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## WINTER SEASON 1982-83

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The winter of 1982-83 in Vermont was remarkable for its mild temperatures - the warmest in twenty years - and for its relatively light snowfall. December was especially mild, except for a cold spell at mid-month, as were the last two weeks of February. Meanwhile, the only major winter storms occurred on January 16 and February 7-8, as northern New England was spared the blizzard of February 11-12 that buried the Atlantic seaboard under two feet of snow.

The mild winter produced good but not exceptional birding, as many individuals lingered but found no need to concentrate in favored areas. Only 93 species were recorded on the state's thirteen Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs), down from 98 a year ago and 102 in 1980-81. However, total individuals reached 75,932, thus surpassing the previous high by about 700. For the season as a whole about 110 species were reported.

Highlights of the winter included a remarkable 3 GYRFALCONS recorded on three separate CBCs, 2 male VARIED THRUSHES and a probable RAZORBILL. Also exceptional were first winter records for Common Yellowthroat and Lincoln's Sparrow as well as a number of late reports for such species as Gadwall, Red-headed Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird, Northern Oriole and possibly Savannah Sparrow. As for winter finches, they performed in their usual unpredictable manner. Evening Grosbeaks and, to a lesser extent, Purple Finches staged major flights while other species remained scarce or even totally absent, as in the case of both crossbills. Meanwhile, the House Finch continued its inexorable march from the south, as greatly increased numbers were reported from all over the state.

I must conclude with a word of thanks to Don Clark, who has bowed out after nearly ten years as Seasonal Editor. His shoes will surely be difficult to fill, but his excellent record keeping over the years, to say nothing of his friendly encouragement, has greatly assisted my present efforts as his replacement.

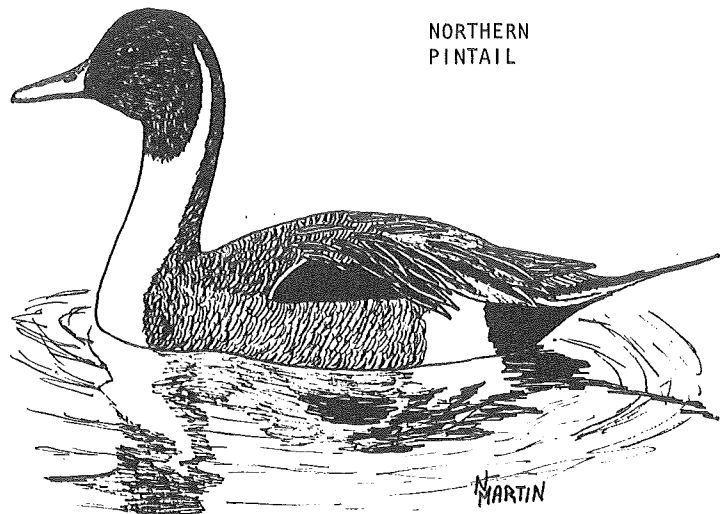
### LOON THROUGH HERON

The rather scarce Red-throated Loon went unreported for the winter, save for two detected on the Ferrisburg CBC. Happily, the Common Loon was observed in above-average numbers with a record 20 on the Ferrisburg CBC and a handsome total of 7 at Addison (5) and Panton (2) on 12/5 (WGE,NLM). Less happy was the discovery of a dead bird at Marshfield Pond in early January (fide SF,JDS). The last live bird of the season was at Thompson's Point, Charlotte, on 1/9 (RHH,CJF). The only Pied-billed Grebe for the period was an immature on Lake St. Catherine in Poultney during December (MRu,fide NS), but unfortunately no precise dates were given. The Horned Grebe was reported in its usual good numbers with 76 tallied on the Ferrisburg and Burlington CBCs. Twenty individuals were still present on 1/9, with 15 at Thompson's Point (RHH,CJF) and another 5 at Arnold Bay, Panton (WGE,NLM,SJS,MLW). One was still at Shelburne Town Beach as late as 2/13

(WGE,NLM,SJS, PM). The decidedly uncommon Red-necked Grebe went unreported for the season, a disappointment perhaps after the record number observed a year ago. Great Blue Herons evidently found the mild winter to their liking as a record 6 were counted on the Burlington CBC and another 1 at Ferrisburg. Other late reports came from Plainfield on 12/14 (MFM), Tinmouth on 1/14 (PB), and Saxtons River on 2/3 (MFM).

### WATERFOWL

It was a good winter for Snow Geese, beginning with 6 at Dead Creek on 12/5 (WGE,NLM) followed by single birds on the Ferrisburg and Burlington CBCs. Late reports included one individual at Arnold Bay on 1/8 (JJA) and a total of 3 for Dead Creek and Arnold Bay on 1/9 (WGE,NLM). Canada Geese appear to have overwintered in record numbers, though late February reports may have included early spring arrivals. Among the more impressive counts were 1488 on the Ferrisburg CBC, 904 on the Burlington CBC, 1500 at Dead Creek on 12/5 (WRB,GMS), 600 at Dead Creek on 1/9 (WGE,NLM,SJS,MLW) and 875 in a Shelburne cornfield on 2/26 (WRB,GMS). An astounding 4600 were observed at Arnold Bay, Panton, on 1/8 (JJA). Although the less common ducks were not much in evidence this past winter, a record-equaling 3 Wood Ducks were tallied on the Bennington CBC. Also a single Green-winged Teal spotted on the Burlington CBC apparently overwintered, since one bird, presumably the same individual, was observed at Blodgett's Beach "to end of season" (WRB, MJM,GMS). The American Black Duck was reported in good numbers, although down somewhat from last year's record high. On the other hand, Neil King found 664 on the Vermont Fish and Game Department's (hereafter VFCD) Midwinter Aerial Waterfowl Survey of Lake Champlain 1/4. The 515 Mallards on the Burlington CBC easily surpassed last year's record set by Ferrisburg. Both species were also reported in varying numbers throughout the season, topped by a "mixed flock" of 250 at Otter Creek, Weybridge, on 1/29 (MBN). The lone Northern Pintail found on the Ferrisburg CBC may



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| CHRISTMAS<br>COUNTS<br>1982-83 | BENNINGTON | BRATTLEBORO | FERRISBURG | ISLAND POND | SAXTONS RIVER | BURLINGTON | CRAFTSBURY-<br>GREENSBORO | HANOVER-<br>NORWICH | WOODSTOCK | WINHALL | PLAINFIELD | RUTLAND | SPRINGFIELD | TOTALS |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|-------------|--------|
|                                | Dec. 18    | Dec. 18     | Dec. 18    | Dec. 18     | Dec. 18       | Dec. 19    | Dec. 23                   | Dec. 26             | Dec. 27   | Dec. 30 | Jan. 1     | Jan. 2  | Jan. 2      |        |
| RED-THROATED LOON              |            |             | 2          |             |               |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 2      |
| COMMON LOON                    |            |             | 20         |             |               | 1          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 21     |
| HORNED GREBE                   |            |             | 61         |             |               | 15         |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 76     |
| GT. BLUE HERON                 |            |             | 1          |             |               | 6          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 7      |
| SNOW GOOSE                     |            |             | 1          |             |               | 1          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 2      |
| CANADA GOOSE                   |            |             | 1488       |             |               | 904        |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 2392   |
| WOOD DUCK                      | 3          |             |            |             |               |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 3      |
| GRN.-WINGED TEAL               |            |             |            |             |               | 1          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 1      |
| AM. BLACK DUCK                 | 4          |             | 385        |             | 66            | 208        |                           |                     |           |         |            | 65      |             | 728    |
| MALLARD                        | 1          |             | 129        |             | 68            | 515        |                           |                     | 1         |         |            | 87      |             | 801    |
| NORTHERN PINTAIL               |            |             | 1          |             |               |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 1      |
| GADWALL                        |            |             |            |             |               | 3          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 3      |
| GREATER SCAUP                  |            |             |            |             |               | 40         |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 40     |
| SCAUP sp.                      |            |             | 8          |             |               |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 8      |
| OLDSQUAW                       |            |             | 7          |             |               |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 7      |
| WT.-WINGED SCOTER              |            |             | 3          |             |               | 1          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 4      |
| COMMON GOLDENEYE               |            |             | 351        | 3           | 6             | 401        |                           |                     |           |         |            |         | 5           | 766    |
| BUFFLEHEAD                     |            |             | 26         |             |               | 25         |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 51     |
| HOODED MERGANSER               |            |             | 5          |             |               | 2          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 7      |
| COMMON MERGANSER               |            |             | 1498       |             | 1             | 617        | 6                         | 9                   | 2         |         |            |         | 26          | 2159   |
| RED-BREASTED MERG.             |            |             | 2          |             |               |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 2      |
| DUCK sp.                       |            |             | 67         |             |               | 7          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 74     |
| BALD EAGLE                     |            |             | 1          |             |               |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 1      |
| NORTHERN HARRIER               |            |             | 3          |             |               | 1          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 4      |
| SHARP-SHINNED HAWK             |            |             | 4          |             | 1             |            | 1                         |                     | 2         | 1       | 1          | 4       |             | 14     |
| COOPER'S HAWK                  |            | 1           | 2          |             | 2             |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 5      |
| NORTHERN GOSHAWK               | 1          |             | CP         | 1           | CP            |            | 2                         |                     | 1         |         |            |         |             | 5      |
| RED-TAILED HAWK                | 11         | 6           | 26         | 1           | 7             | 11         | 1                         | 3                   | 2         | 1       | 2          | CP      | 3           | 74     |
| ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK              |            |             | 27         |             |               | CP         |                           |                     |           |         | 1          |         |             | 28     |
| BUTEO sp.                      |            |             |            |             |               |            |                           | 1                   |           |         |            |         |             | 1      |
| AMERICAN KESTREL               | 1          |             | 16         |             |               | 3          |                           |                     |           |         | 1          | 1       | 1           | 23     |
| GYRFALCON                      |            |             | 1          |             |               | 1          | 1                         |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 3      |
| FALCON sp.                     |            |             |            |             |               | 1          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 1      |
| SPRUCE GROUSE                  |            |             |            | 4           |               |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 4      |
| RUFFED GROUSE                  |            | 2           | 23         | 28          | 8             | 20         | 6                         | 4                   | 6         | 3       | 11         | 16      | 8           | 135    |
| WILD TURKEY                    | 23         |             | 8          |             | 7             |            |                           |                     |           |         |            | 24      | 10          | 72     |
| COMMON SNIPE                   |            |             | 1          |             |               |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 1      |
| BONAPARTE'S GULL               |            |             | 37         |             |               |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 37     |
| RING-BILLED GULL               |            |             | 985        |             |               | 1332       |                           | 9                   |           |         |            |         |             | 2326   |
| HERRING GULL                   | 2          | 16          | 70         |             | CP            | 262        |                           | 57                  |           |         |            |         | 11          | 418    |
| ICELAND GULL                   |            |             |            |             |               | CP         |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             |        |
| GLAUCOUS GULL                  |            |             |            |             |               | 2          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 2      |
| WT. BLK.-BK. GULL              |            |             | 71         |             |               | 41         |                           | 10                  |           |         |            |         |             | 122    |
| GULL sp.                       |            |             | 90         |             |               | 98         |                           | 3                   |           |         |            |         |             | 191    |
| ROCK DOVE                      | 310        | 261         | 1224       | 92          | 534           | 1005       | 193                       | 481                 | 317       | 65      | 201        | 435     | 523         | 5641   |
| MOURNING DOVE                  | 19         | 98          | 370        | 25          | 239           | 118        | 71                        | 80                  | 109       | 16      | 29         | 211     | 331         | 1716   |
| E. SCREECH-OWL                 |            |             | 3          |             |               | 4          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 7      |
| GT. HORNED OWL                 |            |             | 2          |             |               | 5          |                           |                     |           |         | 1          | 2       | 1           | 11     |
| SNOWY OWL                      |            |             | 1          |             |               | 1          |                           |                     |           |         | 1          |         |             | 3      |
| BARRED OWL                     |            |             | 1          | 1           |               |            | 1                         |                     | 1         | 1       |            |         | 1           | 6      |
| SHORT-EARED OWL                |            |             | 1          |             |               |            |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 1      |
| OWL sp.                        |            |             |            |             |               | 1          |                           |                     |           |         |            |         |             | 1      |
| BELTED KINGFISHER              | 1          |             | 1          |             | 1             | 3          | 1                         |                     | 2         |         | 1          | 3       | 1           | 14     |

well have been the same individual observed at Arnold Bay on 1/9 (WGE,NLM,SJS,MLW). Three Gadwall on the Burlington CBC were exceptional, only the second time this species has been reported on a winter count. One or two of these birds were still off Blodgett's Beach on 12/31 (MJM,WRB). There were no reports of American Wigeon, Redhead or Ring-necked Duck, never common in winter but always sought after. The Canvasback was also missed by Christmas Counters, but a lone female was observed on Timmouth Pond on 12/4 (CJF) and single drakes were reported from Wilder Marsh, East Thetford, on 12/4 (WGE,NLM) and from Arnold Bay on 1/9 (WGE,NLM,SJS,MLW). The raft of 70 off Shelburne Town Beach on 2/13 (WGE,NLM,SJS,PM) had possibly been pushed north by the severe coastal storm of the two days preceding. Forty Greater Scaup were reported on the Burlington CBC and 3 Lesser Scaup were noted at the Tri-town Water District, Addison, on 1/9 (WGE,NLM,SJS,MLW). A raft of 150 unidentified scaup sp. (admirable restraint!) was observed off Charlotte Town Beach on

2/13 (WGE,NLM,SJS,PM). The only Oldsquaw noted were 7 on the Ferrisburg CBC. Scoters were also scarce, with just 4 White-winged Scoters tallied on the Ferrisburg and Burlington CBCs combined. The only other report was a single bird at Arnold Bay on 1/8 (JJA). As would be expected, most reports of Common Goldeneye came from Lake Champlain with good numbers on the Ferrisburg (351) and Burlington (401) CBCs and more impressive by far 2350 spotted on the VFGD Aerial Survey on 1/4. In addition, one was on Lake Morey on 12/4, one on Lake Bomoseen on 1/7, 3 at Wells River on 2/12, and 38 at White River on 2/12 (WGE,NLM). Similarly, all reports of Bufflehead were from Lake Champlain, with a total 51 counted at Ferrisburg and Burlington; 6 (2 m., 4 f.) were still at Burlington on 1/14 (MJM). Presumably, the 3 observed at Burlington on 2/29 (JSA) were early returnees from the south. A good total of 7 Hooded Mergansers were recorded on the Burlington and Ferrisburg CBCs, a figure totally eclipsed by the group of 12 sighted on Lake Bomoseen on 12/29 (FSA).

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|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| RED-HD. WOODPECKER |                       |                        |                       |                        |                          |                       |                                      |                                |                      |                    |                      |                   | 1                     | 1      |
| DOWNY WOODPECKER   | 15                    | 21                     | 129                   | 22                     | 33                       | 84                    | 18                                   | 18                             | 62                   | 14                 | 30                   | 65                | 77                    | 588    |
| HAIRY WOODPECKER   | 7                     | 20                     | 73                    | 11                     | 23                       | 35                    | 19                                   | 10                             | 46                   | 7                  | 37                   | 27                | 62                    | 377    |
| BLK.-BK. WOODPKR.  |                       |                        |                       | 10                     |                          |                       | 2                                    |                                |                      |                    | 1                    |                   |                       | 13     |
| NORTHERN FLICKER   |                       |                        | 7                     |                        |                          | 1                     |                                      |                                | 1                    |                    |                      |                   |                       | 9      |
| PILEATED WOODPKR.  | 1                     | 2                      | 21                    | 5                      | 2                        | 12                    | 6                                    |                                | 5                    |                    | 4                    |                   | 4                     | 62     |
| HORNED LARK        |                       |                        | 213                   |                        | 47                       |                       |                                      | 1                              |                      |                    |                      |                   |                       | 261    |
| GRAY JAY           |                       |                        |                       | 27                     |                          |                       |                                      |                                |                      |                    |                      |                   |                       | 27     |
| BLUE JAY           | 112                   | 162                    | 476                   | 208                    | 212                      | 291                   | 310                                  | 57                             | 403                  | 49                 | 287                  | 270               | 456                   | 3293   |
| AMERICAN CROW      | 181                   | 61                     | 250                   | 7                      | 607                      | 715                   | 103                                  | 286                            | 123                  | 41                 | 257                  | 389               | 145                   | 3165   |
| COMMON RAVEN       |                       | 4                      | 1                     | 36                     | 4                        |                       | 33                                   |                                | 8                    | 27                 | 25                   | 6                 | 11                    | 155    |
| BL.-CP. CHICKADEE  | 108                   | 358                    | 890                   | 506                    | 435                      | 813                   | 709                                  | 678                            | 1524                 | 486                | 732                  | 859               | 1688                  | 9786   |
| BOREAL CHICKADEE   |                       |                        |                       | 35                     |                          |                       | 18                                   |                                |                      |                    | 1                    |                   |                       | 54     |
| TUFTED TITMOUSE    | 2                     | 7                      | 15                    |                        | 14                       | 7                     |                                      | 3                              | 15                   | 1                  |                      | 10                | 21                    | 95     |
| RED-BR. NUTHATCH   | 3                     | 11                     | 11                    | 105                    | 3                        | 19                    | 116                                  | 6                              | 27                   | 15                 | 28                   | 6                 | 18                    | 368    |
| WT.-BR. NUTHATCH   | 12                    | 48                     | 162                   | 20                     | 46                       | 80                    | 31                                   | 35                             | 138                  | 36                 | 48                   | 92                | 189                   | 937    |
| BROWN CREEPER      |                       | 1                      | 11                    | 9                      |                          | 13                    | 9                                    | 4                              | 7                    | 5                  | 10                   | 6                 | 4                     | 79     |
| WINTER WREN        |                       |                        | 2                     |                        |                          |                       |                                      |                                |                      |                    |                      |                   |                       | 2      |
| GOLDEN-C. KINGLET  | 1                     | 1                      | 7                     | 35                     | 10                       | 5                     | 26                                   | 6                              | 8                    | 15                 | 14                   | 6                 | 14                    | 148    |
| RUBY-C. KINGLET    |                       |                        |                       |                        | 1                        |                       |                                      |                                |                      |                    |                      |                   |                       | 1      |
| AMERICAN ROBIN     | 4                     | 1                      | 49                    | 2                      | 2                        | 37                    | 2                                    |                                | CP                   |                    | 2                    |                   | 2                     | 101    |
| GRAY CATBIRD       |                       |                        | 1                     |                        |                          |                       |                                      |                                |                      |                    |                      |                   |                       | 1      |
| N. MOCKINGBIRD     | 1                     | 1                      | 3                     |                        | 2                        | 3                     |                                      | 3                              | 1                    |                    |                      | 3                 | CP                    | 17     |
| BROWN THRASHER     |                       | 1                      |                       |                        |                          |                       |                                      |                                |                      |                    |                      |                   |                       | 1      |
| CEDAR WAXWING      | 28                    |                        | 568                   |                        |                          | 285                   |                                      |                                | 1                    |                    |                      | CP                | 4                     | 886    |
| NORTHERN SHRIKE    |                       |                        | 2                     | 3                      |                          |                       | 4                                    |                                |                      |                    | 2                    |                   | CP                    | 11     |
| EUR. STARLING      | 432                   | 455                    | 1098                  | 36                     | 558                      | 2280                  | 222                                  | 353                            | 381                  | 24                 | 348                  | 1249              | 681                   | 8117   |
| YELLOW-R. WARBLER  |                       |                        | 9                     |                        |                          | 1                     | 1                                    |                                |                      |                    |                      |                   | 2                     | 13     |
| COM. YELLOWTHROAT  |                       |                        |                       |                        |                          |                       |                                      |                                |                      |                    |                      | CP                |                       |        |
| NORTHERN CARDINAL  | 25                    | 33                     | 80                    | CP                     | 24                       | 72                    | 5                                    | 14                             | 56                   | 2                  | 5                    | 39                | 36                    | 391    |
| AM. TREE SPARROW   | 58                    | 66                     | 401                   | 5                      | 152                      | 170                   | 34                                   | 25                             | 42                   | 2                  | 47                   | 135               | 237                   | 1374   |
| FIELD SPARROW      |                       | 2                      |                       |                        |                          |                       |                                      | 1                              |                      |                    |                      |                   |                       | 3      |
| SONG SPARROW       | 3                     | 15                     | 16                    |                        | 38                       | 19                    | 2                                    | 2                              | 1                    |                    | 1                    | 7                 | 12                    | 116    |
| SWAMP SPARROW      |                       |                        |                       |                        |                          |                       | 1                                    |                                |                      |                    |                      |                   |                       | 1      |
| WT.-TH. SPARROW    |                       | 1                      | 2                     |                        | 5                        | 2                     |                                      |                                | 4                    |                    |                      | 1                 | 1                     | 16     |
| DARK-EYED JUNCO    | 21                    | 84                     | 24                    | 1                      | 52                       | 55                    |                                      | 2                              | 4                    |                    | 2                    | 22                | 26                    | 293    |
| SNOW BUNTING       |                       |                        | 7                     |                        |                          | 2                     | 65                                   |                                |                      |                    | 110                  |                   |                       | 184    |
| RED-WNG. BLACKBIRD | 1                     | 1                      | 16                    |                        | 12                       | 2                     | 4                                    |                                |                      |                    | 1                    | 1                 |                       | 38     |
| COMMON GRACKLE     |                       |                        | 3                     |                        | 1                        | 1                     | 2                                    |                                |                      | 3                  |                      | 8                 | 1                     | 19     |
| BROWN-HD. COWBIRD  |                       | 1                      | 6                     |                        |                          | 2                     | 26                                   | 38                             | 40                   | 5                  | 165                  | 110               | 79                    | 472    |
| PINE GROSBEEK      |                       |                        | 2                     | 9                      | 4                        |                       | 16                                   |                                |                      | 16                 | 18                   |                   | 6                     | 71     |
| PURPLE FINCH       | 16                    | 29                     | 501                   | 41                     | 38                       | 50                    | 320                                  | 46                             | 324                  | 6                  | 319                  | 157               | 124                   | 1971   |
| HOUSE FINCH        | 56                    | 19                     | 33                    |                        | 31                       | 69                    |                                      | 97                             | 41                   | 1                  |                      | 141               | 85                    | 573    |
| COMMON REDPOLL     |                       |                        | 7                     |                        |                          | 30                    |                                      |                                | 6                    |                    | 3                    |                   |                       | 46     |
| PINE SISKIN        |                       | 3                      | 2                     | 7                      |                          |                       | 48                                   |                                | 6                    |                    | 28                   | 7                 |                       | 101    |
| AMERICAN GOLDFINCH | 33                    | 70                     | 433                   | 128                    | 79                       | 100                   | 204                                  | 114                            | 106                  | 18                 | 283                  | 362               | 439                   | 2369   |
| EVENING GROSBEEK   | 263                   | 374                    | 621                   | 316                    | 320                      | 1117                  | 676                                  | 909                            | 785                  | 517                | 2016                 | 1871              | 2134                  | 11919  |
| HOUSE SPARROW      | 356                   | 313                    | 2387                  | 93                     | 579                      | 1945                  | 404                                  | 486                            | 361                  | 140                | 520                  | 920               | 881                   | 9385   |
| Total Individuals  | 2115                  | 2549                   | 15562                 | 1832                   | 4274                     | 13973                 | 3719                                 | 3851                           | 4969                 | 1517               | 5593                 | 7617              | 8361                  | 75932  |
| Total Species      | 35                    | 36                     | 79                    | 33                     | 41                       | 62                    | 41                                   | 32                             | 39                   | 28                 | 40                   | 37                | 42                    | 93     |

CP= Birds seen during Count period.

The only other records were 1 f. at the Tri-town Water District on 1/7 (WGE,NLM) and 2 m. and 1 f. at Wells River on 2/12 (WGE,NLM). Common Mergansers lived up to their name, with more than 2000 recorded on the Ferrisburg and Burlington CBCs and several other reports from around the state. Once again, however, the Red-breasted Merganser remained elusive, with just two recorded on the Ferrisburg CBC. In addition, 3 f. were observed at Arnold Bay on 1/9 (WGE,NLM,SJS,MLW) and a single hen at Burlington on 2/13 (WGE,NLM,SJS, PM).

VULTURES, HAWKS, AND FALCONS

The Turkey Vulture went unreported for the season, a minor disappointment after winter sightings in each of the past two years. On the other hand, Bald Eagle reports were numerous, although most appear to have been confirmations of the immature bird tallied on the Ferrisburg CBC. This individual was still at Dead

Creek as late as 2/9 (MCD,JID), assisted no doubt by the carcasses being thrown its way (BCr,JDS). An adult bird was also reported on 1/9 in Stockbridge (fide JDS). Late Northern Harriers were reported in good numbers with a record 3 on the Ferrisburg CBC and another in Burlington. Additionally, a f. was noted at Swanton on 1/1 (MJM). One ad. m. was still at Dead Creek on 1/9 (MBN), with another report of a m. at Panton on the same date (WGE,NLM,SJS,MLW). Accipiter reports continue to mount as hawks and birdwatchers alike kept a close eye on feeders. Sharp-shinned Hawks were especially prominent with a record 4 on the Ferrisburg and Rutland CBCs and a total of 14 for all CBCs. Another 15 reports came from all parts of the state, including such scattered communities as Plainfield, Highgate, Fairfax, Westford, Burlington, Addison, Rutland, Tinmouth, West Brattleboro, Woodstock, and White River. Purple Finch seems to have been the preferred diet. The Cooper's Hawk remains quite scarce, however, with just 5 on CBCs plus two other

reports: one at North Ferrisburg on 1/25 (MCD,JID) and another at Rutland on 2/1 (WJN). The Northern Goshawk was much better represented, notwithstanding an average CBC total of just 5 individuals. Ten other reports were received: from Woodstock (CAM,JMN), Burlington (WRB,GMS,JJA), North Ferrisburg (MCD,JID), Lake Carmi (PJM), Cornwall (BBP), Bristol (WRB), Plainfield (MFM), and South Cabot (MFM). Diets reported include Evening Grosbeak, Mourning Dove, and rabbit. Two reports of the Red-shouldered Hawk were received, but neither included necessary supporting details for this difficult raptor. The Red-tailed Hawk continues to be a numerous and widespread winter resident, although numbers were perhaps off a bit from recent years. Reports were submitted from every Vermont CBC, from all over the Champlain Valley and southern Vermont, and also from South Hinesburg (where the albino individual continues in residence), Woodstock, East Barnard, and Norwich. The Rough-legged Hawk was also well reported, although almost exclusively from the Champlain Valley. Once again, the Ferrisburg CBC led the way with 27, a handsome total but far below last year's 41, to say nothing of the prior year's spectacular record of 81. The only report from outside the Champlain Valley was a dark-phase individual on the Plainfield CBC. The American Kestrel was also in good evidence in the Champlain Valley but scarce elsewhere. The CBC total of 23 was neither remarkable nor worrisome. The only reports from outside the Champlain lowlands were single birds on the Bennington, Plainfield, and Springfield CBCs, one at North Montpelier on 12/28 (MFM) and another at Hartford on 1/5 (GFE). There were several February reports, but all were confined to the general Lake Champlain area. Two reports of large falcon sp. were received - one at South Burlington on 12/12 (PFZ,SAL) and one at Fairfax on 2/23 (PAT); unfortunately, neither sighting allowed conclusive identification. However, the three GYRFALCONS reported from three separ-

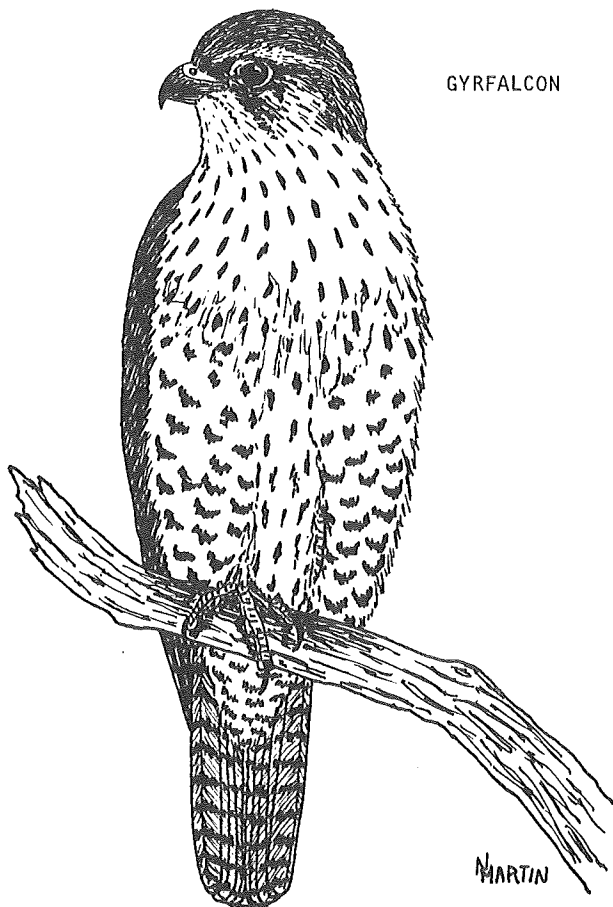
-4- ate CBCs (Ferrisburg, Burlington, and Craftsbury-Greensboro) were not only well documented but also unprecedented: 12/18 Craftsbury/Greensboro Count\* (CWS); an immature gray phase 12/18 1/2 mile west of Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area Headquarters, Addison (WGE,NLM); a gray phase 12/19 on the Winooski River, Ethan Allen Farm, South Burlington (MJM,GMS,WRB); same bird 12/20 Intervale landfill, Burlington (MJM) and Winooski River, South Burlington (JJA). The Ferrisburg bird was still in the Dead Creek area on 1/2 (MJM) while the Burlington individual, distinguished by a missing primary in the left wing, was later observed at St. Albans Bay on 1/1 (MJM). \*No BVR received.

#### GRAY PARTRIDGE THROUGH SNIPE

Six to eight Gray Partridge were observed regularly by James Cameron (fide JDS) while spreading manure on his fields in North Hero. Not surprisingly, there were no reports of this introduced species elsewhere in the state. Another difficult species, the Ring-necked Pheasant, went unreported for the winter, while the endangered Spruce Grouse was limited to the record 4 observed on the Island Pond CBC. On the other hand, the Ruffed Grouse was well reported with a fine total of 135 on twelve CBCs (only Bennington failed to flush at least one). Other reports were numerous, including 5 on 1/19 at Shrewsbury (LPS), 5 on 1/24 at Starksboro (WRB,GMS), and 11 on 12/31 at Clarendon (CJF). Good numbers of Wild Turkey were reported with a total of 72 from five separate CBCs. Interestingly, the Rutland Count was only 24, well below last year's record-tying total of 44. Other reports were limited to an unspecified number at Shrewsbury on 1/7 (LPS), an impressive 17 at Clarendon on 1/29 (CJF) and 3 at Reading on 2/26 (FMH). Ferrisburg's Common Snipe was but the fourth CBC record for this inland sandpiper. Also, a surprising 3 were flushed in Clarendon on 2/26 (CJF).

#### GULLS AND ALCIDES

The only Bonaparte's Gulls of the season were the 37 recorded on the Ferrisburg CBC. On the other hand, Ring-billed Gull was present in unprecedented numbers, including a record-shattering 1332 on the Burlington CBC and another 985 at Ferrisburg. Overwintering birds also occurred in good numbers judging from the 80+ at Burlington on 1/22 (WGE, NLM) and again on 2/13 (WGE,NLM,SJS,PM), not to mention the usual reports from landfills and municipal dumps. The Herring Gull also enjoyed the mild winter, as evidenced by the 1450+ at Burlington on 1/22 (WGE,NLM) and the 1200+ at the same location on 2/13 (WGE,NLM,SJS,PM). Reports from outside the Lake Champlain area included 4 on Lake Morey on 12/4 (WGE,NLM), 57 on the Hanover-Norwich CBC, and 25 on North Springfield Lake on 1/8 (EE). White-winged gulls were again observed at the South Burlington landfill and at Blodgett's Beach, thereby continuing the trend of recent years. The Iceland Gull was the more numerous, with 3 at Blodgett's on 12/31 (JDM) and 3 reported at the landfill on the same date (MJM,WRB). Late season records were comparable, with 4 at Blodgett's Beach on 2/27 (WRB, GMS). The less common Glaucous Gull was first observed at the landfill on 12/2 (MJM) with a second bird in the area in time for the Burlington CBC. Two were at Blodgett's Beach on 12/31 (MJM,WRB,JDM), and a single bird was still in Burlington on 2/13 (WGE,NLM,SJS, PM). The Great Black-backed Gull continues to increase with a record 71 on the Ferrisburg CBC and many other sizable reports. Notable were 94 on 1/14 in Burlington (MJM) and 145 on 2/13, also in Burlington (WGE,NLM,SJS,PM). Well outside the Lake Champlain area were the 10 on the Hanover-Norwich CBC. The lone alcid of the year was a possible RAZORBILL seen in

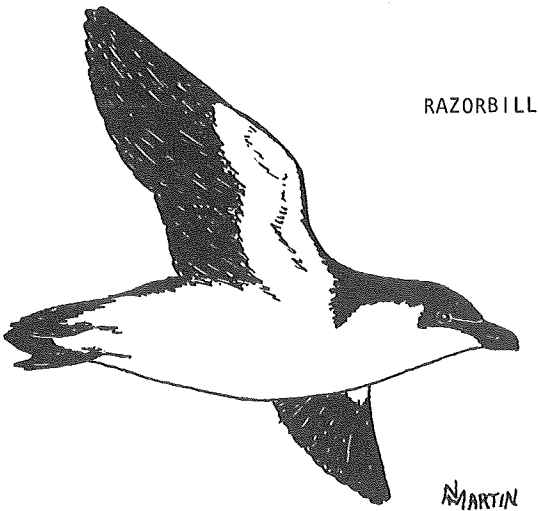


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WOODPECKERS

The rare Red-headed Woodpecker made its first winter appearance in Vermont in five years at a feeder in Ludlow (AJN,EE,REP,HSP,et al.). An immature, the bird obliged by staying on for the Springfield CBC. Both the Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers continue to be reported in excellent numbers, although CBC totals were a bit lower than last year's. The rare Three-toed Woodpecker went unreported but its relative, the Black-backed Woodpecker, compensated by appearing in record-equaling number: 10 on the Island Pond CBC, 2 on Craftsbury-Greensboro, and 1 on the Plainfield CBC. The Northern Flicker also appeared in above-average numbers as Ferrisburg set a new CBC record with 7. The latest reports (no doubt all feeder birds) were from Woodstock on 1/5 (JMN), from Fayston on 1/19 (ADH) and from Ferrisburg on 1/25 (MCD,JID). The Pileated Woodpecker continues to flourish. Once again, Ferrisburg established a new CBC high with 21 birds, well above the previous record of 15. The total CBC tally was 62, and another 14 individuals were reported from all over the state.



RAZORBILL

flight near the Tri-Town Water District in Addison on 1/7 (WGE). The bird was very well described by a highly qualified observer; unfortunately, however, a new state record requires a minimum of two observers to be accepted.

DOVES

The Rock Dove seems secure for another year with a total of 5641 individuals tallied on Vermont's 13 CBCs. Mourning Doves were also present in excellent numbers, though down markedly from last year. Nonetheless, the total CBC tally of 1716 speaks for itself. Other reports include 24 at Plainfield on 2/25 (MFM), 40 at Randolph on 2/22 (EWC,MCC) and 95 at Dead Creek on 1/9 (WGE,NLM,SJS,MLW).

OWLS THROUGH KINGFISHER

The Eastern Screech-Owl was well represented on the Ferrisburg and Burlington CBCs with a total of 7 reported. The only other records were 2 at Shelburne on 12/14 (MCD,JID), one at Panton on 1/9 (WGE,NLM,SJS,MLW) and another single on Long Point, Lake Champlain, on 2/1 (MCD,JID). The Great Horned Owl was also well reported with 5 on the Burlington CBC and a total CBC tally of 11. Other birds, either observed in person or heard calling, were noted in Bridport (SBL,BLR, JSA), Dummerston and West Brattleboro (ABM), Albany (TP), Lincoln (JRA), Missisquoi NWR (MJM), Winhall (CJA), Shelburne (JJA), and the Intervale (MJM,WRB). The Snowy Owl was also in evidence this winter with singles on the Ferrisburg, Burlington and Plainfield CBCs. The total for the season may well have been as high as six or more individuals in view of late winter records from both Plainfield (fide MFM) and Marshfield (MFM). Two dead birds; one found at Dead Creek on 1/1 (BCr) and another in East Montpelier on 1/3 (AH fide JDS) and a myriad of reports of the owl residing on the Burlington waterfront throughout the season. The Barred Owl, though less conspicuous than last winter, still appeared on six separate CBCs. Additional reports were received from Ludlow (CE), Shrewsbury (LPS), St. Albans Bay (MJM), Bridport (JSA), Woodstock (JMN), Timmouth (GTL) and Winhall (WJN). The only Short-eared Owls of the season were at Dead Creek, with a high count of 3 on 1/22 (SBL,BLR), and again on 2/12 (BLR,RHH). Sadly, the only Northern Saw-whet Owl of the winter was a bird found dead in Sharon on 12/3 (VINS). Far happier were the many reports of lingering Belted Kingfishers: 14 on 9 different CBCs plus February reports from Burlington (RHH), Johnson (VRS), New Haven (KHD), and Marshfield (MFM).

HORNED LARK THROUGH CREEPER

The Horned Lark was present in good numbers, though well below the records established a year ago. Indeed, the CBC totals were below average, but subsequent reports seemed in line with expectations. High counts included 180 at Dead Creek on 1/9 (WGE,NLM,SJS,MLW), 40 at Charlotte on 2/7 (MCD,JID) and 50 at Clarendon on 2/26 (CJF). A large flock of 144 was again at Dead Creek on 2/27 with song and territorial behavior already in evidence (WGE). A memorable 27 Gray Jays were tallied on the Island Pond CBC, more than twice the previous high of 11 established in 1979. The Blue Jay, however, seemed less prolific this year with a CBC total of 3293 compared to last year's figure of 6485. No doubt the mild winter allowed many to remain further north - despite the Dyes' complaint that their North Ferrisburg feeders had become the "Blue Jay center for the Champlain Valley." The American Crow was present in above-average numbers as in impressive 3165 individuals were tallied on the state's 13 CBCs. Also noteworthy was the flock of 500+ roosting in South Burlington on 12/8 (WRB,GMS). The Common Raven continues to increase as 155 were noted on 10 CBCs including such southern locations as Woodstock, Winhall, Saxtons River, and Brattleboro. Additionally, a nice flock of 11 was observed at Shrewsbury on 2/5 (CJF). Numbers of Black-capped Chickadees approached record levels with 9786 recorded on CBCs and feeder populations often exceeding 20. The only Boreal Chickadees reported were from the Island Pond, Craftsbury-Greensboro and Plainfield CBCs, a marked contrast from the past two years when feeder birds were not unusual. The Tufted Titmouse continues to find Vermont a congenial place to winter with a record 95 located on various CBCs. The February census revealed a population well in excess of 100 for the second year in a row. Feeder reports were numerous and included such northern locations as Moretown (GAH), St. Albans (DH), and Woodbury Mountain (TP). The Red-breasted Nuthatch had a good year with a CBC total of 368; on the other hand, feeder reports were surprisingly scarce. However, a group of 6 were regular winter visitors in Albany (TP), and 3 were noted in Bridport on 2/23 (JSA). The White-breasted Nuthatch was present in excellent numbers with a record-breaking 162 at Ferrisburg and a CBC total of 937. Feeder reports were numerous including 4 at Reading on 1/31 (FMH). Even the Brown Creeper came out of hiding with a CBC total of 79 and 14 other reports from individual observers.

#### WRENS THROUGH MIMICS

Two Winter Wrens on the Ferrisburg CBC were the first recorded in winter since 1980. The Golden-crowned Kinglet recovered from two poor years as 148 were tallied on 13 CBCs. Other reports were received from Addison (JSA), North Ferrisburg (MCD,JID), Reading (FMH), and Winhall (WJN). A Ruby-crowned Kinglet on the Saxtons River CBC was an unexpected dividend, the first winter record of this diminutive species since December 1976. Yet another exciting find was an extremely late Eastern Bluebird in Cornwall on 1/9 (BBP), only the third January sighting of this species published in these Records. Four other individuals were observed in Bennington in late February (fide NS) as they were checking out birdhouses, obviously early arrivals from the south. Meanwhile, the American Robin was conspicuous throughout the winter. The CBC total of 101 was the highest in six years, and late winter reports included 50 in Cornwall on 1/15 (BBP), 67 in Bridport on 1/24 (JSA) and 13 in Weybridge on 1/30 (MBN). Yet the undisputed star of the Turdinae was once again the VARIED THRUSH, making its third appearance in the last four years. Indeed, two separate males (with a third rumored but never reported) were present, the first in South Newbury from late December

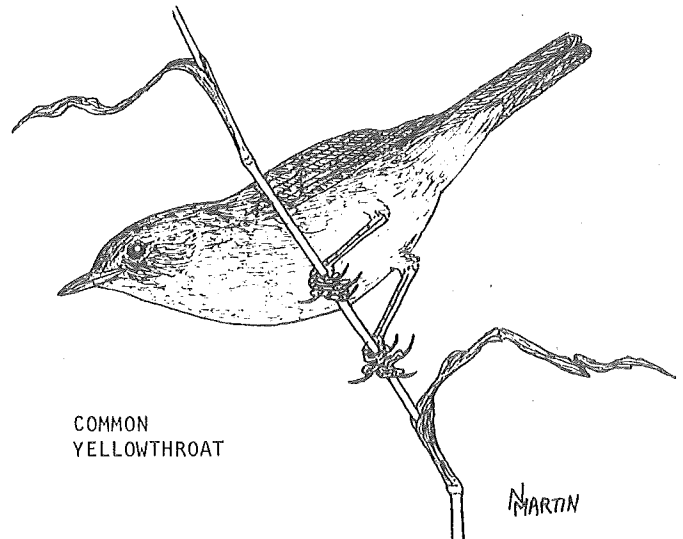


(PC,WGE,NLM, et al.) and the second in East Charlotte from 1/20 to 2/28 (DLC,RNS,TH,JJA et al.). The third individual was rumored from Jeffersonville, but unfortunately no report was ever received. The mimics also gave a good account of themselves. A single Gray Catbird, at best rare in wintertime, was noted on the Ferrisburg CBC while the equally difficult Brown Thrasher remained at a Marlboro feeder until at least 2/2 (WDN). The Northern Mockingbird, however, seemed somewhat less common than in the previous year. A CBC total of 17 was decidedly disappointing, as was the February census figure of 14. The only other reports were of a pair in Ferrisburg (MCD,JID) and singles in Rutland (RHH), Bridport (JSA) and Orwell (WGE,NLM), the last a feisty individual "belting" a Rough-legged Hawk.

#### WAXWING THROUGH WARBLERS

The Bohemian Waxwing eluded all observers, but the mild winter produced near record numbers of Cedar

-6- Waxwings, beginning with a CBC total of 886. Overwintering flocks were evident in both the Champlain valley and in southern regions, with 150 at Benson on 1/7 and 80 in Addison on 1/9 (WGE,NLM), 25 at Woodstock on 2/25 (JDL), 25 at Middlebury on 2/24 (MBN), 20 at Panton on 1/30 (CJF), and 4 at Burlington on 2/26 (WRB,GMS). The Northern Shrike continues as a regular but uncommon visitor. The CBC total of 11 was about average, and only 10 others were reported including two at Charlotte on 12/8 (MCD,JID). It appears the European Starling is surviving nicely with a CBC total once again in excess of 8000. The Yellow-rumped Warbler put in a surprise appearance on four separate CBCs (Ferrisburg, Craftsbury-Greensboro, Burlington, and Springfield), although the Ferrisburg total of 9 still fell short of the record 14 set in 1977. One overwintering bird was reported from Thetford as late as 2/11 "feeding on suet after a cold spell" (LeH, ViH). An exceptionally late female Common Yellowthroat was discovered near Rutland on 12/31 (CJF) but unfortunately had disappeared by the time of the CBC two days later. This is the first winter sighting of the yellowthroat to appear in these Records.



#### CARDINAL THROUGH JUNCO

Although down somewhat in numbers the Northern Cardinal seems firmly established throughout most of Vermont. The CBC total of 391 was down markedly from the record figures of the last two years, but the February census of 736 individuals was about in line with expectations. The northernmost report came from Missisquoi Refuge Headquarters on 12/10 (TM). Other records of note include 12 at North Ferrisburg on 2/1 (MCD,JID), 11 at South Burlington in mid-January (WRB), 5 in Montpelier on 12/19 (MFM) and 4 throughout the winter in Albany (TP). One report of a Rufous-sided Towhee "since the fall" came from Brownsville (JEH,BMH), but precise dates were not given. The American Tree Sparrow was present in good but not unusual numbers, with a CBC total of 1374 and about a dozen other reports of 10 or more individuals. High count was 75 in Addison County on 1/7 (WGE,NLM). Once again late Field Sparrows contributed to the success of CBCs (Hanover-Norwich and Brattleboro) and one other hardy soul was noted in New Haven on 12/17 (KHD). Far more unusual was the report of 2 (possible) Savannah Sparrows, also in New Haven, on 1/24 (KHD). This date is about one full month later than any previously published for this species in these Records. The Song Sparrow was well represented on CBCs and a number appear to have overwintered: singles in Woodstock (CRP), New Haven (KHD), and Fairlee Village (WGE,NLM),



3 in Bradford on 2/12 (WGE,NLM), and 4 in Panton on 2/27 (WGE,NLM). Five other reports were from the month of January. Yet another exceptional bird was a LINCOLN'S SPARROW\* at a feeder in Charlotte on 2/4 (GEH), the first winter record of this species to appear in these Records. A Swamp Sparrow on the Crafts-bury-Greensboro CBC was also unusual, as was an even later individual in Panton on 1/9 (WGE,SJS,MLW). Curiously, White-throated Sparrows were less common than usual with only 16 reported from 7 CBCs. However, late reports included one singing at Mendon on 1/2 (RHH), another single at a Starksboro feeder on 1/30-31 (WRB,GMS), and pairs throughout the period at Fair Haven (FSA) and Albany (TP). The only White-crowned Sparrow of the season was observed in Fayston from 12/1-4 (ADH). Dark-eyed Juncos were less numerous than usual with a rather ordinary CBC total of 293. Reports "through the winter" included 4 birds each in Bridport (JSA) and Fair Haven (FSA) as well as singles in Woodstock (CRP) and Barnard (JNF). Other late-winter reports came from Rutland on 2/2 (RHH), South Duxbury on 2/10 (FAP) and Cornwall on 2/11 (MBN). The most interesting junco of the season was one observed in Benson on 1/7 (WGE,NLM) showing pink sides, gray hood and dark brown back, probably the mearnsi or pink-sided race normally found in the Rockies and far west.

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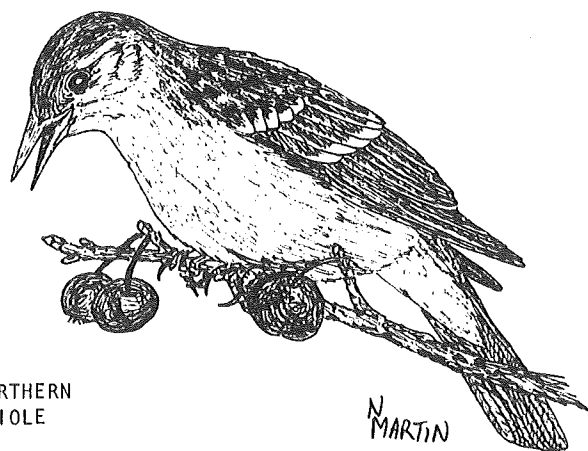
#### LONGSPUR THROUGH ICTERIDS

There were three reports of the Lapland Longspur, 10 on 1/7 in Addison (WGE), a group of 3 spotted in Addison on 2/12 (JSA), 8 in Panton and 1 in Addison on 2/27 (WGE,NLM). The Snow Bunting was also relatively scarce with a CBC total of just 184, most of which were in a large flock in Plainfield. Other high counts were few and far between: 40 in Albany during mid-Feb. (TP), 45 in Middlebury on 2/15 (KHD), 150 in Panton on 2/27 (WGE,NLM) and 250 in Starksboro on 1/17 (WRB). Red-winged Blackbirds lingered through December in about average numbers judging from CBC returns. Other reports were limited to December sightings in Panton (WGE,NLM), in South Duxbury (FAP), and at the Intervale dump (MJM) and January sightings in Addison (SBL,BLR), Panton (WGE,NLM), Shelburne (WRB) and Washington (EA), the last a flock of 15 at a feeder. A female observed at Panton on 2/27 (WGE,NLM) may have been the same bird noted at this location in January. Common Grackles were down for the season with but 19 CBC birds and only three other late reports: singles in Ferrisburg on 12/9 (MCD,JID), in Winhall on 1/2 (WJN), and in Montpelier on 1/6 (JM). A bird in Rutland on 2/27 (CJF) was presumably the first spring arrival of the year. Brown-headed Cowbirds rebounded from recent off years with an improved CBC total of 472, helped along in part by a surprisingly high Plainfield count of 165. Midwinter reports came from East Thetford (WGE,NLM), Plainfield (MFM), New Haven (WRB,GMS), Washington (EA), Mt. Holly (WJN), Rutland (JPM) and Hartford (GFE). For the second year in a row an extremely late Northern Oriole was recorded, a female in an ornamental crab tree next to the bank in Middlebury on 12/2 (MBN). This is only the seventh winter record for this species in Vermont.

#### FINCHES THROUGH HOUSE SPARROW

Pine Grosbeak numbers were definitely off with an extremely low CBC total of 71, less than one tenth the usual figure. Small wintering flocks were noted on and off during the season in South Strafford (HR) and Tirmouth (GTL) with the latter flock reaching a high count of 58 on 1/17. Other reports were limited to 11 birds in Woodstock on 1/14 (JMN), a pair on Mt. Philo on 12/18 (MCD,JID) and singles on 12/14 in Albany (TP) and on 1/26 in Winhall (WJN). The Purple Finch, on

-7- the other hand, staged its first major incursion into Vermont since 1980. A handsome CBC total of 1971 individuals was supplemented by numerous reports of flocks of up to 50 from all over the state. The House Finch was undaunted, however, as it moved relentlessly to consolidate its position in the state. The CBC total of 573 represented a major increase from a year ago as no less than 8 counts surpassed the previous high of 27 birds. The figures from Burlington, Hanover-Norwich, Rutland and Springfield are more than ample evidence of this species' sudden increase. It is perhaps redundant to mention the flock numbering 52 on 12/4 that frequented a well-known feeder in Hartford (GFE,WGE,NLM). Meanwhile the Common Redpoll staged a boycott as a remarkably low 46 were discovered on just 4 CBCs. Only five other reports were received, ranging from a single bird in Winhall on 1/6 (WJN) to flocks of about 25 in Hinesburg on 12/12 (MJM) and in Woodstock on 1/30 (JMN). Finally, we have 4 in North Ferrisburg on 2/19 (MCD,JID) and 8 at a Woodbury Mountain feeder throughout December (TP). The Pine Siskin was only slightly more common: 101 uncovered by 7 different CBCs and just 7 other reports, including 5 at Tirmouth on 12/19 (GTL) and 12 at Starksboro on 1/20 (WRB,GMS). By contrast, the American Goldfinch moved in in impressive numbers for a CBC total of 2369, highest in many years. Feeder flocks were numerous though not especially large except for 60 in Albany on 2/5 (TP) and 100 in South Duxbury on 2/25 (FAP). Unquestionably the most abundant of the winter finches, however, was the Evening Grosbeak, which staged a massive influx during the last two weeks of December. A CBC total of 11,919 was extraordinary as Rutland, Plainfield and Springfield all surpassed the previous high of 1688 set by Plainfield in 1980. Not surprisingly, a deluge of reports was received, highlighted by a flock of 250 on 2/26 in Weybridge (MBN). Also reported were an albinistic female in Fayston (ADH), an orange-backed male in Tirmouth (GTL) and a pale beige and gold female in Middlebury (MBN). Appropriately last, but unfortunately not least, was the House Sparrow, whose CBC total of 9385 was down nicely, but not very conclusively, from last year's figure of 11,101.



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Abbreviations used in the text:

CBC Christmas Bird Count

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