### **September 2020 Sightings Report**

			10-year Average
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>(2010-2019)</u>
Total species for September	220	217	218.4
New species for the year	3	4	<u>5.5</u>
Total for the year to date	282	284	281.0

#### **Notes:**

- 1. A seasonal start to the month was followed by a cold plunge near the equinox and then unseasonable warmth near month's end. Record lows were tied on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, with an early frost recorded away from Lake Ontario. Otherwise it was a pleasant month. Temperatures averaged 62.2°, 0.4° above normal. Precipitation was scant until near month's end, with ¾ of the total rainfall occurring on the last two days of the month. Precipitation at 2.29" was 1.09" below normal. Birding saw a transition from the end of the breeding season to strong migration late in the month.
- 2. Once again, essentially all expected waterfowl were reported, but peak counts were again low for all. As usual, a number of species arrived at relatively early dates, including: Snow Goose, Brant, and the scoters. Counts of only Mallard and Red-breasted Mergansers topped 100. Low water in the NMWMA limited waterbird counts there.
- 3. Common Nighthawk numbers were low, with the maximum only 12. The peak count of 100 Chimney Swifts was from the south end of Irondequoit Bay on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Again, hummingbirds are still around into October.
- 4. Water levels were still slightly above average on Lake Ontario and little rainfall in August and September left us again with little good shorebird habitat in the region. Still, 25 species were reported. Upland Sandpiper, Whimbrel, Red Knot, and Buff-breasted Sandpiper were the most interesting, with Stilt Sandpiper the one regular missing. Again, there were no especially noteworthy counts. Sites along the Lake Ontario shore, especially the barrier beach island at the mouth of Braddock Bay, were the most productive.
- 5. Jaeger numbers this month were very good, with about 63 Parasitic, with a maximum of nine on the 17<sup>th</sup>; a Long-tailed on the 4<sup>th</sup> and two Long-tailed/Parasitic on the 5<sup>th</sup>; and about 10 additional jaegers not identified to species. Rarer gull species included two immature **Sabine's Gulls** passing Hamlin Beach on the 14<sup>th</sup>, a Laughing Gull, and about 13 Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Beyond these, all the usual terns were reported, but numbers of both gulls and terns were fairly low.
- 6. Only a single Red-throated Loon was reported and Common Loon peaked at just 34. The best counts for Double-crested Cormorant were at feeding frenzies off the Hamlin Beach Lakewatch. Two American White Pelicans were spotted at the barrier beach at Braddock Bay on the 14th by Mitchell Barry, who phoned Andy Guthrie, who spotted them later in Hamlin still headed west. A very rare immature **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** was found at the barrier beach on the 25<sup>th</sup> and seen by many that day and briefly along Buttonwood Creek on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

- 7. Among the raptors, there were no really noteworthy reports, species or numbers. There were no Black Vulture reports. No Northern Goshawks were reported. Only E. Screech-Owl and Great Horned Owl were reported in that family. Good numbers of all three regular falcons were recorded.
- 8. Once again, all of the expected passerines were reported. Among the rarer species reported were: the usual Fish Crows; two **Worm-eating Warblers** banded; a Prothonotary Warbler banded; six Orange-crowned Warblers, none banded; six Connecticut Warblers, with four of these banded at BBBO; Yellow-throated Warbler at the Church and Firehouse area on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>, and possibly the same bird nearby at Kevin Griffith's home in Greece on the 15<sup>th</sup>; and two Prairie Warblers. The Noteworthy Records table to be posted on the RBA website will contain samples of numbers banded, arrivals, and departures. Migration was fairly strong this month and continued into October. Both reports by birders and banding numbers were up some for many species. Species with high banding numbers, some of the highest in () after the species name are: Philadelphia Vireo (38), Red-eyed Vireo (108), Gray-cheeked Thrush (78), Swainson's Thrush (327), Gray Catbird, White-throated Sparrow (416), Ovenbird, Nashville Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Magnolia Warbler (206), Bay-breasted Warbler (70), and Blackpoll Warbler (316).
- 9. The 220 species for the month is one of the highest numbers reported for this month. The eBird data download for the region for the month was about 34,413, a xx% increase/decrease over last September. The bird of the month was the **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**, though the number of jaegers comes in a close second.
- 10. Please submit reports to eBird, post them on geneseebirds, and/or send by the 5th of the month to Andrea Patterson, 144 Greystone Lane, #24, Rochester, NY 14618.

**Observers**: Jim Adams, Ted Barnett, Jesse Barry, Jim Barry, Mitchell Barry, Doug Beattie, Betty Beckhan, Don Bemont, Gillian Bemont, Tom Bemont, Steven Benedict, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, BBBO (Andrea Patterson, et al.), Kyle Brock, Robert Buckert, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Gary Chapin, Robert Cicotta, Linda Clark-Benedict, Tiffany Clay, Kelly Close, Jeremy Collison, Jenna Curtis, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, S. Derk, Diane Egan, George Ford, Elizabeth Frascatore, Jim Fry, Kyle Gage, Andy Garland, John Garrett, Janis George, Jessica George, Candy Giles, Chrstopher Goetz, John Gordinier, Karla Gordinier, Elizabeth Gordon, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenter, Michael Gullo, Andy Guthrie, Chris Guthrie, Danny Guthrie, Richard Guthrie, Benjamin Hack, Robert Haggett, Helen & Chris Haller, Ginny Halterman, Kim Hartquist, Greg Hartenstein, Jim & Allison Healy, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Jack Hutchison, Carolyn Jacobs, Matthew Janson, Nicholas Kachala, Amy Kahn, Laura Kammermeier, Ryan Kayhart, David Kennedy, Jim Kimball, Kathy Kirsch, Karl Kunze, Mike Laird, Chris Lajewski, Greg Lawrence, Gayle Lazoration, Fred Leff, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Pat Martin, Lauri Mattle, Jacob McCartney, Daniel McDermott, Kerri McDonald, Jay McGowan, Ann McMican, Scott Meagher, Matt Medler, Jim Miles, Kent Millham, Adrielle Mitchell, Montezuma Audubon Center, Brian & Brooke Morse, Jim Mott, Leah Mould, Tom Nash, David Odell, Jay Ovsiovitch, Gary Palmer, Andrea Patterson, Norma Platt, Jo Popma, RBA Field Trips, Carolyn Ragan, Neal Reilly, Rosemary Reilly, Forrest Rowland, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Robert Ryan, Kevin Rybczynski, Jennifer Rycenga, Jackie Salsbury, Livia Santana, Karl Schmidt, Shirley Shaw,

Dominic Sherony, Anna Shreyer, Judy Slein, Roger Smith, Tom & Pat Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Donna Mason-Spier, Chris Stanger, Rick Stevens, Reuben Stoltzfus, Steve Taylor, Michael & Joann Tetlow, Eunice Thein, J. H. Thomas, M. J. Thomas, Nathan Ukens, Jeanne & Tom Verhulst, Davey Walters, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Bridget Watts, Joe Wing, Paul Wolter, Jim Wood.

<u>Underlined items</u> 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.

B Indicates birds netted and banded this season.

T indicates Town of; e.g. T Hamlin = Town of Hamlin.

ph = photo(s).

NMWMA = Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (in SE Wayne Co. in our Region)

## NOTEWORTHY RECORDS September 2020

Species	No.	Date	Location	Observers
Snow Goose	3	18FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Brant	2	<u>17FF</u>	Sodus Point	M. Gullo
Mute Swan	max 100	1	Irondequoit Bay - S	K. Hartquist
Trumpeter Swan	max 12	16	NMWMA (Carncross Rd.)	D. Odell
Wood Duck Blue-winged Teal	max 78 max 65	25 2	Braddock Bay - East Spit Braddock Bay - East Spit	K. Hartquist, P. Martin G. Lawrence
American Wigeon	max 61	29	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles
Mallard	max 200	7	Irondequoit Bay - S	K. Hartquist
Northern Pintail	max 75	17	Sodus Point	M. Gullo
Green-winged Teal	max 80	28	Braddock Bay - East Spit	M. Barry
Surf Scoter White-winged Scoter	1 2	19FF 18FF	Hamlin Beach SP off Edgemere Dr., Greece	A. Guthrie M. Barry
White-winged Scoter	3; 5	18 <u>FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie; R. Spahn
Black Scoter	1	27 <u>FF</u>	off Lakeshore Dr., Webster	D. McDermott
Common Merganser	max 50	20	Beechwood SP, Wayne	J. Wing
Red-breasted Merganser	max 110	15	Beechwood SP, Wayne	J. Wood
Pied-billed Grebe Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 11</u>	1 -11	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) Hamlin Beach SP	F. Leff mob
Black-billed Cuckoo	1-9 1	all month 11L	Lakeshore Marshes WMA - Wolcott	L. Clark Benedict, S. Benedict
Common Nighthawk	max 12	2	Honeoye Falls	B. Carlson
Chimney Swift	max 100	21	Irondequoit Bay - S	R. Buckert, J. Wagner
Sandhill Crane	max 15	27	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	J. Garrett
Black-bellied Plover	max 16	28	Braddock Bay - East Spit	B. Carlson
American Golden-Plover Killdeer	max 18	5 7	Nations Rd. IBA Nations Rd. IBA	M. Wasilco B. Carlson
Upland Sandpiper	<u>max 139</u> 1	23	Braddock Bay - Hawkwatch	K. McDonald
Whimbrel	1	11	Hamlin Beach SP	B. Hack, G. Halterman, J. Hutchison, M. Janson
Whimbrel	1	26 <u>L</u>	Webster Golf Club	G. Ford
Ruddy Turnstone	<u>max 10</u>	7	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Guthrie, Ji. Miles
Red Knot	1	16 <u>L</u>	Ontario Beach Park	K. Millham, J. & T. Verhulst
Sanderling Baird's Sandpiper	max 38 1	9 12 <u>L</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit Sodus Point	J. Goetz T. Lenz, D. Walters
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1	7	Cy Farms area, Genesee County	R. Buckert, J. Wagner, N. Reilly, D. Beattie
Pectoral Sandpiper	max 42	25	Hemlock Lake - S	B. Carlson
Long-billed Dowitcher	2	27 <u>FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles, L. Mattle, 3 oth obs
Red-necked Phalarope	1	13 <u>FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles, L. Mattle, 10+ oth obs
Red-necked Phalarope	4	16	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Parasitic Jaeger Parasitic Jaeger	total ~ 63 max 9	4F-28 17	4 loc Hamlin Beach SP	mob A. Guthrie, et al.
Long-tailed Jaeger	1	4F	Hamlin Beach SP	6 obs
Parasitic/Long-tailed Jaeger	2	5	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, D. Sherony
jaeger sp	<u>total ~ 10</u>	4-21	Hamlin Beach SP	7 obs
Sabine's Gull	2 imm	14	Hamlin Beach SP	Reuben Stoltzfus, 7 oth obs
Bonaparte's Gull Laughing Gull	<u>max 104</u> 1 imm	28 4	Northrup Creek, Greece Hamlin Beach SP	R. Buckert A. Guthrie
Lesser Black-backed Gull	total ~ 13	4-25	5 loc	16+ obs
Caspian Tern	max 40, low	1	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles, L. Mattle
Black Tern	1	4L	Hemlock Lake	sev obs
Common Tern	max 94	29 <u>L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP; Sodus Pt.	S. Gracewski
Forster's Tern	1	28 <u>L</u>	Northrup Creek, Greece	R. Buckert
Red-throated Loon Common Loon	1 max 34, low	24FF 24	Hamlin Beach SP Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie Ji. Miles, L. Mattle
Double-crested Cormorant	max 656, low	23	Braddock Bay - East Spit	R. Reilly
Dble-crstd/Neotropic Cormorant	1	12	Sodus Point	T. Lenz, D. Walters
American White Pelican	2	1	BB - ES; Hamlin	M. Barry; A. & D. Guthrie
Least Bittern	1	23 <u>L</u>	Braddock Bay - Salmon Creek	E. Thein
Great Egret	<u>max 77</u> 1 imm	2 25F, 29	NMWMA (Carneross Rd.)	S. Derk
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron phs Turkey Vulture	max 55	22	Braddock Bay - East Spit + near Letchworth SP	K. Hartquist, mob L. Mould
American Kestrel	65 rep, ~53 ind	all month	30 loc	mob
Merlin	64 rep, ~56 ind	all month	30 loc	mob
Peregrine Falcon	25 rep, $\sim$ 18+ ind	all month	11+ loc	mob
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<u>total 10</u> 1	1-28	10 loc Durand-Eastman Park	19 obs L. Bergmeyer, M. Gullo
Olive-sided Flycatcher Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	total B 20	21L 1-19L	Durang-Eastman Park Manitou	BBBO
"Traill's " Flycatcher	total B 5	2-25	Manitou	BBBO
Willow Flycatcher	1	26 <u>L</u>	Beechwood SP, Wayne County	J. Wing
Least Flycatcher	total B 7	8-23	Manitou	BBBO
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	25 <u>L</u>	Beechwood SP, Wayne County	J. Wood
Eastern Kingbird Yellow-throated Vireo	1 1	26 <u>L</u> 20L	near Clyde, Wayne County	D. Rabjohns
Philadelphia Vireo	total B 38	1-28	Durand-Eastman Park Manitou	E. Thein BBBO
Red-eyed Vireo	total B 108	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Horned Lark	max 40, low	21	T. Parma	N. Ukens
Purple Martin	1	7 <u>L</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Guthrie, Ji. Miles
Tree Swallow	max 750, low	5	Braddock Bay - East Spit	J. Curtis, J. Garrett
N. Rough-winged Swallow Bank Swallow	<u>max 640</u> 50	23 29 <u>L</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.) NMWMA (Malone Marsh)	J. McGowan E. Erascatore
Cliff Swallow	1	13 <u>L</u>	Sodus Point	E. Frascatore M. Gullo
Black-capped Chickadee	total B 6	5-27	Manitou	BBBO
Red-breasted Nuthatch	total B 16	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Winter Wren	total B 5	19-25	Manitou	BBBO
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	3 <u>FF</u>	Turning Point Park	J. Boettcher, R. Reilly

# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS (cont'd) September 2020

Species	No.	Date	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	3FF	Ellison Park, Penfield	R. Ryan
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	total B 12	11-26	Manitou	BBBO
Veery	total B 25	1-28	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	6 <u>FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Gray-cheeked Thrush	max B 21	26	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-cheeked Thrush	total B 78	all month 15-30	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-ch./Bick. Thrush Swainson's Thrush	total B 25 max B 47	24	Manitou Manitou	BBBO BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	max 24	19	Webster Park - Campground Rd.	R. & S. Spahn
Swainson's Thrush	max 25	24	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	D. Bemont, R. Spahn
Swainson's Thrush	total B 327	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Hermit Thrush	1	9 <u>FF</u>	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	R. Spahn
Hermit Thrush	total B 24	17-28	Manitou	BBBO
Gray Cathird	max 24	3	Whiting Rd. NP, Webster	G. Ford
Gray Catbird Gray Catbird	<u>max B 7</u> total B 88	26 all month	Manitou Manitou	BBBO BBBO
Cedar Waxwing	max 125	12	Reed Rd., Chili	J. Goetz
Purple Finch	total B 30	12-30	Manitou	BBBO
Pine Siskin	max 125	<u>25</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles
Lapland Longspur	2	23 <u>FF</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	J. McGowan
Lapland Longspur	1	24	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Chipping Sparrow	max 50	30	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Lincoln's Sparrow Lincoln's Sparrow	1 <u>total B 8</u>	11 <u>FF</u> 11FF-29	Lake Rd., Webster Manitou	A. Garland BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	1	8 <u>FF</u>	Greece	K. Griffith
White-throated Sparrow	max 120	19	Beechwood SP, Wayne County	T. Lenz
White-throated Sparrow	max B 81	24	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	total B 416	14-30	Manitou	BBBO
White-crowned Sparrow	1	22 <u>FF</u>	Palmer Farm, Orleans County	G. Palmer
Dark-eyed Junco	1	9 <u>FF</u>	T. Irondequoit	S. Gracewski
Bobolink Baltimore Oriole	2 2	29 <u>L</u> 27 <u>L</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.) Northampton Park	F. Rowland A. Shreyer
Red-winged Blackbird	max 5000	27 <u>L</u> 24	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	B. Carlson
Brown-headed Cowbird	max 400	17	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	T. Lenz
Rusty Blackbird	1	23 <u>FF</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	J. McGowan
blackbird sp.	10000	23	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	J. McGowan
Ovenbird	total B 18	2-27	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	J. McGowan
Worm-eating Warbler	1B each	14, 19	Manitou	BBBO
Northern Waterthrush Prothonotary Warbler	<u>total B 6</u> 1B	2-25	Manitou Manitou	BBBO BBBO
Tennessee Warbler	total B 11	<u>2</u> 6-21	Manitou	BBBO
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	15	Sandy Bottom Park, Honeoye	B. Howe
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	17	Webster Village	G. Ford
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	18	Conesus Inlet WMA	M. Wasilco
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	19	Webster Park - Campground Rd.	R. & S. Spahn
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	28	Twin Cedars Environ. Area, Avon	M. Wasilco
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	29 4-24	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	F. Rowland
Nashville Warbler Connecticut Warbler	total B 25	4-24 24	Manitou Beechwood SP, Wayne County	BBBO J. Wing
Connecticut Warbler	1	25	Twin Cedars Environ. Area, Avon	B. Carlson, M. Wasilco
Connecticut Warbler	1B each	15, 16, 24, 26	Manitou	BBBO
Mourning Warbler	1	17 <u>L</u>	Greece	K. Griffith
Common Yellowthroat	max 20	8	Honeoye Inlet WMA	B. Howe
Common Yellowthroat	total B 55	1-29	Manitou	BBBO
American Redstart	total B 56	1-27	Manitou  Pagebyggd SP, Wayne County	BBBO
Northern Parula Magnolia Warbler	max 19 total B 25	12 15	Beechwood SP, Wayne County Manitou	T. Lenz, D. Walters BBBO
Magnolia Warbler	total B 206	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Bay-breasted Warbler	max 22	12	Webster Park campground area	A. Garland
Bay-breasted Warbler	total B 70	2-27	Manitou	BBBO
Blackburnian Warbler	total B 9	11-18, 30	Manitou	BBBO
Chestnut-sided Warbler	total B 11	1-25	Manitou	BBBO
Blackpoll Warbler Blackpoll Warbler	max B 34	26	Manitou	BBBO
Blk-thr. Blue Warbler	total B 316 total B 48	2-30 2-29	Manitou Manitou	BBBO BBBO
Palm Warbler	1	7 <u>FF</u>	Ontario Beach area	A. Guthrie
Yellow-rumped Warbler	max 34	26	T. Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Yellow-rumped Warbler	total B 28	15-26	Manitou	BBBO
Yellow-throated Warbler	1	5; 6, 12	Lakeview Com. Church & Firehouse Woods, Greece	J. Curtis, J, Garrett; Ji. Miles, L. Mattle
Yellow-throated Warbler	1	15	Grandview Heights, Greece	K. Griffith
Prairie Warbler	1	19	Nunda Dalton Rd., Livingston Co.	J. Gordinier
Prairie Warbler Black-thr. Green Warbler	l total B 15	19 5-27	N. Wolcott, Wayne County Manitou	W. & M. Rowley BBBO
Canada Warbler	total B 15 1	18 <u>L</u>	Conesus Inlet WMA	M. Wasilco
Wilson's Warbler	total B 28	9-26	Manitou	BBBO
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