

## September 2022 Records Report

1. A pleasant September. Temperatures averaged 62.5°F, 1.1° below normal. The average high was even cooler than normal, at 70.7°, 2.9° below normal. The month was divided into a first week with below average temperatures followed by a middle with consistent above average temperatures then the last nine days returning to below average temperatures. Temperatures topped out at 85° on the 3rd. Seven days were in the 80s overall. Six nights dipped into the 40s and temperatures dropped to 37° on the night of the 30th. Precipitation totaled 2.81", 0.37" below normal, but much more than recent months. September marked the 6th month in a row with below average precipitation, but much of the region saw their moderate drought status change to an "abnormally dry." Lake Ontario started to cool as usual, with the temperatures on the south shore dropping to 66° from 75°.

2. Birders were out in full force this month to observe fall passerine migration at its peak. The weather was about as good as it could get besides spells of rain from stalled fronts here and there. Consistent coverage came from the southern shore of Lake Ontario as usual, and the Montezuma Muckrace on the 9th and 10th gave a nice boost to the coverage of the NMWMA. As the trend in recent years, the shorebird show continued at Braddock Bay, with exceptional coverage for the East Spit hotspot. An aside, but fascinating: the East Spit has been so popular that over 650 checklists have been submitted to eBird (using the hotspot alone not including personal locations) between the start of August and the end of September, representing 14% of all checklists submitted from this hotspot ever – remarkable. The eBird download totaled just over 40,100 lines, up 11.7% from 2021.

3. No notable misses stand out among the waterfowl. Numbers of Canada Geese continued to build, and reports of Snow Geese and Cackling Goose appeared. Duck counts were decent from the area around Braddock Bay, but no outstanding numbers came in.

4. Common Nighthawk had a high count of one, somewhat unusual, although several observers reported them in the beginning of the month. Michelle Gianvecchio found an Eared Grebe on Braddock Bay on the 30th. Several observers at the East Spit that

morning added this difficult Monroe County bird to their lists as well as some later in the day who were able to pick the bird up from various lookouts around the bay. The NMWMA along Van Dyne Spoor Road, as expected, had the highest numbers of Pied-billed Grebe, American Coot, and Common Gallinule.

5. The shorebird spectacle continued all over the region, with Braddock Bay's East Spit hosting the largest concentrations. Shorebird species also piled up at Lasalle's Landing Park on the south end of Irondequoit Bay, at Sodus Point, and a wet area off Pratt Road in the town of Sodus. Alan Bloom found a Buff-breasted Sandpiper at the East Spit on the 9th which stayed all day. Steve Taylor reported a Western Sandpiper at Braddock Bay on 27th, and birders observed the bird into the evening of that day. The East Spit also hosted a Wilson's Phalarope and a Red-necked Phalarope towards the beginning of the month. Two disconnected-in-date Hudsonian Godwits appeared at the East Spit this month. Mike Gullo found an Upland Sandpiper at Pratt Road which stayed for a few days. Mike also found a Red-necked Phalarope at Pratt Road. Tim Lenz reported a Buff-breasted Sandpiper at Sodus Point that few others were able to observe as well. Among the gulls, Andy Guthrie observed two Sabine's Gulls, the first on the 14th and the second on the 23rd. Brad Carlson found a Laughing Gull at Sodus Point on the 2nd.

6. The raptor of the month was a beautifully photographed Swainson's Hawk found by Ben Nieman and Rob Sielaff of Buffalo at the East Spit on the 19th. Ben and Rob were heading home from a successful Adirondack trip and decided to make their last stop before heading back to Buffalo at Braddock Bay for the shorebirds. Quite an end to their trip! The first Rough-legged Hawk report of the wintering season came in from the Conesus Inlet later in the month.

7. Small migratory passerines moved through in full force. There were no notable misses. Connecticut Warbler was the most consistent scarce migrant, with 10 individuals reported from the region, five of which were banded. Andy Guthrie reported an unseasonably early Evening Grosbeak (at least as patterns go in recent years) from Hamlin Beach State Park on the 3rd, being the only passerine rarity of note for the month. Observers began covering the Genesee Land Trust's newly established Salmon Creek Nature Pre-

serve for uncommon sparrows. Greg Lawrence reported a late-season Grasshopper Sparrow from there. The preserve consists of grasslands, a marshy pond, a corn field being transitioned into more grassland, and wooded habitat bordering Salmon Creek. This new site looks promising as more sparrow habitat for uncommon migrants. The BBBO reported unusually high numbers of some bands. Species with notably high banding numbers were: Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (27), Red-eyed Vireo (83), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (137), Gray Catbird (113), Gray-cheeked Thrush (54), Swainson's Thrush (195), White-throated Sparrow (482), Northern Waterthrush (16), Nashville Warbler (20), Connecticut Warbler (5), Magnolia Warbler (137), Bay-breasted Warbler (52), Blackpoll Warbler (341), Black-throated Blue Warbler (28), and Wilson's Warbler (13).

8. Please submit reports to eBird, post them on gene-seebirds, and/or send by the 5th of the month to Nick Kachala, nicholaskach@gmail.com; 1141 Rush-Scottsville Rd., Rush, NY 14543.

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	2022	2021	10-year Average
Species for Sept	225	219	219.4
New for the year	5	9	5.3
Total for the year to date	291	289	2

Sielaff, Judy Slein, Dee Smith, Roger Smith, Tom & Pat Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Kim Sucusy, June Summers, Holley Sweeney, Stephen Taylor, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Eunice Thein, Nathan Ukens, Alison Van Keuren, Jeanne & Tom Verhulst, Matthew Voelker, Jules Wagner, Mike Wasilco, Bridget Watts, Joe Wing, Jim Wood, Ryan Zucker. (There were 369 observers in the eBird download.)

Black-bellied Plover - Braddock Bay East Spit - © Alan Bloom - October 3, 2022

