



Rochester Birding
Association

Little Gull

A beautiful Cape May Warbler
spotted at Manitou Beach
Preserve by Dick Horsey



MAY 2025 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 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!

MAY 3
Saturday

BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP – LAKESHORE WARBLER HOTSPOTS

The shoreline of Lake Ontario is a haven for migrating warblers and other passerines. We will stop at several areas where these birds tend to congregate in spring. Learn the basics of identifying our most colorful migrants on this trip. We'll be looking for color patterns, song, and their distinctive behaviors to enhance identification skills with these fast-moving beauties. Though flat, trails may be very muddy. Waterproof boots are strongly recommended! Dress for the weather and bring binoculars. No restrooms available. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the parking lot behind Lakeview Community Church, 30 Long Pond Road, Rochester, NY 14612 (near Edgemere Drive).

Leaders: Sheryl Gracewski and Tom Nash 585-261-6975, Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422 and co-leader Ann McMican 585-533-1222

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Spring Visitors

Mallards are abundant in our area. Almost anywhere you find water, you'll find Mallards. So, is it possible to make a personal connection with them? I'll let you be the judge.

Three years ago, we were surprised to see a pair of Mallards under our feeders – 9:29 am on May 13th, 2022, to be exact. (The amazing thing about smartphones is that the pictures are time and date stamped, and unless you delete them, they use up memory space forever.) We had previously seen occasional individuals in our vernal swale out back, but never a pair bold enough to come all the way up to our feeders. They stuck around for over a week, spending time in the neighbor's pool and visiting our yard several times a day to eat the fallen seed. Since they became extended visitors, we of course had to name them! As we cycled through famous couples, nothing really seemed to fit. Sonny and Cher? Female Mallards aren't exactly flamboyant, and even though "I've Got You Babe" is fitting for a pair of lovebirds, Sonny and Cher did eventually split up. Bonnie and Clyde? We weren't exactly getting robbed – we were freely giving them food. We settled on Ferdinand and Isabella. Why? Simply because we couldn't think of why the names wouldn't fit, and more importantly, the diminutive forms are cute. So Ferdy and Izzy were christened.

We were thrilled when Ferdy and Izzy showed up again in Spring of 2023. And 2024. And yet again this year! Without nametags, I'd be hard pressed to tell one Mallard from another, so how did we know they were the same ducks? Izzy is clearly the same bird – she has a gimpy right leg, so hobbles when she walks. Not so sure about Ferdy. Turns out, Mallards are seasonally monogamous, so they pair bond in fall or winter then stay together through the breeding season. It is entirely likely that Izzy has a new boyfriend every year. When I presented this fact to my spouse, her response was, "Gee, I didn't know that was a choice...." Hmmm.

Ferdy (be it I, II, III or IV) shows good boyfriend characteristics. He often checks out the area first before calling Izzy over to feed. He keeps a lookout while she's eating. He chases the pesky squirrels away from the dropped seed. Inevitably, Ferdy's attentive behavior draws out comparisons from my seasonal wife. I insist that I'm always that attentive – after all, when's the last time she's been bothered by squirrels while eating her dinner?

An interesting 2013 article by Luke Naylor and Andrew Raedeke in Ducks Unlimited (Google it.) discussed studies mapping Mallards via satellite tracking. The average distance traveled by satellite-marked Mallards during spring migration was about 730 miles. The average length of spring migration varied by year, ranging from 18 days to 48 days, with an average stopover time of about 12 days while en route. While the study was done in the Midwest, the later fact might explain why Izzy and Ferdy stick around in our neighborhood for a week or two before disappearing. Mallards typically live about 5-10 years in the wild, so perhaps next Spring we will get to see Izzy again and meet Ferdy V!

Some RBA highlights for this month:

Our speaker this month is Tim Gallagher, discussing the fascinating history of the Taughannock Peregrine eyrie, one of the most famous falcon nests in the world. He will be speaking in person, and I hope to see many of you Thursday, May 8th at 7:00 pm at Asbury First United Methodist Church or via Zoom.



Check out the upcoming May field trips! Migration season is upon us (I can hardly wait to see all the warblers), and there are lots of opportunities to join your fellow birders in the field.

Speaking of migration, a fellow bird enthusiast reminded me of BirdCast, a website where you get predictions of nocturnal migration in your area. There are a number of tools that are fun to play with and if you haven't done so already, you should check them out at:

<https://birdcast.info/migration-tools/>

Finally, a HUGE thanks to those who donated to our Access to Birds and Birding Fund. Opportunities for a 1:1 match are rare, and it is heartening to have such a generous membership willing to support our fundraising efforts. And of course, a big thank you to the TASK fund for supporting us with the matching funds! We will use this money to support future projects in our community.

Until next month, Happy Birding!

THANK YOU!

The Rochester Birding Association surpassed its funding goal!

An anonymous donor pledged to **match every dollar** RBA raised until May 1, 2025, up to **\$8,500**. The RBA surpassed the goal and raised **\$8,630**.

A thank you note from one of the beneficiaries of the Access to Birds and Birding Fund.

**As of April 29,
we have raised
\$8,630!**

Dear Mr. Taylor and the Rochester Birding Association,

On behalf of everyone at the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your extraordinary donation to our Trails Improvement Project. Your support means the world to us—and to the countless visitors and wildlife who call our sanctuary home.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to build more accessible pathways for nature lovers while preserving the delicate habitats that make the sanctuary so special. Your kindness is making a direct impact, allowing us to continue our mission of promoting the natural sciences and conserving habitat for birds and other wildlife.

We truly appreciate your commitment to the Rochester community and protecting nature, and we hope you'll visit soon to see our new boardwalks and education area in action!

Thank you again for being a vital part of our sanctuary's future!

With heartfelt appreciation,

Jane McConnochie

President, Burroughs Audubon Nature Club



FIELD TRIPS

MAY 3
Saturday

BRADDOCK BAY HAWK LOOKOUT

This trip is for the spring hawk flight and migrating songbirds. We will be working to identify distant raptors and meet some great new people, too! This requires a short walk across grass to the viewing platform. Port-a-John will be available. Meet at **9:30 a.m.** at the Braddock Bay Park main parking lot. Use the East Manitou Road exit from the Ontario State Parkway. **Spotting scopes would be very useful.**

Leaders: Mike Tetlow 585-748-5838 and Neal Reilly 518-256-9147

MAY 4
Sunday

BEECHWOOD STATE PARK AND OLGA FLEISHER WILDLIFE PRESERVE

Beechwood State Park is on the shoreline of Lake Ontario in Wayne County and should attract warblers, vireos, thrushes and other migrants. The Beechwood trip will involve about two miles of walking over mostly level ground (Port-a-john available) and will last until about noon. Bring lunch if you plan to attend the second part of the trip to the Olga Fleisher Preserve (known locally as Huckleberry Swamp), a bottomland forest and wetland. Huckleberry has both boardwalk and flat forest trails. (No restroom.) Meet at **7:00 a.m.** in the Webster Park east parking lot (with Port-a-john and playground) on Holt Road, just before Lake Road, or at **7:30 a.m.** at B. Forman Park, 4507 Lake Road, Pultneyville, 14538 (Port-a-john). We will continue to Beechwood from there. If coming from the east, meet at about **8:00 a.m.** at Beechwood's main parking area (Gates Road on Google maps) on the north side of Lake Road, near Maxwell Road (not at the Salmon Creek area parking).

Leaders: Jim Wood 585-967-8687 and co-leader Neal Reilly 518-256-9147

MAY 6
Tuesday

ONTARIO PATHWAYS (FLINT CREEK SECTION)

We'll look for warblers and other spring migrants along this rails-to-trails pathway in Ontario County. This well-maintained trail is an established favorite for wildlife viewing and scenic views. Wear comfortable walking shoes. At times, the weather can be fickle; dress accordingly! This is a level grade, easy-to-walk, linear trail, 1.6 miles in and 1.6 miles back out. No restrooms available. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the trailhead. It is on the south side of Rt. 96 just east of the Rt. 488 intersection. For anyone needing a bathroom before heading out on the trail, there is a Byrne Dairy on the corner of Rts. 96 & 488.

Leaders: Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422 and Rosemary Reilly 585-748-0802

MAY 7
Wednesday

WHITING ROAD NATURE PRESERVE

This preserve includes about 240 acres of land that is made up of a variety of birding habitats. This results in decent birding lists throughout the year. The trails are well marked and maintained. However, they do get muddy at times, so appropriate footwear is recommended based on the weather leading up to the trip date. Most of the trails are flat, but there definitely will be a bit of up and down trail climbing in some sections. Our trek will take us on parts of the blue, brown, orange, and red trails. Moderate difficulty in a few spots; length about 2.5 miles. No restrooms. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** in the parking lot on Whiting Road in Webster, 0.6 miles south of Lake Road.

Leaders: Candace Giles 585-281-1643 and co-leader Eunice Thein 585-746-2919



FIELD TRIPS

MAY 8
Thursday

RUSH RIVERSIDE REFUGE (IN ASSOCIATION WITH RUSH RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION)

The town of Rush acquired acreage containing old-growth woods, farm fields in various stages of succession, and a mile of Genesee River frontage. Join us as we explore this birding spot. Trails may be wet and muddy, waterproof shoes/boots are recommended. No restrooms available. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the former Monroe County Fair Site, 6565 East River Rd, Rush, NY (43.012578, -77.710672). From East River Road, turn into the tree-lined entrance road (no name on Google Maps), stay straight; park and meet in front of the large barns.

Leaders: Ann McMican 585-533-1222 and co-leaders Sue Robertson 585-427-2535, Nick Kachala 585-750-5536

MAY 10
Saturday

MANITOU BEACH PRESERVE

Our trip to this lakeside treasure should rack up good numbers of warblers, flycatchers, and other spring arrivals. Owned by Genesee Land Trust, Manitou Beach Preserve consists of 5 acres of flat, field, forest and hedgerow, shrub, and cattail wetlands extending into Braddock Bay. Wear waterproof, sturdy shoes and don't forget the bug spray! No restrooms available. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the entrance to the Preserve. Exit Ontario State Parkway at Manitou Beach Road (Route 261); turn north. Follow Manitou Beach Road until you see the Reserve sign on the right. Pull off pavement and park along the road on either side.

Leaders: Amy Kahn 585-310-2330 and co-leader Christina Hoh 973-224-7009

Bay-breasted Warbler photographed at Manitou Beach by Dick Horsey.



MAY 11
Sunday

AMY'S POND AND WOODSMITH – JOINT GENESEE LAND TRUST / RBA TRIP

This is a field trip to the private property of Amanda Smith-Hatch for spring migrants, early nesters and waterfowl. Two adjacent easements make up 187 acres that include two large ponds, mature woodland, and open fields all within 0.5 mile of Lake Ontario. Past trips have yielded eagles, bitterns, herons, many warblers, Scarlet Tanagers, etc. We'll walk along uneven trails, so bring a walking stick if needed, and prepare for a medium-long hike in an outstanding sanctuary open only by special arrangement -- many thanks to Genesee Land Trust! No restrooms available. Meet at **7:00 a.m.** in the Webster Park east parking lot (with Port-a-john and playground) on Holt Road, just before Lake Road, or at Amy's Pond at **7:30 a.m.**, 484 Lake Road, Ontario, NY, about 1 mile east of County Line Road. Turn down the long driveway (on the south side of Lake Road). You will be guided where to park.

Leaders: Sheryl Gracewski and Tom Nash 585-261-6975 and co-leader Kevin Farrell 585-748-6919

MAY 13
Tuesday

OATKA CREEK PARK

Woods and meadow provide great habitat for nesting species such as Indigo Bunting, Eastern Towhee, Blue-winged Warbler and Field Sparrow. This will cover about 3 miles of mostly flat trails. Port-a-john is available at the trailhead. Meet at **7:30 a.m.** at the park entrance at the intersection of Quaker Road and Union Street in Garbutt.

Leaders: Nick Kachala 585-750-5536 and co-leader Bill Haake 585-755-8253



FIELD TRIPS

MAY 15
Thursday

THOUSAND ACRE SWAMP

Thousand Acre Swamp is a preserve owned by the Nature Conservancy of Western New York. It has a bird checklist of 120 species. This level 2.5-mile walk on uneven, sometimes muddy trails, goes through varied habitats, resulting in a variety of breeding bird species and migrants. The habitats include swampy woods, drier woods, a marshy area, meadows, and a pond. Shorter routes are possible. The entrance and parking lot are on the west side of Jackson Road opposite Penfield Center Road in Penfield. Boots and mosquito repellent are recommended. No restrooms available. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot. For more information, including photos, go to <https://thegreenjay.jalbum.net/Thousand%20Acre%20Swamp/>

Leaders: Jay Greenberg 585-256-0485 and Richard Ashworth 585-381-2189

MAY 17
Saturday

IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

We will search for Prothonotary Warblers, Yellow-throated Vireos, Cerulean Warblers, and other birds at this local natural treasure. This trip is a combination of driving and walking and includes a boardwalk, forest trail, and dirt road. Length, about 3 miles total, on mostly flat trails. Port-a-john is available about midway through the trip. Meet at **7:00 a.m.** at the rear of the Brockport Wegmans parking lot (restrooms available). For those traveling from the west: meet at **7:30 a.m.** at the Upper Stafford Marsh Overlook near 5999 Albion Road, Oakfield, NY. Bring a lunch and beverages as this trip may go into the later afternoon. **Spotting scopes would be useful.**

Leaders: Tom Nash and Sheryl Gracewski 585-261-6975 and co-leader Cathy Ballard 585-322-2621

MAY 18
Sunday

NORWAY ROAD

This unassuming trip usually racks up a long bird list. From nesting Cerulean Warblers to Purple Martins along the lake, this trip showcases roadside birding in spectacular fashion! There are no long walks, no rough terrain as we walk along a paved country road making multiple stops to bird along Norway Road. No restrooms except at Wegmans. Meet at **7:00 a.m.** toward the upper end of Wegmans parking lot in Ridgemont Plaza off Route 104 in Greece (opposite Heritage Dr.).

Leaders: Nick Kachala 585-750-5536 and co-leader Cathy Ballard 585-322-2621

This Yellow-billed Cuckoo was seen by Candace Giles at Norway Road.



MAY 20
Tuesday

TAYLOR ROAD – HEADWATERS OF IRONDEQUOIT CREEK

We will walk the woods and mowed grassy trails of the 65-acre property of RBA members Linda and Charlie Kenyon. Hedgerows, fields, Irondequoit Creek, brushy habitat, and woods should be productive for thrushes, late warblers, and woodpeckers among others. No restroom available. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at 66 Taylor Road, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472. Park in the wide driveway or along Taylor Road.

Leaders: Jeanne Verhulst 585-362-0803 and co-leader Linda and Charlie Kenyon 585-624-2697



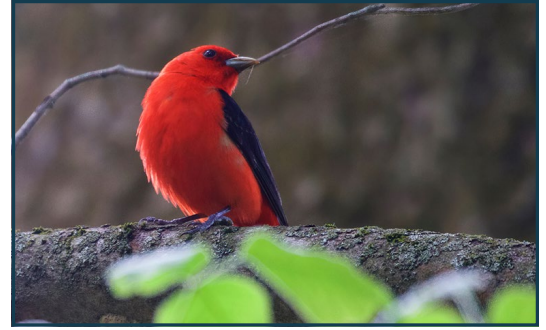
FIELD TRIPS

MAY 21
Wednesday

OATKA FISH AND GAME CLUB

The Oatka Fish and Game Club owns and conserves 500 acres of mature woodland forest along Oatka Creek and the escarpment tablelands above it that provide ideal habitat for migrating and nesting passerines. Thanks to the efforts of Jim Mott and Jim Miles, Cerulean Warblers were documented as nesting there in 2022 and seen each year since. The Club generously invited RBA to hold field trips. We will walk on the wide, undulating, forest trail above the creek and possibly up on the escarpment searching for remaining migrants and nesting birds including Scarlet Tanagers and Mourning Warblers. Sturdy shoes are recommended. Dress for the weather and insects. A bathroom is available on site. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the clubhouse parking lot (end of Wilcox Road). 8237 Wilcox Road, LeRoy, NY 14482. **Note: If high winds are predicted the trip will be cancelled.**

Scarlet Tanager at the Oatka Fish and Game Club. Photo by Jeanne Verhulst.



Leaders: Hans Kunze 585-813-2676 and co-leaders Tom and Jeanne Verhulst 585-362-0803

MAY 24
Saturday

POWDER MILLS PARK AND BANC SANCTUARY (A JOINT TRIP WITH BURROUGHS AUDUBON NATURE CLUB)

Powder Mills Park is a mature woodland and wetland park that can be productive for many late-migrating or nesting species. In recent years, Baltimore Orioles, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Scarlet Tanagers, Pileated Woodpeckers, and Red-tailed Hawks have all nested there. We will spend time around the hatchery, then drive to and walk the Daffodil Meadow trail (less than 2 miles total). The trip will continue with a visit to the BANC Sanctuary on Railroad Mills Road, where we'll walk the trails around the woodland, wetland, and creek habitats. Nesting species there include Eastern Bluebirds, House Wrens, Eastern Phoebes, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and adjacent tree lines have produced a variety of migrating warblers. Both locations are mostly flat trails; waterproof footwear is advised. Restroom facilities will be available at the Sanctuary. Meet at **7:30 a.m.** at the Powder Mills Park Fish Hatchery parking lot on Park Road, Pittsford, NY.

Leaders: Tom and Jeanne Verhulst 585-362-0803

MAY 25
Sunday

SANDRA L. FRANKEL NATURE PARK (BRICKYARD TRAIL)

The wide, flat, multi-use Brickyard Trail winds between Westfall Road and Elmwood Avenue in Brighton. With woods at both ends and ponds and marsh in the middle, it provides varied bird habitat. We will walk the full length of the trail and back (1.7 miles) to look for Song Sparrows, Swamp Sparrows, Marsh Wrens, Red-eyed Vireo, and others. Green Herons, Catbirds, Common Yellowthroat and woodpeckers nest here. Dress for the weather. Insect repellent may be needed for the wooded sections. No restrooms. Meet at **7:30 a.m.** in the parking area near the entrance to Temple B'rith Kodesh (2131 Elmwood Ave.). The trail entrance is nearby. Wheelchair friendly—please call leaders for accessibility questions.

Leaders: Jeanne and Tom Verhulst 585-362-0803



FIELD TRIPS

MAY 31
Saturday

GANONDAGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE

This trip has generated large species lists due to the many habitat types we will travel through. Ganondagan has miles of trails for the leaders to choose from. We will walk wide mown or packed dirt trails through fields, woods, and shrubland. The round trip is about 2 miles and includes some hills. Restroom facilities are available at the Seneca Arts and Culture Center (SACC) at the end of the trip. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** in the main parking lot situated below the SACC, 7000 County Road 41 (Boughton Hill Road), Victor, NY 14564.

Leaders: Amy Kahn 585-310-2330 and Neal Reilly 518-256-9147

JUNE 1
Sunday

LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

This trip frequently garners one of the higher bird lists among RBA field trips. Of course, it gets an early start! We'll look for birds not frequently seen on other trips, such as Acadian Flycatcher. We'll do a fair amount of walking: one somewhat steep but short forest trail and a dirt road down to the river level, as well as some roadside birding. Restrooms are available at several locations along the way. Meet at **5:30 a.m.** at the Dam Overlook Gifts and Grill parking lot (use the Route 36 entrance to Letchworth State Park). Pack a lunch and snacks, as the trip will likely last well into mid-afternoon. Spotting scopes would be very useful.



*Eastern Phoebe at Letchworth State Park
seen by Barbara Smith in May of 2023.*

Leaders: Elijah Kruger 585-329-7754 and co-leader Neal Reilly 518-256-9147

JUNE 7
Saturday

GANONDAGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE, A FIELD TRIP FOR ALL AGES

This trip is open to all ages (ages 15 and younger must accompanied by a responsible adult). This trip has generated large species lists due to the many habitat types we will travel through. Ganondagan has miles of trails for the leaders to choose from. We will walk wide mown or packed dirt trails through fields, woods, and shrubland. The round trip is about 2 miles and includes some hills. Restroom facilities are available at the Seneca Arts and Culture Center (SACC) at the end of the trip. Meet at **10:00 a.m.** in the main parking lot situated below the SACC, 7000 County Road 41 (Boughton Hill Road), Victor, NY 14564.

Leaders: Amy Kahn 585-310-2330 and co-leader Neal Reilly 518-256-9147

JUNE 7
Saturday

TAYLOR MARSH (JOINT TRIP WITH THE BERGEN SWAMP PRESERVATION SOCIETY)

Taylor Marsh is a preserve owned by the Bergen Swamp Preservation Society and located in Ontario County north of Honeoye Lake. It is best known for marsh birds, including both American and Least Bittern and Virginia Rail. However, the star attraction is the Sandhill Cranes that have been present in this area all year around for many years. Breeding has been confirmed. They are occasionally heard at Taylor, although seldom seen. Taylor also has brush-shrub and wooded upland habitat with a good variety of spring migrants and breeding birds. An adjacent hay field is home to Bobolinks and Eastern Meadowlarks. It has a checklist of nearly 145 species that can



FIELD TRIPS

JUNE 7
Saturday

be downloaded at https://bergenswamp.org/TaylorMarshBirdList_19_03_03.pdf. This is mostly a flat trail, which can be muddy, and has one very small shallow stream to cross. Waterproof boots are advisable. No restrooms available. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the Taylor Marsh parking area on the west side of Allen's Hill Road just south of Nighan Hill Road. From Rochester, take I-390 south to the Avon exit. Turn left onto Routes 5&20 and go east. In the town of Lima, turn right onto Route 15A and follow it south. Turn left onto Richmond Mills Road (Livingston County Road 41). It becomes Ontario County Road 15. Follow County Road 15 past County Road 37 and turn right at the next stop sign onto Allen's Hill Road. (There is no road sign at the intersection.)

Leaders: Lynn Braband 585-436-9388 and Jay Greenberg 585-256-0485

JUNE 8
Sunday

WYOMING COUNTY FIELDS AND FOREST -- NEW COMPEHNER FARM

This is a great opportunity to explore the beautiful upland region of northeastern Wyoming County including New Compehner Farm, the home and farm of Hans and Leslie Kunze. First, we will look for a variety of native sparrows (Savannah, Vesper), hopefully, returning Cliff Swallows, both oriole species, open country birds, and nesting species in a nice mixture of bird friendly plantings and open fields. Next, we will head toward Silver Lake with stops along the way at wooded and marshy habitats to look for nesting Veery, Wood Thrush, Hooded Warblers, hopefully, a Louisiana Waterthrush, and, if lucky, a Virginia Rail. We will end the trip at Silver Lake to look for ducks and gulls and to observe a colony of Purple Martins. Easy walking, but will cover a mile or two; wear sturdy shoes. The trip will last at least until noon; bring snacks or lunch, or eat at the Charcoal Corral (a local favorite). A bathroom is available at the home of the leader. Meet at **7:30 a.m.** at 6340 LaGrange Road, Wyoming, NY 14591.

Leaders: Hans Kunze 585-813-2676 and Rick Stevens 585-689-1882

Birds and Brews

Join us for craft beers and conversation! A chance to meet up and socialize with people who love birds.

Thursday, May 22, 2025

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Sager Beer Works & Stonyard
Brewing Company**

46 Sager Drive, Rochester

The only place in Rochester to enjoy two breweries under one roof! The food menu features artisan pizzas, wings, and a variety of bar snacks.

sagerbeerworks.com



Wednesday Evening Warblers!



Yellow-rumped Warbler seen at Braddock Bay East Spit by David Laiacona.

This is your chance to follow the spring migration! Just come out on successive Wednesdays to the Lakeview Community Church parking lot in Greece. This is one of the prime birding spots in the area.

Come directly from work. No special footwear needed. We will check out the parking lot, Church Woods Trail, and Firehouse Woods. Trails are flat, but can be muddy. Dress for the weather and bring bug spray. **No restrooms** (port-a-john around the corner on Edgemere Dr.).



Black-throated Blue Warbler at Cobbs Hill. Photo by Alan Bloom.

Meet at **6:00 p.m.** each Wednesday, **May 7, 14, 21, 28**, Lakeview Community Church, 30 Long Pond Road, Rochester, NY 14612. **Leader:** John Boettcher 585-671-9639 and/or others TBD



BUFFALO AUDUBON SPRING BIRDING CHALLENGE

APRIL 22 TO JUNE 21, 2025

Complete fun birding tasks! Earn a patch and a chance to win a pair of Vortex Binoculars.

TO REGISTER, GO TO: BIRD-WNY.COM

BUFFALO AUDUBON SOCIETY



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING • Thursday, May 8th, 2025 @ 7 PM

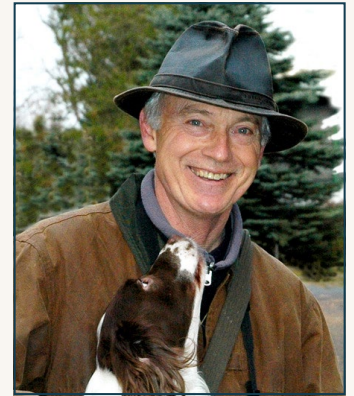
Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue, Rochester NY

Free and open to the public. Parking and entrance at rear of church.

The Peregrines of Taughannock Gorge

Speaker: Tim Gallagher, Editor, Living Bird magazine (retired)

The Peregrine Falcon eyrie at Taughannock Falls State Park is one of the most famous falcon nests in the world, thanks to a photograph ornithologist Arthur Allen took in 1926. In the picture, an adult Peregrine is perched on a limb in front of the waterfall with her chicks on a ledge nearby. Tim Gallagher first saw the picture in an old copy of A.C. Bent's Life Histories of North American Birds of Prey when he was twelve years old and already a falcon fanatic. He's loved it ever since. Years later, in 1990, when he came to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to be interviewed for the editor position at Living Bird, he asked if someone could take him to Taughannock Falls so he could see this place that had such a special hold on him. It was a profound experience but also sad, because the falcons had not nested there since 1946—early victims of DDT, which eventually caused the Peregrine Falcon population to crash across North America. The falcons finally started nesting in Taughannock Gorge again in 2020, after a 74-year absence. In his illustrated talk, Tim will discuss the fascinating history of the Taughannock Peregrine eyrie—from when it was found by famed Ithaca bird artist Louis Agassiz Fuertes in 1909 to the present.



Tim Gallagher is an award-winning author, wildlife photographer, and magazine editor. He served as editor-in-chief of Living Bird, the flagship publication of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, for more than 25 years and was one of the founding editors of WildBird magazine. Tim got his first field guide at the age of eight and has been obsessively watching birds ever since. He is the author of several books, including Parts Unknown, Wild Bird Photography, The Grail Bird, Falcon Fever, and Imperial Dreams, and is co-author of several more.

*Tim will be joining us in person. If you will be attending by Zoom, look for the Zoom link in your email prior to the meeting. The Zoom Room **will open at 6:45 PM**. Don't wait until the last minute to sign on, you might be left out!*

WELCOME TO THE FLOCK

Please welcome our new members:

Brad Carlson	Justin Murphy
Samuel Heinle & Family	Chris Staveski
Isabelle Hernández-Colon	Sarah Waltman
Amy McGregor-Morrow	



*Blue-winged Teal on Salmon Creek.
Photo by Candy Giles.*

As of March 15, total 2025 membership is 345

Individual Members: 217

Family Members: 91

Supporters: 3

Sponsors: 3

Corporate Sponsors: 1 (The Bird House)

Complimentary Memberships: 30

Doug Rabjohns, RBA Membership Data



Beginner Birder Trip at Owl Woods

March 22, 2025

The Owl Woods trip was a big draw once again with almost 40 people showing up to be on the lookout for the small, migratory Saw-whet Owl and the possibility of Long-eared Owls in the Owl Woods. The first lap around the usual roosting sites proved unfruitful, but the group ventured on through the trails to have flyovers from Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Great Blue Heron, Sharp-shinned Hawk, and Brown-headed Cowbird. Red-bellied Woodpecker, Northern Cardinal, Song Sparrow and White-throated Sparrow announced themselves by calling throughout the trip. On the way back around the loop the group came across two birders who had successfully spotted a Saw-whet Owl tucked away in a tree and the group all had turns to take a look.

After the walk through Owl Woods, the members of the group moved to the Hawkwatch platform at Braddock Bay Park. From the platform and boardwalk, Tundra Swan, Cackling Goose, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Widgeon, Green-winged Teal were among the waterfowl seen. Other notable sightings were Horned Lark, American Pipit and a Pectoral Sandpiper which was seen and heard from the platform from multiple observers.

Liz Magnanti, Doug Rabjohns and Elizabeth Rabjohns (with a much-appreciated assist by Neal Reilly)

Woodcock Courtship Flight at Owl Woods

April 5, 2025

Despite breezy and rainy conditions 38 birders gathered at Braddock Bay Owl Woods to see the courting ritual of the American Woodcock. After a brief introduction to this odd shorebird, we moved into the woods. Thankfully the rain and wind stopped by the time we reached the Woodcock field. The show started at 7:50pm and soon 4 male American Woodcock were sky-dancing nearby, including one spotted in the air right over the group. A Great Horned

Owl hooted in the distance, rounding out a fun trip. Thanks to everyone who attended and especially to Tom, Sheryl, Niki, and Liz who helped out with the large group!

Neal Reilly

Highland Park—A Joint Trip with the Highland Park Conservancy

April 23, 2025

On one of the first sunny, fairly mild days in quite some time, and with cherry trees, star magnolias, and daffodils in full bloom, 35 people gathered across from the Lamberton Conservatory to seek out birds—in particular, any migrants that may have arrived on south winds. Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Northern Flickers, American Robins, and Northern Cardinals were quickly found. A very near Brown Creeper was seen well by all. Walking east, Dark-eyed Juncos and Chipping Sparrows fed near the reservoir fence. A Hairy Woodpecker drummed, flitting Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets were a challenge to pin down, and a Purple Finch was well-spotted atop a tall, distant cedar. Up on the flat area, Brown-headed Cowbirds, American Goldfinch, and more kinglets were seen, as well as one Pine Warbler, our only warbler for the trip. Then, a very quiet Common Raven was seen flying into a nearby tall pine. A very well-concealed nest was located, where at least two nestlings were counted! Working our way west along the base of the reservoir, a Hermit Thrush flushed before most could see it. A Fox Sparrow was seen well through a scope picking through the leaf litter (Thanks, Bill Haake, for bringing one!). Workmen were spreading mulch around the magnolia collection, so we diverted to the Woodland Garden Walk. We were glad we did, as all had great views of a close Hermit Thrush! We had a respectable 36 species for the day. Thanks to all who participated and especially to those who helped the newer folks get on the birds.

Amy Kahn, Jeanne Verhulst, RBA; and Peggy Dempsey, Highland Park Conservancy



Monthly **ECO-CHALLENGE**

THE DANGER OF MICRO AND NANOPLASTICS

Understanding where microplastics come from and how they affect our health and environment is the first step toward making meaningful change. Microplastics are very small pieces of plastic (5 mm or less) resulting from the breakdown of consumer products and industrial waste. The first time I heard about microplastics was in reference to studies happening on the Great Lakes in 2012. Those early investigations led to support for banning microbeads in body scrubs and personal care products. Since then, we have learned that microplastics and even smaller nanoplastics are everywhere. They shed from our clothing, furniture and tires, to name a few. They are in the water we drink and the air we breathe, and they have even been found in beer!



Studies of microplastics in the Great Lakes have continued and exposed that microplastics in Great Lakes fish are among the highest found worldwide. Levels were highest in Lakes Michigan and Ontario. This is extremely alarming for many reasons, including that many Rochesterians get their drinking water from Lake Ontario.

The last several years have seen an increase in media reporting on the impacts of microplastics on our environment for humans and wildlife. We are warned not to reuse take-out containers, to not heat food in plastic, and to limit highly processed foods as they have multiple exposures to plastics on their way to your plate. But the birds and other wildlife cannot take such precautions.

In March of this year, the Guardian reported that researchers found plastics in the lungs of 51 bird species in China. Specifically, they found an average of 416 particles in every gram of lung tissue.

We share this growing danger, caused by our plastic production and use, with the birds and wildlife. The impacts are still unknown, but plastics in our breastmilk and brains are likely to be detrimental. Every bit of plastic we can eliminate from our lives, lifestyles, and communities will help us all.

By Kate Kremer

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UPCOMING CONSERVATION-RELATED EVENTS

If you're interested in events that focus on environmental conservation, here's a list of upcoming opportunities happening in the Rochester area, outside of those hosted by the RBA.

NATIVE PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

This event offers native plants for sale to support local habitat conservation efforts.

Brighton Town Hall

Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

geneseelandtrust.org

TRAILKEEPERS: SALMON CREEK NATURE PRESERVE

Volunteer trail maintenance day to help keep the preserve in good shape.

Salmon Creek Nature Preserve, Hilton, NY

Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

geneseelandtrust.org

FRIENDS OF WEBSTER TRAILS – MAY WORKDAY

Join a volunteer workday to maintain trails and support local greenspace.

State Road Preserve, Webster, NY

Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

webstertrails.org

MARKET IN THE PARK 2025

Plant and garden materials sale hosted by the Master Gardeners of Monroe County.

Warner Castle, Mt. Hope & Reservoir Ave, Rochester

Saturday, May 24, 2025 | 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

monroe.cce.cornell.edu

ZURICH BOG SPRING TOUR

A guided nature walk through the unique ecosystem of Zurich Bog.

3999 Co Rd 236, Sodus, NY (Zurich Bog Trailhead)

Saturday, May 24, 2025 | 9:00 AM

bergenswamp.org

ISLAND COTTAGE WOODS OPEN HOUSE SPECIAL EVENT

A family-friendly day to explore the trails and learn about this Genesee Land Trust preserve.

1000 Island Cottage Road, Rochester, NY

Saturday, May 31, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

geneseelandtrust.org

ENDANGERED SPECIES AWARENESS WEEKEND

Celebrate and learn about endangered species through zoo activities and education.

Seneca Park Zoo, Rochester, NY

May 2025

(exact dates TBD)

senecaparkzoo.org



JANUARY 2025 RECORDS SUMMARY

January 2025 featured a return to a "classic" Rochester winter. Temperatures averaged 24.3°F, 1.9° below average. Bouts of arctic air dominated temperatures this month. The month's coldest temperature occurred on the morning of 22 January, at -2°, the first subzero temperature since February 2023. January was the first month in thirteen months with temperatures below average. Precipitation totaled 1.72", 0.83" below average. The Rochester airport recorded 34.1" of snowfall, 6.7" above average. All days besides 10 January had traces of precipitation. The Rochester airport

recorded measurable snowfall on 25 days. January's precipitation all fell as snowfall except on the first and last day of the month. Most precipitation accumulated through several lake effect snow events, with notable events occurring 13-15 January and 19-20 January. Shoreline ice formed on the Lake Ontario shoreline the last week of the month.

The eBird download for January came out to roughly 36,200 lines, up 12.3% over January 2024. Birding was generally good, with plenty of half-hardy passerines present, decent numbers and diversity of waterfowl, a surprise Sora, and an extremely rare Bullock's



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Oriole that challenged many observers in difficult weather conditions.

Observers reported scattered flocks of Snow Geese, with Jeremy Collison reporting the highest (count 700) on 8 January in Avon. Cackling Geese became seasonally scarce, as expected, as many large flocks of Canada Geese moved out of the Region or established themselves at areas like the Mount Morris dam. Sodus Bay had higher counts of Mute Swan (240) than Braddock Bay (141). Dabblers were scattered, with the only two Wood Ducks of the month seen on 1 January on Conesus Lake. Green-winged Teal were found at known overwintering spots (Caledonia, Silver Springs), and American Wigeon was reported at a few hotspots ranging from the Lake Ontario shoreline to NMWMA. Carmen Gumina reported a maximum of 55 Gadwall from Bear Creek Harbor in Ontario on 29 January. Mike Wasilco reported a good count of 1,795 Mallard and 352 American Black Duck on Conesus Lake as part of the annual NYSOA Waterfowl Count. Chris Wood reported a female King Eider from Edgemere Drive in



American Black Duck spotted by Alan Bloom in January.

Greece on 4 January. Presumably, the same female King Eider was seen through the end of the month at various vantages between Braddock Bay and Charlotte Pier.

Pied-billed Grebes found open water, particularly on Conesus Lake and Irondequoit Bay during the beginning of the month. Grebes and loons were still on the move in the first few days of the month, it appeared. The overwintering Double-crested Cormorant numbers peaked at 28 on Irondequoit Bay on 5 January. 15 Sandhill Cranes were present in the NMWMA during the first week of the month.

A count of 120 American Coot on Irondequoit Bay on 19 January stood out as high. Two Virginia Rails along the small creek at Quaker Pond in Mendon Ponds Park were reported consistently starting on 11 January. A surprise came on 14 January when Dan Gallegher reported the Sora (previously seen in late December) from High Acres Nature Area. Charlie Plimpton was the last to report the Sora on 15 January. Observers did not report any late or overwintering shorebirds for the month.

The last groups of Bonaparte's Gulls frequented LaSalle's Landing Park (max 20) and Sodus Bay (max 21) during the first few days of the month before dwindling down to single digits and eventually becoming nonexistent by the end of the month. Numbers of Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, and Lesser Black-backed Gull were aligned with other recent winters – on the scarcer side. A crude location, timing, and aging analysis estimated approximately five Glaucous Gulls, 10 Iceland Gulls, and 11 Lesser Black-backed Gulls, although this estimation technique should be taken lightly. Observers did not report rarer gulls like Little Gull or Black-legged Kittiwake.

Turkey Vultures overwintered in southern Monroe County and northern Livingston County, with Mike Tetlow reporting a maximum of 42 in Lima on 4 January. John and Karla Gordinier photographed a Golden Eagle on Barber Hill Road in Groveland on 15 January. Cliff Dekdebrun photographed another Golden Eagle flying over Nations Road in Avon on 24 January. Another crude analysis estimated eight Rough-legged Hawks Regionwide this month, about average for winter in recent years. Observers reported four different Snowy Owls. The first was seen flying west along the lakeshore on 5 January. Observers reported two Snowy Owls on the piers of Sodus Point on 8 January. Only one was seen the next day, which remained at Sodus Point through 13 January. Another Snowy Owl was reported at the Batavia Airport starting on 18 January and continued through the end of the month. The last Snowy Owl of the month was seen in Pavilion on 19 January. Short-eared Owls were abundant this month, reported at six locations, with a maximum of 29 at Nations Road on 11 January standing out as exceptional. Andy Guthrie and Chris Wood reported a Northern Saw-whet Owl in Owl Woods on 1 January.

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December's mild conditions contributed to a fair number of half-hardy passerines present. The eBird download totaled 49 lines of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, which reduced to approximately 33 individuals, one of the highest winter month totals for this species in Region 2. Mike Gullo reported a Ruby-crowned Kinglet from High Acres Nature Area on 5 January, which was seen through at least 19 January. Observers reported two different Marsh Wrens around Braddock Bay on 1-2 January and five Gray Catbirds regionwide, all seen in the first half of the month. Hermit Thrush was reported 52 times, with a maximum of three reported several times from Webster Park. Brad Carlson found an unseasonable American Pipit at Sodus Point on 20 January. The only true winter finches were a single report of a flock of 32 Redpolls in Orleans County. Field birds were decent with the consistent snow cover, with sizable flocks of Snow Bunting (max 500) seen at several rural locations, alongside 72 reports of Lapland Longspur (max 15). Half-hardy sparrows were well-reported as well, with three

overwintering Chipping Sparrows at feeders, Field Sparrow at five locations (multiple birds at some of these locations), six Fox Sparrows divided over five locations, and three Eastern Towhees. Two Eastern Meadowlarks were reported. The bird of the month was an immature BULLOCK'S ORIOLE found by Mike Gullo on 19-21 January in the Sprong Bluff orchard at Beechwood State Park. This bird was notoriously uncooperative, which, coupled with heavy lake effect snow and bitter cold, added difficulty to finding this incredible bird. This represents the seventh record of Bullock's Oriole for Region 2. Andy Guthrie reported two Pine Warblers in a mixed flock from the Hamlin Beach State Park campground on 12 January. Mark Janetos had an adult male Pine Warbler frequenting his feeders starting on 13 January, which continued through the end of the month.

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Snow Bunting and Lapland Longspur seen by Niki Banke.



	2025	2024	10-year Average (2014-2023)
Total species for January	129	134	130.5

FEBRUARY 2025 RECORDS SUMMARY

February 2025 was a continuation of the wintery conditions introduced in January. Temperatures averaged 26.0°F, 1.4° below average. Fifteen days averaged below their daily average. Twelve days averaged above their daily average, six in the last week of the month. The coldest temperatures of the month occurred following a minor icing event on 16 February, sending temperatures into the single digits and windchills below -10° by 18 February. The warmest temperature of 50° was recorded on 24 February. Precipitation totaled 2.29", 0.16" below normal. Most precipitation fell as snow, of which the Rochester airport recorded 27.0". There were only two days precipitation-free for the month, contributing to a Regionwide average snowpack

peak depth of nine inches by 22 February. Areas of eastern Wayne County saw significant lake effect snowfall throughout the month, with the largest event occurring from 14-19 February. Shoreline ice was present along the Lake Ontario shoreline for most of the month. Seasonal progression brought the first warmer air to the Genesee Region during the last week of the month, significantly depreciating the snowpack and causing minor flooding-free ice jams on the last two days of the month.

The return to a "true" February meant fewer half-hardy species reported than in recent winters, plenty of frozen water to concentrate waterfowl, and what appeared to be generally less birding effort, evident by a 29.0% decline, compared to 2024, of eBird lines,



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at only 29,300 lines. This was the largest month-to-month decrease in birding records for Region 2 in at least the past five years. This data includes participation in the Great Backyard Bird Count. Despite that, the total number of species reported in February (124) is aligned with the historic average.

With most bodies of water completely frozen or nearly frozen, waterfowl were concentrated to locations such as the Lake Ontario shoreline. Snow Geese appeared scarce in Region 2 this winter, with the maximum being a flock of 100 on 28 February (migratory) from the NMWMA. Otherwise, there were only a handful of other Snow Goose reports. Cackling Goose also appeared scarcer, with a maximum of five reported in Caledonia toward the end of the month and only five reports total for the entire Region. There were no overwintering Wood Ducks, with the first and only Wood Duck report coming from the NMWMA on 27 February, likely a migrant/arrival based on the date. The arrival of non-overwintering flocks of dabbling ducks arrived in the Region about three and a half weeks later than last year, with small flocks of Northern Pintail noted along the lakeshore in the last few days of the month and a flock of 300 Northern Pintail in the NMWMA on 28 February. Green-winged Teal followed the same trend. Among the rarer waterfowl, Pat Martin reported a King Eider, likely the continuing female from January, along the lakeshore from the Slater Creek outlet on 5 February. Mark Miller found an adult male Harlequin Duck at Sodus Point on 8 February, which continued through 15 February. A flock of 2,000-2,600 Common Mergansers frequented Irondequoit Bay for most of the month.

There were no reports of Pied-billed Grebe this month and only one report of Double-crested Cormorant, a single bird from the NMWMA on 28 February. Bear Creek Outlet in the Town of Ontario again took the champion for the high count of Horned Grebe in winter, with Joe Wing reporting a maximum of 14. Observers continued to report one or two Virginia Rails from the "peace bench" area of the Quaker Pond Trail in Mendon Ponds Park throughout the month. Common Loon and Red-throated Loons were reported in low numbers, not so untypical of winter, but seemed slightly lower than in recent winters. A pair of Sandhill Cranes were found in Livonia on 6 February

The only shorebird this month was a single Purple Sandpiper, found by Carmen Gumina at Bear Creek Harbor in Ontario on 6 February. Killdeer did not arrive this month. American Woodcock did not arrive this month.

Frozen ponds along the lakeshore created congregation spots for gulls. Numbers of Ring-billed Gulls and American Herring Gulls were decent, although not impressive. There were about four Glaucous Gulls and about seven Iceland Gulls around Regionwide this month using a crude age, location, and timing analysis method. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were scarce, with only about three to four reported, mainly along the lakeshore. Bonaparte's Gull was missed.

The Snowy Owl irruption continued with a single bird at the Batavia Airport through at least 10 February. Carmen Gumina reported the only Northern Saw-whet Owl of the month from his yard in Ontario, which fell out of a tree on his property right in front of him and died shortly thereafter. This is contrary to last year, when Northern Saw-whet Owls were found at many regional locations, possibly due to the extremely mild conditions. Kelly Close reported a Red-shouldered Hawk from the hills south of Conesus Lake on 5 February. Rough-legged Hawks were occasionally found Regionwide, with non-irruption year numbers aligned with those of earlier months this winter. Observers noted as many as 27 Bald Eagles congregating on Irondequoit Bay by the end of the month.

The return to a true winter contributed to a general scarcity of half-hardies, with minimal new discoveries, ignoring birds already in place from previous months. For continuing birds, observers reported one or two Fox Sparrows, an Eastern



*A Horned Grebe
photographed
by Niki Banke on
February 9th, 2025*

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Towhee, and as many as four Field Sparrows along the Bird Song Trail in Mendon Ponds Park. Kevin Farrell reported a Ruby-crowned Kinglet from the Sliker Hill Road dike in the Conesus Inlet WMA, possibly continuing from reports in December 2024. Hermit Thrushes were lightly reported, with only 11 lines, most single individuals, coming from mainly lakeshore hotspots. A single Marsh Wren and Gray Catbird each were reported, lower than expected compared to previous years but perhaps more aligned with the baseline. Kevin Griffith and Bill Haake's overwintering Chipping Sparrows continued throughout the month. Swamp Sparrow seemed unusually scarce, with only three reports of three separate individuals. The colder conditions could be used to postulate that this species' scarcity was truly a factor of absence rather than a lack of effort to seek it out. The overwintering Pine Warbler at Mark Janetos' feeder continued all month. One interesting phenomenon of note was that Lapland Longspurs were scarcer than expected, given the good snowpack and abundance of Horned Larks and Snow Buntings. There were only 11 lines for Lapland Longspur overall, with the highest count being 12. Chris Wood reported 37 Fish Crows near Firehouse Woods on 12 February, a new high count for Region 2 – another interesting observation. As the dates inevitably progressed, Region 2 welcomed another sign of spring with the first flocks of migratory blackbirds in the last few days of the month.

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Female Eastern Towhee at Mendon Ponds. Photo by Richard Horsey.



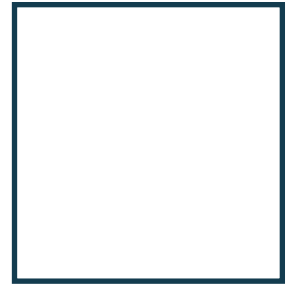
	2025	2024	10-year Average (2014-2023)
Total species for February	124	134	125.2
New species for the year	3	6	7.5
Total for the year to date	132	143	138.1





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