

Underlined items indicate noteworthy factors.

F indicates first record for the year.

* indicates an adequate verification report was received.

ph indicates identifiable photos available

T before a place name for a location indicates Town of.

MAC = Montezuma Audubon Center, T Savannah, Wayne Co.

NMWMA = Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	10-year Average <u>(2005-2014)</u>
Species for January	126	116	128.9

Notes:

1. January was a cold, gray month with persistent light snows on 25 days after some early days with rain. Temperatures dropped into the single digits on 17 days. Temperatures averaged 19.5° F, 5.2° below normal. It was the 23rd coldest January in 145 years of records and the coldest month since 2009. Precipitation totaled 1.74”, 0.67” below normal, with snowfall at 17.7”, 10.5” below normal. December cold had kept most of the bays and ponds frozen and the Finger Lakes headed that way, but one could find open water early in the month. Before the Waterfowl Count weekend on the 17th, we had enough cold and snow to see shore ice packed in to a mile or more out into Lake Ontario. But a brief warm shot with south winds made for great counting conditions on the official count day, the 18th. After that much of the rest of the month saw persistent cold and most water in the region frozen.

2. The annual NYSOA Waterfowl Count found a typical variety of species, but numbers totaled less than half of last year and well below the average since 2000. Most of the decrease was in **Canada Goose** and the diving ducks. This was a result of all of our Finger Lakes being nearly totally frozen plus the large bays on Lake Ontario also iced over. However, those pursuing a good start to their year lists who chose to look for waterfowl early found nearly all the regular local species present for at least the first few days of the month. **Greater White-fronted Goose**, **Ross’s Goose**, and **Cackling Goose** were present in the Hamlin Beach area, **Barrow’s Goldeneye** at both Pt. Breeze and Sodus Pt., and a very rare adult male **King Eider** first in the Genesee River at Charlotte and then at Irondequoit Bay Outlet. Loons and grebes were scarce, but the regular species findable. **Great Blue Heron** and **Double-crested Cormorant** were just hanging on in small numbers, both often seen around Irondequoit Bay.

3. Among the raptors, expected wintering species were noted, but numbers were not high, and again this winter **Rough-legged Hawk** and **American Kestrel** numbers were low. A **Black Vulture** was finally found again in the Riga landfill area along with **Turkey Vultures** and a good collection of gulls.

4. **American Coot** numbers dropped off rapidly along with the other waterbirds. A **Virginia Rail** was again found at the usual site in Mendon Ponds Park just a few days earlier than last January and remained visible at times for the rest of the month. The lone **Purple Sandpiper** present

at Irondequoit Bay Outlet in the last half of December was seen occasionally thru the 5th, with the searches made difficult by the ice on the piers and hunters in the last of the waterfowl season.

5. This year a few **Bonaparte's Gulls** were seen through their typical mid-January departure time. **Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous gulls** were found at the typical locations – Irondequoit Bay, Lake Edwards, near the Riga landfill, and scattered along the lakeshore, but the freezing of the bays and ponds made them harder to find at times. **Thayer's Gull** was also added early in the month.

6. Surprisingly, a couple of observers found **Eurasian Collared-Dove** back at the Greenwell farm in Hamlin plus one was seen at Braddock Bay. **Snowy Owl** continued in a sizable invasion, though not on last year's scale. Birds were seen at many locations with four found lingering at the Rochester International Airport, Genesee County Airport, and Sodus Point and a total on the order of at least 25 individuals reported. **Short-eared Owls** were found in good numbers at many of the usual sites, with the DEC running organized counts every two weeks through this winter. A maximum of 19 was reported at the Sand & Taft roads area of West Bloomfield. The only **Long-eared Owl** report was from the Bergen Swamp area, where they are resident.

7. Lingering half-hardy birds were again generally hard to come by, though most of the regulars were at least found somewhere. A few observers caught up with **Monk Parakeet** near West Ridge Plaza. **Fish Crow** was again harder to find in the Charlotte area but present. With the snow cover, but often blown thin in farm field, there were some very good **Snow Bunting** counts and lesser numbers of **Horned Lark** and **Lapland Longspur** mixed in. Other interesting passerines included a **Pine Warbler** in Hamlin Beach SP and the fall's **Lark Sparrow** also continuing there, lingering **Savannah Sparrows** and a **Fox Sparrow**, and a male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** coming to a feeder in Rush with flocks of assorted other blackbirds. The only winter finches were a few **Common Redpolls** and **Pine Siskins** scattered about.

8. Please send records by the 5th of the month following to Lynn Bergmeyer, 107 Longridge Ave., Greece, NY 14616.

Observers:

Jim Adams, Janet Akin, Cheryl Arnold, Richard Ashworth, John Ballou, Carolynn & Jerry Barnhart, Jim Barry, Sue Barth, Doug & Sharon Beattie, Don Bemont, Steven Benedict, Linda Clark-Benedict, Mike Bergin, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Phillip Bonn, Joe Brin, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Wes Boyce, Donna Carter, Jill Church, Kelly Close, Andrew Consler, Don Cowley, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Peter Debes, Mark Denecke, Rose DeNeve, Crystal Doyle, Wayne Fidler, George Ford, Kyle Gage, Andy Garland, Kristine Genagon, Bill & Linda Gillette, Nathan Goldberg, Charles Goulet, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Judy Gurley, Andrew Guthrie, Chris Guthrie, Rich Guthrie, Anita Gwara, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Helen & Chris Haller, David & Vanna Harding, Kim Hartquist, Jim & Allen Healy, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, IBA Monitoring, Carolyn Jacobs, Laura Kammermeier, Tom Kerr, Kathy Kirsch, J. Gary Kohlenberg, Hans Kunze, Chris Lawjewski, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Mary Magistro, Cindy Marino, David Mark, Pat Martin, Lauri Mattle, Kevin McGann, Jay McGowan, Jim Miles, Chita McKinney, Jim Miles, Joseph Mitchell, Celeste Morien, Roy Morris, Brian &

Brooke Morse, Sheila Mumpton, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Tom Nash, Dave Nicosia, Dave Nutter, Jay Ovsiovitch, Mike Palermo, A.J.Patterson, Carol Phillips, Norma Platt, Jay Powell, Dave Prill, RBA Field Trips, Carolyn Ragan, Vicki Rothman, Jesse Rubenstein, Livia Santana, Michael Scheibel, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Tom & Pat Smith, Cathy Spahn, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Joseph Stevenson, Kimberly Sucusy, Jim Tarolli, Steve Taylor, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Larry Toole, Matt Voelker, Brad Walker, Mike Wasilco, Bridget Watts, Dave Wheeler, Joseph Wing, Chris Wood, Martha Zettel.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

January 2015

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
<u>Greater White-fronted Goose</u>	1; 4	<u>2F</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	P. Martin; B. Carlson
Snow Goose	<u>3000</u>	1	I-390 Groveland	K. Close
Snow Goose	<u>2000+</u>	1-5	Perry (Wyoming Co.) - E of RT 19	H. Kunze
Snow Goose	<u>3000</u>	2	Avon DEC Ponds (Twin Cedars)	M. Wasilco
Snow Goose	<u>1200</u>	2	York, Livingston Co.	A. O'Reilly
Snow Goose	<u>max 5000+</u>	4	Geneseo	J. Kimball
Snow Goose	1	<u>5L</u>	Conesus Lake	K. Close
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	1	<u>1F</u>	Hamlin (West Fork)	B. & B. Morse
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	1	<u>2</u>	Hamlin Beach SP area	B. Carlson
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	1-2	1-3 <u>F</u>	Hamlin Beach SP area	mob
Mute Swan	<u>40</u>	2	Braddock Bay	B. Carlson
Mute Swan	<u>92</u>	11	IBO	G. Ford
Mute Swan	<u>max 111</u>	21	Sodus Pt.	D. Daniels
<u>Trumpeter Swan</u>	<u>max 6</u>	13	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
Tundra Swan	<u>max 28</u>	<u>21</u>	Sodus Pt.	J. Tarolli, D. Wheeler
Wood Duck	1	<u>1</u>	Sodus Bay Bridge	L. Lauster
Wood Duck	3	<u>1</u>	Caledonia Fish Hatchery	C., R., & S. Spahn
Wood Duck	1 m	<u>1, 18, 23</u>	Bear Creek (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing, sev
Wood Duck	2	<u>2</u>	Henrietta	N. Kachala
Wood Duck	4	<u>16</u>	Conesus Lake	K. Close
Gadwall	<u>max 36</u>	<u>18</u>	Conesus Lake Inlet WMA	M. Wasilco
American Wigeon	1	<u>1F</u>	Sodus Bay Bridge	L. Lauster
American Black Duck	<u>max 127</u>	18	Conesus Lake Outlet	M. Wasilco
Mallard	<u>max 2000</u>	23	near Caledonia	R. & S. Spahn
Northern Shoveler	1	<u>18F</u>	Penfield	C. & J. Bamhart
Northern Pintail	1-9	<u>1F-4</u>	Hamlin Beach SP area	A. Guthrie, sev
Green-winged Teal	1	<u>3F</u>	Silver Lake (Wyoming Co.)	H. Kunze
Green-winged Teal	3	<u>11L</u>	Caledonia Fish Hatchery	J. Powell
Canvasback	<u>max 25</u>	1	Sodus Pt.	S. Benedict, L. Clark-Benedict
Redhead	<u>max 4250</u>	11	Conesus Lake	J. Powell
Ring-necked Duck	<u>max 17, very low</u>	4	Hemlock Lake - N	K. Sucey
Greater Scaup	<u>max 70, very low</u>	17, 31	Sodus Pt.	J. Powell, T. Lenz
Lesser Scaup	<u>max 152</u>	19	Conesus Lake	M. Wasilco
<u>King Eider ph</u>	1 ad m	15F-17F	Genesee River (Charlotte)	T. Nash
<u>King Eider ph</u>	1 ad m (same ind)	18 - 21	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. Miles, mob
Surf Scoter	<u>max 4</u>	21	Sodus Pt.	J. Tarolli, D. Wheeler
White-winged Scoter	<u>max 36, very low</u>	25	Pt. Breeze	K. Sucey
Long-tailed Duck	<u>max 872</u>	18	Charlotte - Braddock Bay	K. Griffith
Bufflehead	<u>max 31, low</u>	4	Conesus Lake	K. Sucey
Common Goldeneye	<u>max 250</u>	18	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. Miles
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1 m	11-19	Pt. Breeze	sev
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye ph</u>	1 m	18	Sodus Pt.	J. Barry, J. Wing!, <i>et al.</i>
Hooded Merganser	<u>max 28 & 29</u>	4	Hemlock Lake & Conesus Lake	K. Sucey
Common Merganser	<u>max 223</u>	10	Irondequoit Bay (Newport YC)	P. Martin
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 894</u>	18	IB to Bear Creek	J. Boettcher, R. Spahn
Ruddy Duck	<u>max 5</u>	11	Conesus Lake	J. Powell
Ruffed Grouse	1	11	<u>Webster Park</u>	R. & S. Spahn
Red-throated Loon	1	<u>1F</u>	Genesee River (Charlotte)	sev
Pied-billed Grebe	<u>max 3</u>	11	Conesus Lake	J. Powell
Horned Grebe	<u>max 100</u>	4	Bear Creek (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing
Red-necked Grebe	1	18L	off Williamson (Wayne Co.)	J. Boettcher, R. Spahn
Double-crested Cormorant	1	<u>9L</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	C. Kuntz, L. Mattle
<u>Black Vulture</u>	1	6F-31	Riga Landfill area	Bri. Morse, sev
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 18</u>	18	Riga Landfill area	B. & B. Morse
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	5F	Conesus Lake Inlet	K. Close
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	17	Hemlock (Marrowback Hill Rd)	S. Mumpton
Rough-legged Hawk	<u>total 14</u>	all month	13 loc	sev

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<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Virginia Rail	1	<u>17F thru</u>	Mendon Ponds	P. Martin, mob
American Coot	<u>max 150+</u>	1	Conesus Lake	C., R., & S. Spahn
Purple Sandpiper	1	<u>4-6L</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	sev
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 10</u>	5	Genesee River near moutn	P. Martin

Bonaparte's Gull	1	18L	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	L. Bergmeyer
Thayer's Gull	1 1st w	1F	Hamlin Beach SP	sev
Thayer's Gull	1 1st w	6	Riga Landfill	Bri. Morse
Iceland Gull	<u>total 9</u>	1-11	sev	sev
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<u>total 6</u>	2-27	sev	sev
Glaucous Gull	<u>total 13</u>	all month	sev	sev
<u>Eurasian Collared-Dove</u>	1	2F	Braddock Bay	B. Carlson
<u>Eurasian Collared-Dove</u>	2	24	Hamlin (Greenwell Farm)	M. Voelker
<u>Eurasian Collared-Dove</u>	1	31	Hamlin (Greenwell Farm)	M. Scheibel
<u>Snowy Owl</u>	<u>87 rep. 26 ind</u>	all month	approx 25 sites	mob
Long-eared Owl	1	4F	Bergen Swamp	K. Sucey
Short-eared Owl	<u>34 rep. 30 ind</u>	all month	approx 11 sites	mob
Short-eared Owl	<u>max 19</u>	18	W Bloomfield (Sand & Taft)	M. Gullo
Belted Kingfisher	<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>	Penfield	C. & J. Barnhart
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	<u>3F</u>	Beechwoods SP (Wayne Co.)	D. Sherony
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	<u>4</u>	BANC	J. Powell
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	<u>26</u>	T Marion (Wayne Co.)	H. Mason
Merlin	<u>total 7</u>	all month	sev	sev
Peregrine Falcon	<u>total 9</u>	all month	sev	sev
<u>Monk Parakeet</u>	1	11, 21, 23	West Ridge Plaza area	P. Martin, C. Stanger, S. Barth
Northern Shrike	<u>6 rep. 6 ind</u>	all month	sev	sev
<u>Fish Crow</u>	<u>max 5</u>	<u>18</u>	Rochester (Charlotte area)	B. Carlson
<u>Fish Crow</u>	1	19	Greece (Dewey Ave Wendy's)	K. Dalton
Common Raven	<u>max 6-9</u>	27-31	<u>Lima (Doran & Townline)</u>	sev
Horned Lark	<u>max 95</u>	9	Hamlin (Priem Rd)	A. Guthrie
Winter Wren	<u>max 10</u>	<u>3</u>	Durand-Eastman Park	R. & S. Spahn
Hermit Thrush	1	<u>3F</u>	Manitou (Owl Woods)	K. Sucey
Hermit Thrush	1	<u>8</u>	Penfield	J. Miles
Hermit Thrush	1	<u>24</u>	Durand-Eastman Park	M. Voelker
Hermit Thrush	1	<u>25</u>	Webster	R. & S. Spahn
Gray Catbird	1	<u>11</u>	Webster Park	N. Platt
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 50</u>	22	Conesus	K. Close
Lapland Longspur	<u>max 100</u>	8	Hamlin (Priem Rd)	P. Martin
Snow Bunting	<u>max 1000</u>	28	Kendall	R. Spahn
Snow Bunting	<u>max 500</u>	31	Avon	M. Wasilco
Pine Warbler	1	<u>3</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	J. Miles
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	<u>20F-24</u>	LeHigh Valley Trail	P. Martin, N. Kachala
Am. Tree Sparrow	<u>max 57</u>	1	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
<u>Lark Sparrow</u>	<u>1</u>	thru 24	Hamlin Beach SP	mob
Savannah Sparrow	2	<u>18</u>	Hamlin (Jacobs Rd)	G. Ford
Savannah Sparrow ph	2	<u>15</u>	Armitage Rd (Wayne C0.)	L. Lauster
Savannah Sparrow	1	<u>31</u>	Armitage Rd (Wayne C0.)	D. Carter
Fox Sparrow	1	<u>18</u>	Conesus Lake Inlet WMA	M. Wasilco
Dark-eyed Junco	<u>max 65</u>	11	Hamlin (Cook Rd)	A. Guthrie
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>max 200</u>	31	Rush	J. & A. Healy
<u>Yellow-headed Blackbird ph</u>	<u>1 ad m</u>	17F thru	Rush	J. Powell, M. Klimeczyk, mob
Rusty Blackbird	1-2	<u>13F-24</u>	Victor	B. Bermudez
Brown-headed Cowbird	<u>max 250</u>	21	Rush	B. Carlson
Commom Redpoll	<u>max 20</u>	2	T Byron (Genesee Co.)	G. Lawrence
Commom Redpoll	<u>max 20</u>	3	Hamlin Beach SP	S. Barth, C. Morien
Commom Redpoll	<u>max 20</u>	30	Webster	J. Church
Pine Siskin	<u>max 90</u>	8	Penfield	J. Miles