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November 2022 Events and Birding Field Trips

Please note: 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! Trips run approximately 2 to 4 hours! Bring binoculars. All field trips will go rain/snow or shine unless there is a travel advisory issued. Online registration https://rochesterbirding.org/ for each trip is required and opens at 7:30 PM, 7 days before the trip date and ends at 1 PM the day before the trip. When COVID guidelines allow, if at all possible, please carpool!

Nov 10 RBA Monthly Meeting—In person & Zoom 7:00—9:00 pm, see page 7!

Nov 27 Niagara River

Sunday

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. in 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 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 3 Conesus Lake Area

Saturday

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 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-leaders Christina Hoh 973-224-7009, Nick Kachala 585 -750-5536

Dec 4 Beginner Birder Trip – Nations Road

Sunday

Sharpen your skills on wintering hawks and Short-eared Owls. Other wintering birds such as Horned Larks, Snow Buntings, and Lapland Longspurs are often present. This trip is a combination of driving and viewing at stops along roads. Length about .5 mile walking along the road. Restroom facilities are not available except at Tops. Bring binoculars. Meet at **2:00 p.m.** at the Tops Plaza in Avon on Routes 5 and 20, 2 miles west of I-390. If possible, carpooling strongly advised. **Dress warmly and in layers. Spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very useful. Leader:** *John Boettcher 585-671-9639 and co-leader Judy Gurley 585-582-2349*

Time to Renew

Renew Online and Help the RBA

What's your favorite part of being part of the RBA community? Attending field trips? Monthly speakers sharing unique insights into the world of birds? The Little Gull newsletter? Whatever the reason, your annual RBA membership makes all of this possible. RBA works hard to bring you programs at our monthly membership meetings, and more than 50 field trips every year—as well as 11 issues of the Little Gull every year. We want to be sure that you enjoy the full value of your membership.

As the year end approaches, it's time for you to renew your RBA membership, which will help set RBA up for another good year come 2023.

Two years ago we started transitioning to **all-online membership renewal**. You responded! Over two years, the percentage of all renewals that were made online went from 45% to 72%. Let's continue that trend. When you renew your membership online at **rochesterbirding.org** you're making even more of an impact with your contribution. Renewing online reduces paperwork and saves our membership chair and treasurer multiple trips to the post office and bank. In addition to helping RBA, renewing online also helps lower your carbon footprint—which we can all agree is a good thing.

Renewing by early December saves RBA the printing and mailing costs needed for sending out membership reminder letters.

To renew online, just go to the RBA website at rochesterbirding.org, and click on the "Renew" button at the top of the home page. This will take you directly to the membership renewal form.

2023 Dues

Household membership \$25 Junior membership (9-18) \$15

(both above with Little Gull via e-mail)

Little Gull by USPS mail - add to membership dues \$15

If you prefer not to renew online, please contact Jo at ihtaylor@frontiernet.net, and she will email you the renewal form that you can print out and mail in with your check, or, if necessary, mail you a paper renewal form. We don't want to lose you as a member! We'll do our best to accommodate your needs.

Your renewal will be good until January 1, 2024 and bring you and the RBA community another great year of birds.

Thank you, Jo Taylor

Membership Data

President's Corner, Randi Minetor—

If you're fairly new to birding and to the Rochester Birding Association, you may not be aware that RBA is part of a greater whole—a network of birding clubs across the state of New York. In fact, for the last 80 years, the New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA) has served to unite birders and ornithologists from every part of the state, bringing us newsletters about birds and birding, a records committee that reviews rare bird sightings for accuracy and validity, the official New York State bird checklist, and much more.

It's worth checking out the website at nybirds.org to see all of the programs and activities NYSOA offers. I just attended the annual meeting and conference in Oswego, and I heard about some things I did not know existed, so I'd like to share them with you here.

Any birder in New York State can submit their state list to the NYSOA County & State Listing Project (https://nybirds.org/ProjCountyLists.html), and receive an embroidered patch for seeing 200 or 300 bird species in the state. Lists can also be submitted by county. Just two people have seen birds in all 62 counties, but a number of folks have seen birds in as many as 40 counties. If you've been birding in New York State for a long time and you like to travel around the state to see different birds, you may want to submit your New York life list for NYSOA review. (You don't have to be a member to participate in this—all birders are welcome.)

If you've seen a rare bird in the state and you would like your name to be associated with it in perpetuity, you can make a contribution to science by submitting a report to the New York State Avian Records Committee (NYSARC). This hardworking committee of experts reviews every rare bird record in New York State, and makes decisions on the acceptability of these reports as actual rare bird sightings. You can read more about NYSARC at https://nybirds.org/NYSARC/index.htm, learn more about which species are considered rare and are therefore reportable at https://nybirds.org/NYSARC/NYSARClist.htm, and learn how to document a rare bird and submit your report at https://nybirds.org/NYSARC/goodreport.htm.

NYSOA also provides a way to recognize people who are lucky enough to have a rare bird visit them, and who open their property to birders to see it. (For the record, RBA sends out certificates of appreciation to folks who do this as well.) So if you know of someone who has been especially generous with access for birders during a rare bird event, you can submit their information to NYSOA at awards1@nybirds.org. For more information on this, visit https://nybirds.org/FedAwards.html and scroll down to Certificates of Appreciation.

The Checklist of the Birds of New York State, a must-have document for any New York birder, is available here: https://nybirds.org/Publications/ChecklistNYS.htm. You can download and print the checklist, or order a pocket-sized booklet as you prefer. NYSARC reported at the annual meeting that a new checklist will be produced in 2023, though it will be some time before this project reaches completion.

Check out NYSOA and see how you can connect with this important organization. Every birder can make a difference by reporting sightings, learning how to ensure accuracy, sharing your state list, and participating in all of the other programs offered at the state level. Good luck and good birding!



Pileated Woodpecker - Pittsford - © Alan Swire - October 3, 2022

RBA in the Field Montezuma NWR—9/18/22

It was exactly one year ago today, that we led the RBA trip to Montezuma National Refuge. Unlike last year, water levels were very low except at the Visitor's Center pond. It was a beautiful late summer day to be there, 14 people joined us for the trip. There were few only one or two participants. ducks at the pond—mallards, Northern Shovelers, and Michael and Joann Tetlow and Dominic Sherony both teal species. Ducks are in eclipse (basic) plumage at this time which they acquire after breeding and retain for a short period before they begin to molt into their breeding plumage when they replace their body feathers. We looked over the ducks and spent time on only five species of shorebirds. It appears that most of the shorebirds were on the Main Pond because it was a more desirable habitat. Some participants were fortunate to see a Tennessee Warbler at the Visitor's Center deck in the tall weedy plants.

We spent an hour and a half on the wildlife drive. Water levels were very low, ducks were very distant and shorebirds were present but not visible. Over 1,000 ducks were concentrated about 500 yard away. Participants got distant views at best of the ten species of waterfowl. Most of the other species we saw were expected, but the two highlights were both found by participants: two Yellow-rumped Warblers and a late migrant Yellow Warbler.

Shorebirds were numerous at Knox-Marsellus, but difficult to appreciate due to the long viewing distance. Most unusual and a highlight was a Red-necked Phalarope. Sandhill Cranes and Trumpeter Swans were easily seen and a few distant species provided interest there. We saw a Peregrine Falcon fly west, and apparently it made a kill because it returned flying east over the woods on the north side of the pond. A series of photographs showing the victim's pink legs, dark tail, and wings, which allowed us to identify it as a Rock Pigeon.

For our last stop we walked the woodland trail at the Montezuma Audubon Center. We had a collection of

passerines, many found and photographed by participants, including: Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Bay-breasted Warbler, and others. Scoping the pond turned up seven Wilson's Snipe.

We ended with 57 species on the day list; however, some species were heard only and a few were seen by

Hamlin Beach State Park—10/9/22

A small group of seven participants gathered for our annual morning at Hamlin Beach State Park. The day was partially sunny, temperatures in the mid-fifties, moderate west winds, and some white caps on Lake Ontario. For the day, we birded the lake-watch site at Parking Lot 4, Yanty Creek trail, and two location on Payne Beech Rd at Salmon Creek.

For the seventh year in a row, migrant duck activity at the lake-watch was low. We had only two flocks of moving ducks visible with binoculars, one was unidentified and the other was made up of Greater Scaup. Everyone got to see Red-breasted Mergansers and Horned Grebes on the water. There were very distant views of a Common Loon, Long-tailed Ducks, and a pair of Red-necked Grebes. Another distant sight was an immature jaeger, very brownish in color, but it did chase a gull and show the white wing patches. Unfortunately, these birds were only seen by a couple of participants because of the long viewing distances. At Yanty Creek trail, birding was slow, but we did see almost all the expected resident species and there were a number of migrants. Many Ruby-crowned Kinglets were seen along the walk, and we found an area with about ten Golden-crowned Kinglets. Everyone was able to see Hermit Thrush and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Three Bald Eagles, two adults and one immature, were around the marsh east of the trail. Surprisingly, White-throated Sparrows, which are usually abundant on this walk, were not found.

At Salmon Creek, we made two stops: Docksiders and the Braddock Bay Tavern and Grill. The lake, which is

about one foot below normal, had created a huge mud flat of the river bottom. Shorebirds that had been present a few days before were gone except for five Killdeers. There were a few Green-winged Teal and two Pied-billed Grebes among the expected marsh species. A few passerines, including White-crowned Sparrow, were seen in the scrub trees.

It was a delightful day to be out in spite of the lack of migrants. For the day, the trip list included 48 species and many of these were sighted by participants and seen by only a few people. Our thanks to Andy Guthrie for helping to see and identify water birds.

Sheryl Gracewski, Tom Nash, and Dominic Sherony
Iroquois National Wildlife Trip—11/25/22

After gathering at the Wegman's in Brockport, we proceeded to the Goose Pond Overlook of the Oak Orchard Preserve. Along the way a Ring-necked Pheasant was spotted, so a U Turn was made so that all could see this beautiful bird. On the way to a wide spot in the road, an American Kestrel was found sitting on a phone wire.

We met up with the rest of our group at Goose Pond Overlook, where we located several waterfowl. Most of us had looks at some Gadwall, Green-winged Teal, Common Ravens, and five Wilson's Snipe.

The weather looked iffy, so we decided to go to Swallow Hollow rather than the Mallard Overlook. Swallow Hollow was a walk between the rain drops. Intermittent rain kept the birds low and quiet. Both Kinglets, a Brown Creeper, and Swainson's Thrush were found near the beginning of the walk. During the rainless periods, we found several of our migrating warblers like: Bay-breasted, Yellow-rumped and Blackthroated Green. We located six woodpecker species: Northern Flicker, Downy, Hairy, Red-bellied and Pileated Woodpeckers, and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers.

We then proceeded to the Kanyoo Trail. On the way, some of us saw a flight of 3 Sandhill Cranes from our car windows. At Kanyoo Trail, the rain almost stopped completely, so the birds were active again. We had a small flock of Chimney Swifts, Virginia Rail calling, and several raptors, including a Peregrine Falcon, Sharpshinned Hawk, and Bald Eagles.

At the Kumpf Marsh we found a few waterfowl, such as Wood Ducks, Pintails and some shorebirds such as Pectoral Sandpipers and both yellowlegs. Along Feeder Road, we found a group of Rusty Blackbirds, a highlight bird for the fall trip.

Finishing off at the Cayuga Overlook, the area was very dry and overgrown, so we only added American Coot.

Over 60 species were recorded for the day.

Sheryl Gracewski, Tom Nash and Rosemary Reilly



Blue-headed Vireo - Sexton Preserve - © Suzie Webster October 3, 2022

Rochester Christmas Bird Count Sunday, December 18, 2022

On Sunday Dec. 18, 2022 we will conduct the Rochester Christmas Bird Count. This traditional activity demonstrates our commitment to science and birding. This will be the 119th count in the Rochester area.

These sector leaders for the RCBC have consented to coordinate the field work for the count of our winter birds. **To participate in the count**, contact them or Norma Platt. Be sure to ask your leader for area details.

John Boettcher 671-9639 <u>johnwb2@rochester.rr.com</u> Bob Spahn 671-5690 <u>rspahn@prodigy.net</u>	Braddock Bay to Long Pond Road		
Greg Lawrence glawrence21@yahoo.com	Long Pond Road to Dewey Avenue		
Mike Gullo 585-200-4356 mgullo@rochester.rr.com	Dewey Avenue to Charlotte Harbor		
Andrew Garland andrew.garland@yahoo.com	Summerville to Culver Road		
Sheryl Gracewski and Tom Nash sheryl.gracewski@rochester.edu tnashny@earthlink.net	Culver Road to Baker Road (Webster)		
Shirley Shaw 385-3907 shirley@jashaw.com	Parks and neighborhoods (Highland, Genesee Valley, Mt. Hope Cemetery), crow roost		
Robert Buckert avbrro@hotmail.com	Downtown crow count		
Mike Rizzo 585-478-2667 rizzo.liberty@gmail.com	Seneca Park		
Rosemary Reilly reilly.rosemary@gmail.com	Maplewood & Turning Point Parks, Holy Sepulcher and Riverside cemeteries		
Brian Morse <u>brianmorse2000@gmail.com</u> 269-9576	West of airport/south of the canal/north of the river		

Norma Platt, Compiler 585-260-5221

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Welcome to the Flock

Join us in welcoming these 6 new members (5 memberships) who joined since September 15.

Aaron Olden

Anne Pier Salverda

Greg Sanda

Annette Teng

Alexandra & Mohammad Zargar

Current RBA Membership as of October 14 is 437:

421 Household memberships

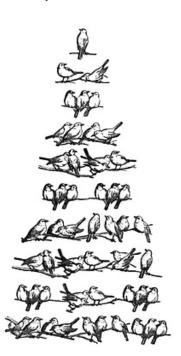
3 Young Birders

1 Corporate (The Bird House)

12 Complimentary

Jo Taylor

Member Data



November Monthly Meeting—November 10th, 7 pm, Asbury Methodist Church

Title: We Birders Made a Difference! -- Lessons learned from a citizen action project working to make the Heritage Wind Project safer for birds

Amy Kahn worked for 44 years as a professional ecologist, environmental scientist and educator, much of that time for the State of New York. She has served as Conservation Chair for Rochester Birding Association for 9 years and is a past RBA Vice President and President. She is dedicated to finding ways to produce green energy while preserving biodiversity. Amy received her MS in Environmental and Forest Ecology from SUNY CESF. She believes that individuals working together with others to affect positive change is the way we have a chance to succeed in passing this world on to future generations.

Kate Kremer is an RBA member and a founding member and Vice President of Save Ontario Shores (SOS). SOS is a not for profit organization formed in 2015, made up of Orleans and Niagara County residents who came together to explore local impacts of Lighthouse Wind, a large scale industrial wind project proposed in the towns of Yates and Somerset on the shores of Lake Ontario. She worked with other organizations to form the POWER coalition that opposed the siting of the Lighthouse Wind project in the Great Lakes shoreline migratory stopover region. She worked with RBA, Genesee Valley Audubon and the American Bird Conservancy, among other local groups, to bring local voices and local expertise to several industrial wind siting cases.

In 2007 The Rochester Birding Association (RBA) first published its position that it supports wind energy as an alternative to fossil fuel power generation, provided that the facilities do not cause undue harm to nesting and migrating birds. Through our conservation committee, we have been active in seeing that this happens by challenging wind projects to reduce the impacts on birds and habitat through better project siting. We will show an example of how citizens affected policy, and that will result in a commercial project that has fewer impacts to the environment while still meeting their goal of increasing the green energy supply.











September 2022 Records Report

- 1. A pleasant September. Temperatures averaged 62.5°F, 1.1° below normal. The average high was even cooler than normal, at 70.7°, 2.9° below normal. The month was divided into a first week with below average temperatures followed by a middle with consistent above average temperatures then the last nine days returning to below average temperatures. Temperatures topped out at 85° on the 3rd. Seven days were in the 80s overall. Six nights dipped into the 40s and temperatures dropped to 37° on the night of the 30th. Precipitation totaled 2.81", 0.37" below normal, but much more than recent months. September marked the 6th month in a row with below average precipitation, but much of the region saw their moderate drought status change to an "abnormally dry." Lake Ontario started to cool as usual, with the temperatures on the south shore dropping to 66° from 75°.
- Birders were out in full force this month to observe fall passerine migration at its peak. The weather was about as good as it could get besides spells of rain from stalled fronts here and there. Consistent coverage came from the southern shore of Lake Ontario as usual, and the Montezuma Muckrace on the 9th and 10th gave a nice boost to the coverage of the NMW-MA. As the trend in recent years, the shorebird show continued at Braddock Bay, with exceptional coverage for the East Spit hotspot. An aside, but fascinating: the East Spit has been so popular that over 650 checklists have been submitted to eBird (using the hotspot alone not including personal locations) between the start of August and the end of September, representing 14% of all checklists submitted from this hotspot ever – remarkable. The eBird download totaled just over 40,100 lines, up 11.7% from 2021.
- 3. No notable misses stand out among the waterfowl. Numbers of Canada Geese continued to build, and reports of Snow Geese and Cackling Goose appeared. Duck counts were decent from the area around Braddock Bay, but no outstanding numbers came in.
- 4. Common Nighthawk had a high count of one, somewhat unusual, although several observers reported them in the beginning of the month. Michelle Gianvecchio found an Eared Grebe on Braddock Bay on the 30th. Several observers at the East Spit that

- morning added this difficult Monroe County bird to their lists as well as some later in the day who were able to pick the bird up from various lookouts around the bay. The NMWMA along Van Dyne Spoor Road, as expected, had the highest numbers of Pied-billed Grebe, American Coot, and Common Gallinule.
- 5. The shorebird spectacle continued all over the region, with Braddock Bay's East Spit hosting the largest concentrations. Shorebird species also piled up at Lasalle's Landing Park on the south end of Irondequoit Bay, at Sodus Point, and a wet area off Pratt Road in the town of Sodus. Alan Bloom found a Buffbreasted Sandpiper at the East Spit on the 9th which stayed all day. Steve Taylor reported a Western Sandpiper at Braddock Bay on 27th, and birders observed the bird into the evening of that day. The East Spit also hosted a Wilson's Phalarope and a Red-necked Phalarope towards the beginning of the month. Two disconnected-in-date Hudsonian Godwits appeared at the East Spit this month. Mike Gullo found an Upland Sandpiper at Pratt Road which stayed for a few days. Mike also found a Red-necked Phalarope at Pratt Road. Tim Lenz reported a Buff-breasted Sandpiper at Sodus Point that few others were able to observe as well. Among the gulls, Andy Guthrie observed two Sabine's Gulls, the first on the 14th and the second on the 23rd. Brad Carlson found a Laughing Gull at Sodus Point on the 2nd.
- 6. The raptor of the month was a beautifully photographed Swainson's Hawk found by Ben Nieman and Rob Sielaff of Buffalo at the East Spit on the 19th. Ben and Rob were heading home from a successful Adirondack trip and decided to make their last stop before heading back to Buffalo at Braddock Bay for the shorebirds. Quite an end to their trip! The first Roughlegged Hawk report of the wintering season came in from the Conesus Inlet later in the month.
- 7. Small migratory passerines moved through in full force. There were no notable misses. Connecticut Warbler was the most consistent scarce migrant, with 10 individuals reported from the region, five of which were banded. Andy Guthrie reported an unseasonably early Evening Grosbeak (at least as patterns go in recent years) from Hamlin Beach State Park on the 3rd, being the only passerine rarity of note for the month. Observers began covering the Genesee Land Trust's newly established Salmon Creek Nature Pre-

serve for uncommon sparrows. Greg Lawrence reported a late-season Grasshopper Sparrow from there. The preserve consists of grasslands, a marshy pond, a corn field being transitioned into more grassland, and wooded habitat bordering Salmon Creek. This new site looks promising as more sparrow habitat for uncommon migrants. The BBBO reported unusually high numbers of some bands. Species with notably high banding numbers were: Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (27), Red-eyed Vireo (83), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (137), Gray Catbird (113), Gray-cheeked Thrush (54), Swainson's Thrush (195), White-throated Sparrow (482), Northern Waterthrush (16), Nashville Warbler (20), Connecticut Warbler (5), Magnolia Warbler (137), Bay -breasted Warbler (52), Blackpoll Warbler (341), Black -throated Blue Warbler (28), and Wilson's Warbler (13).

8. Please submit reports to eBird, post them on geneseebirds, and/or send by the 5th of the month to Nick Kachala, nicholaskach@gmail.com; 1141 Rush-Scottsville Rd., Rush, NY 14543.

Observers: Jim Adams, Janet Akin, Osvaldo Araya, Ted Barnett, Mitchell Barry, BBBO (Andrea Patterson), Doug Beattie, Betty Beckham, Don Bemont, Linda Clark Benedict & Steve Benedict, David Benvent, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Linda Birkel, -Allan Bloom, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, Joe Brin, Kyle Brock, David Brown, Mark Brown, Logan Brunner, Bob Burkardtt, Sara Burch, Ken Burdick, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Nancy Casper, Denis & Judy Caysinger, Chris Chappell, Robert Cicotta, Richard Clark, Kelly Close, Jeremy Collison, Andrew Consler, Kathleen Dalton, Willie D'Anna, Doug Daniels, Peggy Dempsey, Gordon Dutter, Diane Egan, Joe Fell, Debra Florio, George Ford, Jim Fry, Kyle Gage, Andrew Garland, Janis George, Jessica George, Michelle Gianvecchio, Candy Giles, Christopher Goetz, James Goetz, Kimber Godfrey, John Gordinier, Sheryl Gracewski, Kate Graham, Jane Graves, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Carmen Gumina, Andrew Guthrie, Bill Haake, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Linda Howes, IBA Monitoring, Pam Inzinna, Carolyn Jacobs, Alyssa Johnson, Nick Kachala, Amy Kahn, Laura & Paul Kammermeier, Jacob Kearney, Jim Kimball, Cindy Kindle, Evelyn Kirkwood, Kathy Kirsch, Renee Kittleman, Michael Laird, Chris Lajewski, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence,

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	2022	2021	10-year
			Average
Species for Sept	225	219	219.4
New for the year	5	9	5.3
Total for the year to	291	289	2
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Sielaff, Judy Slein, Dee Smith, Roger Smith, Tom & Pat Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Kim Sucy, June Summers, Holley Sweeney, Stephen Taylor, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Eunice Thein, Nathan Ukens, Alison Van Keuren, Jeanne & Tom Verhulst, Matthew Voelker, Jules Wagner, Mike Wasilco, Bridget Watts, Joe Wing, Jim Wood, Ryan Zucker. (There were 369 observers in the eBird download.)

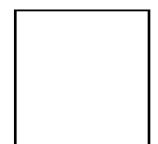
Black-bellied Plover - Braddock Bay East Spit - © Alan Bloom - October 3, 2022





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