

Underlined items indicate noteworthy factors.

F indicates first record for the year.

FF indicates first record for the fall migration, though reported earlier.

RE indicates record early fall arrival date.

B indicates trapped and banded this season.

HANA = High Acres Nature Area I Town of Perinton.

NMWMA = Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area in Wayne County.

	2014	2013	10-year Average (2004-2013)
Total species for August	196	194	188.1
New species for the year	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6.3</u>
Total for the year to date	277	271	274.9

Notes:

1. August brought a quiet end to the summer season. The month seemed cool but ended not far from normal due to a surge of hot, humid weather in the final week. There were no 90° days, and the high of 67° on the coolest day was the lowest high in an August since 2009. The period from the 17th-30th was the longest dry spell of the summer. Temperatures averaged 68.2°F, 1.1° below normal, and precipitation at 2.27” was 1.20” below normal. The summer ended right on normal for average temperature and 2.26” above normal for rainfall.

2. The total number of species reported was the highest for an August among the years for which I have tracked the data; since 1974. Still there were some surprising misses, some of which were apparently seen but not reported. Good variety of shorebirds and passerines, especially warblers, pushed the total above average to the new high.

3. Waterfowl numbers were again poor all across the region this summer, with only three diving duck species plus the mergansers reported. Breeding Canada Geese, Mute and Trumpeter swans, Wood Ducks, and Mallards were in typical numbers. There was an early Red-throated Loon early in the month, a scattering of Common Loons and Red-necked Grebes, and White-winged Scoter and Horned Grebe toward the end of the month off Hamlin Beach.

4. There were no reports of rarer, wandering, post-breeding herons in the region, and as usual the rails and their allies were poorly reported.

5. There again was no official summer hawkwatch tally, though Mike Tetlow posted a summary of a good flight past Braddock Bay on August 26. Again, the late summer brought passing Merlin and Peregrine Falcon sightings, but there were no details on Merlin nesting success.

6. Again shorebird habitat was not great, but the many observers checking spots scattered across the region and watching for passing birds along Lake Ontario turned up an impressive 24 species, with at least five other species seen at sites only a short distance outside the region to the east and west.

7. Among the gulls and terns, only Lesser Black-backed Gull was on the “rarer” side, and that species is now reported in every month most years. Caspian Tern counts were again below those of years past, but there still were a couple birds among those on the beaches or piers with color bands placed on them as chicks approaching 10 years ago. Late in the month a couple of distant jaegers showed passing Hamlin Beach.

8. Between the multitude of observers in the field and the BBBO banders, nearly all of the expected passerines were reported, even most that are borderline for arrival either in late August or early September. There were 25 species of warblers plus “Brewster’s” hybrid reported. Interestingly, there were no real rarities and most of the early migrants were noted in very small numbers. A concern? Fish Crow numbers near the mouth of the Genesee River were good; apparently they are breeding successfully. But there were no Eurasian Collared-Dove reports. Among the missed passerine species, most were ones where searches in particular habitats would have turned them up easily: Acadian Flycatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and Vesper Sparrow.

9. The rarity of the month was a White-winged Dove found by Chris Wood on Curtis road near Manitou Road on August 31; a 4th record for the region.

10. Please send your reports (if not entered in eBird or posted to geneseebirds) each month by the 5th of the month to the RBA records committee or Robert Spahn, 716 High Tower Way, Webster, NY 14580.

Observers:

Jim Adams, Janet Akin, John Ballou, Jessie Barry, Jim & Liz Barry, Sue Barth, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Lynn Braband, BBBO, Bruce Cady, Doug Cameron, Brad Carlson, Kelly Close, Andrew Consler, Dawn Crane, Doug Daniels, Rich Downs, Sarah Dzielski, George Ford, Andrew Garland, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Mike Gullo, Judy Gurley, Andy Guthrie, Anita Gwara, Chris & Helen Haller, Kim Hartquist, George Haskins, Jim & Allison Healy, Alec Humann, IBA Monitoring, Carolyn Jacobs, Ryan Kayhart, Tom Kerr, Jim Kimball, Kathy Kirsch, J. Gary Kohlenberg, Chris Lajewski, Tom Lathrop, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Pat Martin, Jay McGowan, Bob McGuire, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Dave Nicosia, David Nutter, Andrea Patterson, Emily Patterson, Norma Platt, Jay Powell, Mike Powers, David Prill, RBA Field trips, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jennifer Rycenga, Livia Santana, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Tom Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Joseph Stevenson, Kimberly Sucey, Jim Tarolli, Steve Taylor, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Andrew VanNorstrand, Mike Wasilco, Dave Wheeler, Joe Wing, Chris Wood.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

AUGUST 2014

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Wood Duck	<u>max 61</u>	16	HANA	A.Garland
Gadwall	1	<u>7</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
American Wigeon	1	<u>20FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	Bri. Morse
Northern Shoveler	1	<u>2</u>	Conesus Lake	K.Close
Northern Pintail	8	<u>14FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 41</u>	12	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	IBA Monitoring
Redhead	1	<u>31FF</u>	Braddock Bay	C.Wood
Greater Scaup	1	<u>24FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
White-winged Scoter	1	<u>27FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Red-breasted Merganser	1	<u>17FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Red-breasted Merganser	1	<u>25</u>	Bear Creek Harbor (Wayne Co.)	J.Wing
Red-throated Loon	1	<u>2</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Common Loon	1	<u>14</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Horned Grebe	2	<u>29FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C.Wood
Red-necked Grebe	2	<u>7</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 434</u>	28	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 230</u>	25	Perinton Center Park	M. Tetlow
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	1	26	Braddock Bay	M. Tetlow
Broad-winged Hawk	<u>max 11</u>	26	Braddock Bay	M. Tetlow
Red-tailed Hawk	<u>max 706</u>	26	Braddock Bay	M. Tetlow
Sandhill Crane	3	20	<u>T. Richmond (Ontario Co.)</u>	D. Crane
Black-bellied Plover	max 8	<u>18FF</u>	Perry Road Flats (Livingston Co.)	M.Wasilco
American Golden-Plover	1	<u>25F</u>	Sodus Pt.	J. Tarolli, D.Wheeler
American Golden-Plover	<u>max 12</u>	26	SE of Cuylerville	J. Kimball
<u>Willet</u>	1	21	Summerville Pier	P. Martin
<u>Willet</u>	1	31	Ontario Beach (Charlotte)	C.Wood
Upland Sandpiper	<u>max 3</u>	2	Geneseo Airfield	J. Gurley, J. Kimball
<u>Whimbrel</u>	1	24	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
<u>Whimbrel</u>	1	30	Hamlin Beach SP	B. & B. Morse
Red Knot	1	<u>25FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Sanderling	<u>max 30</u>	27	Sodus Pt.	D.Wheeler
Baird's Sandpiper	1	<u>18F</u>	Ontario Beach (Charlotte)	Bri. Morse
Least Sandpiper	<u>max 40</u>	28	Montezuma Audubon Center	A. VanNorstrand
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<u>1</u>	<u>27F</u>	Perry Road Flats (Livingston Co.)	J. Kimball
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 160</u>	30	Montezuma Audubon Center	J.G. Kohlenberg
Short-billed Dowitcher	<u>max 38</u>	30	Montezuma Audubon Center	D. Nutter
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	<u>27F</u>	Montezuma Audubon Center	B. McGuire
jaeger sp.	1	<u>27FF</u> ; 28	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	2	24	Sodus Pt.	M. Gullo
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1 ad & 1 1st yr	25	Sodus Pt.	M. & J. Tetlow
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1	31	Ontario Beach (Charlotte)	C. Wood
Caspian Tern	<u>max 110</u>	18	Sodus Pt.	J. Tarolli, D.Wheeler
Common Tern	<u>max 61</u>	27	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
<u>Forster's Tern</u>	2	<u>13FF</u>	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
<u>White-winged Dove</u>	1, <u>4th Reg.</u>	<u>31FF</u>	Parma (Curtis Rd.)	C.W Wood
N. Saw-whet Owl	<u>1B</u>	<u>2</u>	Manitou	A. & E. Patterson
E. Whip-poor-will	1 (calling)	<u>18</u>	Irondequoit	G. Haskins
Common Nighthawk	1	<u>19FF</u>	Genesee Valley Park	A.Garland
Chimney Swift	<u>max 97</u>	14	York Central School, Greigsville	J. Kimball
Chimney Swift	<u>60</u>	21	Rochester	J. Ballou
Red-headed Woodpecker	<u>max 12</u>	27	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Downs
Merlin	<u>6 rep</u>	9-27	sev	sev
Peregrine Falcon	<u>3 rep</u>	27-31	sev	sev
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	<u>15FF</u>	Conesus Lake Inlet (Giltner Rd)	M. Wasilco

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Olive-sided Flycatcher	3; 1	18	Riverside Cemetery (Rochester)	S. Taylor; A.Garland
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	22	Conesus Lake Inlet	K. Close

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1B	11FF	Manitou	BBBO
Philadelphia Vireo	1	20FF	Greece	K. Griffith
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>total B 28</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Fish Crow</u>	1-8	all month	Charlotte & Summerville	mob
Purple Martin	<u>max 95</u>	30	Montezuma Audubon Center	J. McGowan, L. Santana
N. Rough-winged Swallow	<u>max 85</u>	16	HANA	D. Sherony
Tree Swallow	<u>max 121</u>	16	HANA	A.Garland
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1B	29FF	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	1B	25FF	Manitou	BBBO
Hermit Thrush	1B	19FF	Manitou	BBBO
Gray Catbird	<u>total B 75</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
<u>"Brewster's" Warbler</u>	1B	9	Manitou	BBBO
Black-and-white Warbler	1	17FF	T Gates	B. & B. Morse
Tennessee Warbler	1B	10FF	Manitou	BBBO
Nashville Warbler	2B	28FF	Manitou	BBBO
Mourning Warbler	1B	9FF	Manitou	BBBO
Common Yellowthroat	<u>total B 20</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
American Redstart	<u>total B 28</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Cape May Warbler	1	23FF	Greece	K. Griffith
Northern Parula	1B	9FF	Manitou	BBBO
Magnolia Warbler	1	15FF	Manitou	BBBO
Magnolia Warbler	<u>total B 49</u>	19 thru	Manitou	BBBO
Bay-breasted Warbler	1B	19FF	Manitou - Owl Woods	K.Hartquist
Blackburnian Warbler	1	27FF	U. of Rochester	J. Ballou
Yellow Warbler	<u>total B 36</u>	1-24	Manitou	BBBO
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	23FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Blackpoll Warbler	1B	29FF	Manitou	BBBO
Blackpoll Warbler	1	29FF	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Black-th. Blue Warbler	2B	29FF	Manitou	BBBO
Black-th. Blue Warbler	1	29FF	Island Cottage Woods	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	11FF	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Black-th. Green Warbler	1	29FF	Island Cottage Woods	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Canada Warbler	1B	18FF	Manitou	BBBO
Wilson's Warbler	1B	27FF	Manitou	BBBO
Lincoln's Sparrow	2B	26FF	Manitou	BBBO
Common Grackle	<u>max 345</u>	29	Hamlin	A.Guthrie