

July 2020 Reports Report

Underlined items indicate noteworthy factors.

F indicates first record for the year.

FF indicates first report for the fall season, though recorded earlier in the year.

B indicates netted and banded.

T = town of.

NMWMA = N. Montezuma Wildlife Management Area, Wayne County in this region.

ph = photograph available

* indicates adequate verification report was received.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	10-year Average <u>(2010-2019)</u>
Species for July	187	184	174.2
New for the year	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3.2</u>
Total for the year to date	273	274	269.5

Notes:

1. A HOT July, with some drenching storms. For the first time on record, every day this month averaged above 70°F. 59° tied with 1887 and 1897 for the warmest low temperature for a month. It was the 3rd warmest July on record. Eight days reached above 90°, including six days in a row from 5-10 July and 97° on the 9th, which was our highest temperature in July since a 98° on 21 July 2011. Yet no records were set! Temperatures averaged 75.6°, 4.8° above normal. The month started dry, approaching drought conditions, but then consistent rains set in and a heavy 3.18” on the 11th followed by 1.70” on the 16th cancelled that out and refreshed the greenery. Precipitation totaled 5.54”, 2.21” above normal, making it the 12th the wettest July on record. There were thunderstorms on six days, and on the 29th a weak tornado passed through southern Monroe County. Lake Ontario levels remained above normal by about 1/2 foot.

2. Typical for a July, waterfowl reports were limited and numbers generally low. There were a few puddle ducks interesting for location and date, including Blue-winged Teal reports from the south end of Irondequoit Bay, where they have not been confirmed nesting in recent years. The usual breeding species in the NMWMA were not well reported. The diving ducks were scarce, but both scaup, Long-tailed Duck, Bufflehead, and Common Goldeneye were reported, mostly from sites near Lake Ontario.

3. Reports of Northern Bobwhite from the Irondequoit flats area attracted some to view or hear them, but there is little likelihood they are truly “wild” birds. Pied-billed Grebe was still present in good numbers in NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit), but no other grebes were reported. Cuckoo numbers were good, with gypsy moths up in some parts of the region. There were 367 lines in eBird for Ruby-throated Hummingbird, but the bird of the month was a **hummingbird** photographed at a feeder in Webster on the 28th-29th and still under review as to species. Moving back to NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit), a large change from only a couple years ago, with peak counts of only 12 Common Gallinules and 8 American Coot. Sandhill Cranes were well reported from known sites, but no young were noted.

4. This year, 20 shorebird species reported was again a good start to the fall migration. Once again, **American Avocet** was at the East Spit of Braddock Bay - on the 28th. No Black-bellied Plover, but the first American Golden-Plovers for the year. Whimbrel was reported on the 22nd and 29th. Ruddy Turnstone was back on the 21st just a day later than last year's record early. White-rumped Sandpiper is assigned as record early on 4 July, but that could as easily have been called record late being not far past that date. There a number of species with scattered records through what is normally a gap between late spring and first fall. The rest of the fall shorebird arrivals were at typical dates, several even back in June.

5. Bonaparte's Gull on the 11th is another of the gap birds assigned as a very early first fall arrival. A **Laughing Gull** was at Sodus point on the 29th, two Lesser Black-backed Gulls at Hamlin Beach on the 16th, and the lingering Glaucous Gull reported on 4, 13, and 23 July. Tern counts were generally low, with a sad peak of only eight Black Terns at the NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd./Sandhill Crane Unit) site.

6. Common Loon were scarce and mostly off Hamlin Beach SP, but there were two in alternate plumage seen on Conesus Lake. Peaks of 226 Great Blue Heron and 92 Great Egret at the NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) were high numbers. An unofficial summer hawk watch at Braddock Bay caught some interesting movements, with peak counts of 65 Bald Eagles on the 19th and 65 Red-tailed Hawks on the 27th. There were no reports of Northern Goshawk, only three for Red-shouldered Hawk, and very few for Broad-winged Hawk. An additional non-passerine land bird report of interest was least 33 reports of Red-headed Woodpecker from 10 locations. The three regular falcons were recorded in typical numbers for the month, with the three fledged Peregrine Falcons in Rochester being monitored and reported on the rfalconcam.com website. A late report was received that the Swallow-tailed Kites seen by many in the first half of August were actually first seen on private property nearby by Vaughn Bates on July 30, photographed on August 1 by Kathy Habgood, and then seen by others later. The records table at the start of these notes has been corrected to reflect this, though not in time before RBA publication of the prior number and notes.

7. Among the passerines, "expected species" can be a fuzzy definition. Most regularly reported species were found, as usual with some of the warblers requiring special effort searching in the forests south of Rochester only reported in small numbers and Nashville, Black-throated Blue, and Canada Warblers missed. Continued low level banding at BBBO produced a few special surprises, including: Swainson's Thrush on the 18th, White-crowned Sparrow on the 14th, and a Magnolia Warbler banded on 7 June and recaptured on 30 July and molting at both capture dates. 40 and 38 Yellow Warblers banded on 30 and 31 July, respectively, are high banded numbers but at the peak time for migrants of the species locally. The Noteworthy Records table on the RBA website contains additional illustrations. Other interesting passerine records for the month were: Sedge Wren in two locations, Clay-colored Sparrows continuing on Cook Rd. in Hamlin, and Prothonotary Warbler at the NMWMA (Armitage Rd.) through the 17th. There was another lone Pine Siskin report on 18 July.

8. The eBird data download for the month jumped about 40% from last year to 36,357 lines, most likely due to breeding bird atlas work. While we clearly have a great deal of Atlas data reported, it requires a great deal more time to assess properly, and especially this year complicated by breeding and non-breeding bird data all being entered through the atlas eBird portal; a mess to be

sorted out later. Jim Adams, in his regular Oatka Creek Park monitoring noted that species diversity in the park each half month has been higher than normal with no clear cause. He has captured many good details relative to birds breeding in the park.

9. 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, Jessie Barry, Jim Barry, Mitchell Barry, Doug Beattie, Betty Beckham, Don Bemont, Linda Clark Benedict, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, Robert Buckert, Sara Burch, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Robert Cicotta, Kelly Close, Marie Costanza, Lydia Culbert, Doug Daniels, Michelle Daniels, Gregg Dashnau, Diane Egan, George Ford, Jim Fry, Kyle Gage, Janis George, Jessica George, Candy Giles, Christopher Goetz, James Goetz, John Gordinier, Karla Gordinier, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Michael Gullo, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Andrew Guthrie, Chris Guthrie, Danny Guthrie, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Christina Hoh, Jennalee Holzschuh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Nicholas Kachala, Jim Kimball, Cindy Kindle, Kathy Kirsch, J. Gary Kohlenberg, Michael Laird, Chris Lajewski, Greg Lawrence, Gayle Lazoration, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Pat Martin, Donna Mason-Spier, Lauri Mattle, Kenneth McCarthy, Jacob McCartney, Jay McGowan, Kevin McGowan, Chita McKinney, Ann McMican, Scott Meagher, Jim Miles, Kent Millham, Adrielle Mitchell, Ann Mitchell, Robert Mocko, Brian & Brooke Morse, Linda Mott, Leah Mould, Diane Morton, Sheila Mumpton, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Tom Nash, Rivka Noll, David Odell, Jay Ovsiovitch, Michael Palermo, Gary Palmer, Bonnie Parton, Andrea Patterson, Shelly Patterson, Mike Peter, Janeen Pizzo, Norma Platt, Jo Popma, Doug Rabjohns, Rosemary Reilly, Rhonda Roaring, Susan Roberts, Rochester Young Birders Club, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Robert Ryan, Kevin Rybczynski, Erin Sandle, Livia Santana, Karl Schmidt, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Roger Smith, Tom & Pat Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Allan Strong, June Summers, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Eunice Thein, Bruce Thompson, Brian Tuttle, Geoff Twardokus, Jeanne & Tom Verhulst, Jules Wagner, Mike Wasilco, Bridget Watts, Joe Wing, Chris Wood, Jim Wood.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

JULY 2020

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Mute Swan	<u>max 90</u>	6	Irondequoit Bay - S	R. Buckert, J. Wagner
Wood Duck	<u>max 70</u>	13	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	G. Dashnau
Blue-winged Teal	1	<u>1</u>	<u>Irondequoit Bay - S</u>	S. Gracewski, M. Daniels
Blue-winged Teal	1	<u>6</u>	<u>Irondequoit Bay - S</u>	R. Buckert, J. Wagner, E. Sandle
Gadwall	1-3	15-17	<u>Braddock Bay</u>	S. Gracewski, P. Martin, <i>et al.</i>
American Wigeon	1	<u>29</u>	<u>Braddock Bay</u>	Jc. Barry, M. Barry
Mallard	<u>max 250</u>	13	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	G. Dashnau
Northern Pintail	2	<u>21</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Lenz
Green-winged Teal	2	<u>9</u>	<u>Braddock Bay</u>	R. Buckert, J. Wagner, B. Carlson
Greater Scaup ph	1	<u>7</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Lesser Scaup	2	<u>13</u>	Conesus Lake	T. Bohling
Lesser Scaup	1	14-19	Bear Creek Harbor, Wayne Co.	J. Wing
Lesser Scaup	1	<u>25</u>	Irondequoit Bay - S	R. Roaring
Greater/Lesser Scaup	1	<u>2</u>	Irondequoit Bay - S	S. Gracewski
Long-tailed Duck	1	<u>31</u>	Summerville Pier	R. Buckert, L. Bergmeyer
Bufflehead	1	1	<u>Irondequoit Bay - S</u>	S. Gracewski, M. Daniels
Bufflehead ph	1	<u>12: 15-24</u>	<u>Braddock Bay</u>	B. Carlson, S. Gracewski, P. Martin, <i>et al.</i>
Common Goldeneye	1	<u>18</u>	<u>Braddock Bay - East Spit</u>	M. Bergin
<u>Northern Bobwhite</u> release? ph	1-2	16-26	Irondequoit flats	J. Pizzo, mob
Pied-billed Grebe	<u>max 50</u>	4	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Lenz
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<u>367 eBird lines</u>	all month	many loc	mob
<u>hummingbird sp</u> ph	1	28-29F	Webster	M. Costanza
Common Gallinule	<u>max 12, low</u>	13, 15	NMWMA (Guy Baldassarre Marsh)	J. McGowan, L. Santana
American Coot	<u>max 8, low</u>	4	NMWMA (Guy Baldassarre Marsh)	An. Mitchell
Sandhill Crane ph	<u>max 9</u>	11; 29	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Lenz; M. Tetlow
<u>American Avocet</u> ph	1	28FF	Braddock Bay - East Spit	P. Martin
American Golden-Plover ph	1	<u>31F, RE</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	B. Carlson, 9 oth obs
Semipalmated Plover	1	<u>19FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	B. Carlson
Whimbrel	1	<u>22FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Whimbrel	5	29	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Jc. Barry, M. Barry
Whimbrel	1	29	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing, M. Gullo
Ruddy Turnstone	2	<u>21FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Jc. Barry
Stilt Sandpiper	1	<u>9F</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	J. McGowan, L. Santana
Sanderling	4	<u>13FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Guthrie
Sanderling	1	<u>13FF</u>	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing, W. & M. Rowley
Dunlin	1-3	<u>4-31</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	S. Gracewski
Least Sandpiper	<u>max 90</u>	11	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Lenz
White-rumped Sandpiper	1	<u>4FF, RE</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	S. Gracewski, D. Sherony
Pectoral Sandpiper	3	<u>4FF</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Lenz
Pectoral Sandpiper	<u>max 10</u>	29	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	<u>9FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	R. Buckert, J. Wagner
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 40</u>	29	Braddock Bay - East Spit	B. Carlson, A. Guthrie
Short-billed Dowitcher	3	<u>9FF</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Lenz
Short-billed Dowitcher	<u>max 32</u>	11	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Lenz
Solitary Sandpiper	1	<u>6FF</u>	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
Lesser Yellowlegs	7	<u>3FF</u>	Quaker Rd., T. Macedon, Wayne Co.	B. Cady
Lesser Yellowlegs	<u>max 75</u>	13	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	G. Dashnau
Bonaparte's Gull	1	<u>11FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	B. Carlson
Bonaparte's Gull	2	<u>11FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Laughing Gull</u>	1	<u>29</u>	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u> phs	2	16	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Glaucous Gull phs	1	<u>4, 13</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	sev obs
Glaucous Gull	1	<u>23</u>	off Edgemere Dr., Greece	R. Buckert, J. Wagner
Caspian Tern	<u>max 73</u>	19	Braddock Bay - East Spit	B. Carlson
Black Tern	<u>max 8, low</u>	23	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	G. Dashnau
Common Loon	1-5	<u>5-23</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Loon	2 alt plum	<u>18</u>	Conesus Lake	B. Carlson
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 80</u>	13	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
Great Blue Heron	<u>max 226</u>	25	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Lenz

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Great Egret	<u>max 92</u>	25	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Lenz
<u>Black Vulture</u>	1	14	N. Wolcott, Wayne Co.	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Swallow-tailed Kite</u>	<u>2, 6th Reg</u>	30F	Monroe/Orleans County Line area	Vaughn Bates, <i>fide</i> K. Habgood
Bald Eagle	<u>max 65</u>	19	<u>Braddock Bay - hawk watch</u>	M. Tetlow
Bald Eagle	<u>149 eBird lines</u>	all month	many loc	mob
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	24	Wesley Hill Nature Pres, Ontario Co.	B. Carlson
Red-tailed Hawk	<u>60; 65</u>	27	<u>Braddock Bay - hawk watch</u>	M. Gullo, M. Tetlow
Red-headed Woodpecker	<u>33 rep, 16 ind</u>	all month	10 loc	16+ obs
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<u>max 10</u>	3	Bristol Springs area, Ontario Co.	B. Howe
American Kestrel	<u>~ 72 ind</u>	all month	43 loc	mob
Merlin	<u>~ 9 ind</u>	5-31	9 loc	9 obs
Peregrine Falcon	<u>~ 18 ind</u>	4-30	13 loc	mob
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>max 41</u>	3	Bristol Springs area, Ontario Co.	B. Howe
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>28</u>	11	T. Mendon	P. Martin
Bank Swallow	<u>max 400</u>	2	Irondequoit Bay - S	S. Gracewski
Bank Swallow	<u>max 400</u>	4	Hamlin Beach SP - West End	A. Guthrie
Cliff Swallow	<u>max 23</u>	14	Hemlock Lake SP	T. Bohling
Winter Wren	<u>~ 11 ind</u>	all month	7 loc	14+ obs
<u>Sedge Wren</u>	1-3	3-22	Nations Rd., Geneseo	mob
<u>Sedge Wren</u>	3	10	Beatty Point, Greece	R. Buckert, N. Kachala, J. Wagner
Marsh Wren	<u>max 30</u>	1	Irondequoit Creek	S. Gracewski
Swainson's Thrush	1B	<u>18</u>	Manitou	BBBO
American Robin	<u>1465 eBird lines</u>	all month	many loc	mob
Gray Catbird	<u>938 eBird lines</u>	all month	many loc	mob
Pine Siskin	1	<u>18</u>	East Rush Circuit roads & trails	T. Barnett
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	2, 1, 1	3, 24, 27	Cook Rd., Hamlin	G. Ford; Ja. George, R. Reilly, L. Bergmeyer
White-Crowned Sparrow	1B	<u>14</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Bobolink	<u>max 45</u>	4	Geneseo airfield	R. Buckert, J. Wagner
Orchard Oriole	<u>max 12</u>	<u>19</u>	Mumford	Ja. George
Common Grackle	<u>max 8500</u>	25	Autumn Royal Farm, Springwater, Livingston Co.	R. Buckert, J. Wagner
<u>Prothonotary Warbler</u>	1	17L	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	B. Beckham
Common Yellowthroat	<u>569 eBird lines</u>	all month	many loc	mob
American Redstart	<u>max 10, low</u>	2	Galen WMA, Wayne Co.	T. Lenz
Magnolia Warbler	<u>1B, recap</u>	<u>30</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Yellow Warbler	<u>max 25</u>	2	Whiting Rd. Nature Pres., Webster	D. Horsey
Yellow Warbler	<u>21</u>	9	Hamlin Beach - West End	D. Bemont
Yellow Warbler	<u>523 eBird lines</u>	all month	many loc	mob
Yellow Warbler	<u>40B; 38B</u>	30; 31	Manitou	BBBO
Northern Cardinal	<u>1367 eBird lines</u>	all month	many loc	mob