



**Rochester Birding
Association**

P.O. Box 92055, 1335 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14692

Little Gull

October 2023 Events and Birding Field Trips

Leaders and trip details are subject to change. Please check the most recent issue of the Little Gull, or the online schedule at the RBA website <https://rochesterbirding.org/>, for updated information prior to departure! All field trips go rain/snow or shine unless there is a travel advisory issued. Trips run approximately 2 to 4 hours. Bring binoculars. Wear weather appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes. Registration is not required, please arrive at the designated meeting location 10 minutes before the start time of the trip. Colds, flu, and COVID are still around—if you're not feeling well, please stay home. Please carpool when possible. Enjoy your trip!

[October and November are Excellent Months to Observe the Parade of Waterbirds on Lake Ontario.](#)
Several experienced birders are active at the lake watch beside the Lakeshore Pavilion at Parking Lot 4 of Hamlin Beach State Park many mornings during these months. Visitors are welcome!

Oct 8
Sunday

Hamlin Beach State Park

We'll start off walking flat wooded and brushy areas of the park, looking for thrushes, sparrows, and maybe a half-hardy warbler or two. After that, we'll stop by the lake watch to view ducks on the water and in flight, learning about the lake watch process. Dress appropriately for cooler weather along the lake, and wear comfortable footwear. Restroom facilities are available. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** in Hamlin Beach State Park, Parking Lot 1. **Spotting scopes would be very useful.**

Leader: *Dominic Sherony 585-298-4260 and co-leader Rick Stevens 585-689-1882*

Oct 12

RBA Monthly Meeting, 7:00 pm, Asbury Methodist and Zoom, see details below

Oct 14
Saturday

Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant

Why a wastewater treatment plant? Open water and a great location mean that this spot appears regularly on fall birding lists. We will drive on the banks of the ponds, getting out wherever the birds are congregating. Discover the great opportunity this spot (and its helpful staff) offers. Restrooms might be available at the plant offices. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the wastewater treatment plant headquarters at the end of Industrial Blvd. (17 Treadeasy Ave.), which is off Pearl Street (Route 33) at the western edge of the city of Batavia. If possible we will carpool from the plant offices. **Spotting scopes would be very useful.**

Leader: *Neal Reilly 518-256-9147 and co-leader Cathy Ballard 585-322-2621*

Oct 28
Saturday

Durand-Eastman Park

Waxwings, winter finches, and lingering migrants are possible. We may visit Irondequoit Bay to look for waterfowl. Steady moderate grade at one point. Length about 2.5 miles, total. Restrooms may be available on this route. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** in Parking Lot D on the north side of Lake Shore Blvd. between Zoo Road and Log Cabin Road. Please dress for the weather.

Leaders: *Amy Kahn 585-310-2330, Sheryl Gracewski and Tom Nash 585-261-6975*

Nov 26
Sunday

Niagara River (Joint trip with the Buffalo Ornithological Society)

The Niagara River area is famous for the variety and number of gulls in winter. Join us on our birding venture along the Niagara River in both the US and Canada (yes, Canada!). We will start at Lake Ontario and work our way south to the Falls. Our focus will be on waterfowl and gulls, including Bonaparte's Gull and Little Gull, with possible late migrating Common Tern, with additional stops for Red-headed Woodpecker, Black Vulture and late migrating passerines. This is a joint trip with the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the large parking lot next to the swimming pool of Fort Niagara State Park Beach, 1 Scott Avenue, Rt 18F, Youngstown, NY. Bring beverages and lunch for this is an all day trip. We

will be crossing into Canada (as of October 1, 2022, all COVID restrictions were dropped). Carpooling would be very helpful. **Participants MUST bring passports or Enhanced Driver's licenses. Dress warmly and in layers. Spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.**

Leaders: *Tom O'Donnell of the Buffalo Ornithological Society (BOS) 716-284-5569 or tmodonnell@roadrunner.com and Neal Reilly 518-256-9147, co-leader Cathy Ballard 585-322-2621*

Dec 2

Saturday

Conesus Lake Area

We'll be looking for Tundra Swans, Canvasback, Redhead and other waterfowl. This trip is a combination of driving, stopping at overlooks and short walks on mostly level dirt trails and dikes. Length is about 1.5 mile walking. Dress warmly and in layers. Restrooms are available at Vitale Park only. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at Vitale Park on Route 20A in Lakeville. The park entrance is by the Lakeville post office on the south (lake) side of 20A and across the street from Smith's Hardware. **Spotting scopes would be very useful.**

Leader: *Jim Kimball 585-519-9211 and co-leader Nick Kachala 585-750-5536*

Semipalmated Sandpiper, Sanderling, Ruddy Turnstone,
Braddock Bay East Spit © Alan Bloom August 31, 2023



Rochester Christmas Bird Count 2023: An Opportunity to Contribute, Learn, and Be Part of the Community

Save the date of Sunday, December 17th to participate in the 120th year of the Rochester Christmas Bird Count!

Each year we count the species and numbers of birds in the Rochester area (map inset). We compile the data and send it to the National Audubon Society, who use it to identify trends and influence policy.

This is a significant opportunity:

- to develop your birding skills in the field
- to make connections in the birding community
- to contribute to 'Citizen Science'
- to attend the tally dinner, exchange stories, enjoy pizza and make birdy friends.

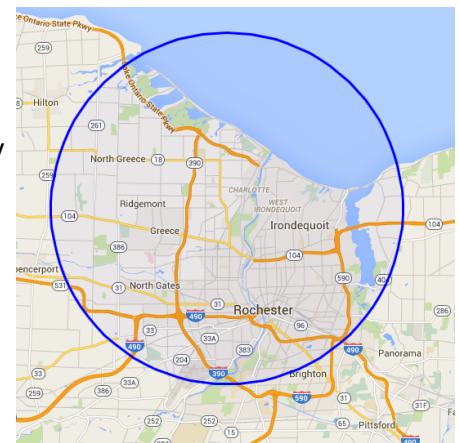
We need your help and welcome all skill levels. **Please join us!!!**

Details will appear in the November Little Gull.....

Please contact Norma Platt for further information or to sign up

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President's Corner, Randi Minetor

I'm guessing that everyone in RBA knows about the Braddock Bay Hawkwatch, a mainstay of Monroe County birding in spring and fall, and an important contributor to science's understanding of raptor migration in North America. Fewer people know that there's another, less formal watch that takes place every fall as well: the Hamlin Beach Lakewatch, which happens in parking lot #4 at Hamlin Beach State Park.

The Lakewatch has gone on for many decades, with a wide range of intrepid birders braving lake winds, cold, rainy weather, and the encroachment of weed trees on their view. If you visit, you can see them standing with their scopes trained north on the far horizon, counting seabirds as they pass from their inland breeding grounds in the far north to their wintering locations to the east or west.

What do the Lakewatchers see? Lots of winter ducks, including Redhead, Bufflehead, Long-Tailed Duck, Canvasback, Greater and Lesser Scaup, Common Goldeneye, and White-winged, Black, and Surf Scoters; Horned and Red-necked Grebe, Common and Red-throated Loon, Bonaparte's Gull, and occasional Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers, Common Eider, Black-legged Kittiwake, Little Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, and all the more common gulls and ducks you would expect from a fall day on the shores of Lake Ontario.

Their work resulted in a paper written by Brett Ewald and Dominic Sherony, published in 2001 by the then-Federation of New York State Bird Clubs (now the New York State Ornithological Association). You can read the paper at NYSOA's website: <https://nybirds.org/Publications/Monograph-HamlinBeachLakewatch2001.pdf>. The authors noted that diving ducks (rather than dabbling) are dominant on the lake and migrate to the west rather than toward the Atlantic Ocean, while nearly all Red-throated Loons and Brant migrate west as well. They observed that five species account for 80 percent of all the wintering birds seen at Hamlin Beach: Greater Scaup, Long-tailed Duck, Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, and White-winged Scoter. Migration peaks in late November to early December, the paper notes, depending on the weather in any given year (logically, warmer years produce a later migration).

It's been more than 20 years since this paper was written, but the Lakewatch continues, and you have the opportunity to see what it's like on Sunday, October 8, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Hamlin Beach State Park. Dominic leads this field trip along with Rick Stevens, beginning in Parking Lot 1 with a walk through the wooded and brushy areas of the park, looking for thrushes, sparrows, and other migrants. The trip then stops at the Lakewatch, where you can get a taste of the process. Wear comfortable shoes for walking, and bring a jacket for standing on the lakeshore and observing the far horizon. A scope is highly recommended.

If you enjoy the experience of watching the lake for distantly passing ducks and other interesting birds, you may want to join the Lakewatch and contribute your own observations to this citizen science project. The climate changes taking place around the world affect these birds just as much as songbirds, so it's critically important that we continue to observe these birds' migratory movements and record any alterations in their numbers, direction, migration timing, and more. The information can inform future actions taken by ornithologists and conservationists to protect these birds and their habitat in years to come.

Do you enjoy field trips? Ever thought about becoming a leader-in-training? We need you! Expert birding skills not required, but good people skills are ideal. Contact Jeanne Verhulst at Jeanne.verhulst@gmail.com or talk to any of our leaders while in the field. Thanks!!

Welcome to the Flock

Join us in welcoming these 6 new or returning members who joined in the last month (4 memberships).

Jamie Glass & Robert Lee
Lara Ippolito & Andrew
Sonntag

Lynn Stern
Matthew Wolfe

Current RBA Membership as of September 14 is 400:

381 Household memberships
2 Young Birder (other young birders are included in Household memberships)
1 Corporate (The Bird House)
16 Complimentary

Jo Taylor, Membership Data



Snow Geese, Hamlin
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October Monthly Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.

Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave., Rochester

Zoom: Link will be distributed two days prior to the meeting

Speaker: Adriaan Dokter, Ph.D., Research Associate, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Adriaan Dokter studies the seasonal migrations of birds, from the continental-scale movements of species to the fine-scale behavior of individuals flying through the atmosphere. He uses weather radar networks as well as individual tags to address questions in migration ecology, including when and where birds migrate, when and where birds die within the annual cycle, and how shifting patterns in mortality and recruitment of young birds cause bird abundances to change. He also develops software tools for biologists using weather radar as a tool in their research.

Bio

Adriaan Dokter is an ecologist with a background in physics. His research bridges the disciplines of ecology, computer science, physics, and meteorology, addressing questions about the effects of global change on the distribution and seasonal migration of birds.



After receiving his Ph.D. at the Institute of Atomic and Molecular Physics in Amsterdam, Dokter studied animal movement during postdoctoral appointments at the Netherlands Institute of Ecology, the University of Amsterdam, and the Netherlands Meteorological Institute. He has a continuing interest in understanding the role of individual decision making as a constituent of large-scale movement patterns, which he explored in individual tracking studies on dark-bellied brent geese (Brant) and Eurasian Oystercatchers.

Field Reports

Whiting Road Nature Preserve—9/9/2023

On Saturday, September 9th, twenty-one of us gathered to explore this beautiful nature preserve. It was in the upper 60s, cloudy, and a somewhat misty morning. First, we went across the street to the ponds, which were very overgrown from our very rainy summer. Only a few birds were observed there, so we headed back and started off on the Black Trail that provided us with the highlight of our morning, a Common Nighthawk flying overhead! As we proceeded down the path, we came upon the Nighthawk sitting on a limb hanging over the trail. A life bird for one of our participants! We were very fortunate to see a second Common Nighthawk in a distant tree at the end of the Red Trail.

Continuing on, we had numerous Canada Geese fly over and many noisy Blue Jays. Many woodpeckers were seen on our trip—Hairy, Downy, Red-bellied, and Northern Flicker. As we proceeded onto the Orange Trail, we had our first Eastern Towhee of the morning calling and a nice surprise of a Swainson's Thrush also calling. Both heard but not seen.

We came upon a nice pocket of warblers and vireos on the Blue Trail. Noted were Magnolia, Black-throated Green, Northern Parula, and Red-eyed Vireo. Some were surely missed as they were passing through rather quickly. A nice Carolina Wren was perched high up in a distant tree. A very nice find. We noticed several female Rose-breasted Grosbeaks along the way as well.

As we entered the Brown Trail, we had several Eastern Bluebirds, an Eastern Wood-Pewee, Pine and Magnolia

Warblers, Purple Finch and House Finch, and Cedar Waxwings trilling overhead. Occasionally, they would land in a tree so we could have a better look. Also overhead, was a nice appearance by a Sharp-shinned Hawk and the usual Turkey Vultures. Everyone was enjoying this location so much that we lingered there for a while watching and photographing the birds. It was a nice ending to our 3-1/2 hour trip with a total of 35 species.

Candy Giles, Eunice Thein and Dick Horsey

Montezuma NWR - 9/16/2023

On a beautiful sunny but comfortable day thirteen participants joined us at the Refuge. We covered the Visitor's Center pond, Wildlife Drive, and Knox-Marsellus Marsh overlook with a brief stop at May's Point overlook. For the day, we tallied about 48 species, with some giving very good views and others only heard.

We did a walk at the Visitor's Center pond, and with the excellent light, saw five species of shorebirds including excellent views of Wilson's Snipe, Least Sandpipers, and side-by-side views of the two yellowlegs. We had a number of Northern Harriers and a distant view of a Peregrine Falcon.

Although a few species of ducks were seen at the Visitor's Center pond, we spent most of our time viewing nine species of ducks. Migrants are arriving now and there is a mix of dabbling and diving ducks. Most numerous were Ring-neck, American Wigeon, and Gadwall with others mixed in. Along the drive, we had a calling Virginia Rail. Two of our participants spotted an American Bittern and another was briefly seen near the end of the drive. Late lingering species included a flock of feeding Northern Rough-winged Swallows. We worked this flock looking for other species and found a few Barn and Tree Swallows. Osprey is also still lingering but most have already departed.

We spent the early afternoon viewing Knox-Marsellus Marsh from East Road. The water level had gone down creating good habitat for shorebirds and there were several hundred shorebirds present. The easiest to recognize and the most common were the two species of yellowlegs. We worked hard to identify a couple of species of larger shorebirds including Black-bellied Plover and Dowitchers. Although there were many other smaller shorebirds including peeps, the viewing distance was too great to focus on them. Also noteworthy were 31 Sandhill Cranes and another Peregrine Falcon that gave better views.

Perhaps the most enjoyable aspect of this trip was being together as a group, having an opportunity to visit, and enjoying the day and the birds.

Dominic Sherony and Mike Tetlow

BIRDS AND BREWS

Join us for craft beers and conversation!

A chance to meet up and socialize with people who love birds.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 760 Jefferson Road

Newly opened, this pub and restaurant features an extensive selection of craft beers, ciders, wines, and a full-service bar for cocktails, as well as a full menu and table service.

They are famous for their deep-dish pizza, by the way.

They're even willing to turn down the music in our section, so we can hear each other!

<https://www.bjsrestaurants.com>

Records Report August

August 2023 was in many ways a continuation of July 2023 in terms of cooler temperatures and increased precipitation. Temperatures averaged 68.6°F, 2.1° below average. There was only one day that reached 85°, which if this did not occur, would have been the first time since 1912 that a single August day did not reach 85°. 19 days had below-average temperatures, but most of these days were less than 5° deviated from the average. This year was the opposite of last year in terms of rainfall. Last year, Rochester was in the middle of a moderate drought. This year, precipitation totaled 5.44", 2.13" above average. August 2023 was the 12th wettest August since records have been kept (1871). Most of this precipitation fell over a few days of heavy rainfall. There were no severe storms this month, unlike counties to the east where storms were strong enough to produce an EF3 tornado in Lewis County on 7 August.

As usual, evidence of fall migration picked up as seen by shorebirds (22 species reported) and the first fall warblers (28 species reported). The bird of the month was a Swallow-tailed Kite over Ellison Park found by Mark Kimble on 17 August and was reported until 27 August. This individual was widely seen by birders from all around Rochester and beyond. The eBird download came in just under 34,550 lines after filtering, down 11.7% from 2022.

Waterfowl diversity increased throughout the month as the region saw the arrival of several species such as Northern Shoveler, American Wigeon, and Northern Pintail. Species on the earlier side included a Lesser Scaup at North Ponds Park on 2 August, a White-winged Scoter past Hamlin Beach SP on 14 August, and a Redhead on Braddock Bay on 18 August. Nothing was record early, but just more evidence of migration. A maximum of three Red-necked Grebes were seen from Hamlin Beach on 21 August.

Among the other waterbirds, as usual, the maximum for Common Gallinule, American Coot, and Pied-billed Grebe came out of the Sandhill Crane Unit on the end of VanDyne Spoor Road in the NMWMA. Common Gallinule had a maximum count of 50 on 12 August, American Coot had a maximum of 54 on 5 August, and Pied-billed Grebe had a high count of 12 on 5 August, which is slightly lower than in recent years. Sandhill Cranes were reported from the usual spots around the region in the NMWMA, but a report of six over the Riverwood Tech Campus in Henrietta was nice to see. The first Red-throated Loon of the fall was seen from the Hamlin Beach SP Lakewatch on 1 August.

Water levels on Lake Ontario started the month at 246.42" and finished the month at 246.06," dropping 4.32." This was substantially higher than the water levels of 2022, where Lake Ontario finished August at 244.95." Despite

the higher levels, shorebirds still showed up at the East Spit Island of Braddock Bay. The best strategy to access these shorebirds was to wade across the knee-deep water while following a sandbar on the lake side, parallel to the island, and cut in perpendicular at the first cove and come ashore. Less mudflat area than last year meant less numbers of shorebirds from Braddock Bay, but all expected species were reported from the East Spit. Most of the rarer shorebirds this month came from the piers at Charlotte and Sodus Point. Joe Wing reported an American Avocet from Sodus Point on 10 August. Four Red Knots flew past Ontario Beach and Charlotte Pier on 25 August, spotted by Mike Gullo. A Red-necked Phalarope was photographed at Ontario Beach and Charlotte Pier on 25 August by an unknown observer. Greg Lawrence got ahold of the photograph thirdhand and spread word. Although only sticking around for a day, the Red-necked Phalarope was widely seen by the community. Alan Bloom had the only report of Wilson's Phalarope for the month, this time on Summer-ville Pier.

Jaeger season started on 16 August with the first Parasitic Jaeger of the fall spotted by Mike Gullo from the Sodus Point Lighthouse Lakewatch. This site became popular last year, so it will be exciting to see the amount of coverage the lake gets from Sodus this season. Observers tallied five Parasitic Jaegers for the month. Two Long-tailed Jaegers were seen this month as well. The first by Mitchell Barry from Edgemere Drive in Greece on 16 August. Andy Guthrie reported the second Long-tailed Jaeger of the season from the Hamlin Beach Lakewatch on 26 August. There are years without Long-tailed Jaegers in Kingbird Region 2, so these two reports were welcomed. Among the gulls, Bonaparte's Gull reached a maximum of 55 from Braddock Bay on 14 August. Caspian Terns were still found in good numbers throughout the month with 62 as the maximum out of Sodus Bay.

Braddock Bay Raptor Research (BBRR) conducted the post-natal dispersal raptor count from the Braddock Bay Hawkwatch for the entire month. The entirely volunteer-staffed count tallied 1,920 raptors from 1 August through 31 August. Dispersing Red-tailed Hawks composed the majority (1,039) of the raptors, and are the focus of the count, but all migrant raptors were recorded. The best days of raptor movement were 3 August (211 raptors), 10 August (234), 17 August (193), and 20 August (157). 151 migrant Bald Eagles for the month total stood out as high. Dave Tetlow also performed a hawk watch from the Owl Woods Parking Area on 10 August and tallied 543 Red-tailed Hawks and 46 Broad-winged Hawks. Mark Kimble reported a Swallow-tailed Kite from Ellison Park on 17 August. The bird continued in the area until at least 27 August. Many observers from the region spent time with the kite, and at

August Reports continued

least two birders who lived around Ellison Park added it to their yard lists.

Finishing out on the passerines, nothing exceptionally rare was reported. The Sedge Wren(s) continued at the Montezuma Audubon Center (MAC) in the NMWMA until at least 12 August. Davey Walters reported a flyover Dickcissel, identified by its distinctive flight call, from Armitage Road in the NMWMA on 20 August. As the month progressed, first fall warblers continued to be checked off. The BBBO banded a Prothonotary Warbler on 24 August, a very uncommon band for them and considerably late for the species. Tom and Jeanne Verhulst reported a Prairie Warbler from the Sandra L. Frankel Nature Park on 25 August. For a complete table of fall arrival dates, please reference the Noteworthy Records table published on the RBA website. Please submit reports to eBird, post them on genesee-birds, and/or send by the 5th of the month to Nick Kachala, nicholaskach@gmail.com. 1141 Rush-Scottsville Rd., Rush, NY 14543

Observers: Janet Akin, Richard Ashworth, BBBO (Andrea Patterson, *et al.*), BBRR (Braddock Bay Raptor Research), Joshua Bacon, Diane Baillargeon, Colby Baker, Ted Barnett, Jessie Barry, Jim Barry, Liz Barry, Mitchell Barry, Sue Barth, Betty Beckham, Don Bemont, Steve Benedict, Linda Clark Benedict, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Shawn Billerman, Linda Bitkel, Johnathon Blades, Robin Blakesley, Alan & Lisa Bloom, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, Joe Brin, Janet & Scott Brooks, Mark Brown, J. D. Brummer, Robert Buckert, Sara Burch, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Posemary Catlin, Denis & Judy Caysinger, Robert Cicotta, Jeanne Cimorelli, Roger Clark, Kelly Close, Jeremy Collison, Andrew Consler, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Ian Davies, Peter Debes, Jim Dehnert, Sam Denenberg, Deborah Dohne, Steve Donohue, Grace Dowdall, Gordon Dutter, Diane Egan, Eaton Birding Society, Alexander Feinberg, Joe Fell, George Ford, Katie Ford, Tony Ford, Kyle Gage, Andy Garland, John Garrett, Matthew Gavette, Janis George, Jessica George, Candy Giles, Chris Goetz, Janes Goetz, John Gordinier, Karla Gordinier, Sheryl Gracewski, Jane Graves, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Austin Groff, Lucretia Grosshans, Georgia & Ralph Guenther, Michael Gullo, Carmen Gumina, Andrew Guthrie, Chris Guthrie, Danny Guthrie, Richard Guthrie, Bill Haake, Benjamin Hack, Ryan Hall, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Jim & Allison Healy, Maisie Hebrank, Christina Hoh, Debi Holt, Gabrielle Hood, Dick Horsely, Bill Howe, Lynn Howes, Pat Inzinna, Carolyn Jacobs, Nancy Jameson, Nick Kachala, Amy Kahn, Laura & Paul Kammermeier, Ryan Kayhart, Jacob Kearney, David Kennedy, Darlene Kershner, Josh Ketry, Alexander Keyel, Ted

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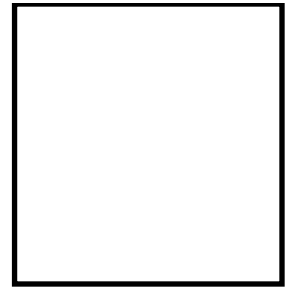
Semi-palmated Plover,
Braddock Bay East Spit
© Candace Giles
September 7, 2023



	2023	2022	10-year Average
Species for August	208	203	200.9
New for the year	2	5	5.3
Total for the year to	283	283	277.6



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