

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Fall 2022 began with a September average maximum of 72.4° F, close to the historical number. Average minimum overnights of 55.6° were 2.9° warmer than usual. Rainfall of 4.0" was 0.7" above expected. Only 14 days were partly sunny or better and only three characterized as 'fair' skies, indicating no long periods of high pressure. Of 30 days in the month, 28 had measurable rain and a surprising 17 had fog. October was warm and very dry with an average maximum of 64°, 3.9° above normal. At 41.1° overnight lows were 1.3° cooler than expected. With only eight days having rain the month finished at 1.1", 2.8" less than usual and tenth driest on record. Though only three days were blue sky, 18 more were partly-sunny. Following the trend of recent years, November's average max of 53.9° was 5.6° above normal with overnights 3.7° warmer than usual at 36.4°. Rainfall was 4.4", 1.1" above the typical value, with an impressive 24-hour total of 2.6" on the 11-12th of the month. Snowfall was 6.1" less than normal at 3.7". Fog was recorded on half the days, with only 14 being partly-sunny or better. It was the ninth warmest November on record.

As expected in modern times, there were few reports of Snow Goose and no large numbers. One of the last to move, the species is spurred by hard ground frost to our north that makes it difficult to pull vegetation out by the roots. But for a **Greater White-fronted Goose** found by Martin Mau at Jamesville Beach on 29 September, there were few other goose highlights. Fall migration of ducks was as expected with dabblers dominating early and wintering or passing divers dominating late. Northern Pintail passed Derby Hill in numbers in early October, while at Fair Haven good counts of Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, and American Black Duck were submitted. Woodman Pond continued to be a late-fall hotspot for Ring-necked Duck. It may surprise some to learn that scoters are among the first divers to reach us in any number, arriving in late September and early October. The Surf variety peaked at 36 flying past Derby Hill on 7 October while the site noted 175 White-winged on the 20th. A count of 12 Black Scoter on 16 November was notable for Oneida Lake where at least a few of the species often linger until freeze-over. Only one report of Canvasback was received: seven at Onondaga Lake on 26 November. 200 Bufflehead at Fair Haven was a good count on 21 November while a week later the site hosted 340 Hooded Mergansers. 25 Ruddy Ducks were noted in Fulton on 22 October. Though late to arrive in numbers, Common Goldeneye reports were few and counts were poor.

Cuckoos are early migrants with Black-billed in particular seldom seen in fall. Matt Perry carefully documented a juvenile bird in Clinton on 7 November, a Regional record-late and among only a handful of records for the month showing in eBird for the northeast. Late but not unprecedented for the area was a Yellow-

billed Cuckoo found on 1 October by Santos and Jamie Rodriguez at the Hancock Airpark spot south of Taft Road in the Town of Cicero. A few Common Nighthawk lingered into September, the last being reported on the 10th. A surprising concentration of American Coot in Muskrat Bay on Oneida Lake was enjoyed by many visiting Oneida Shores Park and peaked at 250 birds on 23 November. A somewhat early last-report of Sandhill Crane in the Region was 2 October, flights later in fall sometimes contributing to big numbers at Montezuma. Not a species to stick around once the first chill is felt, Chimney Swift was last reported on 10 September.

Diligent readers of this report will recall that very low water levels at Sandy Pond during the summer season led to large mud flats nearly connecting Carl Island to the outlet channel south spit. Excellent shorebird habitat continued into the fall season with the (slightly) higher parts of the shoal having been out of water for months and growing vegetation. Among scarce but regular passage migrants to be expected at the site, only Long-billed Dowitcher, Willet, and Red-necked Phalarope were missed in fall (and all three were noted in summer). Matthew Brown discovered two Whimbrel and a Red Knot on 5 September and a Hudsonian Godwit on the 25th. Stilt Sandpiper was reported there mid-month. Always scarce, the migration's only Buff-breasted Sandpiper was seen by Brown on 5-6 September at Sandy. As a Central Flyway migrant in spring, a 2-3 week late-summer window is the only opportunity birders have to locate the species. Kennedy Sullivan commented on what a poor fall season it had been for Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, and Dunlin with no big flocks and few reports. David Wheeler and Brown both noted with disappointment how quickly it seemed the big shorebird numbers of August tailed off in early September, the peak of their migration clearly over at least as it was seen at Sandy Pond. Meanwhile, Brown discovered that the Salmon River estuary visible from Selkirk Shores State Park was so low as to be attracting substantial late shorebird interest, an unusual scenario. Frequent checks of the spot yielded seasonal maxima for Dunlin (20), White-rumped Sandpiper (16), Pectoral Sandpiper (33), and Lesser Yellowlegs (29) as well as last-of-season for eight species and a lingering Hudsonian Godwit. Gregg Dashnau contributed the year's only Purple Sandpiper from the usual spot at Fair Haven on 29 November, qualifying for the fall *Kingbird* report by only two days. A late Greater Yellowlegs on Oneida Lake on 26 November missed making the winter report by only five days. An American Woodcock in the same area on the 25th was similarly situated.

The Derby Hill Lakewatch that commences on strong west to northwest winds yielded few surprises this fall. Wheeler observed two adult Black-legged Kittiwakes on 7 October, and juvenile/first-winter birds on 7, 17, and 25 November with a Little Gull present on the 17th. Careful watching produced five Parasitic Jaeger on 7 October, and six for Wheeler and Mau on 22 September. Dashnau added one from his reliable harbor-watch at Oswego on 8 October. A bird identified as Pomarine Jaeger on 7 November was the season's only. No decent flights of Bonaparte's Gull or Dunlin were observed from the Lakewatch;

the only meaningful numbers of the gull were on Oneida Lake. Glaucous Gull, a November arrival, was missed this season. Matt Brown located a returning 'Great Lakes Gull' Herring x Great Black-backed hybrid at Selkirk. Decent Caspian and Common Tern numbers at Sandy rapidly dwindled as September wore on, with few late-season Commons lingering on Oneida Lake or Sylvan Beach. Early October can sometimes feature impressive numbers there. Gary Chapin grabbed five Forster's Terns at Sandy on 9 September, Brown noting seven there on the 11th, both excellent numbers for the Region. One remained by the 17th and Dashnau added a bird from Fair Haven on 19 October.

Thirty Red-throated Loons were noted from Oswego Harbor on 21 November, a good count. A few Black-crowned Night-Heron were noted from expected places; ditto for Black Vulture. Mickey Scilingo saw an early Golden Eagle from his Constantia migration-watch on 30 September, noting it to be an immature bird. Ten Cooper's Hawks passed the same day. Continuing Sandy Pond surveys into November, Matt Brown caught a late Osprey on 3 November. A New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA) field trip there on 2 October found five Harriers and 21 Red-tails moving through. The Bishop Road hawk watch, which is best on northeast winds, gave Bill Purcell 145 Broad-winged Hawks on 6 September. The first Rough-legged Hawks arrived in late November; no Snowy Owls were noted this period. Dashnau found a Long-eared Owl at Three Rivers on 14 October but its Short-eared cousin was missed. Red-headed Woodpeckers continued at known locations with juvenile birds in Hastings, Kirkville, and Clinton noted in early September. Olive-sided Flycatcher was noted at several locations through 10 September. Very few of either species formerly lumped as 'Traill's Flycatcher' were reported. This likely reflects their early departure but also the difficulty in separating non-singing empids. The editor notes also how few 'Willow/Alder' and 'empidonax sp' were submitted.

Very rare in modern times, a **Loggerhead Shrike** was found by Dashnau on 2 September in a farm field near Hannibal. The Region 5 record archive compiled by Marge Rusk provides a historical perspective. From the 1960s through '80s the species was fairly common on the Ontario Lakeshore in spring, mostly between mid-March and mid-April, with multiple birds found most years and peaking in 1972 when 20 birds were seen. Most of these were observed passing Derby Hill (even before there was a formal hawk watch) with a single-day total of five on 18 April. It was an occasional nester on the Lake plain and several other locations throughout this period, with the last confirmed breeding in the Region attributed to 1 June 1975 when a pair tending four eggs was documented near Mexico. Some summer records (May-July) were single, presumably unmated, birds. Occasional fall-migration sightings in August to mid-October were always of single birds. Consequently, the core range of dates of the species' presence has little if any overlap with Northern Shrike. By 1990 Loggerhead was annual at best and down to only 1-2 reports/decade in the 2000s.

Several late Bank Swallows were seen at Fair Haven on 19 and 21 October. Kevin Topping photographed the season's only **Bohemian Waxwing** at his home

patch in Salisbury. None of the three boreal species presumed resident in northern Herkimer county were reported this fall. The annual NYSOA meeting was sponsored by the Onondaga Audubon Society and held in Oswego over the first weekend in October. It featured many productive field trips as well as a night-migration monitoring station set up by Bill Evans and Benjamin Van Doren, the night of 1 October proving to be excellent for listening. Night Flight Calls of six Gray-cheeked Thrush and 37 Swainson's were detected along with a Great Blue Heron, 70 White-throated Sparrows, 19 Savannah, a few Northern Parula, Black-throated Blue, Palm, and Yellow-rumped Warblers, and a Rose-breasted Grosbeak. An additional 75 warbler NFCs were not identified to species.

Flocks of 380 Horned Larks and 120 American Pipits were found on Bishop Road near Pulaski by Matt Brown on 19 November and 25 October, respectively. The spot is known for attracting good numbers of field birds. It was not a particularly strong season for winter finches. A few Evening Grosbeaks were seen in typical locations plus 15 noted by Bryan Rutledge in Manlius on 31 October. As usual, Purple Finch was hard to come by in the low-lying basins of Ontario and Oneida Lake but represented in the upland forested areas of the southern highlands and Herkimer County. Three reports of single Common Redpolls were received, clearly not an invasion year for them. Red Crossbills continued in established locations such as Morgan Hill State Forest and the Adirondacks of northern Herkimer. Pine Siskin was reported only from typical locations plus 11 intercepted flying by Fair Haven on 28 October by Dashnau. Readers may be surprised to learn how early Lapland Longspur arrive in our Region, shown by a bird at the Jamesville Reservoir park found by Drew Weber on 24 September and another at Fair Haven on 1 October found by a NYSOA field trip. Shoreline areas seem to be the best place to look for these first arrivals. Snow Bunting numbers peaked at Sandy Pond on 3 November and Fair Haven on the 9th.

Matt Brown came up with the season's only Clay-colored Sparrow at his feeders on 18 September. There was a good showing of Vesper Sparrow in Pennellville with nine noted on 27 October, likely a fall-season maxima for the Region at least in recent times. An excellent count of nine Lincoln's Sparrow were tallied along the west shore of Onondaga Lake on 29 September. Fox Sparrow was reported from 15 October to 28 November. Brown counted 23 Eastern Meadowlarks at Bishop Road on 8 October. The species is very inconspicuous during the fall season. Rusty Blackbird numbers peaked at 250 on 24 October at Three Rivers, while over at Hamlin Marsh in Clay Wheeler estimated 50,000 mixed blackbirds flying in to roost on 1 November and caught the last 10,000 of a large flight along the Onondaga Lake outlet on 30 October. Drew Weber also estimated a 50,000-bird roost flight from the end of the Onondaga Lake Creekwalk on 6 November. These epic late-October/early-November roost flights of icterids are a known phenomenon and can be intercepted wherever a good view and attractive cattail marsh exist.

There were some good warbler highlights this fall. Always scarce, Orange-crowned put in appearances at several locations from mid-September to mid-

October. A record-late Tennessee Warbler was found on the West Shore Trail at Onondaga Lake by John Garrett on 24 November. One of our rarest regular passage migrants, a **Connecticut Warbler** was found by Mau at the Hancock Airpark woods that borders the north side of the airport. Another was found on Howland Island during the Montezuma Muckrace on 17 September. A Cerulean Warbler seen by Bill McConnell in Cazenovia on 4 September was unusual; it is a nester in the Region but seldom found for the fall season. Terrific counts of Bay-breasted were turned in by Aidan Perkins from Thornden Park and Deborah Dohne from Oakwood Cemetery. While birding in the evening at Oneida Shores Park on 13 September, Santos Rodriguez caught a brief look and diagnostic photograph of a **Yellow-throated Warbler** in the trees near the boat launch. Another birder nearby was alerted to the bird, but light was fading fast and within 10 minutes the cause was lost to dusk. Elizabeth Frascatore carefully described an Indigo Bunting on the late date of 20 October in the town of Manheim. Last but not least, Dashnau heard the flight call of a **Dickcissel** passing overhead at the Great Bear Woods near Fulton on 26 October. As luck would have it, Dashnau had Merlin running and was able to record the “brrrrt” call of the species during his brief engagement with it.

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. As one might expect, there is plenty to report for a migratory season. About a dozen *Swainson's Thrush* were picked up at our stations, mostly Derby Hill, with all but two tagged near Montreal, Quebec (the others near Columbus, OH) prior in the summer/fall of the year. Dates of detection ranged from 17 September to 5 October and most of these birds subsequently checked in from various locations around the Florida panhandle, then some from Mexico, Costa Rica, and Colombia. Of particular interest was a bird tagged in Quebec on 21 October, quite a late date, and picked up on the Derby Hill hawk watch antenna four days later. It was next heard from at a hawk watch in Costa Rica on 25 November, forming an interesting and unexpected connectivity between hawk watches. Another that passed Derby in early October later completed a lengthy one-day flight from near Atlanta, GA to the Yucatan peninsula, seemingly possible under favorable weather conditions. The same date, 19 October, another *Swainson's Thrush* which passed through our area completed roughly the same flight, supporting the notion of good migratory winds over the Gulf during the period.

A *Wood Thrush* passing the Derby station on 15 September had been tagged the previous March in Nicaragua and checked in near Atlanta on 3 October. The station at Rome contributed three *Hermit Thrush* from 27 October, one being detected near Frederick, MD the next day and another near Atlanta a week later. Fassler recorded a *Tennessee Warbler* on 30 September, next picked up in Georgia on 29 October, illustrating a rather leisurely travel itinerary south through eastern North America. Perhaps this is a bird wintering in the Caribbean Islands, a

relatively short over-water flight, and in no particular hurry to exploit good weather. Or perhaps the opposite is true—a bird carefully preparing for a long trans-Gulf flight and waiting on the most favorable of winds. Two *Purple Finches* were detected in mid-October, having been tagged at Tadoussac, Quebec on 21 September. A *Rusty Blackbird* tagged in northern New Hampshire in early June passed Rome on 27 October and next checked in from South Carolina a month later. Other detections of shorter-distance migrants included *Horned Lark* and *Yellow-rumped Warbler*. All birds picked up this period had been tagged within the previous six months.

This season a total of 243 species and two hybrids were reported, which is one above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights included: **Greater White-fronted Goose**, Sandhill Crane, Whimbrel, Hudsonian Godwit, Red Knot, Purple Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Pomarine Jaeger, Parasitic Jaeger, Black-legged Kittiwake, Little Gull, Forster's Tern, Black Vulture, Golden Eagle, Long-eared Owl, **Loggerhead Shrike**, **Bohemian Waxwing**, Evening Grosbeak, Red Crossbill, Clay-colored Sparrow, **Connecticut Warbler**, **Yellow-throated Warbler**, and **Dickcissel**.

Expected species that were missed this fall include Long-billed Dowitcher, all the phalaropes, Glaucous Gull, Snowy Owl, and Short-eared Owl. Known or presumed nesters for the Region usually missed in fall—including this fall—include Whip-poor-will, Upland Sandpiper, Black Tern, Acadian Flycatcher, Sedge Wren, Grasshopper Sparrow, Orchard Oriole, Louisiana Waterthrush, Golden-winged Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Prairie Warbler, and the three boreal specialties present in northern Herkimer County (Black-backed Woodpecker, Canada Jay, Boreal Chickadee). Some of these are presumed to depart in August and are thus gone by the start of the fall season on 1 September; others are uncommon enough (or restricted mainly to the southern part of the Region) as nesters as to be easily missed; still others are always inconspicuous and/or require special effort to find. Absent from this list is Black-billed Cuckoo, Least Bittern and Cerulean Warbler, found once this season but usually missed in fall. Other species represented by only one record include: Canvasback, Whimbrel, Red Knot, Purple Sandpiper; Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Pomarine Jaeger, Little Gull, and Clay-colored Sparrow.

Fall 2022 produced 67,678 eBird records on 5,719 checklists for Region 5, and were processed by Swan Swan Hummingbird v6.1. Reports were submitted by 558 people. With so many submitting to eBird, the editor would like 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 150 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 Ri, Indian Pt, L Neatahwanta; **GB** – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; **Gerber** – Gerber Topsoil, Oxbow Rd, T Cicero; **GLSP** – Green Lakes SP, Fayetteville; **HA** – Hancock Airpark, T Cicero; **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; **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; **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: singles var locs 9 Sept – 22 Oct, may have summered locally or early arrivals; arr 5 Rome 26 Oct; 20 Bouckville 4 Nov; max 40 FH 29 Nov but few Nov reps & low nums.

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED

GOOSE (R5): Jamesville 29 Sep (MMA); only rep.

Brant: arr 50 DH 7 Oct; max 300 DH 27 Oct.

Cackling Goose: 1-2 rep 10 var locs & dates, 16 Sep thru.

Canada Goose: widespread; max est 5000 WP 25 Oct.

Mute Swan: most reps OnonL & FH; max 45 FH 29 Nov.

Trumpeter Swan: 1-4 at expected locs; max 7 FH 29 Nov (GDa).

Tundra Swan: arr 3 FH 9 Nov; max 110 Port Byron 29 Nov.

Wood Duck: max 80 UM 20 Oct.

Blue-winged Teal: max 13 SNC 29 Sep; last 2 OnonL 27 Oct.

Northern Shoveler: max 12 FH 19 Oct & 29 Nov.

Gadwall: max 40 FH 22 Nov.

American Wigeon: max 340 FH 17 Oct, good num; best nums FH.

Mallard: widespread; max est 1000 FH 21 Nov.

American Black Duck: max 60 FH 21 Nov.

Mallard x American Black Duck (hybrid): FH 1 Oct; only rep.

Northern Pintail: max 400 DH 7 Oct.

Green-winged Teal: max 136 SP 28 Sep.

Canvashack: 7 OnonL 26 Nov; only rep.

Redhead: arr 2 FH 1 Oct; max 350 FH 21 Nov.

Ring-necked Duck: 1-2 sev locs early Sep; arr 4 FH 16 Sep; max 530 WP 13 Nov.

Greater Scaup: arr 2 OneiL 17 Sep; max 400 SVB 29 Nov.

Lesser Scaup: arr OnonL 16 Sep; max 200 FH 21 Nov.

Surf Scoter: arr OnonL 2 Oct; 16 SP 8 Oct, good num; max 36 DH 7 Oct.

White-winged Scoter: arr 2 OswH 28 Sep; max 175 DH 20 Oct.

Black Scoter: arr 3 DH 7 Oct; max 12 OneiL 16 Nov, good num.

Long-tailed Duck: arr 3 DH 7 Oct; max 345 DH 12 Nov.

Bufflehead: arr SSSP 12 Oct; max 200 FH 21 Nov, good num.

Common Goldeneye: arr 2 SkanL 3 Nov; max 13 Eagle Bay 20 Nov; few reps & poor nums.

Hooded Merganser: max 340 FH 29 Nov, exc num.

Common Merganser: max 62 SNC 23 Oct.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 560 FH 24 Nov.

Ruddy Duck: arr Salmon R Res 28 Sept; max 25 Fulton 22 Oct.

Wild Turkey: max 26 Phoenix 27 Nov.

Ruffed Grouse: small nums var locs.

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

Pied-billed Grebe: max 11 WP 27 Oct & UM 22 Oct.

Horned Grebe: arr 5 SP 24 Oct; max 17 DH 3 Nov.

Red-necked Grebe: arr OSP 2 Oct; max 3 OnonL 26 Nov; poor nums.

Rock Pigeon: flocks widespread; max 125 Bville 6 Oct.

Mourning Dove: widespread; max 76 OLP 11 Nov.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: singles 5 locs 2 Sep – 10 Sep; last HA 1 Oct, late (SRO, JRo, ph).

Black-billed Cuckoo: Poolville 19 Sep, late; juv SFNS 7 Nov (MPe), Reg rec late, carefully observed and described; only reps.

Common Nighthawk: max 5 Const 1 Sep; last HI 10 Sep.

Eastern Whip-poor-will: no reps.

Chimney Swift: max 50 OLC 5 Sep; last 2 HI 10 Sep.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: max 9 Fville 4 Sep & Cassville 2 Sep; last Eagle Bay 9 Oct, late.

Virginia Rail: reps 7 locs to mid Sep; last TR 29 Sep.

Sora: Salisbury 17 Sep; Minetto 2 Oct, unusual locs; only reps.

Common Gallinule: reps typ locs; max 26 UM 10 Sep; last OnonL 25 Oct.

American Coot: max est 250 OSP 23 Nov, exc num; good nums in Reg.

Sandhill Crane: 3 Cato 2 Sep; 1-2 HI 10-20 Sep; 3 Phoenix 15 Sep, nested; 3 TR 29 Sep; last 2 SP 2 Oct; only reps.

Black-bellied Plover: 10 SP 2 Oct; max 13 SP 25 Sep; last SSSP 25 Oct.

American Golden-Plover: 1-2 SP 4-28 Sep; Volney 28 Sep; OLP 29 Sep; last Gerber 29-30 Sep.

Killdeer: max est 100 Hannibal 2 Sep.

Semipalmated Plover: max 28 SP 6 Sep; last SSSP 25 Sep.

Upland Sandpiper: no reps.

Whimbrel: 2 SP 5 Sep (MBr); only rep.

Hudsonian Godwit: SP 25-26 Sep (MBr); SSSP 9-18 Oct (MBr, mob); only reps.

Ruddy Turnstone: 1-2 SP 4-11 Sep (KSu); FH 6, 7, 13 Sep; only reps, poor nums.

Red Knot: SP 5 Sep (MBr); only rep.

Stilt Sandpiper: SP 6, 7, 15 Sep (MBr); only reps.

Sanderling: max 10 FH 13 Sep; last SP 24 Oct; poor nums.

Dunlin: max 20 SSSP 16 & 25 Oct; last FH 9 Nov.

Purple Sandpiper: FH 29 Nov (GDa); only rep.

Baird's Sandpiper: 1 - max 3 SP 4 – last 15 Sep; Gerber 5 Sep.

Least Sandpiper: max 20 DB 3 Sep; last 2 SSSP 11 Oct.

White-rumped Sandpiper: max 16 SSSP 23 Oct (MBr), exc num; last SSSP 5 Nov, late.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: SP 5-6 Sep (MBr); only rep.

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 33 SSSP 13 Oct; last 3 SSSP 5 Nov.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: max 30 SP 2 Oct; last SSSP 25 Oct, late.

Short-billed Dowitcher: 1-2 SP 16, 21 Sep; only reps.

Long-billed Dowitcher: no reps.

American Woodcock: 1-2 var locs 7 Sep – last 25 Nov.

Wilson's Snipe: 1-4 var locs 5 Sep – 29 Oct; max 7 Alder Creek 29 Sep; last 2 SSSP 2 Nov.

Spotted Sandpiper: max 4 OLP 11 Sep; last Syr 3 Oct.

Solitary Sandpiper: max 3 var locs 5-13 Sep; last Earlville 1 Oct.

Lesser Yellowlegs: max 29 SSSP 14 Oct; last 8 SSSP 6 Nov.

Greater Yellowlegs: max 14 SP 5 Sep; last Canastota 26 Nov, late.

Phalaropes: no rep of any phalarope.

Pomarine Jaeger: DH 7 Nov (DWh, MBr); only rep.

Parasitic Jaeger: 5 DH 22 Sep (MMA); & 7 Oct (DWh); max 6 DH 22 Sep (DWh); OswH 8 Oct (GDa); DH 25 Nov (DWh); only reps.

Black-legged Kittiwake: 2 DH 7 Oct (DWh), 25 Nov (DWh); DH 7, 17 Nov (DWh); only reps.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 275 SVB 15 Nov.

Little Gull: DH 17 Nov (DWh); only rep.

Ring-billed Gull: widespread; max est 1900 SVB 22 Oct.

Herring Gull: max est 1500 SVB 29 Nov.

Iceland Gull: arr MCL 15 Nov; max 7 MCL 29 Nov; 3 other reps.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 1 - max 3 typ locs 15-29 Nov.

Glaucous Gull: no reps.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 50 SVB 22 Nov.

Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid): SSSP 11-25 Oct (MBr, MSc).

Caspian Tern: max 82 SP 7 Sep; last 2 SP 4 Oct.

Black Tern: no reps.

Common Tern: max 87 SP 7 Sep.

Forster's Tern: 5 SP 9 Sep (GCh); max 7 SP 11 Sep (MBr), exc num; SP 17 Sep (JMc); last FH 19 Oct (GDa); only reps.

Red-throated Loon: arr SP 24 Oct; max 30 OswH 21 Nov.

Common Loon: max 78 FH 8 Nov.

Double-crested Cormorant: max est 3000 SP 10 Oct.

American Bittern: HI 17 Sep; UM 19, 22 Oct; Old Forge 23 Oct; only reps.

Least Bittern: HI 17 Sep; only rep.

Great Blue Heron: max 23 Jordan 24 Sep.

Great Egret: max 4 var locs 1-11 Sep; last 2 OnonL 14 Oct.

Green Heron: max 18 NFC Syr 22 Sep (DWe); last WP 27 Oct.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: Rome 4 Sep; max 5 OLC 8 Sep; 1-2 OLP & OLC 16 Sep – last 23 Oct; only reps.

Black Vulture: reps continue known locs Jamesville, Oneida, Little Falls, Rome, Canastota; Fulton 21 Sep (GDa), unusual loc; max 8 Jville 17 Nov.

Turkey Vulture: max 220 SSSP 8 Oct.

Osprey: max 4 OLP 5 Sep; last SP 3 Nov (MBr), late.

Golden Eagle: Const 30 Sep (MSc), early; 5 other reps singles 3-26 Nov.

Northern Harrier: max 5 SP 2 Oct.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: max 5 BRH 17 Sep & Const 30 Sep.

Cooper's Hawk: max 10 Const 30 Sep.

Bald Eagle: imm & adults var locs; max 14 SNC 23 Sep.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1-2 var locs/dates.

Broad-winged Hawk: max 145 BRH 6 Sep; last GB 4 Oct.

Red-tailed Hawk: widespread; max 21 SP 2 Oct.

Rough-legged Hawk: arr Little Falls & Richland 21 Nov; reps 4 locs 23-27 Nov.

Eastern Screech-Owl: singles/pairs typical locs.

Great Horned Owl: widespread resident.

Snowy Owl: no reps.

Barred Owl: widespread resident; reps typ locs.

Long-eared Owl: TR 14 Oct (GDa).

Short-eared Owl: no reps.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: 3 Thendara 15 Oct (GLE), banded, & 16 Oct; SFNS 24 Nov (MPe); Manlius 26 Nov (CSp); only reps.

Belted Kingfisher: widespread; max 7 OLC 16 Oct.

Red-headed Woodpecker: reps from established locs incl 4 FH 2, 4 Sep, ad & 2 juv; Hastings 4 Sep; Kirkville 12 Sep; SFNS 14 Sep; unusual locs.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: widespread resident.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 – max 3 var locs/dates thru.

Black-backed Woodpecker: no reps but presumed resident N HERK.

Downy Woodpecker: widespread resident.

Hairy Woodpecker: widespread resident.

Northern Flicker: widespread; max 12 OakC 10 Sep.

Pileated Woodpecker: widespread resident.

American Kestrel: max 6 Earlville 1 Sep & BRH 6 Sep.

Merlin: 1-2 var locs/dates thru.

Peregrine Falcon: singles/nesting pairs typ locs plus scattered reps.

Great Crested Flycatcher: max 3 Hastings 1, 2 Sep & GB 6 Sep; last HI 17 Sep.

Eastern Kingbird: max 3 Verona 6 Sep & Phoenix 11 Sep; last New Hartford 29 Sep.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: OakC 7, 8 Sep (DDo); OSP 8 Sep (GCh); last HI 10 Sep; only reps.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: max 10 Syr 8 Sep; last OLP 5 Oct.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1-2 var typ locs 3 Sep – last 23 Sep.

Acadian Flycatcher: no reps.

Alder Flycatcher: Hastings (BPu) & OakC (APe) 2 Sep; only reps.

Willow Flycatcher: SP 9 Sep (MBR); only rep.

'Traill's Flycatcher': Syr 5 Sep; PV 24 Sep; only reps.

Least Flycatcher: max 5 HA 1 Sep; last OSP 24 Sep.

empidonax sp: 1-3 var locs 2-20 Sep; max 4 GB 6 Sep; last SBP 1 Oct.

Eastern Phoebe: max 8 OLP 30 Sep; last Little Falls 27 Oct.

Yellow-throated Vireo: max 12 HI 10 Sep; last OSP 18 Sep.

Blue-headed Vireo: max 3 var locs 24 Sep; last Const 24 Oct.

Philadelphia Vireo: max 4 HI 17 Sep; last SBP 1 Oct.

Warbling Vireo: max 7 HI 10 Sep; last Granby 21 Sep.

Red-eyed Vireo: max 14 GB 6 Sep; last OSP 5 Oct.

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE: Hannibal 2, 3 Sep (GDa, ph, mob, DDo), very rare in modern times.

Northern Shrike: arr PV 2 Nov; Fabius 12 Nov; Stockwell 19 Nov; Manheim 28 Nov.

Canada Jay: no reps but presumed resident N HERK.

Blue Jay: widespread; max 6045 migr Const 17 Sep (MSc).

American Crow: widespread; max est 2000 Syr 22 Oct, roost flight.

Fish Crow: 1-4 typ locs thru; max 19 IH 25 Nov (MMA).

Common Raven: 1-5 typ locs thru; max 8 DB 15 Sep & Salisbury 30 Sep & Const 5 Nov & DH 7 Nov.

Black-capped Chickadee: widespread; max 72 Const 30 Sep (MSc), migrating.

Boreal Chickadee: no reps but presumed resident N HERK.

Tufted Titmouse: widespread resident except N HERK & N ONEI.

Horned Lark: max 380 BRH 19 Nov (MBr), exc num.

Bank Swallow: max 60 SP 5 Sep; last 30 HI 10 Sep but 2 FH 19 Oct (GDa) & 1 FH 21 Oct (GCh), very late.

Tree Swallow: est 600 HI 18 Sep; max est 800 HI 10 Sep; last SSSP 23 Oct.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: max 50 HI 17 Sep; last 5 HI 20 Sep.

Purple Martin: max 70 Hannibal 4 Sep; last 2 Const 28 Sep.

Barn Swallow: max 60 SP 5 Sep; last OLP 30 Sep.

Cliff Swallow: Fult 2 Sep; 2 TR 4 Sep; max 12 SP 5 Sep; HI 10 Sep; last SNC 24 Sep; only reps.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: max 30 MH 25 Sep; 2 OLP 26 Nov; last OLP 29 Nov.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: max 46 DC 21 Oct; 5 OLP 29 Nov.

BOHEMIAN WAXWING (R5):

Salisbury 23 Nov (KTo, ph); only rep.

Cedar Waxwing: max 100 TR 3 Sep.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: small groups typ locs; max 16 Earlville 10 Sep; 15 SSSP 20 Oct.

White-breasted Nuthatch: widespread resident; max 15 Const 30 Sep.

Brown Creeper: max 7 Syr 29 Sep.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: singles var locs 1-10 Sep; max 2 Dewitt 3 Sep; last North Bay 11 Sep, early for last rep; few reps, poor nums.

House Wren: max 7 OLP 16 Sep; last GSC 23 Oct, late.

Winter Wren: max 6 TR 24 Sep; 1-2 thru Oct; MH 23 Nov.

Sedge Wren: no reps.

Marsh Wren: max 15 HI 10 Sep; last PV 8 Nov.

Carolina Wren: small nums typ locs, mostly ONON.

Gray Catbird: max 20 OSP 13, 15 Sep; last OLP 27 Nov.

Brown Thrasher: max 3 SFNS 14 Sep; last Syr 8 Oct.

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

European Starling: max est 2500 Pulaski 1 Oct.

Eastern Bluebird: max 27 Const 28 Oct, migrants.

Veery: max 5 Syr by NFC; last WMonroe 26 Sep.

Gray-cheeked Thrush: arr 2 TR 17 Sep; max 6 Osw by NFC 1 Oct (JAm, mob); last OSP 2 Oct.

Swainson's Thrush: 19 Syr by NFC 28 Sep (APe); 27 Osw by NFC 1 Oct (JAm, mob); max 37 Syr by NFC 22 Sep (DWe); last 5 SVB 6 Oct, early for last rep.

Hermit Thrush: max 3 SFNS 9 Oct & FH 25 Oct.

Wood Thrush: max 6 TR 17 Sep; last Const 1 Oct.

American Robin: widespread; max 667 Const 2 Nov, migrants.

House Sparrow: flocks widespread resident; max 40 FH 24 Sep, unusual loc.

American Pipit: arr 3 SP 6 Sep; 50 Bville 9 Oct; 56 SP 24 Oct, good num; max 120 BRH 25 Oct (MBr), good num; last BRH 21 Nov.

Evening Grosbeak: arr 4 Dolgeville 11 Sep, next 22 Oct same loc; max 15 Manlius 31 Oct (BRu); small groups var locs late Oct thru.

House Finch: widespread resident; max 35 OLP 17 Oct.

Purple Finch: small groups typ locs; max 10 SFNS 22 Oct.

Common Redpoll: Cassville 8 Nov; Osw 17-18 Nov; Minetto 30 Nov; only reps.

Red Crossbill: small flocks typ locs SH & N HERK; max 13 MH 10 Nov.

White-winged Crossbill: no reps.

Pine Siskin: 1-4 var typ locs arr 8 Oct thru; max 11 FH 28 Oct (GDa), migr.

American Goldfinch: flocks common & widespread; max 92 DH 4 Nov.

Lapland Longspur: arr Jamesville 24 Sep (DWe); FH 1 Oct (mob); only reps.

Snow Bunting: arr 2 SP 24 Oct; max 64 SP 3 Nov & FH 9 Nov.

Grasshopper Sparrow: no reps.

Chipping Sparrow: max 28 Nedrow 29 Sep; last Hamilton 22 Nov.

Clay-colored Sparrow: Pulaski 18 Sep (MBr); only rep.

Field Sparrow: max 10 PV 8 Oct; last SNC 11 Nov.

Fox Sparrow: arr 2 LH 15 Oct; max 4 SFNS 6 Nov & Const 22 Nov; last Syr 28 Nov.

American Tree Sparrow: arr 3 Rome 26 Oct; max 20 OLP 23, 27 Nov.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 163 Const 27 Oct.

White-crowned Sparrow: arr MSI 23 Sep; max 13 sev locs 2-23 Oct; last Salisbury 20 Nov but incr in winter.

White-throated Sparrow: 70 Osw by NFC 1 Oct (JAm, mob); max 80 UM 14 Oct.

Vesper Sparrow: 1-2 sev locs Oct; max 9 Pennellville 27 Oct (APe), exc num; SP 24 Oct (MBr), unusual loc; last BRH 30 Oct.

Savannah Sparrow: 12 IH 5 Sep; max 19 Osw by NFC 1 Oct; last Bville 6 Nov.

Song Sparrow: widespread; max 90 OLP 1 Oct.

Lincoln's Sparrow: 1-3 var locs mid-late Sep; 7 TR 24 Sep, good num; max 9 OLP 29 Sep, exc num; last Syr 1 Nov.

Swamp Sparrow: 25 TR 29 Sep; max 37 HI 10 Sep.

Eastern Towhee: max 7 GLSP 21 Sep; last Osw 28 Oct.

Bobolink: max 22 TR 3 Sep; last Gerber 29 Sep.

Eastern Meadowlark: max 23 BRH 8 Oct; last Rome 4 Nov.

Orchard Oriole: no reps.

Baltimore Oriole: max 4 OakC 5 Sep; last Erieville 18 Sep.

Red-winged Blackbird: 895 Const 13 Nov; max est 2000 HI 14 Oct.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 60 Kirkville 11 Sep.

Rusty Blackbird: arr SFNS 23 Sep; max 250 TR 24 Oct, good num; last OLP 27 Nov.

Common Grackle: max 8175 TR 24 Oct.

blackbird sp: est 10000 OLP 30 Oct; est 50000 HM 1 Nov & OLC 6 Nov.

Ovenbird: max 7 OakC 8 Sep; last FH 19 Oct, late.

Louisiana Waterthrush: no reps.

Northern Waterthrush: RCFS 4 Sep; 2 Dewitt 5 Sep; last 2 Trenton 6 Sep; only reps.

Golden-winged Warbler: no reps.

Blue-winged Warbler: singles few locs 2-8 Sep; last Hastings & HI 10 Sep.

'Brewster's Warbler': no reps.

'Lawrence's Warbler': no reps.

Black-and-white Warbler: max 4 OakC 5, 8 Sep; last Perryville 11 Oct.

Prothonotary Warbler: no reps.

Tennessee Warbler: max 13 HI 17 Sep; last SFNS 22 Oct, late; OLP 24 Nov (JGa), Reg rec late.

Orange-crowned Warbler: arr OakC 8 Sep; 1-2 sev locs mid Sep – mid Oct; last SP 15 Oct.

Nashville Warbler: max 5 OSP 15 Sep & OLP 29, 30 Sep; last Const 24 Oct.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER (R5): HA 15 Sep (MMa); HI 17, 18 Sep (mob).

Mourning Warbler: singles 6 locs 1-11 Sep; last OLP 16 Sep.

Common Yellowthroat: max 14
Salisbury 17 Sep; last SP & Const 24 Oct.
Hooded Warbler: singles var locs 2-20
Sep; last OLC & WP & TR 24 Sep.
American Redstart: max 32 HI 10 Sep;
last HA 4 Oct.
Cape May Warbler: max 7 OSP 8 Sep;
last WP 15 Oct.
Cerulean Warbler: Cazenovia 4 Sep
(BMc); only rep.
Northern Parula: max 6 OSP 24 Sep;
last Const 2 Nov, late.
Magnolia Warbler: max 13 TR 18 Sep;
last 2 OLP 10 Oct.
Bay-breasted Warbler: 16 HI 10 Sep;
18 Syr 8 Sep; max 19 OakC 6 Sep, exc
nums; last Old Forge 5 Oct.
Blackburnian Warbler: max 6 OSP 8
Sep; last Syr 3 Oct.
Yellow Warbler: max 8 OLP 5 Sep; last
OLP 30 Sep.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: max 10 OakC
5 Sep; last OLP 5 Oct.
Blackpoll Warbler: max 12 OLC 24
Sep; last 2 Rome 26 Oct.
Black-throated Blue Warbler: max 3
Osw by NFC 1 Oct; last SSSP 8 Oct.

Palm Warbler: arr North Bay 2 Sep;
max 18 Volney 28 Sep & OLP 1 Oct; last
Salisbury 27 Oct.
Pine Warbler: max 3 OSP 8 Sep & SSSP
1 Oct; last Phoenix & Eagle Bay 8 Oct.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 95 SP 2
Oct, good num; last Rome 7 Nov.
YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER
(R5): OSP 13 Sep (SRo, ph).
Prairie Warbler: no reps.
Black-throated Green Warbler: max 6
HI 17 Sep & TR 24 Sep; last OLC 19 Oct,
late.
Canada Warbler: singles sev locs 3-10
Sep; max 3 HA 1 Sep; last HI 10 Sep.
Wilson's Warbler: max 6 OLP 16 Sep;
last HA 4 Oct.
warbler sp: 40 Rome 7 Sep (DJE); 75
OSP 8 Sep (DAn) amid large fallout; 75
Osw by NFC 1 Oct (JAm, mob).
Scarlet Tanager: max 5 OakC 5 Sep &
HI 17 Sep.
Northern Cardinal: widespread resident.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak: max 9 TR 18
Sep; last Fulton 9 Oct.
Indigo Bunting: max 5 OLP 5 Sep; last
Syr 3 Oct; Manheim 20 Oct (EFr), very
late.