

November 2022 Records Report

1. November 2022 started off unseasonably warm. Eleven out of the first fifteen days of the month had highs above 60°F. The first week of the month saw two records highs set: 77° on the 5th and 72° on the 6th. The night of the 5th had the warmest November nightly low ever, where temperatures only dipped down to 62°. Even though the second half of the month was contrastingly colder, temperatures averaged 43.3°, finishing out at 1.9° above the long-term average. The remnants of Hurricane Nicole brought anywhere between 1-3" of rain to the region the weekend of Veterans' Day with the Rochester airport measuring 1.69". A record warm Lake Erie coupled with the right wind direction and air temperature produced a historic snowstorm that buried the suburbs south of Buffalo in as many as 88" of snow. Rochester only recorded 3.8" of snowfall during the event on the 16th-20th. In total, the airport recorded 4.5" of snowfall for the month, about 3.6" below normal. A major windstorm ended the month with peak gusts of 51mph.

2. As with most Novembers, each one is different. This November had differences to last and next will be different from this. Waterfowl diversity was good this year, with peak days covered diligently by those at the Hamlin Beach SP lakewatch. Less half-hardies and lingering warblers seemed to be around this year continuing the trend from last year, but lack of snowfall to concentrate and bountiful food supplies should be considered for an explanation. Things will be found in December. Winter finches continued to dominate the rare bird alerts with lakeshore hotspots hosting the first Pine Grosbeaks and Bohemian Waxwings of the season. The eBird download came out to around 24,500 lines, representing a 19.1% increase from 2021. Surely a factor of the nice weather in the first half of the month and scores of birders scrambling to see the winter specialties.

3. Observers noted strong movements of waterfowl along the lake at places like Hamlin Beach SP, Braddock Bay, and Sodus Bay. Two regulars at the Hamlin Beach SP lakewatch reported a Ross's Goose in flight with a few Snow Geese on the 7th. Michelle Gianvecchio and Andy Guthrie reported a maximum of 37 Cackling Geese from Hamlin Beach SP on the 6th. Greater White-fronted Goose was missed. Good numbers of Tundra Swan, around 100, came in from both Braddock Bay and the northern end of Conesus Lake, two historical spots for such totals in November. Among the ducks, November 8th stood out as a good movement day for scoters and Long-tailed Ducks. Most ducks were reported in decent numbers with counts of 380 Hooded Mergansers on the 29th at Sodus Bay by Brad Carlson and 5000 Red-breasted Mergansers on the

6th at the Manitou Beach Overlook by Bob and Sue Spahn standing out. One Eurasian Wigeon report came out of the NMWMA. Robert Buckert and Nick Kachala found a rare hybrid Mallard x Northern Pintail at LaSalle's Landing Park on the 19th. The same hybridization was observed at the same spot in the fall of 2020. No Harlequin Ducks or King Eiders were reported.

4. Nothing amazing stood out among the grebe numbers. A single report of Common Gallinule came out of the NMWMA. A flock of American Coot on Braddock Bay grew to a maximum of 320 in the first half of the month. A maximum of 127 Sandhill Cranes was reported from Olmstead Rd. in Savannah, with higher numbers just over the border into Region 3. Observers reported 12 species of shorebird, with most having average departure dates. A single American Golden-Plover was reported from the Northrup Creek mudflat on the south side of Long Pond on the 22nd-23rd. Three Purple Sandpipers were reported this month, one continuing at the East Spit from late October and two more towards the end of the month, more aligned with typical arrival dates.

5. Sodus Point stayed hot, with two more Pomarine Jaegers; the first on the 11th by Mike Gullo, Melissa Rowley, and Wade Rowley, and the second on the 29th by Elliot Ross and his fellow Cornell students. Birders along the lakeshore reported six Parasitic Jaegers, five of which on the 8th. Jim Miles observed the only report of Black Legged Kittiwake along the lakeshore in Hilton. The first Iceland Gulls showed up by the 24th. Michelle Gianvecchio had the highest count of Bonaparte's Gull anywhere in the region with 300 from LaSalle's Landing Park on the 28th. There were no reports of Little Gull or Glaucous Gull.

6. Andy Guthrie was treated to an impressive 1850 Common Loons sitting on the water off the Hamlin Beach lakewatch on the 6th. The maximum count for Red-throated Loon was 188 on the 8th past Hamlin Beach as well. Irondequoit Bay Park West hosted a late Great Egret on the 26th. A Great Egret was reported from the same location in the first half of December as well, so the 26th will not be the last for the year. Dave Kennedy reported the region's only November Cattle Egret from Armitage Road on the 4th. It stayed through at least the next day.

7. The late Osprey at Braddock Bay first reported in October stayed until the 12th. Two parties independently identified a Northern Goshawk passing Braddock Bay on the 5th. Jim Kimball had the only report of Red-shouldered Hawk, two on the 26th from the Jones Bridge and Perry Road area in Leicester. One report of Northern Saw-whet Owl came from Owl Woods. One species of note, or perhaps note lack-of, was American Kestrel, with only 23 reports representing about 21 individuals. Merlin had about double the

reports of American Kestrel. A heavy amount conservatism must be given to differentiate what are considered different birds, so these numbers are approximations. Regardless, this trend is the opposite of last year, where Kestrel was significantly up. Good thought experiment to think about possible explanations.

8. Our usual passerines and half-hardies were poorly represented. No late warbler reports showed up in the monthly download for November. The drop off of passerine diversity was exchanged for some exciting irruptive visitors from the north: Bohemian Waxwings and Pine Grosbeaks. Sheryl Gracewski, Judy Massare, and Tom Nash were the first to report a Bohemian Waxwing from Whiting Road Nature Preserve on the 15th. Andrew Garland reported as many as eight later the same day from the same location. The first Pine Grosbeak report came from Dave Tetlow in the Brad-dock Bay area on the 14th. Cindy Kindle found three more at Webster Park on the 16th and scores of birders traveled from all over Western New York and beyond to see the (mostly) cooperative, uncommon visitors. Andy Guthrie had the maximum count for Red Crossbill with 17 on the 5th moving past the Hamlin Beach lakewatch. Fox Sparrow was another species that showed well in November. Nate Ukens had the highest count with 14 from Mendon Ponds Park on the 14th, a place where an overwintering Fox Sparrow or two is not unheard of. It will be interesting to see if these trends continue into the Christmas Bird Count season.

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

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	2022	2021	10-year Average
Species for Nov	154	146	156.6
New for the year	2	1	4.4
Total for the year to date	297	296	290.7