

September 2018 Sightings Report

September was generally warm, with temperatures above average on all but seven days. The average high temperature was 76 °F, a bit above the average of 71 °F. There was one record high of 92 °F on the 21st. 2.81" of precipitation was slightly below the average of 3.45"

Waterfowl numbers were relatively poor for the month, and the highest numbers were mostly limited to Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA). Almost all regular species were observed plus early reports of Brant, Snow Goose, and Cackling Goose in the 2nd half of the month. Diving ducks started showing up flying past Hamlin Beach State Park, but in small numbers. A peak of 1,100 Double-crested Cormorants went past on the 15th, and a count of 500 Common Gallinules at Van Dyne Spoor Rd. at NMWMA were the only other notable water bird highlights.

No large counts of raptors were observed over Braddock Bay like in August, but more effort in future years may yield more information on this phenomenon. One Northern Goshawk was reported in Wayne County. A single Black Vulture report from the town of Caledonia, Livingston County, was noteworthy. Merlin and Peregrine Falcons were reported from many locations throughout the region.

Shorebird diversity was good, but numbers were generally low. Most reports came from the lakeshore beaches and piers, including the constructed barrier beach at the East Spit of Braddock Bay. Observers now have to wade out to the barrier beach to properly check all the shorebird spots, but that did not stop them from finding a few good birds, including a Red Phalarope that stayed around for four days. There were a few reports of Whimbrel and Red Knot, but not in numbers reported back in August. Lake Ontario water levels were back to "normal" after last year's record highs, exposing some mudflats at Irondequoit Bay and in the Braddock Bay WMA. Besides shorebird sightings, an immature Little Blue Heron was also spotted at the mudflats at Lasalle's Landing Park, at the south end of Irondequoit Bay.

There was a handful of jaeger reports this month, starting with a jaeger species off of Hamlin Beach SP on the 8th followed by a Parasitic Jaeger by the East Spit of Braddock Bay on the 9th. A maximum count of three Parasitic Jaegers on the 22nd at Hamlin Beach was nice for the many observers who put in time at the lake watch. Few other noteworthy gulls and terns were reported, and there were no real rarities. Seven Lesser Black-backed Gull reports is about normal for the month. There were a few reports of Black Terns at the beginning of the month, followed by Forster's Terns toward the end of the month, but mostly reports of single birds.

No Eurasian Collared-Doves were reported once again. Common Nighthawk numbers were very poor with no really good counts. A maximum of 480 Chimney Swifts was reported from an annual roosting spot in the town of York, Livingston County, but many reports of decent numbers have already continued into October. While

many Ruby-throated Hummingbirds moved out, there are still some being reported into October.

The best bird of the month was a **Say's Phoebe**, found by Eunice Thein, braving the wind out on the constructed barrier beach at the Braddock Bay East Spit. The bird was cooperative and hung around for an extra day, allowing many birders to see it. All of the expected passerines were reported. There were no reports of any rarer warblers, such as Connecticut Warbler, or species that generally leave early. Noteworthy passerines include Fish Crows in their usual spots in Greece/Charlotte, a flyover Red Crossbill at Webster Park, and a flyover Dickcissel in the town of Hamlin. Many later migrants, such as Ruby-crowned Kinglets and Hermit Thrushes came in this month, but in very small numbers. Please refer to the noteworthy records table that will be posted on the RBA website for an illustration of trends in numbers and species reports. Both a banding table and daily notes are online at the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory website. Fall arrival and departure dates noted this month were all within their known distributions for the region.

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.

	2018	2017	10-year Average (2008-2017)
Total species for September	221	221	15.8
New species for the year	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5.6</u>
Total for the year to date	280	280	280.5

Greg Lawrence, Bob Spahn, and Andrea Patterson

Observers: Jim Adams, Janet Akin, John Ballou, Ted Barnett, Jesse Barry, Sue Barth, Bob Beal, Doug Beattie, Don Bemont, Steven Benedict, Mike Bergin, Lynn Bergmeyer, Barry Bermudez, Shawn Billerman, John Boettcher, Terry Bohling, Lynn Braband, Joe Brin, Mark Brown, BBBO, Robert Buckert, Sara Burch, Bruce Cady, Brad Carlson, Linda Clark-Benedict, Tiffany Clay, Kelly Close, Jeremy Collison, Andrew Consler, Lydia Culbert, Doug Daniels, Willie D'Anna, Susan Danskin, Gregg Dashnau, Ian Davies, Wayne Fidler, Mark Fitzsimmons, George Ford, Kyle Gage, Andy Garland, Candy Giles, Christopher Goetz, John Gordinier, Elizabeth Gordon, Sheryl Gracewski, Derek Green, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Ralph & Georgia Guenter, L. Gullo, Michael Gullo, Andy Guthrie, Richard Guthrie, Helen & Chris Haller, Kim Hartquist, Dick Horsey, Bill Howe, Nicholas Kachala, Logan Kahle, Ryan Kayhart, Bob Kehoe, Dave Kennedy, Tom Kerr, Jim Kimball, Kathy Kirsch, J. Gary Kohlenberg, Chris Lajewski, Greg Lawrence, Tim Lenz, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Peggy Mabb, Melissa Mance-Coniglio, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Lauri Mattle, Jacob McCartney, Kevin McGann, Jay McGowan, Kevin McGowan, Perri McGowan, Bob McGuire, Phil McNeill, Matt Medler, Jim Miles, Leo Miller, Randy Minetor, Sean Minnick, Adrielle Mitchell, Ann Mitchell, Montezuma Audubon Center, Celeste Morien, Brian & Brooke Morse, Allen Nash, Ann Nash, Tom Nash, Rivka Noll, Paul

Novak, David Odell, Michael Palermo, Andrea Patterson, Norma Platt, Jon Podliak, Jay Powell, Bill Purcell, RBA Field trips, Carolyn Ragan, Rosemary Reilly, Robert Reynolds, Dave Robertson, Wade & Melissa Rowley, Jesse Rubenstein, Robert Ryan, Livia Santana, Michael Schummer, Mickey Scilingo, Luke Seitz, Richard Shaver, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Anthony Shrimpton, Robert & Susan Spahn, Dave Spier, Donna Mason-Spier,

Jodie Stahl, Chris Stanger, Rick Stevens, Joseph Stevenson, Kimberly Sucey, Steve Taylor, David Tetlow, Michael & Joann Tetlow, Eunice Thein, Sarah Toner, Eduard Trouerbach, John & Bonnie VanDerMeid, Mike Wasilco, Bridget Watts, David Wheeler, Windbirders Muckrace Team (Bill Gillette, Bob Spahn, Allan Strong, & Kinsley Whittum), Alex Wiebe, Joe Wing.

NOTEWORTHY RECORDS

September 2018

<u>Species</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Snow Goose	2	28FF	Hamlin Beach SP	M. Gullo, P. Martin, D. Sherony
Brant	5	30FF	Hamlin Beach SP	P. Martin, D. Sherony
Cackling Goose	1	22FF	Hamlin Beach SP	M. Gullo, P. Martin
Mute Swan	1	21	<u>Canadice Lake</u>	C. Goetz
Mute Swan	<u>max 23</u>	30	Irondequoit Bay	Ji. Miles
Trumpeter Swan	4	27	<u>Gananda Parlway (Wayne Co.)</u>	M. Gullo
Wood Duck	<u>max 52</u>	15	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	M. Wasilco
Blue-winged Teal	<u>max 40</u>	5	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow
Northern Shoveler	<u>max 30</u>	5	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow
American Wigeon				
Mallard				
American Black Duck				
Northern Pintail	<u>max 129</u>	30	Hamlin Beach SP	P. Martin S. Billerman, J. McGowan, M. Medler
Green-winged Teal	<u>max 115</u>	9	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	Medler
Ring-necked Duck	2	30FF	Salmon Creek (Greece)	A. Garland, G. Ford
Greater Scaup	2	2FF	Braddock Bay - East Spit	N. Kachala
Lesser Scaup	5	30FF	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Garland, G. Ford
Lesser Scaup	2; 3	30FF	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Sherony; P. Martin
Surf Scoter	1	22FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
White-winged Scoter	2	22FF	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
Red-breasted Merganser	1	5FF	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Tetlow
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>max 100</u>	26	Sodus Point	W. & M. Rowley
Ruddy Duck	1	25FF	Groveland Pond	K. Close
Horned Grebe	1	5FF	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Tetlow
Red-necked Grebe				
Common Nighthawk	1	18L	Silver Lake - S (Wyoming Co.)	R. Stevens
Chimney Swift	250	18	Piffard (Livingston Co.)	D. Beattie
Chimney Swift	250	25	York Central School, Greiggsville	J. Kimball
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				
Common Gallinule	<u>max 75</u>	3	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	P. McNeill
Sandhill Crane				
Am. Golden-Plover	<u>max 32</u>	3	T. Elba (Genesee Co.)	A. Guthrie
Killdeer	<u>max 117</u>	2	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Killdeer	<u>max 117</u>	16	Rose Valley Rd. (Wayne Co.)	D. Sherony, M. Tetlow
Whimbrel	1	2	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Guthrie
Whimbrel	1	19	Sodus Point	G. Ford, W. & M. Rowley
Red Knot	1	2-24	Braddock Bay - East Spit	14+ obs
Stilt Sandpiper				
Sanderling	<u>max 42</u>	2	Braddock Bay - East Spit	B. Carlson, A. Guthrie
Dunlin	1	5FF	Ontario Beach area	Ji. Miles
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<u>max 40</u>	1	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	G. Dashnau

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Long-billed Dowitcher				
Red Phalarope	1	<u>F</u>		
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	2	<u>1F</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1	5	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>jaeger species</u>	1	1	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>jaeger species</u>	1	7	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie
<u>jaeger species</u>	1	9	Hamlin Beach SP	D. Sherony
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>max 56</u>	21	Braddock Bay - East Spit	P. Martin
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>total 8</u>	16-28	4 loc	8+ obs
<u>Great Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>max 50</u>	21	Ontario Beach area	L. Miller
Black Tern	<u>max 5</u>	5L	<u>Hamlin Beach SP</u>	D. Tetlow
Common Tern				
Forster's Tern	<u>1-3</u>	7-14, 30	Braddock Bay - East Spit	mob A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie, Bri.
Common Loon	<u>max 29, low</u>	16	Hamlin Beach SP	Morse
Double-crested Cormorant	<u>max 2000</u>	2	Ontario Beach area	G. Ford
<u>Little Blue Heron</u>	1 imm	13F-18	LaSalle Landing Park	## obs
Black-crnd. Night-Heron	<u>max 16</u>	1	NMWMA (Morgan Rd.)	M. Wasilco
<u>Black Vulture</u>	1	21	Island Cottage Woods	R. Ryan
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	none		Greece	K. Griffith
Red-shouldered Hawk				
Broad-winged Hawk				
Rough-legged Hawk				
N. Saw-Whet Owl	1	<u>15</u>	<u>NMWMA (T Savannah)</u>	Wind Birders
Merlin	<u>22 rep, ~22 ind</u>	1-29	17 loc	23+ obs
Peregrine Falcon	<u>19 rep, ~21 ind</u>	all month	11 loc	30+ obs J. McGowan, P. McGowan, L.
<u>Olive-sided Flycatcher</u>	1	6	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Santana
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<u>total B 10</u>	1-11	Manitou	BBBO
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	<u>20L</u>	South Conesus	K. Close
Acadian Flycatcher	1	<u>1-5L</u>	NMWMA (Carncross Rd.)	G. Dashnau, J. McGowan
"Traill's " Flycatcher	3	<u>16L</u>	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	R. Buckert, N. Kachala
Willow Flycatcher	1	<u>11L</u>	Ontario Center Greenway Park	J. Wing
Least Flycatcher	1	<u>16L</u>	Manitou (Owl Woods)	Ji. Miles xxx\, C. Giles, P. Martim, xx oth obs.
<u>Say's Phoebe</u>	1, <u>3rd Reg</u>	21F-22	Braddock Bay - East Spit	obs.
Great Crested Flycatcher	2	<u>17L</u>	Manitou (Owl Woods)	M. Bergin
Eastern Kingbird	1	<u>11L</u>	Nations Rd.	K. Close
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	<u>19L</u>	Palmyra	S. Benedict, L. Clark-Benedict
Warbling Vireo	2	<u>27L</u>	Beechwoods SP (Wayne Co.)	M. Gullo
Philadelphia Vireo	<u>total B 9</u>	4-24	Manitou	BBBO
Red-eyed Vireo	<u>total B 83</u>	1-28	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Fish Crow</u>	<u>1-6</u>	all month	Charlotte area	mob
Horned Lark	<u>max 85</u>	20	Hamlin	A. Guthrie
Purple Martin	<u>max 250</u>	5	Summerville Pier	G. Lawrence
Tree Swallow	<u>max 600+</u>	16	NMWMA (Morgan Rd.)	Wind Birders
N. Rough-wngd Swallow				
Bank Swallow				
Cliff Swallow				
Barn Swallow	<u>max 300</u>	21	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	B. Kehoe
Winter Wren	1B	<u>10FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Winter Wren	<u>max 14</u>	29	Hamlin Beach - West End	R. & S. Spahn

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Winter Wren	<u>total B 5</u>	22-30	Manitou	BBBO
Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	1	25 <u>L</u>	Conesus Lake Inlet	K. Close
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	20 <u>FF</u>	Braddock Bay	P.Martin
Golden-crowned Kinglet				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	2 <u>FF</u>	Rochester	Ad. Mitchell
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>max B 42</u>	29	Manitou	BBBO
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<u>total B 100</u>	15F-30	Manitou	BBBO
Veery	<u>total B 21</u>	4-26	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>max B 10</u>	26	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<u>total B 86</u>	7-30	Manitou	BBBO
Gray-ch./Bick. Thrush	<u>total B 51</u>	13-30	Manitou	BBBO
<u>Bicknell's Thrush</u>	<u>1B</u>	22F, 24, 26	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	<u>max B 18</u>	13	Manitou	BBBO
Swainson's Thrush	<u>17</u>	14	Hamlin Beach - West End	R. Spahn
Swainson's Thrush	<u>max 19</u>	22	Seneca Parkway, Rochester	R. Buckert
Swainson's Thrush	<u>total B 156</u>	1-30	Manitou	BBBO
Hermit Thrush	1	21 <u>FF</u>	Braddock Bay	A.Guthrie
American Eobin	<u>max</u>			
Gray Catbird	<u>max 31</u>	13	Webster Park	R. Spahn
Gray Catbird	<u>30</u>	16	Mendon Ponds Park	T. Lenz
Gray Catbird	<u>total B 99</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
American Pipit	1	2 <u>FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	R. Buckert, N. Kachala
Purple Finch				
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Red Crossbill				
Common Redpoll				
Pine Siskin	1	16 <u>FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	A. Guthrie, Bri. Morse
American Goldfinch				
Lapland Longspur				
Vesper Sparrow				
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	5 <u>FF</u>	Oatka Creek Park	J. Adams
Lincoln's Sparrow	<u>total B 10</u>	6-28	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	<u>max 80</u>	28	Webster Arboretum	Ji. Miles
White-throated Sparrow	<u>max B 28</u>	28	Manitou	BBBO
White-throated Sparrow	<u>total B 113</u>	6 <u>FF</u> -30	Manitou	BBBO
White-crowned Sparrow	1B	25 <u>FF</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Dark-eyed Junco				
Bobolink	3	24 <u>L</u>	Beatty Point, Greece	N. Kachala
Baltimore Oriole	1	21 <u>L</u>	Palmyra	L. Gullo
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>max 2,000</u>	10	NMWMA (Van Dyne Spoor)	R. Reilly, K. Sucey
Brown-headed Cowbird				
Rusty Blackbird	1	16 <u>FF</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	A. Guthrie
Common Grackle	<u>max 500</u>	5	Palmyra	T. Clay
Louisiana Waterthrush	<u>1B</u>	14	<u>Manitou</u>	BBBO
Northern Waterthrush	1	17 <u>L</u>	Hamlin Beach - Yanty Creek	A. Guthrie, R. Guthrie
Blue-winged Warbler	1	19 <u>L</u>	St. John Fisher Natural Area	G. Cunningham
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	13 <u>FF</u>	Webster Park	R. & S. Spahn
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	30	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>				
Mourning Warbler				
Common Yellowthroat	<u>total B 84</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
American Redstart	<u>total B 63</u>	1-28	Manitou	BBBO

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Cape May Warbler	1	24 <u>L</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles
Magnolia Warbler	<u>max 25</u>	11	Manitou (Owl Woods)	D. Sherony, S. Taylor
Magnolia Warbler	<u>total B 118</u>	1-28	Manitou	BBBO
Bay-breasted Warbler	<u>total B 23</u>	1-21	Manitou	BBBO
Blackburnian Warbler	1	19 <u>L</u>	Greece	K. Griffith
Yellow Warbler	1	23 <u>L</u>	Sherburne Park, Walworth	M. Gullo
Chestnut-sided Warbler	2	<u>11L</u>	Manitou (Owl Woods)	D. Sherony, S. Taylor
Blackpoll Warbler	<u>max B 16</u>	14, 15	Manitou	BBBO
Blackpoll Warbler	<u>total B 121</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Blk-thr. Blue Warbler	<u>total B 25</u>	all month	Manitou	BBBO
Palm Warbler	1	2 <u>FF</u>	Hamlin Beach SP	B. Carlson, A. Guthrie
Palm Warbler	2	25 <u>L</u>	Braddock Bay - East Spit	J. Wing
Palm Warbler	1	25 <u>L</u>	Sherwood Field Park, Penfield	L. Gullo
Pine Warbler				
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<u>max 15, low</u>	24	Braddock Bay - East Spit	Ji. Miles
Black-thr. Green Warbler	<u>total B 9</u>	1-28	Manitou	BBBO
Canada Warbler	1	20 <u>L</u>	Greece	K. Griffith
Wilson's Warbler	<u>total B 27</u>	1-30	Manitou	BBBO
Scarlet Tanager	1B	30 <u>L</u>	Manitou	BBBO
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1	24 <u>L</u>	Webster Park	R. & S. Spahn
Indigo Bunting	1	23 <u>L</u>	NMWMA (Marten Tract)	M. Tetlow
<u>Dickcissel</u>	1	15 <u>F</u>	Jacobs Rd., Hamlin	A. Guthrie