibal, SNC, Minetto, Parish, Fulton; BLNC 13 Jun, unusual loc; not rep from traditional WH loc.
Alder Flycatcher: max 12 TR 19 Jul.
Willow Flycatcher: max 8 DB 15 Jun.
Least Flycatcher: max 8 Redfield 4 Jun.
Eastern Phoebe: max 10 Pratts Falls 16 Jul.

Yellow-throated Vireo: max 4 TR 30 Jun.
Blue-headed Vireo: max 9 Muller Hill SF 10 Jul.
Philadelphia Vireo: last Const 2 Jun; arr Fulton 28 Aug; only reps.
Warbling Vireo: max 6 Cardiff 8 Jun & Cato 7 Jul.
Red-eyed Vireo: max 39 L Rondaxe N HERK 20 Jun, counts depend heavily on distance.

Blue Jay: widespread; max 17 McKeever 13 Jul.
American Crow: widespread; max 150 Salisbury 5 Aug.
Fish Crow: max 5 Bville, Rome, OLP mid-Aug; 1-4 rep typ locs.
Common Raven: max 6 var locs/dates; 1-5 widespread thru.

Black-capped Chickadee: widespread resident; max 42 Muller Hill 10 Jul.
Tufted Titmouse: widespread resident except N HERK & N ONEI.

Horned Lark: max 11 Phoenix 28 Aug; rep 5 locs.

Bank Swallow: max 26 Bville 21 Jul.
Tree Swallow: max 150 OLP 23 Jun.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow: max 30 Rome 21 Jun.
Purple Martin: max 32 North Bay Oneil 20 Aug.
Barn Swallow: max 1200 DC 9 Aug (MBr), exc num.
Cliff Swallow: max 10 Phoenix 18 Jun; reps typ locs.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: Big Moose N HERK 14, 15 Jun, nester; arr Manlius 20 Aug.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 30 Muller Hill 10 Jul.

Cedar Waxwing: max 315 North Bay OneIL 21 Aug, lakeshore flight.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: small groups typ locs; max 22 Muller Hill 10 Jul.

White-breasted Nuthatch: widespread resident.

Brown Creeper: max 5 var locs Jun.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: max 5 OLP 2 Jul.

House Wren: max 14 Pulaski 24 Jun.

Winter Wren: max 6 Muller Hill SF 10 Jul.

Sedge Wren: TR 6, 12 Jun, 7, 14 Aug; only rep.

Marsh Wren: max 15 DC 5 Jun.

Carolina Wren: small nums typ locs, mostly ONON.

Gray Catbird: max 22 Canastota 22 Jun.

Brown Thrasher: max 6 GLSP 18 Jun.

Northern Mockingbird: singles/pairs typ locs, mostly ONON.

European Starling: max 422 Const 29 Jun.

Eastern Bluebird: max 10 Central Sq 28 Jun & Williamstown 23 Jul.

Veery: max 14 Erieville 3 Jul.

Swainson's Thrush: 1-3 nest var locs incl Redfield & N ONEI & HERK; arr Syr 18 Aug.

Hermit Thrush: max 12 MH 9 Jul.

Wood Thrush: max 16 Pulaski 28 Jun.

American Robin: widespread; max 30 FH 6 Jun.

House Sparrow: flocks widespread resident.

House Finch: widespread resident; max 13 Cazenovia 29 Jun.

Purple Finch: max 7 Big Moose 7 Jul; Cazenovia 15 Jul.

Red Crossbill: flocks typ locs SH & ADK thru 29 Jul; max 40 Earlville 5 Jun, best nums this loc; no reps Aug.

Pine Siskin: most reps & max 5 Dolgeville 1 Jun, very scarce in Reg.

American Goldfinch: flocks common & widespread; max 57 OnonL 18 Aug.

Grasshopper Sparrow: few reps typ locs, scarce; max 2 DeWitt, Lacona, Rome Jun.

Chipping Sparrow: max 28 OakC 23 Jul.

Clay-colored Sparrow: no reports.

Field Sparrow: max 11 GLSP 4 Jul & BW 22 Jul.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 16 Earlville 10 Jul.

White-throated Sparrow: max 16 Thendara 20 Jun.

Vesper Sparrow: 2 SFNS 10 Jun; Earlville 20 Jun & 7 Jul; Erieville 25 Jun; DB 28 Jun; 2 Cazenovia 30 Jun; Fulton 9 Jul; Fairdale 11 Jul; only reps.

Henslow's Sparrow: no reports; *intro*.

Savannah Sparrow: max 9 Bville 25 Jun.

Song Sparrow: max 29 OLP 17 Aug.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 1-2 Big Moose N HERK 2 locs 14, 15 Jun; only reps but nests remote locs same area.

Swamp Sparrow: max 20 PSS 16 Jul.

Eastern Towhee: max 12 Erieville 3, 9, 15 Jul.

Bobolink: max 75 SFNS 28 Aug.

Eastern Meadowlark: max 6 Fulton 28 Aug.

Orchard Oriole: max 4 GLSP 18 Jun; few reps typ locs thru 15 Jul.

Baltimore Oriole: max 11 Rome 2 Jul.

Red-winged Blackbird: max est 1000 B'ville 8 Aug & Lakeport 23 Aug.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 20 Syr 17 Jul.

Rusty Blackbird: 6 incl young Big Moose N HERK 14 Jun (TJS); Big Moose 12 Aug (TSy).

Common Grackle: max 320 Const 1 Jul.

Ovenbird: max 30 HV 16 Jun.

Louisiana Waterthrush: 5 reps typ locs thru 31 Jul, none after; max 6 incl young, Pulaski 24, 28 Jun (MBr), unusual loc, *intro*.

Northern Waterthrush: max 5 WP 12 Jun.

Golden-winged Warbler: Erieville 25 Jun (GMe); TSullivan 14 Aug (THo); only reps.

Blue-winged Warbler: max 3 TR 1 Jun.

"Lawrence's" Warbler: GLSP 4, 8, 13 Jun.

Black-and-white Warbler: max 8 N HERK 14 Jun.

Prothonotary Warbler: Elbridge 12 Jun (KBu), only rep.

Tennessee Warbler: arr OF & OneIL 16 Aug; Salisbury 25 Aug.

Nashville Warbler: max 8 Redfield 9 Jun.

Mourning Warbler: max 6 Earlville 10 Jun.

Common Yellowthroat: max est 25 MH 30 Jun.

Hooded Warbler: max 6 Kirkland 4 Jun, likely more SNC.

American Redstart: max 30 DC 23 Jun.

Cape May Warbler: arr Const 16 Aug; 6 other locs Aug thru.

Cerulean Warbler: max 9 HI 14 Jun; small numbs few locs but none after 7 Jul-likely corresponds to song cessation.

Northern Parula: max 5 Thendara 20 Jun; reps nesting N HERK thru mid-Jul; arr Const 27 Aug.

Magnolia Warbler: max 12 Earlville 14 Jun.

Bay-breasted Warbler: arr North Bay 7 Aug; 7 other reps var locs 16 Aug thru.

Blackburnian Warbler: max 15 MH 3 Jun.

Yellow Warbler: max 20 OLP 17 Jun.

Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 13 Muller Hill SF 10 Jul.

Blackpoll Warbler: last FH 3 Jun; 2 Eagle Bay 15 Jun poss nesters; arr SFNS 30 Aug.

Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 18 Muller Hill SF 10 Jul.

Palm Warbler: no reps but small num likely nest remote bogs N HERK.

Pine Warbler: max 8 SSSP 25 Jun.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 13 Thendara 20 Jun.

Prairie Warbler: Erieville 14 Jun (GMe), only rep.

Black-throated Green Warbler: max 6 N HERK 20 Jun.

Canada Warbler: max 5 N HERK 15 Jun.

Wilson's Warbler: arr Cazenovia 30 Aug.

Scarlet Tanager: max 5 Earlville 3 Jun.

Northern Cardinal: widespread resident.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 8 Oswego 30 Jun.