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## SPRING MIGRATION '84

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For the second spring in a row we were subjected to a very wet, cold and quite late spring. The winter of 1983-84 was cold early, with record-setting low temperatures in December, and colder than the average in January. February, however, was quite mild, and the ice began to break up in some places. This mild period was short lived, for March was extremely cold, with 25 of its 31 days below the average for the date, one day (3/12) as much as 27° below the mean. A low of -29° F was reached at Canaan. The feature of the month was the very heavy snowstorm of 3/13-14 which dumped varying amounts of snow around the state, heaviest in the mountains as usual, with 38 inches in Peru, and 42 inches in nearby Winhall, with only 8 to 10 inches in western Vermont and around Burlington.

April was a somewhat more normal month, temperature-wise. Only six days were below normal. The final two days of the month were the warmest, when temperatures climbed into the high-70's and low 80's, the warmest since early October 1983. It was, however, a wet month with considerable rain in some areas. Only minor amounts of snow fell, a welcome departure from recent Aprils.

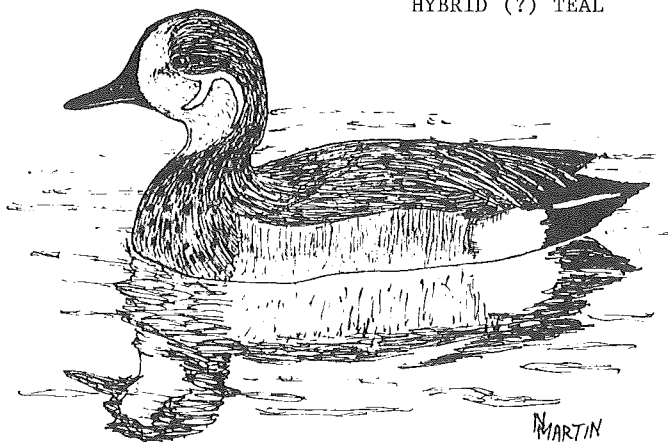
This was the second consecutive cool wet May. The statewide average temperature of 51.4° F was 2-5° below normal, and made this the coolest May since 1974. Rainfall was frequent and heavy. Vermont averaged 8.93 inches of precipitation, more than five inches above normal and by far the wettest May since records began in 1895. The month's lowest temperatures were on the morning of 5/3, with some places as low as 20-21° F. The last sub-freezing temperature of the month occurred on the 17th and 18th. The heaviest rains fell from 5/28 into June, with many areas reporting destructive flooding, road washouts, etc.

What did this mean for the migration? Well - in March, migration was nearly non-existent in some areas, particularly in the mountains. Heavy ice which formed in the frigid early part of March prevented an early waterfowl movement. April, which was somewhat more seasonable came up with more or less normal arrival dates, but the cool wet weather in May caused late arrival of most of the insectivorous species. To illustrate this most graphically, on the Birdathon 5/19 the crack team of Ellison-Martin birded all over northern Vermont and missed the Red-eyed Vireo and Scarlet Tanager!

Woodland birds in general seemed to this observer to be generally scarce. This continues an ongoing trend of several years. The reasons are not altogether clear. Destruction of tropical forest winter habitat, and uncontrolled use of pesticides in Latin America and the West Indies may be a factor, but some of the affected species do not winter south of the United States. It is quite possible that some of the problems may originate right here. Acid rain, or more properly, polluted rain may be a factor. It is a situation which will bear watching.

Though the migration was essentially a late one, the warm weather of 4/28-30 produced a movement which

HYBRID (?) TEAL



showed up primarily in the Champlain Valley and the southeast corner, and gave us several early dates. May 11 was another major movement day with many new arrivals at Hubbardton (CJF) and in the Brattleboro-Marlboro area (WDN, JJC). The bird-banders at VINS and many other observers considered 5/21-24 to be the major movement period, and this was when the bulk of breeding populations arrived.

The Vermont Hawkwatch, taken on the weekends of 4/14-15 and 4/21-22 produced only 614 hawks, down from 1983's 859. Unfavorable weather on those weekends was largely responsible.

Rarities are what everyone wants to hear about, and we had, as usual, a goodly number - YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON, GLOSSY IBIS, MUTE SWAN, EURASIAN WIGEON, possible FRANKLIN'S GULL, WHITE-EYED VIREO, "LAWRENCE'S" WARBLER, YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT, BLUE GROSBEAK.

Others of interest were GREAT EGRET, Snowy Egret, Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER, Orchard Oriole.

Early dates were submitted for Green-backed Heron, Black Tern, Broad-winged Hawk, Common Nighthawk, Tree Swallow, Northern Oriole, Rough-winged Swallow, House Wren, Gray Catbird, Yellow Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, and Bobolink.

This year again, for the second year in a row, a strange looking teal was discovered (4/21) in the Leicester area (SSW). This bird (if it is the same bird) was at first believed to be a drake BAIKAL TEAL (Anas formosa) an eastern Palearctic species - in subadult plumage. However, after two seasons, it has still not assumed adult plumage, and there are a number of differences from the typical adult male. It is now believed to be a hybrid, probably between BAIKAL TEAL and some other species, and likely not of wild origin. One recalls the Ruddy Shelducks and Egyptian Geese which have occurred in northern Vermont in recent years.

The Vermont Birdathon was undertaken mostly on May 19th, and a total of 169 species and one hybrid were recorded. The top party list was 126 species by the team of George and Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin. The team of Lynn Erb, Deb Davis and Dwight Cargill recorded 117, and the team of Sally Laughlin, Betty Rist, and Henry Potter recorded 116. Four other parties topped 100.

A total of 223 species and one hybrid were reported for Spring 1984.

I have included a large number of arrival dates in an attempt to show the different migration patterns in different areas of the state, both by latitude and by altitude. For most species the earliest arrival dates are at low altitudes and the latest at the high altitudes, both in the northern and southern parts of the state.

#### LOONS AND GREBES

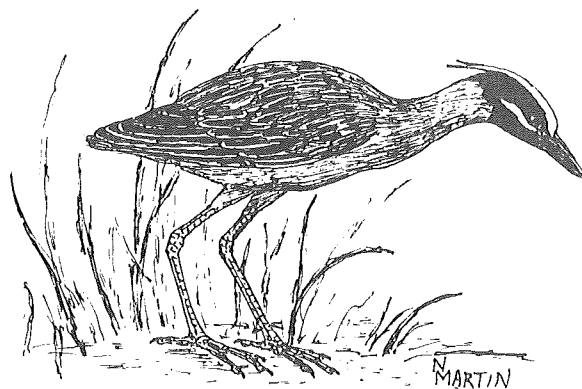
Common Loon: 53 were reported - first 1 4/14 Bellows Falls (REG); 1 4/15 Lake Bomoseen (RWP); 1 4/16 Vernon (JJC); 1 4/19 Shoreham (ELW); 1 4/19 Shelburne (WAM); 1 4/23 Vernon (JJC); 1 4/30 Newark Pond (FM) - many after that. The high count by far 16 5/12 Lake St. Catherine (LPA). Pied-billed Grebe: 21 were reported - first 2 3/25 Vergennes (WAM); 1 4/2 Danby (CJF); 1 4/6 Shelburne (WAM); 1 4/7-8 Swanton (RBL,DKL); 1 4/10 Herrick's Cove (hereafter HC) (WGE, NLM et al.); 2 4/12 Middlesex (FAP); 1 4/15 Wilder (WGE,GFE); 1 4/15 Sandbar (hereafter SBWMA) (RBL); 1 4/21 Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area (hereafter DCWMA) (DLC); 2 4/22 Leicester (BB,JB); 1 4/29 Sherburne (WGE); 1 5/5 Barton River Marshes (REG,OAG); 1 5/13 Leicester (WGE); 1 5/18 South Hero (JDM); 2 5/19 Barton River Marshes (WGE,GFE,NLM); 1 5/19 Pownal (RSK et al.); 2 5/26 Arlington (WGE,NLM,CE). The maximum was 2 several times. Horned Grebe: a fantastic 130 were reported - 1 4/14 HC (WGE,NLM,REG); 20 4/14 Shoreham (ELW); 2 4/15 Lake Bomoseen (RWP); 87 4/15 Grand Isle (RBL,DKL), by far the highest count; 6 4/15 Wilder (WGE,GFE); 5 4/16 Vernon (JJC); 5 4/17 Lake Bomoseen (RWP); 2 4/21 Button Bay SP (DLC); 1 4/22 Leicester (SSW, BB, JB); 1 4/22 Lake Bomoseen (CJF); 2 4/25 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/5 Burlington (RHH); 1 5/5 Tri-Town Water District - Addison (CJF). A surprising 29 Red-necked Grebes were reported - 3 4/7 Vernon (JJC); 7 4/14 Shoreham (ELW) - the high count; 3 4/14 Roundy's Cove - Rockingham (NLM,WGE,REG); 1 4/15 Lake Morey (WGE,GFE); 2 4/15 Lake Bomoseen (CJF); 2 4/17 Roundy's Cove (MEC,WJN); 2 4/21 Timmough Pond (CJF); 1 4/24 Lake Bomoseen (PA); 1 5/11 West Glover (REG,OAG); 1 5/18 Grand Isle (RBL); 3 5/18 North Hero Bridge (JDM); 1 5/24 Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (hereafter MNWR) (JAW).

#### CORMORANT THROUGH IBIS

Double-crested Cormorant: this ever-expanding species was reported 16 times - 2 4/7 Vernon (JJC); 6 4/14 HC (NLM,WGE,REG); 1 4/17-27 Springfield-Rockingham town line area (WJN); 14 4/21 Upper Meadows - Rockingham (REG); 1 5/1 South Hero (JDS); 1 5/5 Winooski River Delta (hereafter WRD) (JDM); 1 5/11 Button Bay SP (BB,JB); 2 WRD, 2 North Hero 5/18 (JDM); 1 5/19 Island Pond (DLC); 2 5/19 Brattleboro (JJC,LPM et al.); 1 5/22 Wilder Dam (RHA); 2 5/24 Shelburne Pond (MPB); and up to 63 nests in the thriving Young Island colony (DEC,FAP,DJH) - the high count; and Cormorant (sp.) 1 5/30 West Woodstock (AK). American Bittern: 1 4/23 W. Rutland Marsh (hereafter WRM) (LPS,WGE,NLM); 1 4/28 Burlington (REG,OAG); 2 4/29 DCWMA (WGE); 2 4/30 WRM (WJN). The high counts were 4 5/5 WRM (SBL,JDL); 6 5/18 WRD to Mud Creek (JDM). They were also reported from Victory Bog, Halifax, Brighton, Barton River Marshes, Orwell, Pownall, and Brattleboro. Least Bittern twice: 2 5/19 WRM (WJN); 2 5/19 on the Birdathon (SBL,BLR,LHP). Great Blue Heron: first 5 3/22 MNWR (JG); 3 3/24 South Hero (JDM); 1 3/25 DCWMA (WAM); 4 3/26 Colchester (RBL); 1 3/27 Middlebury (KHD); 2 3/28 W. Woodstock (MCh); 1 3/28 Waterford (FM); 3 3/31 DCWMA (WAM); 1 3/31 Burlington Intervale (JDM); 2 4/1 WRD (MPB); 1 4/4 Roundy's Cove (REG); 1 4/7 WRD (JDM); 2 4/7 Vernon

(JJC); 5 4/8 Champlain Islands (DLC); 1 4/8 HC (NLM, WGE). High counts: 7 5/5 DCWMA (DLC); 22 4/18 WRD to Missisquoi (JDM). One report of the Great Egret: 1 5/19 S. Bay-Newport (DLC,RTC,LJE,DCD,MFM,CCF). Snowy Egret: one 5/12 Heineberg Bridge, Colchester (JDM). Cattle Egret: 5/1 S. Hero (JDS), 1 5/19 Grand Isle (FAP); 6 nests 5/27 Young Island (DEC); 1 5/30 Berlin (MFM). Green-backed Heron: 1 4/4 MNWR (JG); 1 4/24 E. Montpelier (MFM); 1 4/29 Leicester (WGE); 1 4/29 Shoreham (ELW); 1 4/30 WRM (WJN); 1 5/3 Shelburne (WAM); 1 5/3 HC (WJN). High count 3 5/19 Vernon (JJC). Black-crowned Night-Heron: 1 4/15 Shelburne (WAM); 1 5/5 DCWMA (RHH,CJF); 3 5/6 Shelburne (MPB); 71 5/13 Young Island (RBL) the high count; 1 5/15 Burlington Intervale (DLC); 23 nests 5/27 Young Island (DEC). The find of the spring was the second state record of YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON; an unmistakable adult 5/19 at Weybridge (MBN, AB). One Glossy Ibis report: 1 5/13 Leicester (WGE).

#### YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON



#### WATERFOWL

Mute Swan: one present in the Connecticut River at Vernon 4/12-18 (JJC,LPM). Snow Goose: very good spring for them. First 3 3/24 DCWMA (WGE); 50 4/4 Shelburne (WAM); "flock" 4/5 Danville (FM); 2 4/7 Addison (MBN); 100 4/7 Grand Isle (RBL,DKL); 25 4/8 Essex Ctr. (CAS); 400 4/8 Leicester (BB,JB); 2,000 4/10 Shoreham (MOM); 50 4/10 Bristol Pond (SL); 850 4/10 Colchester (JDM); 575 4/10 Burlington (DLC). During the next few days they became widespread in the Champlain Valley in large numbers - some peak counts - 1,500 4/12 MNWR (JG); 1,500 4/12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 2,000 4/16 Addison (MBN); 2,000 4/21 DCWMA - Shelburne (DLC). Late dates 1 5/5 DCWMA (WAM,WGE,NLM); 2 5/19 Shoreham (ELW); and away from the Champlain Valley 75 4/12 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/17 HC (WJN,REG,MEC); 1 4/17 Roundy's Cove (WJN); 1 "during April" Guilford (JJC); 80 4/27 Rockingham (WGE). Six "Blue" geese 4/23 at Leicester (BB,JB). The heavy rains with the resultant flooded cornfields undoubtedly provided more feeding area for them, and induced more to stop here for a longer period of time. Brant: two reports: first 2 4/30 N. Derby (NJD); 50 5/20 Winhall (overhead) (WJN). Canada Goose: first 17 3/4 Shelburne (WAM); 94 3/6 Shelburne (MPB); 30 3/8 Charlotte (DLC); 15 3/9 Williston "probably Canadas" (PFZ); 3 3/18 Retreat Meadows - Brattleboro (JJC); 100 3/22 Winhall Hawk Lookout (WJN); 10-12 3/23 Middlebury (KHD); 20 3/23 Essex Jct. (JDM); 270 3/24 DCWMA (WGE, WAM); 430 3/26 DCWMA (DLC); 2 3/27 Orwell (EPA); 1 3/27 Middlesex (GG). They were widespread after that and breeding birds were present through the end of the period. High counts: 1,500 4/12 MNWR (JG); 500 4/10 Orwell (SLM). Wood Duck: first 3/10 Burlington (WGE, SJS); 1 3/15 Burlington (WAM); 1 3/18 Shelburne (WAM);

2 3/24 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 2 3/25 DCWMA (WAM); 3 3/25 New Haven (KHD). Away from the Champlain Valley: 1 4/4 Saxtons River (REG); 2 4/6 Plainfield (MFM); 16 4/7 Retreat Meadows (JJC). High counts were 125 4/30 MNWR (JG); 15 4/14 Springfield Meadows (WGE,NLM); 15 5/16 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Green-winged Teal: first 2 4/5 MNWR (JG); 1 4/7 Swanton (RBL,DKL); 3 4/7 WRD (JDM); 13 4/8 WRD (RBL,DKL); 2 4/9 Springfield Meadows (WJN); 23 4/9 Swanton (RBL,DKL); 2 4/12 Vernon (JJC); late dates were 2 5/12 Moose Bog - Ferdinand (RHH,DLC); 5 5/14 HC (WJN); 1 5/19 Birdathon (EE,HSP). High counts: 100 4/8 MNWR (JG); 67 4/12 Swanton (RBL); 45 5/5 Weybridge (WGE). American Black Duck: 2 3/1 at the Burlington waterfront probably overwintered (WAM); 6 3/8 Charlotte (DLC); 4 3/10 New Haven (KHD); 64 3/10 Burlington (WGE,SJS); 9 3/12 Vernon (JJC); 16 3/18 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 3 3/24 WRD (JDM); 2 3/24 Roundy's Cove (WJN); 17 3/24 Salisbury (MBN); 4 3/25 DCWMA (WAM). Some high counts were 550 4/8 MNWR (JG); 162 4/12 Swanton (RBL); 224 4/12 Vernon (JJC); 70 4/21 Springfield Meadows (WGE,NLM); pair with young by the end of the period Woodstock (JMN). Mallard: "present" 3/1 Burlington (WAM); 6 3/4 Shelburne (WAM); 8 3/8 Charlotte (DLC); 9 3/22 MNWR (JG); 6 3/24 DCWMA (WAM); 4 3/25 WRD (JDM); 4 3/26 Retreat Meadows (JJC); 33 3/26 DCWMA (DLC); 2 3/27 Orwell (EPA); 5 3/28 DCWMA (MBN); 2 3/30 Middlebury (KHD); 4/1 HC (REG); 3 4/4 Plainfield (MFM). High Counts: 350 4/12 MNWR (JG); 69 4/12 Swanton (RBL); 40 4/9 HC (WJN); 40 4/21 Springfield Meadows (WGE,NLM). Northern Pintail: first 2 3/24 WRD (JDM); 11 3/25 DCWMA (WAM); 4 3/28 DCWMA (MBN); 1 3/31 Crown Point Bridge (KHD); 11 3/31 Burlington Intervale (JDM); 2 4/4-9 HC (REG,WJN); 1 4/7 Retreat Meadows (JJC); these are probably nesting localities: 1 5/12 DCWMA (WAM); 1 5/18 Colchester (JDM); 2 5/19 Leicester Jct. (ELW). High counts: 200 4/8 MNWR (JG); 52 4/9 Swanton (RBL); 104 4/12 Swanton (RBL). Blue-winged Teal: first 2 3/24 DCWMA (WAM, WGE); 5 4/7 Plainfield (MFM); 2 4/8-9 Swanton (RBL); 1 4/10 Springfield Meadows (REG); 1 4/14 SBWMA (JDM); 12 4/17 Middlebury (MBN). High count was 50 4/8 MNWR (JG). Northern Shoveler: 2 4/12 Swanton (RBL); 1 4/16 Roundy's Cove (REG); 4 5/1-4 DCWMA (WAM); 2 5/14 DCWMA (WAM); 1 5/19 Pantou (WGE,GFE,NLM,EE,HSP). High count was 15 4/8 MNWR (JG). Gadwall: 2 3/24 DCWMA (WGE); 3 3/25 Grand Isle (RBL,DKL); 3-4 4/7-9 Swanton (RBL,DKL); 2 4/8 New Haven (KHD); 10 4/8 MNWR (JG); 2 4/26 New Haven (KHD); 10 5/13 Young Island - breeding site (RBL); 1 5/19 "Addison County" (JSA,KMA). High count was 10. American Wigeon: first 2 4/7 SBWMA (JDM); 5 4/7 Swanton (RBL,DKL); 4 4/8 Swanton (RBL,DKL,PAT); 15 4/9 Swanton (RBL,DKL); 23 4/12 Swanton (RBL); 15 4/14 Shoreham (ELW); 4 4/15 Leicester (BB,JB); 1 4/17 Springfield Meadows (WJN); 2 4/21 Timmouth Pond (CJF); 1 4/22 Shoreham (ELW); 3 4/28 DCWMA (WAM, REG,OAG); 5 4/29 Weybridge (WGE); 7 5/5 Sudbury-Weybridge (WGE). High count was 23 (RBL). A drake EURASIAN WIGEON was recorded 4/7-12 Swanton (RBL,DKL, PAT) and photographed for the seventh state record of the species. Canvasback: 5 3/8 Charlotte (DLG); 5 4/1 Alburg (WGE,NLM); 1 4/12 Vernon (JJC). Ring-necked Duck: 1 3/18 Weybridge (WME); 1 3/23 Grand Isle (RBL,DKL); 5 3/24 Salisbury (MBN); 10 4/1 Alburg (WGE,NLM); 8 4/3 Addison (WME); 4/4 HC (REG); 14 4/7 Vernon (JJC); 116 4/7 Swanton (RBL,DKL); 4 4/7 L. Bomoseen (CJF); 4 4/7 Chimney Pt. (MBN); 5 4/8 DCWMA (WAM); 11 4/8 Grand Isle (RBL); 141 4/8 Swanton (RBL,DKL,PAT); 110 4/9 Swanton (RBL,DKL); 36 4/8 Champlain Islands (DLC,DCL); 231 4/12 Swanton (RBL). Late dates: 2 5/3 HC (WJN); 58 5/12 S. Bay Newport (DLC); 5 5/12 Newport (RHH); 4 5/13 Leicester (WGE); 8 5/18 Mud Creek (JDM); 2 5/19 S. Bay (DLC); 5/19 Orleans County (CCF). High Count was 500 4/8 MNWR (JG). Greater Scaup: 2 3/24 Grand Isle (RBL); 8 4/1 Alburg (WGE,NLM); 3 4/3 McCuen Slang Addison (WME); 2 4/3 Chimney Point (MBN); 2 4/7 L. Bomoseen (CJF); 250 4/8

-11- Champlain Islands (DLC) the high count; 2 4/8 Vernon (JJC); 1 4/9 HC (WJN); 1 4/10 Button Bay SP (DLC,RTC); 8 4/18 Shoreham (ELW); 1 4/19 Crown Point Bridge (KHD); 21 4/22 Chimney Pt. (MBN); 3 4/24 Shoreham (ELW); 7 4/28 Chimney Pt. (REG,OAG). Lesser Scaup: 9 4/7 WRD (JDM); 4 4/7 Vernon (JJC); 2 4/10-17 HC (REG, WJN,WGE,NLM); 6 4/13 Shoreham (ELW); 4/19 Crown Pt. Bridge (KHD); 7 4/26 Vernon (JJC). High count was 25 4/18 MNWR (JG). Scaup sp.: 2 3/25, 20 4/7 WRD (JDM); 2 3/31 Shelburne (WAM); 2 5/18 S. Hero (JDM). Old-squaw: 3 4/14 Roundy's Cove (WGE,NLM); 1 4/25 HC (REG); 2 5/27 Martin's Pond - Peacham (MRD). Black Scoter: one report - 2 4/7 Lake Bomoseen (CJF). Surf Scoter: one report - 1 4/27 Connecticut R. at Rock-ingham (WJN). White-winged Scoter: two reports - 2 4/20 HC (KHD); 3 5/31 Shoreham (ELW,LW). Common Goldeneye: 6 3/4 Weybridge (CJF); 6 3/8 Charlotte (DLC); 4 3/18 Weybridge (WME); 16 3/24 WRD (JDM); 1 3/24 E. Barnet (FM); 9 3/24 Otter Creek (WAM); 2 3/25 Chimney Pt. (MBN); 80 3/25 Grand Isle (RBL,DKL); 3 3/25 Otter Creek (WAM); 4 3/26 Vernon (JJC); 180 4/1 Grand Isle (WGE,NLM); 15 4/1-2 HC (REG,WJN); 3 4/12 Middlesex (FAP). Late dates: 1 5/3 HC (WJN); 12 5/12 Newport (RHH); 12 5/18 SBWMA to Mud Creek (JDM); 5 5/19 Button Bay SP (DLC); 2 5/27 MNWR (WME). High counts: 125 3/31 WRD (JDM); 150 4/8 MNWR (JG); 200 4/8 Champlain Islands (DLC). Bufflehead: first 1 3/24 Grand Isle (RBL,DKL); 2 3/24 Otter Creek (WAM); 4 3/25 Otter Creek (WAM); 1 3/26 DCWMA (DLC); 2 3/31 Crown Pt. Bridge (KHD); 1 4/1 HC (JJC); 7 4/14-17 HC (REG,WJN,WGE,NLM). Late dates: 1 5/5 Otter Creek (WAM); 2 5/5 Button Bay SP (WGE,CJF); 2 5/5 East Creek - Rutland (RHH); 1 5/11 McCuen Slang - Addison (BB,JB); 2 5/16 Lake Carmi (PJM); 2 5/17 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/19 Birdathon (MFM,MVE); 104 total March-May Shelburne (WAM). High count: 30 4/12 MNWR (JG). Hooded Merganser: 2 3/8 Charlotte (DLC); 2 3/11 Wells River (WGE,NLM); 4 3/24 Otter Creek (WAM); 4 3/24 Shelburne (WAM); 3 3/24 WRD to Lamoille R. (JDM); 6 3/25 Chimney Pt. (MBN); 1 3/25 Crown Pt. Bridge (KHD); 2 3/26 Retreat Meadows (JJC); 12 3/31 Otter Creek (WAM); 4 4/1 DCWMA (JRA); 6 4/2 HC (WJN); 5 4/3 McCuen Slang - Addison (WME); 3 4/16 E. Barnet (FM). Late: 9 5/16 Lake Carmi (PJM); 1 5/24 Gale Meadows (Winhall) (WJN); 1 5/28 S. Bay - Newport (DLC). High count was 20 4/8 MNWR (JG). Common Merganser: 1 3/1 Berlin (ES); 8 3/8 Charlotte (DLC); 197 3/10 Burlington-Charlotte (WGE,SJS); 26 3/18 Weybridge (WME); 1 3/18 New Haven (KHD); 6 3/25 Chimney Pt. (MBN); 32 3/25 Grand Isle (RBL); 2 3/20 Retreat Mdw. (JJC); 6 3/26 Middlesex (GG); 5 3/17 WRD (JDM); 3 3/27 Montpelier (MFM); 50 3/27 Grand Isle (RBL); 3 4/1 Westminster (JJC); 15 4/2 HC (WJN); 5 4/6-17 Taftsville (MT,DK); 6 4/8 W. Danville (FM); 3 4/14 Thurman W. Dix Res. (FAP); 22 4/15 Lake Bomoseen (CJF). Late: 1 5/6 Shoreham (ELW); 4 5/12 Newport (RHH); 2 5/18 N. Hero (JDM); 1 5/19 HC (WJN); 2 5/19 South Bay - Newport (DLC); 2 5/19 Vernon (JJC); 1 5/19 Essex Cty. (BaW); 2 5/24 Leicester - Silver Lake (WME); 1 5/26 Middlebury (KHD). High count was 500 4/3 Chimney Pt. (MBN). Red-breasted Merganser: 1 3/31 Crown Pt. Bridge (KHD); 25 4/7 Charlotte to Shelburne (DLC,KH) the high count; 6 4/10 Shelburne (WAM); 5 4/12 Shelburne (WAM); 3 4/15 Shoreham (ELW); 2 4/21 Shoreham (ELW); 3 4/26 Vernon (JJC); 2 4/27 Springweather NA (EE); 1 4/27 HC (WGE,WJN); 1 5/5 Tri-town Water District - Addison (WGE); 20 5/11 Tri-town W. D. (BB,JB); 2 5/18 St. Albans (RBL); 3 5/19 Button Bay SP (DLC,EE,HSP et al.).

#### DIURNAL RAPTORS

The Hawk Watch, which was taken mostly in the second half of April, produced a total of 614 hawks for all watches, down from last year's 859. Turkey Vulture: 42 were seen by hawk watchers. Other

reports: first 1 3/24 Middlebury (MBN); 2 3/24 Wells (CJF); 1 3/27 Westminster (SBL,JDL); 1 3/28 Colchester (RBL); 2 3/30 New Haven (KHD); 1 4/1 Huntington (JDM); 2 4/1 SBWMA (CAS); 1 4/2 Essex (RBL); 1 4/9 HC (WJN); widespread after that. High counts: 16 4/21 HC to Springfield (WGE,NLM); 7 4/30 Woodstock (CRP). Osprey: 22 were seen by hawk watchers. Reports, including hawk-watches: first 1 4/5 Middlebury (JID, MCD); 1 4/13 Woodstock (NLM,WGE); 1 4/16 St. Johnsbury (FM); 2 4/17 HC (JJC,REG); 2 4/20 Rutland (RWP); 1 4/21 Orwell (RWP); 2 4/22 Bristol (DLC); 2 5/6 Winoski Valley (PSH); 1 5/19 Brattleboro (SS); 1 5/25 Charlotte (JID,MCD); 1 5/25 DCWMA (KHD); 1 5/27 MNWR (WME). High counts: 4 5/6 Duxbury (FAP); 15 4/22 HC and Rockingham (WGE,NLM). Bald Eagle: 2 3/19 Harriman Res. Dam (fide JED); 1 4/1 Rutland (SC); 1 4/4 Thompson's Point - Charlotte (JID,MCD); 1 imm. 4/17 Hinesburg - during hawk watch (MPB et al.). Northern Harrier: 9 were seen by hawk-watchers. Others: 1 3/2 Burlington Intervale (CAS,JMK); 4 3/3 DCWMA (MPB,WRB); 1 3/4 DCWMA (CJF); 1-5 3/24 DCWMA (DLC,RTC,WGE) the high count; 2 3/25 DCWMA (MBN); 1 3/26 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 3/31 DCWMA (KHD,WAM); 1 3/26 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 4/7 Retreat Mdw. (JJC); 1 4/10 HC (REG); 1 4/19 Underhill (KCS); 1 5/2 Retreat Mdw. (BEP); 1 5/9 Springfield Mdw. (WJN); 1 5/19 Fair Haven (JLa). The early March birds may have over-wintered. Sharp-shinned Hawk: 81 were seen by hawk-watchers. Others: 1 3/5 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 3/8-9 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 3/9 Lincoln (JRA); 1 3/11 Peacham (FM); 1 3/16 S. Duxbury (FAP); 1 3/24 Rutland (JPM); 1 4/16 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 4/18 Woodstock (BEP); 1- apparently partly albino; 5/1 S. Pomfret (ASC); 1 5/17 Barnard (JNF); 1 5/19 "Washington Cty." (ATA); 1 5/19 Brattleboro (SS); 1 5/20 Ripton (MBN); 1 5/23 New Haven (KHD); 17 4/22 I-91 Rockingham (WGE,NLM);. Cooper's Hawk: 13 were seen by hawk watchers. First report: 1 3/1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); other reports: 1 3/24 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 4/5 Woodstock (JMN); 2 4/22 and 3 4/28 I-91 Rockingham (WGE,NLM) the high count; 1 4/29 Winhall Hawk Lookout (WJN); 1 5/19 Manchester (RuS); 1 5/22 Peacham (FM); 1 5/26 New Haven (KHD). Northern Goshawk: only two were seen by hawk watchers. Reports: 1 3/5 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 3/8 Woodstock (WGE); 1 3/8-4/15 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 3/10 New Haven (KHD); 1 3/14 Peacham (FM); 1 3/30 Middlebury (KHD); 1 3/31 Reading (MWB); 1 4/1 Roundy's Cove (REG, OAG); 1 4/8 S. Hero (DLC); 1 4/28 Rutland (CJF); 1 4/29 East Creek - Rutland (RHH); 1 5/7 Winhall Hawk Lookout (WJN); 1 5/22 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/22 Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/26 Vernon (JJC). Red-shouldered Hawk: 16 were seen by hawk watchers. Reports: first 1 3/13 Orwell (SLM); 1 3/27 Shelburne (MPB); 1 4/5 Westford (PFZ); 1 4/13 Winhall Hawk Lookout (WJN); 1 4/14 Bristol (DLC et al.); 1 4/20 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). High count 5 4/29 Winhall Hawk Lookout (WJN). Broad-winged Hawk: 248 were seen by hawk watchers. First 1 3/27 Bristol (JRA); 1 ad. 3/29 Sudbury (SLM) - both extremely early - 10 4/22 Winhall Hawk Lookout (WJN); 3 4/14 Bristol (DLC et al.). The high count was 131 4/28 I-91 Rockingham (WGE,NLM). Red-tailed Hawk: 77 were seen by hawk watchers. Many early reports indicate over-wintering birds - 2 3/2 New Haven (MBN); 1 3/3 Orwell (SLM); 12 3/3 DCWMA (MPB,WRB); 1 3/4 Brattleboro Dump (JJC); 1 3/8 Reading (MWB); 1 3/8 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 3 3/18 DCWMA (DLC, RTC); 1 3/23 Reading (FMH,GEH); 3 3/24 Burlington-Colchester (JDM); 1 3/26 Woodstock (JMN). One of those seen 3/24 by JDM apparently a melanistic individual from the description. High counts: 15 3/24 DCWMA (WGE); 18 4/14 Mt. Philo (JID, MCD). Several sites reported nest building activity by late March. Rough-legged Hawk was reported almost continuously from the Dead Creek-Ferrisburg area from 3/1 until 4/29 (many observers); some high counts

-12- there: 16 3/3 DCWMA (MPB,WRB); 20 3/24 DCWMA (WGE). Away from there: 1 3/4 Barre (MFM); 1 3/9 New Haven (KHD); 1 3/13 Orwell (SLM). American Kestrel: 45 were seen by hawk watchers. Some early reports may be of birds that over-wintered: 1 3/3 New Haven (MPB, WRB); 1 3/3 Brandon (SLM); 1 3/3 Charlotte (KHD); 1 3/4 Ferrisburg (CJF); 1 3/18 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 3/22 Burlington (WAM); 2 3/24 Brattleboro (JJC); 1 3/24 Plainfield (MFM); 1 3/24 Barnet (FM); 1 3/24 N. Salisbury (MBN); 3 3/24 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 1 3/24 Fair Haven (CJF); 4 3/24 Middlebury (KHD); 4 3/24 Colchester-Burlington (JDM); 1 3/25 Plainfield (LNM); 1 3/25 DCWMA (WAM); 1 3/26 Springfield (JCS); 3/24 seems to have been a big movement day for them statewide. High count 17 4/28 I-91 Rockingham (WGE, NLM). One male was netted at VINS (5/10). No Merlins were reported. Peregrine Falcon: four reports - 1 3/11 Ryegate (WGE,NLM); 1 imm. 4/14 Otter Creek 2 miles s. of Middlebury (ATF,JWAW); 1 4/22 White Rocks (Wallingford) (BLR); 1 5/22 Otter Creek near Middlebury (JAP) hunting shorebirds - possibly the same individual as the first report.

#### GALLINACEOUS BIRDS, RAILS

Ruffed Grouse: widely reported. High counts: 3 4/17 reading (FMH,GEH); 3 4/22 Orwell (SLM). The Wild Turkey was reported from the following locations: Strafford, Lyndonville, Stockbridge, Reading, Ferrisburg, Shrewsbury, Saxtons River, Shoreham, Orwell, Clarendon, New Haven, Barre, and Brandon. The high count was 10 3/1 Brandon (JB,BB). Virginia Rail: 1 4/23 WRM (WGE,NLM); 1 4/29 DCWMA (REG,OAG); 1 5/5 Brandon (WGE); 5 5/5 WRM (SBL,JDL,JJC); 6 5/6 WRM (RWP); 3 5/12 S. Bay-Newport (DLC); 1 5/12 Newport (RHH); 1 5/15 St. Albans (FAP); 2 5/16 Allens Swamp Rockingham (REG); 5 5/18 Mud Creek (JDM); 2 5/19 Barton River Marshes (WGE,GFE,NLM); 2 5/19 WRM (WJN, LPS); 1 5/19 Addison (JSA,KMA); 7 5/28 S. Bay-Newport (DLC) was the high count. Sora: 2 4/29 DCWMA (WGE); 1 5/5 Brandon; 1 5/5 DCWMA (WGE); 1 5/5 WRM (SBL,JDL); 2 5/6 WRM (RWP); 1 5/12 Newport (RHH); 1 5/12 S. Bay (DLC); 1 5/13 Salisbury (WGE); 1 5/17, 19 WRM (WJN); 1 5/18 Mud Creek (JDM); 1 5/19 Barton River Marshes (WGE,GFE,NLM); 1 5/19 S. Bay-Newport (DLC); 1 5/19 DCWMA (SLM); 1 5/19 Addison (KMA, JSA). Common Moorhen: 3 4/28 Mud Creek (REG,OAG); 1 5/5 WRM (SBL, JDL); 4 5/5 DCWMA (WGE); 4 5/18 Colchester to Mud Creek (JDM); 1 5/19 Arlington (RHH); 1 5/19 WRM (WJN); 1 5/19 Addison (KMA,JSA); 5 5/19 S. Bay-Newport (DLC et al.) the high count; 1 5/19 Allen's Swamp-Rockingham (REG,DC); 3 5/19 Barton River Marshes (WGE,GFE,NLM); 1 5/20 DCWMA (SBL,BLR,LHP); 1 5/25 DCWMA (KHD); 1 5/28 S. Bay-Newport (DLC). American Coot: 5 4/30 MNWR (JG); 1 5/20 DCWMA (SBL,BLR,LHP).

#### SHOREBIRDS

Killdeer. The first report 2/22 Tinmouth (PB) probably reflected the mild February weather. Next: 3 3/1 Woodstock (CRP); 1 3/8 Bethel (EH); 1 3/16 New Haven (KHD); 1 3/21 West Burke (FM); 3 3/23 Grand Isle (RBL); 1 3/23 Colchester (JDS); 1 3/24 DCWMA (WGE); 1 3/24 W. Salisbury (MBN); 1 3/25 Retreat Mdw. (JJC); 18 3/28 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD) the high count; 5 3/29 Retreat Mdw. (JJC). Greater Yellowlegs: 1 4/14 Springfield Mdw. (WGE,NLM); 2 4/17 HC (WJN,MEC,REG); 2 4/29 Salisbury Swamp (WGE); 1 5/5 Grand Isle (RBL); 4 5/5 Shoreham (ELW); 15 5/5 Brandon to DCWMA (WGE) which was the high count; 3 5/5 Colchester (JDM); 2 5/8 Shoreham (ELW); 8 5/13 Brandon-Leicester-Salisbury (WGE); 1 5/16 Lake Carmi (PJM); 1 5/19 SBWMA (FAP); 1 5/19 Barton River Marshes (WGE,GFE,NLM); 1 5/19 WRM, 1 5/19 HC (WJN); 1 5/19 Manchester (RuS). Lesser Yellowlegs: 2 4/15 Leicester (BB,JB); 1 5/5 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/5 Colchester (JDM); 1 5/5 Brandon (WGE); 1

5/14 Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/14 Springfield Mdws. (WJN); 1 5/27 Grand Isle (RBL,DKL). Solitary Sandpiper: 1 4/29 Leicester Flats (WGE); 7 5/5 Brandon (WGE); 1 5/6 HC (REG); 4 5/7 Weybridge (MBN); 3 5/6 Weybridge (MBN); 2 5/8 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/9 Springfield Mdws. (WJN); 1 5/10 New Haven (KHD); 1 5/12 Newport (RHH); 1 5/12 S. Bay - Newport (DLC); 5 5/13 Salisbury (JMN). High counts: 9 5/13 Quechee to Leicester (WGE); 8 5/19 Springfield Mdws. - Mt. Holly (WJN). Last recorded: 5/19 (many obs.). Spotted Sandpiper: first 1 4/22 Clarendon (CJF) early; 1 4/25 New Haven (KHD); 1 4/28 Halifax (BHA); 2 4/28 Vernon (JJC); 1 4/29 DCWMA (WME); 5 4/29 Leicester - DCWMA (WGE); 1 5/5 WRM (MPB); 1 5/3 Shoreham (ELW); 2 5/5 East Creek (RHH); 1 5/5 DCWMA (DLC, DCD); 4 5/6 Woodstock (CRP). High count 8 5/12 S. Bay (DLC). Upland Sandpiper: 1 4/27 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 4/28 DCWMA (REG); 8 4/29 DCWMA and vicinity (EE,HSP,REG et al.) the high count; 3 5/13 Salisbury (WGE); 5 5/19 DCWMA (WGE,GFE,NLM); 1 5/22 Wallingford (WJN); 1 5/29 Shoreham (ELW). Semipalmated Sandpiper: 3 5/12 Vernon (JJC); 17 5/19 Middlebury (MBN). Least Sandpiper: 18 5/13 Vernon (JJC); 19 5/13 Sudbury to Leicester (WGE) the high count; 4 5/14 Springfield Mdws. (WJN); 3 5/15 New Haven (KHD); 5 5/18 Champlain Valley (JDM); 2 5/19 Barton River Marshes (WGE, GFE, NLM); 4 5/19 Mt. Holly (WJN); 1 5/23 New Haven (KHD). Short-billed Dowitcher: 25 5/14 HC (WJN). Dowitcher (sp.): 3 5/18 N. Hero (JDM). American Woodcock: first "calling male" 3/29 Westford (PFZ); 1 3/31 Middlebury (WME); 3 4/1 Middlebury (WME); 1 4/2 WRM (RWP); 1 4/2 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 4/4 Woodstock (NLM); 1 4/7 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 4/8 Lincoln (JRA); 1 4/9 Fair Haven (EPA). High count 13 5/19 Island Pond area (WGE,GFE,NLM). Common Snipe: first 4 3/31 Clarendon (CJF); 3 4/7 SBWMA (JDM); 1 4/11 New Haven (KHD); 1 4/14 Rockingham (REG); 1 4/14 New Haven (JRA); 1 4/20 WRM (LPS); 4 4/23 WRM (WGE,NLM); 1 4/25 Retreat Mdws. (JJC); 1 4/27 Weybridge (MBN); 3 4/28 New Haven (KHD); 2 4/29 Marshfield (WRB, MPB). High count 14 5/5 Brandon to Button Bay SP (WGE).

#### GULLS AND TERNS

Bonaparte's Gull: 1 4/21 Shoreham (ELW); 5 5/5 WRD (JDM); 1 5/11 Lake Willoughby (REG,OAG); 3 5/14 Springweather NA (WJN). Ring-billed Gull: 129 3/10 Burlington (WGE,SJS); 2 3/10 WRD (JDM); 6 3/12 Vernon (JJC); 2 3/14 Brandon (BB,JB); 200 3/22 Bristol (JRA); 2 3/23 New Haven (KHD); 100 3/24 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 6 3/24 N. Salisbury (MBN); 7,000 3/25 Young Isl. (RBL,DKL); 2 3/23 E. Montpelier (MFM); 1 4/1 HC (REG,OAG); 1 4/8 Lake Carmi, on the ice (PJM); 500 5/8 at Ferrisburg (ELW) was a good count; on 5/27 337 nests at Popasquash Isl., and 10,000 +/- nests Young Isl. (DEC). Herring Gull: 2 3/10 WRD (JDM); 1,250 3/10 Burlington (WGE,SJS) the high count; 12 3/12 Vernon (JJC); 200 3/18 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 2 3/24 Roundy's Cove (WJN); 1 4/6 HC (REG); 4 4/7 Pantan (MBN); 126 4/14 Springfield - Rockingham (WGE,NLM et al.); 75 4/17 HC (WJN); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 5 5/28 S. Bay - Newport (DLC); 5/27 about 150 nests Young Isl. (DEC). Iceland Gull: 1 3/23 S. Burlington (MPB,WRB); 1 4/1-8 Retreat Mdws. (JJC,WGE,NLM); 1 4/14 Springfield Mdws. "a dark first-winter bird, exhibiting some Thayer's-like characteristics" (WGE,NLM,REG et al.). Glaucous Gull: 1 3/10 S. Burlington - second-winter bird (WGE,SJS); 2 4/6 Retreat Mdws. (DUW). Great Black-backed Gull: a tremendous explosion of this species took place in the Connecticut River Valley this spring. Normally it has only occurred in small numbers here. First seen 12 3/12 Vernon (JJC); built up to 75 4/1 Retreat Mdws. area (JJC). Jeremy Coleman (JJC) writes: "The early migrant gull flocks had high proportions of this species - often 50-60%". At HC up to 8 present from 4/1 through the month (REG,OAG,WJN) with a high of 15 4/20 (KHD); 28 4/14 Springfield - Rockingham (WGE,NLM

-13- et al.); 4 5/23 HC (WJN). Elsewhere in the state: 1 3/8 Charlotte (DLC); 77 3/10 Burlington (WGE,SJS) the high count; 2 3/10 WRD (JDM); 35 3/20 Burlington (WAM); 7 3/23 Grand Isle (RBL); 3 3/25 Chimney Pt. (MBN); 3 3/31 Crown Pt. Bridge (KHD); 1 4/3 McCuen Slang (WME); 4 4/9 Swanton (RBL); 1 5/11 Tri-TOWN WATER DISTRICT (BB,JB); 6 5/12 Newport (RHH); 3 5/19 S. Bay - Newport (DLC); 5/27 Young Isl. one nest (DEC). A gull seen by MBN and AB on 5/19 at Middlebury was identified as a possible FRANKLIN'S GULL, but since it was not seen in flight and the spread-wing pattern was not noted, it must remain in the "hypothetical" category. Common Tern: 7 5/5 Tri-Town Water District - Addison (WGE); 1 5/10 HC (REG); 1 5/18 WRD (JDM); 24 nests 5/27 Popasquash Isl. (DEC). Black Tern arrived early: 1 4/28 Burlington Intervale (DLC); 2 4/28 DCWMA (KHD); 3 4/29 DCWMA (REG,OAG); 12 5/5 Addison (WGE) the high count; 3 5/5 DCWMA (WAM); 5 5/5 WRD (JDM,MPB); 6 5/11 DCWMA (BB,JB); 3 5/12 Newport (RHH); 3 5/12 DCWMA (JID,MCD); 1 5/13 Salisbury (JMN); 1 5/31 Pompanoosuc (RAM,MEM).

#### DOVES THROUGH KINGFISHER

Rock Doves were present in usual numbers. A high count of them was c. 200 at Vernon (JJC). Mourning Doves now winter almost everywhere, even at the higher elevations. The highest counts submitted were: 18 3/14 Barnard "during the snowstorm" (JNF); 20 3/1 Brandon (BB,JB); 24 3/18 Weybridge (MBN). Black-billed Cuckoos were very scarce and late this year; only two reports, both from the same place: 1 5/23 and 1 5/30 both East Creek, Rutland (RHH). No Yellow-billed Cuckoos were reported. Eastern Screech-Owl: 1 3/28 Barnard (EWC,MCC); 2 4/15 Burlington (MPB); 1 5/2 and 14 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/19 Salisbury (WME); 1 5/19 Addison Cty. (JSA,KMA). Great Horned Owl: 1 3/8 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 3/12 Pittsford (JR); 1 3/16 Westford (PFZ); 1 3/17 New Haven (KHD); 1 4/14 Shoreham (ELW); 2 5/5-6 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/12 Shelburne (MPB); 1 5/12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/13 Gale Mdws. (WJN); 1 5/19 DCWMA (WGE,GFE,NLM). Snowy Owl: 1 3/1 Barre Airport (MFM) and 1 3/10 (FAP); 1 3/15 Weybridge (JID,MCD). Barred Owl was widely reported from all locations. The high count was 3 5/5 Shrewsbury (LPS). Long-eared Owl: 1 3/10 Ferrisburg (WGE,SJS). Short-eared Owl: 3 3/3 DCWMA (MPB,WRB); 1 3/8 (road kill) Charlotte (WGE,SJS) - specimen at VINS; 1 3/13 Cornwall and 1 3/14 New Haven (KHD); 1 3/24 Addison (DLC,RTC). Northern Saw-whet Owl: 1 3/1 Woodstock (JMN); 1 3/17 Winhall (WJN); 1 4/20 E. Montpelier (SCA). Common Nighthawk: 1 4/29 Rutland (RHH) early; 1 5/19 Brattleboro (SS); 4 5/19 Rutland (RHH) the high count; 1 5/19 Barre (ATA); 1 5/20 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/22 Burlington (MPB,WRB); 1 5/22 Woodstock (CAM); 1 5/24 Montpelier (FAP); 1 5/24 Proctor (RWP); 2 5/25 Woodstock (CRP). Whip-poor-will: 1 5/1 Hubbard Park (GB); 2 5/12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/13 Ira (WGE); 1 5/15 Woodstock (CRP); 1-2 5/19 Island Pond (DLC,WGE,GFE,NLM et al.); 1 5/19 Westminster (REG,DC); 2 5/19 Salisbury (WME); 1 5/25 Bristol (WW); 1 5/27 W. Rutland (CJF). Chimney Swift: 1 4/28 Rutland (CJF); 1 4/28 Rockingham (WGE,NLM); 1 4/29 Wallingford (SLM); 3 5/1 Rutland (LPS); 25 5/1 Middlebury (KHD) the high count; 2 5/3 Middlebury (JID,MCD); 6 5/5 Rutland (RHH); 5/6 Bridgewater Mills (HT); 3 5/8 Woodstock (JMN); 10 5/9 Springfield (WJN); 1 5/11 Colchester (JDM). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 1 5/7 Saxtons River (REG,OAG); 1 5/10 Brownsville (ARK); 1 5/10 Woodstock (FAL); 1 5/11 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 5/12 S. Woodstock (RCO); 1 5/13 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 5/13 Rutland (CJF); 1 5/14 Fair Haven (EPA); 1 5/14 St. Johnsbury (FM); 1 5/15 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 2 5/16 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/18 Castleton (RWP); 2 5/18 S. Hero (JDM); 1 5/18 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/18 Randolph (EWC,MCC); 1 5/18 New Haven (KHD). High count 5 5/21



Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Belted Kingfisher: 1 3/18 -14- Starksboro (MPB); 1 3/24 HC (WJN); 1 3/28 Retreat Mdw. (JJC); 1 3/31 Clarendon (CJF); 1 4/2 Tunbridge (GFE); 1 4/3 SBWMA (RBL); 1 4/4 HC (REG); 1 4/6 Montpelier (CM); 1 4/8 New Haven (KHD); 1 4/11 Sudbury (SLM); 1 4/12 Woodstock (BEP,CCF); 1 4/13 Shoreham (ELW); 1 4/14 Colchester (JDM); 1 4/14 Thurman W. Dix Reservoir (FAP); 1 4/15 Woodstock (JMN); 1 4/22 Sheffield (PFW). High count 7 5/19 Birdathon (DLC et al.).

#### WOODPECKERS

Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 5/9 Middlebury (WME); 1 5/21 Plainfield (MFM). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 4/4 Woodstock (JMN); 1 4/8 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 4/10 St. Johnsbury (FM); 7 4/13 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/13 Sudbury (SLM); 1 4/14 Bristol (DLC et al.); 1 4/18 Winhall (WJN); 1 4/24 Woodstock (WGE,NLM). High count 15 4/28 Reading (FMH,GEH). One was netted at the VINS banding station, and one netted at Plainfield (MFM). Downy Woodpecker was present in normal numbers and reported everywhere. High counts of 5 at Brandon through the winter and spring periods (BB,JB), 5 4/8 Champlain Isl. (DLC). Three were netted at VINS. Hairy Woodpecker was present through the period; a number of reporters thought their numbers low, including this editor. The high count was 3 4/29 Shoreham (ELW). One was netted at VINS, one at Plainfield (MFM). A pair was seen to be feeding young 5/31 Brownsville (BMH). Black-backed Woodpecker: 2 males 5/12 Moose Bog - Ferdinand (DLC, RHH); pair 5/19 Victory Bog (CBr,PFW); 2 5/19 Moose Bog (WGE,GFE,NLM); 1 5/28 Moose Bog (DLC). Northern Flicker: 1 3/25 East Creek Rutland (RHH); 1 4/4 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 4/13 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 4/14 DCWMA (WAM); 1 4/14 HC (WGE,NLM et al.); 2 4/14 Winhall Hawk Lookout (WJN); 1 4/17 Shoreham (ELW); 1 4/18 HC (REG); 1 4/19 Retreat Mdw. (JJC); 4 4/19 Shelburne (WAM); 1 4/19 Middlebury (KHD); 2 4/20 Lincoln (JRA); 1 4/22 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/23 Shrewsbury (LPS). High count 7 4/28 Reading (FMH,GEH). One was netted at VINS. Pileated Woodpecker was widely reported as usual. High counts: 4 3/24 Addison (WGE); 4 5/19 Island Pond area (WGE,GFE, NLM).

#### FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 5/21 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/22 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/25 Reading (FMH, GEH); 1 5/26 Peru (WJN). Eastern Wood-Pewee: 1 5/16 Poultney River (LPS); 1 5/19 Springfield Mdw. (WJN); 1 5/22 East Creek - Rutland (RHH); 1 5/23 Benson (CJF); 1 5/23 Proctor (RWP); 1 5/23 Middlebury (KHD); 5 5/22 Shoreham (ELW) the high count; 1 5/24 Lake Dunmore (WME); 1 5/24 Lincoln (JRA). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher: 1 5/20 Hancock (KHD); 1 5/24 Middlebury (KHD); 1 5/26 Sunderland (WGE,NLM,CE). One was netted at Plainfield (MFM). Most arrived in June. Alder Flycatcher: 2 5/23 HC and 1 5/23 Springweather NA (WJN); 1 5/25 S. Lincoln (KHD); 4 5/26 Arlington (WGE, NLM,CE) the high count; 3 5/26 Lincoln (JRA); 1 5/27 West Glover (REG,OAG); 1 5/31 Winhall (WJN). Willow Flycatcher: 1 5/23 Springweather NA (WJN); 1 5/24 Weybridge (MBN); 1 5/26 Arlington (WGE,NLM,CE); 1 5/27 Reading (FMH,GEH); 2 5/28 S. Bay - Newport (DLC). Two "Traill's" type were netted at VINS, 1 netted at Plainfield (MFM). Least Flycatcher: 1 4/29 Hartford (WGE,NLM); 1 4/30 Lake Dunmore (WME); 2 5/1 (VINS); 1 5/5 WRM (SBL,JDL); 4 5/5 West Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/5 Brandon (MBN); 1 5/7 Shoreham (ELW); 3 5/7 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/10 Middlebury (KHD); 1 5/11 WRM (RHH); 1 5/11 W. Glover (REG,OAG). High count 6 5/20 Reading (FMH, GEH). Seventeen were netted at VINS, 3 netted at Plainfield (MFM). Eastern Phoebe: 1 4/2 HC (WJN); 1 4/2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 4/4 Timmouth (PB); 1 4/6

Westford (PFZ); 1 4/6 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/6 HC (REG); 1 4/6 Woodstock (CRP); 2 4/6 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 4/7 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 4/7 Charlotte (DLC, KH); 1 4/9 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 4/12 Woodstock (JMN); 1 4/13 Weybridge (KHD); 1 4/13 Castleton (RWP); 1 4/13 Shoreham (ELW); 1 4/13 Middlebury (WME). High count 6 4/14 HC (WGE,NLM et al.). Three were netted at VINS. Great Crested Flycatcher: 1 4/28 DCWMA (KHD); 1 5/5 Pittsford (WGE); 1 5/8 Shoreham (ELW); 2 5/9 Burlington (DLC); 3 5/12 Colchester (JDM); 1 5/13 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 5/13 Middlebury (WME); 5 5/13 Benson (CJF); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 1 5/13 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/16 Poultney R. (LPS); 1 5/16 N. Westminster (REG). High count 6 5/27 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Eastern Kingbird: 1 4/28 DCWMA (KHD); 1 4/30 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 2 5/3 Orwell (SLM); 1 5/5 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/5 WRM (JJC); 2 5/6 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/7 New Haven (JRA); 2 5/11 Hubbardton (CJF); 1 5/11 E. St. Johnsbury (FM); 1 5/11 Winhall (WJN); 2 5/11 WRM (RHH); 1 5/11 Brandon (BB,JB); 4 5/12 Orwell (ELW); 1 5/12 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/12 Hinesburg Bridge (JDM). High counts: 10 5/14 Springfield Mdw. (WJN); 15 5/18 "Champlain Valley" (JDM). One was netted at VINS on 5/23, a retrap of a bird originally banded 5/22/81! One was netted at Plainfield (MFM).

#### LARKS THROUGH SWALLOWS

Horned Lark: 5 3/1 Chittenden (LPS); up to 25 3/1-19 New Haven (JRA); 28 3/1 Orwell (SLM); 25 3/3 Wolcott (PFW,SAW); 1 3/4 Shoreham (KHD); 9 3/4 DCWMA (CJF); 26 3/6 Essex (PFZ); 35 3/10 S. Burlington (JDM); 75 3/10 Shelburne - Pantou (WGE,SJS); 36 3/12 Vernon (JJC); 12 3/13 Cornwall (NLM); 41 3/17 S. Burlington - Shelburne (JDM); 75 3/18 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 1 4/14 Shoreham (LPS); 1 4/19 DCWMA (KHD); 1 5/19 Newport Airport (DLC). High count 100 3/13 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Purple Martin: 1 4/9 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD); 2 4/19 Crown Pt. Bridge (KHD); 4 4/28 Weybridge (MBN); 1 4/28 Grand Isle (REG,OAG); 6 5/5 DCWMA (RHH, CJF,WGE); 1 5/10 Colchester (JDM); 1 5/11 McCuen Slang - Addison (BB,JB). High count 25 5/26 Addison (JRA). Tree Swallow: 1 3/22 Winhall Hawk Lookout (WJN) early; 1 4/3 McCuen Slang - Addison (MBN); 2 4/3 Crown Pt. Bridge (WME); 2 4/3 Barnet Center (FM); 2 4/4 Woodstock (WGE,NLM,JMN); 2 4/6 Waltham (JRA); 16 4/6 Retreat Mdw. (JJC); 8 4/7 DCWMA (CJF); 25 4/7 Lake Bomoseen (LPS); 145 4/7 SBWMA - Burlington (JDM); 40 4/8 Long Point (JID,MCD); 53 4/8 Champlain Isl. (DLC); 5 4/8 Isle La Motte (RBL,DKL); 3 4/10 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 4/11 HC (REG). High counts: 2,000 4/22 Orwell (SLM); 200 5/14 HC (WJN). Six were netted at VINS, 2 netted at Plainfield (MFM). Northern Rough-winged Swallow: 1 4/14 Springfield Mdw. (NLM,WGE et al.); 1 4/22 Rockingham (NLM,WGE); 2 4/23 WRM (WGE,NLM); 2 4/27 HC (WJN); 1 4/29 Pantou (WGE); 1 4/29 New Haven (KHD); 2 4/30 Shoreham (ELW); 3 5/5 Woodstock (JMN); 8 5/5 WRM (SBL et al.); 2 5/5 Colchester (JDM); 1 5/5 DCWMA (RHH); 1 5/12 Middlebury (WME); 2 5/13 Swanton (FAP); 1 5/13 S. Strafford (HR). High count 12 5/12 Brandon (MBN). Bank Swallow: 5 4/27 Rockingham (WGE); 1 5/1 Middlebury (KHD); 5 5/3 HC (WJN); 15 5/5 WRM (SBL,JJC et al.); 1 5/12 Brandon (MBN); 5 5/12 S. Bay - Newport (DLC); 1 5/12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 2 5/13 Quechee (WGE); 3 5/16 WRM (LPS); 8 5/18 Colchester (JDM). High count 260 5/19 HC to Springfield Mdw. (WJN). Cliff Swallow: 1 4/29 Winhall Hawk Lookout (WJN); 20 5/5 WRM (SBL,JJC et al.); 5 5/5 DCWMA (DLC,DCD); 1 5/6 L. Bomoseen (NLM,WGE,JPM); 1 5/7 Sudbury (SLM); 1 5/9 HC (WJN); 1 5/11 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/16 Middlebury (KHD). High count 27 5/18 Morgan Center (DLC). Barn Swallow: 5 4/14 Monkton (DLC); 1 4/19 Brandon (BB,JB); 2 4/19 DCWMA (KHD); 2 4/20 WRM (LPS); 4 4/23 WRM (WGE,NLM); 1 4/25 Sudbury (SLM); 1 4/27 Weybridge (MBN); 2 4/27 HC (WJN); 1 4/27 Shelburne (MPB); 1 4/28 "Northeast Kingdom" (REG,OAG);

1 4/28 East Creek - Rutland (RHH); 1 4/29 Tirmouth (CJF); 1 4/30 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 4/30 Halifax (BHA); 2 4/30 Waltham (JRA); 5 4/30 Woodstock (CRP). High count 75 5/14 HC (WJN).

#### CORVIDS THROUGH CREEPER

Gray Jay: 4/7 Middlesex (RM,CM); 2 5/19 Moose Bog (WGE,GFE,NLM,DLC et al.); 5/19 Holland Pond (OCF); 1 5/19 Victory Bog (FM); 2 5/28 Moose Bog (DLC). Blue Jay was present in usual numbers. High counts: 25 3/19 Shrewsbury (LPS); 20 all season Brandon (BB,JB). One was netted at VINS, 4 at Plainfield (MFM). American Crow overwinters in most valley areas and they were moving into the uplands in February with the mild spell. High counts: 100 3/11 Orwell (SLM); 300 3/2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Common Raven is now a resident in most upland areas, and a visitor elsewhere. High counts: 3 4/18 Shrewsbury (LPS); 3 March and April Reading (FMH,GEH); 3 5/5 Cornwall Swamp (WGE); 3 3/1 Woodstock (JMN). Black-capped Chickadees were present in all areas. High counts: 30 3/11 Shrewsbury (LPS); 50 3/6 Reading (FMH,GEH); 30 3/18 DCWMA (DLC, RTC); 5/29 sitting on eggs in nest box in Woodstock (JMN). Twelve were netted at VINS, 25 netted at Plainfield (MFM). Boreal Chickadee: 1 3/2 Sheffield (PFW,SAW); 1 4/21 Shrewsbury (LPS); 2 5/11 Ferdinand (REG,OAG); 3 5/12 Moose Bog (RHH); 1-5 5/19 Moose Bog (WGE,NLM,GFE,DLC et al.). Tufted Titmouse: 2 3/1 Barnard (JNF); 1 3/8 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); through period W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 3/18 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 1 3/25-5/18 Colchester (JDM); 1 4/5 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 4/9 Barnard (JNF); 1 4/11 Shelburne (WAM); 2 4/15-end of period Hartford (WGE,GFE,NLM et al.) - eventually nested 4 young at feeder in July; 1 4/18 Brandon (BB,JB); 2 5/3 Lake Dunmore (WME); 1 5/16 N. Westminster (REG); 1 5/19 Burlington (NLM); 1 5/19 Addison (KMA,JJA); 1 5/19 Ludlow (AN,JLN). White-breasted Nuthatch was reported widely; the highest count was 7 5/19 Birdathon (DLC). Red-breasted Nuthatch: resident at the higher elevations. Highest counts: 10 4/28 Reading (FMH,GEH); 5 through the period at feeder - Winhall (WJN). Brown Creeper: 1 3/1-end of April Plainfield (MFM); 2 3/2 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 3/3 Lincoln (CJF); 1 3/8 Woodstock (JMN); 1 3/10-22 Randolph (EWC,MCC); 2 3/22 Chittenden (LPS); 1 3/27 Reading (GEH,FMH); 1 3/28 East Creek - Rutland (RHH). High count 12 4/28 Reading (FMH,GEH).

#### WRENS

House Wren: 1 4/21 Danby (CJF); 1 4/22 Clarendon (CJF); 2 4/29 Weybridge (MBN); 1 5/4 Middlebury (WME); 1 5/5 Addison (WGE); 1 5/6 Vernon (JJC); 2 5/6 WRM (RWP); 1 5/9 Middlebury (KHD); 1 5/11 S. Strafford (HR); 1 5/13 Fair Haven (FSA); 1 5/13 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 5/14 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/14 Springweather NA (WJN). High count 3 5/18 Shoreham (ELW). One was netted at VINS. Winter Wren: 1 3/23 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/14 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 4/20 Chittenden Dam (RWP); 1 4/23 Snake Mt. - Addison (ELW); 1 4/27 Rockingham (WGE); 3 4/28 Red Rocks Park - Burlington (DLC); 3 4/29 Camels Hump (DLC,RTC); 1 5/1 Rochester (ELW); 1 5/6 Ripton (WME). High counts: 7 4/28 Reading (FMH,GEH); 8 5/21 Reading (FMH,GEH). Marsh Wren: 4 5/5 WRM (JJC,MBN,SBL et al.); 2 5/6 WRM (WGE,NLM,RWP,JPM); 1 5/13 Sudbury (WGE); 1 5/18 Mud Creek (JDM); 2 5/19 Barton River Marshes (WGE,NLM,GFE); 2 5/19 HC (WJN); 1 5/23 HC (WJN); 4 5/25 DCWMA (KHD); 2 5/28 S. Bay - Newport (DLC). High count 10 5/11 WRM (RHH).

#### KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHER

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 2 4/18 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 4/20 Wheeler Mtn. (FM); 2 4/21 Rockingham

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-15- (WGE,NLM); 3 4/22, 4 4/28 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/28 Red Rocks Park - Burlington (DLC); 3-4 5/12 Moose Bog (DLC,RHH); 4 5/19 S. Duxbury (FAP); 3 5/19 Birdathon (DLC et al.); 1 5/20 Ferdinand (REG,DC). The high count was 4 twice. This species seems to be continuing its downward trend. Ruby-crowned Kinglet: first 1 4/13 Halifax (BHA); 1 4/17 Woodstock (JMN); 1 4/18 Winhall (WJN); 1 4/23 Addison (ELW); 1 4/24 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 4/25 (VINS); 17 4/28 Red Rocks Park - Burlington (DLC) the high count; 6 4/28 Rockingham (WGE,NLM); 5 4/28 Reading (FMH,GEH); 3 4/28 Weybridge (MBN); 6 4/28 Vernon (JJC); 1 4/28 St. Albans Bay (REG,OAG); 1 4/29 Woodstock (JMN); 1 4/30 Middlebury (KHD); 1 4/30 Hubbard Pk. (GB); 1 4/30 Lincoln (JRA); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 1 5/13 Woodstock (CRP); 1 5/18 Winhall (WJN); 2 5/18 Burlington (JDM); 1 5/22 New Haven (KHD); 2 5/28 Island Pond (DLC et al.). Six were netted at VINS, 4 at Plainfield (MFM). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 2 4/30 Woodstock (VINS); 1 5/2 HC (REG); 1 5/5 Brandon (WGE); 2 5/6 West Haven (NLM,JPM,WGE); 1 5/12 Lewis Creek (JID,MCD); 1 5/13 Quechee (WGE); 2 5/18 Burlington (JDM); 4 5/19 Poultney R. - West Haven the high count, and one on nest there 5/19 (LPS); 2 5/19 SBWMA (WGE,GFE,NLM); 3 5/19 Birdathon (DLC et al.); 2 5/19 Ferrisburg (BBP); 1 5/21 Brandon (BB,JB); 2 5/21 Lake Dunmore (WME). One netted at VINS - second for station.

#### THRUSHES

Eastern Bluebird: 2 3/12 Bridgewater (MCh); 2 4/2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 4/2 Tirmouth (PB); 1 4/3 Brownsville (BMH); 1 4/6 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 4/7 Woodstock (PHH); 1 4/8 Middlebury (KHD); 1 4/9 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 4/13 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 4/13 Peacham (FM); 1 4/18 Saxtons River (REG); 2 4/14 Orwell (SLM); 2 4/20 Huntington (DLC,RTC). High count 4 5/19 Manchester (RHH). Veery: first 1 5/2 winhall (WJN); 1 5/8 Hubbardton (CJF); 1 5/9 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/9 Shrewsbury (LPS); 3 5/12 Middlebury (WME); 1 5/12 Brandon (MBN); 1 5/12 Heineberg Bridge, Colchester (JDM); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 1 5/13 Sherburne (WGE); 3 5/13 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/14 East Creek - Rutland (RHH); 1 5/15 Halifax (BHA); 1 5/15 New Haven (KHD); 1 5/16 N. Westminster (REG); 1 5/16 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/16 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/18 Shelburne (dead) (MPB). High counts: 11 5/23 Reading (FMH,GEH); 11 5/19 HC to WRM (WJN). One retrapped at VINS (banded at VINS 5/26/80). Gray-cheeked Thrush: 1 5/19 Mt. Holly (WJN); 1 5/22 Camels Hump (DLC,RTC); 1 5/24 Woodstock, netted at VINS. Swainson's Thrush: 1 5/12 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/15 Halifax (BHA); 2 5/16 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/17 Hubbard Park (FAP); 1 5/18 New Haven (KHD); 1 5/18 Shoreham (ELW); 3 5/19 Birdathon (DLC et al.) the high count; 1 5/22 Lake Carmi (PJM); 1 5/22 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/22 Middlebury (KHD); 1 5/24 Winhall (WJN); 2 5/28 Moose Bog (DLC); 2 5/30 Mt. Philo (JID,MCD); 1 5/31 Shoreham (ELW). Hermit Thrush: 1 4/13 Winhall (WJN); 1 4/20 Huntington (DLC,RTC,RNS); 1 4/23 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 4/24 Peacham (FM); 2 4/26 Lincoln (JRA); 1 4/27 Shelburne (MPB); 13 4/28 Red Rocks Park - Burlington (DLC) the high count; 6 4/28 DCWMA (SLM); 2 4/28 Wicopee Hill (Brattleboro area) (JJC); 8 4/28 Reading (FMH,GEH); 2 4/29 Colchester (JDM); 2 4/29 Tirmouth (CJF); 5 4/30 Woodstock (JMN); 1 4/30 Orwell (SLM). Three were netted at VINS. Wood Thrush: 1 4/27 Woodstock (PHH); 1 5/3 Fair Haven (EPA); 1 5/3 Lake Dunmore (WME); 2 5/7 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/7 Clarendon (CJF); 1 5/8 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/8 Proctor (RWP); 1 5/8 Shoreham (ELW); 2 5/10 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 5/10 East Creek - Rutland (RHH); 2 5/11 S. Strafford (HR); 1 5/12 Brandon (MBN); 1 5/12 Heineberg Bridge, Colchester (JDM); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 4 5/13 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/13 Shrewsbury (LPS); 3 5/13 Lincoln to Bristol (JRA). High count was 25 5/19 HC to WRM (WJN). American

Robin: 1 3/14 Woodstock (PHH); 1 3/15 New Haven (KHD); 1 3/17 Middlebury (WME); 1 3/18 Shoreham (SLM); 1 3/20 Peacham (FM); 3 3/21 Brownsville (BMH); 1 3/21 Weybridge (MBN); 1 3/22 Shelburne (MPB); 1 3/22 Winhall (WJN); 1 3/22 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 3/22 Woodstock (CRP,WGE,NLM); 1 3/22 Rutland (LPS); 2 3/23 Essex Jct. (JDM); 1 3/24 Fair Haven (FSA); 1 3/24 East Creek (RHH); 1 3/24 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 1 3/24 Proctor (RWP); 1 3/25 Westford (PFZ); 1 3/26 Milton (NEK); 1 3/26 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 3/27 Tirmouth (PB). High count was 100 4/15 Lincoln (JRA). Ten were netted at VINS, 1 at Plainfield (MFM). On 5/31 a partially albino bird was seen at Tirmouth (PB).

#### MIMIDS

Gray Catbird: one 3/15 at Chester (BEP) must surely be a bird which wintered locally or somewhere in the north. First migrant 1 4/17 HC (REG) also very early, then 2 4/30 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 5/1 Woodstock (WRC); 1 5/6 Ira (WGE,NLM,JPM); 1 5/7 Halifax (BHA); 3 5/9 Burlington (DLC); 2 5/9 HC (WJN); 1 5/9 Orwell (SLM); 1 5/10 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/10 Middlebury (KHD); 2 5/10 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 2 5/11 Ira (RHH); 1 5/10 Shrewsbury (LPS); 2 5/12 Woodstock (JMN); 3 5/12 Burlington (JDM); 1 5/12 Lincoln (JRA); 1 5/12 Middlebury (WME); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 1 5/13 Benson (CJF); 1 5/13 S. Strafford (HR); 1 5/13 Woodstock (CRP). High count was 55 5/19 HC to WRM (WJN). Ten were netted at VINS, 1 at Plainfield (MFM). Northern Mockingbird: at least three over-wintered in the Brattleboro area (JJC); 1 3/3 Orwell (SLM); 1 3/4 Rutland Town (RHH); 1 3/5 Sudbury (SLM); 1 3/31 MWR (JDM); 1 4/15 Winhall (WJN); 1 4/17 HC (REG); 1 4/19 Shelburne (MPB); 1 4/22 Fair Haven (EPA); 1 4/26 Berlin (MFM); 1 4/28 Weybridge (MBN); 1 4/30 Waterford (FM); 1 5/1 Stockbridge (EH); 1 5/1 Woodstock (ML); 1 5/19 Victory Bog (CBR, PFW); 1 5/20 Bridgewater (SBL); 1 5/21 Walden (JEC); 1 5/26 Plainfield (MFM). Max. 2 - several times. Brown Thrasher arrived late and in poor numbers - reason unclear. First 1 4/28 Peacham (FM); 1 4/30 (VINS); 1 5/1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 5/7 HC (REG); 1 5/11 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/12 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 5/14 HC (WJN); 1 5/17 Weybridge (MBN); 1 5/18 Colchester (JDM); 1 5/20 Sheffield (PFW). High count only 3 - several times. One netted at VINS.

#### PIPIT THROUGH STARLING

Water Pipit: 1 4/4 Woodstock (NLM,WGE); 20-25 5/2 New Haven (KHD); 10 5/12 Woodstock (NLM,WGE et al.). Bohemian Waxwing: one report - 1 4/12 Shelburne (SRA). Cedar Waxwing: 1 3/4 Brownsville (BMH); 6 3/4 Charlotte (JID,MCD); 18 4/7 Charlotte (DLC,KH); 8 4/12 Middlebury (MBN); 30 4/13 Charlotte (DLC) the high count; 10 4/26 Middlebury (KHD); 12 5/13 Weybridge (MBN); 3 5/20 Barnard (JNF); 10 5/26 Arlington (WGE, NLM,CE); 1 5/26 W. Glover (REG,OAG); 10 5/27 New Haven (KHD); 25 5/27 Middlebury (WME); 3 5/27 Lincoln (JRA). Did not become widespread until June. Northern Shrike: 1 3/2 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 3/3 Starksboro (MPB,WRB); 1 3/3 DCWMA (WAM); 1 3/4 Thompson's Point - Charlotte (JID,MCD); 1 3/7 Brownsville (SJS); 1 3/11 Norwich (WGE,NLM); 1 4/1 N. Hero (WGE,NLM); 1 4/10 Charlotte (JID,MCD); 1 4/10 Shrewsbury (LPS). Shrike sp.: 1 3/21 Burlington Intervale (JDM); 1 4/9 Pomfret (EEB). European Starling distribution appeared normal. In areas where they do not winter, mostly higher elevations, they returned in late March. The highest count reported was 500 4/24 Shoreham (ELW). Two were netted at VINS.

#### VIREOS

Solitary Vireo: first 1 4/28 East Creek - Rutland (RHH); 1 4/28 Brattleboro (JJC); 1 4/28 Winhall (WJN);

3 4/28 Reading (FMH,GEH) - apparently arrived on a wide front that day which is quite a late arrival for them - 1 4/29 S. Duxbury (FAP) who notes "another species in an apparent decline", 1 4/29 Camels Hump (DLC); 1 4/29 Sherburne (WGE); 1 4/30 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/1 Lincoln (JRA); 1 5/1 Lake Dunmore (WME); 1 5/6 Peacham (FM); 1 5/12 Moose Bog (DLC); 1 5/13 Proctor (RWP); 3 5/13 Sherburne (WGE,NLM). Yellow-throated Vireo: 1 5/6 Hubbardton (WGE,NLM,JPM); 1 5/12 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/13 Woodstock (CRP); 2 5/13 Quechee, 3 5/13 Brandon (5) the high count (WGE); 1 5/14 Springfield Mdws. (WJN); 1 5/19 S. Strafford (HR); 1 5/19 HC (DC,REG); 2 5/19 Middlebury (MBN); 1 5/19 Springfield Mdws. (WJN); 1 5/19 SBWMA (DLC et al.); 3 5/19 Manchester (RHH). One netted at VINS. Warbling Vireo: 1 5/7 Woodstock (VINS); 1 5/8 Woodstock (NLM, WGE); 1 5/8 New Haven (KHD); 2 5/9 HC (WJN,REG); 1 5/9 Sudbury (SLM); 1 5/11 WRM (RHH); 1 5/11 Middlebury (WME); 1 5/11 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/12 Heineberg Bridge, Colchester (JDM); 1 5/12 Sudbury (SLM); 5 5/13 Brandon (WGE); 1 5/15 Shoreham (ELW); 5 5/18 "Champlain Valley" (JDM). High count was 8 5/24, 31 Shoreham (ELW). Six were netted at VINS. Philadelphia Vireo: 1 5/19 Gale Meadows (WJN); 1 5/19 Lamolite Cty. Birdathon (RJG); 1 5/20 Marlboro (JJC); 1 5/23 Middlebury (KHD). Red-eyed Vireo: 1 5/11 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/16 Burlington (DLC); 1 5/18 Fayston (FAP); 2 5/19 Manchester (RHH); 2 5/19 Roundy's Cove (WJN); 3 5/19 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/21 Shoreham (ELW); 2 5/21 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/21 Middlebury (KHD); 1 5/24 Lincoln (JRA). High count was 10 5/26 Arlington (WGE,NLM,CE). WHITE-EYED VIREO: a fine singing male for the Birdathon 5/19 HC (WJN).

#### WOOD WARBLERS

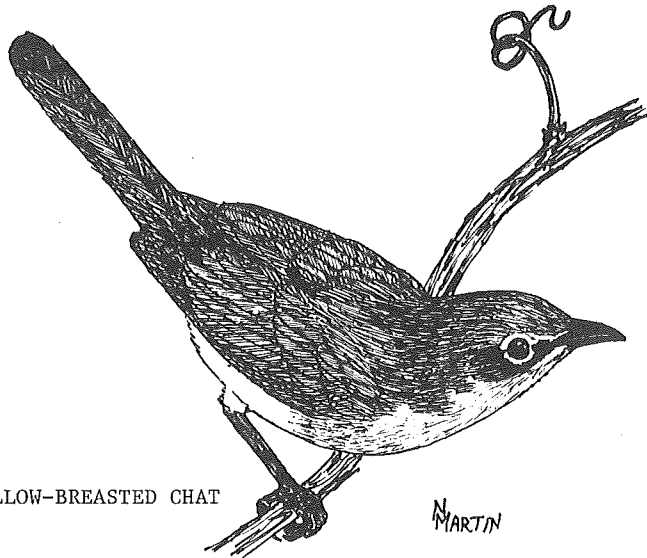
Blue-winged Warbler: 1 5/11 Marlboro (WDN); 1 5/12 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 4 5/13 W. Brattleboro (JJC) the high count; 1 5/19 N. Westminster (REG,DC); 1 5/19 Ira Rt. 4 Rest Stop (WJN,JLa); 2 5/19 Snake Mt. (WME); 1 5/19 Washington Cty. (ATA); 2 5/26 Ira Rest Stop (WGE,NLM); 1 5/27 Marlboro (JJC). Golden-winged Warbler: 2 5/11 Ira Rest Stop (RHH); 1 5/11 Marlboro (WDN); 1 5/19 Ira Rest Stop (WJN,JLa); 1 5/19 Brattleboro (SS); 1 5/19 W. Rutland (REG,DC); 5 5/20 Ira - West Haven (SBL,BLR,LHP) the high count; 1 5/22 Middlebury (BBP,KHD); 4 5/26 Ira Rest Stop (WGE,NLM); 1 5/28 Middlebury (BBP); 1 5/31 Middlebury (KHD). On 5/19 at the Ira Rest Stop a bird was seen conforming to the hybrid "Lawrence's" type warbler (WJN); on 5/26 WGE and NLM at the same site saw another hybrid which seemd to be "essentially a Golden-winged with a broad dull-yellow patch at the center of the breast." Tennessee Warbler: several active observers missed this species and others commented on its scarcity. One 5/11 Hubbardton (CJF); 1 5/11 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/16 N. Westminster (REG); 1 5/19 Birdathon (MHR,TCR); 2 5/20 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/20 Proctor (RWP); 1 5/22 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/22 Middlebury (KHD); 2 5/23 Shoreham (ELW); 5 5/24 MNWR (JAW) the high count; 1 5/27 Middlebury (KHD). ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER: a species very rare in the east in spring migration - one report - a singing male 5/11 Marlboro (WDN). Nashville Warbler: 1 5/1 Shelburne (MPB); 1 5/5 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/6 Hubbardton (WGE,NLM,JPM); 1 5/7 Woodstock (VINS); 1 5/9 HC (REG, WJN); 4 5/11 Hubbardton (CJF); 2 5/11 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/11 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/12 Heineberg Bridge, Colchester (JDM); 8 5/13 Quechee (WGE); 8 5/13 Lincoln - Bristol (JRA) the last two high counts; 2 5/15 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/19 Duxbury (FAP); 1 5/19 Victory Bog (FM); 1 5/20 Proctor (RWP). Two were netted at VINS, 1 netted at Plainfield (MFM). Northern Parula: first 5/11 Marlboro (WDN); 1 5/13 Sherburne (WGE); 1 5/16 Burlington (DLC); 1 5/19 Victory Bog (FM); 1 5/19 McCuen Slang - Addison (WME); 1 5/19 Orleans Cty. (CCF); 6 5/19 Fer-



dinand (WGE,NLM,GFE) the high count; 1 5/20 Ferdinand (REG,DC). Yellow Warbler: 1 4/28 Vernon (JJC); 1 4/30 Vernon (WDN); 1 4/30 Halifax (BHA); 2 5/1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/2 HC (REG); 1 5/3 Clarendon (LPS); 1 5/3 Sudbury (SLM); 1 5/5 MWR (MPB); 1 5/5 Brandon (WGE); 1 5/5 WRM (SBL); 2 5/6 WRM (RWP); 3 5/7 New Haven (KHD); 1 5/7 Woodstock (CRP); 1 5/7 Weybridge (MBN); 1 5/8 Brandon (BB,JB); 3 5/8 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/9 HC (WJN); 4 5/11 Hubbardton (CJF); 1 5/11 Colchester (JDM); 6 5/11 WRM (RHH); 2 5/11 Barnard (JNF). High count was 50 "Champlain Valley" 5/18 (JDM). Twelve were netted at VINS. Chestnut-sided Warbler: 1 5/2 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/6 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/8 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 5/9 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 5/9 HC (REG,WJN); 1 5/11 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/11 Shrewsbury (LPS); 2 5/11 Ira (RHH); 1 5/11 Hubbardton (CJF); 2 5/12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/12 Halifax (BHA); 1 5/12 Brandon (WME,MBN); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 3 5/13 Bristol (JRA). High counts: 13 5/19 HC to WRM (WJN); "dozen" 5/19 W. Brattleboro (JJC). Three were netted at VINS. Magnolia Warbler: 1 5/11 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/12 Lincoln (JRA); 1 5/13 Rutland (CJF); 2 5/13 Stockbridge (EH); 1 5/13 Rutland (CJF); 2 5/13 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/14 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 5/14 East Creek - Rutland (RHH); 1 5/17 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/17 HC (REG). High count was 6 5/22 East Creek - Rutland (RHH). Two were netted at VINS, 1 at Plainfield (MFM). Cape May Warbler: 1 5/5 Colchester (JDM); 1 5/11 Marlboro (WDN); 5 5/12 Peacham (FM); 2 5/13 Benson (CJF); 2 5/14 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 2 5/16 Middlebury (KHD); 8 5/17 Middlebury (KHD) the high count; 1 5/18 Burlington (JDM); 1 5/19 Addison (WME); 2 5/19 Island Pond (WGE,GFE,NLM); 1 5/19 Moose Bog (DLC); 1 5/19 WRM (WJN); 1 5/20 Ferdinand (REG,DC); 3 5/21 Shoreham (ELW). Black-throated Blue Warbler: 1 5/1 Lake Dunmore (WME); 1 5/7 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/8 East Creek (RHH); 1 5/10 HC (REG); 2 5/10 Bald Mt. Mendon (RWP); 2 5/11 Middlebury (KHD); 1 5/11 Marlboro (WDN); 6 5/11 Reading (FMH,GEH); 3 5/12 Heineberg Bridge, Colchester (JDM); 1 5/12 Brandon (MBN); 1 5/12 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 3 5/13 Benson (CJF); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 1 5/13 Sherburne (WGE,NLM). High count was 9 5/19 Brattleboro (JJC). One netted at Plainfield (MFM). Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 4/14-15 Springfield Mdns. (WGE,NLM,REG,OAG); 1 4/20 HC (KHD); 1 4/27 Rockingham (WGE,WJN); 1 4/27 Peacham (FM); 12 4/28 Vernon (JJC); 2 4/28 Reading (FMH,GEH); 32 4/28 Rockingham (WGE,NLM) the high count; 1 4/28 Lincoln (MPB); 10 4/28 DCWMA (SLM); 5 4/28 Burlington (DLC); 4 4/29 S. Duxbury (FAP); 1 4/29 Shrewsbury (LPS); 4 4/30 Woodstock (JMN); 10 4/30 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 4/30 Halifax (BHA); 4 4/30 Lincoln (JRA); 1 4/30 Lake Dunmore (WME); 1 4/30 East Creek (RHH). Twenty-one were netted at VINS, 13 at Plainfield (MFM). Black-throated Green Warbler: 3 4/30 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 4/30 Woodstock (EH); 2 4/30 Woodstock (NLM,JMN,WGE); 1 5/2 Lake Dunmore (WME); 1 5/6 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/8 East Creek (RHH); 1 5/11 Shrewsbury (LPS); 4 5/12 Brandon (MBN); 2 5/13 Bristol (JRA); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 1 5/16 N. Westminster (REG); 1 5/16 Burlington (DLC); 1 5/18 Winhall (WJN). High count was 4, several times. Blackburnian Warbler: 1 4/30 Marlboro (WDN); 1 4/30 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 3 5/11 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/11 Middlebury (KHD); 1 5/12 Brandon (WME); 1 5/13 Shrewsbury (LPS); 3 5/13 Quechee to Sherburne (WGE); 1 5/13 Salisbury (JMN); 1 5/13 S. Strafford (HR); 1 5/15 Burlington (DLC); 1 5/16 N. Westminster (REG); 1 5/18 Fayston (FAP). High count was 15 5/24 East Creek (RHH). One was netted at Plainfield (MFM). Pine Warbler: 1 4/22 Rockingham (WGE,NLM); 1 4/28 Halifax (BHA); 5 4/28 Rockingham (WGE,NLM) the high count; 1 4/28 Burlington (DLC); 1 4/28 Retreat Mdns. (JJC); 3 4/30 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/11 Hubbardton (CJF); 1 5/13 Quechee (WGE,NLM); 1 5/14,19 Springweather NA (WJN); 3 5/19 Manchester (RHH); 1 5/19 Orange Cty. (FK); 1 5/19 Newport (WGE,

-17- GFE,NLM); 2 5/31 Shoreham (ELW). Prairie Warbler: 3 5/17 Woodstock (WGE,JRL); 1 5/19 Saxtons River (REG,DC); 1 5/19 Woodstock (JLA,SBL); 1 5/19 Brattleboro (SS); 1 5/23 Middlebury (KHD). Palm Warbler: 1 4/14 HC (WGE,NLM); 1 4/15 Springfield Mdns. (REG,OAG); 1 4/27 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 4 4/28 Vernon (JJC); 1 4/28 HC (WGE,NLM); 1 4/29 Quechee (WGE,NLM). Bay-breasted Warbler: 1 5/11 Marlboro (WDN); 6 5/15 East Creek (RHH) the high count; 1 5/16 N. Westminster (REG); 1 5/20 Reading (FMH,GEH); 3 5/21-22 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/28 Moose Bog (DLC); 2 5/31 Shoreham (ELW). Black-poll Warbler: 1 5/19 Washington Cty. (ATA); 3 5/19 Birdathon (SBL et al.); 1 5/20 East Creek (RHH); 1 5/22 Brandon (BB,JB); 2 5/22 Middlebury (KHD); 2 5/22 Shoreham (ELW); 2 5/26 Ripton (WME); 8 5/26 Sunderland (WGE,NLM,CE) the high count; 2 5/26 Rutland (CJF); 2 5/27 Middlebury (WME); 1 5/27 W. Glover (REG); 5 5/31 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/31 East Creek (RHH); 4-6 5/31 Middlebury (KHD). One netted at Plainfield (MFM). Cerulean Warbler: 3-4 5/19 SBWMA (WGE,GFE,NLM,DLC et al.). Black-and-white Warbler: 1 4/27 Weathersfield (ELW,LW); 1 4/28 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/28 Brattleboro (JJC); 1 4/28 Burlington (DLC); 3 4/28 Springfield - Rockingham (NLM,WGE); 1 4/29 Stockbridge (EH); 2 4/30 East Creek (RHH); 1 4/30 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 4 4/30 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/5 Heineberg Bridge, Colchester (JDM); 1 5/6 Peacham (FM); 1 5/7 HC (REG); 1 5/11 Hubbardton (CJF); 2 5/12 Brandon (WME); 1 5/12 Halifax (BHA); 1 5/13 Bristol (JRA). High count 5 5/19 Muddy Pond (RWP). American Redstart: 1 5/6 Ripton (WME); 1 5/6 Castleton (RWP); 1 5/11 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/11 W. Glover (REG,OAG); 1 5/11 Barnard (JNF); 4 5/12 Brandon (MBN); 1 5/12 Lincoln (JRA); 2 5/12 Newport (DLC); 4 5/13 Vernon (JJC); 1 5/13 Woodstock (CRP); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 5 5/13 Quechee - Brandon (WGE); 2 5/13 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/14 HC (WJN); 1 5/18 Hubbardton (CJF); 1 5/18 New Haven (KHD). High count 6 5/18 Burlington area (JDM). One was netted at VINS, 1 at Plainfield (MFM). Ovenbird: 1 5/1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/6 West Haven (WGE,NLM,JPM); 3 5/6 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 10 5/7 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/7 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/9 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 5/10 East Creek (RHH); 1 5/10 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/10 Ira (CJF); 1 5/11 Middlebury (KHD); 3 5/12 Brandon (WME,MBN); 2 5/12 Lincoln (JRA); 2 5/12 Burlington area (JDM); 1 5/12 S. Strafford (HR); 1 5/12 Moose Bog (DLC); 6 5/13 Quechee - Sherburne (WGE); 1 5/13 E. St. Johnsbury (FM); "many" 5/13 Bristol (JRA). High count 18 5/20 Reading (FMH,GEH). One netted at VINS. Northern Waterthrush: 1 4/30 Reading (FMH,GEH); 2 5/5 Cornwall Swamp (WGE); 1 5/6 Hubbardton (WGE,NLM,JPM); 1 5/11 Peru (WJN); 1 5/11 Woodstock (VINS); 1 5/12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/13 Salisbury (JMN); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 5 5/13 Quechee to Cornwall (WGE); 3 5/19 Ferdinand (WGE,GFE,NLM). High count was 5. Three netted at VINS, 5 at Plainfield (MFM). Louisiana Waterthrush: 1 4/17 Brattleboro (GFE); 1 4/23 Snake Mt. (ELW); 1 4/28 Springfield - Rockingham Town Line (WGE,NLM); 1 4/30 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/6 West Haven (WGE,NLM); 1 5/9 HC (WJN); 1 5/12 High Pond - Brandon (WME); 1 5/13 Quechee (WGE); 1 5/17 Lake Dunmore (WME); 1 5/19 N. Westminster (REG,DC); 1 5/19 Muddy Pond (RWP); 1 5/19 Birdathon (MFM,MVE); 1 5/27 Reading (FMH,GEH). Mourning Warbler: 1 5/19 Birdathon (MFM,MVE); 1 5/21 Cornwall (BBP); 1 5/23 Stockbridge (EH); 1 5/26 Ripton (WME); 1 5/26 Woodstock (VINS); 1 5/27 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/28 Moose Bog (DLC); 3 5/30 Reading (FMH,GEH) the high count; 1 5/31 Warren (FAP). One netted at VINS. Most came in after 6/1. Common Yellowthroat: 1 5/3 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/7 Woodstock (VINS); 1 5/8 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 5/9 HC (REG); 1 5/10 Woodstock (JMN); 2 5/11 WRM (RHH); 1 5/11 Lincoln (JRA); 1 5/12 S. Bay (DLC); 1 5/12 Brandon (MBN); 1 5/12 Halifax (BHA); 1 5/12 Winhall (WJN); 13 5/13 Brandon (WGE); 4 5/13 Vernon (JJC); 1 5/13 E. St. Johnsbury (FM); 1 5/13 S. Strafford (HR); 1 5/13 Woodstock (CRP); 1 5/14

Rutland (CJF). High count 50 +/- 5/19 HC to WRM (WJN). Forty-nine were netted at VINS, 7 at Plainfield (MFM). Wilson's Warbler: 1 5/11 Marlboro (WDN); 1 5/12 Middlebury (WME); 1 5/17 HC (REG); 1 5/18 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/21 Lincoln (JRA); 1 5/21 Woodstock (VINS); 1 5/22 New Haven (KHD); 1 5/22 Woodstock (JJC); 1 5/22 Peacham (FM); 1 5/24 New Haven (KHD); 1 5/27 Lincoln (JRA); 1 5/31 Shoreham (ELW). Three were netted at VINS, 1 at Plainfield (MFM). Canada Warbler: 1 5/12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/19 Peru (WJN); 1 5/19 Grafton (REG,DC); 2 5/20 Reading (FMH,GEH); 4 5/21,23 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 5/22 New Haven (KHD); 3 5/22 Shoreham (ELW); 2 5/22 East Creek (RHH); 2 5/22 Woodstock (VINS); 1 5/23 Woodstock (VINS); 1 5/23 Lake Dunmore (WME); 2 5/26 Brattleboro (JJC); 5 5/26 Sunderland (WGE,NLM,CE) the high count; 2 5/27 New Haven (KHD); 1 5/28 Moose Bog (DLC); 1 5/29 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/31 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/31 Fayston (FAP). Three were netted at VINS, 4 at Plainfield (MFM). This species appeared late and in poor numbers; missed by many. YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: one report - 1 5/16 W. Brattleboro (ABM).



YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT

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#### TANAGERS THROUGH SNOW BUNTING

Scarlet Tanager: 1 5/12 Halifax (BHA); 1 5/13 Sudbury (SLM); 1 5/14 HC (WJN); 1 5/16 Springfield Mdns. (REG); 1 5/16 Essex Jct. "at feeder" (AEZ); 1 5/16 Chester "eating suet at feeder" (JLB) - illustrates the difficulties these birds were having finding food because of the cold weather and incessant rain. 1 5/19 Muddy Pond (RWP); 1 5/19 Manchester (RHH); 1 5/19 Rockingham (WJN); 1 5/20 East Creek (RHH); 2 5/20 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/20 Hartford (WGE, NLM); 1 5/20 S. Strafford (HR); 1 5/21 Middlebury (KHD); 1 5/21 Marlboro (JJC); 1 5/21 Lake Dunmore (WME); 2 5/21 Reading (FMH,GEH); 2 5/21 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/22 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/23 Benson (CJF). High counts: 3 5/23 Reading (FMH,GEH); 3 5/23 HC (WJN). Northern Cardinal: resident in most places, especially southern Vermont and the Champlain Valley. One 5/17 St. Johnsbury (PFW,CBR) where it is rarer. High count 20 4/1 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Two netted at Plainfield (MFM). Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 1 5/8 Woodstock (SBL); 2 5/8 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 2 5/8 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/9 Shrewsbury (LPS); 2 5/9 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/9 HC (REG); 1 5/10 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/10 St. Johnsbury (FM); 1 5/10 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 5/11 Reading (FMH,GEH); 2 5/11 Hubbardton (CJF); 5 5/12 Burlington area (JDM); 1 5/12 Brandon (WME,MBN); 1 5/12 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/12 Halifax (BHA); 1 5/15 Randolph (EWC, MCC); 1 5/15 East Creek (RHH). High count 15 5/19 HC to WRM (WJN). Many observers commented on seeing them at feeders. Six

-18- were netted at Plainfield. BLUE GROSBEAK: two reports were received this spring, but only one was accepted by the Vermont Bird Records Committee: a male present 5/13-15 at Norwich (AVSt et al.). Indigo Bunting: 1 5/2 Woodstock (RWT); 1 5/8 Hinesburg (DyB); 1 5/12 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 5/14 Chester Depot (JMC); 1 5/15 Randolph (EWC,MCC); 1 5/15 East Creek (RHH); 1 5/16 Springfield Mdns. (REG); 11 5/16 Essex Jct. (AEZ); 1 5/18 Burlington area (JDM); 2 5/18 Concord (FM); 1 5/19 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 2 5/20 Proctor (RWP); 1 5/22 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/22 Clarendon (LPS). High count was 4 late May Brandon (BB,JB). This species was also seen frequently at feeders. One netted at VINS. Rufous-sided Towhee: 1 4/22 Castleton (RWP); 1 4/28 Woodstock (JMN); 1 4/28 DCWMA (SLM); 1 5/5 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/5 Rutland (WGE,NLM); 1 5/6 Woodstock (CRP); 1 5/7 Winhall (WJN); 1 5/11 Ira (RHH); 1 5/12 Brandon (WME); 1 5/13 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD); 1 5/18 New Haven (KHD). Max. 2 several times. American Tree Sparrow: they wintered in many areas, particularly at lower elevations and the Champlain Valley, rarely at higher elevations. Late dates: 1 4/22 Weybridge (MBN); 1 4/26 Shrewsbury (LPS); 2 4/27 Rockingham (WGE); 2 4/27 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 4/28 DCWMA (KHD); 1 5/13 S. Strafford (HR); 1 5/14 Shoreham (ELW) - last two very late dates. High count was 35 3/3 New Haven (MFB,WRB); a declining species. Eight netted at Plainfield (MFM). Chipping Sparrow: 1 4/17 Shoreham (ELW); 2 4/20 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/24 Barnard (JNF); 1 4/24 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 4/26 New Haven (KHD); 4 4/27 Woodstock - Rockingham (WGE); 1 4/27 Burlington (JRA); 1 4/27 St. Johnsbury (FM); 1 4/27 Brownsville (BMH); 1 4/28 Shrewsbury (LPS); 4 4/28 Brattleboro (JJC); 1 4/28 DCWMA (SLM); 2 4/29 Sheffield (PFW); 6 4/30 East Creek (RHH). High count was 20 4/30 Halifax (BHA). Four were netted at VINS. Field Sparrow: 2 4/7 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 4/14 Halifax (BHA); 1 4/20 Peacham (FM); 1 4/22 Sudbury (SLM); 1 4/23 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 4/27 Rockingham (WGE,WJN); 1 4/28 Shoreham (ELW); 3 4/30 Woodstock (JMN); 2 4/30 Woodstock (VINS). High count was 4 5/20 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Five were netted at VINS. Vesper Sparrow: 2 4/13 Cornwall (KHD); 1 4/17 HC (WJN); 1 4/23 WRM (WGE,NLM); 1 4/28 Rockingham (WGE); 6 5/5 DCWMA (WGE,NLM) the high count; 1 5/13 Barnet (FM); 1 5/18 New Haven (KHD); 3 5/24 Shoreham (ELW); 2 5/27 Shoreham (ELW). Savannah Sparrow: 2 4/4 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 4/9 DCWMA (REG,OAG et al.); 3 4/13 Retreat Mdns. (JJC); 2 4/13 Cornwall (KHD); 1 4/13 Rutland (CJF); 1 4/14 Middlesex (FAP); 1 4/18 Brandon (BB,JB); 4 4/20 Rutland (RWP); 15 4/22 Clarendon (CJF) the high count; 2 4/22 Orwell (SLM); 1 4/28 Peacham (FM); 2 4/30 N. Clarendon (CJF,RHH); 1 4/30 Shoreham (ELW). One was netted at VINS. Grasshopper Sparrow: 1 5/18 Pine Island Road, Colchester (JDM); 1 5/19 DCWMA (JIR); 1 5/26 Shaftsbury (WGE,NLM,CE). Fox Sparrow: first 1 3/22 Winhall (WJN); 3 3/28 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 4/4 Reading (FMH,GEH); 2 4/4 Woodstock (CRP); 2 4/4 Barnard (JNF); 1 4/6 Woodstock (WGE,NLM,JMN); 1 4/6 Plainfield (MFM); 1 4/6 Randolph (EWC,MCC); 1 4/7 Woodstock (WRC); 3 4/8 Shrewsbury (LPS); 4 4/10 Shrewsbury (LPS) the high count; 1 4/12 Halifax (BHA); 1 4/13 Rutland (CJF); 2 4/13 New Haven (KHD); 1 4/13 Brandon (BB,JB); 2 4/13 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/16 W. Brattleboro (JJC) this bird apparently a partial albino; 3 4/16 Sheffield (PFW); 1 4/16 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 3 4/16 Middlebury (WME); 1 4/17 HC (WJN); 1 4/17 Stockbridge (EH); 3 4/16 Middlebury (WME). Late dates: 1 4/23 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 4/27 Fair Haven (EPA); 1 4/28 Weybridge (KHD); 1 4/28 St. Albans Bay (REG,OAG). Song Sparrow: 2 3/24 Retreat Mdns. (JJC); 1 3/24 Clarendon (LPS); 1 3/25 Weybridge (KHD,MBN); 1 3/26 Orwell (SLM); 1 3/29 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 3/31 Woodstock (CRP); 5 3/31 MWR (JDM); 2 3/31 Clarendon - Rutland (CJF); 5 4/2 HC (WJN); 1 4/2 Ferrisburg (JID, MCD); 2 4/2 Fair Haven (FSA); 2 4/3 McCuen Slang -

Addison (WME); 1 4/3 Proctor (RWP); 2 4/4 Barnard (JNF); 1 4/4 Waltham (JRA); 1 4/4 Duxbury (FAP); 1 4/5 Brownsville (BMH); 6 4/6 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/6 W. Burke (FM); 5 4/7 Charlotte (DLC,KH); 1 4/8 Woodstock (JMN). High count was 58 5/5 Brandon - Salisbury (WGE,NLM). Six were netted at VINS, 2 at Plainfield (MFM). Lincoln's Sparrow: 1 4/29 Shoreham (ELW) early; 1 5/1 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 1 5/12 Heineberg Bridge, Colchester (JDM); 1 5/19 Shoreham (SLM); 2 5/19 Birdathon (DLC et al.); 6 5/19 Island Pond area (WGE,GFE,NLM) the high count; 1 5/22 Woodstock (VINS); 1 5/28 New Haven (KHD). Two were netted at VINS, 1 at Plainfield (MFM). Swamp Sparrow: one overwintered at feeder W. Brattleboro (JJC); 12 4/23 WRM (WGE,NLM) the high count; 1 4/22 Orwell (SLM); 3 4/28 Brattleboro (JJC); 6 4/28 DCWMA (KHD,SLM); 1 4/28 Weybridge (MBN); 1 4/28 Mud Creek (REG,OAG); 3 4/30 WRM (WJN); 3 5/11 WRM (RHH); 1 5/13 Salisbury (JMN); 1 5/13 Waterford (FM); 1 5/15 Waltham (JRA); 1 5/16 Clarendon (LPS). One was netted at VINS, 4 at Plainfield (MFM). White-throated Sparrow overwintered at W. Brattleboro (JJC) and Brandon (BB,JB); 1 3/28 Rutland (CJF); 2 4/2 Wallingford (SLM); 1 4/13 Halifax (BHA); 1 4/13 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/14 Rockingham (NLM); 1 4/16 Woodstock (JMN); 1 4/17 Middlebury (KHD); 1 4/18 Lincoln (JRA); 1 4/18 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 4/19 Woodstock (CRP); 1 4/20 Peacham (FM); 1 4/21 Barnard (JNF); 1 4/23 New Haven (KHD); 1 4/24 Winhall (WJN). High count was 100 +/- 4/28 Red Rocks Park - Burlington (DLC). Seven were netted at VINS, 15 at Plainfield (MFM). White-crowned Sparrow: 1 4/7 Woodstock (JMN) - very early; 1 5/3 New Haven (KHD); 1 5/4 Woodstock (JMN); 1 5/5 Addison (WGE); 1 5/7 S. Duxbury (FAP); 1 5/7 Randolph (EWC,MCC); 1 5/8 Sheffield (PFW); 1 5/9 Weybridge (MBN); 1 5/10 E. Creek (RHH); 1 5/10 N. Danville (FM); 1 5/11 Fair Haven (FSA) 1 5/11 Island Pond (REG,OAG); 1 5/11 Orwell (SLM); 1 5/11 Rutland (CJF); 1 5/11 Brandon (BB,JB); 3 5/12 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 2 5/13 Lincoln (JRA); 4 5/13 Woodstock (CRP); 2 5/13 Benson (CJF). Late dates: 3 5/21 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 5/21 Lincoln (JRA); 2 5/21 Shrewsbury (LPS); 2 5/21 Shoreham (ELW). High count was 8 5/13,19 Orwell (SLM). Dark-eyed Junco wintered over in many areas, so arrival dates are difficult to determine exactly. Some early ones: 2 3/1 Cornwall (MBN); 1 3/1 New Haven (KHD); 1 3/11 Danville (FM); 2 3/11 Sudbury (SLM); 1 3/18 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 1 3/21 Winhall (WJN); 3 3/22 East Creek (RHH); 1 3/22 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 3/24 Woodstock (CRP); 1 3/26 Reading (FMH,GEH); 24 3/29 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 3/29 S. Duxbury (FAP); 1 3/29 Bristol (JRA). High count was 110 +/- 4/22 Rockingham - Springfield (WGE,NLM). One was netted at VINS, 14 at Plainfield (MFM). Lapland Longspur: 1 3/13 Cornwall (KHD); 20 3/16 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 4/2 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD). Snow Bunting: 60 3/1 Orwell (SLM); 100+ 3/1 New Haven (JRA); 18 3/2 Panton (JRA); 100+ 3/5 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 35 3/5 Orwell (SLM); "flock" 3/6 Hartland (NJJ); 1 3/7 Brownsville (SJS); 8 3/8 Putney (JJC); 43 3/10 Ferrisburg (WGE,SJS); 100 3/11 Newbury (WGE,NLM); 100+/- 3/13 Cornwall (NLM); 2 3/13 Cornwall (KHD); 4 3/14 New Haven (KHD); 50 3/16 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 1 3/16 Windsor (KRH); 85 3/17 Shelburne Pond (JDM); 15 3/17 Worcester (PE); 1 3/18 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 10 3/18 Shelburne (WAM); 2 3/20 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD) - in summer plumage.

#### BLACKBIRDS

Bobolink: first 4/29 DCWMA (REG,OAG et al.) very early; 8 5/5 Whiting (WGE); 1 5/6 Orwell (SLM); 1 5/7 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 3 5/9 Shelburne (MPB); 1 5/10 Lincoln (JRA); 1 5/10 Lake Carmi (PJM); 1 5/11 Landgrove (WJN); 4 5/11 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 5/12 Brandon (WME,MBN); 3 5/12 S. Bay - Newport (DLC); 1 5/13 Peacham (FM); 1 5/13 Woodstock (CRP). High count was 16 5/31 Shoreham (ELW). Red-winged Blackbird over-

-19- wintered in a number of areas, and their migration commenced in February, so they were present widely at the beginning of the period: 3/1 Woodstock (CRP); 5 3/1 Shrewsbury (LPS); 2 3/1 Weybridge (MBN); 1 3/1 Vergennes (KHD); 3/1 Randolph (EWC,MCC); 100 3/2 Woodstock (SBL); 50 3/2 East Creek (RHH); 7 3/4 Orwell (SLM); 1 3/4 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 6 3/5 Brattleboro (JJC); 2 3/6 Westford (PFZ); flock 3/6 Hartland (NJJ); 40+ 3/6 Hartford (WGE,NLM); 10 3/7 Sheffield (PFW); 15 3/10 S. Burlington (JDM). High count was 2,000+ 3/26 DCWMA (DLC). Four were netted at VINS, 4 at Plainfield (MFM). Eastern Meadowlark: 1 3/4 Orwell (SLM); 1 3/16 Waitsfield (FAP); 1 3/18 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 2 3/30 Cornwall (KHD); 1 4/1 Alburt (WGE,NLM); 1 4/1 DCWMA (WAM); 2 4/7 Addison (MBN); 1 4/9 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 3 4/14 Colchester (JDM); 1 4/13 Middlebury (WME); 1 4/14 Lemon Fair (LPS); 1 4/22 Peacham (FM). High counts: 5 4/14 DCWMA (WAM); 5 4/14 Shoreham (SLM). Rusty Blackbird: 3 4/3 Ferrisburg (CJF); 2 4/7 Lake Carmi (PJM); 1 4/7 SBWMA (JDM); 3 4/11-13 New Haven (KHD); 4 4/21 HC (WGE,NLM) the high count; 1 4/22 Weybridge (MBN); 1 4/23 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 2 4/29 Sherburne (WGE); 2 5/19 Shoreham (ELW); a declining species. Common Grackle arrived in February in some areas, then: 15 3/17 WRD (JDM); 3 3/22 Weybridge (SLM); 1 3/22 Woodstock (CRP); 3/22 Vergennes (JRA); 1 3/22 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 3/23 Orwell (SLM); 21 3/23 E. Creek (RHH); 1 3/24 Wells (CJF); 3 3/24 Fair Haven (EPA); 30 3/24 Rutland (NLM,JPM); 50 3/24 New Haven (KHD); 15 3/24 DCWMA (DLC,RTC); 1 3/25 Waterford (FM); 1 3/25 Winhall (WJN); 8 3/25 Rutland (CJF); 1 3/25 Proctor (RWP); 700 3/27 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 35 3/27 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 3/27 Woodstock (JMN); 3 3/27 Essex (PFZ); 6 3/28 Retreat Mdws. (JJC); 2 3/28 Sheffield (PFW). High count was 2,000+ 3/26 DCWMA (DLC). Two were netted at Plainfield (MFM). Brown-headed Cowbird overwintered in the Brattleboro area, some movement in February elsewhere, then: 30 3/1 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 3/1 Weybridge (MBN); 3 3/4 Ferrisburg (JID,MCD); 5 3/10 S. Burlington (JDM); 80 3/10 Shelburne (WGE,SJS); 8 3/11 New Haven (KHD); "flock" 3/11 Danville (FM); 1 3/16 Woodstock (CRP); 2 3/21 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 3/25 Retreat Mdws. (JJC); 1 3/28 Reading (FMH,GEH); 3 3/28 Sheffield (PFW). High count was 300 3/26 Weybridge (MBN). ORCHARD ORIOLE: 2 imm. males 5/10 Shoreham, 1 seen through 5/24 (ELW,LW). Northern Oriole: 4 5/7 Shoreham (ELW); 1 5/8 Fair Haven (EPA); 1 5/8 Woodstock (WGE,NLM,CRP); 1 5/9 HC (WJN); 1 5/10 Proctor (RWP); 1 5/10 East Creek (RHH); 1 5/10 Middlebury (KHD); 1 5/11 Halifax (BHA); 1 5/11 Reading (FMH,GEH); 2 5/11 Woodstock (JMN); 2 5/11 Shelburne (MPB); 2 5/11 Hubbardton (CJF); 1 5/11 Sudbury (SLM); 1 5/11 Randolph (EWC,MCC); 2 5/11 Plainfield (MFM); 5 5/12 Colchester (JDM); 1 5/12 Clarendon (LPS); 1 5/12 Weybridge (MBN); 3 5/12 W. Brattleboro (JJC); 1 5/14 St. Johnsbury (FM). High count was 15 5/19 HC - WRM (WJN). Several people reported on orioles coming to feeders and eating a variety of foods - bananas, oranges, etc. One was netted at VINS, 1 at Plainfield (MFM).

#### FINCHES AND HOUSE SPARROW

Pine Grosbeak: 4 3/4 Lincoln (CJF); 7 3/9 Woodstock (JMN); 5 3/10 Burlington (WGE,SJS); 10 3/18 Reading (FMH,GEH); 6 3/19 Woodstock (WGE,NLM); 3 3/21 Hartland (WGE,NLM); 1 3/28 Waterford (FM). Purple Finch did not winter widely in Vermont this year as it did last year. First 6 3/4 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 3/7 Bristol (JRA); 2 3/7 Sudbury (SLM); 1 3/17 Stockbridge (EH); 1 3/20 Montpelier (AP); 1 3/22 Woodstock (JMN); 1 3/23 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 3/26 East Creek (RHH); 1 4/4 Saxtons River (REG); 1 4/11 Reading (FMH,GEH); 1 4/14 Woodstock (CRP); 2 4/15 New Haven (KHD); 5 4/15 S. Strafford (HR); 1 4/20 Winhall (WJN); 1 4/23 Plainfield (MFM). High count was 15 5/7 East Creek (RHH).

Fifty-six were netted at Plainfield (MFM). House Finch: resident in most parts of the state now, particularly at lower elevations. The last areas which it had not penetrated - the higher Green Mountains and the Northeast Highlands - are gradually being invaded. One 3/19 S. Duxbury (FAP); 3 3/26 Cabot (BBC); 1 4/22 Sheffield (PFW); 2 5/19 Newport (WGE,GFE,NLM). High count was 22 at Brandon, 2 pr. through March (BB,JB). Common Redpoll: 10 3/8 Westford, 9 still there 3/18 (PFZ); 2 3/16 Shrewsbury (LPS); 1 3/19 W. Brattleboro (JJC) 1 caught by cat; 3/29 Westford (PFZ); 2 5/13 Woodstock (CRP) - very late. Pine Siskins were widespread in the northern half of the state throughout the period. This incursion did not penetrate the lower half to any large degree - in late May numerous evidence of breeding turned up. Sunderland - young being fed (fide NS); "feeding young" Randolph (EWC,MCC); 2 young 5/16 Hartford (WGE,NLM); suspected breeding at Woodstock (JMN). Latest dates: 5 5/23 Proctor (RWP); 5 5/24 Brandon (BB,JB); 3 5/25 S. Duxbury (FAP); 1 5/26 Woodstock (VINS); 5 5/28 Weybridge (MBN); 4 5/30 East Creek (RHH). High count was 35 Brandon (BB,JB). Two were netted at VINS, 10 netted at Plainfield (MFM). American Goldfinches were present through the winter in some areas, and were present through March and April. In areas where they did not winter they did not appear until well into May. There was some evidence of early breeding by this normally late nester (BMH and JNF). High counts: 30 Brandon (BB,JB); 30 5/7, 10 Shoreham (ELW). Nineteen were netted at VINS, 1 at Plainfield (MFM). Evening Grosbeak was present all winter in all sections in good numbers. Latest dates: 5/19 Essex Cty. (BaW); 8 5/24 Brandon (BB,JB); 1 5/27 S. Strafford (HR); 1 5/28 Bristol (KHD); 1 5/30 East Creek (RHH). High count was 83 4/28 Rockingham (NLM,WGE). One was netted at VINS, 56 netted at Plainfield (MFM). House Sparrow populations seemed to be normal in areas where they occur in numbers, mostly towns and villages and around farm buildings. The highest counts reported were ca. 25 by several people.

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# Abbreviations Used

cty. - county  
DCWMA - Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area - Addison  
HC - Herrick's Cove - Rockingham  
imm. - immature  
Isl. - island  
L. - lake  
max. - maximum  
Mdw. - meadows  
MNWR - Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge - Swanton  
NA - Nature Area R. - river  
pt. - point sp. - species  
Res. - reservoir SP - State Park

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