

## June 2018 Sightings Report

It was another pleasant June, with temperatures just a bit above normal and precipitation a bit below. Typical levels of heat and humidity for the first 4 weeks were followed by a couple of oppressive days at the end, leading into a hot July. Temperatures averaged 67.7 °F, 1.4° above normal, and rainfall totaled 2.22", 1.12" below normal. There was only one record tied, a record high low on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Lake Ontario was back to only a bit high, way better than last year.

Again, weather conditions were generally good for both birds and birders, and this year had no high water problem. The eBird download was near last year's at 43,109, but fewer out-of-region lines were deleted, so we had 32,695 in-region "records", a nearly 20 % increase. The 190 species reported for the month is 6 below last year, but still well above the 10-year average. We had nearly all of the really expected species for the month reported, with only a few surprise misses to be noted below and maybe a few less waterfowl and shorebird species than normally linger into this month. There were almost no real rarities reported other than Laughing Gull which historically often shows in this month and the now hard to find Henslow's Sparrow located at 2 sites.

Among the waterfowl, low numbers for the formerly regular and more abundant breeding puddle ducks were obvious, and late or lingering diving ducks few. Four Red-throated Loons, a peak count of 20 Common Loons, and Red-necked Grebe on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> are unusual for the month.

Mike Tetlow, Ed Sailer, and a few others checking the hawk watch caught a nice flight on the 13<sup>th</sup>, with a Black Vulture, 29 Bald Eagles, 35 Broad-winged Hawks, and a late Rough-legged Hawk. There was another Black Vulture seen in Letchworth State Park on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Again, there were no reports of Northern Goshawk and only one for Red-shouldered Hawk. There were only 2 Merlin reports and 4 Peregrine Falcon reports other than the breeding pair in Rochester that fledged 3 young from June 15-20<sup>th</sup> per the ralconcam website. A maximum of 10 Sandhill Cranes was seen along Armitage Rd., Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) on the 9<sup>th</sup>, but with no note made of young observed. A pair was also seen near Taylor Marsh north of Honeoye and another on East Bay Rd. east of Sodus Bay, both apparent areas with previous breeding.

Late spring shorebird variety was poor, numbers were very low and departures dates typical. Only a few Sanderling reports, including the first for the year, were of special note. The Laughing Gull noted earlier and a total of about 13 Lesser Black-backed Gulls provided the only gull and tern records of interest. Common Nighthawk was reported to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, but with no good numbers this month. Moving into the passerines, there were a somewhat surprising 3 Olive-sided Flycatcher reports this month, extending to June 19<sup>th</sup>. Several of the usual passerines migrating well into June were banded as expected at the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) banding station, but Philadelphia Vireo, Gray-cheeked Thrush, and Bay-breasted Warbler were missed, both in banding and other reports. Otherwise, passerine numbers and departure dates were typical. Among species that some search for, the Prothonotary Warblers were seen all month along Armitage

Rd., Prairie Warblers were located in fields south of Harriett Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area, and Clay-colored Sparrow was present on Cook Rd. in Hamlin and Ballantyne Rd. in Chili. A nice surprise was Henslow's Sparrows located on Beatty Point, Town of Greece by Michelle Gianvecchio during bird survey work and staying through the month. Another Henslow's was found in the Nations Rd. IBA again during bird survey work by Mike Wasilco and Christina Hoh.

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

	2018	2017	10-year Average (2008-2017)
Species for June	190	196	182.0
New for the year	3	2	2.0
Total for the year to date	268	270	265.7

*Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee*

**Observers:** Jim Adams, Janet Akin, Gautam Apte, BBBO (Andrea Patterson), Ted Barnett, Sue Barth, Jessie Barry, Mitchell Barry, Doug Beattie, Betty Beckham, Don Bemont, Linda Clark-Benedict & Steve Benedict, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Shawn Billerman, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Timothy Boundy, Lynn Braband, Robert Buckert, Sara Burch, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Denis Caysinger, Kelly Close, Richard Cohen, Jeremy Collison, Andrew Consler, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Gregg Dashnau, Ian Davies, Michael DeWispelaere, Deborah Dohne, Judy Ferris, George Ford, Kyle Gage, Andy Garland, Janis George, Michelle Gianvecchio, Candy Giles, Bill Gillette, James Goetz, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Andrew Guthrie, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Carolyn Jacobs, Nicholas Kachala, Amy Kahn, Laura Kammermeier, Thomas Kent, Bernie Kester, Jim Kimball, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Jill Leichter, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Rachel Lodder, Sam & Judy Loomis, Peggy Mabb, Peggy Macres, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Donna Mason-Spier, Lauri Mattle, Jacob McCartney, Kevin McGann, Jay McGowan, Kevin McGowan, Seabird McKeon, Matt Medler, Jim Miles, Kent Millham, Randi Minetor, Adrielle Mitchell, Ann Mitchell, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Chan Nam, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Rivka Noll, Michael Palermo, Andrea Patterson, Norma Platt, Jay Powell, Bill Purcell, Carolyn Ragan, RBA Field Trips, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jennifer Rycenga, Ed Sailer, Livia Santana, Michael Scheibel, Karl Schmidt, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Tom & Pat Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Barbara Stern, Rick Stevens, Joe Stevenson, Allan Strong, Kim Sucey, Steve Taylor, Mike Tetlow, Gerald Thurn, John & Bonny VanDerMeid, Jeff Ward, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Bridget Watts, Joe Wing, Jim Wood.

## NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

JUNE 2018

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Brant	1	3; 4L	Braddock Bay-ES; Summerville Pier	D. Horsey, R. Noll; M. Gullo
Mute Swan	<u>max 60</u>	5	Buck Pond (Greece)	B Stern
Wood Duck	<u>max 40</u>	17	Canadice Lake - south trail	M. Gullo
Blue-winged Teal	1	<u>24</u>	<u>Hamlin Beach SP</u>	A. Guthrie
Am. Black Duck	<u>max 5, low</u>	10	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	R. Cohen
Green-winged Teal	2	<u>17</u>	Hogan Pt. pond	M. Gullo
Redhead	1	<u>19-26</u>	<u>Irondequoit Bay Outlet</u>	sev
Lesser Scaup	1	3, 5L	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	M. Gullo
Lesser Scaup	2	<u>18</u>	Silver Lake, Wyoming Co.	R. Stevens
White-winged Scoter	10	<u>6L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Long-tailed Duck	1	<u>7L</u>	Point Breeze	C. Morien
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 20</u>	3	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Ruddy Duck	1	<u>27</u>	<u>Twin Cedars Environ Area - Avon</u>	M. Wasilco
Red-throated Loon	4	<u>20</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Loon	<u>max 20</u>	3	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Red-necked Grebe	1	<u>5; 19</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 125</u>	1	Braddock Bay - West Spit	M. Gullo
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>100</u>	3	Sodus Pt.	J. Wood
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>100</u>	9	Point Breeze	A. Guthrie
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	<u>19</u>	<u>North Ponds Park - Webster</u>	K. Millham
<u>Black Vulture</u>	1	13	Braddock Bay - hawk watch	M. Tetlow, E. Sailer
<u>Black Vulture</u>	1	16	Letchworth SP	T. Boundy
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 54, low</u>	15	Letchworth SP	N. Kachala
Bald Eagle	<u>max 29</u>	13	Braddock Bay - hawk watch	M. Tetlow, E. Sailer
Bald Eagle	<u>11</u>	18	Braddock Bay - hawk watch	M. Gullo
Broad-winged Hawk	<u>max 35</u>	13	Braddock Bay - hawk watch	M. Tetlow, E. Sailer
Rough-legged Hawk	2	<u>13L</u>	Braddock Bay - hawk watch	M. Tetlow, E. Sailer
Common Gallinule	<u>max 39</u>	29	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	M. Wasilco
Sandhill Crane	1	6	<u>East Bay Rd., Wayne Co.</u>	M. Gullo
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 10</u>	9	NMWMA (Armitage Rd.)	M. Medler
Sandhill Crane	2 ad	15	<u>Taylor Marsh, T Richmond</u>	L. Braband
Black-bellied Plover	1	<u>11L</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	M. Gullo
Semipalmated Plover	1	<u>19L</u>	Sodus Pt.	M. Gullo

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Greater Yellowlegs	1	4 <u>L</u>	NMWMA (Morgan Rd. marshes)	W. & M. Rowley
Ruddy Turnstone	2	11 <u>L</u>	Sodus Pt.	M. Gullo
Sanderling	1	5 <u>F</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	Ji. Miles
Sanderling	2	10 <u>L</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles, L. Mattle
Dunlin	1	9 <u>L</u>	Point Breeze	A. Guthrie
Least Sandpiper	2	10 <u>L</u>	NMWMA (Morgan Rd. marshes)	W. & M. Rowley
Least Sandpiper	1	25 <u>FF</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	W. & M. Rowley
Semipalmated Sandpiper	2	10 <u>L</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	D. Horsey, Ji. Miles, L. Mattle
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	10 <u>L</u>	NMWMA (Morgan Rd. marshes)	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Laughing Gull</u>	1 ad	6	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	total ~13	2-24	4 loc	T. Lenz, A. Guthrie, M. Gullo
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	max 8	9	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Caspian Tern	max 114	6	Sodus Pt.	M. Gullo
Black Tern	max 20	17, 29	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	sev
Common Nighthawk	4; 3	1; 2 <u>L</u>	Hamlin; Greece	A. Guthrie; K. Griffith
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	max 15	20	H.H. Spencer State Rec. Area	S. Taylor
Merlin	1	19	<u>Rt. 256 Conesus</u>	K. Close
Merlin	1	20	<u>SUNY Genseo campus</u>	M. Wasilco
Peregrine Falcon	2	4	<u>Letchworth SP</u>	S. & J. Loomis, S. McKeon
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	6	Highland park, Rochester	D. Horsey
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	15	Beatty Point - Greece	J. Wing, G. Ford, T. Kent
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	19	Ganondagon	B. Beckham
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1B	12 <u>L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Acadian Flycatcher	max 7	14	Bergen Swamp	J. Rycenga, <i>et al.</i>
"Traill's" Flycatcher	max 15B	1	Manitou	BBBO
Willow Flycatcher	max 18	12	Beatty Point - Greece	R. Spahn
Least Flycatcher	max 12	16	Honeoye Lake Inlet WMA	B. Howe
Red-eyed Vireo	max 43	8	H.H. Spencer State Rec. Area	R. Spahn
Bank Swallow	max 320	3	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Bank Swallow	200	10, 26-27	Beechwood SP, Wayne Co.	S. Benedict, L. Clark-Benedict
Barn Swallow	max 46	17	off Edgemere Dr., Greece	R. Buckert
Cliff Swallow	max 30	17	Hemlock Lake Park	D. Beattie

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Winter Wren	<u>total ~18</u>	all month	13 loc	15+ obs
Swainson's Thrush	1	3 <u>L</u>	2 loc	7 obs
Gray Catbird	<u>max 28</u>	17	Beatty Point - Greece	A.Guthrie
American Pipit ph	1	<u>7L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 305</u>	5	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
<u>Golden-wngd/Blue-wngd Warbler</u>	1	11	County Rd. 10, Geneseo	K. Close
Black-and-white Warbler	1	<u>17</u>	<u>Manitou</u>	M. Gullo
<u>Prothonotary Warbler</u>	1-2	thru 17 <u>L</u>	Armitage Rd (Wayne Co.)	mob
Tennessee Warbler	1	<u>9L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
American Redstart	<u>max 24</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP - West End woods	R. Spahn
Magnolia Warbler	1B	<u>16L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Yellow Warbler	<u>max 44; 42</u>	12; 15	Beatty Point - Greece	R. Spahn; A. Guthrie
Yellow Warbler	<u>40</u>	7	Whiting Rd. Nat. Pres. - Webster	D. Horsey
Blackpoll Warbler	1	<u>8L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Blackpoll Warbler	1	<u>28</u>	<u>Hamlin Beach SP</u>	A.Guthrie
Prairie Warbler ph	1-2	11-20	<u>Wetmore Rd, Livingston Co.</u>	B. Howe, S. Taylor, T. Bohling
Canada Warbler	1B	<u>12L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Wilson's Warbler	1B	<u>5L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Grasshopper Sparrow	<u>max 8</u>	1	Nations Rd. Survey	M. Wasilco
<u>Henslow's Sparrow ph, aud</u>	1-2	<u>5F - 30</u>	Beatty Point - Greece	M. Gianvecchio, mob
<u>Henslow's Sparrow ph</u>	1	21	Nations Rd., Geneseo	C. Hoh, M. Wasilco
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	1-3	9, 12, 17	Cook Rd., Hamlin	sev
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	1	3, 16, 18	Ballantyne Rd., T Chili	Bri. Morse, J. Goetz, Ji. Miles, L. Mattle
White-throated Sparrow	1	<u>10L</u>	near Newark, Wayne Co.	S. Benedict
Savannah Sparrow	<u>max 35</u>	1	Nations Rd. Survey	M. Wasilco
Bobolink	<u>max 71</u>	21	Nations Rd., Geneseo	C. Hoh, M. Wasilco
Red Crossbill	1	<u>12F</u>	Webster Park	A.Guthrie
Pine Siskin	1-3	<u>8-30</u>	8 loc	8+ obs