

November Sightings Report

This was a persistently mild month, other than the brief cold spell just after the 20th that brought the first big snow event of the fall and approaching winter, 15 inches from the 20th to 23rd, mostly on the 22nd. Temperatures averaged 45.2 °F, 4.7° above normal, and precipitation totaled 2.60", 0.34" below normal. It was the 10th warmest November on record, but only one record was set, with a new high on the 18th. There were only 3 real weather events of the month: heavy rain on the 2nd & 3rd, the snow event, and a quarter inch of rainfall to close the month. There was nothing much to drive migration.

The waterbird picture continued the recent trend of nearly all species with any serious expectation being reported, but with numbers for nearly all low, especially the diving ducks passing the Hamlin Beach Lake Watch. Eurasian Wigeon, King Eider, Harlequin Duck, and **American White Pelican** were among the rarer species reported. Only Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross's Goose, Blue-winged Teal, and Northern Gannet were "missed" among the almost annual reports. Peak counts for many species were low and are listed in the noteworthy records table on the RBA website, but in many cases the high count was lone or one of very few such for the species. Peak counts for both regular loon species were also very low. This year the late Cattle Egret event did not include our region, with birds only short distances outside in Farmington and the Montezuma area from early November through much of the month.

Again, raptors were generally scarce. The report of Black Vultures continuing in Letchworth State Park through the month is interesting, and there was a late Osprey report. Only a single Red-shouldered Hawk and relatively few Rough-legged Hawks were reported. There were no Snowy Owls this month. The first DEC Short-eared Owl survey out of Avon on the 22nd located 10 birds, and others were reported from the Nations Road area and the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area. A nice surprise was a Northern Saw-whet Owl heard, seen, and photographed in Hamlin Beach State Park by Mike Gullo. Numbers of reports for American Kestrel, Merlin, and Peregrine Falcon were good for this month. Half a dozen Northern Shrikes were reported starting on the 16th.

Large numbers of Sandhill Cranes again lingered in the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge area, and a few times observers spotted numbers in the 70's in our region just north of Armitage Road in the Town of Savannah. Late marsh bird reports were few, as usual, with a Virginia Rail at Brush Creek on the Parma/Hamlin town line the most surprising.

As usual, several expected shorebirds lingered to fairly normal departure dates. All numbers except a few Killdeer reports and one group of 13 Wilson's Snipe were below 10. Purple Sandpipers were reported briefly at Sodus Point and Irondequoit Bay outlet on the 11th and 19th, respectively.

Jaeger reports for the month included one each of Pomarine and Parasitic and 2 more not identified to species; typical for November. Passing Black-legged

Kittiwakes were seen on the 6th, 11th, and 22nd, with the first and last of these adults, relatively rare here. A couple more Iceland Gulls, about 24 Lesser Black-backed Gulls, and the season's first Glaucous Gulls were also recorded.

Non-passerine land birds again contributed few reports. One to 3 Eurasian Collared-Doves were seen at the Greenwell farm location scattered through the month. A hatch year female Rufous Hummingbird was banded in December at a home where it was present since October; details pending homeowner wishes. The lone Red-headed Woodpecker report to eBird when screened turned out to be Red-bellied. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was reported only from Webster Park and the Town of Victor. A really interesting find by Chris Wood and Jessie Barry, seen by a few others, was a likely **Yellow-bellied x Red-naped Sapsucker** on the 19th in Webster Park. There are quite a few photos with the eBird reports, and the bird shows characteristics of both species.

Moving to the passerines, we start right off with the Gray Kingbird in the Town of Bergen continuing to the 23rd and seen by many. Next, a White-eyed Vireo was banded at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory on the 2nd, continuing a trend of late individuals in recent years and not near the record late date. More generally, birds often seemed scarce in the field aside from occasional big clumps. Among the other more notable reports were: **Cave Swallow** at Hamlin Beach on the 19th and 20th; a late Swainson's Thrush on the 15th; good numbers of Winter Wrens, Hermit Thrushes, and Gray Catbirds scattered about; Orange-crowned Warbler on the 18th, Common Yellowthroat on the 25th, Eastern Towhee, and Chipping Sparrow. There were no huge roosts or flocks of blackbirds reported, but 41 Rusty Blackbirds was a decent number for that declining species. The usual hope for winter finches was only sparsely rewarded, with reports of singles or small numbers of Red Crossbill, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin, and Evening Grosbeak. Another special find by Andy Guthrie on the 24th in Hamlin Beach State Park was a **Dark-eyed "Pink-sided" Junco** subsequently seen and photographed by many on into December. This subspecies is very rare in NY. Interestingly, it was found not far from the spot where the first "Gray-headed" Junco for NY was found on the same day of the month in 1990. (That bird stayed into February of that winter.)

Other interesting birds not identified to species due to conditions of the sighting were a Common/Barrow's Goldeneye off Hamlin Beach and a flock of Bohemian/Cedar Waxwings off Rigney Bluff, Town of Greece. The male Barrow's Goldeneye of the past many winters has not yet been reported this fall/winter at Point Breeze. A Northern Bobwhite was reported, but those are always subject to questions around origin, so not included in species counts.

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.

	2016	2015	10-year Average (2006-2015)
Total species for November	160	149	148.5
New species for the year	4	2	4.6
Total for the year to date	291	287	291.6

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

Observers: Jim Adams, Janet Akin, Gloria Bailey, Jessie Barry, Jim Barry, Liz Barry, Sue Barth, Doug Beattie, Don Bemont, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Shawn Billerman, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Phillip Bonn, Lynn Braband, BBBO = Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, Joe Brin, M. Brown, Robert Buckert, Sara Burch, Ken Burdick, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Linda Clark-Benedict, Kelly Close, Andrew Consler, Kim Constable, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Wayne Fidler, Mark Fitzsimmons, Jessie Fletcher, George Ford, Kyle Gage, Andy Garland, Jeff Gerbracht, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Andrew Guthrie, Rich Guthrie, Anita Gwara,

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

November 2016

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Snow Goose	<u>max 60</u>	23	Conesus Lake	J. Kimball
Brant	20	22	Brown Rd, Wolcott	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>11 rep, approx 30</u>	5-27	sev	sev
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>max 14</u>	14; 17	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn; A. Guthrie
Mute Swan	<u>max 46</u>	26	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	W. D'Anna
Trumpeter Swan	<u>max 34</u>	6	MAC	J. Fletcher, C. Szewczyk
Tundra Swan	<u>max 89</u>	21	Round Pond, Greece	C. Wood
Gadwall	<u>max 156</u>	22	Round Pond, Greece	A. Guthrie
Eurasian Wigeon	1 m	5FF	Round Pond, Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
American Wigeon	<u>max 519</u>	5	Round Pond, Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
American Black Duck	<u>max 49</u>	22	Round Pond, Greece	C. Wood
Mallard	<u>max 300</u>	18	HANA	B. Cady
Northern Shoveler	<u>max 54</u>	21	Northrup Creek, Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 62</u>	19	Northrup Creek, Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Canvasback	<u>max 8, low</u>	13	Groveland Hill Pnd, Livingston Co.	K. Close
Redhead	<u>max 250</u>	10	Groveland Hill Pnd, Livingston Co.	M. Wasilco
Ring-necked Duck	<u>max 42, low</u>	21	Round Pond, Greece	Je. Barry, L. Barry, C. Wood
Greater Scaup	<u>max 69, low</u>	22	Braddock Bay	C. Wood
Lesser Scaup	<u>max 240</u>	13	Sandy Bottom Park, Honeoye	E. Gyllenhaal, G. Lawrence
<u>King Eider</u>	2 fem (1 ph)	6	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, A. Guthrie, C. Wood
<u>King Eider</u>	1 fem	20	off Edgemere Dr., Greece	Je. Barry, Ji. Barry, C. Wood
<u>King Eider</u>	1 fem	21	off Edgemere Dr., Greece	Je. Barry, Ji. Barry, C. Wood
<u>King Eider</u>	2 fem	22	off Manitou Beach Rd, Greece	C. Wood
<u>King Eider</u>	2 fem	23	Hamlin Beach SP	C. Wood
<u>King Eider</u>	1 imm male	29	off Manitou Beach Rd, Greece	L. Bergmeyer, R. Buckert, N. Kachala
<u>Harlequin Duck</u>	1 fem, ph	13FF-28	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	K. Sucey, RBA field Trip, 57 other rep
<u>Harlequin Duck</u>	1 fem, ph	22	Bear Creek Harbor, Wayne Co.	J. Wing, M. Gullo
<u>Harlequin Duck</u>	1 fem, ph	23-26	Point Breeze	M. Gullo, G. Lawrence, 7 other obs
Surf Scoter	<u>max 19, low</u>	3	off Manitou Beach Rd, Greece	K. Griffith
White-winged Scoter	<u>max 167, low</u>	6	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, A. Guthrie, C. Wood
Black Scoter	<u>max 22, low</u>	6	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, A. Guthrie, C. Wood

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Long-tailed Duck	<u>572</u>	6	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, A. Guthrie, C. Wood
Long-tailed Duck	<u>max 598</u>	22	off Edgemere Dr., Greece	Je. Barry, Ji. Barry, L. Barry, C. Wood
Bufflehead	<u>max 155</u>	25	Sandy Bottom Park, Honeoye	B. Howe
Common Goldeneye	<u>max 504</u>	22	off Edgemere Dr., Greece	Je. Barry, Ji. Barry, L. Barry, C. Wood
<u>Common/Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1 fem	25	Hamlin Beach SP	J. McGowan
Hooded Merganser	<u>max 300</u>	23	Conesus Lake	J. Kimball
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>976</u>	7	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 2842</u>	22	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, Ji. Barry, L. Barry, C. Wood
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 2600</u>	23	Long Pnd, Greece	K. Griffith
Ruddy Duck	<u>max 30</u>	25	Sandy Bottom Park, Honeoye	B. Howe
<u>Northern Bobwhite orig?</u>	1	22	Monroe Co.	K. Kassmann
Red-throated Loon	<u>max 144, low</u>	10	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Common Loon	<u>max 40, low</u>	2	Bear Creek Harbor, Wayne Co.	J. Wing
Horned Grebe	<u>max 157, low</u>	22	off Edgemere Dr., Greece	Je. Barry, Ji. Barry, L. Barry, C. Wood
Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 74</u>	27	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Am. White Pelican ph</u>	1 ad	<u>10F-11, RL</u>	Round Pond, Greece	M. Gullo, 9+ other obs
Great Egret	1	<u>2L</u>	U. of Rochester	E. Gyllenhaal
<u>Black Vulture</u>	4	27	Letchworth SP	M. Nusstein
Osprey	1	<u>6L</u>	HANA	D. Horsey
Bald Eagle	<u>~ 68 rep, 55 ind</u>	<u>all month</u>	sev	mob
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	18	Conesus Lake Inlet	K. Close
Rough-legged Hawk	1	<u>1FF</u>	Summerville Pier	G. Ford
Virginia Rail	1	<u>25L</u>	Brush Crk Marsh, Parma/Hamlin	C. Wood
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 70-79</u>	<u>13; 29-30</u>	MNWMA (Armitage Rd area)	L. Lauster; D. Kennedy, P. Bonn, K. Gage
Black-bellied Plover ph	1	<u>20L</u>	Salmon Crk, Greece	C. Wood
Am. Golden-Plover	1	<u>14L</u>	Salmon Crk, Greece	R. Spahn
Killdeer	<u>max 40</u>	2	Hemlock Lake - S, Ontario Co.	B. Howe
Greater Yellowlegs ph	1	<u>22L</u>	Salmon Crk, Greece	C. Wood
Dunlin	3	<u>19L</u>	Salmon Crk, Greece	sev
Purple Sandpiper	1	<u>11FF</u>	Sodus Pt.	W. & M. Rowley
Purple Sandpiper ph	2	19	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	Je. Barry, C. Wood, Ji. Miles, M. Gullo
White-rumped Sandpiper	1	<u>7L</u>	Hemlock Lake - S, Ontario Co.	G. Lawrence
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	<u>7L</u>	Hemlock Lake - S, Ontario Co.	G. Lawrence
Wilson's Snipe	4	<u>14L</u>	Beechwoods SP, Wayne Co.	J. Wing
American Woodcock	1	<u>22L</u>	HANA	M. Gullo
<u>Pomarine Jaeger</u>	1 imm.	<u>19F</u>	Ontario Beach area	C. Wood
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1 imm.	26	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C. Wood
<u>jaeger sp.</u>	1 imm.	6	Hamlin Beach SP	B. Carlson, R. Buckert
<u>jaeger sp.</u>	1 imm.	13	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Buckert
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake</u>	<u>1 ad</u>	6	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, A. Guthrie, C. Wood
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake ph</u>	2 imm ph	11	Hamlin Beach SP	M. Gullo
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake</u>	<u>1 ad</u>	22	off Edgemere Dr., Greece	Je. Barry, Ji. Barry, L. Barry, C. Wood
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 267</u>	19	LaSalle Landin P., IB-S	Wood
<u>Herring Gull</u>	<u>max 2000</u>	23	Mill Seat Landfill, T Riga	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Iceland Gull	2	23	Mill Seat Landfill, T Riga	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>~ 12 rep, 24 ind</u>	<u>5-27</u>	sev	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse
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Glaucous Gull	1 1st win	22FF	Ontario Beach Park area	C. Wood
Glaucous Gull	1	23	Ontario Beach Park area	M. Gullo
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1; 3; 2	6; 26; 27	Hamlin (Greenwell farm)	B. Carlson,; J. Wing; K. Sucky
Short-eared Owl	<u>max 5</u>	23	NMWMA (Morgan Rd.)	M. Brown
N. Saw-whet Owl calling and ph	1	<u>28</u>	<u>Hamlin Beach SP</u>	M. Gullo
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	<u>30</u>	Webster Park	Ji. Miles
<u>Yellow-bld x Red-naped Sapsucker</u>	1	<u>19F</u>	Webster Park	Je. Barry, C. Wood (ph)
<u>Yellow-bld x Red-naped Sapsucker</u>	1	<u>19</u>	Webster Park	J. McGowan, S. Billerman (ph)
<u>Yellow-bld x Red-naped Sapsucker</u>	1	<u>23L</u>	Webster Park	A. Guthrie
American Kestrel	<u>12 rep, 13 ind</u>	all month	sev	sev
Merlin	<u>19 rep, 20 ind</u>	all month	sev	sev
Peregrine Falcon	<u>12 rep, 12 ind</u>	all month	sev	sev
<u>Gray Kingbird</u>	1	1-23L	Jerico/Townline Rds, T Bergen	32+ obs
Northern Shrike	6 rep, 6 ind	16FF-28	sev	sev
<u>White-eyed Vireo</u>	1B	<u>2</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Fish Crow	<u>max 5</u>	14	Ontario Beach parking area	R. Spahn
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	1	<u>19F</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Tetlow, K. Hartquist
<u>Cave Swallow</u>	1	<u>20</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	C. Wood
Black-capped Chickadee	<u>max 38</u>	25	Hamlin Beach SP - West End	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Swainson's Thrush ph	1	<u>15 RL</u>	Ellison Park, T Penfield	L. Mattle
Hermit Thrush	<u>max 5</u>	<u>19</u>	Webster Park	Je. Barry, C. Wood
American Robin	<u>max 679</u>	13	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Gray Catbird	1	<u>4</u>	Webster Park	D. Horsey
Gray Catbird	1	<u>12</u>	Whiting Rd. NP, Webster	J. Wing
Gray Catbird	2; 1	<u>23; 25</u>	Hamlin Beech SP - Campground	C. Wood; C. Wood, Je. Barry
Gray Catbird	1	<u>25; 26L</u>	Hamlin Beech SP	J. McGowan; M. Gullo
American Pipit	1	<u>30L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	J. Wing
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 150</u>	19	Honeoye Falls	B. Carlson
<u>Bohemian/Cedar Waxwing</u>	12	13	Rigney Bluff, Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Snow Bunting	<u>max 150</u>	21	T Byron, Genesee Co.	G. Lawrence
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	<u>18L</u>	Webster Park	Ji. Miles, L. Mattle
Common Yellowthroat	1	<u>25L</u>	Church Trail, Greece	C. Wood
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	<u>25L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	J. McGowan
Eastern Towhee	1	<u>7-24</u>	Honeoye Falls	B. Carlson
Eastern Towhee	1	<u>25L</u>	Beatty Pt, Greece	C. Wood
Chipping Sparrow	1	<u>25L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP - West End	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Fox Sparrow	1	<u>30L</u>	N. Wolcott, Wayne Co.	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Dark-eyed "Pink-sided" Junco ph</u>	1	24F-30	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, mob
White-throated Sparrow	<u>max 45</u>	25	Hamlin Beach SP - West End	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>max 2000</u>	5	NMWMA (Morgan Rd.)	W. & M. Rowley
Rusty Blackbird	<u>max 41</u>	5	Round Pond, Greece	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Common Grackle	<u>max 300</u>	4	Twin Cedars EA, Avon DEC	M. Wasilco
Brown-headed Cowbird	<u>max 500</u>	16	T. Sweden	G. Lawrence
Red Crossbill	1	<u>14F</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Red Crossbill	1	17	<u>T Hemlock, Ontario Co.</u>	B. Howe
Common Redpoll	1	<u>7F</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Pine Siskin	<u>max 55</u>	28	Hamlin Beach SP	M. Gullo
<u>Evening Grosbeak</u>	1-2	1-26	6 loc	6 obs