TANAGERS: The populations of the SCARLET TANAGER was of great interest after the disaster of late May and early June. Birds died in droves apparently from lack of food since they arrived after an extended rainy period. The question was were these birds from the Vermont breeding population, or were they intending to go elsewhere? It is a question that can't be answered without knowing the "normal" breeding population. Notwithstanding, tanagers were reported from So. Strafford on the 18th of July, 3 on the 1st of June, 1 in Woodstock (IN), and 2 in Woodstock, June 8.

GROSBEAKS, SPARROWS, FINCHES, BUNTINGS: Although the group formerly called Fringillidae has been reclassified it will be dealt with here as in the old way, to include Grosbeaks, Finches, Sparrows and Longspurs.

The first name, the CARDINAL, seems to be still increasing, although its status is still probably local, more in the South and near town. Six individuals were reported from Bennington on two occasions. The ROSE BREASTED GROSBEAK had numerous sightings - individuals from So. Pomfret (FM), Ira (RAB), Shrewsbury (PE,LE,AFS), Woodstock (IN), Weathersfield (EE), Peru (RP), So. Strafford (H&ER) and pairs from So. Strafford and Woodstock. Reports on the INDIGO BUNTING were from Ira, Bennington 2, Hartland 1, Weathersfield 1, So. Strafford 1, all of these on more than one occasion and was listed as increasingly in Winhall. The EVENING GROSBEAK a winter visitant, occasionally stays around for the summer. In 1974, reports came from Granville 1, (EH), Winhall, Peru 1, (TW,RP), and Shrewsbury where a pair appeared on and off and on July 12, a young appeared with a male adult at a feeder,(ED). Wm. Norse reports, the grosbeak "increased tremendously this year as a breeder." The PURPLE FINCH, is a resident in the state and pairs were spotted in So. Strafford 2, (H&ER), Shrewsbury 2, and Bennington 2 (MV) and N. Bridgewater. A HOUSE FINCH normally a western bird, was also seen at Bennington (MV). PINE SISKIN another bird usually listed as a winter visitant, turned up in Bennington(MV) and nested in Wallingford. Dr. Peter Upton writes that on July 12, "a young siskin being fed by adults, was near his feeder and the nest was "definately nearby." The bird apparently has also nested in Peru (WJN). AMERICAN GOLDFINCHES apparently had a good breeding year, after the previous one where they must have suffered damage, and 80 were reported on 17 cards.

The REDCROSBIll was present as a summer visitant in Winhall and may well have bred, (WJN). This is the only record.

RUFOUS TOWHEE: a regular breeder throughout Vermont was reported from Bennington 4, Weathersfield 3, and Hartland 2 (ES). There were two reports of SAVANNAH SPARROWS, 1 from Weathersfield (EE), the other from E. Barnard where probably transient nonbreeding bird was singing in early June (FM). The bird near Peru is a "rare and local breeder," (WJN).

VESPER SPARROW: a record of two birds in So. Strafford on July 18 (H &ER) and several in unmowed grasslands in So. Woodstock and near Burlington (FO&BJ). DARK-EYED JUNCO were reported from So. Strafford and a pair in Hartland in July.

The CHIPPING SPARROWS recorded indicate that the bird is common - almost as abundant as expected 28 individuals were seen. The FIELD SPARROW records are concentrated in Weathersfield 6, with one report also from So. Strafford. The reports are all from June when the birds are singing and easier to find.

WHITE THROATED SPARROWS: were also common during the nesting period. Records are from Shrewsbury (PE,LE,AFS). So. Strafford, Woodstock (IN), and Hartland 1-4 birds each with a total of 22 individuals. The SWAMP SPARROW was not recorded as a "local breeder" (WJN). The SONG SPARROW was, as expected, the most abundant sparrow with 37 sightings.

Fall migration was well covered and interesting and informative information was revealed. There were no reports on Cuckoos, Barn Owls, Horned Larks, Brown Creepers, Water Pipits and House Sparrows.

LOONS: COMMON LOON reported 29 October, Lake Memphremagog; also two females in November (FO).

GREBES: Two PIED BILLS were observed 5 October at Marshfield Pond (MFM).

PELLICANS: WHITE PELICAN seen by most Vermont Birders on Dead Creek in Addison from 20 August through September (BBP,TW, and many others). Speculation exists as to whether this is the same Pelican seen at Montreal in the summer and in October on Martha's Vineyard.

CORMORANTS: One DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANT on Tidy's Pond in Glover, 12 September (FO).
DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: CANADA GEESE, common migrants in flocks of ten to sixty from 6 September through 20 October (ECS, MFM, EE, FO).

SMALL RACE CANADA GEESE forty-five on 27 November on Lake Memphremagog (FO): 6 October, Weathersfield (EE).

MALLARDS, 6 September, three at Dead Creek (FO, TW).

BLACK DUCKS flocks up to forty reported, Dead Creek Lake Hardwick, and Newport (FO, TW).

PINTAILS, on 6 September, twenty were at Dead Creek (FO, TW).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL, 6 September, twenty were at Dead Creek (FO).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL, 6 on 31 August at Lake Hardwick (FO, BBC); 151 at Dead Creek on 6 September (FO, TW), 22 October, 2 were at Newport (FO, TW).

AMERICAN WIDGEON, 10 were observed at Dead Creek, 6 September (FO, TW).

WOOD DUCKS, 1 at Horse Pond, Glover, on 12 September (FO).

SCAUP, on 22 October at Newport, flock of fifty, probably all GREATER BOMASEEN, flock of 35, probably all LESSER (EE).

COMMON GOLDFENEYE, at Caspian Lake in Greensboro on 7 November, 8 females; 27 November, 40 at Lake Memphremagog (FO).

BUFFLEHEAD, on 27 October on a Woodstock Pond, 1 female (JMN): male and female on Lake Hardwick on 5 November (FO).

WHITE-WINGER SCOTER, on 8 October, 1 bird on Lake Bomoseen (EE).

COMMON MERGANSER, October, 1 on Caspian Lake (FO): 29 October, 20 on Little Hosner Pond in Craftsbury (FO, TW); on 7 November, 8 males, Caspian Lake (FO).

HOODED MERGANSER, 10 October, 2 were seen at Horse Pond, 1 in Glover (FO); 22 October, 3 at Newport and 7 November, 1 at Caspian Lake (FO).

RUDDY SHEELDRAKE, either female or immature male present on Lake Hardwick from 30 August through 11 September. First sighted by (FO) and also seen by (BBP, JP, BG, SBL, MFM). If a wild bird, this would be the third or fourth continental United States sighting. The possibility of it being feral remains.

HERONS: GREAT BLUE HERON, very common, 16 August to 2 October; 25 to 50 at Dead Creek (BBP, FO, JW, BBC); 31 August; 1 and 12 September at Lake Hardwick (FO, JW, BBC). Last report 22 October at Lake Memphremagog (FO, JW).

GREEN HERON, 5 on 6 September at Dead Creek (FO, TW).

BLUE-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, as many as 25 from 16 August to 6 September at Dead Creek (BBP, FO, TW).

AMERICAN BITTERN, limited as always, but 6 seen 6 September at Dead Creek (FO, TW).

OSPREY: 1 at Lake Hardwick on 31 August (FO, BBC); 1 on 2 September, Lake Hardwick (FO); 1 on 5 September, Quechee (RAB); 1 on 6 September, Lake Hardwick (FO, TW); 15 observed on 14 September (HW); 1 on 18 and 19 September, Wallingford (BW); 1 on 22 September at Townsend (AM); 1 on 29 September, Wallingford (BW); 1 on 26 October (HW); 15 observed on 15 September (HW).

AMERICAN VULTURES: TURKEY VULTURES continue to increase in Vermont. 2 September, 7 were observed in Addison (BBP, RT); 6 September, 15 seen at Dead Creek (FO, TW); 14 September, 1 at Weathersfield (EE); 4 October, 1 at Putney (RAB); 5 October, 1 at Pawlet (BW).

HAWKS and EAGLES: The Fall Hawk Watch added greatly to VINS data as well as to New England Hawk Watch figures.

GOSHAWKS, 15 September, 2; 13 on 26 October; 3 on 27 September (CHW).

SHARP-SHINNED, 16 observed on September 14; seven on 15 September; 6 on October 26 and 1 on 27 October (HW).

COOPERS, 1 on 15 September (HW); on 20 September, 1 in Shrewsbury (AAP); 3 on 26 October (HW).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWKS continue to be uncommon with only 1 reported for the Vermont Hawk Watch. Other sightings include 3 in Ira, 18 August (RAB); 1 on 27 August, East Randolph (RAB); 11 September, 1 at Brandon Gap (HW); 1 on 26 November near Woodstock (FO).

BROAD-WINGED HAWKS, on 26 August, 1 in Weston (RAB); on 2 September, 1, Lake Hardwick (FO, GE, WE); 6 September, 7 in one kettle at Dead Creek (TW, FO); 54 reported in Vermont Hawk Watch, 14 September - 15 September (HW); 1 on 15 September (BW), 26 October, Hawk Watch, 1.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK, 4 on 2 September at Addison (BBP, RT); 32 on 14 September (HW); 4 on 15 September (HW); 13 on 26 October (HW).

RED-TAILED HAWK, 6 on 6 September at Dead Creek (FO, TW); 19 on 14 September (HW); 8 on 15 September (HW); 4 on 5 October, East Rupert (BW); 7 on 22 October, Lake Memphremagog (FO, JW); 68 on 26 October (HW); 5 on 27 October (HW); 1 on 30 November, Woodstock (FO).

MARSH HAWKS, 1 on 6 September, Dead Creek (FO, TW); 5 on 15 September (HW); 5 on 15 September (HW); 1 male 27 September, Otter Creek Valley (BW); 1 on 30 September, Craftsbury (FO); 1 on 2 October, Weathersfield (EE).

BALD EAGLE, 1 was seen on 15 September, Putney Mountain (HW). 1 on 17 October an Danby (B&WW).

FALCONS: PEREGRINE FALCONS, uncommon, as has been for quite a few years, 1, 11 September, Killington (RAB), 1 on 26 October (HW).
OWLS: GREAT HORNED OWL, 1 in September; 1 on 17 September and 2 on 29 October at Wallingford by (B&WW).

DOWITCHERS, 3 on 16 August and 1 or 2 at regular intervals until 2 September, all at Dead Creek (BPP). Also 1 short-billed Dowitcher on 6 September at Dead Creek (FO, TW).

MOURNING DOVES, 2 on 5 September; 2, 19 October; 6 on 26 October (ECS).

HERRING GULLS, 1 on 31 August, Lake Hardwick; 1 on 12 September at Lake Willoughby; 25 on 22 October, Newport Dump; and 35 on 27 November at Newport Dump (FO, BBC).

RING-BILLED GULLS, 25-30 on 6 September, Dead Creek; 2 on 12 September at Lake Willoughby; 6 on 8 September, Island Pond; a few at Lake Hardwick on 21 October; and 130 on 22 October at Newport (FO, TW).

GREAT BLACK BACKED, 1 on 22 October, Newport Dump (FO, JW). Rare for North Central Vermont.

WESTERN SANDPIPER, 3 on 31 August at Lake Hardwick with Least and Semipalmated (FO).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, 2 on 1, 2 September, Dead Creek (BPP).

KNOT - Extremely Rare!! 1 on 6 September, Dead Creek (BPP).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE, at Dead Creek, 1 on 21 August; 4 on 28 August, 2 on 21 August; 3 on 2 September and 6 on 6 September by (BPP, FO, TW). Also, 1 on 2 September at Lake Hardwick (FO, GE, WE).

GULLS AND Terns

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DOVES AND PEGEONS

MOURNING DOVES, 2 on 5 September; MOURNING DOVES, 2 on 5 October; 2, 19 October; 6 on 26 October (ECS).

OWLS: GREAT HORNED OWL, 1 in 15 September; 1 on 17 September and 2 on 29 October at Wallingford by (B&WW).
BARRED OWLS, 1 on 27 October, Church Hill, Woodstock, and was heard late afternoons and nights for 3 days (JMN).

SHORT-EARED OWL, 1 was seen 29 October, East Craftsbury (FO,JW).

GOATSUCKERS

WHIP-POORWILLS, 1 on 6 September and 11 September, Hartland (ECS).

COMMON NIGHTHAWKS, 1 on 31 August, Craftsbury (FO); 5 on 5 September at Wallingford (WW).

SWIFTS

CHIMNEY SWIFT, very few observations; 1 on 6 September, Dead Creek (TW).

HUMMINGBIRDS

RUBY THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS, 1 on 2 September, South strafford (H&ER); 5 on 5 September, Wallingford (BW); 1 on 15 September, Wallingford (BW); 1 on 15 September at Hartland (ECS).

FLICKERS, 4 on 2 September, Strafford (H&ER); 6 September and 5 October, 5 and 3 respectively were seen at Hartland (ECS).

FLYCATCHERS

PHEOBES, at Hartland on 6 September, 15 September, and 21 September, 3-6 birds were seen (ECS,FO) on 30 September saw 6 at Craftsbury. 1 was seen 19 October at Woodstock (JMN).

EASTERN KINGBIRDS, 3 on 6 September at Hartland (ECS); 1 on 6 September at Dead Creek (FO,TW).

EASTERN WOOD PEWEE, 1 bird on 6 September, Dead Creek (FO,TW). Unidentified Flycatcher, 1 on 6 September, Dead Creek (FO,TW).

SWALLOWS

BARN, at Dead Creek on 1 September, 15-20 (FO,TW); Lake Hardwick on 2 September had 15-20 (FO,TW); 1 on 12 September in Northeast Kingdom by (FO,ECS) at Hartland on 6 September saw 6 birds.

TREE, (FO,TW) saw 300-400 at Dead Creek; 6 September and 4 on 2 September at East Craftsbury.

CLIFF, 3 on 6 September, Lake Hardwick (FO,TW).

ROUGH WINGED SWALLOW, 2 on 6 September at Lake Hardwick (FO,TW).

JAYS, CROWS, RAVENS

BLUE JAYS, flying southwest on 26 September at Plainfield, 20 birds (MFM) at Hartland, 5 on 5 October, 9 on 19 October, and 5 on 26 October (ECS).

CANADA JAYS, at Island Pond, 6 on 12 September (FO).

BROWN THRASHER, 3 were seen in Craftsbury and Hartland in September (FO,ECS).

BROWN THRASHER, the only 1 reported was 7 September at Mt. Tabor (W& WW).

MOCKINGBIRD, 3 were seen in Craftsbury and Hartland in September (FO,ECS).

THRUSHES

ROBINS, 40 on 28 August, Strafford (H&ER,ECS) in Hartland observed from 3-12 in September and October 1 on 27 November at Newport (FO).
HERMIT THRUSH, 1 on 2 days in September and 2 on 19 October, Hartland (ECS).

WOOD THRUSH, 1 on 2 September, Strafford (H&ER).

VEERY, 1 on 12 September, Northeast Kingdom (FO).

EASTERN BLUEBIRDS, 1 on 23 August, Woodstock (FKT); 4 on 2 September, Strafford (H&ER); 5 on 26 September, and 9 on 29 September, Wallingford (BW); 15-20 10 September, Craftsbury (FO); 30 in one flock on 1 October, East Montpelier (MFM). 3 on 19 October, Woodstock (JMN); 2 on 26 October, Springfield (EE); 3 on 27 October, Wallingford (BW).

KINGLETS

GOLDEN CROWN KINGLET, 3 on 8 November, Ira (RAB).

RUBY CROWNED KINGLET, 1 on 30 September, Craftsbury (FO).

WAXWINGS

CEDAR WAXWINGS, in Wallingford 30 on 4 September (BW); 30 on 6 September at Dead Creek (FO,TW): 50-75 in one flock on 12 September Northeast Kingdom, and 1 on 30 September, Craftsbury (FO); 2 on 15 September, Hartland (ECS).

SHRIKES, the only species seen was the NORTHERN, 1 on 30 October at Wolcott; 1 on 23 November, East Craftsbury (FO).

STARLINGS, flock of 60-80 on 2 September, South Strafford (H&ER); 500 flocking on 29 September, Wallingford (BW).

VIREOS, a red-eyed vireo on 12 September at Craftsbury (FO); 2 Philadelphia and 1 Solitary on 2 September at Strafford by (H&ER).

WARBLERS, at Hartland (ECS), reported 6 BLACKPOLLS on 15 September; 4 YELLOW-RUMPED on 6 September and 1 on 15 September; 1 YELLOWTHROAT on 15 September; and 2 CHESTNUT-SIDED on 6 September; 1 YELLOWTHROAT on 19 October at East Craftsbury (FO); 1 CHESTNUT SIDED, 12 September, Lake Willoughby (FO); BLACK AND WHITES were observed on 2 September, 1 at Strafford (H&ER); and 1 at Strafford by (H&ER) and 8-10 on 12 September, Lake Willoughby (FO).

MAGNOLIA and BLACKBURNIAN were seen at Strafford in September by (H&ER); 2 MAGNOLIA at Lake Willoughby, 12 September (FO).

TENNESSEES were seen in Craftsbury, 30 September (FO); 3 or 4 on 2 September, Lake Willoughby (FO).

A LOUISANA WATERTHRUSH was netted and banded at Marshfield Pond, 1 August (MFM).

No report on Northern Waterthrushes.

BLACKTHROATED BLUE, 2 on 12 September, Lake Willoughby (FO). Also 1 BAY BREASTED, same day and same place (FO).

BLACKBIRDS

GRACKLES, (ECS) at Hartland reported 24 on 6 September, 75 on 21 September, 14 on 16 October, 60 on 12 October, and 2 on 19 October, 12 by (FO) on 12 September at Northeast Kingdom.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK, 1 from Hartland, 6 September (ECS). 3 on 6 September at Dead Creek (FO,TW).

RED WING BLACKBIRD, 1 on 26 October, East Craftsbury (FO), 50-100 at Wallingford on 28 October (BW).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD, 12-15 on 22 October at Newport (FO,JW).

BROWN HEADED COWBIRD, 3 on 26 October, East Craftsbury (FO).

TANAGERS

SCARLET TANAGER, 1 on 28 August and 1, 27 September at Wallingford (BW); 2 on 12 September, Lake Willoughby (FO).

FINCHES, SPARROWS, GROSBEAKS & LONGSPURS

FOX SPARROWS, 3 at Hartland 16 October (ECS).

WHITE THROATED SPARROWS, a good number in September and October by (ECS) at Hartland; Randolph (MCC); South Strafford (H&ER) Craftsbury (FO); and Woodstock (FKT).

SONG SPARROWS, were observed in September and October in Hartland (ECS); South Strafford(H&ER); Woodstock (JMN).

DARK EYED JUNCOS, in September, and October, Hartland (ECS); 2 on 11 November, Strafford (H&ER).

CHIPPING SPARROWS, small flocks 5-13 through September at Hartland (ECS), Seen occasionally in August Randolph (MCC). Seen in Strafford, September (H&ER) on 30 September 4 were observed in Craftsbury (FO).

FIELD SPARROWS, were seen in Hartland by (ECS) in September.
LINCOLN SPARROWS, 2 on 15 September, Hartland (ECS); 1 on 15 September at Wallingford (BW); 2 on 15 September, 28 September, Strafford (H&ER).

AMERICAN GOLDFINCHES, 4 birds observed, 6 September in Hartland (ECS). Occasionally in August at Randolph (MCC) and September at South Strafford (H&ER).

RUFUS SIDED TOWHEE, only 1 report in Hartland, 6 September by (ECS).

WHITE CROWNED SPARROWS, 12 birds in Hartland, 5 October (ECS); 12 in Wallingford, 9 October, and last seen there 24 October (BW); 2 at Newport, 22 October (FO).

TREE SPARROWS, 5 were seen at Hartland, 5 October (ECS); 3-11 birds at Wallingford, in October 24-31 (BW); 1 on 18 October at Lake Hardwick (FO).

CARDINALS, these birds appear to be moving into Vermont more frequently every year. Eight were observed in Randolph on 19 and 20 August (MCC); 1 female in Plainfield, 28 October (AJ); 1 male, 2 November, Plainfield (MFM).

ROSE BREASTED GROSBEAK, reports from South Strafford, 2 September (H&ER). Also, Dead Creek, 6 September (FO,TW).

EASTERN GROSBEAK, several hundred migrating on 10 December, Woodstock (JMN); 50-60 in Craftsbury, 26 October (FO).

PINE GROSBEAK, 2 seen on 3 November at Pico Peak (KC); 2, 27 November at Craftsbury (FO).

PINE SISKINS, 10-12 seen, 30 October Wolcott (FO). No purple Finches were reported.

SAVANNAH SPARROWS, 1 at Craftsbury, 30 September (FO).

SWAMP SPARROWS, 2 at Newport 22 October (FO).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR, a great bird for the records. 1 on 22 October at Newport (FO,JW).

SNOW BUNTINGS, 1 flock, 4 November at Reading (EHP); 1 flock at Andover, 5 November (EHP); 40 birds at Calais, 26 November (FO).