

June 2016 Sightings Report

Dryness from May spilled over into June and continued through the month. It was overall a warm, dry month. Temperatures averaged 67.5 °F, 1.3° above average. There were 4 days peaking above 90° and 16 days with highs above 80°. Rainfall totaled 0.91", 2.43" below normal. The only significant rainfall was on the 2nd, with 0.49", over half the month's total. There was spotty additional rainfall not recorded at the airport station. Lake Ontario remained cool through the month, rising to 71° on the last day.

A general look at the month and its records is interesting. Conditions were good for breeding birds and birders; there were no issues with cold impacting breeding birds and no heavy rains and flooding. Birders did get out and contributed over 20,000 eBird "records" including 185 species, well above average and near record high for the month. Weak spots on the checklist were fewer species and low peak numbers for most waterfowl and shorebirds. Birders covered the region well, so most passerine species were found. However, late spring migration showed very little carryover into early June, and both Gray-cheeked and Swainson's Thrushes were missed, where often their peak banding numbers occur then. Another hard to assess issue is the impact on grassland birds of good weather for growing grasses, resulting in early cutting of hay and accompanying nest losses.

Again, reports of nesting Trumpeter Swan pairs were fewer yet, and reports of our nesting Sandhill Cranes were few. There were almost no reports of puddle ducks in sizable numbers, even from our parts of the NMWMA (Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area). Late diving ducks on or passing over Lake Ontario were also scarce.

There was no official hawk count at the Braddock Bay hawk watch into this month, though interested hawk watchers caught a nice, late push on the 20th that included an adult Mississippi Kite and good numbers of Turkey Vultures, Bald Eagles, and Broad-winged Hawks. Black Vultures were reported from Letchworth State Park through most of the month, and Red-shouldered Hawk reports came from known sites. Merlins and Peregrine Falcons were scarce, although the downtown Peregrine Falcons fledged 4 by mid-month and continued to be monitored, with posts on the rfalconcam website.

In the table of noteworthy records, you will find no reports from ephemeral wet spots; only major wetlands, lakes, ponds, and associated piers and beaches. Late spring shorebird variety was poor and numbers very low, although reports of apparent spring migrants extended

through the 14th, and the first fall migrants were noted by the 27th. It was similar for gulls and terns. The Van Dyne Spoor area of the NMWMA is now the only part of our region with nesting Black Terns. A lone Lesser Black-backed Gull was the only report of a "rarer" gull for the month. Numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls, Caspian Terns, and Common Terns lingered as usual. A Monk Parakeet visiting Jim Kimball's feeders in Geneseo was at a new location for that species.

Passerine banding continued to June 3rd at BBBO (Braddock Bay Bird Observatory) and sporadically after that. Numbers for most of the flycatchers and warblers that often continue well into June were low or missing. Several of our regular higher elevation breeding birds seemed scarce, e.g. Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, and Golden-crowned Kinglet. Yet Ruby-crowned Kinglet, usually gone by late May, was both banded and seen in the field near the lakeshore into this month. Among the warblers, reports of rarer species included a "Lawrence's" Warbler in Northhampton Park, the nesting Prothonotary Warbler on Armitage Road, late Blackpoll Warbler to the 16th, a late Palm Warbler at BBBO, a Yellow-throated Warbler photographed by Jim Kimball at Indian Fort Preserve, and Prairie Warbler at Conesus Lake inlet. Apparently, nesting Clay-colored Sparrows were tracked at 3 sites, and White-throated Sparrows were found at two locations away from expected possible breeding areas. A major surprise was a male Yellow-headed Blackbird photographed near a feeder along Edgemere Drive on the 12th.

Jim Adams continued to remind me of a loss to our understanding of what is happening in the bird/birding world, as many only submit checklists to eBird, and few provide personal communications with thoughts and anecdotes from their times out birding. Jim's reports summarizing daily walks in Oatka Creek Park include information on timing of activity of various species and notes on how the weather and other happenings are affecting the park. A few other regular reporters do this. More would be helpful.

Please submit reports to eBird, post them on [geneseebirds](http://geneseebirds.com), and/or send by the 5th of the month to Andrea Patterson, 144 Greystone Lane, #24, Rochester, NY 14618.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>10-year Average (2006-2015)</u>
Species for June	185	175	179.9
New for the year	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Total for the year to date	267	270	266.1

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

June Observers: Jim Adams, Janet Akin, Suzanne Albright, BBBO (Andrea Patterson), Ted Barnett, Sue Barth, Jim Barry, Annelle Beall, Doug Beattie, Betty Beckham, Don Bemont, Linda Clark-Benedict & Steve Benedict, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, Joe Brin, Jean Bub, Ken Burdick, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Robert Buckert, Kelly Close, Sarah Compter, Andrew Consler, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Susan Danskin, Tony Dawe, Todd Deininger, Pat & Nora Devlin, Bob Dobson, Mark Fitzsimmons, George Ford, Andy Garland, Nathan Goldberg, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Ralph & Georgia Guenther, Michael Gullo, Andrew Guthrie, Rich Guthrie, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Mike Habberfield, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Jim & Allison Healy, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, IBA Monitoring, Carolyn Jacobs, Nicholas Kachala, Laura Kammermeier, Jim Kimball, Kathy Kirsch, J. Gary Kohlenberg, Elijah Kruger, Chris Lajewski, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Alexander Lees, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern

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NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

JUNE 2016

Species	No.	Date	Location	Observers
Snow Goose injured	1	<u>1-27</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	mob
Mute Swan	<u>max 30</u>	4	Buck Pond (Greece)	Ji. Barry
Trumpeter Swan	<u>1-4</u>	5-17	4 sites WAYN	mob
Wood Duck	<u>max 95</u>	14	Conesus Inlet WMA	M. Wasilco
Gadwall	3	<u>27</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	J. Ross, A. Tedesco,
Am. Wigeon	1	<u>24, 28</u>	HANA	sev
	<u>max 2,</u>			
Am. Black Duck	<u>LOW</u>	8	Conesus Lake Inlet	K. Close
Mallard	<u>max 333</u>	10	MAC	W. Rofe
Green-winged Teal	2	<u>7L</u>	NMWMA (Colvin Marsh)	W. & M. Rowley
Redhead	1	<u>14L</u>	Conesus Lake, Vitale Park	T. Bohling
Ring-necked Duck	1	<u>4L</u>	Hemlock Lake Park	K. Sucey, M. Lyons
Long-tailed Duck	1	<u>1L</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	Ji. Miles
Common Goldeneye	1	<u>8L</u>	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
Hooded Merganser	<u>fem+7 yng</u>	1-18	Bushnell's Basin	H. & C. Haller
Red-breasted Merganser	1	<u>25L</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Loon	2	<u>25</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Least Bittern	1	3-28	<u>HANA</u>	J. Rubenstein, sev
<u>Black Vulture</u>	2	10-26	<u>Letchworth SP</u>	E. Kruger, K. Sucey
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 170</u>	<u>20</u>	Braddock Bay hawkwatch	M. Tetlow, D. Niven, E. Sailor
<u>Mississippi Kite</u>	1 ad	<u>20</u>	Braddock Bay hawkwatch	M. Tetlow, D. Niven
Osprey	1	<u>19</u>	<u>HANA</u>	RBA Field Trip
Bald Eagle	<u>max 11</u>	<u>20</u>	Braddock Bay hawkwatch	M. Tetlow, D. Niven
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	3	Huckleberry Swamp (Wayne Co.)	J. Akin
<u>Red-shouldered Hawk</u>	1	6	Canadice Lake A area	RBA Field Trip
Broad-winged Hawk	<u>max 212</u>	<u>20</u>	Braddock Bay hawkwatch	M. Tetlow, D. Niven, E. Sailor
Sandhill Crane	2	<u>2</u>	<u>Beechwood SP (Wayne Co.)</u>	J. Wing
Sandhill Crane ph	2	<u>2</u>	<u>pond off Avon Rd near Rt 39</u>	<i>fide</i> J. Kimball
Sandhill Crane	1	<u>7</u>	<u>Beatty Point (Greece)</u>	D. Horsey
			Groveland Hill Pond (Livingston Co.)	M. Wasilco
Semipalmated Plover	1	<u>9L</u>	Co.)	M. Wasilco
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	<u>27FF</u>	Twin Cedars EEA (Avon DEC)	M. Wasilco
Ruddy Turnstone	1	<u>14L</u>	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
Least Sandpiper	2	<u>14L</u>	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
Least Sandpiper	1	<u>30FF</u>	Twin Cedars EEA (Avon DEC)	M. Wasilco
White-rumped Sandpiper	1	<u>14L</u>	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
Semipalmated Sandpiper	2	<u>14L</u>	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
Ring-billed Gull	<u>max 500</u>	<u>25</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1	11	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Black Tern	<u>max 8</u>	27	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	T. Dawe
Common Tern	1	<u>14L</u>	Irondequoit Bay Outlet	Ji. Miles
Common Tern	2	<u>25FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Common Nighthawk	1	<u>4L</u>	Casey Park (Wayne Co.)	W. & M. Rowley
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	21	<u>Whiting Rd NP (Webster)</u>	R. Ott

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS (cont'd)

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<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Red-headed Woodpecker	2	22	<u>Huntington Hills (Rochester)</u> <u>George Eastman House</u> <u>(Rochester)</u>	G. Ford
Merlin	1	21	19th Ward, Rochester	Bri. Morse
Merlin	<u>nesting?</u>	- 30	19th Ward, Rochester	L. Braband
Peregrine Falcon	1	28	<u>HANA</u>	L. Bergmeyer, R. Buckert
Peregrine Falcon	<u>1-2</u>	all month	Rochester	sev
<u>Monk Parakeet</u>	1	29	Geneseo	J. Kimball
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	<u>14L</u>	Conesus Lake Inlet	K. Close
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<u>max 5B</u>	2	Manitou	BBBO
"Traill's" Flycatcher	<u>max 15B</u>	2	Manitou	BBBO
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>max 31</u>	10	Letchworth SP	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow
Blue Jay	<u>max 100</u>	<u>2</u>	Braddock Bay - West Spit	M. Gullo
<u>Fish Crow</u>	2+	1	<u>Greece</u>	R. Dobson
<u>Fish Crow</u>	1	4	<u>Edgemere Dr. (Greece)</u>	Ji. Barry
Purple Martin	<u>max 50</u>	12; 26	MAC	A. Beall; C. Lajewski
Bank Swallow	<u>max 120</u>	11	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Cliff Swallow	<u>max 15</u>	29	Hemlock Lake Park	M. Wasilco
Winter Wren	<u>singles</u>	all month	<u>6 loc</u>	sev
Marsh Wren	<u>max 20</u>	4	Buck Pond (Greece)	Ji. Barry
Marsh Wren	<u>max 20</u>	11	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	S. Danskin, B. McGuire, A. Mitchell
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1B	<u>1</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	<u>3L</u>	Beechwoods SP	J. Wing
Gray Catbird	<u>max 59</u>	25	U. of Rochester	E. Gyllenhaal
Cedar Waxwing	<u>max 100</u>	2	Braddock Bay - West Spit	M. Gullo
<u>"Lawrence's" Warbler</u>	1	3F	Northhampton Park	A. Guthrie
<u>Prothonotary Warbler</u>	1-2	thru 20	Armitage Rd (Wayne Co.)	sev
Mourning Warbler	1B	<u>2L</u>	<u>Manitou</u>	A.J. Patterson
Common Yellowthroat	<u>18</u>	28	<u>Mendon Ponds Park (esker trail)</u>	R. Buckert
Common Yellowthroat	<u>max 24</u>	28	<u>Mendon Ponds Park (100 A pond)</u>	L. Bergmeyer, R. Buckert
Magnolia Warbler	1	<u>7L</u>	Webster Park Campground area	M. Gullo
Blackpoll Warbler	1	<u>8L</u>	Conesus Lake Inlet	K. Close
Blackpoll Warbler	1	<u>16</u>	Beechwoods SP	J. Wing; W. & M. Rowley
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1	1	<u>Indian Fort Preserve, Geneseo</u>	J. Kimball
Palm Warbler	1	<u>21</u>	<u>Manitou (BBBO)</u>	A. Patterson
<u>Yellow-throated Warbler ph</u>	1	3	Indian Fort Preserve, Geneseo	J. Kimball, M. Gullo
Prairie Warbler	1	<u>14</u>	Conesus Inlet WMA	M. Wasilco
Canada Warbler	1B	<u>1L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Canada Warbler	1	<u>30</u>	<u>near Naples</u>	B. Howe
Wilson's Warbler	1B	<u>6L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	2	6	Hamlin (Cook Rd)	Bri. Morse
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	1-2	15-30	Ballantyne Rd (Chili)	K. Hartquist, sev
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>	1-2	17-19	Sand & Taft Rds (W. Bloomfield)	D. Sherony, M. Gullo
Savannah Sparrow	<u>max 40</u>	18	Nations Rd IBA	D. Sherony
White-throated Sparrow	1	<u>17</u>	<u>Braddodck Bay Park</u>	D. Horsey
White-throated Sparrow	1	<u>29</u>	<u>HANA</u>	D. Sherony, M. Gullo
Northern Cardinal	<u>max 36</u>	25	U. of Rochester	E. Gyllenhaal
Bobolink	<u>max 50</u>	18	Nations Rd IBA	D. Sherony
<u>Yellow-hded Blackbird m, ph</u>	1	<u>12</u>	Edgemere Dr. (Greece)	S. Albright
Pine Siskin	2; 1; 4	<u>1; 3; 16</u>	Rochester	M. Laird; J. Lindberg; A. Mitchell