

June Sightings Report

June provided a cool and very wet start to the summer season. Rainfall was spread across the month, with heavy rains on June 5, 8-10, 11, 14, 23, and 27-28. Precipitation totaled 6.20", 2.86" above normal. It was our 11th June recording over 6" and made this the 9th wettest June on record. Temperatures averaged 65.9°F, 0.3° below normal. There were no 90° highs or lows below 32°. The only record was a record low high of 65° on the 27th.

This month demonstrated the great contrasts that can occur over time. Last year we had record high species numbers found in this month. This year, the total reported was only 175 species, below the 10-year average of 179.1 and way below our 193 from last year. There are many causes for the drop. With all the rain, it was a less friendly month for birders to be out searching. Next, the combination of changes in land use details and weather left us with a small fraction of the water and shore birds lingering in the Northern Montezuma WMA and elsewhere. Drops in variety in those groups account for most of the difference in numbers, but then there were also a few late migrants that also were not reported into this month.

The wet spots of last year in the NMWMA (Northern Montezuma Wetlands Management Area) were dry or overgrown this year, and the waterfowl and shorebirds were absent or out of sight. Reports of nesting Trumpeter Swan pairs in the NMWMA were fewer yet, and even the pair of Sandhill Cranes with young seemed to have moved to the Knox-Marcellus area south of Region 2. Water birds passing on Lake Ontario were also scarce.

There was no apparent official hawk count at the Braddock Bay Hawk Watch into this month, though a good number of Broad-winged Hawks was reported from Frisbee Hill on one day. A Black Vulture at Letchworth State Park on a few days, a couple of Red-shouldered Hawk reports, and three reports of Merlin were interesting. Again, there were no certain reports of Merlin nesting received. The downtown Peregrine Falcons were monitored through the month, with posts on the rfalconcams website.

Late spring shorebird variety was very poor, with few good spots in our region to search. Reports were mostly from Lake Ontario piers. A first report of Upland Sandpiper for the year on the 24th was record late. Again, there were no reports of

returning shorebirds late in the month. An adult Laughing Gull passing along the Greece shore of Lake Ontario on the 2nd was a good find. A couple of late Iceland Gulls and good numbers of Lesser Black-backed Gulls were the highlights of the larids. Numbers of Bonaparte's Gull, Caspian Tern, and Common Tern were a bit higher than usual through the month, and there were some decent counts of Black Terns from the NMWMA.

Passerine banding continued to June 6th at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory and sporadically after that, with some interesting birds captured. The usual late migrant flycatchers, thrushes, and warblers continued into June, but in low numbers with some missing species. Golden-winged Warbler hangs on in Wayne County, a "Lawrence's" Warbler was found again in the Town of Bristol, and Prothonotary Warblers nested again at Armitage Road in the NMWMA. Other noteworthy entries note individual birds at late dates for their locations or counts that illustrate the numbers possible if observers conduct counts at the right times in appropriate habitats. The most unusual report was a Worm-eating Warbler late in the month from an area in the hills way south in the region. It is a species we expect to find nesting in that area at some point. In the hills to the south and at other known breeding areas, once again, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and especially Winter Wren seemed to be in short supply.

Another happening we should watch for during our times out birding was noted and illustrated in photos by Jim Adams from Oatka Creek Park. The park is in one of the main outbreak centers for emerald ash borer locally, and the photos look like those of times past after a gypsy moth caterpillar outbreak. But in this case the trees are dead or dying, not just defoliated.

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.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>10-year Average (2005-2014)</u>
Species for June	175	193	179.1
New for the year	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2.1</u>
Total for the year to date	270	269	265.2

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

JUNE 2015

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Snow Goose	1	<u>15L</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	D. Wheeler, J. Tarolli
Wood Duck	<u>max 50</u>	15	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	D. Wheeler, J. Tarolli
Gadwall	7	<u>5L</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	IBA Monitoring
American Wigeon	1	<u>21L</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	D. Nutter
Am. Black Duck	<u>max 6, LOW</u>	6	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	IBA Monitoring
Blue-winged Teal	8	<u>5L</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	IBA Monitoring
Long-tailed Duck	1	<u>17L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Red-breasted Merganser	1	<u>21L</u>	Pt Breeze	J. Pawlicki
Red-throated Loon	4	<u>3L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Loon	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Loon	1	<u>22L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Nicosia
Horned Grebe	1	<u>13L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 43</u>	4	Braddock Bay - West Spit	P. Martin
Least Bittern	1	19	<u>HANA</u>	A. Garland, D. Dherony
Great Egret	3-7	<u>21L</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	sev
<u>Black Vulture</u>	1	5, 7, 22	Letchworth SP	E. Kruger, K. Sucey
Osprey	1	19	<u>Oatka Creek Park</u>	J. Adams
Osprey	1	<u>21</u>	<u>HANA</u>	B. Cady, RBA Field Trip
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	4	Mendon Ponds Park	T. Lathrop
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	6	Monroe County	W. Fidler, M. Magistro
Broad-winged Hawk	<u>max 97</u>	5	Frisbee Hill (Greece)	B. Watts
Common Gallinule	<u>max 20</u>	5	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	IBA Monitoring
Sandhill Crane	4	11	<u>Honeoye Creek WMA</u>	K. Kirsch
Upland Sandpiper	1	<u>24F; 27</u>	<u>Genesee County Airport</u>	D. Rosche; D. Beattie
Dunlin	6	<u>9L</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	P. Martin
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 38</u>	<u>8L</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. Miles
Semipalmated Sandpiper	11	8 (later) <u>L</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. Miles, L. Mattle
Semipalmated Sandpiper	20	<u>8L</u>	Sodus Pt	W. & M. Rowley
Bonaparte's Gull	4	<u>25</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Horsey
<u>Laughing Gull</u>	1 ad	2F	off Edgemere DR (Greece)	Ji. Barry
Iceland Gull	1	<u>1</u>	Braddock Bay - West Spit	Bri. Morse
Iceland Gull	1 1st sum	<u>13L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>max 4; 3</u>	7	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie; B. & B. Morse
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>total ~ 13</u>	5-28	sev	sev
Caspian Tern	<u>max 80</u>	12	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. Miles
Black Tern	<u>max 12</u>	16	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	J. McGowan
Common Tern	<u>max 14</u>	<u>28</u>	Braddock Bay - North Marina	A. Guthrie
Common Nighthawk	10	<u>13L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Nighthawk	1	<u>17</u>	Nations Rd IBA	N. Kachala
Red-headed Woodpecker	<u>nest</u>	24-30	Webster	J. Boettcher
Merlin	1	6	Lyons	T. Barnett
Merlin	1	<u>8</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. Miles, L. Mattle
Merlin	1	<u>26</u>	North Rush	N. Kachala
Peregrine Falcon	<u>1-2</u>	all month	Rochester	sev
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1B	<u>5L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
"Traill's" Flycatcher	<u>max 13B</u>	5	Manitou	BBBO
Least Flycatcher	1	21	<u>HANA</u>	B. Cady, RBA Field Trip
<u>Fish Crow</u>	<u>max 17</u>	27	Ontario Beach area	A. Guthrie
Common Raven	<u>5</u>	14	<u>Honeoye Falls</u>	B. Carlson
Winter Wren	? rep. very lov	10; 20	Conesus; Webster	K. Close; J. Boettcher
Winter Wren	<u>5 juv</u>	27	Rush	M. Zettel
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>total B 1, low</u>	5	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	<u>8L</u>	Cobbs Hill	J. Miles, L. Mattle
Swainson's Thrush	<u>total B 10</u>	1-6	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	1	<u>14L</u>	Hamlin	A. Guthrie

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Gray Catbird	<u>max 43</u>	18	Beechwoods SP	R. Spahn, T. Smith
<u>Worm-eating warbler</u>	1	<u>22</u>	South Conesus	K. Close
Northern Waterthrush	6B	<u>3-5</u>	<u>Manitou</u>	BBBO
<u>Golden-winged Warbler</u>	1	thru 17	N. Wolcott (Brown Rd)	W. & M. Rowley, L. Draper
<u>"Lawrence's" Warbler</u>	1	4F	Fawn Ridge, T. Bristol, Ontario Co.	K. Kirsch
<u>Prothonotary Warbler</u>	1	<u>1-6</u>	Armitage Rd (Wayne Co.)	K. Burdick, N. Strycker, T. Lenz
Tennessee Warbler	1	<u>11L</u>	BBBO - MAPS	M. Oberkircher
Nashville Warbler	1	<u>25</u>	<u>Lakeshore Marshes WMA</u>	W. & M. Rowley
Mourning Warbler	1B	<u>22</u>	<u>Manitou</u>	A.J. Patterson
Hooded Warbler	<u>max 20</u>	7	<u>Letchworth SP</u>	M. Van Bork
American Redstart	<u>18</u>	1	Hamlin Beach SP - Yanty Creek	R. Spahn
American Redstart	<u>max 20</u>	5	Hamlin Beach SP - West End	Bri. Morse
Magnolia Warbler	1B	<u>23</u>	<u>Manitou</u>	MAPS
Blackpoll Warbler	1	<u>14L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	B. & B. Morse
Blackpoll Warbler	<u>total B 6</u>	2-5	Manitou	BBBO
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1B	<u>2</u>	<u>Manitou</u>	BBBO
Wilson's Warbler	2B	<u>2L, B</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Wilson's Warbler	1	<u>3; 5</u>	N. Wolcott (Brown Rd)	J. Wing; W. & M. Rowley
Wilson's Warbler	1	<u>17L</u>	N. Wolcott (Brown Rd)	L. Draper
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	1	<u>25</u>	Hamlin (Cook Rd, 2nd loc)	A. Guthrie
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	2	25	Hamlin (Cook Rd)	A. Guthrie
White-throated Sparrow	1	6	<u>Durand-Eastman Park</u>	A. Mitchell
White-throated Sparrow	1	<u>23L</u>	<u>Manitou</u>	A.J. Patterson
Bobolink	<u>max 40</u>	17	Nations Rd IBA	N. Kachala
Pine Siskin	3; 1	<u>24; 26</u>	Webster; Byron	P. Mabb; D. Beattie