

## August Sightings Report

August was basically a flat month. Temperatures averaged 69.5 °F, 0.2° above normal, and precipitation at 4.67" was 1.20" above normal. There were no days above 90° and no lows below freezing. The month was mostly dry in spite of the total well above average rainfall; 2.38" fell on the 10<sup>th</sup> and another 1.93" on the 20<sup>th</sup>, leaving only 0.36" to split up over the rest of the month. The first part of the month was cool, followed by a warm spell for a week, then cool again until the final 2 days. With no major drivers, fall birds sort of trickled in.

The total number of species reported, 202, was the second highest for an August behind 211 species in 2009. There were no really glaring misses, though a few waterfowl that sometimes are seen in late August and a few shorebirds were not located. Birders covered the region well, including a number of visits to higher elevation forests south of Rochester which located species often not reported in this month. Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) banders netted a nice variety of early migrants.

Waterfowl numbers were again poor, with no really high numbers recorded anywhere in the region. Breeding Canada Geese, Wood Ducks, and Mallards were in typical numbers. Mute and Trumpeter Swan numbers, and especially pairs with young, were low. Red-necked Grebe was again reported by early in the month, and Common Loon and Horned Grebe arrived before month's end, but other diving birds were either very scarce or missing.

There were again no reports of rarer, wandering, post-breeding herons in the region. The numbers of reports for the rails and their allies were up a bit.

There again was no official summer hawk watch tally. A few people spent some time at Braddock Bay and urged others to join them, but no really significant counts were posted anywhere. Late summer brought the usual passing Merlin and Peregrine Falcon sightings, but again there were no details on Merlin nesting success.

Again shorebird habitat was not great, but the many observers checking spots scattered across the region and

watching for passing birds along Lake Ontario turned up a decent 23 species, with again at least five other species seen at sites only a short distance outside the region to the east and west.

Among the gulls and terns, the highlights were two Long-tailed Jaegers and a Sabine's Gull reported near month's end but in each case only seen by those present at the time of the birds' passing. Caspian Tern counts were again below those of many recent past years, with numbers of juveniles particularly low most of the time.

As last year, between the multitude of observers in the field and the BBBO banders, nearly all of the expected passerines were reported, even most that are borderline for arrival either in late August or early September. There were 27 species of warblers plus "Brewster's" hybrid reported. Again, there were no real rarities, and most of the early migrants were noted in very small numbers; a concern? Fish Crow numbers near the mouth of the Genesee River were good; apparently they are breeding successfully. There was just one Eurasian Collared-Dove report from the Greenwell farm. Missed passerines were again ones requiring special effort to see locally or borderline for fall arrival: Acadian Flycatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American Pipit, and Vesper Sparrow.

The rarities of the month were: three American Avocets, the Willets seen by many, the passing Long-tailed Jaegers and Sabine's Gull, a male Yellow-headed Blackbird found in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management area during an RBA field Trip, and a Barn X Cliff Swallow seen in the town of Hamlin.

Please submit reports to eBird, post them on geneseebirds, and/or send by the 5th of the month to Lynn Bergmeyer, 107 Longridge Ave., Greece, NY 14616.

	2015	2014	10-year Average (2005-2014)
Total species for August	202	196	188.9
New species for the year	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6.1</u>
Total for the year to date	275	277	274.9

*Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee*

**Observers:** Jim Adams, Janet Akin, John Ballou, Ted Barnett, Jessie Barry, Jim Barry, Mitchell Barry, Sue Barth, BBBO, Doug Beattie, Dick Beery, Don Bemont, Steve Benedict, Linda Clark-Benedict, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Lynn Braband, Robert Buckert, Bruce Cady, Doug Cameron, Brad Carlson, Kelly Close, Andrew Consler, Cathy Contant, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Ian Davies, Bruce Dudek, Wayne Fidler, Mark & Kelly Fitzsimmons, George Ford, Andrew Garland, Nathan Goldberg, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Mike Gullo, Judy Gurley, Andy Guthrie, Anita Gwara, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Chris & Helen Haller, Kim Hartquist, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Alec Humann, IBA Monitoring, Carolyn Jacobs, Nicholas Kachala, Tom Kerr, Jim Kimball, Kathy Kirsch, Chris Lajewski, Tom Lathrop, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Mark Lyons, Peggy Mabb, Mary Magistro, Pat Martin, Lauri Mattie, Jay McGowan, Kevin McGowan, Bob McGuire, Matt Medler, Jim Miles, Adrielle Mitchell, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Andrea Mott, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Dave Nicosia, David Nutter, Mike O'Brien, Pat Parslow, Andrea Patterson, Jim Pawlicki, Norma Platt, Jon Podoliak, Carena Pooth, Jay Powell, Mike Powers, David Prill, Carolyn Ragan, RBA Field trips, Dave Robertson, Ken Rosenberg, Jesse Rubenstein, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Livia Santana, Michael Scheibel, Mickey Scilingo, Zaphir Shamma, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Tom Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Joseph Stevenson, Kimberly Sucy, Jim Tarolli, Steve Taylor, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Larry Therrien, Herb Thompson, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Bridget Watts, Drew Weber, Dave Wheeler, Joe Wing, Chris Wood.

# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

AUGUST 2015

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Wood Duck	<u>max 63</u>	14	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	IBA Monitoring
Gadwall	1	7	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
American Wigeon	<u>max 6</u>	1	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	I. Davies, L. Therrien
American Black Duck	<u>max 7, low</u>	14	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	IBA Monitoring
Northern Shoveler	1	<u>25FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	R.Spahn
Northern Pintail	1	<u>25FF</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	A. Mott, J. Akin
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 11, low</u>	14	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	IBA Monitoring
Redhead	3	<u>16FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	B. & B. Morse
Greater Scaup	1	<u>8FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Lesser Scaup	1	<u>29FF</u>	Ontario Beach (Charlotte)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	2	Nations Rd IBA	C. Wood
Red-throated Loon	1	<u>6</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Common Loon	2	<u>1</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Common Loon	<u>max 4</u>	<u>28FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Pied-billed Grebe	<u>max 45</u>	5	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	B. Dudek A.Guthrie, J. Pawlicki
Horned Grebe	3	<u>28FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	
Red-necked Grebe	3	<u>6FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 6</u>	22	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 315</u>	29	Durand-Eastman Park (Sherry Swamp)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	2	Canadice Hill Rd	C. Wood
Red-tailed Hawk	<u>max 31, low</u>	17	Braddock Bay	K. Dalton
Common Gallinule	<u>max 75</u>	21	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	D. Robertson
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 16</u>	20	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	M. Lyons, RBA field Trip
Sandhill Crane	<u>14</u>	31	T. Galen, Wayne Co.	W. & M. Rowley
Sandhill Crane	2 ad	2	Taylor Marsh (T Richmond) - W	D. Beattie
Sandhill Crane	2 ad	2	Taylor Marsh (T Richmond) - W	D. Beattie J. Wing, M. Gullo, C.Contant, L. Lauster
<u>American Avocet</u>	3	20	Sodus Pt.	Lauster
Black-bellied Plover	2	<u>11FF</u>	Summerville Pier	R. Spahn
American Golden-Plover	2	<u>23F</u>	Hamlin	B. & B. Morse
Killdeer	<u>max 241</u>	29	Hamlin	C. Wood
<u>Willet</u>	1	10	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
<u>Willet</u>	1	19	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. Miles
<u>Willet</u>	1	20	Summerville Pier	J. Miles, L. Mattle
<u>Willet</u>	1	20	Sodus Pt.	M. Gullo
<u>Willet</u>	3	24	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
Upland Sandpiper	<u>max 4</u>	19	Batavia Turf Farm	C. Morien

# NOTEWORTHY RECORDS (cont'd)

AUGUST 2015

Species	No.	Date	Location	Observers
<u>Whimbrel</u>	7 rep, 1-2	4-29	Sodus Pt.	D. Wheeler, J. Wing, mob
<u>Whimbrel</u>	1	13	Summerville Pier	P. Mabb
Ruddy Turnstone	<u>max 10</u>	26	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse, R. & S. Spahn
Stilt Sandpiper	1	29F	Hamlin Beach SP	C. Wood
Stilt Sandpiper	3	29F	Northrup Creek	Bri. Morse
Sanderling	<u>max 12</u>	29	Hamlin Beach SP	J. Wing
Baird's Sandpiper	1	18F	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
Least Sandpiper	<u>max 20,</u> <u>low</u>	19	T Williamson, Wayne Co.	J. Wing
White-rumped Sandpiper	<u>1</u>	26FF	Geneseo	M. Wasilco
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 17,</u> <u>low</u>	21	Sodus Pt.	T. Lenz
Short-billed Dowitcher	<u>max 3</u>	19	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
<u>Long-tailed Jaeger</u>	1 lt morph juv	28F	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Long-tailed Jaeger</u>	1 ad	29	Sodus Pt. Durand-Eastman P. (Sherry Pond)	D. Wheeler
<u>Sabine's Gull</u>	1 juv	29F		Je. Barry, C. Wood
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 ad	1FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 ad	9	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 ad	28	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Caspian Tern	<u>max 75</u>	11	Sodus Pt.	J. Miles
Caspian Tern	<u>74</u>	17	Hamlin Beach SP NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	R. Spahn L. Clark-Benedict, S. Benedict
Black Tern	<u>max 16</u>	6	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Tern	<u>max 30</u>	6	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Forster's Tern</u>	1	30	Braddock Bay - West Spit	C. Wood
<u>Eurasian Collared-Dove</u>	1	8	Hamlin (Greenwell Farm) NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	A. Guthrie
Common Nighthawk	3	23FF		D. Nutter
Chimney Swift	<u>max 300</u>	23	York Central School Nations Rd area (Little Rd)	J. Kimball
American Kestrel	<u>max 9</u>	1		K. Sucey
Merlin	<u>10 rep</u>	6-31	sev	sev
Peregrine Falcon	<u>4 rep</u>	12-31	sev	sev
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	28FF; 29	Hamlin (Cook Rd)	A. Guthrie, J. Pawlicki; C. Wood
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	<u>8FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<u>total B 15</u>	9-29	Manitou	BBBO
Philadelphia Vireo	1	<u>4FF</u>	Conesus Inlet WMA	J. Dunn
Philadelphia Vireo	1	18	Geneseo	D. Beattie
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>total B 39</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Fish Crow</u>	<u>max 16</u>	5, 26	Ontario Beach Park	R. Spahn M. & K. Fitzsimmons
Purple Martin	<u>max 81</u>	28	Savannah-Spring Lake Rd NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	N. Goldberg, J. McGowan
Tree Swallow	<u>max 1000</u>	23		

## NOTEWORTHY RECORDS (cont'd)

AUGUST 2015

Species	No.	Date	Location	Observers
Bank Swallow	<u>max 1200</u>	23	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	J. McGowan
<u>Barn x Cliff Swallow</u>	1	23; 28	Hamlin	B. & B. Morse; A. Guthrie
Winter Wren	2	<u>1</u>	<u>Durand-Eastman Park</u> Four Mile Creek Pres., Webster	C. Wood
Winter Wren	1-2	26-31FF	Hamlin Beach SP - West End	J. Miles
Gray-checked Thrush	1	31FF		R. Spahn
Swainson's Thrush	1	<u>2</u>	<u>Canadice, Ontario Co.</u>	D. Beattie
Swainson's Thrush	1B	28FF	Manitou	BBBO
Gray Catbird	<u>total B 137</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 210</u>	20	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Northern Waterthrush	2B	15FF	Manitou	BBBO
Northern Waterthrush	<u>total B 20</u>	15-30	Manitou	BBBO
<u>"Brewster's" Warbler</u>	1B	15; 16	Manitou	BBBO
Black-and-white Warbler	1B	8FF	Manitou	BBBO
Tennessee Warbler	1B	<u>1</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Nashville Warbler	3B	<u>8</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Mourning Warbler	1B	<u>17FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Common Yellowthroat	<u>total B 26</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
American Redstart	<u>total B 46</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Cape May Warbler	1	10FF	Hamlin Beach SP	R. & S. Spahn
Northern Parula	1B	9FF	Manitou	BBBO
Magnolia Warbler	1	14FF	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Magnolia Warbler	<u>total B 55</u>	15-31	Manitou	BBBO
Bay-breasted Warbler	1	24FF	Four Mile Creek Pres., Webster	J. Miles
Blackburnian Warbler	1B	<u>1FF, RE</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Yellow Warbler	<u>total B 63</u>	1-20	Manitou	BBBO
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1B	16FF	Manitou	BBBO
Blackpoll Warbler	1B	29FF	Manitou	BBBO
Blackpoll Warbler	3B	29FF	Manitou	BBBO
Black-th. Blue Warbler	1B	22FF	Manitou	BBBO
Black-th. Blue Warbler	1	22FF	Badgerow Park	A. Guthrie
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	<u>4FF, RE</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<u>max 15</u>	17, 25	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Prairie Warbler	1	<u>2</u>	Canadice Hill Rd	C. Wood
Black-th. Green Warbler	1	24FF	Four Mile Creek Pres., Webster	J. Miles
Canada Warbler	1B	21FF	Manitou	BBBO
Wilson's Warbler	1	25FF	Four Mile Creek Pres., Webster	J. Miles

## NOTEWORTHY RECORDS (cont'd)

AUGUST 2015

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>max 14,000</u>	23	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	J. McGowan
<u>Yellow-headed</u> <u>Blackbird</u>	1 m	22-27	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	RBA Field Trip, mob
Common Grackle	<u>max 500</u>	29	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	D. Nutter
Pine Siakin	1-5	<u>all month</u>	Webster	P. Mabb