

September 2017 Sightings Report

It was a month of contrast, with the first 11 days cool and the final 19 days 10 °F warmer. Temperatures averaged 65.6°, 3.8° above normal. Four consecutive 90° days brought record highs on the 24th, 26th and 27th. Fifteen days above 80° was the third most for a September. For the second month in a row, rainfall was below normal at 1.28", 1.08" below normal. Of that, 0.35" fell on the 3rd with the arrival of the tail of Hurricane Harvey. The 20 days from the 9th to 28th without rain was the longest dry stretch since 1977 and the 5th longest on record. Cold and some rain arrived for the final 2 days of the month. The warmth delayed the start of fall foliage change.

Waterfowl numbers again remained relatively poor for nearly all species through the month. But also again, arrivals trickled in for many of the diving ducks and the loons and grebes, some at early dates. We also had Snow Goose, Brant, and Cackling Goose show early. Counts of Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, and Red-breasted Merganser all topped 100 at least once. Double-crested Cormorants continue high with nesting in Irondequoit Bay, and up to 2,000 were seen near the mouth of the Genesee River at times this month. Other waterbird counts remained low, even in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA).

Among the raptors, there were no large numbers reported related to the summer hawk flight past Braddock Bay. No Northern Goshawks were reported. There was a lone Black Vulture report from the Island Cottage Woods area, but without details. Both Merlin and Peregrine Falcons were reported in very good numbers. High water in the larger water bodies and little rainfall in August and September left us with little good shorebird habitat in the region. Still, 25 species were reported. Only Upland Sandpiper (missing for the year!) and Buff-breasted Sandpiper might be considered real misses. However, there were very few noteworthy counts, probably due to nowhere with enough habitat to attract flocks of any size. The Martens Tract pond in the NMWMA was probably the best site in this region this month. When birders found they could access the new rock breakwater beyond the end of the East Spit of Braddock Bay, some good birds were reported from there, but it is rumored that this access will be temporary.

Early September and maybe the weather accompanying the end of Hurricane Harvey saw a burst of jaeger reports from the Hamlin Beach lake watch area, including 3 Long-tailed Jaegers on the 5th. Beyond that, numbers of gulls and terns were fairly low, and no rarities were noted beyond the now-expected circa 8 Lesser Black-backed Gull reports. There were also multiple reports of Black and Forster's terns, mostly singles.

Moving to the non-passerine land birds, no Eurasian Collared-Doves were reported, cuckoos were poorly reported, and a Northern Saw-whet Owl was found in Wayne County in the Muck Race. Common Nighthawk numbers were low, maximum only 18. There were counts of 250+ Chimney Swifts, from Piffard, York Central School, and Irondequoit. We already have a report of hummingbirds still around into October.

Once again all of the expected passerines were reported. The only "misses" were rarer birds or ones that tend to leave early. Among the rarer species reported were: the usual Fish Crows; 3 Bicknell's Thrushes banded; a late Golden-winged Warbler banded, 5 Connecticut Warblers, with 4 of these banded at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO); and a Nelson's Sparrow also banded at BBBO. The Noteworthy Records table to be posted on the RBA website will contain a number of samples of numbers banded to illustrate numbers and species that are up and down. Migration, both as reported by birders generally and as seen in banding numbers, seemed slow and weak this year for most species. Again this month there were no really great banding days, with the best being 101 birds banded on the 29th. Both a banding table and daily notes are online at the BBBO website. Fall arrival and departure dates noted this month were all within their known distributions for the region.

The bird of the month was clearly a **Yellow Rail** found and photographed on the deck of a home a bit SW of the Village of Brockport. This is a 5th record for the region and the first since the species was found nesting near Marion in Wayne County in June 1935.

Please submit reports to eBird, post them on geneseebirds, and/or send by the 5th of the month to Andrea Patterson, 144 Greystone Lane, #24, Rochester, NY 14618

	2017	2016	10-year Average (2007-2016)
Total species for September	220	219	215.2
New species for the year	5	3	5.7
Total for the year to date	280	280	280.3

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

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<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Snow Goose	2	28FF	Hamlin Beach SP	M. Gullo, P. Martin, D. Sherony
Brant	5	30FF	Hamlin Beach SP	P. Martin, D. Sherony
Cackling Goose	1	29FF	Hamlin Beach SP	M. Gullo, P. Martin
Mute Swan	1	21	<u>Canadice Lake</u>	C. Goetz
Mute Swan	<u>max 23</u>	30	Irondequoit Bay	Ji. Miles
Trumpeter Swan	4	27	<u>Gananda Parlway (Wayne Co.)</u>	M. Gullo
Wood Duck	<u>max 52</u>	15	NMWMA (Martens Tract)	M. Wasilco
American Wigeon	1	5FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Blue-winged Teal	<u>max 40</u>	5	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow
Northern Shoveler	<u>max 30</u>	5	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow
Northern Pintail	<u>max 129</u>	30	Hamlin Beach SP	P. Martin S. Billerman, J. McGowan, M. Medler
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 115</u>	9	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	Medler
Ring-necked Duck	2	30FF	Salmon Creek (Greece)	A. Garland, G. Ford
Greater Scaup	2	2FF	Braddock Bay - East Spit	N. Kachala
Lesser Scaup	5	30FF	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Garland, G. Ford
Lesser Scaup	2; 3	30FF	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Sherony; P. Martin
Surf Scoter	1	22FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
White-winged Scoter	2	22FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie M. Gullo, P. Martin, D. Sherony,
Black Scoter	1	28FF	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Bufflehead	1	11FF	Braddock Bay - East Spit	D. Horsey
Red-breasted Merganser	1	5FF	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Tetlow
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 100</u>	26	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
Ruddy Duck	1	25FF	Groveland Pond	K. Close
Red-throated Loon	3	21FF	Hamlin Beach SP	M. Gullo, P. Martin A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie, Bri. Morse
Common Loon	<u>max 29, low</u>	16	Hamlin Beach SP	Morse
Horned Grebe	1	5FF	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Tetlow
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 2000</u>	2	Ontario Beach area	G. Ford
Black-crnd. Night-Heron	<u>max 16</u>	1	NMWMA (Morgan Rd.)	M. Wasilco
<u>Black Vulture</u>	1	21	Island Cottage Woods	R. Ryan
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	none		Greece	K. Griffith
<u>Yellow Rail ph</u>	<u>1, 5th Reg</u>	15F	Brockport	J. Stahl
Common Gallinule	<u>max 75</u>	3	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	P. McNeill
Am. Golden-Plover	<u>max 32</u>	3	T. Elba (Genesee Co.)	A. Guthrie
Killdeer	<u>max 117</u>	2	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Killdeer	<u>max 117</u>	16	Rose Valley Rd. (Wayne Co.)	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow
Whimbrel	1	2	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Guthrie
Whimbrel	1	19	Sodus Point	G. Ford, W. & M. Rowley
Red Knot	1	2-24	Braddock Bay - East Spit	14+ obs
Sanderling	<u>max 42</u>	2	Braddock Bay - East Spit	B. Carlson, A. Guthrie
Dunlin	1	5FF	Ontario Beach area	Ji. Miles
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 40</u>	1	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	G. Dashnau

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Wilson's Phalarope	1	3FF-5	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	B. Purcell, 8+ oth obs
Red-necked Phalarope	1	2F-9	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	37+ obs
Red-necked Phalarope	2	6; 7	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	J. Wing; R. Minetor
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	2	1F	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1	5	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Long-tailed Jaeger</u>	3	5F	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>jaeger species</u>	1	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>jaeger species</u>	1	7	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>jaeger species</u>	1	9	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Sherony
Bonaparte's gull	<u>max 56</u>	21	Braddock Bay - East Spit	P. Martin
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>total 8</u>	16-28	4 loc	8+ obs
Great Black-backed Gull	<u>max 50</u>	21	Ontario Beach area	L. Miller
Black Tern	<u>max 5</u>	5L	<u>Hamlin Beach SP</u>	D. Tetlow
Forster's Tern	<u>1-3</u>	7-14, 30	Braddock Bay - East Spit	mob
N. Saw-Whet Owl	1	<u>15</u>	<u>NMWMA (T Savannah)</u>	Wind Birders
Common Nighthawk	1	18L	Silver Lake - S (Wyoming Co.)	R. Stevens
Chimney Swift	<u>250</u>	18	Piffard (Livingston Co.)	D. Beattie
Chimney Swift	<u>250</u>	25	York Central School, Greiggsville	J. Kimball
Chimney Swift	<u>max 310</u>	26	CulverRd., Irondequoit	K. Sucey
Merlin	<u>22 rep. ~22 ind</u>	1-29	17 loc	23+ obs
Peregrine Falcon	<u>19 rep. ~21 ind</u>	all month	11 loc	30+ obs
				J. McGowan, P. McGowan, L.
<u>Olive-sided Flycatcher</u>	1	6	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Santana
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<u>total B 10</u>	1-11	Manitou	BBBO
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	20L	South Conesus	K. Close
Acadian Flycatcher	1	<u>1-5L</u>	NMWMA (Carncross Rd.)	G. Dashnau, J. McGowan
"Traill's " Flycatcher	3	16L	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	R. Buckert, N. Kachala
Willow Flycatcher	1	11L	Ontario Center Greenway Park	J. Wing
Least Flycatcher	1	16L	Manitou (Owl Woods)	Ji. Miles
Great Crested Flycatcher	2	17L	Manitou (Owl Woods)	M. Bergin
Eastern Kingbird	1	11L	Nations Rd.	K. Close
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	19L	Palmyra	S. Benedict, L. Clark-Benedict
Warbling Vireo	2	27L	Beechwoods SP (Wayne Co.)	M. Gullo
Philadelphia Vireo	<u>total B 9</u>	4-24	Manitou	BBBO
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>total B 83</u>	1-28	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Fish Crow</u>	<u>1-6</u>	all month	Charlotte area	mob
Horned Lark	<u>max 85</u>	20	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Purple Martin	<u>max 250</u>	5	Summerville Pier	G. Lawrence
Tree Swallow	<u>max 600+</u>	16	NMWMA (Morgan Rd.)	Wind Birders
Barn Swallow	<u>max 300</u>	21	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	B. Kehoe
Winter Wren	1B	10FF	Manitou	BBBO
Winter Wren	<u>max B 10</u>	22	Manitou	BBBO
Winter Wren	<u>13</u>	28	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	R. Spahn, M. Gullo, P. Martin
Winter Wren	<u>max 14</u>	29	Hamlin Beach - West End	R. & S. Spahn
Winter Wren	<u>12+</u>	30	Island Cottage Woods	Ji. Miles
Winter Wren	<u>total B 47</u>	10-29	Manitou	BBBO
Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	1	25L	Conesus Lake Inlet	K. Close
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	20FF	Braddock Bay	P. Martin
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	2FF	Rochester	Ad. Mitchell
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>max B 42</u>	29	Manitou	BBBO
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>total B 83</u>	15F-29	Manitou	BBBO
Veery	<u>total B 21</u>	4-26	Manitou	BBBO

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Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>max B 10</u>	26	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>total B 78</u>	7-29	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-ch./Bick. Thrush	<u>total B 50</u>	13-29	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Bicknell's Thrush</u>	<u>1B</u>	22F, 24, 26	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	<u>max B 18</u>	13	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	<u>17</u>	14	Hamlin Beach - West End	R. Spahn
Swainson's Thrush	<u>max 19</u>	22	Seneca Parkway, Rochester	R. Buckert
Swainson's Thrush	<u>total B 144</u>	1-29	Manitou	BBBO
Hermit Thrush	<u>1</u>	21FF	Braddock Bay	A. Guthrie
Gray Catbird	<u>max 31</u>	13	Webster Park	R. Spahn
Gray Catbird	<u>30</u>	16	Mendon Ponds Park	T. Lenz
Gray Catbird	<u>total B 89</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
American Pipit	<u>1</u>	2FF	Braddock Bay - East Spit	R. Buckert, N. Kachala
Northern Waterthrush	<u>1</u>	17L	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie
<u>Golden-winged Warbler</u>	<u>1B</u>	<u>18L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Blue-winged Warbler	<u>1</u>	19L	St. John Fisher Natural Area	G. Cunningham
Black-and-white Warbler	<u>1</u>	20L	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Orange-crowned Warbler	<u>1</u>	13FF	Webster Park	R. & S. Spahn
Orange-crowned Warbler	<u>1</u>	30	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	<u>1</u>	12F	Braddock Bay	M. Gullo
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	<u>1B</u>	13	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	<u>1B</u>	14	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	<u>1B</u>	19	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	<u>1B</u>	27	Manitou	BBBO
Common Yellowthroat	<u>total B 80</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
American Redstart	<u>total B 63</u>	1-28	Manitou	BBBO
Cape May Warbler	<u>1</u>	24L	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles
Magnolia Warbler	<u>max 25</u>	11	Manitou (Owl Woods)	D. Sherony, S. Taylor
Magnolia Warbler	<u>total B 118</u>	1-28	Manitou	BBBO
Bay-breasted Warbler	<u>total B 23</u>	1-21	Manitou	BBBO
Blackburnian Warbler	<u>1</u>	19L	Greece	K. Griffith
Yellow Warbler	<u>1</u>	23L	Sherburne Park, Walworth	M. Gullo
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<u>2</u>	<u>11L</u>	Manitou (Owl Woods)	D. Sherony, S. Taylor
Blackpoll Warbler	<u>max B 16</u>	14, 15	Manitou	BBBO
Blackpoll Warbler	<u>total B 121</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Blk-thr. Blue Warbler	<u>total B 25</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Palm Warbler	<u>1</u>	2FF	Hamlin Beach SP	B. Carlson, A. Guthrie
Palm Warbler	<u>2</u>	25L	Braddock Bay - East Spit	J. Wing
Palm Warbler	<u>1</u>	25L	Sherwood Field Park, Penfield	L. Gullo
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<u>max 15, low</u>	24	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles
Black-thr. Green Warbler	<u>total B 10</u>	1-28	Manitou	BBBO
Canada Warbler	<u>1</u>	20L	Greece	K. Griffith
Wilson's Warbler	<u>total B 24</u>	1-22	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Nelson's Sparrow</u>	<u>1B</u>	28F	Manitou	BBBO
Lincoln's Sparrow	<u>1</u>	5FF	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
Lincoln's Sparrow	<u>total B 10</u>	6-28	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	<u>max 80</u>	28	Webster Arboretum	Ji. Miles
White-throated Sparrow	<u>max B 28</u>	28	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	<u>total B 81</u>	6FF-29	Manitou	BBBO
White-crowned Sparrow	<u>1B</u>	25FF	Manitou	BBBO
Scarlet Tanager	<u>1B</u>	30L	Manitou	BBBO
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<u>1</u>	24L	Webster Park	R. & S. Spahn

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Indigo Bunting	1	23 <u>L</u>	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	M. Tetlow
Bobolink	3	24 <u>L</u>	Beatty Point, Greece	N. Kachala
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>max 2,000</u>	10	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	R. Reilly, K. Sucey
Rusty Blackbird	1	16 <u>FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Guthrie
Common Grackle	<u>max 500</u>	5	Palmyra	T. Clay
Baltimore Oriole	1	21 <u>L</u>	Palmyra	L. Gullo
Pine Siskin	1	16 <u>FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse