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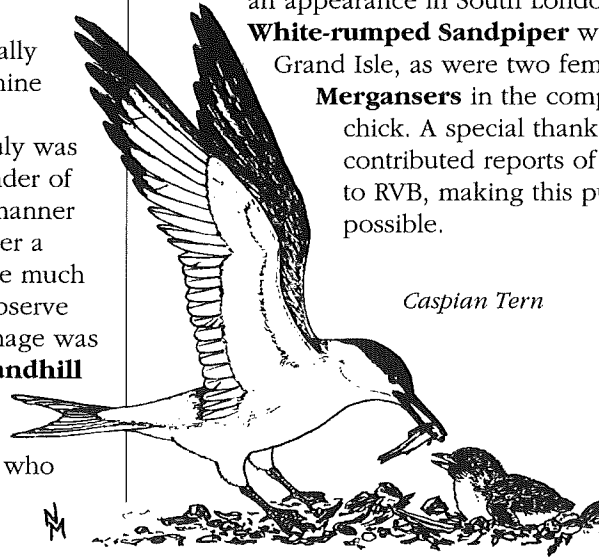
SUMMER 1999

1 June - 31 July

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The weather for the summer was generally hot with many days of relentless sunshine and below average rainfall. June was unseasonably hot and dry. The first week of July was ushered in with violent storms, and the remainder of the month pretty much followed in the same manner as that of June. Along with the unusual weather a number of rarities made their way into the state much to the enjoyment of those who were able to observe them. An **American Avocet** in breeding plumage was seen at Lake Lamoille in Morrisville, while a **Sandhill Crane** divided its time between the Vermont and New Hampshire sides of the Connecticut River. The bird frustrated a number of birders who needed the species for their Vermont state list,

but many finally saw it at McIndoe Falls. **Caspian Tern** was found near the mouth of the Lamoille River, and a **Little Blue Heron** was located near the high school in South Burlington. The secretive **Sedge Wren** made an appearance in South Londonderry, while a **White-rumped Sandpiper** was observed in Grand Isle, as were two female **Red-breasted Mergansers** in the company of a single chick. A special thank you to all who contributed reports of your sightings to RVB, making this publication possible.



Caspian Tern

LOONS THRU WATERFOWL

Records were again broken by **Common Loon** with 33 nesting pairs. Of that number 25 were successful in hatching 41 eggs and having 35 chicks survive through August. Human harassment was again responsible for some of the mortality experienced this year. For the second year, loons from several lakes were captured, banded and tested for mercury contamination. Abandoned eggs were sampled as well. Mercury levels from 1998 samples revealed low levels in adult loons, but levels high enough in eggs to be of concern. Discarded monofilament line continues to be a problem causing entanglement and injuries. **Double-crested Cormorant** numbers continued to increase and are of concern. There may be a need to control their population as the large numbers are devastating habitat at nesting sites.

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
Common Loon			
3-Jun-99	St Albans	2	DM
8-Jun-99	Groton Lake	1	NBu
21-Jun-99	N Hero	1	DM
24-Jun-99	Grand Isle	2	DJH
26-Jun-99	W Glover	2	REG,OAG
Pied-billed Grebe			
13-Jun-99	Glover	2	PFW,SAW
17-Jul-99	Glover	7	PFW,SAW
23-Jul-99	Chittenden	2	DM
Horned Grebe			
13-Jul-99	Grand Isle	1	FAP
Red-necked Grebe			
25-Jul-99	St Albans	1	DM
Double-crested Cormorant			
3-Jun-99	St Albans	10	DM
5-Jun-99	St Albans	200 est.	DM
14-Jun-99	Danby	1	NAB
31-Jul-99	Somerset	1	NBu

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
American Bittern			
1-Jun-99	Vershire	1	KRH
19-Jun-99	Ferrisburgh	1	DJH
10-Jul-99	W Glover	1	REG,OAG
23-Jul-99	Grand Isle	1	DJH
21-Jul-99	Lake Lamoille, Morrisville	1	FAP
Least Bittern			
1-Jul-99	Mud Creek	1	FAP
3-Jul-99	W Rutland Marsh	1	RWP
12-Jul-99	Lamoille R, Morrisville	2	WSS
Great Blue Heron			
3-Jun-99	W Glover	1	REG,OAG
6-Jun-99	Weathersfield	2	WME
25-Jun-99	Island Pond	24	FAP
31-Jul-99	Hubbardton	10	RWP
Great Egret			
21-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	1	JRA
26-Jul-99	S Londonderry	2	WJN
30-Jun-99	Williston	1	JDM

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
1-Jul-99	Shelburne Access	2	FAP
14-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	1	WSS
Snowy Egret			
11-Jun-99	Shelburne Bay	1	TGM
Little Blue Heron			
3-Jul-99	S. Burlington	1	CG
Cattle Egret			
30-Jun-99	Shelburne Farms	12	JDM
Green Heron			
11-Jun-99	Westminster	1	AMD
26-Jun-99	Barton	2	PFW,SAW
26-Jun-99	Danby	1	NAB
19-Jul-99	Brandon	2	SSW
27-Jul-99	Coventry	3	REG,OAG
Black-crowned Night Heron			
2-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	10	TGM
8-Jul-99	Ferrisburgh	1ad	FAP
2-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	10	TGM
Glossy Ibis			
24-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	1	SR
10-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	2	DL
Turkey Vulture			
11-Jun-99	Danby	1	NAB
2-Jul-99	W Rupert	6	GRB
24-Jul-99	Bethel	18	PW
Snow Goose			
1-Jun-99	Grand Isle	1	DJH
5-Jun-99	N Hero	2	DM
Canada Goose			
1-Jun-99	Danby	5 nests	NAB
13-Jun-99	W Bolton	2	MC
13-Jun-99	Springfield	18	WME
30-Jul-99	Addison	135	JRA
Wood Duck			
4-Jun-99	Danby	1f, 5imm	NAB
24-Jul-99	Danby	3m, 2f, 4imm	NAB
23-Jul-99	Chittenden	1ad, 11 yg	DM
31-Jul-99	Hubbardton	145	RWP
1-Jul-99	Addison	fem w/14yg	FAP
June-July	MNWR	147yg	AZ

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
American Wigeon			
June-July	MNWR	5	AZ
American Black Duck			
1-Jun-99	Danby	8	NAB
22-Jul-99	Taftsville	22	JWL
31-Jul-99	Hubbardton	10	RWP
June-July	MNWR	13yg	AZ
Mallard			
1-Jun-99	Danby Pond	2	NAB
9-Jun-99	Mettowee River	6	GRB
31-Jul-99	Hubbardton	5	RWP
June-July	MNWR	149yg	AZ
Blue-winged Teal			
2-Jun-99	DCWMA, Addison	3	SSW
June-July	MNWR	10yg	AZ
Northern Pintail			
June-July	MNWR	eyg	AZ
Green-winged Teal			
1-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	11	FAP
21-Jul-99	Danby	1	NAB
June-July	MNWR	4yg	AZ
Ring-necked Duck			
3-Jun-99	Albany	1	REG,OAG
27-Jun-99	Albany	4ad, 10 yg	REG,OAG
Common Goldeneye			
1-Jun-99	Grand Isle	7	DJH
15-Jun-99	St Albans	1	DM
1-Jul-99	Grand Isle	5 yg	DJH
June-July	MNWR	62yg	AZ
Hooded Merganser			
13-Jun-99	Glover	8	PFW,SAW
31-Jul-99	Dead Creek	8 imm	JRA
June-July	MNWR	22yg	AZ
Common Merganser			
1-Jun-99	Grand Isle	11f, 1m, 50 yg	DJH
1-Jul-99	Charlotte	1f, 8 imm	JRA
4-Jul-99	Shelburne	fem w/ 19 yg	FAP
Red-breasted Merganser			
17-Jun-99	Grand Isle	3 f, 10 yg	DJH
29-Jul-99	St Albans	1	DM

HAWKS THRU WOODPECKERS

The **Osprey** population continued to increase with a total of 60 fledglings, up from 47 in 1998. Nesting structures (18) have been installed thanks to a Lake Champlain Program grant. More are planned in the future bringing the total platforms available to 35-40. The birds are also using sites provided by the crossarms on powerline poles. Three new **Peregrine Falcon** territories were established bringing the state-wide total to 23 pairs. Of these, 19 pairs nested producing 40 fledglings – all record high numbers for this species, which was removed from the federal endangered species list in August, 1999, but remains a Vermont-listed endangered species.

Common Tern remained steady with 140 pairs producing 97 fledglings. This is a modest increase from the summer of 1998 total of 86 fledges. The **Black Tern** population stands at 100 pairs with the majority located in Mud Creek, Missisquoi, and Alburg.

The status of **Upland Sandpiper** is tenuous at best. A dramatic decrease in the numbers may be due to changing agricultural practices here in the state. Only 28 birds were found during this year's survey, showing a precipitous decline from the number in 1991 when 126 birds were found.

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
Osprey			
2-Jun-99	Chittenden	1	DM
6-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	WME
27-Jul-99	Ferrisburgh	1ad, 2 juv	SSW
Bald Eagle			
10-Jun-99	DCWMA, Addison	1	SSW
4-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	1 imm	FAP,TGM
5-Jul-99	Newport	1	REG,OAG
30-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	1ad, 1 imm	JRA

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
Northern Harrier			
2-Jun-99	Sheffield Ctr	1	PFW,SAW
6-Jun-99	Victory Bog	3	NAB
23-Jun-99	Grand Isle	1 f	DJH
25-Jun-99	Charlotte	2	JRA
Sharp-shinned Hawk			
16-Jun-99	Grand Isle	1	DJH
28-Jun-99	Jeffersonville	1	CCW
27-Jul-99	Danby	1a, 1 juv	SSW

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
Cooper's Hawk			
24-Jun-99	Danby	1	NAB
16-Jun-99	Ripton	1	JRA
20-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	GRB
31-Jul-99	Tunbridge	1 imm	ATA
Northern Goshawk			
10-Jun-99	N Bridgewater	1	JWL
18-Jul-99	Reading	1	FMH,EJH
20-Jul-99	Ripton	2 imm	WBK
Red-shouldered Hawk			
7-Jun-99	S Londonderry	1	WJN
19-Jun-99	W Bolton	1	MC
27-Jun-99	Jeffersonville	1	CCW
11-Jul-99	Jeffersonville	1a, 1 yg	CCW
31-Jul-99	St Albans	1	DM
Broad-winged Hawk			
3-Jun-99	Reading	1	FMH,EJH
Broad-winged Hawk			
29-Jun-99	Jeffersonville	2	CCW
12-Jul-99	Bristol	1	JRA
23-Jul-99	Ripton	2	SSW
Red-tailed Hawk			
1-Jun-99	Manchester	4	NAB
24-Jun-99	W Haven	7	SSW
28-Jul-99	Stratton	2	NBu
31-Jul-99	Tunbridge	1 imm	ATA
American Kestrel			
1-Jun-99	Danby	2	NAB
16-Jul-99	Grand isle	3 imm	DJH
17-Jun-99	Pawlet	1	GRB
31-Jul-99	Jamaica	4	NBu
Merlin			
29-Jun-99	Cambridge	1	CCW
Peregrine Falcon			
4-Jun-99	Woodstock	1	KT
31-Jul-99	Hubbardton	1	RWP
Ring-necked Pheasant			
28-Jun-99	DCWMA, Addison	6a, 4yg	FAP
Ruffed Grouse			
1-Jun-99	Reading	1	FMH,EJH
16-Jun-99	Pawlet	fem w/yg	GRB
21-Jun-99	W. Bolton	2	MC
Spruce Grouse			
26-Jun-99	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	1f, 3yg	FAP
Wild Turkey			
2-Jun-99	Weybridge	1	SSW
26-Jun-99	Stratton	3f w/yg	NBu
8-Jul-99	Cornwall	1f, 6 yg	JRA
26-Jul-99	Tunbridge	12 juv	ATA
Virginia Rail			
2-Jun-99	Hubbardton	8	RWP
1-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	5a, w/yg	FAP
8-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	2 f, 8 yg	SSW
10-Jul-99	Waltham	3 imm	JRA
31-Jul-99	Hubbardton	1	RWP
Sora			
13-Jun-99	Westminster	1	WJN
Common Moorhen			
2-Jun-99	Hubbardton	1	RWP
20-Jun-99	Orwell	1	FAP
Sandhill Crane			
2-Jul-99	McIndoe Falls	1	FAP
Semipalmated Plover			
9-Jul-99	S. Londonderry	1	WJN
21-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	10	JRA
Killdeer			
1-Jun-99	Woodstock	6	CRP
2-Jul-99	Panton	30	WSS
21-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	11	JRA
29-Jul-99	N Hero	3	DM
American Avocet			
21-Jul-99	Lake Lamoille, Morrisville	1	FAP

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
Greater Yellowlegs			
26-Jun-99	Barton	1	PFW,SAW
9-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	1	FAP
30-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	1	JRA
Lesser Yellowlegs			
1-Jul-99	Burlington	1	FAP
6-Jul-99	DCWMA, Panton	10	FAP
10-Jul-99	Otter Creek	4	JRA
Solitary Sandpiper			
4-Jul-99	Panton Rd, DCWMA	1	FAP
29-Jul-99	Morrisville	4	FAP
30-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	2	TGM
28-Jun-99	Pawlet	1	NAB
2-Jul-99	Panton	5	WSS
30-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	5	TGM
Upland Sandpiper			
11-Jun-99	Bridport	1	SSW
24-Jun-99	W Haven	3	SSW
1-Jul-99	Charlotte	3	JRA
1-Jul-99	Charlotte	3	WSS
19-Jul-99	S. Londonderry	1	WJN
Ruddy Turnstone			
8-Jun-99	Grand isle	8	DJH
Semipalmated Sandpiper			
2-Jul-99	Panton	1	WSS
10-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	1	FAP
22-Jul-99	Manchester Ctr.	1	BWP
30-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	35	TGM
Least Sandpiper			
1-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	8	FAP
Least Sandpiper			
6-Jul-99	DCWMA, Panton	30	FAP
8-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	3	SSW
11-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	6	JRA
White-rumped Sandpiper			
1-Jun-99	Grand Isle	1	DJH
Pectoral Sandpiper			
21-Jul-99	Lake Lamoille, Morrisville	1	FAP
30-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	3	TGM
Short-billed Dowitcher			
1-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	3	FAP
30-Jul-99	Shelburne Bay	1	TGM
Common Snipe			
1-Jun-99	Woodstock	1	CRP
3-Jun-99	W. Glover	2	REG,OAG
18-Jun-99	Lincoln	1	JRA
14-Jul-99	Orange	2	BAP
28-Jul-99	Williamstown	20	ATA
American Woodcock			
3-Jun-99	Vershire	2	KRH
24-Jun-99	Stratton	1	NBu
2-Jul-99	Reading	4	FMH,EJH
14-Jul-99	Manchester Ctr.	1	BWP
15-Jul-99	Reading	1	FMH,EJH
Bonaparte's Gull			
6-Jun-99	Swanton	20	WBK
10-Jul-99	S. Albans Bay	2	FAP
20-Jul-99	Highgate	5	JMN,BRJ
Ring-billed Gull			
2-Jun-99	Panton	~30	SSW
26-Jun-99	Island Pond	4	FAP
30-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	35	JRA
Herring Gull			
5-Jun-99	St Albans	~200	DM
Herring Gull			
31-Jul-99	St Albans	15	DM
Greater Black-backed Gull			
June-July	Hen Island, Grand Isle Cty	24 nests	MSL
Caspian Tern			
8-Jul-99	Addison	1	WSS
16-Jul-99	Milton	1	FAP
19-Jul-99	Lamoille R, Milton	2	FAP

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Common Tern			
15-Jun-99	St Albans	13	DM
1-Jul-99	Popasquash Is	35	FAP
16-Jul-99	Highgate Springs	35	FAP
30-Jul-99	St Albans	3	DM
Black Tern			
22-Jun-99	Grand Isle	1	DJH
1-Jul-99	Missisquoi	5	FAP
1-Jul-99	Mud Creek	4	FAP
16-Jul-99	Highgate Springs	50	FAP
20-Jul-99	Highgate	7	JMN,BRJ
Rock Dove			
P.R.	Danby	16	NAB
25-Jun-99	Northeast Kingdom	1	FAP
Mourning Dove			
1-Jun-99	W Bolton	1	MC
24-Jul-99	S. Londonderry	50	WJN
30-Jul-99	W. Glover	5	REG,OAG
Black-billed Cuckoo			
1-Jun-99	Grand Isle	1	DJH
14-Jun-99	Grand Isle	2	DJH
5-Jul-99	Lincoln	1	JRA
31-Jul-99	Tunbridge	1	ATA
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			
5-Jun-99	Reading	1	FMH,EJH
26-Jun-99	Pawlet	1	NAB
5-Jul-99	Woodstock	1	
17-Jul-99	Reading	2	FMH,EJH
Eastern Screech Owl			
5-Jul-99	Burlington	1a, 2yg	WSS
31-Jul-99	St Albans	2	DM
Great Horned Owl			
4-Jul-99	Danby	1	NAB
28-Jul-99	St Albans	1	DM
Barred Owl			
19-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
thruout	Lincoln	1	JRA
thruout	Danby	2	NAB
21-Jul-99	Ward Hill	1	FAP
Northern Saw-whet Owl			
25-Jun-99	Sheffield	1	PFW,SAW
Common Nighthawk			
30-Jun-99	Bridgewater	1	JWL
31-Jul-99	Bellows Falls	1	WME
Whip-poor-will			
4-Jun-99	Island Pond	1	BRJ
10-Jun-99	Groton	1	NBu
11-Jun-99	Stockbridge	1	EH
Chimney Swift			
1-Jun-99	Danby	2	NAB
11-Jun-99	Springfield	2	WME

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
28-Jul-99	Manchester Ctr.	13	BWP
30-Jun-99	Stratton	1	NBu
thruout	Bristol	5	JRA
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
1-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
26-Jun-99	Weathersfield	2	AMD
15-Jul-99	Mt. Mansfield	1	KPM
July	Lincoln	3	JRA
4-Jul-99	Vershire	12	KRH
31-Jul-99	Reading	6	FMH,EJH
Belted Kingfisher			
2-Jun-99	Fairlee	1	KRH
8-Jun-99	Danby Pond	1	NAB
20-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	WME
31-Jul-99	Somerset	2	NBu
Red-headed Woodpecker			
17-Jun-99	Orwell	1	W BK
Red-bellied Woodpecker			
18-Jun-99	Calais	1	MS
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
1-Jun-99	Reading	6	FMH,EJH
11-Jun-99	Danby Pond	1	NAB
14-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
21-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	AMD
30-Jul-99	W. Glover	1	REG,OAG
Downy Woodpecker			
1-Jun-99	W. Glover	2	REG,OAG
8-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
21-Jun-99	Weathersfield	2	AMD
31-Jul-99	Jeffersonville	4	CCW
Hairy Woodpecker			
1-Jun-99	Woodstock	2	CRP
25-Jun-99	Lincoln	3	JRA
31-Jul-99	Jeffersonville	2	CCW
Black-backed Woodpecker			
5-Jun-99	Moose Bog, Ferdinand	2a w/ yg	SSW
25-Jun-99	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	4	FAP
25-Jun-99	Yellow Bogs, Ferdinand	2	FAP
Northern Flicker			
2-Jun-99	Panton	1	SSW
9-Jun-99	Mt. Mansfield	1	KPM
12-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
thruout	Lincoln	1	JRA
31-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG
Pileated Woodpecker			
1-Jun-99	Reading	1	FMH,EJH
16-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	AMD
thruout	Lincoln	1	JRA
28-Jul-99	Rupert	2	SSW

FLYCATCHERS THRU EVENING GROSBERAKS

Bicknell's Thrush monitoring continued on Vermont's "sky islands." VINS researchers found a total of 13 nests on Mt. Mansfield, and 11 on Stratton Mountain. Unfortunately, more than 70% of these nests failed, primarily due to predation by red squirrels. The arrival of a **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** at a feeder is usually not cause for extra special notation, but a photograph of one from South Pomfret sporting a yellow triangle on the breast in place of the customary red was cause for comment. This was the second year that the unusual male made its appearance there.

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
Olive-sided Flycatcher			
12-Jun-99	The Cape, Goshen	1	SDF
17-Jun-99	Barton	1	REG,OAG
21-Jul-99	Mt. Mansfield	1	KPM
Eastern Wood Pewee			
1-Jun-99	Danby	1	NAB
5-Jun-99	Reading	5	FMH,EJH
21-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	AMD

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
26-Jul-99	Stratton	1	NBu
31-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	1	JRA
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			
5-Jun-99	Moose Bog, Ferdinand	2	SSW
thruout	Mt. Mansfield	6	KPM
Alder Flycatcher			
4-Jun-99	Sheffield	1	PFW,SAW
5-Jun-99	Brandon	2	SSW

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
6-Jun-99	Victory Bog	1	NAB
26-Jul-99	Williamstown	1	ATA
Willow Flycatcher			
2-Jun-99	Brandon	2	SSW
2-Jun-99	DCWMA, Addison	1	SSW
5-Jun-99	Danby	2	NAB
Least Flycatcher			
1-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
26-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	AMD
21-Jul-99	Mt. Mansfield	1 juv	KPM
Eastern Phoebe			
1-Jun-99	Danby	4	NAB
thruout	Lincoln	2	JRA
24-Jul-99	Tunbridge	4	ATA
Great Crested Flycatcher			
1-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
24-Jun-99	W. Haven	3	SSW
26-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	AMD
thruout	Grand Isle	2	DJH
Eastern Kingbird			
1-Jun-99	Coventry	6	REG,OAG
6-Jun-99	Weathersfield	2	WME
11-Jul-99	Brandon	4a, 7yg	SSW
31-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG
Yellow-throated Vireo			
6-Jun-99	Brandon	1	SSW
28-Jun-99	Woodstock	1	CRP
17-Jul-99	Hubbardton	2	SSW
31-Jul-99	Hubbardton	1	RWP
Blue-headed Vireo			
1-Jun-99	Reading	1	FMH,EJH
25-Jun-99	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	2	FAP
17-Jul-99	Reading	3	FMH,EJH
27-Jul-99	Danby	1	SSW
Warbling Vireo			
1-Jun-99	Brandon	1	SSW
6-Jun-99	Sheffield Ctr	1	PFW,SAW
11-Jul-99	Brandon	2	SSW
24-Jul-99	S. Londonderry	1	WJN
Red-eyed Vireo			
1-Jun-99	Reading	15	FMH,EJH
12-Jun-99	Reading	25	FMH,EJH
19-Jun-99	Pittsford	9	RWP
29-Jun-99	Pawlet	2	GRB
31-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG
Gray Jay			
5-Jun-99	Moose Bog, Ferdinand	3	SSW
25-Jun-99	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	1	FAP
Blue Jay			
1-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
9-Jul-99	Sheffield	16	PFW,SAW
31-Jul-99	Reading	4	FMH,EJH
American Crow			
1-Jun-99	Brandon	2	SSW
15-Jul-99	St Albans	9	DM
31-Jul-99	S. Londonderry	8	WJN
Common Raven			
P.R.	Danby	2	NAB
4-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
6-Jul-99	Lincoln	9	JRA
30-Jul-99	Orleans	1	REG,OAG
Horned Lark			
23-Jul-99	Addison	1	SSW
Purple Martin			
5-Jun-99	N. Hero	6	DM
June-July	Grand Isle	~30	DJH
11-Jul-99	Addison	110	JRA
28-Jul-99	Bridport	11	JMN,PAS
Tree Swallow			
1-Jun-99	W Bolton	1	MC
23-Jul-99	Grand Isle	~30	DJH
31-Jul-99	N. Hero	4	DM

DATE	Location	No.	Observers
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			
25-Jun-99	Island Pond	2	FAP
23-Jul-99	Grand Isle	20+	DHJ
28-Jul-99	Orwell	4	JMN, BRJ
Bank Swallow			
1-Jun-99	Danby	8	NAB
12-Jul-99	Weathersfield	1	WME
23-Jun-99	Ferrisburgh	20+	JRA
Cliff Swallow			
3-Jul-99	Woodstock	50+	JMN
12-Jul-99	Stratton	8	NBu
21-Jul-99	Tunbridge	5	ATA
28-Jul-99	Tunbridge	2a, 2 juv	ATA
Barn Swallow			
1-Jun-99	Danby	2	NAB
20-Jun-99	Weathersfield	5	WME
23-Jul-99	Grand Isle	50+	DJH
Black-capped Chickadee			
1-Jun-99	W Bolton	1	MC
12-Jun-99	Reading	13	FMH, EJH
31-Jul-99	Reading	8	FMH, EJH
Boreal Chickadee			
5-Jun-99	Moose Bog, Ferdinand	1	SSW
25-Jun-99	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	1	FAP
21-Jul-99	Moose Bog, Ferdinand	1	TGM
Tufted Titmouse			
1-Jun-99	Brandon	1	SSW
26-Jun-99	Proctor	3	RWP
27-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	WME
31-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG
Red-breasted Nuthatch			
1-Jun-99	Reading	4	FMH,EJH
12-Jun-99	Reading	7	FMH,EJH
25-Jun-99	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	1	FAP
31-Jul-99	Grand Isle	1	DJH
White-breasted Nuthatch			
1-Jun-99	Chittenden	1	DM
19-Jun-99	Westminster W	7	WME
3-Jun-99	W Bolton	1	MC
Brown Creeper			
5-Jun-99	Moose Bog, Ferdinand	1	SSW
29-Jul-99	Danby	2	NAB
Carolina Wren			
25-Jul-99	Bridgewater Corners	1	BRJ
House Wren			
1-Jun-99	Danby	6	NAB
1-Jul-99	Lincoln	7	JRA
28-Jul-99	Tunbridge	6	ATA
31-Jul-99	Brandon	1	SSW
Winter Wren			
23-Jul-99	Lincoln	1	JRA
1-Jun-99	Reading	11	FMH,EJH
28-Jul-99	Rupert	1	SSW
Sedge Wren			
19-Jul-99	S. Londonderry	1	WJN
Marsh Wren			
11-Jun-99	Westminster	2+	AMD
26-Jun-99	Danby	3	NAB
31-Jul-99	Hubbardton	2	RWP
Golden-crowned Kinglet			
4-Jun-99	Reading	1	FMH,EJH
25-Jun-99	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	1	FAP
26-Jun-99	Lincoln	2	SSW
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
3-Jun-99	W Glover	1	REG,OAG
15-Jun-99	St Albans	1	DM
24-Jul-99	Brandon	1	SSW
Eastern Bluebird			
1-Jun-99	Danby	2	NAB
2-Jun-99	Pawlet	3 juv	GRB
24-Jun-99	W. Haven	8	SSW
31-Jul-99	Jamaica	4	NBu

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Veery			
1-Jun-99	Reading	9	REG,OAG
5-Jun-99	Reading	17	REG,OAG
21-Jun-99	Weathersfield	2	WME
31-Jul-99	Reading	1	REG,OAG
Bicknell's Thrush			
3-Jun-99	Mt. Mansfield	3	FAP
4-Jun-99	Camel's Hump, Huntington	1	BAP
7-Jun-99	Mt. Mansfield	15+	KPM
	Stratton Mtn	20+	KPM
Swainson's Thrush			
4-Jun-99	Yellow Bogs, Ferdinand	2	SSW
29-Jul-99	Stratton Mtn	1	SSW
Hermit Thrush			
2-Jun-99	Sheffield	1	PFWS,SAW
19-Jun-99	Pittsford	4	RWP
3-Jul-99	Reading	22	FMH,EJH
31-Jul-99	Reading	10	FMH,EJH
Wood Thrush			
1-Jun-99	Brandon	1	SSW
12-Jun-99	Reading	12	FMH,EMH
26-Jul-99	Stratton	1	NBu
31-Jul-99	Reading	9	FMH,EJH
American Robin			
1-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
18-Jul-99	Rockingham	30	WJN
31-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG
Gray Catbird			
1-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
19-Jun-99	Pittsford	10	RWP
July	Lincoln	5	JRA
31-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG
Northern Mockingbird			
20-Jun-99	Bradford	1	EH
Brown Thrasher			
6-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	WME
1-Jun-99	Grand Isle	10pr	DJH
28-Jun-99	Danby	2	NAB
8-Jul-99	Panton	1	SSW
European Starling			
5-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
27-Jul-99	Coventry	21	REG,OAG
Cedar Waxwing			
1-Jun-99	W. Bolton	2	MC
20-Jul-99	Grand Isle	24	DJH
31-Jul-99	W. Glover	4	REG,OAG
Blue-winged Warbler			
23-Jun-99	Brandon	1	SSW
31-Jul-99	Jeffersonville	1	CCW
Golden-winged Warbler			
9-Jun-99	Brandon	1	SSW
13-Jun-99	Brandon	2	SSW
23-Jun-99	Brandon	1	SSW
Tennessee Warbler			
5-Jun-99	W. Glover	1	REG,OAG
26-Jun-99	Calais	1	BAP
15-Jul-99	Mt. Mansfield	1	KPM
16-Jul-99	Nebraska Notch, Underhill	1	CCR
Nashville Warbler			
5-Jun-99	Moose Bog, Ferdinand	1	SSW
25-Jun-99	Black Branch Rd, Ferdinand	2	FAP
Northern Parula			
4-Jun-99	Reading	1	FMH,EJH
5-Jun-99	Moose Bog, Ferdinand	2	SSW
25-Jun-99	Black Branch Rd, Ferdinand	3	FAP
9-Jul-99	Valley House	1	FAP
Yellow Warbler			
1-Jun-99	Coventry	4	REG,OAG
5-Jun-99	Danby Pond	1	NAB
20-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	AMD
31-Jul-99	Hubbardton	1	RWP

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Chestnut-sided Warbler			
1-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
19-Jun-99	Pittsford	22	RWP
21-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	AMD
23-Jul-99	Goshen	1	SSW
Magnolia Warbler			
4-Jun-99	Yellow Bogs, Ferdinand	1	SSW
25-Jun-99	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	3	FAP
26-Jun-99	Lincoln	2	SSW
Cape May Warbler			
19-Jun-99	Orange	2	BAP
Black-throated Blue Warbler			
1-Jun-99	Reading	2	FMH,EJH
11-Jun-99	Lincoln	9	JRA
30-Jun-99	Stratton	1	NBu
31-Jul-99	Reading	3	FMH,EJH
Yellow-rumped Warbler			
1-Jun-99	Vershire	2	KRH
June-July	Mt. Mansfield	25+	KPM
29-Jul-99	Stratton Mtn	2	SSW
Black-throated Green Warbler			
1-Jun-99	Reading	1	FMH,EJH
14-Jun-99	Danby	5	SSW
22-Jul-99	Stratton	1	NBu
29-Jul-99	Jeffersonville	5	CCW
Blackburnian Warbler			
4-Jun-99	Yellow Bogs, Ferdinand	1	SSW
5-Jun-99	Reading	3	FMH,EJH
26-Jun-99	Wenlock WMA, Ferdinand	1	FAP
24-Jul-99	Goshen	1	SSW
Pine Warbler			
1-Jul-99	Panton	1	SSW
Prairie Warbler			
6-Jun-99	Brandon	1	FAP
Palm Warbler			
5-Jun-99	Moose Bog, Ferdinand	1	SSW
Blackpoll Warbler			
6-Jun-99	Victory Bog	1	NAB
17-Jun-99	Stratton Mtn	3	SSW
26-Jun-99	Mt Ellen, Lincoln	~6	SSW
June-July	Mt. Mansfield	50+	KPM
Black-and-White Warbler			
1-Jun-99	Dorset	1	EFG
13-Jun-99	Rochester	1	NAB
12-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG
American Redstart			
1-Jun-99	Woodstock	2	CRP
8-Jun-99	Danby Pond	1	NAB
29-Jun-99	Jamaica	1	NBu
30-Jul-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
Prothonotary Warbler			
1-Jun-99	S. Burlington	1	ABE
Ovenbird			
1-Jun-99	Vershire	1	KRH
3-Jun-99	Reading	31	FMH,EJH
11-Jun-99	Lincoln	6	JRA
6-Jul-99	Stratton	1	NBu
21-Jul-99	Reading	1	FMH,EJH
Northern Waterthrush			
5-Jun-99	Moose Bog, Ferdinand	1	SSW
19-Jun-99	Pittsford	2	RWP
22-Jun-99	Danby Pond	1	NAB
28-Jul-99	Williamstown	1	ATA
Mourning Warbler			
4-Jun-99	Yellow Bogs, Ferdinand	1	SSW
19-Jun-99	Pittsford	2	RWP
1-Jun-99	Mt. Mansfield	2	KPM
13-Jul-99	Jeffersonville	1	CCW
Common Yellowthroat			
1-Jun-99	Woodstock	1	CRP
19-Jun-99	Pittsford	20	RWP
23-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
31-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG

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Canada Warbler			
2-Jun-99	Reading	2	FMH, EJJ
4-Jun-99	Yellow Bogs, Ferdinand	3	SSW
31-Jul-99	S. Randolph	1	ATA
Scarlet Tanager			
1-Jun-99	Reading	9	FMH, EJJ
25-Jul-99	Tunbridge	1	ATA
30-Jul-99	Jeffersonville	2	CCW
Eastern Towhee			
6-Jun-99	Bennington	1	BCD
19-Jun-99	Pittsford	12	RWP
20-Jun-99	Mt. Mansfield	1	KPM
24-Jul-99	Goshen	1	SSW
Chipping Sparrow			
1-Jun-99	Danby	4	NAB
20-Jun-99	Lincoln	2a, yg	JRA
31-Jul-99	Jeffersonville	4	CCW
Field Sparrow			
13-Jun-99	Brandon	2	SSW
5-Jul-99	Weathersfield	1	WME
June-July	Grand Isle	~24	DJH
Clay-colored Sparrow			
6-Jun-99	Grand Isle	1	DJH
Vesper Sparrow			
20-Jun-99	Hartland	2	KPM
25-Jun-99	Northeast Kingdom	1	FAP
Savannah Sparrow			
2-Jun-99	Panton	2	SSW
6-Jun-99	Weathersfield	4	WME
25-Jul-99	Peru	1	WJN
Grasshopper Sparrow			
6-Jun-99	Weathersfield	1	WME
Song Sparrow			
1-Jun-99	Danby	6	NAB
27-Jul-99	Coventry	15	REG, OAG
28-Jul-99	Rupert	1	SSW
Lincoln's Sparrow			
5-Jun-99	Moose Bog, Ferdinand	1	SSW
25-Jun-99	Ferdinand	3	FAP
Swamp Sparrow			
1-Jun-99	Grand Isle	2	DJH
10-Jun-99	Brandon	1	SSW
31-Jul-99	Hubbardton	7	RWP
White-throated Sparrow			
1-Jun-99	Reading	3	FMH, EJJ
June-July	Mt. Mansfield	30+	KPM
31-Jul-99	N Bridgewater	1	JWL
White-crowned Sparrow			
13-Jun-99	Woodstock	1	PKT
Dark-eyed Junco			
1-Jun-99	Sheffield	1	PFW, SAW
June-July	Mt. Mansfield	30+	KPM
31-Jul-99	Jeffersonville	6	CCW
Northern Cardinal			
1-Jun-99	Woodstock	1	CRP
18-Jul-99	Brandon	3	SSW
31-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
1-Jun-99	W Bolton	2	MC
15-Jun-99	Reading	15	FMH, EJJ
June-July	Jeffersonville	20+	CCW
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
25-Jun-99	Ferdinand	1	FAP
30-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG
Indigo Bunting			
1-Jun-99	Dorset	1	EFG
24-Jun-99	W Haven	6	SSW
1-Jul-99	Mt. Mansfield	3	KPM
31-Jul-99	Reading	1	FMH, EJJ
Bobolink			
2-Jun-99	Panton	4	SSW
20-Jun-99	Grand Isle	170	DJH
28-Jul-99	N. Bridgewater	2	JWL

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Red-winged Blackbird			
1-Jun-99	Woodstock	5	CRP
1-Jun-99	Bennington	40+	BCD
31-Jul-99	Jeffersonville	2	CCW
Eastern Meadowlark			
2-Jun-99	Brandon	5	SSW
28-Jun-99	Pawlet	1	NAB
1-Jul-99	Charlotte	3	JRA
29-Jul-99	Grand Isle	8+	DJH
Common Grackle			
1-Jun-99	W. Bolton	1	MC
10-Jul-99	Sheffield	20	PFW, SAW
31-Jul-99	St Albans	8	DM
Brown-headed Cowbird			
1-Jun-99	Reading	1	FMH, EJJ
13-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG
Orchard Oriole			
2-Jun-99	Panton	1	SSW, JAP
11-Jul-99	Grand Isle	1	DJH
Baltimore Oriole			
1-Jun-99	Dorset	1	EFG
June-July	Grand Isle	4	DJH
Purple Finch			
1-Jun-99	Danby	2	NAB
6-Jul-99	Stratton	2m	NBu
17-Jul-99	Reading	12	FMH, EJJ
31-Jul-99	Sheffield	6	PFW, SAW
House Finch			
1-Jun-99	Danby	2	NAB
31-Jul-99	Dorset	1	EFG
Red Crossbill			
21-Jun-99	Mt. Mansfield	1	KPM
8-Jul-99	S. Lincoln	1	MSH
16-Jul-99	Mt. Mansfield	1	KPM
White-winged Crossbill			
21-Jun-99	Mt. Mansfield	15+	KPM
Pine Siskin			
1-Jun-99	Sheffield	2	PFW, SAW
3-Jun-99	W. Glover	2	REG, OAG
16-Jul-99	Sheffield	4	PFW, SAW
31-Jul-99	Sheffield	1	PFW, SAW
American Goldfinch			
1-Jun-99	Vershire	~30	KRH
31-Jul-99	DCWMA, Addison	17	JRA
Evening Grosbeak			
1-Jun-99	Reading	4	FMH, EJJ
28-Jun-99	Brandon	13	SSW
31-Jul-99	Sheffield	3	PFW, SAW
House Sparrow			
23-Jul-99	S. Londonderry	2	WJN

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ABBREVIATIONS

MNWR Mississquoi National Wildlife Refuge
 DCWMA Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area

White-winged Crossbills



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The committee is anxious to involve all Vermont birders in producing as accurate a Vermont state list as possible. This list and all documentation must be credible to future ornithologists who will use the material for research.

In the field, writing down the salient points of identification, talking into a tape recorder, making a sketch or taking a photograph are ways to help with accurate recounting later.

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