

September 2019 Sightings Report

It was a month of contrast, with the first 11 days cool and the final 19 days 10 °F warmer. Temperatures averaged 64.6°, 2.8° above normal. Precipitation at 3.01" was 0.37" below normal. Of that, 0.64" fell on both 1-2 and 10 September.

Waterfowl numbers were relatively poor for nearly all species through the month. Some diving ducks arrived around mid-month, many flying by Hamlin Beach State Park. Counts of Wood Duck, American Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Pintail, and Green-winged Teal all topped 100, all around the Van Dyne Spoor Road area of Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA). A max of 344 Common Loons by Hamlin Beach State Park on the 15th was noteworthy, and the first fall Red-throated Loons were observed there on the 21st. Double-crested Cormorant numbers remained high with a max of 2,000 reported from the mouth of Braddock Bay. Other waterbird counts remained low, even in the NMWMA.

Among the raptors, there were no large numbers reported related to the late summer hawk flight past Braddock Bay, as organized counts ended at the end of August. No Northern Goshawks were reported. No Black Vultures were reported, and a max of 134 Turkey Vultures at Letchworth State Park was reported. All 3 usual falcon species were reported in usual numbers.

With Lake Ontario water levels still high following record highs most of the summer and little rainfall in August and September, there wasn't much good shorebird habitat in the region. Most shorebird reports came from exposed lakeshore beaches and piers. While there were no significant high counts, there was a handful of less common shorebird species reported. Four Whimbrel reports, all single birds along the lakeshore, two Hudsonian Godwit reports, and one Red Knot report from Braddock Bay were highlights. Further, the Marbled Godwit, found at Braddock Bay in late August, continued to the 9th and was observed by many.

Jaegers put on an average showing with 8 to 10 Parasitic reported along the lakeshore plus a much less common Pomarine reported off Sodus Point. Beyond that, numbers of gulls and terns were fairly typical with a handful of Lesser Black-backed Gull reports and a Franklin's Gull found by Monika Herrmann and Jay Greenberg on the 25th. The last Black Terns were reported on the 15th from NMWMA.

Moving to the non-passerine land birds, no Eurasian Collared Doves were reported, cuckoos were poorly reported, and Common Nighthawk numbers were low, with a maximum of only 24.

Once again, all expected passerines were reported. A handful of Olive-sided Flycatcher reports in the first half of the month was nice. Almost all expected flycatcher species were reported to fairly late dates in the last week of the month. A Western-type Kingbird report from Ellison

Park was a nice surprise. Three Connecticut Warblers, including 2 banded at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, were noteworthy. Few other rarities were reported, and numbers were generally low for most species. This is reflected in the noteworthy records table and the banding tally at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory.

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)
Total species for September	214	221	217.7
New species for the year	2	5	5.6
Total for the year to date	282	280	280.4

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

Observers: Jim Adams, Janet Akin, John Ballou, Jesse Barry, Jim Barry, Liz Barry, Mitchell Barry, Doug Beattie, Don Bemont, Tom Bemont, Steven Benedict, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, BBBO (Andrea Patterson, *et al.*), Robert Buckert, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Robert Cicotta, Linda Clark-Benedict, Tiffany Clay, Kelly Close, Tim Colborn, Jeremy Collison, Lydia Culbert, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Deborah Dohne, Diane Egan, George Ford, Jim Fry, Kyle Gage, Andy Garland, Janis George, Jessica George, Candy Giles, Christopher Goetz, John Gordinier, Karla Gordinier, Shannon Gordinier, Elizabeth Gordon, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenter, Michael Gullo, Andy Guthrie, Richard Guthrie, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Monika Herrmann, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Marshall Iliff, Carolyn Jacobs, Alyssa Johnson, Nicholas Kachala, Amy Kahn, Ryan Kayhart, Kenneth Kempfues, Tom Kerr, Joshua Ketry, Jim Kimball, Scott Kinzey, Kathy Kirsch, J. Gary Kohlenberg, Mike Laird, Chris Lajewski, Tom Lathrop, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Pat Martin, Lauri Mattle, Kenneth McCarthy, Jacob McCartney, Jay McGowan, Bob McGuire, Jim Miles, Kent Millham, Adrielle Mitchell, Montezuma Audubon Center, Brian & Brooke Morse, Linda Mott, Chan Nam, Allen Nash, Tom Nash, Rivka Noll, David Odell, Jay Ovsiovitch, Bonnie Parton, Jim Pawlicki, Andrea Patterson, Scott Peterson, Norma Platt, Jo Popma, RBA Field trips, Carolyn Ragan, Rosemary Reilly, Ronda Roaring, Dave Robertson, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Robert Ryan, Jackie Salsbury, Livia Santana, Michael Scheibel, Karl Schmidt, Mickey Scilingo, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Roger Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Donna Mason-Spier, Chris Stanger, Rick Stevens, David Tetlow, Michael & Joann Tetlow, Eunice Thein, Indira Thirkannad, Kevin Topping, Connor Vara, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Bridget Watts, Windbirders Muckrace Team (Bill Gillette, Bob Spahn, Allan Strong, & Kinsley Whittum), Joe Wing, Paul Wolter, Chris Wood, Jim Wood.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

September 2019

Species	No.	Date	Location	Observers
Snow Goose	1	<u>1; 2</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	T. Colborn; D. Kennedy
Mute Swan	<u>max 62</u>	7	Irondequoit Bay - S	I. Thirkannad
Trumpeter Swan	4	2	<u>Mendon Ponds Thruway Pond</u>	M. Wasilco
Wood Duck	<u>max 150</u>	7	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	R. Buckert, N. Kachala
Blue-winged Teal	<u>max 181</u>	5	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	M. Wasilco
American Wigeon	<u>max 300</u>	30	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	M. Harris
Mallard	<u>max 550</u>	7	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	R. Buckert, N. Kachala
Northern Pintail	<u>max 295</u>	11	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	M. Wasilco
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 200</u>	14	MAC	K. Topping
Canvasback	1	<u>7FF</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Hodges, M. Jacobson
Redhead	2	<u>6FF</u>	Braddock Bay	M. Barry
Greater Scaup	2	<u>4FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	B. & B. Morse
Surf Scoter	1	<u>20FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, J. Pawlicki
White-winged Scoter	1	<u>18FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Tetlow
Black Scoter	1	<u>24FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Sherony, R. Spahn
Ruddy Duck	1	<u>4FF</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	J. Ketry
Red-nacked Grebe	<u>max 15</u>	15	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	28L	Genesee Valley Greenway Lakeshore Marshes WMA - Wolcott	J. Kimball
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	20L	Wolcott	R. Roaring
Common Nighthawk	<u>max 24</u>	3	Crittenden Park, Rochester	A. Garland
Common Nighthawk	2	25L	Honeoye Falls	B. Carlson
American Coot	<u>max 115</u>	7	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	R. Buckert, N. Kachala
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 17</u>	24	NMWMA (Carcross Rd.)	W. & M. Rowley
Killdeer	<u>max 55</u>	14	Church Rd., Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Whimbrel	1	1	Edgemere Drive	Je. Barry, Ji. Barry
Whimbrel	1	7	Braddock Bay	Je Barry, M. Barry, A. Guthrie, C. Wood
Whimbrel	1	10	Summerville Pier	C. Giles, M. Gullo, G. Lawrence
Whimbrel	1	20L	Sodus Bay - Sodus Point	C. Vara, J. Wing
Hudsonian Godwit	2	<u>7FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	J. McGowan
Hudsonian Godwit	1	18L	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Marbled Godwit many ph</u>	1	thru 9L	Braddock Bay area	mob
Ruddy Turnstone	1	30L	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
Red Knot	1	15L	Braddock Bay	Je., Ji., & M. Barry
Stilt Sandpiper	1	20L	Hogan Pt., Greece	A. Guthrie, J. Pawlicki
Baird's Sandpiper	1	21L	Braddock Bay - East Spit	M. Barry
<u>Western Sandpiper imm</u>	1	17L	off Manitou Beach Rd.	R. & S. Spahn
Short-billed Dowitcher	1	15L	NMWMA (Albano-Torrey Marsh)	M. Jacobson
<u>Pomarine Jaeger</u>	1	16F	Sodus Pt.	M. Gullo
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	<u>total ~ 17</u>	7-29	6 loc	12+ obs
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 50</u>	11	Ontario Beach area	K. Millham
<u>Franklin's Gull ph</u>	1 ad	25F	Ontario Beach area	M. Hermann, J. Greenberg
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>total ~ 17</u>	3-21	6 loc	20+ obs
Black Tern	2	15L	NMWMA (Albano-Torrey Marsh)	M. Jacobson
Common Tern	9, 13; 5	29L	Hamlin Beach SP; Sodus Pt.	sev
Forster's Tern	1	7L	Braddock Bay - East Spit	J. McGowan
Red-throated Loon	3	<u>21FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Loon	<u>max 344</u>	15	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 2000</u>	16	Braddock Bay - East Spit	R. Reilly
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 134</u>	30	Mount Morris Dam	S. & S. Kinzey

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Broad-winged Hawk	1	29L	Rochester	K. Millham
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<u>max 12</u>	25	Grandview Heights	K. Griffith
American Kestrel	<u>26 rep. ~17 ind</u>	all month	18 loc	mob
Merlin	<u>30 rep. ~26 ind</u>	all month	15 loc	mob
Peregrine Falcon	<u>28 rep. ~16 ind</u>	all month	12+ loc	mob
<u>Olive-sided Flycatcher</u>	1	2	Ellison Park, Penfield	J. Miles
<u>Olive-sided Flycatcher</u>	1	4	Tinker Nature Park	P. Wolter
<u>Olive-sided Flycatcher</u>	1	7L	Wolcott, Wayne Co.	J. McGowan, L. Santana
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<u>total B 20</u>	2-25L	Manitou	BBBO
"Traill's " Flycatcher	<u>total B 4</u>	2-14	Manitou	BBBO
Willow Flycatcher	1	27L	Firehouse Woods, Greece	L. Bergmeyer, E. Thein
Least Flycatcher	<u>total B 22</u>	1-12	Manitou	BBBO
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	25L	Manitou (Owl Woods)	Je. George
<u>Western Kingbird</u>	1, 16th Reg	21F	Ellison Park, Penfield	J. Miles, L. Mattle
Blue-headed Vireo	<u>max 10</u>	29	Hamlin Beach - West End	A. Guthrie
Philadelphia Vireo	<u>total B 8</u>	10-22	Manitou	BBBO
Warbling Vireo	1	29L	T. Gates	Bri. Morse
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>total B 55</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Fish Crow</u>	2-5	5-20	Charlotte area	sev obs
Horned Lark	<u>max 42, low</u>	21	Redman Rd., Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Purple Martin	5	10L	MAC	M. Wasilco
Tree Swallow	<u>max 300, low</u>	25	NMWMA (Morgan Rd. Marshes)	D. & T. Bemont
N. Rough-winged Swallow	<u>max 100</u>	18	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow
N. Rough-winged Swallow	<u>max 100</u>	22	Piffard, Livingston Co.	D. Beattie
Bank Swallow	2	15L	T. Caledonia, Livingston	M. Wasilco
Bank Swallow	x	15L	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Lenz, A. Hopping
Black-capped Chickadee	<u>total B 11</u>	4-28	Manitou	BBBO
Winter Wren	<u>max 22</u>	29	Hamlin Beach - West End	A. Guthrie
Winter Wren	<u>total B 8, low</u>	9-28	Manitou	BBBO
Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	1	28L	Greece	K. Griffith
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	9FF	Manitou (Owl Woods)	Ja. George
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	1FF	Mendon Ponds Park	C. Goetz
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>max B 7</u>	30	Manitou	BBBO
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>total B 19</u>	12-30	Manitou	BBBO
Veery	<u>total B 8</u>	1-24	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	11FF	Manitou (Owl Woods)	J. Ketry
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>max 10</u>	25	Walworth, Wayne Co.	M. Gullo
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>max B 6</u>	28	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>total B 39</u>	17-30	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-ch./Bick. Thrush	<u>total B 9</u>	17-30	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	<u>max B 11</u>	15	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	19	25	T. Caledonia, Livingston	M. Wasilco
Swainson's Thrush	<u>max 27</u>	25	Walworth, Wayne Co.	M. Gullo
Swainson's Thrush	<u>total B 57</u>	8-30	Manitou	BBBO
Hermit Thrush	1	6FF	NMWMA (Morgan Rd. Marshes)	R. Buckert, N. Kachala
Gray Catbird	<u>29; max 32</u>	7; 15	Whiting Rd. NP, Webster	G. Ford
Gray Catbird	<u>max B 9</u>	15	Manitou	BBBO
Gray Catbird	<u>total B 94</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
American Pipit	1	8FF	Braddock Bay	Je. Barry, M. Barry, A. Guthrie, C. Wood

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Lincoln's Sparrow	1	20FF	Honeoye Falls	B. Carlson
White-throated Sparrow	1	16FF	Chimney Bluffs, Wayne Co.	M. Gullo
White-throated Sparrow	<u>max 52</u>	29	Hamlin Beach - West End	A. Guthrie
White-throated Sparrow	<u>max B 17</u>	27	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	<u>total B 58</u>	19-30	Manitou	BBBO
White-crowned Sparrow	2	18FF	Penfield	A. Garland
Dark-eyed Junco	2	7FF	Palmyra, Watne Co.	T. Clay
Baltimore Oriole	2	16L	Beechwood SP, Wayne Co.	J. Wood
Brown-headed Cowbird	<u>max 1000</u>	22	HANA	D. Sherony
Rusty Blackbird	1	25FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Grackle	<u>max 1801</u>	29	T. Caledonia, Livingston	M. Wasilco
Northern Waterthrush	<u>total B 12</u>	1-25L	Manitou	BBBO
Northern Waterthrush	1	29L	Spencerport	K. LaCelle
Blue-winged Warbler	1	25L	Nunda, Livingston Co.	J. Gordinier
Tennessee Warbler	<u>total B 12</u>	4-30	Manitou	BBBO
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	27-28FF	Livonia, Livingston Co.	T. Bohling
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	30	Twin Cedars Environ Area, Avon	M. Wasilco
Nashville Warbler	<u>total B 23</u>	9-30	Manitou	BBBO
Connecticut Warbler	1	8	Manitou (Owl Woods)	A. Guthrie, C. Wood
Connecticut Warbler	1	9	Manitou (Owl Woods)	Ja. George, R. Reilly
Connecticut Warbler	1B	4	Manitou	BBBO
Connecticut Warbler	1B	19	Manitou	BBBO
Mourning Warbler	1B	16L	Manitou	BBBO
Common Yellowthroat	<u>total B 40</u>	1-27	Manitou	BBBO
American Redstart	<u>total B 54</u>	1-28	Manitou	BBBO
Northern Parula	1	8FF	T. Canadice, Ontario Co.	B. Howe
Magnolia Warbler	<u>max 24</u>	8	Manitou (Owl Woods)	A. Guthrie, C. Wood
Magnolia Warbler	<u>total B 26</u>	17	Manitou	BBBO
Magnolia Warbler	<u>total B 165</u>	3-30	Manitou	BBBO
Bay-breasted Warbler	<u>total B 36</u>	13-30	Manitou	BBBO
Yellow Warbler	1	29L	Rochester; Greece	J. Popma; K. Griffith
Chestnut-sided Warbler	2B	25L	Manitou	BBBO
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	25L	Greece; Hamlin Beach SP	K. Griffith; A. Guthrie
Blackpoll Warbler	<u>max B 16</u>	14	Manitou	BBBO
Blackpoll Warbler	<u>total B 78</u>	4-30	Manitou	BBBO
Blk-thr. Blue Warbler	<u>total B 58</u>	3-30	Manitou	BBBO
Palm Warbler	1	15FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Pine Warbler	<u>max 15</u>	3	Durand-Eastman Park	E. Thein
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<u>max 12, low</u>	30	Lucien Morin Park, Penfield	J. Popma
Prairie Warbler	1B	<u>21</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Black-thr. Green Warbler	<u>total B 20</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Canada Warbler	1	24L	Greece	K. Griffith
Wilson's Warbler	<u>total B 23</u>	1-24	Manitou	BBBO