

PHOTO GALLERY
Winter 2022-2023



It was a banner winter for alcids along the coast, many giving confiding views. Here, birders enjoyed close-up views of a Thick-billed Murre at Lake Montauk Inlet, *Suffolk*, 23 Jan 2023, © Ken Feustel. See additional alcid photos on p. 222.



This long-staying and very confiding Boreal Chickadee was a highlight of the winter season at Grass Point SP, *Jefferson*. Top: 7 Jan 2023, © Steve Kelling; bottom: 8 Feb 2023 © Steven Mix.



Up to four Pine Grosbeaks drew many birders to Webster Park, *Monroe* from December to February and beyond. Top: 9 Jan 2023, © Alan Bloom; bottom 7 Jan 2023, © Chris Wood.



Clockwise from top left: Bohemian Waxwing, Clemons Marsh, *Washington*, 29 Jan 2023, © Gary Chapin. Lark Sparrow, Blasdel, *Erie*, 22 Dec 2022, © Brad Carlson. Swainson's Hawk, Green-Wood Cemetery, *Kings*, 3 Feb 2023, © Michael Silber [MCHL_____].



Hammond's Flycatcher, Bashakill State WMA, *Sullivan*, 10 Dec 2022, © Jay McGowan. This rarity was chosen as Bird of the Season by the Highlights Editor.



Winter 2022-23 featured a nice assortment of rare, unusual, out-of-place, and just plain beautiful gulls from all over the state, some of which are presented here, on the next page, and on page 221.

Top: California Gull, Van Cleef Lake, *Seneca*, 22 Dec 2022, © Gregg Dashnau.

Bottom: "Thayer's" Iceland Gull, Niagara Falls SP, *Niagara*, 5 Dec 2022, © Tom Kerr.



Top: Common Gull, Olcott Beach West, *Niagara*, 12 Feb 2023, © Dean DiTommaso.
 Middle: Common Gull, Hoisington Brook Outlet, *Essex*, 15 Feb 2023, © Derek Rogers.
 Bottom: Short-billed Gull, Randalls Island, *New York*, 19 Jan 2023, © Mihai F. Chitulescu.



Gynandromorph Northern Cardinal, Kendall, *Orleans*, 23 Feb 2023, © Alan Bloom. See article p. 189.



Left: Little Gull, Jones Inlet, *Nassau*, 19 Feb 2023, © Ken Feustel.
Right: Bonaparte's Gull, Jones Inlet, *Nassau*, 1 Jan 2023, © Rick Cech.



Laughing Gull, Irondequoit Bay Outlet, *Monroe*, 27 Feb 2023, © Alan Bloom.



Red Phalarope, Caumsett State Park, *Nassau*, 17 Dec 2022, © Ken Feustel.



Clockwise from top: Black Guillemot, Edward Vincent Ecker, Sr. CP, *Suffolk*, 28 Dec 2022, © Darlene McNeil. Common Murre with Razorbill, Lake Montauk Inlet, *Suffolk*, 23 Jan 2023, © John Gaglione. Thick-billed Murre, Fort Pond Bay, *Suffolk*, 25 Jan 2023, © Shai Mitra. Dovekie, Montauk Point, *Suffolk*, 7 Jan 2023, © John Gluth.