

Underlined items indicate noteworthy factors.

F indicates first record for the year.

ph indicates identifiable photos available

T before a place name for a location indicates Town of.

MAC = Montezuma Audubon Center, T Savannah, Wayne Co.

NMWMA = Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	10-year Average (<u>2005-2014</u>)
Species for January	132	128	129.2

Notes:

1. A changeable month, with light lake effect snows on 22 days, but only 2 days of heavy snow and spurts of warmth scattered through the month. Temperatures averaged 27.4° F, 2.7° above normal. Precipitation totaled 1.52", 0.89" below normal, with snowfall at 20.2", 8.0" below normal. The maximum one day snowfall was only 4" and the average on the ground only 1". A Surprise was that, given the warm winter, periods of only 24 hours or so of cold would result in all the bays and ponds locking up totally with ice. This resulted in pushing waterbirds around or out.

2. The annual NYSOA Waterfowl Count found a bit above average variety of species (34), and numbers totaling a record high 66801, 16% above the previous high in 2006. However, all of this increase is accounted for in the large number of Snow Geese found. Relative to the long term-average since 1973, geese are way up, dabbling ducks only a bit below average, and diving ducks up 50%. This year, for all the open water and easy weather, Mallard seemed the one species on the low side. A count period to accommodate weather and volunteer schedules seems a good idea, but the aim date, 1/17 was a great day for counting, but much of the rest of the period much less so. Generally, peak counts for winter geese are very high, but for most other waterfowl relatively low. There were reports of a number of interesting species, including: Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross's Goose, and Cackling Goose; Harlequin Duck, and Barrow's Goldeneye. Loons and grebes were only so so, Great Blue Heron was hard to find, but Double-crested Cormorant lingered in high numbers for winter.

3. Among the raptors, expected wintering species were found, but numbers were not high, and again this winter Rough-legged Hawk and American Kestrel numbers were low. A lone Northern Goshawk and three Red-shouldered Hawks were reported among the now scarcer species. Back to no Black Vulture, but Turkey Vultures still around, especially near the Riga landfill. Merlin numbers were surprisingly good, but Peregrine Falcons few.

4. American Coot numbers remained poor, with the only good counts from Conesus Lake. The Mendon Ponds Virginia Rail was not seen through month's end, but one was turned up in the Genesee River gorge below Turning Point Park by Chris Wood. Ten Sandhill Cranes along County Road 37 north of Honeoye for several days was a new high count for that area and for the Region for winter (until recent observations from the NMWMA). Among the shorebirds, a Purple Sandpiper was at Irondequoit Bay Outlet for a couple of days and 1-2 were found at Sodus Point from the 5th-9th. A winter first was a Long-billed Dowitcher found on Salmon Creek along Manitou Road on the 1st by Jessie Barry and Chris Wood, with several others managing to get there to see it.

5. This year Bonaparte's Gulls lingered through the month, with at least one seen to month's end. A Little Gull on the 1st was a good find for recent years. With ice edges scarce, some of the winter gulls we search for were on the scarce side, but all were found, including: Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous plus two adult Thayer's Gulls and a probable Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull.

6. Again, observers found Eurasian Collared-Doves at the Greenwell farm in Hamlin on three dates. Snowy Owls continued to be dependable at the Genesee County Airport near Batavia and at Sodus Point, with others at a few other sites. Short-eared Owls were found in good numbers at many of the usual sites, with the DEC again running organized counts every two weeks through this winter. The maximum was 9 at the Sand & Taft roads area of West Bloomfield. A lone Long-eared Owl report came from Greg Lawrence at the Bergen Linear Park, and a N. Saw-whet Owl was found at the edge of Durand-Eastman Park.

7. Lingering half-hardy bird reports were surprisingly few; maybe due to it being so open this winter that birds were not concentrated or forced to feeders? We always search for "reasons"! None of the irruptives we hope for were in big number, e.g. Northern Shrike, Red-breasted Nuthatch, waxwings, longspurs and Snow Bunting, the winter sparrows, or winter finches. But all were found. Among the scarcer, lingering half hardies, we find numbers low, but species found including: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Gray Catbird, American Pipit, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Fox Sparrow, and Eastern Meadowlark. A major event was a huge congregation of blackbirds in the Town of Rush just west of Honeoye Falls late in the month. Peak numbers included 16000 Red-winged Blackbirds, 1750 Common Grackles, a Rusty Blackbird, 3000 Brown-headed Cowbirds, and an adult and a subadult male Yellow-headed Blackbird. Many were able to watch this flock over several days. The only winter finches were a few Purple Finches, a Common Redpoll, and some Pine Siskins scattered about.

8. As usual, a table with more detailed records will be posted to the RBA website.

9. Please send records by the 5th of the month following to Lynn Bergmeyer, 187 Longridge Ave., Greece, NY 14616.

Observers:

Jim Adams, Janet Akin, John Ballou, Carolyn & Jerry Barnhart, Jim & Liz Barry, Mitchell, Sue Barth, Doug & Sharon Beattie, Don Bemont, Steven Benedict, Linda Clark-Benedict, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Wes Blauvelt, John Boettcher, Joe Brin, Sara Burch, Bruce Cady, Doug Cameron, Brad Carlson, Jim Carpenter, Jill Church, Robert Cicotta, Kelly Close, Andrew Consler, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Rose DeNeve, Wayne Fidler, George Ford, Drew Fowler, Kyle Gage, Rich Gardner, Andy Garland, Kristine Genagon, Nathan Goldberg, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Judy Gurley, Andrew Guthrie, Chris Guthrie, Danny Guthrie, Rich Guthrie, Anita Gwara, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Ryan Hall, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Jim & Allen Healy, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill & Marie Howe, Alec Humann, IBA Monitoring, Carolyn Jacobs, Nicholas Kachala, Laura Kammermeier, Kenneth Kempfues, Tom Kerr, J. Gary Kohlenberg, K. Koss, Elijah Kruger, Mike Laird, Chris Lajewski, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Alexander Lees, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Mary Magistro, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Lauri Mattle, Jacob McCartney, Jay McGowan, Bob McGuire, Chita McKinney, Ferne Merrill, Jim Miles, Adrielle Mitchell, Joseph Mitchell, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Andrea Mott, Nargila Moura, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Tom Nash, Dave Nutter, Sue O'Neill, Jay Ovsiovitch, Mike Palermo, A.J. Patterson, Norma Platt, Jon Podoliak, Jay Powell, Dave Prill, Bill Purcell, RBA Field Trips, Carolyn Ragan, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jesse Rubenstein, Kevin Rybczynski, Robin Salisbury, Jackie Salisbury, Livia Santana, Michael Scheibel, Zaphir Shamma, Shirley Shaw,

Carol Ann Shay, Dominic Sherony, Trefford Simpson, Judy Slein, Tom & Pat Smith, Cathy Spahn, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Joseph Stevenson, Kimberly Sucy, Steve Taylor, Joyce Testa, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Rick Thomas, Matthew Voelker, Brad Walker, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Bridget Watts, Laurie Webb, Dave Wheeler, Joan Weetman, Joseph Wing, Chris Wood, Martha Zettel.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

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<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
<u>Greater White-frntd Goose</u> ph	2	<u>8F</u>	NMWMA (Savannah Muck)	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Greater White-frntd Goose</u>	2	<u>30</u>	Mendon Ponds Park	Je. Barry, C. Wood, 4 other obs
<u>Snow Goose</u>	<u>thousands</u>	all month	37+ locations Avon (Fowlerville & Boyd Rds)	65+ different rep J. Kimball
<u>Snow Goose</u>	<u>max 15,000</u>	16	Livonia Center	M. Wasilco
<u>Snow Goose</u>	<u>10000</u>	12	Nations Rd IBA	J. Powell
<u>Snow Goose</u>	<u>10000</u>	16	Conesus Lake	M. Wasilco
<u>Snow Goose</u>	<u>7500</u>	17	Honeoye Falls	B. Carlson
<u>Snow Goose</u>	<u>7500</u>	28	Avon (Hogmire Rd)	S. Burch, J. McCartney
<u>Snow Goose</u>	<u>7000</u>	23	Rush (Works Rd & CR 6)	K. Hartquist
<u>Snow Goose</u>	<u>5600</u>	30	NMWMA (Savannah Muck)	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Ross's Goose</u>	1	<u>9F</u>	Hamlin Beach SP area	A. Guthrie
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>max 20</u>	<u>1F</u>	sev	sev
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>22 rep, 39 ind</u>	all month	Sodus Bay Bridge	L. Lauster
<u>Mute Swan</u>	<u>max 67</u>	3	Sodus Bay	J. Wing
<u>Mute Swan</u>	<u>40</u>	17	Braddock Bay	A. Guthrie
<u>Mute Swan</u>	<u>29</u>	24	IBO	A. Mitchell
<u>Mute Swan</u>	<u>40</u>	25	NMWMA (Savannah)	J. McGowan, L. Santana
<u>Trumpeter Swan</u>	<u>max 25</u>	9	Sodus Bay	J. Wing
<u>Tundra Swan</u>	<u>max 35</u>	17	Durand-Eastmen Park	P. Martin
<u>Wood Duck</u>	2	<u>3F</u>	Van Lare Sewage Trat. Plt	Bri. Morse, sev
<u>Wood Duck</u>	1	<u>30</u>	Rochester (Genesee R)	G. Ford
<u>Wood Duck</u>	1	<u>30</u>	Greece (Round Pond)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
<u>Gadwall</u>	<u>max 11</u>	<u>1F</u>	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
<u>American Wigeon</u>	<u>max 9</u>	<u>5</u>	Conesus Lake	M. Wasilco
<u>American Black Duck</u>	<u>max 358</u>	17	Conesus Lake	M. Wasilco
<u>Mallard</u>	<u>max 1040</u>	17	HANA	D. Sherony
<u>Northern Shoveler</u>	1	<u>3F</u>	Hamlin Beach SP area	N. Kachala
<u>Northern Pintail</u>	<u>max 37</u>	<u>1F</u>	Greece (Round Pond)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
<u>Green-winged Teal</u>	<u>max 18</u>	<u>1F</u>	Caledonia Fish Hatchery	J. Powell
<u>Green-winged Teal</u>	3	<u>11L</u>	Sodus Point	J. Wing, W. & M. Rowley
<u>Canvasback</u>	<u>max 12-13</u>	17, 19	off Manitou Beach	R. Spahn
<u>Canvasback</u>	<u>12</u>	22	Conesus Lake	M. Wasilco
<u>Redhead</u>	<u>max 4761</u>	17	Hemlock Lake - N	J. Powell
<u>Ring-necked Duck</u>	<u>max 700</u>	16	sev	sev
<u>Greater Scaup</u>	<u>max250, low</u>	2, 17, 27	Greece (Long Pond)	K. Griffith
<u>Lesser Scaup</u>	<u>max 80</u>	1F	Sodus Point	J. Wing, W. & M. Rowley
<u>Harlequin Duck</u>	1 imm m	7	off Manitou Beach	Je. Barry, C. Wood
<u>White-winged Scoter</u>	<u>110</u>	1F	Sodus Point	A. Lees, N. Moura
<u>White-winged Scoter</u>	<u>max 120</u>	30	Braddock Bay-West Spit	K. Hartquist, P. Martin
<u>Long-tailed Duck</u>	<u>max 2000</u>	18	Greece (Rigney's Bluff)	K. Hartquist, P. Martin
<u>Long-tailed Duck</u>	<u>1900</u>	31	Sodus Point	A. Lees, N. Moura
<u>Common Goldeneye</u>	<u>max 850</u>	30	Pt. Breeze	mob
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1 m	15-30		

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<u>Com Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser</u>				
<u>Merganser</u>	1 m	24	Braddodk Bay - West Spit	A. Guthrie, ph
Hooded Merganser	<u>max 42</u>	17	Conesus Lake	M. Wasilco
Common Merganser	<u>max 84, low</u>	24	Genesee River (Charlotte)	G. Lawrence
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 180</u>	30	West Port Bay, Wayne Co.	A. Lees, N. Moura
Ruddy Duck	<u>max 6</u>	23	Conesus Lake	J. Kimball
Ruffed Grouse	1	22F	Wolcott (Larkin Rd)	W. & M. Rowley
Red-throated Loon	<u>max 5</u>	9	Genesee River (Charlotte)	A. Guthrie
Common Loon	<u>max 12</u>	16	Sodus Point	W. Blauvelt
Pied-billed Grebe	<u>max 3</u>	16	Irondequoit Bay	R. & S. Spahn
Horned Grebe	<u>max 38</u>	17	off Bear Creek (Wayne Co.)	R. Spahn, J. Boettcher, D. Yampanis
Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 11</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 29</u>	16	Irondequoit Bay	R. & S. Spahn
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 15</u>	1F	Bergen	B. & B. Morse
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	1	30	North Wolcott	W. & M. Rowley, D. Fowler
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	2F	Canadice (Barber Hill Rd)	K. Close
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	7	Nations Rd IBA	K. Close
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	21	South Conesus	K. Close
Rough-legged Hawk	<u>total 25</u>	all month	21 loc	sev
Virginia Rail	1	2F	Turning Point Park	C. Wood
American Coot	<u>max 185</u>	17	Conesus Lake	M. Wasilco
Sandhill Crane	<u>10</u>	1; 3-4	CR 37, T. Richmond	C., R., & S. Spahn; B. Howe
Purple Sandpiper	1	2-3F	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	K. Hartquist, P. Martin, mob
Purple Sandpiper ph	1-2	5-9L	Sodus Point	J. Wing, W. & M. Rowley, mob
<u>Long-billed Dowitcher</u>	1	1F, RL	Greece (Salmon Creek)	Je. Barry, C. Wood, <i>et al.</i>
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 156</u>	1F	Ontario Beach area	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Little Gull	1 ad	1F	Ontario Beach area	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Herring Gull	<u>max 2200</u>	4	Riga Landfill	Bri. Morse
<u>Thayer's Gull</u>	1 ad	1F	Greece (Northrup Creek)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
<u>Thayer's Gull ph</u>	1 ad	4	Riga Landfill	Bri. Morse
Iceland Gull	<u>total 11</u>	3-30	sev	sev
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<u>total 8</u>	2-26	sev	sev
Herring x Lesser Blk-bkd Gull	1	9	Greece (Long Pond)	A. Guthrie
Glaucous Gull	<u>total 6</u>	1-19	sev	sev
<u>Eurasian Collared-Dove</u>	1	10F	Hamlin (Greenwell Farm)	A. Guthrie
<u>Eurasian Collared-Dove</u>	2	30	Hamlin (Greenwell Farm)	C. Wood
<u>Eurasian Collared-Dove</u>	1	31	Hamlin (Greenwell Farm)	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie
<u>Snowy Owl</u>	<u>87 rep, 26 ind</u>	all month	approx 6 sites	mob
Long-eared Owl	1	1E	Bergen (Linear Park)	G. Lawrence
Short-eared Owl	<u>36 rep, 24+ ind</u>	all month	approx 5 sites	mob
Short-eared Owl	<u>max 9</u>	30	W Bloomfield (Sand & Taft)	T. Simpson
N. Saw-whet Owl	1	9F	Durand-Eastman Park	M. Gullo
Belted Kingfisher	<u>total 12</u>	2-28	sev	sev
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	11F-12	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	24	Conesus Lake (E. Swamp Rd)	S. & R. Spahn
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	24	Nazareth College	R. Thomas
Merlin	<u>26 rep, 21 ind</u>	all month	sev	sev
Peregrine Falcon	<u>6 rep, 6 ind</u>	1-20	sev	sev
Northern Shrike	<u>33 rep, 15 ind</u>	all month	15 loc	sev
Fish Crow	1	24-31	Rochester (Charlotte area)	G. Ford, G. Lawrence, K. Hartquist, P. Martin

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Fish Crow	1	<u>30-31</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	Je. Barry, C. Wood, K. Hartquist, P. Martin
Horned Lark	<u>max 60</u>	20	Hamlin (Jacobs Rd)	A. Guthrie
Marsh Wren	1	<u>2F</u>	Turning Point Park	C. Wood
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	<u>2F</u>	Webster Park	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Hermit Thrush	<u>max 6</u>	2	Manitou (Owl Woods)	C. Wood
Hermit Thrush	<u>total 12</u>	<u>2-24</u>	7 loc	sev
Gray Catbird	1	<u>14F, 22</u>	Wolcott (Field Hills Rd)	W. & M. Rowley
Gray Catbird	1	<u>22</u>	T. Huron (Larkin Rd)	W. & M. Rowley
American Pipit	1	<u>30</u>	Rush (Works Rd & CR 6)	K. Hartquist
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 50</u>	22	Webster (Whiting Rd NP)	J. Miles
Lapland Longspur	<u>max 80</u>	30	Hamlin (Jacobs Rd)	A. Guthrie
Snow Bunting	<u>max 2000</u>	22	Kendall	D. Bemont, R. Spahn
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	<u>26F</u>	Wolcott (Brown Rd)	W. & M. Rowley
Am. Tree Sparrow	<u>max 103</u>	1	Hamlin (N. Hamlin Rd)	A. Guthrie
Fox Sparrow	1	<u>26F</u>	Wolcott (Brown Rd)	W. & M. Rowley
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>max 16,000</u>	<u>31</u>	Rush (Works Rd & CR 6)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>4500</u>	<u>30</u>	Oak Openings Llivingsyon Co.)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Eastern Meadowlark	1	<u>27F</u>	Nations Rd (Hogmire Rd)	J. Stevenson
<u>Yellow-headed Blackbird ph</u>	<u>1-2 m</u>	<u>28F-31</u>	Rush (Works Rd & CR 6)	R. & S. Spahn, mob
Rusty Blackbird	2	<u>23F</u>	Mendon Ponds Park	K. Sucey
Rusty Blackbird	1-2	<u>24-30</u>	Mendon Ponds Park	sev
Rusty Blackbird	1	<u>24</u>	Manitou	A. Guthrie
Rusty Blackbird	1	<u>30</u>	Rush (Works Rd & CR 6)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Rusty Blackbird	1-2	<u>14, 24</u>	Victor	B. Bermudez
Common Grackle	<u>max 1750</u>	<u>30</u>	Avon (N. Avon Rd)	5 obs
Brown-headed Cowbird	<u>max 3000</u>	<u>30</u>	Rush (Works Rd & CR 6)	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Common Redpoll	1	<u>24F</u>	Braddock Bay Park	A. Guthrie
Pine Siskin	<u>max 50</u>	1F	Durand-Eastman Park	J. Boettcher, RBA Field Trip

Merganser, Hooded				5			8	4		42	15						74	
Common	63	2	19	7		5	72	37		47	14					6	1	273
Red-breasted	465	149	77	11		249	35	244	825									2,055
Ruddy Duck				2				3		29	3							37
Loon, Red-throated						10		2	2									14
Common				6		2	3	9	1	2								23
Grebe, Pied-billed							3			1	2							6
Horned	1					67		21	18		1							108
Red-necked						1		2										3
Eared																		0
Cormorant, D.-crested			3	1			30	3										37
Great																		0
American Coot		1				1	30	1		185	3							221
Other/Unidentified										4	1							5
TOTAL OF ABC	1,540	4,123	2,145	346	275	10,181	275	2,365	3,516	8,108	2,679	262	3,911	1,597	22,435	3,043	66,801	