

# Records of Vermont Birds

## SPRING MIGRATION '82

1 MARCH - 31 MAY  
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Unlike the early spring of 1980-81, the spring of 1982 was essentially a cold and late one, particularly in the early part. The winter of 1981-82 was a frigid unrelenting winter, with heavy snow cover and persistent cold which extended well into March, so that there was little early ice melting. There was no really warm weather in March until the very end, the temperature rising to 62° F on the 30th at Burlington. Early April was dominated by a ferocious snowstorm which hit the state on April 6 and 7, dumping as much as two feet in the mountains. Little fell in the Burlington area, but the unseasonable cold that followed this storm hit the whole state, with temperatures down to 13° F at Burlington on the 7th, the average for this day being 19 degrees below normal. After a few days it began to warm up and the temperatures for the rest of April were fairly mild, with a high of 79° F at Burlington on April 25th.

I would guess that there was considerable mortality of half-hardy migrants in the areas where the snow of April 6 and 7 was heavy. In my location (Winhall) the phoebes vanished after that storm and never reappeared at a number of breeding sites. Many Dark-eyed Juncos came to the feeder in a weakened condition.

The weather during the first week of May was a continuation of the mild weather of late April. Clear skies and dry air provided mild days and frosty nights. The morning of May 5 was the coldest with 22° recorded at Canaan, and 37° at Burlington. Temperatures then warmed up and reached the 80's by May 6, with Burlington recording 83° F. It was essentially dry and, with warm weather, the vegetation responded with rapid growth and the area began to quickly turn green.

The remainder of May was characterized by fair weather; wet, cool nights and warm days. The latter half of May became more rainy, with frequent thunderstorms and humid air. Warm weather with temperatures around 80° F prevailed after the 24th, until a wet period came in over the holiday weekend of May 29-31. Precipitation totals for May were below average all across the state and the average temperature was 1 to 3 degrees above the 30-year normal in most areas and a degree warmer than May 1981.

What did all this mean for the migration?

To begin with, the heavy freezes of the winter coated rivers and lakes with very thick ice which did not really begin to melt seriously until well along in April. The waterfowl migration, therefore, was much later than last year's very early one, and at such waterfowl staging areas as Herrick's Cove (Rockingham) some species, particularly Ring-necked Ducks and Hooded Mergansers, collected in good numbers, apparently waiting for the ice to melt farther north and in the mountains.

The April land bird migration was interrupted by the savage storm of April 6 and 7, and as I mentioned previously many species may have suffered considerable mortality. The ones that should be watched for declines would include American Woodcock, Killdeer, Common Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush, Eastern Bluebird, both kinglets, Dark-eyed Junco, Song Sparrow, and possibly many others.

The last half of April includes our Hawk Watch, which was not very successful with only 518 individuals. This period, which was characterized by mild afternoon temperatures, nevertheless had many frosty nights and the wind was persistently in the north. Such conditions are not generally conducive to much migration, certainly not for migration en masse.

As for the May migration, I will quote statements by some of our most active observers. Frank Oatman writes "This was the most entirely uneventful spring migration I've experienced in Vermont - no pushes or waves or backup of migrants at all, simply a slow, steady trickle of birds returning - the birds did seem to arrive, albeit in very small numbers - there seems to have been almost no rain to hold back the migration."

Walter Ellison writes "The dull, drizzly weather which forces migrant waves never materialized this year, allowing for only an average migration. Most species which may be reasonably expected were recorded, usually on schedule or slightly late, and in less than remarkable numbers."

John Dye notes "No distinct waves of warblers."

At the VINS banding station they considered May 10 and May 17 to be the best days, with 10 and 13 species netted respectively.

Despite the generally later than average arrival of most species, a number of very early arrival dates were recorded, primarily at low elevation sites; in fact, here we have almost two migration schedules, one for the mountains and another for the valleys, both east and west.

The reason for this is obvious if one stands in the valleys on a May morning and looks up at the brown higher elevations. Particularly early dates were recorded for Broad-winged Hawk, Spotted Sandpiper, Common Tern, Eastern Phoebe, House Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Yellow Warbler, Indigo Bunting, Rufous-sided Towhee, White-crowned Sparrow, and Swamp Sparrow.

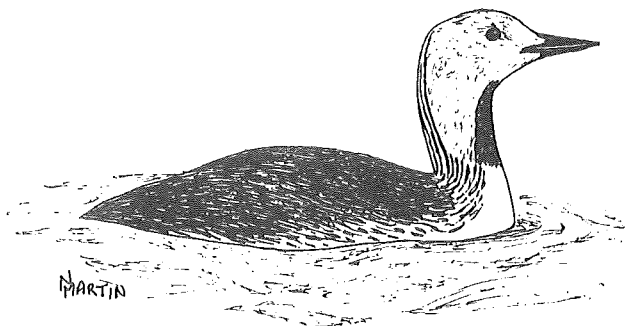
Rarities are what everyone wants to hear about, and we had a few - Eurasian Wigeon, a possible Golden Eagle, Gyr Falcon, IVORY GULL\* (a first state record), four reports of Hoary Redpoll\* (\*means subject to approval by the Vermont Bird Records Committee). Other birds of interest included - Red-throated Loon, Snowy Egret, Glossy Ibis, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Glaucous Gull, "Brewsters" Warbler, and both crossbills.

The Birdathon was undertaken mostly on May 22 and a total of 173 species and 1 hybrid were recorded by participants. The "northern" team of Nancy Martin, Walter Ellison and George Ellison recorded 135 species. Another "northern" team of Lynn Erb, Debbie Davis, Bob Spear, Dwight Cargill and Jeff Allen also recorded 135 species. The "southern" team of Annette Gosnell, Don Clark and Chris Kibbe recorded 127 species. The team of Larry Metcalf, Tom and Mary Richards saw 120 species.

For the second year in a row, a free-flying Egyptian Goose has been recorded in the Champlain Valley; this year it turned up in March at the Burlington Waterfront (CWS et al.). Was it the same one that was around Ferrisburg and Charlotte last spring or was it another from the same source, possibly in Quebec?

Two hundred and twenty-two species plus one hybrid were recorded for Spring 1982, two less than last year.

RED-THROATED LOON



#### LOONS AND GREBES

A total of 25 Common Loons was reported for the season: first one 4/17 over Howe Hill Hawk Lookout (EH), 1 4/22 Shelburne (WRB,MJM), 4 4/28 Lake Morey (ToM), 2 4/30 Thurman W. Dix Reservoir (hereafter TWDR) (MEM), 1 5/8 Winhall Hawk Lookout (hereafter WHL) (WJN), the max. count of 7 was at Holland Pond (EKT). There was one record of the Red-throated Loon - an adult in nuptial plumage at Shaftsbury Lake 5/8 (NLM,WGE et al.). There were reports of four Red-necked Grebes: 1 grounded in a yard at Hartland 3/4 (NST),

rescued and released next day (ALG), 1 4/21 Herrick's Cove (hereafter HC) (MEC,REG), 2 4/30 TWDR (MEM). There were four Horned Grebes reported: 1 4/21 Burlington Intervale (DJP, CWS), 1 5/1 Button Bay SP (NLM,WGE), 1 5/9 TWDR (MEM), 1 5/22 TWDR (LNM,MHR,TCR). Nineteen Pied-billed Grebes were reported: first 1 3/25 Malletts Bay (CWS), 1 4/4 Grand Isle (NLM,WGE), 2 4/15 HC (MEC), 1 4/17 HC (MEC), 1 4/17 Missisquoi NWR (hereafter MNWR) (TM), 2 4/20 Weathersfield (ELW), max. 4 5/22 Barton River Marshes (hereafter BRM) (NLM,WGE, GFE), also 1 5/22 Gale Meadows (Winhall) (WJN), 1 5/31 Rutland (RHH).

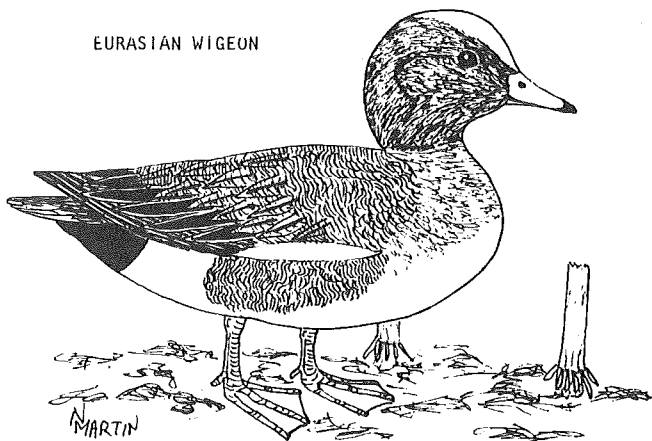
#### CORMORANTS THROUGH IBIS

There were four sightings of the Double-crested Cormorant totalling 24 birds: 1 4/15 HC (DC), 18 4/21 Orleans (RS), 3 4/23 MNWR (TM), 2 5/22 South Bay, Newport (WGE,GFE, NLM). The first Great Blue Herons were 3/21 1 at Colchester, 2 Keeler Bay (NLM,WGE), 1 3/22 Northfield (WHB), 1 3/24 Plainfield (JHa), 1 3/25 North Georgia (PSM), 1 3/25 St. Albans Bay (MJM), 1 3/25 Colchester (CWS), 4/7 Sand Bar Wildlife Management Area (hereafter SBWMA) (JDS), widespread after that, max. 8 4/12 South Burlington (MJM). Green Heron: first 1 4/23 Orleans (FO,DAM), 1 4/24 MNWR (TM), 1 5/2 Lake Morey (NLM, WGE), 1 5/11 HC (WJN), 1 5/13 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/15 Lewis Creek (JID, MCD). The maximum was apparently one. There was one record of the Snowy Egret: 1 4/21 Starksboro (WRB,PMB). The first of five Black-crowned Night Heron reports was 1 4/17 Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (hereafter DCWMA) (JSA), 1 4/23 MNWR (TM), 3 5/1 DCWMA (NLM,WGE) - which was the max., 2 5/22 Shelburne (JJA), 2 5/29 DCWMA (JID,MCD). American Bittern: first 1 4/19 MNWR (TM), 1 4/25 West Rutland Marsh (hereafter WRM) (NLM,WGE), 1 5/1 WRM (SBL,JDL,BLR), 1 5/1 Woodstock (MJC), 2 5/1 Malletts Bay (DAM), max. 4 5/22 BRM, Moose Bog (NLM,WGE, GFE). There were five reports of the secretive Least Bittern: 2 5/6 BRM (FO,DAM,WS), 1 5/15 Brattleboro (ABM et al.), 1 5/22 BRM (NLM,WGE,GFE), 1 5/22 WRM (SBL,LHP,BLR), 1 5/22 HC (REG et al.). There is a report of 1 Glossy Ibis April East Montpelier (JS).

#### WATERFOWL

First Canada Geese 7 3/16 Manchester (ALG), then a flock 3/17 Norwich (DJG), 100 3/20 Bridport (CJF), 20 3/21 Reading (FMH), 200 3/24 S. Hero (CWS), 50 3/29 Woodstock (JMN), flock 3/30 Woodstock (CRP), high count 2000+- 4/10 DCWMA (JJA). Several interesting reports turned up - a bird at Roundy's Cove (Rockingham) and nearby HC 4/17 was probably a hybrid between Canada Goose and domestic goose (descended from the Graylag Goose (Anser anser) (EE et al.)). WGE and NLM observed a goose 5/19 at Taftsville which they identified as a "giant" Canada Goose (Branta canadensis maxima). On 4/25 MJM, while hawk watching at Arrowhead Mountain (Milton) observed a small goose in a flock of 160+-, half the size of the others, which he feels may have been the "Richardson's" race. Finally on 5/3 at Newport, a flock of 12 birds was seen, made up of 11 small birds, followed by one much larger one (FO,JW). The first Snow Geese: 70 3/29 Woodstock (FrL,SBL,JDL), 225+- 3/30 Swanton (MJM), 25 3/31 Winhall (WJN), 50 4/4 Burlington (NLM, WGE), 650+ 4/10 DCWMA (JJA) which was the high count, 60 4/11 Westford (MJM), 150 4/11 Reading (FMH), 50 4/11 Winhall (WJN), 100 4/11 East Craftsbury (JW), 4/11 must have been their major movement day. Eighty 4/20 South Albany (TP) the last. Mallard: first 5 3/13 Clarendon (CJF), 2 3/17 Rutland (RHH), 200 3/24 South Hero (CWS) which was the max., 2 4/1 HC (EH) also 100 4/16 HC (WJN). American Black Duck: first 4 3/6 Center Rutland (CJF), 8 3/13 Colchester (CWS), 100 3/24 South Hero (CWS), 2 3/24 East Thetford (MHR), 1 4/3 East Thetford (MHR, TCR), 1 4/4 Plainfield (MEM), 1 4/4 North Montpelier (MEM), also 100 4/6 HC (WJN). High count was 100 two times. Gadwall: there were five reports, first 4 3/27 Bellows Falls (MEC), 3 4/25 Sherburne (NLM,WGE), 2 4/26 Bristol (WHB), 2 5/6 Black River/Lake Memphremagog (FO,DAM,JW,WS'), 2 5/11 HC (WJN). Pintail: there were eight reports, 1 3/6 Vergennes (JJA), 40 3/24 S. Hero (CWS), 40+ 3/28 DCWMA (MJM,SAM,WRB, PMB) which was the max., 1 4/3 DCWMA (EH), 2 4/4 South Hero (WGE,NLM), 14 4/10 S. Hero (WGE,NLM), 1 4/23 Orleans (FO, DAM) and 15 5/1 Weybridge (WGE,NLM). Green-winged Teal: first, 2 4/3 East Thetford (MHR,TCR), 2 4/15 Roundy's Cove (MEC), 2-3 4/15-16 Springfield Meadows (ALG,EE,WJN), 1 4/11 Plainfield (MEM), 10 4/18 Springfield Meadows (MEC), 17 4/23 Orleans (FO,DAM), 15 5/1 Weybridge (WGE,NLM), 2 5/4 Springfield Meadows (WJN), 20 5/6 Orleans (FO et al.) which was the max. Blue-winged Teal: first, 1 3/14 DCWMA (JJA), 2

EURASIAN WIGEON



4/3 East Thetford (MHR,TCR), 2 4/10 SBWMA (CJF,RHH), 1 4/11 MNWR (TM), 1 4/19 Plainfield (MEM), 1 4/22 Woodstock (CRP), 14 4/23 Orleans (FO,DAM). Last, 4 5/22 BRM (NLM,WGE,GFE). High count, 30 5/6 Orleans (FO et al.). American Wigeon: eight reports, 2 4/4 South Hero (WGE,NLM), 1 4/9 MNWR (TM), 1 4/21 Bellows Falls (MEC), 1 5/1 SBWMA (FAP), 10 5/1 Weybridge (NLM,WGE et al.), 1 5/6 Orleans (FO et al.), 4 5/7 St. Albans Bay (MJM), 1 5/15 DCWMA (JID,MCD). EURASIAN WIGEON: Drake 5/1 Weybridge (WGE,NLM,JMN,MEC et al.) (BVR on file, accepted by Vermont Bird Records Committee, hereafter VBRC). Northern Shoveler: five reports, 1 3/29 South Hero (CWS), 3 4/3 SBWMA (JJA), 2 4/4 SBWMA (WGE,NLM), 4 4/9 Mallett's Creek (MJM), 4 5/1 DCWMA (WGE,NLM et al.). Wood Duck: 1 3/13 Clarendon (CJF) had over-wintered, first migrant 2 3/25 Mallett's Bay (CWS), 2 3/26 Fairfax (MJM), 2 4/13 Plainfield (MEM), 2 4/15 HC (MEC), 6 4/16 HC (WJN), 2 4/22 Albany (TP), 2 4/25 Shoreham (ELW). High counts, 8 5/18 Springfield Meadows (WJN), 9 4/20 Craftsbury (FO,JW), 15 5/14 Rutland (CJF). There were two reports of the Red-head: a male 3/28 DCWMA (MJM,SAM,WRB,PMB) and a pair 5/4 HC (WJN). Ring-necked Duck: first, 2 3/14 White River Jct. (NLM,WGE), 32 4/4 Champlain Islands (JJA), 66 4/4 Grand Isle County (WGE,NLM) which was the max., 20 4/10 SBWMA (RHH), 14 4/10 S. Hero/N. Hero (CJF), 22 4/16 HC (WJN,MEC), 22 4/20 HC, Roundy's Cove (MEC,WJN), 10 4/23 HC (FAP), 1 4/20 Shelburne (MJM), 12 5/6 Lake Memphremagog (FO,DAM,JW,WS), 3 5/22 South Bay, Newport (WGE,GFE,NLM). Canvasback: first, 2 3/14 Burlington (CWS), 25 3/19 Cornwall (JSA) which was the high count, 9 3/20 Burlington (JJA), 14 3/21 Grand Isle and Burlington (WGE,NLM), 15 3/24 S. Hero (CWS), 4 4/10 S. Hero (WGE,NLM), 4 4/25 Lake Bomoseen (RHH,CJF), 1 5/22 MNWR (NH,AS,SH,CMU). Greater Scaup: 2 3/20 Burlington (JJA), 15 3/21 Grand Isle (NLM,WGE), 20 4/4 Grand Isle (NLM,WGE), 15 4/10 S. Hero (CJF), 6 4/20 HC (MEC,REG), 1 4/23 MNWR (TM), 3 4/25 Lake Bomoseen (RHH), 2 5/6 Lake Memphremagog (FO,DAM,JW,WS). Lesser Scaup: 20 3/24 S. Hero (CWS), 30 4/10 S. Hero (NLM,WGE) the max., 1 4/16 HC (WJN), 1 4/19 MNWR (TM), 2 4/19 HC (MEC), 5 4/20 HC (WJN), 1 4/27 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/1 SBWMA (FAP). Scaup (species): 10 4/19 Lake Bomoseen (SBL), 9 4/6 Winooski River Delta (Colchester) (MJM,WRB). Common Goldeneye: 65 3/13 Colchester R.R. fill (CWS,PFZ), 140 3/21 Grand Isle Cty. (1, 85% albinistic (WGE,NLM), 400+ 3/24 South Hero (CWS) the max., 8 4/1 HC (EH), 370 4/3 SBWMA (JJA), 30 4/6 Winooski River Delta (Colchester) (WRB,MJM), 4 4/10 SBWMA (RHH,CJF), 5 4/15-16 HC (WJN,MEC), 2 4/20 Weathersfield (ELW), 5 4/20 HC (WJN), 2 4/24 HC (MEC), 1 5/1 SBWMA (FAP), 1 South Bay (Newport) and 6 SBWMA 5/22 (GFE,WGE,NLM). Bufflehead: 1 3/17 Burlington (CWS), 1 3/19 Cornwall (JSA), 1 3/24 South Hero (CWS), 5 4/3 SBWMA (JJA), 1 4/11 MNWR (TM), 4 4/15-16 HC (MEC,WJN), 2 4/23 Lake Hardwick (FO,DAM), 1 4/23 HC (FAP), 7 5/1 Button Bay SP (NLM,WGE) the max., and 1 male 5/18 HC (WJN). There was one report of Oldsquaw, 2 4/10 HC (REG). No Scoters were reported. Hooded Merganser: 1 3/13 Center Rutland (CJF), 1 3/20 McIndoe Falls (REG), 1 3/24 Bethel (JHa), 3 3/27 Bellows Falls (MEC), 12 4/1 HC (EH), 4 4/4 Dewey's Pond (Quechee) (GZ), 6 4/10 SBWMA (RHH,CJF), 25 4/15-16 HC, Roundy's Cove (WJN,MEC) the max., 18 4/19 Plainfield (MEM), 1 5/2 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/3-6 Orleans (FO,JW), 1 5/15 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 5/21 Gale Meadows (WJN), 1 5/22 Nulhegan Pond

(WGE,GFE,NLM). Common Merganser: 6 3/6 Center Rutland (CJF), 10 3/13 Colchester (CWS,PFZ), 5 3/13 Northfield (WHB), 1 3/15 S. Royalton (SS), 1 3/19 Bethel (JHa), 25 3/25 Woodstock (ALG), 2 3/26 Plainfield (LNM), 2 4/6 Colchester (MJM,WRB), 1 4/6 Johnson (DAM), 2 4/10 SBWMA (RHH), 8 4/10 North Hero (CJF), 11 4/16 HC/Roundy's Cove (WJN,MEC), 20 4/19 HC (MEC), 2 4/20 Albany (TP), 6 4/23 HC (FAP), 40 4/24 Norwich (MEM) the high count, 7 4/25 Shoreham (ELW), 5 5/2 Shoreham (ELW), 5 5/15 Button Bay SP (CJF), 2 5/15 Tri-Town Water District (RHH), 2 5/21 Gale Meadows (WJN). Red-breasted Merganser: there were nine reports, 1 3/21 Grand Isle (WGE,NLM), 7 4/17 Pantown (JSA), 2 4/20 HC (WJN,MEC), 7 4/24 HC 14 4/24 Roundy's Cove (MEC) the high count, 1 4/29 HC (WJN), 11 5/1 Button Bay SP (NLM,WGE), 1 5/6 Orleans (FO,DAM,JW,WS), 2 5/13 HC (MEC).

#### DIURNAL RAPTORS

The spring 1982 Hawk Watch came up with a dismal 518 birds, far less than last year. The Turkey Vulture continues to increase. The Hawk Watches reported 14 birds. Others were: first, 1 3/14 Weybridge (JSA), 1 3/15 Brattleboro (GFE), 2 3/20 Middlesex (JLB), 1 3/29 Rutland (RHH), 1 4/1 HC (EH) 3 4/1 Essex Jct., St. Albans, Georgia (MJM), 3 4/14 Cornwall (MHR), 1 4/14 Bolton (LNM), 1 4/16 St. Johnsbury (PRD), 1 4/17 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 4/18 Duxbury (FAP), 4 4/19 Camel's Hump (JW), 3 4/20 Bellows Falls (MEC), 1 4/20 N. Georgia (PSM), 1 4/21 Reading (FMH), 4 4/21 Jericho (SBL,BLR), 3 4/24 Shoreham (ELW), 6 4/24 Milton (MJM), 2 4/24 Hinesburg (WRB,PMB), 1 4/27 Barre (CJF). They became widespread after that. High counts, 7 5/9 W. Arlington (CJF) and 7 5/21 SBWMA (JDM). Four Goshawks were recorded on Hawk Watches. There were nine other reports, 1 wintered at Cornwall seen into March (BBP), 1 3/3 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/11 Clarendon (CJF), 2 4/16 Reading (FMH) high count, 1 4/22 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD) seen to kill and eat a rabbit, 1 5/2 Duxbury (FAP) 1 5/8 Albany (TP), 1 5/9 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/15 E. Craftsbury (FO). There were 90 Sharp-shinned Hawks seen on the Hawk Watches, also 1 3/2 Rutland (RHH), 1 3/4 Duxbury (FAP), 1 3/15 Reading (FMH), 1 3/18 Norwich (DJG), 1 3/20 Clarendon (CJF), 1 4/7 Northfield (WHB), 1 4/8 Plainfield (MEM), 5 4/15 Springfield to Woodstock (ALG,EE), 2 5/3 S. Burlington (WRB). The high count was 19 on 4/17 Howe Hill (N. Pomfret) (EH et al.). Eight Cooper's Hawks were seen on the Hawk Watches. There were seven other reports, 1 3/27 S. Hero (CWS,AVS), 1 4/19 W. Rutland (SBL), 1 4/23 WHL (WJN), 1 5/1 WRM (SBL, JDL,BLR) 1 5/2 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/7 WHL (WJN), 1 5/23 Barnet (FO). Maximum 2 4/17 Howe Hill (EH et al.). Eighty-four Red-tailed Hawks were seen on Hawk Watches plus 2 3/1 Bridport (JSA) - probably over-wintered, 1 3/4 Williston (JJA), 1 3/5 Timmouth (GIL), 1 3/11 Londonderry (BSA), 3 3/11 DCWMA (EE), 2 and 4 3/13 DCWMA (JJA,WHB), 3 3/14 DCWMA (JJA), 1 3/16 WHL, 2 3/17 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/20 Castleton (CJF), 1 3/20 Charlotte (JJA), 1 3/20 E. Thetford (MHR,TCR), 1 3/20 E. Barnard (JLB), 1 3/20 Castleton (CJF), 1 3/23 Reading (FMH). High counts 10 4/24 Lincoln Hill (WRB et al.) and 10 4/25 Arrowhead Mountain Milton (MJM et al.). A nesting pair at Colchester had one "healthy" nestling 5/31 (JJA). Twenty-four Red-shouldered Hawks were seen by hawk watchers. Others were: 1 3/16 WHL (WJN), 1 3/24 N. Pomfret (EH), 1 3/25 Chippenhook (LHP), 1 4/19 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/24 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 5/10 Barnard (WHB), 1 5/15 Bridport (RHH,CJF), maximum 2 several times. A nest was discovered in a White Pine 5/11 Underhill (KCS). One hundred and sixty-eight Broad-winged Hawks were recorded on Hawk Watches. There were two fantastically early arrival dates for this species, 1 3/20 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 3/23 Northfield (WHB). More usual were 2 4/11 Barnard (BG), 1 4/12 Vernon (MLW), 2 4/17 WHL (WJN), 1 4/22 Calais (SW), 3 4/24 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 4/25 Reading (FMH), 2 4/29 Duxbury (FAP). High counts 25 4/25 Arrowhead Mtn. Milton (MJM et al.), 17 5/2 WHL (WJN). Four Rough-legged Hawks were seen on Hawk Watches. Following a good winter for them in the Champlain Valley, good numbers held way into the spring and they stayed very late-32 3/14 Shelburne to DCWMA (MJM,WRB) the high count, 29 3/20 DCWMA (CWS), 30 3/28 DCWMA (MJM), 1 4/10 MNWR (TM), 27 4/10 DCWMA (JJA,MJM,WRB), 2 4/27 Shoreham (ELW), 5 5/1 DCWMA (WGE,NLM), 1 5/4 Shoreham (ELW) and 1 5/22 Shoreham (ALG,DC,CDK). No Eagles were seen on the Hawk Watches. A fleeting glimpse of a bird believed to be a Golden Eagle was seen 4/21 at Lake Willoughby by a raptor expert (JHB). Several Bald Eagle reports: 1 immature 4/10 Grand Isle/N. Hero (NLM,WGE), another or the same one seen six times between 4/23 and 5/30 MNWR (TM), an adult was reported 4/27 Manchester (VNG). Another report of an unidentified Eagle 4/9 near Chester (EK). Ten Northern Har-

riers were seen on the Hawk Watches, plus 1 3/14 DCWMA (MJM, WRB), 1 3/20 Addison (CWS), 1 3/25 N. Pomfret (EH), 1 3/27 Westford (MJM), 1 3/27 Clarendon (CJF), 7 3/28 DCWMA (MJM, SAM, WRB, PMB), 1 3/30 St. Albans (MJM), 9 4/10 DCWMA (JJA), 1 4/16 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 9 5/1 DCWMA (NLM, WGE) this and the 4/10 sighting were the high counts, 1 5/2 WHL (WJN), 1 5/4 HC (WJN) late, 1 5/23 Moretown (MEM), 2 5/29 DCWMA (JID, MCD), 1 5/31 Shoreham (ELW). Twenty-six Ospreys were seen by hawk watchers. The first was a very early individual 4/1-4/7 at Pittsford (MPH) "fishing in flooded fields, the second time it dove it came up with a fish", 1 4/17 Woodstock (CRP), 2 4/17 HC (MBC), 1 4/17 Mt. Philo (JID, MCD), 2 4/17 WHL (WJN), 2 4/20 HC (WJN), 1 4/20 Shelburne Pond (MJM), 1 4/21 MNWR (TM), 1 4/23 St. Johnsbury (PRD), 1 4/23 Orleans (FO, DAM), 1 4/24 Norwich (MEM), 1 4/26 S. Burlington (WRB), 1 4/26 St. Albans (MEM), 2 4/29 St. Albans (MEM), 1 4/29 Montpelier (MEM). High count 8 4/24 Arrowhead Mtn. (MJM et al.), last 1 5/30 Weybridge (JSA). On 5/1 at Rutland, 1 Osprey was seen "thermallling" with 1 Turkey Vulture and 2 Red-tailed Hawks (CJF). The gray Gyrfalcon reported during the winter in the Burlington area stayed into the spring period, last seen 3/6 Shelburne Pond (CWS). There were three reports of the Peregrine Falcon 1 4/15 MNWR (TM), 1 4/21 Vergennes (RMB), 1 5/27 Camel's Hump (AVS). Two Merlins were seen on the Hawk Watches - 1 3/24 S. Hero (CWS), 1 4/25 Snake Mtn. (Addison) (AP et al.), 1 4/? Plainfield (JS), 1 5/2 WHL (WJN), 1 5/15 DCWMA (JID, MCD). Nineteen American Kestrels were seen on the Hawk Watches. Others were: first, 3 3/11 DCWMA (EE), 1 3/12 Rutland (RHH), 2 3/13 DCWMA (JJA), 1 3/13 Weybridge (WHB), 5 3/14 Shelburne-Ferrisburg (JJA), 2 3/17 Mt. Tabor (ALG, NLM), 1 3/18 Royalton (JHA), 2 3/20 Castleton and Bridport (CJF), 1 3/22 Tinmouth (GTL), 1 3/24 WHL (WJN), 1 3/24 Plainfield (MEM), 1 3/25 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 2 3/26 Woodstock (MLW), 1 3/29 Barton (TP). High count 34 4/10 DCWMA (JJA).

#### GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

Ruffed Grouse: their population seems stable and they were widely reported. The high count was 7 3/21 Reading (FMH). One Bobwhite report 4/24 Winhall (WJN) source unknown. Two Ring-necked Pheasant reports: 1 4/24 Woodstock (MJC), 1 through the period Brownsville (JEH, BMH). There were three reports of the Gray Partridge: 5 3/13 St. Albans (CWS, PFZ), 2 3/21 Grand Isle (NLM, WGE), 2 4/2 and 5/3 St. Albans (MEM). There were five reports of the Wild Turkey: 3 3/4 Timmouth (GTL), 5 3/8 Benson (CJF), 12 3/13 E. Middlebury (MBN), 2 3/23 Reading (FMH), 1 5/12 S. Woodstock (fide WGE).

#### RAILS AND GALLINULES

Virginia Rail: nine records, 3 5/1 DCWMA (WGE, NLM), 2 5/6 WRM (WJN), 2 5/8 Howell's Pond Arlington, 2 5/8 WRM (WGE, NLM), 2 5/11 WRM (CJF, RHH), 3 5/22 WRM (WJN) the high count, 1 5/22 Addison (JSA), 1 5/22 Burlington Intervale (JJA), 2 5/22 BRM (GFE, NLM, WGE), 2 5/27 WRM (RHH). There were six reports of the Sora, 2 5/8 WRM (WGE, NLM), 1 5/15 BRM (DAM), 1 5/20 MNWR (TM), 1 5/22 Addison (JSA), 1 5/22 WRM (WJN), 2 5/22 BRM, (GFE, NLM, WGE). Common Gallinule: three records, 1 5/1 DCWMA (NLM, WGE), 1 5/8 Howell's Pond, Arlington (NLM, WGE), 1 5/18 Bristol (NLM, WGE). There were two records of the American Coot, one grounded in a Woodstock backyard in March (KITB), 1 4/25 MNWR (TM).

#### SHOREBIRDS

There were three reports of the Semipalmated Plover, 1 5/22 Birdathon (where?) (DLC), 1 5/25 Killington (CJF, RHH), 1 5/29 Middlebury (JID, MCD). Killdeer: first, 1 3/13 Addison (WHB), 1 3/16 Plainfield (LNM), 1 3/17 Cabot (LNM), 1 3/17 Plainfield (MEM), 1 3/18 Woodstock (EH), 3 3/20 Pomfret (EH), 9 3/20 Addison (CWS), 1 3/20 Clarendon (CJF), 1 3/20 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 3/22 Bethel (JHA), 4 3/23 Burlington (JJA), 1 3/24 Bridgewater (JHW), 1 3/25 Woodstock (CRP), 1 3/26 Rutland (RHH), 2 3/27 S. Londonderry (WJN), 4 3/27 Sharon (TEK), 1 3/28 Brownsville (BMH), after this they became widespread - high count 100+ 3/28 Connecticut R., E. Thetford (MHR). Ruddy Turnstone: one report, 1 5/22 Colchester (NLM, WGE, GFE). American Woodcock: first, 1 3/25 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 3/26 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 2 3/26 Fairfax, Westford (MJM), 1 3/26 E. Barnard (JLB), 1 3/30 Plainfield (MEM), also 2 reports for March (no date) Arlington and Bondville (VNG fide NS), high count 12 5/22 Essex Cty. (NLM, WGE, GFE) and a female with 2 young 5/15 E. Barnard (JLB). Common Snipe: first, 1 3/15 S. Burlington (PFZ), 1

4/2 E. Craftsbury (JW), 1 4/11 Clarendon (CJF), 1 4/14 MNWR (TM), 1 4/22 Albany (TP), 1 4/30 TWDR (MEM), 7 5/1 SBWMA (FAP) which was the high count, 1 5/2 Timmouth (GTL), 1 5/6 WRM (WJN), 1 5/15 Rutland (RHH). Upland Sandpiper: there were five reports 4/27, 1-2 regularly through period Bridport (JSA), 4 5/3 Newport (FO, JW), 1 5/3 WHL (WJN), 1 5/15 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 1 5/22 Panton (NLM, WGE, GFE). Spotted Sandpiper: first, 1 4/16 HC (MBC), 2 4/26 Albany (TP), 2 4/30 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/1 W. Hartford (EH), 1 5/1 Stockbridge (NLM, WGE), 2 5/2 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/2 Pawlet (CJF), 1 5/4 HC (WJN), 1 5/4 New Haven (ELW), 3 5/4 Middlebury (JID, MCD). High counts were 6 5/25 Killington (RHH, CJF), 6 5/15 Orleans (FO et al.), 7 5/22 Island Pond to Newport (WGE, GFE, NLM). Solitary Sandpiper: first, 1 4/26 Starksboro (WRB), 2 5/6 Orleans (FO, DAM, JW, WS), 1 5/9 TWDR (MEM), 2 5/15 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 2 5/15 Rutland (RHH), 3 5/15 Rutland to Addison (CJF), 1 5/17 Gale Meadows (WJN), 3 5/18 Springfield Meadows (WJN) which was the high count, twice. Last, 1 5/26 Springfield Meadows (WJN). Greater Yellowlegs: first, 2 4/17 HC (MEC), 1 4/22 MNWR (TM), 1 5/1 Weybridge (NLM, WGE), 2 5/3-5 Shoreham (ELW), 5 5/3 Orleans (FO) which was the high count, 2 5/6 Orleans (FO et al.), 1 5/15 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 1 5/22 DCWMA (NLM, WGE, GFE), 1 5/26 Killington (CJF, RHH). Lesser Yellowlegs: five reports, first, 1 4/17 HC (MBC), 5 5/6 Orleans (FO, DAM, JW, WS) the high count, 1 5/11 S. Burlington (WRB), 1 5/18 Springfield Meadows (WJN), 1 5/29 DCWMA (JID, MCD). Pectoral Sandpiper: one report, 1 5/15 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD). Least Sandpiper: 11 5/11 S. Burlington (WRB) which was the high count, 8 5/18 Springfield Meadows (WJN), 1-2 5/24-26 Killington (RHH, CJF), 2 5/26 Springfield Meadows (WJN). Short-billed Dowitcher: three reports, 70 (probably short-billed) 5/8 flying north over Arlington (WGE, NLM), 12 5/22 Colchester (FAP), 1 5/22 DCWMA (NLM, WGE, GFE). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 1 5/22 Birdathon (where?) (DLC), 2 5/24-26 Killington (RHH, CJF).

#### GULLS AND TERNS

Glaucous Gull: 1 4/4-10 Burlington (NLM, WGE), 1 4/25-27 Burlington Intervale (JJA) possibly the same bird. IVORY GULL - adult - was reported 4/21 from Oakledge, Burlington, by Barbara and Oliver Eastman - this is a first state record, but no Bird Verification Report yet on file, therefore, no action taken by VBRC. Great Black-backed Gull: 2 3/17 Burlington (CWS), 1 4/16 HC (WJN), 3 4/17 Panton (JSA), 1 4/20 HC (WJN), 6 4/25 Shoreham (ELW) high count, 1 4/29 HC (WJN), 1 5/6 Orleans (FO, DAM, JW, WS), 4 5/22 Winoski Delta-Colchester (NLM, WGE, GFE). Herring Gull - surely under-reported, 5 3/19 HC (WJN), 5 3/21 Bethel (JHA), 3 4/1 HC (EH), 14 4/15 HC (MEC) high count, 10 4/25 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/29 HC (WJN), 2 5/22 Newport (WGE, NLM, GFE). Ring-billed Gull: 3 3/12 Rutland (RHH), 3 3/13 DCWMA (WHB), 20 3/20 Addison (CJF), 2 4/1 HC (EH), 100 4/10 DCWMA (WRB, MJM), 2 4/16 HC (WJN), 12 4/18 Clarendon (CJF), 15 4/24 Shoreham (ELW), 50 5/3-6 Orleans (FO et al.). High count was, 350 5/1 Shoreham (ELW). This species also seems under-reported. One report of Bonaparte's Gull, 2 5/3 MNWR (MEM). Four reports of Common Tern, 1 4/16 Colchester (CWS) very early, 2 5/4 MNWR (TM), 3 5/10 St. Albans Bay (MJM), 6 5/13 St. Albans (MJM). Black Tern: first, 3 5/1 DCWMA (NLM, WGE), 14 5/6 BRM (FO et al.), 3 5/6 MNWR (TM), 6 5/15 DCWMA (RHH, CJF, JID, MCD), 10+ 5/16 DCWMA (JAWA), 1 5/22 Colchester (FAP), 20 5/22 BRM and DCWMA (NLM, WGE, GFE).

#### DOVES THROUGH KINGFISHER

Rock Doves were present in usual numbers. Mourning Doves winter just about everywhere now. High count, 40 Randolph during March (EWC, MCC). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: two reports, 1 5/30 Bridport (JSA), 1 5/22 WRM (WJN). Black-billed Cuckoo: first, 1 5/13 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/20 Woodstock (NLM, WGE), 1 5/20 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/22 Shelburne (JJA), 1 5/24 Randolph (EWC, MCC), 1 5/26 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/27 E. Craftsbury (FO, DAM), 1 5/28 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/29 DCWMA (JID, MCD) which was the high count. Great Horned Owl: there were five reports, 5/6 Orleans 1 ad. and 2 yg. (FO et al.), 2 5/7 Albany (TP), 1 5/16 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/22 WRM (WJN), 1 5/22 Shelburne (JJA). The Barred Owl was widely reported: the high count was 5 reported during March at Moretown Corners/Warren (fide ADH). Long-eared Owl, one flushed 5/13 Winhall (WJN). Saw-whet Owl: 1 early March Florence (VH), 1 3/11 Londonderry - found dead inside barn (BSA), 1 3/12 N. Clarendon - caught by cat at feeder - released (RBK), 1 3/30 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/11 Milton - road kill (JJA), 1 4/25 Woodstock (SBL), 1 April St. Johnsbury

(JS). Screech Owl on Birdathon 5/22 Plainfield (LNM). Whip-poor-will: first, 1 4/26 Hartland (ECS), 5/3-17 N. Hartland Dam (JD), 1 5/8 Benson (CJF), 2 5/16 W. Rutland (CJF), 1 5/17 Woodstock (SBL,JDL). High count 14 5/22 Island Pond (WGE,GFE,NLM), 1 5/22 DCWMA (NLM,WGE,GFE). Common Nighthawk: 1 5/18 St. Johnsbury (FO), 3 5/18 Burlington (JJA) which was the high count, 1 5/22 Rutland (WJN), 1 5/24 Rutland (CJF), 2 5/26 Woodstock (CRP), 2 5/26 Barre (MFM). Chimney Swift: first, 6 4/27 Rutland (RHH), 4 4/29 W. Rutland (CJF), 1 5/1 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 10 5/2 Woodstock (WGE, NLM), 3 5/2 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 2 5/3 Newport (FO), 1 5/6 Plainfield (MFM), 11 5/7 Woodstock (JMN) which was the high count, 1 5/7 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/8 Reading (EMH). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 5/16 N. Westminster (MEC), 1 5/16 Bridport (JSA), 1 5/16 Timmouthe (GTL), 1 5/16 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/17 E. Craftsbury (FO), 1 5/18 Plainfield (MFM), 1 5/18 HC (WJN), 1 5/19 Woodstock (CRP), 1 5/21 Woodstock (WUW), 1 5/22 Reading (EMH), 2 5/22 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). High count 5 5/31 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Belted Kingfisher: 1 3/20 Clarendon (CJF), 1 3/29 Starksboro (WRB), 1 3/30 E. Dorset (WJN), 2 4/5 Woodstock (CRP), 1 4/8 Reading (EMH), 1 4/17 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 4/17 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 4/17 Brandon (CJF), 1 4/18 Roxbury (WHB), 1 4/19 Rutland (RHH). High counts, 4 4/17 HC (MEC), 4 5/11 Shoreham (ELW).

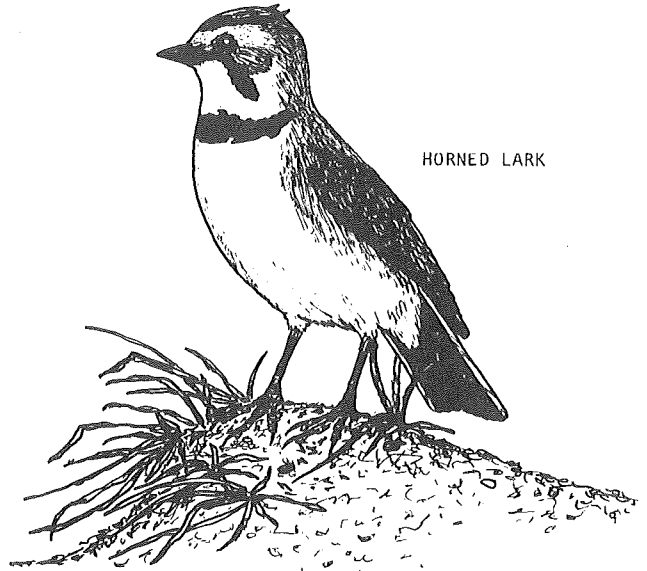
#### WOODPECKERS

Common Flicker: first, 1 3/20 Addison (CWS), 1 3/30 Walden (JAM), 1 3/31 Duxbury (FAP), 1 3/31 Rutland (RHH), 1 3/31 E. Montpelier (MFM), 1 4/1 Woodstock (CRP), 1 4/1 HC (EH), 1 4/1 Brownsville (BMH), 1 4/2 Barnard, (BG,LG), 1 4/2 Hartford (WGE,NLM), 1 4/4 Clarendon (CJF), 1 4/7 Woodstock (JMN). High counts 6 4/17 Rutland (CJF), 6 4/17 Shelburne (WRB). The Pileated Woodpecker was widely reported in normal numbers. High counts were 2 5/1 Shoreham (ELW), 3 5/2 Lake Morey (NLM,WGE). There were eight reports of the Red-headed Woodpecker, 1 3/3 Shoreham (WHB) overwintered, 1 4/30-5/2 Dummerston (LPM,GFE), 1 5/10 Montpelier (MFM), 1 5/12 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/14-15 Grand Isle (RBL,DKL,AH), 1 5/16 Peru (ACB), 3 5/22 Bridport (JSA) which was the high count and 1 5/29 Lincoln (JID,MCD). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 4/5 Barnard (BC,LG) -"at suet feeder", 1 4/7 Westford (MJM) -"at suet feeder", 1 4/7 Plainfield (MFM), 1 4/9 Stockbridge (EH), 1 4/16 Reading (EMH), 5 4/16 Winhall (WJN). The high count was 7 5/22 Reading (EMH). Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers were reported everywhere and in moderate numbers, nobody reported more than two or three. FO writes "numbers a bit low, especially of Hairy." Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker: two reports, 1 5/21 Barnet (PFZ), 1 5/22 Ferdinand (GFE,WGE,NLM).

#### FLYCATCHERS

Eastern Kingbird: first 5/1 Coventry (MFM), 1 5/3 Woodstock (NLM,WGE), 1 5/6 Orleans (FO et al.), 1 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/7 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/7 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/8 Starksboro (WRB), 1 5/8 Huntington (WHB), 1 5/11 WRM (RHH), 1 5/13 Woodstock (CRP), 1 5/14 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/15 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 5/26 1 netted (VINS). High count, 6 5/22 Essex Cty. (NLM,WGE, GFE). Great Crested Flycatcher: first 1 5/7 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/7 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 1 5/8 Starksboro (WRB), 1 5/8 Huntington (WHB), 7 5/8 Benson (CJF) which was the high count, 2 5/10 Timmouthe (GTL), 1 5/11 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/12 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/13 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/14 Reading (EMH), 1 5/15 Orleans (DAM). Eastern Phoebe was first recorded on the phenomenally early date of 3/3 Barre (JAM), 1 3/24 Brownsville (BMH), 1 3/24 Plainfield (MFM), 2 3/25 Starksboro (WRB), 1 3/25 Brownsville (BMH), 1 3/25 Manchester (fide NS), 1 3/25 Woodstock (NLM), 1 3/25 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 2 3/26 Woodstock and S. Woodstock (JMN), 4 3/27 Rutland to Clarendon (CJF) which was the high count, 1 3/27 Woodstock (CRP), 1 3/28 Rutland (RHH), 1 3/31 Duxbury (FAP), 1 3/31 Rutland (NLM,CAM), 1 3/31 Timmouthe (GTL). Many observers reported that the phoebes vanished after the 4/6-7 blizzard, not to return. One bird was netted at the VINS banding station. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: they arrived late, mostly after 6/1; one report, 5/23 Bradford (JF). Willow Flycatcher: 1 5/15 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/15 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/22 WRM (WJN), 1 5/22 Pantou (WGE, NLM,GFE), 1 5/26 Woodstock (NLM, WGE), 1 5/28 S. Londonderry (WJN). Alder Flycatcher: first 1 5/15 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 1 5/18 Springweather (WJN), 2 5/22 Essex Cty. (WGE, GFE, NLM), 1 5/22 WRM (WJN), 1 5/25 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 3 5/28 S. Londonderry (WJN) the high count, 1 5/29 Waitsfield (FAP), 1 5/31 Winhall (WJN). One "Traill's" type

netted (VINS). Least Flycatcher: first, 2 5/6 Northfield (WHB), 2 5/6 Orleans (FO et al.), 1 5/7 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/7 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/8 Huntington (JID,MCD), 1 5/8 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/8 Starksboro (WRB), 1 5/9 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/11 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/12 Woodstock (CRP). High counts, 6 5/16 Reading (EMH), 5 5/22 Essex Cty. (NLM,WGE,GFE). Six birds were netted (VINS). Eastern Wood Pewee: first, 1 5/15 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/15 Reading (EMH), 2 5/18 Bristol (WGE,NLM), 1 5/19 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/22 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/22 Newport, 1 5/22 SBWMA (WGE, GFE,NLM), 1 5/22 Duxbury 1 5/22 Burlington (FAP), 1 5/25 E. Craftsbury (FO), 1 5/25 Shoreham (ELW). High count was 9 5/22 Reading (EMH). Olive-sided Flycatcher: first, 1 5/12 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/16 Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/22 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/22 Birdathon (DLC), 1 5/22 E. Dorset (MR,TR), 1 5/22 Peru (WJN), 1 5/22 Williston (BCA), 1 5/22 Middlebury (JSA), 1 5/28 Peru (WJN).



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#### LARKS AND SWALLOWS

Horned Lark: "many" 3/11 DCWMA (EE), 5 3/13, 115 3/14 (the high count) DCWMA (JJA, WRB), 30 3/14 Clarendon (CJF), 35-40 3/14 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 40 3/15 Craftsbury (FO,JW), 40 3/20 Addison (CWS), 30 3/25 Cabot (MFM), 16 4/17 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 4/29 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/11 Shoreham (ELW), 10 5/15 DCWMA (CJF,JID,RHH,MCD), 2 5/22 Pantou (GFE,WGE,NLM). These records include both the breeding "Prairie" race and the "Northern" race. Tree Swallows seemed to be generally late, due to the severe weather: 14 4/3 DCWMA (EH), 2 4/4 Burlington (WGE,NLM), 15 4/5 S. Burlington (WRB). All other arrivals were after the storm of 4/6-7 from which this species and many others must have suffered: 4 4/10 DCWMA (JJA), 2 4/14 Plainfield (MFM), 2 4/15 Rutland (RHH), 3 4/15 Timmouthe (GTL), 16 4/15 Vergennes (CWS), 1 4/15 Springfield (EE), 1 4/15 MNWR (TM), 2 4/15 Brownsville (BMH), 1 4/16 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 4/16 Duxbury (FAP), 1 4/17 Northfield (WHB), 2 4/17 Woodstock (JMN), 2 4/17 N. Pomfret (JMN), 8 4/19 Woodstock (CRP), 2 4/19 Barnard (JNF). High counts, 160 4/24 Lincoln Hill, Starksboro (WRB, PMB), 100 4/29 HC (WJN), 60 5/1 Addison (ELW). Ten birds were netted at VINS. A Tree Swallow banded as a nestling 6/17/81 near Jenksville NY was netted at the VINS Banding Station 5/4/82, male in breeding condition, apparently using one of the nest boxes, first "foreign" recovery for the Bragdon Preserve station. Bank Swallow: first 1 4/29 HC (WJN), 2 5/6 Newport (FO et al.), 6 5/11 Chippenhook (CJF), 20 5/11 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/14 Burlington (JJA), 8 5/15 Northfield (WHB), 30 5/25 S. Londonderry (WJN), 3 5/27 Woodstock (JMN), colony of 17 holes 5/29 Middlebury (JID, MCD). High count, 100 5/18 HC (WJN). Rough-winged Swallow: 1 4/23 Rutland (CJF), 1 4/29 HC (WJN), 4 4/30 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 2 4/30 Rutland (RHH), 3 5/3 Woodstock (JMN), 4 5/4 Middlebury (JID,MCD), 14 5/15 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/22 Johnson (WGE,WGE,NLM). High



counts, 60 5/23 Wells River (FO), 30 5/23 E. Ryegate (FO). One bird was netted at VINS, the first for the station. Barn Swallow: first, 1 4/15 Charlotte (JJA), 1 4/20 Crafts-bury (FO), 2 4/21 Duxbury (FAP), 1 4/24 Shoreham (ELW), 3 4/24 Rutland (CJF), 6 4/25 Woodstock (CRP), 2 4/25 Reading (FMH), 3 4/26 DCWMA (WHB), 5 4/26 Winhall (WJN), 2 4/29 Barnard (JNF), 4 4/29 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 2 4/30 Woodstock (JMN). High count, 30 5/11 HC (WJN). One bird netted VINS. Cliff Swallow: first, 2 4/27 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/1 Panton (WGE,NLM), 5 5/2 Woodstock (CRP), 6 5/7 Monkton (JID, MCD), 4 5/10 Northfield (WHB), 6 5/17 S. Burlington (WRB), 5/22 Burlington Intervale (JJA). The high count was 30 5/6 Rutland (WJN). Purple Martin: first, 1 4/25 Arrowhead Mtn. Milton (MJM), 3 4/26 DCWMA (WHB), 15 5/1 DCWMA (WGE,NLM) the high count, 6 5/15 Addison (RHH,CJF), 1 5/17 Shoreham (ELW), 6 5/18 Addison (ELW), 2 5/22 Newport, 3 5/22 SBWMA (NLM,WGE, GFE), 4 5/22 S. Burlington (WRB).

#### CORVIDS THROUGH CREEPERS

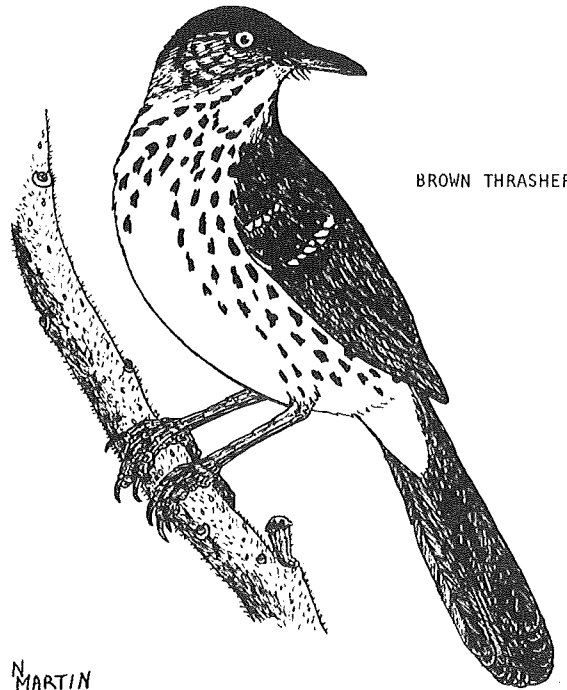
Gray Jay: 3 5/22 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM), and a belated winter report of 1 2/1-12 at a feeder in Lincoln (A. McKean fide JID,MCD). Blue Jays seemed to be in average numbers throughout the period. The largest numbers reported were up to 25 during April - Randolph (EWC,MCC), a completed nest 5/13 at Woodstock (WGE). One was netted at VINS. Common Raven continues its spread through the state, now seen at lower elevations regularly as well as in the mountains. Seen through the period, the highest count by far was 30 4/21 Lake Willoughby (JHB). Common Crow overwinters in most of the valley areas and moves into the mountain areas about 3/1. The high count, a tremendous 2600+ 3/25 DCWMA (JJA). Black-capped Chickadees were in good numbers all over, the most reported 50 during the period at Reading (FMH). Six were netted at VINS. Boreal Chickadees were present on Middlebury College Campus all winter and into March (BBP), 1 at feeder until 4/24 Bethel (PBr), 2 at feeder until 3/12 Waitfield (ADH), 1 4/24 Arrowhead Mtn. Milton (MJM,SAM), 2 at feeder until mid-March Craftsbury Common (TP). High count, 8 5/22 Island Pond area (NLM,WGE, GFE). Tufted Titmouse up to 3 at feeder 3/19/22 Brandon, (SuW), 4 through period N. Westminster (MEC), 1 4/20 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/14 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/23-24 Hartford (WGE,NLM). White-breasted Nuthatch was reported all over, max. 3 or 4. Red-breasted Nuthatches were present in all the mountain areas, less so in the valleys. The most reported was 4 through the period Albany (TP). Brown Creeper: 2 3/6 Reading (FMH), 1 3/11 Rutland (RHH), 1 4/10 Barnard (JNF), 1 4/17 Mt. Philo (JID, MCD), 1 4/19 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/16 Winhall (WJN). High count 2 (twice) 5/22 SBWMA (WGE,GFE,NLM) nest building.

#### WRENS

House Wren arrived very early this year, in contrast to 1981 when there were no April sightings. First, 1 4/11 Danby (CJF), 1 4/17 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/23 Rutland (ELW), 1 4/24 Stockbridge (EH), 1 4/27 Woodstock (NLM), 4 4/29 Tim-mouth (GTL), 1 4/30 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/2 N. Georgia Plains (PSM). High count, 5 5/22 W. Rutland (WJN). Three were netted this spring (VINS). The Winter Wren continues in low numbers, probably from winter mortality. First, 2 4/18 Reading (FMH), 1 4/22 Plainfield (MEM), 1 4/24 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 1 4/24-25 Arrowhead Mtn. (MJM), 2 4/27 Starks-boro (WRB), 1 5/2 Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/9 Winhall (WJN). The high count, 4 5/22 Reading (FMH). Long-billed Marsh Wren: first, on the phenomenally early date of 3/22 3 at Burlington Intervale (JJA), must represent birds that wintered somewhere in the north. Next, 1 5/6 WRM (NLM,WGE), 2 5/15 DCWMA (ELW), 3 5/22 BRM, 1 5/22 DCWMA (NLM,WGE,GFE). High count, 10 5/22 WRM (WJM).

#### MIMIDS

The Mockingbird is spreading more and more into higher elevations and the northeast areas. In Rutland and Ferris-burg they were reported as missing during the winter and early spring's cold weather. First, 3/3 Rutland (CJF), 1 3/24 Berlin (MEM), 1 4/22 Northfield (WHB), 1 4/24 N. West-minster (MEC), 1 4/26 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/3 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/3 Brandon (SuW), 1 5/6 Cornwall (JSA), 1 5/6 Rutland Air-port (WJN), 1 5/7 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/16 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 5/22 Brunswick (NLM,WGE,GFE), 1 5/28 Cast-leton (JVF). Gray Catbird: first, 1 5/6 Albany (TP), 1 5/7 Tirmouth (GTL), 1 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/8 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/8 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/8 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/11 N. Westmin-ster (MEC), 1 5/13 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/13 Woodstock (CRP) 2



BROWN THRASHER

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5/13 Barnard (JNF). They were widely distributed after this date. High count, 10 5/18 HC (WJN). Six were netted at VINS. Brown Thrasher: first, 1 4/18 Duxbury (FAP), 1 4/24 N. Westminster (MEC), 1 4/24 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/27 Woodstock (NLM), 1 4/27 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/28 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 4/29 Northfield (WHB), 1 4/30 E. Crafts-bury (FO), 1 5/1 Tirmouth (GTL). High count only 2 Winhall (WJN). Five were netted at VINS.

#### THRUSHES

American Robins overwintered in some areas. First, 10 3/1 Bridport (JSA), 1 3/3 Montpelier (MEM), 1 3/6 Dorset (fide NS), 1 3/10 Arlington (fide NS), 2 3/13 Reading (FMH), 1 3/13 Woodstock (CRP), 1 3/4 Middlebury (MN), 1 3/16 E. Barnard (JML), 1 3/16 Winhall (WJN), 1 3/17 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 3/17 Burlington (OWS), 1 3/19 Woodstock (NLM), 1 3/20 Thetford (MHR,TCR), 6 3/20 Rutland (CJF), 1 3/20 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 4 3/20 Rutland (RHH), 1 3/20 Woodstock (SBL), 2 3/21 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/21 Northfield (WHB), 1 3/21 Tirmouth (GTL), 1 3/24 N. Hyde Park (DAM). High count, 150 Clarendon on 4/4 (CJF), 2000+- 3/25 "Bur-lington to Bennington" (JJA). A partially albinistic bird was seen at Rutland 4/30 (JFr). Seven were netted at VINS. Wood Thrush: a couple of early ones, 1 4/24 Hinesburg (WRB, FMB), 3 4/27 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/4 Hartland (WGE,NLM), 1 5/6 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 5/7 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 5/7 Tirmouth (GTL). On 5/8 they arrived over a wide front: 1 Reading (FMH), 1 Huntington (WHB), 2 Benson (CJF), 1 Winhall (WJN), then 1 5/9 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/9 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD). The high count, 10 5/22 Winhall area (WJN). Hermit Thrush: first, 3 4/17 N. Pomfret (EH), 1 4/18 Reading (FMH), 3 4/22 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/25 Groton State Forest (FO, DAM), 1 5/1 Woodstock (JMN). High count, 19 5/22 Essex Cty. (NLM,WGE,GFE). They did not seem to be as adversely affected by the blizzard of 4/6-7 as might have been thought. Swainson's Thrush: 1 5/17 Hyde Park (DAM), 3 5/20 Peru (WJN), 1 5/22 Burlington (FAP), 3 5/22 Essex Cty. (NLM, WGE,GFE), 1 5/28 Peru (WJN). The high count was 3. Gray-cheeked Thrush, only one report, 1 5/17 Winhall (WJN). Veery: first, 1 5/7 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/8 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/8 Arlington (WGE,NLM), 1 5/14 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 5/14 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 5/14 Reading (FMH), 1 5/14 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/15 Orleans (DAM), 1 5/16 Brookfield (WHB), 1 5/18 Snake Mtn.-Addison (ELW). High counts were 11 5/22 Reading (FMH), 25 5/22 Winhall-Peru (WJN). Two were netted at VINS. Eastern Bluebird: first, 3/16 Manchester (ALG), 2 3/24 Winhall (WJN), 1 3/25 Chippenhock (LPH), 1 3/25 S. Lon-donderry (WLC fide NS), 1 3/25 Reading (FMH), 2 3/27 Woodstock (JMN), 5 3/28 Bellows Falls (NLM,WGE) which was the high count, 3/28 Cornwall (BBP), 2 3/30 Brownsville (FMH), 2 3/30 Tirmouth (GTL), 1 4/17 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/16 N. Georgia Plains (PSM).

GNATCATCHERS AND KINGLETS

The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher continues to increase as a breeding bird: first, 1 4/25 Charlotte (BJ), 1 5/1 SBWMA (FAP), 2 5/1 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 2 5/2 Lake Morey (NLM, WGE), 5 5/5 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD), 1 5/5 W. Rutland (JES), 1 5/8 Arlington (WGE,NLM), 2 5/13 HC (MEC), pair building nest 5/15 W. Rutland (RWP), 1 5/15 Benson (CJF), 2 5/18 N. Westminster (MEC), 1 5/18 Bristol (WGE,NLM), 6 5/22 MNWR (BO), 6 5/22 SBWMA (WGE,NLM,GFE) one building nest, 2 5/25 Brandon (PFZ), 4 5/26 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 7 5/27 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD) which was the high count. Golden-crowned Kinglet continues scarce, missed by some active observers: 1 3/28 Reading (FMH), 2 4/15 Mt. Philo - Charlotte (JJA), 1 4/24 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 4/25 Groton State Forest (DAM), 1 5/15 Reading (FMH), 5 5/22 Island Pond (WGE,NLM,GFE) which was the high count. Ruby-crowned Kinglet, also in low numbers probably from winter mortality in the south. First, 8 4/11 Starksboro (WRB) which was the high count, 1 4/16 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 4/16 Winhall (WJN), 2 4/19 Reading (FMH), 1 4/20 Timmouh (GTL), 1 4/23 Rutland (RHH), 1 4/24 Rutland (CJF), 6 4/24 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), 4 4/24 Woodstock (JMN). Late transients: 1 5/6 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/6 Bridport (JSA), 1 5/9 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/16 Shoreham (ELW), and 7 breeders 5/22 Island Pond (NLM,WGE,GFE).

PIBIT THROUGH STARLING

Water Pipit: four reports, 1 5/1 Panton (WGE,NLM), 12 5/15 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 4 5/15 Shoreham (RHH,CJF), and 40 5/16 Underhill (KCS). Bohemian Waxwing: two reports, 35 3/10 Cornwall (BBP), 100 3/14 Cornwall (Ridge Road) (MN). The Cedar Waxwing is a very late arriver in those areas where it does not winter - first reported up north, 6 5/19 Northfield (WHB) which was the high count, 1 5/20 E. Craftsbury (FO), 2 5/22 Burlington (FAP), 3 5/22 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/26 S. Londonderry (WJN), 5 5/26 Woodstock (CRP), 4 5/27 Shoreham (ELW), 4 5/29 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 1 5/30 Timmouh (GTL), 4 5/31 Woodstock (JMN). Northern Shrike: 1 3/4 Ripton (WME), 1 3/5 Williston (CWS), 1 3/13 Montpelier (WHB), 1 3/13 Addison (WHB), 1 3/17, 19, 24 Westford (MJM), 1 3/17 Weybridge (ATP), 1 3/21 N. Pomfret (VLW), 1 3/24 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/27 Plainfield (MFH), 1 4/10 Colchester (WGE,NLM), 1 4/10 SBWMA (WGE, NLM), 1 4/10, 17 N. Hyde Park (DAM). Starling distribution appeared normal. In areas where they do not winter, mostly high elevations, they returned between 3/10-15.

VIREOS

Yellow-throated Vireo: first, 1 5/7 Northfield (WHB), 2 5/8 Huntington (WHB), 4 5/8 Arlington (WGE,NLM), 1 5/9 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/9 Woodstock (CRP), 1 5/17 Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/18 HC (WJN), 1 5/18 Albany (TP), 1 5/22 Ripton (JSA), 1 5/22 SBWMA (WGE,GFE,NLM), 1 5/26 HC (WJN), 4 5/27 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD). The high count was 4. Solitary Vireo: first, 1 4/17 Reading (FMH), 1 4/24 Winhall (WJN), 2 4/26 Rutland (RHH), 1 4/27 Hartland (NLM), 1 4/27 Woodstock (JMN), 4 4/30 Winhall (WJN) which was the high count, 1 5/1 Stockbridge (EH), 2 5/2 N. Westminster (MEC), 2 5/4 Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/2 Lake Morey (WGE,NLM), 3 5/19 Northfield (WHB). Red-eyed Vireo arrival seemed about normal: first, 2 5/13 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/13 E. Dorset (WJN), 1 5/15 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 2 5/17 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/18 Timmouh (GTL), 1 5/19 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/19 E. Craftsbury (FO), 2 5/21 Albany (TP), 3 5/22 Reading (FMH). High count, 8 5/22 W. Rutland and vicinity (WJN). One was netted at VINS. Philadelphia Vireo: two reports, 2 5/15 Lewis Creek (JID, MCD), 1 5/21 Winhall (WJN). Warbling Vireo: first, 1 5/4 HC (WJN), 2 5/7 Woodstock (CRP,NLM,WGE), 1 5/8 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/15 WRM (RHH), 12 5/15 Lewis Creek (JID, MCD) which was the high count, 2 5/20 Rutland (RHH), 10 5/22 W. Rutland area (WJN), 1 5/22 Island Pond, 4 Newport, 2 Milton, 6 SBWMA (WGE,NLM,GFE), 2 5/25 Timmouh (GTL). Four were netted at VINS.

WOOD WARBLERS

The first Black and White Warbler was 1 4/24 Mt. Tabor (JES), 1 4/27 Springfield (EH), 1 5/1 Rutland (RHH), 2 5/2 N. Westminster (MEC), 2 5/4 Reading (FMH), 2 5/4 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/4 Lake Dunmore (JID,MCD), 1 5/4 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/8 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/8 Starksboro (WRB), 2 5/8 Albany (TP), 1 5/8 Timmouh (GTL), 1 5/12 Bridport (JSA), 2 5/13 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/15 E. Craftsbury (FO,JW). High count was 7 5/22 Reading (FMH). Golden-winged Warbler: first, 1 5/8 Ira (WGE et al.), 1 5/15 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 2 5/16 W. Rut-

land (CJF), 1 5/18 Bristol (WGE,NLM), 2 5/22 Ira (SBL,BLR, LHP), 1 5/22 Chittenden Cty. (SSM), 1 5/22 Williston (ECA, CY), 1 5/24 Charlotte (JJA), 1 5/25 Brandon (PFZ), 1 5/29 Charlotte (JJA), 1 5/31 Norwich (RGR). Blue-winged Warbler: 2 5/8 Chippenhook (BLR,LHP,SBL et al.), 2 5/8 Ira (NLM,WGE et al.), 2 5/15 Ira (RHH, CJF), 4 5/22 Ira (SBL, BLR,LHP) which was the high count. "Brewster's" Warbler: 1 5/22 West Haven (SBL,BLR,LHP et al.). Tennessee Warbler: "several" 5/8 Chippenhook (LHP et al.), 1 5/15 Reading (FMH), 1 5/15 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/16 Winhall (WJN), 3 5/16 Hartford/Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/19 and 4 5/21 E. Craftsbury (FO), 2 5/22 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/22 Bridport (JSA), 10 5/22 Rutland (RHH) which was the high count, 3 5/22 Duxbury (FAP), 2 5/22 Island Pond (NLM,WGE,GFE). Last 1 5/29 DCWMA (JID,MCD). Nashville Warbler: first, 5/4 Woodstock (SBL), 1 5/4 Reading (FMH), 2 5/5 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/6 Quechee (WGE,ALG), 5/7 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/7 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/7 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/8 Barnet (FO), 1 5/8 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/11 Rutland (RHH), 2 5/12 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/12 Bridport (JSA), 1 5/14 Timmouh (GTL), 1 5/14 Colchester (JJA). High count, 6 5/22 Essex Cty. (WGE,NLM, GFE). Two were netted at VINS. Northern Parula arrived - 1 5/7 Peru (WJN), 1 5/7 Reading (FMH), 1 5/8 Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/12 Bridport (JSA), 1 5/15 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 1 5/16 Middlesex (FAP). High count, 4 5/22 Essex Cty. (WGE,NLM,GFE). Yellow Warbler: first on the very early date of 4/27 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/5 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/5 W. Rutland (JES), 2 5/6 Woodstock (NLM, WGE,CRP), 1 5/7 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 5/7 S. Londonderry (WJN), 1 5/8 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/9 Rutland, 2 W. Arlington (CJF), 1 5/11 W. Rutland (RHH), 1 5/11 St. Johnsbury (PRD), 2 5/17 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/18 Albany (TP), 1 5/18 E. Craftsbury (FO). High count, 25 5/13 E. Dorset Manchester (WJN), nest complete with one egg 5/15 Woodstock (CAK). Ten were netted at VINS. Magnolia Warbler: first, 1 5/5 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/8 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/8 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/8 Reading (FMH), 1 5/13 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/15 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/17 Albany (TP), 1 5/17 Rutland (RHH). The high count was 17 5/22 Essex Cty. (WGE,NLM,GFE). One was netted at VINS. Cape May Warbler: first, 1 5/8 Chippenhook (JFC), 3 5/8 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/8 Shaftsbury (WGE,NLM), 1 5/14 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 3 5/16 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/19 E. Craftsbury (FO), 1 5/20 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/21 Winhall (WJN). High count, 9 5/22 Essex Cty. (NLM,WGE,GFE). Black-throated Blue Warbler: first, 1 5/2 Stockbridge (EH), 1 5/6 Quechee (NLM,WGE), 1 5/6 Duxbury (FAP), 2 5/7 Reading (FMH), 1 5/7 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/8 Starksboro (WRB), 1 5/8 Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/15 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/15 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 3 5/15 Northfield (WHB). The high count, 12 5/22 Reading (FMH). Yellow-rumped Warbler first one an early 4/14 Woodstock (JMN), 8 4/20 East Craftsbury (FO,JW), 1 4/20 Timmouh (GTL), 1 4/22 Plainfield (MFH), 4 4/24 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 10 4/24 Rutland (RHH), 2 4/24 Reading (FMH), 2 4/24 Bristol (JJA), 1 4/25 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/27 Duxbury (FAP), 2 5/2 Pawlet (CJF), 1 5/1 Albany (TP), 2 5/1 Starksboro (WRB), 7 5/3 Northfield (WHB). High count, 50 5/15 DCWMA (ELW). Thirty-two were netted at VINS. Black-throated Green Warbler: first, 2 4/27 Rutland (RHH), 2 4/30 Reading (FMH), 1 5/6 Quechee (WGE,ALG), 1 5/7 Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/8 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/8 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/12 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/13 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/18 Winhall (WJN). The high count was 7 5/22 Reading (FMH). Cerulean Warbler: 4 singing males 5/22 SBWMA (WGE,NLM,GFE et al.). Blackburnian Warbler: first, 5/8 Reading (FMH), 1 5/8 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/8 Starksboro (WRB), 2 5/9 Hartford (WGE,NLM), 1 5/13 Shoreham (ELW), 3 5/15 Rutland (RHH), 3 5/16 W. Rutland (CJF), 2 5/18 Albany (TP), 2 5/19 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/20 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/20 N. Westminster (MEC), 1 5/26 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). High count, 17 5/22 Essex Cty. (WGE, GFE,NLM). Chestnut-sided Warbler: first, 5/6 Springfield (EH), 5 5/8 Arlington (NLM,WGE), 2 5/8 Reading (FMH), 3 5/10 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/12 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/12 Duxbury (FAP), 5 5/13 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/14 Timmouh (GTL), 1 5/15 Castleton (CJF), 1 5/15 Starksboro (WRB), 3 5/15 DCWMA (JID, MCD), 2 5/19 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/20 E. Craftsbury (FO,JW). The high count was 15 5/22 Peru/Winhall (WJN). Nine were netted at VINS. Bay-breasted Warbler very few reports: 12 5/20 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/22 Springweather (WJN), 5 5/22 Essex Cty. (NLM,WGE,GFE), 2 5/27 Rutland (RHH). High count, 20 between 5/20 and 5/27 Rutland (RHH). Blackpoll Warbler: first, 1 5/17 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/19 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/21 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 5 5/22 HC (ALG,DC,CDK) the high count, 2 5/22 Rutland (CJF), 2 5/22 BRM (WGE,NLM,GFE), 1 5/26 HC (WJN). Pine Warbler: first, 1 4/6-14 Bartonsville (TJ) "at feeder eating suet and seeds", 1 4/15 HC (DC), 1 4/24 Shoreham (ELW), 7 5/2 Lake Morey (NLM,WGE) the high count, 2 5/2

Lake Fairlee (NLM,WGE), 1 5/4 Lake Dunmore (JID, MCD), 1-2 5/23 E. Barnet (FO). Prairie Warbler: 4 5/15 Woodstock (NLM, WGE). Palm Warbler four reports: 2 4/15 Albany (TP), 1 4/16 HC (WJN), 1 4/26 Quechee (BKW), 1 4/26 Rutland (RHH). Ovenbird: first, 1 4/30 Reading (FMH), 1 5/1 Starksboro (WRB), 2 5/6 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/7 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/7 Albany (TP), 1 5/8 Barnet (FO), 1 5/8 Hyde Park (DAM), 2 5/8 Arlington (NLM,WGE), 1 5/8 Timmouh (GTL), 1 5/8 Benson (CJF), 2 5/9 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/9 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/15 Snake Mtn. Addison (ELW), 3 5/26 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD). High count by far, 25 5/22 Reading (FMH). Two were netted at VINS. Northern Waterthrush: first, 1 5/1 Albany (TP), 1 5/2 Lake Fairlee (NLM,WGE), 2 5/2 Hyde Park (DAM), 25 5/6 BRM (FO et al.) high count by far, 2 5/7 Peru (WJN), 1 5/7 Reading (FMH), 1 5/8 Huntington (WHB), 5 5/22 Peru (WJN), 3 5/22 Reading (FMH), 1 5/22 Burlington (FAP), 1 5/22 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 7 Island Pond and 2 SBWMA 5/22 (WGE,GFE, NLM), 1 5/26 Woodstock (JMN). Three were netted at VINS. Louisiana Waterthrush, not very well reported: first and the max., 3 4/20 Reading (FMH), 1 5/8 Arlington (WGE,NLM), 1 5/15 Benson (CJF), 1 5/16 Reading (FMH), 1 5/25 Winhall (WJN). Mourning Warbler: first, 1 5/19 Stockbridge (EH), 2 5/20 Reading (FMH), 1 5/22 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM), 1 5/22 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/28 Winhall (WJN). Common Yellowthroat, the first 2 5/7 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/8 Reading (FMH), 1 5/8 Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/8 Huntington (WHB), 2 5/8 Timmouh (GTL), 1 5/8 Woodstock (CRP), 6 5/8 Arlington (WGE,NLM), 1 5/9 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/10 Shoreham (ELW), 4 5/11 WRM (RHH), 1 5/11 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 5/15 Benson (CJF), 5 5/15 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 2 5/18 Albany (TP). High count, 25 5/22 Winhall/Peru (WJN). Twenty-seven were netted at VINS. Wilson's Warbler: first, 1 5/15 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/15 E. Craftsbury (FO, JW,CWS), 1 5/17 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/22 Springweather (WJN), 1 5/22 BRM (WGE,NLM, GFE), 1 5/26 Woodstock (JMN). Four were netted at VINS. Canada Warbler: first, 1 5/8 Reading (FMH), 1 5/14 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/15 W. Rutland (CJF), 1 5/15 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/18 E. Craftsbury (FO), 1 5/21 Albany (TP), 8 5/22 Reading (FMH) which was the high count, 6 5/22 Essex Cty. (WGE,GFE,NLM), 1 5/26 Duxbury (FAP), 6 5/31 Winhall (WJN). Two were netted at VINS. American Redstart: the first, 1 5/6 Orleans (FO et al.), 2 5/7 Rutland (RHH), 2 5/8 Arlington (WGE,NLM), 1 5/10 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/10 Reading (FMH), 1 5/11 HC (WJN), 1 5/12 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/13 Woodstock (CRP), 3 5/14 Northfield (WHB), 6 5/15 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/15 Castleton (CJF), 2 5/16 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/19 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 9 5/22 Essex Cty. (WGE, GFE,NLM). High count, 12 5/22 Reading (FMH). One was netted at VINS.

#### HOUSE SPARROW THROUGH TANAGER

House Sparrow populations are apparently stable. Bobolink: the first, 1 5/6 MNWR (TM), 1 5/6 Brownsville (BMH), 5 5/6 Newport (FO,JW,CWS), 1 5/7 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 3 5/7 Winhall (WJN), 3 5/7 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/9 Woodstock (CRP), 2 5/10 Timmouh (GTL), 2 5/10 Shoreham (ELW), 15 5/14 Rutland (CJF), 6 5/15 WRM (RHH), 100+- 5/15 DCWMA (JID,MCD) the high count-all males, 15 5/15 Albany (TP), 1 5/17 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/17 Woodstock (JMN), 25 5/22 Peru to Winhall (WJN). May 15 obviously was a major movement day for them. One was netted at VINS. Eastern Meadowlark: first, 1 3/16 N. Pomfret (MHR), 1 3/25 S. Londonderry (WLC fide NS), 1 3/26 Plymouth (FH), 2 3/29 Woodstock (ALG), 2 3/30 East Craftsbury (JW), 1 3/31 Plainfield (MEM), 1 4/3 Burlington (JJA), 1 4/6 N. Pomfret (TEK), 4 4/7 Waitsfield (FAP) the high count, 1 4/16 HC (WJN), 2 4/18 Rutland (CJF), 1 4/24 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/1 Northfield (WHB), 3 5/22 DCWMA (WGE, GFE,NLM). Red-winged Blackbird probably overwintered in some areas: 1 3/1 Timmouh (GTL), 2 3/3 Woodstock (CRP), 1 3/11 DCWMA (EE), 1 3/11 Plainfield (MEM), 11 3/12 Hartland (NLM), 1 3/12 Winhall (WJN), 2 3/13 Rutland (CJF), 2 3/13 Northfield (WHB), 1 3/14 Woodstock (ALG), 4 3/15 E. Craftsbury (FO,JW), 1 3/15 Brownsville (BMH), "flock" 3/16 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 3/16 Bethel (JHa), 1 3/16 S. Woodstock (PEH), 6 3/16 Rutland (RHH), 1 3/17 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 3/17 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/17 Woodstock (LWS), 150 3/17 Burlington (CWS), 5 3/17 Strafford (GS). High counts, 1500+- 3/23 Burlington (CWS), "thousands" 4/4 Clarendon (CJF). Eleven were netted at VINS. Northern Oriole: 4 5/2 Bridport (JSA,KA), 1 5/5 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 5/6 N. Westminster (MEC), 1 5/6 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 1 5/6 Woodstock (NLM,WGE), 1 5/6 Plainfield (MEM), 1 5/7 Timmouh (GTL), 1 5/7 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 5/7 Rutland (CJF), 2 5/7 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/7 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/8 Barnard (JNF), 1 5/8 Albany (TP), 3 5/8 Huntington (WHB), 1 5/9 Winhall



EASTERN MEADOWLARK

MARTIN

(WJN), 2 5/9 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/8-9 Barnet (FO), 2 5/9 Woodstock (CRP), 2 5/9 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/11 Barre (JAM), after this they became widespread. High count, 30 5/22 Winhall/Peru (WJN). Five were netted at VINS. Rusty Blackbird: first, 1 3/20 Rutland (CJF), 10 4/4 Colchester (NLM, WGE), "flock" 4/6 Woodstock (JDL), 4 4/10 Woodstock (NLM, WGE), 6 4/16 N. Hyde Park (DAM) the high count, 2 4/20 East Craftsbury (FO), 1 4/20 HC (WJN), 2 5/2 building nest, Hyde Park (DAM), 3 5/4 HC (WJN), 1 5/15 Benson (CJF), 5/22 LaMoille/Chittenden Cty. (JGG,RYG). Common Grackle: first, 2 3/15 Hartland (ECS), 6 3/16 Rutland (RHH), 1 3/16 Bethel (JHa), 6 3/20 Timmouh (GTL), 2 3/23 Winhall (WJN), 1 3/24 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 3/25 Northfield (WHB), 5 3/25 Woodstock (CRP), 2 3/25 Albany (TP), 12 3/25 E. Craftsbury (JW), 1 3/26 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 15 3/27 Barre (JAM), 2 3/27 Woodstock (JMN), widespread after that. High counts, 80 4/6 Plainfield (MEM), 150+ 4/20 E. Craftsbury (FO,JW). One bird was netted at VINS. Brown-headed Cowbird: first, 1 3/16 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 10 3/19 Woodstock (NLM), 2 3/21 Woodstock (CRP), 1 3/22 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 3/23 Strafford (GS,MS), 20 3/25 Northfield (WHB), 4 3/25 Albany (TP), 12 3/27 Rutland (CJF), 1 3/29 Timmouh (GTL). High counts, 300 3/29 Barton (TP) and 400 3/29 Wolcott (TP). Two were netted at VINS. Scarlet Tanager: first, 1 5/6 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD), 1 5/6 W. Hartford (NHW), 1 5/8 Bridport (JSA), 1 5/8 Starksboro (WRB), 1 5/8 Huntington (WHB), 2 5/8 Arlington (NLM,WGE), 1 5/13 Timmouh (GTL), 1 5/13 Woodstock (JMN), 3 5/15 Reading (FMH), 1 5/15 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/15 Benson (CJF), 3 5/15 N. Westminster (MEC), 1 5/16 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/16 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/18 Woodbury (TP), 1 5/21 E. Craftsbury (FO), 12 5/22 Reading (FMH). The high count, 20 5/22 Peru/Winhall (WJN).

#### FINCHES TO SNOW BUNTING

Cardinal as in previous years widely distributed at low elevations, scarce up in the mountains. The highest count reported was 4 Albany (TP). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 5/4 Woodstock (SBL), 1 5/6 Hartford (WGE,NLM), 1 5/6 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 5/8 Rutland (RHH), 2 5/8 Reading (FMH), 3 5/9 Benson (CJF), 1 5/9 Winhall (WJN), 1 5/11 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), "flock" 5/12 Bridport (JSA), 1 5/12 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/13 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/14 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 2 5/15 Timmouh (GTL), 2 5/15 Starksboro (WRB), 1 5/15 Orleans (DAM), 2 5/19 Northfield (WHB). High counts, 9 5/22 Reading (FMH), 10 5/18 Winhall (WJN). Indigo Bunting: first one very early, 1 male 4/22 N. Westminster (MEC), 1 5/8 Huntington (JID,MCD), 1 5/12 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/19 S. Londonderry (WJN), 1 5/19 Woodstock (WGE,NLM), 1 5/22 Milton (GFE, NLM,WGE), 1 5/23 Wells River (FO), 2 5/30 Timmouh (GTL), 1 5/30 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/31 Leicester (WHB), 1 5/31 Rutland (CJF). High count, 10 5/22 Peru/Winhall (WJN). One was



netted at VINS. Evening Grosbeak overwintered in numbers, and were gone from most areas where they do not breed, by mid-May. Late dates were 3 5/15 Barnard (JNF), 10 5/18 Barre (JAM), 10 3/21 E. Charlotte (JID,MCD), 1 5/22 Duxbury (FAP), 10 5/25 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/27 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/29 Northfield (WHB). High count, 100 5/2 Woodstock (SBL), 100 5/9 White River Jct. (WGE), 100 5/14 Plainfield (MEM). Purple Finch overwintered in some areas. First, 1 3/20 Rutland (CJF), 3 4/1 Brownsville (EMH), 1 4/2 Northfield (WHB), 3 4/4 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 4 4/9 Woodstock (JHW), 1 4/16 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 4/16 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/17 Reading (FMH), 1 4/19 Timmuth (GTL), 1 4/20 N. Westminster (MEC), 1 4/21 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/21 Albany (TP), 2 4/22 Rutland (RHH). They became widespread after that date. High counts, 30 during April, Randolph (EWC,MCC), 40 4/26 Winhall (WJN). A bird, banded 2/9/80 near Knoxville, Tennessee as an after-hatch year, recovered 4/28/82 near Hartland (flew into a window) (Eleanor Blackington). Four were netted at VINS. House Finch: this ever expanding species is becoming commonplace in many areas and is being detected at new locations. Reports were received from seventeen communities. The following were new locations - 3/24 Strafford (GS,MS), 4/1 Brownsville (EMH), 4/30 Northfield (WHB). The highest count submitted was 10 5/17 Manchester (WJN). Pine Grosbeak lingered into March and later, from last winter's flight. Late dates, 10 3/2 Reading (FMH), 1 3/4 Winhall (WJN), 12 3/6 Craftsbury Common (TP), 2 3/6 Brownsville (EMH), 3 3/9 Bridport (JSA), 4 3/14 Brownsville (EMH), 8 3/18 Craftsbury Common (TP), 3 3/31 Rutland (NLM, CAM), 6 4/17 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD). There were two May reports, 5/22 Birdathon 'northern Vermont' (DLC), 10 5/22 W. Dover (BIA,BAA). Hoary Redpoll - the following reports are subject to approval by the Records Committee: 1 2/23 through 3/15 Cornwall (BBP), 2 4/13 W. Windsor (SJS), 2 4/17 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD), up to 3 3/22-4/19 N. Hyde Park (DAM). Common Redpoll: many lingered into April and later, from the late winter flights: 40 4/16-17 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 30 4/18 Brownsville (EMH), 2 4/20 Reading (FMH), 2 4/20 E. Craftsbury (FO), 20 4/21 Barnard (JNF), 4/24 Barnard (JNF) "last", 4/29 Hartford (WGE), 6 5/3 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/4 Duxbury (FAP), 1 5/6 Albany (TP), 3 5/7 Woodstock (JMN). High counts - 400 4/17 Mt. Philo (JID, MCD), 200 several April dates Hartland (EB), 200 4/30 Woodstock (JMN). Pine Siskin occurred through the period. Numbers were larger in northern Vermont, they were not present during the winter, but began to appear in spring and many people reported that they "replaced the redpolls at the feeders in May" - dates - 1 3/14 Plainfield (MEM), 6 3/17 Rutland (RHH), 1 4/4 Albany (TP), 1 4/21 Northfield (WHB), 2 4/24 Woodstock (JMN), 2 5/8 Woodstock (CRP), 50 5/8 Starksboro (WRB), 1 5/8 Reading (FMH), 100 5/9 White River Jct. (WGE), 50 5/10 Plainfield (MEM), 30 5/12 Bridport (JSA), 1 5/13 Woodstock (JMN), 20 3/12 Middlebury (MN), 9 5/16 Shoreham (ELW), 25 5/17 Northfield (WHB), 7 5/19 Shoreham (ELW), latest dates 20 5/22 Duxbury (FAP), 2 5/25 Rutland (RHH), 5 5/22 Newport (WGE,NLM,GFE). The high count by far was 250-300 5/3 Northfield (WHB). One banded 2/13/82 near Scary, West Virginia, cat caught 4/23/82 Plymouth, Charles Hoskinson. American Goldfinch overwintered in some areas, there were a few early records, but this year in most areas they did not come in until May. First, 4 3/1 Rutland (RHH) - overwintered?, 8 3/26 Woodstock (JMN), 2 4/11 Timmuth (GTL), 25 4/20 Rutland (RHH) which was the high count, 10 4/24 Shoreham (ELW), 1 4/30 Albany (TP), 1 5/3 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/2 Brownsville (EMH), 2 5/7 Winhall (WJN), 3 5/7 Barre (JAM), 3 5/7 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 2 5/8 Woodstock (CRP), 1 5/11 St. Johnsbury (PRD) - widespread after that. Nine were netted at VINS. Red Crossbill. Three reports, 2 3/3-4 Lyndonville State College (PRD), 12 3/6 Londonderry (SDA), 1 4/17 WHL (WJN). There was one report of the White-winged Crossbill, 2 3/6 Plainfield (MEM). Rufous-sided Towhee: first, 1 3/26 Burlington (JJA), 1 4/3-4 Burlington (JJA), 1 4/18 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 1 4/21 Northfield (WHB), 2 4/24 Timmuth (GTL), 1 4/25 Arrowhead Mtn. (MJM), 1 4/26 Rutland (RHH), 1 4/26 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/26 N. Westminster (MEC), 1 4/27 N. Hartland (NHW), 1 5/4 Bridport (JSA). High count, 10 5/22 Peru/Winhall (WJN). Savannah Sparrow: first, 1 4/18 S. Pomfret (MJC), 1 4/20 HC (WJN), 1 4/20 Hyde Park (DAM), 4 4/24 Shoreham (ELW), 2 4/24 Rutland (CJF), 18 4/25 White River Jct. (WGE,NLM) which was the high count, 1 4/26 DCWMA (WHB), 1 5/6 Rutland Airport (WJN), 10 5/6 Orleans (FO et al.), 5 5/14 Shoreham (ELW), 6 5/15 DCWMA (JID, MCD), 5 5/15 Rutland (CJF), 8 5/22 DCWMA (NLM,WGE,GFE). One was netted at VINS. Grasshopper Sparrow seen on the Birdathon, 5 5/22 DCWMA (ALG,DC,CDK), 3 5/22 Slang Road, Pantan (NLM, WGE,GFE). Vesper Sparrow: first, 2 4/10 Rutland (CJF), 4 4/16 Colchester (CWS) which was the high count, 2 4/17 N.

Hyde Park (DAM), 1 4/23 Craftsbury (FO,JW), 3 4/25 White River Jct. (WGE,NLM), 1 4/28 Rutland (CJF), also 1 5/2 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/7 DCWMA (JSA), 1 5/18 Springfield Airport (WJN), 1 5/27 Addison (JID,MCD). Dark-eyed Junco: 1 3/13 Northfield (WHB), 1 3/20 Hartland (WGE,NLM), 5 3/21 Woodstock (CRP), 2 3/21 Timmuth (GTL), 1 3/22 Rutland (RHH), 3 3/23 Woodstock (JMN), 4 3/24 Reading (FMH), 1 3/25 Winhall (WJN), 6 3/26 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 3/26 E. Crafts-bury (JW), 1 3/26 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 3 3/27 Albany (TP). High counts, 100 4/21 Albany (TP), 50 4/23 Northfield (WHB), 1 partial albino 4/26 Barnard (PWE). Tree Sparrow overwintered in many areas, declining as a migrant in areas where it does not winter, especially at the higher elevations: 12-15 3/25 Colchester (CWS) - first - had not wintered there, one 4/15 Chester (ALG,EE), 1 4/14 Brownsville (EMH), 3 4/20 HC (WJN), 4 4/20 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/21 Dux-bury (FAP), 12 4/23 Bridport (JSA), 2 4/23 Orleans (FO,DAM), 1 4/26 Albany (TP), 1 4/28 Timmuth (GTL). Last, 4 5/1 SBWMA (FAP) and high count 25 4/6 Plainfield (MEM). Chipping Sparrow: first, 1 4/18 Timmuth (GTL), 1 4/18 Duxbury (FAP), 2 4/20 Northfield (WHB), 10 4/20 Reading (FMH), 2 4/22 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD), 5 4/24 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/26 Castleton (ELW), 4 4/28 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/1 Randolph (EWC, MCC), 1 5/3 E. Craftsbury (FO), 1 5/3 Barnard (JNF), 1 5/3 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/3 Woodstock (CRP). High count, 10 5/11 HC (WJN), 10 4/20 Reading (FMH). One was netted at VINS. Field Sparrow: first, 1 3/25 Cornwall (BBP), 1 3/27 North-field (WHB), 1 3/31 Bridport (JSA), 1 4/6 Brownsville "dur-ing the blizzard" (EMH), 1 4/9 Plainfield (MEM), 1 4/14 Dux-bury (FAP), 3 4/16 Timmuth (GTL), 2 4/16 Randolph (EWC, MCC), 2 4/18 Woodstock (JMN), 1 4/20 E. Craftsbury (FO), 1 4/23 Winhall (WJN), 1 4/28 N. Georgia Plains (PSM). High count, 3 5/22 W. Rutland (WJN), 3 4/16 Timmuth (GTL). Seven were netted at VINS. White-crowned Sparrow was very early, 1 4/29 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 2 5/6 Woodstock (CRP), 2 5/7 Rutland (CJF), 2 5/8 Winhall (WJN), 2 5/10 N. Westminster (MEC), 1 5/11 N. Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 5/12 Winhall (WJN), 3 5/12 St. Albans and 6 5/12 S. Burlington (MJM), 5 5/13 Shoreham (ELW), 1 5/14 S. Burlington (WRB), 1 5/14 Duxbury (FAP), 6 5/15 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 4-6 5/15-19 Westford (MJM), 3 5/15 Rutland (RHH), 1 5/15 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 1 5/16 Brid-port (JSA), 2 5/16 Greensboro (FO,JW). Last, 1 5/22 Tin-mouth (GTL), 1 5/22 Rutland (CJF), 1 5/22 Brunswick (GFE, WGE,NLM). High count, 6 5/15 DCWMA (JID,MCD), 6 5/12 S. Burlington (MJM). White-throated Sparrow: 1 on 3/1 Brid-port (JSA) had overwintered, 1 3/27 Barre (JAM), 1 4/16 Tin-mouth (GTL), 1 4/16 Duxbury (FAP), 1 4/16 Craftsbury (JW), 2 4/16 N. Hyde Park (DAM), 6 4/18 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 6/19 Reading (FMH), 1 4/19 N. Westminster (MEC), 1 4/19 Georgia Plains (PSM), 1 4/20 Winhall (WJN), 15 4/20 E. Craftsbury (FO), 1 4/20 Northfield (WHB), 5 4/20 Woodstock (JMN). High count, 54 5/22 Essex Cty. (WGE,GFE,NLM). One banded 9/25/81 near Seaside Park, New Jersey recovered 5/14/82 near White River Jct (J. Gomo). Fox Sparrow: one present in February at Mt. Holly remained into March (AEB), 1 3/26 Timmuth (GTL), 1 3/27 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/28 HC (WGE, NLM), 1 3/28 Albany (TP), 1 3/30 Plainfield (MEM), 2 4/1 Stockbridge (EH), 1 4/1 Norwich (DJG), 2 4/5 Rutland (RHH), 2 4/7 Ran-dolph (EWC,MCC), 2 4/7 Bridport (JSA), 1 4/8 Cornwall (BBP). Late dates, 2 4/21 Stockbridge (EH), 2 4/23 E. Craftsbury (FO), 1 4/23 Northfield (WHB), 1 5/1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). The high count was 10 4/17 N. Hyde Park (DAM). Lincoln's Sparrow: first, 1 5/8 Barre (FO), 1 5/8 Arlington (WGE, NLM), 1 5/15 Woodstock (JMN), 1 5/17 E. Craftsbury (FO) - breeding bird present from then on. High count, 7 5/22 Essex Cty. (WGE,GFE,NLM). Two were netted at VINS. Swamp Sparrow: first, 1 3/18 Plainfield (LNM), 14/20 HC (WJN), 1 4/23 Newport (FO,JW), 18 4/25 W. Rutland and Sherburne (NLM, WGE) which was the high count, "several" 4/29 Burlington (CWS), 1 5/8 Huntington (WHB), 4-6 5/15 Rutland (RHH,CJF), 1 5/15 DCWMA (ELW), 1 5/15 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD), 1 5/15 N. Georgia Plains (PSM). Other high counts, 15 5/6 BRM (FO et al.), 15 5/22 Essex Cty. (WGE,GFE,NLM). Song Sparrow: first, 3/18 Plainfield (MEM), 2 3/21 White River Jct. (CJF), 1 3/21 Rutland (RHH), 1 3/22 Bethel (JJA), 2 3/22 Burlington (CWS), 1 3/23 Rutland (CJF), 15 3/23 Woodstock (CRP), 3 3/24 Read-ing (FMH), 1 3/25 Brownsville (EMH), 1 3/25 Woodstock (JMN), 1 3/25 Northfield (WHB), 1 3/25 Chippenhook (LPH), 2 3/26 Randolph (EWC,MCC), 1 3/27 Albany (TP), 15 3/27 Rutland/Clarendon (CJF), 1 3/27 Northfield (WHB), 1 3/31 Timmuth (GTL). The high count, 50 4/16 HC (WJN). Six were netted at VINS. Lapland Longspur: 1 3/14 DCWMA (JJA), present at Cornwall through the winter and into March (BBP). Snow Bunting, six reports: 8 3/4 Morrisville (JJA), 1 3/13 DCWMA (WHB), 60 3/14 DCWMA (JJA), 1 in summer plumage 3/15 Shel-burne (JJA), 1 3/15 Craftsbury (FO,JW), 30 3/20 DCWMA (CJF).

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BRM - Barton River Marshes  
DCWMA - Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area  
HC - Herrick's Cove  
MNWR - Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge  
SBWMA - Sand Bar Wildlife Management Area  
SP - State Park  
TWDR - Thurman W. Dix Reservoir  
WHL - Winhall Hawk Lookout  
WRM - West Rutland Marsh

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