

## June 2017 Sightings Report

Following the 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest spring on record, this June was just a typical early summer month, with no prolonged extremes. Temperatures averaged 67.7 °F, 1.5° above normal, and rainfall totaled 3.54", 0.20" above normal. There were just two days above 90°, and the greatest rainfall was 0.88" on the 15<sup>th</sup>, though more than double that fell on some areas to our east and south. The month started cloudy and cool, but by mid-month summer warmth and showers arrived. The month ended with a bit cooler and more variable weather. Rainfall was pretty well evenly distributed through the month. At the south shore of Lake Ontario, it was still water water everywhere. Any winds from the northerly points brought renewed flooding near the shore. Water levels were high in most other bodies of water, too. Many of the lakeshore birding hotspots remained with little or no access.

Let's start again with a general look at the month and its records. Weather conditions were generally good for both birds and birders. The main local problem was the high water everywhere. Effects included favorite birding areas along the Lake Ontario shore closed, and to this was added issues in Hamlin Beach State Park that made two birding/hiking trails there closed or at least hard to access. Next, late in the month some rare birds and some shorebird puddles were located just outside the region, pulling many of the active listers to those areas. The eBird download for the month of 42,548 lines of data produced a sizable jump to 26,918 lines ("records") for our region. The percent deleted as "out-of-region" is the highest I have seen to date. The 196 species reported for the month is the highest for June since that number has been tallied (1974). Still, the late spring migration seemed weak at the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory banding station, and late and lingering waterfowl, especially diving ducks, were poorly represented for both species variety and numbers.

Yet again, reports of nesting Trumpeter Swan pairs were few, and reports of our nesting Sandhill Cranes were also few. The high water covered some of the areas where we have seen families in the past, and both high water and rapid growth of grasses and cattails made viewing into some areas difficult. There were almost no reports of puddle ducks in sizable numbers, even from our parts of the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area. Late diving ducks on or passing over Lake Ontario were also very scarce. Going to the Noteworthy Records table on the RBA website, you will see the number of waterfowl and shorebird records from a wet area along North Hamlin Road, totally due to flooding from Sandy Creek due to the high Lake Ontario levels. On occasion over the years, there has been an interesting shorebird spot in that area that usually dried by late May. Now the issue is weeds and crops growing between North Hamlin Rd. and the area obscuring it.

Again, there was no official hawk count at the Braddock Bay hawk watch much into this month, though interested hawk watchers caught a nice, late push on the 9<sup>th</sup>, with decent numbers of Turkey Vultures, Bald Eagles, and

Broad-winged Hawks. Black Vulture was not reported this month in spite of expectations from Letchworth State Park. There were no reports of Northern Goshawk and few for Red-shouldered Hawk. Even for Broad-winged Hawk, known to breed in the hills to the south, reports were few. There were NO Merlin reports and few for Peregrine Falcon, though we know they breed in Rochester and are actively monitored. The ralconcam website will certainly have details of this year's nesting.

Late spring shorebird variety was poor, and numbers very low, though reports of apparent spring migrants extended well into June, and several interesting species were recorded at dates between those considered latest spring departures and earliest fall arrivals, e.g., Lesser Yellowlegs, Red Knot, and Wilson's Phalarope. A rare Marbled Godwit on the 21<sup>st</sup> also fell outside prior reporting periods. Among the gulls, we often find reports of Laughing Gull or Franklin's Gull in the first half of June, but this year there were multiple Laughing Gills and a Franklin's in that time period. Tern reports were typical, and the Van Dyne Spoor area of the NWMMA remains the only part of our region with nesting Black Terns. Lesser Black-backed Gull reports were scattered through the month.

Passerine banding to June 6 at BBBO revealed the usual flycatcher, thrush, and warbler species continuing, though all at low numbers other than 30 "Traill's Flycatchers banded. Gray-cheeked and Swainson's thrush numbers particularly were weak in June; often they peak then. Again this month, essentially all of the expected passerines were reported. Also again, several of our regular higher elevation breeding birds seemed scarce, e.g., Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and several of the warblers. There were no especially rare finds other than a "Lawrence's" Warbler and the nesting Prothonotary Warbler on Armitage Road.

Jim Adams was again the only one providing extensive notes on the feel of the season from his walks and records from Oatka Creek Park. Such notes are helpful in trying to pull together a month's or season's summary. He noted unusually high cuckoo numbers this month and documented nesting of a substantial number of passerines in the park. Another interesting note was an American Redstart nest with two cowbird eggs. An addition to this used to be a monthly Statistics/Records Committee meeting where a group of active local birders would gather to look at the month's records and to just talk about how birding for the month had gone. Hopefully this can begin again sometime soon.

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

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**Observers:** Jim Adams, Janet Akin, C. Arnold, BBBO (Andrea Patterson), Ted Barnett, Sue Barth, Jessie Barry, Doug Beattie, Betty Beckham, Don Bemont, Linda Clark-Benedict & Steve Benedict, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, Sara Burch, Ken Burdick, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Robert Buckert, Gary Chapin, Jeremy Collison, Kelly Close, Andrew Consler, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Susan Danskin, Gregg Dashnau, Rich DeCoster, Michael DeWispelaere, Bob Dobson, Joe Fell, Mark Fitzsimmons, George Ford, Kyle Gage, Andy Garland, Michelle Gianvecchio, Candy Giles, Sheryl Gracewski, Jane Graves, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Andrew Guthrie, Rich Guthrie, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim

Hartquist, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, IBA Monitoring, Carolyn Jacobs, Nicholas Kachala, Amy Kahn, Daniel & Mark Kershner, Jim Kimball, Kathy & Max Kirsch, Alison Kocek, J. Gary Kohlenberg, Elijah Kruger, Chris Lajewski, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Derek Ludkin, Peggy Mabb, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Donna Mason-Spier, Lauri Mattle, Jacob McCartney, Kevin McGann, Jay McGowan, Kevin McGowan, Bob McGuire, Matt Medler, Jim Miles, Adrielle Mitchell, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Dave Nicosia, Dave Nutter, Dave OdellMichael Palermo, Andrea Patterson, Sarah Piecuch, Norma Platt, Jay Powell, Bill Purcell, Carolyn Ragan, RBA Field Trips, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Livia Santana, Michael Scheibel, Richard Shaver, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Tom & Pat Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Rick Stevens, Joe Stevenson, Joel Strong, Kim Sucy, June Summers, Mike & Joann Tetlow, John & Bonny VanDerMeid, Alexis Vanwinkle, Matthew Voelker, Brad Walker, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Bridget Watts, Joe Wing, Chris Wood, Jim Wood.

## NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

JUNE 2017

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Snow Goose	1	<u>2</u>	NMWMA (Carncross Rd)	M. DeWispelaere G. Lawrence, C. Giles, D. Horsey
Brant	1	<u>28-30</u>	Summerville Pier	G. Lawrence
Mute Swan	<u>max 45</u>	7	Buck Pond (Greece)	W. & M. Rowley
Trumpeter Swan	<u>max 10</u>	2	NMWMA (Carncross Rd)	A. Guthrie D. Sherony, M. Tetlow, R. Buckert
Am. Wigeon	1	<u>16-17</u>	N. Hamlin Rd.	D. Sherony
Northern Shoveler	2	<u>26</u>	N. Hamlin Rd.	D. Sherony
Green-winged Teal	1-8	<u>3-26</u>	N. Hamlin Rd.	D. Sherony
Green-winged Teal	1	<u>28</u>	HANA	R. Buckert
Greater/Lesser Scaup	1	<u>26</u>	Cranberry Pond (Greece)	A. Guthrie
White-winged Scoter	7	<u>2L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Long-tailed Duck	2	<u>10L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	H. & C. Haller
Hooded Merganser	<u>fem+to 6 yng</u>	1-12	Bushnell's Basin	G. Dashnau
Red-breasted Merganser	1	<u>7L</u>	Sodus Pt.	A. Guthrie
Red-throated Loon	1	<u>2L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	T. Bohling
Common Loon	1	<u>28</u>	Hemlock Lake	G. Lawrence
Common Loon	1	<u>28</u>	Summerville Pier	M. Gullo
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 500</u>	7	Sodus Pt.	D. & M. Kershner, Ji. Miles
Great Egret	1	<u>25</u>	N. Hamlin Rd.	V. & J. Lindberg
Great Egret	1	<u>26, 30</u>	Erie Lackawanna Ped. Bridge	mob
Great Egret	1-7	<u>1-11</u>	NMWMA (Carncross Rd)	J. McGowan, L. Santana, 23+ oth obs
<u>Little Blue Heron</u>	1	<u>9-13</u>	NMWMA (Carncross Rd)	M. Tetlow
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 130</u>	9	Braddock Bay hawkwatch	M. Tetlow
Bald Eagle	<u>max 23</u>	9	Braddock Bay hawkwatch	M. Tetlow
Broad-winged Hawk	<u>max 120</u>	<u>9</u>	Braddock Bay hawkwatch	K. McGann
Common Gallinule	<u>max 24</u>	8	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	K. McGann
American Coot	<u>max 30</u>	8	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	A. Guthrie
Black-bellied Plover	1	<u>1L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	

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Semipalmated Plover	1	10L	NMWMA (Carncross Rd)	W. & M. Rowley
Greater Yellowlegs	1	10L	NMWMA (Guy Baldassarre Marsh)	J. G. Kohlenberg
Lesser Yellowlegs	1-4	16FF?-26	N. Hamlin Rd.	A. Guthrie, 15+ oth obs
<u>Marbled Godwit ph</u>	1	21F	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing, M. Gullo, 6 oth obs
Ruddy Turnstone	4	4L	Sodus Point	M. Gullo
Red Knot ph	1	24F-27	N. Hamlin Rd.	Bri. Morse, 14+ oth obs
Dunlin	1	6-7L	Twin Cedars EEA (Avon DEC)	M. Wasilco
Least Sandpiper	1	11L	Culver Rd (T Barre)	D. Bemont
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>200</u>	1	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	G. Dashnau
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 213</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie A. Guthrie, M. Kirsch, J. Collison
Semipalmated Sandpiper	11-15	10L	NMWMA (Carncross Rd)	Collison
Wilson's Snipe	1	22	<u>Greenwell farm (Hamlin)</u>	M. Gullo
Wilson's Phalarope	1	22F-25	N. Hamlin Rd.	A. Guthrie, 10 oth obs
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 10</u>	20	Webster	D. Ludkin
<u>Laughing Gull ph</u>	1 ad	3-8	Sodus Pt.	M. Gullo, 6+ oth obs
<u>Laughing Gull ph</u>	1-2	8-9	Pt. Breeze	Joel Strong, 4 oth obs
<u>Laughing Gull</u>	1 ad	9	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse, 9+ oth obs
<u>Laughing Gull ph</u>	1 ad	10-12	Braddock Bay - sev loc	obs
<u>Franklin's Gull ph</u>	1	8	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, M. Gullo, P. Martin
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>max 4</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>max 4</u> <u>~10 rep. 17</u>	1	Ontario Beach & piers	R. Spahn
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>ind</u>	1-20	4 loc	9 obs
Caspian Tern	<u>max 60</u>	6	Sodus Pt.	J. Wing
Black Tern	<u>max 6</u>	7	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	M. Tetlow, D. Sherony
Common Tern	4	11L	Braddock Bay	6 obs
Common Tern	1	27FF	Sodus Bay	A. Kocek
Common Nighthawk	<u>max 24</u>	3	Greece	K. Griffith
Common Nighthawk	<u>1; 2</u>	9L	Braddock Bay; Greece	A. Guthrie; K. Griffith
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	3	<u>Bushnell's Basin</u>	H. & C. Haller
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<u>max 19</u>	28	<u>Cumming NC</u>	R. & S. Spahn, T. & P. Smith
Peregrine Falcon	<u>1-2</u>	all month	Rochester	sev
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	4B	8L	Manitou	BBBO
"Traill's" Flycatcher	<u>total B 30</u>	1-8L	Manitou	BBBO
Willow Flycatcher	<u>max 22</u>	8	NMWMA (Noble shrublands)	D. Daniels
Philadelphia Vireo	1B	6L	Manitou	BBBO
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>max 23</u>	17	Ontario County Park	R. Buckert
Blue Jay	<u>max 144</u>	10	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Raven	<u>6</u>	27	<u>Irondequoit</u>	K. Sucey
Bank Swallow	<u>max 200</u>	1	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	G. Dashnau
Bank Swallow	<u>160</u>	10	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Winter Wren	1	14; 18	<u>Durand-Eastman Park</u>	S. Piecuch; Ji. Miles, L. Mattle
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	1L	N. Wolcott, Wayne Co.	W. & M. Rowley
Swainson's Thrush	1B	6L	Manitou	BBBO
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 310</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Golden-winged Warbler</u>	1	6, 16	Norway Rd (T Holley)	D. Beattie
<u>"Lawrence's" Warbler</u>	1	8F	Cumming NC	B. Beckham
<u>Golden-wngd x Blue wngd Warbler</u>	1	3	Norway Rd (T Holley)	D. Bemont
<u>Prothonotary Warbler</u>	1-2	thru 10L	Armitage Rd (Wayne Co.)	9 obs

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Tennessee Warbler	1	8L	Churchville	M. Wasilco
Nashville Warbler	1B	5L	Manitou	BBBO
Mourning Warbler	1	8L	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
American Redstart	<u>max 24</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP - West End woods	R. Spahn
Northern Parula	1	2L	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	W. & M. Rowley
Magnolia Warbler	1B	8L	Manitou	BBBO
Blackburnian Warbler	1B	6L	Manitou	BBBO
Yellow Warbler	<u>max 26</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP - West End woods	R. Spahn
Blackpoll Warbler	1	10	Braddock Bay	J. Wing; W. & M. Rowley
Blackpoll Warbler	1, 2	13	Ganonondagon	M. Gianvecchio
Blackpoll Warbler	1	15L	Norway Rd. (T Holley)	W. & M. Rowley
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1	5L	Manitou; Church Trail	BBBO; B. Watts
Prairie Warbler	2	9	<u>Springwater, Livingston Co.</u>	J. Stevenson
Prairie Warbler	1	14	<u>Letchworth SP - Dishmill Trail</u>	J. Stevenson
Canada Warbler	2B	5L	Manitou	BBBO
Canada Warbler	1	30	<u>near Naples</u>	B. Howe
Wilson's Warbler	3B	6L	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	1B	3L	Manitou	BBBO
Pine Siskin	5	5	H. H. Spencer SRA	B. Beckham
Pine Siskin	1	17	Nations Rd. IBA (T Avon)	S. Gracewski
Pine Siskin	4	18	Lyons area	T. Barnett