

November Sightings Report

November ended the official autumn weather season as a warm (4th warmest on record) and dry (8th driest) month. The season was the 3rd warmest on record. The month will also be remembered for almost no snow, just 1.2" on the 22nd-24th, and wind, with storms on the 1st, 6th, 12th, 18-19th, and 22nd. Temperatures averaged 46.6 °F (6.1° above normal), and precipitation totaled 0.97" (1.97" below normal). Only 2 days with over 0.10" of precipitation is 2nd fewest, only 2nd to 1904 in that category. Another record was 4 consecutive days above 70°, the 4th-7th, with the first 3 of these also setting record daily highs. A persistent storm track to our west and north left us warmer and sunnier than usual for this fall month. The rapid moving fronts on that track tossed us a few good birds from the south and west, but waterfowl migration as recorded by passing birds on Lake Ontario was lighter than normal.

Among the waterbirds, again nearly all expected species were reported, even the rarer King Eider and Barrow's Goldeneye. Only Ross's Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, Harlequin Duck, and Northern Gannet were missed among the almost annual. Cackling Goose numbers were down, but still decent. Peak counts for most species were well below expectations, especially for the diving ducks such as Canvasback, Redhead, both scaup species, and even the scoters. Peak counts for both regular loon species and the grebes were also low. Only Long-tailed Duck and Red-breasted Merganser were tallied at reasonably good highs. Once again we had the late appearance of a Cattle Egret in early November.

Again, raptors were generally scarce, no Black Vulture or Northern Goshawk were reported, only a single Red-shouldered Hawk, and only a few Rough-legged Hawks were reported. Three late Osprey reports from Canadice and Conesus Lakes were a surprise. There was no big influx of Snowy Owls this month, but 2 were spotted briefly late in the month. Short-eared Owls had arrived in October and numbers picked up in a couple of the usual spots this month. Numbers of reports for both Merlin and Peregrine Falcon were back up a bit this month. A few Northern Shrikes were reported in the 2nd half of the month.

An observer caught up with a good number (31) of the late Sandhill Cranes at Van Dyne Spoor before their afternoon move to Knox Marcellus in Region 3. Five more were spotted in Livonia; likely birds from the Taylor Marsh (north of Honeoye) group. Late marsh bird reports were few, other than a lingering American Bittern.

As usual, several expected shorebirds lingered to fairly normal departure dates, but with a Least Sandpiper at

High Acres Nature Area on the 26-27th being record late. Numbers were low other than some double digit counts of Killdeer at LaSalle's Landing Park for a while. All the Purple Sandpipers reported were found at Sodus Point either from the 13-15th or on the 28th.

There were no jaeger reports for the month. Among the rarer gulls, there were Little Gulls on the 2nd, 14th, and 28th, and the strong winds of the 12th brought Franklin's Gulls to all over the Northeast the next day, with 3 found locally and one of these at LaSalle's Landing Park persisting to the 26th. Of lesser rarity, but of interest, were: an adult Thayer's Gull at LaSalle's Landing Park, several Lesser Black-backed Gulls, and the fall arrival of Iceland and Glaucous Gulls. There were no reports of Black-legged Kittiwake.

Non-passerine land birds again contributed few reports other than the owls previously noted. There was one report of 2 Eurasian Collared-Doves at the Greenwell Farm location. Given the number of birders fairly regularly looking as they pass, one wonders where the doves spend most of their time now. Lone Red-headed Woodpeckers were reported from Henrietta and Durand-Eastman Park, but none from Hamlin Beach. At least eight Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported through the month.

Among the passerines, birds seemed good at feeders but often very scarce in the field. You will find few high counts in the Noteworthy Table this month. While the passerines are nearly half of the species on our checklist, only a quarter of this month's table is passerine records and half of those are for one rare species. Some of the special reports include: a record late Great Crested Flycatcher photographed, many reports related to an influx of Cave Swallows from the 6th-14th with fast moving systems from the southwest, at least 3 lingering Gray Catbirds, 4 late warblers (a Black-throated Blue banded at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory the most unusual), late Lincoln's Sparrow, a Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco photographed, and single Common Redpoll and Evening Grosbeak reports and a few Pine Siskins representing the winter finches. Beyond that, the mix of half hardies was fairly slim heading toward CBC season.

Please send your reports by the 5th of the month to Lynn Bergmeyer, 187 Longridge Avenue, Greece, NY 14616.

	2015	2014	10-year Average (2005-2014)
Total species for November	149	155	148.5
New species for the year	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4.6</u>
Total for the year to date	287	290	291.6

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

November 2015

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
<u>Greater White-fronted Goose</u>	1	21FF	Hemlock Lake Park	N. Goldberg, E. Gyllenhaal, G. Lawrence, J. Podoliak
<u>Greater White-fronted Goose</u>	1	25	E of Pt. Breeze MNWMA (Sandhill Crane unit)	G. Lawrence, M. Gullo
Snow Goose	<u>max 140</u>	17	Hamlin Beach SP	K. Burdick
Brant	1	14L	Hamlin Beach SP	S. Spahn
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>15 rep. approx</u> 16	all month	sev	sev S. Barth, W. D'Anna, D. Sherony
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>max 4, low</u>	7	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, L. Seitz, C. Wood
Mute Swan	<u>max 27</u>	14	Round Pond (Greece)	J. McGowan
Trumpeter Swan	<u>max 51</u>	14	MNWMA (T Savannah)	G. MacDonald, R. Swift
Tundra Swan	<u>max 180</u>	22	Conesus Lake	Je. Barry, L. Seitz, C. Wood
Gadwall	<u>max 176</u>	14	Greece (Northrup Creek)	N. Kachala
American Wigeon	<u>max 275</u>	1	Round Pond (Greece)	Je. Barry, L. Seitz, C. Wood
American Black Duck	<u>max 36, low</u>	15	off Greece	C. Wood
Mallard	<u>max 200</u>	1	Round Pond (Greece)	N. Kachala
Northern Shoveler	<u>max 18, low</u>	14	Round Pond (Greece)	N. Goldberg, E. Gyllenhaal, G. Lawrence, J. Podoliak
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 60</u>	29	MNWMA (Carncross Rd)	D. Spier
Canvasback	<u>max 50</u>	23	Conesus Lake	A. Guthrie
Redhead	<u>max 370</u>	21	Conesus Lake	R. Spahn
Ring-necked Duck	<u>max 200</u>	25	T West Bloomfield	R. Spahn
Greater Scaup	<u>max 187, low</u>	29	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Lesser Scaup	<u>max 34, low</u>	8	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Surf Scoter	<u>max 32</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
King Eider	1 imm male	10FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
White-winged Scoter	<u>max 110, low</u>	8	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Black Scoter	<u>10; 11</u>	19; 21	<u>Conesus Lake - N</u>	B. Howe; mob
Black Scoter	<u>max 43, low</u>	14	Ontario Beach	Je. Barry, L. Seitz, C. Wood
Long-tailed Duck	<u>579</u>	29	Bateau Park (Irondequoit)	C. Wood
Long-tailed Duck	<u>max 837</u>	16	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Bufflehead	<u>max 122</u>	24	Honeoye Lake - N	D. Daniels
Common Goldeneye	<u>max 175</u>	24	Honeoye Lake - N	D. Daniels
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1 m	25FF	E of Pt. Breeze	G. Lawrence
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>1950</u>	14	Ontario Beach	Je. Barry, L. Seitz, C. Wood
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 2499</u>	16	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn

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Red-throated Loon	<u>max 64, low</u>	16	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Common Loon	<u>max 240, low</u>	6	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Horned Grebe	<u>max 92, low</u>	16	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 147</u>	5	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 192</u>	4	West Port Bay (Wayne Co.) MNWMA (Sandhill Crane unit)	D. Fowler, W. & M. Rowley
American Bittern	1	17L		K. Burdick
<u>Cattle Egret</u>	1	6F-7	T York (Livingston Co.)	D. Tetlow, mob
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 51</u>	19	T. Riga (Monroe Co.)	Bri. Morse
Osprey	1	<u>24L</u>	Conesus Lake - S	A. Consler
Bald Eagle	<u>41 ind</u>	<u>all month</u>	sev	mob
Northern Harrier	<u>max 14</u>	27	Nations Rd IBA	K. Sucey
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	30	Nations Rd IBA	R. Peterson
<u>Rough-legged Hawk</u>	1-21	14FF	Braddock Bay MNWMA (Sandhill Crane unit)	mob
Common Gallinule	1	17L		K. Burdick
American Coot	<u>max 110</u>	24	Conesus Lake	D. Daniels
Sandhill Crane	<u>5</u>	8	<u>T Livonia (Livingston Co.)</u>	K. Koss
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 31</u>	21	MNWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	J. McGowan
Black-bellied Plover	1	<u>4L</u>	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
Killdeer	1	<u>27L</u>	HANA	M. Gullo
Greater Yellowlegs	1	<u>8L</u>	HANA	K. Sucey
Dunlin	1	<u>29L</u>	Salmon Creek (Greece)	A. Garland, A. Guthrie D. Sherony, M. Tetlow; W. & M. Rowley
Purple Sandpiper	1-4	13-14	Sodus Pt.	M. Rowley
Purple Sandpiper	1	28	Pt. Breeze	J. Wing
Least Sandpiper	1	<u>26-27RL</u>	HANA	M. Gullo
White-rumped Sandpiper	1	<u>7L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	S. Barth, W. D'Anna, D. Sherony
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	<u>5L</u>	HANA	M. Gullo
Wilson's Snipe	1	<u>26L</u>	HANA	M. Gullo
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 360</u>	13	Salmon Creek (Greece)	A. Guthrie
<u>Little Gull</u>	1	2	Sodus Bay bridge	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Little Gull</u>	1-2	14	Ontario Beach (Charlotte)	8 obs
<u>Little Gull</u>	2	23	Braddock Bay	Bri. Morse
<u>Franklin's Gull</u>	1 1st win	13FF-26L	Irondequoit Bay - S	K. Hartquist, D. Tetlow, mob
<u>Franklin's Gull</u>	1 1st win	13FF-14	Salmon Creek (Greece)	A. Guthrie, mob
<u>Franklin's Gull</u>	1 1st win	13FF	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Thayer's Gull</u>	1 ad	14FF	Irondequoit Bay - S	C. Wood, 17 other obs
Iceland Gull	1 ad	21FF	off Edgemere Dr (Greece)	Ji. Barry
Iceland Gull	1	29	Irondequoit Bay - S	A. Garland
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	4 rep	17-24	sev	sev
Glaucous Gull	1 1st win	29FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Eurasian Collared-Dove</u>	2	11	Hamlin (Greenwell farm)	M. Tetlow
Snowy Owl	1	26FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Snowy Owl	1	27	<u>Pultneyville (Wayne Co.)</u>	C. Wood = 17 other obs
Short-eared Owl	<u>max 8</u>	22	Nations Rd IBA	K. Sucey
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	2	<u>Henrietta</u>	J. Carpenter
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	16	<u>Durand-Eastman Park</u>	K. Hartquist
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	<u>30L</u>	N. Rush	N. Kachala

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Great Crested Flycatcher	1 ph	<u>8-22L, RL</u>	Bald Hill Rd., T Canadice	B. Penrod
Merlin	1	26	<u>19th Ward, Rochester</u>	sev
Merlin	<u>total 16</u>	3-29	sev	sev
Peregrine Falcon	<u>ad f & m</u>	17	Salmon Creek (Greece)	R. & S. Spahn
Peregrine Falcon	<u>total 10</u>	all month		
Northern Shrike	<u>11 rep, 7 ind</u>	10FF-27	sev	sev
Fish Crow	<u>1-2</u>	7	Mt. Hope Cemetery/U of R area	E. Gyllenhaal
Horned Lark	<u>max 150+</u>	28	SE of Cuylerville (Livingston Co.)	J.Kimball D. Tetlow, A. Guthrie, S. Taylor
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	5	6F	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Tetlow, A. Guthrie
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	4	13	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Tetlow, A. Guthrie
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	4	13	Durand-Eastman P. (Sherry Pond)	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	1	13	Durand-Eastmen P. (Tamarack Swamp)	K. Hartquist
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	2-8	13	Ontario Beach P. (bathhouse area)	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow, <i>et al.</i>
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	1	13	Lakeshore RD (Orleans Co.)	G. Lawrence
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	1	14	Ontario Beach P. (bathhouse area)	mob
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	1	14	Beatty Pt. (Greece)	A. Guthrie, C. Wood
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	1	14	Bear Creek (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	1	14	Sodus Pt.	D. Fowler; W. & M. Rowley
Marsh Wren	1	9L	Irondequoit Bay - S	K. Hartquist
Hermit Thrush	<u>max 9</u>	28	Webster Park	R. & S. Spahn
Gray Catbird	1	2	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
Gray Catbird	1	13	Victor	R. Hall
Gray Catbird	1	29L	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
American Pipit	<u>max 100+</u>	1	SE of Cuylerville (Livingston Co.)	J.Kimball
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 270</u>	12	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Snow Bunting	<u>max 200</u>	14	Sodus Bay bridge	L. Lauster
Common Yellowthroat	1	19L	Irondequoit Bay - S	K. Hartquist
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1B	10L	BBBO SE of Cuylerville (Livingston Co.)	A. Patterson, <i>et al.</i>
Palm Warbler	1	2L	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Beattie
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	17L	Monroe Co.	R. & S. Spahn
Chipping Sparrow	1	2L	Twin Cedars Environ Area (T Avon)	M. Laird
Field Sparrow	1	2-3L	Durand-Eastman Park	M. Lyons
Fox Sparrow	1	24L	MNWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	R. & S. Spahn
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	2	Irondequoit Bay - S	G. Dashnau
Lincoln's Sparrow ph	1	19L		M. Gullo
<u>Dark-eyed "Oregon"</u>				
<u>Junco ph</u>	1	29F-30	Webster	M. Rosenbaum
Rusty Blackbird	<u>max 200</u>	7	T Caledonia (Livingston Co.)	S. Barth
Brown-headed Cowbird	<u>max 5000</u>	3	MNWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	K. Burdick
Common Redpoll	1	26	Mill Landing	G. Bailey
Pine Siskin	<u>max 30</u>	2	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Evening Grosbeak	1	20FF	Victor	B. Bermudez