

July Sightings Report

This July was just a comfortable, average month. Temperatures seesawed for most of the month before settling into a warm, summer ending. They averaged 70.9 °F, 0.1° above normal, and precipitation totaled 3.56", only 0.23" above normal. There was only one day above 90° on the 29th. The heaviest rainfalls were south of Rochester, with heavy thunderstorms and some wind damage on the 7th and also some local flooding on the 14th. There was only one very heavy rainy period, with 1.56" falling on the 17th-18th. Given the wet June, lake levels on Lake Ontario and the Finger Lakes remained high.

Again, there were few ducks reported and the bulk of those from the NMWMA or Lake Ontario. Part of the problem was the high water and lots of cattail growth making it hard to see into many places where we normally would observe waterbirds. In addition there were few reports of loons and no early Red-necked Grebes on Lake Ontario.

Once again, Ospreys were active, with several new nests or attempts on cell towers west of Rochester. Again, there were Merlin reports, but no details of nesting attempts. Otherwise, raptor reports were relatively few, and no information was posted relative to the usual summer movement past Braddock Bay. Again there was no evidence of serious searching for nesting Broad-winged Hawks from the forested hills south of Rochester and only two Red-shouldered Hawk reports.

Again, most of our shorebird reports came from areas on or near the Lake Ontario shore, the NMWMA, or the fields of the Genesee area. Fifteen species were reported, all the arriving fall migrants at normal arrival dates and peak counts all low. Two Whimbrels attracted the most attention. Again, lack of good, accessible habitat in our region and some better areas found just outside resulted in little strong effort here.

There were almost no even decent numbers of post-breeding gulls and terns at the usual beach and pier resting areas this month and no real rarities noted. Even the usual gatherings of Caspian Terns at Hamlin Beach, the piers at the mouth of the Genesee River, and Sodus Point were on the low side, with notably few juvenile terns with them.

Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship work, continued low level banding at BBBO, and the general input of records to eBird and geneseebirds-I kept the overall number of passerine species reported normal. There were no really rare birds in this large group and not many high counts. A record early report of American Pipits in Byron, Genesee County, and a few warblers at odd summer dates were the highlights. Yellow-rumped Warblers at Hamlin Beach at the end of the month bring up the usual discussion around the fuzzy boundary between fairly local breeding birds "moving around" and "migration". Probably the best anyone can do is to simply make it clear how one's decisions are made; then others can deal with it as they see fit later. Passerines I would consider "missed" in July were: Brown Creeper, Black-and-white Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, and Black-throated Blue Warbler. However, all require a bit more than casual searching in the hills or forested areas. Winter Wren and Golden-crowned Kinglet again seemed scarce in the areas I searched and expected to possibly find them; both species had few eBird records submitted. About 12,350 total eBird "records" were received.

Please submit reports to eBird, post them on Geneseebirds-L, 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</u> <u>(2005-2014)</u>
Species for July	173	174	165.5
New for the year	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3.6</u>
Total for the year to date	270	273	268.8

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

Observers: Jim Adams, Janet Akin, John Ballou, Jessie Barry, Jim Barry, Sue Barth, Doug Beattie, Dick Beery, Don Bemont, Linda Clark-Benedict & Steven Benedict, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Patrick Blake, John Boettcher, Robert Buckert, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Kelly Close, Jeremy Collison, Andrew Consler, Ian Davies, Larry Draper, George Ford, Andy Garland, Sheryl Gracewski, Michael Gullo, Jim & Allison Healy, Andrew Guthrie, Rich Guthrie, Anita Gwara, Helen & Chris Haller, Eleanor Hartquist, Kim Hartquist, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Carolyn Jacobs, Nicholas Kachala, Jim Kimball, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Pat Martin, Lauri Mattle, Jay McGowan, Jim Miles, Evan Mistur, Adrielle Mitchell, Ann Mitchell, IBA Monitoring, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Allen Nash, Tom Nash, Dave Nutter, Andrea Patterson, Jim Pawlicki, Gerard Phillips, Norma Platt, Carena Pooth, Jay Powell, Mike Powers, Carolyn Ragan, Dick & Dorothy Rosche, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jesse Rubenstein, Livia Santana, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Joseph Stevenson, Kimberly Sucky, Jim Tarolli, Mike & Joann Tetlow, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Dave Wheeler, Joe Wing, Chris Wood.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

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<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Wood Duck	<u>max 100</u>	28	Conesus Inlet WMA - N	A. Consler
American Wigeon	2	<u>11</u>	<u>Hamlin Beach SP</u>	A.Guthrie
American Black Duck	<u>max 11, lov</u>	<u>28</u>	NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	IBA Monitoring
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 5</u>	2	NMWMA (Carncross Rd)	An. Mitchell
Redhead	1	<u>12</u>	<u>Pt. Breeze</u>	A.Guthrie
Common Merganser	2	<u>10</u>	<u>Hamlin Beach SP</u>	A.Guthrie
Red-breasted Merganser	2	<u>3</u>	Brown Rd. (N. Wolcott)	W. & M. Rowley
Common Loon	1-2	<u>11, 17, 31</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Double-crested Cormoran	<u>max 72</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
American Bittern	1	2	<u>HANA</u>	G. Ford
Great Egret	1	3	<u>HANA</u>	M. Gullo
Black-crowned Night-Her	1	25	<u>Rochester (Broad St. bridge)</u>	J. Miles, L. Mattle
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 135</u>	10	Riga Landfill	Bri. Morse
Osprey	<u>nest w yng</u>	all month	<u>Burger Park (Greece)</u>	sev
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	4	Sodus Bay	M. Bergin
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	16	Canadice lake	G. Lawrence
Semipalmated Plover	2	<u>14FF</u>	Sodus Point	W. & M.Rowley
Solitary Sandpiper	2; 1	<u>15FF</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	P.Martin; C. Stanger
Greater Yellowlegs	10	<u>2FF</u>	NMWMA (Carncross Rd)	An. Mitchell, D. Nutter
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	<u>17FF</u>	Pultneyville Harbor	M. Gullo
Upland Sandpiper	<u>4</u>	21	Geneseo Airfield	J. Kimball
Upland Sandpiper	1	28	<u>Hamlin</u>	A.Guthrie
Whimbrel	1 ph	<u>14FF</u>	Sodus Pt.	M. & M. Rowley, J. Wing
Whimbrel	1	15	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. Miles, sev - ph
Ruddy Turnstone	3	<u>31FF</u>	Summerville Pier	J. & V. Lindberg
Sanderling	2-7	<u>15FF</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. Miles, sev
Least Sandpiper	2	<u>15FF</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. Miles
Least Sandpiper	<u>max 17</u>	<u>15FF</u>	West Sweden Rd, T. Sweden	G. Lawrence
Pectoral Sandpiper	sev	<u>17FF</u>	SE of Cuylerville	J. Kimball
Semipalmated Sandpiper	6-7	<u>14FF</u>	Sodus Point	W. & M.Rowley, J. Wing, M. Gullo
Short-billed Dowitcher	1	<u>27FF</u>	Geneseo	N. Kachala
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull 1 1st sum</u>		10	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull 1 1st sum</u>		12	Ontario Beach (Charlotte)	A.Guthrie
Caspian Tern	<u>max 50-59</u>	17-30	sev	sev
Red-headed Woodpecker	<u>family</u>	all month	Webster	J. Boettcher
Red-headed Woodpecker	<u>max 6</u>	16, 31	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
<u>Merlin</u>	1	10	Sodus Pt.	W. & M.Rowley
<u>Merlin</u>	1	16	Sodus Pt.	W. & M.Rowley
<u>Merlin</u>	1	22	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	J. Miles
<u>Peregrine Falcon</u>	1 imm	1	Geneseo	J. Stevenson
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<u>Fish Crow</u>	1-6	all month	Charlotte area and nearby	mob
<u>Fish Crow</u>	6	3	<u>Rochester (filled in inner loop)</u>	B. & B. Morse
<u>Fish Crow</u>	1	8	<u>University of Rochester</u>	J. Collison
American Pipit	3	<u>24FF, RE</u>	Cy Farms, T. Byron (Genesee Co.)	E. Mistur

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<u>Golden-winged Warbler</u>	1	3	N. Wolcott (Brown Rd.)	W. & M.Rowley
Tennessee Warbler	1B, ad f	<u>30FF</u>	<u>Manitou</u>	A. Patterson
Nashville Warbler	1	<u>10</u>	<u>Beechwoods SP</u>	J. Wing
Magnolia warbler	1	<u>3</u>	<u>N. Wolcott (Brown Rd.)</u>	W. & M.Rowley
Yellow-rumped Warbler	3	<u>30</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Canada Warbler	1	<u>2</u>	<u>Genesee County Park & Forest</u>	G. Lawrence
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	1-2	6-12	Hamlin (Cook Rd)	A. Guthrie, K. Sucey
Grasshopper Sparrow	<u>max 9</u>	12	Genesee Coubty Airport	A. Guthrie
White-throated Sparrow	2	<u>19</u>	<u>Penfield</u>	P. Blake
Pine Siskin	1	<u>5</u>	N. Wolcott	W. & M.Rowley
Pine Siskin	1	<u>10, 30</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A.Guthrie
Pine Siskin	1-3	<u>19-30</u>	Webster	P. Mabb