



Rochester Birding
Association

Little Gull



A Northern Mockingbird spotted on the Brickyard Trail by Richard Horsey on September 13

OCT 2024 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 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 5
Saturday

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.**

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

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GIVE TO THE ROCHESTER BIRDING ASSOCIATION

With RBA approaching its 50th anniversary in 2025, it's time to look ahead to what the next 50 years might look like.

At our annual dinner in January, we'll talk about some of the things that have made this such a strong club since its 1975 inception. Right now, I'd like to focus on one thing that has begun to make a difference in our birding community: the bequest we received in 1988, and what we have been able to make happen since then.

For many years, a succession of cautious boards of directors shepherded the original \$68,000 bequest and watched it grow, keeping it conservatively invested until it more than doubled its size. They employed parts of it for special projects—the most notable being the Genesee Land Trust's purchase of a large section of Island Cottage Woods. For the most part, however, the money stayed put, while some of us wondered what RBA might be saving it for.

I feel very lucky to have come to the presidency at a time when the RBA board was ready to release some of this money into the wild. Now it has begun to flourish, naturalizing easily into the landscape as trees in Webster, grassland management in Rush, and the gorgeous new observation platform at the Salmon Creek Nature Preserve, opening at the end of October.

Requests for funding are coming in regularly, some of them quite substantial. It's one thing to open the doors and let some of this money out, but there is a risk of spending it more quickly than it can replenish itself in investment returns.

To keep RBA as an important player in improving access to birds and birding in our community, we are turning to our membership to help.



Photo by Nic Minetor



American Pipit
by Eunice Thein

Soon you will receive your annual membership renewal materials by email. We ask that you **consider making an additional gift to RBA's Access to Birds and Birding Fund**, so we can continue to make a difference to birds and birders in greater Rochester and beyond.

For example, if every member household gave an extra gift of \$50, it would add more than \$17,000 to our funds—nearly replenishing the amounts we have given to other organizations in 2024.

When you renew your membership this fall, please make an additional tax-deductible gift of any size to RBA. We've made it very easy to do: Just add a charitable donation to the Join/Renew form at <https://rochesterbirding.org/get-involved/join-renew/>.

If you'd like to make a special gift right away or at another time when it's best for your household, visit <https://rochesterbirding.org/access-to-birds-and-birding-fund/>

Thank you in advance for your contribution, and for all that you do to make RBA such a strong organization. Let's continue to support birds and birding together.

NOW OPEN: DEPARTMENT HEAD POSITIONS

Would you like to help keep Rochester Birding Association strong by leading one of the functions of this great organization? Two of our dedicated volunteers, Jo Taylor (**Membership Data Chair**) and Lauren Doucette (**Volunteer Coordinator**) are stepping down at the end of 2024, and they are both willing to help train their successors. Job descriptions are below.

If you're ready for a leadership role, please contact Randi Minetor at writerrandi@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

PURPOSE:

- Support the growth of the RBA by increasing awareness of the RBA and its initiatives, programs and activities among the birding community, local groups and schools, and general Rochester community.
- Keep calendar of events RBA attends for promotion.
- Maintain communication with RBA volunteers in order to staff promotional events and activities.

TIME COMMITMENT: 3-4 hours/month on average. Some months have no activity.

DUTIES:

- Maintain calendar of events RBA regularly attends.
- Maintain a list of current volunteers.
- Staff events RBA participates in.
- Attend August committee planning meeting and submit budget requirements for the following year.



Candace Giles spotted this Red Knot at the Braddock Bay East Spit on September 11

MEMBERSHIP DATA CHAIR

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Assemble and send packets to prospective and new members – 2.5 hours per month.
- Drive membership renewal process October-January – 3.5 hours per month
- Update membership database – 1 hour per month February through September, 4 hours per month October through January.
- Generate labels and email list for Circulation Chair: 0.5 hours per month
- Generate membership roster (Jan. and June) – 4 hours per year.

DUTIES:

- Send membership information packets to new members:
- Welcome letter
- List of beginner field trips for the year
- RBA tips for beginning birders
- RBA Bird checklist
- ABA Code of Birding Ethics
- Notify membership of renewal time by articles in Little Gull, email, or USPS mailing. Follow up with email and ultimately USPS mail for those members not responding.
- Notify Board of new members monthly with contact, payment and volunteer interests.
- Forward membership checks to the treasurer.
- Generate mailing labels for the Circulation Chairperson before the Little Gull goes to the printer each month.
- Process queries, as requested by BOD, against membership database and present results.
- Maintain updated membership list:

REQUIREMENTS:

- A penchant for accuracy.
- Computer skills to manage membership database
- Interest in welcoming new people and enthusiasm for RBA
- Able to work closely with the Treasurer and Circulation Chair and Little Gull Editor
- Access to a printer

FIELD TRIPS

OCT 13
Sunday

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.**



Northern Shoveler seen at the Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant by Barbara Smith in 2023

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

OCT 19
Saturday

HIGH ACRES NATURE AREA

Over 130 bird species have been observed at HANA including more than 70 that nest in the diverse habitats found there. During this fall field trip we expect to see various species of migrating birds such as ducks, kinglets, warblers and thrushes, and summer resident birds getting ready to migrate south. As a bonus, the fall colors should be in full glorious display. Our approximately two-mile walk over mostly flat trails will explore about 250 acres at HANA and may include some wet spots if it has been a wet fall. No restrooms available. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot on Perinton Parkway approximately 1/4 mile east of the Waste Management offices.

Leaders: Brian Rohrs and Gayle Lazoration 585-281-9534

OCT 27
Sunday

DURAND-EASTMAN PARK

Hermit Thrushes, Kinglets and lingering migrants are possible. We will walk a section of Horseshoe Road, then drive over to Log Cabin Road where we will walk the non-motor vehicle section and parts of Zoo Road. Steady moderate grades at sections. Length about 2.5 miles, total. Restrooms are available on Log Cabin Road. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in Parking Lot D on the north side of Lake Shore Blvd. opposite Log Cabin Road. Please dress for the weather.



Hermit Thrush at Durand-Eastman Park on April 9, 2024. Photo by Eunice Thein.

Leaders: Jeanne Verhulst 585-362-0803 and co-leaders Doug and Elizabeth Rabjohns 585-690-6296



Radiotracking Migratory Songbirds with the Motus Wildlife Tracking System

Mark Deutschlander, Professor of Biology at Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Advances in technology have created new opportunities to study avian migration and better understand the full life cycle of migratory birds. While tracking technologies allow us to learn where birds go, these technologies also can provide detailed knowledge about the pace of migration, decision making related to breeding constraints or energetics, and the evolutionary trade-offs in migration. Several case studies will help illustrate the impacts of new tracking technologies, particularly radiotracking, and some new regional projects using Motus radiotracking on migratory songbirds will be discussed.

Mark Deutschlander is a Professor of Biology at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, where he teaches courses about physiology, ornithology, and migration. His research focuses on understanding navigation and orientation mechanisms in migratory songbirds, as well as the energetics of migration.



WELCOME TO THE FLOCK

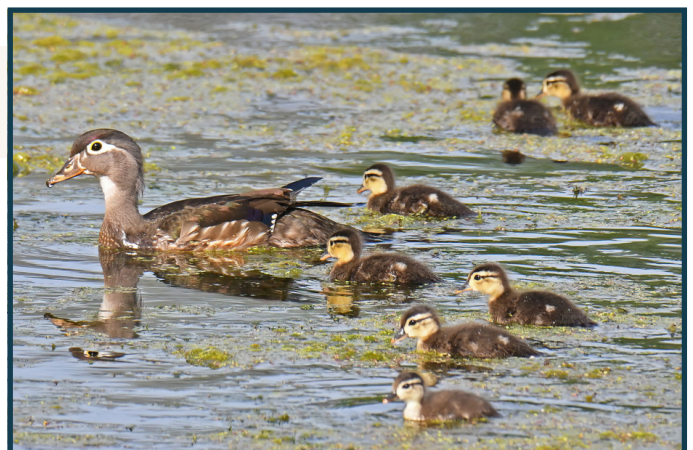
Join us in welcoming these new or returning members who joined over the summer.

Beth Cross
Charlene Schneckenberger

As of September 15, total membership is 389

365 Household memberships
1 Junior member
1 Corporate member (The Bird House)
22 Complimentary

Jo Taylor, RBA Membership Data



Wood Ducks at North Ponds Park seen by Dick Horsey on July 8, 2023

Birds and Brews

Join us for craft beers and conversation!
A chance to meet up and socialize with
people who love birds.

Wednesday, October 30, 2024
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Swiftwater Brewing Company
378 Mount Hope Avenue

Swiftwater has a wide range of beers,
ciders, wines, and canned cocktails,
and a menu of small plates, large
plates, sandwiches and cookies.

Check it out at
<https://swiftwaterbrewing.com/>

SAVE THE DATE!

Rochester Christmas Bird Count 2024

An Opportunity to Contribute, Learn, and Be a Part of the Birding Community

**Save the date of Sunday, December 15 to participate in the
121st year of the Rochester Christmas Bird Count!**

Each year around the end of December, we count the diversity and abundance of birds in the Rochester "count circle." The data is compiled and sent to the National Audubon Society, who uses it to identify trends and influence conservation policy.

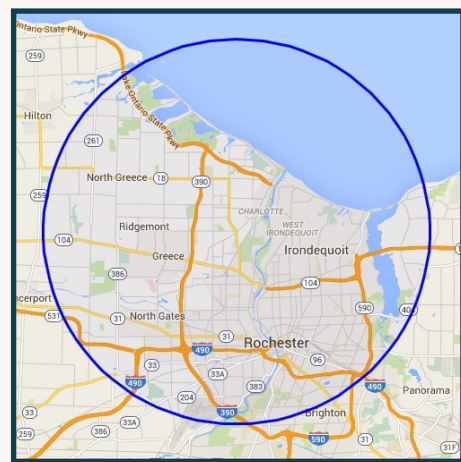
This is a significant opportunity to:

- Develop your birding skills in the field
- Make connections in the birding community
- Contribute to a longstanding traditional citizen science project
- Attend the count tally dinner, exchange stories of the day, enjoy pizza, and make more birding friends!

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

Please contact Nick Kachala for further information or to sign up
nicholaskach@gmail.com or 585-750-5536

Further details will appear in the November Little Gull Newsletter



Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge *August 18, 2024*

Four brave birders met the two leaders at the Montezuma NWR visitor center in spite of the 80% rain forecast. The skies were cloudy but the Osprey and juvenile Bald Eagle didn't care. The many Purple Martins had already left their houses, but the local Sandhill Cranes flew into the weedy area off the deck with their one successful offspring for great views. There was no plowed or flooded shorebird habitat there, so we started down the Wildlife Drive.

Arriving at the Seneca Flats viewing area, we worked hard to find Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs plus Green-winged Teal hiding among the vegetation. One of the leaders and a person behind our group had a short but sweet view of a Least Bittern, but it dropped in, not to be found. Several Common Gallinule and Wood Ducks tried to hide but were discovered.

Scanning the main pool, the highlights were good numbers of American Coot, Pied-billed Grebes and a surprising 33 Gadwall. A Black-crowned Night Heron flew across at a distance but was seen by all. Two Trumpeter Swans came very close and led us to the end of the main pool.

The next stop was Benning Marsh, where we added Blue-winged Teal and a single Northern Pintail. Still no rain, so on to Knox-Marcellus marsh with only a few Great Egrets along the Thruway ponds.

Scanning the distant birds from East Road, we were very surprised by the 200-plus Great Egrets and shocked by the 40 Sandhill Cranes; a count way above the usual five or six at this date. We then started working through the speck shorebirds, finding both Yellowlegs species then adding Pectoral Sandpiper and some peeps flying around. The best shorebird species was Black-bellied Plover, with two flying around the marsh before flying off to the south. One juvenile Northern Harrier was a nice addition and a refreshing break from "scope eye."

There were no reports of the area's recent Wood Storks, so we decided to end our trip here.

In the end, we had a small, fun group that happily defied the forecast and had a great birding day.

Joann and Mike Tetlow

Whiting Road Nature Preserve *September 7, 2024*

Sixty-degree temperatures and steady rain did not keep eight hardy birders (including two from Portland, Oregon!) from joining us at this popular birding spot in Webster.

Fortunately, the rain tapered off soon after starting, and the birds came out. We walked the Blue then the Black trails where American Robins, Gray Catbirds, Black-capped Chickadees, Blue Jays, Red-eyed Vireos and Red-bellied Woodpeckers were plentiful. Between both trails, we had over 10 warbler species, including Magnolia, Wilson's, Black-throated Green, Hooded, Bay-breasted, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, and Ovenbird. Eastern Bluebirds, a Veery, both a Swainson's and a Wood Thrush, a Brown Thrasher, and even a Baltimore Oriole were also seen. The birdlife held our combined attentions for over five hours and we finished with 47 species. Thanks to all whose sharp eyes and ears made for a fun and productive morning!

Tom and Jeanne Verhulst

Beginner Birder Trip - Irondequoit Bay, Lakeshore, Genesee River Outlet *September 8, 2024*

Eleven birders, including three new to RBA, joined us at Irondequoit Bay Outlet. Happily, the morning was dry and unusually warm at 55 degrees. The weather defied the predictions of certain rain and wind.

Not too many waterfowl were seen sitting or feeding on the bayside. Strong southerly winds pushed northward. Ring-billed and Herring Gulls huddled on the marina docks. However,



we were treated to extended looks at a Merlin sitting atop a nearby power pole.

We headed out onto the pier. In the channel and in the lake, the group had looks at a Red-breasted Merganser, a White-winged Scoter, a group of Common Mergansers and a good size flock of Long-tailed Ducks. A Common Loon which had been diving took off in flight.

Our second location was the parking area on Lakeshore across from Sherry Pond, Durand Eastman Park. On a rise above Lake Ontario, we viewed a raft of 1000 or more ducks.

We carefully sorted through them with our binoculars and scopes. The predominant species was Redhead, estimated at 700, and next, Greater Scaup at approximately 300. We were able to locate 4 Canvasback ducks, a single Ring-necked Duck and a Lesser Scaup.

The third and last birding location of the day was the Genesee River Outlet at Charlotte. At this point the weather was looking ominous. The predictions were coming true. A decision was made not to risk going all the way out on the pier and possibly getting caught in the high winds and rain. So we hiked out as far as we needed to get a good view of the gulls on the beach and any closer lake activity. On the lake there were more Mergansers and Longtails. On the beach, we searched through the gulls for anything unusual. Coming up with only the 'usual suspects', Ring-bill, Herring and Great Black-backed Gulls, it seemed like a good time to end our lakeshore exploration. The rain was just starting to be felt.

Pat Martin and Rosemary Reilly

Sandra L. Frankel Nature Park (Brickyard Trail) September 11, 2024

We began the trip at the Elmwood Avenue entrance on a sunny, 55-degree day, and we had bird activity right away. Red-bellied and Downy Woodpeckers, American Robins, Gray Catbirds, Black-capped Chickadees, a Bay-



A Gray Catbird on the Brickyard Trail photographed earlier in the year by Alan Bloom

breasted Warbler, and a Red-eyed Vireo were seen flitting around the fruiting poison ivy. In the marsh area, American Goldfinches twittered, a Marsh Wren and a Swamp Sparrow were heard, and an Osprey circled the large pond. A Great Blue Heron and a Belted Kingfisher also showed eventually. Song Sparrows and an unexpected Lincoln's Sparrow hopped along the trail. Both male and female Common Yellowthroats and a Magnolia Warbler gave decent views, as did a Nashville Warbler. Thanks to sharp eyes and ears we had 40 species in all—one of the highest daily counts ever for this trail! Thank you to all eleven folks who joined in—you made it a fun trip!

Tom and Jeanne Verhulst

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge September 14, 2024

On a bright sunny comfortable day, 21 people joined the RBA birding hike at the wildlife refuge. Viewing conditions at the refuge were very different from the past year. Tall cattails prevented views of the ponds and there was a general lack of habitats for shorebirds. The trip list for the day was 41 species, by far our lowest total for this mid-September date. We birded the visitor's center pond, the Wildlife Drive, and May's Point. Although most participants had left after that, we did make a brief stop at Knox-Marsellus Marsh overlook.



Lesser Yellowlegs & Stilt Sandpiper seen on the trip to Montezuma NWR. Photo by Jeffrey Eichner.

Perhaps a highlight of the trip was a family group of two adults and one immature Sandhill Crane. This trio was feeding on the visitor's center pond and gave their loud booming calls. Overhead, we had a distant Osprey fishing over the wildlife drive.

On the wildlife drive, we spent most of our time at Seneca Flats where there were 10 Long-billed Dowitchers, a few Lesser Yellowlegs, Northern Shovelers, and Green-winged Teal. Most participants heard at least one of the three Virginia Rails and the lone Sora. A Merlin

flying over the pond was spotted by one of the participants. At Benning Marsh, we had good views of both teal, shovelers, and some participants were able to see a Stilt Sandpiper before it was flushed by a Lesser Yellowlegs.

May's Pond yielded a few migrant warblers, Green Heron, and a few duck species to add to the checklist as well as a large number of Pied-billed Grebes. An immature Bald Eagle high overhead was one of the few seen for the day. The stop at Knox-Marsellus only yielded one additional species, a distant Greater Yellowlegs. Very few shorebirds were there; those seen on the Muckrace had departed. However, we counted 40 Sandhill Cranes, by far the most that we have had on this trip. Recent high-pressure centered over the region did not bring in any new shorebird migrants.

Many of our participants had not visited this refuge in some time and were pleased to experience it again and to enjoy getting together with others. Quite a few carried cameras and were working on bird photos.

Dominic Sherony and Mike Tetlow

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9:00 AM

YOUNG BIRDERS WALK

Mendon Ponds Park

Neal Reilly will lead an informal bird walk for young birders and families at Mendon Ponds Park. Meet in the parking lot of Wild Wings Nature Center at 27 Pond Road.

Participants will walk the trails behind the nature center and perhaps stop at the Wild Wings raptor rescue once it opens at 10:00 a.m. Extra binoculars will be available to borrow.

Walks in Mendon Ponds Park in fall usually provide sightings of Red-bellied, Downy, and Hairy Woodpeckers, as well as possible Pileated Woodpecker. Birds usually include Blue Jay, Northern Cardinal, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted and perhaps Red-breasted Nuthatches, Carolina Wren, American Robin, Eastern Bluebird, American Goldfinch, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, and maybe an early Dark-eyed Junco. Red-tailed Hawk is also a distinct possibility.

Dark-eyed Junco at Mendon Ponds Park. Photo by Alan Bloom.



JUNE 2024 RECORDS SUMMARY

June 2024 continued the trend so far this year of above-average temperatures, finishing at 69.8°, 2.2° above average. Despite many hot days, including four days above 90°, there were two cool spells, one of which lasted a week. The Rochester region experienced a precipitation deficit for most of the month, but a daily record rainfall of 1.32" on 29 June, coupled with another 0.25" on 30 June, brought the precipitation total to 3.40" for the month, only 0.03" above the long-term average. Several storm systems moved through the Rochester region in June, with fronts often providing relief from the high humidity felt on some days. Dates noted for strong storms include 7 June, 17-19 June, 23-24 June, and 29-30 June. Thick wildfire smoke from northern wildfires was absent this year, which in 2023 prompted health advisories and surely impacted the birding effort, particularly on days with low visibility.

Birding conditions for June were overall decent, with a nice spread of unusual species, lingering migrants, and the first signs of fall migration (towards the end of the month). Nothing exceptionally rare was reported, but a total of 194 species was composed of several noteworthy species, which will be discussed in subsequent sections. The monthly eBird download came in at around 62,000 lines, a 7.8% increase from 2023.

Waterfowl diversity decreased from May, with less diversity of diving ducks and dabblers alike reported. Of note, a seasonably rare Snow Goose was reported in Henrietta near RIT on 6 June and seen by a few birders local to Henrietta. Blue-winged Teal were noted at a few locations regionwide, including Hogan Point in the Town of Greece and the more-expected Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA). Observers also noted small numbers of other lingering ducks or potential scarce breeders such as American Wigeon, American Black Duck, Green-winged Teal, and Redhead along the lakeshore near Braddock Bay and in the NMWMA. Diving ducks such as Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Ruddy Duck, and Long-tailed Duck lingered as individuals, or very small groups, along the lakeshore, particularly in the first few days of the month. Christina Hoh photographed a surprise adult male Canvasback from the NMWMA on 25 June, which is a species known to typically depart in April.

As typical, the NMWMA contained the Regional high counts for non-waterfowl waterbirds such as American Coot and Common Gallinule. Counts were: Pied-billed Grebe (20 on 19 June), American Coot (20 on 27 June), and Common Gallinule (20 on 7 and 18 June). Observers reported Sandhill Cranes from all around the Region. Breeding pairs were noted within the NMWMA.

June continued to see high water levels along Lake Ontario. Water levels measured 245.87' on 1 June, remained near constant for the entire month, and finished at 245.90' heading into July. High water levels contributed to a lack of any sizable mudflat around the Braddock Bay barrier island, leaving observers the beaches, piers, and scattered flooded fields to search for shorebirds. Despite the lack of habitat, observers reported 14 species. Of note include: a Whimbrel on 3 June scoped from the Braddock Bay West Spit (looking onto the beaches of the barrier island), another (presumably southbound) Whimbrel on 30 June from Charlotte Pier, and a single Red Knot on Summerville Pier on 1 June. Very noteworthy, Mike Gullo reported 41 Ruddy Turnstones from Sodus Point on 1 June. Looking at the data, there appeared to be a large northbound push of shorebirds on both 1 and 2 June. Signs of southbound shorebirds were evident by the end of the month through the previously mentioned Whimbrel on 30 June as well as a Lesser Yellowlegs reported in the NMWMA on 27 June.

The only thing noteworthy about gulls for June was the lack of them. There were no reports of Lesser Black-backed Gull or Laughing Gull. Even more noteworthy was the near-absence of Great Black-backed Gull, continuing a trend from April and May. Andy Guthrie reported the only regional individual, a first summer bird, from Irondequoit Bay pier on 1 June. Caspian Tern numbers were average along the lakeshore. A maximum of 15 Black Terns were reported from the NMWMA. Neal Reilly reported four Forster's Terns flying into Braddock Bay on the evening of 5 June, the only real uncommon sighting among this family.

Raptor migration continued into June, despite the end of the official Braddock Bay Hawk Watch on 31 May. Mike Tetlow conducted a count at Braddock Bay on 5 June with 223 Turkey Vulture, 83 Bald Eagles, and



JUNE 2024 RECORDS SUMMARY

233 Broad-winged Hawks standing out. Mike Tetlow and Dan Niven conducted another count on 13 June with 86 Turkey Vulture, 12 Bald Eagles, and 18 Broad-winged Hawks. Mike Gullo also reported decent numbers of moving Bald Eagles and Broad-winged Hawks from Beechwood SP on 5 June. Jennifer Rycenga and Peggy Marces reported a Black Vulture in the town of Byron on 16 June. Interestingly, Phil Mills also had a Black Vulture in Genesee County further west (inside Kingbird Region 1) earlier that morning.

Passerines returned to “normal” for June, unlike last year, where numbers of Magnolia Warbler showed up mid-month, speculated by some due to the wildfire smoke. Nothing incredibly rare was reported, although noteworthy species were recorded. Like last year, an Acadian Flycatcher took up residence at Hamlin Beach SP. Andy Guthrie reported a very unseasonable four Red Crossbills from Hamlin Beach SP on 13 June. Two Ithaca birders were successful in finding four of the eight at Hamlin Beach two days later. Observers noted as many as five Grasshopper Sparrows at the reliable location along Works Road in the Town of Rush. Vesper Sparrows were reported in small numbers throughout the Region. The breeding Clay-colored Sparrows continued along Cook Road in the Town of Hamlin. Among the warblers, observers reported 26 species, with nothing particularly rare or noteworthy mixed in. The last big push of spring passerine migration reported through eBird occurred on Sunday 2 June. Migration likely continued for the next few weekdays, but with most observers at work and an increased focus on the final year of the New York State Breeding Bird Atlas, numbers of migrants along the lakeshore were likely underreported.

Please submit reports to eBird, post them on GeneseeBirds, and/or email in by the 5th of the month to Nick Kachala, nicholaskach@gmail.com

Observers: Janet Akin, Osvaldo Araya, Richard Ashworth, Diane Baillargeon, Ryan Ballard, Niki Banke, Tanya Baranov, Ted Barnett, Mitchell Barry, Jessie Barry, Betty Beckham, Don Bemont, Steven &

Linda Benedict, Lynn Bergmeyer, Shawn Billerman, Linda Birkel, Robin Blakesley, Alan & Lisa Bloom, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, Christopher Brandt, Janet & Scott Brooks, David Brown, Robert G. Buckert, Sara Burch, Brad Carlson, Robert Cicotta, Roger Clark, Sara Close, Kelly Close, Lorenzo Colantoni, Andrew Consler, Robert Crandall, Doug Daniels, Rod Davis, Jayne Dean, Cliff Dekdebrun, Peggy Dempsey, Diane Egan, Adam Farid, Kevin Farrell, Rob Fergus, Annabelle Foos, George & Katie Ford, Kyle Gage, Dan Gallagher, Andrew Garland, Matthew Gavette, Janis George, Candy Giles, James Goetz, John & Karla Gordinier, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Austin Groff, Lucretia Grosshans, Michael Gullo, Carmen Gumina, Andrew Guthrie, Bill Haake, Kim Hartquist, Jim & Allison Healy, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Pam Inzinna, Carolyn Jacobs, Nick Kachala, Amy Kahn, Laura Kammermeier, Ryan Kayhart, David Kennedy, James Kimball, Cindy Kindle, Hans Kunze, Michael Laird, Chris Lajewski, Greg Lawrence, Fred Leff, Tim Lenz, Joan Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Peggy Macres, Liz Magnanti, Melissa Mance-Coniglio, Patricia Martin, Lauri Mattle, Chita McKinney, Ann McMican, Scott Meagher, Jim Miles, Mark Miller, Kent Millham, Phil Mills, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Jim Mott, Matt Nusstein, Dave Nutter, David Odell, Gabriella Orfanides, Andrea Patterson, Shelley Patterson, Jeremy Pete, Luanne Pignataro, Norma Platt, Jay Powell, Derek Pulhamus, Doug & Elizabeth Rabjohns, Neal Reilly, Rosemary Reilly, Michael Rizzo, Isaac Rizzo, Chris Rockwell, Brian Rohrs, Andrew Romanowski, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Shawn Ryan, Jennifer Rycenga, Anne Salverda, Greg & Shannon Sanda, Karl Schmidt, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Rob Sielaff, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave & Donna Spier, Kim Steininger, Rick Stevens, Reuben Stoltzfus, Kimberly Sucy, Michael & Joann Tetlow, Eunice Thein, Nathan Ukens, Tom & Jeanne Verhulst, Mike Wasilco, Bridget Watts, Kim Weeks, Tom & Eileen Wheeler, Joe Wing, Chris Wood, Jim Wood, Ryan Zucker (all observers could not be listed here).

	2024	2023	10-year Average (2014-2023)
Total species for June	194	197	192.8
New species for the year	1	2	2.4
Total for the year to date	276	275	271.1



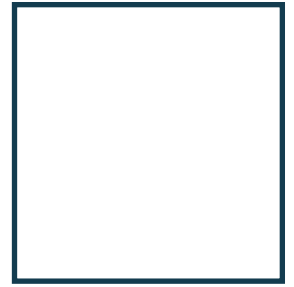
American Wigeon at Braddock Bay East Spit by Candace Giles





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