



# Little Gull

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Rochester Birding Association, 144 Greystone Lane #24, Rochester, NY 14618

## LATE 2019 EVENTS & BIRDING FIELD TRIPS

**NOV 2**  
Saturday

### **DURAND EASTMAN PARK**

Waxwings, winter finches, and lingering migrants are possible. We may visit Irondequoit Bay to look for waterfowl. Meet in the Lakeshore Blvd. parking lot between Zoo and Log Cabin Roads (Parking Lot D) at **8:00 a.m.** Please dress for the weather.

**Leaders:** Tom & Jeanne Verhulst 585-473-9229

**NOV 14**  
Thursday

**RBA General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., the Baptist Temple, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester NY 14610 (in Brighton). Speaker: Lucy Winters Durkin. Title: John James Audubon: Birds in Paint and Print. See the article on p. 3 for more information.**

**DEC 1**  
Sunday

### **NIAGARA RIVER**

We'll be looking for special gulls and waterfowl. The Niagara River area is famous for the variety and number of gulls in winter. Can you pick out the rarities? This is a joint trip with the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Meet in Charlotte's Ontario Beach parking lot at **7:00 a.m.** or at Old Fort Niagara parking lot at **9:00 a.m.** Bring beverages and lunch, for this is an all day trip. We will be crossing into Canada. There is heightened security at the border. Participants MUST bring passports or Enhanced Driver's licenses. Dress warmly and in layers. Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful. **Leaders:** Rick Stevens 585-698-1882 and co-leader Cathy Ballard 585-322-2621 and Tom O'Donnell of the Buffalo Ornithological Society (BOS) 716-284-5569 or [tmodonnell@roadrunner.com](mailto:tmodonnell@roadrunner.com)

**DEC 7**  
Saturday

### **CONESUS LAKE AREA**

We'll be looking for Tundra Swans, Canvasbacks, Redheads, and other waterfowl. Meet at Vitale Park on Route 20A in Lakeville at **8:00 a.m.** The park entrance is by the Lakeville post office on the south (lake) side of 20A and across the street from Smith's Hardware. **Extra spotting scopes would be very helpful.**

**Leader:** Jim Kimball 585-243-0316 and co-leader Christina Hoh 973-224-7009

**DEC 8**  
Sunday

### **BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP—NATIONS ROAD**

Sharpen your skills on wintering hawks and Short-eared Owls. Other wintering birds such as Horned Larks, Snow Buntings, and Lapland Longspurs are often present. Meet at the Tops Plaza in Avon on Routes 5 and 20, 2 miles west of I-390 at **2:00 p.m.** Carpooling strongly advised. **Dress warmly. Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.**

**Leader:** John Boettcher 585-671-9639 and co-leader Rick Stevens 585-689-1882

***It's time to RENEW your RBA Membership for 2020! See the article on page 5.***



## Welcome to the Flock

Join us in welcoming these new members to the RBA.

Kate Adams  
Jay Garrett-Larsen  
Denise & Steven Rizzo

**Current RBA Membership as of October 15 is 443.**

Jo Taylor  
Membership Data

Adrianna Anderson  
Membership Outreach

## President's Column

Andrea Patterson



Here's a quick bird quiz: How many species of hummingbirds have been documented in New York, as recorded by the New York State Avian Records Committee (NYSARC)? Of

course, there is only one species on the list of usual suspects – the captivating Ruby-throated Hummingbird. But what about *unusual* suspects?

Anna's Hummingbirds have been confirmed twice. Some RBA members likely remember making a November trek down to Binghamton in 1998 to see New York's first documented Anna's. The obliging bird visited a feeder at a private home from the end of October through early December, and was seen by many. It was captured on December 11, to be harbored by a rehabilitator through the winter. The second Anna's appeared in Sullivan County at the end of October, 2007, and stayed nearly a month before it was found dead on November 22. eBird shows a third report from

October 2017, near Medina in Orleans County.

There are three accepted records of Calliope Hummingbird, all from down-state. The first record notes that *two separate birds* were visiting *Salvia* plants at Fort Tryon (Manhattan) in 2001, from the end of November through the end of December. The second record comes from November 2002, and the third from November 2004.

One or 2 Broad-billed Hummingbirds wandered through New York in 2006. The first sighting was in Wayne County in June. The second sighting was in Tioga County through the middle 2 weeks of August. It's possible that these reports represent a single bird, but the records committee cannot be certain.

The last unusual suspect is . . . well . . . not so unusual anymore! As I write this, eBird shows a Rufous Hummingbird last seen in Chataqua County on October 12, and another possible bird in Cortland County on October 4. Between 1980 and 2013, NYSARC accepted 25 reports of Rufous Hummingbirds and another 12 as either *Selasphorus sp.* or as *Selasphorus rufus/sasin*, reflecting the difficulty of separating some of the species in this particular genus. One of these birds was in Wayne County in October of 2007, and another was in Monroe County in October 2012. Records not yet reviewed by NYSARC include one bird Greece in December 2016, and another in Livingston County in April 2017. Overall, 62% of these birds were seen in either or November or December.

So . . . Keep those feeders up!

Put your feeders near good cover, take them in at night or use a small heater to keep them thawed, and consider planting late-season flowers like *salvia*. These birds are well adapted to the cold, and birders need not fear that an easy food supply will make hummingbirds "forget" to migrate.

Any hummingbird seen after the middle of October in our area is likely a western vagrant and not our familiar Ruby-throated Hummingbird. If you see a later hummer, take pictures if possible (especially of the tail), take copious notes, and notify the records committee of the RBA.

You never know what you'll find until you look!

## Editor's Corner

Jay Greenberg



### RBA and NYSOA

The Rochester area birding community is now well-represented at the New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA), for a change.

Long time RBA member Shirley Shaw is now NYSOA president-elect. Shirley has also served as the RBA president and president of the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club. Last year, she was one of the organizers of the NYSOA annual meeting in Rochester. RBA member and Bergen Swamp Preservation Society trustee Greg Lawrence is now NYSOA vice-president-elect and a member of the Breeding Bird Atlas 2020 (BBA 2020) steering committee. Lucretia Grosshans, a former 2 term RBA president, is a NYSOA director and serves on the NYSOA nominating committee. Bob Spahn (not a RBA member) continues to serve as a NYSOA director and as the NYSOA Regional Reports Editor. He is also a member of the BBA 2020 steering committee. Congratulations to all!

The RBA appears to be thriving. Membership, currently at 443, is at or near a record high. All of our board positions and committee chair positions are filled, we have an extensive and popular field trip schedule, and we are contributing much to NYSOA. Nevertheless, the future of the RBA is in peril. We are in need of a new president, secretary, and at least one director for 2020. Tom Verhulst, our current nominating committee chair, has agreed to take on the daunting task of filling these positions. It is late in the game because our bylaws require a nominating committee report in the December issue of the *Little Gull* for the election in January. It was hard for the current board to find a nominating chair, and last year, we came too close to not having a president for 2019. It would be sad and ironic if the RBA cannot fill its own leadership positions when we are contributing so much to NYSOA. Our survival depends on having people step forward to fill these positions.

## November Talk and Speaker

### John James Audubon: Birds in Paint and Print

The images from John James Audubon's Birds of America are familiar to most birders, but a significant portion of Audubon's work remains almost unknown - the written text that originally accompanied the illustrations. In her profusely illustrated presentation, Lucy Winters Durkin, art historian, lecturer and Audubon descendant, will explore the closely observed and richly textured descriptions of the birds found in the Ornithological Biography, reconnecting Audubon's images and words.

Lucy Winters Durkin is a busy art historian and teacher here in the Rochester community. She spends the greatest part of her time teaching art history in the Humanities Department at the Eastman School of Music, where, in her words, she is responsible for inflicting culture on unsuspecting undergraduates. She also teaches art history programs at the Memorial Art Gallery, offered to the community through the Creative Workshop.

Lucy holds a B.A. from Smith College in European History and a Masters' degree from the Williams College Graduate Program in the History of Art. Her lecturing career has taken her from Tokyo to Cornell University with many stops in between. She also authored and taught an on-line course, "The Museum Goer's Guide to Art" for Barnes & Noble. In a different aspect of her career, Lucy works with musical groups and individual performers in creating programs that combine music and visuals, which have been performed in multiple venues around the country.



## RBA IN THE FIELD

### Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge 9/21/2019

We gathered for the last summer/fall RBA field trip for this year at the visitor center at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge at 11 a.m. The dry conditions during late summer and the drawdown of the main pond had limited our opportunities for wetland birds. Fortunately, the visitor center pond had been plowed and flooded over a week before our trip. This provided the best habitat for shorebirds and ducks. A total of 12 participants joined us on a beautiful sunny day. On this first day of fall, we spent 2.5 hours at the visitor center pond and the wildlife drive. Our second stop of the day was at Knox-Marsellus Marsh where we spent another hour and a half.

Close views at the visitor center pond provided excellent views of ducks and some shorebirds. The muddy furrows of this disked pond gave us excellent views of many Wilson's Snipes. Some participants had an unusual opportunity to photograph snipe. Another cooperative shorebird there was an immature American Golden Plover that has lingered at this site for over a week. The usual yellowlegs were present, as well as Northern Pintails, Northern Shoveler and Mallards. There were distant views of 4 Long-billed Dowitchers, Semipalmated Plover, and a couple of Least Sandpipers. Three Bald Eagles, one an adult, were soaring over the woodlands to the west.

On the wildlife drive, we had wonderful views of an immature Black-crowned Night-Heron. At Benning Marsh, we were fortunate to have very good views of the 3 shorebirds that were so distant at the visitor center: the dowitchers, plover, and Least Sandpiper. Along the drive, we also had scope views of a Solitary Sandpiper, a late migrant. There were surprisingly few ducks along the wildlife drive. There are probably many on the main pond, hidden by the thick mat of smartweed that grew up after it was flooded.

Our primary goal at Knox-Marsellus was to find the Glossy Ibis that had been reported the past 10 days. Fortunately, this bird was visible from the overlook, although we had very distant views. Knox-Marsellus is mostly dried up and has had very few shorebirds. However, the Sandhill Cranes, geese and ducks were numerous. We finished our trip at Knox-Marsellus and had a total of 40 species on the checklist.

*Michael & Joann Tetlow and  
Dominic Sherony*



An immature **American Golden-Plover**. Photo by Jay Greenberg

### Ganondagon State Historic Site 09/22/2019

The field trip to Ganondagan on September 22, 2019 was a joint trip with Genesee Valley Audubon Society and Ganondagon State Historic Site

The trip, led by Amy Kahn and co-led by June Summers, had a great cool, sunny day. We had a small group of 6 people, including one member of GVAS and one person who came after seeing the trip listed on Ganondagan's Facebook page. Even sharing the trail with runners doing a 15 mile race, we had great birds and 30 species. We spent a good while on a wonderful mixed flock of warblers and kinglets. Other surprises were late-season Eastern Wood-Pewee and Eastern Bluebird.

*Amy Kahn*

### Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge 10/5/2019

We gathered on a beautiful autumn day at Stafford Marsh Overlook to begin our search for fall birds.



Despite moving the trip a week earlier to avoid the hunters, there was still a lack of birds in the marsh. I guess the birds didn't get the word.

The leaders and 16 birders then proceeded to Mallard Overlook. In the pond on the way in, we found a Great Egret and several Lesser Yellowlegs. From Mallard Overlook, we found Greater Yellowlegs. On a walk from the overlook south on Sour Springs Road, we found both Red- and White-breasted Nuthatches, and an Eastern Phoebe while enjoying the weather and each other's company.

We drove to Cayuga Overlook, via the visitor center. Finally, a flock of birds to pick through! The highlights were 9 Trumpeter Swans, an eagle, Northern Harriers, a variety of duck species, and lots of Common Gallinules and American Coots.

We finished the trip by driving Feeder Road. At the first stop we found kinglets, Dunlin, Pectoral Sandpipers, and Long-billed Dowitchers. On the dike path, only recently opened to the public, we had 5 Bald Eagles, wigeon, and Green-winged Teal. At the end of the road we heard a Sandhill Crane, and on the way out, Rusty Blackbirds were located.

After a slow start, we did manage to find a respectable 57 species.

*Rosemary Reilly, Sheryl Gracewski, and Tom Nash*



An **American Coot**. Photo by Jay Greenberg

## Durand-Eastman Park 10/6/2019

Led by Shirley Shaw, Jeanne and Tom Verhulst

Approximately 20 birders gathered at Durand-Eastman Park on a dreary, wet Sunday morning, hopeful to find many migrants in the park's abundant habitat. Walking along Log Cabin Road, however, dampened our spirits for over an hour. Our only "find" was a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers. Other than calls of Blue Jays and Red-bellied Woodpeckers, not to mention what seemed like hundreds of chipmunks, nothing much was around.

It's not unusual for persistence and perseverance to pay off, and such was the case. After we exited the densely wooded area where the picnic shelters are found, the shrubier areas began to produce results: Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, White-throated Sparrows, and a Black-throated Blue Warbler female. The ponds held a flock of 10 Wood Ducks, and we caught a Great Blue Heron taking flight.

Charlie Woodruff and Jayne Dean chose to take a narrow path to shortcut through the woods while the rest of the group walked around the bend to connect to Zoo Road. Once we got them in sight, Charlie frantically motioned us toward him. He and Jayne were in a clearing with several evergreen trees and a large fallen log. They had found one of those mixed flocks that can be so productive: Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets, Brown Creeper, chickadee, Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatch, catbird, and Yellow-rumped Warblers flitted about in such numbers that it was impossible to get a handle on how many birds we saw. White-throated Sparrows, mainly foraging around the log, periodically would fly into the trees, adding to the happy confusion of the mix.

In addition to this clearing, the other productive area was found where some of the fruit trees in the orchard

area hosted large numbers of American Robins.

By the end of our walk, 35 species had been tallied, and the sun had begun to shine!

*Shirley Shaw*



A first winter **White-throated Sparrow**. Photo by Jay Greenberg

## Hamlin Beach State Park 10/13/2018

The field trip committee plans field trips a year in advance, and one can never be sure what the weather will bring in the way of migrants and fall birds. For the past 3 years, water birds have been scarce on the day of the RBA field trip to Hamlin Beach State Park (HBSP). Over the past decade, weather patterns have been changing, and we are experiencing far fewer days of northwest winds. Today followed the pattern of the past few years. It was cool in the morning, but warmed up to a beautiful fall day, sunny with light south winds. Lake Ontario was reasonably calm. Ten participants joined us at Parking Lot 1 for our trip, and we birded 4 different areas.

We began with a walk near Parking Lot 1 and found a few species. Highlights were Brown Creeper and 3 Purple Finches. Fortunately, Sheryl carried a scope, and we could identify them by the characteristic facial pattern of one female. On the lake, we could see a flock of Red-breasted Mergansers and a few distant Common Loons. The remaining passerines and woodpeckers were more-or-less expected, but we all enjoyed Eastern Bluebirds which seem to collect at HBSP in fall.

Andy Guthrie was at the lake-watch site at Parking Lot 4 and helped us pinpoint a few birds on the lake. We had a few Horned Grebes and Common Loons. There were almost no flocks of birds except a few Red-breasted Mergansers and Bonaparte's Gulls. One of the difficulties today was the fact that birds on the lake were so distant. This birding trip is planned in hopes of seeing Brant, and thus far this year, there has been no significant movement of Brant.

We moved to Parking Lot 5 and walked the Devil's Nose trail. Here, we did find some migrant passerines. Most interesting for our group were 4 thrushes, and we were able to identify one Gray-cheeked and one Hermit. Two species of late warblers were seen, a Northern Parula and an American Redstart. Also seen were one or 2 Brown

Creepers and a Golden-crowned Kinglet, as well as a few local residents.

Our final stop was at Burger Park to search for the Nelson's Sparrow seen 2 days earlier. Walking in the reeds and tall grass is taxing, and it is unfortunate that we found almost no sparrows. The previous evening had clear skies with a full moon and cold temperatures. It is likely that there had been a movement of migrants, and not surprisingly, we saw so few sparrows at this site, which is ideal habitat for them.

We all enjoyed pleasant company, gorgeous fall weather, and ended the day with 41 species on the checklist.

*Sheryl Gracewski, Tom Nash, and Dominic Sherony*



A female **Purple Finch**. Photo by Jay Greenberg.

## An Easy Way to Help RBA—Renew Your Membership Early and Online

What's your favorite part of being a member of the RBA community? Attending awesome field trips around the region? Hearing from monthly speakers on insights into the world of birds? The *Little Gull* newsletter? Supporting conservation initiatives? Whatever the reason, supporting the organization as a member helps make all of this possible.

It's the time of year again that we are asking you to renew your membership and commitment to RBA—and doing it online at [rochesterbirding.com](http://rochesterbirding.com) is a smart and easy choice. By making your membership gift online, it saves RBA volunteers' time printing and stuffing envelopes to send reminders in the mail, it saves RBA the cost of printing and mailing, and helps reduce RBA's carbon footprint.

### 2020 Dues

Household membership	\$25
Junior membership (9-18)	\$15
(both above with <i>Little Gull</i> via e-mail)	
<i>Little Gull</i> by USPS mail - add to membership dues	\$15

If you prefer to pay by check, please mail in your payment together with the membership form included in this newsletter. If we haven't heard from you, you will be sent a reminder letter in mid-December. We don't want to lose you as a member.

Your renewal will be good until January 1, 2021 and bring you and the RBA community another great year of birds.

Thank you,

Adrianna Anderson  
Membership Outreach

Jo Taylor  
Membership Data

NOTE: New members joining after September 1 of this year are paid up through all of 2020.

## Rochester Birding Association Delegates Report on the 2019 New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA) Annual Meeting

The New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA) is a member organization that aims to document the ornithology of New York State, to foster an interest in and an appreciation of birds, and to protect birds and their habitats. In addition to producing a quarterly publication, adjudicating and archiving rare bird alerts, and supporting a thriving young birders club, the association hosts an annual meeting that is open to all.

Greg Lawrence, Chita McKinney, and Carolyn Ragan represented the Rochester Birding Association as delegates to the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual NYSOA meeting on September 13-15, 2019 in Kingston, NY. In addition to attending the papers and field trips that were part of the main meeting, the delegates attended the business meeting presided over by NYSOA president Michael DeSha. The delegates report the following items of note:

A change to the NYSOA bylaws that was necessitated by recent New York State legislation regarding nonprofit organizations was voted on and passed.

New officers were elected, including: President-Shirley Shaw, Vice President-Greg Lawrence, Secretary-John Kent, and Treasurer-Mary Jane Dugan. Bob Spahn will continue as a director through 2020, and Lucretia Grosshans will continue through 2021. Lucretia has additionally been posted to the nominating committee, and Greg Lawrence will head the Research Committee.

The upcoming Breeding Bird Atlas project starting in January 2020 was discussed at length. It was noted that the regional coordinator positions in the Syracuse and Rochester regions are vacant and in need of volunteers (who will be paid a small stipend). Related, it is important that local clubs are receiving and sending out articles from NYSOA, especially regarding the atlas.

There was mention of local clubs' conservation issues of concern that the NYSOA conservation committee would like to hear about and potentially act on.

NYSOA's total membership increased from lower levels in the early 2010s, and 2019 had highest total memberships since at least 2010. The NYS Young Birders Club continues to run well through the transition of adult leadership from Carena Pooth and others.

The 2020 annual meeting will be hosted in Syracuse by Onondaga Audubon from October 2-4. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Good Morning, Dear Friends in the RBA!

I finished my contract with the U of R and am heading back home to Louisville, Kentucky. I wanted to thank you all for a great time in Rochester. You accepted and welcomed me so easily into your elite group and I was the beneficiary of your birding knowledge! I have some very fond memories of time spent in your company! Rochester is blessed with beautiful rivers, lakes and parks, and I have loved visiting them.

The RBA has enthusiastic birders and the field trip leaders are extraordinarily knowledgeable, kind and helpful! Thanks to each one of you who taught me on these trips!

If any of you are ever in Louisville, Kentucky, Please give me a call. We can meet and go birding with the Beckham Bird Club.

Til then, goodbye and good luck to you and your families!

Sincere Regards,  
Indira Thirkannad

*Editor's Note:* This thank you note was received by RBA member and field trip leader Sheryl Gracewski, who forwarded it to the *Little Gull*.

### November Birds and Brews

Join Rochester Birding Association members on **Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** for Birds and Brews! This is a casual evening for members to get together and share birding stories, compare travel destinations, and catch up, all while having a pint of Rochester's finest ale. This month, join us at Knucklehead Craft Brewing in Webster.

**Location: Knucklehead Craft Brewing:** 426 Ridge Road, West Webster, NY 14580.

## September Sightings Report

It was a month of contrast, with the first 11 days cool and the final 19 days 10 °F warmer. Temperatures averaged 64.6°, 2.8° above normal. Precipitation at 3.01" was 0.37" below normal. Of that, 0.64" fell on both September 1-2 and 10.

Waterfowl numbers were relatively poor for nearly all species through the month. Some diving ducks arrived around mid-month, many flying by Hamlin Beach State Park. Counts of Wood Duck, American Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Pintail, and Green-winged Teal all topped 100, all around the Van Dyne Spoor Road area of Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA). A max of 344 Common Loons by Hamlin Beach State Park on the 15<sup>th</sup> was noteworthy, and the first fall Red-throated Loons were observed there on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Double-crested Cormorant numbers remained high with a max of 2,000 reported from the mouth of Braddock Bay. Other water-bird counts remained low, even in the NMWMA.

Among the raptors, there were no large numbers reported related to the late summer hawk flight past Braddock Bay, as organized counts ended at the end of August. No Northern Goshawks were reported. No Black Vultures were reported, and a max of 134 Turkey Vultures at Letchworth State Park was reported. All 3 usual falcon species were reported in usual numbers.

With Lake Ontario water levels still high following record highs most of the summer and little rainfall in August and September, there wasn't much good shorebird habitat in the region. Most shorebird reports came from exposed lakeshore beaches and piers. While there were no significant high counts, there was a handful of less common shorebird species reported. Four Whimbrel reports, all single birds, along the lakeshore, 2 Hudsonian Godwit reports, and one Red Knot report from Braddock Bay were highlights. Further, the Marbled Godwit, found at Braddock Bay in late August, continued to the 9<sup>th</sup> and was observed by many.

Jaegers put on an average showing with 8 to 10 Parasitic reported along the lakeshore plus a much less common Pomarine reported off Sodus Point. Beyond that, numbers of gulls and terns were fairly typical with a handful of Lesser Black-backed Gull reports and a Franklin's Gull found by Monika Herrmann and Jay Greenberg on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The last Black Terns were reported on the 15<sup>th</sup> from NMWMA.

Moving to the non-passerine land birds, no Eurasian Colared-Doves were reported, cuckoos were poorly reported, and Common Nighthawk numbers were low, with a maximum of only 24.

Once again, all expected passerines were reported. A handful of Olive-sided Flycatcher reports in the first half of the month was nice. Almost all expected flycatcher species were reported to fairly late dates in the last week of the month. A Western-type Kingbird report from Ellison

Park was a nice surprise. Three Connecticut Warblers, including 2 banded at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, were noteworthy. Few other rarities were reported, and numbers were generally low for most species. This is reflected in the noteworthy records table and the banding tally at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory.

Please submit reports to eBird, post them on genesee-birds, and/or send by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month to Andrea Patterson, 144 Greystone Lane, #24, Rochester, NY 14618.

	2019	2018	10-year Average (2009-2018)
Total species for September	214	221	217.7
New species for the year	2	5	5.6
Total for the year to date	282	280	280.4

### Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

**Observers:** Jim Adams, Janet Akin, John Ballou, Jesse Barry, Jim Barry, Liz Barry, Mitchell Barry, Doug Beattie, Don Bemont, Tom Bemont, Steven Benedict, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, BBBO (Andrea Patterson, *et al.*), Robert Buckert, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Robert Cicotta, Linda Clark-Benedict, Tiffany Clay, Kelly Close, Tim Colborn, Jeremy Collison, Lydia Culbert, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Deborah Dohne, Diane Egan, George Ford, Jim Fry, Kyle Gage, Andy Garland, Janis George, Jessica George, Candy Giles, Christopher Goetz, John Gordinier, Karla Gordinier, Shannon Gordinier, Elizabeth Gordon, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Andy Guthrie, Richard Guthrie, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Monika Herrmann, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Marshall Iliff, Carolyn Jacobs, Alyssa Johnson, Nicholas Kachala, Amy Kahn, Ryan Kayhart, Kenneth Kempfues, Tom Kerr, Joshua Ketry, Jim Kimball, Scott Kinzey, Kathy Kirsch, J. Gary Kohlenberg, Mike Laird, Chris Lajewski, Tom Lathrop, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Pat Martin, Lauri Mattie, Kenneth McCarthy, Jacob McCartney, Jay McGowan, Bob McGuire, Jim Miles, Kent Millham, Adrielle Mitchell, Montezuma Audubon Center, Brian & Brooke Morse, Linda Mott, Chan Nam, Allen Nash, Tom Nash, Rivka Noll, David Odell, Jay Ovsiovitch, Bonnie Parton, Jim Pawlicki, Andrea Patterson, Scott Peterson, Norma Platt, Jo Popma, RBA Field trips, Carolyn Ragan, Rosemary Reilly, Ronda Roaring, Dave Robertson, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Robert Ryan, Jackie Salsbury, Livia Santana, Michael Scheibel, Karl Schmidt, Mickey Scilingo, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Roger Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Donna Mason-Spier, Chris Stanger, Rick Stevens, David Tetlow, Michael & Joann Tetlow, Eunice Thein, Indira Thirkannad, Kevin Topping, Connor Vara, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Bridget Watts, Windbirders Muckrace Team (Bill Gillette, Bob Spahn, Allan Strong, & Kinsley Whittum), Joe Wing, Paul Wolter, Chris Wood, Jim Wood.





A **Franklin's Gull** at Ontario Beach Park on Sep. 25, 2019. Photo by Jay Greenberg

## *Save the Dates!*

*Rochester Christmas Bird Count*

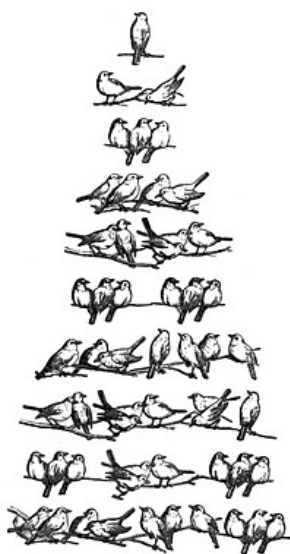
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*Letchworth/Silver Lakes Bird Count*

*Saturday, December 14*

*Little Lakes Bird Count*

*Saturday, December 28*



*Join in the Tradition of Citizen Science at its best.*

*New participants will be paired with experienced birders.*

*Congenial gatherings to tally species after eating and getting warm.*

*Details will appear in the December Little Gull*



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## **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020**    ☐ **NEW**    ☐ **RENEWAL**

Please complete the following information in the way you would like to have it appear in the

**2019 Membership Roster.** You may use a mailing label if you wish.    ☐ Please don't publish my name on the list.

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ My information is different from last year! ☐

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**New members:** I found out about RBA from Website \_\_\_\_\_, Meeting, \_\_\_\_\_, Field trip \_\_\_\_\_, Friends \_\_\_\_\_, Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**2020 Membership Dues are (select):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Household Membership with E-mailed Little Gull newsletter in full color    \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Membership (ages 8-18 years (e-mailed Little Gull))    \$15.00

\_\_\_\_\_ USPS delivery of B&W copies of the Little Gull add to membership dues    \$15.00

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for RBA membership and adding a tax deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my check

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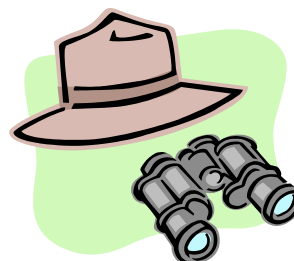
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