



Rochester Birding
Association

Little Gull



*A Horned Lark photographed
in Hamlin by Candace Giles
in February of 2024.*

FEB 2025 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!

FEB 9
Sunday

WINTER WATERFOWL AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES

Starting at Irondequoit Bay Outlet, we will look for beautiful Long-tailed Ducks, mergansers, scaup and other ducks. We will also concentrate on locating wintering gulls like the occasional Lesser Black-backed, Iceland and Glaucous Gulls. We will then drive over to Summerville and Charlotte to see what might be in the Genesee River. If Redpolls or winter finches are being seen, we will stop at Durand-Eastman Park along the way. Walking is flat on pavement. Restrooms are available in the Charlotte area. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** in the large parking lot next to the Outlet bridge on the west side of Irondequoit Bay Outlet (Irondequoit Bay State Marine Park). **Dress for the weather. Spotting scopes would be useful.**

Leaders: Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422 and co-leader Robert Buckert 585-269-4206

*Iceland Gulls at Irondequoit Bay Outlet.
Photo by Candace Giles.*





Greetings!

It's my honor to serve the Rochester Birding Association as your new president. I look forward to seeing you at our member meetings, on field trips, and at Birds and Brews in the upcoming months. I rarely forget a face but I'm extremely good at forgetting names, so if I introduce myself and we've already met, please forgive me—it's my way of getting your name into my head again.

A little about me. My earliest memory of learning about birds was from my grandmother. I grew up in the Southern Tier of New York (Horseheads for those of you with knowledge of that area) and was probably in 1st grade when my grandmother started teaching me some of the common birds. I distinctly remember one time when she pointed out a Red-winged Blackbird then said there's such a thing as a black-winged redbird, but it's called a Scarlet Tanager and they're hard to find. I was intrigued. It wasn't until many years later that I actually got eyes on one, but for some reason that conversation with my grandmother always stuck in my head.

I'm trained as a chemist, and my first "real" job was in Kalamazoo, Michigan. My spouse Gayle and I raised our two children there. After we bought our first house, we put up a bird feeder and started participating in the Cornell Lab FeederWatch program, partly as a way to get our kids interested in the natural world.

My serious start to birding began in 2016. Gayle and I had moved to Rochester and joined the RBA. We had the opportunity to join a birding tour to Cuba with several other RBA members. After experiencing the bird diversity, the beautiful natural settings and commiserating with like-minded people out in the field (and over an adult beverage or two afterwards), I was hooked. To top it off, learning to use eBird—not only as a way to document a personal bird list, but also to contribute as a citizen scientist to something bigger than myself—is a strong motivator to keep me birding.

On the Cuba trip, I got to know our former RBA president Laura Kammermeier, who subsequently recruited me to take on the RBA treasurer role. I've had the privilege to serve on your Board in that capacity for eight years. Now as president, I have big shoes to fill. Randi Minetor has done a spectacular job leading our organization for the last three years. Through her energies, we have a great website and we've made a lot of headway on getting monies from our Capital Fund out to community organizations. As Randi and I were talking about the transition, I told her somewhat tongue-in-cheek that my main goal as president is not to screw this up.

Randi is a professional writer. As for me, I'm a science guy. Experiments and data-crunching were always fun for me, but the bane of my existence in college were term papers. My favorite way of dealing with them was a well-honed technique called procrastination—I'm sure there are several of you out there who can relate. Now that I'm writing a monthly column, I hope I can meet the high bar that Randi set, i.e., make them informative and get them out on time!

In all seriousness, we have some great new and returning board members, wonderful committee chairs and volunteers, and I look forward to working with you all as the RBA enters its 50th year.

Some highlights for this month:

Hopefully, many of you were able to join the 50th anniversary dinner celebration February 2nd. In other years we've had a potluck, but we only turn 50 once so we wanted to do something special for the membership and host the meal.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER, BRIAN ROHRS

As highlighted in a [separate article in this issue](#), we have an exciting opportunity to get a **1:1 match** on donations up to a total of **\$8500** that will be funneled into our Access to Birds and Birding Fund and allow us to support more community grants.

Our speaker this month is Denver Holt, talking about owls. (Who doesn't like owls?!!) I hope to see many of you Thursday, February 13th at 7:00 pm at Asbury First United Methodist Church. We have a lively group that comes to see presentations in person, and it would be great to have lots of folks there. We also livestream over Zoom, which is another way to participate in real time. We do archive the talks in case you miss the livestream: rochesterbirding.org/events-trips/speaker-videos/.

Don't forget about the Great Backyard Bird Count happening February 14th-17th sponsored by Cornell Lab, Audubon and Bird Canada. Birders from beginners to advanced can easily participate. Any eBird list put in over that long weekend counts as part of the GBBC. Even a single bird identification from the Merlin Bird ID app counts. Document what's at your feeders, go on a bird walk, make it a family outing, involve your kids and grandkids—just participate and have fun with it! Details can be found at birdcount.org/participate.

Until next month, Happy Birding!

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING • Thursday, Feb 13th, 2025 @ 7 PM

Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue, Rochester NY

Free and open to the public. Parking and entrance at rear of church.

Step into the World of Owls: 35 Years of Research by the Owl Research Institute

Denver Holt

Founded by Denver Holt in 1987, the Owl Research Institute (ORI) stands as one of the most active owl research groups in the world. For over 35 years, ORI has been dedicated to the pursuit of in-depth and lasting studies that illuminate the enigmatic world of owls and their intricate ecology. While many wildlife biologists have gradually shifted away from fieldwork, ORI continues the determined exploration of owl habitats throughout the entire year.

ORI maintains eight major owl research studies, some of which have 30 to 37 years of data. Simultaneously, younger projects offer 5 to 10 years of invaluable observations. Join owl expert Denver Holt for an insightful overview of ORI's extensive projects and immerse yourself in his philosophies on the majestic Snowy Owl, the elusive Long-eared Owl, the captivating Short-eared Owl, the regal Great Gray Owl, mysterious Boreal Owl, the adorable Saw-whet Owl, the diminutive Pygmy Owl, and so much more!

Denver Holt is a widely published author who has been featured in many articles from National Geographic to the New York Times, as well as in many television programs. He has educated and entertained people from all walks of life and enjoys guiding, meeting new people, and expanding his knowledge of wildlife and the natural world.

*Look for the Zoom link in your email prior to the meeting. The Zoom Room **will open at 6:45 PM.** Don't wait until the last minute to sign on, you might be left out!*



WELCOME TO THE FLOCK

Please welcome our new members:

Marta Brewer
Rob Fergus
Bill Rotterman & Corrie Kantowski

Lesle Friedman
Robert & Susan Spahn

As of January 15, total 2025 membership is 310

Individual Members: 202

Family Members: 78

Supporters:

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Corporate Sponsors: 1 (The Bird House)

Complimentary Memberships: 26

Doug Rabjohns, RBA Membership Data



Mute Swan seen by David Laiacona at Irondequoit Bay Outlet.



FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Webster Park January 4, 2025

Eight participants joined Rosemary Reilly and me on the annual field trip to Webster Park Campground Area on a day with temperatures in the mid 20s, 25 mph winds and lake effect snow. Under these blustery conditions we saw only fourteen species of birds, but several were high quality. Rather strangely, our only Corvid was a Common Raven and we managed to detect only one species of woodpecker, a Red-bellied. For most of the morning, the skies were filled with gulls on the move, both Ring-billed and Herring. We also had flyover Cooper's Hawk and Peregrine Falcon. A Barred Owl called (eventually) to playback. Bird of the day was a Winter Wren, spotted by our youngest participant and his mother and confirmed by Dominic Sherony, who saw it fly off. Thanks to all for coming on such a bitterly cold day.

Pat Martin and Rosemary Reilly



A Winter Wren seen at Webster Park by Eunice Thein.

Nations Road January 19, 2025

Rick Stevens and I led the RBA trip to the Nations Road area today with ten hardy participants on a cold afternoon (wind chill in the teens). Target species, Harriers and Short-eared Owls, were plentiful with ten Short-ears on the main trip from Houston, Nations, and Little Roads. One more was seen along Avon Road across from Leg Up Stables. We had six Harriers in all. I had a Rough-legged Hawk along South Avon Road on my way up to the trip and then again (or a different one) along Avon Road (by Roots Tavern) at the end of the trip. One special moment was seeing and hearing a Common Raven flying along Houston Road. We saw three Bluebirds in the same area. There were large flocks of Canada Geese flying overhead throughout the afternoon up to sunset. We had 25 species total.

James Kimball and Rick Stevens



This Northern Harrier was seen on a previous trip to Nations Road. Photo by Dominic Sherony.

A MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY!

Give to the Rochester Birding Association's Access to Birds and Birding Fund before May 1, 2025, and your gift will be doubled!

We have exciting news! In a wonderful gesture of support and goodwill, an anonymous donor has offered us a matching grant to help us reach our 2025 fundraising goal.

This donor will match every dollar RBA raises between now and May 1, 2025, up to \$8,500. So if you donate to RBA now, the value of your donation will be doubled!

Thanks to generous donations from our members through the end of 2024, RBA has already raised \$4,215 toward this goal.

It's easy to donate: Visit rochesterbirding.org/access-to-birds-and-birding-fund/

What do we do with your donations? Rochester Birding Association reaches out to organizations throughout the Greater Rochester area to find projects that improve access to birds and birding. These may include habitat maintenance and restoration, construction of observation structures, or other services that allow researchers to work effectively in the field.

RBA has a fund for grantmaking, based on a bequest received in 1988 and invested carefully for modest growth. To keep this fund strong and continue to make gifts like these, we ask that our members consider adding Rochester Birding Association to your annual giving plans.



Wood Duck photo by Alan Bloom.

If we can raise another \$4,285 from our membership by May 1, we will receive the full value of the matching grant and replenish our funds by \$17,000.

Please join us with your gift today.

This handicapped-accessible elevated observation deck at the Salmon Creek Nature Preserve was made possible through a gift from the Access to Birds and Birding Fund. Photo from the Genesee Land Trust website.



SEPTEMBER 2024 RECORDS SUMMARY

September 2024 was divided into two segments: a cooler and wetter first third, followed by a warmer and dryer two-thirds. Temperatures averaged 66.4°F, 2.8° above average. Eight of the first 10 days featured below-average high temperatures, which contrasted with the remaining 20 days of the month, which were all at or above normal, averaging 6.3° above average. The coolest maximum temperature of 66° occurred on 2 September and 7 September, which ties one day from 2005 for the warmest lowest maximum temperature for 154 years of September records. Precipitation totaled 3.69", 0.51" above average. About three inches of this precipitation fell in the first 10 days of the month. The stormy pattern in the first third of the month spawned four more tornadoes for the state, although all were outside of Region 2.

Migration continued in its due course in September. Warbler and flycatcher diversity decreased, duck diversity increased, and sparrow diversity and numbers increased. Although rarities were not as plentiful as in past Septembers, plenty of uncommon and cooperative birds kept birders entertained. The eBird download totaled just under 48,500 lines after filtering, up 28.8% from September 2023.

September's phenology brings an increase in waterfowl numbers and diversity to the Region. By the end of the month, large Canada Geese flocks were reported from several locations. Dabbling ducks, such as Blue-winged Teal, Green-winged Teal, Northern Pintail, and American Wigeon increased in numbers, with the largest numbers found in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area. The effort at the area's lake watches, primarily Hamlin Beach State Park (Parking Lot no. 4) and the Sodus Point Lighthouse Museum, picked up as well, with small flocks of dabblers and the first consistent diving ducks of the fall (Greater/Lesser Scaup, Surf Scoter, Black Scoter, Red-breasted Merganser, and Redhead) migrating past these vantage points. Nothing particularly rare stood out among the waterfowl.

September is typically too early for good numbers of migrating grebes. Counts remained low at Hamlin Beach where the highest counts for Horned Grebe and Red-necked Grebe were in the single digits, and not reported during each day of coverage.

Common Gallinule, American Coot, and Pied-billed Grebe numbers remained the highest in the NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit at the end of VanDyne Spoor Road), where breeding birds and their offspring remained. Sandhill Crane numbers built up in the NMWMA by the end of the month, with a maximum of 31 reported on 23 September. One of the Glossy Ibis wandering the Montezuma area took up residence in the marshes between VanDyne Spoor Road and Morgan Road in the NMWMA from 6-19 September. Kim Hartquist found another Glossy Ibis on 7 September, first at Salmon Creek near the Braddock Bay Tavern, which wandered the Braddock Bay area until at least 11 September.

Water levels on Lake Ontario dropped by approximately six inches this month, starting at 245.60' on 1 September and ending at 245.11' by 30 September. This acceleration is in line with recent history and brought the lake levels to roughly two inches lower than 30 September 2023. Consequently, more exposed mudflats and ease of access to the East Spit contributed to more shorebird reports. Observers reported 21 species, with several uncommon, but annual, species mixed in. Shorebird abundance was lower than in 2022 and more on par with 2023. Reports of note are as follows: Andy Guthrie reported 18 American Golden-Plovers passing the Hamlin Beach SP Lakewatch on 30 September. Singular Whimbrels were seen from the East Spit on 2 September and from Sodus Point on 12 September. Greg Lawrence reported a Hudsonian Godwit at Sodus Point, seen by three others. Rick Stevens found a Red-necked Phalarope on Silver Lake on 28 September, which stayed for one day. Jim Miles reported another Red-necked Phalarope from LaSalle's Landing Park on the south end of Irondequoit Bay on 29-30 September, seen by a few others. 13 Stilt Sandpiper at the East Spit on 18 September stood out as high. Baird's Sandpiper reports were slightly lighter this month, with only a handful of individuals reported, mainly from the East Spit. Jim Miles reported a Red Knot from Charlotte Pier on 6 September. A Red Knot inhabited the East Spit from 7-13 September, perhaps the same bird, or a different individual. The Montezuma Audubon Center also held extensive shorebird habitat, with a report of an unusual-for-the-location Ruddy Turnstone during the Montezuma Muckrace.



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September typically marks the first full month of lake watch season along the Lake Ontario shoreline. Dedicated lake-watchers reported 13 Parasitic Jaegers, significantly down from the 34 reported in September 2023. Mike Gullo once again reported a Long-tailed Jaeger from the Sodus Point Lighthouse Museum Lakewatch, this year on 2 September. There were five additional jaegers not identified to a specific species. An increase in Bonaparte's Gulls (flocks of 100-150) at the end of the second week of the month brought an immature Little Gull to the Braddock Bay mudflats on 13 September, found by Cliff Dekdebrun and seen by many. Presumably the same Little Gull returned to Braddock Bay on 21-22 September, awarding even more birders excellent looks. Risk Stevens found the rarest bird of the month, an adult Franklin's Gull, in a heavy molt, on Silver Lake on 28-29 September.

The only large movement of raptors for September was 255 Red-tailed Hawks reported by Mike Tetlow from the Braddock Bay Hawkwatch on 1 September, part of the post-natal dispersal of the species. Migrating Broad-winged Hawks were scarcer than in past years.

September was generally bland for passerine movements. Observers reported five different Olive-sided Flycatchers. Other flycatcher species

departed at normal times with occasional stragglers like Great Crested Flycatcher (late report on 25 September) and Eastern Kingbird (late report on 17 September). Swallow numbers seemed poorer than in recent memory, with the largest flock being 1,700 Tree Swallows along Edgemere Drive in Greece on 8 September. There were no reports of impressive mixed swallow flocks from the NMWMA, although swallow numbers did take a noticeable dive after 8 September. Swainson's Thrush and Gray-cheeked Thrush numbers seemed poor as well, although a count of 26 Swainson's Thrushes from Owl Woods on 13 September stood out as a high diurnal count. Brad Carlson reported a surprise Clay-colored Sparrow from the Sibleyville Nature Preserve on 28 September. Lincoln's Sparrow seemed to trickle in this month, less widespread than usual. Five different Connecticut Warblers were reported this month: 10 September, BBBO; 12 September, BBBO; 13 September, Owl Woods; 15 September, Town of Castile; and 28 September, Owl Woods. Neal Reilly reported a Prairie Warbler from the East Spit on 2 September.

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	2024	2023	10-year Average (2014-2023)
Total species for September	213	210	219.2
New species for the year	4	4	4.4
Total for the year to date	288	288	283.3



Red-tailed Hawk seen at North Ponds Park by Eunice Thein on September 3, 2024.

OCTOBER 2024 RECORDS SUMMARY

October 2024 was a calm month weather-wise, characterized by above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation. Temperatures averaged 53.8°F, 1.6° above average. Ten days had highs at or above 70°, and 22 October hit 80°. October made for the eleventh consecutive month with a monthly average above normal. Precipitation totaled 2.62", 0.60" below average. The main precipitation event of the month occurred on 13-16

October, in which 1.60" was recorded, and a shift in winds after the frontal passage brought the first lake effect (rain) of the season. Covering space weather, a G4 geomagnetic storm on the night of 10 October brought naked-eye coronal aurora borealis (aurora that orients overhead) to the entire region, the second occurrence of coronal aurora borealis this year (10 May 2024, G5). Temperatures on Lake Ontario dropped from 68° to 58° throughout the



OCTOBER 2024 RECORDS SUMMARY

month. The eBird download, filtered for out-of-region, totaled just under 41,000 lines, up 15.7% from last year.

October saw the return of even greater waterfowl diversity. Arrivals for species of interest include Snow Goose (3 October), Cackling Goose (6 October), and Tundra Swan (17 October). Mike Teltow reported the first Ross's Goose of the season on 19 October from the Twin Cedars Environmental Area in Avon. Joe Wing reported the only Greater White-fronted Goose of the month, also an arrival, from the Town of Ontario on 23 October. The first Brant of fall migration arrived on 10 October. Brant moved in small numbers along the Lake Ontario shoreline throughout the month. 14 October stood out as the only day of good movement for Brant, with Mike Gullo tallying 1,190 passing the Sodus Point Lighthouse Museum Lakewatch (SPLMLW). Both lakewatches peaked birders' interests this month, with the SPLMLW and the more traditional Hamlin Beach SP Lakewatch (HBSPLW) getting consistent coverage from diehard lake-watchers plus many visitors. Good flights of Northern Pintail occurred on 12 October (257, HBSPLW) and 14 October (601, SPLMLW). The first major flight of Greater Scaup occurred on 12 October (243, HBSPLW). Andy Guthrie reported a female King Eider from the HBSPLW on 13 October. Chris Wood and Jessie Barry reported another migrating female King Eider passing by Edgemere Drive on 28 October. Good flights of White-winged Scoters occurred on 24 October (106, HBSPLW) and 26 October (346, HBSPLW). 118 migrating Black Scoters were noted passing by Point Breeze on 27 October. The only good flight on Long-tailed Duck occurred on 26 October (1,606, HBSPLW).

Horned Grebe and Red-necked Grebe migration became more consistent this month, as observed at the lakewatches. Mamie Wood reported an accumulation of 55 Sandhill Cranes on October 19 from her home near the NMWMA. Virginia Rail and Common Gallinule departed by the end of the month. A surprise came on 6 October when Rob Fergus reported a Wood Stork from the East Spit of Braddock Bay. The Wood Stork stayed through 8 October, with many reporting, noting its uncooperative nature of frequently disappearing into the cattails. This Wood Stork might be attributed to the massive influx of the species that the northeast United States saw in August,

where Kingbird Region 2 also received its fair share of records. A Glossy Ibis was observed around Braddock Bay from 1-4 October. It is unclear if this was the same individual from early September, but another report, from LaSalle's Landing Park on 1 October (seen by many as well) supports the idea that the Braddock Bay individual could have been a separate bird from the September bird.

Observers reported 22 species of shorebirds this month, the same as October 2023. Water levels on Lake Ontario measured 245.11' at the start of the month and dropped to 244.36' by 31 October, falling exactly nine inches. This significant drop created even more shorebird habitat at the East Spit. Numbers of Semipalmated Plovers, Semipalmated Sandpipers, Black-bellied Plover, and American Golden-Plover peaked early in the month while numbers of Dunlin grew throughout the month. Records of note include a single Hudsonian Godwit at the East Spit on 1-7 October, found by Steve Taylor. Michal Scheibel reported two Hudsonian Godwits from the East Spit on 11 October, which stayed through 12 October. Whether one of these godwits was the one present on 1-7 October is unknown. Mitchell Barry reported a Red Phalarope on Buck Pond while hunting on 14 October. Kevin Griffith reported another Red Phalarope on 17-18 October from Sodus Bay (Shaker Tract Road), which was widely seen by others.

Parasitic Jaeger numbers continued bleakly this season, with only seven more observed along the lakeshore. There were five jaegers unidentified to a specific species as well. Chris Wood and Jessie Barry reported the only Pomarine Jaeger of the month passing Edgemere Drive on 25 October, which completed Region 2's jaeger trifecta for the year. Jim Miles observed an immature Black-legged Kittiwake passing his lakeshore home in Hamlin on 24 October. Another surprise came on 1 October when Rick Stevens reported two Franklin's Gulls from Silver Lake. One of these birds had previously been widely seen at the end of September. Rick reported the two Franklin's Gulls through 4 October. There were no reports of Little Gull this month, despite the growing number of Bonaparte's Gulls along the Monroe County lakeshore. Greg Lawrence noted a late Black Tern migrating past the East Spit on 6 October.



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The first Rough-legged Hawk of the season arrived on 19 October. The first Short-eared Owl arrived on 12 October. Northern Saw-whet Owls were occasionally banded. American Kestrel reports came in on the lighter side, with only around 10-11 individuals regionwide, estimated using timing and location as a sorting method.

October was an interesting month for passerines. The last neotropical migrants (warblers, vireos, flycatchers) were gone within the first few days of the month, leaving only the occasional straggler behind. Jim Miles and Lauri Mattle reported a White-eyed Vireo from their lakeshore home in Hamlin on 11 October. Fish Crow numbers seemed low, with a lower total number of reports and the maximum being two. The last major push of Tree Swallows occurred on 6-9 October, with only a handful remaining in the days after. Three reports of Evening Grosbeak came in from 22-29 October, the historical timeframe for this species' arrival. Andy Guthrie reported a Clay-colored Sparrow from the East Spit on 12 October—late and an untypical location. Only two Nelson's Sparrows were reported this season: 4 October, East Spit (Andy Guthrie), and 18 October, Burger Park (Chris Wood). Chris Wood and Jessie Barry reported two late Bobolinks in flight from Edgemere Drive on 8 October. Nate Ukens reported a diurnal flyover Dickcissel (Dickcissel are more often detected from nocturnal flight call monitoring in October) from his yard on 18 October. Overall, October made for a very birdy month with a decent spread of uncommon and rare birds, many widely seen.

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Observers (for Sept & Oct): Ryan Ballard, Niki Banke, Timmy Banker, Jessie Barry, Mitchell Barry, Frederic Beaudry, Betty Beckham, Don Bemont, Dave Bennett,

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Red Phalarope seen at Sodus Bay. Photo taken by Alan Bloom on October 17th.



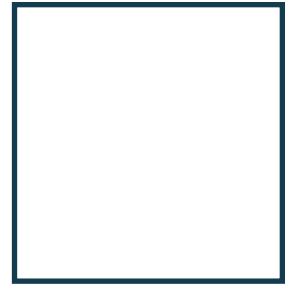
	2024	2023	10-year Average (2014-2023)
Total species for October	205	214	208.1
New species for the year	3	6	4.9
Total for the year to date	291	294	288.1





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