

November 2018 Sightings Report

It was a cool, cloudy, and damp month aside from brief warm spells. Temperatures averaged 36.4 °F, 4.1 ° below normal. A drop to 7° on Thanksgiving on the 22nd was the coldest for that holiday on record, and the drop to 4° before the next morning was the coldest ever for that early in the season. Precipitation totaled 4.54", 1.60" above normal. Snowfall was 17.4", 10.1" above normal. Variable amounts across the area of 12-18 inches of snow fell in the period from the 13th-16th, and the one day maximum of 4.2" fell on the 28th. The month started off soggy and rainy leading to a warm spell on the 6th & 7th, then below normal days all the way to the 24th, followed by a 2 day warm spell accompanied by another 0.5" of rain, and finally, the heavy snow on the 28th.

Again, nearly all waterfowl species with any serious expectation of being reported were recorded. Only Ross's Goose and Blue-winged Teal were missed. However, again, most peak counts were modest to low except Long-tailed Duck and Hooded and Red-breasted mergansers. Both King Eider and Harlequin Duck were seen by mid-month, but only 1-2 each. Peak Horned and Red-necked Grebe counts were decent, though in the latter case, higher counts will follow in December. With the new checklist order, we add nightjars, swifts, and marsh birds here, with record late Chimney Swifts over Durand-Eastman Park on the 2nd and Sandhill Cranes scattered around the region. Specific details will be posted in the Noteworthy Records table on the RBA website.

There were the usual few lingering shorebirds to even late in the month—no great surprises, though 76 Dunlin on the Salmon Creek mudflats was a good late count, and American Woodcock is not often reported in the late fall. We need more contact with hunters. Purple Sandpiper was again not located by month's end.

Heading into the larids, we first note only a few more Parasitic Jaegers seen off Greece early in the month. Then we have an immature Black-legged Kittiwake passing off Hamlin Beach State Park. Bonaparte's Gulls were generally scarce other than some good counts at mudflats, especially at Northrup Creek and off LaSalle Landing Park at the south end of Irondequoit Bay. Three Little Gulls at Buck Pond and two at the south end of Irondequoit Bay on the 21st is interesting. Iceland and Glaucous Gulls both arrived around mid-month, and we had the now usual scattering of Lesser Black-backed Gull reports; about 12 individuals. This grouping ends with a couple of Common Terns into the month.

Now we catch up with the loons, seabirds, and waders. Observers at the Hamlin Beach lake watch on the 11th caught a big movement of 1977 Red-throated Loons plus a bonus Pacific Loon. The Common Loon peak was only 164, but that is typical, as that species peaks earlier and is dropping off by November. Again, no Northern Gannet, and Double-crested Cormorant numbers dropped way off. A big surprise was a record late Least Bittern found at Buck Pond on the 21st by Mitchell Barry and seen shortly after by other family members. Great Egret also lingered a bit late, and then we had the now-expected influx of

Cattle Egrets, with reports from three locations in our region plus at the Goosehaven site near Montezuma just outside our region.

Again, raptors were generally scarce, but we did have a late Osprey to the 9th, many Bald Eagles, 2 reports of immature Northern Goshawks, and small numbers of Rough-legged Hawks. The owls now follow right after the hawks, with only a couple more Snowy Owls to follow their October arrival. The first Short-eared Owl was reported from the Geneseo airfield on the 8th, and good numbers were tallied on the first DEC survey out of Avon on the 20th. Numbers of reports for American Kestrel were very low, but Merlin and Peregrine Falcon reports were typical of this time of year. Northern Shrike was present, but numbers of reports and apparent individuals, 9, were low.

Finally the passerines, again a bit scrambled, but the order remains nearly the same from flycatchers to waxwings. Then the finches and Snow Bunting and Lapland Longspur move up, followed by the sparrows, blackbirds, warblers, and finally cardinal and relatives. Another surprise was 3 interesting flycatcher reports, 2 *empidonax*, with unfortunately not enough detail to be sure of ID to species, and then a latish Eastern Phoebe on the 17th. The only late vireo was a very late Blue-headed Vireo at Yanty Creek on the 12th. Moving to the swallows, we had several Northern Rough-winged reported and a lone Cave Swallow found and photographed by Mike Gullo at Sodus Point on the 9th. We follow with a number of lingering half-hardy species reported and good numbers of American Robins scattered about. Then finally 3 locations with Bohemian Waxwing and a start of winter finch arrivals. There was the best scattering of Evening Grosbeaks in years, with about 67 individuals reported this month, plus a Pine Grosbeak and reports of both crossbills in Durand Eastman Park and many reports and some good numbers for both Common Redpoll and Pine Siskin. Lapland Longspurs and Snow Buntings were hit and miss, with at least some good flocks of Snow Bunting. We end this large grouping with the usual few sparrow departures, none really surprisingly late; generally poor counts for blackbird flocks; and two late Pine Warbler reports from Hamlin Beach and a few Yellow-rumped Warblers noted.

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.

	2018	2017	10-year Average (2008-2017)
Total species for November	160	154	151.8
New species for the year	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4.1</u>
Total for the year to date	287	288	290.3

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

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Species	No.	Date	Location	Observers
Snow Goose	<u>max 80</u>	21	Honeoye Rd., T. Hemlock Burke Hill & Smith Rds, Wyoming Co.	T. Bohling R. Stevens
<u>Greater White-fronted Goose</u>	4	8FF	Silver Lake- N, Wyoming Co.	R. Stevens
<u>Greater White-fronted Goose</u>	1	12	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	mob
Brant	1	11-14L	12 loc	11+ Obs
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>27 rep, ~ 61</u>	2-27	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>max 17</u>	2	Twin Cedars Environ. Area, Avon	M. Wasilco
Canada Goose	<u>max 7000</u>	6	Irondequoit Bay - N	A. Guthrie, T. Herwood, C. Wood
Mute Swan	<u>max 184</u>	19	NMWMA (Armitage Rd.)	J. Gordinier
Trumpeter Swan	<u>max 25</u>	24	Conesus Lake	T. Bohling
Tundra Swan	<u>max 118</u>	15	Conesus Lake	T. Bohling
Tundra Swan	<u>150</u>	24-25	Round Pond, Greece	K. Griffith
Northern Shoveler	<u>max 28</u>	12	Northrup Creek, Greece	C. Wood
Gadwall	<u>max 194</u>	21	Round Pond, Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood, R. Cicotta, P. Wolter
<u>Eurasian Wigeon</u>	1	3-5L	Round Pond, Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
American Wigeon	<u>max 460</u>	3	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	D. Bemont, R. Spahn
Mallard	<u>max 206</u>	8	Eagle Cliff, Wayne Co.	M. Gullo
American Black Duck	<u>max 80</u>	21	Round Pond, Greece	Ji. Miles
Northern Pintail	<u>max 26</u>	11	Northrup Creek, Greece	C. Wood, Je. Barry
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 72</u>	3	Vitale Park, Conesus Lake	J. Kimball
Redhead	<u>max 2500</u>	17	Hemlock Lake	B. Howe
Ring-necked Duck	<u>max 400</u>	29	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	N. Kachala
Greater Scaup	<u>max 400</u>	25	Sodus Bay	M. Gullo
Lesser Scaup	<u>max 70</u>	2	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. McGowan, L. Santana
Greater/Lesser Scaup	<u>max 600</u>	25	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
<i>Aythya</i> species	<u>max 1000</u>	30	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C. Wood
<u>King Eider</u>	1 f	11FF	Brown Rd. T. Wolcott, Wayne Co.	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Harlequin Duck</u>	1	5	Hamlin Beach SP	C. Wood
<u>Harlequin Duck</u>	2 imm f	21	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C. Wood, A. Guthrie, P. Martin
Surf Scoter	<u>max 19, low</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C. Wood, A. Guthrie, P. Martin
White-winged Scoter	<u>max 481</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	Martin
Black Scoter	<u>max 7, low</u>	5	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Long-tailed Duck	<u>max 3730</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C. Wood, A. Guthrie, P. Martin

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Bufflehead	<u>max 165</u>	25	Sodus Point	T. Herwood, C. Wood
Bufflehead	<u>140</u>	17	Vitale Park, Conesus Lake	J. Kimball
Common Goldeneye	<u>max 192</u>	29	Hemlock Lake	B. Howe
Hooded Merganser	<u>max 348</u>	18	Honeoye Lake	B. Howe
Hooded Merganser	<u>214</u>	21	Irondequoit Bay - S	C. Wood
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 6245</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C. Wood, A, Guthrie, P. Martin
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>5000</u>	20	Buck Pond, Greece	A. Guthrie
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>2000</u>	21	Buck Pond, Greece	Je. Barry, Ji. Barry
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>1500</u>	29-30	Irondequoit Bay - S	R. & S. Spahn
Ruddy Duck	<u>max 39</u>	12	Long Pond, Greece	K. Griffith
Horned Grebe	<u>max 178</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C. Wood, A, Guthrie, P. Martin
Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 81</u>	21	Hamlin Beach SP	C. Wood
Chimney Swift	2	<u>2L, RL</u>	Durand-Eastman Park	D. Horsey
American Coot	<u>max 35, low</u>	4	Braddock Bay - East Spit	C. Wood
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 59</u>	2	NMWMA (Armitage Rd.)	D. Kennedy
Sandhill Crane	<u>8</u>	15	T. Rush	M. Zettel
Sandhill Crane	9 ↓ 1	17-21	<u>Northrup Creek, Greece</u> <u>Ashley Rd., T. Livonia, Ontario</u>	B. & B. Morse, mob
Sandhill Crane	2	3, 23; 25	<u>Co.</u>	B. Howe; T. Bohling
Semipalmated Plover	1	<u>4L</u>	Salmon Creek, Greece Dalton Rd. T. Nunda, Livingston Co.	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Killdeer	1	<u>23L</u>	Co.	J. Gordinier
Sanderling	1	<u>27L</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	P. Martin
Dunlin	<u>max 76</u>	4	Salmon Creek, Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Dunlin	1	<u>21L</u>	Salmon Creek, Greece	C. Wood
White-rumped Sandpiper	1	<u>22L</u>	Irondequoit Bay - S	M. Gullo
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	<u>4L</u>	Salmon Creek, Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	<u>9L</u>	T. Williamson, Wayne Co.	M. Gullo
American Woodcock	1	<u>3L</u>	Mendon Ponds Park	C. Goetz
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	<u>3L</u>	Salmon Creek, Greece	Ji. Miles
Greater Yellowlegs ph	2	<u>11L</u>	Braddock Bay	A. Guthrie, C. Wood
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1	3	off Edgemere Dr., Greece	Je. Barry, L. Barry, C. Wood
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1	10	off Edgemere Dr., Greece	Je. Barry, L. Barry, C. Wood
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake</u>	1 imm	10F	Hamlin Beach SP	L. Kahle, S. Toner
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 348</u>	10	Irondequoit Bay - S	L. Kahle
<u>Little Gull</u>	2 ad	21	Irondequoit Bay - S	C. Wood
<u>Little Gull</u>	2; 3 ad	21	Buck Pond, Greece	Je. Barry, Ji. Barry; M. Barry
Ring-billed Gull	<u>max 4000</u>	5	Groveland Flats, Livingston Co.	J. Kimball
Herring Gull	<u>max 1040</u>	10	Irondequoit Bay - S	L. Kahle
Herring Gull	<u>max 1270</u>	21	Northrup Creek, Greece	C. Wood
Iceland Gull	1	<u>21FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	C. Wood
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<u>~ 14 rep, 12 ind</u>	5-23	7 loc	10+ obs
Glaucous Gull	1	<u>15FF</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	P. Martin
Common Tern	2	<u>4L</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Red-throated Loon	<u>max 1977</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C. Wood, A, Guthrie, P. Martin
<u>Pacific Loon</u>	1	11F	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C. Wood, A, Guthrie
Common Loon	<u>max 164, low</u>	6	Hamlin Beach SP Broadway Rd. & Brown Rd., Wayne Co.	Je. Barry, C. Wood, A, Guthrie, P. Martin
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 200</u>	8	Wayne Co.	W. & M. Rowley

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Least Bittern	1	<u>21L, RL</u>	Buck Pond, Greece	M. & S. Barry; Je. Barry, C. Wood
Great Egret	1	<u>17-20L</u>	Round Pond, Greece	Bri. Morse, Ji. Miles, R. Spahn G. Lawrence, B. Carlson, J.
<u>Cattle Egret</u>	1	2F	NMWMA (Armitage Rd.) Pocock Rd., T.Bergen, Genesee	Wing, M. Gullo J. Pocock, <i>fide</i> M. Mance -
<u>Cattle Egret</u>	1	3	Co.	Coniglio
<u>Cattle Egret ph</u>	1	13L	T. Williamson, Wayne Co. Lakeville-Groveland Rd.,	L. Dirx
Osprey	1	<u>9L</u>	Livingston Co.	K. Close
Bald Eagle	<u>~ 94 rep, 79 ind</u>	<u>all month</u>	many loc	mob
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	1 imm	4	Island Cottage Woods	C. Wood
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	1 imm	11	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	A. Garland
Snowy Owl ph	1	5-6	Braddock Bay - East Spit	D. Horsey, 5 oth obs
Snowy Owl	1	29-30	n of Batavia	C. Hibsich, D. Beattie
Short-eared Owl	1	<u>8FF</u>	Genesee airfield	J. Kimball
Short-eared Owl	<u>max 8</u>	20	Sand Rd. W. Bloomfield	M. Brown
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	8	<u>Conesus Lake Inlet</u>	K. Close
American Kestrel	<u>9 rep, 8 ind</u>	all month	6 loc	6 obs
Merlin	<u>26 rep, 24 ind</u>	all month	19 loc	22+ obs
Peregrine Falcon	<u>15 rep, 15 ind</u>	all month	13 loc	15+ obs
<u>empidonax flycatcher</u>	1	<u>2</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	W. & M. Rowley
<u>empidonax flycatcher</u>	1	<u>12</u>	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	R. & S. Spahn, C. Spahn
Eastern Phoebe	1	<u>17L</u>	Whiting Rd. NP, Webster	Ji. Miles
Northern Shrike	<u>11 rep, 9 ind</u>	14-30	7 loc	9+ obs L. Bergmeter, R. Buckert, Ji.
Blue-headed Vireo	1	<u>12L</u>	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	Miles
Horned Lark	<u>max 60</u>	30	W. River Rd., T. Caledonia	T. Bohling
N. Rough-winged Swallow	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
N. Rough-winged Swallow	<u>15; 7</u>	<u>10; 17L</u>	Caledonia Fish Hatchery	R. Stevens
<u>Cave Swallow ph</u>	1	<u>9F</u>	Sodus Point	M. Gullo
Winter Wren	1	<u>24L</u>	Irondequoit Bay - S	R. Spahn
Marsh Wren	1	<u>18L</u>	Northrup Creek, Greece	T. Lenz
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	<u>18L</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	T. Lenz
Hermit Thrush	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	Webster Park	A. Guthrie, C. Wood
Wood Thrush	1	<u>2L</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	W. & M. Rowley
American Robin	<u>max 488</u>	24	T. Gates	Bri. Morse
Gray Catbird	1	<u>23L</u>	I390 @ I490, T. Gates	N. Kachala
Brown Thrasher	1	<u>3L</u>	Kirkwood Rd., Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
<u>Bohemian Waxwing ph</u>	1	<u>11FF</u>	Whiting Rd. NP, Webster	C. Giles, E. Thein
<u>Bohemian Waxwing</u>	1	12-13	Webster Park	M. Gullo, 4+ oth obs
<u>Bohemian Waxwing ph</u>	2	19	Hamlin Beach SP	M. Gullo, 8+ oth obs
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 350</u>	<u>23</u>	Durand-Eastman Park Jones Bridge & Perry Rds.,	R. Buckert, N. Kachala
American Pipit	<u>max 20</u>	3	Leicester	J. Kimball
American Pipit	2	<u>20L</u>	Nations Rd. IBA, T. Avon	N. Kachala
Evening Grosbeak	11	<u>6FF</u>	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Evening Grosbeak	<u>28 rep, 67 ind</u>	3-27	19 loc	mob
Pine Grosbeak	1	24F-30	Durand-Eastman Park	G. Lawrence, mob
Common Redpoll	<u>max 140</u>	30	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
White-winged Crossbill	1; 2	<u>23F; 25</u>	Durand-Eastman Park	Ji. Miles; A. Garland
Pine Siskin	<u>max 25</u>	24; 29	Bear Creek; T. Sodus	J. Wing
American Goldfinch	<u>max 470</u>	4	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie

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Snow Bunting	<u>max 120</u>	13	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Eastern Towhee	1	19 <u>L</u>	Conesus Lake Inlet WMA	K. Close
Chipping Sparrow	1	4 <u>L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Field Sparrow	1	18 <u>L</u>	T. Livonia, Livingston Co.	T. Bohling
Savannah Sparrow	1	4 <u>L</u>	Bennet Rd., T. Parma	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>max 1200</u>	3	Mendon Ponds Park	C. Goetz
Rusty Blackbird	<u>max 16</u>	12	Burger Park, Greece	P. Wolter
Pine Warbler	1	18, 23	Hamlin Beach SP	Ji. Miles, C. Goetz
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	25 <u>L</u>	Durand-Eastman Park	N. Kachala