

August 2017 Sightings Report

This was a quiet August and the end of a near normal summer. There were no major extremes in temperature or precipitation. There were just 2 periods with damaging thunderstorms, on the 4th and 22nd into 23rd.

Temperatures averaged 68.6 °F, 0.7° below normal. Precipitation at 3.20" was 0.27" below normal. The first 3 weeks of the month were normal, then the last 9 days about 5° cool. The wettest 24 hour period was 0.78" on the 22nd.

The total number of species reported was again above average at 199, with the only misses Upland Sandpiper, Brown Creeper, and Eastern Meadowlark. Much of the time, migration seemed slow and numbers low, but in the end, variety was good and at the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) banding station 462 new bands for the month beginning on the 12th was a good start. Warblers seemed hard to find, but 26 species tied the number reported last August. About 17,910 eBird records were a bit below last year's reports.

Waterfowl numbers were again low, and this year scattered among expected sites along Lake Ontario and inland. Diving duck reports were very few, with a couple of young Redheads at Braddock Bay, 4 Long-tailed Ducks off Greece, and a few of each of the mergansers all that were reported. The typical few Common Loons and Red-necked Grebes were seen at Hamlin Beach. Water levels were dropping from the very high levels of spring, but still high in most locations.

Double-crested Cormorants apparently nested on Irondequoit Bay, and good numbers were seen all along the Lake Ontario shore and at many other sites in the region. Great Egret counts in the Morgan Road marshes area of the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) and nearby were high, with lesser numbers elsewhere. Again, there were no reports of rarer, wandering, post-breeding herons.

The informal hawk watch effort was not evident, or hawk numbers very low this season. Merlin and Peregrine Falcon sightings were again typical of recent years. The

only details on likely Merlin nesting success in the region came from Geneseo.

This year, high water in many places and an excellent growing season burying drier sites in a sea of grass resulted in again very limited shorebird habitat. But the beaches and piers, scattered puddles, and some well-prepared fields produced reports of 23 shorebird species. Scarcer species included: Whimbrel, Red Knot, and Buff-breasted Sandpiper. Almost all species arriving in August were at arrival dates in their interquartile ranges. Most species' counts were low other than a few Killdeer counts and one good flock of American Golden-Plovers at month's end.

The passage and gathering of gulls and terns was again very slow. No jaegers or really rare gulls were reported; only the now-usual few Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Peak counts of terns were low.

Once again 2 of the elusive Eurasian Collared-Doves were seen once at the Greenwell farm on Church Road in Hamlin. A young Northern Saw-whet Owl banded at BBBO on the 14th was the third at that location this time of the year in recent years.

Among the passerines, nearly all of the really expected species were reported. Those that might be called missing were only Brown Creeper and Eastern Meadowlark. The relatively scarcer records for this month were just White-eyed Vireo, Prairie Warbler, and White-throated Sparrow.

Please submit reports to eBird, post them on geneseebirds, and/or send by the 5th of the month to Andrea Patterson, 144 Greystone Lane, #24, Rochester, NY 14618.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>10-year Average (2007-2016)</u>
Total species for August	199	198	193.3
New species for the year	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6.2</u>
Total for the year to date	275	277	274.6

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

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<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Brant	1	<u>9, 11</u>	near Genesee River mouth	A. Strong, G. Lawrence
Mute Swan	<u>max 24</u>	12	Irondequoit Bay	K. Kassmann
Trumpeter Swan	5	27	<u>Gananda Pkwy near Hance Rd</u>	M. Gullo
Gadwall	3	<u>14</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
American Wigeon	1	<u>20FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	sev obs
Mallard	<u>max 250</u>	5	Thomas Crk. Wetlands	B. Carlson
Mallard	<u>max 250</u>	30	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Jii. Miles
Blue-winged Teal	<u>max 22, low</u>	26	Conesus Inlet WMA	I. Davies, S. Dzielski
Northern Shoveler	1	<u>26FF</u>	HANA	H. Whelan
Northern Pintail	2	<u>19FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Guthrie
Green-winged Teal	1	<u>18FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 50</u>	26	NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes)	L. Kahle, A. Kramer
Redhead	2 imm	<u>27FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	B. Carlson, L. Mattle, Ji. Miles
Long-tailed Duck	4	<u>17FF</u>	off Edgemoor Dr., Greece	R. Buckert
Red-breasted Merganser	3	<u>10FF</u>	off Edgemoor Dr., Greece	Ji. Barry
Common Loon	1	<u>6, 11, 14</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Loon	1	<u>19, 20</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Pied-billed Grebe	<u>max 40</u>	19	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	J. McGowan
Red-necked Grebe	1, 1, 3	<u>15, 19, 20</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 700</u>	20	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Guthrie, B. & B. Morse L. Kahle, A. Kramer, K.
Great Egret	<u>max 69-70</u>	26	NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes)	Murphy
Red-tailed Hawk	<u>max 47</u>	12	Braddock Bay - Hawkwatch	B. Watts
Common Gallinule	<u>max 75</u>	12	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	J. Collison
American Coot	<u>max 50</u>	19	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	J. McGowan
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 8</u>	15	NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes)	M. Fiskesja
Black-bellied Plover	3	<u>12FF</u>	Wiler Rd., Hamlin	A. Guthrie
American Golden-Plover	5	<u>25F</u>	N. Byron Rd., T Byron	D. Bemont, R. Spahn, <i>et al.</i>
American Golden-Plover	<u>max 126+</u>	31	Bridge Rd., T Elba	S. Taylor. C. Morien, <i>et al.</i>
Killdeer	<u>max 168</u>	18	Wiler Rd., Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Killdeer	<u>max 140</u>	26	Cy Farms area, T Byron	A. Wiebe
Spotted Sandpiper	<u>max 14</u>	20	Braddock Bat - East Spit	R. Buckert
<u>Whimbrel</u>	10	2	Sodus Point	M. O'Donnell
<u>Whimbrel</u>	1	5	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Whimbrel</u>	1	15	Sodus Point	M. Gullo, J. Wing
<u>Whimbrel</u>	<u>max 13</u>	31	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Ruddy Turnstone	<u>max 22</u>	29	Summerville Pier	M. Tetlow
<u>Red Knot</u>	1	19FF	Braddock Bat - East Spit	A. Guthrie
<u>Red Knot</u>	2	19FF	piers at mouth of Genesee River	T. Lenz, G. Ford
<u>Red Knot</u>	1	30-31	Braddock Bay - East Spit	N. Kachala, C. Giles
Sanderling	<u>max 35</u>	31	Hamlin Beach SP	M. Gullo
Baird's Sandpiper	1	<u>15F</u>	Twin Cedars Environ, Area, Avon	M. Wasilco
Least Sandpiper	<u>max 52, low</u>	19	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	J. McGowan
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1	<u>12F, RE</u>	Wiler Rd., Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1-3	<u>24-26</u>	Cy Farms area, Byron/Elba border	11+ obs, ph
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 25, low</u>	30	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	G. Dashnau
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	<u>15FF</u>	NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes)	M. Fiskesja
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>low</u>	19	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Guthrie
Ring-billed Gull	<u>max 3000</u>	19	Ontario Beach & piers	R. Spahn
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 ad	<u>2</u>	Summerville Pier	N. Kachala
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 1st sum	<u>7</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie

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Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 1st sum	<u>15</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 2nd sum	<u>19</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Guthrie
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 1st sum	<u>26</u>	Ontario Beach area	A. Garland, ph
Caspian Tern	<u>max 58</u>	20	Braddock Bay - East Spit	R. Buckert
Common Tern	<u>max 28</u>	20	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Forster's Tern	1	20FF	Braddock Bay - East Spit	
<u>Eurasian Collared-Dove</u>	2	5	Hamlin (Greenwell Farm)	A. Guthrie
N. Saw-whet Owl	<u>1 juv B</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>Manitou</u>	BBBO
Common Nighthawk	2	15FF	Genesee ValleyPark	A. Garland
Chimney Swift	<u>300+</u>	29	York Central School, Greiggsville	J. Kimball
Red-headed Woodpecker	<u>max 8</u>	9	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
	<u>21 rep. 20</u>			
Merlin	<u>ind</u>	7-31	18 loc	19 obs
Peregrine Falcon	<u>6 rep. 6 ind</u>	20-30	6 loc	7 obs
<u>Olive-sided Flycatcher</u>	1	<u>3FF</u>	Chimney Bluffs SP, Wayne County	M. Gullo
<u>Olive-sided Flycatcher</u>	1	27	Braddock Bay - Burger Park	K. Hartquist
<u>Olive-sided Flycatcher</u>	1	30	O'Neill Rd. T. Lima	D. Beattie
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1B	13FF	Manitou	BBBO
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<u>total B 26</u>	13-29	Manitou	BBBO
"Traill's" Flycatcher	<u>total B 14</u>	12-28	Manitou	BBBO
Least Flycatcher	<u>total B 12</u>	13-29	Manitou	BBBO
<u>White-eyed Vireo</u>	1	<u>21</u>	Chimney Bluffs SP, Wayne County	M. Gullo
Blue-headed Vireo	1	<u>26FF</u>	Island Cottage Woods	H. Whelan
Philadelphia Vireo	1	<u>24FF</u>	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	R. Spahn, R. Guthrie
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>total B 14</u>	12-29	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Fish Crow</u>	<u>max 11</u>	6	Ontario Beach Park area	B. Carlson
Horned Lark	<u>max 54</u>	13	Wiler Rd., Hamlin	A. Guthrie
N. Rough-winged Swallow	<u>max 75</u> <u>max 100.</u>	19	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor & Wright Rd)	J. McGowan
Bank Swallow	<u>low</u>	13	NMWMA (Carncross Rd)	G. Dashnau
Winter Wren	1B	<u>26FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1B	<u>24FF, RE</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	1B	<u>18FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Gray Catbird	<u>max 30</u>	25	Whiting Rd. Nature Pres.	D. Horsey
Gray Catbird	<u>total B 87</u>	12-30	Manitou	BBBO
Ovenbird	1	<u>1</u>	<u>Hamlin Beach SP</u>	B. Beckham
Ovenbird	1B	<u>15FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Northern Waterthrush	<u>total B 12</u>	12-30	Manitou	BBBO
Black-and-white Warbler	1	<u>11FF</u>	Thomas Creek Wetlands	L. Gullo
Tennessee Warbler	1B	<u>15FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Nashville Warbler	1	<u>27FF</u>	Letchworth SP	I. Davies, S. Dzielski
Mourning Warbler	3B	<u>24FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Common Yellowthroat	<u>total B 15</u>	12-29	Manitou	BBBO
American Redstart	<u>total B 44</u>	12-30	Manitou	BBBO
Cape May Warbler	1	<u>16FF</u>	T. Richmond, Ontario County	B. Howe
Northern Parula	1	<u>30FF</u>	Twin Cedars Environ, Area, Avon	D. Beattie
Magnolia Warbler	1B	<u>17FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Magnolia Warbler	<u>total B 69</u>	17-30	Manitou	BBBO
Bay-breasted Warbler	1B	<u>13FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Blackburnian Warbler	1	<u>6</u>	<u>Ganondagon</u>	T. Lenz
Blackburnian Warbler	1	<u>25FF</u>	Lehigh Valley Trail,	N. Kachala
Yellow Warbler	<u>total B 26</u>	12-29	Manitou	BBBO

Blackpoll Warbler	1	<u>27FF</u>	Letchworth SP	I. Davies, S. Dzielski
Black-th. Blue Warbler	1B	<u>28FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	<u>12FF</u>	Greece	K. Griffith
Prairie Warbler	1B	<u>24FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Black-th. Green Warbler	1B	<u>26FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Canada Warbler	1B	<u>16FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Wilson's Warbler	1B	<u>20FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	1	10	Rochester	L. Bergmeyer
Bobolink	<u>max 65</u>	23	Braddock Bay - Burger Park	P. Wolter
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>max 2,000</u>	26	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	An. Mitchell