

September Sightings Report

Overall, it was a mostly warm and dry month. Temperatures averaged 67.9 °F, 6.1° above normal. It was the 5th warmest September on record and added two 90+° days for the summer. Rainfall totaled 4.06", 0.69" above normal, but 3.52" of that fell in the periods of the 12th-13th and 30th, leaving most of the rest of the month dry. Again, there were only weak fronts and correspondingly weak movements of migrants.

Yet again with few exceptions, waterfowl arrived at average or even early dates, with most maximum counts low other than a few past Hamlin Beach and in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area. Common Loon and Red-necked Grebe did manage decent maxima for this month, and again Double-crested Cormorant counts were high from Irondequoit Bay to off Greece. There were again no local reports of rarer, wandering herons and egrets.

There was no direct report of the end of the summer hawk flight past Braddock Bay. Only a lone Northern Goshawk was reported. Both Merlin and Peregrine Falcons were reported in good numbers, and the downtown Rochester Peregrine Falcons fledged three this summer, one of which was soon lost to an accident.

Shorebird variety was good, with 22 species reported. Only Whimbrel was missing among those really expected, with Red Knot always rare. Peak numbers were relatively low, except for a couple of good concentrations of American Golden-Plover, Killdeer, and Least Sandpiper. The dry month left few good spots except right after the heavy rains. The usual Lake Ontario mudflats were still immersed at month's end. The 6 Buff-breasted Sandpipers on East Fork Road in Hamlin is a very good count for here.

Another Long-tailed Jaeger for the season on the 20th at Hamlin Beach was a good find, along with a second Sabine's Gull at the same place and date. Six Parasitic Jaegers were scattered through the month, about as expected for a September. The lone adult Little Gull

passed along the lakeshore off Edgemere Drive in Greece on the 19th. About 10 Lesser Black-backed Gull reports is typical of recent years. Six Black Terns in the Point Breeze area on the 8th is high for migrants in recent years, although it is not certain if they were in Region 1 or 2 or both. Both Common and Forster's Terns were reported in typical numbers.

The request for inputs to the annual Chimney Swift count did not yield many reports to eBird for our Region, but Jim Kimball did catch 186 entering the York Central School chimney on the 15th and passed along the timing for any interested in seeing the event; no reports from others.

As in the past few years, essentially all of the expected passerines were reported this month. The only "misses" were rarer birds or ones that are always touch and go for either lingering into this month or arriving before the end of the month. The Noteworthy Records table to be posted on the RBA website will contain a number of samples of numbers banded to illustrate numbers and species that are up and down. There were no really great banding days, but the numbers were steady enough to accumulate to a good total. Details are online at the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory website. Both a banding table and daily notes are available. Numbers banded for Red-eyed Vireo, Gray-cheeked and Swainson's Thrushes, and Magnolia Warbler were very good. Also, four Connecticut Warblers in a month is very high. Passerine rarities for the month were Yellow-breasted Chat, Lark Sparrow, and Yellow-headed Blackbird, the latter likely the bird first seen August 22-27 but it was at Van Dyne Spoor on September 19 during the Muck Race.

Please submit reports to eBird, post them on geneseebirds, and/or send by the 5th of the month to Lynn Bergmeyer, 187 Longridge Ave., Greece, NY 14616.

	2015	2014	10-year Average (2004-2013)
Total species for September	218	222	210.6
New species for the year	4	4	6.1
Total for the year to date	279	281	281.0

Bob Spahn and the RBA Records Committee

Observers: Jim Adams, John Ballou, Jesse Barry, Jim & Liz Barry, Sue Barth, Doug & Sharon Beattie, Dick Beery, Steven Benedict, Barry Bermudez, John Boettcher, Lynn Braband, Elizabeth (Betsy) Brooks – BBBO, M. Brown, Robert Buckert, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Linda Clark-Benedict, Kelly Close, Jeremy Collison, Andrew Consler, Cathy Contant, Kathleen Dalton, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Brett Ewald, Wayne Fidler, Kelly & Mark Fitzsimmons, George Ford, Drew Fowler, Andy Garland, Nathan Goldberg, Sheryl Gracewski, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenter, Michael Gullo, Judy Gurley, Andy Guthrie, Rich Guthrie, Anita Gwara, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Christina Hoh, Dick Horsey, Bill & Marie Howe, Carolyn Jacobs, Jesse Jaycox, Nicholas Kachala, Logan Kahle, Ryan Kayhart, Kenneth Kempfues, Tom Kerr, Bernie Kester, Jim Kimball, Kathy Kirsch, J. Gary Kohlenberg, Elijah Kruger, Tom Lathrop, Leona Lauster, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Patricia Lindsay, Peggy Mabb, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Kevin McGann, Lauri Mattle, Jay McGowan, Jim Miles, Adrielle Mitchell, Shai Mitra, Montezuma Audubon Center, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Tom Nash, Paul Novak, Andrea Patterson, Jim Pawlicki, Norma Platt, Jon Podliak, Betsy Potter, Jay Powell, Mike Powers, David Prill, Bill Purcell, RBA Field trips, Carolyn Ragan, Dave Robertson, Dick & Dorothy Rosche, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jesse Rubenstein, Livia Santana, Michael Scheibel, Mickey Scilingo, Joseph Scott, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Tom & Pat Smith, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Chris Stanger, Kimberly Sucy, Jim Tarolli, Steve Taylor, David Tetlow, Michael & Joann Tetlow, Brian Tuttle, Brad Walker, Mike Wasilco, Ann Watson, Bridget Watts, Drew Weber, David Wheeler, Windbirders Muckrace Team (Bill Gillette, Bob Spahn, Allan Strong, & Kinsley Whittum), Joe Wing, Vonda Woodfield, Chris Wood.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

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<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Snow Goose	1	28FF	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Brant	11	<u>26FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	E. Gyllenhaal, G. Lawrence
Brant	<u>max 116</u>	<u>30</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	T. Lenz
<u>Cackling/Canada</u> <u>Goose</u>	12	30	Hamlin Beach SP	T. Lenz
Mute Swan	<u>max 15</u>	18	Sodus Point NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	W. & M. Rowley J. Jaycox, K. & M. Fitzsimmons, P. Novak
Wood Duck	<u>max 164</u>	18	Hamlin Beach SP	N. Goldberg, G. Lawrence, T. Lenz
American Wigeon	<u>max 85</u>	30	Hamlin Beach SP	N. Goldberg, G. Lawrence, T. Lenz
American Black Duck	<u>max 50</u>	30	Hamlin Beach SP NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	T. Lenz
Blue-winged teal	<u>max 50</u>	22	Hamlin Beach SP	J. Scott N. Goldberg, G. Lawrence, T. Lenz
Northern Shoveler	<u>max 112</u>	30	Hamlin Beach SP	T. Lenz
Northern Pintail	<u>max 1098</u>	30	Hamlin Beach SP	T. Lenz
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 150</u>	19	NMWMA (Colvin Marsh)	J. McGowan
Ring-necked Duck	4	<u>20FF</u>	Round Pond, Greece	C. Wood S. Barth, A. Guthrie, C. Morien
Greater Scaup	17-21	<u>20FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	N. Goldberg, G. Lawrence, T. Lenz
Greater Scaup	<u>max 42</u>	30	Hamlin Beach SP	S. Barth, A. Guthrie, C. Morien
Surf Scoter	4-5	<u>20FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
Surf Scoter	<u>max 40</u>	30FF	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
White-winged Scoter	7	13FF	Hamlin Beach SP	E. Gyllenhaal, G. Lawrence N. Goldberg, G. Lawrence, T. Lenz
Black Scoter	6	<u>20FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	
Common Goldeneye	1	30FF	Hamlin Beach SP	
Red-breasted Merganser	1	<u>13FF</u>	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley N. Goldberg, G. Lawrence, T. Lenz
Common Loon	<u>max 40</u>	30	Hamlin Beach SP	
Red-necked Grebe	<u>max 42</u>	20	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 3500</u>	30; 10	off Ontario Beach	J. Miles
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>1960</u>	20	off Edgemere Dr, Greece	Je. Barry
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>1000</u>	25	off Russell Station, Greece	C. Wood
Great Egret	<u>max 32</u>	12	MAC	M. Brown
Turkey Vulture	<u>max 170</u>	4	Riga Landfill	Bri. Morse
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	1	12	Wolcott NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	W. & M. Rowley
Common Gallinule	<u>max 42</u>	18	NMWMA (N of Armitage Rd)	M. Wasilco
Sandhill Crane	<u>max 10</u>	19		J. McGowan
American Golden- Plover	<u>111</u>	15	Nations Rd IBA	M. Wasilco
American Golden- Plover	<u>77-108</u>	15	Nations Rd IBA	sev obs
American Golden- Plover	<u>max 214</u>	16	Martin Rd, Hamlin	R. Spahn
American Golden- Plover	<u>91-186</u>	15-17	Martin Rd, Hamlin	sev obs
Killdeer	<u>max 150</u>	3	Hamlin	B. Kester
Ruddy Turnstone	1	<u>25L</u>	Sodus Point	J. Wing
Dunlin	1	<u>21FF</u>	Ontario Beach	G. Ford

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Least Sandpiper	<u>max 120</u>	19	MAC	J. McGowan
<u>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</u>	max 6	2F	East Fork, Hamlin	A. Guthrie; G. Lawrence, J. Podliak
<u>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</u>	1	2F	Lake & Munson Rds, Sodus	J. Wing
<u>Sandpiper</u>	1-3	3	East Fork, Hamlin	A. Guthrie, B. & B. Morse, mob
Pectoral Sandpiper	<u>max 28</u>	17	Martin Rd, Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 30</u>	19	MAC	J. McGowan
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	17FF	Martin Rd, Hamlin	A. Guthrie, R. Spahn
Long-billed Dowitcher	2	17FF, later	Martin Rd, Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	19	<u>MAC</u>	mob
Wilson's Phalarope	1	19FF	MAC	mob
Parasitic Jaeger	1	4FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Parasitic Jaeger	<u>total 6</u>	4-30	several	several
<u>Long-tailed Jaeger</u>	1 ad	20	Hamlin Beach SP	S. Barth, A. Guthrie, C. Morien
<u>jaeger sp.</u>	1	20	Bear Creek Harbor, Wayne Co.	J. Wing
<u>jaeger sp.</u>	1	30	Hamlin Beach SP	N. Goldberg, G. Lawrence, T. Lenz
<u>Sabine's Gull</u>	1 juv	20	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 ad	19	off Edgemere Dr	Je. Barry, Ji. & L. Barry, C. Wood
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1	11FF	Hamlin Beach SP	R. Spahn
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>total 10</u>	11-30	several	several
Black Tern	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	Point Breeze	J. Pawlicki
Common Tern	<u>max 79</u>	23	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	20L	Black Creek Park	V. Woodfield
Common Nighthawk	2	22L	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	W. & M. Rowley
Chimney Swift	<u>max 186</u>	15	Greiggsville (T York)	J. Kimball
Merlin	<u>6 rep, 6 ind</u>	all month	several	several
Peregrine Falcon	<u>22 rep, 19 ind</u>	all month	several	several
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	7L	Mendon Ponds Park	B. Bermudez
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1B	21L	Manitou	BBBO
Alder Flycatcher	1	10L	Auburn Trail, Ontario Co.	B. Tuttle
"Traill's " Flycatcher	1	9L	Twin Cedars, Avon	C. Hoh
Willow Flycatcher	1	20L	HANA	M. Gullo
Great Crested Flycatcher	1	18L	Walworth, Wayne Co.	M. Gullo
Eastern Kingbird	3	6L	Hamlin Beach SP	N. Kachala
Eastern Kingbird	2	6L	Hamlin Beach SP - W	B. & B. Morse
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	20L	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	W. & M. Rowley
Warbling Vireo	2	25L	Mendon Ponds Park	N. Kachala
Philadelphia Vireo	<u>total B 9</u>	2-22	Manitou	BBBO
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>total B 80</u>	1-26	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Fish Crow</u>	<u>max 6</u>	28	Charlotte area NMWMA (Railroad Rd Marshes)	Bri. Morse
Purple Martin	1	19L		J. G. Kohlenberg
N. Rough-winged Swallow	<u>max 49</u>	19	MAC NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	J. McGowan
Tree Swallow	<u>max 1000</u>	5		T. Lenz, <i>et al.</i>
Winter Wren	<u>max 14</u>	22	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	R. Spahn

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Winter Wren	<u>total B 16</u>	11-27	Manitou	BBBO
Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	1	19 <u>L</u>	Beatty Point, Greece	Bri. Morse
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	10 <u>FF</u>	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	S. Barth
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	14 <u>FF</u>	Manitou - Owl Woods	Bri. Morse
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>total B 11</u>	21-27	Manitou	BBBO
Veery	<u>total B 27</u>	1-25	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>max B 11</u>	25	Manitou	BBBO
			Hamlin Beach - W end	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>max 20</u>	28	Campground Rd	R. Spahn
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>max 20</u>	30	Hamlin Beach - West end	T. Lenz
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>total B 62</u>	10-30	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-ch./Bick. Thrush	<u>max B 7</u>	25	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-ch./Bick. Thrush	<u>total B 36</u>	9-28	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	<u>max B 16</u>	22 & 24	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	<u>max 23</u>	16	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	R. Spahn
Swainson's Thrush	<u>max 20</u>	22	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	R. Spahn
Swainson's Thrush	<u>total B 161</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Hermit Thrush	1	16 <u>FF</u>	Manitou	A. Guthrie, C. Wood
Hermit Thrush	1	16 <u>FF</u>	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	R. Spahn
Gray Catbird	<u>max 29</u>	11	Whiting Rd Trails, Webster	G. Ford
Gray Catbird	<u>28</u>	20	Black Creek Park	V. Woodfield
Gray Catbird	<u>total B 94</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
American Pipit	6	15 <u>FF</u>	Martin Rd, Hamlin	R. Spahn
Ovenbird	<u>max 6</u>	22	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	R. Spahn
Blue-winged Warbler	1	6 <u>L</u>	Hamlin Beach - PL #1	N. Kachala
Black-and-white Warbler	1	22 <u>L</u>	Four Mile Creek Pres, Webster	J. Miles
Black-and-white Warbler	1	22 <u>L</u>	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	A. Guthrie
Nashville Warbler	<u>total B 10</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	1B	6 <u>FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	1B	14	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	1B	17	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	1B	23	Manitou	BBBO
Mourning Warbler	1B	25 <u>L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Mourning Warbler	1	25 <u>L</u>	Four Mile Creek Pres, Webster	J. Miles
Common Yellowthroat	<u>total B 76</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Hooded Warbler	1	30 <u>L</u>	Hamlin Beach - West end	T. Lenz
American Redstart	<u>total B 47</u>	2-25	Manitou	BBBO
Cape May Warbler	1	21 <u>L</u>	T Gates	Bri. Morse
Northern Parula	<u>total B 20</u>	6-22	Manitou	BBBO
Magnolia Warbler	<u>max B 35</u>	14	Manitou	BBBO
Magnolia Warbler	<u>total B 197</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Bay-breasted Warbler	1	28 <u>L</u>	Bergen Linear Park	G. Lawrence
Blackburnian Warbler	1	25 <u>L</u>	Highland Park, Rochester	J. Ballou
Yellow Warbler	1	25 <u>L</u>	Greece	K. Griffith
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	22 <u>L</u>	Four Mile Creek Pres, Webster	J. Miles

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Chestnut-sided Warbler	1	22 <u>L</u>	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	A. Guthrie
Blackpoll Warbler	<u>max B 7</u>	14	Manitou	BBBO
Blackpoll Warbler	<u>total B 49</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Blk-thr. Blue Warbler	<u>total B 27</u>	1-26	Manitou	BBBO
Palm Warbler	1	8 <u>FF</u>	HANA	D. Sherony
Canada Warbler	1B	14 <u>L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Wilson's Warbler	<u>total B 33</u>	1-25	Manitou	BBBO
Wilson's Warbler	1	27 <u>L</u>	Burger Park, Greece	B. & B. Morse
<u>Yellow-breasted Chat</u>	1	22F	Greece Hogan Point & Hincer Rds,	K. Griffith
<u>Lark Sparrow ph</u>	1	20	Greece	D. Tetlow, sev
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	8 <u>L</u>	Francis Rd, Batavia	D. Beatie
<u>Nelson's Sparrow</u>	2	26F	Burger Park, Greece	E. Gyllenhaal, G. Lawrence
<u>Nelson's Sparrow</u>	1-2	27-30	Burger Park, Greece	8 other obs
Lincoln's Sparrow	<u>total B 7</u>	20FF-26	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	1	14 <u>FF</u>	sev	sev
White-throated Sparrow	<u>max B 60</u>	24	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	<u>total B 163</u>	14-29	Manitou	BBBO
White-crowned Sparrow	1	26 <u>FF</u>	Burger Park, Greece	E. Gyllenhaal, G. Lawrence
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	25 <u>L</u>	Four Mile Creek Pres, Webster NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit)	J. Miles
Indigo Bunting	1	26 <u>L</u>		T. Lenz, L. Kahle
Bobolink	1	26 <u>L</u>	Burger Park, Greece	E. Gyllenhaal, G. Lawrence
<u>Yellow-headed Blackbird</u>	1 m	19	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	E. Gyllenhaal, G. Lawrence, J. Podliak
Rusty Blackbird	3	24 <u>FF</u>	HANA	E. Kruger
Common Grackle	<u>max 1000+</u>	4	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
Baltimore Oriole	1	27 <u>L</u>	Whiting Rd Trails, Webster	G. Ford