

June 2019 Sightings Report

The month started cool and warmed slowly to summer temperatures. Days above and below normal were about evenly matched and spread through the month. There were 9 days above 80° and none dropping down to freezing. Temperatures averaged 66.0°F, 0.2° below normal. Precipitation totaled 3.94", 0.60" below normal, and over 1/3 of the total, 1.32", fell in the 24-hour period from the 19th-20th. There was some rain on 13 days, but only 2 days had thunderstorms. The heaviest of the rains on the 20th bypassed us to our south. Summer heat and humidity arrived in the last few days of the month. Lake Ontario warmed slowly from the upper 40s to the mid 60s by month's end. Lake levels remained record high all month.

Weather conditions were generally good for birding, but the high waters limited access to some prime birding areas, just as 2 years ago. The weather through the spring and this month has been great for growing vegetation, and it remains lush across the region. The eBird records download was very close to last year's, and removing out-of-region lines brought us to about 33,282 in-region "records", very close to last June. 196 species reported for the month is above the 10-year average, but in line with more recent years. Nearly all of the really expected species for the month were reported. The few misses, to be noted below, were species whose departure distributions have tails into early June. There were only 2 off-list rarities, a Laughing Gull and a Sedge Wren, the latter now a very rare breeder at best.

Waterfowl were generally scarce and numbers low. Most of the noteworthy reports were either passing birds along the Lake Ontario shore or from the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Area (NMWMA). One surprise was 1 or 2 female Common Goldeneye observed and photographed in the Seneca River near the Morgan Road area of the NMWMA. We have only 4 prior records of individuals in June and no other summer records.

Recall that we have moved to the new AOS checklist order, so we next look at species from pheasants to Sandhill Crane. The only noteworthy records in that grouping were counts for Common Nighthawk and Common Gallinule and numbers for the Sandhill Cranes in both the Honeoye Creek WMA and NMWMA areas, both known breeding locations.

Late spring shorebird variety was much as expected, with the usual migrants in June reported other than White-rumped Sandpiper. In recent years, Red Knot and Sanderling have been less than annual in June. Numbers were very low other than one Semipalmated Sandpiper count. Moving to the larids, we had Bonaparte's Gull and some of the terns lingering to late in the month, when often they depart by about mid-June. The Laughing Gull, noted earlier, 4 Lesser Black-backed Gulls, an interesting, pale, large gull photographed at Sodus Point, and a late-June Forster's Tern were also interesting reports. Singles of both loons were reported late in the month. A Glossy Ibis that appeared along the eastern part of Carncross Road in the NMWMA on the 2nd & 3rd was seen and photographed by many. Black

Vulture was only reported from Letchworth State Park, with 1 or 2 birds on 3 dates.

Among the raptors, the expected species were reported, with good numbers for Bald Eagle and Red-tailed Hawk, and no reports for Northern Goshawk, and few for Red-shouldered and Broad-winged (away from the hawk watch). Unofficial hawk counting continued at the Braddock Bay hawk watch, with 20 Bald Eagles and 49 Broad-winged Hawks on the 13th and 95 Turkey Vultures on the 25th—good numbers. Counts of 11 and 12 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers in two parts of the H.H. Spencer State Recreation Area on the 28th are just reminders of abundance in our forests if observers take the time to count. Falcon reports were typical of this time of year. There was only one Merlin report, from Fairport, that specifically noted a nesting pair. There were about 8 Peregrine Falcon reports from 7 locations other than the breeding pair in Rochester. The ralconcam website reported that 3 male and one female young fledged between June 18 and 21, and that the female was found dead not far away on June 23.

Most of the late-migrant passerines that are banded or reported into June were recorded this month, including; Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Gray-cheeked and Swainson's Thrushes, White-throated and White-crowned Sparrows, and Magnolia, Bay-breasted, Blackpoll, Canada, and Wilson's Warblers. Missing from this group were just Philadelphia Vireo and Cape May Warbler. Rarer passerines this season were the Sedge Wren noted earlier, Clay-colored Sparrows at the usual Cook Road sites in Hamlin plus Honeoye Creek WMA and Ganondagan, the nesting Prothonotary Warbler (maybe more than 1) on Armitage Road in the NMWMA, and a Yellow-throated Warbler found and photographed in Letchworth State Park by Kyle Gage. Otherwise, passerine numbers and departure dates were typical.

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.

	2019	2018	10-year Average (2009-2018)
Species for June	196	90	183.2
New for the year	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2.1</u>
Total for the year to date	271	268	266.3

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

JUNE 2019

Species	No.	Date	Location	Observers
Snow Goose	1	<u>15; 17; 29L</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit, Van Dyne Spoor)	M. Brown; P. Sysiong; W. & M. Rowley
Mute Swan	<u>max 103</u>	5	Buck Pond (Greece)	M. Wasilco
Trumpeter Swan	<u>max 10</u>	6	NMWMA (Carncross Rd.)	J. Wing
Wood Duck	<u>max 40</u>	9	Conesus Lake WMA	Bri. Morse
N. Shoveler	1	<u>10-20L</u>	Sodus Pt.	sev obs
Gadwall	1	<u>2</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	C. Ingram
Am. Wigeon	1	<u>21L</u>	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
Green-winged Teal	1	<u>7L</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	G. Chapin
Ring-necked Duck	1	<u>6L</u>	Twin Cedars Environ. Area, Avon	M. Wasilco
Ring-necked Duck	1	<u>6L</u>	NMWMA (Deep Muck)	M. Burns
White-winged Scoter	1	<u>17L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Long-tailed Duck	1	<u>17-18L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Goldeneye	2	<u>28L</u>	NMWMA (Morgan Rd. area)	E. Setterberg
Red-breasted Merganser	1	<u>24, 26L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Ruddy Duck	5	<u>5L</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	G. Dashnau
Common Nighthawk	<u>max 48</u>	4	Long Pond (Greece)	K. Gage
Common Gallinule	<u>max 65</u>	5	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	G. Dashnau
Sandhill Crane	2-3	1	<u>Honoeye Creek WMA, Ontario Co.</u>	Eaton Birding Soc. Field Trip
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 15</u>	28	NMWMA (Morgan Rd. marshes)	E. Setterberg
Black-bellied Plover	6	<u>5L</u>	NMWMA (Carncross Rd.)	G. Dashnau
Semipalmated Plover	2	<u>10L</u>	Moscow Rd., Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Ruddy Turnstone	2	<u>5L</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	M. Gullo
Red Knot	1	5	Braddock Bay - East Spit	M. Gullo
Red Knot	1	<u>14L</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	Ji. Miles
Sanderling	1	<u>5L</u>	Moscow Rd., Hamlin	M. Gullo
Dunlin	1	<u>11L</u>	Moscow Rd., Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Least Sandpiper	2	<u>3L</u>	Moscow Rd., Hamlin	E. Thein
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 175</u>	2	NMWMA (Carncross Rd.)	S. Peterson
Semipalmated Sandpiper	154	3	Moscow Rd., Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	<u>19L</u>	Braddock Bay	S. Gracewski
Greater/Lesser Yellowlegs	1	<u>28</u>	Braddock Bay	S. Gracewski
Bonaparte's Gull	2	<u>24L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Laughing Gull ph</u>	1 imm	13; 14	Sodus Pt.	M. Gullo!; W. & M. Rowley
<u>Iceland "Thayer's" Gull ph</u>	1 ad	<u>14L</u>	Pt. Breeze, Orleans Co. R1?	J. Strong
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1 1st sum	4	Summerville Pier	G. Lawrence
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull ph</u>	2 1st sum	16	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1 1st sum	18, 21	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>pale, large gull sp ph</u>	1 1st sum	<u>4; 5</u>	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing!, J. Wood, W. & M. Rowley; J. Mott

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Caspian Tern	<u>max 68</u>	10	Sodus Pt.	M. Gullo
Black Tern	<u>max 20</u>	8	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor area)	P. Marr
Common Tern	<u>max 48</u>	17	Sodus Pt.	M. & C. Sporer
Forster's Tern	1	<u>21</u>	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
Red-throated Loon	1	<u>24</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Loon	1	<u>27</u>	Hamlin Beach SP - Yanty Creek	A. Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 100</u>	3, 14, 23	Sodus Pt.	M. Gullo, W. & M. Rowley, J. Wood
Great Egret	<u>max 11</u>	<u>5</u>	NMWMA (Carncross Rd.)	G. Dashnau
Glossy Ibis <u>phs</u>	1	2-3	NMWMA (Carncross Rd.)	W. Hochachka, 7 oth obs; earlier R3
Black Vulture	2, 1, 2	9, 22, 23	Letchworth SP	5 obs
Turkey Vulture	<u>77</u>	22	Letchworth SP - Mt. Morris Dam	S. Burch, J. McCartney
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 95</u>	25	Braddock Bay - hawk watch	M. Gullo
Bald Eagle	<u>max 20</u>	13	Braddock Bay - hawk watch	M. Gullo
Broad-winged Hawk	<u>max 49</u>	13	Braddock Bay - hawk watch	M. Gullo
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<u>11; 12</u>	28	H.H. Spencer SRA, 2 loc	R. & S. Spahn
American Kestrel	<u>~ 36 ind</u>	all month	30 loc	mob
Merlin <u>nesting pr</u>	2	<u>1</u>	<u>Fairport</u>	<i>fide</i> S. Carroll
Merlin	1	<u>13</u>	<u>Geneseo</u>	J. Kimball
Merlin	1	<u>24</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	R. & S. Spahn
Peregrine Falcon	<u>8 ind</u>	all month	7 loc	8+ obs
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	<u>1L</u>	Durand-Eastman Park	C. Giles
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	<u>1L</u>	Mendon Ponds Park	J. Mott
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	<u>9L</u>	Letchworth SP - Mt. Morris Dam	J. George, R. Reilly
Acadian Flycatcher	<u>max 22</u>	8	Letchworth SP - Dishmill Trail (18 mi)	J. Stevenson
"Traill's" Flycatcher	<u>max B 7</u>	5	Manitou	BBBO
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>max 23</u>	9	H.H. Spencer State Rec. Area	N. Kachala
Purple Martin	<u>max 25-26</u>	23-28	Montezuma Audubon Center	sev obs
Bank Swallow	<u>max 750</u>	12	Beechwood SP, Wayne Co.	S. Benedict, L. Clark-Benedict, <i>et al.</i>
Bank Swallow	<u>240</u>	24	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Cliff Swallow	<u>max 16</u>	1; 25	Hemlock Lake Park	R. Ryan; M. Wasilco
Winter Wren	<u>total ~12</u>	all month	10 loc	mob
<u>Sedge Wren</u>	1	<u>6F</u>	Cranberry Pond (Greece)	G. Lawrence
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	<u>7L</u>	Mendon Ponds Park	C. Goetz
Swainson's Thrush	1	<u>16L</u>	Letchworth SP	K. E. Costly
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 60</u>	15	Durand-Eastman Park	E. Thein
Pine Siskin	1	<u>19-20</u>	Caledonia	M. Wasilco
Clay-colored Sparrow	1-2	3-8	Cook Rd., Hamlin	8+ obs
Clay-colored Sparrow	1-2	1-4	Honeoye Creek WMA	15+ obs
Clay-colored Sparrow	2	17	Ganondagan Survey Pt.	C. Jacobs, H. Noble
Savannah Sparrow	<u>max 28</u>	4	Nations Rd. Survey	M. Wasilco
Grasshopper Sparrow	<u>~ 30</u>	all month	14 loc	mob
White-throated Sparrow	1	<u>20</u>	<u>Highland Avenue, Rochester</u>	J. Lindberg
White-throated Sparrow	1	<u>28</u>	H.H. Spencer State Rec. Area	R. & S. Spahn
Bobolink	<u>max 56</u>	4	Nations Rd. Survey	M. Wasilco
Ovenbird	<u>max 15</u>	8	Letchworth SP - Dishmill Trail	J. Stevenson
<u>Golden-wngd/Blue-wngd Warbler</u>	1	22	Letchworth SP	S. Burch
<u>Prothonotary Warbler</u>	1-2	thru <u>23L</u>	Armitage Rd (Wayne Co.)	28+ obs
<u>Prothonotary Warbler audio</u>	<u>1 ad, 3 FL</u>	15	Armitage Rd (Wayne Co.)	S. Toner
Tennessee Warbler	1	<u>1L</u>	Durand -Eastman; Mendon Ponds	M. Gullo; C. Goatz

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Mourning Warbler	1	<u>26-27</u>	<u>BBBO area</u>	R. Buckert, 4 oth obs
American Redstart	<u>max 18</u>	9	H.H. Spencer State Rec. Area	N. Kachala
Bay-breasted Warbler	1	6 <u>L</u>	Cranberry Pond (Greece)	G. Lawrence
Blackpoll Warbler	1	12 <u>L</u>	North Ponds Park, Webster	Ji. Miles
<u>Yellow-throated Warbler ph</u>	1	23	Letchworth SP - Archery Field Overlook	K. Gage
Black-throated Green Warbler	<u>1B</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>Manitou</u>	BBBO
Canada Warbler	<u>1B</u>	<u>9L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Wilson's Warbler	1	<u>1L</u>	Greece	K. Griffith