



Rochester Birding
Association

Little Gull

Short-eared Owl by Alan Bloom



JAN 2026 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!

JAN 1
Thursday

IRONDEQUOIT BAY OUTLET AND DURAND-EASTMAN PARK YEAR LIST JUMP-START

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 **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 warmly! Spotting scopes would be very useful.**

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

JAN 3
Saturday

WEBSTER PARK – CAMPGROUND AREA

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

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BRRRRRRR!

My idea of great winter birding is to get on a plane and head to some place warm. In a moment of questionable sanity, my spouse Gayle and I signed up for a trip to Duluth, Minnesota, this winter to explore Sax-Zim Bog. It is billed as "150,000 acres of mixed habitat that is a birder's paradise in winter." We were lured in by the promise of seeing Great Gray and Northern Hawk Owls as well as boreal forest species like Boreal Chickadee, crossbills, Ruffed Grouse and Black-backed Woodpecker. This all sounded great in June when we were jacked up on endorphins from the recent spring migration and were just back from a great experience at the Acadia Birding Festival in Maine. Now that it's December and we've been mired in snow and cold for the better part of a month, I'm wondering, "What were we thinking?"

I searched the web for winter birding tips and found lots of advice for enjoying backyard feeder birds from the comfort of your own home. There were significantly fewer suggestions on topics involving actually being outside. One spectacularly insightful posting advised, "Dress warmly." Huh. You think?

I was somewhat heartened when I saw on the Friends of the Sax-Zim Bog website that the average temperature range was about 0F for a low and about 25F for the high. I can handle that, I thought. Then I read that nearby Cotton, Minnesota, was THE COLDEST SPOT in the Lower 48 states SEVEN TIMES during the winter of 2018-19, including -56F on January 30, 2019. There was good news on the website, though... the visitor center outhouse is open year-round. I'm sorry, but there are logistics around an outhouse and -56F that I don't even want to contemplate!

At any rate, the trip description said that the biggest complaint folks had was cold feet, so I invested in some arctic-rated boots for Gayle and myself. We've been testing them out over the past several weeks, trying to figure out the sock layering strategy that keeps our feet warm, but not overly so. We visited Mendon Ponds Park to look for that Virginia Rail who hasn't yet figured out that with wings and a little effort, you don't have to spend winters in the snow. On a particularly cold day, we wandered around Webster Park to find the Pine Grosbeaks, then headed over to the Irondequoit Bay Outlet to scope out gulls and waterfowl. After a couple of hours, we had no problems with cold feet, so I think we've got that extremity figured out.

Alas, there's still the issue of cold hands – we haven't sorted that out yet. With gloves, there seems to be a tradeoff between warmth and dexterity. I can forgo updating my eBird list on my phone, but how exactly do you manipulate optics with giant sausage fingers?

Gayle is an optimist – she says that we'll hit Duluth at the same time as a mid-winter thaw. I, on the other hand, have this image of me looking like Ralphie Parker's younger brother in the classic film, *A Christmas Story*. I'll have slipped, fallen to the ground and be face-up looking at the sky. I'll be wearing so many layers that I'll have no ability to move my limbs except maybe for a pathetic attempt at a snow angel. Snow is falling on my face. There will be a pack of wolves circling around, daring each other to be the first one in to take a nibble. If you don't see this column in the next couple of months, someone please send out a search party.

Some RBA highlights for this month:

We have a few field trips scheduled for January. Get a jump on your 2026 bird list with a trip to Irondequoit Bay Outlet and Durand-Eastman Park. We also have a trip to Webster Park, Nations Road, and a beginner trip to Mendon Ponds Songbird Trail.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER, BRIAN ROHRS

I hope to see many of you at our annual dinner at Asbury First Methodist Church on January 10th. It's fun to share a meal with your fellow birders and the potluck is always great. If we haven't met already, please introduce yourself.

Until next month, Happy Birding!

Annual RBA Winter Dinner

Saturday, January 10, 2026, 5 pm to 9 pm

Asbury First United Methodist Church
1050 East Avenue Rochester, NY

Reserve your seat for the potluck dinner! Main Entrees provided will be Roasted Turkey and Ham. Everyone brings a dish to pass. Please contact Niki Banke, 585 317-3751, jacksons.mama@hotmail.com. Please include Name, Number of guests, and the dish you plan on bringing.

We are also looking for members who are willing to share their recent birding adventures with a short presentation. Please contact Richard Ashworth ASAP at 585-381-2189 or ashworth@rochester.rr.com.

WELCOME TO THE FLOCK

Please welcome our new members:

Peter Burns
Evalyn Gleason
Melissa Mance-Coniglio & Family

Ken Treffinger

As of December 15, total membership is 410

Individual Members: 263
Family Members: 99
Supporters: 10
Sponsors: 4
Corporate Sponsors: 1
Complimentary Memberships: 33

Doug Rabjohns, RBA Membership Data



Mute Swan on Buttonwood Creek seen by Candy Giles.



FIELD TRIPS

JAN 3
Saturday

level walk, partly on dirt road, partly on a 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 on trail and weather conditions. No restrooms available. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** Enter the park at 999 Lake Road (not the parking lot nearby). Drive the park road about .6 miles, park in the pull-offs before the gate. Don't block the gate.

Leaders: Rosemary Reilly 585-748-0802 and co-leader Pat Martin 585-301-5485

JAN 10
Saturday

BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP – MENDON PONDS PARK SONGBIRD TRAIL

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, and there is a port-a-john.



Eastern Towhee at Mendon Ponds Park. Photo by Alan Bloom.

Leaders: John Boettcher 585-671-9639 and co-leader Ann McMican 585-533-1222

JAN 18
Sunday

NATIONS ROAD AREA

We'll search the 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. Meet at **2:00 p.m.** at Tops Plaza (restroom) in Avon on Routes 5 and 20, two miles west of I-390. The roads in this area are narrow and busy. Please plan to carpool from Tops, as the number of cars allowed will be limited to ten. **Spotting scopes would be very useful.**

Leaders: Jim Kimball 585-519-9211 and co-leader Niki Banke 585-317-3751

FEB 8
Sunday

WINTER WATERFOWL AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES

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.**



Glaucous Gull on Irondequoit Bay Outlet by Candace Giles.

Leaders: Mike Tetlow 585-748-5838 and co-leader Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422





A White-breasted Nuthatch says hello to a young birder. Photo taken and printed with parent's permission.



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Young Birder Walks for 2026

All young birders must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. • Walks will run 45 minutes.

Bring binoculars if you have them; several extra pairs will be available to borrow.

- Sunday February 15, 10:00am Mendon Ponds Park
- Sunday March 22, 10:00am Owl Woods
- Sunday April 26, 10:00am Tinker Nature Park
- Thursday May 21, 6:00pm Firehouse Woods
- Saturday September 19, 10:00am Brickyard Trail
- Saturday October 10, 10:00am Durand-Eastman Park



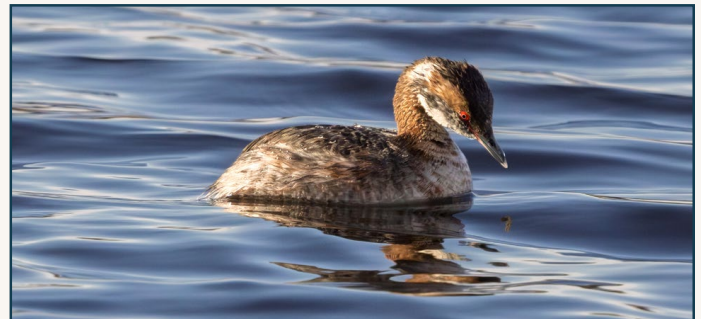
Barred Owl by Alan Bloom

For questions email neal.f.reilly@gmail.com

For more information: rochesterbirding.org/events-trips/young-birder-trips/

A NEW SCOPE

On behalf of the Rochester Birding Association Board of Directors, **many thanks** to the very generous donors who presented the Club and the Young Birder program with a new spotting scope. The scope is already helping RBA birders get up close looks at everything from Fox Sparrows, to Horned Grebes, to Bald Eagles, to Pine Grosbeaks and everything in between!



Horned Grebe at Mendon Ponds. Photo by Alan Swire.

Watch for the new scope on your next RBA trip!

Thank you again to the donors!

Neal Reilly RBA Board of Directors



FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Niagara River and Old Fort Niagara November 30, 2025

Eleven intrepid birders gathered at Old Fort Niagara despite a forecast of brisk winds, rain, and lake effect snow. Good numbers of White-winged Scoters were present along with smaller numbers of Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Mergansers, and Long-tailed Ducks. Inside the fort, we were able to see Bonaparte's Gulls, American Herring Gulls, Ring-billed Gulls, and several Horned Grebes. A calling American Pipit flying over was a nice bonus. At Lewiston, we found our target bird for the trip, the smallest gull in the world, the Little Gull. At least two individuals were flying over the river in the large mass of Bonaparte's Gulls. Little Gull was a life bird for at least one birder on the trip. Overall, we had 21 species due to the brisk wind and rain. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Tom O'Donnell and Neal Reilly



Ring-billed Gull seen by Niki Banke on a trip to the Niagara River.

Conesus Lake Area December 6, 2025

It was cold (in the 20s) and breezy for the RBA trip around Conesus Lake. We had a small but hearty crew of six and came up with a list of 34 species. There were hunters and strings of decoys at many locations, including in Vitale Park itself, so waterfowl were scattered around the lake. Some birds of special interest included good looks at a pair of adult Bald Eagles and a Belted Kingfisher at the inlet swamp area,

Pied-billed and Red-necked Grebes along West Lake Road, Tundra Swans near the north end, and a raft of Redheads and others seen from Pebble Beach Road.

Jim Kimball and Nick Kachala



Belted Kingfisher seen on a previous trip to Conesus Lake Inlet by Andrew Romanowski.

Beginner Birder Trip at Nations Road December 7, 2025

Good weather for the trip with 30-degree temp, light wind and light snow. There were twenty-seven folks on the trip including six from Buffalo, two from Binghamton and one from Canada. Three things stand out from this trip. One of our stops had us mesmerized by a flock of Snow Buntings over a field of corn stubble. The flock of 50 some birds were wandering, sometimes lighting and disappearing from view, then reappearing. They never got very close. Then, we must have encountered close to a dozen Northern Harriers in the trip. The surprising thing was most were the striking, gray males. Very few of the brown females or immature birds. Maybe the one male was following us. Finally, to get our target bird Short-eared Owl, we split up into two groups at the most likely locations where the birds had been seen in the recent past. The group at the Nations/Little Road intersection finally saw one close to sunset. They contacted the other group and when we were all united, enjoyed the appearance of four owls hunting over the fields very close to darkness. Lifers for several of the folks. Species count for the trip was 25.

Niki Banke, Bob Crandall and John Boettcher

Monthly **ECO-CHALLENGE**

LOVING LEPS: A CONVERSATION

By Norma Platt

I just read the president's column in the Little Gull. Brian has the right idea...almost like FDR's fireside chats, he talks about things he's enjoyed and that matter to him. Following Brian's lead, I want to tell you about how I enjoy leps (shorthand for Lepidoptera, moths and butterflies and their caterpillars). And how they matter to me.

Right now, I'd like to be in Panama at the Canopy Camp...on a trip to see the butterflies (and, oh yeah, for the birds). Instead, I'm sitting here reminiscing about the times I've enjoyed finding wonderful creatures in wonderful places.

Before getting down to the personal enjoyment stuff, let me remind you of some facts. Leps and their caterpillars are important markers of the health of habitats. Both adults and their larvae (those little protein-filled sausages) are really good food for birds. Plus, when leaves emerge and make it difficult to spot birds, that's a perfect time to go a-lepping.

OK... here goes with the personal awe, adventure and beauty thing. I still remember being amazed for the first time 32 years ago when John and I were at Selva Verde in Costa Rica on a nature excursion. One night, someone had put out a moth sheet—a white sheet lit with a UV light. The abundance, the variety and the beauty of the

bugs that came was astonishing. Since then, I've experienced moth sheets in many places and environments—my own yard, in the high desert and sky islands in Arizona, on the coast of Maine, in the rain forest, on islands in the Caribbean and off the shore of Georgia. They never cease to amaze.

The lives of leps are truly amazing. They have creative survival strategies: looking like a snake, being camouflaged as a leaf or a twig, or bird poop, or making chemicals to deter predators. Don't get me started on the metamorphosis thing! They start as the larva, and rearrange everything to become an adult. This life progression maximizes survival out there: the adults reproduce and the larvae accumulate food for growth and chemicals.

Speaking of metamorphosis...one of the things I really like is finding an egg on the food plant, or better yet, seeing the adult lay the egg. The egg hatches, eats lots, and molts, changing its appearance. After increasing its size by 1000-fold, it molts one last time and becomes a pupa (Latin for puppet). After a time that varies with species, the adult emerges and flies away to mate and lay eggs.

We all love finding new things in new places. You might like to try leps. Maybe in your yard or maybe out there in the world (a list of opportunities follows).

Southwestern Research Station, Cave Creek Arizona
www.amnh.org/research/southwestern-research-station/courses

Eagle Hill Institute, Maine
www.eaglehill.us/programs/sems-weeklong/calendar-weeklong.shtml

Earthwatch: caterpillars in Costa Rica
earthwatch.org/expeditions/climate-change-and-caterpillars

Butterflies in Panama
canopytower.com/our-tours/butterflies-of-canopy-camp-darien/

Butterflies in Ecuador
www.sunstreaktours.com/Ecuador.html



Automeris Cecrops from Arizona. It's well-defended with those venomous spines.





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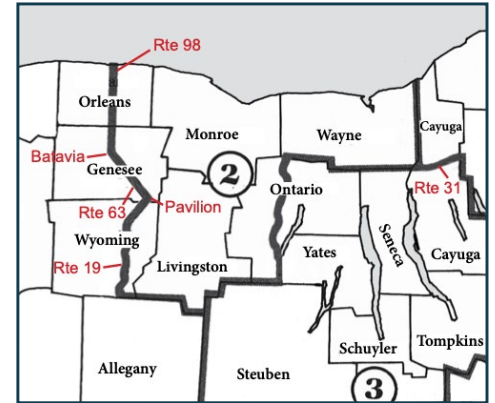
NYSOA

WATERFOWL COUNT 2026

HELP NEEDED IN REGION 2

Each year since 1955, in mid-January, the New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA) conducts a waterfowl survey, with organizational duties divided among the historical Regional reporting zones.

Conducting this survey each year around the same days allows NYSOA to census waterfowl distribution and abundance, which the New York DEC has acknowledged as a useful survey for long-term monitoring of waterfowl populations wintering in New York. More than a quarter of a million birds are tallied statewide most years.



THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO:

Tune your waterfowl identification skills

Be paired up with seasoned waterfowl count participants

Please contact Kim Hartquist for further information or to sign up:

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Iceland Gull at Macedon.
Photo by Dominic Sherony.



AUGUST 2025 RECORDS SUMMARY

The Rochester region experienced partial relief in August 2025 from a very hot July. Temperatures averaged 68.7°F, 2.0° below average. Despite the cooler-than-average temperatures, three consecutive days (10-12 August) all reached 92°. Persistent high pressure in the second half of the month pushed the average down, with daytime highs slightly below average. A strong cold front pushed nightly lows to 43° on 30 August, a sign of fall, and the lowest August temperature since 1986. Precipitation totaled 1.65", 1.66" below average. Consequently, the rainfall deficit continued to build, pushing most of the Rochester region into the official category of moderate drought by the end of the month. Storms were far and few between, but a period of instability from 24-26 August caused 1.5" hail in the western Finger Lakes and spawned a waterspout off Hilton. A stronger cold front swept through the Region on 28 August, setting the stage for the colder weather of the last few days of the month.

Waterfowl diversity, as expected, increased throughout the month of August, with elevated numbers of Blue-winged Teal, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallards and Green-winged Teal appearing at places such as the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) and Braddock Bay. Migratory diving ducks started to move by the end of the month, although in very small numbers. Scaup (count 1) arrived on 23 August. Lesser Scaup (count 1) arrived on 17 August. White-winged Scoter (count 1) arrived on 30 August.

Maximum counts, as always, for marshbirds came from the NMWMA. Numbers of Common Gallinule exceeded 100 along VanDyne Spoor Road. Noah Brinkman reported an immature Purple Gallinule from VanDyne Spoor Road on 30 August, which continued through the end of the month and drew crowds of observers from Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, and Ithaca alike. This record represented the first documented Purple Gallinule on the Montezuma area since 2010 and the first record of the species in the Kingbird Region 2 portion of Montezuma (Wayne County).

The post-breeding dispersal of more southerly breeding waders was light this year, with only two notable observations, compared to several last year when Wood Storks infiltrated the northern

states, including Kingbird Region 2. The first notable report was a flyby Glossy/White-faced Ibis passing Braddock Bay on 26 August. The second post-breeding wandering wader was an immature Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, first reported by Sue Oberdorf from Perkins Park in Newark on 13 August. The photogenic Night-Heron drew many observers and was reported through 18 August. The immature Brown Pelican, found in July on Conesus Lake, continued all month, mainly seen resting on the docks just to the southwest of Vitale Park.

Water levels on Lake Ontario fell from 245.96' to 245.44' by 30 August, representing a 6.24" drop, 2.40" lower than 30 August 2024. While the NMWMA had been extremely productive for shorebird numbers and diversity in May/June, it seemed that the drought had created a general scarcity of inland shorebird habitat, except for small amounts of habitat at Morgan Road and Colvin Marsh. Shorebirds were still present at the NMWMA, although their numbers were generally unimpressive. Observers reported decent shorebirds from a handful of other locations instead, such as Braddock Bay and Sodus Point. Domenic Sherony, Sheryl Gracewski, and Tom Nash reported two American Avocets from the Irondequoit Bay Outlet on 13 August, which were observed by 20 other individuals. Kris Montalbano



This juvenile Purple Gallinule photographed at Montezuma NWR by Doug Rabjohns was the first documented since 2010 for that area.

AUGUST 2025 RECORDS SUMMARY

Juvenile Yellow-crowned Night Heron spotted in Perkins Park by Doug Rabjohns.



American Avocet at Irondequoit Bay Outlet. Photo by Alan Bloom.

reported a maximum of 54 American Golden-Plovers from the East Spit on 30 August. Robert Cicotta reported a Wilson's Phalarope on 26 August from the Salmon Creek mudflat just south of Braddock Bay. The singular Wilson's Phalarope became a pair by that afternoon. The pair was reported through 28 August by a total of 24 birders. Pairs of Willets were observed at Sodus Point on 7 August and 11 August. Upland Sandpiper was missed this August. Neither godwit species were reported this month, either.

The Jaeger season got off to a strong start, with Mitchell Barry reporting a Long-tailed Jaeger passing Edgemere Drive in Greece on 19 August. Andy Guthrie and Mitchell Barry both reported unidentified-to-species jaegers on 25 and 27 August, respectively. The first positively identified Parasitic Jaeger arrived on 29 August, passing the Sodus Bay lakewatch point, with three more reports of single Parasitic Jaegers to finish out the month. There were no rare gulls reported this month. Single Forster's Terns were reported at Point Breeze on

9 August, Braddock Bay on 10 and 16 August, and Sodus Point on 25 August.

Braddock Bay Raptor Research (BBRR) once again conducted a post-natal dispersal late summer raptor count from the Braddock Bay Hawkwatch. Volunteer observers tallied 3,426 raptors for the month. Red-tailed Hawks are the focus of the summer hawkwatch, and composed 2,113 of the totals, but a decent number of Turkey Vultures, Bald Eagles, and Broad-winged Hawks were also tallied this season. Noteworthy single species counts, and large flight dates included: 32 Bald Eagles and 224 Red-tailed Hawks on 7 August; 47 Bald Eagles, 247 Broad-winged Hawks, and 422 Red-tailed Hawks on 8 August; and 126 Turkey Vultures, 39 Bald Eagles, and 388 Red-tailed Hawks on 23 August. A surprise Mississippi Kite passed the Braddock Bay hawkwatch on 23 August as well. This species is always rare in summer, although always a possibility, especially on summer days with strong southerly winds and an abundance of food sources (airborne, migrating dragonflies).

Nothing stood out as particularly rare or unusual among the passerines, with all of the expected neotropical migrants returning by the last few days of the month. There was only one Olive-sided Flycatcher found, observed by a few birders on 29 August along the south end of Canadice Lake. Swallow numbers built throughout the month, with counts of 1,800 Bank Swallows and 2,500 Tree



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Swallows, both from Railroad Road Marsh in the NMWMA, standing out as the highest. Carmen Gumina reported the first American Pipit of the season from the NMWMA on 11 August, two to three weeks earlier than the typical arrival date for the species. The continuing Eurasian Collared-Dove was reported once this month in Sodus. Clay-colored Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, and Grasshopper Sparrow were all reported this month, unlike last August. Mixed flocks of blackbirds (Red-winged Blackbirds, Common Grackles, and Brown-headed Cowbirds) were found in increasing numbers, particularly in the NMWMA towards the end of the month. Warbler migration appeared in full swing by the third week of the month. An indicator for the start of true fall warbler migration (as opposed to singular mid-summer wandering birds) is the appearance of species that typically do not breed in Region 2, or those that do not breed along the lakeshore, at multiple lakeshore hotspots, of which was the case by the third week of the month. Overall, a decent month with tangible evidence of an accelerating migration, especially in the final week of the month.

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

Observers: Ryan Ballard, Niki Banke, Timmy Banker, Jessie Barry, Mitchell Barry, Lynn Bergmeyer, Linda Birkel, Robin Blakesley, Alan Bloom & Lisa Bloom, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Scott & Janet Brooks, Robert Buckert, Sara Burch, Ian Campbell, Brad Carlson, Robert Cicotta, Roger Clark, Sara Close, Lorenzo Colantoni, Robert Crandall, Doug Daniels, Thomas Davis, Cliff Dekdebrun, Peggy Dempsey, Grace Dowdall, Diane Egan, Rob Fergus, George & Katie Ford, Kyle Gage, Andrew Garland, Matthew Gavette, Janis George, Candy Giles, John Gordinier, Sheryl Gracewski, Kevin Griffith, Austin Groff, Michael Gullo, Carmen Gumina, Andrew Guthrie, Bill Haake, Helen



Juvenile Common Grackle seen in Irondequoit by Eunice Thein.

Haller, Kim Hartquist, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Lynn Howes, Pam Inzinna, Nick Kachala, Amy Kahn, Laura Kammermeier, David Kennedy, James Kimball, Cindy Kindle, Hans Kunze, Greg Lawrence, Joan Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Peggy Macres, Cynthia Marino, Patricia Martin, Judy Massare, Lauri Mattle, Jacob McCartney, Ryan McGinty, Jay McGowan, Ann McMican, Scott Meagher, Jim Miles, Kent Millham, Phil Mills, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Matt Nusstein, Dave Nutter, Luanne Pignataro, Derek Pulhamus, Doug & Elizabeth Rabjohns, Rosemary Reilly, Neal Reilly, Michael Rizzo, Susan Roberts, Chris Rockwell, Brian Rohrs, Andrew Romanowski, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Robert Ryan, Shawn Ryan, Jennifer Rycenga, Anne Salverda, Greg & Shannon Sanda, Mickey Scilingo, Luke Seitz, Dominic Sherony, Judith Slein, Robert Spahn, Rick Stevens, Reuben Stoltzfus, Stephen Taylor, David Tetlow, Michael Tetlow, Eunice Thein, Nathan Ukens, Tom & Jeanne Verhulst, Brad Walker, Mike Wasilco, Maili Waters, Bridget Watts, Mamie Weed, Kim Weeks, Glenn Wolford, Chris Wood, Jim Wood (all observers could not be listed here).

	2025	2024	10-year Average (2015-2024)
Total species for August	211	202	202.9
New species for the year	6	5	5.0
Total for the year to date	279	286	279.6



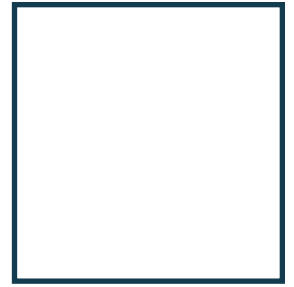
Blue-winged Teal at Braddock Bay East Spit. Photo by Alan Bloom.





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