

October Sightings Report

October was again a pleasant fall month. Temperatures averaged 51.0 °F, 0.4° above normal, and precipitation totaled 2.78", 0.06" above normal; very average. There were no hard freezes in the first half, delaying fall foliage. A first dip into the 30's on the 15th was the 3rd latest date for that in 145 years of records. But then on the 17th, a high of 45 °F tied the coolest high for the date. The growing season officially ended on the 18th. About 1/3 of the total rainfall fell on the 28th with the passage of the remnant of Hurricane Patricia through the region.

At 205, the total species for the month was well above average, but in line with many of the years in the past decade; probably in substantial part due to more records with increased eBird reporting. Fall arrivals reported this month were about half in the 1st quartile and half in the interquartile range of their historical arrival distributions. There were no record early arrivals. Apparent departures were heavily weighted to the 4th quartile relative to the old distributions. There were 4 species record late by the old distributions, but all of those had several later yet sightings in intervening years.

Again, waterfowl, loon, and grebe numbers in our region were generally low other than the peak counts in the noteworthy table. Even reports from our parts of the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area were generally low. After arrival in late September, there were few Brant noted this month; a lack of strong blows from the NE probably accounts for this. There were no really big days for Common Loon. Red-breasted Merganser numbers picked up late in the month. There were a few Cackling Geese about, with many hard to ID "intermediate" geese with them in the flocks off Hamlin Beach State Park. Eurasian Wigeon on Round Pond was a good find. Again, there were big numbers of Double-crested Cormorant from Irondequoit Bay west to past the mouth of the Genesee River.

The fall raptor picture was very slow. Again no Black Vulture or Northern Goshawk and no early arrival of irruptive species.

Shorebird variety was down and numbers generally low in our region and really not a great deal better in nearby regions. The noteworthy table captures the few peak counts. Again, the only rarer species reported was Hudsonian Godwit.

Even the jaegers, gulls, and terns provided very limited interesting reports this month. There were only about six jaeger reports - a single Pomarine Jaeger, four Parasitic, and one jaeger species. Bonaparte's Gulls were

numerous at times around various mudflats, but counts of birds passing Hamlin Beach were low. This month a lone Black-headed Gull was the highlight; not even any Little Gull reports. A typical few Lesser Black-backed Gulls were reported. Caspian, Common, and Forster's Terns were reported to typical departure dates.

Among the non-passerine land birds, there was a normal arrival for Short-eared Owl, and Chimney Swift and Ruby-throated Hummingbird were reported through a good portion of the first half month.

The passerine scene was also generally lackluster. Numbers seemed down almost across the board. Overall, the species list was very good and many species persisted into October to departure dates in the 4th quartile of their historical distributions. But banding at the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory was down a bit overall, with only a few species in good number. There was little sign of any of the irruptive species arriving in significant numbers. There was a little burst of Common Redpolls, Pine Siskins, and American Goldfinches banded late in the month, but it was on only a few days and has not persisted beyond that. There were only two reports of single White-winged Crossbills. There are patches of heavy fruit left and some areas with good cones on ornamental evergreens, so we should keep looking. A few of the more interesting records include: a Bicknell's Thrush banded, eight Orange-crowned Warblers, a 5th for the season Connecticut Warbler banded, an "Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler photographed, the region's approximately 11th LeConte's Sparrow, and a couple more Nelson's Sparrows. Missing species were all birds whose departure dates were in late September instead of just making it to the late end of their distributions in October; no glaring misses.

There were about 14,975 eBird records for the month from 119 observers and another 25 notes posted to geneseebirds plus data from Braddock Bay Bird Observatory and other contributors.

When possible, please enter bird lists into eBird or post on geneseebirds. Otherwise, please send them by the 5th of the month to Lynn Bergmeyer, 187 Longridge Ave., Greece, NY 14616.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>10-year Average (2005-2014)</u>
Total species for October	205	200	197.2
New species for the year	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6.0</u>
Total for the year to date	285	285	287.0

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

Observers: Jim Adams, BBBO (Betsy Brooks), John Ballou, Jessie Barry, Jim Barry, Liz Barry, Mitchell Barry, Sue Barth, Doug Beattie, Lynn Bergmeyer, Liam Berigan, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Margaret Bowman, Robert Buckert, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Linda Clark-Benedict, Kelly Close, Andrew Consler, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna & Betsy Potter, Ian Davies, Gates Dupont, George Ford, Drew Fowler, Andy Garland, David Gordon, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Michael Gullo, Andrew Guthrie, Richard Guthrie, Anita Gwara, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Jim & Allison Healy, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Carolyn Jacobs, Nicholas Kachala, Ryan Kayhart, Jim Kimball, Elijah Kruger, Greg Lawrence, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Melissa Mance-Coniglio, Cindy Marino, Jay McGowan, Kevin McGowan, Jim Miles, Adrielle Mitchell, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Dave Nutter, Jay Ovsiovitch, Mike O'Brien, Andrea Patterson, Jim Pawlicki, Jon Podliak, Jay Powell, RBA Field Trips, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jesse Rubenstein, L. S. Rutherford, Livia Santana, Michael Scheibel, Mickey Scilingo, Shirley Shaw, Carol Ann Shay, Dominic Sherony, Judy Slein, Tom & Pat Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Joseph Stevenson, Kimberly Sucy, Brian Sullivan, Jim Tarolli, Steve Taylor, David Tetlow, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Peter Thompson, Sarah Toner, Brian Tuttle, Alison Van Keuren, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Bridget Watts, David Wheeler, Joe Wing, Chris Wood.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

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Snow Goose	<u>max 30</u>	29	West Port Bay, Wayne Co.	W. & M. Rowley
Brant	<u>max 250</u>	18	Sodus Point	J. McGowan, L. Santana
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	1	<u>4FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	Bri. Morse
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>max 6</u>	8	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
	<u>approx</u>			
<u>Cackling Goose</u>	<u>total 15</u>	15-30	sev	sev
Tundra Swan	3-6	<u>17FF</u> <u>3FF</u>	Braddock Bay area	mob
<u>Eurasian Wigeon</u>	1	17-26	Round Pond, Greece	A. Guthrie, mob, ph
American Wigeon	<u>max 162</u>	18	Round Pond, Greece	mob
	<u>max 48,</u>			
American Black Duck	<u>low</u>	21	off Bear Creek (Wayne Co.)	J. Wing
			Ontario Beach, T	Je. Barry, I. Davies, B.
Northern Pintail	<u>max 789</u>	18	Charlotte	Sullivan, C. Wood
Canvasback	1	<u>17FF</u>	Round Pond, Greece	M. Barry
Greater Scaup	<u>max 56</u>	17	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C. Wood
Surf Scoter	<u>max 34</u>	18	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
White-winged Scoter	<u>max 382</u>	18	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Long-tailed Duck	4	<u>5FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Long-tailed Duck	<u>max 421</u>	19	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Bufflehead	1	<u>15FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 530</u>	31	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Ruddy Duck	2	<u>9FF</u>	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
Common Loon	<u>max 403</u>	5	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
				G. Lawrence, E.
Horned Grebe	<u>max 73</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	Gyllenhaal
Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 47</u>	3	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 2500</u>	2	Sandbar Park (IB-NE)	J. Miles
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>1339</u>	18	Ontario Beach, T	Je. Barry, I. Davies, B.
			Charlotte	Sullivan, C. Wood
American Bittern	1	<u>17L</u>	Braddock Bay	G. Dupont
Great Egret	2	<u>31L</u>	HANA	D. Sherony
Green Heron	1	<u>15L</u>	Beechwoods SP	M. Gullo
Black-crowned Night-Heron	8	<u>10L</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	M. Scilingo

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Osprey	1	24 <u>L</u>	Buck Pond, Greece	Ji. Barry
Sora	1	26 <u>L</u>	Round Pond, Greece	Bri. Morse
Common Gallinule	1	18 <u>L</u>	Round Pond, Greece NMWMA (Armitage Rd)	Je., Ji., & L. Barry, B. Sullivan, C. Wood
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 60</u>	25		D. Nutter
American Golden-Plover	<u>max 75</u>	18	Hamlin (Church Rd)	A. Guthrie
Semipalmated Plover	1	19 <u>L</u>	Salmon Creek, Greece	S. Barth, G. Lawrence, C. Morien
Killdeer	<u>max 156</u>	18	Hamlin (Church Rd)	A. Guthrie
Spotted Sandpiper	1	5 <u>L</u>	University of Rochester	E. Gyllenhaal
Solitary Sandpiper	1	14 <u>L</u>	HANA	M. Gullo
Hudsonian Godwit	1	8 <u>F</u> -9	Salmon Creek (Greece)	R. Spahn, Bri. Morse, K. Griffith
Hudsonian Godwit	1	27 <u>L</u>	Salmon Creek (Greece)	M. Gullo
Dunlin	<u>max 158</u>	25	T Huron, Wayne Co.	W. & M. Rowley
Baird's Sandpiper	1-2	8-9 <u>L</u>	Salmon Creek (Greece)	R. Spahn, N. Kachala, K. Griffith
Least Sandpiper	4	21 <u>L</u>	HANA	B. Cady
White-rumped Sandpiper	<u>max 45</u>	4	Hamlin Beach SP Bear Creek Harbor, Wayne Co.	Bri. Morse
<u>Pomarine Jaeger, ph</u>	1 imm	4 <u>F</u>		J. Wing
<u>Parasitic Jaeger, ph</u>	1 imm	7	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley, D. Sherony, M. Tetlow
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1	17	Manitou Beach	S. Toner, L. Berigan
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1 imm	30	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, R. Spahn
<u>jaeger sp</u>	1	4	Hamlin Beach SP	K. Sucey
<u>Black-headed Gull</u>	1 juv	17 <u>F</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	Je. Barry, C. Wood
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>max 5</u>	18	Ontario Beach, T Charlotte	Je. Barry, I. Davies, B. Sullivan, C. Wood
Caspian Tern	1	10 <u>L</u>	Irondequoit Bay - S	K. Hartquist
Common Tern	1	17 <u>L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP West Port Bay, Wayne Co.	A. Guthrie, Je. Barry, C. Wood
Forster's Tern	1	29 <u>L</u>	Co. Twin Cedars Environ.	W. & M. Rowley
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	10 <u>L</u>	Area, Avon	C. Stanger
Black-billed Cuckoo	1	10 <u>L</u>	Nations Rd IBA Ontario Beach, T Charlotte	J. Kimball
Short-eared Owl	1	18 <u>FF</u>		Je. Barry, I. Davies, B. Sullivan, C. Wood
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1	4 <u>FF</u>	BBBO Whiting Rd Preserve, Webster	R. Kayhart
Chimney Swift	1	10 <u>L</u>	Greece	D. Horsey
Ruby-th. Hummingbird	1	14 <u>L</u>		K. Griffith; D. Daniels
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	7	<u>Gosnell Big Woods Preserve, Webster</u>	G. Lawrence, J. Podliak
Merlin	<u>total 16</u>	1-23	sev	mob
Peregrine Falcon	<u>total 16</u>	3-28	sev	sev
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	8 <u>L</u>	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
Eastern Phoebe	2B	24 <u>L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	4 <u>L</u>	Genesee Country Museum	M. Gullo
Eastern Kingbird	1	4 <u>L</u>	Hamlin (Brick Schoolhouse Rd)	A. Guthrie

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Northern Shrike	1	29FF	Kendall	G. Lawrence, J. Podliak
Blue-headed Vireo	1	18L	Manitou (Owl Woods)	J. Miles
Red-eyed Vireo	1	12L	Manitou	A. Van Keuren
<u>Fish Crow</u>	1	26	<u>Twin Cedars Environ.</u> <u>Area, Avon</u>	M. Wasilco
Tree Swallow	<u>max 245</u>	3	Cranberry Pond, Greece	A. Guthrie
N. Rough-winged Swallow	2	11L	NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes)	W. & M. Rowley
Bank Swallow	2	11L	NMWMA (Morgan Rd Marshes)	W. & M. Rowley
Barn Swallow	6	17L	Northrup Creek, Greece	Je. Barry, I. Davies, C. Wood
Brown Creeper	<u>total B</u> <u>30, low</u>	month	Manitou	BBBO
Brown Creeper	<u>46 rep.</u>	all		
Brown Creeper	<u>64 ind</u>	month	sev	mob to eBird
House Wren	1	13L	Rochester	C.A. Shay
Winter Wren	<u>total B</u> <u>20, low</u>	5-27	Manitou	BBBO
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<u>max B 44</u>	18	Manitou	BBBO
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<u>total B</u> <u>248</u>	month	Manitou	BBBO
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<u>max 87</u>	11	Webster Park	R. & S. Spahn
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>max B 52</u>	10	Manitou	BBBO
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>total B</u> <u>346</u>	month	Manitou	BBBO
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>60</u>	11	Webster Park	R. & S. Spahn
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	18L	U. of Rochester	E. Gyllenhaal
Gray-cheeked/ Bicknell's Thrush	1B	5L	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Bicknell's Thrush</u>	1B	2F	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	1	21L	Webster Arboretum	J. Miles
Swainson's Thrush	1	21L	Manitou	Ann Nash
Hermit Thrush	<u>max B 9,</u> <u>low</u>	10	Manitou	BBBO
Hermit Thrush	<u>total B</u> <u>82, low</u>	month	Manitou	BBBO
Hermit Thrush	<u>max 34</u>	7	Hamlin Beach - West	R.Spahn
Wood Thrush	1	8L	U. of Rochester	E. Gyllenhaal
American Robin	<u>max 180</u>	24	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Brown Thrasher	1B	6L	Manitou	BBBO
American Pipit	<u>max 40</u>	23	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
Lapland Longspur	<u>1</u>	18FF	Hamlin (Church Rd)	A. Guthrie
Snow Bunting	4	15FF	Hamlin Beach SP	R.Spahn
Snow Bunting	<u>max 55</u>	24	Buck Pond, Greece	Ji. Barry
Ovenbird	1	6L	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek Trail	R. Spahn
Northern Waterthrush	1	7L	Manitou	Ann Nash
Black-&-white Warbler	1	2L	Four Mile Creek Pres., Webster	J. Miles
Tennessee Warbler	2	10L	Francis Rd, Batavia	D. Beattie
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1B	1; 2; 8	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	2B	3	Manitou	BBBO

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<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1	4	BBBO	R.Kayhart
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1	8	Twin Cedars Environ. Area, Avon	M. Bowman
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1	17	Bennett Rd, Parma	Je. Barry, I. Davies, A. Guthrie, C. Wood
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1	18	Bennett Rd, Parma	je. Barry, <i>et al.</i>
<u>Orange-crowned Warbler</u>	1	19L	Letchworth SP	G.Lawrence
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	1B	1L	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Mourning Warbler</u>	1	4L	Hamlin Beach - West	Bri. Morse
<u>Common Yellowthroat</u>	1	22L	U. of Rochester West Port Bay, Wayne Co.	E. Gyllenhaal
<u>American Redstart</u>	1	7L	Greece	W. & M. Rowley
<u>Northern Parula</u>	1	6L	Manitou	K. Griffith
<u>Magnolia Warbler</u>	1	12L	Manitou	A. Van Keuren
<u>Bay-breasted Warbler</u>	1B	5L	Manitou Twin Cedars Environ.	BBBO
<u>Blackburnian Warbler</u>	1	5L	Area, Avon	M. Wasilco
<u>Blackpoll Warbler</u>	1B	22L	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Palm Warbler</u>	1	17L	Braddock Bay	Je. Barry, C. Wood
<u>Pine Warbler</u>	2	27L	Beechwood SP	D. Sherony
<u>Yellow-rumped Warbler</u>	<u>max 40</u> <u>total B</u>	7	Webster Arboretum	J. Miles
<u>Yellow-rumped Warbler</u>	20	1-24	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Yellow-rumped "Audubon's" Warbler</u>	1 ph	11	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	W. & M. Rowley, D. Fowler
<u>Black-throated Green Warbler</u>	1B	22L	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Am. Tree Sparrow</u>	1B	14FF	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	1	5	<u>HANA</u>	D. Sherony
<u>Vesper Sparrow</u>	1	10L	Francis Rd., Batavia	D. Beattie
<u>LeConte's Sparrow</u>	<u>1, 11th</u> <u>Reg</u>	18F	Bennett Rd. Preserve (Parma)	A.Guthrie, 8 other obs
<u>Nelson's Sparrow</u>	1	5; 17	Braddock Bay - Burger Park	Bri. Morse; A. Guthrie, C. Wood
<u>Nelson's Sparrow</u>	1	18	Bennett Rd. Preserve (Parma)	A.Guthrie, 9 other obs
<u>Fox Sparrow</u>	1; 1B	12FF	Hamlin Beach - Yanty; Manitou Lakeshore Marshes	R. Spahn; BBBO
<u>Lincoln's Sparrow</u>	1	20L	WMA, T Huron	W. & M. Rowley
<u>White-throated Sparrow</u>	<u>max B 58</u> <u>total B</u>	5 all	Manitou	BBBO
<u>White-throated Sparrow</u>	422	month	Manitou	BBBO
<u>White-throated Sparrow</u>	<u>max 125</u> <u>max</u>	10	Hamlin Beach - West Holy Sepulchre	R. Spahn
<u>Dark-eyed Junco</u>	100+	14	Cemetery, Rochester	K. Dalton
<u>Scarlet Tanager</u>	1	12L	Hamlin Beach - West	R. Spahn
<u>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</u>	1	30L	Bushnell's Basin	H. & C. Haller
<u>Indigo Bunting</u>	1	10L	Hamlin Nations Rd IBA,	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse
<u>Eastern Meadowlark</u>	1	28L	Geneseo	J. Stevenson
<u>Rusty Blackbird</u>	<u>max 50</u> <u>max</u>	16	<u>HANA</u>	B. Cady
<u>Common Grackle</u>	3400	18	North Rush	N. Kachala

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<u>White-winged Crossbill</u>	1	19E	Bennett Rd. Preserve (Parma)	G. Lawrence, S. Barth
<u>White-winged Crossbill</u>	1	26	Greece T Leicester, Livingston Co.	K. Griffith M. Wasilco
Common Redpoll	<u>max 25</u>	21FF	Manitou	BBBO
Common Redpoll	<u>max B 14</u>	25	Manitou	BBBO
Pine Siskin	<u>max 280</u>	17	BBBO	I. Davies
Pine Siskin	<u>max B 93</u>	23	Manitou	BBBO
Pine Siskin	<u>75B</u>	27	Manitou	BBBO
American Goldfinch	<u>max B 73</u>	27	Manitou	BBBO