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The summer of 1991 featured more warm weather in June, the ninth consecutive month with above normal temperatures, and was accompanied by varying degrees of dryness across the Northeast in general. Mid-July continued the trend and brought several days of record-breaking heat. For Vermont in particular, June's precipitation was approximately 28% below normal followed by a 25% deficit in July. Shrinking farm ponds and shifting shorelines were irresistible to wading herons, and shorebirds in general, that enjoyed a bonanza food supply. While weather may be a factor and its impact difficult to quantify, breeding activity among many of Vermont's Endangered, Threatened and Species of Special Concern (henceforth [E], [T] and [SSC]) was favorably reported. Common Loon was judged to have had a productive year while the Peregrine Falcon population soared to new heights. Common Tern rebounded with a "banner" year and Upland Sandpiper numbers eclipsed previous highs. Among the Rare Nesting Species (henceforth [RNS]), Osprey successfully fledged 7 chicks and Northern Pintail and American Wigeon were confirmed nesters. Acadian Flycatcher and Grasshopper Sparrow were both possible nesters and Sedge Wren a probable nester. Two first state records were established, both shorebirds and both at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (henceforth DCWMA), an adult Ruff molting out of breeding (alternate) plumage and a Curlew Sandpiper also in breeding plumage. Other rare species documented included Caspian Tern and White-eyed Vireo, a tenth state record.

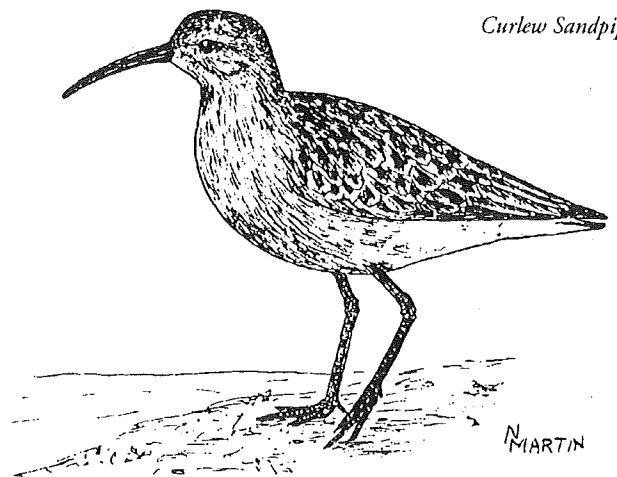
The Vermont Bird Conference was held in Burlington on 6/8-9, with field trips to Sandbar WMA, DCWMA, the Champlain Islands and Missisquoi, Camels Hump, and Jericho to Smuggler's Notch.

This was the third year of the long-term Forest Bird Monitoring Program. Three more study sites of permanently protected mature forest habitat were added to the thirteen censused in 1989 and 1990. Data from these surveys have been computerized and will eventually provide valuable insights on the status of Vermont's forest bird populations. Twenty three Breeding Bird Surveys (henceforth BBS), were conducted by volunteers for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service during June and July.

This editor, in order to give the reader some idea of the number of reports submitted for a particular species repeats the classification introduced in 1988 namely: minimal, 1-5 reports; modest, 6-15 reports; moderate, 16-25 reports; considerable, 26-35 reports and extensive, 36 or more reports. Because they are received late, BBS results are treated separately.

The Vermont birding community, in particular those observers who submitted the 21 Seasonal Checklists, the individual Rare Species

Documentation Reports and Rare Species Nesting Reports are commended for their efforts and contribution to the ever-expanding records of Vermont birds, all 356 species. If birding is your avocation and you have not yet developed the habit of committing your observations to paper, you are encouraged to initiate the practice and so become an active and essential participant in this enterprise.



Curlew Sandpiper

LOONS THROUGH HERONS

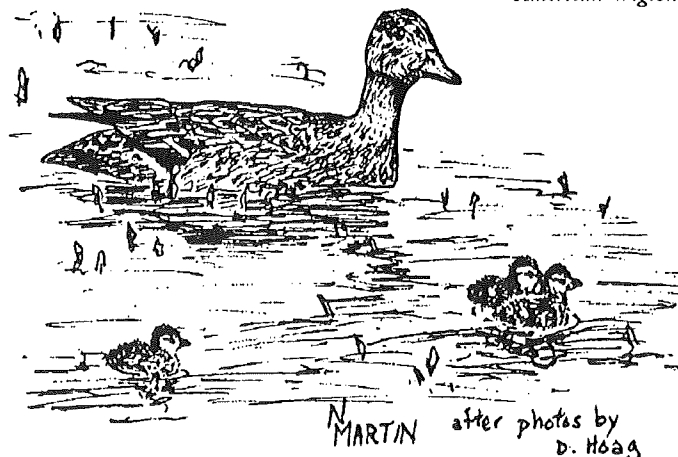
Vermont's Endangered Common Loon [E, RNS] population experienced a difficult, although ultimately productive year in 1991. Nesting by 15 pr. was confirmed, an increase of 1 pr. over 1990. Only 10 of these pr. succeeded in raising at least one chick. Of the 16 chicks known to hatch, 14 survived through August, one fewer than 1990. No new nesting pr. were discovered. Vermont Loon Watch Day on 7/21 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. involved 111 observers who recorded 107 loons (74 ad., 18 imm. and 15 juv.) on 30 of 90 lakes censused. Apart from the census, Common Loon was moderately reported with 4 at Oven Pt., Addison 6/1 (MD), 1 at Peacham Pd. 6/10 (CEAd), 2 at Kent Pd. 6/14 (MCD, JID), 1 at Pensioner Pd. 6/15 (RVC), 2 at North Hero 6/19 (JAP), 1 at Lake Memphremagog (hereafter L. Mem.) 6/21 (STH), 1 at Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (hereafter MNWR) 6/24; 2 pr. at Grand Isle (hereafter GI) 6/26 (DJH), 1 at Oven Pt. 6/27 (MCD, JID), 1 at Cole Pd. 7/1st week (MN), 2 at L. Mem. 7/11 (STH), 1 imm. on Mirror L. 7/14 (RVC) and 1 on Berlin Pd. 7/28 (TSA). Pied-billed Grebe (SSC, RNS) was reported breeding on Berlin Pd. where 3 ch. and 2 ad. were observed 7/28 (TSA). Other sightings included 1 at L. Mem. 7/23 (STH) and 1 at Highgate Springs at the mouth of the Dead Creek tributary of the Missisquoi R. (hereafter HSDC) 7/29 (CCR, MSL). An out-of-season Red-necked Grebe was seen at Eagle Pt. on L. Mem. 7/30 (STH). Double-

crested Cormorant was modestly reported with breeding occurring on Young I. where 502 active nests in trees and 25 on the ground were recorded 6/18 (CCR). Other observations included those by 3 field groups at the Vermont Bird Conference (hereafter VBC) 6/9, 20 on the Champlain Is. 6/9 (SSW), 3 in Addison 6/9 (JAP), 750 at Young I. 6/19 (JAP), 2 at Wilder Dam on 6/24 (JMN), and 1 on L. Mem. 6/24 and 7/13 (STH). The Grand Isle BBS reported 5 individuals. Breeding was not recorded for American Bittern and reports were minimal. Sightings included 4 at West Rutland Marsh (hereafter WRM) 6/6 (SSW), 2 in Arlington 6/8 (CJF), by 2 field groups at VBC 6/9, 1 in Irasburg 7/3 (WGE,NLM) and 1 at Berlin Pd. 7/28 (TSA). Four BBS reported 6 individuals. Reports of Least Bittern [SSC,RNS] were minimal and no breeding activity was observed. Sightings included those by 1 field group at the VBC 6/9, and 1 at South Slang, Ferrisburgh 6/25 (MCD,JID). Observations of Great Blue Heron were considerable and included 2 breeding records comprising a courtship dance 6/23 by 2 birds on Bixby I. (DJH) and a nesting pr. in a live beech tree in West Brookfield (RAM). Elsewhere reports included 4 on the Laplatte R. on 6/2 (SRA), 19 on 6/25 (MCD,JID), 5 on 7/6 (JMN), 6 on 7/10 (JAP) and 24 on 7/15 (WGE,DHC) all at DCWMA, 4 at Bristol Pd. 7/28 (JRA) and 8 at HSDC 7/29 (CCR,MSL). Five BBS reported 23 individuals, 19 in Grand Isle. One field group at the VBC 6/9 recorded Great Egret and 2 more sightings, 1 at Lewis Creek 6/17 (JDA) and 1 at Mallet's Bay 7/20 (BC) completed the season's reports. No Snowy Egret report was received. Cattle Egret [RNS] was reported breeding in June on Young I. where 8 nests were located (CCR), on GI about 20 fledged yg. on 7/27 were accompanied by 12 ad. (DJH) and 1 imm. was sighted at HSDC on 7/23. Green-backed Heron was moderately reported with no breeding activity observed. Sightings included those by 2 field groups at the VBC 6/9, 4 at Nichols Pt. Swamp 6/14 (DJH), 4 in Proctor 7/4 on a receding pd. (RWP), 2 in Brandon 7/22 (SSW), 3 in Proctor 7/30 on the same diminishing pd. (RWP) and 11 other single sightings. Four BBS recorded 4 individuals. A modest number of reports of Black-crowned Night-Heron included a breeding observation from Young I. where at least 20 nests were sighted in June, while 3 ad. and 6 first yr. yg. were observed at Nichols Pt. Swamp 7/14 (DJH). Other records included 1 at Laplatte R. 6/2 (SRA), by two groups at the VBC 6/9, 1 at Young I. 6/19 (JAP), 2 at DCWMA 6/28 (MCD,JID), 3 in Addison 7/10 (JAP), single birds at DCWMA 7/9 and 7/10 (SSW), and an imm. in Quechee on 7/12 (JMN,EFG,BS).

WATERFOWL

Two Mute Swans of undetermined origin were recorded in July, 1 at Porter Bay 7/2 (MCD,JID) and the other 7/20 on the Winooski R. at Richmond (StC). A late departing flight of at least 30 Snow Geese were sighted 6/3 by a hunter and reported to (PCR). Eleven Brant were reported from Young I. by 1 field group at the VBC 6/9 and 4 were at MNWR during July (CS). Reporting of Canada Geese was moderate with breeding confirmation of 4 pr. with yg. in Tinmouth 6/15 (CJF), 8 almost grown yg. in Leicester 7/20 (JRA), while at DCWMA 40 nests were located, 30 of which were successful (WJC). Some of the higher counts included 30 at GI 6/5 (DJH), 26 in Reading 6/5 (FMH,GEH), 50 at GI 6/7 (DJH), 35 in Burlington 6/8 (SSW), 26 at GI 6/9 (DJH), 65 in South Pomfret 6/9 and at least 35 along the White R. in West Hartford (DHC). BBS reports included 5 individuals in S. Wallingford and 18 in Grand Isle. Wood Duck breeding activity was widely reported and included a f. with 5 yg. in Sugar Hollow, Pittsford 6/1 (RWP), 3 ad. and 3 juv. in Dorset

American Wigeon



6/9 (EFG), 8 broods on GI first observed on 6/14 (DJH), broods of 9 and 7 on 6/19, a brood of 8 on 6/19, and a brood of 11 on 6/20 all at MNWR (CS), 26 birds of all ages and sizes 7/16 at Allen Brothers Marsh (henceforth ABM) (AMD), a f. with 15 yg. in Proctor 7/27 (RWP), a sighting of 44 at HSDC 7/29 (CCR,MSL), and 655 ad. including 112 pr. with an estimated production (henceforth ep) of 864 at MNWR. Three BBS reported 13 individuals. Nest box occupancy was reported as having "increased significantly during 1991" (TRM for VFWD). Reports of Green-winged Teal were minimal and included 1 at DCWMA 7/15 (WGE,DHC), 15 at HSDC 7/29 (MSL,CCR) and 4 ad. during July at MNWR. The modest number of American Black Duck reports were mainly breeding records including a f. with 8 yg. 6/6 Woodstock (JMN), 14 ch. on GI 6/8 (DJH), a pr. with 2 yg. near the Underwood Mill Pd. 7/2 (JPN), 2 broods comprising 5 yg. on GI 7/12 (DJH), 41 pr. with an ep. of 110 and 255 ad. at MNWR during July (CS). Other sightings included 7 on 6/21 during the South Reading Breeding Bird Survey (henceforth SRBBS, see comment under U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Breeding Bird Survey Routes at the end of these records) (FMH,GEH), 9 at ABM 7/28 (AMD) and 24 on Berlin Pd. 7/28 (TSA). The Post Mills BBS reported 1 individual. Mallard reports were similarly heavy with breeding observations. These included a brood of 12 at GI 6/2 (DJH), a f. with 10 ducklings at MNWR 6/5 (CS), 19 ducks including 2 broods at Dorset 6/8 (EFG), a brood of 6 at Tinmouth 6/15 (CJF), another brood of 6 at MNWR 6/20 (CS), a late brood at GI 7/21 (DJH), and during July 115 pr. with an ep. of 449 ducklings including 1010 ad. at MNWR (CS). Other high counts included 6 at the Champlain Is. 6/9 (SSW), 31 at Mallet's Bay 7/25 (TSA) and 11 in Dorset 7/31 (EFG). Six BBS reported 46 individuals, 35 of them in Grand Isle. Northern Pintail [RNS] was discovered nesting at Blackwell Swamp, GI where a hen and 4 yg. were photographed between 6/26 and 6/28, the hen having been flushed from the nest on 6/14 (DJH). Elsewhere observations included 1 m. 6/7 at Nichols Pt. (DJH) and 5 ad. at MNWR during July (CS). Blue-winged Teal was modestly reported. Confirmed breeding included a brood of 9 at GI 6/29 (DJH), a brood of 5 at MNWR 7/12 (CS) and a hen with 6-8 yg. at DCWMA 7/14 (WGE,NLM,JMN). Other sightings include 3 field trip observations at the VBC 6/9, 1 on the SRBBS (FMH,GEH), 8 ad. in June at GI (DJH), 18 at HSDC 7/23 (CCR) and 38 ad. during July at MNWR (CS). Both teal together had 22 breeding pr. and an ep. of 55 was reported from MNWR (CS). Reports of Gadwall [RNS] breeding activity included 2 f. with broods of 6 and 8 downy yg. off Young I. 6/18 (CCR), 1 f. with a brood of 8 downy yg. off Bixby I. 6/18 (CCR), 1 f. with 6 downy

yg., 1 f. with 12 downy yg. and another f. with 12 downy yg. all 6/23 off Bixby and Young Is. (DJH), then on 6/26 a f. with 5 yg. off Bixby I. and a f. with 7 yg. at Nichols Pt. and finally a f. with a large brood on 6/30 off the east side of Simms Pt. (DJH). Other sightings included 2 at Mud Creek 6/9 (SSW) and a pr. 6/23 and 6/26 off Young I. (DJH). American Wigeon [RNS] was well documented as a breeder in GI in June. Three reports included a hen with 10 downy yg. photographed off Bixby I. 6/23 (DJH), a hen with 3 downy yg. photographed off Nichol's Pt. 6/29 (DJH), and a hen with 6 downy yg. at Brown's Marsh 6/30 (DJH). Other observations included 2 off Champlain Is. 6/9 (SSW), 8 m. off Young I. and 5 m. off Bixby I. 6/18 (CCR) and 5 ad. during July at MNWR (CS). Common Goldeneye reports included breeding confirmation at GI with broods of 6 and 8 between 6/7 and 6/22 (DJH) and 41 breeding pr. with an ep. of 228 at MNWR (CS). Other observations included those by 2 field groups at the VBC on 6/9 and a tally of 35 ad. at MNWR in July (CS). Hooded Merganser reports were predominantly breeding confirmations and included a brood of 8 in Winhall 6/1 where a hen was observed calling the ducklings out of a nest box (WJN,AS,JS), broods of 6 and 9 at Nichols Pt. on 6/22 (DJH), an ad. with 5 yg. at DCWMA on 7/10 (MCD,JID), a f. with 5 yg. at Bristol Notch 7/11 (JRA), an imm. m. at Woodstock on 7/27 (JMN), 1 f. with imm. at HSDC 7/29 (CCR,MSL) and from MNWR an ep. of 80 with 35 ad. observed in July (CS). The remaining observations included 1 f. on the Laplatte R. 6/2 (SRA), 1 ad. 7/2 at West Bolton (MC) and 1 f. at DCWMA 7/12 (JRA). Breeding reports of Common Merganser included a f. with 12 yg. 6/6 at Charlotte (ES), a f. with 5 yg. 6/7 at GI (DJH), groups of 8 yg. and 9 yg. on the Winooski R. near Montpelier 6/18 (TSA) and a hen with yg. on L. Mem. (STH). Elsewhere observations included 2 on the Champlain Is. 6/9 (SSW), 12 m. and 12 f. at North Hero 6/13 (DJH), 5 at GI 6/19 (JAP) and 1 at Bridgewater 7/11 (SSW). The Grand Isle BBS recorded 6 individuals. Reports of Red-breasted Merganser [RNS] confirmed breeding on 6/22 with 1 f. with 6 yg. and a second f. with 9 yg. at Nichols Pt. (DJH). Other sightings included 4 f. 6/14, 1 on 6/23, 1 on 6/24, 2 on 6/26 and 4 f. 7/10 all at Nichols Pt. GI (DJH).

VULTURES, HAWKS AND FALCONS

"Eight vultures reported to have two nests 200 ft. apart" on Eagle Mt., Milton as of 6/22 and told to (DJH) was one of two indications that Turkey Vulture bred this summer in Vt.. The second report was of 6 ad. and 1 juv. at GI on 7/25 (DJH). Elsewhere sightings included 28 at Salisbury 6/16 (SSW), 8 at Milton 6/19 (DJH), 7 at Cornwall 7/1 (CCR), 5 at Panton 7/6 (JMN), 3 at Brandon 7/10 (SSW), 2 at Chester 7/19 (CEAd), and 9 at Bristol 7/31 (JRA). Two BBS reported 18 individuals, 17 of them in Hinesburg. With 18 potential sites being monitored by VFWD Osprey [E,RNS] successfully fledged 7 yg. from 5 nesting sites comprising 3 yg. at MNWR, 1 at Sandbar WMA on the Lamoille R., 2 on the lower Otter Creek, Oxbow Waterfall area and 1 at Porter Bay, Ferrisburgh. The Little Otter Creek old site apparently failed due to raccoon predation (VFWD). Other observations were of single birds, at the Champlain Is. 6/9 (SSW), on the Otter Creek 6/12 (WBK), at the Passumpsic River mouth 7/1 (DHC), at Ferrisburgh 7/4 (JAP), at DCWMA 7/10 (MCD,JID), at DCWMA 7/14 (WGE,NLM,JMN), and at L. Mem. 7/16 and 7/23 (STH). Bald Eagle [E] was modestly but widely reported and included 1 imm. at West Haven on 6/1 (BRJ,EEJ), 1 second yr. bird in Jericho on 6/14 (LJE), 1 imm. at Woodstock 6/15 and 6/17 (KRT,MS,PS,NLM,WGE), 1 at MNWR 6/18 (CS), 1 ad. at Herrick's Cove 6/22 (NER), 1 ad. at South Slang 6/25 (MCD,JID), 1 ad.

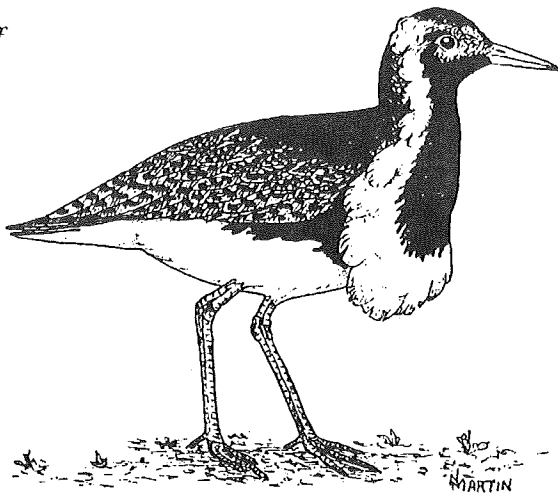
at Wilder 6/27 (BB,PL), 1 imm. at DCWMA 7/7 (WGE,NLM), 1 ad. at Bellows Falls 7/7 (DC,MWB), 2 imm. between Panton Bridge and Otter Creek 7/19 (MCD,JID), 1 at L. Morey 7/20 (CC) and 1 imm. at L. Fairlee during most of July (TL,DM). No breeding activity for Northern Harrier [SSC,RNS] was reported. General observations included 1 in South Burlington 6/2 (JRA), by 3 field groups at the VBC 6/9, 1 in Whiting 6/10, 2 in Brandon 6/27 (SSW), 1 ad. m. in Whiting on 6/30 (JMN,EFG), 1 in Cornwall 7/1 (CCR), 2 in Salisbury 7/6 (JJA,JMN), 2 f. at DCWMA on 7/10 (MCD,JID), 1 in Reading 7/2 (FMN,GEH) and 1 ad. m. at DCWMA 7/14 (NLM,WGE,JMN). Two BBS reported 2 individuals. Sightings of the elusive Cooper's Hawk [SSC,RNS] included 1 at Bellows Falls, with prey, an ad. flicker, in June (BDB), 1 in Lincoln 7/5 (JRA), 1 in North Hero 7/12 and 1 in Brandon 7/20 (SSW). Two BBS reported 2 individuals. The single observation of Northern Goshawk was made in Reading on 6/1 (FMH,GEH). Sightings of Red-shouldered Hawk included no reports of breeding activity and were all of single birds; these included: 1 in Bolton 6/1 (MC), 1 in Dorset 6/4 (EFG), 1 in Winhall Hollow 6/19 (WJN), 1 in Norwich 6/24 (AAB), 1 in GI 6/29 (DJH), 1 in Dorset 7/9 (EFG), 1 in Bolton 7/10 (MC), 1 in Tinmouth 7/12 (RWP) and 1 in Marlboro 7/25 (JPN). One individual was reporting on the Post Mills BBS. Modest reporting of Broad-winged Hawk confirmed breeding at the end of July with a nest and 2 fl. in Londonderry (DS) and a probable nesting in Proctor where an ad. exhibited agitated behavior at the same locality on 7/1 and 7/24 (RWP). Other sightings included 1 in both Wallingford and Tinmouth 6/2 (CJF), 1 in Reading 6/3 (FMH,GEH), 2 in Rochester 6/21 (SSW), 1 in Proctor thermalling while grasping a snake 7/15 (RWP) and 1 in Reading 7/18 (FMH,GEH). Two BBS reported 2 individuals. With only 9 records, Red-tailed Hawk appeared to be under-reported. Sightings included 1 in Reading 6/1 (FMH,GEH), on 6/3 5 in East Shoreham (SSW) and 1 in Chester (CEAd), 1 on the SRBBS 6/18 (FMH,GEH), 6 in Cornwall 7/1 (CCR), an imm. in Quechee on 7/2 (JMN), 1 in Brandon 7/21 (SSW) and 1 in Dummerston 7/25 (JPN). Three BBS recorded 3 individuals. Breeding activity of American Kestrel was confirmed in GI where yg. were observed being fed on 6/29 (DJH), and during July by a photograph of a nest with yg. in a barn window in Corinth via (MY). Elsewhere observations included, in Brandon 1 on 6/1 and 4 on 6/3 (SSW), 1 in Woodstock 6/5 (JMN), 1 m. in Dorset 6/28 (EFG), 9 in Cornwall 7/1 (CCR), 1 in Westminster West 7/11 (AMD), 3 in Ferrisburgh 7/12 (MCD,JID), 1 in Brandon 7/21 (SSW), 3 in Lincoln 7/26 (JRA) and 1 to 2 daily in Chester (CEAd). Seven BBS reported 12 individuals. Peregrine Falcon [E,RNS] output of nesting prs. more than doubled in 1991 with 13 fledged yg.. With the discovery of a new territorial pr. at Marshfield Mt., the original VINS hack site (CCR), there are currently 8 pr. statewide. Sightings included 1 in Bristol 6/5 (JAP), in Rochester - Mt. Horrid 1 on 6/15 and 2 on 7/20 (SSW), possibly only 1 bird but 2 independent reports from Salisbury 7/6 (WGE,NLM) and during the summer (JJA).

GROUSE THROUGH RAILS

Ring-necked Pheasant: The North Pownal BBS reported 1 individual. A Spruce Grouse [E,RNS] survey by VFWD with the assistance of foresters from Champion International produced 20 birds this summer as compared to 12 in the summer of 1990 in the Yellow Bogs area. Breeding was confirmed for at least 8 Ruffed Grouse observations which included a hen with 6 quarter grown ch. in Benson 6/11 (WGE,NLM), a brood in Tinmouth 6/15 (CJF), a f. with brood in Sugar Hollow 6/20 (RWP), a f. with a single ch. at Bragdon Nature Preserve (hereafter BNP) 6/23 (JMN),

a f. with 6 yg. in Rochester 6/25 (SSW) and a f. with ch. capable of flying in Lincoln 6/26 (JRA). Further multiple bird reports included 4 on 6/14, 6/15, and 6/25 in Reading (FMH,GEH), 3 in West Bolton 6/30 and 7/25 (MC), 2 on 7/2 and 7 on 7/30 in Chester (CEAd). Three BBS reported 4 individuals. Breeding confirmation of Wild Turkey came from Woodstock where a hen was observed on 7/18 with 7 poults (LLB). Elsewhere observations included 2 each in Ferrisburgh (MCD,JID) and Chester (CEAd) 6/3, 1 in Athens 6/19 (AMD), 3 in Chester 6/24 (CEAd), 2 in Sheddsville 7/22 (BMH) and 12 again in Chester 7/24 (CEAd). The North Pownal BBS reported 1 individual. A single Northern Bobwhite report was from Manchester in July where a bird was first heard calling before landing on the family deck (M/MS). Virginia Rail was modestly reported and breeding was confirmed in Wheelock where an ad. was flushed off its nest revealing 2 eggs and 4 ch. 6/14 (CEA) and in Proctor where an ad. with 4 downy ch. was photographed 7/29 (RWP). Other sightings included those by 1 field group at the VBC 6/9, 2 in West Haven 6/10 and 1 in Benson 6/11 (WGE,NLM), 1 at South Slang 6/25 (MCD,JID) and 1 at ABM 7/11 (AMD). The single report of Sora Rail [SSC,RNS] on 6/20 was from WRM (WJN). Confirmed breeding of Common Moorhen included an ad. with 6 ch. in the WRM 7/4 (RWP), a pr. with 6 downy ch. at DCWMA 7/14 and 7/15 (WGE,NLM,JMN), an ad. with 2 grown yg. at WRM 7/24 (WJN) and 3 downy ch. at DCWMA 7/31 (PCR). Elsewhere observations included those of 1 field group at the VBC on 6/9, 4 at South Slang on 6/25 (MCD,JID), 3 on 6/26 (MCD/JID), 2 on 7/7 (WGE,NLM) and 1 on 7/8 (JAP) all at DCWMA. American Coot [RNS] was reported once only from Simms Pt. GI 6/15 (DJH). The well documented and photographed (JBM) COMMON CRANE at Whiting on 6/9 and 6/10 was apparently an escapee from the Catskill region recognized by stiff toes on one foot (ER,JAP,WGE,NLM,RWP,SSW).

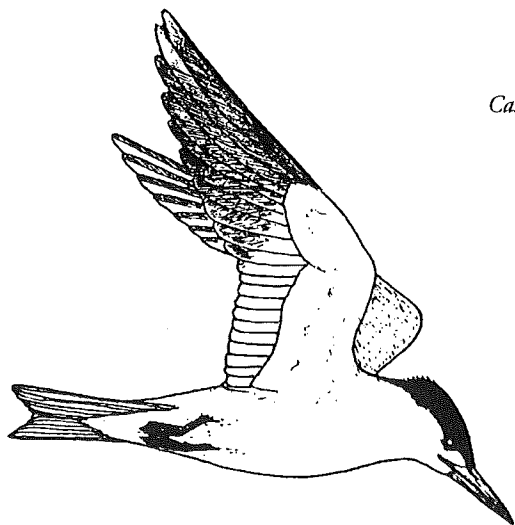
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SHOREBIRDS

An early Black-bellied Plover was sighted on 7/11 at DCWMA (SSW) followed by 2 at South Hero 7/31 (RBL). DCWMA was also the venue of a single Lesser Golden-Plover on 7/10 (JAP). Sightings of Semipalmated Plover included 1 at St. Albans Bay (CCR) and 3 at DCWMA 7/23 (RBL) and a count of 14 at HSDC 7/29 (CCR,MSL). Killdeer were moderately reported with breeding confirmations that included 2 nesting pr. in South Londonderry (henceforth SL) on 6/3 (WJN) an ad. with 3 downy ch. in Woodstock on 7/1 (WGE,NLM) and 2 nests in Woodstock

with 2 yg. on 7/17 (CRP). Larger post-breeding season concentrations included 15-20 on 7/4 (WGE,NLM,JMN) and 9 on 7/12, 12 on 7/23 (RBL) all at DCWMA, 14 in Brandon 7/18 (SSW) and 40 at HSDC 7/29 (CCR,MSL). Nineteen BBS reported 72 individuals. Greater Yellowlegs were seen in relatively small numbers and sightings included 2 on 7/7 (WGE,NLM,JAP) and 4 on 7/23 (RBL) both at DCWMA and 1 at GI on 7/24 and 7/25 (DJH). Lesser Yellowlegs were seen in greater numbers and were concentrated at DCWMA which included 7 on 7/6 (JMN,BRJ), 7 on 7/7 (WGE,NLM,JAP), 8 on 7/8 (JAP), 4 on 7/10 (JAP,MCD,JID), at least 30 on 7/14 (WGE,NLM,JMN) and 19 on 7/23 (RBL). Elsewhere observations included 1 at Shelburne Bay 7/13 (CCR), 2 then 3 at GI 7/24 and 7/25 (DJH) and 13 at HSDC 7/29 (CCR,MSL). Migrant Solitary Sandpiper were observed throughout July starting with 2 in Ferrisburgh 7/4 (MCD,JID), 3 at DCWMA 7/7 (WGE,NLM), 2 in Addison 7/10 (JAP), a high of 13-15 at DCWMA 7/14 (WGE,NLM,JMN), 1 in SL 7/15 (WJN) and 1 in Proctor 7/30 (RWP). Locally breeding Spotted Sandpiper was confirmed with 1 yg. observed in Tinmouth 6/15 (CJF), a nest with 4 eggs in Pawlet 6/22 (CJF), a m. with 3 downy yg. in Stockbridge 6/25 (WGE,NLM), and yg. capable of flight at Nichols Pt. 7/24 (DJH). Some higher counts included 4 in Woodstock 6/3 (JMN), at DCWMA 4 on 7/8 (JAP), 10 on 7/12 (JRA), 6 on 7/15 (WGE,DHC) and 4 in Montpelier 7/23 (TSA). Two BBS reported 3 individuals. Upland Sandpiper [T,RNS] were the object of continuing research in the state in general and 45 towns in the Champlain Valley and L. Mem. regions in particular. The latter census produced 130 ad. birds as compared to 89 in 1990 during the late June survey (JAP,CCR). Sightings, in addition to the survey, included 3 at the Berlin Airport 6/15, two of which were paired, and a single bird seen there on 7/28 (TSA). The Fletcher BBS located 1 individual. A single observation of 2 ad. migrating Sanderling was made at HSDC on 7/29 (CCR,MSL). Reports of Semipalmated Sandpiper included 25 on 7/14 (WGE,NLM,JMN) and 16 on 7/23 (RBL) both at DCWMA, on 7/23 2 at Savage I., 25 at St. Albans Bay and 8 at HSDC (CCR) and then on 7/29 at HSDC again a high of 135 (CCR). A probably late north migrating Least Sandpiper was sighted at New Haven on 6/3 (JAP). July observations of southerly moving birds included at least 50 on 7/14 (WGE,NLM,JMN) and 13 on 7/23 (JAP) both at DCWMA and 12 at HSDC 7/29 (CCR/MSL). Pectoral Sandpiper was first observed at DCWMA with 4 on 7/14 (WGE,NLM,JMN) followed by 9 on 7/23 (RBL), 1 at St. Albans Bay 7/23 and then 4 at HSDC 7/29 (CCR,MSL). CURLEW SANDPIPER. A first state record, a single m. in breeding plumage, was sighted at DCWMA on 7/13 (DLC,GEHa,CSP). From DCWMA 2 observations of Stilt Sandpiper were reported, the first of 2 birds in alternate plumage 7/14 (WGE,NLM,JMN) and the other of 4 birds 7/23 (RBL). RUFE. Another first state record and also at DCWMA, an ad. m. in breeding plumage was observed on 7/6 (BRJ,JMN) and then again on 7/7, 7/11 and 7/14 as it molted out of its ruff (WGE,NLM,JMN,JAP, et al.). (Two previous records of 1974 and 1982 are considered hypothetical). Peep species, about 500 were observed at DCWMA 7/31 (PCR). Breeding activity for American Woodcock was confirmed with observations that included 1 imm. at Mendon 7/4 (BRJ,EEJ), 1 ad. with yg. at Nichols Pt. 7/18 and 7/19 (DJH) and in Braintree on several dates (RAM). Elsewhere reports included 1 at WRM 6/6 (SSW), 1 in Dorset 6/8 (EFG), 1 in Readsboro 6/13 (AMD), 2 in Reading 7/12 (FMH,GEH) and 1 at MNWR 7/15 (CS). Apart from flight displays, breeding activity of Common Snipe was not reported. Other sightings included 2 in Dorset 6/11 (EFG), 6 at DCWMA 7/15 (WGE,DHC) and 2 at HSDC 7/29 (CCR,MSL). Fourteen BBS recorded 40 individuals.



Caspian Tern

GULLS AND TERNS

A new early date for Little Gull was established with the sighting of a single bird at GI 7/29, seen among a flock of Bonaparte's Gulls and followed by a second sighting the next day, of probably the same bird, at North Hero (RBL). Concentrations of Bonaparte's Gull in late July included a flock of 80 on 7/20 swelling to 360 on 7/29 at Ladd Pt. (RBL), 220 at North Hero 7/30 (RBL) and a grand 773 on n. Lake Champlain (hereafter LC) on 7/30, 585 of which were on Hen L. (CCR). The earliest sighting was of 6 at North Hero 6/19 (JAP). Ring-billed Gull was underreported with only 5 records. Of interest was a breeding confirmation in Rutland County at Chittenden Reservoir of 25 nests on a small island (RBR,CF). Elsewhere reports included 10 in Burlington 6/8, 75 at DCWMA 7/10, and 10 in Rutland 7/20 (SSW). Five BBS reported 327 individuals. The only Herring Gull report came from the VBC which recorded sightings by 2 field groups on 6/9. Great Black-backed Gull was minimally reported with observations by 2 field groups at the VBC on 6/9, and a third year bird at GI (DJH). Reports of CASPIAN TERN, a rare species for Vt., included two ad. at HSDC 7/29 (CCR,MSL) and a single sighting 2 weeks later of a lone bird at North Hero which may have been 1 of the 2 previously noted (MSL). Common Tern [E,RNS] on LC experienced a "banner" year. This endangered population of 60-65 breeding pr., again plagued by problems ranging from predation by Great Horned Owl and Black-crowned Night-Heron to tiny thief ants, managed to fledge 41 ch., a high since tern surveys were inaugurated in 1980. Of significance was the abandonment of Hen I. and the use for the first time since 1981 of Savage I. as breeding sites. The second year of a breeding season survey of Black Tern yielded 71 pr. that included 43 at MNWR, 4 in the South Bay WMA, 9 in Little Otter Creek, 8 at DCWMA and 7 at Mud Creek (NAS). Supplemental breeding reports included 6 ad. at DCWMA, some carrying food for yg. 7/6 (JMN), 2 pr. feeding fl. at DCWMA 7/7 (WGE,NLM) and 6 yg. and 2 ad. at DCWMA 7/10 (MCD,JID). A post breeding season high of 85 was observed at the mouth of Dead Creek and Goose Bay at Highgate Springs on 7/23 (CCR).

DOVES THROUGH NIGHTJARS

Reporting of Rock Dove was minimal and probably inversely proportional to their numbers but nineteen BBS reported 276 individuals. Mourning Dove were modestly reported and breeding activity went unnoticed. Higher counts included 7 in Dorset 6/2 (EFG), 14 between Bristol and Burlington 6/9 (JRA), 24 on the SRBBS 6/23 (FMH,GEH),

6 in SL 7/10 (WJN), 15 in Chester 7/23 (CEAd) and 6 in Wallingford 7/31 (SJD). Twenty-three BBS reported 364 individuals. A single Ringed Turtle-Dove (a domestic species), now in custody, was reported initially from Brandon 6/11 and heard calling 7/24 (SSW). Of the 16 reports of Black-billed Cuckoo all were of single birds spread throughout the summer except for 2 singing m. heard in South Woodstock 6/29 (JMN). Seven BBS recorded 11 individuals. Yellow-billed Cuckoo by contrast was reported only three times, a single bird in Winhall Hollow 6/19 (WJN), one in Brandon 7/18 (SSW) and the West Rutland BBS reported 1 individual. A report of a possible single Barn Owl [SSC,RNS] was reported from Danby, first attracting attention by its "weird call" and then seen entering a barn during July (HEK,HUK). Two reports of Eastern Screech-Owl included an injured yg. bird that was brought from Burlington to the VRC and the other in Brandon "in my backyard" 7/23 (SSW). The 3 reports of Great Horned Owl included a record of 2 on 6/1 and 1 on 6/3 both in Dorset (EFG) and an auditory identification from Rutland 6/29 (CJF). Two BBS located 3 individuals. Barred Owl was confirmed breeding in Hartland where begging calls of 2-3 juv. and an ad. were heard on 6/20 (LM) similar to a report from Woodstock of a breeding pr. and 1 yg. making begging calls at the end of July (JMN). Call identification again was the basis for the report from Jericho of a single bird 6/5 (MC) and in Hartland between 6/30 and 7/13 (WGE,NLM), and at least 1 in Reading that was heard 5 times during J/J (FMH,GEH). Three BBS reported 3 individuals. The only report of Long-eared Owl was of 1, thought to be this species, calling in Hinesburg 6/7 (SSW,JAP). The "big yellow eyes" of a Northern Saw-whet Owl "parking on a broom handle" constituted the only record for this elusive species seen in Danby (HEK,HUK). The Common Nighthawk, another species that has come to belie its description was confirmed breeding in Montpelier where a f. was observed defending a single egg on a roof of The National Life Ins. Co. 6/24 (SC). The remaining three records included 1 in Middlebury 6/6 (JAP), 1 during the VBC 6/9, and 2 in Montpelier 7/28 (TSA). A Whip-poor-will [SSC,RNS] singing its characteristic call "until 4:30 a.m. at my residence" in Fairfax 6/8 (PAT) was one of two records for this increasingly rare species. The other was reported to (SSW) in Brandon. The North Pownal BBS reported 1 individual.

SWIFTS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Reports of Chimney Swift were moderate in number. Sightings included 3 in Woodstock (CRP), 15 in Brandon (SSW) and 2 in Dorset (EFG) all on 6/11, 12 in Woodstock Village 6/4 (JMN), 2 in Winhall Hollow 6/5 (WJN), 3 in Reading 6/6 (FMH,GEH), at the VBC on 6/9 by all 5 field groups, 9 on the SRBBS 6/12 (FMH,GEH), 4 in Winhall Hollow 6/19 (WJN), 10 in Middlebury 7/3 (JRA), 2 in West Bolton 7/18 and 7/25 (JRA), 12 and 20 in Middlebury 7/10 and 7/24 (MCD,JID), 8 in Brandon 7/24 (SSW), 3 in Dorset 7/31 (EFG) and from 2-6 daily in Chester (CEAd). Fifteen BBS reported 86 individuals. Reports of Ruby-throated Hummingbird were considerable yet actual breeding confirmation was not reported. Multiple sightings included 3 in Bristol 6/2 (JRA), by 2 field groups at the VBC 6/9, 2 m. and 1 f. in Barnard 7/6 (JNF), 5 in SL 7/20 (WJN), 2 in West Bolton 7/27 (MC), 2 m. and 3 f. in Ferrisburgh 7/29 (MCD,JID), 2 in Dorset 7/31 (EFG), 2-4 daily in Chester (CEAd) and 2 f. during the summer in Woodstock visiting honeysuckle (JMN). Ten BBS reported 18 individuals. Reporting of Belted Kingfisher was also considerable with breeding confirmed in Dorset where a family group including 3 juv. was observed 7/6 (EFG). Elsewhere sightings included 2 on the SRBBS 6/2 (FMH,GEH), at the VBC 6/9 by 3 field groups, 2 at Lewis Creek on 6/20 (MCD,JID), 2 on the SRBBS 6/28 (FMH,GEH), 4 at GI on 3 consecutive

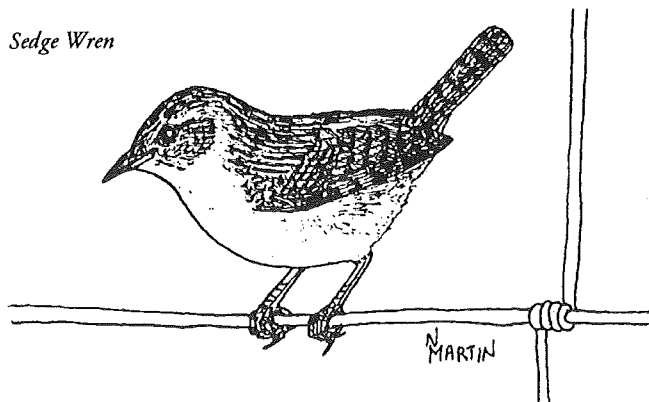
days starting with 6/26 (DJH), 2 in Reading 7/4 (FMH,GEH) and 2 in Dorset 7/31 (EFG). Ten BBS recorded 20 individuals. A single ad. Red-headed Woodpecker [SSC,RNS] was observed in GI 7/15 (RBL). Reporting of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was considerable and breeding confirmations included a recent fl. in Benson 6/11 and a m. and f. feeding nestlings at Guilford 6/23 (WGE,NLM) with a similar situation at BNP on 6/23 (JMN), also nestlings in the dead stub of a sugar maple in Weston 6/24 and the call of nestlings in Royalton 6/25 (WGE,NLM), 4 independent yg. at Bristol Notch 7/11 (JRA), and a family group of 3 on the Worcester/Middlesex line during July (EEH). Higher counts included 9 on the SRBBS 6/9 (FMH,GEH), 5 in Rochester 7/2 (SSW), 17 in Reading 7/14 (FMH,GEH) and 2 at High Pond, Brandon, on 7/20 (JRA). Seventeen BBS reported 75 individuals. Breeding of Downy Woodpecker was confirmed at Woodstock where a pr. was observed bringing their yg. to a suet feeder 6/22 (JMN) and at GI where yg. hatched on about 6/24 (DJH). Multiple sightings included 2 in Woodstock (CRP) and 3 in Brandon (SSW) 6/1, 2 in Dorset 6/10 and 6/19 (EFG), 3 on the SRBBS 6/21 (FMH,GEH), 5 on 7/17 and 2 on 7/24 both in Brandon (SSW). Seventeen BBS located 53 individuals. Two breeding confirmations of Hairy Woodpecker included the feeding of independent yg. in Lincoln 6/30 (JRA), and a pr. bringing yg. to the suet at Woodstock on 7/1 (JMN). Higher counts included 4 on the SRBBS on 6/28 and 3 in Reading on 7/4, 7/13 and 7/15 (FMH,GEH). Eighteen BBS reported 43 individuals. Neither Three-toed Woodpecker [SSC,RNS] nor Black-backed Woodpecker [RNS] was reported. The report of many fl. on 7/13 and 7/14 on GI (DJH) was the only breeding observation of Northern Flicker. Elsewhere, higher counts included 3 on the SRBBS on both 6/18 and 6/28 and in Reading 7/5 and 7/13 (FMH,GEH) and in Dorset 4 on 7/21 and 3 on 7/31 (EFG). Twenty BBS recorded 62 individuals. Pileated Woodpecker was reported moderately. Sightings included 2 at Laplatte R. 6/2 (SRA), 4 on the SRBBS 6/3 (FMH,GEH), observations by 3 field groups at the VBC 6/9, 3 in West Haven 6/19 (WGE,NLM), 3 in Reading 6/24 (FMH,GEH) and 2 in Dorset 7/3 (EFG). Eleven BBS reported 25 individuals.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SWALLOWS

Reports of Olive-sided Flycatcher were modest and breeding activity was not observed. Multiple sightings included 2 at Bristol Notch 6/2 (JRA), 2 singing m. in Goshen 6/11 (CCR) and 2 at Bristol Notch 7/1 (JRA). The St. Johnsbury BBS reported 2 individuals. Breeding confirmation of Eastern Wood-Pewee was in Guilford where a nearly complete nest was observed on 6/3 (WGE,NLM). Some higher counts included 4 in Reading 6/1 (FMH,GEH), 3 at Lincoln Gap 6/23 (JRA), 3 singing m. at North Concord 6/2 (CCR), and 6 in Reading 6/29 (FMH,GEH). Twenty-three BBS reported 72 individuals. Reporting of Yellow-bellied Flycatcher was moderate. Observations included 5 singing m. at Camels Hump 6/6 and by a VBC field group there 6/9, 2 at Mt. Mansfield 6/18, and 9 at Barnet 6/26 (CCR), also 3 birds at Mt. Abraham 6/18 (SSW). The East Haven BBS found 2 individuals. Alder Flycatcher was moderately reported and a single juv. in Dorset 7/23 (EFG) was the only breeding observation. Other sightings included 2 in Dorset (EFG) and 2 in Brandon (SSW) both 6/1, 2 at Laplatte R. (SRA) and 4 in Brandon (SSW) both 6/2, 2 in SL 6/3 (WJN), 4 in Lincoln 7/21 (JRA) and 2 more in Dorset 7/31 (EFG). Fourteen BBS reported 64 individuals. Two m. ACADIAN FLY-CATCHER [RNS] were heard singing in Guilford between 5/27 and 6/23 which would indicate possible nesting (WGE,NLM). The six reports of Willow Flycatcher were all of single birds except 5 on the SRBBS 6/6

(FMH,GEH). Nine BBS recorded 33 individuals. Breeding was not confirmed. Reports of Least Flycatcher were modest and included 7 between Lincoln and Bristol 6/2 (JRA), 6 on the SRBBS 6/3 and 2 in Reading 6/8 (FMH,GEH), observation by 4 field groups at the VBC 6/9 and 2 territorial m. at Woodstock during the summer (JMN). Twenty BBS reported 216 individuals. Empidonax sp. included 1 at Winhall Hollow 6/22 (WJN) and 5 at Berlin Pd. 7/28 (TSA). Reporting of Eastern Phoebe was considerable with no less than 9 confirmed breeding records, some with multiple broods. Twenty-two BBS reported 210 individuals. Breeding confirmation of Great Crested Flycatcher included a nesting pr. in Marlboro 6/1 (JPN), a pr. with vocal yg. at Woodstock on 6/13 (JMN) and during June a brood in a nesting site that was being used for the third consecutive year on GI (RBL). Higher counts included 4 on 6/9 and 3 on 6/16 in Essex (MP), observations by 3 field groups at the VBC on 6/9 and 6 on the SRBBS 6/21 (FMH,GEH). Sixteen BBS reported 48 individuals. Reporting of Eastern Kingbird was moderate and breeding was confirmed in Barnard 7/15 where an ad. and juv. were observed (JNF) and L. Hortonia where a pr. was seen feeding a fl. (RWP). Higher counts included 7 on the SRBBS 6/18 (FMH,GEH), 6 at DCWMA 7/12 (JRA), also 15 in Ferrisburgh 7/12 (MCD,JID), 12 between Brandon and Rutland 7/20 (SSW) and 6 at Bristol Pd. 7/28 (JRA). Twenty-two BBS reported 137 individuals. Reporting of Horned Lark was minimal with no breeding activity observed. Sightings included 4 in Ferrisburgh 6/7 (SSW), by 1 field group at the VBC on 6/9, 3 in Whiting on 6/30 (JMN,EFG) and in the fields of Addison and Panton throughout the summer (JAP). The Hinesburg BBS recorded 1 individual. Purple Martin reports were also minimal and nesting was observed in several locations in Addison County (JAP). Other sightings included 2 in South Newfane 6/2 (DC,MWB), by 3 field groups at the VBC 6/9 and in Newport between 6/19 and 6/31 (STH). Reporting of Tree Swallow was considerable with breeding confirmed in Chester (CEAd), Westminster West (AMD), BNP (NLM), Woodstock (JNF,JMN) and Braintree (RAM). Post fledging flocks included highs of 70 in West Haven 6/27 (WGE,NLM), 200 at DCWMA 7/15 (WGE,DHC) and 15 at Winhall Hollow 7/23 (WJN). Twenty-three BBS reported 266 individuals. Northern Rough-winged Swallow was reported nesting at all hydro stations on Otter Creek, Middlebury/Weybridge (JAP) and in GI where fl. were observed 7/7 (DJH). Elsewhere sightings included 2 in Quechee 6/4 (JMN), 1 on the SRBBS 6/6 (FMH,GEH), those of 2 field groups at the VBC 6/9 and in SL 7/20 (WJN). Seven BBS reported 9 individuals. Reporting of Bank Swallow was modest with breeding activity noted in Marshfield 6/12 (JSA) and in Salisbury and Middlebury with at least 50 birds in 2 colonies 6/18 (JAP). Other sightings included 10 in SL 6/5 (WJN). A post breeding season high of 150 was seen at DCWMA 7/15 (WGE,DHC). Ten BBS reported 141 individuals. With only 7 reports of Cliff Swallow four were from Winhall Hollow where a high of 10 was seen 7/19 (WJN), also 2 in Tinmouth 6/15 (CJF). Ten BBS recorded 38 individuals. The only breeding report of Barn Swallow was of 13 birds comprising 2 families learning to feed over a pond in Lincoln 7/6 (JRA). Other sightings included 25 on the SRBBS 6/28 (FMH,GEH) with post breeding season highs of 15 in Woodstock 7/16 (CRP), 22 in Chester 7/18 (CEAd), 35 in Brandon 7/24 (SSW), 15 in Winhall Hollow 7/27 (WJN) 7/27 (WJN) and at least 25 in Brownsville 7/31 (BMH). Twenty-three BBS reported 403 individuals.

Sedge Wren



JAYS THROUGH WRENS

There were two reports of Gray Jay [T,RNS] one from Moose Bog 7/16 (GEHa) and a report of "many" seen at Victory Bog WMA in July (WHB). A feisty Blue Jay was observed butchering a House Sparrow in SL on 6/19 (WJN) while a second in Wallingford was seen attacking a cat by pecking its head in Wallingford 7/15 (SJD). Breeding reports included 3 fl. at Woodstock on 6/27 (JMN) and fl. begging in South Lincoln 7/22 (JRA). Elsewhere, higher counts were 29 on the SRBBS 6/28 (FMH,GEH), 7 in Marlboro 7/12 (JPN), 5 in SL 7/17 (WJN) and 15 in Reading 7/18 (FMH,GEH). Twenty-three BBS recorded 268 individuals. Records of American Crow were moderate and the only breeding observation reported was of an ad. and 5 noisy juv. at Woodstock from 7/6 to 7/31 (JMN). Other observations included at least 10 in Brownsville 6/12 (BMH), 30 on the SRBBS 6/18 (FMH,GEH), 20 at WRM 6/20 (WJN), 15 in Brandon 7/15 (SSW) and 13 in Dorset 7/22 (EFG). Twenty-three BBS routes reported 663 individuals. Early breeding Common Raven was noted in May with 4 yg. in a nest in West Windsor 5/4 (KHA) and noisy yg. in a nest in Strafford 5/16 (BD). No follow-up of these observations during J/J was recorded and no new breeding activity reported. Higher counts included 5 in West Bolton 6/8 (MC), 8 in Wells 6/15 (CJF) and 4 in Reading 7/14 (FMH,GEH). Ten BBS reported 31 individuals. The number of Black-capped Chickadee observations was considerable. Nesting activity was reported in Barnard 6/6 (JNF), in Lincoln 6/13 (JRA), in Woodstock 6/26 (JMN), in Braintree during J/J (RAM) and Montpelier (TSA). Noted in South Royalton was a possessive m. bluebird that insisted on feeding a chickadee nestling in an adjacent nesting box whose real parents were chased away (BLa). Larger numbers included 23 on the SRBBS 6/23 (FMH,GEH), 8 in Rochester 6/25 (SSW), 16 in Reading 7/20 (FMH,GEH) and 10 in Dorset 7/21 (EFG). Twenty-three BBS routes reported 396 individuals. Boreal Chickadee was minimally reported. A probable nesting report was suggested by a pr. in Danville that was observed in a restricted area of white cedar swamp on 6/11 (AVG). Single sightings were from East Haven 7/6 (WGE,NLM), Moose Bog 7/16 (GEHa) and Craftsbury Common 7/28 (CCR). The East Haven BBS reported 1 individual. The moderate number of Tufted Titmouse reports included breeding activity in Burlington with the sighting of a fl. (DM), in Hartland between 6/12 and 7/2 where a family group of 6 was observed at a feeder (WGE,NLM) and in Woodstock on 6/25 where an ad. was seen feeding 3 yg. (JMN). Other records included 2 in Dorset 6/6 (EFG), 3 in Benson 6/11 (WGE,NLM), 2 singing m. in Woodstock 6/20 and 7/22 (JMN). Seven BBS reported 10 individuals. Red-breasted Nuthatch was only modestly reported. Observations included 4 m. in Marshfield 6/12 (JJA), 3 calling on Roy Mt. in Barnet 6/26 (CCR) and 4 in Reading 7/20 (FMH,GEH). Fifteen BBS located 51 individuals. Reporting of White-breasted Nuthatch was moderate with breeding confirmation in Wood-

stock where 2 ad. were seen feeding 2 yg. 7/1 and again with 1 ad. feeding 1 yg. 7/24 (JMN). Other multiple observations included 3 in Woodstock 6/1 (CRP), 4 on the SRBBS 6/3 and 6/28 (FMH,GEH), 5 in Dorset 6/28 (EFG) and 2-4 daily in Chester during J/J (CEAD). Sixteen BBS reported 40 individuals. Brown Creeper was modestly reported with breeding noted in Benson where a family group with at least 2 fl. was seen 6/11 (WGE,NLM). Elsewhere multiple sightings included 2 in Colchester 6/8 (JAP), 2 singing m. on Roy Mt. 6/26 (CCR) and 2 in Ferrisburgh 7/12 (MCD,JID). Seven BBS recorded 11 individuals. Carolina Wren was also modestly reported with probable breeding in Brandon where a pr. was observed entering and leaving a bird house 7/14 (SSW). Elsewhere sightings included 3 on 6/9 and 2 on 6/16 in Essex (MP) and 2 singing m. 7/16 at Yellow Bog (GEHa). The more common House Wren was moderately reported. Breeding was confirmed in Proctor with the fledging of two broods by a single pr. 6/19 and 7/28 (RWP) and in GI where families were noted in about a dozen locations (DJH). Records of 3 or more birds included 7 on the SRBBS 6/9 (FMH,GEH), 3 in Dorset 6/6, 6/10 and 7/7 (EFG) and 4 in Tinmouth 6/15 (CJF). Thirteen BBS reported 74 individuals. Winter Wren was similarly reported and breeding activity included a family group of 7 in Rochester 6/25 (SSW), and 2 ad. and 1 yg. in Woodstock 6/25 and 7/3 (JMN). Multiple observations included 5 in Reading (FMH,GEH) and 3 at Lincoln Gap (JRA) both on 6/1, and singing m. that numbered 5 on Camel's Hump 6/6, 17 on Mt. Mansfield 6/18 and 5 on Roy Mt. 6/26 (CCR). Sixteen BBS recorded 126 individuals. A singing m. SEDGE WREN [T,RNS] was observed nest building in Whiting 6/30 but unfortunately the area was mowed on 7/6 (JMN,EFG). Marsh Wren was modestly documented, often in large concentrations, including 16 at South Slang Ferrisburgh on 6/25 and 24 at DCWMA 6/26 (MCD,JID), 12 singing m. at Simms Pt. 6/30 (DJH), 12 at WRM 7/4 (RWP) and at DCWMA 14 on 7/10 (MCD,JID) and 12 on 7/12 (JRA). Three BBS located 13 individuals.

KINGLETS THROUGH THRUSHES

Reporting of Golden-crowned Kinglet was minimal and breeding was confirmed at Camels Hump 6/1 where an ad. was seen feeding yg. (JJA). Other observations included 2 singing m. at Camels Hump 6/6 (CCR), at the VBC by 2 field groups 6/9 and 1 in Marshfield 6/12 (JJA). Twelve BBS reported 38 individuals. Ruby-crowned Kinglet was noted in Dorset with the sighting of single birds on 6/1 and 7/1 (EFG) and from L. Mem. again with single birds between 6/19 and 7/31 (STH). The East Haven BBS reported 1 individual. Modest reporting of Blue-gray Gnatcatcher included breeding confirmation with a pr. attending a nest with 1 well-grown yg. 6/7 and 2 family groups with fl. on 6/10 in West Haven (WGE,NLM) and at Sandbar WMA a nest with parents feeding yg. 6/9 seen by VBC field groups. Other observations included 1 in Essex 6/9 (MP), 2 in Brandon 6/14 (SSW), 2 at Lewis Creek 6/20 (MCD,JID) and 1 at DAR Park 7/12 (MCD,JID). The W. Rutland BBS reported 2 individuals. Reports of Eastern Bluebird were extensive almost half of which related to breeding activity. Post breeding highs included 8 in Dorset (EFG) and 10 in Brandon comprising both ad. and yg. (SSW) both on 7/22. Thirteen BBS recorded 23 individuals. Veery reports were considerable and included 2 breeding pr. in Woodstock for the period (JMN). Elsewhere higher counts included 5 in Dorset 6/7 (EFG), 6 in Essex 6/9 (MP), 7 in Lincoln 6/23 (JRA), 18 on the SRBBS 6/23, and 15 in Reading 7/4 (FMH,GEH) and 6 at WRM 7/4 (RWP). Twenty-two BBS reported 390 individuals. Gray-cheeked Thrush was minimally reported with no breeding observations. At Camels Hump a single bird 6/

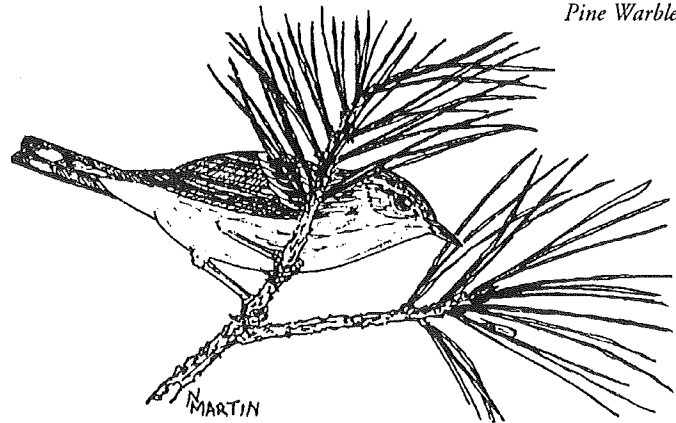
1 (JJA) and six singing m. 6/6 (CCR) were observed, also at the VBC by 1 field group 6/9 and finally 9 singing m. on Mt. Mansfield 6/18 (CCR). Six reports of Swainson's Thrush included a single bird on Camels Hump 6/1 (JJA) and at the VBC by 1 field group 6/9, 5 singing m. in the Concord Woods 6/10 (CCR), 5 singing m. on Mt. Mansfield 6/18 (CCR) and on 6/28, 2 on Mt. Mansfield (SSW) and 2 in Ripton (JAP). Four BBS reported 10 individuals. Hermit Thrush was confirmed breeding at BNP with the discovery of a nest and 4 eggs on 6/14 (CCR). Elsewhere high counts included 5 at Lincoln Gap on 6/1 (JJA), 3 singing m. on Roy Mt. on 6/4 (CCR), 4 in Marlboro on 6/10 (JPN), 3 in Rochester on 6/15 (SSW), 4 singing m. in the Concord Woods on 6/27 (CCR), 10 in Reading 6/29 (FMH,GEH), 4 on Mt. Philo 7/2 (MCD,JID), 4 singing m. at White Rocks 7/7 (CJF), and 2-3 breeding pr. in Woodstock (JMN). Eighteen BBS reported 94 individuals. Reporting of Wood Thrush was considerable and breeding was confirmed in Proctor with 2 ad. and 2 fl. 7/1 (RWP) and in Woodstock with 3 breeding pr. during the summer (JMN). Higher counts included 4 in Marlboro 6/10 (JPN), 12 on the SRBBS 6/23 and 8 in Reading 6/24 (FMH,GEH), 4 in Brandon-Rochester 6/25 (SSW), 4 singing m. at the Cape in Goshen 6/28 (CCR) and 3 in Lincoln 7/1 and 7/13 (JRA). Twenty-three BBS reported 301 individuals. American Robin was similarly reported with at least 9 confirmations of breeding. Larger counts included 66 on the SRBBS 6/19 (FMH,GEH), 10 in Brandon 6/30 (SSW), 18 in Reading 7/20 (FMH,GEH), 17 in Lincoln 7/22 (JRA), 30 in SL 7/23 (WJN) and 8-10 daily during the summer in Chester (CEAd). A report from Lincoln noted a group of American Robins successfully scaring off a Broad-winged Hawk on 7/6 (JRA). Twenty-three BBS reported 1351 individuals.

MIMIDS THROUGH VIREOS

Observations of Gray Catbird were considerable and included breeding confirmation at BNP with a nest with 3 ch. 6/12 (CCR) and 3 breeding pr. during J/J in Woodstock (JMN). Elsewhere concentrations included 8 in Dorset 6/1 (EFG), 4 in Essex 6/9 (MP), 10 at the DAR Park 6/27 (MCD,JID), 15 on the SRBBS 6/28 (FMH,GEH), 4 in SL 7/25 (WJN), 6 in Lincoln & Bristol 7/28 (JRA) and 6 in Dorset 7/31 (EFG). Twenty-two BBS recorded 218 individuals. The 10 reports of Northern Mockingbird included that of a breeding pr. with at least 2 yg. in SL (WJN). Elsewhere sightings included 2 in Ferrisburgh 6/1, 1 at the VBC 6/9 followed by 12 on 6/12 (MCD,JID) and 2 in Rockingham 7/10 (AMD). Four BBS located 6 individuals. Reporting of Brown Thrasher was considerable with breeding confirmed in South Burlington 6/28 (DJH). The remaining observations were all of single birds, from Dorset 6/1 (EFG) to GI 7/21 (DJH) with the exception of a pr. in Brownsville during J/J (BMH). Eight BBS reported 9 individuals. Observations of Cedar Waxwing were considerable and breeding activity included nest building in Braintree (RAM) and Woodstock 6/25 (JMN) and at Brandon Gap 7/2 (SSW). Fl. were observed at BNP 7/2 (NLM) and at GI 7/20 (DJH). Higher counts included 10 at Bristol Notch 6/2 (JRA), 14 in Montpelier 6/16 (TSA), 10 in Lincoln 6/23 (JRA), 18 on the SRBBS 6/23 (FMH,GEH), 10 in Ferrisburgh 7/2 (MCD,JID), 10 at High Pond 7/2 (JRA) and about 15 feeding over a pond in Woodstock on 7/28 (NHM). Twenty-three BBS reported 417 individuals. The ubiquitous European Starling was only moderately reported with a breeding observation of 2 fl. in Wallingford 6/6 (SJD). Elsewhere higher counts included 33 in Dorset 6/12 (EFG), 99 on the SRBBS 6/23 (FMH,GEH), 25 in Brandon 7/21 (SSW), up to 50 per day during J/J in SL (WJN) and 5-20 daily in Chester (CEAd). Twenty-two BBS reported 913 individuals. A tenth state record

was established for WHITE-EYED VIREO with a m. sighted in Maidstone on 6/26 and 7/2 (JED). Solitary Vireo was modestly reported. Multiple sightings included 3 on the SRBBS 6/9 (FMH,GEH), 2 singing m. in Marlboro 6/18 (JPN), 3 in Rochester 6/25 (SSW), 2 more singing m. in the Concord Woods 6/27 (CCR), 6 in Reading 7/4 (FMH,GEH), 2 in Middlebury 7/9 (JAP) and 2 in Braintree 7/10 (RAM). Fifteen BBS reported 67 individuals. Reporting of Yellow-throated Vireo was modest and no breeding activity was noted. Multiple counts included 4 in West Haven 6/10 (WGE,NLM), 2 in Brandon 7/11 (SSW) and 2 singing m. at L. Bomoseen 7/20 (RWP). Six BBS recorded 21 individuals. Warbling Vireo was observed at McCuen Slang 6/16 (MCD,JID) and nesting in Woodstock in mid-July (JMN). Other reports were all of single birds except 4 at Lewis Creek 6/20 (MCD,JID), 2 in Brandon 6/23 (SSW) and 5 at WRM 7/4 (RWP). Nineteen BBS reported 66 individuals. Observer reports of Red-eyed Vireo were moderate. The only nesting report was of 3 breeding pr. in Woodstock during J/J (JMN). Elsewhere high counts included 20 in Reading 6/1 (FMH,GEH), 30 on the SRBBS 6/9 (FMH,GEH), 29 singing m. at the Cape in Goshen 6/11 (CCR), 13 singing m. in the Concord Woods 6/27 (CCR), 10 in Rochester 7/2 (SSW) and 20 in Reading 7/4 (FMH,GEH). Twenty-one BBS recorded 873 individuals.

Pine Warbler



WOOD WARBLERS

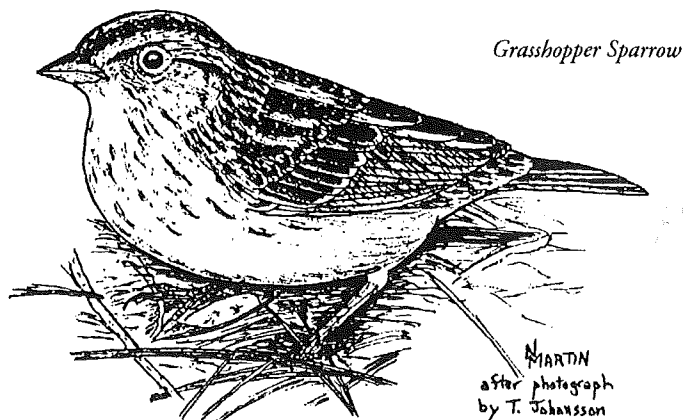
The only record of Blue-winged Warbler was a singing m. in Lower Waterford 6/22 (NLM). Golden-winged Warbler was minimally reported and observations included 3 singing m. at the Galick Preserve on both 6/10 and 6/19 (WGE,NLM) and on 6/11 3 singing m. at Shaw Mt. Preserve and 1 singing m. in West Rutland (WGE,NLM), and 1 in Middlebury 6/18 (JAP). The W. Rutland BBS reported 1 individual. Tennessee Warbler also was minimally reported. An out-of-season bird was noted by 1 VBC field group 6/9 (NER) and another 1 in Goshen which "behaved as if on breeding territory" on 6/28 (CCR), and 1 singing m. on the Hinesburg BBS 7/8 (PRW). Reporting of Nashville Warbler was modest with breeding activity not recorded. Observations included 4 single birds between 6/2 and 6/10 in Reading (FMH,GEH), 3 singing m. on Roy Mt. 6/4 (CCR), at the VBC by 2 field groups 6/9, 4 in Lincoln 6/14 (JRA), 3 singing m. Mt. Mansfield 6/18 (CCR), 1 at BNP on 6/26 (WJN) and another 4 in Lincoln 7/6 (JRA). Fourteen BBS recorded 48 individuals. Minimal reports of Northern Parula included 2 in Victory 6/6 (SSW), 1 in Sherburne 6/14 (MCD,JID), 1 singing m. in Plymouth 6/21 (SBL), 3 singing m. at Roy Mt. 6/26 (CCR) and 1 at L. Mem. between 6/19 and 7/31 (STH). Seven BBS reported 16 individuals. Yellow Warbler was

moderately reported with breeding confirmed at GI with fledged yg. 7/20 (DJH) and the presence of 2 nesting pr. at BNP, 1 with eggs on 6/3 (CCR). Higher counts included 5 in Dorset 6/1 (EFG), 7 on the SRBBS 6/2 (FMH,GEH), 6 in Essex 6/9 (MP) and 4 in Bristol 6/29 (JRA). Twenty-two BBS located 290 individuals. Chestnut-sided Warbler also moderately reported, was confirmed breeding in Lincoln with ad. feeding yg. 6/16 and then on 7/21 where a family including well fledged yg. was noted (JRA). Higher counts of 3 or more included 24 in Bristol and Lincoln 6/2 (JRA), 6 in West Rutland 6/6 (SSW), 3 in Sherburne 6/14 (MCD,JID), 15 on the SRBBS 6/16 (FMH,GEH) and 3 in Dorset 6/29 and 7/1 (EFG). Twenty-one BBS reported 319 individuals. Reporting of Magnolia Warbler was modest and breeding was confirmed in Braintree 6/10 where yg. were observed being fed (RAM). Multiple sightings included 5 singing m. on Camels Hump 6/6 (CCR), 2 on the SRBBS 6/9 (FMH,GEH), 2 in Sherburne 6/14 (MCD,JID), 2 on Mt. Abraham 6/18 (SSW), and 2 in Reading 7/13 (FMH,GEH). A report from Marlboro noted that the bird "is missing this year again, formerly bred in numbers" (JPN). Fourteen BBS recorded 71 individuals. Black-throated Blue Warbler was modestly reported. Breeding activity included a nest with 5 eggs, one a cowbird's, in deep deciduous woods in Sugar Hollow, Pittsford on 6/1 (RWP), 4 in Proctor including the feeding of a fl. on 7/21 (RWP) and a breeding pr. in Woodstock during J/J (JMN). Higher counts included 8 in Reading 6/1 (FMH,GEH), 18 singing m. along Burrow's Trail on Camels Hump 6/6 (CCR), 9 singing m. in Goshen 6/11 (CCR), 8 in Braintree 7/11 (RAM) and another 8 at Bristol Notch 7/29 (JRA). Nineteen BBS reported 60 individuals. The only breeding activity reported for Yellow-rumped Warbler was a pr. feeding yg. in June in Woodstock (JMN). Multiple observations included 5 in Reading 6/1 followed by 6 on the SRBBS 6/2 (FMH,GEH), 5 singing m. on Camels Hump 6/6 (CCR) and 12 singing m. at Mt. Mansfield 6/18 (CCR). Sixteen BBS reported 130 individuals. Reports of Black-throated Green Warbler were modest with no observations of breeding activity. Three or more birds included 3 at Lincoln Gap 6/1 (JRA), 3 on the SRBBS 6/2 (FMH,GEH), 7 singing m. on Camels Hump 6/6, and 8 singing m. in the Concord Woods 6/10 (CCR), and 3 in South Lincoln 6/9 (JRA). Fifteen BBS located 74 individuals. Blackburnian Warbler was modestly reported, all but 4 were of single birds. Breeding was confirmed with an ad. feeding a yg. cowbird in Braintree 7/9 (RAM). Elsewhere observations included 2 in Reading 6/1 (FMH,GEH), 11 singing m. in Goshen 6/11 (CCR), 4 singing m. in the Concord Woods 6/27 (CCR) and 3 in Rochester 7/2 (SSW). Thirteen BBS found 41 individuals. Two breeding confirmations of Pine Warbler included a "nesting colony" of at least 3 singing m. in Middlebury on 7/9 (JAP) and at least 2 nesting pr. in Quechee during J/J (JMN). Other reports noted 1 at Laplatte R. 6/2 (SRA), by 1 field group at the VBC 6/9, 1 singing m. in Marshfield 6/12 (JJA) and 1 in Thetford 6/30 (TSA). Two BBS reported 8 individuals. The first of 2 reports of Prairie Warbler was from GI on 7/3 (DJH). The Shaftsbury BBS also reported a single individual. A single report of Bay-breasted Warbler [RNS] was from Moose Bog on 7/16 (GEHa). Blackpoll Warbler reporting was modest with no breeding activity recorded. Sightings comprised 1 in Middlebury 6/6 (JAP), 26 singing m. on Camels Hump also 6/6 (CCR), observations by 1 field group at the VBC on 6/9, 1 in Dorset 6/15 (EFG), 27 singing m. on Mt. Mansfield 6/18 (CCR) and 3 in Rochester 6/25 (SSW). The only report of Cerulean Warbler [SSC,RNS] was of the colony of 3-4 pr. at Sandbar WMA on 6/9 by field groups of the VBC. Reporting of Black-and-white Warbler was moderate and breeding confirmation included an ad. feeding yg. in Tinmouth 6/15 (CJF) and a nesting pr. in Woodstock during J/J (JMN). Multiple

sightings included 3 in Lincoln 6/2 and 6/28 (JRA), 3 on the SRBBS 6/9, 6/23 and 6/28 (FMH,GEH), 2 in Dorset 6/11, 7/8 and 7/23 (EFG), 2 singing m. in Goshen 6/28 (CCR), 2 in Reading 7/20 (FMH,GEH) and 2 in Marlboro 7/27 (JPN). Nineteen BBS reported 105 individuals. American Redstart was extensively reported, including a nesting pr. in Woodstock during J/J (JMN). Counts of 4 or more included 8 singing m. on the lower slopes of Camels Hump 6/6 (CCR), 4 on each of the SRBBS 6/6, 6/12, 6/16 and 6/19 (FMH,GEH), 6 singing m. in Goshen 6/11 (CCR), 4 in Essex 6/16 (MP), 4 in South Lincoln 6/21 and 6/28 (JRA) and 5 in Brandon and Rochester 6/25 (SSW). Twenty-two BBS recorded 264 individuals. Reporting of Ovenbird was considerable and confirmation of breeding activity included 3 nesting pr. in Marlboro 6/1 (JPN), recently fledged yg. in Cornwall Swamp 6/27 (WGE), ad. with nearly independent yg. in Monkton 6/29 and feeding yg. 7/1 in Lincoln (JRA), ad. on nest in Braintree from 7/7 to 7/12 (RAM) and 3 breeding pr. in Woodstock (JMN). High counts recorded 15 in Reading 6/1, 21 on the SRBBS 6/2 (FMH,GEH), 13 singing m. in Concord Woods 6/4 (CCR), 19 singing m. in Goshen 6/11 (CCR) and 30 in Middlebury 7/9 (JAP). Twenty-three BBS reported 373 individuals. Northern Waterthrush was modestly reported with breeding confirmed in Cornwall Swamp where 2 family groups and recently fledged yg. were observed 6/27 (WGE) and in Proctor with the sighting of 2 ad. and 1 fl. 7/1 (RWP). Higher counts comprised 8 singing m. at Roy Mt. WMA 6/4 (CCR), 2 in Brandon 6/6 (SSW) and 3 at Berlin Pd. 7/29 (TSA). Three BBS reported 4 individuals. Also modestly reported was Louisiana Waterthrush, a moulting juv. in Guilford 6/23 (WGE,NLM) being the only breeding confirmation. Multiple sightings included 3-4 in West Haven 6/10 (WGE,NLM) and 2 birds exhibiting agitated behavior at High Pond 7/20 (JRA). Four BBS reported 7 individuals. Mourning Warbler was moderately reported with breeding confirmed in Middlebury with 1 ad. and 1 juv. 7/9 (JAP). Higher counts included 4 in Reading 6/1 and 6/24 (FMH,GEH), 3 singing m. at the Cape in Goshen 6/11 (CCR), 3 at Lincoln Gap 6/23 with another 5 on 7/2 (JRA). Four BBS counted 5 individuals. With 25 observations, the Common Yellowthroat was probably underreported. Breeding was confirmed with 2 nesting pr. in Woodstock "low numbers" (JMN), nest with 4 eggs at BNP 6/19 but abandoned 6/25 (CCR). Double digit sightings included 20 in Lincoln and Bristol 6/2 (JRA), 16 on the SRBBS 6/18 (FMH,GEH), 10 at WRM 7/4 (RWP), 11 at Brandon and Dead Creek 7/10 (SSW) and 12 at Berlin Pd. 7/28 (TSA). Twenty-three BBS reported 592 individuals. A lone f. Wilson's Warbler [SSC,RNS] was observed in Brandon 7/21 (SSW). Modest reporting of Canada Warbler included 3 breeding confirmations, an ad. feeding yg. in Lincoln 6/30 (JRA), an imm. in Middlebury 7/9 (JAP) and a pr. with the f. feeding a fl. in Tinmouth 7/12 (RWP). Multiple observations included 3 singing m. at Roy Mt. WMA 6/4 (CCR), 10 in Reading 6/15 (FMH,GEH), 9 in Rochester 7/2 (SSW) and 4 at Bristol Notch 7/29 (JRA). Eight BBS reported 22 individuals.

TANAGERS THROUGH HOUSE SPARROW

Reporting of Scarlet Tanager was moderate with nesting noted in Marlboro on 6/3 (JPN) and in Woodstock during J/J (JMN). Counts included 5 in both Reading 6/2 and on the SRBBS 6/3 (FMH,GEH), 2 singing m. in the Concord Woods 6/10 (CCR) and 3 at High Pond 7/20 (JRA). Twenty BBS found 84 individuals. A single imm. during July in Woodstock was the only breeding confirmation of Northern Cardinal (JMN). Pairs were reported from Woodstock 6/1 (CRP), from Westminster West 6/6 (AMD) and Brownsville during J/J (BMH). Higher counts



Grasshopper Sparrow

included 4 in Dorset 6/1 and 6/12 (EFG), 4 on the SRBBS 6/2 and 6/18 (FMH,GEH) and 4 in Lincoln and DCWMA 7/12 (JRA). Nine BBS reported 93 individuals. Moderately reported Rose-breasted Grosbeak was confirmed as a breeder with 6 ad. and fl. at a feeder in Hartland 7/1 (WGE,NLM), with a f. feeding a fl. in Westminster West 7/10 (JRA), a pr. and yg. at a feeder in Woodstock 7/10 (JMN) and 1 nesting pr. in Marlboro (JPN). Observations included 8 in Reading 6/1 (FMH,GEH), 6 on the SRBBS 6/9 and 6/18 (FMH,GEH), 6 at Mt. Philo 6/15 (MCD,JID), 6 in Essex 6/16 (MP), 7 at Lincoln 6/23 (JRA). Twenty-three BBS located 92 individuals. Although Indigo Bunting was moderately reported, contributors failed to mention any breeding activity. Counts numbering 4 or more included 6 in Braintree 6/13 (RAM), 4 in Essex 6/16 (MP), 4 in Lincoln 6/23 (JRA), 11 on the SRBBS 6/28 (FMH,GEH) and 9 singing m. in Cornwall 7/1 (CCR). Nineteen BBS reported 146 individuals. Rufous-sided Towhee was confirmed as a breeder in Proctor with the sighting of a fl. and 2 ad. 7/1 (RWP). Observers reported 3 in Benson 6/11 (WGE,NLM), 2 singing m. at BNP 6/23 (JMN) and 3 in West Bolton 7/31 (MC). Six BBS recorded 10 individuals. Two nesting pr. of Chipping Sparrow were reported from Woodstock during J/J (JMN). Elsewhere observers reported 6 on the SRBBS 6/28 (FMH,GEH), 6 in Dorset 7/1 (EFG), 10 in Lincoln 7/16 (JRA), 5 in SL 7/19 (WJN), and 4 in Brandon 7/21 (SSW). Twenty-three BBS reported 288 individuals. At BNP 3 breeding pr. of Field Sparrows included a nest with 2 ch. 5/31, a nest with 2 ch. and 2 eggs 6/3 and a nest with 5 eggs also 6/3 (CCR). Elsewhere birders noted 3 singing m. in South Woodstock 6/4 (JMN), 3 in Benson 6/11 (WGE,NLM) and 2 on the SRBBS 6/12, 6/21, 6/23 and 6/28 (FMH,GEH). Nine BBS located 32 individuals. Vesper Sparrow was modestly reported with nesting confirmed in SL 7/1 (WJN). Other observations included at least 6 at DCWMA 6/1 (BRJ) and 2 in Chester 6/12 (CEAd). The Hardwick BBS reported 1 individual. The species was noted as being "locally common" in the Panton/Addison and the Bristol/New Haven agricultural areas (JAP). Also modestly reported, the Savannah Sparrow was confirmed as a breeder in SL (WJN) and in Woodstock where an ad. was observed feeding yg. 7/28 (JMN). Other observations included 31 singing m. in Cornwall 7/1 (CCR), at DCWMA 5 on 7/2, 3 on 7/10 (MCD,JID), 3 on 7/9 (SSW) and finally 4 in Berlin 7/29 (TSA). BBS routes recorded 101 individuals. Grasshopper Sparrow found singing in New Haven in late spring (JAP) was not reported again in this summer period. Song Sparrow was moderately reported and breeding was confirmed in Cornwall with a nest and 5 eggs 7/1 (CCR), in Marlboro 7/10 (JPN) and in Woodstock with 3 nesting pr. during J/J (JMN). Observers noted approximately 10 in Dorset 6/1 (EFG), 5 in Essex 6/16 and 6/19 (MP), 30 on the SRBBS 6/

23 (FMH,GEH) and 5 in West Bolton 7/31 (MC). Twenty-three BBS reported 804 individuals. Reporting of Lincoln's Sparrow was minimal but nesting was confirmed in Belmont, Mt. Holly Rd. "a new location", where an ad. was observed carrying food for yg. 6/24 (WGE,NLM). Also noted were 2 singing m. on the ridgeline of Mt. Mansfield 6/7 (CCR), 1 in Addison 7/2 (JAP) and 1 in Dorset 7/31 (EFG). Four BBS reported 5 individuals. No observations of breeding activity for Swamp Sparrow was submitted. Reporters noted 6 in Dorset 7/2 (EFG), 21 at WRM 7/4 (RWP), 5 at DCWMA on 7/12 (JRA) and 12 at Berlin Pd. 7/28 (TSA). Eleven BBS reported 88 individuals. White-throated Sparrow was moderately reported and breeding activity included an imm. calling at Lincoln Gap 6/23 (JRA) and a pr. with a fl. in Woodstock 6/25 (JMN). Elsewhere observers noted 7 at Lincoln/Bristol 6/2 (JRA), 9 singing m. at Camels Hump 6/6 (CCR), 9 in Reading 6/15 (FMH,GEH), 12 singing m. at Mt. Mansfield 6/18 (CCR) and 8 on the SRBBS 6/28 (FMH,GEH). Twenty-three BBS located 274 individuals. Dark-eyed Junco was reported nesting in Woodstock during J/J (JMN). Higher counts included 6 in Montpelier 6/15 (TSA), 5 at Mt. Abraham 6/18 (SSW), 8 singing m. at Mt. Mansfield 6/18 and 4 at the Cape in Goshen 6/28 (CCR), and 10 in Reading 7/13 (FMH,GEH). Fourteen BBS recorded 63 individuals. Reporting of Bobolink was moderate with breeding noted in SL and Winhall Hollow (WJN). Observations were mainly of the more conspicuous m. and higher counts included 10 in Ferrisburgh 6/3 (MCD,JID), 9 in Braintree 6/13 (RAM), 11 singing m. in Cornwall 7/1 (CCR), 11 m. and 7 fl. or yg. in Dorset 7/3 (EFG) and 10 in Woodstock 7/28 (JMN). Twenty BBS located 262 individuals. Red-winged Blackbird reports were considerable with breeding confirmed at BNP where one of two nesting pr. had 2 eggs and 2 ch. 6/11 (CCR). Observers noted 15 in SL 6/1 (WJN), 34 on the SRBBS 6/28 (FMH,GEH), about 35 in Dorset 7/3 (EFG), 100 at WRM 7/24 (WJN), 25 in SL 7/31 (WJN) and at least 20 in Brownsville during J/J (BMH). Twenty-three BBS reported 1050 individuals. Observations of Eastern Meadowlark were modest with no breeding activity reported. Records included 4 in Middlebury 6/19 (JRA), 20 ad., mostly singing m. in Cornwall 7/1 (CCR), 4 in Brandon 7/21 (SSW) and 12 in Ferrisburgh 7/27, "the best group in several years" (MCD,JID). Fifteen BBS recorded 89 individuals. For the second year in a row Rusty Blackbird [SSC,RNS] was observed nesting in four sites: along the E. Branch of the Nulhegan R., Yellow Bogs, Albany, and Craftsbury (LK) and 1 was seen in Westminster West 6/15 (AMD). Brown-headed Cowbird reports were considerable and apart from breeding activity already noted, 2 juv. were seen in Wallingford 6/5 (SJD) and 1 juv. in Barnard 7/8 (JNF). A count of 10 in SL 6/3 (WJN) was the only record of more than 6 birds and it was noted that "none was observed in forest interior censuses during June" (CCR). Twenty-one BBS recorded 228 individuals. Also considerable were reports of Common Grackle. A single breeding record in Montpelier noted fl. at a feeder between 7/1 and 7/14 (TSA) while higher counts included 13 on the SRBBS 6/23 (FMH,GEH), 11 in Dorset 6/28 (EFG), 15 in SL 7/25 (WJN) and an impressive 250 in Montpelier 7/31 (TSA). Twenty-three BBS reported 436 individuals. A single report of Orchard Oriole [RNS] was from the DAR Park, Addison, 6/27 (MCD,JID). The more common Northern Oriole was moderately reported with several breeding confirmations that included an ad. feeding yg. in a nest at McCuen Slang 6/16 (TSA), at least 2 nesting pr. at BNP J/J (CCR), one nesting pr. which fledged yg. on 6/27 in Woodstock (JMN,CCR) and a fl. on GI 7/7 (DJH). Other sightings included 3 in Dorset 6/1 (EFG), 7 on the SRBBS 6/6 (FMH,GEH) and 3 in Essex 6/19 (MP). Eighteen BBS reported 131 individuals. Reporting of Purple Finch was moderate with no observation of breeding activity reported. Counts of more than 2 birds

included 3 on 6/1 and 5 on 7/1 in Marlboro (JPN) and 4 in Reading 7/4 (FMH,GEH). Sixteen BBS located 62 individuals. Surprisingly, reporting of House Finch was even lower than its look alike with the only breeding record a f. with a single yg. at a feeder in Woodstock 6/16 (JMN). High counts submitted were 22 in Dorset 7/22 (EFG) and 2-8 daily in Chester (CEAd) and 10 daily at a feeder in Montpelier (TSA). Eighteen BBS reported 118 individuals. Red Crossbill observations comprised 3-4 on 7/22 and 2 on 7/28 in SL (WJN). Further north a single observation of 2 singing m. White-winged Crossbills along the Moose Bog trail 7/16 (GEHa) constituted the only record. The Middlesex BBS reported 1 individual. Observations of Pine Siskin were all at feeders, in Brandon 1 on 6/1 (SSW) and in Wallingford 1 on 7/24 and 2 on 7/29 (SJD). The Stratton BBS reported 1 individual. American Goldfinches were moderately reported and breeding activity was noted in Woodstock on 6/25 with a m. carrying nesting material and on 7/22 when begging yg. were heard (JMN). Higher counts by observers included 5 in Brandon 6/1 (SSW), 10 on the SRBBS 6/9 and 6/12 (FMH,GEH), 8 in Montpelier 7/14 (TSA) and 2-6 daily in Chester during J/J (CEAd). Twenty-three BBS reported 295 individuals. Also moderately reported, Evening Grosbeak was noted as breeding in SL 7/16 with 2 fl. sighted (WJN) and in Hartland on 7/13 where a m. and 2 fl. were seen at a feeder (WGE,NLM). High counts were 3 in Reading 6/14 and 6/20 (FMH,GEH). Five BBS recorded 11 individuals. Reports of House Sparrow were only modest and any record of breeding activity was completely lacking! A high of at least 25 in Brownsville was noted during J/J (BMH). Twenty-one BBS reported 380 individuals.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN TEXT

ABM	Allen Brothers' Marsh, Westminster		
BNP	Bragdon Nature Preserve, Woodstock		
DCWMA	Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison and Panton		
GI	Grand Isle		
HSDC	Highgate Springs at the mouth of Dead Creek		
LC	Lake Champlain		
L. Mem.	Lake Memphremagog		
MNWR	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Swanton		
SL	South Londonderry		
VBC	Vermont Bird Conference, Burlington		
WRM	West Rutland Marsh, West Rutland		
WMA	Wildlife Management Area		
[E]	Endangered in Vermont		
[RNS]	Rare Nesting Species in Vermont		
[SSC]	Species of Special Concern in Vermont		
[T]	Threatened in Vermont		
ad.	adult(s)	L.	Lake
ch.	chick(s)	m.	male(s)
ep.	estimated production	Mt.	Mountain
f.	female(s)	pr.	pair(s)
fl.	fledging(s)	Pd.	Pond
imm.	immature(s)	Pt.	Point
I.	Island	R.	River
J/J	June and July	yt.	year
juv.	juvenile(s)	yg.	young

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Colchester (DCB) 6/19	Newbury (FAP) 6/19
East Calais (FBE) 6/15	Northfield Falls (WHB) 6/23
East Haven (WGE) 7/6	North Pownal (CJW) 6/9
Fletcher (LPR) 6/19	Post Mills (WGE) 6/18
Gaysville (NLM) 6/25	Shaftsbury (CCR) 6/25
Grand Isle (LPR) 7/2	*South Reading (FMH) 6/6
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Hardwick (WGE) 7/3	St. Johnsbury (WGE) 6/22
Hinesburg (CSP) 6/22	Stowe (EMJ) 6/18
Landgrove (WGE) 6/24	Stratton (TEJ) 7/9
Marlboro (JJC) 6/4	West Rutland (NLM) 6/16
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