

Records Report

1. An average month to start our transition to Fall. Temperatures averaged 64.0°F, 0.4° above normal. Precipitation totaled 3.16", 0.02" below normal. There were no temperature extremes. Twenty-five days reached 70° or higher, and the first day the temperature dropped below 50° for the season was on the 20th, the 4th latest occurrence of that event. Precipitation was fairly evenly scattered through the month other than 2/3 of the rainfall over two days, 22-23 September. A mesoscale convective event on the 12th produced some heavy downpours and spawned an EF-1 tornado in the Conesus to Springwater area to our south. Generally winds averaged only slightly above average for the month.

2. Once again, essentially all expected waterfowl were reported, with the usual few early arrivals among the diving ducks. Typical of recent years, peak counts were again low, but numbers for several species were higher than usual in the Braddock Bay area near the new barrier-beach island, where several species topped counts of 100. Conditions in the NMWMA limited waterbird counts there.

3. The only Common Nighthawk count over five was 30 at the NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) on the 10th. A rarely reported fall whip-poor-will was seen on the 16th in Hamlin, and a good tally of 450 Chimney Swifts reported from Blossom Road in Rochester on the 15th. Good numbers of hummingbirds were reported through the month.

4. Water levels and rainfall timing left limited shorebird habitat, and, other than a few species on plowed fields, most reports were from sites along the south shore of Lake Ontario. 26 shorebird species were reported. Only Upland Sandpiper and Wilson's Phalarope might be considered misses, and Whimbrel, Hudsonian Godwit, Red Knot, and Buff-breasted Sandpiper were nice finds, though they are regulars in small numbers. There were no outstanding high counts.

5. Jaeger numbers this month were down from last year's high, but about 26 Parasitic, a Long-tailed on the 24th, and five 5 additional jaegers not identified to species makes a good month. There were no rarer gull species reported and only about 11 of the now-regular Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Beyond these, we have all the usual terns reported at relatively low numbers and typical dates.

6. An early Red-throated Loon was reported on the 3rd, and Common Loon peaked at 56, again failing to reach 100 in September. Double-crested Cormorant numbers were best on Lake Ontario near Braddock Bay. There were no special herons and egrets this month in this region.

7. Among the raptors, there were again no really noteworthy reports. No Black Vultures and no Northern Goshawks were reported. There was a little excitement among the owls, with a rare summer report of Long-eared Owl in the Owl Woods area on the 19th and an individual heard on the 26th by BBBO owl banders not far from that site. The owl banders caught and banded two N. Saw-whet Owls this on the 30th. A Northern Saw-whet Owl was heard in Beechwood State Park on the 27th.

8. As usual, all of the expected passerines were reported. Among the rarer species reported were: the usual Fish Crows; a Bicknell's Thrush banded; a rare "Lawrence's" Warbler hybrid; seven Orange-crowned Warblers, one banded; four Connecticut Warblers, with two of these banded at BBBO; and three Dickcissels. The Noteworthy Records table to be posted on the RBA website will contain samples of numbers banded, arrivals, and departures. Migration this month seemed shifted to a bit earlier dates for many species, and numbers banded for most species were down a bit from last year. Species with high banding numbers [some of the highest in () after the species name] are: Ruby-crowned Kinglet (87), Swainson's Thrush (293), Gray Catbird, White-throated Sparrow (220), Magnolia Warbler (142), and Blackpoll Warbler (565). Black-capped Chickadee was back to a low year so far, with only two banded this month.

9. The 218 species for the month is near the 10-year average for this month. The eBird data download for the region for the month was about 34,200, very close to last September's number.

	2021	2020	10-year Average
Species for Sept.	218	220	219.1
New for the year	6	3	5.4
Total for the year to date	289	282	218.6

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

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