

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.

RE indicates record early date.

B Indicates birds netted and banded this season.

HANA = High Acres Nature Area

NMWMA = Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area

MAC = Montezuma Audubon Center, Savannah, NY (Wayne County)

ph = identifiable photograph taken

mob = many observers

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	10-year Average (2004-2013)
Total species for October	200	193	194.2
New species for the year	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6.2</u>
Total for the year to date	285	282	287.6

#### Notes:

1. October was a pleasant fall month, though there were many days with at least some light rainfall. After a warm few days, the 3<sup>rd</sup> brought the passage of a cold front and the rest of the month seesawed between mild late fall and early cool blasts. It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> warmest October in the past 30 years, with two days reaching 80° and records set on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. There were patches of frost on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> but no killing freezes in Rochester. Though light rain fell on 21 days, there was only one period with over ½ inch in 24 hours. Temperatures averaged 53.9°F, 3.3° above normal, and precipitation totaled 1.89”, 0.83” below normal.

2. Continuing the pattern since April, the number of species reported was well above the recent 10-year average and near record high going back to 1974. Fall arrivals reported this month were nearly all in the 1<sup>st</sup> quartile or interquartile range of their historical arrival distributions, with King Eider and Purple Sandpiper record early. Apparent departures were nearly all in the interquartile range or 4<sup>th</sup> quartile of their distributions, with three record late relative to the old distributions, but all of those with several later yet sightings in intervening years. We need to update the data! Any volunteers to help. For most species, numbers generally seemed low aside from a very few dates. This is apparent in the maxima in the noteworthy table and the BBBO banding summary.

3. Waterfowl, loon, and grebe numbers in our Region were generally low other than the peak counts in the noteworthy table, even for reports from the NMWMA. There was only one day with good Brant numbers and no big days for Common Loon. The 19<sup>th</sup> was the best day for several waterfowl species. A Ross's Goose arrived early and a few Cackling Geese were present through the month. A record early King Eider passed Hamlin Beach on the 13<sup>th</sup>. A Cattle Egret in the NMWMA continued the recent trend of late fall appearances of the species.

4. The fall raptor picture remained slow. Again no Black Vulture or Northern Goshawk and no early arrival of irruptive species. An immature Golden Eagle was a rare find for fall.

5. Shorebird variety held up well, with 22 species reported. However, there were no really big counts in our Region, and the only rarer species reported was Hudsonian Godwit and that is annual in small numbers often into November. Record early Purple Sandpiper at Sodus Point was another highlight; hard to tell if one bird lingered or more than one stopped over the two weeks of reports.

6. There were some interesting observations among the jaegers, gulls, and terns. There were eight jaeger reports, only a single of Pomarine Jaeger, all on or before the 19<sup>th</sup>. There were lots of Bonaparte's Gulls around at various mudflats, but counts of birds passing Hamlin Beach were low. Five adult Little Gulls, a Franklin's Gull at Northrup Creek, and half a dozen Lesser Black-backed Gulls were the most interesting gull reports. Caspian, Common, and Forster's terns were reported into the month but not to especially late dates.

7. Among the non-passerine landbirds, there was again no concerted banding of N. Saw-whet Owls this fall, mainly due to no reports of any major movement from points north. Also no early arrival reports for Short-eared Owl. The only Chimney Swift report was on the 1<sup>st</sup> and there was only a single Ruby-throated Hummingbird report; is this a lack of later birds or of reports?

8. Among the passerines, numbers seemed down almost across the board but especially for warblers. Yet the overall species list was very good and looking at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory banding records there was a typical mix of numbers banded up and down relative to recent past fall data. A sampling of the more interesting (to me) for numbers and dates are in the noteworthy records table. Higher numbers banded were for Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, and White-throated Sparrow plus Dark-eyed Junco, Pine Siskin, and American Goldfinch on single dates. Low numbers banded included: Black-capped Chickadee (an irruption starting to the north did not make it by BBBO's season end), Red-breasted Nuthatch (no irruption), Gray-cheeked and Swainson's thrushes (peaked earlier), and Blackpoll Warbler (back to more normal numbers and late date for here). Missing species were all birds whose departure date distributions indicate only occasional years of presence into October. Rarer records included: an immature Northern Shrike banded, Fish Crows continuing, eight Orange-crowned Warblers with two banded, Connecticut Warbler, and Nelson's Sparrow. No Cave Swallow made it by month's end, but looking at the eBird map of records for this fall there are only a few sightings in Cape May much north or east of Texas. There were no winter finches reported other than Pine Siskin.

9. There were about 10,534 eBird records for the month from 111 observers and another 53 notes posted to geneseebirds with some overlap.

10. When possible, please enter bird lists into eBird or post on geneseebirds. Otherwise, please send next month's reports by the 5<sup>th</sup> of December to Lynn Bergmeyer, 107 Longridge Ave., Greece, NY 14616.

**Observers:**

Jim Adams, Janet Akin, BBBO (Betsy Brooks), Jim Barry, Mitchell Barry, Sue Barth, Don Bemont, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Michael Bochnik, Phillip Bonn, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Donna Carter, Jill Church, Linda Clark-Benedict, Kelly Close, Andrew Consler, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna & Betsy Potter, Steve & Brenda Donohue, Andrew Dreelin, Joe Fell, Wayne Fidler, Daena Ford, George Ford, Kurt Fox, Andy Garland, Jeff Gerbracht, Jay

Greenberg, Michael Gullo, Judy Gurley, Andrew Guthrie, Anita Gwara, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Jim & Allison Healy, Doug Holland, Dick Horsey, Carolyn Jacobs, Ryan Kayhart, Tom Kerr, Jim Kimball, Kathy Kirsch, Hans Kunze, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Mary Magistro, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Jay McGowan, Matt Medler, Jim Miles, Celeste Morien, Roy Morris, Brian & Brooke Morse, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Mike O'Brien, Andrea Patterson, Jim Pawlicki, Jay Powell, Carolyn Ragan, RBA Field Trips, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jesse Rubenstein, Jennifer Rycenga, Livia Santana, Mickey Sclingo, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Joseph Stevenson, Jim Tarolli, Steve Taylor, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Lee Ann van Leer, Mike Wasilco, Bill Watson, David Wheeler, Joe Wing.

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

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<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
<u>Greater White-fronted Goose</u>	1	24	Hamlin Beach SP	S. Taylor
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	1	1-4FF	Hamlin	P. Martin, G. Lawrence, C. Morien, ph A. Guthrie
Brant	6	<u>4FF</u>	Hamlin Beach; Irondequoit Bay - S	A. Guthrie; P. Martin
Brant	<u>max 362</u>	22	off Bear Creek (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>max 6</u>	25	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	A. Guthrie
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	total approx 25	all month	sev	mob
<u>Trumpeter Swan</u>	<u>max 14</u>	19	NMWMA	P. Bonn
Tundra Swan	4	<u>28FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	R. & S. Spahn, D. Horsey
American Black Duck	<u>max 50, low</u>	22	off Bear Creek (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing
Blue-winged Teal	<u>max 20, low</u>	4	Sandy Ponds (Greece)	J. Barry
Blue-winged Teal	<u>2</u>	<u>25L</u>	HANA	M. Gullo
Northern Pintail	<u>max 360</u>	9	Sodus Pt.	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow
Canvasback	10	<u>25FF</u>	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	A. Guthrie
Lesser Scaup	<u>max 211</u>	19	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse, D. Sherony
King Eider	1 fem	<u>13FF, RE</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Surf Scoter	<u>max 135</u>	19	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse, D. Sherony
White-winged Scoter	<u>max 821</u>	19	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse, D. Sherony
Black Scoter	1	<u>10FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Long-tailed Duck	<u>max 206</u>	19	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse, D. Sherony
Bufflehead	1	<u>7FF</u>	Groveland	K. Close
Common Goldeneye	3	<u>19FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse, D. Sherony
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 430</u>	19	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse, D. Sherony
Ruddy Duck	4	<u>1FF</u>	Braddock Bay	K. Griffith
Ruffed Grouse	1	4	<u>Sandy Ponds (Greece)</u>	J. Barry
Common Loon	<u>max 163</u>	5	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Horned Grebe	<u>max 161</u>	19	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse, D. Sherony
Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 14</u>	13	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 423</u>	5	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>400</u>	4; 19	Sandy Ponds; Buck Pond	J. Barry
American Bittern	2	<u>4L</u>	<u>Sandy Ponds (Greece)</u>	J. Barry
Great Egret	1	<u>30L</u>	U. of Rochester	A. Garland
<u>Cattle Egret</u>	1	11FF	NMWMA (Morgan Rd)	W. & M. Rowley
Green Heron	1	<u>14L</u>	Conesus	K. Close
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	<u>16L</u>	Salmon Creek (Greece)	P. Martin
Osprey	1	<u>25L</u>	Mendon Ponds Park	J. & A. Healy, G. Ford
Golden Eagle	1 imm	<u>22</u>	Lake Ave (Rochester)	A. Garland
Sora	1	<u>7L</u>	Salmon Creek (Greece)	K. Griffith
Common Gallinule	1	<u>16L</u>	Salmon Creek (Greece)	P. Martin
American Coot	<u>max 710</u>	18	NMWMA (VanDyne Spoor)	A. Guthrie
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 37</u>	15	NMWMA (Olmstead Rd)	D. Carter
Black-bellied Plover	1	<u>30L</u>	Ontario Beach	D. Horsey
American Golden-Plover	2	<u>4L</u>	Lima	K. Fox
Semipalmated Plover	1	<u>19L</u>	Buck Pond (Greece)	J. Barry
Spotted Sandpiper	1	<u>13L</u>	Bear Creek (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing
Solitary Sandpiper	2	<u>16L</u>	HANA	D. Sherony
Hudsonian Godwit	1	<u>1F</u>	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	J. Barry
Hudsonian Godwit	1	<u>3-11L</u>	Salmon Creek (Greece)	A. Guthrie, mob (22 rep)
Ruddy Turnstone	2	<u>5L</u>	Ontario Beach	A. Guthrie
Stilt Sandpiper	1	<u>13L</u>	Irondequoit Bay - S	K. Hartquist
Sanderling	2	<u>30L</u>	Ontario Beach	D. Horsey
Purple Sandpiper	1	<u>12F-27, RE</u>	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing, J. & A. Healy, L. Lauster, mob
Baird's Sandpiper	2	<u>9L</u>	LaSalle Landing (IB-S)	R. Kayhart

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Least Sandpiper	1	27 <u>L</u>	Perinton	M. Gullo
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	30 <u>L</u>	HANA	D. Sheron
<u>Pomarine Jaeger</u>	1	11F	Braddock Bay - East Spit	K. Griffith
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1	5	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1	6	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1	11	Braddock Bay - East Spit	K. Griffith
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1	12	Braddock Bay - East Spit	K. Griffith
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1	19	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
<u>jaeger sp</u>	1	4	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
<u>jaeger sp</u>	1	11	Braddock Bay - East Spit	K. Griffith
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 317</u>	19	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie, Bri. Morse, D. Sheron
<u>Little Gull</u>	2 ad	19	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie, Bri. Morse, D. Sheron P. Martin
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 ad	22	Irondequoit Bay - S	J. Miles, P. Martin, M. Gullo
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 ad	22	Hamlin Beach SP	S. & R. Spahn
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 ad	28	Hamlin Beach SP	Bri. Morse
<u>Franklin's Gull</u>	1 ad	8	Northrup Creek (Greece)	J. & A. Healy
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	approx 6 ind	all month	sev	mob
Caspian Tern	1	9 <u>L</u>	Irondequoit Bay - S	R. Kayhart
Common Tern	2	23 <u>L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie, R. Spahn
Forster's Tern	2; 1	8; 12 <u>L</u>	Irondequoit Bay - S	P. Martin; G. Ford
Chimney Swift	14	1 <u>L</u>	York Central School	J. Kimball
Ruby-th. Hummingbird	1	8 <u>L</u>	County Rd 34 (Ontario Co.)	J. Stevenson
hummingbird sp.	1	20	Lake Ave. (Rochester)	A. Garland
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	14	<u>HANA</u>	B. Cady
Merlin	<u>total 12</u>	all month	sev	mob
Peregrine Falcon	<u>total 3</u>	19-22	sev	sev
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	2 <u>L</u>	Casey Park, T Ontario (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing
Eastern Phoebe	1	20 <u>L</u>	Mendon Ponds Park	R. Morris
Northern Shrike	1	27 <u>FF</u>	Geneseo	J. Stevenson
Northern Shrike	1B, imm	27 <u>FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Blue-headed Vireo	2B	23 <u>L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Philadelphina Vireo	1	13 <u>L</u>	Island Cottage Woods	R. Spahn
Red-eyed Vireo	1	18 <u>L</u>	Manitou	A. Dreelin
<u>Fish Crow</u>	1; 2	2; 21	Charlotte area	K. Griffith; D. Daniels
Tree Swallow	<u>max 150</u>	5	Irondequoit Bay - S	G. Ford
N. Rough-winged Swallow	1	25 <u>L</u>	Irondequoit Bay - S	D. Sheron
Bank Swallow	1	6 <u>L</u>	MAC	W. & M.Rowley
Barn Swallow	1	22 <u>L</u>	Irondequoit Bay - S	P. Martin, M. Gullo
Brown Creeper	<u>max B 23</u>	12	Manitou	BBBO
Brown Creeper	<u>total B 79</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Brown Creeper	<u>39 rep. 65 ind</u>	all month	sev	mob to eBird
House Wren	1	11 <u>L</u>	Rush Oak Openings	J. Rose-Burney
Winter Wren	<u>total B 50</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<u>max B 71</u>	12	Manitou	BBBO
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<u>total B 310</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<u>max 54</u>	11	Manitou - Owl Woods	K. Hartquist
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>max B 111</u>	12	Manitou	BBBO
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>total B 401</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>66B</u>	11	Manitou	BBBO
Veery	1	2 <u>L</u>	Hamlin Beach - West	R. Spahn
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1B	8 <u>L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>max 19</u>	2	Hamlin Beach - West	R. Spahn
Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush	1B	11 <u>L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	1B	19 <u>L</u>	Manitou	BBBO

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Hermit Thrush	<u>max B 44</u>	12	Manitou	BBBO
Hermit Thrush	<u>total B 236</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Hermit Thrush	<u>max 17</u>	24	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	R.Spahn

Wood Thrush	1	12L	Braddock Bay - Burger Park	K. Hartquist
American Robin	<u>max 277</u>	28	Conesus Lake Inlet	K. Close
Brown Thrasher	1	4L	Mendon Ponds	J. & A.Healy
American Pipit	<u>max 100</u>	15	NMWMA (Olmstead Rd)	D. Carter
Snow Bunting	1	19FF	Buck Pond (Greece)	J. Bary
Snow Bunting	2	19FF	Hamlin Beach SP	P. Martin
Ovenbird	1B	12L	Manitou	BBBO
Tennessee Warbler	1	7L	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1	4	Mendon Ponds	J. & A.Healy
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1	5	Hemlock-Canadice SF	J. & A.Healy
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1	10	HANA	D. Sherony
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1	17	Irondequoit Bay - S	J. Miles
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1	17	Greece	K. Griffith
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1B	20	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1B	21	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1	26L	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	T. Lenz
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	1	8L	HANA	D. Holland (fide D. Sherony)
Common Yellowthroat	1	21L	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	J. Akin
American Redstart	1B	8L	Manitou	BBBO
CapeMay Warbler	1	4L	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Northern Parula	1	8L	Twin Cedars Enviro Area (Avon)	M. Wasilco
Magnolia Warbler	1B	12L	Manitou	BBBO
Blackburnian Warbler	1	4L	Mendon Ponds	J. & A.Healy
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	1L	Mendon Ponds	J. & A.Healy
Blackpoll Warbler	<u>total B 21</u>	1-14	Manitou	BBBO
Blackpoll Warbler	1	19L	Mendon Ponds	J. & A.Healy
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1B	20L	Manitou	BBBO
Palm Warbler	1	21L	NMWMA (Morgan Rd)	M. Magistro
Pine Warbler	1	23L	Hamlin Beach SP	R. & S. Spahn
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<u>max 25</u>	4	HANA	D.Sherony
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<u>total B 8, low</u>	1-16	Manitou	BBBO
Black-throated Green Warbler	1B	9L	Manitou	BBBO
Am. Tree Sparrow	1B	19FF	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	1	23	Braddock Bay - Burger Park	K. Griffith
Vesper Sparrow	1	4L	Bennett Rd. Preserve (Parma)	A.Guthrie
<u>Nelson's Sparrow</u>	1	20F	Irondequoit Bay - S	K. Hartquist
Fox Sparrow	1; 1B	12FF	Hamlin Beach - W; Manitou	A.Guthrie; BBBO
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	19L	MAC	L. Lauster
White-throated Sparrow	<u>max B 71</u>	12	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	<u>total B 578</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	<u>max 85</u>	10	Hamlin Beach - West	R. Spahn
Dark-eyed Junco	<u>max B 85</u>	19	Manitou	BBBO
Dark-eyed Junco	<u>total B 186</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Dark-eyed Junco	<u>max 100</u>	23	Hamlin Beach SP	R. & S. Spahn
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	4L	Highland Park (Rochester)	K. Hartquist
Indigo Bunting	1	2L	Hamlin Beach - West	R. Spahn
Eastern Meadowlark	1	27L	Geneseo	J. Stevenson
Rusty Blackbird	<u>max 150</u>	16	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
Common Grackle	<u>max 500</u>	7	Mendon Ponds	J. & A.Healy
Pine Siskin	<u>max 146</u>	28	Hamlin Beach SP	Bri. Morse
American Goldfinch	<u>max 182, low</u>	28	Hamlin Beach SP	Bri. Morse