

Renew Online and Help the RBA

Thank you to all who have already renewed their membership. Renewing by mid-December saves RBA the printing and mailing costs needed for sending out the membership renewal letters. To renew online, just go to the RBA website at rochesterbirding.org, and click on the "Renew" button at the top of the home page. This will take you directly to the membership renewal form. Renewing NOW will save volunteer hours by reducing paperwork and trips to the post office.

If you prefer not to renew online, please contact Jo at jhtaylor@frontiernet.net, and she will email you the renewal form that you can print out and mail in with your check, or, if necessary, mail you a paper renewal form. We don't want to lose you as a member! We'll do our best to accommodate your needs.

2022 Dues

Household membership	\$25
Junior membership (9-18) (both above with Little Gull via e-mail)	\$15
Little Gull by USPS mail - add to membership dues	\$15

Your renewal will be good until January 1, 2023 and bring you and the RBA community another great year of birds. New members joining after September 1 of this year are paid up through all of 2022.

Thank you, Adrianna Anderson
Membership Outreach

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Records Report

Notes:

1. Another schizoid month; first half very warm and summery, at 64.4°F, the 2nd warmest first half of October on record, and second half more a taste of autumn, ending with temperatures averaging 57.6°, 5.4° above normal, overall the 6th warmest October on record. A strong high over the northern part of the continent drove the first half. A result was no days below freezing and peak foliage color weeks delayed. Precipitation totaled 7.46", 4.24" above normal, with four major rain events: 1.22" on the 3rd, record for the date; 1.50" over the 15th to 16th; 2.12" on the 25th to 26th, with 1.81" of that on the 26th record for that date; and 2.02" over the 29th-30th. There was some flooding after the rains on the 26th and later. As one might guess, these heavy rains did have some impact on banding on some dates. However, there were only 13 rainy days for the month, only one day above average, so birding generally was good.

2. The species total for the month was again well above the 10-year average for October. Again, all regularly expected species were reported, with only some almost regulars and hoped-for species missed,

the closest to expected White-rumped Sandpiper and Red-necked Phalarope. There was only one record late departure and three more passerines at dates beyond the old Monroe County Checklist distributions but with later records in the intervening years. The eBird records downloaded this month for the region totaled 32,509, down about 11% from last year. Certainly the heavy weather on several days may be a part of this. At the BBBO banding station, the number of new bands was down 32% from last year, but most of that was due to this being a down fall for Black-capped Chickadee. Net hours were up very slightly, and number of days with 100+ individuals banded down just one. As always, interesting things to ponder.

3. All of the expected waterfowl were reported, though the refrain of generally low counts repeats. Exceptions were: some good Brant numbers on the 18th, a few Canada Goose counts in the low thousands, and high Northern Pintail counts. Diving ducks were noted mostly in relatively low peak counts. Ross's Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Cackling Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, King Eider, and Harlequin Duck were relatively rarer species.

4. From pheasants through Sandhill Crane all of the expected species were reported, with most numbers typical to a bit low other than a good peak of 102 Sandhill Cranes. Peak numbers for our three regular grebe species were low, but an Eared Grebe was found off Hamlin Beach during the late month lake watching. No large Chimney Swift gatherings were noted into this month. Rails were scarce and gallinule and coot numbers were again low in the NMWMA area due to reduced habitat with easy access.

5. A decent 18 shorebird species were reported, with White-rumped Sandpiper and Red-necked Phalarope the two most expected but missed this month. Water level issues with all the rain limited habitat at our usual sites. Peak counts for all species were low. The highlight was record late Wilson's Phalaropes on the 16th and 17th at two sites.

6. The jaegers continued, with about 21 individuals reported, 15 identified as Parasitic scattered through the month, a Pomarine at Sodus Point at month's end, and five not identified to species. A Nor'easter off the coast near month's end pumped winds our direction bringing a number of seabirds, with an incursion of Razorbills on the 30th and following and several reports of 5+ Black-legged Kittiwakes in single observation sessions from the 27th to 30th. The Note-worthy table tries to capture these events, but more study of timing of the reports in eBird might reach more accurate counts. Bonaparte's Gull numbers remained low in historical context, and a lone adult Little Gull was spotted passing well offshore from Greece. Good numbers of Lesser Black-backed Gull were reported, but there were no early white-winged gulls. Terns were present in small numbers to expected departure dates.

7. Peak loon numbers were again relatively low, but a nice surprise was a well seen Pacific Loon off Hamlin Beach on the 30th. Adding to the surprises, a Wood Stork was seen on the 8th in Hafner Park in Clarkson and likely the same individual on the 11th at Bald Eagle Creek Harbor in Kendall, with photos to document both cases. Lots of Double-crested Cormorants at Sodus Point, a good, late Great Egret count, and reports of one and two Cattle Egrets in Wayne and Livingston Counties top off this grouping through Turkey Vulture.

8. Even the fall raptor picture was interesting, with

Osprey to late in the month, the arrival of Rough-legged Hawk, and a surprise find of an immature Swainson's Hawk in the town of Sweden, this record dimmed a bit by ending with the death of the bird. There were no reports for Black Vulture or Northern Goshawk, but a Broad-winged Hawk and four Red-shouldered Hawks were reported. Again skipping forward, all three regular falcons were again well reported this fall.

9. Among the owls, Short-eared Owl appeared at an expected date. Next, N. Saw-whet Owl banding continued from last month near BBBO, with a total of 21 banded between the 5th and 23rd and one foreign recapture made on the 23rd. Additional N. Saw-whet Owls were also reported from the usual Owl Woods location and one from the Lakeshore Marshes WMA in Wayne County. Red-headed Woodpecker reports were few, with the last on the 11th.

10. Again, all the really expected passerine species were reported; many of the migrants and breeders have the latter parts of their departure date distributions (25% or so of their historical departure dates) extending into or even through October, so it can vary year to year which and how many are found in this month. In looking at the banding data, quite a few species seemed to have the range of dates banded shifted a bit earlier this year. Only three species, Warbling Vireo, Black poll Warbler, and Indigo Bunting were reported at dates beyond those in our historical distributions, but in each case there have been later reports in years since the last update. Generally, peak numbers reported and totals banded were down a bit. There were only 18 species of warblers reported, a bit lower than usual. Of particular note among the numbers are: Black-capped Chickadee in a down year, both kinglets banded and reported in good numbers, Gray-cheeked Thrush low, Swainson's Thrush good, Hermit Thrush low, White-throated Sparrow high but as expected, some good blackbird counts, and good numbers of Blackpoll Warbler banded. Among the banding data, it is worth noting that this year none of the species were at numbers outside two standard deviations from their prior 10-year averages and most were within one standard deviation. A major part of this is that for most species, year-to-year variance is high due to a number of causes, so one standard deviation is large

and it takes big differences to appear truly unusual. Back to some more general passerine comments, first, only 18 warbler species were reported, a bit low, with 11 Orange-crowned (1 banded) a highlight. Among our winter finches, only Common Redpoll, White-winged Crossbill, and Pine Siskin were reported. Nelson's Sparrows were the only scarcer species reported.

	2021	2020	10-year Average
Species for Nov.	213	219	204.7
New for the year	6	6	4.6
Total for the year to date	295	288	286.7

11. Please submit reports to eBird, post them on geneseebirds, and/or send them by the 5th of the month to Andrea Patterson, 144 Greystone Lane, #24, Rochester, NY 14618.

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Sandhill Crane - Montezuma NWR -

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