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WINTER SEASON 1974-75

The Winter Season was a fairly normal winter for most of the state with average snowfall throughout, with the exception of the Lake Champlain area which was reported as having an "open winter". Most waterways remained open at least through December. There were reports of a good to excellent food crop statewide, which accounted for the poor showing of northern species in the southern half of the state.

Most birds were on the increase this year, most likely due to the growing number of birders reporting what they see. Northern species were plentiful in the northern part of the state with a "banner year" for PINE GROSBEAKS with 202 being reported on the Craftsbury CC and 464 on the Island Pond CC. Southern species continued to move north into the state in ever increasing numbers, while many migrants remained to winter over. Some of the more interesting hold overs were a BROWN THRASHER in Jamaica, WOODTHRUSH in Weathersfield, CHIPPING SPARROWS in Saxtons River and WINTER WRENS which were reported throughout the state.

Many interesting waterfowl were reported including the RED-NECKED GREBE, AM. WIDGEON, the BARROW'S GOLDENEYE on the Island Pond CC. It was also a good year for CANVASBACKS with 4000+ being reported by Fish and Wildlife planes over the Champlain Islands. Loons seem to be on the increase in the northern parts of the state (It will be interesting to see if we get many nesting records from this area). A LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL on January 21 in Burlington must go down as one of the highlights of the season.

Hawk numbers increased over last year with particular rises in GOSHAWKS and SHARP-SHINNED. COOPERS were not reported showing a definite downswing over last year, although they are not that common here in the winter (probably last year was an exception). BALD EAGLE reports were on the rise and the GYRFALCON, OSPREY, and MARSH HAWK reports were a pleasant addition.

Owls were observed in ever increasing numbers with an interesting SHORT-EARED OWL roost of 4-15 birds found in Ferrisburg and checked fairly regularly throughout the period. The BARN OWL in Ferrisburg was also a good find.

An even more interesting roost was reported on Caspian Lake in Greensboro. This was a roost of RAVENS which grew from an unusual 15 birds on December 8 to an incredible 100+ peak on the 17th. Has anyone heard of other large roosts of RAVENS?

To top off a pretty decent season I would have to say that by far the most unusual sighting was the CAPE MAY WARBLER reported on the Ferrisburg CC. The unfortunate part was that it was seen in Essex, New York. Needless to say, it deserves noting. Better luck next year.

Don Clark

WINTER 74-75

COMMON LOON: Dec. 4, L. Willoughby-1 (FO); Dec. 7, L. Champlain (Burlington)-2 (FO,WE,ORE, BSE); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-7 (BG); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-1 (FO); March 2, Marshfield-3 (BC).

RED-NECKED GREBE: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC (L. Champ.)-1 (TNM).

HORNED GREBE: Nov. 27, Ferrisburg-12 (CMH); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC (L. Champ.)-39 (BG).

CANADA GOOSE: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC (L. Champ.) -60 (wintered over) (JMCP); March 30, Winhall-150+ (WJN).

BRANT: Jan. 24, Panton (L. Champ.)-3 (B&TCG).

SNOW GOOSE: March 22, Winhall-7 (WJN); Observed one other local the same day (no details) (BC).

MALLARD: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-1 (injured) (BG); Feb.-March, Wallingford-4-6 (B&WW).

BLACK DUCK: Dec. 4, Crystal Lake-1(FO), Button Bay (L. Champ.)-2(BG); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC (L. Champ.)-33(BG), Panton (Arnold's Bay)-2(BG); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC(Echo Lake)-3(FO).

AMERICAN WIDGEON: Jan. 15, Ferrisburg CC (L. Champ.)-3(CMH).

WOOD DUCK: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC. (Otter Creek)-2 (BG).

RING-NECK DUCK: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC (L. Champ.)-3(TNM).

CANVASBACK: Dec. L. Champ. Islands - 4000+ (Fish+Wildlife Service planes); Dec. 4, Button Bay (L. Champ.)-30 (BG, CMH), Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC (Button Bay)-74(BG); Jan. 24, Ferrisburg-3(BG, CMH).

SCAUP(sp.?): Dec. 4, Button Bay (L.Ch.)-10(AP,CH); Jan. 24, Ferrisburg (L.CH.)-50(BG).

COMMON GOLDENEYE: Dec. 4, Ferrisburg-30(BG), Lake Willoughby-6(FO), Echo Lake-1♀(FO); Dec. 7, Burlington (L. Champ.)-30-40(FO,WE,ORE,BSE); Dec. 14, Craftsbury CC-7(FO), Ferrisburg CC-(L. Champ.)-295(BG); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-1(FO); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC(Bellows Falls)-5(DC); Jan. 15, Ferrisburg-100(CMH).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: Dec- 15, Island Pond CC(Echo L.)-1♀(G+WE, FO).

BUFFLEHEAD: Nov. 2, Londonderry-1♀(TW); Nov. 6, Londonderry-3♂(TW); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC(L. Champ.)-2(WS); Jan. 24, Ferrisburg(L. Champ.)no numbers given(AP-BG).

OLDSQUAW: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-1(BR); presumably the same bird was around in January as one was reported on the 15th (AP,DP,BG,CMH).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC(L. Champ.)-2(TNM).

SURF SCOTER: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC (L. Champ.)-1(GC).

BLACK SCOTER: Nov. 3, Winhall (Gale Meadows)-1♀(TW); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC(L. Champ.)-1(TB,TNM).

HOODED MERGANSER: Nov. 18, Brattleboro -7♀, 20♂(TW).

COMMON MERGANSER: Dec. 14, Craftsbury CC-2(FO); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-2(FO); March 10, Plainfield-3♀ (LNM); March 25, Weathersfield-9(EE).

GOSHAWK: Nov. 8, Jan. 27, Weathersfield -1im., 2(im. pr.)(EE); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-1(G+EW); Jan. 7, Ferrisburg-1 (B+TG); Jan- 8, Salisbury (L. Dunmore) -1(AP)(photographed on the nest Mar. 24-28); Jan. 15, Vergennes-1(AP, B+TG, CMH); Jan. 23, Grafton-1(DC); Feb. 11 Londonderry-1(TW); Feb. 19, Woodbury -1(BC); Mar. 3, Plainfield-1♀(LNM).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK: Dec. 17, Ferrisburg -1(RB); Dec. 19,20, Jan. 4, Mar. 28, Wallingford- 1 im. (B+WW); Feb. 9 Plainfield Village-1 im. (LNM); Feb. 17, Jamaicaica-1(AM); Mar. 6, W. Woodstock-1(JV).

RED-TAILED HAWK: Nov. 15-Feb. 10, East Central Champlain Valley-29(AP); Nov. 27-Jan. 22, Ferrisburg- 1-3(CMH); Dec. 14, FerrisburgCC-7(BG); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-2(KS,DC); Dec. 25, Woodstock-Pr.(CRP); Mar. 15, Weathersfield -1(EE); Mar. 19, Chester-1(BJ); Wallingford-1(BW); Mar. 21 Danby-1(B+WW); Mar. 27, W. Rutland-1(B+WW), Middletown Springs-2(B+WW), Winhall-1(WJN); Mar. 29, Wallingford-1(B+WW); Morrisville-2(BC), Winhall-1(WJN).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: Nov. 1, Grafton-1(Found shot in wing + leg)(DC); Mar. 21, Hartland-1(FM); Mar. 30, L. Dunmore (?) -1(AP).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK: Dec., Chester-1 (all winter)(BJ); Dec. 22, S. Strafford-1(H+ER); Mar. 24,28, Salisbury (L. Dunmore) -1 (AP).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK: Nov. 15-Feb. 10, E. Central Champlain Valley-77(28 were dark phase(AP); Nov. 27, Dec. 4,18, Jan. 1,22, Ferrisburg-18,4,8,4,3(CMH). Dec.

11, Addison-10 (AP,CH,BG); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-31 (BG); Dec. 15, Addison -20 (B+JP); Feb. 2, Plainfield-2 (LNM); Feb. 27, New Haven-1 (RAB).

BALD EAGLE: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-1 ad. (RT,AW,WS); Feb. 1, Ferrisburg (L. Champ.)-1 ad. (WH) (same bird as seen on 12/14??); Feb. 13, 20, Bellows Falls-1 ad. (good descriptions by competent birders-DC); Feb. 25, Sharon -1 (BMa); Mar. 29, Morristown (Lamoille R.)-1 ad. (BC, JY); Mar. 30, White River Jct. -1 (MB).

MARSH HAWK: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-1 (BG); Mar. 5, Addison-1 (AP,CH,BG).

OSPREY: Mar. 23, Swanton-1 (MFM).

GYRFALCON: Dec. 23, Pawlet-1 (observed overhead for about 60 sec.) (RAB).

MERLIN: Dec. 7, Salisbury (L. Dunmore) -1 (good description) (AP); Feb. 24, 25 Wallingford-1 ad. (B&WW).

AMERICAN KESTREL: Nov. 27-Jan. 22, Ferrisburg-1-2 birds observed during the period- (CMH); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-6 (high count BG); Jan. 3- Mar. 28 Wallingford- 1-2 during the period with a pair remaining to nest (B+WW); Mar. 23, Swanton-1 (MFM); Mar. 27 Mid-dletown Springs-1, Fairhaven-1 (B+WW); Mar. 29, Clarendon-Rutland Town-3 (B+WW).

RUFFED GROUSE: Nov. 2, 22, Dec. 4, Hartland-2, 1, 1 (ECS); Dec. 18, Ferrisburg-1 (CMH); Nov.-Mar., Grafton-40 birds counted by the Grouse Survey in Grafton (DC).

AMERICAN COOT: Jan. 15, Ferrisburg (L. Champ.) -1 (CMH, AP, BG).

KILLDEER: Mar. 6, Orwell-1 (AP); Mar. 11, Brandon-1 (DB); Mar. 18, Woodstock -1 (CRP); Mar. 23, Highgate-5 (MFM); Mar. 30, Weathersfield-1 (first of year -EE).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK: Nov. 2, Hartland-7 (ECS).

COMMON SNIPE: Mar. 19, Wallingford-1 (BW).

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-3 (BG); Jan. 15, Ferrisburg-1 (CMH).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL: Jan. 21, Burlington (L. Champ.)-1 (ORE, BSE, WE).

HERRING GULL: Dec. 15, Island Pond CC (Echo L.)-1 (G+WE); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC (Bellows Falls)-1 (DC).

BONAPARTE'S GULL: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-1 (BR+BPG).

ROCK DOVE: Dec. 18 Ferrisburg-100 (CMH); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-310 (DC).

MOURNING DOVE: Dec. 14, Craftsbury CC -1 (FO); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-207 (DC); Also reported from Woodstock, Wallingford (12-24, record numbers for area-BW), Plainfield (Jan. 4, early arrival-MFM), Hartland (Nov. 2, -5 (ECS), Ferrisburg (flocks of 1-100, Grafton, Winhall, Pawlet + Randolph. Usual numbers 1-7).

BARN OWL: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-1 (JMCP)

GREAT HORNED OWL: Dec. 9-Feb. 6, Wallingford- 1-2 seen during period (WW); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC -2 (Occasionally since- one known to nest-BG); Dec. 19, 26, Winhall-1 (WJN); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC (Townsend)-1 (DC).

SNOWY OWL: Dec. 4, Ferrisburg -1 (RB, AP, CMH); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC (Addison) -1 (AP, DB); Dec. 14, Craftsbury CC (Wolcott)-1 (present most of Dec. and into Jan.-FO, MFM, BC, LNM).

BARRED OWL: Nov. 11, Weathersfield-1 (EE); Mar. 17, 18 -Winhall-1 (WJN).

SHORT-EARED OWL: Dec. 7-Mar. 31, Ferrisburg 4-15 on roost- (BG, CMH, MOB); Jan. 22, W. Addison roost-3 (CMH).

SAW-WHET OWL: Jan. 4, Calais-2 (one caught + released-BC); Jan. 11, Marshfield-1 (killed by cat-BC); Feb. 20, E. Montpelier-1 (found dead-BC); Feb. 23 Cabot-1 (killed by car-BC); Mar. 11, Weathersfield-1 (EE).

BELTED KINGFISHER: Dec. 14, Craftsbury CC(Wolcott)-1(FO,JW); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-1(FO); Dec., Jan.5,9, Wallingford-1(BW); Jan. (late)-Feb. 6, South Pomfret (DW,JDI); Feb. 7, Hartland-1(ECS); Mar. 7, Gaysville-1(DB); Mar. 17, Plainfield-2(LNM).

COMMON FLICKER: Nov. 27, Ferrisburg-1(CMH); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-1(RT,AW); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-1(DC).

PILEATED WOODPECKER: Nov. 2-Dec. 20 Hartland -1(ECS); Nov. 11, Weathersfield-1(EE); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-3(DC); Jan. 8, Mar. 1, Winhall-1(WJN); Jan. 15, Ferrisburg-1(CMH); Feb. 16, Woodstock-1(FKT); Feb. 19, Grafton -1(DC).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER: Dec. 13, Feb. 13, Salisbury (L. Dunmore)-1(the imm. bird reported in the fall-AP).

HAIRY WOODPECKER: Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-38(DC; also reported during the period in Wallingford-5, Winhall -3, S. Strafford-2, Woodstock-3, Hartland-3, Randolph-4, Ferrisburg-4, and Barnard.

DOWNY WOODPECKER: Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-42; also reported from Wallingford-4, Winhall-2, S. Strafford-2, Hartland-5, Woodstock-4, Randolph-4 and Ferrisburg-10.

BLACK-BACKED THREE-TOED WOODPECKER: Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-3(FO); Feb. 11 Burlington-1(GA).

NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER: Dec. 15, 16 Island Pond CC-1(FO,JW,TW).

EASTERN PHOEBE: Feb. 20, 25, Saxton's River-1(DC).

HORNED LARK: Reports during the period from Panton, Addison and Ferrisburg-30; a probable flock of 60+ in the Wallingford area (BW); a "prairie" Horned Lark was reported from Winhall Feb. 27 (WJN). Bad year in southern half of the state.

GRAY JAY: Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-7 (small population present in very localized area all winter-(FO); Dec. 16

Island Pond-4(TW).

BLUE JAY: Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-372; Also during the period from Wallingford 6-26 (BW); Winhall 25-60(WJN); S. Strafford 4-6(H+ER); Randolph 50-60(MCC, EWC); Woodstock-9(JMN); Hartland 4-11(ECS) and Ferrisburg-10(CMH).

COMMON RAVEN: Dec. 8-17, Greensboro (Caspian L.) 15-100+ (roost which grew in size to a peak on the 17th-FO,BC). Also reported daily in Cabot(no details -BC); Dec. 27-Jan. 2, Winhall-6(WJN); Jan. 22, Mar. 28, -3(WJN); Feb. 7, Weathersfield-1(EE).

COMMON CROW: Nov.-Jan., Ferrisburg 3-10(CMH); Dec.-Mar. 30, Wallingford- 3-130+(moving east in ragged line-last bird 10 min. after first-BW); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-119(DC); Dec. 25, Woodstock-10(JMN); Jan. 6, 15, Randolph -3(EWC,MCC); Feb. 19, Mar. 12, Grafton - 3-7(DC); Feb. 28, S. Strafford-2(H+ER); Winhall-1(first of season-WJN).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE: Nov., Dec., Hartland 5-14(ECS); Nov.-Jan., South Strafford 4-10(reported one without a tail in Feb. H+ER); Dec. -Mar., Winhall 15-25 (WJN); Jan. 15, Ferrisburg - 35 (CMH); Dec. Feb., Wallingford 6-8(BW); Dec.-Jan. Woodstock 20-25(JMN); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC - 219(DC); Jan., Randolph - 6+(EWC,MCC).

BOREAL CHICKADEE: Dec. 14, Craftsbury CC-7("good count"-FO); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC- 38("good count"; but not surprising"FO). Present entire season in this area. Jan. 9, Barre (reservoir) -1 (LNM).

TUFTED TITMOUSE: Nov. 30-Dec. 19, Londonderry-1(TW); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC- 25(all time high-DC); Dec. 21-Jan. 2, Ira-1(RAB); Jan. 11-Feb. 21, Woodstock-1(CRP); Jan. 11, 12, S Pomfret -1(CRP); Feb. 18, Chester-4(DC).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH: Dec. 15, Ferrisburg-6(CMH); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-44; also reported in numbers of 1-3 from Woodstock, Hartland, Randolph, S. Strafford, Ferrisburg and Wallingford.

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RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: Nov. 22, Feb. 28, S. Strafford- 1-2(H+ER); Dec. 14 Craftsbury CC- 100(high count)(FO); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC - 191 (high count-FO); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC -1(DC); Mar. 7, Grafton-2(DC); Mar. 27, Londonderry (clear movement of migrants, continuing through following week-TW).

BROWN CREEPER: Single birds reported from Woodstock, Winhall, Wallingford, Ferrisburg, Grafton, + Saxton's River.

WINTER WREN: Feb. 9, Athens-1(DC); Mar. 18, Ferrisburg-1(BGP).

CAROLINA WREN: Feb. 18, Vergennes-(feeder)-1(BLB); Mar. 14,31,E. Barre-1 (RJ).

MOCKINGBIRD: Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-1(DC); Jan. 15, Ferrisburg-1(AP, BG,CMH); Jan. 4,18-2 birds (no locality given)(AP); Feb. 15, Rutland-1 (PDU); Feb. 17, Manchester-1(DB); Mar. 16, Danby-1 (B+WW).

BROWN THRASHER: Dec. 21-20, Rawsonville(Jamaica)-1(in the vicinity of feeders - bird appeared healthy but was missing one tailfeather-AM).

AMERICAN ROBIN: Nov. 2 Hartland-3 (ECS); Nov. 27, Ferrisburg-12(one flock of 10- CMH); Dec., Wallingford -1(BW); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC- 1 (FO); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-8(DC); Dec. 23, Woodstock-1(JMN); Feb. 14, Middlebury-("Flock of 15-20 on side of road" - CMH,LSH); Mar. 7, Winhall -1(WJN); Mar. 21, Woodstock-1(CRP); Mar. 25,26, Grafton-1,12(DC).

WOODTHRUSH: Nov. 11, Weathersfield-1 (observed for 1/2 hour while it jumped from log to log-EE).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD: Mar. 26, Grafton-1♂(DC); Mar. 29, Winhall-1(WJN).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET: Dec.-Jan., Winhall-1(WJN); Dec. 4, Ferrisburg-6(CMH); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-1 (DC); Mar. 10, Grafton-1(DC).

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: Nov. 2, Hartland -2(ECS); Dec. 21, Wallingford-1(BW).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING: Mar. 11, Plainfield -11(LNM).

CEDAR WAXWING: Nov. 27, Dec. 18, Ferrisburg 150, 200(CMH); Dec. 11, Addison -200(AP,CMH,BPG); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-627(high count)BG; Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-5(DC); Jan. 12, Rutland-20+ (SBL)1:Jan 24, Feb. 120, Mar. 30, Wallingford-10,10,40,16(BW); Feb. 14, Vergennes-50(BG); Feb. 17, Rawsonville (Jamaica)-10(AM); Mar. 4, Hartland-2 (WC).

NORTHERN SHRIKE: Dec. 3, Harwick-1(FO) Dec. 4, Greensboro-1(FO), Glover-1(FO) Dec. 10Londonderry-1 imm (TW); Dec. 14 Craftsbury CC-4(FO), Ferrisburg CC-1 (RT,AW); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-1(FO) Dec. 19, Londonderry-1(TW), Wallingford -1(BW); Dec. 28, Marshfield-2(BC); Jan 3,6 Plainfield-1(LNM,MFM); Jan.6,16, Saxton's River CC-1(DC); Jan. 25, Cabot 1 imm(BC); Feb. 16, Winhall-1(WJN); Mar. 9,Cabot-1(BC)mar. 22, Guilford-1 (LPM).

STARLING: Nov. 27-Jan 15, Ferrisburg 24-310 (CMH); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-1839(highest count ever, four times any previous count-BG; Dec. 21, 10-12(MCC,EWC); Jan. 27, Mar. 26, Winhall (WJN); also reported from Woodstock (JMN,CRP).

CAPE MAY WARBLER: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC(Essex, N.Y.)-1 (although this bird was found in the wrong state it certainly deserves recording)(JMCP).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER: Dec. 20, Wallingford-1foraging beneath a wooden deck-BW); Jan. 15-Feb. 9, Plainfield -1(observed feeding on suet regularly -AMJ).

HOUSE SPARROW: Nov. 27-Jan. 22, Ferrisburg- flocks of 50-500(CMH); Dec, Wallingford-60(BW); Dec. 21,Saxton's River CC-312(DC); Jan., Randolph 15-20 (MCC, EWC); also reported from Woodstock(CRP)

EASTERN MEADOWLARK: Jan.(late)to Feb., Woodstock-1(present at feeder for two weeks with a flock of Redwing Blackbirds-GMe).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD: Dec. 2,4,5, Mar.

28,29, Londonderry-2(at feeder-TW);
Dec. 14, Craftsbury CC(Wolcott)-3(FO)
Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-1(DC); Dec.
25-Feb. 28, Stockbridge-1(at feeder-
KH); Jan. 2, Woodstock-1 (CRP); Jan.
15, Ferrisburg-1♀(CMH); Feb. 9-Mar.1,
Mar. 17-19, Grafton-1♀, 16♂(at feeder
-DC); Feb. 26, Mar. 6, Mar, 16-19,
Wallingford-2, 150, 130+(BW); Feb.27,
Winhall-1(WJN); Mar. 8,Randolph-1♂
(MCC,EWC); Mar. 19, Rutland Co.-large
flocks arrive(RAB); Mar. 27, Rutland
Town-1000+(along Otter Creek-AEP).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD: Nov. 2, Londonderry
-1(TW); Dec. 21-Mar. 30, Grafton-2
through the 25th of Jan.-one there-
after-DC).

COMMON GRACKLE: Dec. 15, Island Pond
CC-1(FO); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC
-1(DC); Mar. 8,18,19 Wallingford-1,
30(w/ redwings), 40 (abundant-BW);
Mar. 17, Winhall-1(WJN); Mar. 24,
Woodstock-1(CRP).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD: Nov.2-Dec. 27,
Hartland- 2-4(ECS); Nov. 27, Jan.22,
Ferrisburg- 6,12(CMH); Dec. 14, Craft-
sbury CC - 75(high-FO); Dec. 21, Sax-
ton's River CC-265(DC); Dec. 24, Fer-
risburg CC-122(high count)(BG); Jan.
1,25, Mar. 1,26 Plainfield (feeder)-
20 (unusual for this time of year),
2,4 (spring arrivals, 35(migrants-
MFM); Jan. 4, 13, Wallingford-1♀, 20♂
(BW); Jan. 26, Randolph 30-40(MCC,EWC);
Feb. 10, Craftsbury-2(JW); Randolph
30-40(MCC,EWC); Feb. 10, Craftsbury-
2(JW); Mar. 19, Grafton-numerous at
feeder(DC); Mar. 29, Winhall-1(WJN).

CARDINAL: Nov. 20, Norwich-2♀, 4♂(H+
ER); Nov. 22, Jan. 22, Ferrisburg-
Pr., 2o(CMH); Nov. 22, Dec. 22-Mar.
S. Strafford-1, pr., (H+ER); Dec. 6
Woodstock-pr.(JMN); Dec. 14, Ferris-
burg CC-31(reported to be in deep
woods-BG); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC
-47(DC); Dec. 22, Jan-Feb., Walling-
ford-1,3(2♂)(BW); Dec. 25-Feb., Stock-
bridge-pr.(KH); Jan., Randolph-pr (MCC,
EWC); Jan. 1- Mar. 25, Woodstock-pr.
(CRP). Feb. 27, Grafton-1(DC).

EVENING GROSBIRD: Nov. 2-Dec. 27,
Hartland- 2-11(ECS); Nov. 2,3, Dec. 19,
Londonderry- 1-6(absent all winter

until 3/31-12)(TW); Dec. -Mar., Win-
hall 15-40(WJN); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg
CC-285(BG), Craftsbury CC-477(FO);
Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-387(FO); Dec.
16-Mar., Wallingford (30-40 most of
period with a high of 100+ on 3/7-(BW).
Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-381(DC);
Dec. 25, Woodstock-25+(JMN); (also re-
ported in Woodstock in Jan.(CRP)-no
numbers; Jan. Randolph-30(high-MCC,EWC);
Jan., 22, Ferrisburg-2(also reported
in Dec. w/ a high of 8 on 12/18-CMH);
Jan. 30, S. Strafford-8(H+ER).

PURPLE FINCH: Nov. 22, Feb. 28, South
Strafford-1♂(through most of period)8,
10(H+ER); Dec. 4,18, Mar. 2, Ferrisburg
-3♀, 1,68(CMH); Dec. 13-Mar. 6 (occas-
ional visits throughout the period com-
ing daily after the 6th-WJN); Dec. 14,
Ferrisburg CC-39(BG); Craftsbury CC-
498(FO); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-391
(FO); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-2(low)
(DC); Jan.-Mar., Wallingford- 1-3(dur-
ing most of period with a buildup from
6 to 30 in Mar.-BW); Jan. 29-Mar. 11,
Weathersfield- 1 most of period build-
ing to 12 by Mar. (EE); Feb. 22,
Plainfield, 4(first arrivals), Grafton
-4(DC); also reported from Woodstock
2/11(no details)(CRP).

HOUSE FINCH: Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC
(Westport, N.Y.)-2(TB+TNM).

PINE GROSBIRD: Dec. 1-29, Mar. 13-
23, Winhall-occasional sighting throug-
hout period (WJN); Dec. 4, Greensboro-
16, Barton 9, Westmore-8, Charlestown
-8, Brighton-7, Brunswick -8,9(FO);
Dec. 14, Craftsbury CC-202(FO); Dec.
15, Island Pond CC-464(generally a
banner year for pines!)(FO); Dec. 18
Londonderry-4(TW); Dec. 19, Woodstock
12(first of season)(SBL);-same birds
reported on Dec. 27 -(JMN); Feb. 14,
Lincoln-20(common much of winter-BW);
Also a half a dozen flocks of 2-6 birds
reported in Whiting(AP).

COMMON REDPOLL: Dec. 24, Grafton-2(D+
JC); Feb. 15, Winhall-10(WJN); Mar.
2-31, Chalestown, N.H.-buildup from 6
to a high of 74 (W+GK). Also reported
from Wallingford as less than usual
(ID).

PINE SISKIN: Dec. 14, Craftsbury-220

(FO); Dec. 15, Island Pond-309(FO); reported in Winhall, Jan, 5,7+Mar.1 (WJN); Feb. 28, S. Strafford-1(H+ER).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH: Nov. 2, Hartland-2(ECS); Dec. 14, Ferrisburg CC-392(FO); common all winter(BG); Craftsbury-309(FO); Dec. 14, 29, S. Strafford-1,60-80(three were reported during Jan.+ Feb.-(H+ER); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC -309(FO); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC -198(DC); Dec. 25, Woodstock-5(JMN) (also reported for Jan. by CRP); Jan. 1, Ira-(RAB); Jan., Randolph 1-6(MCC, EWC); Dec. - Mar., Wallingford, flocks of 6-15(BW); Feb. 7-27, Grafton 4-8 (DC); Mar. 5, Castleton-2(RAB).

RED CROSSBILL: Dec. 15, 20, Winhall (WJN); Jan. 28, Plainfield-8(LNM).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL: Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-2(FO,TW); Dec. 16, Island Pond-8(singing-TW); Mar. 9, Barre -"flock" (BC).

RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE: Dec. 17, Woodstock (Hartland Hill)-2(pr. feeding on cracked corn + under porch-ML).

SAVANNAH SPARROW: Mar. 9, Randolph-1 (MCC+EWC).

DARK-EYED JUNCO: Nov. 2-Dec. 27, Hartland 1-6 (ECS); Nov. 22-Feb. 28, South Strafford 1-3 (H+ER); Dec. - Feb. Wallingford 2-3 (BW); Dec. -Mar. Winhall -5(WJN); Dec. 4, Greensboro-3(FO); Dec. 14, Craftsbury -3(FO); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC -7(FO); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-33(DC); Dec. 25, Woodstock-5 (JMN), also reported (no details) in Jan. (CRP); Jan. 29, Plainfield (Goddard College)-6 (unusual this time of year-MFM); Jan., Randolph -6(MCC+EWC), Londonderry -2 (around area through Feb-TW).

TREE SPARROW: Nov. 22-Feb. 28, South Strafford 1-8 (H+ER); Nov. 2-Dec. 27, Hartland(ECS); Nov. 25, Woodstock-1 (FKT), 6 birds reported in Woodstock 12/5, 8-Dec. 25 (JMN); Dec.-Mar., Winhall 12-15 (WJN); Dec. 14, Craftsbury CC-31(FO); Dec.-March, Wallingford 12-25(BW); Dec 21, Saxton's River CC -144(DC); Jan., Randolph 3-4(MCC,EWC); ec. -Jan, Ferrisburg 15-50(CMH).

CHIPPING SPARROW: Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-2(DC).

FIELD SPARROW: Nov. 2, Londonderry-1 (TW); Mar. 16, Guilford (LPM).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW: Nov. 2, Hartland-3(ECS); Dec.-Feb., Wallingford 1-2 (BW); Dec. 4, Greensboro-1 (FO); Dec. 15, Island Pond CC-1(G+WE); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-6(DC); Dec. 22-Feb. 28, S. Strafford-1(H+ER); Dec. 25, Woodstock-1(JMN); Jan. 9, Randolph-1 (unusual for this time of year-MFM); also reported at a W. Woodstock feeder Feb. 3.

FOX SPARROW: Mar. 22, Guilford-(at feeder LPM).

SONG SPARROW: Nov. 2, Hartland-1(ECS); Nov. 27, Ferrisburg CC(BG); Woodstock -5+(EH); Craftsbury CC-1(FO); Dec. 17, Londonderry-1(TW); Dec. 21, Saxton's River CC-9(DC); Jan. 8-Mar., Woodstock -1(first of year-DC); Mar. 29, Plainfield-2(first arrivals-MFM).

SNOW BUNTING: Nov. 3, Winhall (Gale Meadows)-3(TW); Nov. 12, 27, Jan. 22, Ferrisburg-2,2,80(CMH); Dec. 13,26, Winhall(WJN); Jan. 4, n. L. Champ.-325(flock- also occasional flock of 15 -30 birds in Ferrisburg, Panton and Addison AP); Jan. 13, Springfield-4 (MVB); March 9, Woodstock-2(MCC,EWC).

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