



Records of Vermont Birds

FALL MIGRATION 1982

1 August-30 November

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The autumn migration in 1982 was at once fascinating and dull, all depending on where one was. If a birder was at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, he or she was treated to large numbers of shorebirds and herons attracted to mud flats and small pools because of a management-related draw down of the impoundments of the refuge. If the observer was out on one of the many fine days watching for hawks or warblers, it may have seemed dull indeed.

The autumn of 1982 was fairly mild with temperatures averaging 2 or 3 degrees above the elusive norm. The season was also relatively dry but not remarkably so. There was a general lack of strong cold fronts which led to an autumn with few notable migratory waves.

Much of August birding was focused on Dead Creek, where the shorebird circus provided much entertainment. Twenty-five species were reported with some staggering high counts. Much to the credit of local observers, the mouth of the Winooski River was not orphaned by Dead Creek's popularity and produced 22 species of shorebird in lesser numbers. The two best times for migrants were the 18th and the 28th, 29th and surrounding dates. A weak cold front passed on 8/18 producing good numbers of warblers in Duxbury; and a very brisk cold front arrived on the 28th and 29th, pushing good numbers of shorebirds into Dead Creek and warblers into some areas.

Neither hawks nor warblers lived up to high expectations during a mild and unspectacular September. The best numbers of migrants accompanied mild cold fronts on 9/7, 9/17, 9/19 and 9/23.

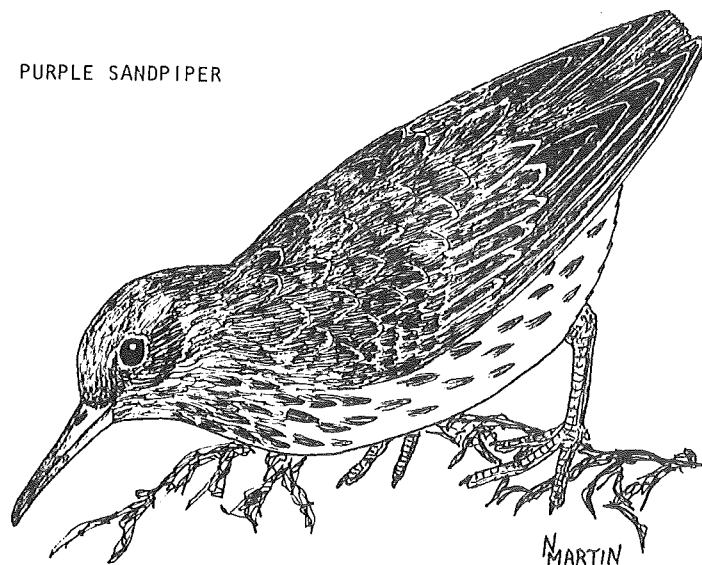
A mild cold front on 10/1 opened a somewhat more lively October. The best waves were on 10/9, when huge numbers of geese were reported; 10/16, when large numbers of sparrows were seen and a good variety of late warblers was reported; and 10/21, which produced a good weekend 10/22-24. The icy cold of the nights during the fourth week of October pushed large numbers of robins, crows, grackles and American Tree Sparrows through the state.

A couple of late cold fronts in November produced the only Oldsquaw reports of the season; the best count of Snow Bunting on 11/5 and 6; and good numbers of scoters on 11/13 and 14. The winter incursions that make late fall bearable were absent, with the notable exception of Snowy Owl, at least 4 of which were reported. There were no reports of Pine Grosbeak and crossbills, only one report of redpoll, and only token numbers of Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeaks (the last perhaps a relief to feeder fillers). The season-long presence of Purple Finch, American Goldfinch, Red-breasted Nuthatch and Boreal Chickadee within their respective Vermont nesting ranges emphasizes the lack of movement by species which reside north of here.

Among the rarities reported the following are considered the most remarkable. What with Dead Creek being drawn down and the mouth of the Winooski River being given regular coverage, shorebirds are prominent. The best shorebirds were Stilt Sandpiper,

Buff-breasted Sandpiper* (reported an unprecedented four times this autumn), Wilson's Phalarope, WILLET (third record in eight years), and PURPLE SANDPIPER (a first for Records of Vermont Birds, hereafter RVB). Other good reports include, 4 GOLDEN EAGLES (an unprecedented number), 2 SANDHILL CRANES over a Hawk Watch in Grafton, COMMON BARN-OWL (a first for the Autumn Records), the first autumn Golden-winged Warbler in 4 years, Prairie Warbler (which is the second consecutive autumn record), Glossy Ibis (for the third consecutive year), Dickcissel, and Connecticut Warbler. In all 235 species were reported, excluding two exotics.

PURPLE SANDPIPER



This is the first issue of RVB to use the new vernacular names and systematic order presented in the new American Ornithologists Union's Checklist. See the following list for the change effected by the new list on Vermont birds, or, for a fuller treatment, see the lead article in Am. Birds Vol. 37 Number 1 by Paul DeBenedictus. In the meantime it is hoped that you can cope better than the editor with Green-backed Herons, Common Moorhens, and Northern Rough-winged Swallows (now the longest bird name on the Vermont list). The old names will appear in parentheses in this issue.

ENGLISH NAME CHANGES ENACTED IN THE 34TH SUPPLEMENT OF
THE AOU CHECKLIST OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS:
as related to birds occurring in Vermont

Green-backed Heron for Green Heron to make uniform the species name with the African & Asian forms of the species.

Black-crowned Night-Heron, a hyphen is introduced into the descriptive name.

American Black Duck for Black Duck, to differentiate from other Black Ducks in Australia & Africa.

Northern Pintail for Pintail, to differentiate from

other species of pintail.

Northern Harrier for Marsh Hawk.

Northern Goshawk to differentiate this species from other goshawk species.

Northern Bobwhite to differentiate from tropical bobwhite species.

Common Moorhen for Common Gallinule, name becomes same as British usage.

Lesser Golden-Plover for American Golden-Plover to differentiate from Greater Golden-Plover also to indicate the species Siberian distribution, note hyphen.

Red-necked Phalarope for Northern Phalarope, this species does not breed as far north as does the Red Phalarope therefore the British name is more correct.

Common Barn-Owl for Barn Owl, to differentiate from other Barn-Owls, note hyphen.

Eastern Screech-Owl for Screech Owl, to differentiate from other Screech-Owls, note hyphen. Western birds are now considered specifically distinct from eastern birds.

Northern Saw-whet Owl for Saw-whet Owl, to differentiate from Unspotted Saw-whet Owl of Central America.

Three-toed Woodpecker for Northern Three-toed Woodpecker (the British name for this species).

Black-backed Woodpecker for Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker, these species names are much less complicated in these forms.

Northern Flicker for Common Flicker, there are several Common tropical species of flicker.

Eastern Wood-Pewee, the name Wood-Pewee is now hyphenated.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow, there is now a tropical species of Rough-winged Swallow.

American Crow for Common Crow, this name more appropriately differentiates our crow from other continent's common crows.

Sedge Wren for Short-billed Marsh Wren, this bird inhabits meadows as well as marshes.

Marsh Wren for Long-billed Marsh Wren, this is the typical wren of marshland.

Northern Mockingbird for Mockingbird, there are other species of mockingbirds in tropical America.

European Starling for Starling, to differentiate from other starlings in the Old World.

American Tree Sparrow for Tree Sparrow, to differentiate from the introduced Eurasian Tree Sparrow.

LOONS THROUGH HERONS

There were two reports of the scarce Red-throated Loon: 1 was noted at Long Pt. in Ferrisburg on 11/18 (JID,MCD); and 1, perhaps the same bird, was seen in Shelburne Bay from 11/20-29 (DLC,BDF, et al.). The 140 Common Loons reported was the same as the previous year's total. Adults were seen with well grown young through August on Thurman W. Dix Reservoir (hereafter TWDR). Migrants were first noted in early Sept.; the highest number reported was 66 on 10/28-29 in Grand Isle (RBL). Only five Pied-billed Grebes were reported for the season from 8/21 when 1 was seen at Herrick's Cove (hereafter HC) (WJN), to 11/21 when 1 was found on the last of a series of dates on Timmouth Pk. (CJF). The Horned Grebe was reported in only token numbers for the third consecutive year. Thirteen were reported; the first was a very early arrival on 9/11 on the Lower Otter Creek in Ferrisburg (KD); the best count reported was 4 on 11/27 on Mallet's Bay in Colchester (JDM). A total of 7 Red-necked Grebes was reported: 3 were seen on Shelburne Bay on 10/19 (DLC), 1 was noted at the same location on 10/27 (DLC), 2 were located there from 11/18-20 (DLC,JDM), and 1 was found at the Tri-town Water Plant in Addison on 11/20 (WGE,NLM). Numbers of the Double-crested Cormorant continue to increase, especially on L. Champlain. One hundred were seen throughout August in the vicinity of Young Is. in Grand Isle County (NK, fide JDS), 50 others were noted in Norwich (1), Ferrisburg (4), Fairlee (1), Hardwick (3), Derby (3), and North Hero (38). The species was reported into the fourth week of Oct. Fifteen American Bitterns were reported, nearly half (7) were split

between Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (hereafter DCWMA), and the mouth of the Winooski River (hereafter MWR) in Colchester. A very late specimen was recovered in Montpelier on 11/14 (fide JDS). A single m. Least Bittern sighted at MWR on 8/29 was the only one reported this autumn (WGE). As has become normal, reports of the majestic Great Blue Heron were widespread, temporally as well as spatially, large numbers were reported from DCWMA where draw-down conditions admirably concentrated food resources early in the season. The best counts were 61 on 8/8 with 45 seen at the Brilleya Access alone (WGE,NLM), and 35 at the Stone Dam Access on 8/12 (JID,MCD); the best count away from the DCWMA vicinity was 12 on 9/11 at L. Hardwick (FO,JW). A total of seven was reported from November. The Great Egret was reported from DCWMA from 8/3 through 9/10, with a maximum count of 4 on the latter date. Others were a specimen from South Reading on 8/3 (fide VINS), and 1 on the Lamoyille River in Milton on 8/14 (DLC). There were three reports of Snowy Egret, 1 at DCWMA on 8/21 (WRB,MJM), 1 at Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (hereafter MNWR) 9/14 (TM), and 1 at Roundy's Cove in Rockingham on 9/24 (WJN). There was a single probable report of an ad. Little Blue Heron from McCuen's Slang in Addison on 9/11 (KD). A small white heron was sighted from a car on the White River in the Village of Bethel on 8/15. Egrets of any kind are rare in the Vermont 'Piedmont' (EWC, MC). There were five reports of Cattle Egret: 1 was seen at MNWR on 8/15 (JID,MCD); a phenomenal 58 were sighted in Grand Isle on 8/21 (DLC); 2 were noted in Addison on 8/22 (WGE,NLM); 4 were seen at DCWMA from 9/1 to 9/22 (m.ob.); and 1 was sighted in Montpelier on 11/9, constituting at least the fifth November record over the last eight years (LEJ, fide VINS). Over 50 Green-backed Herons (formerly Green Heron) were reported: an excellent high count of 18 was achieved on 8/6 at Shelburne Pk. (JID,MCD); the species was noted into Oct. for the third straight year, with 1 in Pantou on 10/3 (JRA) and another seen "along the Missisquoi River." (in Lowell?) on 10/13 (TP). The Black-crowned Night-Heron was noted at the Intervale in Burlington, on the Otter Creek in Rutland, at Shoreham, and at DCWMA, where maxima were 14 on 8/22 and 9/26 (WGE,NLM), and the last were 2 on 10/6 (WJN). There were two reports of the rare Glossy Ibis, an imm. was seen in Weston on 8/24 (DF,et al.), and 1 was sighted at the MWR on 9/5 (JDM).

WATERFOWL

Snow Goose reports were down by half as compared to the seven year average: about 1500 were reported; the earliest were 350 at MWR on 10/9 (JDM); the maximum was a mere 400 on 11/3 at DCWMA (ELW). Brant were reported once; 25 were seen at Shoreham on 11/19 (ELW). The Canada Goose migration was well reported; about 17,800 were noted, with migrants as early as late Sept. Huge numbers were reported on 10/9 by nine observers, with over 11,000 reported in terms of real numbers; J.D. Marsh in Burlington estimated the rate of passage as 1200/hr. for a seven hour period. Other good counts were 700 over Barre on 10/22 (MEM) and 3,000 at DCWMA on 10/23 (WRB, GMS). Of interest was the presence of a leucistic individual at DCWMA, largely cream-coloured with a normal head and neck, from 10/7 through the end of the season; Refuge Manager B. Crenshaw has noted this bird in previous years. About 190 Wood Ducks were reported: the best count was 55 on 9/30 at the S. Slang in Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); the latest reported were 2 at Danby on 11/21 (CJF). Roughly 190 Green-winged Teal were reported; 58 on 9/4 at DCWMA was the highest count received (WGE,NLM,MLW). Over 670 American Black Ducks (formerly Black Duck) were recorded as compared to about 630 Mallards. Surprisingly only one observer reported a hybrid. High counts for each species were: 100 on 9/29 at HC (WJN), and 138 on 11/12 in Burlington (MJM) for the Mallard; and 101 on 11/20 at DCWMA (WGE,NLM) for the black duck. Forty-eight Northern Pintail (formerly Pintail) were reported from 9/4 to at least 11/25. The species was reported from DCWMA, HC, Shoreham, Burlington, and L. Champlain in Addison, where the maximum of 19 was recorded on 11/6 (WGE, NLM). Slightly less than 250 Blue-winged Teal were reported. High counts included: 45+ at DCWMA on 8/21 (WRB, MJM), 20 at HC on 9/24 (WJN), and 20 at Sand Bar WMA on 9/25 (JDM). The last reported was a f. at Blodgett's Beach in Burlington from 10/16-27 (DLC,JDM). There was a single report of the rare Northern Shoveler - an impressive 5-10 on 9/19 at Mud Creek WMA (JSA). There were six reports of Canada Goose: 2 at DCWMA on 9/4 (WGE,NLM,MLW), 8-10 at Mud Creek WMA on 9/19 (JSA), 1 at HC 9/24-29 (WJN), 2 at Blodgett's Beach in Burlington on 10/27 (DLC), and 2 m. seen on Shelburne Bay from 11/20-25, with a f. joining them on the latter date (JDM,WRB,GMS). One dividend of these RVB is the clarifica-

tion of individual species' migratory schedules, with a case in point the American Wigeon. Although there are records ranging from 8/4-11/8, high counts and cumulative information show that the normal period is from the third week of Sept. to the fourth week of Oct. This year's results bear out this conclusion; "small flocks" were noted at Mud Creek WMA on 9/19 (JSA), 2 m. were seen at MWR from 9/13-25 (JDM), 1 was at HC on 9/29 (WJN), and 1-4 were noted at Blodgett's in Burlington from 10/6-16 (WJN,JDM). There was only a single report of Canvasback, 2 seen in Shoreham on 10/24 (ELW). There was the usual handful of Ring-necked Duck reports: 5 reports ranging from 10/15 to 11/30, totalling 22 birds, the best count was 12 on 10/23 on South Bay at Newport (m.ob.). The Greater Scaup was very lightly reported: 1 was seen on L. Morey on 10/16 (WGE,NLM, et al.), and a "presumed" f. was seen at Blodgett's from 11/13-20 (JDM). The Lesser Scaup was only slightly better reported; 6 at Shoreham on 10/15 (ELW), a m. at MWR on 10/16 (JDM), 8 at Shoreham on 10/30 (ELW), 8 on 11/10 at Shelburne Pd. (MJM), and 2 at Shoreham on 11/27 (ELW). All 3 Oidsquaw records fall within a two day period: 25 were noted on Caspian L. in Greensboro on 11/5 (FO,JW,DAM), 2 drakes and a hen were on Timmouth Pd. 11/6 (CJF), and a single imm. was seen at Chimney Point in Addison on 11/6 (JSA). There were 4 reports of the Black Scoter, 6 at HC on 10/22 (WJN), on 10/24 50 on L. Morey and 13 on L. Fairlee (WGE,NLM,GPE), 20 on Shelburne Pd. on 11/10 (MJM), and 11/14 30 on Morey and 15 on Fairlee (WGE,NLM). There were 5 reports of Surf Scoter, all falling within the month of Oct.: 4 on Timmouth Pd. on 10/8 (CJF), 3 in Shoreham on 10/14 (ELW), 5 on Caspian L. on 10/23 (WGE,NLM,et al.), 3 on Shelburne Bay 10/25-11/10 (DLC,MJM), and 8 in Shoreham on 10/29 (ELW). There were only two reports of White-winged Scoter: 1 was shot by a hunter at HC on 10/16, in spite of the "coot's" legendary ineditibility (WJN), and 8 were seen in Shoreham on 11/13 (ELW). About 420 Common Goldeneye were reported. High counts included: 125 in the Burlington area on 11/13 (JDM), 30 on L. Morey on 11/14 (WGE,NLM), and 43 in Burlington on 11/25 (WRB,GMS). Fifty Bufflehead were reported: the earliest report was 2 on 10/19 on Shelburne Bay (DLC); the best count was 11 on 11/13 in the Burlington area (JDM). Hooded Mergansers numbered 60 this autumn. A female was noted with 4 juveniles on 8/10 on West Mt. Pd. in Maidstone (PFZ). The highest counts received were 12 on 10/29 at TWDR (MEM), and 9 on 11/20 at Chimney Pt. in Addison (WGE,NLM). Over 195 Common Mergansers were reported on dates throughout the season, the best count submitted was 38 on 11/27 at Shoreham (ELW). There were four reports of Red-breasted Merganser: 2 were on Caspian L. on 10/23 (WGE,NLM,MLW), 6 on L. Morey on 10/24 (WGE,NLM,GPE), 4 in Shoreham on 11/14 (ELW), and 2 f. on Shelburne Pd. on 11/19 (MJM). There were two records of the scarce Ruddy Duck, 1 m. seen on the Digital Plant Pd. in So. Burlington on 11/1-11 (WRB,MJM), and a f. on 11/10 on Shelburne Pd. (MJM).

VULTURES, HAWKS & FALCONS

Turkey Vultures continue to be reported in excellent numbers, 37 were reported on hawk watches and over 100 were noted by independent observers. High counts ranged between 10 and 14 and originated from such places as, Sand Bar WMA, DCWMA, and HC. Late individuals included 2 on 10/17 at Shoreham (ELW), and 1 in Lewis (of all places!) "during deer season" (JA,fide JDS). The autumn of 1982 will probably go down in hawk-watching history as among the least productive of migrations, this being especially so in the case of those species which peak during Sept., especially Osprey, and Broad-winged Hawk. Osprey numbers were down by about half this autumn: 66 were reported on Hawk Watches and the per observer hr. figure was only 0.09 versus 0.17 for autumn 1981. Independent observers reported an additional 34 Osprey. High counts included: 12 on 9/26 at Lincoln Hill in Starksboro (WRB,et al.), and 8 on 10/22 at Fuller Mt. in Ferrisburg, a surprisingly high number for late Oct. (JID, MCD). The last reported was 1 on 11/20 at Whitney Creek in Addison (WGE,NLM,et al.). At least 9 Bald Eagles were reported, 6 were imm. which appears encouraging. First, an imm. at East Creek in Orwell on 8/6 (ELW); multiple sightings at MNWR 8/6-10/13 with a max. of 2 imm. on 9/24 (TM); an ad. at Glen L. in Bomoseen SP on 8/21 (BaB); at least 3 at DCWMA from 8/28-9/24, 1 first or second yr., 1 sub-ad., and 1 ad. (m.ob.); an imm. in Shoreham on 9/5 (ELW); an imm. at Mud Creek WMA on 9/19 may have been one of the Missisquoi birds (JSA); a sub-ad. in Fairlee on 10/2 (LeH); and an ad. was reported from N. Pomfret on 11/18-19 (RLS,BRS,LS). Forty-three Northern Harriers (formerly Marsh Hawk) were reported on Hawk Watches and at least 23 others were noted by independent observers; 7 harriers were seen from Fuller Mt. in Ferrisburg

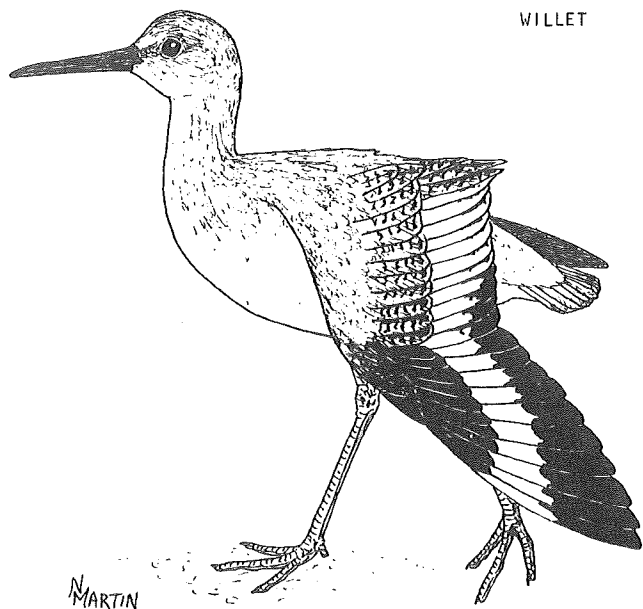
on 10/22 (JID, MCD), and 9 were reported on 11/7 at DCWMA (MJM,WRB,GMS) where the species was seen throughout the season. The smallest Accipiter, the Sharp-shinned Hawk, is by far the most common. Ratios of the "sharpie" to the larger species this autumn were 25:1 versus Cooper's Hawk and 35:1 versus Goshawk. Four hundred and ninety-four sharp-shins were reported on Hawk Watches, with a single day high count of 74 on 10/1 at Putney Mt. (ABM,et al.). A total of 29 Cooper's Hawks was reported from 9/4-10/25, 20 on Hawk Watches. Per observer hr. figures dropped very slightly from 1981 (0.02 vs. 0.03). Twenty-one Northern Goshawks (formerly Goshawk) were reported, 14 on Hawk Watches. Migratory numbers of Buteos were perhaps hardest hit by this autumn's lack of strong cold front activity, as daily numbers of migrants visible from Hawk Watches were reduced to a steady trickle on most days, rather than cold front induced mass movements. Thirty-three Red-shouldered Hawks were reported with only 28 on Hawk Watches, slightly better than half of the normal number. The last reported was 1 in Whiting on 11/2 (ELW). Broad-winged Hawk numbers were down nearly two-thirds from 1981's 3285! Only 1199 were reported with high counts of 282 on 9/8 seen by D. Clark while fixing a roof in Saxtons River (this number was not included in the Hawk Watch total), 170 on 9/17 at Mt. Philo (AP,SRA), 157 at Fuller Mt. in Ferrisburg on 9/21 (JID,MCD), and the last, 1 seen from Camel's Hump on 10/24 (DLC). Numbers of Red-tailed Hawks reported on Hawk Watches also slipped by around two-thirds from 1981 figures. One hundred and sixty-two were reported with a max. of 44 on 10/22 at Fuller Mt. (JID, MCD). Numbers of the Rough-legged Hawk returned to "normal" after two excellent autumns; 11 were reported on Hawk Watches with an additional 12 seen by independent observers. The earliest was 1 on 10/2 at Lincoln Hill in Starksboro (JJA,et al.), the high count was 5 on 10/22 at Fuller Mt. (JID,MCD). M. J. Maurer, fresh from a month at Cape May N.J. proved that one can be in the right place at the right time more than once by encountering 4 GOLDEN EAGLES in the space of just one week, 3 (2 imm. & 1 ad.), were seen over the Deer Leap in Bristol on 11/4 (MJM,GMS), and an imm. was noted at Stark's Balcony in Appalachian Gap on 11/11 (MJM,JES). The American Kestrel was the only raptor that did not show a drop in numbers from previous years; per observer hr. figures actually rose slightly for the kestrel this autumn, to 0.33 as compared to 0.32 in 1981. A total of 223 was reported on Hawk Watches. High counts were 25 on 9/3 at DCWMA (JID,MCD), and 35 from White Rocks Mt. on 9/4 (RWP, RCAS). A total of 13 Merlins was reported from 8/21-10/7, with 6 on Hawk Watches. The management draw down at DCWMA provided an excellent food source for recently hatched out young Peregrine Falcons. Many observers who visited DCWMA in search of shorebirds were treated to sightings of this superb bird as well; perhaps as many as 4 imm. Peregrines were seen there for the season, including two which could be traced to hawk sites at White Rocks Mt. in Wallingford and Hurricane Mt. in Keene, N.Y. Of particular interest was the presence of an adult in mid-August; it could not be determined if this bird was a "hack bird" from a previous release or not. Four other Peregrines were reported including three on Hawk Watches, (m.ob.)

UPLAND GAME BIRDS THROUGH CRANE

A road-killed Gray Partridge was found in Swanton on 11/25 (MJM). W. J. Norse reports a Partridge of unknown species, "possibly Gray" at HC on 11/2; this is the second record of an exotic game bird from this location. Who is releasing these birds? Reports of the Ring-necked Pheasant persist in spite of the species' inability to cope with Vermont winters: 1 was seen this autumn in Shoreham on 10/1 (ELW). There was a single report of Spruce Grouse, 2 encountered at Moose Bog in Ferdinand on 10/16 (WGE,NLM,et al.). The consensus of opinion among observers is that the Ruffed Grouse was in low to modest numbers; the highest counts reported were 15 on 9/5 at Gile Mt. in Norwich (WGE,NLM), and 7 on Camel's Hump on 10/24 (DLC). There were 7 reports of the Wild Turkey (formerly Turkey), from Reading, Timmouth, Woodstock, Winhall, and Milton from which the high of 41 was reported on 8/3 (DLC). There were 2 reports of the Virginia Rail, 1 noted at Shelburne Pd. on 8/6 (JID,MCD), and 1 encountered at the MWR on 10/6 (WJN). The Common Moorhen (formerly Common Gallinule) was well reported; 10, including 7 juveniles, were seen at East Creek in Orwell on 8/6 (ELW); 18 were counted at S. Slang in Ferrisburg on 8/21 (JID,MCD); 7 were sighted at DCWMA on 9/9 (WJN); and 3 were at MWR on 9/18 (JDM). There was a single report of the American Coot, 1 was seen at S. Slang on 9/30 (DLC). D. Clark reports seeing two SANDHILL CRANES soaring over Town Farm Hill in Grafton on 9/17.

SHOREBIRDS

The draw down of DCWMA during summer and early autumn for carp and cattail control led to the dominant theme in shorebird reporting for autumn 1982. Virtually everyone went to Dead Creek this fall, and just about everyone was richly rewarded. Shorebirds were seen in large numbers and high diversity at DCWMA during Aug. and Sept. with a total of 25 species reported from Dead Creek for the autumn. Records of shorebirds will be presented for DCWMA first and for other locations second. Thirty-three Black-bellied Plovers were reported at DCWMA from 8/8-10/6, the best count 14 on 8/24 (AP). Others reported were 3 at MNWR on 9/11 (TM), and 1 each day on 9/18 & 25 at MWR (JDM). A total of 27 Lesser Golden-Plovers (formerly American Golden Plover) was reported at DCWMA from 8/18-10/6, the most on a given date was 4 on 9/26 (WGE,NLM). Five others were seen at MWR on 9/25, 10/16 and 10/23 (JDM). About 206 Semipalmated Plovers were reported at DCWMA from 8/10- 10/6 with a max. of 39 on 9/12 (WGE, NLM). Twenty-one were reported from the Burlington area in Aug. and Sept. Better than 1100 Killdeer were noted at DCWMA, the high count was 210 on 9/1 (WS,WDN,FO,DAM). Very late were 4 at Shelburne Bay from 11/18-20 (DLC,JDM). The Greater Yellowlegs was reported at DCWMA from 8/4-late Sept., with 73 noted, with the high of 10 occurring on several dates during the season. At least 30 others were reported with most seen in the Champlain Lowlands; the last reported were 2 at Shelburne Bay & Burlington on 11/1 (MJM). A phenomenal 550 Lesser Yellowlegs were reported from DCWMA from 8/1-10/6; most seen on a single day were 128 on 8/1 (WS). Others reported were 1 on 10/9 at the MWR (JDM), and 2 surprisingly late "summer yellowlegs" were seen at TWDR 10/29-11/4 (MEM). Solitary Sandpipers were recorded at DCWMA from 8/1-9/12, a total of 55 was sighted with a max. of 12 on 8/1 (WS). Fifteen others were reported with a high of 8 on 8/17 from So. Hinesburg (WRB), and a late date of 10/31 when 1 was located at New Haven Jct. (KD). The best shorebird seen away from DCWMA this autumn was the WILLET seen at the MWR on 10/9 by



WILLET

J. D. Marsh. Fifty-seven Spotted Sandpipers were reported at DCWMA from 8/1-9/11, the best counts were 15 on 8/4 (WS), and 15 again on 8/8 (WGE, NLM). Twenty-eight others were reported with a max. of 12 on 8/6 at Shelburne Pd. (JID,MCD), the last reported was 1 on 10/7 at Danby (CJF). A total of 19 Upland Sandpipers was reported from DCWMA and vicinity from 8/8-9/1; the best number recorded was 13 on 8/8 (WGE,NLM). Others reported were 1 at Shoreham on 8/9 (ELW), 2 on 8/12 in Panton (JID,MCD), and 1 heard overhead at night in Hartford at 11:15 p.m. on 8/27 (WGE). An experienced and respected observer communicated a by word-of-mouth report to your editor of a mid-August sighting of a Whimbrel from DCWMA (GEH), unfortunately, there is no written report or BVR to back this report up. There were 2 reports of Ruddy Turnstone: 1 was seen at the MWR on 8/29 (WGE,NLM), and 1 was sighted at DCWMA on 9/1 (WS,FO,WDN,DAM). There was a single report of Red

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Knot, a bird exhibiting the rusty wash and prominent pale back-feather edging of a juvenile, seen at the MWR from 8/29-9/6 (WGE,NLM,JDM). The six reports of Sanderling are as follows: 1 found at the MWR on 8/15 (JDM), 1 seen in Burlington on 8/29 (WGE,NLM), 1 noted at DCWMA on 9/1 (WS,FO,et al.), 9 at Burlington on 9/4 (WGE,NLM,et al.), 2 at Blodgett's in Burlington on 9/9 (WJN), and 9 sighted at DCWMA on 9/18 (WGE,NLM,et al.). Semipalmated Sandpipers were reported at DCWMA from 8/1-9/26 totalling about 1170 birds, the maximum was 120 on 9/9 (WS). Sixty-five others were reported from the Burlington area. One noted on the late date of 10/23 at the MWR could have been a Western, but there is nothing in the report to inform us how the observer came to a determination of semipalmated rather than the much more likely Western (JDM). A Western Sandpiper was reported from the MWR on 9/9 (WJN). The most abundant shorebird at DCWMA this autumn was the Least Sandpiper, about 1750 were reported from 8/1-9/26 with a single day high of 250+ on 9/1 (WS,WDN,FO,DAM). Twenty-six others were reported from three other locations. There were three reports of the uncommon White-rumped Sandpiper at DCWMA: 1 on 8/24 (FO,DAM), 1 on 9/3 (JID, MCD), and another on 9/12 (JRA). The last was 1 at the MWR from 10/23-10/30 (JDM). An incredible 47 Baird's Sandpipers were reported at DCWMA from 8/14-9/26; the best count submitted was an eye-opening 18 on 9/6 (WS,FO,WDN,DAM). The only other Baird's reported was one on 8/29 from the MWR (WGE,NLM). Pectoral Sandpipers at DCWMA totalled 278 from 8/1-10/6 with a high of 40 on 9/1-2 (WS,et al.). Others reported were, 10 on 8/18 at Shoreham (ELW), 8 at S. Slang, Ferrisburg on 9/13 (JID,MCD), and 5 at the MWR from 10/16-23 (JDM). Perhaps not totally unexpected but still a first for the RVB was a lone PURPLE SANDPIPER at McCuen Slang in Addison on 11/6, the first report in many years for this maritime species in the Green Mt. State (JSA). A total of 41 Dunlin was reported at DCWMA from 9/3-10/6 with a max. of 22 on the former date (JID,MCD). Others reported included 1 on 9/9 at Blodgett's (WJN), 8 at the MWR on 9/18 (JDM), 1 at Blodgett's on 9/19 (DLC), and 9 at the MWR on 9/25 (JDM). There was a single report of the rare STILT SANDPIPER, 2 were seen at DCWMA on 9/9 (WJN,WS). There were 4 reports of the very rare BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER*: a juvenile was seen at the MWR on 9/4 (JDM), 1 was seen at DCWMA on 9/5 (BBP), 2 were at DCWMA on 9/6 (WS,TCW,FO,DAM), and 1 on 9/11 (WS). Exciting, was a possible RUFF which flashed by four observers at DCWMA on 9/1. Two of the observers have had a good deal of experience with this chunky Eurasian wader (FO,WDN,WS,DAM). There were 3 reports of the Short-billed Dowitcher all from DCWMA: 4 on 8/4 (JID,MCD), 1 on 8/8 (WGE, NLM,ELW), and 1 from 8/13-14 (JSA,et al.). Eight unidentified Dowitchers seen on 10/9 at the MWR may well have been Long-billed (JDM). Fifty-nine Common Snipe were reported, 42 of these were recorded at DCWMA with a maximum of 19 on 8/8 (WGE,NLM). Unlike other species of shorebird, the snipe was probably under-reported. Seventeen others were reported, the latest being 1 at the Shelburne Fishing Access on 11/20 (JDM). Only 24 American Woodcock were reported. C. J. Frankewicz who actively pursues woodcock as a sportsman reported far fewer than normal in his extensive experience. The last reported was 1 on 11/15 at Reading (FMH). At least three WILSON'S PHALAROPES were seen at DCWMA this autumn: 1 was noted there from 8/12-14 (m.ob.); 2 were present on 8/28; and 1 was seen the next day (m.ob.). Red-necked Phalaropes (formerly Northern Phalarope) were reported in impressive numbers at DCWMA from 8/1-9/11, as many as 9 on a single date; perhaps as many as 15 may have occurred (m.ob.). A single unidentified Phalarope was reported from Norford L. in Thetford on 9/20 (HR,JCM).

GULLS & TERNS

August records of the Bonaparte's Gull include 2 at Shoreham on 8/6 (ELW), a juvenile at DCWMA on 8/8 (WGE,NLM), and 5 at the MWR on 8/15 (JDM). The best numbers of the season were reported in late Nov. with 175+ at the Shelburne Fishing Access on 11/10 (MJM), and 124+ at St. Albans Bay on 11/25 (MJM). Noteworthy as to location were 2 at Caspian L. in Greensboro on 10/23 (WGE,NLM,et al.). The Ring-billed Gull is nearly ubiquitous in the Champlain Lowlands' high counts submitted include 315 at DCWMA on 8/29 (WGE,NLM), 700 from all over the Champlain Valley on 9/9 (WJN), 100 at East Montpelier on 11/17 (MEM), and 201 at Burlington on 11/20 (DLC). Very few reports of the Herring Gull were received, the best number 200+ on 11/4 at Burlington (WGE,NLM). The slow rise in the numbers of Great Black-backed Gull reported took a dramatic upward turn this autumn; 82 were reported, the earliest 2 at Burlington on 8/12 (ALG,NLM,WGE). High counts were, 20 on 11/18 from Long Pt. in Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), and 18 at Blodgett's in Burlington (long the Great

Black-back capital of VT) on 11/23 (MJM). The great majority of Common Terns reported was seen at the traditional MWR staging area; 50 were seen there on 9/4 (m.ob.); the species was last noted there on 9/11 when 8 were found (JDM).

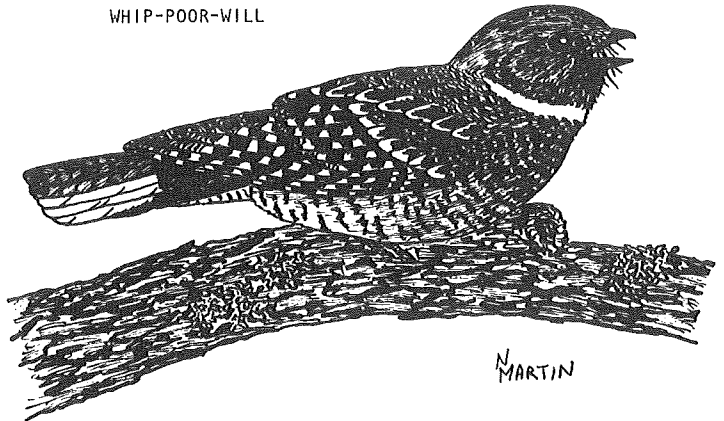
DOVES THROUGH OWLS

The Rock Dove remains common in its usual haunts. The Mourning Dove was widely reported in good numbers; the highest count submitted was 76 on 8/14 at DCWMA (WGE,NLM,et al.). Although they have been encountered here before, it has always bemused this observer when he gets wind of parrots and their ilk making an appearance in Vermont. This autumn 2 birds which fit the description of Black-hooded Parakeets (*Nandayus nenday*) were seen in Hartland in late Sept. and early Oct. The species is illustrated (head only) in the 1980 edition of The Field Guide to the Birds. According to Boyle, Paxton and Cutler in *Am. Birds* 36: 157-161 there is a "thriving" flock of 25 at Coney I. in Brooklyn, N.Y. Of particular interest are the records reported in the N.H. Audubon Newsletter (18:13) of single parrots in N. Sandwich, N.H. (a Black-hooded) in Aug. last seen 9/1, and an unidentified parrot in Northhampton, Mass. in "early Sept." both of which were frequenting corn fields, as were the Hartland birds. Apparently the species has a taste for sweet corn (WLC,JPC, SJS). The Black-billed Cuckoo was very poorly reported: the species was noted sporadically in August in Woodstock (JMN), and 1 was banded on 8/27 at Marshfield (MFM); 6 cuckoos heard during counts of nocturnal migrants 8/12-18 were most likely Black-billed (WGE). There were 2 reports of the less common Yellow-billed Cuckoo: 1 was seen at Button Bay SP on 8/1 (JDM), and 1 was found in Brandon on 9/12 (SuW). A first for the autumn Records were the 2 COMMON BARN-OWLS (formerly Barn Owl) encountered in New Haven Jct. on 9/8 (DLC). There were 3 reports of Eastern Screech-Owl (formerly Screech Owl): 2 heard calling at Randolph, a rather out-of-the-way location for this species in Vt., on 9/9 (MCC,EWC) (perhaps this record is related to the small Winooski valley population); 1 heard in Ferrisburg on 9/11 (JID, MCD); and 1 with a broken wing brought to VINS from Dorset on 10/19 (DH). There were 10 Great Horned Owls reported from 7 townships; the species seems particularly common in western Addison County, where many records originated. There was a better than normal number of Snowy Owl reports: the first was a hatching year male on Neil's Hill in Hartford on 11/14 (LeH,ViH,et al.) On 11/21-22 a m. was seen in the Vernon lumberyard; the bird was later found dead of unknown causes on 11/23 (LPM,WDN, specimen via the Vermont Fish & Game), an examination of the specimen indicates a hatching year bird. On 11/22 a hatching year f. began winter residence on the Burlington waterfront feeding on gulls and pigeons (MJM,WRB,et al.). On 11/23, a probable hatch year m. was photographed in Burlington (S. Perry, Free Press Photo). Lastly, a bird of unknown age and sex was reported on Sand Rd. in Ferrisburg on 11/29 (fide JID,MCD). A total of 20 Barred Owls was reported from 13 townships; the only noticeable gap in this species' VT range appears to be western Addison County. A Long-eared Owl was found dead along I-89 on 11/15 in the town of Hartford, the specimen now at VINS (WMS). Three Northern Saw-whet Owls (formerly Saw-whet Owl) were reported: 1 was banded in Ferdinand on 9/10 (MFM), an injured bird was received by VINS on 10/28 and released in Hartford on 11/29 (VINS), and a particularly aggressive individual took about five runs at a deer hunter on a stand in Saxtons River on 11/26 (DPK).

NIGHTJARS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

The Common Nighthawk was reported in relatively low numbers for a conspicuous and gregarious late afternoon migrant. The species' migration usually peaks in late Aug. and is concentrated in major river valleys. About 105 were reported this autumn from 8/6-9/8 when 4 were seen in White River Jct.; the best count submitted was 58 on 9/2 in Windsor (WGE, SBL,NLM). Three reports of the Whip-poor-will represents an unprecedented number of records of this elusive, strictly nocturnal fall migrant: 1 was heard at DCWMA on 8/23 (JLW), 1 was heard along with an Eastern Screech-Owl on 9/11 at Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), and 1 was flushed from a roadside in the wee hours in Andover on 10/3 (WJN). Bull, in The Birds of New York State, indicates an inland late date of 10/16 for the Empire State, so this date could perhaps be extended in the future. There were no particularly high counts of the Chimney Swift and the species was very scarce after Aug. About 60 were reported with a late date of 9/5 at Gile Mt. in Norwich (WGE,NLM). The Ruby-throated Hummingbird was well reported: high counts included 6+ at a feeder in Ferrisburg through 9/7 (JID,MCD), and 7 on 9/20 at Duxbury (FAP). The late date for birds definitely of this species was 9/25 when

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singles were noted at Ferrisburg, Spencer's Cabin in Winhall, and at Colchester. Once again, a Hummingbird in 'female' plumage was seen in late Oct., this time on 10/21 in Woodstock (BMH); since long-distance vagrancy in late autumn has been proven for the very similar Black-chinned Hummingbird, these birds cannot safely be ascribed to species without the examination of the bird in the hand. The Belted Kingfisher was reported throughout the season, up to 10 on a given day; fledged young were reported roosting in an old nesting burrow as late as 8/10 in Shoreham (ELW). The Red-headed Woodpecker was well reported: 1 was present in Ferrisburg during Aug. and Sept. (JID,MCD), 1 was noted in Charlotte on 8/1 (JID, MCD), 1 was seen in Weybridge on 8/14 (WEB), 3 were sighted at Charcoal Creek in Swanton on 8/17 (PFZ), 1 was found at DCWMA on 9/20 (ELW). Immatures were reported on the following dates in east-central VT: 10/5 at Sharon (KH), 10/17 at Stockbridge (EH), and 11/4 at Bridgewater Corners (CPC). In the Editor's opinion, these records, plus the occurrence of an imm. at a Ludlow feeding station in Dec., imply the peregrinations of a single bird. The high count for Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was 11 on 8/1 in Reading (FMH), but the migration appeared to peak in the third week of Sept. The last reported was 1 seen in Brownsville on 10/28 (BMH). Three sapsuckers were banded this autumn, with 2 captured at Woodstock (VINS,MFM). Both Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers were reported in about normal numbers, 1 of the latter and 3 of the former were banded, with 2 caught in Woodstock (VINS, MFM). There were 2 reports of the Black-backed Woodpecker (formerly Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker): an extralimital f. seen in Fairfax on 9/12 (PAT), and 4 encountered at Moose Bog in Ferdinand on 10/16 (WGE,NLM,et al.). About 90 Northern Flickers (formerly Common Flicker) were reported; the migration peaked from the second week of Sept. to early Oct. The best count submitted was 20 on 10/1 at Ferrisburg (JID, MCD). Two were banded this autumn, 1 at Ferdinand and 1 at Woodstock (MFM,VINS). Forty-eight Pileated Woodpeckers were reported from just over half of the state's counties.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH SWALLOWS

Ten Olive-sided Flycatchers were reported on eight dates: 4 on three dates in September, with the latest 1 on 9/10 at Reading (FMH). The migration of the Eastern Wood-Pewee (formerly Eastern Wood Pewee) peaked in late Aug., with a high of 14 on 8/21 at Reading (FMH); the last reported was 1 on 9/13 at Reading (FMH). One was banded by VINS this autumn. A total of 13 Yellow-bellied Flycatchers was reported. Three observers reported them as early as 8/15; the last was one banded at Woodstock on 9/17 (VINS); 4 total were banded, 2 at VINS and 2 at Marshfield, (VINS,MFM). Seven "Traill's" Flycatchers were reported: 2 were determined by call-notes to be Willow Flycatchers on 8/12 in Quechee (WGE,NLM); others included singles on 8/15 in Timmouth (GIT) and Woodstock on 9/6 (JMN); and 3 were banded at Woodstock on 9/28 (VINS). High counts of the Least Flycatcher included 10 on 8/15 at Reading (FMH), and a four day run from 9/2-6 when 10+ were present

daily in a Woodstock yard (JMN); 14 were banded this autumn with 7 caught at each station (VINS, MEM); the last reported was one banded at Woodstock on 9/14 (VINS). In keeping with its broad environmental tolerance as compared with other flycatchers, the Eastern Phoebe experienced a later migratory peak and occurred later than the other members of this family. High counts were 6 on 9/19 at Reading (FMH), and 5+ at Woodstock on 9/21 (JMN); 10 were banded, 9 in Woodstock (VINS, MEM). The last reported was 1 on 10/24 at Lincoln (JRA). Fourteen of the nineteen Great Crested Flycatchers reported this autumn were detected in Aug. The last were 2 at Woodstock on 9/8 (JMN). As with the Great Crested Flycatcher, the majority of Eastern Kingbirds were seen in Aug., 80 of 86 were reported during the eighth month. This includes the max. of 28 from 8/8 at DCWMA (WGE, NLM). The last was noted at Ferrisburg on 9/13 (JID, MCD). There were only 3 reports of 72 Horned Larks, the max. was 67 on 11/6 at DCWMA (WGE, NLM). Thirty-one Purple Martins were reported; latest were 3 at DCWMA on 9/9 (WJN). The Tree Swallow was reported in impressive numbers especially at DCWMA which hosted an amazing number over its exposed flats; the best count reported from there was ca. 5000 on 9/20 (ELW); two other counts at DCWMA exceeded 1000 indicating the magnitude of the swallow movement there; the last Tree Swallow was at least two weeks late on 10/27 at the Shelburne Fishing Access (DLC). The Northern Rough-winged Swallow (formerly Rough-winged Swallow), whose migration peaks in late July, was reported in unprecedented numbers: 33 were seen on 8/1 at the Shelburne Fishing Access (DLC), 1 was seen at HC on 8/10 (WJN), and 20 were seen in Middlebury on 8/18 (ELW). High counts of the Bank Swallow were 40 at DCWMA on 8/10 (FAP), and 48 on 9/5 at Burton I. SP (DLC); none were reported later than 9/5. The best count of Cliff Swallow was 30 on 8/9 at Hartford (WGE, NLM); the last reported were 3 on 9/5 at Burton I. SP (DLC). Along with the Tree Swallows at DCWMA were considerable numbers of Barn Swallows; the best count reported from there was 120+ on 8/8 (WGE, NLM); 1 on 10/15 at Ascutney was about three weeks late (FMH).

JAYS THROUGH WRENS

There were two reports of Gray Jay both from the town of Ferdinand: 6 were banded there by M. F. Metcalf, and 5 were seen around Moose Bog on 10/16 (WGE, NLM, et al.). The Blue Jay migration peaked in late-Sept. with a high of 111 on 9/25 on Howe Hill in Pomfret (m.ob.); good numbers were reported throughout with the notable exception of Winhall in the southern Green Mts. Thirteen were banded, 9 by M. F. Metcalf (MEM, VINS). As is normal the fall migration of the American Crow (formerly Common Crow) peaked in late Oct. A sampling of high counts include: "hundreds in a constant stream" 10/18-31 at Shoreham (ELW); 1645 (1200 in just 10 minutes) at Ferrisburg on 10/22 (JID, MCD); 1000+ in Orleans County on 10/23 (WGE, NLM, et al.); and 600+ on 10/31 at Addison - most moving in a long line on a SSW heading (WRB, GMS). About 80 Common Ravens were reported: good counts were 11 at DCWMA on 9/18 (DLC), indicating a great increase in numbers in the Champlain Lowlands; 13 taking a SW heading on 10/24 over Church Hill in Woodstock (JMN); and 17 on 11/3 in Duxbury where "good numbers" were seen "this fall" (FAP). One at Red Rocks Park in South Burlington on 11/20, where the species was unknown until recently (DLC). The Black-capped Chickadee was reported in average numbers, with a high of 80 on 9/4 at Reading (FMH), and 92 banded for the season (52 at Woodstock and Hartford) (VINS, MEM). All Boreal Chickadees were seen in the Northeast Kingdom this autumn: 5 were banded in Ferdinand (MEM), 2 were noted at Groton S.F. on 8/8 (MJM), 7 were seen at Island Pd. on 9/12 (DLC), 7 were noted at Moose Bog, Ferdinand on 10/16 (WGE, NLM, et al.), and 2 were seen at Greensboro on 10/23 (WGE, NLM, et al.). Twenty-six Tufted Titmouses were reported, only 4 prior to October. The Red-breasted Nuthatch was widely but thinly reported; the best numbers of this species were noted in the northeast; 1 was banded at Marshfield (MEM). The White-breasted Nuthatch was noted in about average numbers. About 25 Brown Creepers were reported, including 1 banded at Marshfield (MEM). This species is usually reported in deceptively low numbers. A second brood of the House Wren in Woodstock fledged as late as 8/8; no more than 5 of this species were reported on a given date; the last was seen in Timmough on 10/14 (CJF); 6 were banded at Woodstock (VINS). A total of 28 Winter Wrens was reported: the high count was 8 on 9/4 at Reading (FMH), and the latest was seen at Reading on 10/10 (FMH). Nineteen Marsh Wrens (formerly Long-billed Marsh Wren) were reported on nine dates, the max. was 7 at East Creek in Orwell on 8/6 (ELW), the last was 1 at DCWMA on 10/6 (WJN).

KINGLETS THROUGH MIMICS

A total of 70 Golden-crowned Kinglets was reported throughout the season; the best count submitted was 21 on 9/12 at Island Pd. (DLC), but the autumn migration, on the basis of cumulative records, peaked during mid-Oct. One was banded by M. F. Metcalf. The Ruby-crowned Kinglet was reported in improved numbers over recent autumns, about 120 were reported; the earliest definite migrant was sighted at Duxbury on 9/14 (FAP), the max. was 27 on 10/2 at Mt. Mansfield (DLC), the last reported was 1 on 11/25 at Hartford (WGE). Thirty-three were banded this autumn; 27 of 32 trapped by Metcalf were ringed at Ferdinand (MEM, VINS). There were four reports of the rare, but increasing, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 6 were noted in Shoreham on 8/10 (ELW), 3 were at HC on 8/10 (WJN), 1 was located at Lewis Creek in Ferrisburg on 8/17 (JID, MCD), and 1 was still present at HC on 8/30 (WJN). Eighty-four Eastern Bluebirds represent an average report of this popular bird. The best count submitted was 12 on 9/28 at Woodstock (WGE, NLM), and the last reported were 4 at Vergennes on 11/8 (WRB, MJM, GMS). Very few observers reported diurnal contact with the Veery but counts of migrants calling as they passed overhead at night revealed the true magnitude of this species' migration. The migration peaked in mid-Aug. with a count of 5 at HC on 8/21 (WJN), and high fifteen minute nocturnal counts on 8/15 and 8/24, with 86 counted on the latter date (WGE). The last 2 reported were on 9/23 at Woodstock (JMN); 13 were banded (VINS, MEM). There were only 4 reports of the elusive Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 at Winhall on 9/5 (WJN), 1 on Camel's Hump on 9/8 (DLC), 1 in Winhall on 9/12 (WJN), 1 in Timmough on 10/10 (GFL), and 1 banded at Ferdinand (MEM). At least two observers indicate the peak of the Swainson's Thrush migration was during mid-Sept., the best nocturnal counts were on 9/19-20 (WGE), and Nicholson noted good numbers in Woodstock 9/13-21; another small fallout was noted in Woodstock on 10/10 (JMN); the last reported was noted on 10/18 in Shoreham (ELW); 36 were banded, 17 at Ferdinand (MEM, VINS). The Hermit Thrush flight seems to have peaked in late Sept. and early Oct. The best counts submitted were only of 4 birds each; the last reported were 2 at Timmough on 11/7 (CJF). Forty-eight were banded, 20 of 39 netted by Metcalf were caught in Ferdinand (MEM, VINS). Surprisingly, less than 20 Wood Thrushes were reported; no distinct peak was evident from reports and the last was at Reading on 9/29 (FMH). Only 1 was banded this autumn (MEM). There was an obvious fallout of American Robins 10/25-26 with, "hundreds, large flocks heading south" on the former date in Shoreham (ELW), and 800-1000 seen in Ferdinand on the latter (MEM). Three young fledged in Woodstock on 8/27 (JMN); 3 robins were banded at Woodstock (VINS). Five reports after 11/15 were perhaps more than usual; some large flocks were reported in Nov., e.g. 100+ in Weybridge on 11/7 (JSA). Over 90 Gray Catbirds were reported: high counts included 6-8 on 9/20 at Woodstock (JMN), 10 each day 9/24 and 29 at HC (WJN), and 15 on 8/6 at Shelburne Pd. (JID, MCD). The last was reported from Albany on 10/17 (TP). Thirty-four of 43 banded this autumn were trapped in Woodstock (VINS, MEM). At least 12 Northern Mockingbirds (formerly Mockingbird) were reported with reports coming from seven towns north to Colchester and White River Jct. Only 15 Brown Thrashers were reported; 2 were banded at Woodstock (VINS), and the last was seen at Springfield Meadows on 10/16 (WJN).

PIPIT THROUGH VIREOS

The Water Pipit was well reported with over 190 observed; the earliest were 8 on 9/11 at DCWMA (FAP); the high count was 65 on 9/26 at Addison (WGE, NLM); and the latest reported were 10 at Pine I. in Colchester and 17 in Pantou on 11/6 (JDM, WGE, NLM). Fledgling Cedar Waxwings were reported as late as early Sept.; flocking began as early as 8/29 when 75+ were counted in Rutland (CJF). The highest counts were from the latter part of Sept., with 100+ at HC on 9/24 (WJN), and perhaps as many as 500 counted in Weybridge on 9/25 (MBN). As usual some flocks were noted throughout the season with more than average being seen into Nov. in east-central VT including 16-20 in Woodstock 11/8-11 (m.ob.), and 52 in Barre on 11/5 (GFE). Eleven were banded (VINS, MEM). Five Northern Shrikes were reported; 1 was seen in Glover on 10/23 (WGE, NLM, et al.); 1 was at the MWR on 10/30 (JDM); 1 was noted in Reading on 11/1 singing (FMH), 1 ad. was found at Shelburne Bay on 11/1 (MJM); and an imm. was at Buell's Gore in the Green Mts. on 11/11 (JES). A single ad. Loggerhead Shrike was seen by a number of observers on Slang Rd. in Pantou, a traditional area, during early and mid-Aug. Many would envy J.M. Nicholson's observation that European Starlings (formerly Starling) almost never pay her a visit! Eighty Solitary

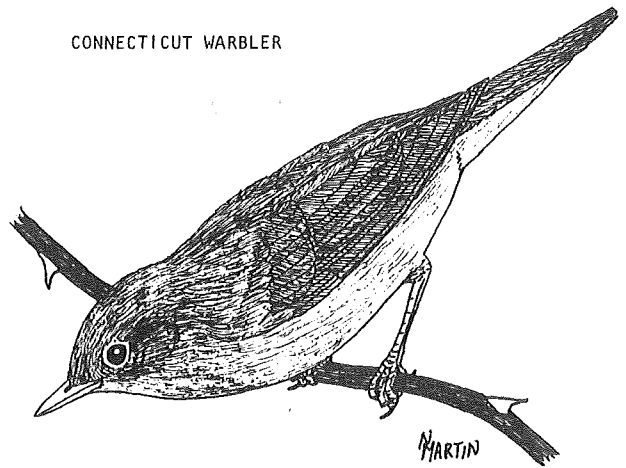
Vireos were reported; 13 were at Reading on 8/21 (FMH); but the migration appears to have peaked in mid-Sept., with the last reported at Ferrisburg on 10/8 (JID,MCD). Twenty-two were banded, 12 at Woodstock (VINS,MFM). There were only 3 reports of Yellow-throated Vireo: the species was noted throughout Aug. in Woodstock (JMN), 1 was at Shelburne on 8/6 (JID,MCD), and 1 put in a late appearance at Woodstock on 9/14 (JMN). The usual handful of Warbling Vireos was reported: a few more than usual were reported into Sept. including the last bird on 9/23 at Shoreham (ELW). Three were banded at Woodstock (VINS). A total of 9 Philadelphia Vireos was slightly below average: 1 was seen in Duxbury on 8/18 (FAP), 1 was at Winhall on 8/29 (WJN), 1 was noted at Reading on 9/1 (FMH), 1 was sighted at Woodstock on 9/1 (WGE), 1 was found in Duxbury on 9/8 (FAP); 1 was banded at Marshfield (MFM) and 2 on 9/13-14 at Woodstock (VINS). A very late individual was seen at Winhall on 9/28 (WJN). High counts of the Red-eyed Vireo included 11 on 8/18 at Duxbury (FAP), and 12 on Bald Mt. in Mendon on 9/6 (WGE,NLM,JPM); the last was seen on 9/28 at Shoreham (ELW). Sixteen were banded (VINS,MFM).

WOOD WARBLERS

A Golden-winged Warbler put in a rare autumn appearance at Winhall on 8/12 (WJN). Over 100 Tennessee Warblers were reported, better counts included: 7 on 8/30 at Woodstock (VINS), 10 on 8/31 at Duxbury (FAP), and 8+ at Hartford on 9/8 (WGE), 2 on 10/5 at Woodstock were the latest reported (JMN); 47 of 70 banded this autumn were at Marshfield (MFM, VINS). Over 200 Nashville Warblers were reported; 163 were banded, 143 by Metcalf with 87 of those mist-netted at Ferdinand (MFM,VINS). High counts were 5 each at Duxbury on 8/18 (FAP), Woodstock on 8/28 (VINS), and at Island Pd. on 9/11 (DLC); the last was one banded at Woodstock on 10/4 (VINS). Nineteen Northern Parula were reported: a high of 5 was achieved on 9/8 at Hartford (WGE), and the last was 1 at Brandon on 9/26 (JDM). The Yellow Warbler was probably under-reported with reports of only 22 individuals submitted; the best count was 6 on 8/15 at Shoreham (ELW). Five of the total reported were seen in Sept. with the last one at Colchester on 9/25 (JDM). About 80 Chestnut-sided Warblers were reported; the best counts were from Aug. with a high of 6 on 8/18 at Duxbury (FAP); the latest was seen at Brandon on 9/26 (JDM); 38 were banded with 30 ringed at Marshfield Pd. (MFM, VINS). Just over 100 Magnolia Warblers were noted by observers: maxima were 5 at Woodstock on 9/1 (VINS), 7 at Duxbury on 9/8 (FAP), and 5+ at Woodstock on 9/13 (JMN); the last were 2 at Colchester on 10/16 (JDM). Forty-six of 55 banded were netted by Metcalf, 31 of these at Marshfield Pd. (MFM, VINS). Twenty-seven Cape May Warblers were reported: the best counts were 5 at Woodstock and 4 at Duxbury on 8/25 (JMN,FAP), 3 were banded with 2 at Woodstock (VINS, MFM); the last was a rather late individual on Mt. Mansfield on 10/2 (DLC). Black-throated Blue Warblers often shun the thickets which prove so attractive to other autumn migrant warblers, showing a preference for more wooded habitats; 96 were reported this fall. High counts included 14 on 8/18 at Duxbury (FAP), and 6 on 9/11 at Island Pd. (DLC). Thirty-three were banded with 31 at Marshfield Pd. (MFM,VINS). The late date was 9/28 at Duxbury (FAP). Nearly 540 Yellow-rumped Warblers were reported: of this total 240 were reported between 9/21 and 10/9, including the high count of 100 from 10/1-3 at Stowe (JDM); 184 of the 206 banded were handled by M.F. Metcalf with 125 of these at Marshfield (MFM,VINS). There were at least five reports during the latter two weeks of Nov., which is better than twice the normal number. Over 110 Black-throated Green Warblers were observed: max. counts were 7 on 8/29 at Woodstock (JMN), 6 at Duxbury on 9/6 (FAP), 6 at Woodstock on 9/13 (JMN) and 6-8 on 9/18 at Weybridge (MBN); 38 were banded with 25 netted in Marshfield (MFM,VINS); the last reported was at the MWR on 10/16 (JDM). About 50 Blackburnian Warblers were reported. Good counts included 6 at Duxbury on 8/18 (FAP), 15 at Reading on 8/21 (FMH), and 5 at Woodstock on 8/30 (JMN). Note that all high counts for this canopy dwelling warbler were from Aug. Latest was 1 at Duxbury on 9/28 (FAP); 9 of the 10 banded were processed at Marshfield Pd. (MFM,VINS). There were two reports of the uncommon Pine Warbler, 2 were seen in White River Jct. on 8/29 (GFE), and 1 was present at Gale Meadows in Winhall on 10/8 (WJN). For the second autumn in succession, there was a single report of the scarce Prairie Warbler, 1 was located at Springweather Nature Area in Springfield on 9/17 (WJN). A total of 8 Palm Warblers was reported: 1 was banded at Woodstock on 9/21 (VINS), 1 was seen in Woodstock on 9/24 (WGE), 1 was sighted in Shoreham on 9/30 (ELW), 1 was found in Woodstock on 9/30 (WGE), 1 was at Stowe on 10/2 (JDM), 1 was

banded at Woodstock on 10/4 (VINS), 1 was located at Gale Meadows in Winhall on 10/10 (WJN), and 1 was noted in Colchester on 10/16 (JDM). Just over 50 Bay-breasted Warblers were reported; the earliest was 1 on 8/19 at Duxbury (FAP). High counts were 8 on 9/1 at Hartford (WGE) and 6 at Woodstock on 9/6 (JMN). The last was 1 at Brandon on 9/26 (JDM); 9 were banded in Marshfield for the season (MFM). The autumn migration of the Blackpoll Warbler commences and peaks at later dates than that of the similar Bay-breasted Warbler: the earliest reported was at Winhall on 9/1 (WJN); the best count was 4 on 9/13 at Woodstock (JMN), although many other observers reported a maximum of 3; 16 were banded with 12 mist-netted at Marshfield Pd. (MFM, VINS); the last was 1 at Ferrisburg on 10/15, only three days earlier than the record late occurrence (JID,MCD). The migration of the Black-and-white Warbler peaked in Aug. with a high of 9 reported on 8/20 at Reading (FMH). The last was a banded f. which met its demise against a downtown Woodstock window on 10/26, the bird proved to have been banded 6 years prior at Prince Edward Pt., Ontario (GM,fide WGE). Three of 5 banded were from Marshfield (MFM, VINS). Seventy-five American Redstarts were reported: high counts included 6 on 8/6 in Rutland (RHH), and 8 on 8/20 and 8/25 at Reading (FMH); 13 of 14 banded were caught in Marshfield (MFM, VINS); the last was 1 at Shoreham on 9/27 (ELW). The total of 62 Ovenbirds reported is quite good when one considers this species' skulking habits; the high of 4 was achieved on 9/4 at Reading (FMH); 28 were banded, including 19 at Marshfield Pd. (MFM,VINS); 2 observed on Camel's Hump on 10/11 were over a week later than usual (DLC). Seventeen Northern Waterthrushes were observed, most of them singles; 6 were banded at Marshfield Pd. (MFM), and the last was seen in Middlebury on 9/25 (KD). An imm. Connecticut Warbler was kind enough to get mist-netted during VINS' annual autumn public banding demonstration on 9/19 at

CONNECTICUT WARBLER



Woodstock (VINS). A total of 19 Mourning Warblers was reported, no more than 2 were seen on a given date and the last was seen at Woodstock on 9/25 (WGE); 8 were banded with 4 each at Woodstock and Marshfield Pd. (VINS,MFM). Nearly 260 Common Yellowthroats were reported, 200 were banded with 101 of them at Woodstock (VINS,MFM). High counts include 10 on 8/18 at Duxbury (FAP), and 10 at Woodstock on 8/25 (VINS); the last was located in Craftsbury on 10/23 (WGE,et al.). There were 40 Wilson's Warblers reported: very early was 1 on 8/3 at Shoreham (ELW); high counts were 5 on 8/31 at Woodstock, 3 of them banded (WGE,NLM,FMH), and 4 at Burton I. SP on 9/4 (DLC); 10 of the 19 banded were caught at Woodstock (VINS,MFM). The last was 1 at Shoreham on 9/23 (ELW). Nearly 60 Canada Warblers were sighted, 27 of 32 banded were trapped at Marshfield Pd. (MFM,VINS); the high count was 9 on 8/1 at Reading (FMH), and the latest reported were 1 at Shoreham and 1 banded at Woodstock on 9/19 (ELW,VINS).

TANAGER THROUGH BLACKBIRDS

Just over 50 Scarlet Tanagers were reported: high counts

were from mid-Sept., with 5 at HC on 9/7 (WJN) and 6+ daily at Woodstock 9/14-20 (JMN); 12 were banded with 9 caught in Woodstock (VINS,MFM); the last was an imm. male at Woodstock on 9/30 (WGE). Reports of the Northern Cardinal (formerly Cardinal) were widespread but generally localized in lower elevation areas. The species put in its first appearance on F. A. Pratt's hilltop in Duxbury this autumn, and 4 were banded by VINS. About 75 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were noted by observers, the max. was 11 on 9/6 at Bald Mt. in Mendon (WGE,NLM,JPM). The last was seen in Albany on 10/13 (TP); 19 were banded with 14 at Marshfield Pd. (MFM,VINS). A little better than a third of the 23 Indigo Buntings reported were seen 9/1 and later, no counts exceeded three and 7 were banded at Woodstock (VINS); the latest was seen 10/8 at Reading, this being about a week late (FMH). The only DICKCISSEL reported this autumn was found with sparrows in a recently harvested cornfield along the Ottauquechee R. in Woodstock on 10/21 (WGE). Only 15 Rufous-sided Towhees were reported; the best count submitted was 4 on 9/26 at Timmouth (GTL), and the last was also seen in Timmouth on 10/19 (CJF). Two were banded at Woodstock this autumn (VINS). About 230 American Tree Sparrows (formerly Tree Sparrow) were cited by observers; the earliest reported were 2 on 10/15 at Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), with the migratory peak soon to follow. High counts were 80+ on 10/28 at Woodstock (WGE,NLM,DG) and 50 on 10/30 at the MWR (JDM). Ten were banded at Woodstock (VINS). Over 260 Chipping Sparrows were reported: good numbers were in east-central VT during the fourth week of Sept. with 40 at Reading on 9/23 (FMH) and 90 at Woodstock on 9/24 (WGE); sizable numbers were still present in mid-Oct. in Woodstock with 70+ counted on 10/19 (NLM,WGE); the latest reported was 1 on 10/26 at Timmouth (GTL). The Field Sparrow was sparsely reported with only 44 cited by observers; flocking began by mid-Aug. with a count of 10 at DCWMA on 8/12 (JID,MCD), but migration peaked in Oct. with a high of 5 banded at Woodstock on 10/4 (VINS). A total of 18 was banded with 17 netted at Woodstock. Most unusual as to location was the one banded at Ferdinand at the northeastern extreme of the species' VT distribution (VINS,MFM); the last reported prior to Christmas Counts was 1 on 10/30 at the MWR (JDM). Eighteen Vesper Sparrows were located by observers this fall; no more than 3 were seen per day and the latest were 1 at Pine I., Colchester and 3 at Derby on 10/23 (JDM,WGE,NLM,et al.). Twelve of the total of 18 were reported from the Champlain Lowlands. There were 135 Savannah Sparrows reported: the high of 40 on 8/4 does not reflect the peak of migratory activity but rather flocking during the post-fledging period at DCWMA (JID,MCD); the last reported was 1 at DCWMA on 11/6 (WGE,NLM). There were three reports of the scarce and local Grasshopper Sparrow from Panton During Aug. with a max. of 2 on 8/14 and the last on 8/28 (m.ob.). A total of 15 Fox Sparrows was reported on dates ranging from 10/9-11/7 with most reports of single birds; 2 were banded, 1 each at Marshfield and Woodstock (MFM,VINS). About 330 Song Sparrows were reported, tying it with Dark-eyed Junco as the second most-commonly reported sparrow; max. were, 75 at HC on 10/16 (WJN) and 55 on 10/22 at Woodstock (WGE,NLM,DG); 90 were banded, 74 at Woodstock (VINS,MFM). Forty-six Lincoln's Sparrows were noted, the earliest migrant was spotted in Duxbury on 8/31 (FAP); the high count was 6 on 9/25 at Woodstock (WGE,NLM,et al.); 19 were banded, 12 at Woodstock (VINS,MFM); the last was seen at HC on 10/16 (WJN). About 85 Swamp Sparrows were reported, 34 of these were banded, with 30 caught by M. F. Metcalf (MFM,VINS); the best count was 20+ on 10/7 at Timmouth (CJF). No appropriate late date was submitted for this normally late-lingering species which was reported during the ensuing winter at any rate. The White-throated Sparrow migration was exceptionally well reported with over 970 observed; the migration was heaviest from the third week of Sept. to mid-Oct., with high counts of 115 on 9/19 at Reading (FMH), 100 on 9/25 at Colchester (JDM), 100+ at Timmouth on 9/25 (CJF), and 200+ at HC on 10/16 (WJN), Metcalf banded 146 of the 168 mist-netted this autumn, 105 at Marshfield Pd. (MFM,VINS). There was a rather poor flight of the White-crowned Sparrow with only about 64 reported: the earliest was 1 on 10/1 at Duxbury (FAP); the high count was 16 on 10/16 at Woodstock (WGE,NLM,MLW); several observers noted their last on 10/23, but the species probably occurred on later dates. In spite of its being tied for second among sparrows the Dark-eyed Junco migration was also less impressive than is usual. High counts included 100 on 10/8 at Reading (FMH), 40 at Ferrisburg on 10/21 (JID,MCD), and 65 on 10/23 in Colchester (JDM); 11 were banded, 9 at Marshfield Pd. (MFM,VINS). The Lapland Longspur was observed twice, 1 was at the MWR on 10/30 (JDM) and 5 were located at S. Londonderry on 11/18 (WJN). The Snow Bunting arrived en masse 10/23-24 with four observers

reporting a total of 110 birds, including 100 in Burlington and Colchester on 10/23 (JDM); the highest number reported was 230 at DCWMA on 11/6 (WGE,NLM); the species was only reported over a three week period with the last record on 11/13. The Bobolink was noted in excellent numbers with about 830 reported, nearly half of this total was achieved on 8/12 at DCWMA when an amazing 400+ were counted (JID,MCD); other high counts were 70+ at Woodstock on 8/24 (WGE,NLM) and 78 at Burton I. SP on 9/5 (DLC); there were two Oct. reports, with one at DCWMA on 10/6 being about two weeks late (WJN). The Red-winged Blackbird was reported in its usual abundance, the highest count submitted was 6000+- at S. Slang in Ferrisburg on 9/19 (JID,MCD); 2 were banded by M. F. Metcalf this autumn; many were reported into late Nov., for instance 25 were seen at Burlington on 11/28 (JDM). The largest numbers of the Eastern Meadowlark were reported from the Champlain Lowlands including the high of 50+ on 10/1 in Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); the latest report was from Shoreham on 11/15 (ELW). Rusty Blackbirds were reported from 9/7-11/5; most observers reporting they saw but a single individual for the entire season. The max. was 30 on 10/26 at Weybridge where the latest was also reported (MBN). The highest numbers of the Common Grackle were from the fourth week of Oct. with counts of 900 on 10/28 at Shoreham (ELW), and 1000+ at Rutland on 10/31 (RHH); a few were noted through the end of Nov. Only 180 or so Brown-headed Cowbirds were reported. The autumn movements of this species are little known in VT; the cowbird could stand better coverage than it is presently getting. The highest count was of a post-breeding flock of 90 at Shoreham on 8/11 (ELW). Forty-eight of the 60 Northern Orioles reported were seen prior to 9/1; high counts included 12 on 8/2 at Timmouth (GTL), 8 in Rutland on 8/10 (RHH), and 7+ at Woodstock on 9/2, a late date for a good count (JMN); the latest was an imm. lingering to the very doorstep of winter at Timmouth on 11/28 (GTL).

FINCHES & HOUSE SPARROW

There are often words in these pages about the status of the "winter finch" flight, whether it was mediocre or good, etc. Well, this autumn there was a new pattern to interpret in this fascinating group, no flight! Not only were Pine Siskin and redpoll barely reported and not seen in most sectors but there were no (yes, no) records of crossbills or Pine Grosbeaks! About 250 Purple Finches were reported; the species was seen throughout the season in largely modest numbers; the max. was 30 on 11/10 at Springweather NA in Springfield (WJN); 96 were banded with 84 caught in M. F. Metcalf's strategically placed mist-nets next to her Marshfield Pd. feeder (MFM,VINS). The gaps aren't all filled in, but the House Finch is now quite common in many urban areas. Ninety-one birds were reported north to Swanton and Barre; good sized feeder flocks included 30 at Randolph on 10/26 (MFM), and 24 at Hartford on 11/25 (WGE). There was but a single report of Common Redpoll, 1 noted at Red Rocks Park in So. Burlington on 11/20 (DLC). Most observers completely missed the Pine Siskin; there were clearly two sets of records this autumn. The species apparently summered in north-central VT with records throughout Aug. in Barre (JAM), and 8 on 8/3 the last of a long series of records stretching back to April at Albany (TP). The second set are from late Oct., with 3 seen at Albany on 10/18 (TP), 2 at Brownsville on 10/23 (FMH), about 40 at Ferrisburg on 10/24 (JID,MCD), and 2 were at the MWR on 10/30 (JDM). Over 230 American Goldfinches were reported; goldfinches were still working on nests at Fairfax on 8/13 (PAT); young fledged as early as 8/15 in Woodstock (JMN); and young were noted in the nest on 8/31 at Woodstock (WGE,NLM), and on 9/3 (2-3 days old) in Bridport (JSA). The species was seen throughout the season in fair but not high numbers; high counts included 30 at S. Slang in Ferrisburg on 9/21 (JID,MCD), 40 on 11/2 at Shoreham (ELW), and 30 on 11/29 at Winhall (WJN). Nine were banded, 8 at Woodstock (VINS,MFM). The Evening Grosbeak was reported in perhaps the lowest numbers in at least a decade: a grand total of about 155 were reported (yes, that's all); dates ranged from 8/3 through the end of the season. "High" counts were, 15 on 8/18 at Duxbury (FAP), 20 on 8/19 at Rutland (RHH), 16+ on 10/19 at Woodstock (WGE), and 25 on 10/25 at the MWR (JDM). Two were banded in Marshfield (MFM). Another note W.J. Norse had no grosbeaks for the entire season in Winhall! Last, and least in the opinions of many observers, is the House Sparrow, with few reported due to high numbers and unpopularity. With the recent increase of the House Finch, it might be well to keep a close watch on this species's populations, especially in urban centres. Observers are urged to watch this species for interaction with other species, especially the House Finch.

LOCATION ABBREVIATIONS

DCWMA Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area
 HC Herrick's Cove
 MNWR Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge
 MWR the mouth of the Winooski River
 NA Nature Area
 SP State Park
 TWDR Thurman W. Dix Reservoir

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The Vermont Bird Records Committee met 11 September 1983 to review rare bird reports, and dealt with those on hand. The Committee's function is to establish guidelines for the reporting of rarities and to review and verify records of rarities for inclusion in the State Bird List. The Committee's recommendations are followed in publication of records in Records of Vermont Birds.

The Committee expresses its thanks to the many Vermont birders who have sent in Bird Verification Reports (BVRs), thus adding greatly to Vermont's data base. The most careful recording of details of plumage and points of identification are greatly appreciated, and make the Committee's work much simpler.

THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN:

1. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd State Records

White-fronted Goose - ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL-
 1st state record - Ferry Crossing, South Hero, Grand Isle Co., late March 1981; CSP.
White-fronted Goose - SPECIMEN-

1st documented state record. Bird shot by hunter at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Co., 28 October 1981. Hunter reported it taken from flock of the same species. Reported by BCr, TRM.

Ivory Gull - ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL-
 Airport Parkway, South Burlington, Chittenden Co., at landfill site, 3 March 1983; PAT.

Swallow-tailed Kite -
 2nd state sight record. Middlebury, Addison Co., seen from Route 7 south of Middlebury; 26 May 1983; BLR,MD.
Clay-colored Sparrow-

One prior sight record exists. First documented state record; excellent photographs. Bridport, Addison Co., at a bird feeder. 5 May 1983; KMA, JSA.

Smith's Longspur - ACCEPTED AS HYPOTHETICAL-
 1st state record - fields along Sykes Ave., White River Jct., Windsor Co., 25 April 1981, NLM, WGE.

2. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd State Nesting Records

Double-crested Cormorant - 1st State Nesting Record -
 Young Island (also known as South Sister Island), Grand Isle Co. Adult on nest, 4 & 27 June 1982. DEC, SBL.

Gadwall - 1st State Nesting Record -
 Female flushed from nest containing 11 eggs on Young

Island, Grand Isle Co., 1 June 1983; ALG, SBL, RBL (photograph of nest and eggs in VINS files).
Great Black-backed Gull - 1st State Nesting Record Young Island, Grand Isle Co., May & June 1983. Adult on nest, with eggs, photographed extensively. RBL, DKL, SBL, ALG.
Orchard Oriole - 2nd State Nesting Record - Nesting on a private island on Lake Champlain; 2nd year male. Male & female seen carrying food to and feeding the young in the nest; 26 & 27 June 1983. SBL, JDL.
Orchard Oriole - 3rd State Nesting Record - D.A.R. Mansion, Chimney Point (West Addison), Addison Co. Adult male seen feeding young 26 June 1982. AJS.

3. Reports Accepted:

GREAT EGRET - Farrell Access, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison Co., 31 July 1983; KD.
 GLOSSY IBIS - East Montpelier, Washington Co., April 1982; JS.
 GLOSSY IBIS (immature) - just north of Weston, Windsor Co., 24 August, 1982; WGE, NLM.
 GLOSSY IBIS - Winooski River, Burlington, Chittenden Co., 5 September, 1982; JDM.
 BARROW'S GOLDENEYE - Winooski River, Colchester, Chittenden Co., 26 March 1983; third report to Records of Vermont Birds; JDM.
 BALD EAGLE (immature) - Farrell Access, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison Co., 31 July 1983; KD.
 BALD EAGLE (immature) - Mud Creek Waterfowl Area, Alburg, Grand Isle Co., 19 September 1982; JSA, KMA.
 BALD EAGLE (immature) - Marshfield Pond, Marshfield, Washington Co., 13 July 1982; MJM, BLR.
 BALD EAGLE (immature) - Brilyea Access, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Co., 27 July 1982; KMA, LM.
 BALD EAGLE (immature) - East Creek, Orwell, Addison Co., 6 August 1982; ELW, LWW.
 BALD EAGLE (immature) - Lake Road, Shoreham, Addison Co., 5 September 1982; ELW, AW.
 BALD EAGLE (immature) - Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Co., 21 & 22 May 1983; MJM, GMS, WRB.
 BALD EAGLE (immature) - Marshfield Mountain, Marshfield, Washington Co., 9 July 1983; TAR, AR.
 GOLDEN EAGLES (1 adult, 2 immature) - Bristol, Addison Co., 4 November 1982; MJM, GMS.
 GOLDEN EAGLE (immature) - Molly Stark's Mountain, Buels Gore, Chittenden Co., 11 November 1982; MJM, JES.
 GOLDEN EAGLE - D.A.R. State Park, Addison, Addison Co., 23 April 1983; PAT.
 GOLDEN EAGLE - Salisbury, Addison Co., 6 June 1983; JED.
 GYRFALCON (gray phase) - South Burlington, Chittenden Co., 19 December 1982; MJM, WRB, GMS.
 GYRFALCON (immature) - Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison Co., 18 December 1983; WGE, NLM, MM.
 SANDHILL CRANE (2) - Grafton, Windham Co., 17 September 1982; Seventh State Record, third report to Records of Vermont Birds; DC, SW, MCl.
 WILLET - Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, Addison Co., 23 July 1982; 6th state record; JID, MCD.
 WILLET - Winooski River, Burlington, Chittenden Co., 9 October 1982; seventh state record; JDM.
 RED KNOT - Winooski River, Colchester, Chittenden Co., 29 August 1982; WGE, NLM.
 RED KNOT - Winooski River, Colchester, Chittenden Co., 5 & 6 September 1982; JDM.
 WESTERN SANDPIPER - Colchester, Chittenden Co., 9 September 1982; WJN.
 PURPLE SANDPIPER - Addison, Addison Co., 6 November 1982; first report to the Records of Vermont Birds; JSA, KMA.
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