



**Rochester Birding  
Association**

# Little Gull

*P.O. Box 92055, 1335 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14692*

## January 2024 Events and Birding Field Trips

Leaders and trip details are subject to change. Please check the most recent issue of the Little Gull, or the online schedule at the RBA website <https://rochesterbirding.org/>, for updated information prior to departure! All field trips go rain/snow or shine unless there is a travel advisory issued. Trips run approximately 2 to 4 hours. Bring binoculars. Wear weather appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes. Registration is not required, please arrive at the designated meeting location 10 minutes before the start time of the trip. Colds, flu, and COVID are still around—if you're not feeling well, please stay home. Please carpool when possible. Enjoy your trip!

### **Jan 1 Irondequoit Bay Outlet and Durand-Eastman Park – Year List Jump-Start**

Monday Get started on your annual list! We'll look for winter waterfowl on the Bay, then move to Durand-Eastman Park where we will stroll Log Cabin Road and Zoo Road looking for finches, waxwings, and resident birds. This trip is mostly on paved roads. No restrooms available. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** in the large parking lot next to the Outlet bridge on the west side of Irondequoit Bay Outlet (Irondequoit Bay State Marine Park). **Dress warmly! Spotting scopes would be very useful.**

**Leaders:** *Norma Platt and John Boettcher 585-671-9639*

### **Jan 6 Webster Park – Campground Area**

Saturday In mature forest and scrubby areas we'll look for overwintering resident birds, lingering migrants such as Hermit Thrush and special winter visitors such as Evening and Pine Grosbeaks, White-winged and Red Crossbills and Bohemian Waxwings. This is a mostly level walk, partly on dirt road, partly on wooded dirt trail that can be uneven in places. Wear boots with good traction and dress warmly as we may be outside for 2-3 hours, although you are free to leave at any time. Trip length will depend upon trail and weather conditions. No restrooms available. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** in the parking lot on the south side of Lake Road across from Kanatota Lodge.

**Leaders:** *Rosemary Reilly 585-748-0802 and co-leaders Sheryl Gracewski and Tom Nash 585-261-6975*

### **Jan 13 *Beginner Birder Trip* – Mendon Ponds Park Songbird Trail**

Saturday This trip will be a leisurely winter walk along rolling trails (approx. 1.5 miles) featuring some very close looks at our winter passerines! Bring your binoculars, some sunflower seeds, and your camera! This is a family-friendly field trip. Meet at **9:30 a.m.** at the visitor center on Pond Road near Clover Street. Restroom is available at the visitor center or port-a-john.

**Leader:** *John Boettcher 585-671-9639 and co-leader Cathy Ballard 585-322-2621*

### **Jan 20 RBA Annual Dinner—see details below**

### **Jan 21 Nations Road Area**

Sunday We'll search Nations Road area of Avon and southward toward Geneseo to Huston Road, looking for Northern Shrikes, hawks, Snow Buntings, Horned Larks, and other birds of the fields and farmland in winter. We'll be mostly driving, but will be getting out of the car at frequent stops along the road. Dress for the weather. Please carpool, if possible! Meet at **2:00 p.m.** at Tops Plaza (restroom) in Avon on Routes 5 and 20, two miles west of I-390. **Spotting scopes would be very useful.**

**Leaders:** *Jim Kimball 585-519-9211 and Rick Stevens 585-425-7849*

### **Jan 28 Lakeshore Plains West**

Sunday A driving tour of the farm fields and open lands to the west of Rochester, this trip will search for Horned Larks, Snow Buntings, Lapland Longspurs, Northern Shrikes, falcons (possible Merlin or Peregrine) and hawks (hoping for Rough-legged and Northern Harriers) in western Monroe and possibly into Orleans County. **Dress**

**warmly** in layers; bring snacks (lunch if you wish to continue on into the early afternoon with us) and a thermos filled with a warm beverage. We will drive along backcountry roads for a few hours, stopping where we see bird activity. No restrooms available until we reach Hamlin Beach SP. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the Braddock Bay Park main parking lot. Use the East Manitou Road exit from the Ontario State Parkway. Plan on coordinating carpooling, if possible, as this is a driving tour. Fewer cars are better as we pull over on roads potentially with snow banks. **Bring your own FRS radios and spotting scopes, if you have them.**

**Leader:** Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422 and co-leader Robert Buckert 585-269-4206

**Feb 11 Winter Waterfowl and Other Possibilities**

Sunday Starting at Irondequoit Bay Outlet, we will look for beautiful Long-tailed Ducks, mergansers, scaup and other ducks. We will also concentrate on locating wintering gulls like the occasional Lesser Black-backed, Iceland and Glaucous gulls. We will then drive over to Summerville and Charlotte to see what might be in the Genesee River. If Redpolls or winter finches are being seen, we will stop at Durand-Eastman Park along the way. Walking is flat on pavement. Restrooms are available in the Charlotte area. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** in the large parking lot next to the Outlet bridge on the west side of Irondequoit Bay Outlet (Irondequoit Bay State Marine Park). **Dress for the weather. Spotting scopes would be useful.**

**Leader:** Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422 and co-leader Robert Buckert 585-269-4206



Cedar Waxwing, Mill Creek Landing  
© Candace Giles January 1, 2024

**Nominations for the 2024 RBA Board**

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate of officers who are nominated and have agreed to serve on the RBA Board for 2024:

- President      Randi Minetor
- Vice President David Laiacona
- Secretary     Robert Buckert
- Treasurer     Brian Rohrs
- Director       Lynn Bergmeyer
- Director       Kevin Farrell
- Director       Wanda Thistle
- Director       Lisa Talpley

The election will take place at the January general membership meeting. A quorum consisting of at least 10% of current members eligible to vote is required. Voting will be in person or by zoom. The Committee unanimously recommends the election of the entire slate of nominees.

Dominic Sherony  
Nominating Committee Chair

## Field Reports

### Conesus Lake and Inlet Swamp—12/2/2023

The RBA trip at Conesus Lake and the inlet swamp this morning was a success in spite of mostly gray and damp weather -- and presence of duck hunters in several spots. Fog and light rain, but a very still lake, characterized the meeting for eleven of us at Vitale park. A Merlin was there (a frequent presence in Lakeville); the first of five Bald Eagles on the day was briefly seen; also a couple Long-tailed Ducks and a Tundra Swan was heard, but not seen in the fog. Along the east side, about a mile from the north end, we saw the only raft of mostly Redheads, a typical feature of Conesus waterfowl in December. While we were studying this flock one of the Eagles came by and put them all up for short time. The inlet swamp was beautifully misty and had two more Eagles perched out over the water. We did turn up good numbers of small birds in the brush and trees along the dike: Cedar Waxwings, Blue Birds, Swamp, Tree and Song Sparrows, and others. There was a single Mute Swan at the south end of the lake, an uncommon species on Conesus Lake. This bird flew north up the lake and by the time we were back at Vitale Park it was there, along with 7 Tundra Swans and better looks at the Long-tails and a couple Horned Grebes. It was a good trip overall and turned up 51 species in all.

*Jim Kimball*

### Nations Road Area—12/10/2023

The rain did not happen, neither did the high wind, and even though my scout a few days earlier was disap-

pointing, we had a great trip. Co-leader Judy Gurley and I had about a dozen folks show up

for this trip. The car caravan made a few stops for passerines with limited success and Judy suggested we try the intersection of Huston and Nation's Road. I parked the lead car and was surprised to find a Short-eared Owl on a fence post 20 ft away. After everyone got a look from the cars, we got out of the cars and the cameras were busy while this owl (male, thanks Judy) just sat there. Eventually, he took flight and started hunting the adjacent field in the company of three other owls. I have always enjoyed looking at these owls and their graceful flight and to be able to do this in broad daylight with mild conditions was a gift. No one wanted to leave, and I said there would be nothing else we could possibly see to match this. After over an hour, we packed it in. The trip list was short with only 12 species but oh what a wonderful time we had. Thanks to Matt Gavette for keeping the eBird lists.

*John Boettcher*



Photo credit:  
Matthew Gavette

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Annual RBA Winter Dinner

Saturday, January 20, 2023, 5:00pm - 9:00 pm

Asbury First United Methodist Church

1050 East Avenue Rochester, NY

Reserve your seat:

Wanda Thistle, 585-281-0956, [thistlew@yahoo.com](mailto:thistlew@yahoo.com)

**Please include: your name, the number of people attending, and the side dish you will be bringing.**

**Come hungry! Everyone brings a dish to pass** (gluten free and vegetarian dishes are gladly welcomed, as are your usual favorites). The main entrees are Roasted Turkey and Honey Basted Ham.

**No Alcohol:** The church requests that no alcoholic beverages be consumed on the premises.

**The White Albatross table returns!** Sell or trade artwork, field guides, and other gently used items. If you bring something for the Table, be sure to price it, and let us know if you want the sale price to go as a donation to RBA or back to you.

**Member presentations:** Our evening entertainment will be presentations by members of photos from their travels or from local birding adventures, as well as artwork or carvings. If you plan to give a presentation, please let us know and how long it will take. Please email or call Richard Ashworth, who will be coordinating this segment, at [ashworth@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ashworth@rochester.rr.com), or (585) 381-2189

**Many hands make light work.** If you can help with this event, please contact Wanda Thistle at 585-281-0956.



## President's Corner, Randi Minetor

As we begin Rochester Birding Association's 49<sup>th</sup> year, it's a good time to recap some of the things that the organization accomplished in 2023. Boards of Directors take care of things in the background, so members may be unaware of the "backstage" activities that benefit the organization as a whole. So here are a few things we'd like to share about our work in 2023.



Photo by Richard Ashworth

**We scanned more than 50 years of bird records, and made them available on RBA's Google Drive.** These records lived in boxes in Bob and Sue Spahn's home since Bob

started keeping track of bird trends back in the 1970s. Some of these handwritten records date back to his predecessor, so we have records starting in 1969. The records can now be used by anyone who wants to research the historical frequency and distribution of birds in our region. We also hope to find an intern who might be willing to transfer some of the oldest information into eBird. (If you know of someone, please let me know at [writerrandi@gmail.com](mailto:writerrandi@gmail.com).)

**We launched our new logo and graphic standards.** It was time to retire our original little gull logo, so the able Kevin Farrell led the project to develop a more contemporary design. We now have digital files of this logo and specific guidelines for using it, including colors and typefaces.

**We introduced new logo merchandise.** Visit our website at <https://rochesterbirding.org/rba-merch/> to buy shirts, mugs, travel cups, jackets, sweatshirts, bags, and more. A portion of every order supports birds and birding in the greater Rochester area.

**We hired a technical person to run our general meetings.** After two years of attempting to do this ourselves or hoping to find someone within the membership to assist with the hybrid live/Zoom meetings, we hired Mike Buongiorno to do this for us. This has eliminated most of the issues, and we continue to strive for perfection.

**We terminated Eventbrite.** This service did its job when we had to limit the number of people who could attend a field trip, but with the pandemic behind us, the Field Trip Committee determined that we no longer needed it.

**We booked the entire roster of speakers for 2024.** The amazing David Laiacona got this done, so we can all look forward to a schedule of fascinating talks this year. Check them out on our website at <https://rochesterbirding.org/events-trips/monthly-meetings-speaker/>.

**We launched a new Conservation committee.** I am chairing this for now, and we are exploring initiatives including a "lights out" program during migrations, providing information about window strike prevention, reducing the number of outdoor domestic cats, and working to reduce the use of pesticides that harm or kill birds. Want to join us? Many hands make light work, and more people can help us make a difference.

**We provided funding to two organizations:** Braddock Bay Raptor Research for rental of a portable toilet for the Hawkwatch season, and ReTree Webster for purchase of trees to be planted by volunteers.

This was quite a year, but there's more to come in 2024:

We need to plan our **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration** in January 2025. We'll be looking to assemble a committee shortly after this year's annual dinner on January 20.

Most important, we need to ensure that Rochester Birding Association continues to have solid leadership for the next half-century. We need people who are willing to **serve on the Board of Directors**, as well as people to serve on the **Nominating Committee** to help us find them. Please consider becoming an active participant in determining the club's future direction. Don't wait for us to invite you; tell us you'd like to help! You can reach me at [writerrandi@gmail.com](mailto:writerrandi@gmail.com).

## Welcome to the Flock

Join us in welcoming these 5 new or returning members who joined in the last month.

Julie Grace

Tammi Shlotzhauer

Jennifer Meininger

David Whitlock

Shawn Ryan

### Current RBA Membership as of December 15 is 420:

397 Household memberships

2 Young Birder (other young birders are included in Household memberships)

1 Corporate (The Bird House)

20 Complimentary



Snow Geese, Hamlin

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Jo Taylor, Membership Data

If you have renewed for 2024, thank you! The 3-month membership renewal campaign is coming to an end with about half of the members who are up for renewal not having renewed yet! This is pretty much the same as in previous years. In mid-December a renewal form and return envelope were mailed to all members (around 195) who have not renewed for 2024. Thanks to Sheryl Gracewski and the Circulation Committee for helping with this substantial mailing. Sometime in the middle of January, we will update the database and remove all those who have not renewed. This means no more Little Gull.

Don't let this happen to you. Renew NOW!

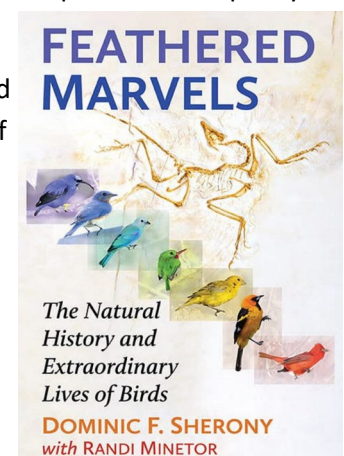
## A Book about Those Amazing Birds by Dominic Sherony

I have written a book about birds that will be published by McFarland Books and should be available in late January or early February. The idea for this book is a long story beginning in 2011. In that year, I gave a series of lectures on the life of birds in Arizona. Later in 2014, I condensed this to a short talk and presented it to the RBA in September of 2014. By 2017, I began to write a book based on the original lectures. Along the way I got help from many people. After I had completed a first draft, I asked Randi Minetor for her help to make suggestions, edit the book, and find a publisher. I am not an expert on birds and got help from others who are more knowledgeable, and I owe a great deal to Randi for all she has done to make this a successful project.

The book, *Feathered Marvels: The Natural History and Extraordinary Lives of Birds*, has three major themes: natural history, diversity of birds, and habitat conservation. It is divided into five major parts with 24 chapters that are pretty much independent. I tried to include interesting stories as part of these chapters.

The book begins with a brief look at when birds appeared in the early geological periods and their subsequent blossoming into so many species after the end of the Cretaceous. A part of their natural history is a discussion about how they are so different from other vertebrates. Their diversity includes a view into how unusual and extraordinary they have become. The focus on conservation is directed at the different habitats they occupy and the challenging task to stem the loss of birds due to habitat destruction.

It can be pre-ordered from [Barnes & Noble](#) or [Amazon](#). The Barnes & Noble website provides a two-paragraph overview and editorial reviews from Scott Weidensaul and Dr. Chris Norment.



## Records Report November

Despite starting off unseasonably warm, November 2023 had an average temperature of 40.2°F, 1.3° below average. Precipitation averaged 2.49", 0.27" below average. The Rochester airport recorded 3.3" of snowfall, 4.8" below average. There was only one day with greater than one inch of snow on the ground and only three more days with greater than one tenth of an inch. November was marked with long periods of dryness and calm winds. Most of the precipitation accumulated in only a few events. Lake Ontario's waters fell in temperature from 57° to 45° by the month's end. The region saw its first lake effect event on 27-28 November, but was spared the accumulation Buffalo, Syracuse, and Watertown witnessed.

An impressive number of birders were in the field the first weekend of the month. Excellent coverage meant many good finds, of which will be discussed in the appropriate sections below. Rarities that stood out this month included many **Red Phalaropes**, a late **Red-necked Phalarope**, a **Sabine's Gull**, several **Bohemian Waxwings**, and an immature **Purple Gallinule**. The eBird download came out to around 28,300 lines, representing a 13.4% increase from 2022. Surely a factor of the nice weather in the first half of the month and scores of birders scrambling to see all of the rarities.

Observers continued to document the annual waterfowl movement along the lakeshore. The Hamlin Beach SP lakewatch continued to get almost daily coverage. The Sodus Point Lighthouse Lakewatch seemed to get less coverage than last year. Among the geese, Carmen Gumina found a Ross's Goose on a pond in Penfield on 12 November that 24 others chased. Mike Wasilco reported a single Greater White-fronted Goose at Twin Cedars Environmental Area in Avon on 13 November, which was periodically seen throughout the month. For ducks, movements of dabblers decreased at lakewatch locations, but Gadwall and American Wigeon continued in decent numbers on the Greece ponds. Greg Lawrence reported a male Eurasian Wigeon from the West Spit on 26 November. The strong fall for Harlequin Duck continued, with an individual reported on 10 November from Hamlin Beach SP and one, then two reported from Mill Creek Outlet in Webster Park.

The bird of the month was an immature **Purple Gallinule** found by Mitch Barry the evening of 26 November on the edge of the cattails between the West Spit and Braddock Bay's North Marina. The bird was observed by Rochester and Buffalo birding communities at large and even a few birders from Long Island traveled up. Viewing conditions for the Purple Gallinule were often tough, as it would spend large stretches of time hidden in the cattails, leaving observers to battle brisk winds, blowing snow, and soaking

rain to catch a glimpse and a grainy photograph.

Shorebird migration continued strong into the first week of the month. Eight **Red Phalaropes** were reported from various spots along the lakeshore from 1 November through 14 November, which included: (count) date – location; (1) 1 November – Sodus Point; (1) 2 November – Irondequoit Bay Outlet; (2) 2 November – East Spit; (2) 5 November – Hamlin Beach SP; (1) 9 November – Charlotte Pier; and (1) 14 November – Hamlin Beach SP. Amazing! In addition, a late **Red-necked Phalarope** was reported from Charlotte Pier on 4 November and stayed through 14 November. Nearly 400 Dunlin moved back and forth between the mudflats of Braddock Bay the first week of the month. A single Hudsonian Godwit was mixed in with the Dunlin from 2 November through 7 November. Chris Wood reported a flyby Hudsonian Godwit from Charlotte Pier on 4 November. The six Hudsonian Godwits from October on Armitage Road in Savannah continued into the first few days of November, dwindling to a last report of two individuals on 8 November. It was a good month for Purple Sandpiper, with the species reported from Sodus Point throughout the month with a maximum of five individuals on 30 November. Two Purple Sandpipers were reported from Irondequoit Bay Outlet on 9 November and one was reported from the same location on 30 November. Another Purple Sandpiper was seen by four observers at the East Spit on 25 November. To finish up the shorebirds, an extremely late Baird's Sandpiper was photographed and seen by many from the East Spit on 21 November.

Jaeger season along the lakeshore dwindled down to only four reports of Parasitic Jaeger, the last from Hamlin Beach SP on 12 November. There were no reports of Pomarine Jaeger. Historically, November is the best month to observe Pomarine Jaeger. However, there were two reports of Parasitic/Pomarine Jaeger, both from Hamlin Beach SP on 10 and 13 November. Dan Gallagher photographed the Region's only **Little Gull** on 7 November as a flyby past Irondequoit Bay Outlet. Bonaparte's Gulls continued to build on the mudflats off LaSalle's Landing Park on the south side of Irondequoit Bay, but nothing more uncommon mixed in. What seemed like a promising October for an eastward movement of Franklin's Gull turned out to largely stop in eastern Ohio with one fringe report from Presque Isle SP in Erie, Pennsylvania early in the month. Nick Kachala and Andy Guthrie photographed an immature **Sabine's Gull** flying past the Hamlin Beach SP Lakewatch on 5 November, very late and generally very rare outside of the month of September.

There were not any impressive movements of Common Loon or Red-throated Loon. The maximum count for Common Loon was 180 on 22 November from Wolcott and 203 for Red-throated Loon, from Newco Drive in Hamlin on 22

## Records Report continued

November. An extremely late Least Bittern was flushed from the marsh at Buck Pond by the Barry family on 11 November. There were no reports of Western Cattle Egret for November, which now looks like it could be a miss for the Region for the entire year.

Moving on to the raptors, Terry Bohling photographed a rarer fall Golden Eagle over Hemlock Lake on 28 November. Only a few Golden Eagles are reported in the region during the fall, some years none at all, as opposed to the spring, where they are an expected migrant. Interestingly, there were no eBird reports of Northern Saw-whet Owl for the month. There were also no reports of Snowy Owl. It does not appear to be a major movement year again for the species.

November saw the continued decline in numbers of passerines to the point of just a few reports of “half-hardies” still around, such as Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Field Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, and Common Yellowthroat. Species such as Tree Swallow and Eastern Phoebe departed in the first week of the month. A late Blue-headed Vireo was noted on 3 November. Even more unexpected, photos of an extremely late Red-eyed Vireo were submitted on 4 November, representing a first November record for eBird and likely one of only a few records for the Region “pre-eBird days.” Red-headed Woodpecker were found in two locations in the Geneseo area. The invasion of Pine Siskins continued into the first week of the month, with multiple locations along the lakeshore tallying hundreds per checklist. More uncommon winter finches also trickled in. This year is not expected to be a big flight year for winter finches, which became obvious by the end of the month. Nick Kachala, Roger Clark, and Linda Birkel reported a pair of Bohemian Waxwings that only stuck around a half hour from Newco Drive in Hamlin on 5 November. A pair of Bohemian Waxwings were also observed in Wolcott on 14-17 November and another single bird was reported from Webster Park on 13 November. There were only one report of White-winged Crossbill and Red Crossbill each, both flyovers, on 3 November from Braddock Bay and 26 November from Webster Park, respectively. Evening Grosbeak was scarce, with only two reports for the entire month.

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

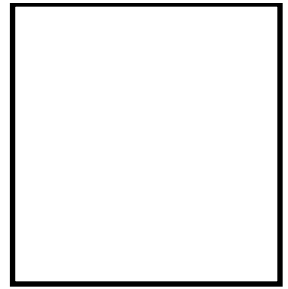
**Observers:** Kate Adams, Michael Adriaansen, Osvaldo Araya, Kevin Armstrong, Niki Banke, Tim Banker, Harrison Barone, Jim Barry, Mitchell Barry, Jessie Barry, Sarah Bassit, Kim Bell, Don Bemont, Steven & Linda Benedict,

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	2023	2022	10-year Average
Species for Nov.	164	154	155.4
New for the year	3	3	4.2
Total for the year to	296	297	291.1



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