

Underlined items indicate noteworthy factors.

F indicates first record for the year.

FF indicates first record for the fall migration though recorded earlier in year.

T = Town of

ph = photograph available through observer or eBird

NMWMA = Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area, Wayne County

HANA = High Acres Nature Area, T. of Perinton

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	10-year Average <u>(2012-2021)</u>
Species for July	180	180	180.3
New for the year	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2.5</u>
Total for the year to date	280	274	272.2

### Notes:

1. Dry conditions persisted through the month, enough for the U.S. Drought Monitor to upgrade parts of the region to moderate drought. Dryness was most evident by stunted crops throughout the Genesee Valley and Wyoming County. Temperatures averaged 72.1°F, 0.2°F below normal. Only July 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> reached above 90°F, although many days in the high 80s matched with increasing humidity later in the month contributed to many unbearable days. Precipitation averaged 1.78 inches for the month, 1.78 inches below average, with about 0.94 inches of that falling on the 18<sup>th</sup> in a widespread rain event. Strong thunderstorms were mostly absent from the first half of the month, but the more seasonable isolated thunderstorms were common in the latter half of the month. A strong line of thunderstorms on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> produced a rare EF-2 tornado in central Wyoming County. The 500-yard-wide tornado knocked down a barn and damaged several other structures over a 10 mile path.

2. The popular locations in the region continued to receive regular coverage and some late season atlas effort was prevalent in the eBird download. It was nice to see that some observers made efforts in some more remote locations in the southern part of the region. The eBird download came out at just over 44,000 lines after out-of-region filtering. No outstanding high counts of species were recorded. Sedge Wren at two spots, a Forster's Tern, and a rare midsummer Long-tailed Duck were the only significant headlines in the region for July.

3. Counts were generally lower than expected for some of the common breeding waterfowl like Mallard and Wood Duck. The Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area and the Lake Ontario shoreline were the places where the uncommon summer waterfowl appeared, most notably a Long-tailed Duck at Irondequoit Bay Outlet. A male Common Goldeneye appeared at the Braddock Bay East Spit. Green-winged Teal were also occasionally seen all month at the East Spit. An adult male Ring-necked Duck was seen for one day at Twin Cedars Environmental Area in Avon. Mute Swan numbers on Braddock Bay were down from last July, but likely just distributed to the nearby ponds.

4. No significant gatherings of Chimney Swifts were observed, with the highest count being 16 at the Brickyard Trail in Brighton. Lower high counts than expected of Common Gallinule,

American Coot, and Pied-billed Grebe persisted off Van Dyne Spoor Road in the tract preferably listed by some as the Sandhill Crane Unit in the NMWMA. A lone Sandhill Crane was observed flying over Braddock Bay on the 27<sup>th</sup>, with a few others at known breeding sites.

5. Fall shorebird migration picked up towards the end of the month totaling 16 species. The East Spit was the best location and received constant coverage. Whimbrel had a high count of 5 on the 18<sup>th</sup>. A Long-billed Dowitcher was seen and photographed by one observer at the East Spit on the 30<sup>th</sup>. The only report of Upland Sandpiper came from the Geneseo Airfield on the 24<sup>th</sup>. A Forster's Tern was found at the East Spit on the 19<sup>th</sup> by Michelle Gianvecchio and persisted until the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was seen by a few others as well but not as heavily reported as the June Braddock Bay individual.

6. Mike Tetlow noted a small dispersal flight of Red-tailed Hawks and Bald Eagles from the Braddock Bay hawk banding station on 11<sup>th</sup>, with 33 Bald Eagles being a highlight. The summer hawk count begins in August. Some additional raptor movement was noted on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from the platform. There were 118 lines of American Kestrel, 10 lines of Merlin, and nine lines of Peregrine Falcon in the eBird download.

7. Red-headed Woodpecker was reported at 10 locations. Swallow numbers were generally low, with moderate numbers of Purple Martins at a few locations along the Lake Ontario shoreline as well as the Conesus Inlet WMA. Bank Swallow numbers were lower than in recent years at the large colonies along the lakeshore. The Sedge Wren at Burger Park from June continued into this month and a second singing bird was found towards the end of the month singing simultaneously. Another Sedge Wren was found at the end of Morgan Road in the NMWMA behind the DEC facility. Small numbers of warblers that breed in the hills around the Finger Lakes and Letchworth SP were reported as well. The Wetmore Road spot in southeast Livingston County south of Harriet Hollister Spencer Recreation Area continues to be our region's only Prairie Warbler stronghold. Something of a surprise among the passerines is the very low numbers of reports for Golden-crowned Kinglet and some of the scarcer breeding warblers typically found in the hills south of Rochester. One might expect better numbers in years such as this with active breeding bird atlas work underway. This bears future attention.

8. Please submit reports to eBird, post them on GeneseeBirds, and/or send by the 5th of the month to Nick Kachala, nicholaskach@gmail.com.

#### **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, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Linda Birkel, 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, Roger 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, Andrew Guthrie, Chris Guthrie, Danny Guthrie, Richard Guthrie, Bill Haake, Meena Haribal, 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, Evelyn Kirkwood, Kathy Kirsch, Renee Kittleman, Michael Laird, Chris Lajewski, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Gayle Lazoration, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Pat Lindsay, 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, Shai Mitra, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Linda Mott, Leah Mould, Sheila Mumpton, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Tom Nash, Rivka Noll, David Odell, Michael Palermo, Gary Palmer, Andrea Patterson, Michael Peter, Steven Pitt, Norma Platt, Jo Popma, Doug & Elizabeth Rabjohns, Carolyn Ragan, Stacy Robinson, RBA Field Trips, Rochester Young Birders Club, Neal Reilly, Rosemary Reilly, Susan Roberts, Brian Rohrs, Victoria Rothman, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Robert Ryan, Kevin Rybczynski, Jackie Salsbury, Karl Schmidt, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Dee Smith, Roger Smith, Tom & Pat Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Kim Sucey, June Summers, 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, Martha Zettle. (There were 423 observers in the eBird download.)

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

JULY 2022

Species	No.	Date	Location	Observers	
Canada Goose	<u>max 133</u>	21	Charles E. Sexton Mem. Park, Webster	K. Millham, S. Roberts	Is 133 noteworthy?
Mute Swan	<u>max 63</u>	27	LaSalle's Landing Park	A. McMican	
Trumpeter Swan	<u>12 ind</u>	all month	NMWMA & Sodus Bay	sev obs	
Wood Duck	<u>max 41</u>	19	Conesus Inlet WMA	A. Conster	
Blue-winged Teal	3	<u>14</u>	<u>Genesee Valley Greenway, Caladoina</u>	B. Haake	
Blue-winged Teal	1	<u>17, 25</u>	<u>Braddock Bay--East Spit</u>	M. Barry; Ji. Miles	
Blue-winged Teal	1	21, 30	Morgan Road, NMWMA	D. Landsman, J. Landsman; B. Clise	typical
American Wigeon	1	<u>16, 31</u>	<u>Braddock Bay--East Spit</u>	A. Guthrie + 3 others	
Mallard	<u>max 100</u>	22	Lockwood Dr., Pittsford	B. Tuttle	
American Black Duck	2	<u>26</u>	<u>Braddock Bay--East Spit</u>	W. D'Anna + 4 others	
Green-winged Teal	1-4	<u>all month</u>	<u>Braddock Bay--East Spit</u>	mob	
Ring-necked Duck	1	8	Twin Cedars Environmental Area	A. McMican	
Long-tailed Duck	1	<u>18, 21</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	Ji. Miles; K. Millham, S. Roberts	
Common Goldeneye	1	<u>2</u>	Braddock Bay--East Spit	Ji. Miles, R. Clark, L. Birkel	
Mourning Dove	150	28	McCoy Rd., Lima	T. Bohling	
Chimney Swift	<u>16, low</u>	15	Sandra L. Frankel Nature Park (Brickyard Trail)	R. Ryan	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<u>554 lines eBird</u>	all month	many loc	mob	
Common Gallinule	<u>max 60</u>	23	NMWMA--Sandhill Crane Unit	S. Billeman, N. Sly, B. Walker	
Sandhill Crane	1	27	<u>Braddock Bay--East Spit</u>	Ji. Miles, L. Mattle	
Semipalmated Plover	1	<u>12FF</u>	Braddock Bay--East Spit	C. Giles	
<u>Upland Sandpiper</u>	1	24FF	Genesee Airfield	J. Kimball	
Whimbrel	5	<u>18EE</u>	Braddock Bay--East Spit	Ji. Miles	
Ruddy Turnstone	1	<u>24EE</u>	Point Breeze	A. Guthrie	
Stilt Sandpiper	1	<u>8FF</u>	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Guthrie, Ji. Miles	
Sanderling	4	<u>14FF</u>	Braddock Bay--East Spit	M. Gianvecchio	
Sanderling	<u>max 21</u>	18	Braddock Bay--East Spit	B. Barry	
Least Sandpiper	3	<u>2FF</u>	Braddock Bay--East Spit	Ji. Miles	already had FF in late June
Least Sandpiper	<u>max 22</u>	22	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Guthrie	
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	<u>15FF</u>	Braddock Bay--East Spit	P. Mills, M. Wasilco	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	4	<u>8FF</u>	Braddock Bay--East Spit	Ji. Miles, A. Guthrie	already had FF in late June
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 37</u>	23	Braddock Bay--East Spit	M. Gianvecchio	
Short-billed Dowitcher	1	<u>12FF</u>	Braddock Bay--East Spit	C. Giles	
Short-billed Dowitcher	<u>max 10</u>	26	Braddock Bay--East Spit	M. Gianvecchio	
<u>Long-billed Dowitcher</u>	1	30F	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Groff	
Solitary Sandpiper	1	12FF	Braddock Bay--East Spit	M. Gianvecchio	FF on 7 July
Solitary Sandpiper	<u>max 5</u>	<u>7FF</u>	NMWMA--Carcross Rd.	M. Gullo	
Greater Yellowlegs	1	<u>7FF</u>	NMWMA--Carcross Road	M. Gullo	
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	<u>2FF</u>	Braddock Bay--East Spit	Ji. Miles, R. Clark, L. Birkel	
Bonaparte's Gull	1	<u>2FF</u>	Braddock Bay	A. Guthrie	
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 18, low</u>	15	Charlotte Pier	J. Way	
Ring-billed Gull	<u>max 570</u>	23	Hamlin Beach SP-Parking Lot No. 4	A. Guthrie	
Herring Gull	<u>max 220</u>	25	Ontario Beach and Charlotte Pier	Ji. Miles	
Caspian Tern	70	18	Sodus Point	M. Gullo	
Black Tern	<u>max 28</u>	6	NMWMA--Sandhill Crane Unit	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow	
Common Tern	<u>max 10, low</u>	11	Sodus Point	P. Heitmann	
Forster's Tern	1	<u>19FF-23</u>	Braddock Bay--East Spit	M. Gianvecchio + mob	
Common Loon only rep	1	<u>27</u>	Alder Beach, Parma	Ji. Miles	
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>92</u>	31	Braddock Bay--East Spit	R. Buckert, N. Kachala	
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 100</u>	29	Sodus Point	A. Scott	
Great Egret	<u>max 35</u>	29	<u>High Arcs Nature Area</u>	A. Bloom	
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 63</u>	11	Mather Banding Station, Braddock Bay	M. Tetlow	
Bald Eagle	<u>max 33</u>	11	Mather Banding Station, Braddock Bay	M. Tetlow	
Red-shouldered Hawk	<u>5 ind</u>	2-28	4 loc	4 obs	
Red-tailed Hawk	<u>max 20</u>	30	Braddock Bay--Hawk Watch	M. Gianvecchio	
Red-headed Woodpecker	<u>21 lines eBird</u>	all month	-10 loc.	mob	
American Kestrel	<u>118 lines eBird</u>	all month	many loc	mob	
Merlin	<u>6 rep, 6 ind</u>	all month	6 loc	9+ loc	
Peregrine Falcon	<u>7 rep, 7 ind</u>	all month	7 loc	9 obs	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1B	<u>23FF?, RE</u>	Manitou	BBBO	BBBO addition
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<u>max 20</u>	10	LaSalle's Landing Park	C. Gumina	low max and 2 other locations with same
Purple Martin	<u>max 40</u>	13	Montezuma Audubon Center	J. Apap	
Purple Martin	<u>max 40</u>	15	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Guthrie	
Tree Swallow	<u>max 200</u>		Irondequoit Bay - S	G. Lazoranton, B. Rohrs	
Bank Swallow	<u>max 650</u>		Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie	
Cliff Swallow	<u>max 15</u>	3	Byron NW Atlas Block	M. Goldthwait, D. Kibbe	
<u>Winter Wren</u>	1	most of month	<u>Five Points Area, T. Rush</u>	M. Zettel	
<u>Sedge Wren</u>	1, 2	2, 31	Braddock Bay--Burger Park	C. Wood; R. Buckert, N. Kachala	

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Species	No.	Date	Location	Observers	
<u>Sedge Wren</u>	1	28-31	NMWMA--Morgan Rd.	C. Hoh + mob	
Veery	<u>max 7</u>	4	Hamlin Walking Trail	A. Guthrie	
Swainson's Thrush	1B	<u>23</u>	Manitou	BBBO	BBBO addition
Wood Thrush	<u>max 15</u>	5	Canaseraga State Forest	M. Wasilco	
Cedar Waxwing	<u>36, low</u>	16	Braddock Bay--East Spit	A. Guthrie	
Pine Siskin	1	<u>1</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie	
Pine Siskin	1	<u>12</u>	Dellwood Rd., Greece	R. Ryan	
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	1	2, 5	Cook Rd., Hamlin	K. Ford, G. Ford; A. Guthrie	
White-throated Sparrow	1	<u>6</u>	Hojack Trail, Webster	A. Garland	
Bobolink	<u>max 70</u>	31	Braddock Bay--Burger Park	R. Buckert, N. Kachala	
Black-and-white Warbler	1	4	<u>Hamlin Walking Trail</u>	A. Guthrie	
Common Yellowthroat	<u>max 24</u>	13	Wetmore & Townline Rds., Springwater	T. Bohling	
Yellow Warbler	<u>max 60</u>	31	Braddock Bay--East Spit	R. Buckert, N. Kachala	
Yellow Warbler	<u>627 lines eBird</u>	all month	many loc	mob	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	2	9	Cumming Nature Center	K. Gage	a regular, scarce breeder in those areas
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1B	<u>24</u>	Manitou	BBBO	uncommon breeder, but not near here; summer vagrant or RE migrant?
Prairie Warbler	1	13	Wetmore & Townline Rds., Springwater	T. Bohling	
<u>Canada Warbler</u>	1	<u>2</u>	<u>Chimney Bluffs SP</u>	D. Cooney	a regular, scarce breeder in Region; not FF in any case
Northern Cardinal	<u>1708 lines eBird</u>	all month	many loc	mob	

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