

Underlined items indicate noteworthy factors.

F indicates first record for the year.

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

L indicates probable last record for the season.

T is an abbreviation for Town of - - -.

\* indicates adequate verification report received and on file.

ph – photo submitted

BBBO = Braddock Bay Bird Observatory

NMWMA = Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area.

HANA = High Acres Nature Area

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	10-year Average (2004-2013)
Total species for November	155	157	146.1
New species for the year	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4.5</u>
Total for the year to date	290	288	292.1

#### Notes:

1. A cold, wintry month, as several cold air masses swept southward across the region. One of these brought an historic snow event to areas mostly to our west, though snow to a foot or so depth reached into the SW corner of Monroe County. Temperatures reached as low as 15°F on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There were a few short warm spells, including a 70 degree day on the 24<sup>th</sup> right after the big snow. The only record set was a tie of the record low high temperature for November at 26°F on the 18<sup>th</sup> (prior 1951). A first official recording of 32° on the 8<sup>th</sup> was the 5<sup>th</sup> latest for this “event” on record locally. Temperatures averaged 38.7°F, 1.8° below normal, and precipitation totaled 2.41”, 0.53” below normal. There was at least a trace of snow on all but 5 days, but measurable snow on only 13 days. Snowfall totaled 9.1”, 1.8” above normal.

2. Among the waterbirds, nearly all expected species were reported, with the rarer exceptions being **King Eider**, **Barrow’s Goldeneye**, and **Northern Gannet**. We again had the now-expected sightings of **Greater White-fronted**, **Ross’s**, and **Cackling geese**. As illustrated in the noteworthy table, peak counts for most species were well below expectations, especially for the diving ducks such as **Canvasback**, **Redhead**, both scaup, and even the scoters. Peak counts for the regular loon species were low, but there was again an appearance by **Pacific Loon** at Hamlin Beach and several **Eared Grebes** were reported. Once again we also had the late appearance of **Cattle Egrets** at two locations, with three birds in the one case.

3. Raptors were generally scarce, no **Black Vultures**, late **Ospreys**, or **Northern Goshawk**, and only a few **Rough-legged Hawks**. An immature **Golden Eagle** photographed by Jim Adams in Oatka Creek Park was particularly noteworthy. Early in the month saw the start of another substantial influx of **Snowy Owls**. There was even note on the internet of one of those outfitted with a transmitter in Project Snowstorm arriving in transmission distance just to our north. **Short-eared Owls** also arrived in small numbers at one of last winter’s sites. Numbers of reports for both **Merlin and Peregrine Falcon** were lower than usual this month. **Northern Shrike** reports were scattered about through the month.

4. Only a very few **Sandhill Cranes** were reported in our Region, though big numbers (to 82 in early December!) continued past season's end just south into Region 1 in the NMWMA. Late marsh bird reports were few, other than a lingering **American Bittern**.

5. Several expected shorebirds lingered to fairly normal departures dates, though numbers were low and there were no surprises. **Purple Sandpipers** were not reported past the 1<sup>st</sup>; a relatively poor showing.

6. Reflecting the new taxonomic order, we next have only a single jaeger for the month, but then the bird of the month, a **murre species** (very likely Thick-billed), was seen passing Hamlin Beach by Steve Taylor. Among the gulls, there were no reports of **Black-legged Kittiwake** or **Little Gull**, but the first **Iceland** and **Glaucous gulls** for the season and three **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** were reported.

7. Non-passerine landbirds again contributed few reports other than the owls previously noted. There were again no reports for either **Eurasian Collared-Dove** or **Monk Parakeet**. Only a lone **Red-headed Woodpecker** was reported and very few lingering **Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers**.

8. Among the passerines, birds seemed so-so at feeders and generally scarce in the field. There are very few even decent high counts this month. However, there was a good number of reports of interesting late species, including: **Eastern Phoebe**, **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**, **Gray Catbird**, **Brown Thrasher**, and eight species of warblers. Several of the late birds were at dates beyond their latest in the Monroe County Checklist (1985) departure distributions. Some will be listed as RL (record late), but the assessment of RL or winter lingerer should be made with some additional discussion by a local records committee and others. The winter irruptive species we look for were represented by a lone **Bohemian Waxwing**, a few passing **White-winged Crossbills**, a few more **Pine Siskins**, and **Evening Grosbeaks** at one feeder. **Lapland Longspur** and **Snow Bunting** were around, with even a report of 520 of the latter, but with little snow cover to push them to road edges they could be hard to find. The lone passerine rarity was a cooperative **Lark Sparrow** - the region's 8<sup>th</sup> - at Hamlin Beach. **Cave Swallow** was missed, but this was not a month for fast systems from the southwest.

9. Please send your reports by the 5th of the month to Lynn Bergmeyer, 187 Longridge Avenue, Greece, NY 14616.

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Kimball, Kathy Kirsch, Elijah Kruger, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Lauri Mattle, Jay McGowan, Bob McGuire, Chita McKinney, Joe Mitchell, IBA Monitoring, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Tom Nash, David Pippin, Norma Platt, Jay Powell, David Prill, Bill Purcell, Carolyn Ragan, RBA Field Trips, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jesse Rubenstein, Jennifer Rycenga, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Tom & Pat Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Joe Stevenson. Kimberly Sucey, Jim Tarolli, Steve Taylor, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Bill Watson, Dave Wheeler, Sean Williams, Joe Wing, Chris Wood.

**NOTEWORTHY RECORDS** (\*\*\*) *Updated February 2015* (\*\*\*)

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**November 2014**

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Greater White-fronted Goose	<u>1</u>	25	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Greater White-fronted Goose	<u>5</u>	30	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Horsey
Ross's Goose	1-2	10-30	Hamlin Beach SP & nearby	L. Bergmeyer, R. Spahn, mob
Brant	<u>165</u>	1	T Wolcott (Broadway Rd)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Brant	<u>max 194</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	T. Lenz
Brant	<u>175</u>	1	Sodus Pt.	M. Tetlow
Brant	<u>40</u>	<u>20</u>	T Wolcott (Brown Rd)	W. & M. Rowley
Cackling Goose	<u>max 7</u>	15-25	sev	sev
Cackling Goose	<u>28 rep. approx 28</u>	2-26	sev	sev
Mute Swan	<u>max 46</u>	20	Sodus Pt.	W. & M. Rowley
Trumpeter Swan	<u>max 32</u>	22	MNWMA (Armitage Rd)	J. McGowan
Tundra Swan	<u>141</u>	19	<u>Braddock Bay</u>	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Tundra Swan	<u>164</u>	23	<u>Mendon Ponds Park</u>	J. & A. Healy
Tundra Swan	<u>max 170</u>	21	Conesus Lake	D. Prill
Gadwall	<u>max 46</u>	2	Greece (Round Pond)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
American Wigeon	<u>max 85</u>	1	Greece (Buck Pond)	Ji. Barry
American Black Duck	<u>max 75</u>	23; 29	Hemlock Lake; Hamlin Beach	B. Howe; A. Guthrie
Mallard	<u>max 1214</u>	13	MNWMA (Sandhill Crane unit)	IBA Monitoring
Northern Shoveler	<u>max 53</u>	13	MNWMA (Sandhill Crane unit)	IBA Monitoring
Northern Pintail	<u>max 86</u>	13	MNWMA (Sandhill Crane unit)	IBA Monitoring
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 293</u>	13	MNWMA (Sandhill Crane unit)	IBA Monitoring
Canvasback	<u>max 18, low</u>	25	Silver Lake - South	G. Lawrence
Redhead	<u>max 450</u>	27	Conesus Lake	A. Consler
Ring-necked Duck	<u>max 120</u>	23	Hemlock Lake Park	B. Howe
Harlequin Duck	1 ad m	6F	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Prill, A. Guthrie, G. Lawrence
Harlequin Duck	1 ad m	15	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie
Surf Scoter	<u>max 32</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
White-winged Scoter	<u>max 215</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Black Scoter	<u>169</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Black Scoter	<u>max 223</u>	1	T Wolcott (Broadway Rd)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Long-tailed Duck	<u>839</u>	1	T Wolcott (Broadway Rd)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Long-tailed Duck	<u>max 2281</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Bufflehead	<u>max 319</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Goldeneye	<u>max 140</u>	23	Sandy Bottom P (Honeoye)	B. Howe
Hooded Merganser	<u>max 230</u>	27	Conesus Lake	A. Consler
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 886</u>	15	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie
Chukar (likely release/escape)	1	28	W. Bloomfield	D. Pippin
Ruddy Duck	<u>max 164</u>	9	Conesus Lake	B. Howe
Red-throated Loon	<u>max 838</u>	15	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie
Pacific Loon	1	3F	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Loon	<u>max 309, low</u>	3	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Horned Grebe	<u>max 47, low</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 95</u>	16	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie, Bri. Morse
Eared Grebe	1	1FF	T Wolcott (Broadway Rd)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Eared Grebe	1	1FF	T Wolcott (Brown Rd)	W. & M. Rowley
Eared Grebe	1	6	Port Bay Pt.	W. & M. Rowley
American Bittern	1	<u>2</u>	Mendon Ponds Park	J. & A. Healy
Great Egret	1	<u>16</u>	Hamlin (Shore Acres)	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie, Bri. Morse, B. Carlson
Cattle Egret	1	9-10	Hamlin	A. Guthrie, mob
Cattle Egret	<u>3</u>	16L	Greece (Manitou Rd.)	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie, Bri. Morse, B. Carlson
Rough-legged Hawk	1 juv	<u>2FF</u>	Parma (Lighthouse Rd Overlook)	C. Wood
Rough-legged Hawk	1 lt morph	11	Hamlin Beach SP - West	Bri. Morse
Rough-legged Hawk	1	19	NY of Hemlock (Livingston Co.)	B. Howe

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<u>Golden Eagle imm. ph</u>	1	<u>4</u>	Oatka Creek Park	Ji. Adams
American Coot	<u>max 400</u>	30	Sodus Pt.	L. Lauster
Black-bellied Plover	1	<u>3L</u>	Charlotte (Ontario Beach)	D. Horsey
Semipalmated Plover	1	<u>10L</u>	Irondequoit Bay (LaSalle Landing Park)	K. Hartquist
Killdeer	3	<u>30L</u>	Conesus Lake	J. Stevenson
Greater Yellowlegs	2	<u>12L</u>	Perinton	M. Gullo
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	<u>4L</u>	Greece (Salmon Creek)	K. Griffith
Sanderling	1	<u>18L</u>	Charlotte (Ontario Beach)	Bri. Morse
Dunlin	1	<u>18L</u>	Charlotte (Ontario Beach)	Bri. Morse
Purple Sandpiper	1	<u>1L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Purple Sandpiper	2	<u>1L</u>	T Wolcott (Broadway Rd)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Pectoral Sandpiper	2	<u>12L</u>	Perinton	M. Gullo
<u>jaeger sp</u>	1	14	Hamlin Beach SP	J. Rycenga, S. Williams
<u>murre sp (likely Thick-billed)</u>	1	25F	Hamlin Beach SP	S. Taylor
Iceland Gull	1 1st win	<u>25FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	S. & R. Spahn
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1	16	Hamlin Beach SP	G. Lawrence
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1	22; 24	Irondequoit Bay (LaSalle Landing Park)	A. Garland; K. Hartquist
Glaucous Gull	1	25, 28FF	T Wolcott (Brown Rd)	W. & M. Rowley
Snowy Owl	1	<u>4FF</u>	T. N. Wolcott	W. & M. Rowley
Snowy Owl	<u>approx 17</u>	4-30	sev	sev
Short-eared Owl	1	<u>15FF</u>	West Bloomfield (Sand & Taft)	K. Sucey
Short-eared Owl	<u>max 7</u>	28	West Bloomfield (Sand & Taft)	K. Sucey
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	<u>30L</u>	Beechwoods SP	J. Wing
Merlin	<u>total 3</u>	6-26	sev	sev
Peregrine Falcon	<u>total 2</u>	2-20	sev	sev
Eastern Phoebe	1	<u>17</u>	Hamlin	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie,
Northern Shrike	<u>10 rep. 7 ind</u>	15-30	sev	sev
Winter Wren	<u>4</u>	23	Durand-Eastman Park	R. & S. Spahn
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	<u>26 RL</u>	Irondequoit Bay (LaSalle Landing Park)	J. Rycenga
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>total 11</u>	<u>1-26</u>	sev	sev
Hermit Thrush	<u>max 8</u>	22	Webster Park	R. Spahn
Gray Catbird	1	<u>27L</u>	Durand-Eastman Park	L. Mattle
Brown Thrasher	1	<u>24L</u>	T Groveland (Livingston Co.)	K. Close
<u>Bohemian Waxwing</u>	1	28FF	T Wolcott (Brown Rd)	W. & M. Rowley
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 100, low</u>	3	Chimney Bluff (Wayne Co.)	J. Akin
Snow Bunting	<u>max 520</u>	23	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Black-and-white Warbler	1 ph	<u>20L</u>	Durand-Eastman Park	<i>fide</i> Ji. Adams
Orange-crowned Warbler	2	<u>8L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Nashville Warbler	<u>1B</u>	<u>2L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Common Yellowthroat	1	<u>29L</u>	Nunda	K. Byrd
Palm Warbler	1	<u>24 RL</u>	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Pine Warbler	1	<u>2L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP - Campground	C. Wood
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<u>2</u>	<u>23L</u>	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Black-throated Green Warbler	1	<u>2L</u>	Hamlin	C. Wood
Chipping Sparrow	1	<u>29L</u>	Honeoye Falls	B. Carlson
<u>Lark Sparrow</u>	1	<u>16F-30, 9h Reg</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	B. Carlson, mob
Fox Sparrow	1	<u>29 RL</u>	Rochester	J. Lindberg
Eastern Meadowlark	1	<u>22L</u>	Geneseo Airport; T Henrietta	J. Kimball; J. & A. Healy
Brown-headed Cowbird	<u>max 100</u>	18	Honeoye Falls	B. Carlson
White-winged Crossbill	2	<u>8F</u>	Hamlin Beach SP - Yanty Creek	S. & R. Spahn
White-winged Crossbill	1	25-26	T Ontario (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing
Pine Siskin	<u>max 48</u>	5	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Evening Grosbeak	3	<u>25FF</u>	Hayward Hill Rd. (Ontario County)	J. Stevenson