

REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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September 2022 was generally pleasant with a mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station of 63.3° F, 0.1° below normal. There was 4.30" of precipitation, 0.20" above average, and the first time above average in six months. More than half of that rain fell during the last week of the month. The first half of October was warm while the second half was much cooler. The mean temperature was 52.4°, 0.7° above average, and precipitation was 3.73", 0.30" below average. November saw many pattern changes and some wild weather. The average temperature was 43.3°, 2.3° above normal. Rainfall was 6.52", 3.02" above normal, the third wettest November on record. It was also the second snowiest November on record, all due to an epic lake effect snow event that hit the Buffalo area 16-20 November.

Waterfowl migration continued the trend of pushing a little later, especially with geese into November. A Ross's Goose at Lyndonville on 23 November was a nice find by Joel Strong, and the seasonal maximum count of 24 Cackling Geese occurred there on the same date. The only report of Greater White-fronted Geese this season was of two at the same location on 26 November. Brant has been more 'miss' than 'hit' during lakewatching outings along Lake Ontario in recent years, which made the 90 counted on 2 October more notable than it would have been a decade or two ago. More surprising were the 17 counted at Buffalo Harbor on 8 October, as sightings on Lake Erie are much less frequent. Among the duck species, the most notable report was easily the female **Tufted Duck** at Buffalo Harbor that is presumed to be the same bird wintering at this location in recent years. Tom Kerr found the bird with the slight tuft among Greater Scaup on 23 November, and the bird was refound through the end of the month and beyond, often inside the nearest breakwall as viewed from Centennial Park.

Eared Grebes had been a regular fall season occurrence at Batavia WWTP going back to the late 1990s; however, there have been few reports over the past few years. Robert Buckert found one there on 19 September and sightings continued of one, and sometimes two, until 9 November. Perhaps more notable were single Eared Grebes found at Dayton Sand and Gravel Ponds by Joe Mitchell and at Buffalo Harbor by Rebecca Ploeger, both in November.

A **Rufous Hummingbird** appeared in Karen Miller's yard in Great Valley and several birders were allowed to come view and photodocument it over the

span of 18-26 November. The bird was present prior to that, but not certain for how long. This marks three of the last four fall seasons for Rufous Hummingbird occurrences in Region 1.

It would take a very special bird to overshadow a vagrant Rufous Hummingbird, and Region 1 was treated to such a bird when Frank Campbell, a local charter fishing captain, saw an odd, long-legged bird hanging out on the Niagara River shoreline near the Lewiston boat docks on 9 November. Campbell photographed the bird and sent it to NYSDEC biologist Connie Adams, who passed it on to Willie D'Anna on 15 November. D'Anna immediately recognized the bird as a **Limpkin**, representing New York State's long-awaited first record! A search promptly ensued and after getting some more details from Adams regarding the Limpkin's favored hangout, D'Anna re-found the bird and quickly got the word out to birders. The Limpkin remained in a weedy area on the bank snacking on the ample supply of Grove Snails in the weed patch until the 18th. Amazingly, even Canadian birders viewing from the Canada side of the Niagara River were able to catch glimpses as they patiently viewed with spotting scopes. Due to a forecasted severe winter storm, the decision was made to capture the Limpkin and transport it south to its native range, where it was successfully released on 24 November in South Carolina. See article this issue, pp. 7-14.

As Sandhill Cranes increase in the East, fall sightings of flocks in migration have increased in recent years, especially deep into November and even December. The maximum fall season count was 30 at John White WMA on 29 November.

Fall shorebird migration was subpar and without any true rarities. Inland habitat at Tonawanda WMA, Allegany SP, and a little bit at Tiffit NP kept shorebird enthusiasts content along with the regular spots along Lake Erie. A Whimbrel and two Willets were sighted at Dunkirk Harbor on 5 September, plus another Whimbrel a few days later at Woodlawn Beach SP. Peter Yoerg reported a Long-billed Dowitcher at Iroquois NWR on 5 October, while an unidentified dowitcher a few days later at nearby Oak Orchard WMA may have been this same bird. Solitary Sandpipers photographed in different locations on 19 October and 21 October were a little later than usual, as was a Spotted Sandpiper observed at Dayton Gravel Ponds on 6 November.

There were several strong wind events that pushed birds on Lake Erie toward Buffalo. Most notable was the bounty found by birders on 26 September along the Niagara River in Buffalo with Red-necked Phalarope, two Red Phalaropes, Parasitic Jaeger, the season's only Sabine's Gull, four Little Gulls, 85 Common Terns, and one Forster's Tern. Three Red Phalaropes on the Niagara River at Black Rock Canal Park on 21 November were observed by many birders who were thankful for Joe Mitchell and Jim Pawlicki for getting the word out of their finding.

Black-legged Kittiwake was reported from four locations, with possibly the same juvenile appearing in some cases. A Laughing Gull photographed at Beaver Island SP on 13 September was not relocated. Gary Bletsch made some nice finds

in Chautauqua County with one Franklin's Gull at Celoron on 19-20 October and then two at Barcelona Harbor a few weeks later. Large gulls were slow to build up numbers on the Niagara River in November, as we've seen the peak activity push into December.

A **Neotropic Cormorant** at Delaware Park in Buffalo was the fourth Regional record, and without a doubt, the most easily chaseable. Kevin Rybczynski and Rebecca Ploeger identified the much smaller cormorant hanging out with a few Double-crested Cormorants on Hoyt Lake, where it was observed for more than a month after its discovery on 5 October.

Cattle Egrets were found in three locations in late October, consistent with the time period for fall reports of this species. Two of the sightings were along Lake Erie 22-23 October, with the third being inland. Of note is that on the same day (22 October) of the first sighting in Buffalo, there were ten observed on the Fort Erie, Ontario side of Lake Erie. Late Green Heron sightings were made in November at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve and Beaver Island SP.

Black Vultures were sighted in the vicinity of the Niagara River in and near Lewiston, with a maximum of 12 reported this season. A sighting in Hamburg on 5 October by Gale VerHague is unexpected. A Golden Eagle identified by Michael Gullo as it flew over the mounds at Tifft NP was a rare fall migrant sighting on 14 October.

There were three Snowy Owl reports, with the first being on 17 November at Buffalo Harbor. Dean DiTommaso spotted a Short-eared Owl migrating over Lake Ontario around noon on 29 October during a BOS field trip; the only other report this season was of two at John White WMA, an expected location. David Junkin banded a total of 33 Northern Saw-whet Owls at his yard in Wethersfield between 15 October and 7 November, and there were two additional reports this season.

There were more Olive-sided Flycatcher reports than usual, including three at Tifft NP on 13 September, and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were also well reported in September. Bruce Hoover smartly recorded an Acadian Flycatcher vocalizing at a regular breeding location in Chestnut Ridge County Park on the late date of 10 September. Steven Pitt was nicely surprised to find two White-eyed Vireos in Olean on 28 September.

Northern Shrike reports were scarce, with the first reported on 30 October. Fish Crows started to reappear in October, with up to 16 reported by Scott Diedrich at a now regular location in Buffalo. A Cliff Swallow on 2 October was a little on the late side. Willie D'Anna went out looking for **Cave Swallows** on 5 November after there were reports from elsewhere on Lake Ontario; he identified at least three of them in a flock of swallows flying west off Olcott.

It was a light finch flight in Fall 2022, with no redpolls, White-winged Crossbills, or Pine Grosbeaks reported, and a relatively light Pine Siskin movement. Evening Grosbeak movements were detected in late October into early November, with some settling in Southern Tier counties. A single Evening Grosbeak visiting a feeder along Lake Ontario in Wilson 16-18 September was

notably early. Two Red Crossbill reports were made, with eight found in Erie County Forest in late October and three flyovers at Krull County Park on 11 November.

Once again, Gale VerHague found a Grasshopper Sparrow in early October, with one at Dunkirk Airport on 5 October. Clay-colored Sparrows continued at their Krull County Park breeding grounds into early September, while one photographed by Carl Carbone at his feeder in Wales on 29 November was a big surprise for such a late date. Fox Sparrows were noted at many feeding stations affected by the heavy lake effect snow in November. Four Vesper Sparrow reports were nice for the fall season. Joel Strong identified a Nelson's Sparrow on 14 October at Tonawanda WMA, the only report this season.

Uli MacDonald found a Yellow-breasted Chat on the grounds of the Richardson Olmsted campus in Buffalo on 30 September; this species is rarely found during the Fall season in Region 1. Gale VerHague found a Yellow-headed Blackbird while kayaking around Dunkirk Harbor on 9 September. There were three Baltimore Oriole reports beyond September, with the last occurring in Lockport on 9 November.

Following the six reports made in Fall 2021 for Connecticut Warbler, it was still exciting to get four reports in Fall 2022. The warbler record highlight of the fall season was a **Townsend's Warbler** photographed by Shelley Seidman on 29 September next to Erie Basin Marina. The bird could not be relocated despite much searching the next day. This is the second Regional record, with the first occurring the previous fall season.

The 87th BOS October Count was held on 8 October on a cool day (high of 52° F) that became very windy in the afternoon. This count, compiled by Marcie Jacklin, includes both Region 1 and the adjacent area to the west in Ontario, Canada. A total of 194 birders contributed to tallying 163 species and 109,219 birds. There were several record high counts since the first count in 1935, including Neotropic Cormorant (1, first count record), Bald Eagle (61), Barred Owl (13), Red-bellied Woodpecker (369), Warbling Vireo (1, second count record), Common Raven (72), Tufted Titmouse (170), Northern Parula (9), and Northern Cardinal (615). Of these, Bald Eagle, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Common Raven, Tufted Titmouse, and Northern Cardinal are clearly increasing based on October Counts and other data. There were no record low counts.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACNC – Audubon Community Nature Center, Jamestown CHAU; **AISP** – Allegany SP, CATT; **AmSP** – Amherst SP, ERIE; **BeSP** – Beaver I SP, ERIE; **BMAC** – Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, WYOM; **BOSOC** – Buffalo Ornithological Society 08 Oct Count; **Bond L CP** – Bond L CP, NIAG; **BufH** – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; **BuSP** – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; **BWWTP** – Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant, GENE; **ChauL** – Chautauqua L, CHAU; **DH** – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; **DHSP** – Devil’s Hole SP, NIAG; **EvSP** – Evangola SP, ERIE; **FLC** – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; **FNSP** – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; **GHSP** – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; **HBWMA** – Hanging Bog WMA, ALLE; **INWR** – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; **JWWMA** – John White WMA, GENE; **Krull CP** – Krull CP, NIAG; **LBSP** – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; **LESP** – Lake Erie SP, CHAU; **NF** – Niagara Falls, NIAG; **NFSP** – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; **NR** – Niagara R; **OOWMA** – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; **PB** – Pt Breeze, ORLE; **PG** – Pt Gratiot, CHAU; **RWNP** – Reinstein Woods Nature Pres, ERIE; **TBNP** – Times Beach Nature Pres, Buffalo, ERIE; **Tift NP** – Tift Nature Pres, ERIE; **TRWMA** – Tillman Road WMA, ERIE; **TWMA** – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; **WFWMA** – Watts Flats WMA, CHAU; **WBSP** – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE; **WTSP** – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

Snow Goose: arr GHSP 24 Sep; Olean CATT 30 Sep; 3, 3 Dayton CATT 9 Oct, 4 Nov; max 37 North Harmony ChauL 13 Oct; 24 Birdsall ALLE 13 Nov; 20 Alfred ALLE 20 Nov.

Ross’s Goose: Lyndonville ORLE 23 Nov (JSt!); nearly annual in fall now.

Greater White-fronted Goose: arr 2 Lyndonville ORLE 26 Nov.

Brant: arr, max 90 Wilson NIAG 2 Oct (WD, JSt); 17 BufH 8 Oct (RT, KR), as viewed from Tift NP; last 6 GHSP 21 Oct.

Cackling Goose: arr 2, 13 BWWTP 27 Sep, 16 Oct; max 24 Somerset NIAG 13 Nov; 22 Lyndonville NIAG 23 Nov; 8 Lewiston NIAG 24 Nov.

Canada Goose: max 2000 Oakfield GENE 9 Oct.

Mute Swan: 9 Waterport ORLE 12 Sep; 8 Wilson NIAG 5 Oct; max 15 WTSP 24 Oct; 9 PB 17 Nov; 7 Lewiston NR 27 Nov.

Trumpeter Swan: max 9 TWMA 18 Sep; DH 22, 23 Nov.

Tundra Swan: arr 9 WTSP 23 Oct; 211 BeSP 22 Nov; max 251 ChauL 25 Nov.

Wood Duck: 75 Tift NP 13 Sep; max 85 BWWTP 19 Sep; 40 Keeney Swamp SF ALLE 7 Oct; 83 TWMA 18 Oct.

Blue-winged Teal: 26 Tift NP 6 Sep; max 37 OOWMA 30 Sep; 19, 14 TWMA, BeSP 22 Oct; last 5 Tift NP 30 Oct.

Northern Shoveler: max 115, 250, 312 BWWTP 19 Sep, 16 Oct, 9 Nov.

Gadwall: 8 OOWMA 25 Sep; 14 TWMA 23 Oct; max 86, 96 Tift NP 27 Oct, 14 Nov; 30 Findley L CHAU 12 Nov.

American Wigeon: 45 Middleport NIAG 29 Sep; max 265 INWR 23 Oct; 12 ChauL 13 Nov.

Mallard: max 498 BWWTP 22 Nov.

American Black Duck: max 20 OOWMA 2 Sep; 18 Wilson NIAG 2 Oct; 12 TWMA 23 Oct; 16 ACNC 28 Oct; 15 BWWTP 25 Nov.

Northern Pintail: 7 BWWT 25 Sep; max 717 Wilson NIAG 2 Oct; 6 Sturgeon Point ERIE 6 Nov.

Green-winged Teal: 58, 70, 44 Tift NP 13 Sep, 27 Oct, 7 Nov; 120 OOWMA 8 Oct; max 140 INWR 9 Nov.

Canvasback: arr Amherst ERIE 3 Nov; max 125 NF 25 Nov.

Redhead: arr 10, 160 Celoron ChauL 8, 29 Oct; max 500 Lakewood ChauL 1 Nov (TL).

Ring-necked Duck: 1, 7 TWMA 1, 14 Sep; max 85, 125 Dayton CATT 22 Oct, 6 Nov; 52 North Collins ERIE 13 Nov; 55 Wilson NIAG 23 Nov.

TUFTED DUCK: BufH 23-29 Nov (TK, mob, ph!), likely same female that has appeared in recent years.

Greater Scaup: 4 Buffalo NR 26 Sep; 760 BufH 25 Nov; max 1600 NF 25 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: 2 Tift NP 6 Sep; 10 Buffalo NR 26 Sep; 40 Celoron ChauL 29 Oct; max 60 Findley L CHAU 12 Nov; 50 Mayville ChauL 12 Nov.

Harlequin Duck: no reports.

Surf Scoter: arr 2 Buffalo NR 26 Sep; 3 Celoron ChauL 22 Oct; 4, 11 DH 24 Oct, 4 Nov; max 65 Buffalo NR 24 Oct; 13 Sturgeon Point ERIE 11 Nov.

White-winged Scoter: arr 4, 6 Wilson NIAG 22, 23 Sep; 75 Buffalo NR 24 Oct; 83 Krull CP 6 Nov; max 118 FNSP 23 Nov.

Black Scoter: arr 2 Krull CP 9 Oct; 4 Barcelona CHAU 10 Oct; 12 Celoron ChauL 5 Nov; 6 Sturgeon Point 8 Nov; 11 DH 12 Nov; max 14 FNSP 27 Nov.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 1, 485 Buffalo NR 26 Sep, 20 Oct; 448 GHSP 12 Nov; max 1020 BufH 25 Nov (AG).

Bufflehead: arr 3 DH 19 Oct; 300 ChauL 14 Nov; max 1000 BufH 28 Nov (MK).

Common Goldeneye: arr 4 Somerset NIAG 29 Oct; max 400 NF 17 Nov; 100 BufH 28 Nov.

Hooded Merganser: 175 DH 22 Nov; 126 Cassadaga CHAU 26 Nov; max 228 Dayton CATT 29 Nov.

Common Merganser: 125 Sheridan CHAU 18 Oct; 125 Dayton CATT 21 Oct; max 450 Cassadaga CHAU 26 Nov.

Red-breasted Merganser: arr 4 LESP, GHSP 24 Sep; 150 Somerset NIAG 29 Oct; max 1979 Krull CP 6 Nov; 550 Barcelona CHAU 8 Nov.

Ruddy Duck: 8 BWWT 20 Sep; 125, 463 Dayton CATT 9 Oct, 4 Nov; max 494, 575 BWWT 17 Oct, 2 Nov; 120 ChauL 2 Nov; 280 Findley L CHAU 7 Nov.

Wild Turkey: max 36 Cherry Creek CHAU 14 Nov.

Ruffed Grouse: TWMA 12 Oct, NIAG reports are rare.

Ring-necked Pheasant: 12 BOSOC.

Pied-billed Grebe: 14 TWMA 23 Oct; max 20 Mayville ChauL 2 Nov.

Horned Grebe: arr GHSP 1 Oct; 64 LESP 24 Oct; 50 Somerset NIAG 29 Oct; max 95 Barcelona CHAU 3 Nov; 45 PB 10 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: arr 3, 6 GHSP 1, 4 Oct; Buffalo NR 18 Oct; 2 GHSP 4 Nov; 2 DH 16 Nov.

Eared Grebe: 1-2 BWWT 19 Sep - 9 Nov (RB, mob); Dayton CATT 6-9 Nov (JM, mob); BufH 23-30 Nov (RP, KR, mob), good showing.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: TWMA 10 Oct; last Hamburg ERIE 25 Oct;

Black-billed Cuckoo: last WBSF 4 Sep.

Common Nighthawk: 5 Springville ERIE 2 Sep; max 12 BeSP 3 Sep; 8 Buffalo ERIE 7 Sep; last Cheektowaga ERIE 28 Sep.

Chimney Swift: last 3 INWR 16 Oct.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: last Grand I ERIE 9 Oct.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: Great Valley CATT 18-26 Nov (KM, KB, ph!),

observed by several birders with permission.

Virginia Rail: Conewango CATT 9 Sep; Canadea ALLE 10 Sep; last OOWMA 23 Oct.

Sora: 2 Conewango CATT 8 Sep; Orchard P ERIE 17 Sep; last BeSP 23 Oct.

Common Gallinule: max 8 INWR 17 Sep; last TWMA 28 Oct.

American Coot: 81 Celoron ChauL 21 Oct; 80 Mayville ChauL 2 Nov; 85 Sheridan CHAU 10 Nov; max 100 ChauL 14 Nov.

LIMPKIN: Lewiston NR 9-18 Nov (FC, WD, mob, ph!), first state record! *see intro.*

Sandhill Crane: 2 ACNC 8 Sep, 5 Oct; 6 INWR 15 Sep; 14 OOWMA 16 Oct; 4 Alexander GENE 25 Oct; 3 TWMA 29 Oct; 16 Oakfield GENE 1 Nov; Ellery CHAU 8 Nov; 2 West Valley CATT 19 Nov; 6 Fillmore ALLE 24 Nov; max 30 JWWMA 29 Nov (BH).

Black-bellied Plover: 2 AISP 6 Sep; 1 BufH 11 Sep; WBSP 20 Sep; only reports.

American Golden-Plover: 2 BufH 5 Sep; 3 Porter NIAG 7 Sep; max 18 Middleport NIAG 25 Sep; last Batavia GENE 8 Oct.

Killdeer: 138 Somerset NIAG 20 Oct; max 173, 92 Shelby ORLE 26 Oct, 2 Nov.

Semipalmated Plover: max 24 AISP 6 Sep; 18 Tifft NP 8 Sep.

Whimbrel: DH 5 Sep (GV); last WBSP 9 Sep (SB); only reports.

Ruddy Turnstone: last 2 DH 7 Sep.

Red Knot: no reports.

Stilt Sandpiper: no reports.

Sanderling: 13 WBSP 4 Sep; max 14 PG 14 Sep; last 4 DH 27 Sep.

Dunlin: arr 19 TWMA 2 Oct; 9 AISP 21 Oct; 5, 5 NFSP 25, 27 Nov.

Baird's Sandpiper: TWMA 1 Sep; AISP 6 Sep; last WBSP 11 Sep.

Least Sandpiper: last WTSP 15 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: Tifft NP 6 Oct; last 3 TWMA 10 Oct.

Pectoral Sandpiper: 6 INWR 25 Sep; 20 TWMA 2 Oct; last 3 Somerset NIAG 26 Oct.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: last Tifft NP 15 Sep.

Short-billed Dowitcher: no reports.

Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher: OOWMA 8 Oct (BCo), only report.

Long-billed Dowitcher: INWR 5 Oct (PY), only report.

American Woodcock: Buffalo ERIE 7 Nov; last INWR 24 Nov.

Wilson's Snipe: max 46 Attica WYOM 16 Oct (BCa); 6 OOWMA 6 Nov; 4 North Collins ERIE 19 Nov; last Chautauqua ChauL 23 Nov.

Spotted Sandpiper: last Dayton CATT 6 Nov (KB), on the late side.

Solitary Sandpiper: 5 AISP 6 Sep; HBWMA 19 Oct (KS), late; last TWMA 21 Oct (PM), late.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 12 INWR 1 Sep; 10 TWMA 21 Oct; last Somerset NIAG 26 Oct.

Willet: 2 DH 5 Sep (GV), only report.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 12, 21 OOWMA 30 Sep, 8 Oct; last BeSP 22 Nov.

Red-necked Phalarope: Buffalo NR 26-27 Sep (PM, mob); only report.

Red Phalarope: 2 Buffalo NR 26 Sep (PM, KR, mob); 3-1 Buffalo NR 21-22 Nov (JP, JM, mob).

Parasitic Jaeger: arr Buffalo NR 19, 26 Sep (PM, AH, mob); Buffalo NR 18 Oct (PM); strong wind days.

Black-legged Kittiwake: arr Buffalo NR 17 Oct (JK); WBSP 1 Nov (SB); Barcelona CHAU 7 Nov (TL); NFSP 25 Nov (WD, BP).

Sabine's Gull: juv Buffalo NR 26-27 Sep (AH, SB, mob); only report.

Bonaparte's Gull: 750, 450 Buffalo NR 26 Sep, 18 Oct; 375 Lewiston NR 23 Oct; 780 Barcelona CHAU 4 Nov; max 2302 FNSP 5 Nov.

Little Gull: max 4, 4 Buffalo NR 26 Sep, 18 Oct; 2 FNSP 5 Nov; Barcelona CHAU 11 Nov; 2 Lewiston NR 27 Nov.

Laughing Gull: BeSP 13 Sep (SG; ph!), rare.

Franklin's Gull: Celoron ChauL 19, 20 Oct (GB; ph!); 2 Barcelona CHAU 7 Nov (GB, mob, ph!).

Ring-billed Gull: max 7500 ChauL 14 Nov.

Herring Gull: max 1800 ChauL 14 Nov.

Iceland Gull: arr 1, max 3 DHSP 23 Nov; PB 22 Nov; NFSP 25 Nov.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 4 WBSP 14 Sep; multiple single reports in Oct; 2 ChauL 13 Nov; max 5 NFSP 25 Nov.

Glaucous Gull: no reports.

Great Black-backed Gull: 6 BOSOC; max 8 BufH 9 Nov.

Caspian Tern: max 16 Buffalo NR 6 Sep; last 2 GHSP 1 Oct.

Black Tern: no reports.

Common Tern: max 85 Buffalo NR 26 Sep; 12 BeSP 23 Oct; last 1, 1 Buffalo NR 5 Nov, 25 Nov.

Forster's Tern: Buffalo NR, BeSP 26 Sep (JF, RS, DS); max 2 Lewiston NR 23 Oct (JSt); last BufH 27 Oct (KR).

Red-throated Loon: arr 1, 7 GHSP 21, 23 Oct; 9 Barcelona CHAU 4 Nov; max 514 Olcott NIAG 15 Nov; BufH 23 Nov; 25 Wilson NIAG 23 Nov.

Common Loon: EvSP 4 Sep; 5 PG 24 Sep; 73 GHSP 22 Oct; 98 Barcelona CHAU 4 Nov; max 134 Krull CP 11 Nov.

Double-crested Cormorant: max 1300, 1200 DH 6 Sep, 17 Oct; 1050 BufH 28 Sep; 450 Olcott NIAG 5 Oct.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT: Buffalo ERIE 5 Oct - 9 Nov (KR, RP, mob, ph!), 4th Reg record, all since 2015.

American Bittern: TBNP 3 Sep; Tift NP 27 Sep; four single reports in Oct; last Buffalo ERIE 3 Nov.

Least Bittern: INWR 8 Oct, only report.

Great Egret: max 48 INWR 2 Sep; 38 TWMA 2 Oct; last DH 7 Nov.

Cattle Egret: BufH 22 Oct (CW, mob); Angola ERIE 23 Oct (TR, mob); East Aurora ERIE 29 Oct (RS, BN); near annual in fall now.

Green Heron: RWNP 7-10 Nov (MA); last BeSP 26 Nov (DS); both late.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: max 12 Tift NP 6 Sep; BufH 31 Oct.

Black Vulture: max 12 Whirlpool SP NIAG 12 Sep; Hamburg ERIE 15 Oct (GV), unusual location; 10 Lewiston NR 16 Nov.

Turkey Vulture: max 79 Lewiston NR 16 Oct.

Osprey: last Amherst ERIE 11 Oct.

Golden Eagle: arr Tift NP 14 Oct (MG); only report.

Northern Harrier: max 3 Conewango Valley CATT 5 Nov; max 3 JWWMA 29 Nov.

Bald Eagle: max 7 INWR 16 Sep; 61 BOSOC, record count.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 4 BOSOC.

Broad-winged Hawk: last EvSP 24 Sep.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr Keeney Swamp SF ALLE 18 Oct.

Snowy Owl: arr BufH 17 Nov; Buffalo ERIE 28 Nov; NF 29 Nov; only reports.

Barred Owl: max 3 BMAC 5, 22 Oct; 13 BOSOC, record count.

Long-eared Owl: no reports.

Short-eared Owl: arr GHSP 29 Oct (DD, WD), observed flying over Lake Ontario around noon; 2 JWWMA 29 Nov.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: 33 banded Wethersfield WYOM 15 Oct - 7 Nov (DJ); NF 2 Nov; Forestville CHAU 19 Nov.

Red-headed Woodpecker: max 6 LESP 4 Sep; 4 Ripley CHAU 5 Sep; 3 EvSP 5 Sep; 3 PG 6 Sep; Dayton CATT 14 Oct; FLC 22 Oct.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 369 BOSOC, record count.

Great Crested Flycatcher: last Tift NP 29 Sep.

Eastern Kingbird: last Dunkirk Airport CHAU, West Seneca ERIE 5 Sep.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: AmSP 2 Sep; Shelby ORLE 2 Sep; Somerset NIAG 4 Sep; Fredonia CHAU 6 Sep; max 1, 3 Tift NP 10, 13 Sep (RS, BN; BCa); last BuSP 20 Sep.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: last Tift NP 9 Oct.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: max 3 WBSP 6 Sep; last Stiglmeier P ERIE 29 Sep; well reported in Sep.

Acadian Flycatcher: last Chestnut Ridge CP ERIE 10 Sep (BH, audio), late.

Willow Flycatcher: last West Seneca ERIE 7 Sep.

Least Flycatcher: last Fredonia CHAU 29 Sep.

Eastern Phoebe: last Forestville CHAU 6 Nov.

White-eyed Vireo: 2 Olean CATT 28 Sep (SP), rare but near annual in fall recently.

Yellow-throated Vireo: last WTSP 5 Oct (WD), slightly late.

Blue-headed Vireo: last Orchard P ERIE 28 Oct.

Philadelphia Vireo: max 3 Orchard P ERIE 17 Sep (SB); last BeSP 7 Oct (DS).

Warbling Vireo: last 2 BuSP 29 Sep.

Red-eyed Vireo: last WBSP 21 Oct.

Northern Shrike: arr Conewango CATT 30 Oct; reported from only five locations.

Blue Jay: max 101 WTSP 27 Sep (WD).

American Crow: max 730 Celoron CHAU 30 Nov.

Fish Crow: Hamburg ERIE 10 Oct; max 9, 16 Buffalo ERIE 28 Oct, 10 Nov (SD); 2 RWNP 14 Nov (MA).

Common Raven: 72 BOSOC, record count; max 10 Allen Lake SF ALLE 7 Nov.

Tufted Titmouse: 170 BOSOC, record count.

Horned Lark: 64 Sheldon WYOM 17 Nov; max 70 Medina ORLE 22 Nov.

Bank Swallow: last 10 OOWMA 16 Sep.

Tree Swallow: max 110 BWWTP 25 Sep; 75 BWWTP 10 Oct; last OOWMA 23 Oct.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: max 6 Medina ORLE 29 Sep; last NF 13 Nov.

Purple Martin: max 50, last 3 BuSP 3, 6 Sep.

Barn Swallow: last Somerset NIAG 23 Oct.

Cliff Swallow: 2 Buffalo NR 6 Sep; last TWMA 2 Oct (TS).

CAVE SWALLOW: 3 Olcott NIAG 5 Nov (WD!), among other swallows that were probably also Caves.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: arr Forestville CHAU 5 Sep.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: arr 2 WBSP 21 Sep.

Cedar Waxwing: max 150 WBSP 4 Sep.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: last WBSP 21 Sep.

House Wren: last WTSP 31 Oct.

Winter Wren: arr AmSP 2 Sep; max 13 WBSP 13 Oct.

Marsh Wren: last 3, 1 INWR 2, 24 Nov.
Carolina Wren: 68 BOSOC.

Gray Catbird: only one report beyond Oct.

Brown Thrasher: last 3 BOSOC.

Veery: last LBSP 27 Sep.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: last LBSP 23 Oct.

Swainson's Thrush: last Attica WYOM 15 Oct.

Hermit Thrush: max 14 AmSP 10 Oct (JSa).

Wood Thrush: last Bond L CP 4 Oct.

American Robin: max 176 RWNP 1 Sep.

American Pipit: arr 2 WBSP, TBNP 16 Sep; max 127 Shelby ORLE 6 Oct.

Evening Grosbeak: arr Wilson NIAG 16-18 Sep (BP, WD), early; max 26 Wilson NIAG 26 Oct; 15 West Seneca ERIE 28 Oct; 17 Machias CATT 18 Nov; 14 Alfred ALLE 27 Nov; decent showing for recent years.

Pine Grosbeak: no reports.

House Finch: max 30 Lewiston NIAG 19 Nov.

Purple Finch: max 12 TRWMA 3 Oct.

Common Redpoll: no reports.

Red Crossbill: max 8 Erie County Forest ERIE 29 Oct (SB); 3 Krull CP 11 Nov (WD, JSt); only reports.

White-winged Crossbill: no reports.

Pine Siskin: arr Ransomville NIAG 11 Oct; 10 Porter NIAG 21 Oct; 4 Krull CP 29 Oct; max 16 Carlton ORLE 20 Nov.

American Goldfinch: max 502 Krull CP 5 Nov (WD), flight near lakeshore.

Lapland Longspur: arr, max 4 DH 9 Nov; Sheldon WYOM 17 Nov; 2 Freedom CATT 19 Nov.

Snow Bunting: arr 2 Hanover CHAU 18 Oct; max 65 DH 9 Nov.

Grasshopper Sparrow: last Dunkirk Airport CHAU 5 Oct (GV); only report.

Clay-colored Sparrow: 4, 2 Krull CP 1, 4 Sep (WD, BP), continued from breeding

season; last Wales ERIE 29 Nov (CC ph!), surprise feeder visitor.

Field Sparrow: RWNP 5 Nov, only report beyond Oct.

Fox Sparrow: arr 2 BOSOC; max 6 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 21 Nov (GV).

American Tree Sparrow: arr 4 OOWMA 23 Oct.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr Orchard P ERIE 17 Sep; max 14 WTSP 24 Oct.

White-throated Sparrow: max 86 Sheridan CHAU 23 Oct.

Vesper Sparrow: Lancaster ERIE 23 Sep; CVWMA 24 Sep; BWWT 12 Oct; last Middlebury WYOM 24 Oct (DB).

Nelson's Sparrow: TWMA 14 Oct (JSt), only report.

Savannah Sparrow: NF Airport NIAG 3 Nov; Dunkirk Airport CHAU 20 Nov; 2 Porter NIAG 23 Nov; only reports beyond Oct.

Lincoln's Sparrow: arr Rushford ALLE 9 Sep; last Tift NP 27 Oct.

Yellow-breasted Chat: Buffalo ERIE 30 Sep (UM), rare in fall.

Yellow-headed Blackbird: DH 9 Sep (GV), rare; fall reports less frequent than spring.

Bobolink: max 15 TWMA 11 Sep; last INWR 20 Sep.

Eastern Meadowlark: max 20 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 27 Sep; last Conewango CATT 5 Nov.

Baltimore Oriole: West Falls ERIE 6 Oct; BeSP 31 Oct; Lockport NIAG 9 Nov (TH); only reports beyond Oct.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 1800 TWMA 27 Oct; 900 Shelby ORLE 16 Nov.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 1200 Conewango CATT 1 Nov (GV).

Rusty Blackbird: arr Fredonia CHAU 21 Sep; 75 TWMA 10 Oct; max 700 BuSP 25 Oct.

Common Grackle: max 1200 Mina CHAU 25 Sep; 800 BeSP 23 Oct.

Ovenbird: last Buffalo ERIE 8 Oct.
Northern Waterthrush: last Tifft NP 13 Sep.
Golden-winged Warbler: no reports.
Blue-winged Warbler: last Stiglmeier P ERIE 22 Sep.
“Brewster’s” Warbler: West Seneca ERIE 6 Sep (JK), only report.
Black-and-white Warbler: last Tifft NP 16 Oct.
Tennessee Warbler: max 13 Sheridan CHAU 20 Sep; last BeSP 22 Oct.
Orange-crowned Warbler: arr BuSP 20 Sep; last BeSP, Stiglmeier P ERIE 23 Oct; good showing.
Nashville Warbler: last Grand I ERIE 29 Oct.
Connecticut Warbler: arr HBWMA 12 Sep (KS); Tifft NP 15 Sep (PM); Stiglmeier P ERIE 29 Sep (SB); last Tifft NP 3 Oct (KR, RP); good showing.
Mourning Warbler: last Ellery CHAU 29 Sep.
Common Yellowthroat: last NF, Stiglmeier P ERIE 23 Oct.
Hooded Warbler: last Carlton ORLE, Stiglmeier P ERIE 29 Sep.
American Redstart: last 2 Sturgeon Pt ERIE 16 Oct.
Cape May Warbler: max 8 Long Point SP CHAU 17 Sep; last Hamburg ERIE 18 Oct.
Northern Parula: max 6 WBSP 23 Sep; last Tifft NP 21 Oct.
Magnolia Warbler: max 10 Tifft NP 7 Sep; last Panama CHAU 23 Oct.

Bay-breasted Warbler: max 11 AmSP 6 Sep; last BWWT 12 Oct.
Blackburnian Warbler: last 3 Tifft NP 3 Oct.
Yellow Warbler: last WBSP 21 Sep.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: last Buffalo ERIE 5 Oct.
Blackpoll Warbler: max 8 BuSP 20 Sep; last BuSP 23 Oct.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: last BuSP 15 Oct.
Palm Warbler: arr WBSP 1 Sep; last Tifft NP 28 Oct.
Pine Warbler: Alden ERIE 19 Nov (VD), only report beyond Oct.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 100 Tifft NP 12 Sep; 3 Chautauqua CHAU 1 Nov; 3 Carlton ORLE 2 Nov; only reports beyond Oct.
Prairie Warbler: TBNP 3-6 Sep (SS); last 2 Granger ALLE 17 Sep.
TOWNSEND'S WARBLER: Buffalo ERIE 29 Sep (SS ph!), 2nd Reg record, *see intro*.
Black-throated Green Warbler: last Tifft NP 10 Oct.
Canada Warbler: last TBNP 19 Sep.
Wilson's Warbler: last Buffalo ERIE 30 Sep.
Scarlet Tanager: last HBWMA 4 Oct.
Northern Cardinal: 615 BOSOC, record count.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: last FLC 2 Oct.
Indigo Bunting: last 2 BeSP 14 Oct.