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F indicates first record for the year.

FF indicates first record for the fall migration, though reported earlier.

BBBO = Braddock Bay Bird Observatory

NMWMA = Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area in Wayne County.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	10-year Average <u>(2012-2021)</u>
Total species for August	203	205	199.2
New species for the year	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5.2</u>
Total for the year to date	286	283	276.4

### Notes:

1. August was a “relief” month in terms of temperature and much needed rainfall. Temperatures averaged 72.5°F, just less than 2° above average. Four days peaking at or above 90° contrasted with a nine-day period in the middle of the month with daily temperatures below normal. Periods of widespread rain and cumulative isolated thundery downpours busted the drought that had set in through parts of the Genesee Country. Rainfall totaled 3.37 inches, 0.06 inches above average. Most of the precipitation occurred in the last half of the month, with 1.09 inches falling on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, a daily record.

2. Evidence of fall migration picked up, with 203 species reported in Region 2 this month. Shorebirds and warblers were reported in same diversity, 27 species of each. It was a decent month for lesser rarities, although “scare-to-rare migrants” is probably a more appropriate descriptor, all of which will be discussed in the appropriate sections. Nothing like the rarity festival that occurred last August. The bird of the month would go to a Yellow-headed Blackbird seen by Brad Carlson on the 1<sup>st</sup> while kayaking on Braddock Bay. The fall banding season at the BBBO kicked off on the 15<sup>th</sup>, with 447 new bands by the end of the month. The eBird download came in just under 38,000 lines after filtering; up 8% from 2021.

3. Waterfowl were reported in small but growing numbers from the usual locations along the lakeshore and the NMWMA. No rare waterfowl were reported, and many first fall migrants seen last year were missed entirely this year. Wood Duck numbers and Mallard numbers were down significantly from last August’s high. Only one report of Red-necked Grebe came out of Hamlin Beach SP on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first report of Common Nighthawk came out of Fairport on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Jim Kimball reported a maximum of 45 Chimney Swift at the historic York Central School roost on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

4. Rail, gallinule, and Sandhill Crane numbers were all lower, with maxima of 40 Common Gallinule, 48 American Coot, and 15 Sandhill Crane all coming out of the impoundments off Van Dyne Spoor Road in the NMWMA.

5. August saw the water levels on Lake Ontario continue to drop, with the mudflats at Braddock Bay becoming larger than they have been in recent years. Water levels approached 243.5 feet by the end of the month and are continuing to drop. With that, shorebirds were better than in recently past Augusts. 27 species were reported, with multiple Whimbrel, a Red Knot, the region’s first Baird’s Sandpiper of the year (the species accumulated, and as many as four were seen in the last half of the month at once), a Wilson’s Phalarope, and two Red-necked Phalaropes, one seen by one observer for one day and then the second that stuck around and was enjoyed by many. Numbers of

Semipalmated Sandpipers were good, with several counts in the mid-200s at the East Spit. Tim Lenz found Wayne County's first Piping Plover at Sodus Point. Mike Gullo found the region's only Upland Sandpiper for the month in the town of Sodus.

6. The first Parasitic Jaeger of the season passed the Hamlin Beach Lakewatch on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There were no reports of Long-tailed Jaeger despite good coverage. Five Bonaparte's Gulls past Hamlin Beach SP on the 11<sup>th</sup> was the highest count for the species this month – disappointing. Greg Lawrence found a Laughing Gull at the East Spit on the 18<sup>th</sup>. A Forster's Tern showed up at the East Spit on the 8<sup>th</sup>, as well as a pair on the 21<sup>st</sup> enjoyed by a few observers. Irondequoit Bay Outlet a Forster's Tern on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There were only two lines in eBird of Lesser Black-backed Gull.

7. The region's only report of Common Loon came from Hamlin Beach SP on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Several points along the lakeshore had high numbers of Double-crested Cormorant, but nothing really that significant.

8. Dave Tetlow noted a Black Vulture in the Town of Greece on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers staffed a formal natal-dispersal Hawkwatch at Braddock Bay Park from August 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of the month. Volunteers counted exactly 3,600 raptors, specifically 318 Turkey Vulture, 196 Bald Eagle, 308 Broad-winged Hawk, 2,655 Red-tailed Hawk, and small numbers of other expected species. The best flight occurred on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

9. Among the smaller passerines, nothing significant was missed. The first migrant Yellow-bellied Flycatchers (other than one banded in late July) were seen in the third quarter of the month. Cindy Kindle photographed an Olive-sided Flycatcher at Webster Park on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Sedge Wren at Morgan Road (NMWMA) continued through the 8<sup>th</sup>, after that it either left or people stopped looking for it; the later seems more likely the case. Warblers came on strong with impressive counts of Cape May Warbler and Bay-breasted Warbler mid-month. Observers reported 27 species of warblers, all with expected arrival dates. The BBBO banded a Connecticut Warbler on the 31<sup>st</sup>, the first record for the region this year.

10. Please submit reports to eBird, post them on geneseebirds, and/or send by the 5th of the month to Nick Kachala, [nicholaskach@gmail.com](mailto:nicholaskach@gmail.com). 1141 Rush-Scottsville Rd., Rush, NY 14543

### **Observers:**

Jim Adams, Janet Akin, Osvaldo Araya, Ted Barnett, Mitchell Barry, BBBO (Andrea Patterson), Doug Beattie, Betty Beckham, Don Bemont, Linda Clark Benedict & Steve Benedict, David Benvent, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Linda Birkel, Allen Bloom, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, Joe Brin, Kyle Brock, David Brown, Mark Brown, Logan Brunner, Robert Buckert, Sara Burch, Ken Burdick, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Nancy Casper, Denis & Judy Caysinger, Chris Chappell, Robert Cicotta, Richard Clark, Kelly Close, Jeremy Collison, Andrew Consler, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Gordon Dutter, Diane Egan, Joe Fell, Debra Florio, George Ford, Jim Fry, Kyle Gage, Andrew Garland, Janis George, Jessica George, Michelle Gianvecchio, Candy Giles, Christopher Goetz, James Goetz, John Gordinier, Sheryl Gracewski, Kate Graham, Jane Graves, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Carmen Gumina, Andrew Guthrie, Bill Haake, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Linda Howes, IBA Monitoring, Pam Inzinna, Carolyn Jacobs, Alyssa Johnson, Nick Kachala, Amy Kahn, Laura & Paul Kammermeier, Jacob Kearney, Jim Kimball, Cindy Kindle, Evelyn Kirkwood, Kathy Kirsch, Renee Kittleman, Michael Laird, Chris Lajewski, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Gayle Lazoration, Tim Lenz,

Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Melissa Mance-Coniglio, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Donna Mason-Spier, Lauri Mattle, Kenneth McCarthy, Jacob McCartney, Jay McGowan, Ann McMican, Scott & Sophie Meagher, Steve Melcher, Jim Miles, Mark Miller, Kent Millham, Phil Mills, Randi Minetor, Adrielle Mitchell, Ann Mitchell, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Linda Mott, Leah Mould, Sheila Mumpton, Kevin Murphy, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Tom Nash, Rivka Noll, David Odell, Michael Palermo, Gary Palmer, Andrea Patterson, Michael Peter, Steven Pitt, Norma Platt, Sandy Podulka, Jo Popma, Bill Purcell, Doug & Elizabeth Rabjohns, Carolyn Ragan, Stacy Robinson, RBA Field Trips, Neal Reilly, Rosemary Reilly, Susan Roberts, Brian Rohrs, Victoria Rothman, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Robert Ryan, Kevin Rybczynski, Jackie Salsbury, Michael Scheibel, Karl Schmidt, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Dee Smith, Roger Smith, Tom & Pat Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Kim Sucey, 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 387 observers in the eBird download.)

**NOTEWORTHY RECORDS**  
AUGUST 2022

Species	No.	Date	Location	Observers
Mute Swan	<u>max 55</u>	10	LaSalle's Landing Park	J. Wing
Wood Duck	<u>max 33, low</u>	3	Brook Road Wetlands (Monroe Co.)	J. Goetz
Blue-winged Teal	<u>max 27</u>	31	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Guthrie
Northern Shoveler	1	18FF	Braddock Bay--East Spit	G. Lawrence
American Wigeon	1	3FF	Braddock Bay--East Spit	M. Gianvecchio
Mallard	<u>max 125</u>	18	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Guthrie
American Black Duck	<u>max 7, low</u>	1	Morgan Rd. (NMWMA)	S. Podulka
Northern Pintail	3	28FF	Hamlin Beach SP--Primary Lakewatch	A. Guthrie
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 28</u>	24	Braddock Bay--East Spit	G. Lawrence
Redhead	1	29FF	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Guthrie
Common Merganser	<u>max 20</u>	21	Braddock Bay--East Spit	mob
Pied-billed Grebe	<u>max 20</u>	13	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	K. Murphy
Red-necked Grebe	2	23FF	Hamlin Beach SP--Primary Lakewatch	A. Guthrie
Common Nighthawk	1	15FF	Fairport Erie Canal Trail	B. Bermudez
Chimney Swift	<u>max 45</u>	9	York Central School	J. Kimball
Common Gallinule	<u>max 40</u>	6	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	M. Scheibel
American Coot	<u>max 48</u>	13	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	K. Murphy
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 15</u>	28	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor Rd.)	W. & M. Rowley
Black-bellied Plover	3	3FF	Braddock Bay--East Spit	B. Carlson
American Golden-Plover	1	26FF	Jacobs Rd., Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Semipalmated Plover	<u>max 30</u>	31	Braddock Bay--East Spit	M. Gianvecchio
<u>Piping Plover, first Wayne</u>	1	21-24	Sodus Point	T. Lenz + mob
Killdeer	<u>max 144</u>	26	Marshall Rd., Avon	N. Kachala
<u>Upland Sandpiper</u>	1	23	Pratt Rd., Sodus	M. Gullo + 3 others
Whimbrel	<u>max 22</u>	16	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
Ruddy Turnstone	<u>max 7</u>	9	Ontario Beach and Charlotte Pier	C. Gumina
Red Knot	1	26FF-27	Braddock Bay--East Spit	B. Purcell, H. Sweeney
Stilt Sandpiper	2	20	Braddock Bay--East Spit	mob
Sanderling	<u>max 22</u>	16	Sodus Point	M. Gullo
Dunlin	1	5FF	Braddock Bay--East Spit	mob
Baird's Sandpiper	1	16E	Braddock Bay--East Spit	M. Gianvecchio
Baird's Sandpiper	<u>max 4</u>	24	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Guthrie, M. Gianvecchio
Least Sandpiper	<u>max 70</u>	15	Braddock Bay--East Spit	G. Lawrence
White-rumped Sandpiper	1	5FF	Braddock Bay--East Spit	P. Mills
White-rumped Sandpiper	<u>max 10</u>	27	Braddock Bay--East Spit	D. Benvent, R. Ryan, R. Zucker
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 225</u>	27	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Guthrie
Short-billed Dowitcher	<u>max 16</u>	28	Braddock Bay--East Spit	L. Bergmeyer
Wilson's Phalarope	1	4E	Braddock Bay--East Spit	Ji. Miles
Red-necked Phalarope	1	5FF	Braddock Bay--East Spit	Ji. Miles
Red-necked Phalarope	1	31	Braddock Bay--East Spit	M. Gianvecchio + mob
Willet	1	4FE	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Bloom
Willet	<u>max 5</u>	6	Braddock Bay--East Spit	B. McConnell, D. Pulhamus
Willet	1	20, 25-27	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Bloom; M. Gianvecchio + mob
Parasitic Jaeger	1	31FF	Hamlin Beach SP--Primary Lakewatch	A. Guthrie
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 5, low</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP--Primary Lakewatch	A. Guthrie
<u>Laughing Gull</u>	1	18	Braddock Bay--East Spit	G. Lawrence + mob
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	9FF	Summerville Pier	G. Lawrence
Caspian Tern	<u>max 117</u>	5	Braddock Bay--East Spit	K. Gage
Black Tern	<u>max 6</u>	6	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	S. Lynch
Common Tern	<u>max 26</u>	31	Hamlin Beach SP--Primary Lakewatch	A. Guthrie
<u>Forster's Tern</u>	1	8	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Guthrie
<u>Forster's Tern</u>	2	21	Braddock Bay--East Spit	M. Gianvecchio + mob
<u>Forster's Tern</u>	1	31	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	R. M.
Common Loon	1	22FF	Hamlin Beach SP--Primary Lakewatch	A. Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 770</u>	28	Point Breeze	R. Buckert, N. Kachala
<u>Black Vulture</u>	1	31	T. Greece	D. Tetlow
Bald Eagle	<u>max 29</u>	7	Owl Woods Parking Lot, Greece	D. Tetlow
Broad-winged Hawk	<u>max 138</u>	7	Owl Woods Parking Lot, Greece	D. Tetlow
Red-tailed Hawk	<u>max 823</u>	7	Owl Woods Parking Lot, Greece	D. Tetlow
American Kestrel	75 eBird lines	all month	various	mob
Merlin	59 eBird lines	all month	various	mob
Peregrine Falcon	89 eBird lines (~7 indiv)	all month	various	mob
<u>Budgerigar (Domestic)</u>	1	17	Edgemere Dr., Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	25FF	Webster Park	C. Kindle
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	18FF	Braddock Bay Bird Observatory	A. Bechler
Philadelphia Vireo	1	25FF	Manitou	BBBO
Purple Martin	<u>max 95</u>	13	Braddock Bay--East Spit	L. Birkel, R. Clark
Bank Swallow	<u>max 1500</u>	5	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	A. Van Keuren
<u>Sedge Wren</u>	1	1-8	NMWMA (Morgan Rd.)	mob
Swainson's Thrush	1	19FF	Manitou	BBBO
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 490</u>	29	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Tetlow
White-throated Sparrow	1	21	Rotterdam Rd., Sodus	J. Wood
<u>Yellow-headed Blackbird</u>	1	1F	Braddock Bay	B. Carlson
Bobolink	<u>max 200</u>	31	NMWMA (Guy Baldassarre Marsh)	J. Wood
Northern Waterthrush	1	16EE	Manitou	BBBO
Tennessee Warbler	1	12FF	Grandview Ln., Greece	K. Griffith
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	1	31F	Manitou	BBBO
Mourning Warbler	1	20FF	Manitou	BBBO
Cape May Warbler	1	12FF	Lake Rd., Webster	P. Mabb
Northern Parula	2	28FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie

Typical date. Do you need this?  
Should Willet be underlined?

Forster's Tern is a regular migrant; underlined??

YBFL banded in late July. FF here??

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Species	No.	Date	Location	Observers
Magnolia Warbler	1	13FF	Owl Woods, Greece	Ji. Miles
Bay-breasted Warbler	2	9FE	Owl Woods, Greece	Ji. Miles
Blackpoll Warbler	1	27FF	Lakeview Community Church Trail	D. Benvent, R. Ryan, R. Zucker
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1	20FF	Grandview Ln., Greece	K. Griffith
Black-throated Green Warbler	1	26FF	Sandra L. Frankel Nature Park	J. Verhulst, T. Verhulst
Canada Warbler	1	21FF	Owl Woods, Greece	M. Scheibel
Wilson's Warbler	1	19FE	Braddock Bay Bird Observatory	A. Bechler