

Underlined items indicate noteworthy factors.

F indicates first record for the year.

FS indicates first record for the spring migration, though recorded earlier.

HANA = High Acres Nature Area

MAC = Montezuma Audubon Center, T Savannah, Wayne County

ph = photos available.

T = Town of in a location ID.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	10-year Average <u>(2005-2014)</u>
Species for March	133	129	138.0
New for the year	<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18.9</u>
Total for the year to date	146	139	152.1

Notes:

1. A cold, dry, quiet month! Given the snow pack, the slow warm up and melting was a blessing. However there were no strong systems or real warm spells to induce early migrants to head our way; few were reported. By month's end, all but minor shore ice had melted in our part of Lake Ontario, but much ice remained on the east end of the lake and on the Finger Lakes and other smaller ponds. Only two days reached even 50°F, with the maximum 53° on the 16th. There was light snow on 15 days, but only 12.8" total, 3.5" below normal. Temperatures averaged 30.0°F, 4.3° below normal. Precipitation totaled 1.34", 1.16" below normal.

2. Given the snow and ice cover and generally cold weather, it is not a great surprise that migration was slow and the high counts reported were low across the spectrum of species. **Snow Goose** was an exception, with some very high counts noted in locations scattered across the region. Also, there were at least 29 new arrivals and some interesting birds and numbers as noted in the Noteworthy table. The species counts for March and the year to date were below the 10-year averages but better than last year.

3. Along with the **Snow Geese**, we had a good number of **Ross's Goose** reports. Given recent input on the incidence of hybridization with **Lesser Snow Goose**, whose presence is easily detected by the blue morph birds accompanying flocks, there is still some uncertainty around the identification of some of the individuals. Among the waterfowl, some of the rarer birds reported were a **Greater White-fronted Goose**, **Eurasian Wigeon** in two locations, a **Green-winged "Eurasian or Common" Teal**, a few more reports of the near-adult **King Eider**, **Barrow's Goldeneye**, and a **Common x Barrow's Goldeneye** hybrid.

4. The official counter at the hawkwatch this year is Dave Tetlow. As expected with the weather, it was slow this month. The data is posted regularly to geneseebirds and to the hawkcount website. Again, the bulk of the birds (over 80%) were **Turkey Vultures** and over half of those in the last three days of the month. The only **Black Vultures** reported were at the Riga Landfill. Again, there were **Golden Eagles** after the 20th and a few **Sandhill Cranes** reported away from the hawkwatch.

5. The only shorebirds reported were **Killdeer, Yellowlegs, American Woodcock,** and **Wilson's Snipe.** The usual congregation of **Great Black-backed** and white-winged gulls at the north end of Irondequoit Bay was either largely missing or poorly reported, though all the expected gull species plus a **Thayer's Gull** and an early **Caspian Tern** were reported

6. **Snowy Owls** persisted, especially at the Batavia (or Genesee County) airport vicinity, though many fewer than the tail of last year's irruption. The migrant owls in the "Owl Woods" area on Manitou Beach Road were counted daily. Numbers were low, and it was suspected that the singles on many days were just a lone bird continuing in the area. By month's end, **Red-headed Woodpeckers** had not yet turned up in Hamlin Beach SP and no **Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers** had been reported.

7. Passerine arrivals were slow, with the highlights **Eastern Phoebe** and an early **Tree Swallow** and a few other species at expected dates. The only winter finch in numbers was **Common Redpoll** at a few locations plus a few **Pine Siskins** and only small numbers of **Purple Finch.**

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

Observers:

Jim Adams, Janet Akin, Ted Barnett, Jessie Barry, Jim Barry, Liz Barry, Mitchell Barry, Sue Barth, Bob Beal, Doug Beattie, Don Bemont, Steven Benedict, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, George Briggs, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Gary Caryk, Kelly Close, Clyde Comstock, Andrew Consler, Lisa Cook, Charlie Cowling, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Laura Dirx, Daena Ford, George Ford, Kyle Gage, Andy Garland, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Judy Gurley, Andrew Guthrie, Chris Guthrie, Richard Guthrie, Anita Gwara, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Robert Haggett, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Jim & Allison Healy, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Nichlas Kachala, Brian Keyes, Jim Kimball, Kathy Kirsch, J. Gary Kohlenberg, Chris Lajewski, Jenny Landry, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Bill Maier, Melissa Mance-Coniglio, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Jay McGowan, Chita McKinney, Jim Miles, Celeste Morien, Roy Morris, Brian & Brooke Morse, Tom Nash, Joe Ovsiovitch, Michael Palermo, Norma Platt, Jon Podoliak, Jay Powell, David Prill, Carolyn Ragan, RBA Field Trips, Thomas Riley, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jesse Rubenstein, Jennifer Rycenga, Andrea Sammarco, , Zaphir Shamma, Shirley Shaw, Tom Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Joseph Stevenson, Kim Sucey, Steve Taylor, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Mike Wasilco, Bridget Watts, Kinsley Whittum, Joe Wing, Aaron Winters, Chris Wood.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

MARCH 2015

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
<u>Greater White-fr. Goose</u>	1	29FS	Braddock Bay	Je. & Ji. Barry
Snow Goose	<u>max 20,000</u>	28	T. Byron (Genesee Co.)	G. Lawrence, J. Podoliak
Snow Goose	<u>10000</u>	22	Conesus Lake	A. Consler
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	2	14FS -20	Hamlin	A. & C. Guthrie, K. Sucey
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	1	30	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	1	21	Cranberry Pond	N. Kachala
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	3	21	T Lyons (Wayne Co.)	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	1	24	T Lyons (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing
<u>Ross's Goose ph</u>	2	30	T Macedon (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>total approx 21</u>	17-29	many	mob
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	1-3	17FS-29	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>max 6</u>	19	Braddock Bay	C. Wood
Canada Goose	<u>max 22,500</u>	26	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Tundra Swan	<u>max 535</u>	22	Groveland Flats	D. Beattie
Tundra Swan	<u>232</u>	30	Braddock Bay	Bri. Morse
Wood Duck	1	<u>6FS</u>	Henrietta	N. Kachala
Gadwall	4	3FS	Caledonia	M. Wasilco
<u>Eurasian Wigeon</u>	1 m	<u>21F RE</u>	Hamlin (Moscow Rd)	M. Tetlow, mob
<u>Eurasian Wigeon</u>	1 f	28	Braddock Bay	A. Guthrie, mob
<u>Eurasian Wigeon ph</u>	1 m	<u>30-31</u>	Braddock Bay	Bri. Morse, mob
American Wigeon	<u>4-16</u>	<u>10FS</u>	sev	sev
American Wigeon	<u>max 180</u>	28	Braddock Bay	Je., Ji., & L. Barry
Blue-winged Teal	1	21E	Hamlin (Moscow Rd)	C. Stanger, K. Sucey
Northern Shoveler	1	<u>10FS</u>	Greece (Long Pond)	K. Griffith
Northern Pintail	4	<u>10FS</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	K. Gage
Northern Pintail	<u>max 950</u>	20	Peter Smith Rd (Orleans)	R. Spahn, T. Smith
Green-winged Teal	2	<u>10FS</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	L. Cook
<u>Green-winged "Eurasian" Teal</u>	1	28	Braddock Bay	Ji., Je., & M. Barry
Canvasback	<u>max 62</u>	16	Sodus Pt.	D. Daniels
Redhead	<u>max 116</u>	21	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	C. Wood
Ring-necked Duck	<u>max 180</u>	29	Salmon Creek (Greece)	A. Garland
GreaterScaup	<u>max 900</u>	1	Rigney's Bluff (Greece)	Je. Barry
<u>King Eider</u>	1 ad m	9	Genesee River mouth	R. Spahn
<u>King Eider</u>	1 ad m	19-21	off Greece	sev
Long-tailed Duck	<u>max 800</u>	1	Rigney's Bluff (Greece)	Je. Barry
Common Goldeneye	<u>max 180</u>	1	Rigney's Bluff (Greece)	Je. Barry
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1 m	16-19	Sodus Pt.	sev
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1 m	1-24	Pt. Breeze	A. Guthrie, A. Sammarco, D. Beattie
<u>Com. x Barrow's Goldeneye ph</u>	1 m	1-19	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing, mob
Common Merganser	<u>max 167</u>	28	Buck Pond (Greece)	Je., Ji., & M Barry
Ruddy Duck	1	<u>13FS</u>	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
Wild Turkey	<u>approx 75</u>	1	I390 near Avon exit	J. Kimball
Pied-billed Grebe	1	<u>13FS</u>	IBO; Summerville Pier	J. Rycenga; C. Stanger, R. Morris
Double-crested Cormorant	1	<u>29FS</u>	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Je., Ji., & L. Barry
<u>Black Vulture</u>	2	12	Riga Landfill	Bri. Morse
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 2067</u>	29	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow
Osprey	2	<u>26E</u>	Braddock Bay	P. Martin
Bald Eagle	<u>total 19, low</u>	all month	Braddock Bay	hawkwatch
<u>N. Goshawk</u>	1	21	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow
<u>N. Goshawk</u>	1	25	Broadway Rd (Wayne Co.)	W. & M. Rowley
<u>N. Goshawk</u>	1	27	off Bear Creek (Wayne Co.)	W. & M. Rowley
Red-shouldered Hawk	<u>max 97</u>	29	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow
Red-tailed Hawk	<u>max 232</u>	29	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow
Rough-legged Hawk	<u>max 7</u>	21, 25	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow
Golden Eagle	1	<u>20E</u>	Braddock Bay	D. Tetlow

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Golden Eagle	1 ad	21	Island Cottage Woods	C. Wood
Golden Eagle	1	29	Manitou (Owl Woods)	B. Carlson

Sandhill Crane	1	13F	Hamlin	K. Sucey
Killdeer	1-2	10F	sev	sev
Wilson's Snipe	2	25F	Greece	K. Griffith
American Woodcock	1	17F	Beechwood SP	J. Wing
Bonaparte's Gull	1	29FS	sev	sev
<u>Thayer's Gull</u>	1	22	Rigney's Bluff (Greece)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Iceland Gull	<u>11 rep. 10 ind</u>	4-29	sev	sev
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>8 rep. 8 ind</u>	11-28	sev	sev
Glaucous Gull	<u>12 rep. 12 ind</u>	4-27	sev	sev
Great Black-backed Gull	<u>max 240</u>	8	Irondequoit Bay	C. Wood
Caspian Tern	1	<u>31F</u>	Braddock Bay	D. Horsey
Snowy Owl	<u>approx 14</u>	all month	approx 10 locations	mob
Snowy Owl	<u>max 5</u>	16	Batavia airport	A. Winters, <i>et al</i>
Long-eared Owl	1	21FS	Manitou (Owl Woods)	C. Wood
Short-eared Owl	<u>17+</u>	10, 24	DEC Avon area surveys	sev
N. Saw-whet Owl	1	16FS	South Conesus	K. Close
N. Saw-whet Owl	<u>1</u>	<u>19-30</u>	Manitou (Owl Woods)	count team
N. Saw-whet Owl	<u>max 4</u>	22	Manitou (Owl Woods)	count team
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	8F	Stafford (Genesee Co.)	D. Beattie
Merlin	<u>16 rep of ~20</u>	8-30	sev	sev
Peregrine Falcon	<u>4 rep of ~4</u>	13-21	sev	sev
Eastern Phoebe	1	30F	Braddock Bay	Bri. Morse
Northern Shrike	<u>10 rep of ~10</u>	all month	sev	sev
American Crow	<u>max 314</u>	16	Broadway Rd (Wayne Co.)	T. Riley
<u>Fish Crow</u>	<u>max 10</u>	17	Charlotte	K. Dalton
Tree Swallow	1	20F	Sodus Pt.	M. Gullo
Hermit Thrush	1	<u>2</u>	Whiting Rd Nature Preserve	C. Stanger
American Robin	<u>max 335</u>	21	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	C. Wood
American Pipit	1	11F	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Snow Bunting	<u>max 120</u>	5	Genesee Co.	D. Beattie
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>max 650</u>	21	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	C. Wood
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>600</u>	21	Braddock Bay	C. Wood
Eastern Meadowlark	1	21F	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	C. Wood
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	6-8	Henrietta (Leigh Valley Trail)	B. Carlson, <i>et al</i>
Rusty Blackbird	20	20FS	Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Common Grackle	<u>max 2500</u>	29	Macedon	J. Powell
Common Redpoll	<u>max 120</u>	3	Hamlin	A. Guthrie